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World

Earthquake hits Tokyo, causes little damage

TOKYO (AP) — A strong earthquake centered far below the Pacific Ocean floor rattled Tokyo on Wednesday and caused large buildings to sway but resulted in little serious damage.

The quake, with a preliminary magnitude of 6.6, struck shortly before noon. People in Tokyo and in those cities to the east felt intense shaking for about one minute.

Some airports and train lines in Tokyo and Chiba state, where Choshi is located, were closed briefly. Police dispatched a helicopter to survey possible damage along the shoreline in Chiba.

Use of Chopin's image causes controversy

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Poland is famous for vodka and Chopin, but not everyone is sure they should go together.

Three years after the Polmos spirit company launched a new luxury vodka named after Poland's most famous composer, the culture ministry said Wednesday it wants to ban use of Frederic Chopin's moniker on the bottles.

"It is something very harmful if the image of the great composer is being used to promote a vodka," ministry spokesman Krzysztof Czerwinski told The Associated Press.

Nation

Credit card companies look for new fees

NEW YORK (AP) — Caught between those who don't pay their credit card bills and those who pay them before racking up interest charges, credit card companies are looking for new penalties and fees to slip on to their statements.

One way is to begin charging customers who pay their balances in full or who leave their cards in a sock drawer for emergencies.

About 20 percent of GE Capital Corp.'s GE Rewards MasterCard holders fit that description. GE Capital informed those cardholders who by mail last week that it would begin charging them \$25 per year if they don't carry a balance. The fee applies to customers who don't use the card at all.

Fed employees make big bucks

WASHINGTON (AP) — At the Federal Reserve, the chief of maintenance earns \$163,800, more than the secretary of state, the secretary of defense or the Fed's own chairman. And that's just a start.

Over the last three years, the number of Fed employees paid more than \$125,000 a year has more than doubled to 72, up from 35 in 1993.

The House Banking Committee's top Democrat, whose staff gathered the information, contends the pay levels are exorbitant in this era of government downsizing.

The top salary is \$174,100, and a dozen Fed employees earn it, the data show.

Man goes to jail for iguana deaths

FAIRFAX, Va. (AP) — A man was sentenced to six months in jail for beheading one of his neighbor's pet iguanas and crushing the skull of another.

Police said they don't know why Fredis Monjarras, 24, killed the animals Aug. 7. He stole the 4-foot creatures from a cage on Joge Rohac's patio.

Monjarras pleaded guilty to grand larceny and cruelty to animals.

He was also ordered Tuesday to pay Rohac \$2,500.

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Hussein fires missiles at U.S. jets

By Brian Murphy
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SULAYMANIYAH, Iraq — Emboldened by triumphs on the ground, Saddam Hussein acted on his threat to shoot at American warplanes Wednesday, firing a missile at U.S. jets patrolling the "no-fly" zone over northern Iraq.

There were no hits, but the Americans promptly announced they were sending long-range strate-

gic bombers and stealth fighters into the volatile region for another potential showdown with the Iraqi leader.

Saddam vowed he would no longer honor the "damned imaginary" no-fly zones last week after U.S. forces blasted air defense sites in southern Iraq.

Iraqi forces fired one missile at two F-16s over northern Iraq, the Pentagon said. The Iraqi radars tracking the F-16s were not kept on

long enough for the jets to fire retaliatory radar-seeking missiles.

"Our air defenses intercepted the enemy targets with anti-aircraft guns and rockets and forced them to flee," the official Iraqi News Agency said Wednesday.

Iraq has reported similar actions for several days, but Wednesday was the first time the Americans confirmed coming under fire. Initial reports said two Iraqi missiles were

fired. But a Pentagon official, speaking on condition of anonymity, later said only one missile was shot.

Pentagon officials said two B-52 bombers based in Guam would be relocated to the island of Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean. B-52s fired some of the cruise missiles that struck Iraq last week.

In Washington, Defense Secretary William Perry said F-117 stealth fighters were being sent as well. He

declined to say exactly how many of the radar-evading aircraft were sent or to disclose their exact destination.

The F-117 bombers took part in the bombing of Baghdad in the opening of the Persian Gulf War in 1991 and are capable of delivering precision-guided weaponry.

"We reserve the right to take action to protect our pilots who are

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Rickel offers trainer

By Paul Corliss
SKIFF STAFF

The Rickel Building now offers personal attention for TCU students, faculty and staff who want or need a specifically designed workout program.

Tom Von Ruff, a 30-year-old personal trainer, has been hired for the TCU community. He comes qualified, having worked with professional basketball all-stars and hall-of-famers.

Von Ruff, who has been a personal trainer for 12 years, was hired to work this semester.

Steve Kintigh, director of Recreational Sports at TCU, said he was looking for a trainer to work in the Rickel and that a friend recommended Von Ruff.

In 1995 Von Ruff moved to Fort Worth from Houston to work for the Fort Worth Club. There, he trained Kintigh's friend.

Kintigh said his friend spoke highly of Von Ruff.

"Last spring we experimented with bringing outside trainers into the Rickel," Kintigh said. "Although it's a non-budget program, we feel it's necessary to offer our own trainer so students come to us instead of joining local clubs such as Fitness Connection and Fit For Life."

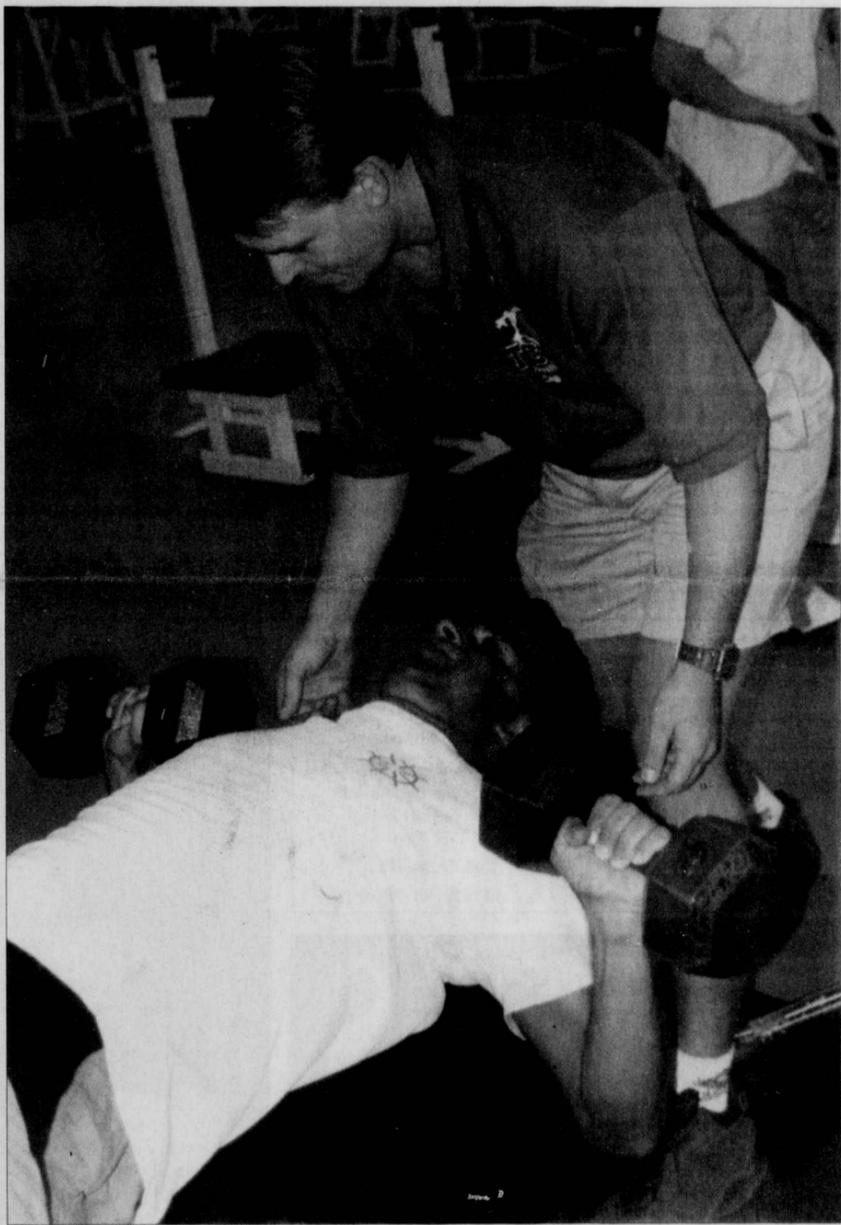
Von Ruff graduated from University of Houston in 1991 with a degree in Kinesiology and Exercise Science. He helped establish a dormitory weight room at U of H and worked as a trainer at several Houston clubs prior to his graduation.

