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World

High tides flood downtown Venice

VENICE, Italy (AP) — High tides flooded St. Mark's Square and downtown Venice for the 79th time this year Monday, forcing residents and tourists to wade through foot-high water in some piazzas.

Strong winds and heavy rains worsened the flooding, which inundated large areas of the city of canals and lagoons. Pedestrians crossed over the floods on planks or slogged through them in boots and waders.

Bad weather has caused almost daily flooding this month.

Nation

Sun can activate cancer-causing agent

WASHINGTON (AP) — Skin patches chronically exposed to sunlight have up to 10 times more cancer-causing gene mutations than does skin that is normally protected from the sun, a new study shows.

Douglas Brash, a professor at Yale University School of Medicine and lead author of the study, said the findings provide new evidence that sunlight can turn on a cancer-causing mechanism in normal, healthy skin.

"We are all sitting here with precancerous cells in our skin," said Brash.

Army settles sexual harassment case

BALTIMORE (AP) — The Army agreed to pay \$60,000 to a woman who claimed fellow security guards subjected her to crude sexual comments and refused to let her take bathroom breaks, forcing her once to wet herself.

Cecilia Marie Port, a 42-year-old former civilian employee at the Aberdeen Proving Ground, said that when she complained, the Army retaliated by assigning her to a trailer.

The Army agreed with an Equal Employment Opportunity Commission finding of sexual harassment and retaliation against Port. One guard was fired and others, including supervisors, were reprimanded.

Einstein letters sold in auction

NEW YORK (AP) — A collection of letters from Albert Einstein sold at auction Monday for nearly \$900,000, twice as much as a manuscript on relativity, one of the fundamental theories of the universe.

"You will expect no affection from me," he wrote to his first wife, Mileva Maric, in 1914. "You must leave my bedroom or study at once without protesting when I ask you to."

That note, sold with two others for \$20,700, was one of more than 400 Einstein letters to family members that, with the scientific manuscript, were auctioned by Christie's.

State

Sharp to offer free tuition

AUSTIN (AP) — Rewarding Texas teachers who stay in their jobs 10 years with free college tuition for their children will be one of several recommendations from Comptroller John Sharp to the 1997 Legislature.

The \$20.3 million proposal is part of Sharp's "Texas Performance Review," which will be released next week. Children of teachers who stay in their job for 10 years would receive free tuition at any Texas public college, after 15 years the cost of required fees would also be included.

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TCU to study dorm renovations

By Kimberly Wilson
SKIFF STAFF

Several board members characterized Friday morning's meeting of the TCU Board of Trustees as one of their most successful and productive meetings.

Important votes included one that authorized the hiring of an architect to design plans for a two-phase residence hall renovation project. The first phase could cost the university between \$70 million and \$75 million, said Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Don Mills.

Mills said the cost of the renovations will not be paid for by increasing room and board costs.

"This project is not built on the backs of students paying rent," he said. "It can't be."

Mills said a study on residence halls was presented to the board. The study showed that students want more choices in residence hall living arrangements, convenience, community and amenities in the halls, he said.

"The recommendation was that we have a two-phase project, with

each phase lasting 10 years," Mills said.

He said the first effort of the project will involve making each room in Worth Hills residence halls up-to-date. Main campus residence halls will probably be reconfigured, creating more suites and living options, Mills said. He said after this is complete, another study of the Worth Hills area will be proposed.

The plan would begin restoration of three Worth Hills residence halls during the summer of 1997.

Mills said the Worth Hills resi-

dence halls will not be reconfigured, only restored.

Mills said the plan may be, beginning in the fall of 1997, "to knock down Pete Wright and build a brand new residence hall ready to open in the fall of 1998."

Pete Wright Hall has been closed as a residence hall since the spring of 1990. It now houses university offices.

Mills said every year thereafter a different hall on campus will be redone until every hall has been reconfigured.

Clarence Scharbauer III said the decision made Friday by the board authorized hiring the architect for the project.

Mills said the board has not formally made the decision to go ahead with the project yet.

"The response to this was, I thought, very positive," he said.

Mills said he expects to have plans from the architect to show to the board in March.

Scharbauer said rent for residence hall rooms will probably increase

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Barbara Barber, violinist; Janet Pummill, harpsichordist; and Nicholas Scales, bassist, perform Corelli's "Sonata in E Major" in Monday night's faculty recital in Ed Landreth Auditorium.

Lehrer discusses latest novel with other alums

By Kelly Melhart
SKIFF STAFF

Author Kate Lehrer, a 1959 TCU graduate, stopped by the Dee J. Kelly Alumni and Visitors Center Friday afternoon to discuss her latest novel, "Out of Eden."

Lehrer's signature is one of only six belonging to women on the TCU distinguished alumni quilt, which was auctioned off during Homecoming Weekend.

"If I had known I was only one of six women, I would have made my signature much larger," Lehrer joked.

Lehrer is married to Jim Lehrer, host of the Public Broadcasting System show "The News Hour with Jim Lehrer."

Lehrer read and discussed sections from her book to convey the origin of her ideas to the 30 audience members present.

The novel is based on the true story of two

young women who meet in Paris in the 1880s and decide to homestead in the American West. They build twin houses on the Kansas plains with a crosswalk between them.

After 10 years, there is a rupture in their relationship and the walkway is boarded up.

From these facts, Lehrer created "Out of Eden," the story of Lydia Fulgate and Charlotte Duret, two women who try to retain their independence as they establish themselves on the Kansas prairie.

"This is what kept me engaged in the book, what captured me in the first place," she said.

Lehrer stumbled across the idea for the novel by accident.

One night when she was finishing her last novel, "When They Took Away the Man in the Moon," Lehrer said her husband showed her a

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Author Kate Lehrer, a 1959 TCU graduate, visited the Dee J. Kelly Alumni and Visitors Center Friday to sign her latest book, "Out of Eden." The event was co-sponsored by Friends of the TCU Library and the TCU Alumni Association.

Editor says 'Net is changing world

By Ellena Fortner
SKIFF STAFF

The Internet is the hybrid child of the post office, telephone, radio and countless other modern inventions, and it is quickly changing the world, said Michael Neubarth, editor-in-chief of *Internet World* magazine.

"The Internet is having as much impact on people as the television did when it first came out," Neubarth said.

Neubarth, who spoke at the 10th anniversary of the Greater Fort Worth chapter of the Public Relations Society of America and at a TCU public relations class, said the Internet is changing the manner in which we interact with each other.

"It has been exploding in size

since about January 1994," he said. "More people get online every day."

