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Du Pont declared incompetent

MEDIA, Pa. (AP) — A judge Tuesday ruled millionaire murder defendant John E. du Pont incompetent to stand trial next month, declaring he "is actively psychotic."

The ruling by Common Pleas Judge Patricia Jenkins will place du Pont in a mental hospital for treatment until doctors decide he can help lawyers with his defense and understand the charges he faces in wrestler Dave Schultz's slaying Jan. 26.

Fed decides against interest rate hike

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Reserve, split over raising interest rates, opted Tuesday to do nothing six weeks before voters go to the polls. President Clinton said the decision "shows we have got a strong economy with no inflation."

The central bank's decision followed nearly five hours of closed-door internal debate by the Federal Open Market Committee. In advance of Tuesday's meeting a number of economists had predicted the central bank would nudge interest rates higher.

King releases two new novels

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) — It's a double dose of Stephen King.

The best-selling horror author has not one but two new books in stores this week. Placed side-by-side, the covers of the books "Desperation" and "The Regulators" combine to make a mural with a snarling coyote, a burning house and the head of a vulture. The characters have the same names and many meet bloody ends, though the plots are different.

"The Regulators" is the first time King has used his Richard Bachman pseudonym since 1985.

State

Perot asks FCC for help buying air time

DALLAS (AP) — Frustrated by his inability to buy prime TV time and join televised debates, Ross Perot asked the Federal Communications Commission on Tuesday to intervene on his behalf with the TV networks.

The Reform Party nominee said he hasn't been able to buy desirable broadcast times for his 30-minute infomercials during the fall TV season.

"There is an absolute obligation to sell adequate prime time — not just in the times they choose to sell," Perot attorney Kim Askew said.

Doctor impersonator sentenced to six years

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A women's clinic employee who passed himself off as a doctor to perform more than 60 illegal abortions has been sentenced to six years in prison.

John Michael Ramos, 36, was taken to Bexar County Jail after his sentencing Monday before state District Judge Terry McDonald. A co-defendant, Cynthia Ann Guerra Diaz, 48, was sentenced Friday to six years' imprisonment in the same case.

Neither Ramos nor Ms. Diaz is a licensed physician.

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Carlos Alvarado, a junior geology and English major, examines his vandalized car Tuesday evening in the parking lot behind Frog Fountain. Alvarado's car was blasted with spray paint early Tuesday morning. Campus Police are still looking for possible suspects.

Vandals spray paint six cars

By Kimberly Wilson
SKIFF STAFF

Vandals armed with green and red spray paint attacked six students' cars and the left front door of Milton Daniel Hall between 2 and 3 a.m. Tuesday.

Campus police said the crime is probably directed at a specific person rather than being a random act of vandalism.

"This is not gang-related, this is just malicious," Campus Police Chief Steve McGee said.

Carlos Alvarado, a junior geology and English major, found obscenities painted on the driver's side of his car, but all the other damaged cars were simply streaked with paint. The vinyl top of a convertible

was streaked on the side, and other cars were streaked on the bumpers and sides, McGee said.

Alvarado said he didn't know of any reason why someone would pick his car to vandalize, saying "maybe they picked my car just because."

"I'm mad," he said. "I thought the same words that they painted on my car when I saw it."

Three Campus Police officers and two security officers were on patrol when the incident occurred, but it was a case of not being in the right place at the right time, McGee said.

According to the police report, witnesses reported seeing a group of about six people carrying backpacks, some on in-line skates and others on foot, in front of

Milton Daniel.

One witness reported seeing part of the group heading toward the parking lot in front of the dorm while others left in a black sports utility vehicle, either a Daihatsu Rocky or Suzuki Samurai.

Alvarado said that when he walked outside the door of Milton Daniel Tuesday morning, a red circle around the letter "A" was on the outside and green paint had been sprayed on the inside of the door.

Jimmy Flint, Milton Daniel Hall director, said the paint on the outer glass and the inside of the door indicates the vandals must have entered Milton Daniel at some point.

"They had to gain access to do that, but whether it was by their own keys or they slipped in behind

someone, I don't know," said Flint, an MBA student.

McGee said campus detective J.J. Yale investigated the case all day Tuesday, but no evidence had been found by Tuesday night. He said Campus Police took "several reports from several students" regarding the incident.

Flint said Campus Police have not told him that any Milton Daniel residents are currently targets of investigations.

Police still need information about the crime.

"If anyone knows anything about this, we would welcome their call," McGee said.

He said spray painting the cars

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Campaign nears goal

Next Frontier fundraising close to \$100 mil

By Candace McAdams
SKIFF STAFF

With 14 months left in the Next Frontier campaign, commitments have reached \$93.5 million of the \$100 million goal.

Sandy Ware, interim dean of admissions and co-chairwoman of the campus campaign, said the response to the campaign has been tremendous.

Doug White, an assistant vice chancellor for university advancement, said when the campaign ends in December 1997 the \$100 million goal will be reached.

"We are quietly confident that we are going to make our goal," he said.

White said including more people in the Next Frontier program was a major goal

of the campaign.

"Our hope is to get every alumnus and friend of TCU a chance to participate in the campaign," he said.

White said the Next Frontier campaign started in June 1992 in response to a planning effort that occurred at TCU in the late 1980s.

He said there were two aspects of the planning effort. One was an academic planning effort, which measured the progress of certain programs. The other was a facility planning effort, which determined what new structures the school might need in response to the academic planning effort.

"From these two separate planning exercises came a lot of priorities for the future," White

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THE NEXT FRONTIER CAMPAIGN GOALS	
Academic and Student Programs	\$21 million
Library Resources	
Writing Program	
Technological Support	
International Program	
Leadership Development	
Endowed Chairs and Professorship	
Scholarships, Fellowships, Assistantships	\$8 million
Physical Campus	\$36 million
Alumni Center	
Campus Improvements	
Performing Arts Complex	
University Center	
Engineering Education and Research Building	
Athletic Facilities	
General Improvements	
Weight Training and Rehabilitation Center	
The Annual Fund	\$19 million
General Endowment	\$16 million
Scholarships, Fellowships, Assistantships	\$100 million

Pen pals reach out to local students

By Matt Pearce
SKIFF STAFF

Students from several different TCU clubs will reach out to the community this year by adopting pen pals at three schools in the Fort Worth area.

Glory Robinson, program adviser and co-director of the TCU Pen Pal Program, said the biggest change in the program is that specific organizations on campus are being asked to participate. The program was open to any interested students during its first two years.

The organizations involved are: the Programming Council, Organization of Latin American Students, Sigma Lambda Alpha,

Lambda Kappa Kappa, Students for Asian/Indian Cultural Awareness, United Asian Committee and Black Student Caucus.

Students from these organizations will be assigned pen pals in the sixth grade from St. Andrew's Catholic School, Morningside Middle School and Kirkpatrick Middle School.

Robinson said the Pen Pal Program decided to focus on specific groups this year because it's easier to keep track of the progress they're making with their pen pals.

"Now we have these organizations and we know they're meeting on a regular basis," Robinson said.

Leticia Cavazos, a senior social work major, said the main purposes of the program is to teach children

about college life and provide them with mentors and role models.

"A lot of these kids don't know what college is like," Cavazos said. "It gives them someone to look up to."

Robinson said many children don't realize TCU is in Fort Worth and don't think about college at all. She said the Pen Pal Program gives children the opportunity to ask questions about college.

Darron Turner, director of minority affairs and co-director of the Pen Pal Program, said the program offers great educational opportunities.

"One of the main benefits is that they are writing," he said. "They get a mentor — someone to discuss

issues that they might not normally talk about."

Turner said one of the program's greatest achievements is that children gain interest in college and education in general.

"Any time you can work with kids and they can get excited about college, it's a success," Turner said.

Cavazos said each TCU organization is assigned to a class at one of the schools. She said as many as three organizations work with one class.

TCU students and the sixth graders fill out forms describing their interests, and the forms are used to match up pen pals.

Robinson said there are 75 sixth

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House swears in VP

By Rob Sherwin
SKIFF STAFF

After a run-off election and charges of improper actions, Kevin Nicoletti was sworn in as vice president of the House of Student Representatives at the House's Tuesday meeting.

