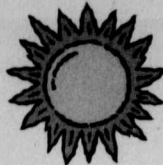


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Perot Party — not the people's?

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A major effort by Ross Perot's Reform Party this weekend to establish itself as a nationally competitive party could turn into an ugly power struggle.

Representatives from every state and Washington, D.C., are meeting in Nashville to choose an executive committee to work on the party's structure. But a faction of former Perot supporters plans to crash the party.

The group claims that the delegates at the meeting were handpicked by the Texas billionaire, not by "the people" Perot so often pays homage to. "If it develops into a democratically led effort that the people of this country can have confidence in, the potential for the impact is unimaginable," said Linda Witherspoon, an organizer of the splinter group. "But if it remains centered with the leadership top-down, I believe that will be the death of the entire effort."

Flight attendants cite anti-gay acts

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Eleven flight attendants have filed a complaint against American Airlines, alleging a pattern of homophobic acts and attitudes that violate city ordinances, the San Francisco Examiner reported Thursday.

The complaint, filed with the city's Human Rights Commission, lists dozens of allegations against Fort Worth-based American at San Francisco International Airport.

The allegations include workplace bias based on HIV status and sexual orientation, surveillance, anti-gay epithets and overtly insensitive conduct.

The formal complaint was filed with the Human Rights Commission last year, although details have only recently emerged.

Pepsi plans spinoff of restaurant business

NEW YORK (AP) — PepsiCo Inc. said Thursday it plans to spin off its sluggish restaurant business, which includes the KFC, Pizza Hut and Taco Bell fast-food chains, into a separate company.

The company said it would give shares in the new fast-food concern to PepsiCo shareholders and focus on its faster-growing Pepsi soft drink and Frito-Lay snacks operations.

The new company would rank just behind McDonald's Corp. among the nation's fast-food chains, with more than \$20 billion in combined sales, and would be the biggest in terms of units, with about 29,000 restaurants.

PepsiCo also said it was exploring the possibility of selling its food distribution unit, which ships more than \$3 billion worth of restaurant equipment and supplies every year.

Dynamite used in clinic attack

WASHINGTON (AP) — Both bombs that exploded outside an Atlanta abortion clinic last week were made of dynamite, which is regulated and not often found in amateur bombs, federal law enforcement officials said Thursday.

Investigators said several factors had added weight to the theory that the second bomb was designed to harm law officers and rescue workers and may even have been the primary purpose of the attack.

They said this view was reinforced by the fact that the second bomb was packed with nails to produce shrapnel and by their conclusion that two autos that absorbed most of the second blast coincidentally were parked in that location not long before the second bomb exploded.

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Task force examines House

Group seeks students' input to redesign government structure

By Ryan J. Rusak
SKIFF STAFF

Student government at TCU may undergo a radical revision — or no change at all — when the work of the House of Student Representatives' Restructuring Task Force completes its mission this semester, task force members say.

The committee, which consists of current and former House Executive Board members but is open to all students, is considering alternatives to the government structure established by the House constitution in 1980, said House

President-elect Andy Mitchell.

"The House documents were set a long time ago, and we want to re-evaluate student government structure," he said. "We want to ask if it serves students well."

Any change in House structure would require altering the House constitution and/or bylaws, which must be passed by the full House and approved through a campus-wide student referendum. The task force has set a tentative deadline of March 4 for sending a proposal to the floor of the House.

The task force, led by Vice President Kevin Nicoletti, is current-

ly split into two groups. One group, including outgoing House President Sharon Selby, is researching student government structures at universities of similar size to TCU.

At a meeting Wednesday night, the research group reported on other student governments. One proposal that drew interest came from Stanford University, which allows students to request a refund of their student government fees. Stanford students who receive a refund can be refused admittance to campus events, Selby said.

The task force's second group, including Mitchell and Nicoletti,

wants to publicize its existence.

Mitchell said the publicity group's immediate concern is to get students from all over campus involved in the task force.

"We're so concerned about getting people on (the task force) that aren't from House," he said. "With the exception of the new (Executive Board), it's a lot of old House people. We've lost a point right away if we don't involve a bigger scope of people."

Mitchell said the task force will try to convince students of the project's sincerity by having the entire process completely open.

"We've got to open it up very, very quickly and get the word out to students that this is the new administration's big push, with the support and knowledge of the old administration," Mitchell said. "No decisions are being made behind closed doors. Any student who wants to be involved in this task force may."

Mitchell said last fall's election was the spark for the formation of the task force.

"I think a lot of it came out of the election and this huge cry that the House is ineffective, the House

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Sybil Mathai, a junior music education major, takes a break from his studies to practice some fancy finger work on his trumpet Thursday afternoon next to Ed Landreth Hall. Mathai is one of the many students who has enjoyed the recent spell of warm weather.

Chairs filled in House

By Ryan J. Rusak
SKIFF STAFF

Two sophomores have been chosen to fill the House of Student Representatives' vacant Student Concerns and University Relations committee chairmanships, House President-elect Andy Mitchell announced Thursday.

Shana Lawlor, a sophomore environmental science major, will lead the Student Concerns committee. Sean Scott, a sophomore mathematics major, will head the University Relations committee.

Lawlor said she wants to work with Vice President Kevin Nicoletti to develop an on-campus recycling program.

"He wanted to focus a lot on a recycling program he wanted to get before the end of the year," Lawlor said. "Coming from the North, I'm

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Computer-based GRE easier for some, gives faster results

By Ryan J. Rusak
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Computer-based Graduate Record Exams were promoted as a way to make the exam more convenient and effective. But after a year of availability, there is little agreement among the test providers, students, test-preparation companies and universities as to whether the computerized tests are a positive development.

John Azzolina, Fort Worth and Arlington director of programs for The Princeton Review, a company that offers training courses for standardized tests, said the computerized versions of the tests can cause serious problems for adult students and students not accustomed to working with computers.

"If you get somebody who's 45 years old and wants to go to graduate school and they're not familiar with computers, they don't want to take (the computer-based tests)," Azzolina said.

Kevin Gonzalez, a spokesman for the Educational Testing Service, the company that administers the GRE, said the only computer skill required is being able to use a mouse to point and click. Test-takers can also work a tutorial to learn the skill before taking the timed test, he said.

But Azzolina, a TCU graduate, said that for many who take the GRE, the tutorial is not enough to overcome computer phobia.

"If you're an older person — and there are a lot of older people who

take this test — computers in general unnerve you," Azzolina said. "Not everyone, but there's a group of people out there who didn't grow up with computers and don't use one in their job. 'Point and click' sounds easy to you and me, but they say 'What? What does that mean?'"

Different difficulties

Another point of controversy is the so-called adaptive nature of the test. A randomly chosen, medium-difficulty question is fed to the user. If the test taker answers the question correctly, he or she is given a harder question. Conversely, if the original question is answered incorrectly, an easier question appears. Gonzalez said the point values of the questions

are weighted so that harder questions receive greater point values.

Gonzalez compared the scoring system to the degree-of-difficulty component used to score diving competitions.

"Two divers go up and do exactly perfect on the dives they choose," Gonzalez said. "One guy gets a 27, the other gets an 18. It's degree of difficulty."

Azzolina said that despite the scoring system, the test runs contrary to the test-taking techniques people have used for years.

"On the GRE paper and pencil . . . you can decide the question order that you want to do. You can do the easy ones first, you get a feel for the problems and then you go do the

harder ones," Azzolina said. "That's how we do things in real life. CAT is completely opposite. It's an abysmal tool for predicting anyone's success. It's a terrible thing."

Length change

The length of the test has also changed because test takers can't skip items and go back on the computer, Gonzalez said.

"The adaptive test is shorter, because it tries to key in on your particular challenge level," Gonzalez said. "So if you're the type of guy who answers the medium-difficulty ones well, why waste your time making you take a whole bunch of

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Reception for international students starts semester of cultural exchange

By Michael Bryant
SKIFF STAFF

For Nesterenko Yuliy, arriving on the TCU campus last week was a warm welcome after leaving behind temperatures of 30 degrees below zero in Siberia.

Yuliy, a freshman piano performance major, is one of approximately 30 new international students from 14 different countries on the TCU campus this semester who was welcomed Thursday at an International Student Services/International Student Association reception.

More than 55 students and faculty gathered for a time of fellowship and introductions to the ISA officer core. ISA President Stephan Zosso, from Switzerland, said the main goal of the reception was to "come together and meet the new students and create new friendships."

Only about half the new students attended the reception, a number Zosso said he had hoped would be larger. The overall crowd, however, was similar to previous years' spring receptions.

Al Mladenka, director of International Student Services, said the reception was

another way for new international students to meet other international students and to fit in more with the TCU community.

Mladenka said new international students have a much more intense experience than U.S. students because they "come with a lot of expectations and then meet the reality, and they have to sort through all of that."

"There are lots of adjustments going on within a very short time after they arrive, regarding everything about our culture," he said.

One particular adjustment that is difficult for many new students is the food.

Priscila Castanho, an Intensive English Program student from Brazil, said the pepper used in American cooking marks a great difference from her native diet.

"I'm not used to food with such spices," she said.

Besides the food adjustment, new international students experience difficulties communicating with others and interpreting body language, Mladenka said. Also, meeting people

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Ramadan strengthens Muslim faith

By Christopher Rose
SKIFF STAFF

Every day, Ali Osmany kneels on his prayer rug, faces the holy city of Mecca in Saudi Arabia and recites his Muslim prayers. Beginning at sunrise, he praises Allah (God) five times a day.

But during Ramadan, the ninth lunar month in the Islamic calendar, Osmany, a senior accounting major, not only performs the daily ritual prayer, but also fasts from sunrise to sunset. Ramadan began Jan. 10.

Fasting, Osmany said, involves more than abstaining from food or drink. He can't smoke or engage in sexual relationships, either.

Osmany said that each day of Ramadan he must go to the mosque, the Muslim house of prayer, and listen to the Imam (prayer leader) read the Koran, the sacred text of Islam.

After sunset, he is allowed to break the fast.

The requirement to fast for one month is

one of the five pillars of Islam, which are the basic requirements for Muslim life.

The other four pillars are a profession of faith in God and his servant Mohammed, the ritual prayer, alms giving and a pilgrimage to Mecca at least once in a person's lifetime.

Ramadan is sacred to Muslims as the month in which the Koran was revealed to Mohammed. To Osmany, his reasons for keeping the fast are much deeper.

"This is far more than a prayer," he said. "We're doing what is required to reaffirm our values and obligations to God."

He said one obligation of a Muslim is to give to the poor.

"If we keep the fast, we gain a better understanding about the people we give to," Osmany said. "We will know through our experience what it is like to be hungry and thirsty."

He said another reason for observing Ramadan is that, since this tradition has

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Upgrade makes for a happy return

By Elena Fortner
SKIFF STAFF

It may not have fit in a stocking, but several TCU faculty returned from the Christmas break to find a gift. A campus-wide upgrade was begun to make Windows95 the computer system of choice for TCU.

William Senter, manager of Technical Services, said Information Services began changing computers from Windows 3.1 to Windows95 over the Christmas break, making it possible to use Microsoft Word, Excel, Powerpoint, Microsoft Exchange and Access as the main programs instead of the formally used WordPerfect, Lotus 1-2-3 and Freelance Graphics.