During his speech, "The Future is Calling," Neubarth said his position as editor gives him a superior view of the evolution of the Internet.

"It has been a pretty wild ride being in the center," he said. "All the people involved come to me to tell me their side of the story, so I get to talk to Microsoft, IBM and others involved."

A graduate of Rutgers University and Columbia University, Neubarth said views about the Internet are changing almost as fast as the 'Net itself.

"It is becoming 'bigger, better and more mainstream," he said. Part of the reason for the jump in

users is that the 'Net has become much more user-friendly, he said.

"Four years ago the language was very arcane," he said. "Now, all you have to do is point and click. It is much easier to get on, and there are many more places where you can get access."

Also, in the beginning, the Internet was only text-based and now it includes motion video, sound and dancing pages, he said.

"It is a major medium like the television or radio and combines aspects of both," he said.

With so many people using the 'Net, several questions have taken center stage, including the stability of the Internet and the security of the information kept and sent on it.

Neubarth said there are two main camps on the question of the

stability of the Internet. One group says the Internet is growing so quickly that a crash is in the intimate future. The other, led by a Harvard professor, says the Internet is not in danger of crashing.

Neubarth, who investigated the problem in an issue of his magazine, said, "The Internet is growing so large that the entire 'Net crashing is impossible. Power outages might occur where certain providers fail, but they will not all fail at once."

No matter which side is correct, the security of the information online is also a major concern for the users, Neubarth said.

"Everyone is concerned about the security of their information on

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Stone: Players' samples clean

By Ernie Moran
SKIFF STAFF

Results of urine samples submitted for drug testing last week by two football players have shown no traces of any illegal substance, TCU Sports Information Director Glen Stone said.

In all, three players were tested, but the third player's sample has yet to be returned from the lab where it was sent to be analyzed, Stone said.

Stone said head trainer Ross Bailey had not contacted him with the results of the third player tested, as Stone had asked him to do last week.

The two results returned were analyzed at an NCAA testing site in Memphis, Tenn., Stone said. The third was sent to a local lab, he said.

The players were tested after a Campus Police investigation into possible marijuana use behind Moncrief Hall.

TCU Daily Skiff sources said Fort Worth police officers also were called in to investigate the group of students gathered on the steps of the Rickel Building next to the sand volleyball courts. But Rick L'Amie, TCU office of communications director, said FWP officers were not present.

TCU head football coach Pat Sullivan said at his weekly media luncheon Wednesday that three players had been tested for drug use. He would not say who the three were.

Sullivan said marijuana use was suspected but emphasized that police found nothing.

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Library may see new light

By Rob Sherwin
SKIFF STAFF

A bill to improve lighting in the Mary Coats Burnett Library will be debated and voted on today by the House of Student Representatives.

The bill, which was introduced last week, would allocate \$712.32 from the House Permanent

Improvements Fund to the project. The money will be used to purchase 42 lamps and light bulbs to be placed on various tables in the library.

The lamps are a "cost-effective" way to help alleviate eye strain caused by poor lighting, according to the bill.

The House will introduce three other bills. The first would allocate \$4,250 from the Permanent Improvements Fund to buy five benches to be placed in the Worth

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Pulse

CAMPUS LINES

TCU PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE will hold its fall concert at 7:30 p.m. tonight in Ed Landreth Hall. For more information, contact Mike McCurdy at 922-9962.

"GET ON THE BUS" A shuttle will take students to the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport from noon to 5 p.m. today and from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday. Buses will leave from the Student Center and the Worth Hills cafeteria every hour on the hour and will drop students off at their gate. For more information, contact the House of Student Representatives at 921-7924.

SECOND CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST will hold a Thanksgiving Day service at 10:30 a.m. Nov. 28 at the church. For more information, contact Sydney Payne Howell at 920-6610 or 924-1228.

STUDENTS AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING will hold a meeting at 8 p.m. Dec. 2 in the Student Center Woodson Room. For more information, call the Alcohol and Drug Education Center at 921-7100.

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.

SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS GROUP is now forming at the TCU Counseling Center. Call Dorothy M. Barra at 921-7863 for initial screening.

FREE LEGAL SERVICES are provided by the House of Student Representatives from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. every Wednesday. For more information call 921-7924.

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after the renovations, but said he hopes students will find the improvements worth the increase.

Chancellor William E. Tucker also discussed troubles with the football team with the trustees.

Tucker said throughout the semester he has focused on fairness, not football, in decisions regarding the football team.

"The university should not favor nor discriminate against a student because he happens to play football," Tucker said.

Referring to an incident where four football players are under indictment for second-degree felony assault with serious bodily injury, he added, "The university's heart goes out to the young man who was battered and his family."

"Decisions were not made because of football," Tucker said, referring to the decision to let the players remain on the team until the case is resolved.

According to the Fiscal Affairs Committee, TCU had \$123 million in revenue and \$121 million in expenses for the 1995-96 school year. Tuition and fees made up \$60 million of the revenue.

Scharbauer said expenses included \$11 million in student aid.

"The bottom line is that TCU made \$1,300,000 last year," he said. "We considered that a very good year."

Also on the board's agenda was the plan for a future technology center that will be supported in part by the \$96.2 million which has been raised so far in the Next Frontier campaign.

Trustee Ann Jones said the center will house the engineering department and include computer labs for all students.

Scharbauer said that at an estimated cost of between \$15 million and \$17 million to build and endow, "the development committee feels like this is a doable thing."

The Buildings and Grounds Committee is focusing on three areas of projects: elimination of CFC-type chillers used in the TCU air conditioning system, dorm renovations and a new baseball and track facility, Scharbauer said.

Mills said to improve the delivery of air conditioning to all of the buildings on campus, TCU should follow federal regulations that require the chillers be replaced in the current system. He said on different parts of campus, the air cooling system is between 25 and 40 years old.

Mills said the project will enable TCU to conserve energy and save money.

"This project will pay for itself in about five years," he said.

According to Scharbauer, new chillers will cost TCU \$5.6 million. He said efforts to address library humidity concerns will cost approximately \$600,000. The total cost of the air conditioning project is estimated to be approximately \$13.5 million.

Trustee Pamela Roach said it's important to realize that TCU is doing more than is mandated by the federal government to improve the system.

"A portion of this is over and beyond what the government is

requiring and it is to better the infrastructure of the university," Roach said.

Scharbauer said in representing Intercom's views to the board, he told the board all of the student's concerns.

"I did stress to the board that two buildings on campus, the Rickel Building and the Student Center, are very much on the students' minds," he said.

