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L.A. County withdraws reward at Cosby's behest

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Honoring a request from Bill Cosby that no taxpayer money be used, Los Angeles County withdrew a \$12,500 reward Tuesday for information leading to the arrest and conviction of his son's killer.

The Board of Supervisors dropped the offer in a 5-0 vote.

"We should respect the family's wishes," Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke said.

Ennis Cosby, 27, was shot to death Jan. 16 while changing a tire along a road. The county posted the reward days later.

Other rewards totaling \$375,000 have been posted: \$200,000 from the parent company of *The Globe*, the supermarket tabloid; \$100,000 from the *National Enquirer*; \$50,000 from the state; and \$25,000 from the city.

Jury finds Simpson liable in slayings

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — A civil jury found O.J. Simpson liable Tuesday for the slaying deaths of his ex-wife and her friend, a moral victory for grieving relatives who felt the football great got away with murder.

The jury ordered him to pay \$8.5 million in compensatory damages and will return Thursday to hear arguments on whether to award millions more in punitive damages.

As the verdict was read, Simpson remained stoic, staring straight ahead.

Across the courtroom, a whoop of joy went up from the relatives of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman.

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Death sentence given to Routier

KERRVILLE (AP) — A housewife accused of fatally stabbing two of her sons and then slashing her throat to make it look like an attack by an intruder was sentenced to death Tuesday.

A jury took four hours to decide the fate of her 27-year-old Darlie Routier, who prosecutors said killed in frustration over financial problems and the burdens of motherhood. The jury could have given her life in prison.

She was convicted Saturday of murder in the June 6 slaying of her 5-year-old son, Damon. She is also charged with murdering the boy's older brother, 6-year-old Devon, but prosecutors decided to try the cases separately.

Judge denies cadet's request for injunction

FORT WORTH (AP) — A local television station may broadcast a movie about two former military cadets accused in a love-triangle slaying, a judge ruled Tuesday, rejecting arguments that the show would ruin any chance for a fair trial.

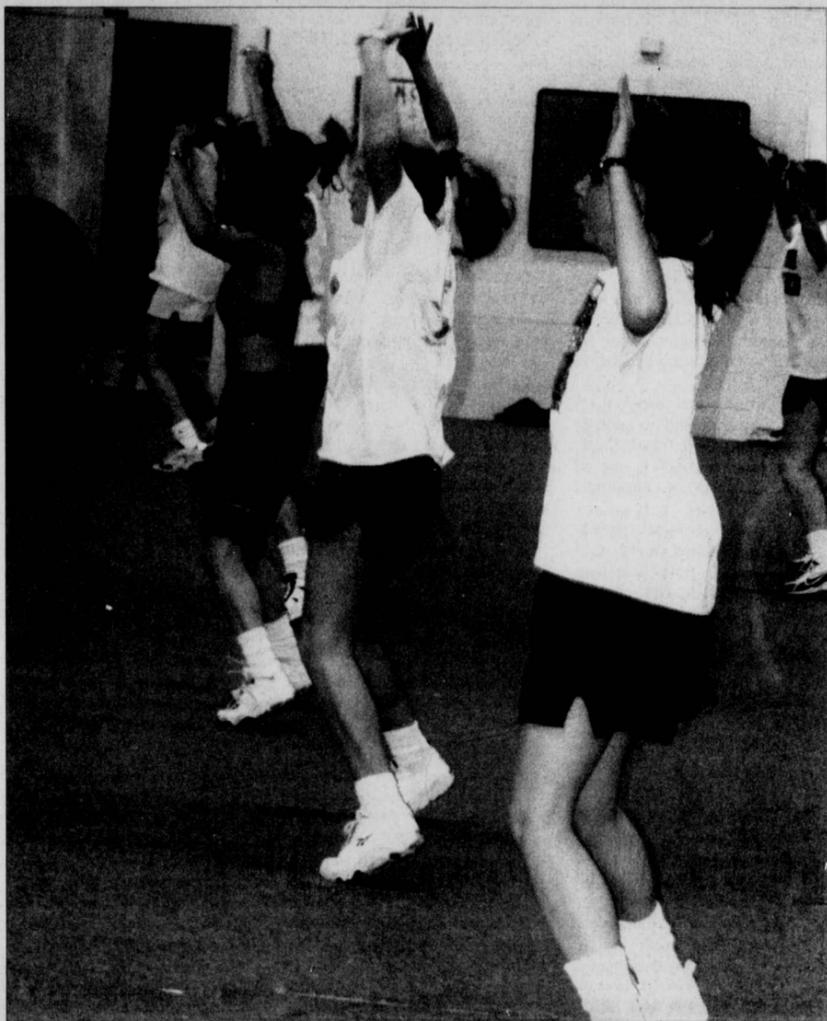
Attorneys for former Naval Academy midshipman Diane Zamora, 19, argued against allowing Dallas-Fort Worth's NBC affiliate, KXAS, to show "Love's Deadly Triangle: The Texas Cadet Murders" on Monday.

State District Judge Joe Drago denied Zamora's request for an injunction, but he asked KXAS to voluntarily pull the program. He also urged residents not to watch it.

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Members of a Frog Fit class work out in the activity room in the basement of the Rickel Building Tuesday evening. Several different types of workouts are available through the Frog Fit program.

Classes help Frogs shape up

By Aimee Courtice
SKIFF STAFF

Frog Fit classes are offered six days a week in the Rickel Building for students who want to improve their overall health or get in shape to flaunt that swimsuit over spring break.

There are six different classes, all taught by TCU students, choose from.

Suzie Ventura, a freshman business major, is a certified aerobics instructor and teaches several Frog Fit classes. She said the Frog Fit program gives students variety.

"There are hi/lo aerobics, Step

Reebok aerobics and a combo class, which combines both hi/lo and step into one class," she said. "There is also a 'Fat Burner' class that focuses on toning exercises and a total body conditioning, which combines an aerobic workout with weights."

Another class called "Butts and Guts" has become one of the most popular.

"A lot of people come to this ('Butts and Guts') class because they can tone the areas of their body they think they need the most help with," Ventura said.

Christian von Howard, a senior modern dance major, said Frog Fit

classes provide students with a good way to get in shape.

"You get more of a mixture of exercises, and it is lighter on the body," he said. "You can only get so much from running or lifting weights. With aerobics you get everything in one class."

Howard said people should not be intimidated to try the aerobics classes.

"Of course you might mess up at first," he said, "but once you get going it is easy. It is only complex as far as intensity goes."

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Men come together to discuss AIDS awareness

By Kimberly Campbell
SKIFF STAFF

The upcoming Social Support and Skills Building Program for gay and bisexual college-age men will teach AIDS awareness with a practical twist.

The Health Education Learning Project will hold the program's first meeting Friday in the hopes of bringing gay and bisexual men together to discuss AIDS prevention and the many issues surrounding it.

Mark Dunn, a TCU graduate who works part time as a TCU music faculty member, works for the Sexuality Education Center and attended the program last summer.

"In AIDS prevention the idea is to

teach a person to put on a condom, but that's not the end-all to prevention," he said.

Dunn said the program helps the men build their self-esteem, learn to communicate and resolve conflicts.

"It helps build friendships and the support continues," Dunn said. "One of the greatest things that came out of my group was that six to eight of us get together once a week for dinner."

Dunn said it is important to target college-age men because many aren't able to be open with their sexuality or even date in high school.

"Part of the problem is that we don't learn to deal with relationships until later in life, whereas most (peo-

ple) learn as adolescents," Dunn said.

The TCU Triangle is a group for gays, lesbians and bisexuals on campus that offers a support community and a safe place for students to get to know one another.

Priscilla Tate, associate dean of the AddRan College of Arts and Sciences and faculty sponsor of TCU Triangle, said she has seen the positive effects of the Social Support and Skills Building Program.

"It's not a therapy group; it's a support group, and those who have been through it, particularly standard college-age men, say it's really

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Credit card abuse leads to problems for students

By Wendy Bogema
SKIFF STAFF

Today's college students have the opportunity to use credit cards virtually everywhere they go. They can use them anywhere from the grocery store to payment for car repairs.

