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World

Doctor says Yeltsin may have surgery soon

MOSCOW (AP) — Boris Yeltsin's heart has been strengthening, and the Russian president could undergo heart surgery as early as next week, a consulting American doctor said Tuesday.

Dr. Michael DeBakey said he would travel to Russia this weekend to consult with Yeltsin's doctors. DeBakey said Yeltsin would undergo a triple or quadruple coronary artery bypass.

There was no comment from the Kremlin, which said earlier Tuesday that the "final stage of preparations" for the operation had begun.

Nation

Foes of initiative put Duke in ads

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Foes of a ballot initiative that would eliminate most affirmative action programs in California launched a \$1 million TV ad campaign Tuesday highlighting former Klansman David Duke's support for the measure.

Duke came to the state in September to argue in support of Proposition 209 at a debate. Members of the initiative's campaign committee also condemned Duke's appearance.

The initiative on the Nov. 5 ballot would outlaw preferences in state hiring, contracting and education, thus dismantling many affirmative action programs.

State

Bush predicts GOP congressional win

HOUSTON (AP) — Former President George Bush expressed little fear Tuesday that Democrats would regain control of Congress in next week's elections.

"I feel confident we'll be keeping control of both houses of Congress," Bush, a Republican, said at a ceremony in a Houston park where a grove of trees was dedicated to him and Barbara Bush.

Bush said he and his wife were headed to the voting booth later Tuesday for early balloting and that he would be campaigning later this week with GOP presidential hopeful Bob Dole.

Women sue border patrol agents

EL PASO (AP) — Two Guatemalan women who say they were raped and sexually battered while in the custody of the U.S. Border Patrol have sued two agents in federal court for \$15 million.

The women, who now live in San Bernardino County in California, say their rights were violated when they were attacked on March 6 after being stopped in El Paso for allegedly being in the country illegally.

The Office of the U.S. Inspector General is investigating the women's allegations, said Border Patrol spokesman Doug Mosier.

Student expelled for vandalizing office

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — A fifth-grader was expelled from school Tuesday for dousing his principal's office with gasoline and acid, then threatening to set it on fire.

Criminal charges were pending against the 10-year-old boy, school district officials said.

School officials theorize the child was upset after being called to the office earlier Monday to be questioned about an accusation that he hit another student last week.

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Friends recall gifted, caring prof

By Kimberly Wilson
SKIFF STAFF

Friends and family of Charles R. Deeter, a professor of mathematics, remembered him Tuesday as a professor known for being tough but dedicated to students.

A memorial service for Deeter, who died from cancer at a Fort Worth hospital Saturday, was held at Robert Carr Chapel Tuesday. Deeter was 65.

Paul Jones, Deeter's son-in-law, said Deeter was raised on a family farm in northwest Kansas and that he grew up "understanding both hardship and opportunity."

Jones said Deeter loved music, art and science. Music played during the memorial reflected Deeter's love of every type of music, from classical to New Orleans jazz.



Charles R. Deeter professor of math

Jones said Deeter also had a passion for art.

"He was looking forward to the arrival of Monet in June at the Kimball," Jones said.

He said Deeter also strongly supported his daughters' interests in the arts.

"Of the hundreds of recitals and

performances, Charlie only missed one," Jones said.

Roy Combrink, an associate professor of mathematics, said Deeter found great pleasure in his students' achievements.

"Charlie was a valuable member of the math department and a great friend," Combrink said.

Priscilla Francis, a senior mathematics major, said Deeter was always available to students.

"He was the kind of teacher that,

if you showed improvement, that reflected in your grade," Francis said.

Aaron Heap, a junior mathematics major, said Deeter "made sure his door was always open."

Deeter taught mathematics at TCU from 1960 until early this semester, when he found out about his illness and left work for treatment.

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Twelve students file for election

By Rob Sherwin
SKIFF STAFF

Twelve students have filed to run for five student body officer positions, which will be decided in a student wide election Nov. 12.

The candidates for president are: John Lamberth, a senior radio-TV-film major; Julie Markus, a junior speech communication major; Andy Mitchell, a junior accounting major; Chris Smith, a senior history and sociology major; and Stoney White, a junior political science major.

Students running for vice president are: John Christensen, a senior biology major; Becca Gardner, a sophomore radio-TV-film major; and Kevin Nicoletti, a sophomore business management major.

Ben Roman, a junior radio-TV-film major, is running unopposed for vice president of programming, and Mark Irish, a junior finance major, is running unopposed for treasurer.

The candidates for secretary are Sarah Schoper, a sophomore pre-major, and Angela Sifuentes, a junior history major.

White said he is running for president because he thinks he is a quality candidate who can help the student body.

"There are many things about the House (of Student Representatives) that are wonderful, but there are also some things that need to be improved," he said.

Smith said he wants to be president so he can disband the House.

"I have a guaranteed way to prevent House from passing any bills or resolutions for the entire year that I'm president," he said. "And I guarantee that if one bill passes that I

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Marissa Gifford, a freshman psychology major, gives candy to Miguel Hernandez, a trick-or-treater, in Colby Hall's trick-or-treat event Tuesday night. The annual event is held for children of faculty and staff members.

Costumed kids collect Colby candy

Halloween event provides safe trick-or-treating, sponsors say

By Candace McAdams
SKIFF STAFF

Superman, Batman, Barney and Winnie the Pooh paid a special visit to TCU last night at the 24th annual Colby Hall Trick-or-Treat event.

Anxious children, dressed in their favorite character costumes, filled the Colby lobby, awaiting

their chance to go through the maze of haunted houses and fairy lands.

Tas Shore, Colby Hall hall director, said the event is provided for the faculty and staff so their children can have a safe and enjoyable Halloween.

Shore said the event was started 24 years ago by Katie de Palta, who was the hall director at the

event Tuesday night. The annual event is held for children of faculty and staff members.

Shore said the program has been strong ever since, with about 500 children visiting every year.

She said the children enjoy seeing the older students dressed up and handing out candy.

Wanda Olsen, assistant director of residential living, said the hall director and the Colby resident assistants put an incredible amount of planning and preparation into

the event. She said much of the work is done behind the scenes.

"What is amazing to me is the residents don't realize until that night, by being present, what a contribution they are making to TCU's community," Olsen said.

Christi Campbell, head RA in Colby, said the event is a great way

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Visitor tells tale of death

By Sylvia Carrizles
SKIFF STAFF

In the Student Center lounge, surrounded by a cameraman from WFAA-Channel 8 and six students, Mario Navarrete Hernandez told a tale of death.

A father whose baby recently died carried the tiny white coffin on his shoulder through the streets to the funeral site. Instead of crying and mourning his lost child, the man sang and danced happily. "Now my baby is with God," the man said. "He is an angel."

Hernandez finished his story and leaned back to look at the small crowd around him.

"Do you understand that?" he said. "I think it is absolutely logical."

Hernandez tried to explain through his story what will be included in various lectures and conferences starting at noon today in the Student Center lounge for the national Mexican holiday El Dia de los Muertos, or The Day of the Dead.

Hernandez, an archaeologist, from Jalapa, the capital of Veracruz, is at TCU to participate in the activities celebrating the holiday.

In Mexico, death is an occasion that calls for celebration. Mexicans believe their beloved are in a better place in the afterlife. Altars of the dead, decorated with flowers, candles and pictures of the deceased person's saint are built in the house.

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Antonio Rocha (left) and Norma Estrada work on the altar of the dead in the Student Center lounge. The altar was built for the Mexican holiday The Day of the Dead, which officially begins today. The two were part of a group flown in from Mexico especially for the event.

House encourages extension of hours

By Rob Sherwin
SKIFF STAFF

The TCU House of Student Representatives passed a resolution Tuesday that encourages the Student Center administration to extend its hours.

The resolution, which passed unanimously, requests that non-dining areas of the Student Center stay open until 2 a.m., so that students may have a late-night study area other than their residence halls.

The Student Center is currently open from 7 a.m. to midnight.

Mark Irish, a junior finance major and a Clark Hall representative, said the only cost of keeping the building open would be paying an employee to stay for two extra hours.

Student Center Director Larry Markley said he would begin working immediately to grant the House's request.

"We'll start working right away to find people to work — that's the key to it," he said. "We'll simply find somebody to work and extend the hours."



House News

Markley said he would have no problem working the added expense into this semester's budget, but said the House might need to allocate money to retain the extended hours next semester.

"I told Mark (Irish) that I'd pick it up for the remainder of the semester on a trial basis and look at the numbers," he said. "If it works this semester we may have to come back to House to look for money for the spring, but let's see what happens this semester."

The House also passed a bill to fund a trip for members of the TCU Texas Art Education Association to the group's state conference in San Antonio.

The bill, which passed by a vote of 51 to 15, allocates \$734 from the House Special Projects Fund to the

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Pulse

CAMPUS LINES

ANGEL FLIGHT will be selling Boo Grams for \$1 each from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. today in the Student Center. For more information contact Kim Dyer at 923-4864.

FRENCH CONVERSATION TABLE will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. Wednesday in the Student Center Reading Room A. For more information contact Steve Infantino at 921-6366.

TCU HOUSE OF STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES will provide free legal services from 6 to 7:30 p.m. today in the House office. Call 921-7924 with questions.

HARLEM RENAISSANCE IN SONG AND VERSE will feature Raymond Bazemore accompanied by Eugene Gwozdz from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Thursday in the Moudy recital hall.

TEXAS COLLEGE DEMOCRATS will hold a meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Student Center Room 203. For more information contact Sondra Haltom at 921-7927.

