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Mexican teachers leave jobs in protest

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Thousands of teachers walked out of classrooms Monday in the southern state of Oaxaca to protest the recent arrests of a handful of teachers after a rebel group emerged in the region last summer.

Meanwhile, more than 1,000 teachers from Oaxaca and other southern states also blocked traffic near the Interior Ministry in downtown Mexico City in a protest demanding immediate salary increases.

The labor unrest came six months after tens of thousands of striking teachers threw the nation's school system into chaos in an ultimately unsuccessful effort to bargain for higher pay.

Nation

Man takes hostage, gunned down by police

STEBENVILLE, Ohio (AP) — A gunman terrorized a grocery store Monday, holding a gun to the head of a female cashier and keeping authorities at bay for three hours until a police sharpshooter shot him in the head.

The man, whose name was not released, was sent to Presbyterian University Hospital in Pittsburgh, about 35 miles east of Steubenville. His condition was not immediately available.

The man told police he wanted to die and he wanted them to kill him, the *Wheeling News-Register* reported in a story for its Tuesday editions.

FCC shouldn't tackle liquor ads, officials say

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress, not the Federal Communications Commission, should deal with the liquor industry's decision to abandon its decades-old ban on TV advertising, an FCC commissioner said Monday.

FCC Commissioner James Quello said the agency has no legal authority to intervene. He said he opposed FCC Chairman Reed Hundt's suggestion two weeks ago that the FCC consider regulatory action if the TV industry doesn't uphold the ban voluntarily.

ABC, CBS, NBC and Fox have promised they would uphold the ban.

Frosted bagels?

Kellogg buys Lenders

BATTLE CREEK, Mich. (AP) — Kellogg wants to feed everyone at your breakfast table, including those who prefer toasted bagels to Frosted Flakes.

Kellogg Co. — the maker of Pop Tarts, Eggo frozen waffles, and Frosted Flakes and Rice Krispies cereals — said Monday it is buying Lender's Bagels from Kraft Foods Inc. for \$455 million. Lender's is the nation's biggest bagel maker — frozen, refrigerated and fresh — with annual sales of \$275 million.

Gates' new house almost complete

MEDINA, Wash. (AP) — You'd better start shopping for that perfect housewarming gift. Microsoft chairman Bill Gates' home is finally due for completion in the spring, just 10 years after he started planning it.

The home initially was expected to cost about \$10 million. Gates spokeswoman Shelby Barnes said the tab now is between \$40 million and \$50 million. That's unfinished.

The main house features an arcade, a 60-foot pool, a 20-seat theater, an indoor-outdoor spa, a lakeside pavilion and a basketball-racquetball court.

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Charges leveled against Mitchell

By Rob Sherwin
SKIFF STAFF

The Elections Appeals Board heard arguments Monday that House of Student Representatives President-elect Andy Mitchell violated several sections of the TCU Election Code during his campaign.

Stoney White, Mitchell's opponent in Thursday's run-off election, and poll workers Evette Rede and Jennifer Bedell told the Board that Mitchell had violated the code.

White accused Mitchell of 11 violations, most of which pertained to the code's section on campaign methods and materials. White said Mitchell had too many campaign posters in Brachman Hall and Clark Hall and many of Mitchell's signs violated the rule that signs may not be within 5 feet of each other.

Mitchell responded by saying most of the signs were put up by his campaign team, which consisted mostly of freshmen and international students. Mitchell said his campaign workers were excited about his campaign and were unaware they were breaking any rules.

Mitchell also said he used "due diligence" in promptly addressing any violations once he was informed

of them. He cited several instances where he and other campaign workers immediately removed signs that violated the code to avoid breaking any rules.

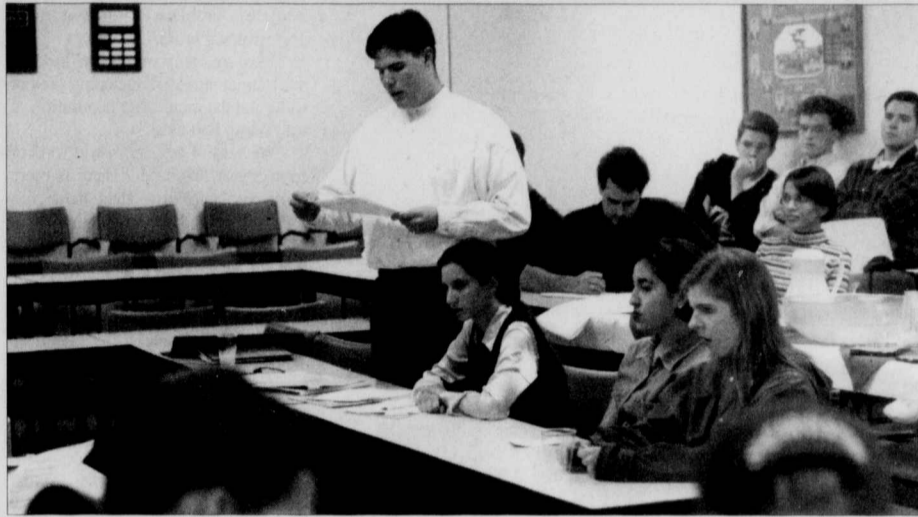
White also accused Mitchell of intentionally misstating his campaign expenses and exceeding the \$80 spending limit. The code states that "these amounts must include the actual expenses, plus fair market value of any donated materials or campaign aids."

White said Mitchell did not properly assess a fair market value to Mitchell's campaign posters, some of which had been produced by expensive color and laser copiers.

Mitchell denied overspending on his campaign, saying his posters were produced on his computer. Mitchell said his girlfriend, a TCU alumna and a professional graphic designer, has a "\$10,000 computer" capable of printing color graphics.

White said Mitchell and his supporters violated the code by campaigning within 50 feet of the voting polls on both Nov. 12 and Nov. 14.

Mitchell acknowledged that at times he was within 50 feet of the polls, but said he did not actively campaign while he passed through



William Thomas Burdette SKIFF STAFF

Stoney White discusses the charges of Election Code violations he filed against House of Student Representatives President-Elect Andy Mitchell Monday in a House Elections Appeals Board meeting. Mitchell defeated White in a run-off Thursday.

that area. Mitchell said he was unaware of any campaign worker who might have violated the rule, and said it was probably someone not connected with his campaign

who was "excited about the election."

In another charge, White accused Mitchell of turning in his campaign expense report two days late.

Mitchell admitted he submitted his form late, but said it was the only violation of which he was guilty. He

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Students add international flair to campus

Director credits popularity of Intensive English Program with increase in numbers

By Matt Pearce
SKIFF STAFF

The number of international students at TCU has risen steadily since 1990, mainly due to the Intensive English Program and other expanded services, said Al Mladenka, director of International Student Services.

There are currently 361 international students, 5 percent of the total

TCU student population, according to the Department of International Student Services. There were 320 such students in 1995.

This year's figure includes students from 70 nations, 211 undergraduates, 106 graduates and 44 IEP students. The top three countries of origin are Japan, with 65 students; China, with 36; and Mexico, with 27.

Mladenka said IEP is a major factor in the increased enrollment.

"We've always felt the Intensive English Program would provide us degree-seeking students, and if the students are happy at TCU, they'll be our best recruiters," he said.

Mladenka said about 70 percent of the students who entered the Intensive English Program in the first three years of the program went

to seek a degree. IEP was originally called the English Language Center, but was changed in 1994 and designed as a separate academic department.

Kurk Gayle, director of the Intensive English Program, said IEP has been boosted heavily by word of mouth from the students.

"We see brothers, sisters and cousins coming into the program,"

he said. Gayle said that when ELC began in 1991, 12 students were enrolled. He said the program has become so popular that IEP decided this year to accept no more than 50 students a session. Gayle said the cap allows the program to become more selective in accepting students.

"Although we are growing, we're

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Rebecca Nowitt SKIFF STAFF

This building has been sprayed with graffiti to prevent other graffiti "taggers" from marking the wall. Several business owners along Hemphill Street take the same precautions.

Police track 'taggers' by their graphic work

By Kimberly Wilson
SKIFF STAFF

"Yes! That's him, that's Sneak again! Got him again. That's another charge. And that's the same little moniker too."

From a new Chevy Blazer that drove slowly behind a coin-operated laundry facility on Vickery Boulevard Friday night, police officers searched for graffiti artists.

Fort Worth police officer Ursula Gardner became excited when she

found a new piece of graffiti on the back of the building. Armed with a Polaroid camera and a high-powered flashlight, she was on the trail of an artist practicing illegal activity. She had been searching for the culprit for several days.

Gardner is part of the Fort Worth gang graffiti unit, a team of eight officers and one sergeant who search the city for "taggers" and gang members who deface other people's property with their art.

And on Friday evening, she was on patrol with Officer D.R. Smith from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m.

The officers search for members of groups known by titles like "Assassins On Concrete," which is abbreviated AOK in their tags.