If not taken care of early, however, credit card debt can accumulate and cause problems later in life.

Donna Davis, director of communication at Consumer Credit Counseling Service, said that while most of the people the service helps are in their early 30s, many of them began accumulating

their debt in college.

"They thought they would be able to get a job after college and take care of the debt," Davis said. "Then about five years after college they are facing up to \$20,000 debt or even bankruptcy."

Jack C. Scott, director of the TCU Counseling Center, said the center counsels students who have many cards but no income.

"They feel afraid and overwhelmed over what's going to happen to them," Scott said. "Acquiring things enhances anxiety rather than eliminating it."

Scott said the problem of credit card abuse can stem from not

knowing how to use cards responsibly or using them in order to feel a sense of self worth.

"They are trying to fill some empty holes inside," Scott said. "But those holes are not filled by plastic, they are filled by substance."

Davis said one area where students get into trouble is when they fill out and send in credit card applications, whether they have received them in the mail, over the phone or at a department store.

When a person fills out and sends in an application, it shows

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Historian links church and state

By Elena Fortner
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Politics and public life not only affect church life, they are church life, said Martin Marty, a prominent church historian, Tuesday morning in the University Christian Church as part of the TCU Ministers Week.

"The public is the genus, of which politics is the species," Marty said. "The church cannot join the public and politics because they are already inherently part of the public realm and political system."

Introducing a three-day speech titled "Religion at the Table at the Century's End," Marty spoke to a full chapel about the need to diverge from the idea of a church separate from the rest of the world.

Ron Flowers, chairman of the religion department, introduced Marty.

"He is one of the few people I know who do not consider 'popularization' a dirty word," Flowers said. "He loves the church and has a great ability to speak which has made him available to the world and exhibits a willingness to be 'popular.'"

Marty said the popular world needs to be an important religious topic. Describing the social world as the "MacWorld," with McDonald's and Macintoshes, Marty said a pastor is closely related to the social world.

"The pastorate seems very local, but it is connected to the MacWorld," he said. "The public scene is not a distant place."

Marty compared the church to the parents of blond children. He said



Martin Marty church historian

the parents complained that their children were blond.

"They gave birth to them, though," he said. "The church cannot retreat and then complain about the world being secular."

Views about politics' great fallibility make people shy to align God with the political system, Marty said.

"Politics is not the only system to affect change," he said. "Revolutions and war will change things, as well. Without the idea of compromise imbedded in the political system though, we have violence."

"Look at bombs, children's intestines splattered across restaurant walls, broken glass and broken dreams and tell me that Jesus is not part of the political system."

Marty pointed out the innate political ability demanded from church leaders.

"We recently got a new pastor after 23 years," he said. "She started by talking and interviewing each one of us. She would have been foolish to come in and start changing things."

Marty closed his speech with a request for people to gather around the table and work together to focus religious energy.

"The church has no part without the public dimensions," he said. "We are public — like it or not. In the theological sense, this is just another attempt to ask, 'What is the character of the God we worship?'"

Marty has worked at the University of Chicago since 1963 but mentioned plans about retirement Tuesday. Published by some of the top religious magazines in the country, Marty is the author of countless articles and 45 books.

Marty will explore other aspects of the topic at 9 a.m. today and Thursday in the sanctuary at UCC.

House discusses recycling and student body concerns

By Ryan J. Rusak
SKIFF STAFF

Planning for a new campus-wide recycling project is underway, said Shana Lawlor, chairwoman of the House Student Concerns Committee at Tuesday's House of Student Representatives meeting.

Lawlor said her committee will work with TERRA, the student environmental group, to create a recycling program in residence halls.

"We're doing a little research, and we're trying to find out what type of things we need to do," Lawlor said.

Marion Red, chairwoman of the Academic Affairs Committee, said a Scantron survey will be conducted soon to determine student opinion on academic issues.

"It's going to address advising, getting a student profile in the financial sense, writing requirements and maybe the (University Curriculum Requirements)," Red said.

Data from the surveys will be presented to the Faculty Senate, she said. Academic Affairs will also propose specific academic policy changes to the Board of Trustees based on the surveys, she said.

Treasurer Mark Irish mentioned the House's newly discovered budget surplus of about \$85,000, which was created when the administration underestimated fall enrollment and thus the total of student government fees. The extra funds are currently in the House's General Reserve.

Any bill can request funding from the General Reserve, Irish said. "Any of you all can write bills from that," Irish said. "Whether it passes (the Finance Committee) is another story."

Kimberly Pue, chairwoman of the Dining Services Committee, said her committee will meet with Marriott officials and suggest a "Goat of the Week" for the Dining Services department.

"Most comments (from students)

are basically the same, but nothing ever gets done," Pue said.

An example of a goal for Marriott, Pue said, is "to not have watered-down pasta for a whole week."

Pue said she hopes to approach Marriott with the idea this week.

"We're going to say to Marriott, 'The students will see that you are trying to serve them better,'" Pue said.

Pue said if Marriott officials

are opposed to the idea, the committee will consider going forward with the weekly goals by publicizing them in the *Skiff* and with fliers and posters.

Chris Brooks, chairman of the Permanent Improvements Committee, said his committee will attempt to use all of the \$13,000 remaining in its \$22,000 budget for campus improvements.

Two bills were introduced and tabled to the Finance Committee. Bill 97-2 requests \$2,300 to help fund "Experience India" 1997, an event sponsored by Students for Asian-Indian Cultural Awareness. The event raised money to donate to Mother Teresa and a leprosy mission in India, according to the bill.

Bill 97-3 requests \$1,500 to help fund the International Students Association's International Week, scheduled for March 3 through March 8.

One representative, freshman business major Cody Dick, suggested that students attend TCU basketball games and participate in a ritual of tossing newspapers at the opposing team, saying the games are "much better than football games."

"When I was a kid, I came to the games and over in the student section, they'd all hold up newspapers and shake the papers," Dick said. "After the team is introduced and they're walking back to the bench, we all wad up the newspapers and launch them at the bench."



House News

EDITORIAL

EXPERIENCE INDIA

A template for other organizations

Students for Asian-Indian Cultural Awareness held a fund raiser Saturday afternoon that set an example for other campus organizations planning to raise money for a cause.

Despite their small numbers — SAICA has only 24 members — the students put on a large-scale event that hundreds of patrons showed up to enjoy. The many hours spent preparing for the event were obvious as act after act proceeded without a hitch.

And the money raised?

This group of students was *disappointed* with raising only about \$8,000 because it had raised more in the past.

The money will be donated to Mother Theresa's orphanages and the Church of South India Leprosy Mission.

And yet the difference that these students made by holding "Experience India" does not stop there.

Attendees got the chance to experience a new culture.

Students who went said they saw a side of Indian culture they had not seen before. There were fashion shows to give everyone a peek at the richness and beauty of the culture, sampling of traditional foods and dancing to show the participants' talent.

All in all, it was a beautiful event. Visual beauty and splendor were present, but the beauty of the people of one culture making such a tremendous effort to explain it to those of another was one that TCU students should attempt to emulate in the future.

Similar events would probably help the members of such a diverse university understand each other more. And just think how good our university looks to others when students come together and raise such a large amount of money to support a cause like Mother Theresa's orphanages.

The students involved in the SAICA project are to be commended. Their hours of rehearsal, calling sponsors and working until the last minute definitely paid off.

Other groups on campus should step up to the challenge of creating an event so well-organized and well-supported as "Experience India."

Wait, what was I saying?

Do you have a short attention span? Perhaps it is longer than you think if you are still reading this column. When the 1990s end and those people who name decades and silly trends slap a label on the '90s, I think they should call it "the short attention span decade."

If there is one thing I have learned from television, it is that long, underwhelming things are bad. It is for this reason that I have never watched a made-for-TV movie. We are allowing the news and entertainment industry to undermine our ability to sit still.

Are you still with me? OK, I'm just checking. Were you one of those who came out of the latest cinematic version of "Hamlet" and said, "It was pretty good, except that it was too long?"