Intercom is an organization of student leaders who met with the board members to address student concerns.

Sharon Selby, president of the House of Student Representatives, said members of Intercom were pleased with the results.

"We felt the trustees were very responsive to our concerns," she said.

In other business, the board recommended and approved tenure for Kathy Bond, dean of the Harris College of Nursing.

In the chancellor's report, Tucker spoke of the excitement of the engineering students graduating in May.

Scharbauer said TCU currently has 75 students enrolled in the engineering program.

"Hopefully we'll get full accreditation for engineering next summer," he said.

Five new trustees were added to the 50-member board. Joan Rogers and Edgar H. Schollmaier of Fort Worth, Teri Baker O'Glee of Austin, William W. Harrell of Plano and Harold E. Cline, attended as new members of the board. They were elected in the spring.

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the 'Net, and there are so many preventive measures in place that there is really no problem," he said. "There are about as many people trying to steal information from the 'Net as there are people trying to listen to phone calls and steal mail from mailboxes."

With so many users online, the integrity of the information can also be questioned, Neubarth said.

"Always, just like any other type of information, you need to verify where the information came from," he said. "There is no litmus test for whether or not the information is true or false."

Neubarth also addressed the changing world of journalism.

He said although people would never give up their newspapers, the Internet will change the way journalists work.

"They will still be required to get the facts and get the story," he said. "The Internet, though, will require them to have a technical knowledge and will make it much easier to collect information."

With new search agents and browsers hitting the market, businesses are realizing the power of the Internet as well, he said.

"Businesses are using the Internet as a tool for communication and serious business is going on online," Neubarth said.

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ing to substantiate such a charge.

Skiff sources said the three were sophomore Russell Gary, a business major from La Marque; freshman Quincy Lunford, a pre-major from Clute; and junior Joseph Phipps, a business major from Diboll.

Lunford is a defensive end and Phipps is a strong safety. Gary is being redshirted this year.

Skiff staff writer Ellena Fortner contributed to this report.

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Hills campus.

According to an early copy of the bill, the benches will be "the first in a series of projects that will help develop the Worth Hills campus for all TCU students."

The second bill would give \$4,084 from the Permanent Improvements Fund to buy recreational equipment for various residence halls.

If passed, Moncrief Hall, Brachman Hall, Tom Brown Hall and Milton Daniel Hall would each receive an air-hockey table. The bill also provides money for a dart board in Wiggins Hall, a stereo in Clark Hall, a television in Jarvis Hall and a videocassette recorder for Foster Hall.

The last bill to be introduced would allocate \$751 to help fund

the annual Brachman Hall Christmas Party for the Fort Worth Children's Home.

The money, which would pay for decorations, food, candy, drinks and publicity, would supplement an additional \$961 from Brachman Hall residents.

All three bills will be tabled to the House Finance Committee and will be reintroduced next week.

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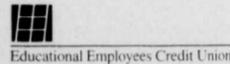
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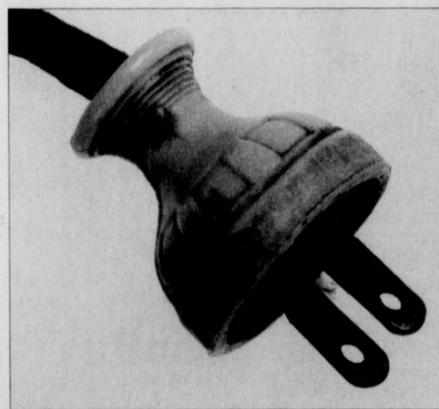


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EDITORIAL

GRADING THE TRUSTEES

Decisions are encouraging, but what about a student center?

Once again, the Board of Trustees took several positive steps that will improve the university's future in its meeting this semester. Likewise, its oversight of the need for a new student center was disappointing.

The board's commitment to improving the state of residence halls on campus was encouraging. By studying a \$70 million renovation project, the board showed that it will take to heart the student survey conducted last year. That's exciting — all on-campus students will benefit if student suggestions are incorporated into housing changes.

The board also committed to start raising funds for a new eight-lane track, which will allow TCU to host meets. Then, perhaps, athletes in the so-called lesser sports can receive more attention.

Another exciting decision the board made

was to create a new technology center. It was originally designed to house just the engineering department, but the plan has been expanded to benefit more students.

Despite these accomplishments, the board disappointed many students by ignoring pleas for a new student center. The campus desperately needs a place where camaraderie can be built, and more room can be made for programs, speeches and other events.

The current building just isn't sufficient and, regardless of how many times groups like Intercom have addressed the issue, the board has not allocated funds for the project. This is one issue the board should not ignore. All the board's other actions may ultimately be useless if it does not take steps to build community among students.

Election Appeals Board ruined students' choice

Watergate? No way. Whitewater? Forget it. Mitchellgate? Oh, yeah. Yes, politics at TCU have taken a turn toward realism. The Election Appeals Board has failed the class in Political Ethics (an oxymoron) with flying colors and graduated to become a bona fide rotten, duplicitous body upholding the values of crap and the virtues of lying.

President-elect Andy Mitchell was charged with 15 campaign violations of the Election Code, found guilty of five and fined for three. The discrepancies arise when most of the charges were confirmed by various sources. The job of the Election Appeals Board now comes into question. What is the point at which a candidate can be ousted, an election reheld or a candidate fined?

If the charge is placing 17 signs when only 13 can be placed, does the board fine the candidate once or for each specific violation? Obviously the only way to make an impact is to assess a fine for each of the four extra posters; otherwise the

fine for 14 posters in a 13-poster zone is no different from 12 billion posters in a 13-poster zone.

Second, Mitchell used the defense, "I cannot control the actions of my campaign workers." Not only is this defense completely inane and devoid of responsibility, if it's upheld, it can be the most dangerous precedent ever set by the board. However, these monkey brains did indeed uphold this farcical response.

This now being true, no candidate will have to be held responsible for the actions of his or her campaign workers. Therefore I shall run again next year on the platform of "Vote for me or my thug campaign workers will beat you repeatedly about your head and shoulders. Warning: Chris Smith is not responsible for the actions of his thugs (campaign workers)."

Various nefarious deeds can be perpetrated by supporters with no penalties reaching the candidate. The board failed to recognize this and decided to go easy on Mitchell. I must extend my hearty accolades to Mitchell, as he now has had the first taste of House stupidity and sycophantic ass-kissing. Although Lobotomus, god of the brain dead, has been satiated, logic has not.