Von Ruff said he enjoys the challenge of working with new people and said he finds TCU a fun, upbeat and friendly atmosphere.

He said he likes to work with people at all fitness levels.

"I believe the University is committed to developing the mind, soul and body of its students," Von Ruff said. "I think that TCU's done a good job on the mind and soul aspects but it seems only athletes have the body aspect going. I like the challenge of trying to develop a student's physical fitness."

Heather Kelly, a junior special



Rebecca Newitt SKIFF STAFF

Quin Mentone, a TCU alumnus, lifts weights as trainer Tom Von Ruff spots him Wednesday afternoon in the Rickel Building. Von Ruff helps individuals on an appointment and daily consultation basis.

education major who works in the Rickel, said she had a private training session with Von Ruff.

"Tom was great," she said. "He was knowledgeable but not intimidating. He tries to meet you at whatever fitness level you're at and breaks things down into simple terms."

She said he set up a program for her to follow and said she should return for a follow-up session

after a month.

A typical private session with Von Ruff consists of a fitness evaluation and a question-and-answer session about family and personal health history and personal fitness goals. From there, Von Ruff puts together a personal fitness program designed for the individual. The individual should do follow-up sessions with Von Ruff periodically.

Students can purchase a session for \$20, or two students can work with Von Ruff at once for \$30. These sessions are also available to faculty, staff and alums.

Von Ruff said he feels his experience with notable basketball figures such as Hakeem Olajuwon, Vernon Maxwell, Bob Lanier and Rudy Tomjanovich can only help

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Fair to give students new opportunities

By Amanda Bronstad
SKIFF STAFF

Students interested in business can choose from among ten different student organizations represented at the first Neeley School Activities Fair today.

The fair began Wednesday in Tandy Hall and continues from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. today.

Colorfully decorated tables lined the walls of the Tandy Hall atrium Wednesday, inviting students to grab pamphlets and brochures.

Matthew Nielson, president of Delta Sigma Pi, a co-ed business fraternity, said the Activities Fair is a

good way to target freshmen and sophomore business majors.

"We've done Howdy Week before, but we can only accept second-semester freshmen," said Nielson, a junior accounting and finance double major.

Liza Layne, coordinator of the Neeley Student Resource Center and organizer of the Activities Fair, said the fair is especially designed to get freshmen and sophomore business students involved in the Neeley School of Business.

"Freshmen don't have many classes in the business school and this will give them the opportunity to be involved and be aware of their opportunities," Layne said.

Anhthu Tran, a freshman business major, said she is not sure in which field she wants to specialize.

"I'm just looking. I just want to explore," she said.

But not all the organizations target freshmen and sophomores.

Kelly Short, president of the Corporate Exchange Club and a senior management major, said his group targets students preparing to graduate.

"We offer seminars on etiquette, networking and communication, and we already have five internships available," he said.

Russell King, a junior finance major, said he read about the Society

for Human Resource Management in a newsletter and wanted to learn more about it.

"What's neat about it is the mentor program where they match you up with a successful business person who helps you on resumes and how to be successful," King said.

Other groups represented at the fair are: American Marketing Association, Beta Alpha Psi, Study in Budapest/Study in Germany, Phi Chi Theta, Neeley School Toastmasters International, Financial Management Association and the Neeley Associates.

Classes address drought

By Krissy Jorgenson
SKIFF STAFF

Bad crops, high feed prices, diminishing water supplies and plummeting cattle values are some of the problems caused by the summer's drought in Texas that ranch management students are learning to accept, said James Link, ranch management director and John Biggs professor.

Despite the drought, Link said the ranch management program will not change much and students remain realistic about their futures.

The drought will not affect the courses because natural disasters and droughts are already part of the curriculum, he said.

Because of the drought, students can learn more during their required field work. The trips the students take may show them some of the ravages of the drought, including examples of lower water supplies and lower grass production, Link said.

Though the implications of a

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Counselors serve as 'friends'

By Amy Thompson
SKIFF STAFF

Many college students carry their burdens alone without knowing where to go for help, support or guidance.

The TCU Counseling Center offers peer counseling to help students cope with stress, grief, depression and other issues they may face. These services are provided free of charge to the TCU community.

Stacey Holmes and Julia Maer, both senior psychology majors, are the two peer counselors trained to help people work through their problems. They work about 10 hours a week in TCU's Counseling Center, located at 2900 W. Bowie St. They also teach workshops to various campus groups on issues such as eating disorders, alcoholism and study skills.

The counselors get paid minimum wage, but Maer said she would still do her job even if she wasn't paid.

She said one of her concerns is making the college transition easier for TCU's new students because she experienced homesickness and difficulty her first semester after leaving Houston, her hometown.

"If there are freshmen out there who felt like I did — the transition was hard, I needed help and I didn't know about the center," Maer said. "I want to be there for people who may have felt like I did then."

The center offers individual, cou-

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INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION will meet at 5 p.m. today in the Student Center Room 222. Scheduled is a presentation of the area by AAA, followed by a trip to the TCU Theatre.

HARRIS COLLEGE OF NURSING LUNCHEON will be held at 12:30 p.m. Thursday in the living room of the Annie Richardson Bass Building. All students are invited to meet Kathleen Bond, Harris College of Nursing dean, and participate in a raffle. Raffle tickets are \$1 each. For more information, contact Trina Lindsay at 921-6089.

LEGALLINE offers free legal advice over the phone between 6 and 8 p.m. Thursday. Call 817-335-1239 with questions.

TCU COUNSELING CENTER will hold a seminar called "Adult Children of Alcoholics" from 4:30 to 6 p.m. on Sept. 17. For more information, contact Monica Kintigh at 921-7863.

ABOVE AND BEYOND The House of Student Representatives invites you to the 1996 University Leadership Retreat on Sept. 20 and 21. The retreat will feature Jan Hargrave. For more information, contact the House office at 921-7924.

SCRUB FASHION SHOW AND STETHOSCOPE DISPLAY will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Sept. 26 in the living room of the Annie Richardson Bass Building. All students are invited. Refreshments will be served.

UNDERGRADS INTERESTED IN STUDENT TEACHING need to fill out an application. Applications can be picked up in the Bailey Building Room 102 or 304. All applications for Spring '97 student teachers are due Sept. 25.

ple, group counseling and personality and career testing and assessment. Psychiatric services are also available.

"It's easier to talk to a peer, someone they see as a friend," said Monica Kintigh, sponsor of the peer counselor program. "They've been in many of the same situations before."

She said the peer counselors are also bound to the same strict confidentiality of the center's licensed psychologists.

"Both of our counselors have had experience working with people," said Kintigh, a staff psychologist at the Counseling Center. "They have volunteered in counseling situations in the community. They bring both their college experiences and their outside community experiences to this program."

Holmes said she is excited about the program because it gives her an experience beyond what any classes can offer.

"I wanted the opportunity to work with staff psychologists in a clinical setting as well as have the opportunity to work with students and provide help to them," she said. "This is what I want to do as a career and I am working toward that goal."