About 20 percent of the computers using Windows have already been upgraded to Windows95. Four labs (in the Sid Richardson Building, Tandy Hall and the Mary Couts Burnett Library) have been upgraded, as well as 70 to 80 faculty and staff computers across campus.

Senter said he expects all computers to be upgraded in about one year. "We have experienced very few problems so far with '95," he said.

"We do not foresee any major problems in the future."

Pat Miller, university registrar and director of enrollment management, said the system has two major advantages over Windows 3.1.

"One is it does not crash," he said. "And two, it is much better at memory management. The human-to-machine interface is a little different, but as long as you commit yourself to a starting up period, everything falls in place."

Bernadette Szajna, assistant professor of management information systems who has already switched to Windows95, said the new system is working well.

"Everything is running wonderfully and they (Information Services) did a great job with the upgrade," she said.

Senter said many other departments are already requesting an upgrade, but it will take a few months to get them completed.

"We already have over 100 requests for people who want computers upgraded," he said. "Expect about a two-month delay because we are working under such a crunch at

the moment. If we have any problems or if other computer problems appear it could be even longer."

The backup is caused by the need to individually reinstall all the programs in person instead of simply writing over them, Senter said.

"The next upgrade will be much simpler," he said. "This version comes with a program called SMS, which will allow us to upgrade all computers at once over the computer lines. Users will simply download the next upgrade and boot up."

Although a new version of Windows is expected out within the year, the school will most likely stick with Windows95 for the next few years, Senter said.

"We don't like to be the pioneers," he said. "We like to let other people get in there and smooth out the wrinkles before we go through the cost and expense of upgrading."

The upgrade may cost as much as \$200 dollars per computer, Senter said.

People running Windows 3.1 will still be able to interface with the system and files can be converted from Windows 3.1 to Windows95.

"It was important to us to make it possible for people who have lots of work in 3.1 to be able to change it to '95," Senter said.

To be eligible for upgrading, computers must at least have a 486/DX66 computer or better, 16 megabytes of memory and at least 250 megabytes of free hard disk space.

"People could say 'Yeah, it can run with less,' but with our limited staff and support we wanted to reduce the chance for problems," Senter said. "Computers with less memory and slower processors crash more often and have more problems running Windows95."

With the restrictions, many of the computers on campus, such as the engineering school lab, the Reed Hall lab and the nursing school lab, cannot be upgraded in their current condition.

"About 200 to 300 computers need new processors or upgrades in memory before we can load Windows95," Senter said. "Plans are already in the works to give the computers in the Writing Center more memory and to work with the computers in the engineering lab over the summer."

STUDENTS FOR ASIAN-INDIAN CULTURAL AWARENESS will continue to sell tickets for their fourth annual "Experience India" fund raiser today. A table will be set up in the Student Center, and students can charge the tickets to their meal cards. The fund raiser will begin at 11:30 a.m. Feb. 1 in the Student Center Ballroom and will feature a traditional buffet lunch, dancing, singing and fashion shows. Proceeds benefit Mother Teresa's orphanages and the Church of South India Leprosy Mission. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$7 for students with IDs and \$5 for children under 10. For tickets and information call Doll Ghosh at 924-3708

ACADEMIC SERVICES will hold a study skills workshop at 9 p.m. Feb. 3 in Room 106 of the Rickel Building. The workshop will discuss time management, study skills and test-taking skills and is designed to help students take better notes, organize their schedules and learn material effectively. The workshop is provided to students free of charge. For more information call Robert Crawley at 921-7486.

TCU HOUSE OF STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES has filled its vacancies in several committee chair positions. The Programming Council position for Chairman of the Fine Arts Committee is still vacant. Those interested can stop by the House office in the Student Center annex for more information.

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT is sponsoring annual creative writing contests for all students. Twenty-seven contests are open, and the deadline is Feb. 13. Entry forms are available in Room 314 of Reed Hall. For more information or descriptions of contest categories call the English department office at 921-7240.

STUDENT TEACHER applications for all undergraduate and graduate teacher certification candidates planning to student teach or intern in the fall semester of 1997 are due Feb. 26. To apply, come by the Room 102 or Room 304 of the Bailey Building and ask for the student teaching application diskette. While there, pick up a checklist to see if you are eligible to student teach in the spring.

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been done for centuries, "it solidifies a Muslim's relationship with God."

Yushau Sodiq, an assistant professor of religion and adviser for the Muslim Student Association, said that relationship began almost 1,500 years ago.

Sodiq said although Mohammed received the revelations of the Koran in A.D. 610, fasting didn't begin until Mohammed went to Medina in A.D. 623.

He said Muslims don't fast because they want to, but instead because they believe God wants them to.

"When God says, 'Fast,' Muslims say, 'Yes sir,'" Sodiq said. "Muslims also know it's a time for spiritual development, a time to be closer to God."

But, he said, fasting is not for everyone in the Muslim faith. The sick, the old and those who travel as part of their job are exempt from the fasting ritual. Women and children are also exempt.

Sodiq said if women think the fast will endanger their babies or their own lives, they don't have to observe the fast. Children don't participate until they reach the age of 14 or 15, but they are taught about

fasting when they are 7 years old.

Osmany said participating in the fast as a college student isn't an easy task.

"It does affect my studies," he said. "But I know if I rise to the challenge of the fast and not succumb to it, I'll gain spiritual insight and self-discipline."

According to the United States Council of Imams, Ramadan could end Feb. 6 or Feb. 7, depending on the lunar cycle.

Muslims celebrate the end of the month of fasting with a feast called Eid-al-Fitri.

Sodiq said the feast is also a time

for charity, when everyone gives five pounds of food to the poor. He said that equals about \$7 per person.

The reasons for charity at the feast are simple, he said.

"Since we have only two festivals a year, the idea is that on the day of feast everyone should have something to eat," Sodiq said.

He said he doesn't expect all of the estimated 40,000 Muslims in the Metroplex area to attend the festivals, but he hopes that many will go to several places in the area.

In Fort Worth, tentative plans for Eid-al-Fitri are scheduled at the Will Rogers Convention Center.

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really environmentally conscious, and that drew me to the position."

She said boosting the House's on-campus visibility is also an issue she wants to address.

Scott said he wants to use the University Relations committee to improve campus image problems.

"They've started having more forums and suggestion boxes, and I think those are good ideas," Scott said. "I would like to get some

things set up pretty quickly and have some meetings to see what the students want and how those things fit together."

Neither Lawlor nor Scott has previously served in the House.

Mitchell said all seven applicants for the positions were qualified, and he and Nicoletti made their decisions based on how well Lawlor and Scott will fit into the rapport already established within

the Executive Board and the Administrative Cabinet.

"Our major concerns going into the interview were that not only should we find someone willing to make the time commitment, but that they also fit the group we've already established," Mitchell said. "We've worked really hard on that team and we know what the goals are, so we needed to find people who complemented that."

Mitchell said he is confident Lawlor and Scott will learn their positions quickly.

"With both of them, we just really felt they were going to complement the group and quickly catch up, which was another big issue," Mitchell said. "We didn't want someone who would need another three weeks of training, since we've already established that part."

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exists as a body in its own, the government doesn't belong to the school anymore and groups aren't fairly represented," he said. "Sometimes organizations need someone from the outside to fix problems."

"It was actually an idea conceived by Kevin and the old Exec. They kept saying, 'Why does everybody

hate us?' When I jumped on board, a lot of students said, 'Let's put someone in who wants to lead and not do the same old thing.' Even if the end decision is that we're set right as we are, we just need different people running it. I can live with that."

The Restructuring Task Force meets at 9 p.m. Wednesdays in Student Center, Room 206.

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from all over the world can be difficult for students who have never left their native country, he said.

In addition to giving students a chance to meet, Zosso took the time

to inform students about various ISA activities throughout the upcoming semester, including weekly ISA meetings on Thursdays and International Week in March.

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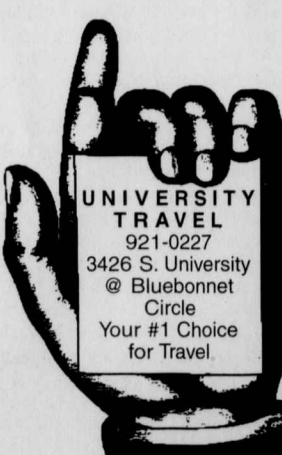
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HOUSE SHAKE-UP Task force is encouraging news

The winds of change are blowing. In fact, the gusts are so strong they might even blow the Constitution of the House of Student Representatives right into oblivion.

Last fall, the student body elected outsider Andy Mitchell as its president in an obvious cry for change. Don't look now, TCU, but change seems to be just around the corner.

Mitchell and other House members have already begun looking at ways to restructure student government. They have set up a task force to find out what's wrong with the House and, if necessary, to rewrite the House's documents. There's even talk of changing the House's name, possibly to the Student Government Association or the Student Senate.

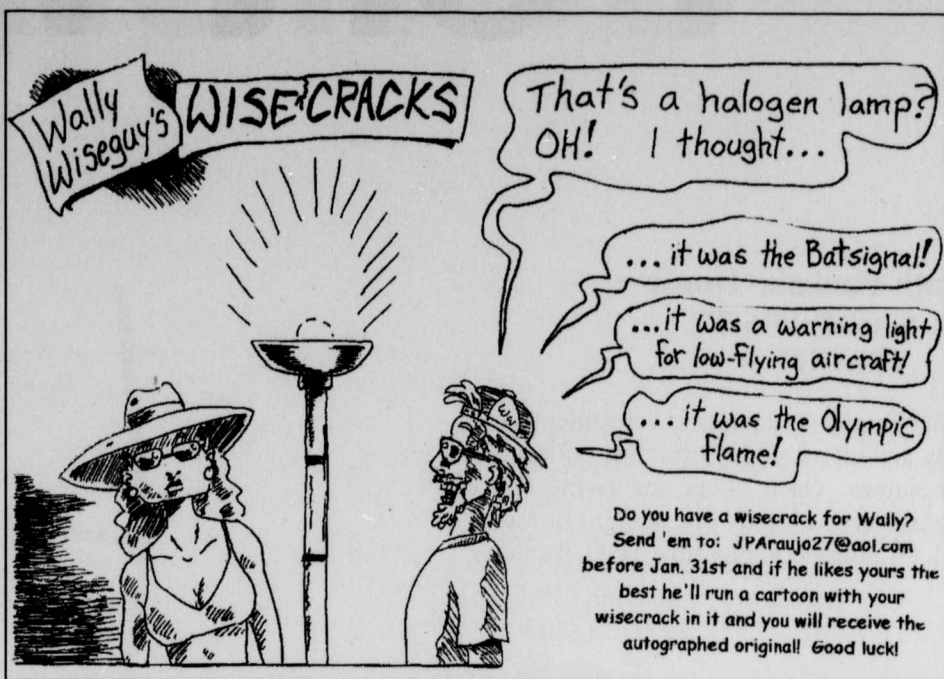
While something as simple as changing the name of the school's governing body will not bring change in and of itself, it is a great indication of the direction the House wants to take. The new House is trying to put the image of a useless bureaucracy behind it and start fresh.