Nicoletti, a sophomore business management major, won the office in a run-off election Thursday. Nicoletti will complete the term of former Vice President Clement Ouda, who resigned the post earlier this month. Ouda became ineligible to serve after failing to meet the House's qualifications for holding office.

Nicoletti was found innocent of charges Sunday by the House's Elections Appeals Board that a local band improperly donated its services to his campaign.

In other business, the House passed a bill to help fund the Corporate Exchange Club. The club, which was founded last year, helps undergraduate business students receive quality internships and also hosts various seminars and speakers, said Kelly Short, a senior business management major and club president.

Bill 96-20, which passed by a vote of 51-9, allocated \$787.10 from the House special projects fund.

Short said he thinks the bill will help the entire student body, not just business students.

"I think it will be a great program for the school," he said. "It's something that's been needed for a long time. It doesn't benefit just the business school, it benefits the whole student body. It only builds support for the business community at TCU."

The House also passed a resolution encouraging the TCU adminis-

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Lecture offers insight

By Kelly Melhart
SKIFF STAFF

Studio art faculty have been giving lectures every Wednesday showing that professors do more than just teach.

They have also given one TCU art student an insight into what they do.

Kristen Stevenson, a sophomore studio art major, said she has not decided which area of studio art to emphasize, but the lectures could possibly help her decide her major.

"So far they've been really interesting," Stevenson said. "You really get an insight into what they do."

Luther Smith, a professor of art, will deliver the lecture "On the Road: Landscapes by Luther Smith" at noon today in the Moudy Building Room 132N.

"It will give a sense of who I am and why I do what I do," he said.

Smith said he will show slides of his photographs and talk about his motivation and interest in the places where the photographs were taken.

"The photographs are about the places as much as they are about art," Smith said.

Smith said he tries to photograph places that have an intensity equal to photographs of human subjects.

Smith became interested in photography by working for the school newspaper when he was a student at the University of Illinois at Urbana-

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CAMPUS LINES

TCU HOUSE OF STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES provides free legal services today from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the House office. For more information, call the House office at 921-7924.

AUDITION NOTICE for "Ferris Bueller's Day Off." Auditions will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. today in Studio A of the Moudy Building South. For more information, contact Steve Hacker at 377-8383.

PSI CHI, will meet at 6:15 p.m. today in Winton Scott Hall Room 215. All students are welcome. For more information contact Sarah Deal at 921-3652.

STUDY SKILLS WORKSHOP will be held at 9 p.m. Thursday in the Center for Academic Services, Rickel Room 106. The workshop is free and will cover time management, study skills and test-taking. For more information call 921-7486.

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 1997 student teachers are due Wednesday.

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

A CASTING CALL for the Electronic Field Production project "Blue" will be held at 2 p.m. Friday in Studio A of the Moudy Building South. No prior acting experience is needed. For more information, contact Tamara Tatsch at 920-4416 or Brett Van Ort at 922-9967.

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DECEMBER DEGREE CANDIDATES should file their intent to graduate immediately in the office of their academic dean.

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tration to install keyless entry systems for dormitories and identification card vending systems on campus.

Will Pryor, House Parliamentarian and the bill's author, said with the proper equipment installed, the current TCU ID card could be used to gain entry into dormitories and as a debit card

for laundry, vending and copying machines.

Pryor said the debit account for machines would not be connected to the same account students use in campus cafeterias.

A separate debit account would be charged, he said.

Pryor said Resolution 96-16, which passed by a vote of 57-2,

will speed up the installation of the systems.

"I'm glad it passed," Pryor said. "It's something that the university has been working on and Roger Fisher (director of Residential Services) needed the support of the students to help pass it through at the administrative level."

Introduced into legislation was a

bill to help fund the TCU Amnesty International chapter's trip to the 15th Annual Southern Regional Conference in New Orleans, La.

The bill asks the House for \$908.44 from the House special projects fund. The House tabled the bill to the Finance Committee and it will be reintroduced next week.

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the program is looking for 75 TCU students to get involved.

Cavazos said TCU students and their pen pals are committed to write back and forth throughout the school year. She said students are allowed to continue corresponding after the year is over.

She said the students who were involved in the program last year met their pen pals at a party in the spring. She said she hopes the program will have a similar function at the end of

this semester.

Turner said service organizations on campus should look into the Pen Pal Program.

"As this program continues to grow, we're looking for more organizations to get involved," he said.

Robinson said the satisfaction from the program is outstanding, especially since it's so easy to participate.

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would "probably" be classified as a Class B misdemeanor, which could result in a six-month sentence in the county jail and/or a fine of up to \$2,000.

Alvarado said he expects it will cost about \$250 to fix his car. He said he was told by Assistant Dean of Campus Life Mike Russel that the

university's insurance will probably not cover the damages.

Leon Reed, a junior political science major and friend of Alvarado, said acts like this "totally ruin our (TCU's) little family atmosphere."

"I have a feeling that it is somebody from TCU (that sprayed the cars)," Reed said.

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said. "The university believed the best way to achieve these multiple priorities as quickly as possible was to mount a special campaign towards these objectives."

He said with the approval of the trustees, the committee launched the campaign in 1992.

The first two years were called the "quiet years" of the campaign. During these years, the board raised significant gifts and pledges from individuals, corporations and foundations, White said.

"So by the time we made our public announcement of the campaign in November 1994 at a large dinner in downtown Fort Worth, we had already secured \$61 million towards the \$100 million," White said.

Since the kickoff in 1992, the committee has been conducting smaller regional campaigns in cities across Texas, with a special emphasis in Fort Worth.

"We looked at our current donor base, and asked some key volunteers in each of these cities to do a

screening and rating exercise in which they review the list of other alumni in their town," he said. "We did this to give us an idea as to who should be the priority people that we see for the campaign."

White said another part of the campaign is designed to encourage faculty and staff members to donate to projects that benefit certain departments.

Spencer Tucker, a professor of history and chairman of the department and campus campaign co-chairman, said one of the unique things about this campaign was that faculty are being allowed for the first time to give to discretionary funds within their department. In the past, they could only give to the university in general.

"We've now been allowed to develop departmental funds," Tucker said. "So obviously people who graduated from a certain department, as well as the staff, are more interested in giving to that department."

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EDITORIAL

AMERICA'S TEAM

Rangers have displaced Cowboys as fan favorite

For years, sports fans across the country have heard the Dallas Cowboys called "America's Team." Since the days of Tom Landry and Roger Staubach, the 'Boys were a vivid symbol of integrity, class and winning the old-fashioned way: with hard effort.

Those days are long gone, and there is a new America's Team in town: the Texas Rangers.

The Cowboys are in disarray on and off the field, having lost three of their first four games. The Rangers, meanwhile, are defying history by carrying a two-game lead into the final week of the season. A post-season appearance would be the first in franchise history. They're hanging on and deserve fan support.

The Cowboys' camp has been chock full of excuses: Michael Irvin's suspension,

injuries to Jay Novacek and Charles Haley, bad luck, bad weather, the media, President Clinton, whatever.

The Rangers, however, have had their own share of setbacks, but they've been in front for all but four days this season. Why? Because players like Kevin Elster, Ken Hill and Ivan Rodriguez have responded with outstanding seasons.

This may have something to do with the teams' vastly different leadership. While Cowboys coach Barry Switzer has dozens of reasons for the Cowboys' dismal start, Rangers manager Johnny Oates has been getting the most out of his players.

Funny how you don't hear excuses from a first-place team. It's an inspiration to see the Rangers, the only local team that behaves like a champion, finally putting together a championship season.

Letters to the Editor

From the Skiff Sound Off line:

What about those with allergies?

I don't think that there should be smoking in the dorms, because certain people like myself are allergic to cigarette smoke, and to be living in an environment like that is not healthy.

Petra Spencer
Freshman radio-TV-film major

'Traditional' definition of marriage changes

This letter is in response to Brian Wilson's column of Sept. 17, "Same-sex marriage wrong." Wilson's main concern seems to be keeping American marriage in its "traditional" definition, with one of the world's worst divorce rates. His mistake is in seeing this definition of marriage as a static entity that needs no further change. If history has shown us anything, it is that nothing is static, nothing needs no further change.