SHOWGIRLS will be holding tryouts for basketball season from 5 to 7 p.m. Nov. 13 in Gym 3 of the Rickel Building. Dance experience is suggested. For more information, contact Danielle Veau or Cally Mills at 920-3326.

THE AMERICAN IRONHORSE MOTORCYCLE COMPANY is sponsoring a logo contest that is open to all students. Entries should include the name American Ironhorse Motorcycle Company and should be original. Cash prizes will be awarded, and a list of winners and prize recipients will be available after Feb. 15, 1997. All entries must be postmarked by midnight Dec. 15. For more information, contact Tim at (800) 423-2536.

Correction

In a story about the opening of the Dee J. Kelly Alumni and Visitors Center, a quote attributed to Hal Roach, the executive director of the TCU Frog Club, should have been attributed to John V. Roach, Board of Trustees chairman and a 1961 graduate who spoke at the opening ceremony. Hal Roach did not speak at the event.

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An authentic altar of the dead was built in the Student Center lounge and several conferences will be held today through Friday. Mexican arts and crafts are also on display.

The altar was built exactly as those in Mexico, complete with images of saints in the background, a picture of the Virgen de Guadalupe (Virgin Mary) and decorated with over 400 marigolds. The altar is made in the Otomi tradition of the Huasteca region of Mexico.

Under the coordination of Mercedes Olivera, an instructor of mass communications, TCU will be

the first institution to present lectures by native experts of pre-Colombian and indigenous traditions and to build an authentic altar of the dead.

"It's a way of making students and the Dallas-Fort Worth community aware of (Mexican) traditions," Olivera said.

The rest of the team that came for the exhibit and lecture series include another archaeologist, one anthropologist and an architect, all from the Instituto de Antropologia, Universidad Veracruzana, in Xalapa, Veracruz.

Three indigenous people from

DEETER

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Deeter belonged to the American Mathematical Society and received the Distinguished Service award from the association's Texas section in 1995. He served as governor of the Texas section from 1974 to 1977. Deeter also received grants for two research projects from the National Science Foundation.

"He never wanted awards or adulation, which is perhaps why he deserved them more richly than any one I know," Jones said.

Ze-Li Dou, an assistant professor of mathematics, said he considered Deeter his mentor and learned from the way Deeter treated his students. Dou said Deeter was a strong man who made sure not to take out his frustrations on his students.

Dou said Deeter should be admired for the way he faced his illness.

"Even till the end, Charlie was the strong one who comforted me," Dou said. "We have lost a friend so dear."

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for the residents to be involved in the TCU community.

"It's not only fun for the kids, but also for us," Campbell said.

Parents of the children wait in Colby's lobby while their children receive treats.

Campbell said the wings were divided into two categories: scary and festive. The children were guided through the halls by TCU student volunteers as the residents handed out candy.

Dick Hoban, an assistant controller, brought his 3-year-old son Jeffrey, who was dressed as Darth Vader.

Hoban said he has brought his children to the event for nine years.

"It is a safe place to bring children to celebrate Halloween," Hoban said. "It wouldn't be Halloween without coming to Colby."

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will resign."

Smith also said he wants to "amass the house budget" and return it to the student body.

Lamberth also said he would like to abolish the House, but said the real reason he is running is because he is bored.

"Everything seems to get passed anyway, so there's no point in having all these extra people — I can do that myself, and things will get done a lot faster that way," he said.

Mitchell said he is running on his experience as a student body leader.

"I really feel that my experience on this campus and my ability makes me the best candidate," he said. "I've seen a lot and I know what this campus needs."

Markus said she is also relying on her experience and leadership skills.

"I feel that I work well with the administration, and I'd like to get a

chance to utilize some of my leadership experiences that TCU has provided me with," she said.

In the vice presidential race, Gardner said she wants to address the House's internal problems.

"There's a huge lack of communication between the Executive Committee and the Administrative Cabinet," she said.

Nicoletti, who is running for reelection, said he has the most experience.

"I feel like I finished the job last time and I'm ready to continue some of the things I've just begun," he said.

Christensen said he is running on the same platform as Smith.

"I'm sick of seeing (the House) take our money and waste it on things like a student lounge and cable TV channels so someone can watch House actions that nobody cares about," he said.

magnitude of the project, which is being covered by television stations and newspapers, including the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* and *The Dallas Morning News*.

Michelle Sanchez-Soriano, a senior accounting major and president of the Organization of Latin American Students, said she told members of her organization about the altar because she realized the importance of the project.

"I don't feel TCU is as diverse as it should be," Sanchez-Soriano said. "This is a major step for cultural awareness."

HOUSE

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group, which consists mostly of art education majors.

The bill originally asked for \$1,306, but was cut by the House Finance Committee Wednesday.

The House also passed a resolution that congratulates Brachman Hall on its 25th anniversary. The resolution, which passed unanimously, comes just in time for Brachman's Silver Jubilee on Friday.

The House introduced a bill that will fund a shuttle to take students to Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport on Nov. 26 and 27, the two days before Thanksgiving break.

The bill requests the House allocate \$2,245 from the General Reserve Fund.

The bill would provide three buses each day to leave hourly for the airport. The buses would run Tuesday from noon to 6 p.m. and Wednesday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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EDITORIAL

A JEWELL OF A STORY? FBI, media blew his case out of proportion

After months of serving as the scapegoat for this summer's Olympic Park bombing in Atlanta for both the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the media, former suspect Richard Jewell has finally been exonerated. This incident proves the FBI and the media both need to check their ethical standards.

Federal agents do indeed carry a lot of the blame for the violations of Jewell's civil liberties. They are the ones who could have prevented the entire ordeal from getting out of control.

Agents could have remained silent and said that any information disclosed could have hindered their investigation. They should have stood their ground against media pressure so they could conduct themselves professionally and with accuracy. Instead, the FBI released what they called several "accurate profiles" of the typical suspect in a crime of this nature.

Jewell fit one of those profiles, and from the time he was named by unidentified investigators, the media considered him fair game

for coverage. Thirty minutes after the Atlanta Journal and Constitution broke the Jewell story in a special edition, CNN was on air attributing its information to "anonymous sources."

On July 31, USA Today published a 1,000-word front page article focusing on media coverage of the bombing and including only a brief biography on Jewell.

After that Jewell found himself the center of attention. The FBI searched his apartment and followed him. The media did not lower themselves to those tactics; they simply camped out on his front lawn, hoping to glimpse some kind of bomb-making material.

With overzealous reporters hungry for a story and a federal agency still taking heat for incidents such as Ruby Ridge and Waco, Jewell did not stand a chance. The FBI should try to strengthen its integrity and do its job right. The first step for both would be a re-examination of the policies and ethics by which they operate.

Despite good intentions, errors make us look bad

This weekend, I was blessed to see a homecoming (sic) banner hanging on a fraternity house. A happy surprise brightened my day when I saw that fellow students supported their team.

About three weeks ago, I saw a shirt in support of Lukemia (sic) being handed out to some sorority women. Scientists and doctors should soon find a cure for such a disease. The proceeds from the event could help many people who have that disease. These words were not intentionally misspelled, I'm sure. Everyone makes mistakes, even when they seem blatant to others. The most brilliant folks sometimes write an extra letter into a word, and spell checkers don't catch every tiny typo.

Careless mistakes happen all the time. Even the Skiff, which is edited by numerous grammatical nerds, occasionally contains errors. I know that members of the

Greek system generally have a better GPA than non-Greek students, and because I am a very proud member of a sorority, I believe in upholding high academic standards. I know other Greeks feel the same way. The students who made the sign and the shirt are probably knowledgeable about the subject and try to benefit humanity all the time.

But when little mistakes work their way into our lives and demonstrate the intelligence of TCU students to the world, it leaves a bad impression.

Students at this university are smart, so they need to act like it! The banner hanging on the side of a fraternity house is seen by many people. People driving by might notice and make assumptions, not just about the men in that particular organization, but about all Greeks and even all TCU students.

There is no excuse for such a blatant error. Yes, I realize those banners are painted at 3:30 a.m. the day they are supposed to be hanging on the side of the house. I know the pledges or the members living in the house get stuck with such duties and do their best to create "winning" banners in a hurry.

But homecoming? What kind of

word is that? In addition, that T-shirt could have been seen by anyone. People wear those when they go home, so the shirts could literally show up around the world.

Of course, the shirt printer could have been the one who made the mistake, just the same as when a co-worker tells a Skiff reporter someone's title and gets it wrong. The blame is placed on whomever has the name at the top of the story (or whoever's letters are plastered across the front of the shirt). People assume any mistake is the fault of the person or people mentioned with it.

Does anyone want it to look like a bunch of uneducated people attend school at TCU?

I love this university, and I understand all the people who are connected to it are not perfect. I don't want to say Greeks are stupid or that everything is always a certain person's or group's fault.

But carelessness and unintentional sloppiness have no place in an institution of higher learning. We need to remember who we represent, wherever we go.

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

Letter to the Editor

We're adults, we can handle rough comedy

I am writing in response to the letter concerning the comedian who performed at Family Weekend ("Vulgar comedian shouldn't have been here," Oct. 17) and the subsequent reply/apology given by Ben Roman ("Apologizing for the Family Weekend comedian," Oct. 25).

I would like to say that Ben Roman was wrong in apologizing about the comedian, and I have several reasons why.

First, before this year, this event was called Parents' Weekend, meaning it was not geared toward children. The entire event had been geared toward allowing parents and their

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Association makes positive steps with curriculum revisions

In a world where good news is hard to find, it's good to see that the Texas Education Association is making positive steps to improve public education in the state of Texas. These positive developments often go unnoticed.

