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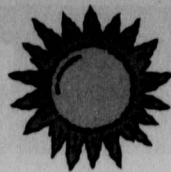


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Nation

Donations on rise, Gallup poll says

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans gave more to charity last year than they did two years earlier, but an increasing number of people gave nothing, according to a Gallup survey.

Contributions in 1995 were 16 percent higher than in 1993 — 10 percent higher when adjusted for inflation, the survey says.

In constant dollars, the average contributing household gave \$1,017 in 1995, compared with \$928 in 1993.

State

Editors defend swastika cartoon

HOUSTON (AP) — Editors of the University of Houston student newspaper are defending as "fair comment" a political cartoon that depicts members of the College Republicans group in front of a swastika.

"I thought it was tasteless and somewhat offensive but not enough to censor," *Daily Cougar* managing editor Robert Schoenberger said. "My opinion of taste doesn't determine what the newspaper runs."

The cartoon has outraged some members of the College Republicans, who say they will flood the newspaper with letters of protest.

School investigates possible abuse by teacher

McALLEN (AP) — Officials at an elementary school are investigating reports that a second-grade teacher has verbally and physically abused students, including taping unruly students' heads and arms to their desks.

Parents of second-grade students at Escandon Elementary School, recently heard the reports from their children.

Principal Gloria Corpus is investigating the reports, based on information from students, parents and the teacher involved.

UTA audit finds misuse of facility

DALLAS (AP) — Two officials at a Mexican-American study center at the University of Texas at Arlington misused the facility to influence Dallas-area elections and lobby politicians, a university audit found.

The audit accused Jose Angel Gutierrez, director of the Center for Mexican-American Studies, and former program coordinator Diana Flores of the abuses.

The nine-page audit, sent to university President Robert E. Witt, alleges political activity based on a search of administrative files and computer hard drives and diskettes.

Student suspended for having pain reliever

HUMBLE (AP) — A 13-year-old honor student was suspended from school for the day Wednesday after police dogs sniffed out an over-the-counter pain reliever in her backpack.

"It's unfair," Deborah Olson said of her daughter Brooke's punishment. "This was nothing more than a mistake."

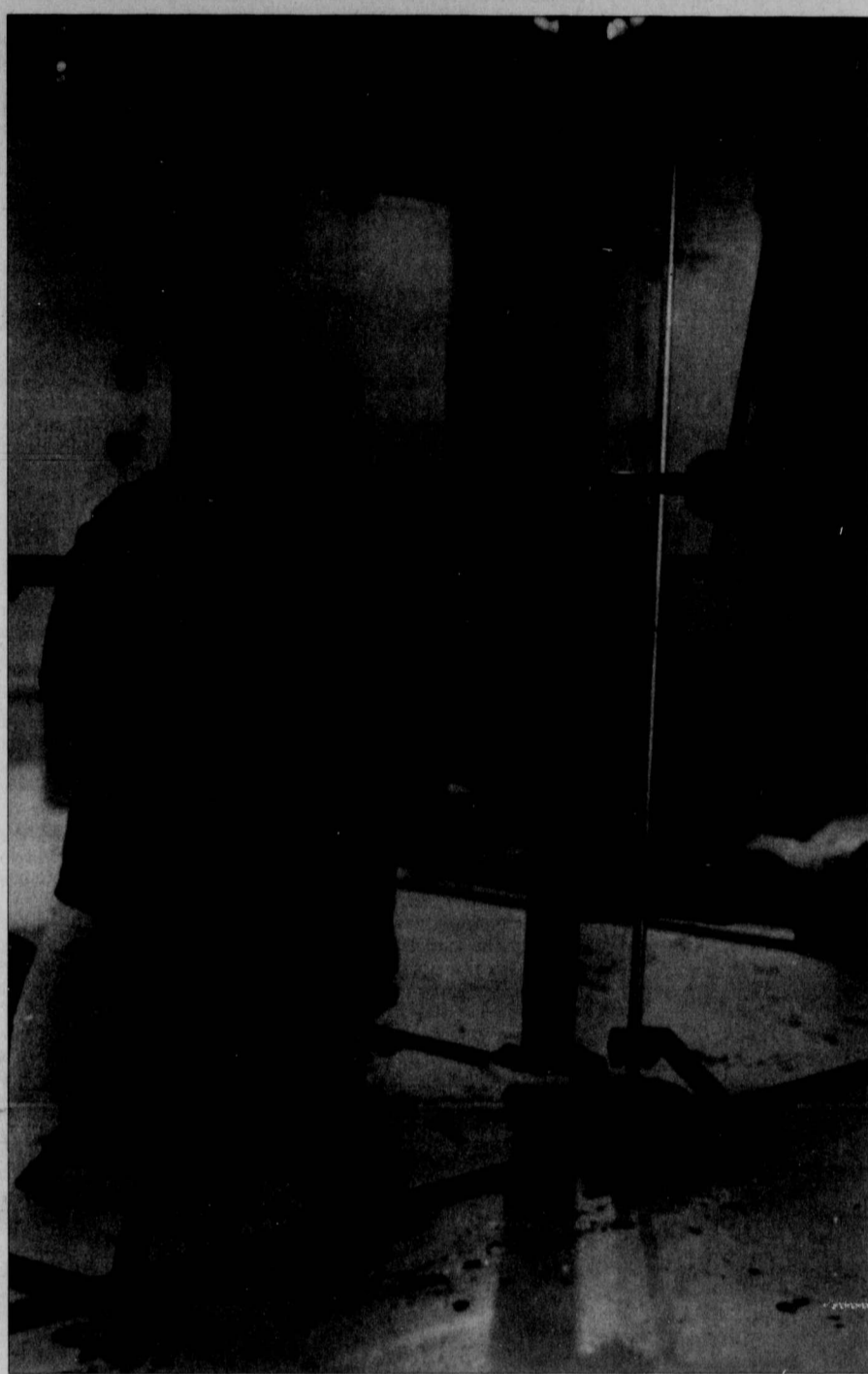
Brooke is a student in the gifted program at Riverwood Middle School in Humble, about 15 miles northeast of Houston. School policy requires all medicines be brought in by parents and given to the nurse, who dispenses them to students, schools spokeswoman Karen Collier said.

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Christi Gifford SKIFF STAFF

Theresa Glasgow, a junior accounting major on the women's rifle team, practices before she shoots against Texas A&M University at the Horned Frog Invitational Rifle Match Sunday. Glasgow finished second in the aggregate air rifle competition. TCU won the air rifle team division and placed second behind Texas A&M in the smallbore team division.

Free screenings available today Center to test for depression

By Amy Thompson
SKIFF STAFF

The TCU Counseling Center is offering free depression screenings for students, faculty and staff from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. today in recognition of National Depression Screening Day.

Participants will complete an anonymous written questionnaire and will have the opportunity to discuss the results with licensed psychologists.

The center will also present an educational program from 5 to 5:30 p.m. on the causes, symptoms and treatments of depression.

The National Institute of Mental Health defines a depressive illness as a "whole-body" illness, involving one's body, mood, thoughts and behavior. Depression can have short- or long-term effects, depending on the treatment and symptoms.

Monica Kintigh, a staff psychologist at the Counseling Center and site coordinator for the screening, said the response to last year's

screenings was average at best. The center is making the screenings and information more accessible to students to improve turnout this year.

"We've worked hard to make it more flexible," Kintigh said. "We want people to see the Counseling Center. We want students to know it is not a threatening place. We hope students will take advantage of this resource."

National Depression Screening Day originated from a Harvard University research project that investigated people who suffer depression and are willing to seek treatment.

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, depression affects 15 million Americans every year. One-fourth of all women and one-eighth of all men suffer from at least one episode of depression during their lifetime.

Kintigh said depression is more than just getting the blues or dealing

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Forum to teach adjusting skills

By Charles Bandy
SKIFF STAFF

As mid-term lurks in the future like a hungry monster, some non-traditional students are finding ways to cope with the demands of the university curriculum.

The Phi Theta Kappa Alumni association is sponsoring a transfer student forum today in the Student Center Room 207. The forum is designed to help transfer students adjust to life at TCU.

Brenda McLean, president of PTK and a transfer student from

Tarrant County Junior College, said the forum will help non-traditional students adjust to TCU better.

"We've been approached by a lot of non-traditional students who have expressed concerns about adjusting to the university environment," she said.

McLean said the sole purpose of the forum is to address those concerns and get students in touch with the appropriate departments that can help.