The graffiti can be found anywhere, from tunnels through which trains pass to playground equipment at a day care center.

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Prof describes hungry world to 4 students

By Bobbie Ann Stroud
SKIFF STAFF

Five students, two of whom were chairwomen for Hunger Week, learned about world hunger during the Ending Hunger Briefing hosted by Andrew Fort, an associate professor of religion, in the Student Center Monday night.

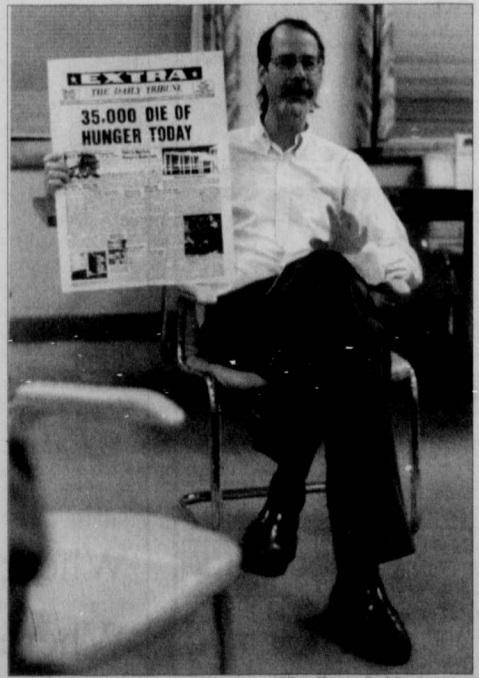
Susan Banzer, a chairwoman of Hunger Week, said the low turnout is a result of diluted concern for the problem of hunger.

"It's a low period in people's concern for hunger, and we can't expect it all to come together in one year," said Banzer, a junior social work major.

Banzer said the goal of Hunger Week is to make awareness of hunger-fighting events available to students.

"Whether they (students) choose to come or not is their choice," she said.

During the presentation, Fort asked the audience members to close their eyes and imagine their lives as



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Andrew Fort, an associate professor of religion, gives the Ending Hunger Briefing Monday night in the Student Center. The speech was part of Hunger Week activities.

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New computer lab tops House agenda

By Rob Sherwin
SKIFF STAFF

The TCU House of Student Representatives will debate and vote on a bill today that would allocate almost half of the House's General Reserve Fund to set up a computer lab in the Student Center Reading Room.

The bill requests that the House give \$24,570 to buy four IBM-compatible and two Power Macintosh computers, three printers and other office supplies. The bill also provides funding to pay an attendant to supervise the lab during evening hours.

The bill was introduced last week and was tabled to the House Finance Committee, which will send the bill to the House floor for the full amount requested.

The lab is needed to give students computer access on the west side of campus, House President Sharon Selby said at last week's meeting.



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Selby said the lab would likely receive heavy use, especially since the Student Center has extended its closing time from midnight to 2 a.m. on Sunday through Thursday.

The bill was introduced last week as an alternative to the Worth Hills track project, which was formerly being considered by the House Executive Committee.

The House agreed last semester to join the TCU administration in funding the track, which had an estimated price tag of \$35,000. Selby said at last week's meeting that the estimated price has since ballooned to anywhere from \$70,000 to

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CAMPUS LINES

THE BROWN-LUPTON STUDENT CENTER will expand its hours from midnight to 2 a.m. Sunday through Thursday. These extended hours will be established on a trial basis through the fall semester of 1996.

PORTRAITS for the 1997 Horned Frog Yearbook will be taken from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. today and Wednesday in the Student Center lounge. If students cannot be photographed, they may call 921-7606 to make special arrangements.

HUNGER WEEK will hold an open dinner featuring a speaker at 5:30 today in the Reed Hall Faculty Center. Cost is \$5 and can be applied to meal cards.

PSI CHI, the national honor society for psychology students, is holding its induction ceremony at 6:30 p.m. tonight at Spaghetti Warehouse.

TCU CAN is holding a Thanksgiving Basket Food Drive. Thanksgiving-related nonperishable goods can be brought to the University Ministries office. Student drivers are needed to transport goods from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Nov. 23. For more information call University Ministries at 921-7830.

MILLER SPEECH AND HEARING CLINIC presents "In Communion," a concert for both deaf and hearing audiences, at 7 p.m. on Nov. 23 in the Moody Building, Room 141N. Tickets are \$5 in advance, \$7 at the door. See Kay at the Miller Speech and Hearing Clinic for tickets in advance or call 921-7620 for more information.

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some hungry people live every day.

"Take away all of your clean water, electrical appliances, heat and light," he said. "You can keep two old blankets and a can of dried beans."

Fort said images like those are hard to create because of the lifestyles of many people in American society.

"To a lot of us, hunger is a concept, but for others it's something they are living with every day," he said. "It conditions every moment of their lives."

Fort said he attributes the decreasing awareness of the hunger problem to the increasing visibility of the homeless in America.

"In the mid-80s the hunger problem was a big charity to give to, but in 1986 it shifted to the homeless — the homeless problem became a more controversial issue," he said.

There are many myths surrounding the hunger problem, including lack of food and the increasing population of the world, Fort said.

"We raise 4 billion metric tons of food a year," he said. "There is more food available now than there has

ever been in history and the population of people in the world isn't rising as quickly as expected."

Fort said it would take \$30 billion a year to end the hunger problem if the money was distributed by the right people at the right time.

"If you think about those statistics, Americans spend less than half of \$30 billion a year on beer," he said.

Regan Mason, a senior advertising/public relations major, said Hunger Week provides students with a chance to be exposed to different problems facing parts of the world.

"It's really a great learning experience because you can learn so much more about different ways you can help the world," she said.

Mason said some TCU students don't care about the hunger problem because it's not an immediate problem and they don't see it everyday.

"This entire program isn't just about hunger, it's about creating a better place for people to live," she said.

Jennifer Black, a senior education major, said Fort's speech should give

TCU students and faculty a better understanding of what hunger is really about.

"I think there are a lot of myths surrounding the concept of hunger," she said. "I think a reason for the myths could be because we don't want to face the truth."

"The truth of the matter is that hunger is something that we can help — it's not like there's nothing we can do about it."

Fort said the hunger problem is so severe that it can be compared to 100 jumbo jets crashing everyday with mostly children as passengers.

"Thirty-five thousand humans die from hunger-related diseases everyday and the problem is humans need to have the power to say 'I want to change this,'" he said.

Fort said during his speech, which lasted an hour, 1,000 children starved to death.

"There are many different ways to end hunger, including education, womens' rights, health care and food," he said. "But those things are just the beginning."

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said all the other violations were a "waste of time," and he considered many of the charges to be personal attacks.

Mitchell said he was hurt by the charges, but said he expected to be attacked because he has never served in the House.

White challenged the Board to levy more than just a monetary fine on Mitchell. White said assessing only a fine would send the message that the presidency could be bought.

Rede's charge echoed one of White's by accusing Mitchell of having too many posters in Brachman Hall.

Bedell accused Mitchell of improper campaign techniques. She presented pictures of a Chevrolet Suburban adorned with Mitchell posters. Bedell said this is a violation of the 5-foot rule governing distance between signs, and that using the truck also broke the rule that states "all campaigning materials . . . are to be confined to the TCU campus."

Mitchell said the vehicle belonged to a fraternity brother who was not a member of Mitchell's campaign team. Mitchell said he could not be held responsible for the actions of others.

The Board's decision regarding the alleged violations was not available at press time.

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Smith said graffiti artists are people of all ages, who come from all socioeconomic backgrounds and who, in general, have very little care for property.

"They'll even tag churches — that shows you how much respect they have," Smith said.

Smith said gang graffiti problems are harder to trace to one person because they are not signed like the work of taggers.

"If it says 'Kings,' that could be anybody," he said. For example, the Latin Kings is a gang from the South and East sides of Fort Worth.

Gardner said taggers often say they do graffiti for the thrill they get when they elude the police.

"It's like a little addiction," she said.

Gardner said the taggers, when caught, often say they get a high out of getting away with the crime.

She said rival tagger groups are starting to act like gangs in terms of how they claim territory. Some have

even begun to carry weapons, she said.

Gardner started the search for Sneak earlier in the week. She has photographs of several art pieces signed with his moniker and, by Friday, she learned where he lives.

"I'm going to trail him," Gardner says.

Graffiti policing is almost a science, though, Smith said. He compares it to handwriting analysis because, after careful study, it is easy to recognize a certain person's work.

It can also be a lengthy process.

Smith said it is important to attempt to catch everyone in a tagger group so that the charge is more harsh.

Gardner said, "If we get the whole group we can charge them for organized crime."

The officers say several businesses hire taggers to paint murals on their buildings to discourage others from defacing the property. Business owners do this because it becomes a

financial burden to paint over small pieces of graffiti.

Smith said taggers are generally not gang members.