Kintigh said the counselors have learned in depth training on helping skills such as active listening, non-verbal communication, confrontation and problem solving.

"If you decide to talk to a peer counselor, they are going to join you with the problem and help you

understand the options," Kintigh said.

Holmes said her volunteer work with the Warm Place and The Growth Center Project, in conjunction with the Fort Worth Independent School District, will also be beneficial in her counseling work.

"My role as a counselor is not to provide quick-fix answers," she said. "I want to help people find their own ways to solve their problems, because if only the counselors are providing the answers (the students will) be lost when they leave us."

Maer said it's important for students to know that there is a place they can go for help.

"It's scary for anyone that needs help," Maer said. "We are here for you. It's nice to have someone to talk to with an objective point of view, someone to be empathetic and let you get things out in the open, things you might have been carrying with you for a while."

Holmes said she hopes students will take advantage of the peer counseling service that TCU provides.

"Our goal is to become well known throughout the TCU community," Holmes said. "We want to help people. The reward for me will be knowing I have made a difference in someone's life."

The Counseling Center is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The counselors said students interested in programming or counseling can visit the office or call 921-7863.

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him deal with TCU students.

"The hardest thing with Hakeem was fitting him into the machines," he said. "I had to learn to make adjustments to his program and adapt equipment to accommodate his size."

Kintigh said Von Ruff is good addition to the Rickel.

"Tom is obviously highly qualified," he said. "Our goal is to get the word out that Tom is here and that he's ready and willing to help."

Von Ruff works at the Rickel Monday through Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. He is also available for private personal sessions from 6 to 9 a.m. Monday through Wednesday. He continues his private sessions at the Fort Worth Club.

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drought on ranch studies seem severe, TCU's students said things will get better.

Tray May, a student in the ranch management program, said students who work hard at the program will do well in the end.

"This is a high weed-out industry, but you'll survive," he said. "There are always good years."

Link said the drought is very serious, but he did not expect his students to shy away from the career for that reason.

"Everyone's having to adjust to it," he said. "It's a part of nature."

Brent Gibbs, another student in the program, described a 10- to 12-year cycle evident in ranch management.

He said every 10 to 12 years there is an upturn, and subsequently, a downturn for the market. An upturn is when cattle prices are good because of adequate rainfall and affordable feed costs. He said if survival is possible during the downturns, the upturns will overshadow the downturns.

According to the Palmer Drought Index, Fort Worth is currently classified in the mild-drought section, while parts of central Texas are undergoing a moderate drought.

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enforcing the no-fly zones both over northern Iraq and southern Iraq," White House spokesman Mike McCurry said. "It doesn't matter whether he (Saddam) observes them or not. We enforce them."

In the past two weeks, Saddam has undertaken his biggest military venture since the end of the Gulf War.

A U.S.-led allied air force, based in southern Turkey, has been protecting Iraqi Kurds since they rebelled against Saddam in 1991. Fifty fighter jets and bombers from Britain, France and the United States patrol the no-fly zone above the 36th parallel in northern Iraq.

On Aug. 31, Saddam sent troops into the "safe haven" to help Kurdish allies oust a rival Iranian-backed Kurdish group. He has defied limited U.S. attempts to stop him and now appears willing to provoke a new confrontation.

The Iraqi offensive has sent thousands of refugees fleeing toward Turkey and Iran. Seeking to prevent an exodus, Saddam has declared a general amnesty for all Kurds and lifted travel and trade barriers between Iraq and the Kurdish area.

The U.N. refugee agency said in Sulaymaniyah that 50,000 people had fled the town, drastically lowering Tuesday's estimates of 300,000. About half of them have returned home, said an official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Border guards and some refugees at Bashmaq said Wednesday that dozens of commanders of the vanquished Kurdish group, including Patriotic Union of Kurdistan leader Jalal Talabani, were among those who crossed into Iran.

About 5,000 Iraqis have crossed the Bashmaq border post into Iran, border guards said Wednesday, and several thousand more were believed to have crossed elsewhere.

Iran's official Tehran radio said Wednesday that "tens of thousands" of Iraqi Kurds had entered Iran and that aid workers were struggling to provide food, water and medical care for them in temporary camps along the border.

"Half our family is here, half is there," said Miriam Hussein, a mother of seven children. "I sent two of my daughters this morning to the Iranian side to find my two sons who had fled. But none have returned. Now I have four children over there."

On the Iraqi side, refugees mobbed a U.N. team sent to investigate the scene at the border. Refugees surrounded the U.N. officials and wouldn't let the officials leave for almost two hours, said one U.N. official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Some of the refugees in Bashmaq said forces of the Saddam-allied Kurdistan Democratic Party had chased them to the border. Refugees and border guards who refused to give their names said KDP forces opened fire at refugees lined up at the border Tuesday, killing and wounding some.

The rival PUK said in statement Wednesday that four people were killed and 120 injured when KDP fighters fired on refugees at the Iraqi border town of Panjwin.

At the United Nations, Iraq complained about an offer from President Clinton to help Iraqis escape from northern Iraq and warned it will take "all steps it deems necessary" to defend its territory from U.S. "aggression."

In letters to U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali and the Security Council, Iraq complained that Clinton's offer constituted illegal interference in its internal affairs.

U.N. sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the letters were received late Tuesday, but they refused to release the text.

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EDITORIAL

HUNTING THE HUNTERS

New bill gets FBI into battle against harassers

Life could soon become a lot tougher for those who cannot restrain themselves from harassing and stalking others.

Under legislation passed by the Senate Tuesday, crossing state lines to commit this act would be a federal crime.

This legislation, sponsored by Texas Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison (R), is an excellent effort to make victims of stalking safer. The involvement of the federal government in these crimes could save lives, and Hutchison is to be commended for her work to include this item in the federal code.

Stalking, which is often connected to domestic violence, is a heinous crime that can have physical and psychological ramifications. In the past, victims might have had no protection from their pursuers, even if they tried to flee across state lines.

Now, the investigative power of the FBI can be harnessed to pursue stalkers. This is

of critical importance to apprehending and prosecuting these offenders. Local police can't do it all; neither can federal officials. But the combined efforts of the two can make a real difference.

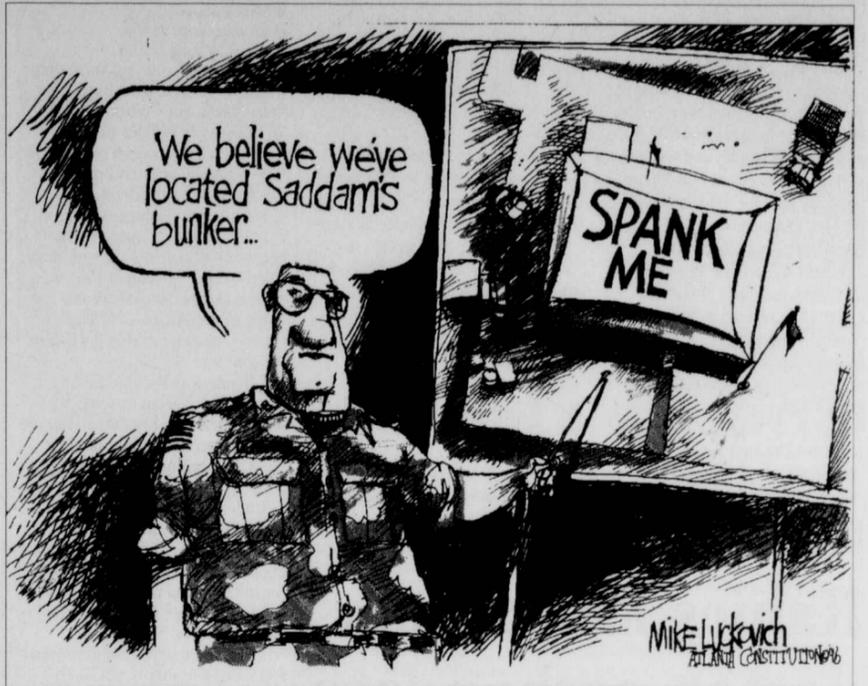
Hutchison's provision is part of an overall defense spending bill that will soon arrive on President Clinton's desk. He should sign it immediately, making it as easy as possible for the FBI to help protect those victimized by stalkers.