For instance, the "traditional" definition of marriage. Marriage has also "traditionally" been defined as a union between people who must be the same religion, the same race or one in which the wife is the property of the husband. Some states refused to recognize interracial marriages until a Supreme Court ruling in 1967. Until then, and after then, there were people even more adamant and passionate about keeping this from happening than Wilson is about same-sex marriage. Wilson's quote from Pitirim Sorokin could have been used in a column then, if any self-respecting journalist in the 1960s would use a quote from a man whose book contains no sources for any of his facts or statistics, and who also makes such clever statements as "childless marriages and families are truncated, semi-filled unions."

Wilson does not have the

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Values, education shouldn't combine

In the coming weeks you will hear much rhetoric on the election. Perhaps the most prevalent rhetoric will be on the issue of "values." With so much discussion in the news, we must take this time to explore this issue.

Certainly you have already heard most of it. Issues like prayer in school, Christian values education, same-sex marriage and presidential character have all surfaced before. However, these issues seem to be getting stronger and more prevalent as we move closer to November.

First of all, it is important to note that the United States is a unique place in the world. We are the only country whose constitution explicitly states that the establishment of a national religion is not allowed.

This has greatly affected the make-up of our society. Millions of non-Christians have flocked to the United States because of the promise of religious freedom. Because of this, our society is more heterogeneous than most.

What does this have to do with the values question? Whenever the government restricts the lives of the American people based solely on religious beliefs, it is breaching the spirit of the First Amendment.

For example, the Senate has taken a stance against same-sex marriages. What is its basis for this opinion? Whenever defenders of this policy speak on the issue, they never offer concrete evidence as to how this will damage society. They think it is wrong, so it must be wrong.

Fundamentalists defend this point by claiming that the First Amendment only protects us against the establishment of a national religion. Their interpretation is clear. The government is free to operate on purely religious motives because it isn't declaring any one sect as the official national religion, they say.

This interpretation is antiquated. Our society is more heterogeneous

than our forebears'. They could feel safe in the assumption that everyone was brought up in a "Christian" home. We can't make that same assumption.

There are millions of Americans who are Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist and atheist. Basing our laws on just Christian ideals isn't consistent with their upbringing. Whenever the government takes an action that is clearly based on "Christian" motives, it violates others' rights to freedom of religion.

This comes into play with school prayer and Christian values education. School prayer can certainly manifest itself in many forms, but there is no way to get around Christian values education.

Supporters are proposing that we should use a government agency (public education) to teach all children Christian values. Does anyone else see a problem here?

The first problem is that a public agency is being used to further the values of one particular religion. A society that is as pluralistic as ours must extend its interpretation of the First Amendment. When there is more than one major religion represented in the country, we must consider any attempt to favor any of those religions as a violation of the Establishment Clause.

The second problem with Christian values education is that even Christians don't agree on what the proper "Christian" values are. The same-sex marriage debate is a good example of this inability to decide on a single set of values.

If Christians can't even agree on what our values are, why are we trying to impose them on non-Christians? Disputes like these leave policy judgments up to the whim of the majority. That is clearly against the intentions of James Madison, the principal author of the Constitution and Bill of Rights.

We should all be wary of any values debate. Whose values are being represented? Are they yours, or someone else's? But more importantly, who are we to tell someone else how to live his or her life?

Scott Barzilla is a senior political science major from Houston.

COMMENTARY



SCOTT BARZILLA



Berry needs help

Students can work to stop urban decay

Bringing back Berry. Sounds like a good idea.

Many people drive down Berry Street to arrive at TCU, and it doesn't look the way it should.

New stores open up constantly only to close down soon thereafter, crime flares up in fast-food joints and new graffiti appears weekly on the sides of buildings.

The impression some people get of TCU starts out on the wrong foot because of its location.

Berry is in trouble. TCU should do everything it can as a campus, and Fort Worth should do everything it can as a city, to return it to the thriving street it once was.

TCU is affected by Berry Street's decay, not just by the impression some people may get of the school, but because the virus is spreading and may inhabit the campus before long.

COMMENTARY



CHRISTI GIFFORD

The Horned Frogs should care about a deteriorating street, especially since the problems are moving closer to the campus.

TCU students will make a difference if they show they care about their environment.

But how can the average student help the situation of the street? The problems flourish, and one person can hardly help, right?

Wrong. There's a dance from 7:30 p.m. to midnight Saturday in the Blockbuster Music parking lot at 2012 W. Berry St. If students participate, it will show the community that TCU cares about what is happening to Berry.

There are actually stores along Berry Street (in addition to the fast food restaurants), believe it or not. Most could probably use more patronage. Sure, not everything a person could ever need or want is sold on Berry, but more stuff than you might think can be found in the nooks and crannies. Small shops abound, and many even give TCU discounts.

The Skiff usually covers meetings concerning the Berry Street

Initiative. And those meetings are the reason for the dance. Keeping up with Berry Street news can help you realize what you can do to improve it.

The neighborhoods around campus need our help as they try to maintain Berry.

University Drive, on the other side, looks quite nice most of the time. Cultural sites, new shopping strips and lush parks line the road.

But although University looks good, it also lives in danger of the problems of Berry Street.

TCU needs a good community effort to keep it alive and well. The purple flags on the streetlights along Berry and Bellaire streets improve the looks, but still, much work looms ahead to improve Berry.

The dance is a good start. Berry is in trouble. And if we do something about it by showing we care and lending a hand to the efforts to improve the street, it might not be hurting for long.

Christi Gifford is a senior news-editorial major from Winter Park, Fla.

Keep permission slips handy if president wins re-election

Throughout my life, I have dealt with my share of permission slips. Whether preparing for a Scout camping

excursion, a second

grade field trip to the zoo or a high school sports game on the road, somebody always wanted my parents' permission for me to participate.

The only glimmering light of hope to avoid the constant onslaught of parental signatures rested in the fact that I was soon to leave the confines of high school and find myself in the permission slip-free "real" world.

Now I want those permission slips back. Not necessarily for me, but to sit beside the big red phone in the Oval Office.

When President Clinton made the recent decision to send U.S. troops to the Middle East, it appeared as if he had made his first assertive move since, well, Paula Jones. But there turned out to be a small problem in his newly developed decision-making skills. He neglected to remember that

one should always be sure to ask the host before one plans the trip.

Beaming in the light of his own confidence, Clinton neglected to ask Kuwait whether it would house U.S. soldiers before he ordered the Pentagon to begin mobilization. Although Kuwait owes its present-day existence to the U.S. military, its people would surely appreciate warning of massive military maneuvers in their front yards before planning their next family picnic.

How can the leader of a nation which claims to extend equal protection from the invasion of rights to all of humanity suddenly disregard the founding principles of his own country while framing his decisions?

President Clinton's experience with military maneuvers has thus far in his term been unorganized and haphazard. The United States has led operations in Haiti and Bosnia with no clearly defined goals or objectives, no definite enemy and a lack of widespread support from the voting populace.

But Iraq presents a different opportunity. The American people despise the presence of Saddam Hussein, and Iraq recently initiated an attack on U.S. forces. Clinton also remembers the boost George Bush received from a suc-

cessful mission in the Gulf, and, in an election year, a boost is exactly the reassurance Clinton needs. Especially when running against a distinguished and honored war veteran.

Since Clinton himself has no background in the military, he should rely more heavily upon the advice of the Pentagon. Even President Bush, a World War II pilot, stayed in the shadow of Colin Powell and Norman Schwarzkopf during Desert Storm.

The New York Times recently reported that native Kuwaitis now occupy only one-sixth of the job market in Kuwait. The remaining jobs belong to foreigners. With this imbalance, the Kuwaiti government should be asked about more foreign troops entering its country before the troops arrive knocking on the door.

And now, the American public seems prepared to vote for four more years of the same irresponsible and indecisive leadership. If so, be sure to turn in a permission slip with your ballot this November. President Clinton will undoubtedly need it sometime.

Michael Bryant is a sophomore news-editorial journalism and English major from Las Animas, Colo.

COMMENTARY



MIKE BRYANT

Library refiles journals

By Patricio Crooker
SKIFF STAFF

Complaints about the difficulty of finding academic journals led the staff of the Mary Coats Burnett Library to revise its methods of filing journals, said Dennis Gibbons, coordinator for collection development.