The Skiff sees this encouraging news as perhaps the most exciting idea to come out of the House in years. The student body has several reasons to agree.

First, the House has finally acknowledged its faults. The officers are listening to the electorate and are heeding its demands. The House of Student Representatives is increasingly appearing to be just that: a body representing its constituents. For once, it is not behaving as a self-interested organization, but instead it is going as far as to potentially dismantle itself to better serve the students.

Second, the student body has been given the opportunity to take part in the restructuring process. Every meeting of the Restructuring Task Force is open to the public, and the House is begging students to take part. It is evident that the House knows the importance of its undertaking and thus wants to do the project correctly. The potential changes it can bring about will have long-lasting effects, and only widespread student input will ensure success. Students should appreciate this opportunity and join the House to literally make history.

Last, the project has the potential to unite this campus. Traditionally, nations and groups come together when they succeed in accomplishing a specific goal. The restructuring of student government could provide this student body with newfound optimism and school pride. The Skiff congratulates the Restructuring Task Force and wishes it luck in making TCU history.



Do you have a wisecrack for Wally? Send 'em to: JPArarajo27@aol.com before Jan. 31st and if he likes yours the best he'll run a cartoon with your wisecrack in it and you will receive the autographed original! Good luck!

J. P. Araujo SKIFF STAFF

A land full of weirdos

Commentary



Andy Summa

Despite its troubles, America is the best country in the world. Sure, there's a Newt or two in the government and "Saved By the Bell" is aired only 37 times a day, but the United States of America is still one fantastic country.

Luckily for humor columnists everywhere, America is also a country inhabited by many, many weirdos and idiots (Insert Newt or Rush joke here).

There are so many "freaks" (Latin for "college students") that two people actually wrote an entire book about the odd exploits of our world's weirdos. John J. Kohut and Roland Sweet's book, "Dumb, Dumber, Dumbest," is a fascinating study of American society. It's also pretty dang funny because it's always hilarious and acceptable to laugh at other people's pain, misery and embarrassment.

A hilarious example of courtroom humor cited in "D.D.D." is about a young man who went to court his own way. Jeremiah Johnson, of Florida, once answered a charge of driving without a license by walking into the courtroom wearing shorts. Naturally, the bailiff made him leave. So what did Johnson do? He returned wearing nothing. This is the honest-to-god truth. He was sentenced to 179 days in jail for contempt of court and bad fashion sense.

The court system isn't the only institution pointed out by Kohut and Sweet as funny. College students are also touted as great column material.

According to "D.D.D.," the 1993 edition of the Iowa State University yearbook, *The Bomb*, sold only 1,500 copies. Why? Someone mistakenly labeled the Greek system as "Geek." Hmm. I'll let you make your own assumptions about ancient society.

Kohut and Sweet also write about a Penn State University student who charged a fellow student with breach of contract when he failed a test she hired him to take. University officials said the students face expulsion and a year in prison for violating a state law against selling academic work and a federal law against being really stupid. Obviously, not all college kids are as intelligent as TCU students.

Naturally, journalists aren't excluded from the grips of "D.D.D." either. Though by nature journalists are mutant space creatures from the planet "Lotsaworkandnopay," some examples in the book exemplify the problems with the mass media and society. This, too, is great column material.

According to "D.D.D.," Nikki Frey was fired as editor of a Los Angeles MENSAs newsletter because she published an article that proposed that people "who are so mentally defective that they cannot live in society should... be humanely dispatched." There was no mention whether this article was referring to congressmen or humor columnists. It can only be assumed to be true.

Oddly, police officers offer many tasty tales to "D.D.D.," as well. Police in Maryland recently visited schools to teach students the proper way to behave when being arrested. But that's not all! The El Paso City Council once voted to spend \$112,000 to hire a private security firm to guard the city's police station. This is still the honest-to-god truth.

Obviously, our friends Kohut and Sweet are brave, bold American crusaders. If not for their diligent research, profound observations and powerful writing, we would never have known that we live in a weirdo-ridden society. Hey, I'm just as shocked as you.

Andy Summa is a junior news-editorial major from Alvin.

No one is completely ethical Accountability for self doesn't apply only to politicians

Is there such a thing as a perfectly ethical politician? For that matter, are there any perfectly ethical sports stars, attorneys or any other form of human being presently residing on the planet Earth?

Commentary



Leland Horton

Well, in contrast to recent media focus and "national outrage," most of us do tend to believe that at least a few good people exist somewhere. If such people exist, why does it seem they are all hiding in some dark corner, away from all positions of responsibility? Maybe they, too, have something to hide.

Let us consider for a few moments this public cry for perfectly honorable role models and leaders with unquestionable ethics. The problem is that while millions of people constantly whine about the evils of government and "the other guy," they themselves are not willing to live up to the expectations of being perfectly ethical. It is all well and good to point out how everyone else is immoral, but just how willing are we to subject ourselves to intense scrutiny in all aspects of our lives?

Of course, I realize the vast difference between leading the free world and taking part in the sorts of things most of us do with our time. However, the fact that most people live outside of the public eye does not exempt them from good behavior. Though most people go about their lives in relative anonymity, their actions still influence many other individuals and the character of society as a whole.

While the public can be self-righteous in its condemnation of others, it often balks at the very notion of legislating ethical behavior. Mandatory drug testing, workplace cameras and many other forms of "checking up" on behavior are routinely scorned as intrusive and unconstitutional. Unfortunately, the real reason for opposing such measures is simple: No one person is without fault. Even as we judge others, we fear such scrutiny ourselves.

Having condemned most of humanity as crooked, let me try to soften the blow a little. Most of us are successful at making the big decisions. In such cases, each of us takes the time to think out the problem and be careful not to

mess up things. It also helps that big ethical decisions are often relatively black and white.

The real problems tend to build up among the smaller, more day-to-day decisions. It is in these more routine aspects of life where we tend to err. We may fail to consider carefully the consequences of our actions, not understand the situation in its entirety or just flat out not do the right thing because "maybe nobody will notice." Sometimes these little things turn out to have not-so-little effects. How often do we all look back on times where we acted wrongly and hope that no one finds out?

And then there are always those people who set out to manipulate the system and intend to get away with as much as possible. There will always be those kinds of people. Yet, once again, we are back to accountability. A lot of good people look the other way while the manipulators slide through the system.

In the end, people can complain all they want about crooks in government and bad role models, but they had best not forget about the skeletons in their own closets. Accountability should be important for all of us, not just a few "unlucky" politicians.

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Letters to the Editor

Editors Note

Because of the overwhelming response to Jodie Vonderhaar's column we have been flooded with letters. To run them all would be redundant. Thus, we have compiled a collection of our very own toenails. We have resisted the urge to put in our own toe cents.

Toenail 12-step

My name is Spencer Baum, and I am a toenail collector. Fortunately, thanks to Jodie Vonderhaar's brilliant column in Wednesday's Skiff, I have come to grips with my problem, and perhaps I can fix my life with her help. Here is a 12-step program I've formulated to place me firmly on the road to recovery.

- 1) Admit I have a problem.
- 2) Get to know Jodie Vonderhaar personally since she mistakenly assumed I have intelligence and don't suffer from any psychological disorders.
- 3) Spend more time at Boomers.
- 4) Give up "Ren and Stimpy."
- 5) Join a sorority.
- 6) Stop drawing attention away from important topics such as the

O.J. civil suit, murder of JonBenet Ramsey and constant criminal investigations of the Dallas Cowboys.

7) Find a group of friends with better hygiene and etiquette.

8) Find out what those stereotypes that Jodie mentioned in one sentence and then promptly forgot about in her outstanding column are.

9) Ask Jodie what she meant when she randomly wrote, "There are some things that people do in their spare time that are sacred," in her clearly formulated argument.

10) Figure out why Jodie thinks clipping your toenails is a "bad habit."

11) Stop bringing negative coverage to TCU and allow the university to maintain its reputation as a straight-laced student body of 5,000 Jodie Vonderhaar clones.

12) Lead a campaign against organ transplants, sperm banks, medical schools, blood donors and drug tests since "things that grow from our body are not meant to be collected and kept in a jar."

Spencer Baum

junior economics major

House should ban toenail clippers

If I found nothing else with which to be in concurrent harmony inside of Ms. Vonderhaar's column, it was her cry that "TCU students should be recognized for their classier, less grotesque leisure activities." What poignant verbiage!

Wholeheartedly, I agree that we must deny these ignorant rascals their chance at fame, making sure to criticize their obviously harmful fun. The things they do are malicious! They are sinister creatures, lurking in public places sans socks and clutching dangerous toenail clippers. Such subversive behavior should cause our House of Student Representatives to pass a resolution outlawing this rebellious activity.

Thanks, Jodie, for shedding light on the not-so-obvious

wickedness that this crew of malcontents could cause. Our entire campus is indebted to your fatuous insights. Keep up the good work!

Matthew A. Rosine,
junior radio-TV-film criticism major

Vonderhaar epitomizes TCU stereotype

As I read Ms. Vonderhaar's column I suddenly became angered. Not because I resented her opinion that collecting toenails was disgusting. I myself do not think it is the most pleasant thing I have ever heard of. When she said that these people were classless, that angered me.

Ms. Vonderhaar is further displaying the typical TCU stereotype that my friends who attend other universities give me a hard time about...maybe I am wrong and need to assimilate better into TCU, and I would like to...apologize to the TCU society for not driving a Beemer or not having to install extra rods (or having someone else install it for me) for all my designer clothes.

TCU is a good place overall, and the students who participated in the toenail collecting were just trying to have a little fun. No one is trying to get you or even me to do the same, but calling them classless is ridiculous and makes the accuser look very much like what they are accusing.

Sean Scott,
sophomore mathematics major

Toenails collectors only joking

After reading Jodie Vonderhaar's cry for help...I feel obligated to help sort through some of the humor-related problems she must be fighting with...The secret to handling material in which humor may be involved is to not take every argument for a particular idea's existence as biblical truth. For example, I suspect that when the individuals collecting toenails proposed that they were helping the global problem of floor dirtiness, they may have been joking!