In the usual session-ending rush of legislation, Congress often pushes through a huge slew of bills that may not accomplish much. This bill is an exception. It's a fine effort by all involved.

Victims' rights have been put on the back burner long enough. With the persistence of victims' rights advocate groups, something is finally being done to protect the innocent.

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Greek spirit remains strong

Well-rounded students dispel traditional myths about system

TCU would not be the university it is today without the Greek system. A large portion of TCU students are Greek. Without them, all TCU could do is participate against local high schools in sporting events.

In 1995, TCU's fraternities and sororities celebrated their 40th anniversary. The first chapters were colonized in 1954 and chartered in 1955. M.E. Sadler, then-chancellor of TCU, decided that bringing a national fraternity and sorority system on campus would boost morale

and encourage student participation in campus activities. He listened to the requests of students who wanted TCU to be like other colleges.

This change resulted in increased enrollment from Texas and other states, and put TCU in competition with other universities for recruiting the best students.

All of these things are true even today. You cannot attend any sporting event or campus-sponsored activity without feeling the support of the Greek community. And community is the right word for TCU Greeks. Not many schools have an involved Greek system that works together, but Greeks are the heart of TCU.

Many myths have formed over the years about fraternity and sorority life. Someone not associated with Greeks might believe these, but they hold little truth.

The first myth is that Greeks pay for their friends. Does anyone believe that there are that many people on this campus who are desperate enough to do that? Greeks pay dues like any other club on campus. The money Greeks give pays for parties, national dues, rent for a house on campus, pledge and member education, Family Weekend, Homecoming events and public relations.

Another myth is that all Greeks are snobbish and materialistic. If people suffer from these personality flaws, it's not because they belong to a fraternity or sorority. Greeks stress friendship, not segregation. But, when you live away from home, these new friends can become your family.

Third, some believe social life at

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JODIE VONDERHAAR

Chess is a reflection of the human condition

Politics and controversy have a nasty habit of weeding their way into the most unsuspecting of places. Hollywood has never been immune (a bevy of stars with penchants for the darker sides of life ensure that).

Literature's ivory tower has been topped numerous times (e.g. Arthur Miller as the rogue Communist, the suicide of Ernest Hemingway, Oscar Wilde's jail stint for homosexuality,

Alexander Solzhenitsyn's vacation spot at Club Gulag and subsequent failure as a radio talk show host). One might think nothing remains unscathed, save for chess. They would be wrong.

Many think of chess as a game of the purest intellect. Strategy, logic and the ability to adapt and improve all lend chess the label of "sport of the mind." Yet some of the greatest chess minds have been the origin of the most laughable social faux-pas and not-so-humorous political indictments.

The beginnings of chess are riddled with examples of controversy over the 64 squares. In Imperial China, a wise man solved a problem for the emperor and in return the emperor promised the man anything that he wished. The wise man asked for a sin-

gle grain of rice to be placed on the first square of a chess board and for the amount on the next square to be double the amount on the previous square throughout the board. The emperor mocked the man for his meager request until he found out the enormity of the wish. Enraged, the emperor had the man executed for the insult.

Contemporary chess is not as gory, but has its share of incidents. Robert Fischer, the greatest American grandmaster, walked away from more than one tournament due to his conspiracy theory about Russian cheating. His constant references to "Communist schemes," his challenge that he could beat any woman chess player even if he gave her the odds of a knight and his touting of his stature as the great-

est chess player that had ever lived added a new dimension to chess.

The indictment of cheating in the Soviet ranks was not far from the mark. During the Cold War, Anatoly Karpov's Soviet opponents had a weird knack for losing unaccountably in favorable positions. KGB files now suggest that other Soviet players were told to finish behind Karpov in international tournaments. When Boris Spassky went against this secret decree by beating Karpov in Spain, the USSR cut his interzonal funding.

One of Karpov's matches was against Viktor Korchnoi, a Soviet defector to America. The only problem was that Korchnoi's family was held prisoner back in the Soviet Union and was not released until Korchnoi dropped two games.

The 1990s are hardly different. Gata Kamsky, America's current champion, ran into trouble when his father interfered with his matches in Spain and threatened to kill Nigel Short, one of Kamsky's opponents.

Garry Kasparov broke with the international chess federation to form his own Professional Chess Association (PCA). The grandmasters who left with him had dreams of greater freedom, but now Kasparov seems to enjoy his rule all too much. He recently passed a dress code requiring all delegates and players to wear a jacket and tie. This comes from the man who until a few years ago wore nothing but turtle-necks. According to the October issue of Chess Life, various other rules, including a gag rule accompanied

with stiff fines, have the lower echelons of the PCA worried what King Kasparov's next move will be.

Enigmatic personalities and world politics are not confined to popular culture. These things have the ability to leak into those places perceived to be safe. If one thing can be gleaned from this, it is that chess, regarded by most as a sport of patience with a tendency to be boring, reflects the human condition as much as anything else.

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CHRIS SMITH

Task force tackles student commitment, TCU myth

What causes one graduate to keep in touch with TCU, help recruit students, attend alumni events, give gifts and generally maintain a lifelong relationship with the university, while a classmate, who had a relatively similar experience, walks across the stage, collects a diploma and never looks back?

This was the question I faced when I joined TCU in late 1990. This bonding question is a major concern of university fund-raisers. The philanthropic instinct doesn't distribute itself equally across an alumni population. Some give and some don't. It's not always easy to understand the motivations of either group.

We do know that those who bond with the university, maintaining a lifelong interest in its destiny, almost always continue support long after graduation.

Ultimately, in university advancement, we have focused on students as alumni-to-be. What could we do to influence the bonding process? How could we improve the student experience, presumably leading to greater commitment among recent TCU graduates?

Even as we have wrestled with these problems, the same fundamental questions have been asked in the offices of Student Affairs and Academic Affairs. Rather than concentrating on fund raising, these offices have focused on student retention and graduation rates. Higher rates would positively influence TCU's position in many national rating venues, such as Money magazine's "Best College Buys" and U.S. News & World Report's annual guide to "America's Best Colleges."

In the spring of 1994, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Don Mills and I decided to form a task force on student commitment. We included students, faculty and staff. We formed five focus groups, conducted individual student interviews and sent out a survey questionnaire. More than 200 TCU students participated. As a result, TCU created many innovations toward improving the student experience. Some of these are Frog Camp, the Senior Retreat and the freshman seminars.

In University Advancement, we developed a "Keep in Touch" brochure to encourage graduating seniors, and we plan to augment the spring Senior Reception to be held in the new Dee J. Kelly Alumni and Visitors Center. We have developed Young Alumni groups in key cities, and there are now official chapters in Fort Worth, Houston and Austin.

As the university has paid more attention to its alumni programming, we have moved the alumni participa-

tion rate up from 23 to 28 percent. This past year TCU alumni gave \$9.3 million, much of it to fund scholarships for current students.

But there was one finding from our student studies that remains unaddressed. We discovered that students hold many misperceptions of TCU, especially in comparing TCU to other schools. Some of these are so broadly held that they approach the level of myth.

Frankly, we were baffled that so many students could not see the uniqueness of TCU. Our university staff hold degrees from or have previously worked for such institutions like Vanderbilt, Texas, Tulane, Texas Tech and Texas A&M University. We know firsthand what they have to offer. They are good schools. But we also know that there are things TCU does better, things that set TCU apart. Things many students cannot know because, unlike us, they have no basis for comparison.