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Democrats to sponsor 'Libr'l P'looza'

By Kimberly Wilson
SKIFF STAFF

Several TCU students can test their liberal knowledge at the "Clinton Challenge" from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. today in front of the Student Center as part of the TCU Young Democrat's "Libr'l P'looza."

The "Clinton Challenge" game will give students a chance to

choose answers to questions that reflect their viewpoints. Students will then be told whether their choice reflects the platform of Bob Dole or Bill Clinton.

"I think that a lot of people will be really surprised with their choices," said Sondra Haltom, president of TCU Young Democrats.

Haltom, a junior political science

major, said representatives from the Young Democrats of Texas, the TCU Triangle and several Democratic campaigns will be available to discuss issues and hand out literature at booths set up in the Frog Fountain area.

"I'm hoping that Hugh Parmer and Martin Frost will at least be able to make an appearance," Haltom

said, referring to two local Democratic candidates for Congress.

Haltom said Frost has worked hard at getting young people involved in the election process by encouraging them to work on his campaign. She said students from TCU, the University of Texas at Arlington and Texas Wesleyan

University have been involved in the Frost campaign.

Representatives from Planned Parenthood, the American Civil Liberties Union, Americans United and Peace Action Texas are also expected to attend Libr'l P'looza.

"There will be information about

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Freshman retention focus of programs

By Neelima Atturu
SKIFF STAFF

Freshman retention rates at TCU have remained stable at about 78 percent over the past few years, according to figures from the Office of Institutional Research.

TCU's retention rates are only slightly lower than those of Southern Methodist University and Baylor University, each of which is 85 percent.

Retention at TCU

Patrick Miller, registrar and director of enrollment management, said freshman retention is not a major problem at TCU, but is an issue that needs to be addressed.

He said this is because more students leave TCU after their freshman year than after any other year.

Miller said he does not know under what percent the freshman retention rates would have to fall for

it to be a problem because he has always focused on how to improve the number.

He said the various programs aimed at incoming students have improved and have received a favorable response.

"We're doing a better job programmatically and with admissions and we've been successful," Miller said.

Miller said he is currently working on three research projects to determine why students transfer after their first year at TCU.

Any new action taken to increase freshman retention depends on what the research shows, he said.

New programs

Miller said one of the projects will look at the activities and characteristics of students before they

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What do you think about tenure for faculty members? Should TCU examine its tenure policies? What do professors think?



Call the Skiff Sound Off line. 921-7683.

New tenure ideas may cause major program changes

By Angela Seutter
SKIFF STAFF

The question of tenure at the University of Minnesota is becoming a topic of concern nationwide and at TCU.

A proposal by the University of Minnesota Board of Regents proposes revising five sections of the university's tenure policy. These include salary reductions, peer reviews, termination of faculty whose programs are discontinued, new disciplinary actions and changes in the judicial committee proceedings.

Kim Isenberg, a policy project assistant for the board, said the board was given the task of under-

taking a comprehensive and systematic review of tenure.

She said the board looked at the tenure code with the overall goal of reshaping it to fit the current and future needs of the university.

Isenberg said the proposal would still assure the protection of academic freedom and follow guidelines set forth by other institutions.

She said the board has never intended to abolish tenure and that will never be its goal.

The board proposed changes to the tenure policy in June and presented them to the Faculty Senate in September.

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Pulse

NATIONAL DEPRESSION SCREENING DAY will take place from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday at the TCU Counseling Center. Free screenings are available to students, faculty and staff. For more information, call 921-7864.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS will meet at 5 p.m. Thursday in Student Center Room 222.

TEXAS COLLEGE DEMOCRATS will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Student Center Room 203. For more information, contact Sondra Holtom at 921-7927.

AN EATING DISORDERS GROUP is now forming at the TCU Counseling Center. Contact Dorothy M. Barra at 921-7863.

WOMEN'S SELF-DEFENSE WORKSHOP will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday in Studio B of the Ballet Building. For more information, contact the office of Extended Education at 921-7132.

TCU INTERIOR ASSOCIATION will meet at 3 p.m. Monday in the living room of the Annie Richardson Bass Building. For more information, contact Kay Schultz at 263-4409.

NATIONAL COLLEGE POETRY CONTEST is open to all students who wish to have their poetry anthologized. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top five poems. The deadline for entries is Oct. 31. For contest rules, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: International Publications, PO Box 44044-L, Los Angeles, CA 90044.

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with daily ups and downs of college life. Depression can often be characterized as a "down" mood that lasts for more than a couple of weeks.

"Stress is generally a natural response that goes away," Kintigh said. "Some experts believe that depression is unresolved grief or anger. When it can't be handled, it is turned inward and creates a personal burden or load."

Schools, hospitals and clinics across Tarrant County will participate in National Depression Screening Day, held every October during Mental Health Awareness Week.

Kintigh said research shows that therapy, counseling or treatment with antidepressant medications can help treat depression.

"Part of this awareness week is making people aware of different mental illnesses," Kintigh said. "People need to be aware that difficulty in your life doesn't mean you're not normal. Students don't need to feel alone. There is help and guidance available to them."

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every democratic candidate in this area," Haltom said. "It is very important to know what our party is about. It's not just Bill Clinton."

Lisa Lennox, a freshman political science and English major who helped plan the event, said it's important that students who don't agree with the candidates attend the event.

"You don't have to agree with their viewpoints but you could at least learn to empathize with the other viewpoints," Lennox said.

Lennox said representatives from the Victor Morales campaign and the Parmer campaign had confirmed that they would be at the event, but she said that it is difficult to get candidates to campus so close to Election Day because they are so busy.

At press time, the group was still looking for a band to perform at the event for free.

"We don't have any money, we have eight whole dollars," Haltom said.

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A statement released by the University of Minnesota Faculty Consultative Committee said, "The tenure revision proposal under consideration by the board of regents undermines the commonly accepted principles of academic freedom. If adopted, it will quickly and inevitably destroy our reputation, our competitive position, and our ability to serve the citizens of Minnesota."

According to a Faculty Senate official at the University of Minnesota, a cease and desist order was implemented by the state Bureau of Mediation Services because enough faculty members had signed union cards.

The order gives the faculty time to consider forming its own union. If it does, all issues will be decided

through collective bargaining between a union representative and the Minnesota board of regents.

Robert Goad, a mathematics professor at Sam Houston State and president of the Texas Conference of the American Association of University Professors, said the real issue at stake in the debate over the future of tenure is academic freedom.

"What you are really losing is the ability to express an idea because you think it is a good idea," Goad said.

Manfred Reinecke, a TCU professor of chemistry, said the proposed changes in tenure at the University of Minnesota would affect the area of academic freedom everywhere.

"It certainly would put a chill on the whole question of academic free-

dom in the country," Reinecke said.

Donal M. Sacken, a TCU professor of education and chairman of the department, said the history of tenure is built not on teaching issues, but on research issues and the notion of academic freedom.

Sacken said tenure allows professors to conduct research that may look negatively at certain aspects of a university but offers them a blanket of protection.

"Tenure protects faculty from being fired for saying things in a legitimate professional way which embarrasses the institution," Sacken said.

The Minnesota Board of Regents will vote on the new tenure proposal today.

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Several speakers will also discuss study skills and how to obtain counseling.

Robert Crawley, study skills coordinator, and Monica Kintigh, Counseling Center staff psychologist, will offer help with the demands of university life.

In addition to the speakers, non-traditional students will give advice

about how they survived and traditional students will discuss their interaction with their non-traditional counterparts.

Joel McMullen, transfer admissions director and adviser for the organization, will share her experiences about her transfer from TCJC to TCU as a non-traditional student.

Students will separate into small

groups after the presentations to voice their concerns with PTK officers who will lead the informal discussions.

TCU's PTK chapter also has plans for a World Wide Web page with information for transfer and non-traditional students and an adult student organization for social interaction and activities.

Schools mark lunch recipients

By Richard Lorant
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHELSEA, Mass. — In Chelsea's impoverished school system, there's a new way to tell the poorest of the poor: Elementary pupils with blue stickers get free lunches, while those wearing yellow can afford to pay.

Some experts say the temporary system stigmatizes poor kids. But in Chelsea, once one of the worst school districts in the nation, it's a non-issue to many parents.

"The kids kind of know who gets free lunch anyway," said Connie Ruelas, who has three children in the schools. "I'm more excited about the new facilities. They've finally got a gym and a cafeteria."

This immigrant city of 30,000 just north of Boston recently overhauled all its school buildings and opened seven new schools on the same day

last month. The schools had been in such poor shape that in 1989 Chelsea called in Boston University, which has run the district since then.