Christian Hood
junior music major

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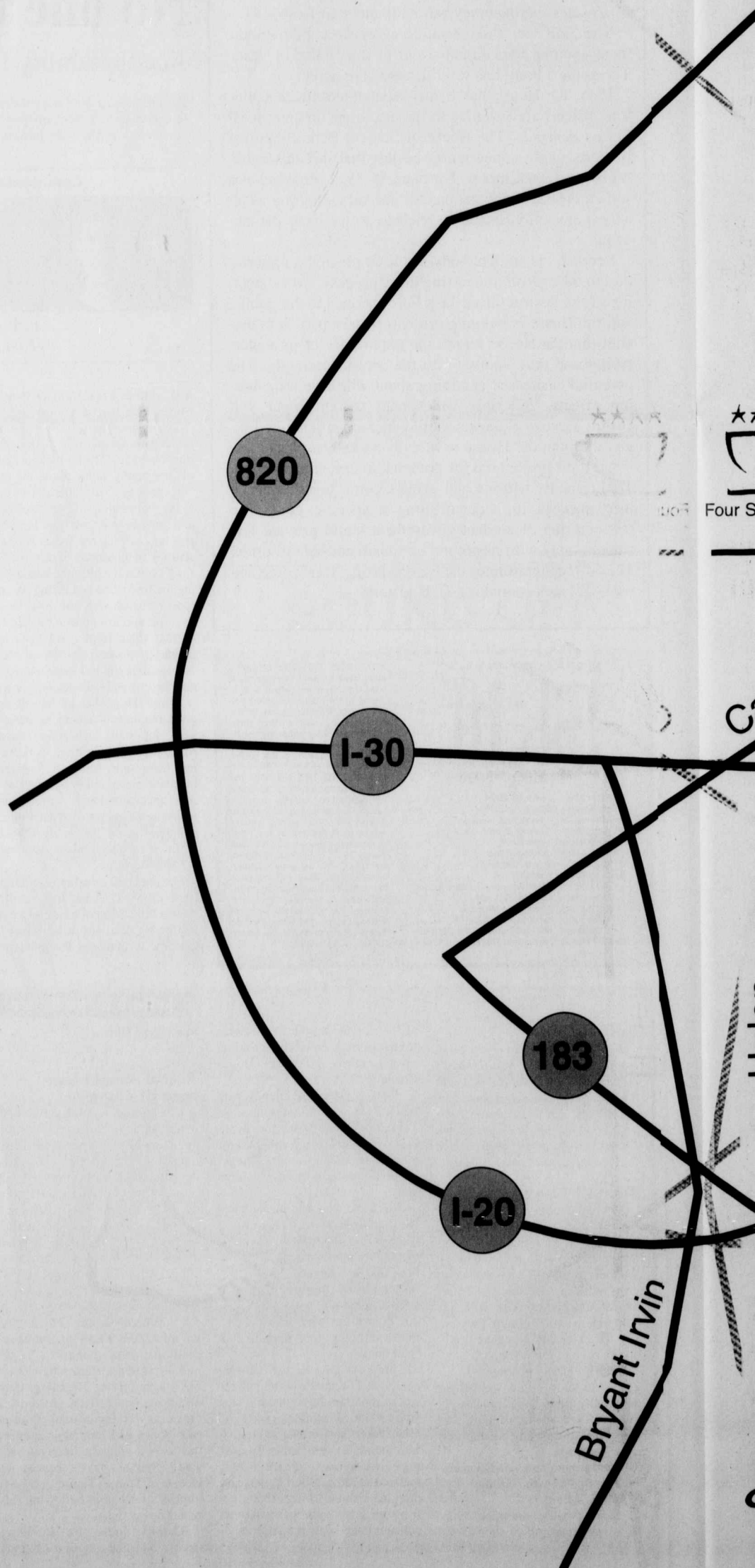
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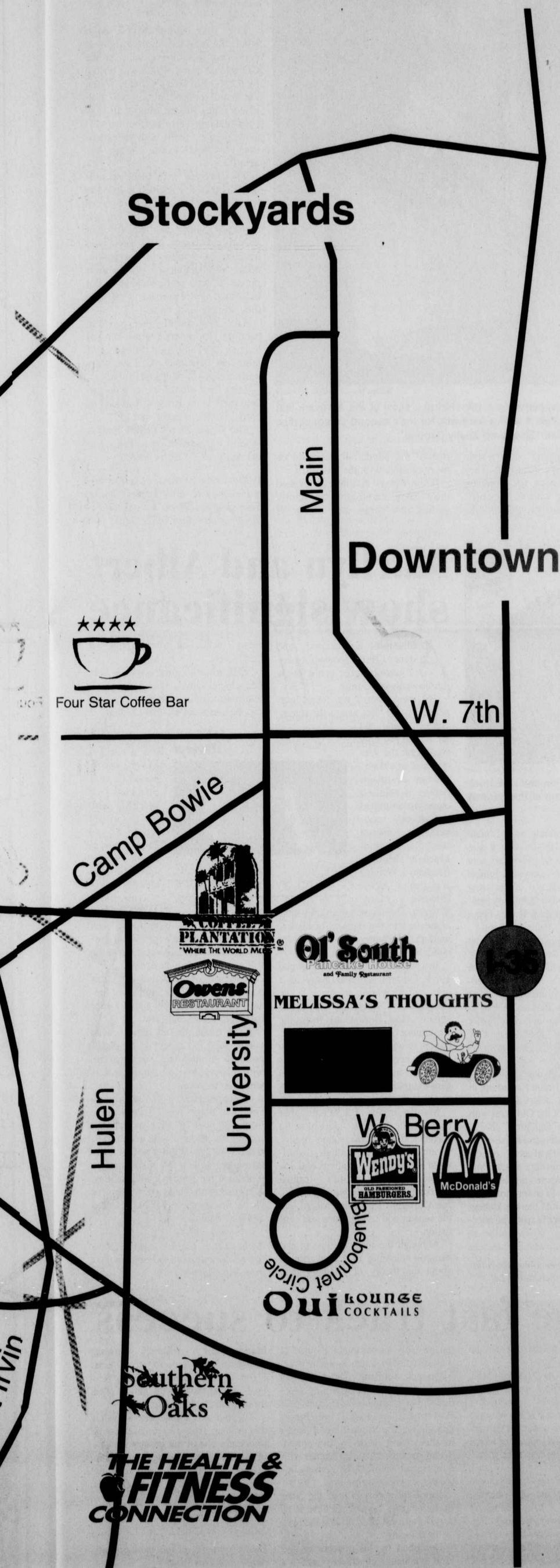
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at a Glance



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'English Patient' leads SAG nominations

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — "The English Patient" and "Jerry Maguire" led movie nominees Thursday for the 3rd annual Screen Actors Guild Awards, and NBC's "Seinfeld" captured the most television nods.

"The English Patient" drew four nominations for stars Ralph Fiennes and Kristin Scott Thomas, supporting actress Juliette Binoche and for its cast performance.

"Jerry Maguire" earned Tom Cruise an acting nomination for the title role as a sports agent, and for supporting actor Cuba Gooding Jr. and supporting actress Renee Zellweger.

The sidekicks of "Seinfeld" helped it dominate the TV category. Jason Alexander and Michael Richards were nominated for best actor, and Julia Louis-Dreyfus was nominated for best actress.

Nominees in 13 competitive movies and TV categories were selected by a committee of 4,200 active SAG members. The entire 86,000-member active guild roster can vote for winners.

The awards will be presented Feb. 22 during a Los Angeles Shrine Auditorium presentation broadcast that night on NBC-TV.

Coffee bars to open at J.C. Penney's

COSTA MESA, Calif. (AP) — Junior wear and java: will it work?

The owners of J.C. Penney and Coffee Group of Costa Mesa, Calif., think so.

The Plano, Texas, retailer is teaming with Coffee Group to develop coffee bars in 60 western stores in the next year, calling them JC Java.

"We're trying to keep people in the stores and provide some theatre and entertainment," said Coffee Group president Greg Casserly.

Coffee Group hopes eventually to franchise the snack bars, which offer coffee, teas, Italian sodas and sandwiches, in 800 of J.C. Penney's 1,200 stores.

'Ellen' moves to Tuesday nights

LOS ANGELES (AP) — It looks like "Ellen" is getting a reprieve.

The ABC series, which was to go off the air in March and April so the network could use its 9:30 p.m. Wednesday slot to introduce a sitcom starring Arsenio Hall, will instead move to 8:30 Tuesday nights starting March 4.

The initial decision to take "Ellen" off the air temporarily — announced earlier this month by ABC Entertainment President Jamie Tarses — reportedly angered star Ellen DeGeneres.

At the time, Tarses denied the decision had anything to do with producers and network executives debating about a possible episode where DeGeneres' character, Ellen Morgan, would "come out" as a lesbian.

Philanthropist to incite others

NEW YORK (AP) — Charles Feeney has more than lived up to his goal of "giving while living," having anonymously donated away nearly his entire personal fortune of \$4 billion.

Now the businessman has gone public, partly in hopes of inspiring other wealthy Americans to open up their check books.

"I believe that people of substantial wealth potentially create problems for future generations unless they themselves accept responsibility to use their wealth during their lifetime to help worthwhile causes," Feeney said in a statement Thursday.

Feeney, 65, said he had transferred all but about \$5 million of his assets to his two charitable foundations, the Atlantic Foundation and the Atlantic Trust.

Cryers has it all for a hot band

Review



William Thomas Burdette

On the shaky ground of pop music, Dallas' hottest band, Grand Street Cryers, are standing steady. Their first full-length compact disc, "Steady on Shaky Ground," was formally released at Trees last Saturday. The album is good, but it is their live show that distinguishes them from bands like Deep Blue Something.

The Cryers have a very professional stage presence, especially for a band that hasn't gone on a major tour yet. I stress the word yet.

Their album is very, very radio friendly, as displayed by the fact that you can't turn on any radio station in the Metroplex without hearing the country/roots/pop sound of the Cryers.

The country twanging guitar of "Any City" and "Loser Not Blues" are fresh spins on the everyday radio single. "Angie Wood" is a little more hard-edged, but not as original as some of the other tracks. "Please Come Change My Mind" is a simple acoustic number that rounds out the album fairly well.

Tim Locke's vocals throughout the album are consistently good. He has a great voice that drips with emotion. Max Linter, drummer, does



William Thomas Burdette SKIFF STAFF

Steve Duncan, guitarist for the Grand Street Cryers, performs a solo during a show at the Aardvark last semester. The Grand Street Cryers will play again Feb. 1 at the Aardvark for their second compact disc release party. The Cryers' first full-length CD is called "Steady on Shaky Ground."

a great job of keeping the beat and not playing too loud or showing off too much.

Steve Duncan and Greg Beutel, the band's guitarists, work wonder-

fully together, fusing country-style guitar with grungy distortion. They have a great knack for knowing when to solo and when to back off.

Fred Koehn meshes well with the

rest of the band, but he could be more creative with his baselines.

If the Cryers continue to expand their song catalogue, constantly adding new songs and killing off

stale ones, this will definitely ensure the variety they need.

The album is good. But it is no secret that radio can kill good music. Whether this album is good enough to withstand the merciless beating into the ground it will likely get from radio stations has yet to be determined.

Ever since signing with a major label, the band has showed signs of pandering to radio stations. At the CD release party, which was hosted by KTXQ-FM 102.1's Buddy Wylie, the band sounded almost too polished. They played almost all new stuff that strayed little from the versions on the album (with the exception of "Please Come Change My Mind").

The problem with being so polished is that they seemed to lose the raw edge that made their prior shows so exciting and full of energy. Saturday's show was exactly what you might expect from guys who have spent months in the studio, doing very technical work on their music. It was, well, technical. Not bad, just very rehearsed. It felt like they were holding back.

The Cryers have a great chance to become a legitimate national band as long as they can regain the energy of their live show and make sure they keep coming out with fresh songs.

Their first album is not going to land them in the Rock-n-Roll Hall of Fame, but it is a great start.

The Grand Street Cryers have a second CD release party Feb. 1, at the Aardvark on Berry Street.

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Show has variety of activities

So what if showing prize Limousin cattle isn't your first choice for things to do in your spare time?

Who cares if you don't own Rocky Mountain jeans in a rainbow of neon cowboy colors?

You don't have to be a calf-ropin', bull-ridin', barrel-racin', steer-wrestlin' cowpoke to enjoy a visit to the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show and Rodeo.