Do you rely on the sound bites of MTV News to keep you abreast of current events? Have you ever attempted to browse the Internet but gave up because the pages take too long to load? Don't feel bad; you are not alone. If I waited for every link I clicked, I would probably know how to use the Internet like that guy on the America Online commercials.

On my desk lives a big, powerful, expensive computer. I have heard that it is a marvelous and useful creation. Supposedly, I can use it to balance my checkbook,

create multimedia presentations and perhaps break into federal databases. What I have found is that I own a very expensive word processor and video game system.

My computer has not reached its full potential because I have not really sat down and read the manual. I have flipped through it, but not enough to learn what all the buttons and icons of Windows95 do. This doesn't seem to matter though, because as near as I can tell, Windows95 does everything

for me anyway. This comes back to the whole short attention span idea. Everywhere we turn, technology and entertainment are offering new paraphernalia that will do everything quickly and expediently. The day is not far off when we will not bother to sit down to a meal, simply because swallowing a nutritious pill will afford us more time to watch television.

Did you ever see George Jetson read a book? Of course not, because they took too long. His control panel had many TV monitors, though, even if he never really paid much attention to them.

Ray Bradbury's "Fahrenheit 451" was about short attention spans and too much TV. Books were burned because they caused people to think rather than merely absorb or react. The media panders



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to us, and those who do not pander properly are dismissed via the channel up/down button on the remote. We are turning into a giant rerun of "The Gong Show." Anything that is not immediately entertaining is killed in favor of something else to occupy the next 10 minutes.

It is not fair to be rough on the media and not be rough on one of their main targets: the so-called Generation X and its younger siblings. I don't like being identified with Generation X because it is portrayed as bored, hopeless and apathetic, to the tune of an alterna-punk score. A trip to Gadzooks in Hulon Mall will illustrate what I'm talking about. Everything is noisy, bright and short. These stores live for the moment and worship the

trend. These kids are proud to be bored, as long as mom will continue to buy their 311 T-shirts.

By now you have probably stopped reading this column and have moved on to see what the other columnists are griping about. If you haven't and are still waiting for this to go somewhere, then I commend you. I suspect you are the ones who have read the unabridged "Les Miserables," plan to see "Hamlet" in its entirety, and have listened to both discs of "Mellon Collie and the Infinite Sadness." Good job; now go see what those other columns are about.

Steve Steward is a freshman pre-major from Lodi, Calif.

Death penalty wrong in all cases

Jury members made the decision to sentence Darlie Routier, who has already been found guilty in the murder of her 5-year-old son Damon, to death.

The decision those 12 ordinary citizens had to make was literally a matter of life and death. They had the choice to send Routier to prison for life or to make her the first woman to be put to death in the state of Texas since capital punishment became a state responsibility in 1923.

Earlier this week, the American Bar Association, the largest group of lawyers in the country, proposed a moratorium to rethink capital punishment as a whole. The ABA called the death penalty a "hazardous maze of unfair practices."

There are many who believe that Routier should die of lethal injection, regardless of whether she is a man or a woman. WBAP-AM radio talk show host Mark Davis echoed prosecutor Greg Davis when he said, "If (Routier) doesn't deserve (the death penalty), who in God's name does?"

I believe that Darlie Routier should not receive any special consideration because she is female.

This was a heinous and unimaginable crime, ending the life of two young boys (her 6-year-old son Devon was also murdered, but charges are still pending). But a discrepancy may exist. Susan Smith, a South Carolina woman who was convicted of a crime similar to Routier's, was sentenced to life in prison. Of 5,655 executions in the United States, only 113 have been women. But this statistical discrepancy may have more to do with murder patterns than jury bias.

Back to Davis' question and the ABA proposal: Who deserves the death penalty?

I say no one. There are several reasons people believe in capital punishment, and several reasons I don't.

Many people use an economic argument. They have told me that it costs far more to keep a person in prison for life than to execute them. This is simply not true. In the state of Texas (the nation's execution leader) it costs over \$2 million to execute someone. This reflects the costly legal fees involved in a capital murder trial and far outweighs the cost of keeping a prisoner for life. Even if it were more costly to keep them in prison for life,

should a person's life be looked at pragmatically like this? Should we kill everyone on welfare because they "cost too much?"

Some "Christians" quote Exodus 21:24, the famous "eye for eye, tooth for tooth" passage. Some notes on this passage. For one thing, the paragraph preceding it says that a master should not be punished for striking a slave, something society has deemed socially unacceptable. Another thing about this biblical verse. The "life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand" was taken directly from the famous legal code of Hammurabi. Hammurabi, a Babylonian king, was what many of the aforementioned "Christians" would call very "secular" and probably predated the Hebrew exodus by almost 700 years.

If you claim to follow Christ, you know by now that Jesus' constant message was of love and reconciliation. I am a Christian, and I don't believe this message includes the death penalty. You can look to Christ as a prime example of someone who was wrongfully put to death.

Nothing can bring back Damon and Devon. Why give their mother the same fate?

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Greek empire has scientific propensity toward inevitable collapse

Greetings, peasants. Many have offered their versions of how the Greek system is either "good" or "bad;" however, none have given hard scientific fact to support their claims. I, therefore, shall attempt to prove how the TCU Greeks are scientifically as well as fundamentally flawed.

The high point of the Greek semester arrives with the release of the GPAs. Greeks boast an average GPA around one-tenth of a point higher than the independents.

With this in mind, the much-val-



Commentary

Chris Smith

ued statistic becomes an indictment of the deficiency of Greek academics.

For, if a group is able to a) select its members and b) remove those who drag the average down, one might logically think that the Greek average should be much higher. The very statistic touted as a symbol, or rather defense, of Greek academic integrity is the same that destroys it.

Most importantly, though, one finds that the Greek system, if existing in nature, should collapse upon its own degeneracy. 1) The Greek structure as such is based on selection. However, it is far from natural. The Greeks value conformity, rather

than diversity, as the accepted standard of selection.

Nature dictates that those species bred with conformity in mind are by far the most disease-riddled and mentally deficient. This can be pragmatically applied to the aspects of originality, creativity and ability to evolve. These qualities have been bred or, rather, conditioned out of the system.

During the formative stage (Rush) the system demands conformity in attire as well as behavior. The group, not for its merits, but for its mem-

bers' ability to shed individuality and become part of the Greek collective, is given greater weight than any individual effort or offering. Items of symbolic significance, such as pledge pins, serve to mentally shackles the members together much like chain gangs of yore.

The value of a broad gene pool can best be seen in an example such as inbred canines. In the case of the Dalmatian breed, we find that the desired trait, aesthetically pleasing spot patterns, took precedence over all else. Thus, those with the best

spot patterns were bred with their like kind, leading to a narrower and narrower gene pool. The result is a dog that not only has the mental capabilities of Benny Hill on crack but is susceptible to a variety of diseases, infestations and plagues. Instead of being the symbol of American firefighters, they now serve only as a rotting corpse for the firefighters to dodge on their way to the truck.

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Letters to the Editor

Cheers to the engineering department

I would like to applaud the engineering department for bringing Bart Kelley to speak about the revolutionary Bell Model 47 helicopter, which he helped pioneer. The original footage that was shown of the early development of the helicopter was literally history in the making. I noticed that not many students attended this remarkable lecture, which was simply a loss on their part. I gladly thank the Skiff for printing a front-page article highlighting Kelley's appearance. It is periodic assemblies such as these that renew my faith in TCU's educational distinction.

Charlsye Lewis
sophomore interior design major

Clearing up Latin America capital markets

I was happy to see that the Skiff covered my presentation on Latin American capital markets recent-

ly. (Jonathan) Conwell did a nice job of summarizing a presentation on admittedly complex matters. However, I need to correct one point lest my colleagues accuse me of offering defective advice (actually, one of them already has enjoyed teasing me about it): The article said that "The more a person invests in Latin American stocks, the less risk is involved..." On the contrary, what I hope I said is that the more one diversifies among Latin American markets and securities, the less risk is involved. In other words, buying a few stocks in only one market is a risky proposition. Diversifying among several of the markets is considerably less risky.