Outside the four-school elementary complex Wednesday, children with tags pinned to their chests played on shiny playground equipment. The tags have their names, teachers, bus numbers and little round stickers.

The stickers are meant to keep lines moving in the cafeteria by telling the cashier with a glance how much each youngster must pay.

Superintendent Douglas Sears argued that the notion that children bear a stigma because of the stickers is largely a creation of the media and academics.

"This is a stretch," he said. "I know what the illusion is there. But we're not in the business of identifying kids. We're in the business of educating

kids."

He emphasized that not a single parent has complained to his office since the schools began using the temporary tags for its 2,400 elementary pupils this month. The tags are to be replaced in about a month by photo IDs with readable magnetic strips.

Seventy-five percent of Chelsea's schoolchildren are eligible to receive free lunches through the U.S. Department of Agriculture program. Nearly 10 percent more pay reduced prices for lunch.

"You have a lot of kids who qualify for free lunch," Sears said. "If there is a stigma, it's pretty widespread."

Once the new cards are issued, Chelsea will be in line with school districts that take pains to conceal who pays and who doesn't — something required by federal regulations.

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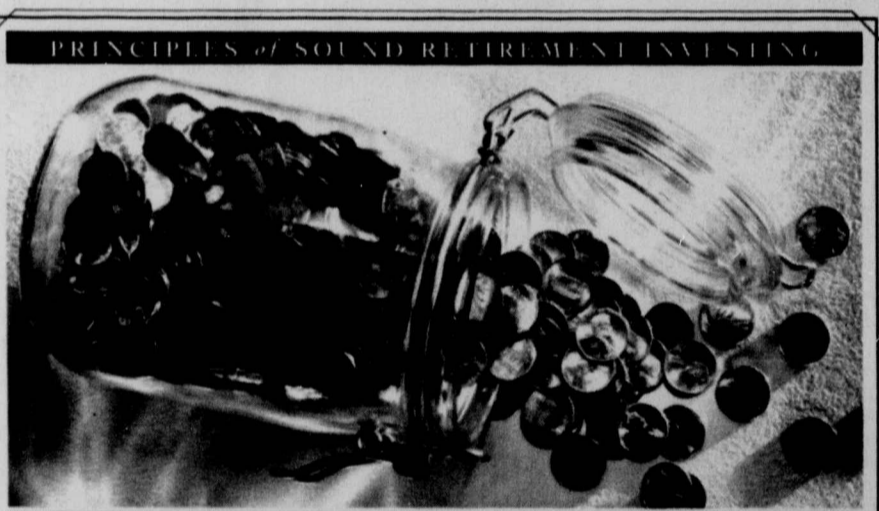
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TCU alum needs sitter for 5 yr. old. Pick up from school, keep until 5:30. (M,T,TH,F) Must be responsible, nurturing, enjoy playing! References required. Near TCU. 921-6708.

After school child care needed! 9 yr. old girl needs care 3:30-6:00 Mon-Fri. Some weekends & evenings. Need car for school pick-up near campus and swim lessons. 10-12 days per month. Call 927-2084.

St. Stephen Presbyterian Church (near TCU on McPherson) is seeking child care givers for Sunday mornings & some week nights. You sign up for the times you are available. \$6 per hour on Sundays & \$4.50 per hour on weekdays. Call Leandra Hernandez, 920-2082 or Beth Peak, 927-8411.



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Serving America? Gingrich's goals threaten the nation

I respect Ronald Reagan. Reagan truly believed in the "shining city on the hill." He truly believed supply-side economics would not only work but improve the lives of everyone. He truly believed *justice* meant everyone is happy.

I fundamentally disagree with all of those beliefs. I believe they are wrong for our society.

Yet, Reagan's goal was to serve his country and make everyone's life better. Even though his policies were far from achieving that goal, it is the *intent* that matters, not the *outcome*. And that's why I respect him.

The same cannot be said about many political leaders today. In fact, Newt Gingrich comes to mind as a glaring antithesis to Reagan. I find it hard to believe Newt Gingrich *intends* to serve his country for the improvement of its people. Gingrich's aim is power and greed, not equality and justice.

Over the past year, Gingrich has been under investigation by the House Ethics Committee for alleged conflicts of interest and possible criminal wrongdoing in connection with his political action committee, GOPAC, and a college course he videotaped and sold.

Two weeks ago, the Ethics Committee announced the investigation would be broadened by allowing special counsel James M. Cole to follow leads. Since he is not a member of the House (and thus technically not under Gingrich's leadership), he has much less reason to conduct an investigation that would be favorable to the speaker.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported that, in a Sept. 26 interview with *The Washington Times* an "angry and frustrated" Gingrich lashed out at Democrats who brought charges against him.

Mike Ludwig



COMMENTARY



KEVIN ARCEAUX

Gingrich was quoted as saying, "I can spend all my life being defensive or I can say, 'Fine, why don't we go ahead and pass welfare reform?' ... They can attack me, I get to repeal the entitlement of welfare. Which do you want?"

Which do you want? Sounds like an ultimatum. Either we stop trying to get to the truth about the purity of his political dealings or Speaker Newt will destroy the welfare system. Here, Newt's intentions are not the improvement of mankind or the welfare system, but retaliation.

Examples abound of the not-so-well intentioned Newt.

Our society is suffering from "moral decay" brought on by the "counterculture left." Single parent families, promiscuity and welfare dependency are just a few "moral" issues on the speaker's list.

Yet Gingrich has carefully crafted his package of "moral decay" that exonerates him and his constituency (read: the rich, filthy rich and super rich).

For example, single parent families aren't the problem. It's the fathers who don't *financially* support them. This lets Gingrich and many of his compatriots off the hook for divorcing their wives for younger women and leaving behind their children (two of them, in Gingrich's case). What about the emotional support that comes with a two-parent family? Psychologists aren't just talking about money when they discuss the disadvantages of a single par-

ent family. Gingrich also has said he sees no problem in having sex with aides, whether he was married or not, according to a *Time* magazine article. That's not promiscuity, it's power. Promiscuity is what poor, inner-city folks do.

It's also okay to be welfare dependent if you happen to be a corporation. Who cares if large companies take millions to billions of government dollars they don't need? But don't think about getting federal assistance if you're poor. God knows you need to pull yourself up from your bootstraps — even if you don't have boots.

Unlike Reagan, Gingrich doesn't really believe his policies will help everyone. He doesn't care because he knows they will help who count — the rich.

According to Gingrich, you can dump your family, have all the sex you want or use the government for personal gain — as long as you have money.

Reagan supported misguided policies he naively thought would help everyone. Gingrich supports misguided policies that he knows will help a select few, and he plans to destroy anyone who gets in his way. Unlike Reagan, Gingrich's intentions are far from noble.

Reagan was bad for our country. Gingrich is dangerous.

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

EDITORIAL

AVOIDING CANCER Performing self-tests is crucial

Perhaps the worst health problem most college students worry about is how to recover from a severe hangover. But what if a medical exam revealed you had cancer?

That's exactly what happened to Lance Armstrong, the top American cyclist and a former world cycling champion. At the tender age of 25 (only a few years removed from the age most students graduate college), Armstrong had to have a testicle removed because it had a malignant tumor.

It's a subject that makes most men cringe but if it hadn't been discovered, it could have killed Armstrong. Fortunately, men and women alike may be able to avoid the unfortunate fate of needing surgery or worse.

The first step is for men to perform monthly testicular self-exams and for women to per-

form monthly breast exams. Early detection is the key to defeating cancer.

Likewise, men and women should have complete physical exams on a regular basis, and women should have a yearly Pap smear and mammogram. Maintaining a healthy diet and exercising regularly can also help keep cancer at bay. By keeping a watchful eye on your general health, cancer can be avoided.

Lance Armstrong said he would defeat testicular cancer and return to the race circuit as soon as possible, perhaps as early as the 1997 season. That's good news.

But Armstrong's case is a prime example of the importance of early detection. Armstrong is a young, vigorous, healthy athlete. He may never have thought about testicular cancer. But if it can happen to him . . .

Braving the daily death-dash

There are a few things that evoke fear in every true Horned Frog: the smell in Milton Daniel, the first bite of any meal in the Main, prescriptions filled at the Health Center and crossing University Drive between Canteen and West Berry streets.

Walking across University Drive is one of the riskiest things Horned Frogs do in their student lives. The journey usually begins or ends with a trip to the mail room. The mail room is more than a place to get phone bills and credit card applications. It is a safe haven.