Eric Webber, a UT alumnus and

former assistant dean of students at Tulane and now a TCU development officer, has a humorous way of paraphrasing students' differing views. For example, concerning our supposedly pricey tuition, does TCU really stand for "Take my Cash University?" And what about the rumor that TCU's founders, Addison and Randolph Clark, are still circling campus in their covered wagon, looking for a place to park? Is it true that diversity at TCU is when we admit two students from Oklahoma?

We joke about the myths not to make fun of students, but because the truth in many cases is so far from the myth. At one point, we developed a brochure to address these myths, but it was never published. A brochure would be too easy to dismiss as administrative propaganda.

We finally hit on the idea of addressing the myths in a *Skiff* column series. This forum is more credible because the *Skiff* has no obliga-

tion to publish what we say, nor can we control what *Skiff* writers say about us. Also, the general student population can respond through letters to the editor. These columns will run at roughly two-week intervals to give students ample opportunity to reply. The subjects covered in coming weeks will be tuition, parking, room and board, gender and diversity, Greeks and independents and trustees. My compatriot, Dennis Alexander of Communications and Public Affairs, will write these columns. He and Eric Webber researched and wrote the "Myths" brochure we never published.

I do want to thank *Skiff* editor-in-chief Natalie Gardner and opinion editor Ryan J. Rusak for opening this forum for our attempt at TCU "demythologization." It should be fun and, I hope, will establish a useful dialogue.

Bronson Davis is vice chancellor for university advancement.

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TCU revolves around the Greek system. If you live in the world we call reality, you know that Fort Worth is a city that can keep you busy. There are no Greek-only restaurants, bars, movie theaters or malls.

Even outside of TCU nightlife, campus involvement is encouraged. Greeks hold offices in almost every major club on campus. Greeks emphasize leadership and community service. The city of Fort Worth relies on TCU for volunteers and support, and members of the Greek community are happy to help.

Fourth, there exists the myth that all Greeks make bad grades. All Greek clubs on campus have a structured tutoring program. A person cannot become a member or participate in social events without good grades. Last semester, Greeks had an overall grade point average of 2.96, while nonaffiliated undergraduates had a 2.88 overall average.

Fraternities and sororities are much more than social clubs. Every fraternity and sorority has a philan-

thropy, a charitable activity or institution that helps humankind. For example, Delta Gamma raises money for sight conservation and aid to the blind through Anchorsplash. Alpha Delta Pi raises money for the Ronald McDonald House through Play Day. Phi Kappa Sigma holds its annual Mandays for muscular dystrophy.

There is a sense of pride that comes with belonging to a fraternity or sorority. Unfortunately, Greek life isn't for everyone. Prejudice is something Greeks will always live with. Don't judge Greeks strictly on what you read in the paper.

My sorority has given me stability since the day I pledged. It was a commitment I made for life. As I look back on it now, I have no regrets. There are very few things you can look back on in life and be able to say that.

Jodie Vonderhaar is a junior advertising-public relations major from Arlington.

Rabies killed Poe, doctor, author says

By Matt Crenson
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Edgar Allan Poe didn't die drunk in a Baltimore gutter, according to the first scientific study of the writer's final days. The telltale facts suggest rabies instead.

Dr. R. Michael Benitez, who practices medicine a block from the writer's grave, says it's true that Poe was seen in a bar on Lombard Street on an election day in October 1849, delirious and possibly wearing somebody else's soiled clothes. But Poe wasn't drunk.

"I think Poe is much maligned in that respect," said Benitez, an assistant professor at the University of Maryland Medical Center.

He describes Poe's last days in a medical horror story as dramatic as the writer's most gruesome tales.

The author of "The Raven" and "The Murders in the Rue Morgue" entered the hospital comatose, but by the next day was perspiring heavily, hallucinating and shouting at imaginary companions. The day after that, he seemed better but couldn't remember falling ill. On his fourth day at Washington College Hospital, Poe again grew confused and belligerent, then quieted down and died.

That's a classic case of rabies, said Benitez, whose diagnosis appears in the September issue of the Maryland Medical Journal. And there are other clues, too.

During the brief period when he was calm and awake, Poe refused alcohol and could drink water only with great difficulty. Rabies victims frequently exhibit hydrophobia, or fear of water, because it's painful for them to swallow.

Although there's no evidence that a

rabid animal bit Poe in the days before he succumbed, that doesn't cast much doubt on Benitez' theory. About a quarter of rabies victims can't remember being bitten at all. And once a person is infected, the symptoms of rabies can take up to a year to appear.

But once the symptoms do show up, rabies is a swift and brutal killer. Most patients die within a few days.

Poe "had all the features of encephalitic rabies," said Dr. Henry Wilde, who frequently treats rabies at Chulalongkorn University Hospital in Bangkok, Thailand.

Although it has been well-established that Poe died in the hospital, legend has it he succumbed in the gutter, a victim of his debauched ways. The legend may have been fostered by his doctor, who in later years became a temperance advocate and changed the details to make an object lesson of Poe's death.

Poe scholars welcomed the diagnosis as the first scientifically valid assessment of Poe's death. Jeff Jerome, curator of the Edgar Allan Poe House and Museum in Baltimore, said he has heard dozens of wild tales, but "almost everyone who has come forth with a theory has offered no proof."

Some versions have him lying unconscious under the steps of the Baltimore Museum before being taken to the hospital. Others put his prostrate form on planks suspended between two barrels outside a Lombard Street tavern.

In most versions of the story, Poe is wearing someone else's grimy clothes, having been robbed of his own fine white suit.

Whatever the facts, Poe almost certainly didn't die of alcohol poisoning or withdrawal, Jerome said.

Clinton defends drug record

President wants states to monitor prison inmates, parolees

By Ron Founier
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PUEBLO, Colo. — Answering a cascade of criticism from Bob Dole, President Clinton moved Wednesday to bolster his drug-fighting resume with a warning to states: test inmates and parolees for drugs or lose federal cash.

He also was flexing his political muscle in Sun City, Ariz., to warn against GOP cuts in programs for the elderly. Harry Truman in 1948 was the last Democratic presidential candidate to win Arizona, but the Clinton campaign narrowly leads in the polls now.

Clinton is in the middle of a three-day cross-country trip to solidify leads in key states. Pueblo is a Democratic stronghold that must deliver big for Clinton to carry Colorado again.

Under the president's latest anti-crime proposal, states would be required to establish drug testing and rehabilitation programs for inmates and parolees if they want their share of federal jail-building funds.

The idea requires congressional approval, and that is not likely during the little time left in this election year. Still, like most of

the proposals the White House has put out in recent weeks, the drug initiative gives Clinton something to point to in the important anti-crime debate.

Standing outside a domed county courthouse before a crowd of at least 10,000, the president said, "It's time to say to inmates, 'If you stay on drugs, you'll stay in prison.'"

Shouting over applause, he added, "It's time to say to parolees, 'If you go back on drugs, you go back to jail.'"

He also announced \$27 million in Justice Department grants for state drug testing and rehabilitation programs. The money comes from the 1994 crime bill.

Citing studies that reveal increased drug use among youths, Dole has accused Clinton of ignoring the problem until his re-election depended on it.

Indeed, Dole told Republican lawmakers at a rally Wednesday that drug use by teen-agers "has doubled under the Clinton watch, and he can't escape it."

Liberals ridiculed Nancy Reagan and her "Just Say No" program, Dole said, but drug use went down. "Along came Bill Clinton, and he changed that 'Just

"It's time to say to inmates, 'If you stay on drugs, you'll stay in prison.' It's time to say to parolees, 'If you go back on drugs, you go back to jail.'"

President Bill Clinton

Say No' slogan to 'Just Say Nothing.' And he didn't say anything, and they cut funding, and we all know that. They stopped a lot of interdiction, and drug use has doubled."

Dole renewed his pledge to "stop drugs before they come into America," using the National Guard as needed.