Thank you for your coverage of my presentation, and best wishes for the continued success of the Skiff.

Christopher B. Barry
Lowdon Chair of Business Administration



Wilson Voelker, a junior instrumental performance major, keeps up with his studies as he practices a guitar piece in the lobby of Brachman Hall. Voelker said he would practice for several more hours on various works.

Students test drive their futures

Internships are experiences students need to prepare for their careers

By Kimberly Campbell
SKIFF STAFF

Many students are making valuable use of their time by preparing for their future and participating in TCU's internship programs.

Carolyn Ulrickson, director of TCU's career services, said a student must approach an internship as if he or she were applying for a full-time job.

"We advise students on preparing a good resume, cover sheet as well as interviewing skills," Ulrickson said.

She said she encourages all students of every major to complete at least two internships.

"It gives you the opportunity to test drive your career," Ulrickson said.

Sally Fortenberry, who coordinates design and fashion internships at TCU, agreed with Ulrickson and said that a student can learn a lot from an internship.

"It's a chance for the student to find out what he or she likes or dislikes about the industry," Fortenberry said.

All students in the design and fashion department must complete a 10-week internship to graduate. Fortenberry said the department's required career development class offered in the spring assists students in the intern process.

"We try to prepare students as though they were working a permanent job," Fortenberry said. "The class discusses resumes, cover letters, interviewing skills, ethics in the workplace and an overview of

opportunities in certain companies."

Christina Maxwell, a senior fashion design major, was able to interview Cindy Crawford during her internship with the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

"It seemed like an exclusive interview for an intern," Maxwell said. "My internship was beneficial. I was able to obtain hands on experience and learn things I wouldn't have learned otherwise."

Jerry Thomas, president of Decision Analyst in Arlington, said his company benefits from the internships as much as the students do.

"It may seem altruistic, but it's actually selfish," Thomas said. "We bring in students who are interested in the industry and then recruit them for permanent positions."

Both Ulrickson and Fortenberry said they recognize the importance of approaching internships with a professional attitude.

"More likely than not the company will have full-time positions available," Fortenberry said. "Interns are looked at first as potential candidates. If they don't take the internship seriously, they may miss a job opportunity."

Thomas said he knows which interns will adapt easily to the new jobs.

"A person who is quiet and humble will be accepted better than a green student coming in with the attitude that he or she knows it all," Thomas said.

Gayle Goodman, who graduated

from TCU in December with a degree in broadcast journalism, said she finds that her internship with WFAA-Channel 8 last summer helped her prepare for her career.

"TCU does a good job of preparing students, but they can't give you all of the experience you need," Goodman said. "During my internship I was able to learn how the television industry really works."

While working as a reporter for Community Cable Television in Fort Worth, Goodman is currently looking for a position in a larger market and said an internship is especially crucial for students entering broadcasting.

"I was able to do my resume tape with real professionals who gave me advice," Goodman said. "I sent my tape to a company in Dallas and they remembered me because they were impressed by my work at Channel 8."

Thomas said every business wants to hire someone who has experience to offer the company.

"It is hard to keep interns because they're in such high demand after they complete the internship," Thomas said.

Evette Rede, a junior finance and accounting major, has worked as an intern at Mobil Oil in Dallas for the past two summers and said the experience acquired at an internship is irreplaceable.

"An internship helps tremendously," Rede said. "Some interns not only help with day-to-day

tasks, but also in working with corporations. They help the student in acclimating into the corporation's culture and help them start the networking process."

She said she took the internship to have something to do during the summer and plans on returning this summer for the third time.

Ulrickson said she used to advise students to start considering an internship their junior year, but now she tells students to begin their search their sophomore year.

She said an intern usually works anywhere from 10 to 40 hours a week and that the student should approach the job in a particular manner.

"The student should have a positive attitude, an open mind and the willingness to get in there and work hard," Ulrickson said.

Fortenberry said she recommends that the student complete three internships.

"They should complete one intern the summer prior to their required intern and then one after they've completed the required intern," Fortenberry said.

She said she had two students complete an internship for Moda, a fashion company in New York City, who stayed on with the company afterward.

Any student wanting to participate in TCU's internship program can contact Career Services at 921-7860 or pick up a list of available internships from the Career Services office in the Student Center Annex or in the student's department of study.

Class goes on Web

History lecture notes accessible online

By Jennifer Helms
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TCU has taken a step closer to the 21st century with its incorporation of the Internet into the classroom. At least one professor on campus is taking advantage of the opportunity the technology provides.

Rana K. Williamson, an adjunct instructor of history, has helped her "U.S. History: A Survey Since 1877" class learn to use the new technological advances by creating a class web page the students can access from any computer on campus.

"I have a few (students) who have confessed they are completely terrified of computers, but most have expressed a willingness to try," she said.

The web page allows students to access copies of study notes and the class syllabus and features a discussion board and e-mail link to Williamson.

Also included on the web page are the homework exercises students are required to do, which they must e-mail to Williamson by midnight of the due date.

"It's a lot more convenient and a

lot more fun," said Mia Mendoza, a freshman pre-major. "But the con is that you're never really sure whether or not your homework got to the professor, and you can't make corrections on it once you've sent it."

While the lecture notes found on the web page are not meant to take the place of attending class, students expressed great appreciation for the page's use as a study guide.

"The lecture notes really aid with her discussions in class," said Carl Long, a freshman history major. "If I don't understand what we discussed that day I can kind of go in and flesh it out for myself."

The web page also provides great reference material with links that include historical documents and three-dimensional images of sites such as the Texas School Book Depository.

Williamson said she encourages students outside her class to explore the site and e-mail her with any suggestions they may have. The web page is located at <http://vrml.ced.tcu.edu/DocW/classhome.htm>.

Auditions for 'Texas' to be held in Dallas

By TeNicki Carter
SKIFF STAFF

Students may have the opportunity to be a part of the outdoor musical drama "Texas," which is gearing up for its 32nd season of production.

Auditions for the musical will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday at Southern Methodist University's Owens Fine Arts Center.

Patty Bryant, manager of the "Texas" production, said the drama is performed every summer at the Pioneer Amphitheatre in Palo Duro Canyon, near Amarillo. She said the show runs from June 11 through Aug. 23.

Mary Ripper, a junior modern dance major at TCU, said she wants to audition for the show but is afraid she won't have the time to do so.

"I still might get a couple of friends and go try out just for the fun and experience of it," she said. "It would be a great opportunity for anyone, but my schedule is so hectic right now, it is sort of a bad time."

Ripper said she would like to try

out for the part of one of the dancers.

"Even if I don't make it, at least I would have gained some exposure and met a lot of people," she said. "It is not all about getting the part. I think it is fun showing off your talent in front of others."

The drama, written by the Pulitzer Prize-winning author Paul Green, is about a land struggle between ranchers and farmers in the 1880s and has a romantic twist, Bryant said.

According to the story, ranchers did not want a railroad running through their property, and farmers wanted the railroad because they thought it would bring prosperity to the town.

Bryant said that while the musical drama is the same in many ways every year, there are yearly changes that make it more exciting.

"The script stays the same, but every year different sound effects (are added) to the production," she said. "Last year a \$34,000 special sound effects system, an AKI Digital Sound

System, was added, which allowed for even more realistic sound effects."

At the conclusion of the drama, the ranchers and the farmers come to an agreement to build a railroad that brings prosperity, Bryant said.

Fireworks are used at the end of every show to celebrate the happy ending, she said.

"We are really excited this year because we now have a computerized box office, which allows us to even add more things to the show, so the audiences can expect great surprises this summer," Bryant said.

Bryant said Neil Heff, head of the dance department at West Texas A&M University, has been with the show since it was started in 1966 and has been the director since 1985. Heff is also the director for the Lone Star Ballet in Amarillo.

Bryant said auditions will be held for the parts of actors, singers, dancers, musicians, technicians and hospitality.

"Heff is looking for 80 actual per-

formers, 40 tour guides and 17 technicians, all of them paid positions," Bryant said. "All talent should be prepared to perform at least two pieces and should have some previous experience."