Student body, you must take heed. The Election Appeals Board duped you with the Kevin Nicoletti "Fisherman's Ensemble" Freedom of Speech Act, now they dare test your

wits with the We-have-no-brain-but-our-puppet-strings-work decision concerning Mitchell. They have no respect.

Granted, Mitchell should not have been asked to step down as president-elect, as a few extra signs in Brachman Hall and a tacky Suburban covered in campaign posters do not win an election. But he should have had the integrity to accept responsibility for his supporters, because he sure as hell was happy accepting their votes.

Stoney White needs to be commended for standing his ground. Whether the charges were founded in personal reasons, the action White took reflects a person who is at least involved. The rest of you apathetic toads can rot in your intelligence-absent hells and enjoy the year term of a president and vice president elected on dubious grounds.

The election can indeed be purchased. With enough money and a few campaign workers willing to "bend" the rules, any candidate can wallpaper the campus with posters, win on recognition and pay a meager fine. At least these morons have reduced TCU politics to their rightful place, that of the lower rung of the flippant and the top tier of the useless. A pox on TCU and a plague on its apathetic, slug-like students.

Chris Smith is a history and sociology major from Burleson.

COMMENTARY



CHRIS SMITH

The turkey myth

Thanksgiving originated with Lincoln

On Thursday, millions of Americans will gather with friends and family for a day-long festival of fabulous food and entertaining football games.

For many, Thanksgiving is a celebration of the Pilgrims' achievements in the early days of the American experiment.

Children of all ages have grown up equating Thanksgiving with the Pilgrims, turkey and pumpkin pie. The visions of young students dawning festive attire are not easily forgotten.

In actuality, Thanksgiving has nothing to do with turkey.

The origin of the holiday as it is taught to school children does contain some grains of truth. After all, the settlers of Plymouth Rock did celebrate their first American harvest with a feast fit for kings.

But a very important element is left out of the school curricula.

While Pilgrims are as synonymous with Thanksgiving as Santa Claus is with Christmas, they never held an annual celebration of thanks.

The modern conception of the holiday can be traced back to Abraham Lincoln, who declared in

1863 that the last Thursday in November be recognized yearly "as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens."

Lincoln thought Americans had become so preoccupied with themselves that they had lost their ability to communicate with God.

Sadly, it appears that Lincoln's fears have begun to manifest themselves in the very holiday he hoped would combat them. Simply put, Thanksgiving has become not a day of prayerful thanks, as was originally intended, but an opportunity for people to showcase to friends and family their ability to prepare the perfect turkey.

The focus of Thanksgiving should not be, as the prevailing popular culture suggests, a day centered on football and turkey, but on the blessings bestowed upon America by Almighty God.

The Pilgrims' reason for celebrating the first Thanksgiving was aptly described in 1623, by William Bradford, the governor of the Plymouth Colony.

After the harvest in November of that year, he proclaimed to the occupants of the settlement: "All ye Pilgrims with your wives and little ones, do gather at the Meeting House on the hill... there to listen to the pastor and render Thanksgiving to the Almighty God for all his blessings."

Today, the winners of the foot-

ball games are given more praise than the Almighty in many houses. This is not to say that no one pays the holiday the respect it deserves. Quite the contrary.

The problem is not families and how they treat the holiday. It is common practice in many households for people to take turns sharing stories of their good fortunes over the past year.

It's the public school system that has continually told half-truths about Thanksgiving. During my years in public schools, Lincoln was never mentioned as the founder of Thanksgiving.

At face value, this seems quite insignificant, but there is a bigger issue at hand. The American public school system has become so infatuated in recent years with maintaining a clear separation from religious faith that it is now acceptable for the educational administrators to misrepresent the truth.

If given the chance to persist, the arrogant disregard for America's religious past by its public institutions may sadly lead to the downfall of this great land.

So when sitting down at the dinner table Thursday, remember how fortunate you are to be able to enjoy a nice warm feast in the company of family.

And don't forget to give thanks to whom it is due.

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COMMENTARY



BRIAN WILSON

Letter to the Editor

Massive confusion about class delays

I would like to know why the TCU administration did not make any kind of decisive announcement regarding classes Monday after the ice storm until it was too late to really make any kind of difference.

Monday morning, anyone tuning into television or radio got several totally different stories regarding whether or not TCU classes would meet. Yes, it seems that KXAS (channel 5) erroneously ran a report that classes would be delayed until 10 a.m.; this was not the administration's fault.

However, that was at 7 a.m., and the TCU administration remained mum on the subject until at least 8:30 a.m. By this time, a large number of students and faculty had already ventured out to get to their classes, only to find that half the students didn't show up due to the reports they heard stating a

delay in classes.

People tuning in to KTCU heard "class as usual" until 8:45 a.m., when some administrative official called the station and told them to change the report to "classes start at 10 a.m." To even further complicate this problem, no one told Campus Police anything, so at 8:50 a.m. they were still staunchly proclaiming "class as usual."

Why can't administrative officials have some sort of system that will allow them to make a decision early on and make sure that everyone gets the same information? This would make life a lot easier for TCU students and faculty that need to know these things, especially on an issue like this that has some bearing on the safety and security of human beings.

Alan Melson
freshman broadcast journalism major

Circular seating facilitates learning, discussion in classes

The rebirth of learning is coming. It is coming soon. And I guarantee you that when it happens we will no longer be sitting in rows.

Sitting in rows is counterproductive to learning. With everyone sitting in uncomfortable chairs, facing the front, they are encouraged to slouch, sleep, drool and, ultimately, to become disenchanted with the learning process.

You may be thinking, "What in the world does the organization of chairs in a classroom have to do with learning?" But

think about how torturous kindergarten would have been if we were forced to sit in uncomfortable rows the entire time. Imagine playing "Duck, Duck, Goose" in rows. Or playing the name game in rows. How can you have show-and-tell in rows?

I think kindergarten teachers 'round the globe have caught on to a secret that much of the educational community has dismissed as being childish: the benefits of sitting in circles, playing at recess and showing and telling.

This is not a minimalist argument. I do not mean to say that the downfall of society is at all related to classroom structure. However, it is a good indicator of the direction that the educational process has taken. We have been forced to sit and absorb information by listening and taking notes even though it has been empirically proven that

humans learn more when exposed to more sensory stimulations. For example, students will learn more about painting by a combination of instruction, examining how Michaelangelo painted the Sistine Chapel and finger painting than they will if they just sit there and listen to some professor's monotone analysis of what art is.