Public education has come under attack recently. "Solutions" like school vouchers and school choice are floating around. None of these solve the heart of the problems in public education. They just give some people the ability to bail out.

However, the TEA is addressing a long-standing problem. It has proposed changes in how social studies will be taught in Texas. See, educators (as Alan Keyes likes to call them) can serve a positive purpose.

These changes could take effect as early as the next school year, but nothing is firmly in place. In short, the TEA has proposed U.S. government be taught for one full year instead of only one semester. It proposes the course on U.S. history up to the Reconstruction era be moved to a high school level. World geography may finally be a required course instead of an elective.

The advantages of this plan are clear. Making U.S. government a full-year course gives teachers more time to cover the important topics in the curriculum so

students can better understand them. It also gives teachers more time to cover state and local governments.

The purpose of this proposed change is clear. We want our citizens to be more active in the political process. The best way to make sure that they become more active is to make sure that they're more informed.

Moving U.S. history to high school is also a good idea. It gives teachers of both U.S. history courses more options. Teachers who teach the first half will now be working with high school students. High school students are generally more mature than they were in middle school. Therefore, the teacher can do more with these students.

Also, the teachers who teach the second half will benefit from the fact that their

students took the first half recently. As it stands now, most students take the second half of U.S. history three years after they took the first half.

Teachers who want to build on that prior knowledge are sometimes out of luck, since students have a difficult time recalling information they learned three years ago. These changes will increase students' knowledge of U.S. history and help them be more informed citizens.

Forcing every student to take world geography should do the same. Statistics show that our knowledge of geography is atrocious. This can be attributed to the fact that some students (me, for instance) never took world geography.

All of these changes should improve the way social studies is taught in Texas. It is still somewhat unclear how the social

studies curriculum will be affected overall, but it's hard to see the changes as anything but positive.

Yes, those educators have done it again. Their changes will improve the way social studies is taught in Texas. These actions will improve public education in Texas. How can we allow them to do such a thing?

Contrary to popular belief, trained professionals actually know what is best for their field. This small example demonstrates the need for leaving the decisions of public education up to educators. It shouldn't be a surprise to anyone that trained professionals are the best innovators in their field.

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COMMENTARY



SCOTT BARZILLA

Ramen noodles, mismatched couches integral to college culture

College students live in a world that is somewhat parallel to reality but has a bit of an edge. These are the years when we can discover our individuality and push our nocturnal habits to their outermost limits.

For most students, this is their first time out on their own to find out what adulthood has in store. The years spent in college can be summed up in one word — experience. Whether good or bad, we learn from experience and build on our mistakes.

But students do some things that can only be explained by someone who has

been there and actually lived through the college years.

A friend of mine found some jokes on the Internet that take a Jeff Foxworthy-like approach to college living. They were on the college humor Web site called "You Might Be a College Student . . ."

The first joke mentioned price shopping for top Ramen noodles. Ramen noodles are the choice cuisine of freshmen everywhere. Unfortunately, if one eats them in large quantities one can actually overdose on the powder-like broth and mass of linguini-lookalike noodles. But at six packets for \$1, who can pass them up?

The site also said if you have ever considered macaroni and cheese a balanced meal, you might be a college student. It is obvious that nutrition is not top priority for college students on any campus. Who do you think invented the term "Freshmen 15" for the weight new students gain?

There is no stop between high school and college where we can go to learn the fine art of cooking. So convenience is a necessity. The easier to cook the better. Anyone who has ever eaten in the Main knows that a well-cooked meal is hard to find in college.

You might also be a college student if you have three couches and none of them match. College tuition puts a strain on everyone's pockets. So when people move in together, the first thing to do is try to coordinate the furniture that has been handed down from generation to generation. My roommate got a great light brown and baby blue plaid tweed couch from her grandmother that looks fine next to my dark blue couch and hot pink coffee table. The whole decor of our apartment is centered on the theme of mix and match.

If you have ever written a check for 45

cents, you might be a college student. Welcome to the world of the dreaded ATM. It takes effort to get in your car, wait in line at the drive thru and type in a few numbers to receive cash. But this isn't laziness; it's just the need for simplicity when you're juggling the complexity of classes, a part-time job or sport and a social life.

It's convenient to write a check. A restaurant that takes checks is a college student's best friend. Last time I looked, a check was still a valid note used to exchange money between people.

If your underwear supply dictates the time between loads of laundry, this could mean you are a college student. Time is something that very few college students have. If you are privileged to have a washer and dryer in your own house or apartment, this predicament may not pertain to you. Having to lug 10 pounds of

dirty clothes to the nearest washer and scrounge around for all the quarters you can find is not fun. So why do any more than you have to?

Some of these nuances can be attributed to the fact that college students have their own sets of rules, their own schedules and their own need for that one thing or person to tug them in the right direction. For the most part, students are influenced by the freedom to push the unspoken rules of society to their outer limits. It is like walking to the edge of the world of acceptance and looking over.

So if you have time to coordinate your furniture, do your laundry everyday, have cash in your hands constantly and balance your diet by the food pyramid for every meal, you might not be a college student.

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COMMENTARY



JODIE VONDERHAAR

Haunted sites frighten folks

A guide to Halloween horror

Several Skiff staffers visited area haunted houses last week to find the scariest sites for Halloween fun. A few of the places were true nightmares, and some will cause nightmares. Here are their results.

Reindeer Manor

We didn't expect much from little-known Reindeer Manor, hidden just south of Dallas in the sleepy suburb of DeSoto.

Winding farm roads led us to a dark field where just a few cars were parked. For a paltry \$6 we were delivered by hay tram to an abandoned farmhouse. Old rusted tools littered the deserted grounds. Numerous dilapidated steel buildings left us with a cold, lonely feeling.

A crude hot dog stand built into the side of one of the sheds abruptly spoiled the mood. However, heinous gargoyles atop the old house quickly won us back by belching fire into the night sky.

The gargoyles were flanked by two large speakers and a wiry disc jockey who played one toe-tapping Halloween hit after another. After a pleasingly short wait, we were herded into a tiny room where we were literally brought to our knees in fear.

After this soon-to-be-famous first scene, we were greeted by Dracula and his unusually youthful wife who filibustered our party until a chainsaw-wielding monkey-boy chased us out through a revolving bookcase. One visitor complained of wind burn.

We noticed a theme of generic, yet timeless horror props throughout the house. From the trap doors to the old "moving eyes in the picture" scene, we were convinced that someone in the production must have seen way too many Vincent Price movies. However, the fright was about as real as it gets in the Metroplex area. Among haunted houses, that is.

If we had one problem with the house it was that the climax came too soon, which must have meant we were enjoying it. The best scene came early — a giant axe pendulum swept down through an open carcass lying on a dinner table set for eight. A miscast dinner host in deck shoes drew our attention to his ghoulish guests while monkey-boy prepared his chainsaw for one last run.

The ambush came from the back, and the crowd panicked. A mob of oily teenagers nearly trampled us, but not before the clever dinner host squirted water in the face of one of our party members. The girl, thinking it was guts from the pendulum, fled for napkins back at the hot dog stand.

A dark maze led the rest of our group to an exit where we rallied around a unique patio that featured a wishing well. An undistinguishable caped villain brought the water to a boiling fire, which came dangerously close to our feet. Thankfully, the villain spared our lives by putting the fire out. Our journey ended around the next corner.

We came to Reindeer Manor weary souls in search of something more for our Halloween dollar. We were tired of the makeshift walls and trash bag mazes. Tired of running into characters in the haunted houses who we knew on a personal level; we came to reclaim our Halloween. The Halloween we once knew of good scares, short waits and discount prices. We came in search of the essence of Halloween, and we found it at Reindeer Manor.

Reindeer Manor is just south of Dallas. Take Interstate 35E south to Bear Creek, turn left on Houston School Road, turn right on Reindeer Road and turn left to the house or just follow the signs.

Palace of Wax Haunted House

The Ripley's Palace of Wax Museum in Grand Prairie may be slowly phasing out its haunted house, but it's still a place for a good scare, believe it or not.

For \$10, we got the best of both worlds: wax celebrities and wax monsters. The problem was we couldn't tell them apart.

We toured the wax museum first, a collection of realistic wax impressions of famous people throughout history and film. Although we didn't really go for the wax museum, it was pretty good. We got a good belly-laugh at the Eddie Murphy figure that

looked more like a youthful Nipsy Russell.

The wax museum elegantly segued from scary movie scenes to the official haunted house area. However, we wished they had posted warning signs like "you are now entering a haunted area," but they didn't. We just had to figure it out.

This came easy when we opened a door to find that a wax ghoul had cornered a helpless young lady. She was screaming loudly and wouldn't move. She caused a traffic backup all the way to the wax Quasimoto.

The bottleneck soon cleared. We entered a room with four doors. One led to a corridor, while the others concealed frightening surprises like pulsating lights, spiders or lasers. All were accompanied by deafening sound effects. These sound effects permeated the haunted house, so we would not recommend it for people with heart conditions or hearing aids.

Almost every room featured a ghoul. The unique aspect of the wax museum is that you didn't know if the ghoul was wax or real. The characters were professional, as were the scenes and props. Some of the characters included the Phantom of the Opera and Hannibal Lector.

Some of the memorable scenes featured a rag-stuffed ghoul that descended on us from above a door, a Freddie Kruger that ended up being fake and a security guard who hid behind a door with a flashlight pointing up his nose who scared us as we entered the room.

Our terrifying adventure ended as we busted through a door into the gift shop of the wax museum, where museum goers were quietly shopping for gifts.