Gardner said taggers are usually huffers, people who sniff paint to get high, and they paint to get respect from their friends. She said artists climb up onto billboards and other dangerous places to tag them so that others can drive by and admire their work.

"They want that notoriety," Gardner said.

She said most are juveniles and put their tags on everything from school lockers to notebooks. In fact, many taggers are "discovered" through their teachers and Fort Worth police department liaison officers.

The graffiti unit began in June and the officers went through an interview process to become members of the team.

"I love it," Gardner said. "It's a great job."

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\$100,000.

Selby said the administration is still committed to the project and will most likely pursue it even if the House decides to withdraw its funding commitment.

The House will also vote on a bill that, if passed, will allocate \$549,600 from the House Special Projects Fund to co-sponsor the third-annual Woolly Mammoth Basketball Promotion in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

In other business, the House will vote on a resolution that would commend the TCU Committee of 100. The athletics boosters group, which was formed in May of 1994, has been credited by many as being the driving force in increasing ticket sales and excitement at TCU sporting events.

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EDITORIAL

A LINK TO THE NATION

A House resolution in a magazine

From the Office of Communications to the individual schools and departments, the TCU community craves and strives for national attention. But it's the House of Student Representatives which has finally focused the spotlight on us.

Sort of. *Link* magazine (the one that is delivered en masse to TCU mailboxes), did its October-November cover story on the best and worst things to happen on college campuses in 1996. *Link's* choice for "Worst Waste of Student Government Time" — the now infamous "Dukes of Hazzard" resolution passed by the House in February.

It's a small blip, but *Link* quoted pretty heavily from the resolution. The *Link* staff

even pointed out a spelling error in the original resolution. Their lone comment was, "Who says politicians are out of touch?"

We certainly don't. The House should be commended for bringing national fame and honor to TCU. The only other national magazine that reports us in a favorable light is *The Chronicle of Higher Education* — but then only to rank the TCU endowment among the 50 wealthiest in the nation.

More TCU groups should follow the House's lead and bring national media recognition to the campus. Who knows? Perhaps the football team can make "America's Most Wanted."

Dornan's neck-and-neck battle shows power of Medicare lies

The presidential election may have been decided two weeks ago, but a few congressional seats still lay unclaimed. Among them is the 46th district in California, home of conservative firebrand Bob Dornan.

At last count, Democrat challenger Loretta Sanchez held a 765 vote lead over Dornan, with a few thousand votes left to be tallied.

The race is far from over, but Dornan stands a reasonable chance of being upset in his bid for a 10th term. This raises the question: Why is the race so close?

Does the "Gingrich factor" bear any responsibility? Chances are slim, since Orange County has consistently ranked among the most conservative areas in the nation.

The tactics used by Sanchez deserve more of the blame than the speaker of the House.

Like many Democrats hell-bent on regaining control of Congress, Sanchez felt it necessary to lie in order to properly articulate her platform.

The issue in question is Medicare and the Democrats' misrepresentation of Republican plans to slow Medicare's rate of growth.

Bob Dole and President Clinton were berated by voters for running negative campaigns. But hardly a word was muttered by the mainstream media about the \$35 billion the labor unions spent trying to defeat Republican representatives across the nation, much of which was aimed at clouding the picture of Republicans' intentions to reform Medicare.

How's this for a truthful campaign? A statement released by the Sanchez campaign said: "In Congress, Loretta will . . . fight the Republicans from cutting Medicare. Loretta will fight Newt Gingrich's efforts to destroy our nation's ability to provide quality health care for our aging population."

Never mind that Medicare is a failing system that will soon be bankrupt if adjustments are not made to provide benefits for the Baby Boomers, who are getting ready to retire.

Reducing the rate of growth was only the first step in the Republican plan to solve the Medicare problem.

Soon, Clinton is expected to begin addressing this issue by appointing a bipartisan commission which will examine different ways

to continue providing senior citizens with medical coverage.

Republicans would like nothing less than to force the president's hand by asking him to propose a remedy of his own. If this happens, Clinton may finally be able to feel the Republicans' pain. He may even have to (gasp!) recommend that Medicare's growth be restricted.

Expect many Democrats — presumably liberals who feel betrayed by many of Clinton's recent proposals and initiatives — to cry foul if he tries to fix Medicare himself.

Isn't that the real story behind bipartisan commissions? Presidents love them because of their political safety. No matter what the results, Clinton could not possibly be hurt by a commission appointed to study Medicare.

If Medicare is ever to be reformed in a meaningful fashion, it will take more than a bipartisan commission or politicians fibbing about each other's record.

Every man and woman in Washington must lay his or her political career on the line and have the guts to admit to the American people that the government cannot and will not provide answers to every problem.

Sanchez's tactics show she is not only gutless but morally bankrupt.

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COMMENTARY



BRIAN WILSON

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WILLIAM THOMAS BURDETTE



New Renaissance

Learning takes second to UCR nightmare

I love this time of year. Thanksgiving is coming up. Christmas is coming up. And TCU students frantically try to pick just the right classes so they can graduate in time, go out into the real world and fall flat on their faces.

WAKE UP, TCU!

I have never seen a more apathetic, UCR-credit-nightmare-having, diploma-chasing, status-seeking, club-joining-just-for-the-resume community in my life.

Doesn't anyone here at this "fine institution of higher learning" care about knowledge for the sake of knowledge?

It's more and more obvious that learning is not the main goal at TCU. It is not the main goal for much of the administration, it is not the main goal for many of the teachers and it is certainly not the main goal of the student population.

A diploma is not going to ensure success in the real world. It might get you a cushy desk job making lots of money. If that's what you want, then fine. Go ahead and sit in your lecture, memorize your notes, get your A and live the rest of your life that way.

I wrote earlier this semester that a lack of passion can be detrimental to the teaching profession. Then it was brought to my attention that it's just as much the students' responsibility to have a passion for learning. No wonder professors have such a hard time mustering up enough emotion to make a lecture interesting — the students have the "just-give-me-the-answers-so-I-can-memorize-them-for-the-test" mentality.

Students and professors are not the only ones responsible for letting learning slip from top priority to

someplace near the bottom (just after finding a date for this weekend and keeping on top of the sales at Abercrombie and Fitch). The administration is just as much at fault.

The administration is more concerned with students fulfilling the proper UCRs, taking the right prerequisites, filling out the right forms, signing them on the dotted lines and jumping through the sufficient number of flaming hoops than they are with actual learning.

It's time we put the era of specialization (which often translates to the lowest amount of thought that still equals an A) to rest and return to a time when thought was its own reward. We need to usher in a new Renaissance.

For such a rebirth of learning to occur, there must be efforts from all parts of the TCU community. The administration needs to make learning and intellectual thought its main pursuit and reevaluate the core requirements.

The main problem is TCU doesn't offer enough classes to allow students to take classes of interest and fulfill requirements at the same time. A lack of available classes and stringent core requirements causes students to take classes they don't want to take. If a student doesn't want to take a class, very little of the information will be retained after the test, much less after graduation. Students can get disenchanted with the whole educational process because they are forced to pay about \$1,000 per class even if they have no desire to learn about the subject.

For example, to get fine art credit for the UCR, one can take a survey of music, art or film, but one cannot take a class on how to draw, play the piano or make a movie. That is like proposing that to learn English, reading literature is more important than learning grammar, creative writing or essay writing.

Perhaps it would be a better to compare the UCR's to taking someone out to dinner and making them order a bunch of vegetables (even though they hate vegetables), just so

they can get a well-rounded meal. After they hold their nose and eat all their vegetables, you turn around and make them pick up the tab.

How often do you think someone is going to ask you out to dinner if that's your standard operating procedure?

TCU needs to either make everyone take the same classes and become a truly liberal arts school or offer more classes and loosen up the requirements so students can take what they want to take — after all, students are the reason the university exists.

If the only reason TCU students are getting a liberal arts education is because the school says they have to, students are just wasting their time, the school's time and everybody's money. While these requirements were mostly crafted to ensure academic rigor, they may actually be more detrimental to education than they are helpful.

For the New Renaissance to occur, and for the university to foster a more intellectual environment, everyone in the TCU community needs to work together to make learning, not education, the No. 1 priority. The teachers need to have passion; if they don't, get them out of here. Tenured or not, they serve no purpose.

This also means students need to get excited about learning. TCU needs to recruit students who are excited about learning, then nurture this excitement and help students channel it.

Finally, the administration needs to make UCR's an outline to follow, but loosen the restrictions so students can take classes that are both interesting and relevant. One can still get a well-rounded education without having a bunch of pointless credit hours that denotes their showing up for class for three hours a week.

William Thomas Burdette is a sophomore political science and news-editorial major from Overland Park, Kan.

House has taken major steps in budget, attendance, communication

The campaigning season has drawn to a close, a new administration has been chosen and all talk of endorsements and campaign platforms will soon be forgotten by most. Yet the issues raised in the recent election deserve mention and clarification.

Or should I say "non-issues"?