The stock show, an annual event in Fort Worth since 1896, began with a parade Jan. 17 and will run daily through Feb. 2.

Along with the rodeos one might expect, the show features exhibition halls crowded with vendors, barns full

of prize-winning livestock and a midway with enough rides, games and junk food to keep even the most discriminating carnival-goer happy.

I had a great time wandering the midway on the opening weekend of the show. Since I'm not the guts-of-steel type who likes to pay money to be slung around like a rag doll on huge machines, I restricted my activity to the spectator variety.

Although there was not a huge number of rides, thrillers such as The Zipper and The Orbiter produced all the squeals of terror characteristic of any decent big-kid ride.

Speaking of squeals of terror, a real-life freak show, featuring The



Jill Taylor SKIFF STAFF

Some attendees of the 101st Southwest Expedition and Livestock Show take a ride on the carousel Saturday evening at the midway portion of the event.

Bearded Miniature Woman, occupied a corner of the midway. Though the stars of the freak show were on a coffee break when I passed by, I heard favorable reports from a group of teenagers I spoke with later.

And the midway food, though predictably overpriced, was everything I remembered it to be... salty, greasy, sugary and delicious. The funnel cakes are not to be missed.

My only negative impression of the midway was the fault of the carnival barkers at the game booths. I understand that their job is to attract passers-by like me to their booths, but I felt like their shouted advertisements bordered on verbal assault.

Inside the exhibit halls, table after table was filled with vendors hawking their wares and government agriculture bureaus distributing pamphlets.

Since I wasn't in the market for chunky sterling jewelry or automatic milk separators, I skipped the exhibits.

But just one building over, I found the coolest part of the show — a barn full of llamas. Now, since I've only encountered llamas from the human side of a fence at the zoo, it was a new experience to meet a bunch of pedigreed llamas with three names being paraded around by llama ranchers.

My last strange sighting was in yet another barn, but this one was full of cattle being sprayed clean and blown dry with shop-vacs. Most of the animals' owners were members of high school 4-H and Future Farms of America clubs, and they were happy to talk about their animals as they spiked up the cows' coats with hair-spray.

Each evening at the stock show brings a Western Union Round-up, in which trick riders, actors and singers retell the history of the Old West with much enthusiasm and great cheesiness. Finally, a rodeo and horse show wrap up each night's events.

For just \$5 admission, stock show visitors can wander among all these sights and sounds. Even for those who haven't gone country, the stock show is an enjoyable place to spend an afternoon.

Jill Taylor is a sophomore news-editorial major from Ponchatoula, La.

'Pre Fontaine' is on the fast track to success

Jared Leto, who stunned critics as Jordan Catalano on "My So-Called Life," strikes again with his portrayal of real-life track star Steve Prefontaine in the movie "Prefontaine."

The movie is an inspirational work documenting the life of the athlete affectionately known as "Pre." The movie may begin as a slow

documentary filled with interviews of people who knew Pre, but it switches directions to tell the story of his life from his childhood to his college career as a cocky track star at the University of Oregon, where he ran an amazing three miles in 13.3 minutes.

With the exception of Leto and Ed O'Neill, from Fox's "Married, with Children," who

plays one of Pre's coaches, most of the actors are fresh faces.

At first, I would have described this movie as a "guy flick," but the more I watched, the more interested I became. It was not just about some guy running; it was about his tremendous spirit, heart and soul, all of which contributed to his success as an athlete and a person.

Watching this two-hour movie almost reminded me of watching "Forrest Gump." Like Gump, it seemed Pre was always running. But, unlike Forrest, this was a real person. Pre had several disabilities. Not only was he considered too short, but one

leg was also shorter than the other. It was amazing to watch someone overcome such problems. The movie was filled with funny and interesting anecdotes. For example, Pre's coach, Bill Bowerman, played by R. Lee Ermey, thought Pre would run better if he ran in shoes hand made by Bowerman. So he combined stitched-leather with a rubber sole he made by pouring liquid rubber into a waffle iron.

Incidentally, this is how the Nike shoe company began. Believe it or not, Bowerman is a founding member of the company.

Described by his coaches as the kind of athlete a coach sees once in a

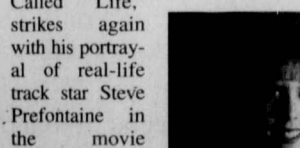
lifetime, Pre is definitely someone whose time has come for recognition. I felt myself silently cheering "Go Pre!" during most of the movie, even though I really don't like sports.

This movie is a must see. To watch this ordinary man overcome adversity to become one of the greatest athletes of all time gives real meaning to Prefontaine's words, "To give anything less than your best is to sacrifice the gift."

Grade: A-

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Review



Dawn Hansen

Marilyn and Albert show significance

Although lighthearted and funny Terry Johnson's play, "Insignificance," is not for the intellectually squeamish.

By intermission we found ourselves saying: "So, what's the significance?" Little did we realize just how significant the second half would be.

From the imagination of Johnson came the animated "would-be" conversation between sex symbol Marilyn Monroe (Bethany J. Wright) and genius Albert Einstein (Jerry Russell). The conversation draws the audience into the dangers of nuclear warfare and Monroe's inability to bear children.

In a hotel room in New York around 1953, Einstein scribbles away on a note pad, preparing to speak at the World Peace Conference. A pompous senator (Joe Berryman) from the Committee on un-American Activities barges in and demands that Einstein show up in court the next day with his work on nuclear weaponry. When Einstein refuses, the senator promises to return in the morning.

Marilyn arrives at 3:30 a.m., after filming the famous skirt-blowing scene, and the conversation begins, taking the audience through a whirlwind of philosophy, relativity and discussions about life's truths. Interruptions by Marilyn's husband, Joe Dimaggio (Spencer Prokop) and the senator add to the chaos and confusion.

Although the idea of Einstein and Monroe engaging in a conversation about the theory of relativity may

seem a bit unusual, Johnson makes it believable.

With Russell's mussed white hair, permanent scowl, bushy eyebrows and mustache, one tends to forget the fact that he is not the real Einstein.

Wright, although not exactly Monroe's twin, plays a very convincing Marilyn with her spritzed white-blond hair, curvaceous figure and breathy whisper.

With Stage West's unique stage layout, everyone, at some point, had an obstructed view of the actors' facial expressions. This did not allow the audience to feel the full emotion within the scenes.

However, one advantage of this particular setup is the intimacy it creates between the actors and audience members in the front row.

If an action-packed play is what you're used to, expect to be disappointed. Stimulating conversation, with a heavy dose of comic relief, is what you're served.

"Insignificance" will run through Feb. 1 at Stage West. Tickets range from \$13 to \$16 with special discounts for students and senior citizens. Two "Pay-What-You-Can" performances with a \$4 minimum are scheduled for Sunday and Thursday. A special interpreted performance for the hearing impaired will be presented at 3 p.m. Saturday.

Both Lety Laurel and Sylvia Carrizales are news editorial majors from San Antonio, Tx.

Review



Lety Laurel and Sylvia Carrizales

Pulse

The Skiff editorial board has picked 10 things we think would be fun to check out over the weekend and during the next week.

•Women's TCU vs. SMU basketball game

Last week we suggested you go support the men's team. We hope you'll do the same for the women's team Saturday. The Lady Frogs are off to their best start in years under new head coach Mike Petersen. Bring your ID to get in free. The game begins at 7 p.m. in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

•TCU Varsity vs. Alumni baseball game

The varsity baseball team opens its season when it takes on the alumni baseball team at 2 p.m. Saturday at the TCU baseball diamond. Once again, this sporting event is free with your TCU ID.

•The 1997 Annual Exhibition of New Work by TCU Art Faculty

The exhibit, featuring the work of 23 art faculty members, is in full swing in the J.M. Moody Exhibition Hall. On your way to the exhibit, stop and check out the works of several students, on display throughout the building. The exhibit runs through Feb. 14.

•"Insignificance"

This intellectual play throes the unlikely duo of Marilyn Monroe and Albert Einstein together for a few hours of crazy conversation. You can see these two pieces of American history live at the Stage West Theater through Feb. 1. Tickets range from \$13 to \$16 with special discounts for students. Call 784-9378 for details.

•The Superbowl

Superbowl XXXI will only happen once, so we hope you will all be glued to your sets Sunday at 5:18 p.m. Even if you aren't that excited about football, you can at least watch the game for all the cool commercials.

•Jackopierce

If you're tired of doing the same old thing in the same old town, we suggest taking off to Shreveport to see Jackopierce perform in the Gold Dome Saturday. The first 20 TCU students get in free; others will be charged \$5 at the door.

•Counting Crows

If you've been waiting to see these rising stars of alternative music, you may have to keep waiting, because their concert this Saturday in Dallas is SOLD OUT! Unless you're willing to scalp tickets, this is one show you sadly won't be seeing.

•Michelangelo and His Influence: Drawings from Windsor Castle

Get in touch with one of the most creative minds the world has ever known by visiting the Kimbell Art Museum this weekend, where several of Michelangelo's drawings are on display. We suggest everyone take advantage of this incredible opportunity. The Kimbell Art Museum is located in Fort Worth's cultural district. The exhibit runs through March 30.

•The 101st Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show

Hey y'all, the event is half over, so go while you still can. There are lots of animals to see and rodeos to watch, and, of course, the midway comes highly recommended. The event is held at the Will Rogers Memorial Center.

•Movies

Several movies are scheduled for release this weekend, so we recommend you go to a theater near you and check out "Hamlet," "In Love & War" and "Fierce Creatures."

'Fierce' is one whale of a time
The cast of 'Wanda' keeps up its good work in the semi-sequel

Review



Mitch Youngblood

Nothing can be funnier, although it's a matter of taste, than Monty Python members in top form.

A perfect example was 1988's hilarious farce, "A Fish Called Wanda." Nine years later, a sequel, of sorts, has arrived bearing the name "Fierce Creatures."

Not so much a direct sequel as it is the same cast members in a different story line, "Fierce Creatures" is not as funny as its predecessor, but is still utterly hilarious.