The Arizona stop was to be Clinton's first in the state as president — and his first there overall since a May 1992 visit while running for the Democratic nomination.

Clinton lost Arizona and its eight electoral votes in the 1992 election by only two percentage points to then-President Bush. This year, he has led Dole in Arizona by as many as 19 percentage points in local public-opinion polls. A survey released last week by Arizona State University showed Clinton was still ahead, but by the slimmest of margins.

Internal campaign polls put Clinton's lead in the high single

digits, aides said.

The fact that Clinton even stands a chance is a testament to Dole's troubles: Any money and time he spends in the Republican bastion to fight Clinton can't be spent in Midwest battleground states and California.

Gearing up for his Sun City stop, Clinton said Tuesday night that Republican budget plans were aimed at "cutting Medicare — destroying Medicaid's guarantee of 30 years to poor children and pregnant women . . . and the elderly in nursing homes."

In advance of the visit, Mike Hellon of the Arizona Republican Party called the Sun City stop "a cynical attempt" to woo typically Republican voters through scare tactics about GOP congressional plans.

The last president to visit Sun City was Ronald Reagan in 1983.

The president was flying to Fresno, Calif., late Wednesday for his 27th visit to the vote-rich state.

Lawyers keep cadets apart during murder investigation

By Pam Easton
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FORT WORTH — The defense of an Air Force Academy cadet and his Naval Academy fiancée who are accused of a murderous plot stemming from a love triangle won't be a "team effort," the girl's attorney said Wednesday.

Defense attorney John Linebarger has asked his client, Diane Zamora, to refrain from contacting her betrothed, 18-year-old David Graham.

"I feel that they have a very strong connection," Linebarger said. "I would think that if we're going to defend this case properly, the legal decisions ought to be made by her attorney without any outside influence. This is not a team effort, or at least not at this point..."

Zamora, an 18-year-old midshipman on leave from the U.S. Naval Academy, will plead innocent to accusations she and Graham killed 16-year-old Mansfield High School honor student Adrienne Jones. Jones was found beaten with a barbell and shot near Joe Pool Lake on Dec. 4.

A nine-month investigation brought the two to the forefront after authorities said Zamora confided in a Naval Academy roommate. Police said Graham of Mansfield had a one-time sexual encounter with Jones and that he and Zamora killed his track teammate at the insistence of Zamora, who became irate when Graham confessed the encounter to her.

Graham is currently in a Colorado Springs, Colo., jail awaiting extradition to Texas, while his mother is insisting that her son's lawyer not sacrifice Zamora. Graham's attorney, Dan Cogdell, said the cadet's mother told him, "I want justice for my son, but I do not want that at the expense of injustice to others. I do not want the

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John Linebarger, defense attorney for Zamora

Zamora family dragged through the mud. She (Diane) was welcome in my house."

"Whether I can follow that advice is an open question," Cogdell told the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*.

Linebarger expressed similar feelings. "Each case rises and falls on its own facts," he said, "and if they're necessarily pitted together than they are and if they're not, they're not."

Zamora has expressed concern about her fiancée, Linebarger said. But he intends to keep the two apart.

"I want her to listen to me and have independent advice from me, for she and I to make the decisions as this case progresses and not anyone else," he said.

After meeting with his client three times, Linebarger said he has not delved into the facts of the case containing a "unique group" of accused.

"You have two children who I would think would be the future leaders of America," he said.

Zamora, who dreams of becoming an astronaut, now faces the legal system along with Graham.

Extradition proceedings for Graham are scheduled early next week, while Zamora's attorney hopes to get her \$250,000 bond reduced later that same week.

Don't place your bets yet

Group wants lawmakers to halt gambling legislation

By Michael Holmes
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — A group that opposes legalized gambling urged the Legislature on Wednesday to take a pass next session and enact no more laws related to wagering.

Texas Against Gambling said the state should wait on results of a national commission's study on the criminal, economic and social impacts of gambling.

"Let's stop changing the laws and expanding gambling until the national impact study is done," said Weston Ware of the Baptist Christian Life Commission and a gambling foe.

Tom Grey, a Methodist minister and national anti-gambling leader, said the Texas group is convinced citizens will reject further gambling enterprises once all the facts are aired.

"We bet on the people," Grey told a Capitol news conference. "We bet that the people, given all the information, will say no to more gambling."

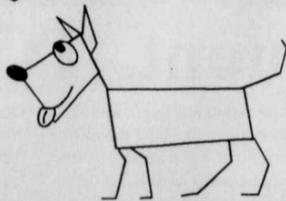
The Texas Legislature has dealt with numerous gambling issues since the early 1980s, voting to legalize pari-mutuel wagering on horse and dog races, to create a state lottery and to permit charity bingo games.

But a major push to legalize casino gambling crashed and burned in the 1995 session.

That spectacular failure came when an angry Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, who presides over the Senate, called casino lobbyists greedy and their tactics sneaky.

Bullock also said then that pro-casino forces shouldn't hurry back to the Capitol in 1997, noting that he will still be running the Senate and, "I've got a long-term memory."

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TCU religious groups offer faith-sharing opportunities

By Erik McKenzie
SKIFF STAFF

Religion may not be considered the primary aspect of life to some people at TCU, but University Ministries provides a place for individuals to learn more about their own faiths.

University Ministries, a gathering place for a range of programs, provides services and ministries designed for all people to learn about and respect the diverse beliefs and cultures while celebrating their own.

The Rev. John Butler, university minister, works in University Ministries and helps plan events and activities for several different religious groups on campus.

"We provide ministries of worship to all people without regard to denomination," Butler said.

Butler said Baptists, Catholics, Methodists, Presbyterians, Lutherans and many other Christian members are common on campus.

However, non-Christian groups are also part of the University, he said.

There is a Jewish and a Muslim group represented at TCU.

Any students wanting information about any of the groups are invited to visit University Ministries to ask for help finding a group they can belong to, Butler said.

Butler said he does not only show students brochures, but listens to students and tries to help them make the right choices.

He said University Ministries works to educate everyone about the differences between

faiths. He said he feels this is important for all people to understand their own faith and how it relates to other faiths.

Matt Rosine, a junior radio-TV-film major and president of Uniting Campus Ministries, said he works to help Christians find creative ways to share their faith.

Rosine also works in University Ministries and said the department is intentionally ecumenical, meaning all denominations are welcome.

"At TCU, there is a religious group for any person who wants to get involved and be part of a caring community," Rosine said.

TCU is associated with the Disciples of Christ Church, which has a nationwide membership of more than 1 million members. However, TCU students are not required to be a member of Disciples of Christ.

Rosine said an all-denomination Christian church service is available on campus every week for any student who wants to attend. The half-hour chapel service is held at noon every Wednesday in the Robert Carr Chapel, between Brite Divinity School and Beasley Hall.

Different ministers from a variety of Christian faiths provide an opportunity for students to listen about the faiths of friends on campus and across the nation.

Services for occasions like Thanksgiving and Easter will be held in the Chapel and at other locations on campus.

A Roman Catholic Mass is also provided at 7:30 p.m. each Sunday in the Student Center.

In addition to church services available on

campus, there are several groups on campus that offer opportunities for members to get together and talk about problems or daily events.