Bryant said actors, singers, dancers and musicians need to have a resume and need to have prepared a song, dance or monologue for the audition.

Bryant said the company is conducting a talent search in seven cities in the United States, including Dallas and Houston. She said 50 percent of people from previous productions return, but they must re-audition because the company wants to "keep the production fresh and versatile."

"I really enjoy being a part of such a great production, from the auditions to the last show of the year," Bryant said. "I am looking forward to working with this production for many years to come. It is a great experience."

Students interested in auditioning can call (806) 655-2181.

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Let's talk about sex

Sex issues face students

By Jill Taylor
SKIFF STAFF

College students today are faced with social and health issues such as sexually transmitted diseases, negative emotional effects and the possibility of sex crimes that make sexual decisions far more complicated than just a casual nod or shake of the head.

Though sexual activity among college students is commonplace, not all students are aware of the risks and consequences involved in their physical and emotional health, experts say.

According to a World Wide Web page maintained by the University of Illinois McKinley Health Center, nearly one in three people will contract a sexually transmitted disease during their lifetime. That figure is higher among college students, the web page states, because the number of partners a sexually active person has during college is higher than the number a college graduate typically has.

According to web page information, the most common STDs on college campuses are chlamydia, genital herpes and human papilloma virus, also known as genital warts.

Mary Beth Walker, an instructor in TCU's Harris College of Nursing and a women's health care nurse practitioner, said most people who are diagnosed with one STD run a high risk of having several STDs, which can include the human immunodeficiency virus, or HIV, the virus that leads to AIDS.

"About three percent of 20- to 24-year-olds are HIV-positive, but that number is probably deceptively low because younger people aren't tested as often as older people," she said.

Walker, who teaches an HIV/AIDS awareness class, said she thinks TCU

students as a whole are very aware of STDs, especially if the students have a good working knowledge of the health care system.

Jack Scott, director of TCU's counseling center, said the risks of sexual activity among college students are emotional as often as they are physical.

"A person's emotional response to his or her sexual identity depends on the person's lifestyle," he said. "Some students sleep around; some are merely active; others are more or less pressured into it," Scott said.

Some students approach sexuality as a reinforcement of their identity, while others become sexually active in search of their own identities, he said.

"It's a myth that the thing that makes people who they are depends on the nature of their sex lives," Scott said, "but people follow a pattern of expectancy regarding the cultural norms of sex."

Scott said he has gotten the impression that many students think that sexual activity is necessary to get a date or be successful on the social scene.

"That's erroneous and sad," he said.

According to a 1995 survey of 680 University of Arizona students, 82 percent reported having had sexual intercourse before. When that number was further analyzed, 64 percent of the university's freshmen surveyed said they had experienced sexual intercourse, compared with 77 percent of the seniors surveyed.

Scott said a gap is also created when a person's physical maturity level and emotional maturity level differ.

"Physical maturity and develop-

ment don't mean that a person is intellectually, emotionally or mentally prepared for sexual responsibilities," Scott said.

He said negative sexual experiences at an early age can leave people feeling "scarred" or "burned" later in life.

"Although there are many variables depending on people's individual personalities, lingering guilt or shame can lead to people's developing acting-out behaviors, internal physical problems or dependency on drugs or alcohol to cope with distress or pain," Scott said.

Sex issues on college campuses are complicated further when sexual behavior crosses the line into criminal activity. Common concerns are domestic violence and date and acquaintance rape, subjects campus safety programs are addressing more frequently than ever before.

TCU Campus Police Sgt. Connie Villela, who works with TCU Peer Educators, said participants in the peer educator program undergo training to deal with sexual issues on campus.

"We mainly focus on problems in relationships: dating violence, domestic violence, acquaintance rape and stalking," Villela said. "We don't go into the types of things the health center deals with, like STDs."

One TCU sophomore, who asked to remain unidentified, said she sees TCU students' attitudes toward sex as fairly normal.

"I think it's not prominent, but it is going on," she said.

"One of my friends was involved in a relationship last year that was based on nothing but sex," she said, "but I also have a large group of friends who are virgins."



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Range of birth control options available

By Adria Johnson
SKIFF STAFF

Technology has widened the range of birth control options for young men and women to include cheaper, more effective and more reliable methods.

Shawn Shepherd, director of development/communications of Planned Parenthood of North Texas, said the birth control pill and the condom are the most widely used forms of birth control, but there are many other options.

"(Birth control) has to be one of the largest concerns for anybody engaging in sexual activity," she said.

Shepherd said the fastest-growing new form of contraception is Depo-Provera, a hormone shot that lasts up to three months. If used properly, the shot has a 99.7 percent effectiveness rate.

Depo-Provera costs \$30 to \$75 per injection, and the price may be less at clinics like Planned Parenthood that charge according to income.

Despite possible side-effects from Depo-Provera, which include weight

gain, headaches and depression, Shepherd said the advantages of the new birth control method outweigh drawbacks.

"We have several clients (at Planned Parenthood) who have switched to Depo-Provera," she said. "Most women find it easier than the pill."

The most effective form of birth control is Norplant, with a 99.9 percent success rate. However, Shepherd said its side effects have caused the most lawsuits.

Norplant are six small capsules under the skin of the upper arm that constantly release small amounts of hormone that prevent ovulation and prevent sperm from joining the egg.

Other than side effects that include irregular bleeding and other discomforts, Norplant is also expensive, at \$500 to \$600 for implants and \$100 to \$200 for removal.

The "morning after pills," or emergency contraceptives, are designed for use within 72 hours of unprotected sex to reduce the risk of pregnancy by at least 75 percent.

Shepherd said the emergency contraceptives are simply a higher dose

of birth control pills, which work by keeping eggs from being able to implant in the lining of the uterus.

"Not all contraceptive techniques work," she said. "Emergency contraceptives are a way to prevent an unwanted pregnancy in those situations."

The male birth control pill, which is popular in Europe, causes sperm to move so slowly, it actually makes them incapable of swimming all the way up to the egg.

Shepherd said the FDA will begin testing the pill for approval in the United States.

Along side these latest forms of birth control are the condom and the birth control pill. Both are cheap and easily accessible, attractive features to teenagers and adults.

The pill costs \$25 to \$30 a month, while condoms cost up to \$2.50 each.

If taken daily, birth control pills are 99.9 percent effective. Condoms, under perfect use, are 98 percent effective.

What doesn't work is the "withdrawal method" of pulling the penis out of the vagina before ejaculation,

Shepherd said.

"The worst mistake anybody can make is not to use safer sex," she said.

Although all forms of birth control are fallible, the chances of unwanted pregnancy increase with human error. Common mistakes, like improper condom usage and forgetting to take a pill, make birth control less effective.

"It's still better than nothing," Shepherd said. "Being responsible for your sexuality takes discipline."

Besides avoiding pregnancy, Shepherd said it's also important to use protection, namely condoms, against sexually transmitted diseases.

Shepherd said miscommunication between sexual partners can also lead to problems. Knowing the past history of sex partners can help protect both people from disease and unwanted pregnancy.

"Communication is paramount to good sexual health," she said. "You should be able to have a conversation (about protection) with the person you're going to be with."

Abstinent students share convictions

Religious, practical reasons cited for decision to wait until marriage

By Wendy Bogema
SKIFF STAFF

Everybody's doing it. At least they are if you believe movies, television or music. But a growing number of the young population is making the decision to "just say no."

Abstinence: To some this may be a dirty word, but to others it represents something meaningful and sacred. It is not unusual these days to find high school and college students who are making the decision to abstain from sex until they are married.

Jennifer Vanvelthuizen, a freshman English and psychology major, said her reason for choosing abstinence is religious.

"It's biblical to wait," Vanvelthuizen said. "My husband is going to mean so much to me. I want to have that trust factor in our relationship, knowing that he's been waiting for me and I've been waiting for him and there has been nobody else."

Krista Tatschl, a junior radio-TV-film major, said her choice to abstain has had much to do with having a good relationship with her mother.