A professor at Kansas State University used to make his students move their desks out of rows every day so that they were sitting in a circle. His reasoning was this: Each day when the students came in and moved their desks, they were essentially taking their education into their own hands. When they got into the circle it was a physical reminder that the process of learning was about to begin. This process is expedited by discussion, because it employs more than just brainless note taking. Discussion is hindered

by rows for several reasons.

First, when sitting in rows one is forced to talk to the back of another's head. This discounts the value of nonverbal feedback mechanisms such as facial expression and body language, which let students know if they are on the right track.

Second, by sitting in rows, a hierarchy is established. All the dorks and teachers' pets sit up front, all the losers and smart alecks sit in the back and the cool kids sit in the middle. The teacher presides over the group as monarch, judge, jury and executioner. This hierarchy is intimidating and sets up the path that the discussion — if there is any — will take. The kids in the back will make smart-ass comments, the kids in the front will ask the questions and the people in the middle will either sleep, frantically take notes or roll their eyes at the other two

groups' comments. The teacher looks down upon the students and tries to maintain order.

Finally, consider the difference in the dynamics of discussion when the discussion takes place in a circle. It is all-inclusive. Everyone is forced to participate either by talking or giving feedback, which is visible to all in a circle. The teacher's role is elevated from monarch to discussion leader. The teacher is now no longer responsible for maintaining order but for making sure the discussion is going in the right direction. The responsibility of learning is taken out of the hands of the teachers and put into the hands of the students.

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COMMENTARY



WILLIAM THOMAS BURDETTE

Weather reports cause confusion with students

By Bobbie Ann Stroud
SKIFF STAFF

Monday morning's classes weren't officially delayed until 10 a.m., but conflicting news reports had some students, faculty and staff thinking otherwise.

KXAS (Channel 5) reported on its 6 a.m. broadcast that TCU would not open until 10 a.m.

Rick L'Amie, director of communications, said the report caused a chain reaction among other media reports, which led to confusion among both students and faculty.

"Apparently Channel 5 received a

call with proper identification and password and reported the delay," he said. "Once it was in their computer system, they ran the report."

L'Amie said the administration didn't call any media outlets to announce changes in TCU's schedule of classes.

"When Channel 5 reported that the classes were delayed, some stations heard and broadcasted the same report," he said. "When I heard that some stations got that information, I immediately called the stations and told them otherwise."

Ollie Anderson, administrative

assistant to KXAS's news director, said the mistake was made by someone on the TCU campus.

"It's almost impossible for that mistake to be made because the campus identification number and password is only given to the administration," she said.

Only employees of the Office of Communications have the privileged information, Anderson said.

"You can't just call in and say 'This is Texas Christian University and the classes are delayed until 10 a.m.," she said.

Anderson said Channel 5 is respon-

sible for 927 schools in the Dallas/Fort Worth area, and the station normally doesn't have this problem.

"I really don't know what could have happened," she said. "Unless somebody got hold of the password and the identification number and decided to delay the classes."

Students who tried to call TCU operators early Monday heard a recording because operators heard the news report and presumed they didn't have to come to work until 10 a.m., L'Amie said.

L'Amie said the university contacted Channel 5 and asked why there

was a discrepancy in the reporting that classes were delayed.

"When we contacted Channel 5, they expressed regret for the report," he said. "We appreciate all of the media efforts and we understand how mistakes can happen."

Stormi Demerson, a junior theatre major, said after watching the Channel 5 report that classes were delayed, she decided to go to class just in case the report was wrong.

"The only reason why I went is because I didn't see the same report on (WFAA) Channel 8," she said. "The class ended up being canceled anyway

because students didn't show up."

Katie Christie, a junior radio-TV-film major, said she also had a test at 9 a.m. and missed class because she saw the Channel 5 report.

"The report didn't say that classes were cancelled all day but just until 10 a.m.," she said. "I heard other students say they heard the report from (KTVT) Channel 11."

She said she has told her professor about the situation.

"I've already called my professor and left a message on her voice mail," she said. "I really hope she understands."

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half-page article about the two women and suggested it as an idea for her next novel.

Lehrer said she put the article aside.

"I thought it was a terrific idea when I heard about it, but I almost didn't do it," she said. "The more I got to thinking about it, the more intrigued I became."

She also discussed various settings in the novel.

The Paris setting was originally intended to be one chapter in the novel. Lehrer said she fell in love with Paris and by the time she was finished with the section, Lydia and Charlotte ended up residing there for 75 pages of the novel.

Although by the end of the novel the women couldn't be much older than their early 30s,

Lehrer said the women had become ageless.

"They could be any age after 17 to 107," she said. "To me it's a certain kind of spunkiness. If it's there it's there."

Lehrer said one of the first people to read the novel was a 25-year-old woman who told Lehrer the novel speaks to the twentysomething age group.

"The idea of adventure certainly speaks to young people," Lehrer said. "The idea of possibilities opening up is appealing."

Lehrer said writing the book was a three-and-a-half-year process.

"It took an enormous amount of research," she said. "I really did want it to be right."

'Frogman' stirs up enthusiasm

By Matt Pearce
SKIFF STAFF

He's at all the home football, basketball and baseball games. He shows up at parades. He can be seen all around Fort Worth.

He's everywhere. He's "Frogman."

Kenny Vaughn, a TCU electrician better known as Frogman, stirs up enthusiasm by driving the Froghorn around campus before and during several TCU-related events. Before the sports contests, Vaughn drives the Froghorn around campus, playing the TCU fight song.

After Thanksgiving, Vaughn will take part in three holiday parades. The first parade will be at 6 p.m. Friday in downtown Fort Worth. The next will be at 7 p.m. Saturday in the Stockyards and the last will

take place at 7 p.m. Dec. 5 in Grapevine.

Volunteer cheerleaders and Superfrog will also be present at the parades, and the TCU showgirls will participate in the Grapevine parade.

Vaughn said the Froghorn's widespread popularity and presence at several events in Fort Worth drew the attention of the Grapevine parade organizers.

Vaughn said this is the third year he has driven the Froghorn. He said members of the cheerleading squad noticed his presence at several TCU events and dubbed him the "Frogman."

Vaughn said the uniqueness of the Froghorn brings special attention, and he has received requests to bring it to several events.

"There ain't nothing like it,"

Vaughn said. "We're the only school in the United States that has anything like it."

Vaughn said he has deep devotion to TCU and takes pride in driving the Froghorn.

"I'm a high-spirited guy," he said. "That's why they call me the Frogman."

Vaughn said he wears purple wherever he goes, and often gets teased by co-workers for his passion for the color.