As an active member of student government for four years, I am very surprised at the nature of this election cycle. This was a contest in which appearing status quo was political suicide and the budget process was widely misquoted and misunderstood. In this race, candi-

dates were able to woo media endorsements with sweeping generalizations and House members were made out to be lazy, self-serving politicians.

A little bitter, you might ask? Actually, no. As an outgoing president I care about the image of the House and the projects we have created. I want to ensure that students hear more about House endeavors than what is continually criticized and capitalized upon to win public office.

I want to be very clear in stating that I applaud any student who makes the commitment to run for office. The campaign trail is pretty arduous and the two weeks can take their toll. It's refreshing to see students who want to create change and get involved, no matter the platform or position. Every candidate who ran had ideas and suggestions to offer, serving as a litmus test for House to evaluate what the student body really needs and wants.

The budget. The House recently increased our operating budget from \$200,000 to \$220,000, adding significantly to Special Projects, Permanent Improvements and Programming Council. The Special Projects fund, from which we allocate money for organizations and conferences, comprises only 5.7 percent of the total budget. (Sixty percent of the total budget goes to Programming Council.) So the idea that House spends all of our student body fees sending students to Orlando or New York is simply not true.

However, the House does spend a great deal of time on legislation to send students to these conferences, and the Finance committee spends hours poring over bills to ensure fiscal responsibility. The current administration has realized the need to make House more efficient in these matters, and I urge the new leadership to continue to find ways to improve the process.

Attendance. In all my time in House, this semester has been the largest attended by far. House membership is up to 93 and there are non-voting members, or visitors, at every meeting. The committees are strong this year and the freshman class has been extremely active and outspoken.

Attendance can always be improved, yet there is not a sea of empty chairs where the whole town rep delegation should sit, nor the instance of members being asked to resign every week because of missed meetings.

Communication. This is always the favorite issue of any election. I remember campaigning on this issue, as have most previous candidates. I firmly believe that the House can always find new ways to publicize events and issues and should continue to solicit comments and concerns from the student body. Yet I'd like to list a few of the new developments under this administration:

- The creation of a House Web page, linked to the TCU homepage. We link all registered student pages as well as student government from other schools. There's even an electronic comment form available.

- A new cable channel through which House meetings are broadcast. This channel opens many different possibilities, including broadcasting athletic events, PC events or even student government campaign spots.

- The House newsletter, sent to every department on campus and every organization. We also send information to peer universities and members of the Western Athletic Conference.

- The creation of joint sessions between the House of Reps and Faculty Senate. Establishing this tradition every semester has opened doors between the two groups and has created more support for tackling many academic issues, such as advising and the university curriculum requirements.

It's a fact that the House has been productive and has worked hard this semester. In a few weeks a shuttle service to Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport for Thanksgiving break will be provided for no charge. Tonight a bill comes before the House to create a multi-platform, Windows '95 lab in the Student Center. And there are many projects that will not cease with the upcoming exchange of leadership.

As we head toward the Board of Trustees meeting, know that the House realizes the value of change. There is always a need for improvement in any organization. New and innovative ideas are always valuable, as is valid, constructive criticism. Yet such criticism should be rooted in fact, not sensationalism.

House of Student Representatives President Sharon Selby is a senior political science and French major from Garland.

Billboard Frogs attack I-30

By Candace McAdams
SKIFF STAFF

A huge Horned Frog featured on a few billboards stares down on Interstate 30 in Fort Worth to catch the attention of drivers.

The billboards, which display a message about TCU basketball, are a part of the efforts of the Committee of 100 to increase awareness of TCU athletics in Fort Worth, said Roger Williams, chairman of the Committee of 100.

The Committee of 100 is an organization directed toward raising money for TCU athletics.

Williams said the billboards are a great way of advertising for TCU because they are highly visible.

"We use the billboards to create awareness," he said. "We operate TCU as a retail. The billboard catches your eye for about five seconds. If the billboards weren't there, people wouldn't be aware of TCU athletics."

Larry Lauer, associate vice chancellor for communications and public affairs and chairman of TCU's



Anne Drabicky SKIFF STAFF

A new Horned Frog billboard catches drivers' eyes as they travel down Interstate 30 going east. The billboard was donated by a friend of Roger Williams, chairman of the Committee of 100.

Marketing Task Force, said the billboards show that TCU is involved in Fort Worth.

"Outdoor advertising creates a sense of community presence when the university's name and programs are visible in different parts of the community, as a part of the community," he said.

Williams said the billboards were donated by a friend of his who sells billboards.

"What is funny is that he graduated from the University of Texas in Austin, and he still donated the

signs," he said. "That just shows how everyone in the community is willing to adopt TCU as their home team."

He said to advertise on billboards costs about \$4,000 per month.

"If you add that up, you'll see how lucky TCU is to receive such a generous donation," he said. "You don't see that kind of generosity in other places."

Lauer said three large painted boards in the TCU area are also on display to promote ticket sales for basketball and football games.

Williams said the committee is

selling 40 poster boards to businesses around the community that promote only basketball.

He said the posters will provide businesses with the chance to give money to TCU and help their businesses at the same time.

"It's sort of an I'll-scratch-your-back-if-you'll-scratch-mine deal," Williams said.

Lauer said the billboard advertising comes at no cost to the university.

The billboards will be posted for three months.

Media criticism not just political

By Peggy Fikac
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — Failed presidential candidate Bob Dole has accused the "liberal media" of tilting in President Clinton's favor. Clinton has seen policy proposals eclipsed by stories involving his personal life.

If everyone is dissatisfied, does that mean the press is doing its job?

Not necessarily, says media critic James Fallows, editor of *U.S. News & World Report* magazine.

"For example, if you're a school teacher, and the students hate you and the parents hate you and your colleagues hate you and the administration hates you, maybe that's not proof you're doing the best possible job," he told a University of Texas audience Monday.

While Clinton, Dole and House Speaker Newt Gingrich "all feel burned by the press coverage they've gotten as personalities," the concern isn't just coming from candidates, Fallows said.

He said an opinion poll last year showed journalists as a group have slipped below lawyers in public regard.

But criticism from members of the public that the media is politi-

cally liberal — while supported by surveys showing members of the national press predominantly voting Democratic — misses the point, Fallows said.

"There is an ideological bias which is evident in the daily press, but it's not party bias of Democrats versus Republicans," he said. "He (Clinton) has had no free ride from the press."

"Rather, the ideological bias which explains what's happened to Clinton is a sort of freeform hostility and skepticism-slash-cynicism of whoever has power at the moment," Fallows said.

His goal as the new editor of *U.S. News & World Report*, and the one he says all journalists should strive for, is simple: "Making things that matter interesting."

Still, this year's lackluster presidential campaign can't be blamed on the media's shortcomings, Fallows said.

"This campaign did not deeply engage much of the public and probably would not have engaged much of the public even if we were doing the job that we ideally should do," he said, citing the familiar figures involved and "at least the perception of 'no horse race.'"

Arlington to screen prom-goers

Officials, residents discuss alcohol-fighting measures in special meeting

By Melissa Williams
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ARLINGTON — Tuxedoed and sequined students arriving at Arlington high school proms this spring will have to pass breath-alcohol tests to get into the ballroom.

The new rule is one of many ways officials hope to combat underage drinking in this 53,000-student school district, where a 16-year-old girl allegedly was sexually assaulted in September at a drinking party.

Ten suspects have been charged with misdemeanor assault.

"It's a problem that's getting progressively worse," Arlington schools superintendent Lynn Hale said Monday after a forum sponsored by the district for about 100 lawmakers, local officials, police and students.

Proposals for preventing and stopping drinking by students under the legal age of 21 ranged from the practical to the improbable.

"You pledge for a year not to drink alcohol," challenged Joseph Jennings, a motivational speaker who suggested it was unfair for

adult imbibers to demand that students not drink.

When Jennings asked the group how many would consider giving up drinking for the calendar year of 1997, most people in the room raised their hands.

Seventeen-year-old Tamara Cauble, a senior, said her parents' example is indeed a powerful motivator.

"They don't drink at all — there's never beer in the refrigerator," she said after the meeting. "I think it's a real influence, what your parents do.

That's probably the main reason I don't drink."

Arlington Police Chief David Kunkle also cited parental attitudes as key to solving a problem that is not new but receiving a new wave of attention.

"How can I say this discreetly? There are a group of parents who never believe their children are responsible for their own behavior," Kunkle said, sparking applause. "If their child is found holding something, they weren't drinking, it was someone else's."

Report says education short of goals

By Deb Reichmann
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — America as a whole has made little headway in reaching eight national education goals for the year 2000, although some states have made significant progress, a panel monitoring the project reports.

"At our present rate of progress, we're not going to make it," said Ken Nelson, executive director of the National Education Goals Panel. "We have to escalate our commitment to it, and it's best done at the state and local level."