"My parents both abstained until marriage," Tatschl said. "They respected each other's beliefs."

Tatschl said the decision also has had to do with a personal intuition that it was right for her.

"My body is the only thing I have control over," Tatschl said. "It's a little scary to go around having sex these days. I guess I'm old-fashioned when I think sex ought to be something meaningful."

Hope Maher, a freshman social work major, said her reasons were both religious and practical.

"There were two reasons," Maher said. "First, I became a Christian. Second, I came to the realization through watching my other friends have sex that virginity is a gift given to you by God and is the greatest gift you can

give your husband."

All agreed the commitment to remain sexually pure is a realistic one for high school and college students to make and keep.

"I think it's unrealistic not to keep this commitment," Vanvelthuizen said. "Marriage is a lifetime commitment, and why would you throw this precious gift away outside of marriage?"

Maher said if a person has self-control and self-respect, it's not a problem.

Tatschl agreed. "It's a matter of willpower. It's totally realistic," she said.

Travis Stuntz, a freshman psychology major, said abstinence is realistic because if people have the love of Jesus Christ in them, they are given self-control over their bodies.

None of those asked said sex education in school had anything to do with their decision to remain pure.

Stuntz said the decision to wait is about love, but the decision to have sex outside of marriage is about selfishness.

"If a person really loves and cares about you, they will wait," Stuntz said. "If they don't wait then they don't care about you, they care about themselves only and pleasing themselves."

Vanvelthuizen said even without religious reasons the risk is too high both physically and emotionally.

Maher agreed. "When you are in love and having sex with that person, you're giving everything of yourself to that person, mentally and physically."

"If you have sex with everyone you date before marriage, it will wear you down until you have nothing left to give your husband," she said.

The bottom line for all was that sex is something meaningful and at its best when shared in a loving marriage relationship.

Stuntz said. "God intended sex to be an intimate expression of love between two people."

| Pregnancy Prevention Methods | | | | | |
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| Method | How it works | Effectiveness | Cost | Advantages | Disadvantages |
| Condom | By covering the penis with a latex sheath, the condom prevents sperm from entering the vagina. | 88 percent to 98 percent | About \$2 for a box of three, or between 25 cents and 50 cents each. | It helps protect against sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV. It's cheap and no prescription is necessary. | It can break accidentally or leak if mishandled. |
| Combination pill | Taking one pill containing the hormones estrogen and progestin every day prevents the ovaries from releasing eggs and thickens cervical mucus (so, if an egg is released, sperm can't get to it). | 97 percent to 99.9 percent | \$15 to \$25 per month, plus \$35 to \$125 for the initial exam. | Offers 24-hour protection, makes periods more regular, decreases menstrual cramping and premenstrual tension. | Doesn't protect against STDs. Side-effects include headaches, nausea and depression. Backup contraception is needed for first month. |
| Mini-pill | Containing only progestin, the one-a-day pill prevents ovulation, thickens cervical mucus and may prevent a fertilized egg from implanting in the uterus. | 97 percent to 99 percent | \$15 to \$25 per month, plus \$35 to \$125 for the initial exam. | Offers 24-hour protection with fewer side effects than the combination pill. | Same disadvantages as combination pill, with slightly fewer side effects. |
| Depo-Provera | A shot of synthetic progestin in the arm or buttocks every three months prevents ovulation and thickens cervical mucus. | 99.7 percent | \$30 to \$75 for each injection, plus \$35 to \$125 for the initial exam. | Immediate protection against pregnancy if the shot is administered within the first five days of menstruation. Also reduces menstrual cramps. | Doesn't protect against STDs and may cause irregular bleeding, headaches and moodiness. |
| Norplant | Six match-size capsules are inserted under the skin of the upper-arm and release progestin to prevent ovulation and thicken cervical mucus. | 99.9 percent | \$500 to \$750 for the initial exam and insertion; \$100 to \$200 for removal. | Protects against pregnancy for up to five years and is effective within 24 hours after insertion. | Doesn't protect against STDs and has similar side effects to combination pill. Removal sometimes causes scarring. |
| Diaphragm | This shallow, dome-shaped rubber cup is coated with spermicidal cream or jelly and placed inside the vagina, blocking sperm from entering the cervix. | 82 percent to 94 percent | \$13 to \$25 for the diaphragm, plus \$50 to \$125 for the exam and fitting. | Can be inserted up to six hours before sex and may offer some protection against chlamydia, gonorrhea and trichomoniasis. | Doesn't protect against other STDs and can increase risk of urinary-tract infections. |
| Cervical cap | This rubber cervical cap is filled with spermicidal cream or jelly, then placed snugly over the cervix, blocking sperm. | 82 percent to 91 percent | \$13 to \$25 for the cap, plus \$50 to \$125 for the exam and fitting. | Can be left in for up to 48 hours. | Offers no protection against STDs. |
| Spermicide | Available as foams, creams, jellies or suppositories, spermicides are inserted into the vagina before sex to kill sperm before it reaches an egg. | 79 percent to 97 percent | \$8 to \$18 per kit (including spermicide and applicator); refills cost \$4 to \$8. | Available without a prescription. | Can cause irritation and doesn't protect against STDs. |
| Female condom | Shaped like an upside-down sock, it's a polyurethane sheath with flexible rings at each end to hold it in place. | 79 percent to 95 percent | About \$2.50 each. | Protects against STDs, including HIV, and no prescription is necessary. | The outer ring can slip inside the vagina during sex. Some people may feel less sensation during sex, as the condom covers the entire genital area. |

Clinton gives address, stresses education, budget

By Terence Hunt
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Clinton, declaring that Americans "want us to be partners, not partisans," challenged Congress in his State of the Union address Tuesday night to give the nation's schools a big spending increase while balancing the budget by 2002.

Recycling popular ideas from his campaign, Clinton identified education as the top priority of his second term and said Americans should have "the best education in the world." He challenged communities to measure their students against national standards to lift achievement in math and science.

The president's proposals would boost education spending by 20 percent, to \$51 billion for fiscal 1998. The increase — including the cost of tax breaks for college — would total 40 percent by 2002.

Two weeks after his second inauguration, the president lectured the Republican-led Congress to "complete the unfinished business of our country" — balancing the budget, enacting long-stalled campaign finance reform and reopening last year's welfare law to restore benefits to legal immigrants.

In a 60-minute speech, his tone was both conciliatory and challenging, call-

ing for racial and political harmony but also pressuring Congress for action. He was interrupted by applause 69 times.

As Clinton stood before a joint session of Congress, the nation's attention was distracted by news of a verdict in the O.J. Simpson civil trial. Clinton completed his remarks just as the verdict was being read in California.

Balancing the budget by 2002 "requires only your vote and my signature," Clinton said, brushing over the wide gulf with Republicans over how to achieve that goal. "This is not going to be easy," he acknowledged, adding that he believed Americans gave him a second term to make tough decisions about the future.

He said the Republican-driven proposal for a constitutional amendment for a balanced budget was "unnecessary and unwise," adding: "We don't need a constitutional amendment. We need action." That line drew groans from Republicans.

Clinton was on strong footing as he faced Republicans suspicious of his proposals. His political confidence, shaken by the Democrats' devastation in 1994, was restored by his re-election, and his recent approval ratings were among the highest of his presidency.

Rep. J.C. Watts of Oklahoma gave the traditional Republican response to

Clinton. In his prepared remarks, Watts struck GOP themes of returning power to local communities, family values and balancing the federal budget.

"The strength of America is not in Washington," Watts said.

For the moment, at least, Republicans and Democrats alike are stressing bipartisanship and cooperation, although neither side pretends there won't be legislative fights.

Still, there was none of the bitterness and distrust that reigned a year ago after budget battles forced two government shutdowns that outraged Americans and tarred the GOP. Indeed, Clinton accepted an invitation from Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott and Speaker Newt Gingrich to visit Capitol Hill next Tuesday to discuss the legislative agenda.

"We must work together," the president said. "The people of this nation elected us all. They want us to be partners, not partisans. They put us all here in the same boat. They gave us all oars and they told us to row."