"They always tease me about it," he said. "They always ask, 'When are you going to wear something else?,' but I don't."

Vaughn said he will dress up as Santa Claus for the Dec. 23 men's basketball game against University of Texas at Arlington and will deliver a surprise from the North Pole.

He said he will also appear at December's graduation ceremony, where TCU graduates like to have their pictures taken in front of the Froghorn.

Vaughn said he wants to bring the Froghorn to as many events as possible.

"We take it wherever we can to expose TCU," he said.

John Finke, assistant director of marketing for TCU athletics, said in addition to driving the Froghorn, Vaughn also helps put up the inflatable Frog balloon at sporting events.

He said Vaughn's value to TCU is undeniable.

"He's one of the best PR persons we have," Finke said. "He definitely bleeds purple and white."

Vaughn said, "I'm 100 percent Horned Frog."

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SMU fires Rossley after first WAC season

DALLAS (AP) — Southern Methodist University head football coach Tom Rossley, who was hired to revive a program ruined by the death penalty, was fired Monday after his sixth straight losing season.

The Mustangs went 5-6 this season, their eighth straight losing record since their 1989 return from the NCAA's first — and still only — death penalty.

Although SMU finished fourth in the eight-team Mountain Division of the Western Athletic Conference with a 4-4 league record, the overall lack of progress under Rossley convinced athletic director Jim Copeland it was time for a change.

"We appreciate Tom's efforts," said Copeland, who had considered firing Rossley after the team went 1-10 last year.

"We are at a critical stage in our athletic history here at SMU," Copeland said. "With our move into the Western Athletic Conference, we are just beginning a new era in SMU athletics. I believe the time is right to change our football leadership."

Rossley went 15-48-3 since 1991, with 1-10 seasons in his first year and in 1995. This year's 5-6 record was his best, matching the same mark in 1992.

Majors resigns as coach at Pitt

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Johnny Majors resigned Monday as the University of Pittsburgh's head football coach after winning only 11 games in four seasons at the school he led to the 1976 national championship.

Majors, 61, said his resignation would be effective at the end of Saturday's season-closing game against Rutgers University. Pitt is 3-7 this season and only 11-32 since Majors returned to Pitt in 1993.

Majors said he would take on a new job as special assistant to the chancellor and the athletic director. He has one year left on his five-year coaching contract, but he said he initiated the discussions that led to the creation of his new position.

"The final whistle Saturday will be my final whistle as the football coach at the University of Pittsburgh," Majors said.

Pitt delayed its usual weekly football luncheon Monday and called a news conference to address Majors' status.

Majors had refused repeatedly to discuss whether he might resign or be fired, saying his only priority was to prepare his team for that week's game.

Maryland fires head football coach

COLLEGE PARK, Md. (AP) — Mark Duffner was fired Monday as head football coach at the University of Maryland, two days after the Terrapins closed out their fourth losing season in his five years at the school.

Duffner met with athletic director Debbie Yow on Monday to discuss the season. After the meeting, it was determined that Duffner would not return, a school source said.

A formal announcement of Duffner's dismissal was to be made at a late-afternoon news conference.

Duffner, 43, was 20-35 since being hired to replace Joe Krivak on Dec. 31, 1991. He had one year left on a guaranteed contract that would have earned him \$132,000 in 1997.

He has been rumored to be under consideration for the job at Yale University.

Duffner came to Maryland after going 60-5-1 at the College of Holy Cross. The Terrapins were 3-8 in his first season but sunk to 2-9 the following year. Maryland was 4-7 in 1994.

Horned Frogs win, move to 2-0

Slimmed-down Davis leads first half effort in 118-87 blowout of Centenary

By Paul Corliss
SKIFF STAFF

TCU men's basketball head coach Billy Tubbs promised a different team this year, and after two games it appears he's making good on his word. TCU looked athletic and overpowering as the Horned Frogs gunned their way to a one-sided 118-87 win over Centenary College at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum on Monday night.

With the win, the Frogs improved to 2-0 after beating McNeese State University 93-74, on Saturday at Daniel-Meyer.

After an off-season of dieting, junior center Dennis Davis exemplifies TCU's new look. Davis, who dropped 46 pounds this off-season, looked quicker and more agile than ever as he led TCU's first-half effort with 13 points and six rebounds.

Davis, who finished the game with 15 points and eight boards, said he feels more comfortable and confident this season.

"During the offseason I hung around with (senior guard) Jeff Jacobs, who's a fat-free freak," Davis said. "He's a health fanatic, and I guess he rubbed off on me."

Sophomore center Damien Walker said Davis has made a 100 percent turnaround. Walker made a big turnaround himself as he rebounded from a sub-par four-

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Dennis Davis, junior center

point, three-rebound performance in TCU's win against McNeese State. Walker led TCU with 27 points against Centenary, including 11 of 11 from the foul line.

"Last game I got into early foul trouble and didn't play too much," Walker said. "Tonight I just felt good and got into a groove."

Tubbs said he was pleased with his team's performance against the Gents but said the Frogs had too many breakdowns.

"Part of it is that we have three new guys who are still adjusting," he said. "They're doing as well adjusting as can be expected, but at times we look disorganized."

Juniors Mike Jones and Malcolm Johnson and sophomore Prince Fowler, transfers who are playing their first season for TCU, were a big part of the Frog attack against Centenary. The newcomers combined for 38 points, 18 rebounds and 16 assists.

Junior forward James Penny dazzled the crowd with an array of high-flying slam dunks and four

blocked shots en route to a 20-point performance. After two games, Penny is TCU's leading scorer with a 21.5 average.

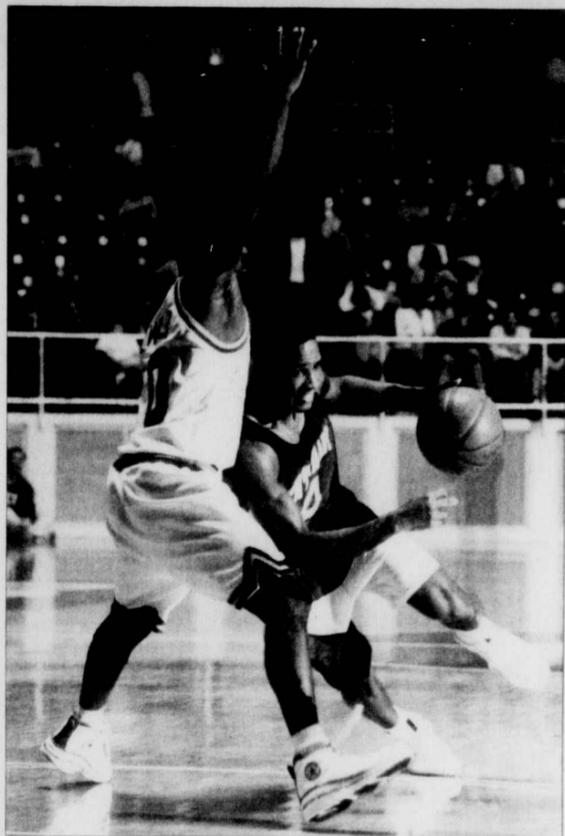
"The first 10 minutes of the second half we played particularly well," Tubbs said. "I may have messed that run up by taking some people out who were playing well."