While most people — including the museum staff, but excluding the security guard who scared us — seemed uninterested in partaking of the wax museum's haunted house, we found it surprisingly scary, but not quite worth \$10.

Take I-30 east, exit Beltline Road and go left.

Cutting Edge Haunted House

The wind was blowing hard as the mist and screams floated out of the second story. We didn't have to wait too long to receive our terror vision glasses once we got inside, but we had to wait about 20 minutes in line.

The signs were prominent in warning the visitors that our shoes would get dirty. We weren't prepared for how dirty, though.

To keep us entertained during the wait, a drum corps struck up a rhythm on trash cans. It was quite appropriate, as proceeds from the \$15 tickets benefited the North Texas Drum Corps Association.

Then came time for us to enter the haunted house. Even before entering the initial tunnel, we were forewarned by signs saying, "You are being observed."

Since we were too scared to even go in by ourselves, we waited for the couple behind us to catch up and went in after them.

The terror vision glasses, almost like 3-D glasses, are necessary for the entire effect of the first floor part of the haunted house. They made everything a psychedelic experience.

The actors hid in corners or behind trap doors and blended in so well with the background that we couldn't feel their presence until we either bumped into them, felt them breathing down our necks or saw them in our faces.

That's when our dear leader's girlfriend began her never-ending spasm of screams. Everything, though, brought out a scream from our new friend. So, just to keep things on the edge, we joined in the screaming even when nothing happened.

The dark, thin, winding passages were completely black at times. They left each corner a mystery. We never knew what kind of ghost, goblin or monster would jump out and scare us next.

It could have been a man covered in lights, a Michael Meyer look alike, a zombie or a demon. Whoever they were, though, they followed on our heels and didn't care whether we were tightly bound to each other. They were able to single us out and scare us individually.

The second floor seemed more calm at first because we no longer had to don our terror vision glasses. But things were ambiguous enough without them.



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(Top) A dragon guards the entrance to a room inside the Cutting Edge Haunted House. (Left) A cavernous mouth serves as the gateway to Hangman's House of Horrors.

One room had a bunch of glowing faces on the wall and didn't seem too scary... until the faces jumped out at us. Yikes! Who would have thought a head could move by itself?

A few ugly and disgusting masks would not leave us alone as they chased us into the adjoining tunnel. And they sure were ugly.

A giant mist-filled room had light, but we couldn't see anything until we were surrounded by demons. We didn't know which way to take to get out and kept walking into walls trying to get our drenched bodies away as fast as possible.

Then we entered the execution chamber, where a man was being electrocuted. Since it was too disgusting and we didn't want to be next, we hurried into the gift shop.

Ahh. Relief. We came back to reality. We headed toward The Pit, a huge 30,000 square foot human maze. The guy at the entrance said all we could use was a fluorescent stick to light our way. He said there weren't any demons in there. We didn't go.

However, whoever finishes the maze in under five minutes will make it to a final competition. The winner goes to Cancun.

Looking back on the whole experience, we have some advice: be careful and don't run. The actors can't touch you and you'll only end up hurting yourself and others. If you get lost, the actors will guide you in the right direction.

Also, if you go with your signifi-

cant other, don't think the darkness of the haunted house will give you a private place for some intimacy. A kissing couple was told to break it up by one of the security people who monitor the paths.

The Cutting Edge haunted house began five years ago and hosts nearly 20,000 visitors a year, said ever-cool cat-eyed owner Todd James.

Sixty actors of all ages donate their time and are paid to set up the haunted house. Preparation starts eight months in advance and the haunted house runs for one month.

I-30 to Lancaster Ave., turn right.

Hangman's House of Horrors

Having already gone to the Cutting Edge, we had high expectations when we went to Hangman's. It was just a little less than thrilling.

We entered the house in a large group and had to attempt to traverse the narrow passageways. If you're claustrophobic or sensitive to heat, this is not the place for you.

More than anything else, this place was very hot and humid. Some of those in attendance were not exactly sober (read: they were very drunk) and the heat got to them in a major way. One of the girls was kind enough to bless the floor with her own scary contribution.

Hangman's used some of the same ideas Cutting Edge used, but less effectively. Hangman's, too, had a wall of glow-in-the-dark faces, but there was no one to jump out at you and the masks were made of some-

thing resembling paper plates.

There was plenty of smoke, darkness and screaming, but it just didn't work very well. The actors hung from the rafters and attempted to scare people from above, but after the first person was (mildly) surprised, everyone else behind him or her already knew the guy was there.

Toward the end, we just wanted to get out of the heat and breathe some fresh air.

But it wasn't all bad and it was worth the \$10 cover charge, since the money benefits the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

One of the high points was a shaking bridge. We had to hold on to the railing with both hands to avoid falling as the floor shook from side to side. Another cool thing: several corridors painted in black and white and slanted at odd angles. Both were disorienting, especially when combined with the smoke and the darkness.

There is also the Haunted Midway, which we unfortunately didn't have time to sample. It was very brightly lit, but it was as crowded outside as the house had been inside. In one area, there was a large group of people watching as some guy tried to karaoke to Aerosmith.

All in all, the experience was OK. If it looks crowded when you get there, you might want to wait a while.

Or you could be brave and try your luck inside with the crowds and the crazies. Take I-30 to Forest Park Blvd. and turn left.

Candy teaches sweet lesson

Trick-or-treating is an American staple. It's the only time you can get complete strangers to give you free stuff just by smiling and demanding candy.

When you're a kid, trick-or-treating is the ultimate activity. You get a pumpkin full of candy and you're allowed to eat at least one-fourth of it in one night.

In my neighborhood, we calculated which families gave the good stuff and which didn't. One family gave out full-size Hershey bars every year. That was one house we definitely didn't miss. Another family gave out coupons for a free ice cream at Dairy Queen. That house was avoided if at all possible. Trick-or-treating is only good when you can get immediate results, not coupons or leaflets inviting you to church (which happened numerous times in my neighborhood).

One year, when my parents told me I was going to have to spend Halloween night with my great, great aunt Meachie, I was not thrilled. Meachie (a nickname given to her by a grandchild), who was really another grandmother to me, baby sat us often, but never on such an important holiday.

What were my parents thinking? Didn't they know what an absolute catastrophe it was going to be to trick-or-treat anywhere else besides my neighborhood, especially when Meachie lived in an apartment complex with mostly elderly people? What in the world could a bunch of old people have in the way of good Halloween candy?

Needless to say, I was distraught. But, my mom promised me that trick-or-treating, wherever it was, was the same. You knock on the door, say the words and get a treat. It was simple.

My mom was sure to give Meachie the candy we had bought to give to trick-or-treaters. That way Meachie had candy to give out while my sister and I were trick-or-treating.

My parents kissed us goodbye, wished us a good time and left. Becca and I prepared to gather our pumpkins and hit the trick-or-treating trail. But Meachie had a better idea.

Meachie decided that instead of trick-or-treating, we were just going "treating." We were going to go around the complex and give our candy away. For a minute I thought I couldn't breathe. I thought for sure I had heard Meachie wrong. She honestly didn't expect us to give our candy away.

With my eyes brimming with tears, my sister and I started to make our way around the complex knocking on doors and saying "trick-or-treat" and then handing the person a handful of candy. I couldn't believe that not only were we going trick-or-treating where no one was going to have any Halloween candy, but now we were giving away what little candy we had.

But as we handed out

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COMMENTARY



NATALIE GARDNER

Blood and guts and ghosts, oh my

'Based on a true story:' tales of murder and mayhem tantalize and terrify

The Screaming Bridge

Screams pierced the night as two sets of teenagers raced down the road late on Halloween. With the cars pegged out, the boys frantically looked at each other, each daring the other to slow down as the curves became more dangerous. The girls laughed nervously, glancing from the road to the drivers and back at each other.

As one of the cars managed to edge ahead, the old bridge on the far side of Arlington loomed in the distance. The bridge had not been used for heavy traffic for years, yet the cars continued their mad dash toward it.

One of the girls tugged on her boyfriend's sleeve, asking him to slow down, but he waved her aside.

The first car hit the bridge with more than

90 mph registering on its speedometer.

The bridge creaked and moaned in the night, unused to the stress and pressure. The supports started to split as the first car managed to find safety on the other side.

But as the other car reached the middle of the bridge, the supports gave way and the car hit the bottom of the dry riverbed along with hundreds of pounds of cement and debris.

Hearing the thunderous crash

behind them, the teenagers in the first car sped around to see what had happened.

After the dust had settled, the two teenagers tiptoed to the edge of the bridge.

The mangled body of the driver was visible, his head torn from his body and blood covering the carcass.

The girl was not visible but a high, wailing sound could be heard from somewhere inside the car.

The teenagers started to go over the edge of the bridge to answer her cries for help but stopped when they heard police sirens echoing in the distance. They froze, unable to decide between helping the injured girls and running to escape punishment.

They went back to their car, left the scene of the crime and never returned.

When the police found the mangled car, they searched the riverbed but could only find one body, the male driver. As they prepared to

leave, one officer stopped, swearing he could hear a girl crying for help. But he ignored the sounds.

The bridge was later rebuilt but people would still hear the girl begging for help. Now, people visit 'screaming bridge' to listen to her cries. They warn others though not to get too close to the edge.

The girl is still looking for someone to help her up the river bank and has been known to pull people in after her.

By Ellena Fortner, Skiff reporter and a junior news-editorial major

The Colby Hall Story

Liz and Kelly were roommates who had yet to fight with each other. As freshmen in Colby Hall, they loved the college life, loving the freedom and loving living together.