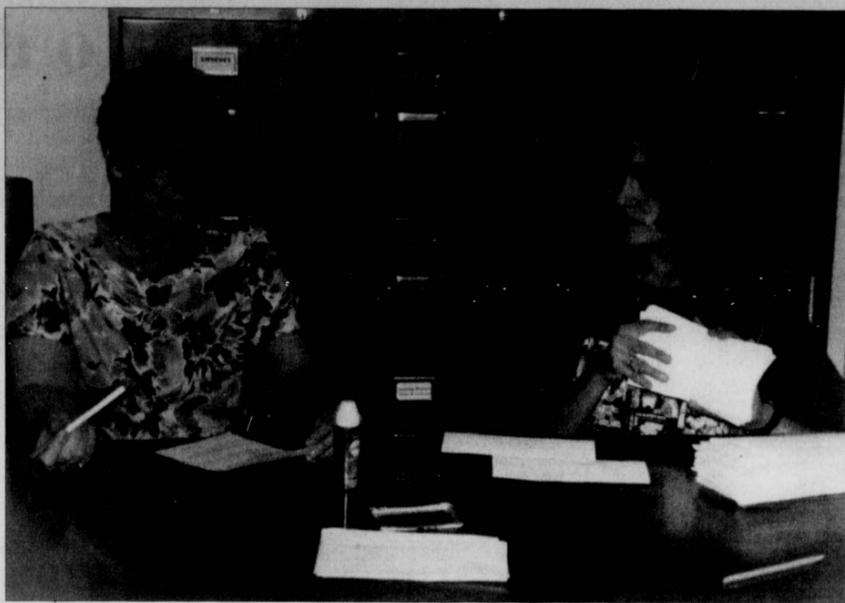
Ali Osmany, a senior accounting major and president of the Muslim Student Organization, said meetings help promote the understanding of Islam and also help members with personal concerns.

"We listen to concerns they may have, keep in contact with one another and offer help if we can," Osmany said.

The Disciples Student Fellowship ministry meets every Thursday and shares a meal. Members play games, sing and share experiences.

Rosine said the fellowship also participates in a host family program. The program links students to a local family and the student builds relationship with that family.

"It's great for students," Rosine said. "You can enjoy being with a family and get homemade meals far away from home."



Caroline Rowell, administrative assistant for University Ministries (left), and Danay Carranza, a senior radio-TV-film major, work on a mailing Wednesday in the University Ministries office at the Student Center.

Rebecca Newitt SKIFF STAFF

Other non-denominational groups on campus include Campus Crusade for Christ, Young Life and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Chi Delta Mu, an academic organization sponsored by the religion department, allows students to have an informal opportunity to meet and talk with some of their professors.

Butler said he hopes students will look into some of these programs and find something right for them.

"I would like for students to be involved in social justice for the world community," he said.

He said college students can be linked to the rest of the world by joining organizations such as Amnesty International and Habitat for Humanity.

"I hope we prepare students to live in a world community that is changing and to live successfully by doing so with meaning and purpose guided by virtue," Butler said.

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Texas Tech settles on kicker

LUBBOCK (AP) — The battle to become Texas Tech's first-string kicker was supposed to be wide open, not wide right.

Even though Tony Rogers was one of college football's most accurate long-range kickers last season, the Red Raiders coach Spike Dykes wanted to give walk-on sophomore Jaret Greaser a chance.

Rogers won the job, then missed four of his first five kicks in an opening week loss at Kansas State University. Greaser came in late to kick a 53-yarder, and he is a backup no more.

Greaser kicked four more in a row last Saturday in a 31-3 romp against Oklahoma State University, further securing his spot as the Red Raiders prepare to visit the University of Georgia a week from Saturday.

"That's the life of a kicker," Greaser said. "It's a difficult situation. One minute, you're best friends with everyone. The next minute, you're sitting by yourself."

A&M's Stewart ready to continue improving

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Texas A&M quarterback Brannndon Stewart, a former Stephenville star who began his collegiate career at Tennessee, looks forward to the day he'll be asked only where he's going and not where he's been.

Since Stewart ended his battle with Peyton Manning and transferred to A&M two years ago, he's been asked repeatedly about his adjustment to new surroundings.

Now, he's ready to continue improving after completing 20 of 28 passes for 232 yards, two touchdowns and no interceptions in the No. 25 Aggies' 41-37 season opening loss to Brigham Young.

"I was just anxious to play, I was ready to play. After a few plays, I felt comfortable," Stewart said.

Despite his solid start, Stewart's performance was overlooked because the A&M defense collapsed and BYU's Steve Sarkisian threw for 536 yards and six touchdowns, the biggest passing day ever against the Aggies.

"He was overshadowed by a great quarterback who had an outstanding game against us," A&M coach R.C. Slocum said. "I thought his performance was good when you consider the circumstances."

Five Frogs participate in '96 trials, Olympics

By Brett Van Ort
SKIFF STAFF

Walter Soza hoped and dreamed throughout his childhood of reaching the pinnacle of sports: the Olympic Games. This summer Soza had the chance to live out the dream.

Soza, a senior communications graphics major, was one of three current TCU students to participate in either the Olympic trials or the Olympics at Atlanta this summer.

Soza participated in the Olympics under the flag of Nicaragua. He was the only swimmer on the Nicaraguan national team.

"I hoped and dreamed for this when I was young," Soza said. "There was a lot of pressure, though."

"The whole country was looking for me to do well. It was a mind-boggling experience. I was going up against good, amazingly fast swimmers."

Despite all the pressures, Soza tried to look past them.

"I just hoped to get a good time," Soza said. "I tried not to worry about them and try for my best time. You can't think about the other guys. They are just in a league of their own."

In all actuality, Soza was in a league of his own. Although he did not advance in the three events he qualified for, he set a Nicaraguan national record in the 200-meter butterfly.

His time of 2 minutes, 4.66 seconds was the best time ever in Nicaraguan history. The time was good enough for the 20th place at the Olympics.

Soza also participated in the 200-individual medley and the 400-meter medley where he finished 36th and 26th, respectively.

"I went out trying to improve on my best times," Soza said. "I was also trying to get in the top 16. But I went out on top with the best times of my life."

Tineasha Jackson and Giesla Jackson, both Flying Frogs on the TCU track team, participated at the U.S. Olympic trials in Atlanta.

Tineasha Jackson, a junior social work major, competed in the women's 100-meter dash at the trials, which featured 34 of the best sprinters in the United States.

The experience was one that she will never forget, she said.

"It was a scary experience," Tineasha Jackson said. "I was going up against the top runners in the U.S."

Tineasha said she had her picture taken with 100-meter gold-medalist Gail Devers.

Going up against such names as Guitry White and Mondie Milner, Tineasha Jackson could not make it past the first round, where the top four qualifiers in each of four heats advanced.

But she said the three days and three nights she spent in Atlanta gave her much-needed experience at the world level.

"The whole experience helped me at the collegiate level," Tineasha Jackson said. "Here I was, competing at such a higher level than I was used to. So it will definitely help me and

make the collegiate level much easier to deal with."

Track coach Monte Stratton said he talked to both Tineasha Jackson and Giesla Jackson, a junior accounting major, after their time in Atlanta.

"They were both happy to have the experience," Stratton said. "It elevated their expectations of themselves so that they will be less intimidated at college meets."

Richard Sybesma, Soza's coach at TCU, also went to the Olympics as the Nicaraguan swim coach. He gained some valuable experience as well.

"It was a real learning experience as a coach," Sybesma said. "You get to see different coaches from different countries and how they interact with their athletes."

"You get every end of the spectrum. Some coaches get along really well with their swimmers, while others put so much stress and pressure on their swimmers (that) the coaches sometimes come across as overbearing."

Soza said he plans to hang up the swimsuit, as he does not have the time to train. He will use the extra time to concentrate on his studies.

Former Frogs to participate in the Olympics included sprinter Jon Drummond, who won silver for the U.S. in the 4x100 meter relay. Neio Broad attended TCU from 1985 to 1987 and played on the tennis team. Broad won a silver medal in doubles tennis under the British flag.



Giesla Jackson, a junior accounting major, was one of several current or former Horned Frogs who competed at the U.S. Olympic Trials and the Olympic Games in Atlanta this summer.

TCU women's golf wins season-opener, hits 'national level'

By Matt Pearce
SKIFF STAFF

The TCU women's golf team won its first tournament of the season, the Colorado State/Wyoming Golf Classic in Fort Collins, Colo., Tuesday.