Still to come, though, are ethics and legal investigations that could cloud Clinton's administration — and the bipartisanship. The president's vulnerability is mirrored by Gingrich's own ethics problems, and some analysts believe that may prompt both sides to be more conciliatory.

Anti-cancer vitamin found

By Paul Rezer
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WASHINGTON — Researchers searching for a pill to prevent cancer have found an exotic form of vitamin D that blocks formation of breast tumors in laboratory cell cultures.

Scientists at the University of Illinois at Chicago synthesized a new form of vitamin D and found that it was able to protect mouse breast tissue from cancer-causing chemicals.

Rajendra G. Mehta of the university said some other forms of vitamin D have been shown to combat cancer, but only in doses that are toxic to cells. Vitamin D-5, the compound made by his lab, blocks cancer formation at high concentrations without damaging the cells.

But Mehta cautioned that the research is still at an early stage.

"The toxicity studies are very preliminary," he said. "When we

test it in the whole animals, it may turn out to be toxic. We don't know yet."

Mehta said a standard lab test used to screen compounds for anti-cancer action showed that vitamin D-5 linked with cells in the culture and prevented them from making changes that often lead to cancer. Cell cultures not protected by D-5 did develop precancerous lesions when exposed to the chemicals, he said.

The compound is now being tested on living laboratory animals, and Mehta said early results are promising.

A report on the study will be published today in the *Journal of the National Cancer Institute*.

In an editorial in the journal, Dr. Moray J. Campbell and Dr. H. Phillip Koeffler of the University of California, Los Angeles, School of Medicine said the anti-cancer action of vitamin D-5 "is sufficiently high to warrant further investigations using other

cancer cell types." The authors said other forms of vitamin D also are being studied for their anti-cancer effects.

Mehta said vitamin D-5 is being tested on laboratory animals that have been injected with human breast cancer cells. The goal is to determine if the compound blocks proliferation of the cancer. Human tests would be possible only if the compound is successful against cancer in a series of such animal tests, he said.

The eventual goal of such work, Mehta said, is to find vitamin-like compounds that could prevent cancer. He said he and other researchers look for a day when women with a family history of breast cancer may be protected from the disease by taking pills.

"Compounds like this could possibly be used as a chemopreventative by people who are at high risk of cancer," Mehta said.

Police say hate messages were written by son

COATESVILLE, Pa. (AP) — The rocks broke windows and carried racial slurs threatening to burn the house down if the black family didn't move.

Police were so alarmed they considered posting a guard. Now they've charged someone: the family's 14-year-old son.

The teen-ager was trying to frighten his mother into moving out of East Fallowfield Township in eastern Pennsylvania, said Police Chief Peter Mango.

He wanted to move because his mother had punished him for fighting with neighborhood children by curtailing his play time outside, and he

wanted to ride his bike more, Mango said.

The teen-ager was arrested Monday night and charged with making false reports to police. Authorities do not plan to push for detention, only to make sure he gets counseling, Mango said.

Since Jan. 28, three rocks were thrown at the family's house, two with racist messages attached and one that broke a window. Another rock wrapped in a racist message hit the home the next day. A fifth rock was found Monday.

The message on one rock read: "Don't leave your kids home alone." Another threatened to burn the house

down if the family did not move before Friday.

The boy lived at the house with his mother and 8-year-old brother. Authorities did not release his name because of his age.

The boy came under suspicion because his fingerprints were on the messages, even one he said he hadn't touched, the police chief said. Police also couldn't find any evidence of a dispute between the family and anyone in the largely white and Hispanic working-class neighborhood.

When confronted, the boy confessed and may have actually tossed the rocks out of his second-floor bedroom window, Mango said.

DNA tests support 'fugitive'

DNA tests show intruder in home during 1954 Sheppard killing

By M.R. Kropko
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CLEVELAND — DNA tests on blood taken from the home of Dr. Sam Sheppard support his famous alibi — that a bushy-haired intruder beat his pregnant wife to death more than 40 years ago, a lawyer hired by Sheppard's son said Tuesday.

The findings are the strongest indication yet that Sheppard, whose sensational story inspired "The Fugitive," was telling the truth, said Terry Gilbert, who represents Sheppard's son, Sam Reese Sheppard.

The findings were presented Tuesday to Cuyahoga County officials and a team working for Sheppard's son, who has worked for years to clear his father's name.

The initial investigation assumed all blood found at the scene was Mrs. Sheppard's, since there was no evidence that Sam Sheppard was cut.

His DNA could not be tested, either, because Gilbert said attempts to obtain a sample of Sheppard's DNA from the back of a stamp on a 1943 letter were unsuccessful.

Forensic DNA specialist Mohammad Tahir said he tested two bloodstained items — a wood chip and a swathe of Sheppard's pants — preserved from the crime scene, as well as two vaginal smears taken during Mrs. Sheppard's autopsy.

The tests showed the blood could not be hers, but the findings did not exclude a convicted murderer who once washed windows at the Sheppard home and was briefly suspected of her slaying, Gilbert and Tahir said.

The scientists said the DNA could belong to inmate Richard Eberling, although they gave no statistics on that likelihood.

The dried blood could also have been a mixture of two other people's

blood, or possibly one person's blood that became contaminated over the years, Tahir said.

Semen that was found in the vaginal samples also did not exclude Eberling, Gilbert said.

Eberling, 67, said Tuesday from the Orient Correctional Institution in Columbus where he is serving a life sentence on an unrelated murder charge that he was innocent of Mrs. Sheppard's murder.

"I was home in bed that night sleeping," he said. "I didn't do it. I know I didn't."

Eberling has said he cut himself at the Sheppard home shortly before the slaying.

In a statement, the younger Sheppard said: "My family has regained our honor... I believe my father's case will have huge ramifications. It is an example of how the justice system can err, and how it also can be corrected."

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Men's tennis wins over UTA

By Kimberly Campbell
SKIFF STAFF

The TCU men's tennis team got off to a hot start Tuesday despite the cool, windy weather, winning its first home match of the season 7-2 against the University of Texas at Arlington.

TCU's No. 2 and 3 doubles teams beat their UTA counterparts. Freshman Jaideep Shetty and junior Matthew Walsh beat Rubn Sauto and Roberto Coronado, 8-3, while senior Andres Urencio and sophomore Talito Corrales defeated Mattias Larson and Kyle Wood, 8-2.

However, TCU's No. 1 doubles team of seniors Ashley Fisher and Jason Weir-Smith, ranked No. 1 in the country, lost. They were defeated by Christian Jaeger and Christopher Kull, 9-8.

In singles play, Corrales and Walsh fought tough battles but eventually came out on top. Corrales beat Jaeger, 7-6, 6-2, and Walsh defeated Ameya Chandavakara, 6-4, 6-4.

Corrales said that coming out of doubles play ahead helped him concentrate on his singles match.

"We were picked to win this one," he said. "It's good to win the doubles so we can go into singles play ahead."

Weir-Smith and Fisher won their matches handily, but it took Urencio three sets to finally put down Sauto, 6-2, 0-6, 6-2.

Sophomore David Treadwell was handed TCU's only singles loss by Roberto Coronado, 3-6, 1-6.

Coach Tut Bartzan said he's proud of his players' first victory as a team this season.

"We played very well," Bartzan said. "They're a good team, and we're



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Junior Andres Urencio won both his singles and doubles match in the Horned Frogs' 7-2 win over the University of Texas at Arlington

thankful to have gotten through it with a win.

Weir-Smith, Corrales and Fisher competed in the Princeton Indoor Invitational at Princeton, N.J., over the weekend. Both Weir-Smith and Fisher said they had trouble adjusting to outdoor courts after competing in the weekend tournament.

Fisher said he was upset that he and Weir-Smith lost their doubles match.

Tuesday at the Mary Potishman Lard Tennis Center. The match was the Frogs' first home win.

team's first win.

"I had a couple of good victories over three ranked players (at the tournament), one being Talito (Corrales)," he said. "(But) it's good to have our first victory as a team."