Academic journals were previously filed by the name of the publication, Gibbons said. Now journals are filed according to their subject matter, a change that will make referencing the journals easier.

The new system is one used by many university libraries, Gibbons said. He said he hopes the new filing system will make journals easier to access, since more requests for help came from users trying to access journals than from those using any other library publications.

Also, under the old system, some journals were separated by subject as well, Gibbons said. An example of a problem this caused, he said, was that nursing journals were not listed under the science section and were thus difficult to find.

Despite the attempt to make journals more user-friendly, some aren't satisfied with the new system, he said.

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Dennis Gibbons
coordinator for collection development

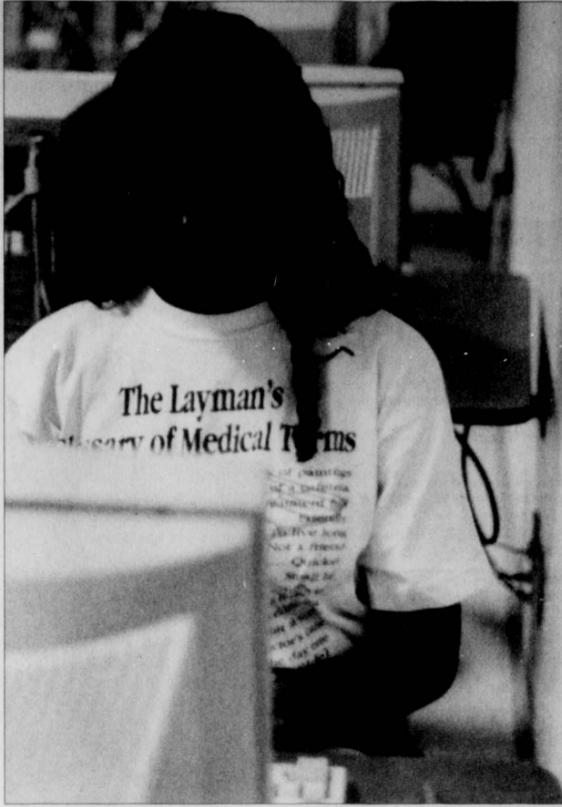
Gibbons said. "There was some opposition on the plans, mainly from the science departments. Once they are used to it, they will find it easier."

But Michael Meckna, an associate professor of music, said he and his department are happy about the library's changes.

His students told him the new organization is easier to use and they are able to get to more sources in their area of study.

Meckna said the new organization system is standard at many campuses around the country.

The new journal organization plan was approved by a majority of the Faculty Senate and first implemented over the summer of 1995, Gibbons said.



Anne Drabicky SKIFF STAFF

Natasha Manley, a junior music education major, reads her e-mail Saturday afternoon in one of the library's computer labs.

Announcements go to television

By Amanda Bronstad
SKIFF STAFF

Business students no longer have to sift through hordes of multicolored signs tacked on billboards to find announcements in the M.J. Neeley School of Business.

They can now view the information in the comfort of their own dorm room.

The Neeley Network displays student organization meetings, internship opportunities, graduation announcements and scheduling information for anyone who has the CampusLink cable system. The Network is on Channel 7.

Laura Spain, a first year MBA student, was one of eight Neeley Associates who initiated the idea last semester as part of an annual required project.

"We felt like the major problem in the business school was sign blindness," she said, noting how the only time many students notice a sign is when they have to avoid tripping on it.

"We wanted to find a different way to communicate to students and faculty," she said. "The new cable network was a great way to network to students all over campus."

Most students who enter Tandy Hall breeze past the two cardboard posters on easels in the atrium. But a few stop to glance at the TV monitor, which continually flashes brightly-colored announcements on the Neeley Network, she said.

Spain said the Network's announcements, which are all created on the software program, Freelance Graphics, are more technologically appropriate for students who live in the communication age.

"It's an added feature to the

school, something that schools worldwide are starting to do," she said. "We wanted to be one of the first."

Jennifer Mathieu, a Neeley Associate and a senior accounting and finance major, said students who want to make announcements on the Network must create a slide show on Freelance Graphics and turn the disk into the Student Resource Center in Tandy Hall.

Delta Sigma Pi, a co-ed business fraternity, began making all its announcements on the Network this semester, said Mathieu, who is an officer for the fraternity.

"It reduces the cost of producing fliers and buying stamps to mail things out," she said. "All the students have to be in the business school at some time, so they can stop and glance at it (the television). Also, it's something new, so we know people will stop and look at it."

Mathieu said the Neeley Associates hope to include videotaped speeches or news events to the Network's coverage, and new monitors in Dan Rogers hallway and the Student Resource Center will be installed this semester.

The Neeley School is not the only group on campus taking advantage of televised announcements.

The House of Student Representatives is planning to air their meetings and announcements on a CampusLink cable channel by the middle of October, Secretary Julie Markus said.

Deana Muirheid, a coordinator of instructional television, said the campus bulletin board cable channel already covers campus speakers as well as announcements for the Office of Communications and Extended Education, but the channel is open to anyone.

LECTURE

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Champaign.

Since then, Smith has taken pictures all over the world.

Smith spent the summer of 1995 teaching a workshop for students in New Zealand as part of a TCU exchange program with Whitecliffe College of Art and Design. During his stay, Smith traveled around New Zealand and photographed landscapes.

"It is really exotic, really beautiful," he said.

Smith has also taken landscape photos of New Mexico, Mississippi, Civil War battle sites and the TCU area, including a series of photographs of the Trinity River.

Smith said the series has been turned into a book and will be published by the TCU Press in the fall of 1997.

Smith's lecture is the third in a series of lectures being presented by the studio art faculty.

Smith said each lecture in the series will be interesting because each will be different and unique.

Last week's lecture, "To Fly by those Nets: Stephen Dedalus, Poet" was given by Ronald Watson, chairman of the department of art and art history.

The focus of Watson's lecture was his triangular painting, "Stephen Dedalus, Poet."

Watson included symbols from James Joyce's novel, "Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man," in his painting.

The shape of the painting represented Catholicism, one of Joyce's main themes and the basis of the painting, he said.

A labyrinth is located in the center of the painting along with words from Joyce's original manuscript.

Watson said one of his objectives is to spark a renewed interest in Joyce's literary works.

Creating art that follows a literary work is a challenge, Watson said.

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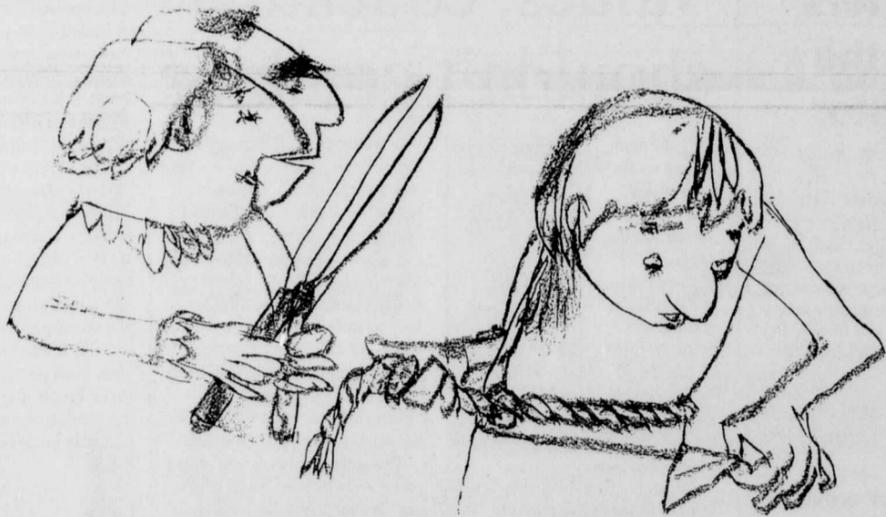
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LETTERS

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entire class of people and to attach imaginary motives to their actions. When he does this, he corrupts the column as a sounding board and respectful airing-place of ideas and thoughts, and tries to influence his audience not through their intelligence, but through their gut reactions. It's a horrible thing to hear that anybody is trying to "beat" anything "into the heads of as many little children as possible." This is not what the gay people were doing when they visited those elementary schools.