One day, Kelly came home and told Liz that Lance, the amazingly hot guy in her freshman comp class, had finally asked her out. Naturally, Liz was overjoyed for her friend.

The two had decided to go out the following Thursday night. (Liz and Kelly still hadn't quite figured out that whole go-out-on-Thursday-instead-of-Friday thing.)

Liz was feeling the effects of the infamous guy-to-girl ratio, so she didn't have any big plans for the night.

She told Kelly that she'd just stay home and watch TV or something. But she told Kelly to make sure and tell her how the date went as soon as she got home, even if Kelly had to wake her up.

So Liz went out with Lance and they had a grand old time. But it was nearly 3 a.m. by the time Kelly got home.

The room was dark and quiet as

she entered. Then she thought she heard Liz move.

"I'll just tell you about Lance tomorrow, OK?" she asked. "I'm not going to turn the light on or anything."

Liz didn't answer so Kelly assumed she had fallen back asleep. She didn't want to disturb Liz, so she quietly slipped in to bed in the dark.

The next morning Kelly awoke to a strange smell. She looked at Liz's bed and found her roommate murdered.

Scrawled on the mirror in blood were the following words: It's a good thing you didn't turn on the light...

By Anne Drabicky, Skiff copy desk chief and co-entertainment editor and a junior English and news-editorial major

Home to the Unusual

San Antonio is not just the home of the Alamo and the Spurs basketball team, it is also the location of paranormal activity.

In the 1940s, it is alleged, a school bus was driving an estimated 20 school children home from school on a winter evening. The sun had already set, and it was difficult to see much on the dark road. That area of San Antonio had not yet been fully developed. Ahead on the road were train tracks without a signal. As the bus began to cross the tracks, the engine died. Suddenly, the roar of an oncoming train blasted, but it was too late. All 20 children were killed in the collision.

The neighborhood streets are now named after the children as a tribute.

Today, if a person stops their car within approximately 40 feet of the same tracks and puts the car into neutral, the car will begin to move by itself until it has crossed the tracks. If the car has dirt on the back bumper, tiny hand prints are visible after the car crosses over the tracks. It is believed they are the prints of the dead children trying to save "stalled cars."

There is another part of the story.

In 1984 a lady was driving on the same road at approximately the same time of day as the bus had been. Just before she reached the tracks, she saw a girl of about 10 or 11 years old standing by herself along the road. The lady realized the girl should not be there alone at night and pulled over to ask the girl if she needed help.

"I need to get home," the girl said.

The lady told the girl to get in the

car and she would take her home. They were driving only a short time before they reached the train tracks.

As they began to cross, the lady saw the young girl begin to tremble and she saw the stark fear in her eyes.

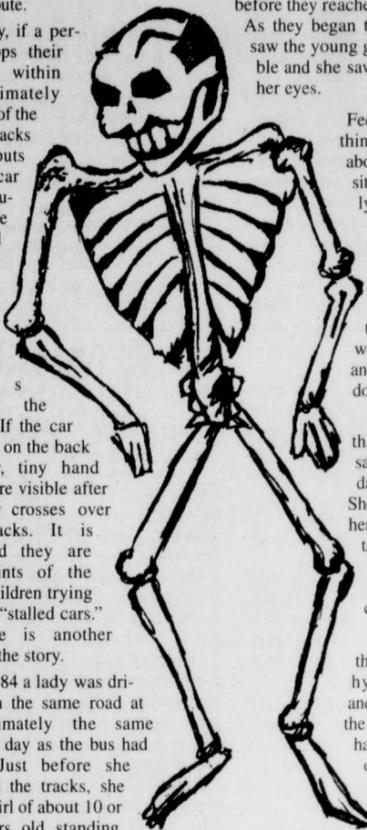
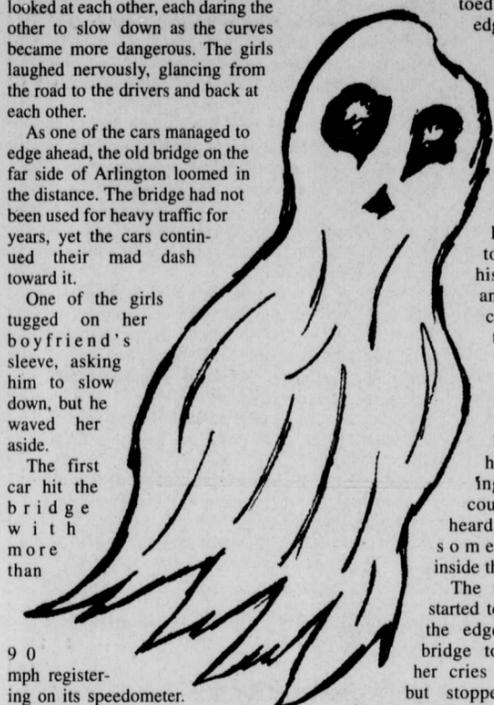
Feeling that something was not right about the girl and the situation, she quickly drove to the address the girl had specified. Before getting out, the lady told the girl to stay in the car. She then went up the drive and knocked on the door.

To the woman that answered she said, "I have your daughter in my car. She was standing by herself by the train tracks and when I pulled over she said she needed to come here."

The woman at the door became hysterical. Crying and shaking she told the lady that her child had been dead for over 40 years and threatened that if the driver ever came back, the mother would have her arrested.

Shook up, the lady returned to the car and peered over to the passenger's side. The girl was gone, but the seat belt she had used was still buckled.

By Lety Laurel, Skiff reporter and a freshman news-editorial major



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more and more candy. Becca and I began to notice that our pumpkins were getting fuller and fuller. Instead of taking our candy, thanking us and leaving us to wallow in our sorrows of lost candy, each person thought we were so generous they gave us something in return. They found something to

give us even if they didn't have any candy. We walked away with money, stationary, homemade cookies, homemade bread, cross-stitch decorations and even candy.

When we gave away all the candy we had, we headed back to Meachie's and dumped out our pumpkin stash. We had so much stuff we didn't know

what to do with it all. By giving to other people, we were rewarded by receiving the same.

What a lesson. Meachie had a knack for teaching lessons in a disguised way. I thought the end of the world had come when Meachie told us we were going to give our candy away. Instead we reaped the rewards

of helping others and of getting what we wanted at the same time.

Just this week Meachie died. I was extremely sad because I have such fond memories of her and learned so much from her. But I also was comforted to know that Meachie lived such an enriched life and was an important part of many people's lives.

I'll miss Meachie a great deal, but I will treasure the lessons I learned from her. She taught me to think of others before I thought about myself. She taught me to not be selfish and to look for the good in everyone.

And she did it in the most inconspicuous ways. It took me several

years after the Halloween "treating" until I realized what Meachie was really trying to do when she insisted we give away our candy. Treat others, not just yourself.

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Famous names in TCU football give autographs

By Lety Laurel
SKIFF STAFF

From his purple beaded horned frog bolo tie to his purple steel-tipped boots, Jeff Ezell, who entered TCU in 1946, is a Horned Frog fanatic.

But he was just one of an estimated 1,000 fans and alumni who gathered at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum to receive autographs from some famous names in TCU football history on Saturday.

The line wrapped around the coliseum while many fans waited up to a maximum of one and a half hours to receive autographs from football legends Bob Lilly, Kenneth Davis, Jim Swink, Frank Windeger, Lindy Berry and Dan Jenkins, editor of the book "Greatest Moments in Football History."

"I came to get books for my brothers and myself. They all played football," Ezell said, adding he is still a devout Horned Frog fan. "I go to all the home games. This is just a great school."

The event was coordinated by Mike Gore, manager of the University Store.

"The book signing was a big deal since TCU is celebrating 100 years of football," Gore said. "For real TCU fans, it was a real major signing. Where do you normally get to talk to people like that?"

Class of 1982 alumns Jim Vaughan agreed the wait was minor considering the autographs he received.

"It was well worth it for me," he said. "I'm a Horned Frog nut."

Although Sammy Baugh, proclaimed the best player in all of

TCU's football history, was unable to attend, fans still received books and footballs signed by the 83-year-old alumnus.

"We drove 270 miles to his home and back and were able to furnish each (book) a signature," Gore said. "We were under no obligation, but we attempted to make sure that everyone coming to get Sammy Baugh's autograph got one. It was easily the biggest promotions we have ever done."

Baugh was unable to attend the signing due to illness, but his presence was felt Saturday, Gore said.

"He signed 500 copies of the book and 100 footballs. He is the premiere player of all time at TCU," Gore said. "This is the type of guy he is: He started signing at 3 p.m. and continued until 9:30 p.m. He was glad to do it."

Baugh was not the only one who fans came to see, Gore said.

"I saw a man in his 70s talking to Jim Swink and he almost got tears in his eyes because he finally got to meet him," Gore said. "They are all neat people."

One TCU fan and alumnus arrived at the coliseum armed with a camera and waited in line to meet his personal hero, Bob Lilly.

"He brought a great deal of respect to this campus," said Chester Banks, a 1981 graduate. "I believe he was one of the greatest football players that have ever lived. He's why I came (to school) here."

After playing for three years in Green Bay and six years in Buffalo, Kenneth Davis, who left TCU for the pros in 1984, received his bachelor's

degree in speech communications this year. He is now a football coach and said he attends TCU home games when his season is over.

"This is a great school, with a great football program," Davis said. "It is a great organization to be a part of."

Jenkins, a 1953 graduate, said young students need to be reminded of TCU's football history.

"Younger people need to be reminded that there were great days," Jenkins said.