It was the first championship for Angie Ravaoli-Larkin, who is in her third season as TCU coach.

"Our women's team has arrived at a national level once again," Ravaoli-Larkin said. "We can compete with anybody."

Sophomore Susan Horton earned top individual honors, shooting a three-over-par 216 in the 54-hole, three-round tournament.

Freshman Angela Stanford finished second overall at 220, and senior Dana Schmid tied for fourth at 226.

Other Frogs who competed in the tournament were sophomores Amanda Workman, who tied for 14th at 234 and Shannon Fisher, who tied for 22nd at 237.

TCU's overall score for the tournament was 895. Pepperdine University, the Frogs' closest competitor, finished a distant second with a 922.

Ravaoli-Larkin said TCU had prepared hard for a victory, and she said she expected nothing less from her players.

"I wasn't surprised by the victory," Ravaoli-Larkin said. "Our goal in the tournament was to win."

The team's top finishers said they also knew the Frogs could pull off a victory if they stayed focused.

"As a team, we all knew we could do it," Stanford said. "We knew in our hearts we could win."

Ravaoli-Larkin said one of her team's goals was to break 300 in a tournament round this season, which it failed to do last year. In the CSU/Wyoming Classic, the Frogs accomplished that feat in all three rounds.

"We knew we could do it," Horton said. "We were just waiting for (the goal) to come out."

Ravaoli-Larkin said the Frogs played 36 straight holes on the first day of the tournament, spending 12 straight hours on the course. She said she's proud of the way the team was able to go out the next day and continue to shoot low scores.

"They stayed focused and kept their composure," Ravaoli-Larkin said. "They never let down."

Ravaoli-Larkin said the team's high expectations have not changed at all, but now the Frogs are even hungrier for more victories.

"Just experiencing it makes you want it again and again," Ravaoli-Larkin said. "Each of us expects a lot of ourselves and one another."

Stanford, who competed in her first collegiate tournament, said the championship has boosted the team's confidence overall.

"We're ready to make a statement to the (Western Athletic Conference)," Stanford said. "We are extremely fired up and pumped."



Susan Horton, sophomore

Salary arbitration needs to go

Major-league baseball is one of the most unique institutions in the world. It doesn't seem to follow any of the same rules as society or even other sports.

For example, baseball seems to be the only major institution in the world that uses arbitration. After four years of major-league service, players are allowed to have their salary set by an arbitrator.

Here is how it works: The player and organization each make a proposal. An independent arbitrator (likely someone who knows nothing about baseball) will evaluate the player's performance and decide accordingly.

Now, instead of boring you with useless statistics and figures, I'll use an everyday example to illustrate how it works. I've been a columnist for three years. I get paid a standard rate of six dollars a column. As an egotistical columnist, I might decide I deserve \$20 per column.

Of course, management doesn't give raises to just anyone, so they would likely balk at my request. Therefore, I would send my request to an arbitrator who would look at my performance and decide between

management's proposal and my proposal. I wonder why the Skiff doesn't have arbitration?

Now you can see why baseball is the only major institution that uses this sort of system. Imagine if everything worked this way. Dozens of businesses would go bankrupt overnight. But then again, isn't baseball losing money?

The problems with arbitration are readily apparent. Salaries are based on the single ruling of an arbitrator instead of the open market. Therefore, some players get higher salaries than what the market would bear. It's no wonder that most fans complain about player salaries.

The owners were the ones who developed arbitration, so they dug their own graves, so to speak. Over the past several weeks, the owners and players have been trying to iron out a labor agreement. The owners would love to get rid of arbitration, but the players know a boon when they see one.

Presently, both sides seem to have decided on a new, three-person panel for arbitration. This would somehow make arbitration better, if you ask the owners.

Arbitration is the most ridiculous way to set salaries. You can use a one-person panel, a three-person panel or you can go to the U.S. Supreme Court, but it doesn't change the fact that arbitration is a faulty way of setting salaries. Just remember that

the root word of arbitration is arbitrary.

Fortunately, I have come up with a foolproof way to get rid of arbitration and all of its evils. All you have to do is move back free-agency eligibility from six years to four years.

This would get rid of arbitration, but it would also allow players to test the open market earlier. Believe it or not, this would actually be good for both sides.

The players obviously get more freedom. If a player is stuck in a small market and boring town, say, Pittsburgh, then he can move earlier. He can go to a title-contending team, or maybe to his favorite team as a child. Occasionally, they may even go to the team that offers them more money (gasp!).

This system would actually be better for the owners as well. The last labor stoppage had an interesting effect on players' salaries: they went down.

The players learned that a free-market system doesn't always mean they will get more money. It simply means they will receive what the market bears. Right now, the market for salaries is readjusting, so most players will receive a reduction in pay.

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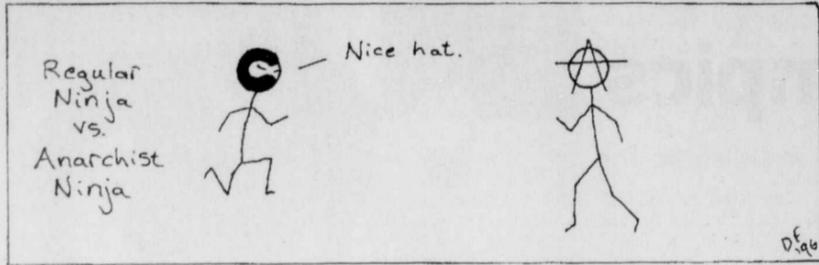
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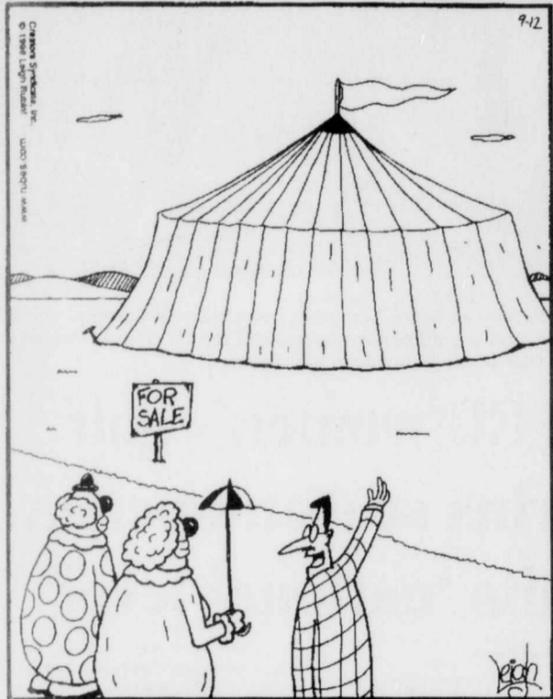
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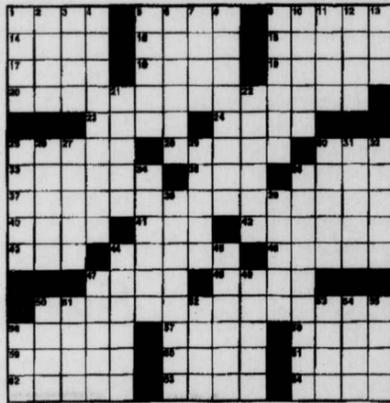
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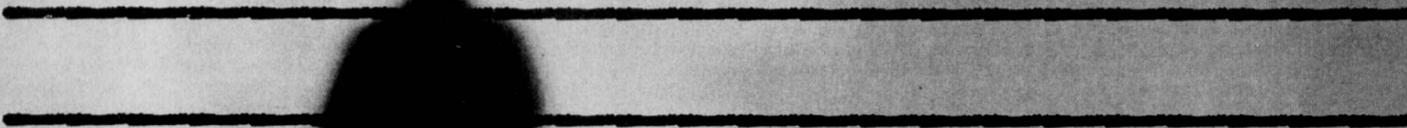
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