First of all, why would anybody, gay or not, want to turn another person gay? Is being gay, in and of itself, fun? Is it lucrative? Do gay people join the International Gay Union and pay expensive dues, therefore inciting the president and her staff to encourage recruitment and abductions? Being gay isn't fun, unless you like having people hate you without knowing you, being discriminated against, not being allowed to marry your love or adopt children with love or gain any of those nice benefits and tax breaks heterosexual people get to have with their loves.

Second of all, does anybody honestly believe, "icky girls" and all aside, that anybody could have turned them gay when they were children? Does every gay adult have a propagandistic pederast in their background? Brian's article isn't about same-sex marriage. The issue of same-sex marriage was for him just a launching vessel to enable him

to vomit up some of society's more ignorant views of homosexuals, and to allow him to unleash some pretty vicious propaganda of his own.

Julie Finn
Junior psychology major

Gays aren't trying to take over America

In the duration of my education at TCU, this is the first time I have felt so compelled to write a letter in response to a column in the *Skiff*. However, the ignorance of Brian Wilson disturbed me so greatly that I have no choice but to do so.

I call Wilson's viewpoint ignorant because he is guilty of failing to understand the true essence of any knowledge — that part of reality knowing anything is acknowledging that there is a great deal you really don't know much about. In other words, everything is a point of view, and the world by its nature makes room for many different points of view. Wilson apparently believes that homosexuals can be blamed for the moral and familial breakdowns in our society. He shows little constructive reasoning or critical thinking in his attempts to support his view.

The broad sweeping generalizations Wilson so flagrantly makes are reactionary and inconclusive, not to mention homophobic. Wilson first attacks the National Education Association's Gay and Lesbian History Month. He believes that

honoring gay and lesbian leaders of the past who contributed to America's societal and cultural history cannot possibly be beneficial because elementary school children still think "girls are icky" at that age. If anybody out there can find the logic in this reasoning, I'd sure like to know how. Wilson's column is not a research paper, but you'd think if he's going to state his opinion so strongly, he'd want to be able to at least provide his readers some rational train of thought. Not to mention cover his derriere.

I guess Wilson has noticed a preponderance of homosexual tendencies among our country's schoolchildren. Wilson apparently believes that the big, scary, powerful homosexual minority's main goal is really not to gain the basic civil rights guaranteed to any American citizen by being able to legally marry. Wilson seems to be convinced the whole constitutional freedoms front is all a scam to allow homosexuals to infiltrate our society and families and schools and destroy all that straight Americans have worked so hard to put in place. Wilson, I challenge any research or inquiry you ever made into this subject. If you can show me even one homosexual person whose interest is to brainwash children into homosexuality, I will retract this whole letter.

I believe that it's Wilson who has been brainwashed. And definitely not him alone. There is a faction in our country — in our world —

which spends most of its time trying to persuade people to embrace a position of fear, hate and blame toward other human beings because of their sexual orientation, religion, race, gender, etc. Wilson quotes sociologist Pitirim Sorokin to try to give his assent of the Defense of Marriage Act some historical base. Sorokin wrote a book based on his research that sexual revolutions throughout history have led to societal and political destruction. Never mind for now that, once again, Wilson is inconclusive as he fails to tell us how, if at all, Sorokin's findings relate to homosexuals in societies. The point I want to make is that hatred, prejudice and ignorance of someone "different" is universal. However, these things too often seem to be parts of history that we don't learn enough from.

I believe the Defense of Marriage Act is, pure and simple, a violation of civil rights. It makes no difference how I or anyone else feels personally about the morality of homosexuality. It is my opinion that the qualities that Mr. Wilson has demonstrated for us exemplify the real agent behind the passing of this act — ambiguous conclusions, unfounded assumptions, ignorance and scapegoating. This act is an infraction against a minority group's civil liberties, and all the rhetoric in the world will not change the writing on the wall.

Andrea Harris-Salisbury
Graduate student, modern dance

Board pushes fine arts

By Kelly Melhart
SKIFF STAFF

In a good season, the TCU football team may earn the university statewide or nationwide recognition. But when it comes to drumming up international publicity, the TCU Board of Visitors takes responsibility.

The Board of Visitors was established two years ago to boost support for the College of Fine Arts and Communication.

Professor Ronald Watson, chairman of the department of art and art history, said the board is designed to advise the college on anything pertaining to the fine arts.

Robert Garwell, dean of the College of Fine Arts and Communication, said the board helps TCU fine arts gain international recognition.

"Internationally, the board has helped the TCU Cliburn Piano Institute by promoting it at different levels," he said.

The board also helps fine arts gain recognition within the community.

"One of the goals is in the area of visibility for the college," Garwell said.

Paul Beard, general manager of the Nancy Lee and Perry R. Bass Performance Hall and a member of the TCU Board of Visitors, said the new performance hall and the TCU fine arts departments will work together to promote each other's programs.

"There is more strength in being

unified," he said.

Beard said the board is trying to increase the size of audiences at fine arts productions by providing better visibility for the departments.

Ron Moore, chairman of the Board of Visitors, said the board was trying to do for fine arts what the Committee of 100, a group of TCU athletic boosters, did for athletics.

But Beard said the board was not established to directly duplicate the Committee of 100.

Other goals of the committee include marketing and providing additional financial resources for fine arts programs.

"There are people that are involved that are not primarily involved with fund raising," Garwell said. "Then, there are some people that can lead us to individuals who will provide support or they can provide support themselves."

The board consists of 20 men and women from the surrounding TCU community.

Some members are former TCU students; others are businessmen and women concerned with promoting TCU fine arts, Garwell said.

"It is a very dynamic and exciting group of people," he said. "There is a mix of individuals from the arts community of Fort Worth."

Garwell said the chairpersons of the fine arts departments assist the board and its subcommittees.

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Tragedy of losses hits home

Within the last two weeks we have lost three of our professors.

To some, this may not be a life-shattering experience. If your life wasn't touched by one of these teachers, you may not think their deaths truly affect you.

The recent deaths of Harry Opperman, an assistant professor of English; John Freeman, an associate professor of radio-TV-film; and Neil Daniel, a professor of English, touch every student's life in a very real way.

Opperman taught me creative fiction writing two semesters ago. At the time, I didn't think much of the class. I had a tough class load and found it hard to make it to class, let alone turn in shining examples of the short story genre.

Opperman took pity on me. When the world seemed to come crashing down around me, he allowed me to turn in some of my assignments later.

But don't misunderstand. He wasn't so much of a pushover that he didn't teach.

Life in Opperman's Class
Opperman started each class by talking about things in his life, our lives or both.

One day, he told us he believed Pearl Jam was, without a doubt, the best rock 'n' roll band in history.

On another day, he showed us the tattooed target on his chest that the medical people used to administer his radiation therapy correctly.

He laughed about an embarrassing moment in my life at the time and taught me the importance of laughing at myself.

Then he would move to any concerns we had about our writing that week. From there, he called upon students to read their writing, and then he read his own work.

Hearing him read his own prose was one of the highlights of the course.

He had a recurring character in his stories, Tippy Martinez, who was definitely a favorite with our class. The foul-mouthed Martinez had many misadventures, including snake hunting in Sweetwater and ocean fishing in Corpus Christi. The character always seemed to have plenty of beer and junk food around, no matter what happened.

A bit of Harry Opperman was in Tippy Martinez, I think. The man's eyes seemed to dance and his voice began to sing as he narrated the stories filled with misadventure, profanity and alcohol.

The Shock of Losing a Mentor
After I heard that Opperman had passed away, I had to hold on to the wall to steady myself. It wasn't that his death was a complete shock; I knew he was very ill and that his passing was a possibility.

I think the reason why it touched me so was the sudden realization of all that Opperman had taught me. That plus the fact that he would never again be able to read and critique my work while giving me pointers in his own unique style.

His death brought home the fact that, while I didn't know it at the time, Opperman taught me a hell of a lot about writing and about life: that you have to be able to laugh at yourself, that making bold statements is important in life, that baring yourself and your chest to others is sometimes necessary for them to know what you're going through, that reading others' writing and doing your own writing is essential to developing your own style.