The Frogs take a 2-0 record with them to Hilo, Hawaii, for the Big Island Invitational, where they will open against Big Ten powerhouse the University of Illinois. Other participants include the University of Louisville, the University of Auburn, Virginia Tech, and the University of Colorado.

Davis and Walker said TCU won't be intimidated by Illinois.

"Last year we played (1996 NCAA champion University of) Kentucky," Walker said. "The Fighting Illini don't match up to them."

"We'll know more about ourselves after we play a Top 25 caliber team," he said. "I think we will come out champions in Hawaii."



Centenary guard Herbert Lang (right) tries to get around TCU sophomore guard Prince Fowler during the Horned Frogs' 118-87 victory over Centenary on Monday at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

Lady Frogs win in season opener

By Meredith Webb
SKIFF STAFF

The TCU women's basketball team opened the Mike Petersen era in style Friday night with a 105-38 victory over McMurry University at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

The Lady Frogs (1-0) set a team record by shooting 61.2 percent from the field (41 of 67) in their first season-opening win since 1992, when they defeated the University of North Texas.

TCU recorded its second-highest point total ever, bettered only by a 121-53 win over Pan American in 1987. The 38 points by McMurry (0-1) was the second-lowest ever by a TCU opponent.

The 41 field goals are the second most in TCU history.

"Realistically, that's a team we should beat," said Petersen, who is in his first year as TCU head coach. "We got in some foul trouble. Shaqu (senior center Shawanda Mitchell-Harps) had a couple of quick ones, and our post players had some quick ones."

"There was a lot of fouling," Petersen said. "That's because they played hard and we played hard, and when that happens there are a lot of fouls."

Each team was whistled for 20 fouls.

Despite the physical play, several Frogs turned in standout performances. TCU sophomore point

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Mike Petersen, TCU women's basketball head coach

guard Emma Wilson had 19 points, eight assists and eight steals, all game highs, in only 27 minutes of action. The eight steals tied her with Teresia Hudson for second-most single-game total in school history. Hudson owns the record with nine against Arkansas in 1988.

Sophomore forward Jennifer Hickman and junior guard Leah Garcia added 16 points each.

Petersen said the score did not reflect the effort the Lady Frogs gave. "It's hard when you're playing against those teams who have small, quick players," he said.

TCU will face the University of North Texas at 7 p.m. tonight at The Super Pit in Denton. UNT is 0-2 this season, with losses to Baylor University (69-57) and San Diego State University (61-40) in the Lady Bear Invitational last weekend in Waco.

TCU conducting study of NCAA compliance

By Rob Sherwin
SKIFF STAFF

"This above all: To thine own self be true."

TCU has decided to heed Shakespeare's advice. In August, the administration began an extensive effort to examine the different aspects of TCU's athletics program.

Currently, TCU has more than 40 faculty and staff members working together to find whether the athletic program satisfies regulations set forth by the NCAA.

According to 1993 legislation passed by the NCAA, each member university must be certified by the association. To begin the certification process, the university must conduct an internal study of its athletic program.

TCU will submit its findings to the NCAA this summer, said Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs.

"We're going through and doing a complete look at the athletic department, from an operational point of view," he said. "We're looking at how we operate the athletic department."

According to the NCAA Division I Athletics Certification Handbook, the purpose of the self study is threefold. The handbook states that an effective study will educate individuals across the

campus about the athletics program, reveal aspects of the athletics program worthy of praise and identify points on which to improve.

Mills said, "The importance of it for us is not just to satisfy the NCAA, although we expect to and we must. But it gives us a chance from across the university to look at the athletic department and find things we can do better."

Mills said he does not expect the department to be in "100 percent compliance" with every NCAA regulation, but said the study will show that TCU is "running a solid program."

He said the study will enable TCU to pinpoint those aspects that are not in compliance and develop ways to improve them.

The study is being directed by a steering committee, which oversees four subcommittees. The steering committee is chaired by Mills, and also includes Chancellor William E. Tucker, Athletic Director Frank Windeger, Associate Director of Athletics Carolyn Dixon and the chairpersons of the four subcommittees.

The subcommittees, each of which consist of nine faculty and staff members, are: Governance and Commitment of Rules Compliance, Academic Integrity,

Fiscal Integrity and Commitment to Equity.

Mills said he is depending on the subcommittees to satisfy the NCAA handbook's requirement that the study must "reflect campus-wide participation."

Although the subcommittees do not include student representatives, Mills said they will effectively represent the student body.

Students will also have the ability to voice concerns or complaints to the committees at an open forum on Dec. 4 in the Student Center Woodson Room.

The forum will allow students and faculty members to ask questions or give advice to the committees.

"We have made a point to say to each committee that we would like them to find those issues that deal with students and to talk with both student athletes and other students," he said. "If they find that both policy and what people are saying are not consistent, then they need to dig deeper to find out what's really happening."

"If, for example, people have concerns about athletes being treated fairly, that would be a place to go and voice their concerns," Mills said. "Or, if someone wanted to say, 'My experiment with the athletic department has been very positive,' we would want to hear that as well."

Baseball fans fooled again with forged agreement

The baseball off season is underway, and normally this is one of the most exciting times of the year. All of the post-season awards have been given out and the bidding for free agents has begun. Unfortunately, the stain of labor squabbles still gets in the way.

Baseball fans were fooled once again when a labor agreement was forged in October. The owners decided to vote it down, spiraling baseball into a deeper abyss.

The principal opponent to the deal was Jerry Reiser, owner of the Chicago White Sox.

He cited the fact that the deal would spiral salaries through the roof.

Then, just last week, he makes Albert Belle the highest-paid player in baseball history.

This signing is exactly what's wrong with Major League Baseball. Some markets like Chicago can spend millions on players while markets like Pittsburgh can't. Why should Reiser care whether baseball gets a new labor agreement? He's not hurting.