Surveying the mail room, it's easy to identify who has successfully returned from the "other side" and who is about to make the leap. The smiling Frogs have returned. The Frogs with emotionless faces and a hint of the shakes are about to make the leap.

As I open the mail room door

and step outside I tell myself, "I can make it. I can run fast." With a quick pause beside the metal horned frog statue, I tighten my cross-trainers and begin the journey to the curb.

Everyone I see understands the nervousness on my face. They understand my shaky hello and I recognize the I-hope-you-make-it-alive subliminal message in their greetings. Everyone lines up, shoulder to shoulder on the curb, with their toes hanging slightly off the step. Cars speed by so fast they push air past my face. I file into the lineup and join all the other Frogs looking to the left. I occasionally ask, "Should we go?" But I usually receive no response.

Jaws drop and gasps are released. The lineup shifts as a daring Frog attempts to cross even though the sign says "Don't Walk." Everyone holds their breath as a red sports car brushes the student's pant leg. The student makes it and everyone is relieved, but breathing will not return to normal until all the Frogs are safe on the other side.

As traffic slows and the cars come to a stop on the white line, everyone stares as the light says "Walk." The clan steps off the curb

and into the street, keeping their eyes on the cars revving their engines.

The first half of the cross is the easiest. Everyone reassembles on the median. The heads all face to the right this time. This cross is trickier. No one waits for the light. You simply cross when there's an opening.

An opening appears, and as I step off the median into the street I feel something lightly tapping my ankle with the rhythm of my walk. I look down to see that my shoelace is untied. Everything moves to slow motion. My body begins to shake. I look to the right and see two big trucks heading my direction. I run into someone in front of me, and the collision makes me fall. Everyone else who has safely crossed, turns and begins to yell, "Get up, run." I realize the trucks have no intention of slowing down and I leap to the curb. Everyone sighs in relief.

While I dust myself off, I decide I will talk to Chancellor William Tucker about cancelling class during heavy traffic.

Jillian Williamson is a senior child studies major from Albuquerque, N.M.

COMMENTARY



JILLIAN WILLIAMSON

Letters to the Editor

Why the bulky doors?

As a part-time employee at Information Services, I am often given the task of delivering and/or repairing computer equipment. More often than not, I utilize a two-wheel dolly to haul these computer boxes around, so naturally I use the elevators available on campus to get to the second and third floors of several buildings.

As most people know by now, the funding for an elevator for Reed Hall was finally approved and the elevator is fully operational at this moment. While it is actually intended for the disabled students on campus, I naturally utilize it as well.

What I find most unusual about the new elevator in Reed Hall are the doors which stand between the outside hallway and the elevator itself. I can only guess that these doors are there as a fire safety in case the entire elevator explodes. Though I am not the most physically-fit person on campus, I have never had

great difficulty in opening doors. However, when wheeling a cart around with boxes that are often 2 feet wide, not only is it difficult to open these doors because they seem heavier than others, but because of the narrowness of these doors, the boxes are often a tight fit.

Expand this idea to someone who might be in a wheelchair or using a walker or who has lost some of his or her physical strength because of age. What doesn't make sense to me is why we have narrow, heavy doors blocking an elevator which is to serve the handicapped? Narrow doors could make it more difficult to navigate through the door. Since it's heavier, someone with weakened arms or legs might have trouble pushing or pulling the door open.

I believe the error in this was found out because several days later (perhaps someone else figured this

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Other campuses prove TCU's parking problem could be worse

I was almost late for class and the student parking lot was full, so I whipped into a faculty space. As I climbed out of the car, a booming voice yelled, "Hey, kid! Move that vehicle!"

It was "The Cop." The Cop weighed 320 pounds. Parts of him bulged from between the many buttons and snaps of his blue uniform. The Cop liked to throw his weight around (no pun intended) and he expected students to grovel before him. God with a gun and a badge.

The Cop wasn't actually a police officer but a licensed security guard. The small private university I attended couldn't afford genuine police. The Cop's mission in life was to exile students to the farthest outlands of campus, with miles to walk before reaching civilization. Never mind that The Cop couldn't have made that walk if his life depended on it. It was 1975 and I'm sure he pictured

himself as either Starsky or Hutch — tough, mean and macho.

TCU's police department, a collection of courteous, professional officers, doesn't have anything resembling The Cop. But TCU does have parking problems. Just about all colleges do.

University of Texas students, for example, are called Longhorns because, with nearly 10 students competing for every parking space, student traffic must be "herded" away from campus. The central campus is ringed with checkpoints manned by guards who (really, I'm not making this up) do not allow cars with student parking stickers to enter. Of course, Texas is a large state school, but most private universities are also seriously deficient in parking.

Take Vanderbilt — like TCU, a medium-sized private school. This year Vanderbilt enrolls about 10,000 students with 1,700 incoming freshmen. Freshmen may not bring cars on campus unless they have reserved parking, which they apply for in June. But there are only 900 or so reserved spaces, and upperclassmen apply for them in the spring. In fact, very few students from any class get on-campus parking because, like Texas, Vanderbilt has nearly

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10 students competing for every space. The lucky few who get on-campus parking pay \$180 to \$220 per year for the privilege.

In contrast, TCU enrolled just over 7,000 students this fall, with about 1,200 incoming freshmen. We have 580 freshmen-only parking spaces with nearly 2,500 undesignated spaces. Yes, they're down by Amon Carter Stadium. But they are on campus, which is more than can be said at most universities. Add to these more than 2,500 spaces across campus designated for upperclassmen only, as well as on-campus curbside parking for about 440, and you'll find that TCU can park more than 6,000 students — about 86 percent of the student body — entirely on campus.

That, my friends, is almost unheard of at any school of TCU's size. Some have objected that only six percent of Vanderbilt students commute to campus. Since about half of full-time students commute, they

say TCU is more dependent on parking, making our parking situation worse than Vanderbilt's. But that begs the question. Insufficient parking is the very reason Vanderbilt requires most students to live on campus. TCU has enough on-campus parking to easily accommodate the entire 5,800 undergraduate enrollment — even if all students brought cars to campus, which they don't.

So what's the problem here? Lack of parking? Not really. The "problem" is that most available parking isn't right next to a dorm or an academic building. You actually have to (groan) walk more than 100 yards to get where you want to go.

I've talked to transfer students who actually laugh at this complaint. Having attended other schools, they know that most college campuses typically sprawl. I've attended four college or graduate institutions myself and visited four or five others. TCU,

by comparison, is fairly compact. Academic buildings are concentrated in a 10-square-block area, and you can reach them even from Worth Hills by walking no more than 10 minutes. Again, that is almost unheard of at any school of TCU's size anywhere in the country.

TCU has only two genuine parking problems. One is resident students in Worth Hills who drive their cars to class, crowding the east campus and main campus lots and using up commuter parking spaces. This is a student-caused problem that is best solved by students. The second problem is that TCU has 1,300 employees but only about 700 employee-designated parking spaces. So hundreds of faculty and staff must park in student areas, at the athletics complex or off campus entirely.

So the next time you're trudging across what you feel is an unreasonable distance from your car to class, remember: We feel your pain.

Dennis Alexander works in the Communications and Public Affairs department. This is one in a series of biweekly columns written by Alexander about pre-conceived notions of life at TCU.

Internet ads may be bogus

By Elizabeth Weise
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO — The messages flood electronic mail boxes and clog the Internet: MAKE MONEY AT HOME! ORDER CHIPS CHEAP! EARN CASH FAST!

But online as in life, if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

On Wednesday, the National Consumer League issued a list of the top five Internet scams, based on complaints from online users.

The nonprofit organization, based in Washington, launched Internet Fraud Watch this year to monitor online scams and stop scam artists.

Topping the scam list are pyramid schemes, in which early investors are paid with money sent in by later investors.

In one \$6 million case pursued by the Federal Trade Commission, Fortuna Alliance L.L.C. used a World Wide Web page to lure thousands of people to pay between

\$250 and \$1,750 by promising them \$5,000 per month as others enrolled.

The FTC won a temporary injunction against the company.

"Behind all the techno-jargon and the mathematical mumbo jumbo, this is just an elaborate, electronic version of a chain letter," said Jodie Bernstein, director of the FTC's Bureau of Consumer Protection. "Early entrants may make some money, but eventually, the pyramids collapse and most of the 'members' are left holding the bag."

Bogus Internet-related services came in second. In these cases, scam artists promise to design Web sites or set up Internet access accounts, then demand payment and disappear. The consumer is left with nothing.

Third is equipment sellers who promise great prices on memory chips or other computer equipment, but then deliver equipment of lower quality or fail to deliver anything at all.