I think that's why the recent deaths of the three professors should make students really think about their teachers and mentors and the roles they play in their lives.

While professors are still available after retirement for advice and critique, death, unfortunately, takes them away from us forever.

It's hard to think about your professors in that light while you're taking classes from them. It's difficult to appreciate their talents and how much they are teaching you when they're assigning you projects and 15-page research papers.

But it's very important to let your teachers know how thankful you are for their efforts and how important they are in your life.

And it's very important to tell them before it's too late.

Skiff Entertainment Editor Dena Rains is a senior news-editorial major from Tyler.

'Brokenhearted' but still supportive

President Bill Clinton will be short one vote this November at the polls.

By Sylvis Carrizales
SKIFF STAFF

Maria Teresa Balcazar de Balandran, a housekeeper in the journalism department and a proud Democrat, was expecting to become a citizen at the mass naturalization ceremony at Texas Stadium last week in time to vote in November, but it did not happen.

"She is brokenhearted," said Anantha Babbili, professor of journalism and chairman of the department. "She wanted to be a part of the election and be counted."

Because Balcazar de Balandran is changing her last name, there has been a delay in receiving the letter inviting her to be sworn in. Her dilemma is known throughout the journalism department, and the many friends she has made have been trying all they can to speed up the process.

Doris Wallace, administrative assistant in the journalism department, wrote a letter to the president in hopes he would help Balcazar de Balandran, one of his most dedicated supporters.

Wallace knew how closely Balcazar de Balandran followed the Democratic Convention and that her vote would have been cast for President Clinton.

"She made no secret of it," Wallace said. "She watched both conventions and made lots of observations."

The much-awaited letter will mark the beginning of Balcazar de Balandran's life as an official citizen of the United States, but her life in the United States began when she left her native country of Mexico 17 years ago.

Balcazar de Balandran hails from the city of Morelion, about four hours away from Mexico City and over 22 hours away from the Mexico-U.S. border. Balcazar de Balandran came to the United States not knowing a word of English with her 1 1/2-year-old son, Alvaro.

"I came to the United States because I was thinking of my son, only of my son," Balcazar de

Balandran said.

She said she wanted to give her son the chance to have a better life than he could have had in Mexico.

"In Mexico, it's not easy to get a good school for my son," she said. "I think the United States has the best schools for my son."

Balcazar de Balandran said she knew coming to America would be a tough journey but joked about how they actually crossed the border.

"On the Mayflower," she said laughing.

Taking a more serious tone, she switched to her native tongue to tell vaguely how they crossed the border: "I came on a road full of hope (El Camino de la Esperanza) with the dream of finding something better for my son."

Through his mother's hard work, her son, Alvaro, did come to find success in his new country.

After working for a clothing company, a hotel and an air conditioning factory, Balcazar de Balandran found a job here as a housekeeper, where she has been for the past 11 years.

Meanwhile, her son was receiving the education she had always hoped for. This past May, he was named valedictorian at Diamond Hill Jarvis High School in the north Fort Worth area and now attends college at TCU.

"TCU was my first choice," said Alvaro, an international business major. "Ever since my mom started working here I've been around here."

He said he liked the teachers and students he met here and dreamed of coming to school here one day.

"All the hard work paid off," he said.

Although Alvaro was too young to remember his trip to the United States, he understands why they came.

"Mexico's economic stability is not great," he said. "One of the reasons (they came to the United States) is also the education in the United States."

Alvaro said he realizes the struggles his mother endured to bring him



Dena Rains SKIFF STAFF

here and is proud of her.

"She's a very hard worker," Alvaro said. "She's passed down all of those qualities to me."

"I see her as more than my mother. I see her as a best friend. She lis-

tens as a friend."

Alvaro is giving back to his mother by continuing with his education and helping her with her English.

Although Balcazar de Balandran missed her chance to vote this year,

it is sure that she will be keeping up with the election results to see if her vote could have made a difference.

Young a model of hard work

By Anne Drabicky
SKIFF STAFF

Purple.

That's the first word that comes to mind when you step inside Dale Young's office.

From the enormous purple wooden pencil that serves as his nameplate to the numerous purple horned frogs, perched on shelves throughout the room, the color is simply everywhere.

In addition to all the purple paraphernalia, there are photos of Young as a TCU cheerleader and awards he has earned for excellence as an adviser.

Young, director of Career Services for TCU's School of Education, graduated TCU, in '66 and '68, from the school of administration. Young works with local and state school districts to encourage them to interview students of the School of Education for teaching positions.

He is in charge of all student teacher workshops, during which he gives students information on parent-teacher conferences, classroom management, advice on obtaining a teaching position and a "job survival kit."

But when he's not teaching, he's modeling. Young said he made his debut in 1965 when Neiman Marcus came to TCU looking for the "who's who on campus."

As a cheerleader, Young certainly fit the description of one of the "who's who."

He also said he had an advantage because he was catalog size.

When companies design a new line of clothing, they make only one size, called catalog size. They then search for a model who fits those precise measurements.

Young said he was lucky enough to meet Mrs. Bates, the then-owner of the John Robert Powers modeling agency. The agency trained him free of charge, and within two months he landed a national ad for snowmobile suits.

"That's what kind of started me out," Young said.

"It was fun even though it was real hot in those suits."

In 1974, Young travelled to New York where he was picked up by Wilhelmina, one of the largest agencies in the state.

"They wanted me to stay up there, (but) I had just started teaching eighth grade so I said no," he said. In the summers, Young said he would go to New York City to do catalogs.

"I had an apartment in the city, and I had a great time. This led to any time there was a job in Texas, they'd call me and I'd do it here," he said.

Between 1984 and 1990, Young says he did not model much, being involved in several other teaching-related activities.

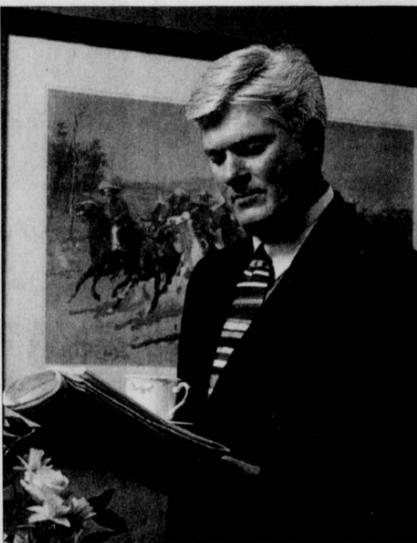
Over the last three years, however, he said there have been more offers for him to pose for such positions as doctor and bank CEO because of his graying hair.

Young said he has done over 400 runway shows and over 200 ads.

Model salaries range anywhere from \$150 per hour to \$900 per day, he said.

His first big job was with the Dallas Hilton and lasted three days, he said.

In addition, he has modeled for two billboards. One



was for a bank, in which he posed as someone seeking a loan for a boat.

The other ran on the sides of buses and was for KPLX, a radio station, which, at the time, played what Young called "dentist's office music."

Young's billboards did cause a few problems, however.

At the time that the KPLX bus boards were running, one of the science classes at the school where Young worked took a field trip.

"The teacher came back and told me, 'You ruined our field trip. The students couldn't decide if it was you or your brother on the bus.'"

"She said they were taking bets and everything," Young said.

He said he also has done two commercials, one national ad for Trustworthy Hardware Store — "I played a guy who couldn't fix anything" — and one local spot for WFAA news.

Of all the different types of modeling Young has done, "I would much rather do runway shows," he said.

Young said shoots are usually not that exciting.

"You just wait and then they call you and tell you what to wear, you shoot for 15 minutes, then you wait again."

"You've got to have a lot of patience. You can't get egotistical... you have to make it into a business. You have to follow directions and do what they ask. Cooperation is a very big deal," he said.

Young said he has not done any ads for anything out of the ordinary.

"I never was one of the sexy-type models. I always had the All-American look."

Young said there were also some ads, such as those for beer and cigarettes, he wouldn't do because the product was not something he wanted to promote.

His most recent shoot was for the Worthington Hotel's new brochures.

Young currently works for the John Robert Powers modeling agency in Fort Worth and CLIPSE in Dallas.

"It doesn't interfere with anything I do here at TCU," he said. "It's just kind of a fun little hobby, and it helps pay for any trips I might want to take."