The book contains newspaper articles from some TCU football victories. They begin with one titled "First Game, First Victory — December 7, 1896" and ends with one titled "TCU to Join WAC, April 22, 1994."

"I helped publish this book because I wanted to see that it was done right," Jenkins said. "Those were the great days, my childhood."

Beyond the signing, the football stars said they were excited to be reunited with fellow graduates. Jenkins even promised to help one classmate, James Cushman, raise money for Paschal High School.

"Not only did I get to talk to (Jenkins) personally, but he decided to be chairman of our fund-raiser," Cushman said. "We got a couple of books signed by him to auction them off to raise money for Paschal High School to expand our weight-training room."

Gore said the book signing was more successful than he had originally imagined.

"I had hoped to have about half as many people as were there," Gore said. "It was beyond my wildest dreams."

Baylor president demotes officials

Sloan cites 'intemperate' remarks

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WACO (AP) — Baylor University President Robert Sloan demoted two outspoken administrators Tuesday, citing "intemperate" remarks in their criticism of policies during his reign at the Baptist school.

Henry Walbesser, a four-year dean of Baylor's Graduate School, and Michael Bishop, chairman of the journalism department for 10 months and acting chairman for three years, were relieved of their administrative duties in letters from Sloan dated Monday.

Both tenured professors retained their positions as faculty members — Bishop in the journalism department and Walbesser in the School of Engineering and Computer Science.

The men were among Baylor faculty and staff members who spoke publicly about fears that academic freedom at the nation's largest Baptist university is suffering under Sloan.

Sloan said some faculty members place academics before religion, and that won't work at Baylor.

"I think at Baylor University our distinctive niche is that we are committed to academic excellence and to questions of faith and character, and we try to hold those together," he said.

Critics allege that Sloan is weeding out those who don't meet his strict religious standards and that professors have been denied tenure, lecturers fired and job candidates run off for not being sufficiently devout.

In his letters to the men, Sloan wrote that while constructive debate is healthy, their "intemperate tone and the substance of the recent public remarks" have harmed the university.

"Certainly university policy cannot be implemented effectively by an administrator who decides to challenge publicly those policies with which he disagrees," he added.

"Moreover an administrator who demonstrates a lack of respect for the judgment of others in the administration by choosing to challenge them and their decisions in a public and intemperate manner cannot work effectively with those same persons implementing university policy."

Bishop and Walbesser expressed reluctance to talk about being fired from their administrative posts.

"I apologize," Bishop said. "I really cannot make a comment due to the contents in President Sloan's termination letter to me."

Walbesser, who has hired an attorney, said of the letter: "If it's not a gag order, it's close to it."

Rickel offers massage therapy weekly for stressed out students

By Paul Corliss
SKIFF STAFF

Feeling tense? Stressed out? Need a good back rub? Relief is now available at the Rickel Building.

The Rickel is now offering the services of a massage therapist on Fridays from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Julie Kendrow, a state licensed massage therapist, came to TCU last spring and will work at TCU from now through the rest of the fall semester.

Steve Kintigh, TCU's director of Recreational Sports, said massage has become a popular and accepted part of physical fitness and therapy.

"We tried bringing in massage

therapy four or five years ago, and the administration was very skeptical; they were like 'You want to open a massage parlor?'" Kintigh said. "Now massage therapy is widely accepted as a means of stress reduction and natural healing."

Heather Kelly, a junior special education major, visited Kendrow in the Rickel and said Kendrow made her feel comfortable in a situation that could have been quite uncomfortable.

"Julie was personable and friendly," Kelly said. "I didn't know what to expect, but she quickly put my reservations to rest and made me relax."

Kendrow said she believes massage therapy shouldn't be reserved as a luxury for the wealthy.

"My theory is massage should be for the masses," she said. "It's for everyone, TCU students included."

"My experiences in the TCU community have been wonderful. People have been very open and receptive."

Kendrow said most of her TCU clients have been faculty members rather than students.

Kintigh said, "Not too many people have come in to see her, but those who have are extremely loyal and have even made appointments with her outside of the Rickel."

Kendrow also offers massage from her home and at Harris Methodist Hospital in downtown Fort Worth, where she works as an exercise specialist and aerobics instructor.

LETTER

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students to get together during the first semester of the year some time besides Christmas break. Because of this, parents are given a warm welcome and red carpet treatment by the entire campus. This year, despite the change in name to Family Weekend, was no different.

The fact that this event is actually *Parent's Weekend*, why shouldn't we have a comedian with a little bit of a comedic twist on what is really occurring, especially on TCU's campus? Who can honestly say they don't like joking about sex or have a drunk story similar to the

ones told at the talent show (at least I can't)? Last year, we were treated to similar comedic talents of similar content.

The question I have to the reader who complained about the Family Weekend Talent Show is, aren't we all adults here? It is pretty much a fact of life that sex is happening right here at — of all places — TCU! Since we are adults and realize this fact (we do, don't we?), we are able to make our own decisions. At the talent show, then, we could have done one of two things: chosen to stay (as my parents and I did)

or chosen to leave and ask for our money back. A letter to the *Skiff* after the fact doesn't do much good.

I would hope that this letter, however, will allow the creative individuals who took part in Family Weekend not to lose anymore sleep over a non-issue such as a female comedian telling jokes over issues which many college students (and parents, even) could relate to and understand. Especially when the rest of Family Weekend ran so well.

James L. Fullerton
senior economics major

How They Voted

House of Student Representatives

Town Reps	Bill 96-27	Res 96-20	Res 96-21	Sherley Hall	Bill 96-27	Res 96-20	Res 96-21
Shannon Scott	yea	yea	yea	Sara Billingsley	no	yea	yea
Jennifer Cundiff	*	*	*	Renee Godella	yea	yea	yea
Sara Carpeaux	yea	yea	yea	Julia Hackett	yea	yea	yea
Jason Bashara	yea	yea	yea	Gita Madhani	no	yea	yea
Kristin Byrd	yea	yea	yea	Marian Red	yea	yea	yea
Matt Bohon	yea	yea	yea	Tom Brown Hall			
Carolyn Witt	absent	absent	absent	Johnny Holvea	yea	yea	yea
Jody Attema	absent	absent	absent	Zuberi Williams	yea	yea	yea
Meredith Harrison	absent	absent	absent	Waits Hall			
Richard Ellis	yea	yea	yea	Kristen Evans	yea	yea	yea
Jennifer Burkett	absent	absent	absent	Lee Melhorn	yea	yea	yea
Kristina Luper	absent	absent	absent	Kristen Nygren	yea	yea	yea
Libby Baird	absent	absent	absent	Kimberly Pae	yea	absent	yea
Renee Foster	yea	yea	yea	Rachel Spencer	absent	absent	absent
Andie Piel	yea	yea	yea	Wiggins Hall			
Yoshee Sodiq	absent	absent	absent	Ashley Braly	no	yea	yea
Bo Brobst	yea	yea	yea	Nicole Carter	no	yea	yea
Brachman Hall				Laura Newton	yea	yea	yea
Daniel Cordes	absent	absent	absent	Alpha Chi Omega			
Evette Rede	yea	yea	yea	Ryan Shultz	*	yea	yea
Ben Fisher	no	yea	yea	Alpha Delta Pi			
Brite Divinity School				Lauren DeDecker	yea	yea	yea
Monica Myers	yea	yea	yea	Chi Omega			
Lane Duncan	absent	absent	absent	Dallas Walker	yea	yea	yea
Jennifer Schooley	yea	yea	yea	Delta Delta Delta			
Clark Hall				Mandy Majors	absent	absent	absent
Mark Irish	yea	yea	yea	Delta Gamma			
Dominick Marsala	no	yea	yea	Lauren Syber	yea	yea	yea
Joel Penrod	yea	yea	yea	Delta Tau Delta			
Thomas Kunkel	*	*	*	Chris Holbert	yea	yea	yea
Colby Hall				Fiji			
Lisa Cassiani	no	yea	yea	David Symonds	no	yea	yea
Dina Mavridis	*	absent	absent	Kappa Alpha Theta			
Claire Mitchell	absent	absent	absent	Elizabeth Veazy	yea	yea	yea
Renee Rabler	no	yea	yea	Kappa Kappa Gamma			
Jenny Schmidt	yea	yea	yea	Kimberly Poole	absent	absent	absent
Jessica Trevino	yea	yea	yea	Kappa Sigma			
Foster Hall				Stewart Harmel	yea	yea	yea
Nightingale Ngo	yea	yea	yea	Lambda Chi Alpha			
Angela Silventes	absain	yea	yea	Greg Leet	absent	absent	absent
Janet Spugnardi	yea	yea	yea	Phi Kappa Sigma			
Jarvis Hall				Chris Brooks	absent	absent	absent
Christie Hobbs	*	*	*	Pi Beta Phi			
Tonia Koons	no	yea	yea	Elizabeth Bewley	no	yea	yea
Michelle Redwine	yea	yea	yea	Sigma Alpha Epsilon			
MBA Association				Bob Peterson	no	yea	yea
Christian Dumke	yea	yea	yea	Sigma Chi			
Noel Pretlia	yea	yea	yea	Brett Luz	yea	yea	yea
Milton Daniel Hall				Zeta Tau Alpha			
Carlo Capus	yea	yea	yea	Elija LaMontagne	yea	yea	yea
Cody Dick	no	yea	yea	Voting Officers			
Andy McMillan	absent	absent	absent	Becca Gardner	no	yea	yea
Zack Newsome	yea	yea	yea	Theresa Hill	yea	yea	yea
Greg Smith	no	yea	yea	Chad McBride	yea	yea	yea
Tyler Smith	yea	yea	yea	Kevin Nicoletti	yea	yea	yea
Moncrief Hall				Ashley Russell	yea	yea	yea
Joshua Martinek	yea	yea	yea	Brian Spindor	*	*	*
Rachel Nwa	absent	absent	absent	Stoney White	yea	yea	yea
Willy Pinell	yea	yea	yea	Amy Smeltzer	*	*	*
Jeca Salas	yea	yea	yea	Christine Spencer	yea	yea	yea

* denotes no recorded vote

What was on the docket

- Bill 96-27 A bill to fund the TCU chapter of the Texas Art Education Association's trip to a state conference.
- Resolution 96-20 A resolution to encourage the Student Center administration to extend the center's hours.
- Resolution 96-21 A resolution to congratulate Brachman Hall on its 25th anniversary.