Fourth was fraudulent business opportunities, where crooks use unreasonable predictions of profitability and other misrepresentations to lure investors.

Consumers who buy in are usually unable to do business using the supplies provided or can't make enough to cover the original investment.

Finally, work-at-home offers traditionally found in the classifieds are now showing up on the Net. Rather than addressing cards or stuffing envelopes, consumers are told they can make hundreds of dollars a month converting graphic and photo files or doing word processing.

The crooks require the consumer to buy expensive software, but the hapless worker often is told the completed job doesn't meet the company's "standards."

The league recommends that consumers call the Internet Fraud Center or the FTC before sending money to online companies

Profs share Nobel Prize

Rice researchers earn award for chemistry work

By Joan Thompson
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON — Molecular manipulation led to "buckyballs" and this year's Nobel Prize for chemistry.

It was more than 10 years ago that three scientists, including Rice University professors Richard Smalley and Robert Curl, discovered the molecule clusters.

On Wednesday, Smalley and Curl not only were both nursing colds but also celebrating the Nobel Prize with a toast of champagne.

"It's what every kid who's had a chemistry set dreams of," said Curl, who received just such a kit as a Christmas gift when he was 9. "There's no doubt about it, it's marvelous."

Smalley, 53, and Curl, 63, shared the prize with fellow discoverer Harold Kroto, a professor

at the University of Sussex.

The tiny soccer ball-shaped molecules cannot be seen without special microscopes. Kroto and Smalley dubbed them buckminsterfullerenes because they resemble architect R. Buckminster Fuller's geodesic domes.

But they more commonly are known as buckyballs.

A Rice official notified Smalley of his award in Connecticut where he was to give a lecture later Wednesday. Curl learned of the prize from a reporter.

Curl joined dozens of staff and students at a news conference Wednesday at Rice. Smalley joined him via a video-audio link.

"The Nobel Prize has panache to it that is beyond all other prizes," Smalley said.

The buckyballs, which consist

of 60 atoms of carbon, have no practical applications at this time. However, scientists believe they could become the basis for new lightweight superstrong materials that could be used in computer semiconductors, drugs or solar cells.

"C-60 itself, as well as some of the larger fullerenes, are still more expensive than gold, and we have yet to find any application that is worth so much that it would be economically worthwhile to pay the price of gold," Smalley said.

Smalley is the director of Rice's Center for Nanoscale Science and Technology, where researchers study the molecules.

The center sprang from the buckyball discovery in 1985. It will be housed in a new \$32.5 million building, scheduled for completion next summer.

LETTERS

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out before I did) the doors were wide open, now negating their use as a fire safety in the first place!

The question to be asked is why were electronic doors not installed in the first place, (as they finally were in the library) instead of the existing heavy, narrow doors which could increase, instead of decrease the burden of a handicapped individual from reaching their class? True, the individual may now more easily reach the classes in Reed Hall, but because the situation was because of lack of funding (despite increases in tuition and the incessant fund raising) then I, as a soon-to-be alumni of TCU, would like to donate \$5 toward putting in electronic doors at the elevator of TCU. If every student would do the same, that would most likely raise the necessary funds.

James L. Fullerton
senior economics major

Orchestra members look forward to new hall

The Skiff's coverage of the leafletting by members of the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra ("Musicians protest before concert," Oct. 9) was generally very good. But part of the coverage makes me know why it is considered best to work behind the scenes to make settlements such as the one we

are now working on between the orchestra musicians and management.

The new hall, which is being built downtown, has been an effort begun and supported by a most enlightened and forward-thinking group of citizens of our city, headed by Ed Bass and including a cross-section of like-minded citizens.

I did not at any time intend to say that the \$11 million-plus (announced in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram yesterday) was to be used for unneeded items. My wife and I are in fact donors to the new hall, and are most happy that our donation will be used to enhance the quality of an already great hall.

As chairman of the Orchestra Players Committee, I certainly do not intend to carp about this great hall. It took an enormous community effort to construct this hall, and altruism of the highest measure is apparent in every part of this effort.

The Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra looks forward to many years of work in this great hall, and our negotiations deal with taking the finest orchestra possible into the "last great hall of the 20th century."

Steve Weger
Orchestra Players Committee
Chairman and assistant professor of trumpet

Tensions mount in Jerusalem

Muslims' opening a prayer hall changes Jewish site

By Nicolas B. Tatro
ASSOCIATED PRESS

JERUSALEM — Muslim authorities are opening a new prayer hall under the Al Aqsa Mosque, igniting protests from Israelis about changes at the site Jews revere as the Temple Mount.

Hassan Tahboub, the Palestinian minister of religious affairs, said Wednesday the hall would open in two days once floor tile has been laid—in time for weekly prayer services Friday.

The announcement comes at a time of heightened tension, following riots and clashes last month that killed 78 people after Israel opened a new entrance to a tourist tunnel at the base of the complex.

Tahboub refused to comment on the timing, saying only that the hall was not Israel's "responsibility or property."

Muslims call the Al Aqsa complex Haram as-Sharif, or Noble Enclosure, and it is one of the holiest sites of Islam. Jews revere it as the Temple Mount, the site of the Second Temple that was destroyed by the Romans in A.D. 70.

The new Muslim prayer hall, which the Palestinians have named Marwani Mosque, is in a nearly 2,000-year-old chamber beneath the Al Aqsa Mosque known as Solomon's Stables. It was built in the time of King Herod as part of underground support structures for an expansion of the Temple Mount.

Islamic tradition says the site was visited by the prophet Mohammed and the chamber was used as a Muslim prayer hall as early as the eighth century.

Christian tradition says Jesus' feet were ritually washed on what is known as the "cradle" stone, and a chapel marks the site. Christian Crusaders converted the structure into stables for their horses.

The previous Israeli government gave permission in January for the chamber to be used for prayers during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan and during rainy periods when worshippers cannot pray in the courtyard of Al Aqsa.

But Israel did not authorize the Muslims to use it on a permanent basis as a mosque.

Gideon Avny, chief archaeol-

ogist for Jerusalem, said in a report to the Antiquities Authority that recent Palestinian renovations have caused "irreversible damage" to the site. He said 15-foot-high columns in the chamber were damaged by drilling holes for electrical cables and lamps.

"They caused a certain amount of damage to the ancient columns by the installation of the lighting systems, light bulbs and electric lines," Avny said.

Palestinians denied the Israeli claims. "There is no serious damage. It's not true," said Issam Awad, chief engineer for renovations at the complex.

The Israeli complaints follow Muslim claims of damage to Islamic heritage buildings caused by Israel's opening of the new tunnel entrance last month. Islamic authorities say the digging there caused cracks in a six buildings.

A city spokeswoman said a district court order issued Sept. 3 bars unapproved renovations that could damage Solomon's Stables.

Jewish extremists who seek the right to pray on the Temple Mount have asked Israel's Supreme Court to enforce the lower court order. The spokeswoman said the city would not act against the Muslim authorities pending the outcome of the court case.

Right-wing Israelis called for the renovated prayer hall to be closed, saying it violates the delicate status quo over the site and that renovations might damage it.

"Every change made to the holy site is sad because the Temple is in ruins and has become a place where rocks are being thrown," said Hanan Porat, a member of the National Religious party, which is part of the ruling coalition. "It's a disgrace on top of a disgrace."