Book aimed at girls

Grad student gives her all in book on life

By Lety Laurel
SKIFF STAFF

"I want to die."

As she opened her eyes from sleep, seventh grader Shannon McLinden wished she could sleep forever. Suicide was a fantasy, something she wrote about in poems. Only in death could she attain true happiness.

Now, a graduate student, instead of poems of death, McLinden has written a book about life.

"My book is a non-fiction self-help memoir directed at females," said McLinden, a fourth year college senior. "It describes the steps I took to climb out of depression, the steps I took to climb out of trouble. It discusses how the media warps the mind and about the fad of being thin, beautiful and popular. The stories in my book are really raw — candid. About real people."

McLinden began researching suicide in the eighth grade, beginning with trips to psychologists' offices to try to discover the source of low self-esteem in adolescent girls.

"My book is a compilation of stories in my life while I was growing up and all the research I did following my seventh grade year," McLinden said. "I wanted to know how a 12-year-old girl could wake up and hate her life. I was popular, outgoing, and I couldn't figure out why I hated myself."

After the Carnegie Council released its latest statistics on the growing suicide rate among girls, McLinden became convinced that she had to write a book for young girls.

"I thought that if I had had someone like me to sit down and tell me everything I know now, my life would be so different," McLinden said.

McLinden said although there is still much to be done after signing with a publishing company, she feels relieved that most of her work is over.

"Nothing is final until I actually sign a contract," she said. "Once it is signed, there will be a bigger relief. That is when we work with figures, numbers and book design. What feels great is knowing that what I have done, I have done from scratch."

McLinden said the one person she sought assistance and advice from in the writing of her book was Pam Zimba, her seventh grade English teacher.

"The first thing I did was continue to be encouraging," Zimba said. "I read her book, proofed it, looked over marketing strategies and was basically a sounding board if she had any questions."

Zimba said McLinden's talent was apparent years ago.

"Even in seventh grade she was an extremely bright, talented writer," Zimba said, adding that until recently she had no idea of McLinden's problems in middle school.

"She has a real passion for life," she said. "She had a passion for her book and that is the key to a person's success. That passion is the force that keeps you moving forward."

Kerri Rieger, a senior biology and chemistry major, has known McLinden throughout the writing of the book, and she said that it has the capacity to benefit girls of all ages.

"Shannon is an incredible person and a priceless friend," Rieger said. "She really wants to help people. She has a lot of advice to offer and wisdom about what life is like at that age. I know anybody who reads her book will definitely benefit from her wisdom."

Parents may be the recipients of McLinden's knowledge in her next book, which will focus on how to remain involved in children's lives.

"I want to give the idea to parents to know what is going on in their kids' lives," she said. "I want to give the idea to schools that they are not keeping up. They are not teaching girls the basic things that girls need to know to feel good about being alive. Something is not being told to them."

Despite the hardships, McLinden is grateful for the experiences she had growing up.

"Personally, I'm proud of what I went through because I would never be me otherwise," she said. "I wouldn't be as strong as I am. If I went back, I'd do everything again."

After receiving several offers from various publishers, McLinden hopes to sign a contract with one company within a month.

"I would rather sign with a publisher that would not give me any money but would sell four million books to girls who would read it," she said. "It is not the money at all. All I want to do is break even. All I want to do is sell a hell of a lot of books."



Shannon McLinden
Author

Sanders, wife drop divorce petition

McKINNEY (AP) — Deion's divorce is off.

At the request of both parties, a judge today dismissed the divorce petition filed by Carolyn Sanders, wife of the Dallas Cowboys wide receiver-cornerback.

State district judge Verla Sue Holland in Collin County granted the joint motion filed by both parties.

"The parties let the court know that they wish to attempt to reconcile," said Mike McCurley, Carolyn Sanders' attorney. "The court was delighted about that. That's where we are technically and practically at this point."

Carolyn Sanders filed for divorce Sept. 11 on the grounds of adultery and "cruel treatment." She said they had been married for seven years.

Sanders said they actually were married in March in Reno, Nev.

Oilers backup QB arrested

NACOGDOCHES (AP) — Houston Oiler backup quarterback James Ritchey is free on \$500 bond after he was arrested for public intoxication.

Ritchey, a rookie third-string free agent with the Oilers, was attending a charity barbecue over the weekend in Nacogdoches — about 125 miles northeast of Houston — where he was starting quarterback last year for Stephen F. Austin University.

Officers providing security said Ritchey was acting rude and obnoxious, fondled a woman and was arrested and taken to jail when he refused their request to leave.

Longhorn LB requires surgery

AUSTIN (AP) — University of Texas starting inside linebacker Dusty Renfro will be out of action for a while after suffering a ligament tear in his right thumb in the game against Notre Dame University.

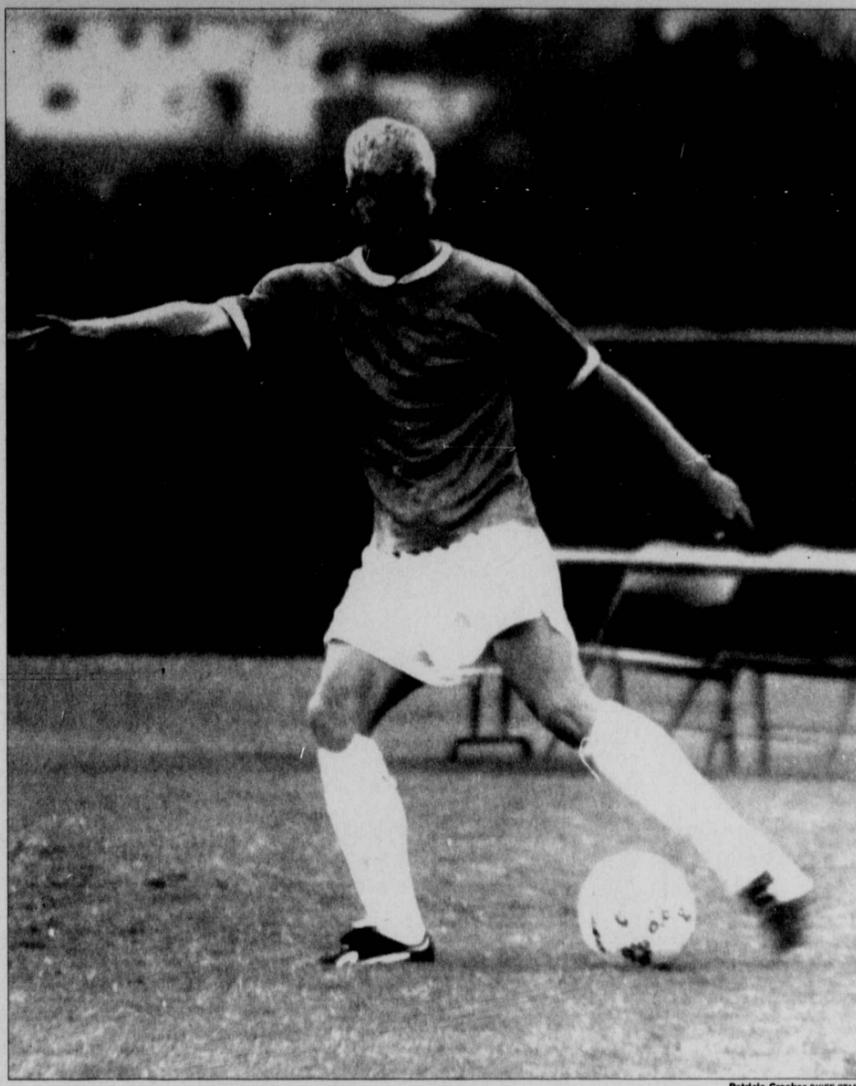
Head coach John Mackovic said Renfro, a sophomore who has started all three games this season, requires surgery and will miss two to four weeks following the procedure.

"We could possibly get him back for Oklahoma, but more than likely the Colorado game," Mackovic said.

Renfro ranks ninth on the team with 13 tackles.

Junior Kyle Richardson will take over Renfro's starting role, Mackovic said. Richardson entered the season as a starter, but lost the position after missing much of pre-season with a hamstring injury.