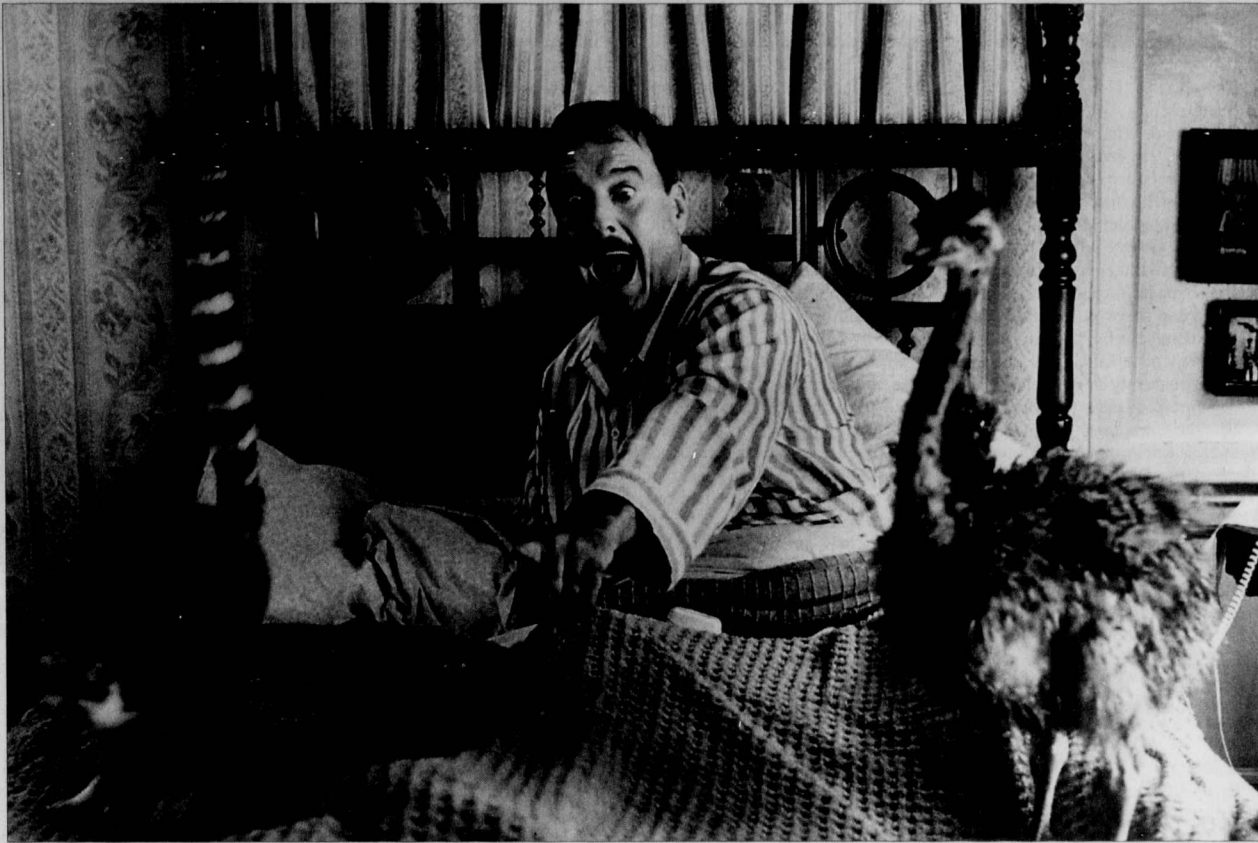
The Python members headlining the new movie are John Cleese and Michael Palin. Cleese can be funny just reading a phone book; Palin, however, needs guidance to achieve the brilliance he can display. He doesn't receive it here, which is a surprise considering that it took two directors to make the film.

Cleese plays Rollo Lee, the new director of England's Marwood Zoo, which has just been bought by a sinister corporation called Octopus Inc.

The head of the company, Rod McCain (Kevin Kline), plans to close the zoo if it doesn't turn a profit immediately. To ensure that it will, he sends his son Vince (Kline again) and new assistant Willa Weston (Jamie Lee Curtis) to take over the zoo.

Naturally, things go crazy when Lee and the others plan to stock the zoo with only "fierce creatures," rationalizing that violence is a crowd-drawer anywhere. The zookeepers revolt, and mass chaos ensues.

As with any script co-written by Cleese, "Fierce Creatures" makes sure



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Normally in control of the situation, new zoo manager Rollo (John Cleese) is a nervous wreck in the company of such decidedly un-

fierce creatures as a lemur and an ostrich in Universal Pictures comedy "Fierce Creatures."

to keep the bad-taste gag quotient high and the stream of sex jokes continuous. Fortunately, the jokes get funnier as it goes along, despite a tendency to set each one up a mile in advance.

Cleese elevates Freudian slips to an art form, but he delivers them so fast that they often run together and are hard to make out, mostly because you're laughing so hard that you miss them. The physical comedy and awkward situations are only average, but Cleese and company make them

riotously funny.

Curtis has stunning sex appeal considering that, by Hollywood standards, she is way over the hill. Her rapport with Cleese was the highlight of "A Fish Called Wanda," and it hasn't diminished in the time since. Kevin Kline was better in "Wanda," for which he won an Oscar, but he has his moments here. As the elder of the two McCains, he lacks the ability of Eddie Murphy in "The Nutty Professor" to make flatulence funny

but is still a great villain. As Vince, the son, he makes whining and spinelessness a scream, and his masquerade as his father late in the film is worth the price of admission.

The supporting cast is terrific. Carey Lowell, who joined NBC's "Law & Order" this season, displays rare finesse and ability for the kind of humor on display. Palin does have his moments as spider keeper Buggy Malone, but most of the time he is in full irritating mode. Ronnie Corbett is

a hoot as Reggie Sealions, as is Cleese's daughter Cynthia as Pip Small Mammals (the character's actual name).

And, of course, the title animals steal the show. You won't look at a lemur the same way again, or any other animal that wouldn't normally come to mind with the word "fierce."

Grade: B

Mitch Youngblood is a sophomore radio-TV-film major from Dallas.

Humor, personality raise 'Arizona' to top

With the video pick of last week being "Fargo" and this week's pick being the 1986 film "Raising Arizona," it may sound like we have a Cohen fetish (we do). But the movies deserve back-to-back mention.

Strange camera angles and over-the-top film making have been the trademark of Ethan and Joel Cohen since their first effort, 1984's Texas-set heist film "Blood Simple." With "Raising Arizona," the two rise to new heights when they create one

of the most unpredictable films of all time.

Cinematographer Barry Sonnenfeld, who would later direct both "Addams Family" movies and "Get Shorty," is mostly responsible for the peculiarity of "Raising Arizona." Here, he sets his camera in motion and rarely stops it. The point-of-view shots only add to the on-screen wackiness.

"Raising Arizona" also has one of the longest and funniest foot chases ever, with star Nicholas Cage running from the cops, sever-

al dogs and a few disgruntled grocery clerks.

"Arizona" was a stepping stone for all involved. Cage was on the verge of stardom at the time; Holly Hunter was on her way to fame; John Goodman was about to land his day job on "Roseanne," and "Arizona" was the Cohens' first big hit. The movie helped pave the way for the type of deranged cinematography evident in recent films like "Seven" and even "The Rock."

"Raising Arizona" is the story of an ex-con (Cage) and his police

officer wife (Hunter), who steal one of five quintuplets from a well-off family because they can't have children of their own. They are pursued by a malevolent bounty hunter, Leonard Smalls (Randall "Tex" Cobb), and other parties who want the baby for themselves.

Characters you love to watch are a staple of Cohen films, and the personalities on display here are stranger than you can believe.

In "Fargo," the Cohens made fun of Midwestern lifestyles. In "Arizona," they wickedly parody

lower class families and "white trash" in general. The highlights are Frances McDormand going way over the top as the wife of Cage's boss, a sleaze with a penchant for tasteless humor, portrayed by Sam McMurray.

The folksy qualities of "Raising Arizona" are beautifully emphasized by the "good ol' boy" music from Carter Burwell. The Cohens know how to make entertaining fare, but please understand that if you are not on their wavelength, the humor will fly right past you.

Music Kermit would love
Frogpond's pop-punk sound rocks the lily pads

Review

Two years ago, the female pop-punk quartet Frogpond was probably best known in the Fort Worth-Dallas area as a decent opening band, able to hold audience attention before the main act (usually Fort Worth's Toadies) took the stage.

They even brought along an eight-song demo tape ("2%") in case club goers had \$5 to spend.

But now, the Lawrence, Kan., based band is a decent opening band with its very own CD.

Frogpond's first album, "Count To Ten," on TriStar Music, has captured most of what the band is in a live setting — a fairly constant mix of tight, powerful harmonies and airy, driving vocals.

This band is about one thing and one thing only: making a good, fast pop song. On "Count To Ten," as in Frogpond's live shows, the guitars



Kirk Shinkle

are loud and the hooks are simple, repetitious and incredibly catchy.

What sets Frogpond apart from many of the pop-punk bands glutting the airwaves lately (like Everclear and Goldfinger) is lead singer Heidi Phillips. Her rapid, desperate voice gives the basic, energy-filled songs some needed depth and character. Unfortunately, she also makes the band sound

much like the Breeders.

However, an Everclear comparison is also somewhat unavoidable, because Everclear's A.P. Alexakis produced "Count To Ten" after being handed a demo tape during a Kansas City show. Alexakis also sang backup on the track "Be."

Since the release of "Count To Ten" in September, the members of Frogpond have been busy. The quartet has been touring with the likes of Letters To Cleo, Everclear, Nada Surf and the Toadies, and has played with R.E.M.

The band is currently on a nationwide tour that began Tuesday in New York, N.Y., and will end in Austin on Feb. 10.

Frogpond will play in Fort Worth at the Impala on Feb. 9.

Kirk Shinkle is a sophomore news-editorial major from Grapevine.



Heidi Phillips, Megan Hamilton, Justine Volpe and Kristie Stremel are Frogpond, TriStar Music's pop-punk quartet from Lawrence, Kan. The band is scheduled to perform Feb. 9 at the Impala in Fort Worth as part of their nationwide tour promoting their debut album "Count to Ten."

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The Main Alternative

This week's choice is Lucile's Stateside Bistro, located at 4700 Camp Bowie Blvd., in Fort Worth.

Do not ask me what a stateside bistro means, because I do not know. What I do know is that it is an excellent place to dine.

Once inside, Lucile's offers a European/Colonial type of atmosphere with its open yet homey design. When the weather is nice, try getting a patio table, as Lucile's location gives you a nice view of Camp Bowie. The good service enhances your meal, for your glass will never be half empty (or half full for you optimists).

The menu consists of many pasta dishes. You can also choose from a selection of burgers, sandwiches, lobster, juicy 18-ounce steaks and pizzas. The staff prides itself on its wood-roasting oven, which produces a variety of pizzas, including a vegetarian pizza.

Some of the restaurant's favorites include its world-class chicken fried steak, crawfish

etouffee (be sure crawfish are in season), a wood-roasted half chicken and Maryland crab cakes. As far as appetizers go, I recommend trying the lobster bisque or the spinach dip with chips.

Lucile's offers fairly good lunch specials for \$5.95, which is an excellent price considering the amount of food you get. Let me put it this way: You won't be hungry when you leave.

The barbeque chicken pasta is a favorite, as well as the smoked chicken pasta. Try not to fill yourself up on their rolls.

Saturdays and Sundays, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m., Lucile's famous breakfast is served. The breakfast (or brunch if you live the high life), features fresh fruit, eggs benedict, omelettes, huevos rancheros and much more. Be sure to get there early on the weekends because crowds are heavy for breakfast.

Grade: A-

Collin Schuhmacher is a junior business major from New Orleans, La.

Review

Collin Schuhmacher

Group visits ancient art sites over Christmas

Study-abroad trip to Egypt and Greece packs historical, cultural knowledge between semesters

By Charles Bandy
SKIFF STAFF

Several TCU students started off the school year a little early by touring pyramids, a Greek theater and the Acropolis.

Through a TCU-sponsored study-abroad trip, many got the chance to experience ancient art first hand between semesters.

Gail Gear, an instructor of art history, accompanied 25 students to Egypt and Greece after Christmas and returned three days before the spring semester began.

The group surveyed art and architecture of ancient Egypt and Greece, giving students a look at the culture that tourists rarely see, according to a brochure from the art department.