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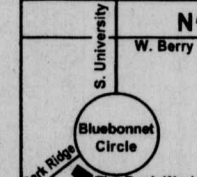
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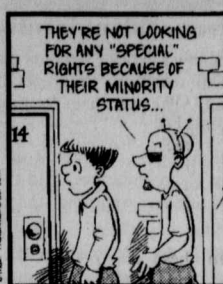
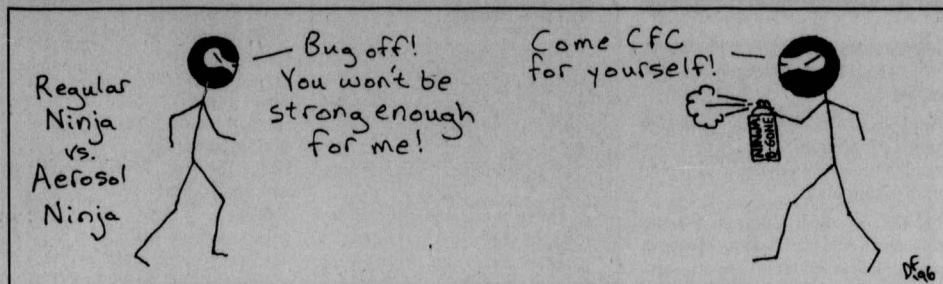



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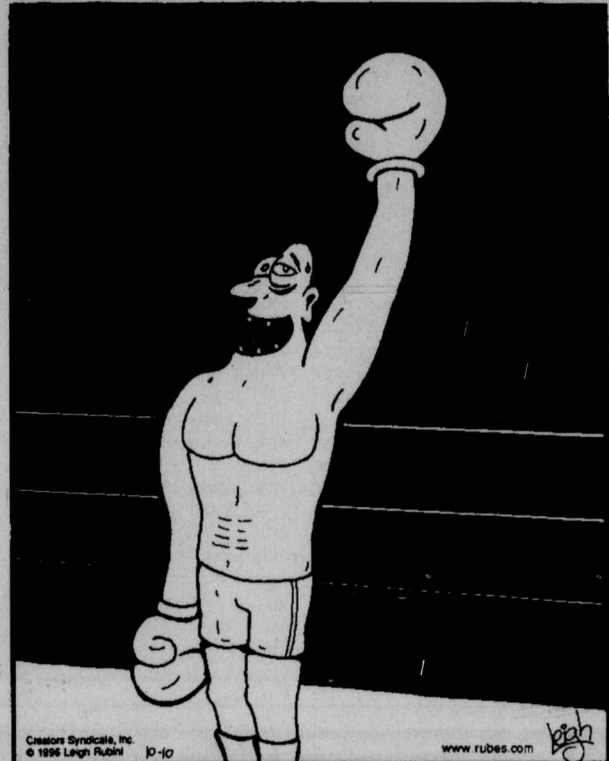
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Purple Poll

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A. **YES** 69 **NO** 31

Data collected from an informal poll conducted in TCU's Main Cafeteria. This poll is not a scientific sampling and should not be regarded as representative of campus public opinion.

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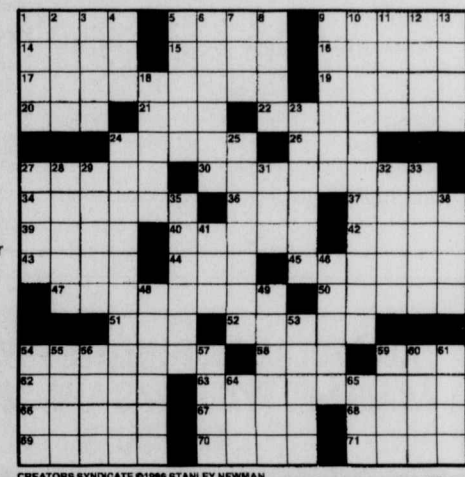
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FRESHMAN

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come to TCU and their involvement after they arrive.

Another project will examine different programs TCU offers to help freshmen make the transition from high school to college, he said.

"We will take a survey of new students so we've got a notion of things the students need to know and learn to make the transition into university life," he said.

Miller said the third project will focus on students who have transferred from TCU. The study will try to identify the aspects and factors of the university that were both helpful and unhelpful to the students.

He said a follow-up survey six to eight months after students transferred from TCU will provide better insight on what TCU can do to improve freshman retention.

"We'll talk to students and parents after the students have had a chance to get away from TCU and be able to help us," he said. "We're also looking at last year's class (who returned) to see what makes a difference."

Faculty Senate studies

Kathleen Martin, chairwoman of the Faculty Senate, said freshman retention is also an issue that concerns the Senate.

She said certain studies are being conducted by the Senate, but it will be the end of October or the beginning of November before a meeting can actually address the issue.

"We can't do anything immediately because we've had to wait for the information," Martin said. "We had to wait until the 12th day of class to get the numbers before we could do anything with that data."

Martin said the Faculty Senate will use a different format this semester with the faculty assembly.

"Instead of having one large group, we will have a group of smaller assemblies the faculty can choose to go to," she said.

Martin said the faculty will discuss freshman retention and how it relates to other things, including freshman seminars.

"The freshman seminars are a conscious effort

on the part of the faculty to retain students," she said.

Once the Senate's studies are complete, it will be better able to discuss what faculty can do to help retain freshmen, she said.

Current student involvement

Miller said current students can also help with freshman retention. Programs like Frog Camp and TCU Vanguard help freshmen adjust to university life.

Sharon Selby, president of the House of Student Representatives, said the Vanguard program is one way returning students can help with retention.

"This is the first year for the program and it was meant to combine a person-welcoming program to concentrate on new students," she said.

Theresa Singleton, chairwoman of the program, said the Vanguard replaced the Big-Little program that was previously used to help freshmen.

She said the Vanguard program now serves a dual purpose: to help new students meet other new students and also to provide a returning student for new students to talk to if the need arises.

Because this summer was the trial for the program, Singleton said, the matching process of the program needs to be perfected.

"The goal is for every freshman and incoming student to get a letter," she said.

Singleton said Vanguard will also send out letters during the winter holidays to welcome transfer students.

"We want to make sure we welcome transfer students as well," she said.

Similar programs aimed at freshmen at SMU and Baylor have also been successful in retaining freshmen.

Programs at SMU

Irma Herrera, associate director of admission at SMU, said the school's freshman retention rate has remained fairly stable.

She said programs aimed at freshmen are meant to help them adjust better to college life.

"We try to achieve a sense of community

among the students," she said. "We want the students to know, 'Wherever you come from, you're a part of the Mustang community.'"

She said SMU programs are aimed at the academic aspect as well as the social aspect of college life.

Herrera said freshmen can benefit from workshops on study skills, stress management and time management.

"We hire people to live in dorms and help students with tutoring," Herrera said. "Freshmen need that extra help because studying is different in college than in high school."

She said that for the social aspect of college life, SMU sends about 300 freshmen to Mustang Chorale as a part of their orientation. The students go away for a weekend to participate in various group activities.

SMU also tries to let freshmen know about the extracurricular activities and athletics available so they can get involved in other programs on campus and meet new people.

"We try to have the activities fair early on in the semester so students feel better about being here and do better academically."

Baylor's programs

Jimmy McCluskey, dean of student development and services at Baylor, said the main focus of freshman retention at Baylor involves academics.

"For freshmen, we have a seminar class to help them acclimate to the university," he said.

Study skills courses, tutors and graduate students are available for students who need help adjusting to college life, McCluskey said.

"We assign tutors to students who need special attention and grad students help students take organized notes," he said.

Students who utilize what Baylor has to offer usually find the transition into college life easier, McCluskey said.

Miller said the TCU evaluation of freshman retention should improve the situation if the processes involved for feedback are successful.

"We need to look and see if things are improving and go from there," he said.

Murdoch sues Time Warner

By Farrell Kramer
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NEW YORK — Rupert Murdoch's News Corp. sued Time Warner Inc. today for allegedly violating antitrust laws and blocking its new Fox News Channel from appearing on its cable systems.

The lawsuit came just one day after the New York state attorney general's office subpoenaed Time Warner to request documents. Sources confirmed the state was looking into whether the company violated antitrust laws by deciding not to run the Fox channel in New York state.

Fox has argued that Time Warner, the nation's second-largest cable operator, violated an agreement to carry the Fox News Channel and put on competing MSNBC instead.

The lawsuit filed by the company's Fox News subsidiary was announced by general counsel Arthur Siskind, who said it refers to all Time Warner's cable systems, not just those in New York.

"The lawsuit is utter foolishness," Richard Parsons, president of Time Warner, said Tuesday through spokesman Edward Adler.

The federal lawsuit seeks a permanent injunction against Time Warner Inc.'s purchase of Turner Broadcasting System Inc., Siskind said. It also seeks monetary damages; Siskind would not reveal the amount.

Both Time Warner and Turner shareholders are prepared to vote on the merger Thursday. Approval

is widely expected.

News Corp. has argued Time Warner agreed to carry the Fox News Channel on its cable systems broadly. Siskind said Tuesday the deal was to reach 9 million subscribers by the year 1999. The Fox News Channel competes directly with Turner's CNN.

Time Warner has denied there was an agreement and says it was within its rights to put MSNBC, owned jointly by Microsoft Corp. and NBC, on some of its systems.

"We know we had an agreement," Siskind said. "There are documents that reflect all the material terms in the agreement."

Time Warner, with 11.8 million subscribers, had been required by federal antitrust regulators to carry a second all-news channel, in addition to CNN, to 6 million subscribers in order to gain approval for the merger.

News Corp.'s statement says the lawsuit "will allege that the conspiracy has taken place prior to the still-to-be consummated merger." It also says it will charge Time Warner with breach of contract and fraud.