Weir-Smith and Fisher will now focus on the Rolex National Indoor Singles and Doubles Competition in Dallas, which begins Thursday. The two are the No. 1 doubles seed in the

tournament.

Weir-Smith and Fisher qualified for the competition at the Southwest Regional Rolex Tennis Championships in November and said they are looking forward to a tough field this weekend.

"We won't really know what the competition will be (at the tournament) until we see the draw," Bartzan said. "We're hoping to win."

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 | | |
|------------------------------|----------|----|---------------------------------|----------|----|
| Record | Pts. Prv | | Record | Pts. Prv | |
| 1. Kansas(70)22-0 | 1,774 | 1 | 1. Connecticut(37) ...20-0 | 1,021 | 1 |
| 2. Wake Forest(1)18-1 | 1,697 | 2 | 2. Old Dominion(3) ...19-1 | 982 | 2 |
| 3. Kentucky20-2 | 1,634 | 3 | 3. Stanford(1)21-1 | 949 | 3 |
| 4. Minnesota19-2 | 1,585 | 6 | 4. Louisiana Tech19-2 | 881 | 4 |
| 5. Utah15-3 | 1,312 | 4 | 5. North Carolina19-1 | 853 | 6 |
| 6. Iowa St.15-3 | 1,285 | 11 | 6. Georgia16-4 | 821 | 7 |
| 7. Maryland17-4 | 1,236 | 5 | 7. Alabama17-4 | 694 | 5 |
| 8. Duke17-5 | 1,182 | 12 | 8. Texas15-3 | 691 | 10 |
| 9. New Mexico18-3 | 1,180 | 13 | 9. Tennessee16-7 | 676 | 9 |
| 10. Clemson17-4 | 1,151 | 7 | 10. Virginia15-4 | 660 | 8 |
| 11. Louisville18-3 | 1,142 | 9 | 11. LSU18-1 | 619 | 14 |
| 12. Cincinnati15-4 | 1,136 | 8 | 12. Kansas16-3 | 586 | 12 |
| 13. Michigan16-5 | 914 | 16 | 13. Florida16-5 | 533 | 13 |
| 14. Arizona13-5 | 827 | 10 | 14. Texas Tech13-5 | 491 | 11 |
| 15. Colorado16-4 | 735 | 18 | 15. Notre Dame19-4 | 450 | 19 |
| 16. Villanova16-5 | 685 | 14 | 16. Vanderbilt14-6 | 342 | 14 |
| 17. Xavier, Ohio15-3 | 620 | 20 | 17. Arkansas15-5 | 338 | 18 |
| 18. Stanford13-4 | 556 | 15 | 18. Illinois17-4 | 261 | 25 |
| 19. South Carolina15-5 | 448 | 25 | 19. Clemson14-6 | 241 | 17 |
| 20. North Carolina13-6 | 323 | 19 | 20. Duke14-6 | 221 | 22 |
| 21. Tulane16-5 | 317 | | 21. Stephen F. Austin18-3 | 193 | 20 |
| 22. Tulsa17-5 | 306 | 21 | 22. W. Kentucky15-5 | 166 | 24 |
| 23. Texas Tech13-5 | 211 | 22 | 23. Wisconsin14-5 | 163 | 16 |
| 24. Indiana17-6 | 132 | 17 | 24. Michigan St.16-4 | 125 | 23 |
| 25. Iowa15-5 | 130 | | 25. N. Carolina St.14-8 | 71 | 21 |

Wilkins reaches scoring milestone

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — As Dominique Wilkins' assault on the basketball record book continues, Spurs fans have reveled in his season of accomplishments.

Unfortunately, the celebration hasn't turned into an all-out party because the Spurs are still losing.

Wilkins became only the seventh player in NBA history and the 10th overall to surpass the 26,000-point plateau Saturday night at the Alamodome.

Against the Minnesota Timberwolves, the 37-year-old Wilkins mocked Father Time by scoring 27 points.

"It meant a lot," said Wilkins, playing for the Spurs on a one-year contract at minimum salary. "It would have meant even more if we had won the game."

In a 14-year NBA career, spent mostly with the Atlanta Hawks, Wilkins has scored 26,022 points. This season, he is in reach of vaulting past former Boston Celtics great John Havlicek (26,395 points) on the all-time league scoring list and Spurs legend George Gervin (26,595) on the combined list.

On the NBA scoring chart, Havlicek is sixth and Wilkins seventh. On the combined list, which includes players who split their careers in the ABA and NBA, Gervin is eighth, Havlicek ninth and Wilkins

Rangers sign seven

Cuba Gooding Jr. screamed "show me the money" in the blockbuster film "Jerry Maguire", but the Texas Ranger's All-Star

deal with re-signing them again next year. The organization seems content with a quick fix rather than putting a team together that will remain together.

Commentary

Rodriguez is yelling "me muestra el dinero!" as he runs to the bank.

Rodriguez signed a one-year deal that will pay him \$6.65 million next season.

Considered by most to be the best defensive catcher in the majors, Rodriguez joins six other Rangers who have signed one-year deals.

Congratulations to the Rangers' front office for avoiding salary arbitration on these players, but what about next year?

It makes little sense that the Rangers are signing players to one-year contracts when they'll have to

deal with re-signing them again next year. The organization seems content with a quick fix rather than putting a team together that will remain together.

The Rangers' decision behind the one-year contract could stem from the fact that they are in jeopardy of having a payroll of over \$50 million, which could subject them to a 35 percent luxury tax.

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Perhaps Rangers' general manager Doug Melvin didn't wish to exceed this limit and therefore refused to sign Pudge to a long-term deal.

Still, if there's one player the Rangers definitely should have locked into a long-term deal, it's Rodriguez. This would have kept the American League's premier catcher a Ranger and made Texas fans extremely happy.

The price for Rodriguez will only be driven higher after this season if he and the Rangers have another solid year as expected.

With all the success Rodriguez has had and with player salaries rising every year, it's hard to understand why Melvin didn't sign Pudge to the long-term deal that he asked for.

In the Metroplex, the one team dead-set on winning is the Dallas Cowboys. Every other team seems content to drift in mediocrity.

Do you believe for a minute that Jerry Jones would have offered one of his most valuable players a one-year contract? Of course not.

He would have given Rodriguez a multi-year deal, satisfying both fans and the All-Star catcher.

That's why Jones' team has three world championships under its belt and the Rangers have one playoff appearance in their history.

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Rodman reinstated after suspension for sideline kick

NEW YORK (AP) — Dennis Rodman, suspended by the NBA since kicking a cameraman on Jan. 15, was reinstated by the league on Tuesday and will return to the Chicago Bulls on Feb. 11.

However, NBA commissioner David Stern warned that the Bulls star could face banishment from the league if he persists in such conduct.

The suspension will have lasted 11 games, costing Rodman more than

\$1 million in salary and incentives. Rodman is eligible to play against the Charlotte Hornets, the Bulls' first game after the All-Star break.

Rodman, who had been ordered to undergo counseling during his suspension, met Stern on Jan. 31 to make his case for reinstatement.

"I am satisfied that Dennis recognizes that his conduct in the Minnesota game was unacceptable," Stern said. "Dennis told me that

while he does not plan to change the way he plays the game, he will conform his conduct on the playing court to acceptable standards, and he knows that any further incidents of this nature may end his career in the NBA."

Also at the Jan. 31 meeting was Dr. Lloyd Baccus, medical director of the league's player assistance program.

"What the commissioner wanted

was professional input in reaching his decision, and the doctor was able to provide that," NBA spokesman Brian McIntyre said.

It was not clear whether Rodman had actually undergone the counseling ordered by Stern.

Rodman, whose body piercings, tattoos, rainbow hairstyles and cross-dressing have drawn as much attention as his rebounding prowess, has been suspended nine times since 1992

and three times since last March.

Rodman, who has led the league in rebounding the last five years, had been fined and suspended without pay after he kicked court-side cameraman Eugene Amos during a game between the Bulls and Minnesota Timberwolves.

After he was suspended Jan. 17, Rodman reached an out-of-court settlement with Amos, agreeing to pay him \$200,000.

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