In the ancient capital of Memphis, students saw the Colossal Statues of Ramses II and the Alabaster Sphinx.

The students also visited Sakkara, where they saw the Step-Pyramid of King Zoser, the Tomb of Mereruka and the Serapeum, an underground burial place for sacred bulls.

The group observed Egyptian

hospitality.

"They literally rolled out the red carpet and greeted us with an Egyptian band," Gear said.

Before returning to Cairo, the group visited Giza, site of the popular Great Pyramid of Cheops and Great Sphinx.

In Cairo, students visited the Egyptian Museum, where treasures from King Tut's Tomb, including his gold mask and solid gold coffin, are displayed.

Later, students boarded a plane to Aswan, where they sailed down the Nile River in a "feluccadaf," a traditional Nile sailboat.

Some of the stops on the river cruise included the High Dam at Lake Nassar and a ferry ride to study at the Temple of Isis at Philae.

During the cruise, the students participated in a "Galabea" party, in which tourists dress in ancient Egyptian costume.

Before leaving for Athens, the group visited tombs of the ancient Pharaohs at the Valley of the Kings.

In Athens, students visited the Acropolis, Parthenon and

Erechtheion, as well as the Temple of Athena Nike and the Acropolis Museum.

In addition to Greek mythological sites, the group visited some of the biblical attractions at the Peloponnese.

Some of the biblical sites included ancient Corinth, where St. Paul preached to the Corinthians.

Besides the biblical sites near Athens, the students visited the Greek Theater at Epidaurus.

A day before departing for home, the group visited an extensive collection of Greek art at the National Archaeological Museum.

Felice Childress, a junior art history major, said she benefited academically from the excursion.

"I learned a lot about Egyptian art, Greek mythology and architecture," she said. "This trip has also given me a greater appreciation for the culture."

Gear has taken students to Egypt and Greece six times since the program began in 1985 and plans trips to Europe, Australia, New Zealand and Fiji for the summer.



Art history students pose like Egyptians during their trip to Egypt and Greece during Christmas break. The students were attempting to get a look at art that most tourists do not get to see.

GRE

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easy items?"

Brian Brown, who took the paper-based test in the fall of 1995, said he would not want to take the computer-based GRE.

"I like to go back and look at my work and check my answers if time allows," he said. "This test does not allow for that."

However, Brown, a senior nursing major, said one of his friends took the computer version and appreciated the fact that he got his score as soon as he finished the test so he didn't have to wait for it to be mailed to him.

No local centers

Another issue of concern to Fort Worth-area test takers is the impending lack of a Fort Worth testing center.

Brad Hancock, director of Sylvan Learning Centers' Fort Worth office, said Sylvan Learning Centers, a

third-party company that administers the computer-adaptive GRE, will close its Bryant Irvin Road center March 12.

Azzolina said he's worried that Fort Worth students will have to compete with students from the University of Texas at Arlington for testing dates. But Barbara Hagman, director of Sylvan's Arlington office, said her office can easily absorb the additional test takers because they can accommodate many students.

"Our capacity is pretty high right now," Hagman said.

Benefits of computers

Gonzalez said the benefits of the computer-based test include more testing dates, an improved testing environment and immediate scoring.

Gonzalez said about nine tests are offered each month, contrasted with two paper-based tests each year.

"For the computerized GRE I absolutely recommend (test preparation). If you're not going to prepare for the test, I recommend the paper-based test."

John Azzolina, Fort Worth and Arlington director of programs, The Princeton Review

ETS previously offered six paper-based tests a year but is decreasing that number with the ultimate goal of eliminating paper-based tests by 1999.

The computer-based GRE is also administered in a friendlier test-taking environment, Gonzalez said. Instead of several hundred people shuffling papers in a large auditorium, computer users are in small, semiprivate cubicles.

At the end of the test, the student

receives his or her scores immediately and can decide whether to cancel the scores or send them on to the institutions to which he or she has chosen to report the scores.

The institutions will not know whether the student took the computer-based test or the paper-based test, but they will receive the scores faster, Gonzalez said.

Tailored exams

TCU's dean of graduate studies

and research, Joseph Helmick, said changes in the GRE may allow individual departments and colleges to tailor how they want the GRE reported for prospective graduate students.

"Those areas that have a higher need for math proficiency will probably go with the higher math test as their GRE contributions," Helmick said. "Those are being looked at in the individual departments around campuses right now."

Azzolina said the computer-based test has boosted the need for test preparation to a new level.

"For the computerized GRE I absolutely recommend something," he said. "If you're scoring at a level that's high enough already that you're going to get in no matter what, then don't take the class. If you're just 50 points away, go get a book out of the

bookstore. The courses are for people who really want to get their scores up."

Azzolina said some students may want to opt for the paper-based test.

"If you are not going to prepare for the test, I recommend the paper-based test," he said. "If you're comfortable with the computer and you've done some work on the GRE and you know how the computer exam works, take the computer exam."

The Princeton Review offers a complete GRE prep course for \$695, and it will soon unveil a multimedia GRE course for about \$395, Azzolina said.

Gonzalez said the computer-based GRE costs \$96, compared to \$80 for the paper-based version. Need-based vouchers are available to the financially disadvantaged for all ETS tests, he said.

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Former TCU star undergoes surgery

All-Western Athletic Conference center Ryan Tucker, who finished his TCU football career last November, underwent successful arthroscopic knee surgery Tuesday to repair damage suffered while training for the upcoming NFL draft.

Tucker tore his anterior cruciate ligament and lateral meniscus while training under the supervision of his agent, Joe Coletta, in Highland Park, Ill.

The torn ligament was reattached and the meniscus was repaired successfully, Tucker said.

"It hurts pretty bad right now, but I'll work through it and continue toward my goal of making an NFL squad," he said.

TCU's head trainer Ross Bailey said the normal rehabilitation time for the type of surgery Tucker had is six to 12 months.

Tucker's roommate, former TCU defensive end Billy Thompson, said he believes the center won't let the injury keep him from reaching his goals.

"Tuck won't let it slow him down," he said. "He's already at rehab right now."

Muslims upset over beer ad

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Kareem Abdul-Jabbar says he is surprised his appearance in a beer commercial has upset some of his fellow Muslims.

The basketball great told the *Los Angeles Times* that he has been featured in beer advertisements throughout his NBA career. His latest spot in a Coors ad does not show him holding a beer. Alcohol is prohibited in Islam.

"Coors knew that I have taken a public posture of not drinking," he said. "I think it was tastefully done... I don't want to advocate anything that would be detrimental to anyone, but I didn't see this in that light. My whole religious stance on this was something that we brought up with the ad agency."

The Islamic Society of North America this week asked Abdul-Jabbar to renounce the television ad that began running Jan. 1, showing the former Los Angeles Lakers star shooting his patented sky hook in a mountain setting, with a hole in the clouds as a basketball hoop.

Abdul-Jabbar, a practicing Muslim, said he wishes the group had contacted him privately instead.

Abdul-Jabbar retired from the Lakers in 1989 as the leading scorer in NBA history.

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Stroke of luck Swimmers look to beat Houston

By Jonathan Conwell
SKIFF STAFF

The TCU women's swimming and diving team, 5-2, hopes to extract a measure of revenge Friday when they play host to the University of Houston at 6 p.m. in the Rickel Building.

Last year the Lady Frogs suffered a loss in the Southwest Conference meet to Houston, a team they should not have lost to, said swimming coach Richard Sybesma.

"Unless someone comes down with the flu," Sybesma said, "we will do our best to bury them."

Junior diver Sarah Crawford was awarded the Western Athletic Conference Swimmer/Diver of the Week for the week of Jan. 14 for her TCU record-setting performance in the 3-meter and 11-meter dives against Southern Methodist University on Jan. 10. Crawford already holds the school record in the 1-meter and said she will use the Houston meet to fine-tune her diving techniques before the WAC Women's Championships Feb. 27 in San Antonio.

"I am really anxious to see how this meet goes, because it will be a really good indicator of how I am doing and

help prepare me mentally for the competition next month," Crawford said.

Chip Weiss, who is in his fifth season as head diving coach, said Houston has a young and talented group of women, but his team is up to the challenge.

The team consists of four divers: Crawford, senior Nicole Duryee, sophomore Angela Clark and freshman April Soberg. The team will compete in two events, the 1-meter and the 3-meter dives, and is required to perform one mandatory dive in each event and five other dives.

Top TCU swimmers Sheila Hewardine, a senior, and sophomore Maggie Topolski will vie for a first-place finish in the butterfly and individual medley, respectively.

Other key swimmers are freshman newcomer Robyn King, who already holds a school record in the 500-yard freestyle, sophomore Amanda Stevens, who competes in the breaststroke and individual medley, senior backstrokeer Jennifer Miller and senior sprinter Stacy Gabriel.

The men's and women's swimming and diving teams will compete against Rice at noon Saturday in the Rickel Building.



Nicole Duryee, a senior biology major and member of the TCU swimming and diving team, practices a dive Thursday afternoon in the Rickel Building. The women's swimming and diving team will compete against the University of Houston at 6 p.m. today in the Rickel.

'Green' women's tennis players court success

By Kimberly Campbell
SKIFF STAFF

The TCU Women's Tennis team begins its season in Tuscon, Ariz., this weekend with a series of three matches against the University of Illinois, Mississippi State University and the University of Arizona.

Coach Roland Ingram said the matches will be good experience for his young players.

"We're jumping in the deep end by playing in three tough matches," Ingram said. "We can't truly know our potential until we play our best."

The team will compete against Illinois today, Mississippi State Saturday and Arizona on Sunday.

Annika Kjellgren, a junior from Sweden, said she's looking forward to the tough competition.

"We're playing really good teams,"

Kjellgren said. "It will be a challenge for our new players."

The Lady Frogs consist of senior Deirdre Walsh, Kjellgren, sophomores Stacey Sabala, Natalie Balafoutis and Rachael Niwa and freshmen Sinead Kjellgren, Lucie Dvorakova, Daria Zoldakova and Jessika Kjellgren.

All but Sabala, a red shirt, will travel to Tuscon.

Walsh, TCU's lone senior, sounded upbeat about heading into the weekend.

"Every year we get better and better," she said. "We want to be ranked in the top 50 this year."

Ingram said his younger players, who don't have as much experience as Walsh, should learn a lot this weekend.

"The freshmen will have to learn to

adjust to team play and learn to play for the team," he said.

The team has the depth and skills necessary to win, but they just need to be able to choose the correct shot, Ingram said.

"It's like handing a person a dictionary and telling them to write a novel," Ingram said. "We just have to put it together. We have to get match tough."

Frog sports succeed in Web feat

By Bobbie Ann Stroud
SKIFF STAFF

Frog Fan Forum, the TCU Football Option and Horned Frog Jeopardy are just some of the features "Online With the Horned Frogs" offers to World Wide Web surfers.

The site, which was created in the fall of 1995, features extensive information in a timely manner, said Don Dowell, creator of the site.

Dowell, who graduated from TCU in 1986, said he wanted to create a website that people visit to receive current updates on TCU sports.

"People from all around the world can come to the site to get any information they need," he said. "It's available for parents, students, alumni and faculty."