The bipartisan panel was set up to track progress in meeting the "Goals 2000" developed after President Bush and the governors held an education summit in 1989 in Charlottesville, Va. The goals say that by 2000:

- All U.S. children will start school ready to learn.
- The high school graduation rate will be 90 percent or higher.
- Students will leave grades 4, 8 and 12 having shown competency over challenging subject matter.
- U.S. students will be the first in the world in math and science.
- Every American adult will be literate.
- Schools will be free of drugs, guns and violence.
- Schools will promote partnerships with parents.
- Teachers will be able to access professional development.

The panel's report, which will be released Tuesday, said that since 1990, the nation has scored higher marks on five of more than 20 indicators set up to measure performance

toward "Goals 2000."

Fourth- and eighth-graders are doing better in math, students are experiencing fewer threats and injuries at school, family reading is more prevalent, national performance has improved in infant health and more students are earning math and science degrees.

National performance declined, however, on eight of the indicators and remained unchanged in many areas, the report said. For instance, performance has declined in reading achievement at grade 12, teacher preparation and participation in adult education.

Meanwhile, drug activity and classroom disruptions are on the rise, the report said.

While about a third of the states have made "significant improve-

ments in at least five areas," the report said, "overall national performance is virtually static."

Members of the panel, however, were encouraged by improvements in the states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. The report says:

• Nearly three-fourths of the states have reduced the percentage of infants born with one or more health risks.

• About 90 percent of the states report a higher percentage of students getting math or science degrees, and many show gains in the number awarded to female and minority students.

• Nine states have increased the percentage of eighth-graders who demonstrate proficient or advanced performance in math.

Attempt to enter U.S. leads to death

By Pauline Arrillaga
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BROWNSVILLE — High waves swallowed a group of men, women and children apparently trying to wade across the Rio Grande into the United States, drowning at least four of them. Six others were feared dead.

Authorities searched Monday for the bodies of those killed in the Gulf of Mexico surf at the shallow mouth of the river, which separates the United States and Mexico.

Witnesses saw about 10 men, women and children at the river's inlet 20 miles east of Brownsville on Sunday, Chief Sheriff's Deputy Joe Elizardi said.

"They were walking on a sandbar on the Mexican side. When they got to the end of the sandbar, this large wave came in and swallowed them up," he said.

Elizardi said the victims were believed to be illegal immigrants trying to cross from Mexico into the United States.

Three bodies were recovered Sunday. A fourth washed ashore but was taken back out by the tide.

Two of the bodies were identified as men ages 49 and 19, believed to be from Lahore, Pakistan, Elizardi said. They were carrying Pakistani passports and business cards suggesting

one was an engineer, the other a printer, he said.

Their identities were withheld until relatives could be notified.

The third dead man was not carrying identification papers.

The Coast Guard scanned the ocean by helicopter while sheriff's deputies hunted the deserted beach for more bodies before suspending the search Monday afternoon.

The mouth of the river is a popular crossing spot for illegal immigrants and narcotics traffickers, authorities said. It is generally shallow, with shoals and sandbars that prevent large ships from entering, although in places it's too deep for wading.

"The river's not very wide there, but it is very deep and very dangerous," said U.S. Border Patrol agent Larry Jackson.

Waves were up to 10 feet high along the shore Sunday, and that could have created a powerful rip current that would have pulled the victims away from land, said National Weather Service forecaster Richard Hagan. Waves there normally run 3 to 4 feet, Elizardi said.

"A single wave is not enough normally to carry somebody off and drown them," Hagan said. "I think there was probably a rip current in that area."

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Colleges face lower standards, unprepared students

By Christi Gifford
SKIFF STAFF

By the time students get to TCU, most of them have algebra pretty well under their belts. Reading, grammar and writing style took up their fair share of study time in high school as well, so TCU students have few problems with papers and reading assignments.

Many institutions of higher learning, however, are dealing with an increasing number of students who need remedial courses once they get to college, according to *The Chronicle of Higher Education*.

William Koehler, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, said more universities are offering what could be called "remedial" classes. TCU, however, is not one of them.

Although some TCU staff members say the university has high enough admissions standards to preclude remedial courses, students continue to struggle in the usual basic math and English courses, say some students and other staff members.

Kristi Eggleston, a senior math and physics major, said the students she tutors are taking lower-level courses required for their majors or core requirements. She said some of them had not received adequate math instruction in high school and could not do basic algebra.

"I don't know if it's TCU's responsibility to make up for high school deficiencies," Eggleston said.

Remedial alternatives

But remedial courses might be helpful for those students who were admitted to the university despite their insufficient math skills, Eggleston said. She said she thought perhaps TCU should raise its standards to screen out those who cannot do college-level math.

Aaron Heap is a junior math major who tutors for the math department's math clinic, a free tutoring service supported by the department. He also tutors privately.

Heap agreed with Eggleston, but he was more opposed to offering remedi-

al courses because they would hinder TCU and its reputation, he said.

"TCU would benefit more by raising its standards," Heap said.

He said he thinks students slip through the cracks when they get into TCU and cannot do basic algebra. Some students score well on other parts of the SAT or ACT, which boosts their overall scores, even though they received a low score on the math portion.

Heap said it was too easy to get into TCU if the admissions committee only looked at an overall standardized test score.

Eggleston said if students could take remedial classes, then they should not get credit for them.

"Refresher" courses

Dave Kuhne, an instructional staff member in the William L. Adams Writing Center and teacher of three English composition courses, said some students might benefit from a "refresher" course.

The Writing Center is available to

all students, and Kuhne said tutors there provide their services to everyone from freshmen to doctoral students who need help in all stages of their writing assignments.

Not everyone who uses the center needs remedial courses, though. Kuhne said only a few students need remedial-type assistance.

Kuhne said he opposes the idea of remedial classes at TCU because of the admissions standards. Colleges and universities with an "open" admission policy would benefit more from remedial courses, he said.

Registrar Pat Miller said although remedial classes are not offered, that does not mean there are not students who need help in all disciplines.

"The institution is committed to providing that support and help," Miller said.

TCU tries to prepare those students who need academic help with such programs as study skills workshops and tutoring by both students and teachers.

Miller said the philosophy behind

TCU admissions process is that no student will be admitted unless he or she is believed to be able to "make the grade" at the university.

Koehler agreed. TCU's admissions standards are sufficiently high that students have the ability to do college-level work, he said.

The admission policies are color- and gender-blind, Koehler said. The standards remain constant for all potential students, and a certain ethnic group does not face easier policies to increase diversity at the university, he said.

Standards for athletes

Athletes are sometimes lumped stereotypically into a category of students who lack basic skills, but Koehler said TCU's athletes perform quite well in the classroom.

Leigh Ann Smith, director of athletic academic services, said the professors and the atmosphere at TCU contributes to the student athletes' success. The faculty members under-

stand the athletes' large time commitments and work with the students to ensure the students' knowledge of a subject.

The athletic department has a tutoring service available to all the athletes. Other students who have proven academic proficiency help the athletes with their studies, Smith said.

Like the math department, the athletic department interviews the tutors and then compensates them for the services rendered free to the students.

Smith said she thought the athletes did well without remedial courses. She said she didn't think the students needed to spend a semester or a year taking classes which did not count for credit or toward a major.

Koehler said some public universities, whose mission statement includes a clause about providing access to education for all kinds of people in a geographical area, have lower admissions standards to include more people. Therefore, some remediation is justified because of the university's goals and setting.

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not growing indistinctly," he said. "Most universities view intensive English as a cash cow, and we don't do it that way."

Gayle said IEP runs two sessions each semester and two in the summer. He said both summer sessions are six weeks long, and there is one eight-week and one six-week session each semester.

Karen Scott, director of international admissions, said the increase in international enrollment is partly due to active recruitment by the admissions department in several regions of the world.

"I feel we are customer service-oriented," she said. "Students outside the United States have so many unique needs before making a big move."

Scott said the admissions office is working to build a network of international students, alumni and parents to help recruit students from different parts of the world. She said people from foreign countries who are connected to TCU are vital in influencing students from their

homelands to come to TCU.

"When you bring in locals, prospective students see that," she said. "It adds an element of credibility."

Marija Gluscevic, a senior advertising/public relations major from Yugoslavia, said TCU has done a good job helping international students adjust to American university life. She credited the international admissions office with creating a better international environment.

"The feeling at the admissions office is that the presence of international students adds to the diversity and the cultural atmosphere at TCU," Gluscevic said. "I think they'd like to see more international students at TCU."

Scott said several other universities are recognizing the importance of having an international environment, and the competition for international students is becoming more intense.

"Every university wants international students," she said. "You do have to be persistent."

It's a fact

NON-IMMIGRANT INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Year	Number	% of student body	% of increase
1996	361	5.0	10
1995	320	4.7	6
1994	303	4.5	8
1993	280	4.2	5
1992	267	4.0	20
1991	214	3.2	18
1990*	176	2.7	-

*Prior to 1996 the student numbers included a number of U.S. permanent residents or citizens, sometimes as many as 12, admitted as "international" due to educational background and cultural background.

DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS SERVICES

Generals oppose gender segregation

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Army generals told congresswomen Monday they strongly opposed segregating the sexes as a way of preventing repetition of the inappropriate sexual conduct toward women recruits reported at a Maryland base.

"We were assured... that the policy of the Army of the United States is that men and women will continue to be trained together, serve together, because they have to go to war together," said Eleanor Holmes Norton, a Democrat and the District of Columbia's nonvoting delegate to Congress. "This is not the occasion to blame the victims."

She was one of a bipartisan group of congresswomen who met privately with four generals for about 90 minutes. The congresswomen spoke to reporters afterward.

"We don't separate our men and

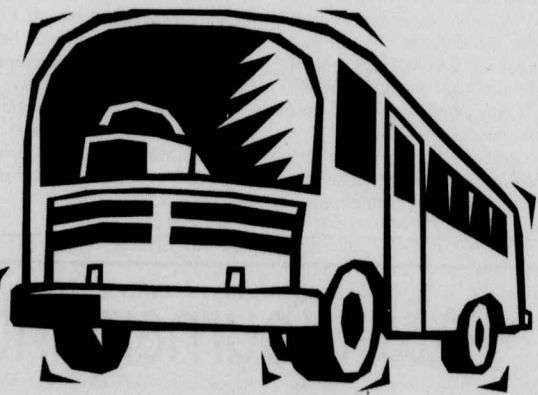
women working together in corporations," said Rep. Susan Molinari, R-N.Y. "Women have the same right to defend their nation as men do... Why should the 90 percent of men and women who can work together in close quarters... be subject to penalties because there is a small portion of people in the military who don't know how to conduct themselves?"

More than 4,000 women have telephoned an Army hotline with complaints of inappropriate sexual conduct since revelations of a sex scandal involving women recruits and their leaders at Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland. Army Secretary Togo West said Sunday the Army intends to follow up in around 550 cases.

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Sweethearts with a secret charged with murder of baby

By David Wilkison
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FRANKLIN LAKES, N.J.— They were high school sweethearts who went off to college with promising futures — and a secret.

That secret came out only after Amy Grossberg and Brian Peterson Jr., both from well-to-do families, went to a budget motel not far from the University of Delaware, where Grossberg gave birth to a baby who was later found dead in a trash bin out back.

Now, the 18-year-olds are charged

with murder and could get the death penalty.

Prosecutors are trying to learn just what happened in that motel room, but Peterson has allegedly admitted leaving the newborn in the trash in a gray plastic bag after helping deliver the baby at the Comfort Inn in Newark, Del., on Nov. 12, and the medical examiner said the boy died of a skull fracture.

"Good kids involved in a bad situation," said Charles Slanina, Grossberg's lawyer. "We don't believe Amy did anything wrong."

At Ramapo High School in the prosperous suburbs of New York City, Grossberg was a budding artist, he the co-captain of the soccer team. Their yearbook shows the two good-looking teens smiling together at a school dance. Under Grossberg's individual portrait is the quote: "Friends may come and go, but those who truly love you will never leave you."

They parted for college — she went to the University of Delaware in Newark, he to Gettysburg College, less than three hours away in

Pennsylvania.

Colleagues at her high school and college told *The New York Times* that they were unaware she was pregnant.

Prosecutors and lawyers for the two teens would divulge few details or discuss a motive in the slaying of the infant, who was found in the freezing cold before daybreak the next day. Investigators had not determined if the baby suffered the fatal skull injury before or after being put into the trash.

After giving birth, Grossberg returned to her dorm. It was when

she was hospitalized for apparent complications that authorities learned a baby was missing. Grossberg told authorities that Peterson had helped her.

Grossberg was arrested after being released from the hospital Monday. Peterson's whereabouts were not known Monday, but prosecutors said they were working with his lawyers to bring him in.

At the house in Franklin Lakes where Grossberg lived, a two-story Tudor on two acres, a woman who answered said the family moved

away in August. She said she did not know where Peterson lived with his mother and stepfather in nearby Wyckoff.

Neighbors there declined to comment, did not answer their doors or refused to give their names while describing Grossberg and Peterson as great kids.

If the charges are true, said University of Delaware freshman Matt E. O'Byrne, "They deserve worse than the death penalty. It wasn't just a life — it was their child's life."

Ex-agent accused of selling secrets

Former CIA station chief charged

By Michael J. Sniffen
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — A onetime CIA station chief was charged Monday with selling top secrets to the Russians for more than \$120,000. The FBI suspects that the highest-ranking CIA officer ever charged with espionage sold the identities of all new CIA agent trainees in the past two years.

The 16-year CIA veteran, Harold J. Nicholson, 46, of Burke, Va., "betrayed his country for money. He was not motivated by ideology but by greed," said U.S. Attorney Helen Fahey. "He had access to a great deal of very damaging information."

An FBI affidavit said that Nicholson had access to the biographies and assignments of every new CIA agent trained from July 1994 to July 1996, when he taught at the CIA's secret Virginia training site, and that evidence strongly indicated Nicholson sold the material to the Russians.

"As a result of this disclosure, it will be difficult, if not impossible, for the CIA to place some of these newly trained case officers into certain sensitive foreign postings for the rest of their careers," said FBI Agent Michael Lonergan's affidavit.

Nicholson was arrested by FBI agents at Dulles International Airport in suburban Virginia Saturday afternoon as he was about to leave for Switzerland, where Fahey said he intended to meet his Russian handlers.

In a rare news conference with FBI Director Louis Freeh, CIA Director John Deutch said, "Thus far, we have no information that any CIA or FBI assets were killed as a result of Nicholson's spying." No U.S. agents or sources abroad appear to have been arrested either, officials said.

Until a damage estimate is completed, there is no way to "determine how many operations he may have compromised, but it seems unlikely that the damage he caused in any way approaches that done by (Aldrich) Ames," Deutch said.

The worst turncoat in CIA history, counterintelligence officer Aldrich Ames, pleaded guilty in 1994 to selling Russia information over eight years for more than \$2.5 million. U.S. officials attributed the death of 10 Western agents and the compromise of dozens of operations to Ames.

Fahey said there was no evidence of a connection between Nicholson and Ames and no indication that other U.S. citizens worked with Nicholson.

Freeh and Deutch said he was arrested much earlier in his alleged double-agent career than Ames because of reforms and new FBI-CIA cooperation undertaken after the Ames case. The Ames case revealed that CIA officials had paid inadequate attention to Ames' unexplained cash, frequent foreign trips and failure of polygraph tests.

Agents looked at polygraph tests, travel patterns, financial transactions and Nicholson's requests for secret data, Freeh said. They secretly followed and eavesdropped on him and searched his car, home, portable computer and work station.

Wearing white slacks and a turquoise shirt, the bearded suspect quietly made two brief appearances Monday in federal court in suburban Alexandria, Va. He was held without bond for a hearing Nov. 25.

Nicholson could face life in prison without parole. Fahey said prosecutors were not now planning to seek the death penalty.

Nicholson served in Manila from 1982 to 1985 and later in Bangkok and Tokyo. He was chief of station in Bucharest from 1990 to 1992, then went to Kuala Lumpur. His top CIA salary was \$73,000.

Deutch and Assistant FBI Director Bob Bryant refused to say exactly what first alerted them to Nicholson, but Nicholson's foreign trips, beginning in December 1994, were reported to the CIA as required. Russian spies have traditionally insisted that their U.S. sources meet them abroad, in part to increase their hold on them by implicating them in suspicious travel.



Football fans bring canned foods to the football game Saturday to kick-off Hunger Week activities. Patrons that brought two canned goods received \$5 off their ticket to the game.

Lynching trial starts in South Carolina

By Bruce Smith
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MANNING, S.C. — A 9-year-old black child who said he was tied to a tree and beaten by a white couple had no reason to make up the story, a prosecutor said Monday in opening statements of a lynching trial.

"It has completely changed his life," Ferrell Cothran said, pointing to Dwight Miller. "You assess why he would be here if this hadn't happened."

Benjamin and Betty Mims of the New Zion community are charged with second-degree lynching, also known as mob violence, and aggravated assault and battery. Authorities allege Dwight was tied to a tree Jan. 5, beaten with a crowbar, choked with a belt and had a shotgun fired past his head.

Defense attorney Chip Finney argued the child told several versions of the story and waited almost six hours to contact police. He said the family got caught up in the national attention.

"They got something started and they didn't know what they were getting into," he said.

But Cothran said the evidence would show the Mimses accused the neighbor boy of stealing something from their pickup truck and then assaulted him.

Dwight testified that they grabbed him, drove him to the woods and carried him to a tree. Then Mims hit him on the toe with a crowbar and Mims and his son, Benji, each fired a shotgun blast at his head, Dwight said.

Mrs. Mims put a belt around his neck and squeezed it so hard he passed out, Dwight said.