The lawsuit names both Turner Broadcasting System Inc. and its chairman, Ted Turner, as well as Time Warner.

On the New York state investigation, Joseph Mahoney, a spokesman for New York State Attorney General Dennis C. Vacco, confirmed the subpoena had been served Tuesday. He would not comment further.

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Hartford, Detroit make trade

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — The Hartford Whalers traded former captain Brendan Shanahan and defenseman Brian Glynn to the Detroit Red Wings on Wednesday for center Keith Primeau, defenseman Paul Coffey and a first-round draft pick in 1997.

The trade, which had been rumored for almost a week before nearly unraveling, was completed about three hours before Detroit's home opener Wednesday night. Detroit had its private team plane standing by to get Shanahan to Detroit in time for the game.

"Hockey-wise I think everybody knows he's hard-nosed," Detroit coach Scotty Bowman said. "I don't know how many people there are like him in the league. He's a winger, a power winger that can score. Obviously, that's what we're expecting."

The keys in the deal were Primeau and Shanahan, two players in the prime of their NHL careers, both of whom were unhappy in with their clubs.

The trade appeared dead after Coffey, one of the mainstays for three of the Edmonton Oilers' four Stanley Cup championships in the 1980s, announced last week he would not come to Hartford.

"It came to the point where enough was enough... If we did not move forward with the trade, there wasn't going to be one," Hartford GM Jim Rutherford said.

Coffey was expected to be traded to a third team, not immediately announced. The Red Wings said they would send Glynn to the minors.

Young Yankee fan makes big play

NEW YORK (AP) — Jeff Maier skipped a half-day of school to attend the first game of the American League championship series between the New York Yankees and Baltimore Orioles.

Little did the 12-year-old know he would make the game's biggest play.

Maier, from Old Tappan, N.J., reached down over the right-field wall and took away from the Orioles' Tony Tarasco what would have been a routine fly out by Derek Jeter in the eighth inning of Wednesday night's game.

Tarasco was parked under the fly and reached up to make the catch, when Maier's black glove swept the ball over the fence. Right-field umpire Rich Garcia, standing on the warning track, ruled the ball was a home run, giving the Yankees a 4-4 tie.

Three innings later, Bernie Williams homered deep into the left-field stands for a 5-4 New York victory in Game 1 of the AL championship series.

"I was just trying to catch the ball," Maier said. "It bounced right out of my glove and bounced on the floor. I feel bad for the Baltimore fans, but as a Yankee fan, if I helped the team, I feel pretty good."

Maier didn't get his souvenir, which was snatched up by another fan.

"I think I had a right to catch it because I thought it was going to go out," said Maier, attending his fifth game at Yankee Stadium.

Asked if he thought he had interfered with Tarasco, Maier said: "I hope it didn't affect the outcome of the game that much, but I'm a Yankee fan and I do want the Yankees to win."

Baylor QB undergoes knee surgery

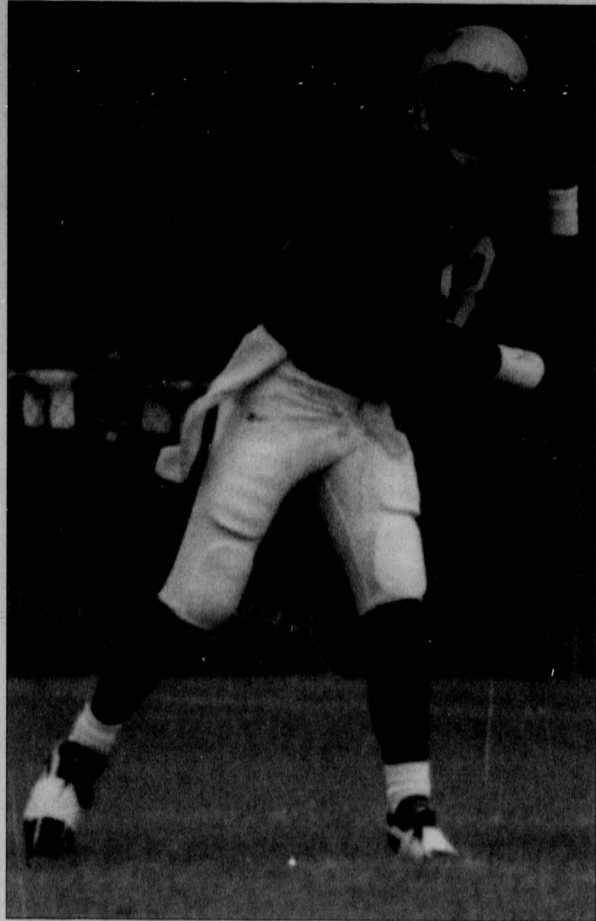
WACO (AP) — Baylor quarterback Odell James had arthroscopic surgery to correct cartilage trouble in his right knee Wednesday, and doctors found damage that will require more reconstructive surgery.

The freshman had swelling in his knee when he reported to Baylor training camp in August. He blamed an old high school injury.

After six weeks of rest, James started practicing again two weeks ago, but his knee problems flared up.

Taylor to start at QB against UTEP

Junior gets nod over Dover for home WAC opener



Patricio Crooker SKIFF STAFF

Junior quarterback Fred Taylor throws a pass in football practice Monday. Taylor, a transfer from Hinds Community College in Mississippi, will get his first-ever start as a Horned Frog when TCU faces the University of Texas-El Paso at 7:05 p.m. Saturday at Amon Carter Stadium.

Ernie Moran and Meredith Webb
SKIFF STAFF

TCU junior Fred Taylor, who transferred from a junior college in Mississippi this fall, will start at quarterback against the University of Texas-El Paso on Saturday in the Frogs' first home Western Athletic Conference game.

TCU head coach Pat Sullivan announced the decision at his weekly press conference Wednesday. Redshirt freshman Jeff Dover started TCU's first four games this season.

"I'm real excited," Taylor said. "It's a great opportunity for my to try and help the team, see if we can get some positive things going."

Taylor said he anticipates having a few butterflies in his stomach Saturday night.

"Being nervous is part of playing the game," Taylor said. "That's expected. I've never been in a situation where I haven't been nervous."

As recently as Monday, Sullivan told the Skiff Taylor was "not ready to play a full game because he has not been here to learn the system."

Sullivan said he has since decided that his team "needs a spark" and that Taylor may provide it.

"Maybe it's time for a change," Sullivan said.

Sullivan insisted, however, that the decision had less to do with Dover's performance and more with the team's overall play.

"That (the decision) is not a reflection of the job that Jeff's done," Sullivan said. "Jeff's done a really good job."

Taylor, who attended Hinds

Community College in Utica, Miss., won several awards last season, including National Junior College Offensive Player of the Year, Mississippi Amateur Athlete of the Year and College Sports Magazine's National Junior College Male Athlete of the Year.

"I wanted to start right away," Taylor said. "But circumstances and different things came up. It took a little more time, and I needed a little more time."

Taylor arrived at TCU just a few weeks before fall workouts, and Sullivan said he still has a ways to go to be the Frogs' full-time quarterback.

"Fred still hasn't been here long enough to understand all the situations," Sullivan said, adding that Taylor was not necessarily going to start the rest of the season.

Dover, who beat out Taylor and junior Todd Stanford for the starting position in fall workouts, was 12-19 for 176 yards and two touchdowns with no interceptions in TCU's 20-7 season-opening win against the University of Oklahoma.

Since then Dover has struggled, going 33-71 for 503 yards, two touchdowns and six interceptions. The Frogs have lost three straight games. Taylor took a few snaps late in the loss to the University of Kansas, then went 9-14 for 57 yards in about two quarters' worth of action Saturday against Tulane University.

"Yesterday I talked to him (Dover) about making a change, and he came back unselfish," Sullivan said. "He had a really

good day in practice (Tuesday), made some nice throws.

"I cannot emphasize (enough) the job that Jeff Dover has done in every area," he said.

Adding some life to the team is not the only reason Taylor will see action against UTEP, though. Sullivan said he hopes Taylor will be the catalyst for some big plays, something the offense has sorely lacked in its three losses.

"Fred has got some athletic ability," said Sullivan. "Maybe he can come in there and make a play or two. He had an excellent day at practice and made some really nice throws."

Sullivan said he informed the players before announcing the change to the media.

"I didn't know what I wanted to do publicly," Sullivan said. "The thing I wanted to see, too, was how Fred would react in practice. You don't want to say 'He's going to be the starting guy,' have him go out there and have a bad day in practice and not earn the players' respect."