Dowell said that when he initially started "Online With the Horned Frogs" two years ago, the website

consisted only of football and basketball stories.

"It was late last spring when I added all of the other sports," he said. "Because if you wanted to look up women's soccer scores, you couldn't."

Since the website was established, it has received four stars by Tommy Cummings, sports web reviewer for the *Fort Worth Star Telegram*. It was also selected as the "Most Popular Local Website" by readers of the *Star Telegram*.

Dowell said the site has picked up in popularity since its creation.

"Some people sign the guest book I have, or they e-mail me with comments about the website," he said. "It's really interesting to see where the people that log on come from."

The TCU Sports Information department has been cooperative in giving Dowell the information he needs to offer a historical per-

spective that's often available in media guides, he said.

Glen Stone, director of sports information, said "Online With the Horned Frogs" is an informative website for TCU sports fans.

"The website is very well done," he said. "It is easy to move from one segment to another. It also provides great graphics and is good interaction between different website users."

Dowell said he hopes more students will become aware of his website.

"I think it's nice that fans can go to the message board and look at what other students from schools in the WAC (Western Athletic Conference) are posting about different things," he said.

Those who use the Internet or are interested in Horned Frog sports can find "Online With the Horned Frogs" at <http://golfsw.com/tcu.htm>.

Top 25

The top 25 teams in the Associated Press' college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Jan. 19, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and last week's ranking.

Men's Basketball				Women's Basketball				
Rank	Record	Pts. Prv	Record	Pts. Prv				
1.	Kansas(71)	19-0	1,775	1	Connecticut(38)	16-0	1,044	1
2.	Clemson	19-1	1,888	3	Old Dominion(2)	14-1	1,003	2
3.	Kentucky	19-2	1,587	5	Stanford(1)	18-1	973	3
4.	Wake Forest	13-1	1,579	2	Alabama(1)	15-2	923	5
5.	Utah	12-2	1,397	9	Georgia	12-3	859	4
6.	Louisville	15-1	1,383	10	Louisiana Tech	15-2	840	6
7.	Maryland	15-2	1,319	11	Virginia	13-3	732	8
8.	Minnesota	16-2	1,300	7	Tennessee	13-6	730	9
9.	Cincinnati	12-3	1,280	4	North Carolina	14-1	727	10
10.	Duke	14-4	1,084	13	Clemson	14-2	600	12
11.	Arizona	10-4	902	6	Vanderbilt	12-4	577	7
12.	Villanova	14-3	892	16	Texas	10-3	529	16
13.	Michigan	13-4	840	18	Arkansas	13-3	527	13
14.	Iowa St.	11-3	838	8	Texas Tech	11-4	459	14
15.	New Mexico	14-3	731	12	Kansas	12-3	443	11
16.	Xavier, Ohio	12-2	719	14	Wisconsin	12-3	373	20
17.	Stanford	11-3	585	15	N. Carolina St.	12-6	269	5
18.	Colorado	14-3	556		LSU	13-4	268	17
19.	North Carolina	11-4	480	22	Florida	13-4	266	24
20.	Texas Tech	12-3	396	25	Notre Dame	15-4	266	21
21.	Indiana	15-4	362	17	Auburn	12-4	231	22
22.	Boston College	12-3	226	19	Stephen F. Austin	14-2	206	22
23.	Texas	9-5	175	23	W. Kentucky	11-5	140	18
24.	Tulsa	14-4	155		Duke	11-6	129	19
25.	Marquette	12-3	94		DePaul	11-2	124	25

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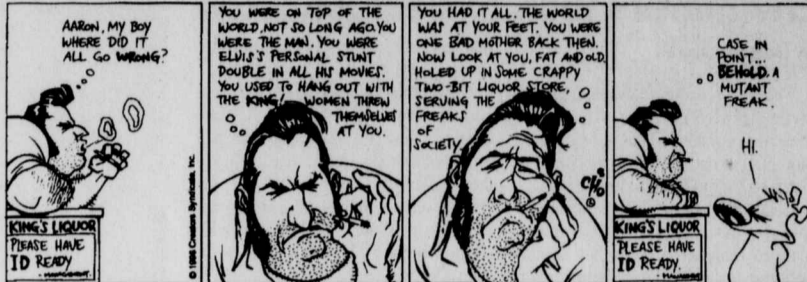
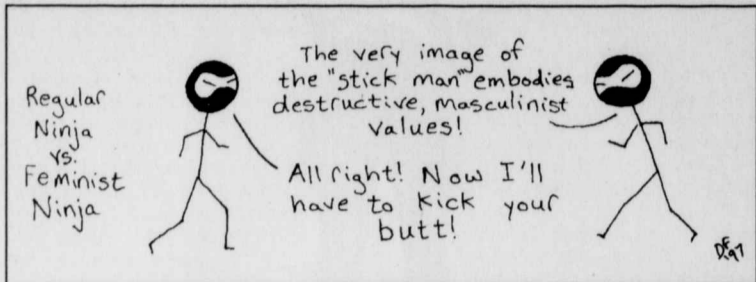
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**What do frogs think?
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Ninja Verses

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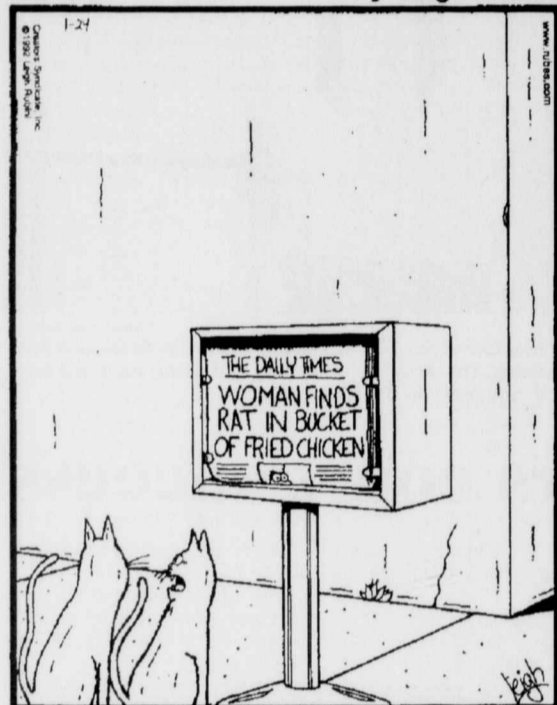
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Answers to previous puzzle

SEA	PAGE	TALES
ANT	ALIEN	ARENA
ITD	PALED	CAVES
PINTAILED	DUCK	AMS
AREAS	ROY	TIE
REST	DARED	PIER
AERO	CRIBD	
PANTICULATION		
AHARD	IKES	
CENT	ANNEX	DATA
CRO	UME	MEGAS
OR	SNAP	THEWHIP
STATE	HUMOR	OLE
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"Why is it that some people have all the luck?"

Reality Check

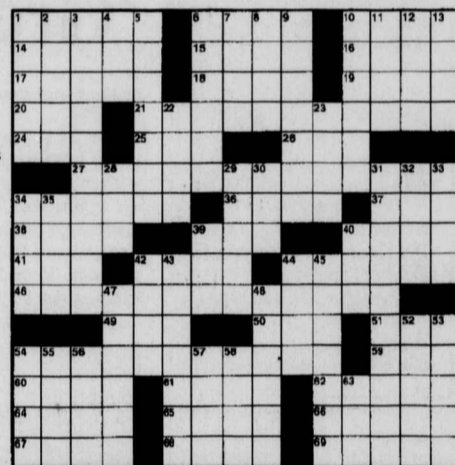
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Campus Crossword

LITERARY LOCATIONS by Dean Niles Edited by Stanley Newman

- ACROSS**
- 1 Six Degrees of Separation playwright
 - 6 Belt relative
 - 10 Actress Andersson
 - 14 Expropriate
 - 15 Wales, e.g.
 - 16 Above, in Berlin
 - 17 Postal buy
 - 18 ___ about (around)
 - 19 Casino city
 - 20 Cherry stone
 - 21 Keillor location
 - 24 ___ pitch softball
 - 25 Mine find
 - 26 Lyricist Gershwin
 - 27 Waller location
 - 34 ___ away (passed pleasantly)
 - 36 Subtracting
 - 37 Want-ad initials
 - 38 Unclear
 - 39 Japanese vegetable
 - 40 Taj Mahal site
 - 41 Part of 49 Across
 - 42 Comfort
 - 44 Author Norman Kantor location
 - 49 Marker
 - 50 Novel ending
 - 51 Tax pro
 - 54 Metalious location
 - 59 Highest-rated
 - 60 D-Day beach
 - 61 Finish off
 - 62 SWAT team actions
 - 64 Symbol of recalcitrance
- DOWN**
- 1 Sounds of fright
 - 2 Up to
 - 3 Examined closely
 - 4 Sleep stage: Abbr.
 - 5 Go off
 - 6 Wheel radii
 - 7 Top-drawer
 - 8 Torpid
 - 9 Flamboyant behavior
 - 10 Part of FBI "___ to differ"
 - 11 "Let there ___ mistake"
 - 12 Golf club
 - 13 Soulless
 - 23 Warners or Smiths: Abbr.
 - 28 ___ Khan
 - 29 Bygone
 - 30 Prefix meaning "new"
 - 31 Passing over
 - 32 Ripped up
 - 33 1066 or 1492
 - 34 It'll hold your horses
 - 35 Goldie of the screen
 - 39 R&R site
 - 40 Feel feverish
 - 42 Switch ending
 - 43 To shreds
 - 44 Catchall category: Abbr.
 - 45 Transmogrified
 - 47 Choice word
 - 48 Delicacies
 - 52 Where conductors stand
 - 53 Church recesses
 - 54 Bicycle-tire inflator
 - 55 Needle case
 - 56 New Haven school
 - 57 Jab
 - 58 Schubert song
 - 63 "We ___ Family" (Sister Sledge song)



Purple Poll

Q. WHO DO YOU THINK IS GOING TO WIN THE SUPER BOWL?

A. PACKERS 63 PATRIOTS 11 SUPER BOWL? 26

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

TCU CADET PROFILE

STACEY ANN SCHONEFELD

AGE: 18
HOMETOWN: Copper Cove, Texas
HIGH SCHOOL: Copperas Cove High School
CLASSIFICATION: Freshman
MAJOR: Nursing
ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Recipient of the four-year ARMY ROTC Nursing Scholarship, Co-Captain of Copperas Cove's "Elite Marquis" Color Guard, member of the National Honor Society, winner of the Wellesley Book Award, Tandy Scholar, graduated 4th in her class with honors, member of the TCU Women's Rifle Team and ARMY ROTC Rangers.
QUOTE: "Joining the ARMY ROTC program has been one decision that I will never regret. ROTC provides its cadets with leadership skills that can be used anywhere. It also instills in its members confidence in their mental and physical abilities. Overall, ROTC prepares you for life, whether you want to remain in the ARMY or become a civilian."
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CAREER OBJECTIVES: "After graduation I will be commissioned as an officer in the ARMY. I will then attend officer basic camp and be a nurse in the ARMY. Hopefully I will be stationed overseas, and will get to see many different places."
PROFILE: Confident, dedicated, and intelligent. Stacey will serve her country to the highest potential.



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