The No. 13 Longhorns face the No. 19 University of Virginia on Saturday in Charlottesville.



Junior defender Robert Burns goes through drills during the men's soccer team's practice Tuesday. The Frogs lost a pair of games in Moraga, Calif., over the weekend, dropping their overall record to 4-3. The Frogs host Oral Roberts University on Saturday and Centenary College on Sunday. Both games are at 3 p.m.

Frogs bring home two shutout losses from tournament

By Patricio Crooker
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The TCU men's soccer team was a long way from home and victory last weekend, losing two games at the St. Mary's College Fall Classic in Moraga, Calif.

On Friday, the Frogs lost 5-0 against Stanford University. TCU had only three shots on goal.

TCU's lost its second game 4-0 to St. Mary's College on Sunday in front of 2,132. The Frogs' offense improved though; the team got eight shots on goal.

TCU sophomore defender Darin Hogue said the two teams were more sound on technical aspects than the Frogs were.

"They were able to put more pressure on us, more than we put on them," Hogue said. "They were able to pass the ball around a little bit better than we were."

"I don't think they had better skills than we did. They worked better together as a team," Hogue said.

Sophomore midfielder Mark Papini said the team did not perform to its full potential.

"The other teams were more prepared," Papini said.

Papini said Stanford was the better of the two teams.

Friday's loss was TCU's first game against Stanford since 1991, when the Cardinal beat the Frogs 4-0 in a neutral-site contest.

In Sunday's game, TCU was able to keep pace with St. Mary's until late, when St. Mary's scored two goals in the final eight minutes.

"Against St. Mary's we were in the game the whole time," Hogue said.

TCU head coach David Rubinson said he was pleased with Papini's performance, especially since Papini was injured against Southwest Missouri last week.

Papini said that while the Frogs do not give scholarships in men's soccer, the teams they are facing do, and can thus field talented teams.

Papini said the soccer team needs more money to recruit better players. He said that some freshman players are doing well and working hard but still look a little nervous on the field.

Rubinson said both teams played fast games, showing where TCU needs improvement.

"The games were a good indicator for us about the things we have to do better," Rubinson said.

Rubinson said Stanford was better with the ball but TCU had more fight against St. Mary's.

The Frogs come home for a pair of games this weekend, facing Oral Roberts University at 3 p.m. Saturday and Centenary College at 3 p.m. Sunday. Both games will be played at the TCU soccer field.

Women shut out twice

By Patricio Crooker
SKIFF STAFF

The TCU women's soccer team ended the 1996 St. Mary's College Fall Soccer Classic with its second defeat in two games at Moraga, Calif.

The Lady Frogs played their first game of the tournament on Friday against St. Mary's College and lost by a score of 4-0.

TCU head coach David Rubinson said the game against St. Mary's was a good game and that TCU played very well the last 30 minutes of the second half.

"They (St. Mary's) scored a couple of early goals," Rubinson said.

"Our girls played quality soccer," he said. "They created good scoring chances."

The second tournament game for the Lady Frogs was on Sunday against the University of San Francisco. The Lady Frogs lost by an identical 4-0 score.

"Our team was exposed to really good soccer," Rubinson said.

"The girls are doing a better job keeping control of the ball. This increases goal chances."

Senior midfielder Sarah Suess said the team did not play at its strength.

"Other teams took advantage of our mistakes," Suess said. "We have a lot of young players."

"We are not playing as a team. We are playing like 11 individuals," she said.

Suess said the team has to improve in the physical aspect and they have to get tougher. She said the upcoming games won't be as hard as the games they played in California last weekend.

The Lady Frogs will play against the University of North Texas at 4 p.m. today in Denton.

"North Texas would love to beat us," Rubinson said. "Our girls have to play at a higher level."

TCU's next home games will be against Colorado College at 4 p.m. Thursday and against Centenary College at 1 p.m. Sunday at the TCU soccer field.

Victories give team confidence

By Ernie Moran
SKIFF STAFF

The TCU volleyball team split its four matches last weekend at the inaugural TCU Invitational in the Rickel Building, doubling its victory total for the season and raising its record to 3-12.

The VolleyFrogs opened with a loss Friday afternoon to New Mexico State University. But the team bounced back with a win over eventual tournament-champion Louisiana Tech University on Friday night, a win that even surprised TCU head coach Sandy Trout.

"We didn't anticipate that," Trout said. "I thought they (Louisiana Tech) were favored to win the tournament, so to get that victory was pretty incredible."

Trout said the team should have

been 2-0 at that point.

"We were disappointed that we didn't do better against New Mexico State," Trout said. "We really felt like that was a match we should (have been able) to win."

TCU held a one-game, 13-10 lead but could not finish the Lady Aggies off.

"We just didn't put it away," Trout said. "So that was a disappointment."

"I was pleased overall though, definitely."

The VolleyFrogs lost to Sam Houston State, 7-15, 13-15, Saturday afternoon, but bounced back Saturday night to beat Cornell, 15-13, 15-11, 11-15, 15-11.

One of the keys to that victory, Trout said, was the ability of freshmen Shannon Cooper and Erin Findley to take some of the offensive responsibility off of freshman Jill Pape. Pape came into the tournament fourth in the nation and first in the Western Athletic Conference in kills.

"I was very pleased with our team's ability to pick up the offense, besides Jill Pape," Trout said.



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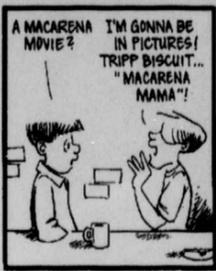
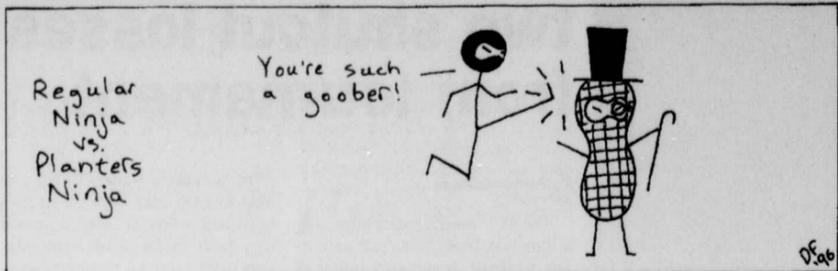
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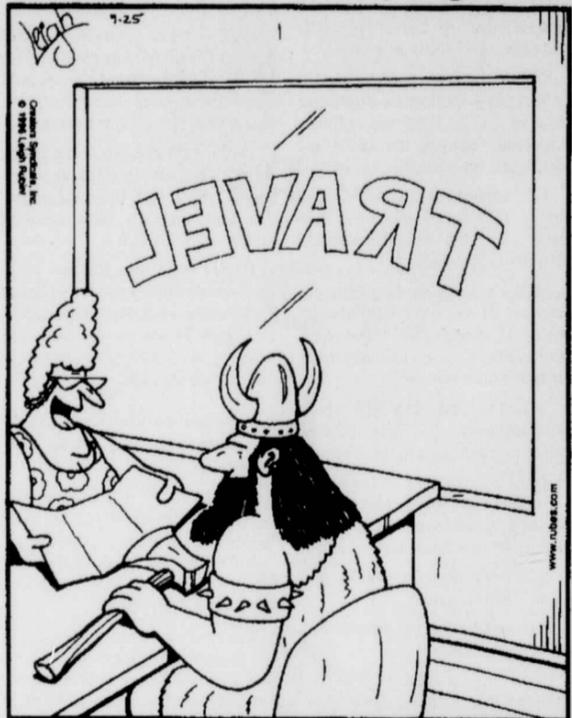
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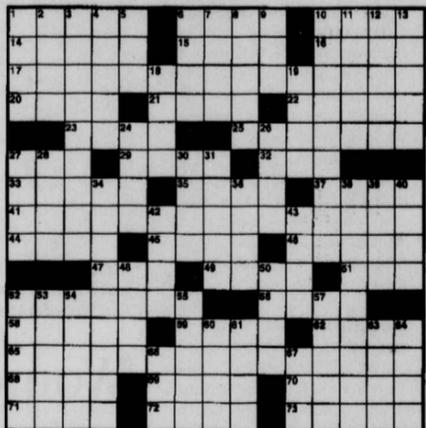
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