Dwight's aunt, Patricia Miller, said the family waited because they had no car and no phone and feared for their lives if they tried to walk past the Mims' house.

Clinton seeks public forgiveness after failing to fill Cabinet post

By Ron Fournier
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — After missing a self-imposed deadline to fill his first open Cabinet post, President Clinton asked forgiveness from the American public and promised to get to it next month. "I need a little bit of vacation," he said.

If he sounded frustrated, it's no wonder: Anybody who has wrestled with a complicated jigsaw puzzle knows what that's like. And that is how Clinton views this second-term shakeup — a million pretty pieces that must all fit together or the end result is ugly.

Take his foreign policy team. The finalists for secretary of state are former Senate Democratic leader George Mitchell, star diplomat Richard Holbrooke, U.N. Ambassador Madeleine Albright

and retiring Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga.

Let's say Clinton picks Holbrooke, whose stock rose last week. Holbrooke and National Security Adviser Anthony Lake don't get along, so Lake might be moved to CIA director. John Deutch could move from the Central Intelligence Agency to defense secretary, and Clinton pal Strobe Talbott could move from the State Department to Lake's job.

But that leaves no room for retiring Republican Sen. William Cohen of Maine, the president's current favorite for defense. So set aside Holbrooke and try Mitchell at secretary of state. But would the Cabinet look funny with two guys from Maine in the top two spots?

These are just a few of the innumerable scenarios Clinton has worried over. Always, something or

somebody doesn't quite fit.

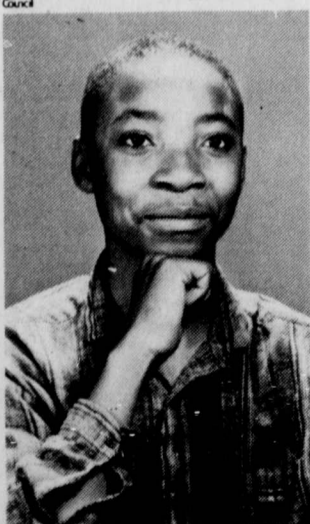
Housing Secretary Henry Cisneros, who won't say where — or whether — he fits into any of Clinton's second term plans, is keeping up a running game of suspense. He said Monday that he has talked with Clinton and is "mulling over some of the issues we discussed," but hasn't reached a final decision on his future.

"This is not the time or place to discuss my future in the Cabinet," Cisneros said after accompanying the mayor of St. Petersburg, Fla., to a White House meeting on helping the city recover from its recent race riots.

However, Cisneros left the prospect of his departure open, assuring that the riot recovery would be guided by someone else, "should I not be available to do it."

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**Holtz resigns
at Notre Dame**

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — The Lou Holtz era is over at Notre Dame.

The coach will announce at his weekly news conference today that he's resigning after 11 seasons. Details were completed at a meeting Monday with athletic director Mike Wadsworth and the Rev. William Beauchamp, the university's executive vice president.

"He met with the administration and told them he's leaving," one of two university sources, who spoke on the condition they not be identified, told The Associated Press.

School spokesman John Heisler declined to confirm Holtz's resignation, saying only he had met with Wadsworth and Beauchamp.

"They have reached a decision and it will be announced at 1 p.m. (Tuesday)," Heisler said.

Why Holtz, 59, is resigning is not clear, but one possibility is that he wants another shot at the NFL, where he led the New York Jets to a 3-10 record in 1976 before resigning with one game left.

**Cougars accept
Liberty Bowl bid**

HOUSTON (AP) — Conference-USA co-champion University of Houston accepted an invitation Monday to play in the Dec. 27 Liberty Bowl in Memphis, Tenn., against a Big East Conference opponent.

Houston made a huge turnaround in Kim Helton's fourth season as head coach. The Cougars improved from 2-9 last season to 7-4 this year, including a victory over co-champion Southern Mississippi.

Houston won only four games over the previous three seasons but completed an exciting 1996 season by winning four games in their final possession, including two in overtime.

**Italian boxer dies
after injury to head**

PISA, Italy (AP) — Italian boxer Fabrizio De Chiara was declared dead early Monday, two days after sustaining head injuries in a title fight.

Doctors at Santa Chiara hospital said the 25-year-old middleweight had been brain dead since Sunday, and that his family approved organ donation.

De Chiara, the seventh Italian professional boxer to die from injuries sustained in the ring, lapsed into a deep coma Saturday night shortly after a technical knockout during the final round of an Italian title bout against champion Vincenzo Imparato at Avena.

"I'm upset; we were friends," said Imparato, who floored De Chiara with a sharp blow to the head and another to the stomach. "He looked very tired at the start of the last round. Perhaps he should have been stopped before."

De Chiara, 13-2 as a professional, collapsed after walking back to his corner following referee Lorenzo Giuntini's decision to stop the fight. The fighter's condition worsened Sunday after surgeons twice operated to remove blood that was putting pressure on his brain.

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TCU blows coverages, ballgame

Blake Sims SKIFF STAFF

Rice tailback Spencer George gets hauled down by TCU senior cornerback Cedric Allen (25) during the Horned Frogs' 30-17 Western Athletic Conference loss Saturday to the Owls. The loss leaves TCU at 4-6, 3-4, while Rice is 6-4, 5-2. George rushed for 80 yards on 19 carries.

**Coaches, players express
frustration after 30-17 loss**By Meredith Webb
SKIFF STAFF

The TCU football team's hope for a third consecutive winning season was dashed Saturday as the Horned Frogs fell to Rice University, 30-17, in front of 20,469 onlookers at Amon Carter Stadium.

"I was disappointed, and (the TCU players) were disappointed," TCU head coach Pat Sullivan said. "I wasn't disappointed that we lost the ballgame, but we were not a physical football team today. Thank goodness we've got one more opportunity. I really felt that we had a good week of practice."

The last time the Frogs had three straight winning seasons was 1957-58.

Several blown coverages resulting in big plays for Rice (6-4, 5-2) caused problems for the TCU defense.

"We didn't execute the way we should have," junior outside linebacker Jay Davern said.

That became evident when the Rice passing game came alive in the second quarter. Rice freshman quarterback Chad Richardson threw deep to wide-open sophomore wide receiver Jason Blackwell for a 69-yard touchdown.

"It was blown coverage," Davern said. "We came out of formation. It was supposed to be a zone, and another guy thought it was man. Half the guys out there thought it was man; the other half thought it was zone. So it was a miscommunication."

One bright spot in the game came in the third quarter when TCU (4-6, 3-4) was down 27-3. Redshirt freshman offensive guard Clifton Clemons recovered sophomore tight end Travis Wilson's fumble and

turned it into a touchdown, closing the gap to 27-10.

"It was a good thing I was close to the end zone," Clemons said. "They were all over me. It felt like I had a heavy load. I was really not aware of how many guys were on me. I just saw the end zone."

That was the last time the Frogs saw the end zone until late in the fourth quarter with junior quarterback Fred Taylor at the helm. Taylor led the Frogs 70 yards in one minute and 38 seconds, finishing the eight-play drive with an 11-yard touchdown toss to junior flanker Jason Tucker.

For several weeks, Sullivan has chosen to split the quarterback duties between Taylor and redshirt freshman Jeff Dover.

"I played two quarterbacks," Sullivan said. "I didn't say how much I was going to play each one."

Dover, who played all but the final series for the Frogs, left with 17 completions on 27 attempts for 173 yards. Taylor closed up the game, finishing 4 of 6 for 66 yards and one touchdown.

"We were just inconsistent," Dover said. "We would do a little bit here on one drive and then slow down. We never brought it all together at once."

The Frogs have one more opportunity to put it together, and the nation will be watching. In the Thursday night game of the week on ESPN, TCU will cross paths with arch-rival Southern Methodist University at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas at 7 p.m.

"If we can't have a winning season, at least we can go out as winners on national television in front of relatives and families that watch," Davern said. "That would be real neat."

Frogs crash to a halt after winning streakBy Gregor Esch
SKIFF STAFF

Riding a two-game winning streak, the TCU football team seemed to have built the momentum needed to finish the year with a four-game win streak to attain its third consecutive winning season.

Evidently, the Horned Frogs had so much momentum Saturday that they went off a cliff.

In the past two weeks it looked as if the Frogs were saving their best for last. The offense, which had been struggling through the first seven games, had exploded for 955 yards and 73 points in the last two games.

While still not reliable, the TCU defense had been good enough to keep the impressive offensive outputs from going to waste.

In the days before last week's game against Rice University, TCU head coach Pat Sullivan praised his players for their enthusiasm in practice and said the players weren't using injuries or fatigue as an excuse for failure.

After their lackluster performance in a 30-17 loss to the Owls, the TCU players and coaches are probably thinking, "We should stick to the excuses next time."

As if their display on the field wasn't bad enough, the Frogs couldn't get any cooperation from the heavens, as the predicted rain was much like TCU's players: nowhere to be found.