Sullivan said the game situation Saturday will dictate whether or not he will continue to shuffle quarterbacks.

"We will play the game as it goes," he said. "I'm not going to sit here and tell you 'We're going to one series or two series.' I hope he (Taylor) is going to go out there and have a great game and not even have to worry about that."

"He's going to make some mistakes. The first time he makes a mistake, am I going to jerk him out? No," Sullivan said.

Spread the blame for failures

itto. That one word describes the past three losses for the TCU football team. They've made the same mistakes week after week so they've lost three straight, by scores of 52-17, 27-7 and 35-7.

Fans have to wonder if the Frogs ever made it out of the locker room. These rather large individuals have let their opponents walk all over them. Trust me, if you have ever seen one of our linemen, you would wonder how that is humanly possible.

These guys are making errors that are flat-out stupid, little mistakes that result in points on the board the other way. The guys are blowing blocks, missing their assignments, dropping the ball like a hot potato and, of course, turning it over.

"Quite simply, it comes down to blocking and tackling, and not turning the football over," said TCU head coach

Pat Sullivan. They haven't done much of these since a season-opening 20-7 win against the University of Oklahoma. What I have to wonder is, how does this team gets any credit for the Oklahoma win?

Everybody, it seems, is beating Oklahoma this season. The University of Texas is a 22-point favorite in Saturday's game against the Sooners.

The win that seems like a milestone for TCU is a pebble for any other team.

Another huge worry is the quarterback controversy, which Sullivan tried to avoid. Sullivan started the season by announcing that redshirt freshman Jeff Dover was his quarterback, win or lose.

Now the team is 1-3, and the time has come for junior-college transfer Fred Taylor to take over. Sullivan said Wednesday that Taylor will start Saturday against the University of Texas-El Paso.

What's even sadder is that in Saturday's loss to Tulane University, it didn't matter whether it was Dover or Taylor. I guess Sullivan forgot about Todd Stanford. Of course, I half expected to see a lineman playing quarterback.

But the offensive line has gotten the

bad end of the deal. They must be confused. How else would one explain the missed blocks and blown assignments? They get used to Dover's traditional drop-back style, and then in comes Taylor, who likes to run out of the pocket, and then they have switch back to the other way of doing things.

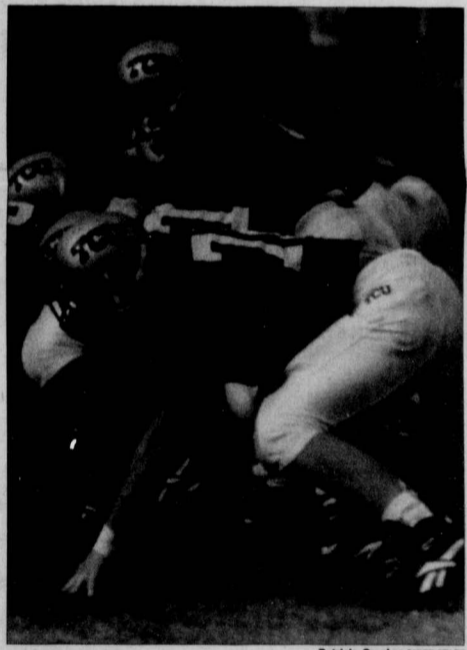
There is plenty of blame to go around for turnovers. Granted, you should not depend on your quarterback to win games, but he does need to hold on to the ball.

Let's not blame interceptions for all of the problems. This team does have a tendency to drop the ball.

The losses seem to be a group effort on both sides of the football. Take the Tulane debacle. The offense scores a touchdown, then the defense takes over and does nothing. They basically let Tulane walk down the field.

My theory was that they took a water break. They might have been there physically, but mentally... that's a whole other story for a whole other column.

Meredith Webb is a freshman broadcast journalism major from Irving.



Patricio Crooker SKIFF STAFF

Redshirt freshman quarterback Jeff Dover lines up under center in practice Monday. After starting the Frogs' first four games, Dover has lost his starting job — at least temporarily — to junior Fred Taylor.

Golf takes fifth in Chicago, ready for Red River Classic

By Matt Pearce
SKIFF STAFF

The TCU men's golf team overcame harsh weather and a difficult first round to finish fifth in the Ping-Golfweek Preview in Chicago earlier this week.

The Frogs' overall score was 899. Sophomore Albert Ochoa was TCU's top scorer, placing fourth overall with a plus-6 219 on the par-71 course.

The University of Nevada-Las Vegas had the best team score at 891, followed by Oklahoma State University at 896. Arizona State University (897) and East Tennessee State University (898) rounded out the top four.

Texas, which won the William Tucker Invitational in September, finished last in the Chicago tournament.

The Frogs, who finished 11th in the William Tucker Invitational in September, were pleased by their new ranking.

"It gave us a little confidence," junior J.J. Henry said. "We're getting close to where we want to be."

Henry said the weather in Chicago was cold, rainy and windy, which affected the team's play.

"It was tough to hold shots," he said. "We knew going in that the

scores were going to be high. To go out and shoot the low round of the day in those conditions really boosted our confidence," Henry said.

Coach Bill Montigel said he was pleased by the way his team played overall, but knew it could do better.

"I'm disappointed we didn't win," Montigel said. "I knew going into the tournament we could win it."

The Frogs shot the lowest team score in the third round of the tournament. Team members said the finish proved they are capable of winning.

It shows us that on one given day, we can compete with the best," Montigel said. "It kind of gave the guys the indication that if we play three good rounds, we're as good as anybody in college golf."

Ochoa said the finish boosted confidence in the team, but it still has a lot of work to do.

"It showed us we can play with the big boys," Ochoa said. "We still have a long way to go."

Montigel said he was very pleased with Ochoa's performance.

"I was real proud of him," Montigel said. "Albert's really worked hard and has a great attitude. I'm looking for him to continue to

play good golf."

Montigel said the Frogs finished ahead of some of the best teams in the field, including top-ranked University of Florida and the University of Arizona.

"To be able to beat those teams gives you an idea of what this team can do," Montigel said.

The Frogs will play in the Taylor Made Red River Classic in Dallas next week. Montigel said the team hasn't played well in that tournament in the past, but he hopes it can improve.

"Hopefully we can go over and play a lot better than we have in the past," Montigel said.

He said all five of the players in each tournament need to play well in order to win.

"If we can get five guys to pull their weight, we'd have one of the best teams in college golf," Montigel said.

Ochoa said the team has confidence and a great mental attitude. He said this attitude will help the team grow stronger.

"We still think we're the best team out there. As long as we think positive, good things are going to happen," he said.

Lizard Kings make Whoopee in the rink

ASSOCIATED PRESS

TORONTO — A generation later, the lyrics of Jim Morrison and the Doors are part of hockey.

"I am the Lizard King. I can do anything," Morrison exhorted in the 1960s in "The Celebration of the Lizard."

When Larry Lane began searching for a name for his East Coast Hockey League team, Morrison's lyrics came to mind. Hence, the Jacksonville Lizard Kings, a perfect fit given Florida's wildlife.

Another singer has her place in hockey. Thanks to Doris Day and her decades-old "Makin' Whoopee" recording, Georgia has the Macon Whoopee. The Central Hockey League team's logo depicts a fig leaf.

It does not end with Lizard Kings and Whoopee. Odd nicknames in minor league hockey are springing up wherever teams skate: Mysticks, Nailers, Cottonmouths and Ice Bats.

The Mystics Society is tied the Mardi Gras festival. Add the letter k and you've got Alabama's ECHL Mobile Mysticks, who use Mardi Gras colors of purple, gold and green as team colors. The logo is a dragon grasping a hockey stick.

The ECHL's Wheeling Nailers are thus named because the West Virginia city, known as The Nail City, is home to one of the oldest cut nail manufacturing plants in the world. The jersey logo features a medieval mask with two nails crossed behind it.

The CHL's Columbus, Ga., team uses Cottonmouths as a nickname after poisonous water snakes. The logo features an attacking snake's head with two fangs.

The Western Professional Hockey League hasn't been around long, but it's doing fine in the name game with Texas teams like the Austin Ice Bats, Waco Wizards and El Paso Buzzards.

Austin owners were going to use Outlaws, but a Houston cycling team had a state trademark. Team officials, staying in a hotel near the Colorado River, went jogging and saw bats swooping under bridges.

"We thought, 'If we can't use Outlaws, let's do bats,'" said a team spokesman.

In the International Hockey League, there's the Orlando Solar Bears. Their logo features a polar bear in sunglasses holding a hockey stick, with palm trees and a setting sun in the background.

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