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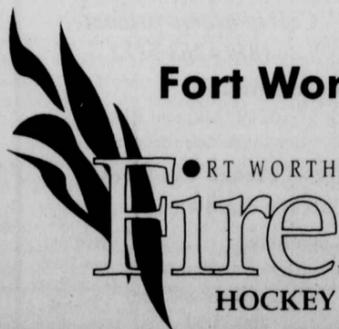
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Toughest tests yet to come for 'Boys

IRVING (AP) — Forget the Dallas Cowboys' day at the beach in Miami. The most critical part of the defending Super Bowl champions' schedule is on the horizon: Philadelphia, San Francisco and Green Bay.

"This stretch of games is the heart of our schedule," Dallas coach Barry Switzer said on Tuesday. "With our record, we need to win out. This game on Sunday will be as important as any game we will play. We're into our ninth game and the scenario is the same. We need to win. The pressure is on."

The joy of defeating Miami and Jimmy Johnson 29-10 on Sunday was short-lived because of the reality of the Cowboys' situation in the vastly improved NFC East.

The Cowboys (5-3) trail Sunday's opponent, Philadelphia, by one game and are two games behind Norv Turner's Washington Redskins. Nobody has to remind the Cowboys that Turner, a former Dallas assistant, beat them twice in 1995.

Dallas doesn't face the Redskins until Thanksgiving Day in Texas Stadium.

Nashville starts stadium work

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Demolition probably won't start until next month, but local officials say a home for the Houston Oilers is in the works.

Officials closed the sale Monday on the first of 49 businesses that must be relocated to build the 65,000-seat stadium for the state's first major pro sports franchise.

"One down, 48 to go," Mayor Phil Bredesen said after receiving the key to Jamison Bedding Inc.

The bedding warehouse sits where the east bleachers will be, and company president Frank Gorrell said he supports the project completely and hopes his former building is torn down soon.

City officials have been busy buying up land on the east bank of the Cumberland River where the stadium will sit, and ground breaking will either take place in April or May 1997. That means the Oilers will not be able to debut in the \$242 million stadium until the 1999 season.

The Oilers, a charter member of the old American Football League that merged with the NFL, have a contract to play in Houston's Astrodome through 1997.

The Oilers have played in Houston since 1960. They are relocating because Adams is unhappy with his lease in the Astrodome.

Power dominates AP all-star team

NEW YORK (AP) — Mark McGwire, who connected 52 times in baseball's Year of the Home Run, and slugging outfielders Juan Gonzalez of Texas, Ken Griffey Jr. and Albert Belle highlighted The Associated Press major league all-star team Tuesday.

Los Angeles catcher Mike Piazza, picked for the combined team for the fourth straight season, and Belle were the only players to repeat from 1995.

Alex Rodriguez, who led the majors in hitting at .358 in his first full season, won selection by the widest margin. In voting by a nationwide panel of 175 sports writers and broadcasters, 151 chose the 21-year Seattle shortstop.

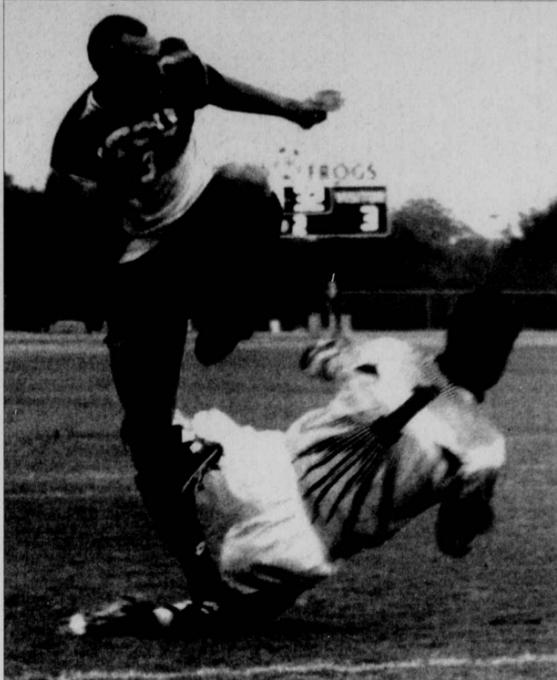
"This whole year has been a learning experience," Rodriguez said. "There are still a lot of areas in which I think I can improve."

The closest vote was at second base, where Chuck Knoblauch of Minnesota beat out Roberto Alomar of Baltimore, 76-75. The Rangers' Gonzalez finished ahead of Ellis Burks of Colorado 75-73 for the third outfield spot.

The American League dominated the voting, which was completed before the playoffs began. Piazza, San Diego third baseman Ken Caminiti and right-handed starter John Smoltz of Atlanta were the only National League players selected.

Learning the ways of the WAC

Men's soccer team drops two conference games over weekend



TCU junior defender Rik Littlefield takes a shot on goal as Fresno State goalkeeper J.J. Wozniak closes in during the Frogs' 5-0 loss Sunday. The Frogs fell to 5-12 on the year, 0-5 in the Western Athletic Conference.

By Patricio Crooker
SKIFF STAFF

The TCU men's soccer team lost a pair of Western Athletic Conference games at home last weekend, losing Friday to San Jose State University, 3-1, and Sunday against Fresno State University, 5-0. The losses leave the Frogs with a record of 5-12, 0-5 in the WAC.

The Bulldogs came into Sunday's game with a 9-4-1 record, but were coming off a 1-0 loss to Southern Methodist University on Friday.

Fresno State scored all its goals against TCU in the rain-plagued first half.

Fresno State forward Mike Matson and midfielder Marek Nowacki scored two goals each, and midfielder Brian Johnson scored the other goal for the Bulldogs.

TCU only had three shots, and junior goalkeeper Brent Erwin made five saves.

Matson said the Frogs were not on the same level as SMU.

"We thought we were going to play a better team but we played lightly and scored goals," Matson

said.

Matson said playing in the rain was a refreshing change.

"It wasn't bad," he said. "It's actually fun to play sometimes with a little bit of rain. (It) makes you run more."

Erwin said the first 45 minutes for the Frogs were "trash" and the team did not do what head coach David Rubinson wanted them to do.

"Everything that we could have done wrong, we did it," Erwin said.

Erwin said Fresno is the best team the Frogs have played all year and the game will help the team see where it stands and where it needs to be. He said the Frogs executed what Rubinson planned in the second half and were able to hold the Bulldogs scoreless.

"We followed the coach's plan (in the second half), and it turned out OK for us," Erwin said.

Rubinson agreed.

"Organization in the second half was good," he said.

Erwin said the team's WAC schedule has been a difficult one.

"We are not only in a conference, we are in a good conference," Erwin said.

"Last year we were playing sister of nobody," Erwin said. "This year we are playing ranked teams, some of the top in the nation."

Rubinson said Fresno State deserved much of the credit for their win.

"Without a doubt, Fresno State is just an outstanding soccer team," Rubinson said.

Erwin said the team has to get its confidence back and has to earn some wins in order to do that.

"This coming weekend is the weekend we have to do it," Erwin said. "If we play well we can beat those teams."

The Frogs close out the 1996 season with three WAC games. TCU plays at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas on Friday, at San Diego State University on Saturday and at home against SMU on Sunday.

TCU sophomore midfielder Mark Papini scored the only goal against San Jose Friday.

Papini said injuries to some players have affected the overall success of the team this season.

"Half of our starting lineup was out for a good number of games," Papini said.

Rugby club earns first win ever

Ruggers describe 20-7 victory over Cougars as 'best performance'

By Paul Corliss
SKIFF STAFF

TCU sophomore Jon Marriott was not at a loss for words following the TCU rugby club's first win ever in organized play, a 20-7 victory over St. Thomas University in Houston on Oct. 19.

"It was the happiest day of our lives," Marriott said of the TCU rugby club's first Texas Rugby Union victory.

Clement Ouda and Mike Roberts led the Frogs with one five-point try each against St. Thomas. Marriott also stood out with a three-point penalty kick and two points each on successful point-after conversions for the two tries. Freshman Chris Carter added the final three points on a penalty kick.

"The game against St. Thomas was a real confidence builder," said junior rugger Colin Trudo. "Our best performance to date was rewarded with a win."

The following day TCU took on the University of Houston. The Frogs were defeated 12-7, but were later awarded a win because Houston used illegal players.

TCU club members said the Cougars used players who had graduated or did not attend Houston.

TCU led the match 5-0 at half-time, but squandered its lead in the second half. Marriott led TCU with the Frogs' only try of the game.

"Even though we lost, it was an even better performance than the day before," Marriott said. "On a high from the previous match, we played 80 minutes of real hard rugby."

Trudo said he was especially happy with the club's execution and noted the Frogs committed few penalties. He and Marriott agreed that it was the biggest weekend ever for the TCU rugby club.