At least the rain held off for the 20,469 brave souls who witnessed the debacle. As the final gun mercifully sounded, the crowd had to wonder if it had misread the schedule because the Frogs played as if they had entered winter hibernation a little early. Hey guys, you still had two games left and a losing record, despite winning your last two games.

How could a team that supposedly had such a good week of practice sleepwalk for 60 minutes against a team with a winning record? To borrow a phrase from its coach, it is "beyond comprehension."

It would be a stretch to say the TCU offense was even a shadow of the previous two games. They reverted to their sluggish ways that had marked the first seven games. TCU was held to 268 yards of offense and 17 points by a defense that was ranked 10th and 13th in the Western Athletic Conference in total defense (411.8 yards per game) and scoring defense (31.2 points per game).

The Frogs were more than fortunate to score one of their touchdowns when guard Clifton Clemons picked up tight end Travis Wilson's fumble and rumbled four yards to paydirt.

Earlier in the week TCU quarterback Jeff Dover likened Rice's defensive scheme to those of the universities of Kansas and New Mexico, teams the Frogs played this season. So you would have thought familiarity would be an advantage for TCU.

Instead, the Frogs showed why they went 0-2 against those teams. TCU again had problems moving the ball against an eight-man front.

Dover and sophomore tailback Basil Mitchell could never find continuity against the Owl defense. Dover (17-27, 173 yards, 1 TD, 1 INT) was harassed all day by Rice's blitzes, which he said were unexpected.

TCU's best drive was its last. Fred Taylor was inserted at quarterback and led a 70-yard touchdown drive. It can be validly argued that Taylor's performance (4-6, 66 yards, 1 TD) was insignificant because of the circumstances, but with the game basically over by halftime, Taylor deserved more possessions.

Sullivan made a point to tell his players that nothing can be taken for granted, including Rice's anemic ability to move the ball through the air. So what did the Frogs go out and do? Make the Owls look like a run 'n' shoot team in the first half instead of one that thrives on the wishbone. TCU had the right city, but was confusing the Owls with the NFL's Houston Oilers of the late '80s and '90s.

Rice, which had no yards passing last week and only averaged 32 yards a game in that category for the season, decided to test the very suspect TCU secondary and, like almost every other TCU opponent this year, enjoyed its best day throwing the football.

The Frogs should have gotten the first clue that the Owls weren't going

to play their conventional smash-mouth style of football after completing a 36-yard pass over the middle, setting up what proved to be the decisive score in the second quarter. Rice had surpassed its average passing yards per game on one play. Ouch!

Having been unexpectedly burned by the pass once already, the Frogs should have been ready for anything. It was apparent, however, that TCU players and coach remained in a daze the entire game. In a bit of humiliation for the Frogs, Owl freshman quarterback Chad Richardson completed a 69-yard touchdown bomb to Jason Blackwell in the same quarter.

Surrendering a long touchdown pass to Rice is humiliating enough, but the fact that there is less distance between Fort Worth and Houston than there was between Blackwell and any TCU defender is demoralizing. Rice threw for 183 yards on the day, which is considered an outstanding four-game total for them. To total that much in four quarters tells you all you need to know about the TCU defense. Rice achieved that total on only four completions, an average of 45 yards per completion.

The most disturbing subplot to TCU's dismal performance was a seeming disagreement between players and coaches on whether TCU was adequately prepared to play. Sullivan said Rice didn't do anything that he didn't expect them to do (the usual response after a TCU loss), yet players



Blake Sims SKIFF STAFF

Everyone on the TCU sideline, including head coach Pat Sullivan, seemed confused by the Rice passing attack at Saturday's game.

said they were surprised by the pass and didn't practice for it all week.

What gives here? Either coaches aren't admitting they were out-coached or players are rationalizing an effortless performance. At the very least, there is a communication gap between the two parties, which is inexcusable 10 games into the season.

With hopes for a winning season now gone, the Frogs are reduced to playing the season finale for pride. But based on the Rice game, you have to wonder if pride may be gone as well.

Lady Frogs lose to Russians

New head coach sparking new attitude, players say

By Meredith Webb
SKIFF STAFF

With a new head coach and a new attitude, the TCU women's basketball team opened its 1996-97 season Saturday, facing off with the Spartak team from Moscow in a preseason exhibition game.

Despite taking a 10-point halftime lead, the Lady Frogs ended up on the losing end of a 94-77 final score.

"We played very well the first half," TCU head coach Mike Petersen said. "We defended well and were very good on offense. In the second half we ran out of gas a little bit."

One problem for the Lady Frogs was the height Spartak presented. Their starting lineup ranged from 5 feet 7 inches to 6 feet 6 inches.

"They had two 6-6's and a 6-5," Petersen said. "The biggest thing they hurt us in was rebounding, and they beat us up a little inside."

It was not just Spartak's height that got the better of the Frogs, players said. The Russian players were aggressive as well.

"They were very tall and aggressive," senior center Shawanda Mitchell-Harps said. "The coaches told us they were very aggressive. For the most part we did really well."

After last season's disappointing 2-24 season under coach Shell Robinson, players said they have many reasons to be optimistic this season, and they are tired of losing.

"I look forward to winning," Harps said. "I am really proud of the coaching staff. This is totally different than

last year. We are more positive."

Part of that positive feeling, players said, comes from Petersen. He makes it obvious that he has no tolerance for growing numbers in the loss column, they said.

"(I'm) not into losing at all, and this is an exhibition game that does not count, so I am not going to worry about it," Petersen said. "These are good kids and good players. They work hard and they deserve to win. So it's my job to give them the best chance I can to win."

Petersen's philosophy of winning is actually pretty simple.

"When we win it's because our players played hard, and when we lose it's because we have a stupid head coach," Petersen said. "That's the way I approach it."

By Meredith Webb
SKIFF STAFF

Nearing the end of its inaugural season, the TCU volleyball team hoped to bring home victories last weekend as it traveled to Colorado State University and the University of Wyoming. Instead, the VolleyFrogs came back with two more Western Athletic Conference losses.

"We struggled in both matches," TCU head coach Sandy Trout said. "Most teams are gearing up for the WAC Tournament, and we are still learning."

Friday night in Fort Collins, Colo., TCU (4-28, 1-13 in the WAC) lost by a 15-6, 15-2, 15-4 score to the Lady Rams (19-9, 8-6) in front of 357 spectators.

"We never expected to win," freshman Erin Findley said. "We just wanted to play well. We improved in some areas, but it was not our best performance."

Trout said it was more a case of CSU playing well than TCU playing poorly.

"Colorado State played very well," Trout said. "We were over-matched."

The VolleyFrogs moved on to Laramie, Wyo., but did not fare much better. In front of 518 fans, the VolleyFrogs lost, 15-7, 15-4, 15-4.

"In Wyoming, we had trouble adjusting to the altitude because the ball floats in the air much more," Trout said. "In the third

game we had adjusted, and we were able to side out, but not score."

Inability to score was a problem some players attributed to inexperience.

"Overall lack of experience in most situations really hurts," freshman Stacy Olson said. "At times we just needed more experience."

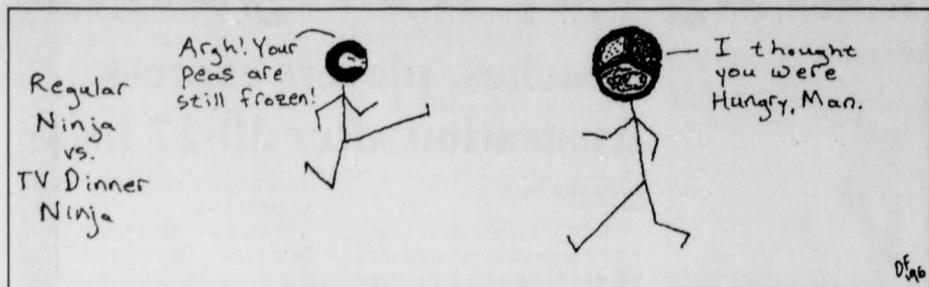
The VolleyFrogs close out their first season with a two-game homestand. TCU hosts Rice University on Friday night and the University of Tulsa on Saturday night. Both matches will be played in the Rickel Building at 7 p.m.

"We are excited about finishing up at home," Trout said. "It could not be any better."

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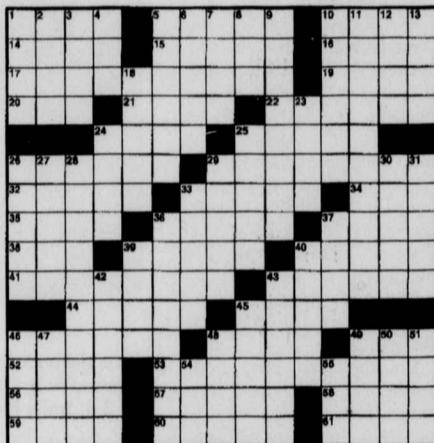
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