The Pirates, on the other hand, are hurting. They have dumped Orlando Merced, Dave Clark, Carlos Garcia, Charlie Hayes and Denny Neagle for "prospects." They will probably dump Jeff King and Jay Bell as well before they're through. No one in their right mind would say the Pirates could com-

pete with anyone, and now that Jim Leyland has quit as manager, the only team they will be chasing is the Mets: the 1962 Mets.

All of these problems speak to one thing: the need for a stronger labor agreement. Since baseball has an anti-trust exemption, the labor union has the power to block any proposal that will save baseball if it makes them give up too much.

The owners have refused to ratify a system that, while falling short of solving all their problems, will alleviate some of them. Thankfully, both sides have come to realize that a labor stoppage would be suicide. Hopefully, it won't come to that.

The simplest system is the salary cap. It has worked well in basketball and football, creating parity in both sports. Unfortunately, baseball players are convinced that it

will hurt them too much.

With the extended playoffs and plans for interleague play, baseball is revamping its image to appeal to a new generation of fans. A lack of a labor agreement is getting in the way.

In football and basketball, increased parity has kept more teams in the playoff hunt. More teams in the playoff hunt usually increases attendance. Increased attendance means more money.

The prospects of interleague play has many baseball fans excited. How about an opportunity to see the Braves and Yankees meet in the regular season? How about the Indians against the Astros or the Cardinals? Future seasons could even see the Astros and Rangers meet. Interleague play certainly brings interesting match-ups to the table.

All of these possibilities are held up by the labor process. It's time for both sides to put these pesky squabbles behind them. It's time for the owners to realize that half a loaf is better than no loaf at all. The players need to see that sharing power in the most popular sport in the country is better than being top dog in a sport running third.

Baseball fans desperately want to talk about the possibilities of free agency, interleague play and the winter meetings, but the players and management are robbing them of that opportunity.

It's all too easy for die-hard baseball fans to turn to basketball and football. If the powers that be don't get their act together, they could lose some fans forever.

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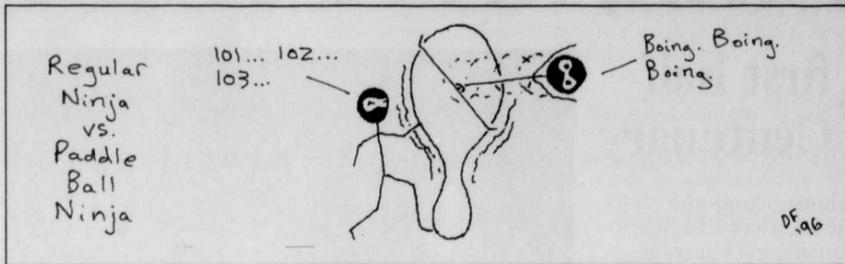


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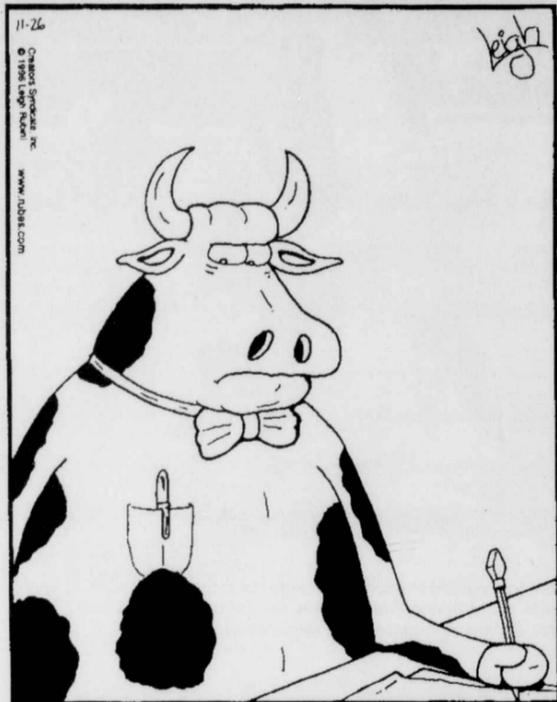
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Q. DID YOU GO TO ALL OF YOUR MORNING CLASSES MONDAY?

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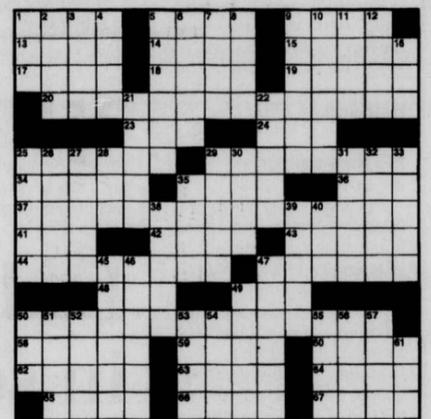
YES	NO	NO MORNING CLASSES
48	48	4

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Newsday Crossword

PEOPLE'S CHOICE by Gerald R. Ferguson
Edited by Stanley Newman

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| ACROSS | 58 In the sun, poetically | 10 Choice | 35 ___ avail (fruitless) |
| 1 Ancient Briton | 59 Long time | 11 "Take ___ your leader" | 38 Contradict |
| 5 Be a bigmouth | 9 Great Pyramid, essentially | 12 English gun | 39 Olympian blood |
| 13 Resound | 14 Marquis' inferior | 16 Letters after cues | 40 Scot's refusal |
| 17 Chime | 18 Part of A.D. | 21 Beyond | 45 Actor Liam |
| 19 Complete | 20 Some ring wins | 22 New York town | 46 Gave a tug |
| 23 Notes after dos | 24 ___no replay | 25 Philippines president | 47 Shuts |
| 25 Change the itinerary | 29 ___ in the Grass | 26 Poet's Muse | 49 Discharge |
| 34 Running wild | 35 Spelling or Armos | 27 Mountain climber's spike | 50 USAF unit |
| 36 Slugger's stat | 37 Viewpoint | 28 Realty unit | 51 Construction beam |
| 41 Word form for "ear" | 42 Lord of the Flings creatures | 29 Easy touch | 52 Country byway |
| 43 Hill openings | 44 Jolson tune | 30 Paid players | 53 Atlas contents |
| 47 Brie, e.g. | 48 ___ de cologne | 31 Go for a spin | 54 Fever and chills |
| 49 Rock band's initials | 50 Nixonian constituency | 32 Clarinets' kin | 55 Peru native |
| | | 33 Washer cycle | 56 Implement |
| | | | 57 Christmas instrument |



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