With the win over St. Thomas and the forfeit awarded in the Houston game, TCU improves to 2-1 for the season.

The TCU rugby club began playing exhibitions in the fall of 1995. This fall marked the beginning of TCU's participation in organized play for the Texas Rugby Union.

The Frogs continue their season Nov. 9 at Stephen F. Austin State University in the Nacogdoches Rugby Fest.



TCU junior Bryant Caldwell gets hauled down by several University of Houston players during the TCU rugby club's 20-7 win, its first since joining the Texas Rugby Club this fall.

TCU football team isn't only loser

Student body support leaves at half when Horned Frogs need them most

The nicest thing that can be said about the 45-21 disaster at Amon Carter Stadium on Saturday is the weather was nice (at least it looked nice from the press box).

But let's not talk about the football team yet. Students who call themselves football fans deserve a good smack.

For the TCU students that actually had the stomach to make it through the whole game, I have a new admiration. Good or bad, true fans should support their team. It is very sad that at halftime the TCU student section cleared out.

By the end of the game the Brigham Young University fans made up most of the crowd. One seriously had to wonder if he or she were still at TCU, because BYU fans were chanting across the stadium. Those of you who left, and you know who you are, you have lost all rights to criticize this team.

But there are bigger worries than the fans. Namely, what was head coach Pat Sullivan thinking when he called a fake punt from the TCU 25 yard line?

Sullivan said it was beyond his comprehension as to how the team could have messed up the fake. Well, it is beyond my comprehension how he could have called it. I guess when you are losing as bad as they were, you seek desperate measures.

One person who deserved sympathy was junior

quarterback Fred Taylor. The official word was that he did not go back in because of the injury that he suffered to his elbow. Anyone could tell that while he was on the sidelines he felt fine—a little depressed maybe, but fine. What makes matters less understandable is that the injury is to his non-throwing arm.

It seems the real reason he did not go back in was because of his two fumbles. But he would not have had those turnovers if his offensive line could have mustered up a little pass protection for him. Taylor had no time in the pocket.

Apparently, by the time Jeff Dover was set to take the field, the TCU offense had taken lessons from BYU's offensive line because Dover had much better protection.

BYU's offense gave quarterback Steve Sarkisian enough time to go buy a pizza, eat it and then throw down the field for 50 yards. Where was our defense while Sarkisian was looking for the man closest to the goal line?

The overall performance of the Horned Frogs did pick up in the second half, but that's probably



BYU quarterback Steve Sarkisian throws for some of his 313 passing yards as TCU junior defensive end Matt Harper tries in vain to reach him during the Cougars' 45-21 win Saturday.

Fans lost by poor planning

Random thoughts from a fervent Floridian:

•What was the Homecoming committee thinking in scheduling this year's festivities to coincide with the BYU game? If you want a nice, big Homecoming crowd to be loud and stick around until the end of the game, you have to schedule a rival (like Baylor in the old SWC days) or a pushover (like UNLV appeared to be at the beginning of the season).

College football schedules are usually made a couple of years in advance, so surely the committee, which schedules each Homecoming the year before, could have found a suitable opponent for the occasion.

•Oh yes, the fans. "I want to wait until they name the queen before leaving" and "As soon as BYU scores again, we'll leave" were just two of the comments overheard in the student section around halftime and the start of the third quarter. It seems many TCU students have caught the Los Angeles Dodger Fan Syndrome: arrive late, leave early.

How about this for a solution: Make students pay to get in. This way, if they want to get their money's worth, they'll stay (at least until the fourth quarter).

And if they leave, the extra revenue will take some of the pain out of seeing all those empty seats.

•The women's soccer team saw its hopes for a postseason berth dashed last weekend, but that shouldn't take away from a fairly successful season. The program awarded scholarships for the first time this year, but had only five starters returning from last year's 8-12-1 team. Yet the Lady Frogs have gone 7-10 overall, with three games left to play. If you're looking for a hard working, exciting team to watch, look no further: The Lady Frogs host Texas Tech on Wednesday.

•Basketball season is just around the corner, and though we don't have anything resembling the Midnight Madness at some other schools, one can't help but be excited at the prospect of Darnion Walker, James Penny and Jeff Jacobs playing with another year of experience under their belts. It should make for some fun evenings at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

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COMMENTARY



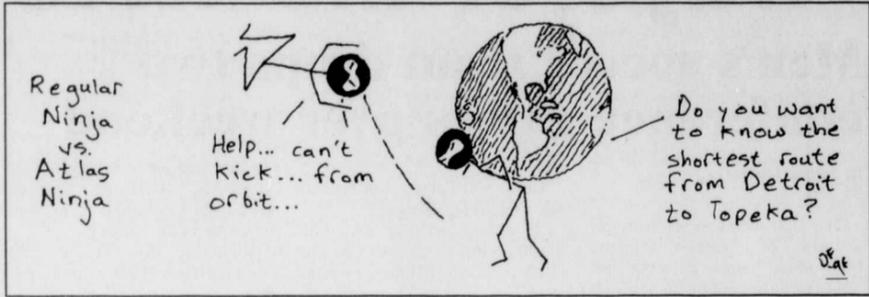
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Meredith Webb is a freshman broadcast journalism major from Irving.

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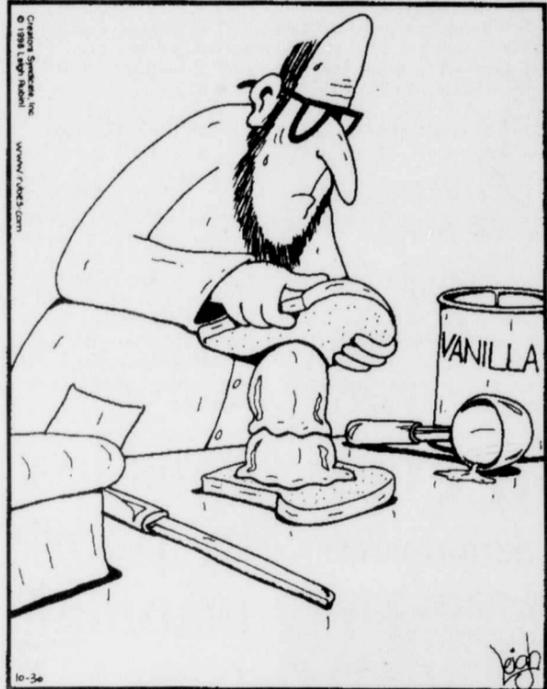
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Purple Poll

Q. HAVE YOU BEEN TO A HAUNTED HOUSE THIS YEAR?

A. YES 20 NO 80

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Cool Site of the Day

[HTTP://WWW.GOOD-WILLNJ.COM/HALLOWEEN.HTM](http://www.good-willnj.com/halloween.htm)

HALLOWEEN COSTUME CENTER

Lots of creative costume ideas that you can easily put together with old clothes from your closet or from Goodwill.

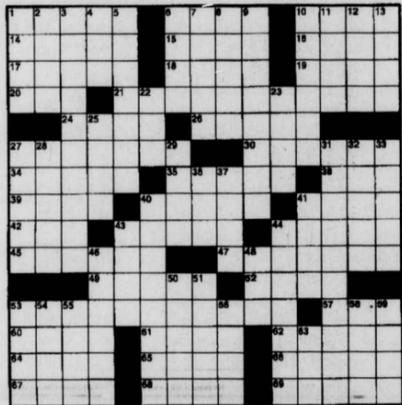
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Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

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- 1 Respected one
 - 6 Pierre's father
 - 10 Algerian seaport
 - 14 Toro rival
 - 15 "You said it!"
 - 16 Scotland
 - 17 Erect
 - 18 Path
 - 19 Pt. of EMT
 - 20 Spoil
 - 21 1985 Kingsley film
 - 24 Rapunzel's pride
 - 26 Computer correspondence
 - 27 Rogue
 - 30 Grasslands
 - 34 Dishwasher cycle
 - 35 Broad necktie
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 - 39 Can. province
 - 40 Secondary
 - 41 British "bye"
 - 42 62 Across formation
 - 43 Columbus' home
 - 44 Gimlet's kin
 - 45 Misplays
 - 47 Some drums
 - 49 Oater group
 - 52 Person, place, or thing
 - 53 1980 Hopkins film, with *The*
 - 57 Scrooge portrayer in '51
 - 60 Fuddy-duddy
 - 61 Knee. Lat.
- DOWN**
- 1 Biblical land
 - 2 Singer Home
 - 3 1978 De Niro film, with *The*
 - 4 White-tailed bird
 - 5 Ocean pollution
 - 6 Catherine (Henry VIII's last wife)
 - 7 Ham it up
 - 8 Domain
 - 9 Strive
 - 10 1936 literature Nobelist
 - 11 "Arrivederci,"
 - 12 Say it's so
 - 13 Not one
 - 22 Press ending
 - 23 Count calories
 - 25 Looped handle
 - 27 Stalwart
 - 28 Houston pro
 - 29 April forecast
 - 31 1944 Hepburn film
 - 32 Clan emblem
 - 33 Mall store
 - 35 -Cat (Vail vehicle)
 - 37 Paint layer
 - 40 Ouija board output
 - 41 Shearer's skirt
 - 43 David of Rhoda
 - 44 In the thick of
 - 46 Confront
 - 48 "Hooked" Feeling
 - 50 Indy champ Tom
 - 51 Lab heaters
 - 53 Nose (out)
 - 54 Canadian bird
 - 55 First place
 - 56 Iditarod cry
 - 58 Words of enlightenment
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