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Jury hits Simpson with \$25 million in damages

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — A jury Monday heaped \$25 million in punitive damages on O.J. Simpson for the slayings of his ex-wife and her friend, saddling him with more than twice the debt even his pursuers say he can pay.

The judgment is on top of \$8.5 million in compensatory damages awarded last week when the jury repudiated Simpson's murder acquittal and found him liable in the 1994 slashing deaths of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman.

"Finding O.J. Simpson liable of the murders and acting with oppression and malice was one of the easiest decisions I have ever had to make," said juror No. 11, a white woman in her 30s who wasn't identified by name in a news conference.

Simpson was not in court for the verdict and watched reports on TV in the snack bar of a suburban golf course, where he snacked on a chili dog.

Sleeping judge unable to rule in 'Maguire' case

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A judge fell asleep while watching "Jerry Maguire," forcing him to postpone deciding whether to dismiss a \$110 million lawsuit over product placement in the Tom Cruise hit.

U.S. District Court Judge Stephen Wilson said Monday that he needed to finish watching the film before ruling on TriStar Pictures' motion to dismiss the suit filed by Reebok International Ltd.

Wilson said he probably will throw out parts of the lawsuit, which claims producers reneged on a deal to show a Reebok commercial starring Cuba Gooding Jr. as the fictional football player Rod Tidwell during the movie's closing credits. Trial is set for May 6.

Air Force halts flights after more encounters

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Air Force suspended all training flights over the Gulf of Mexico and the East Coast on Monday after two new reports of close encounters between F-16s and commercial aircraft over New Mexico and Texas.

Both of the close encounters occurred on Friday, Air Force officials said.

The latest reports bring to four the number of incidents that occurred over a three-day period last week between the highly maneuverable fighter jets and passenger airliners.

Air Force officials were at a loss to explain why the rash of incidents had occurred.

American, pilots play 'let's make a deal'

WASHINGTON (AP) — With 90,000 jobs and travel plans for more than 200,000 people a day in the balance, American Airlines and its pilots turned to a federal mediator Monday in an effort to stave off a holiday-weekend strike. Talks continued into the evening.

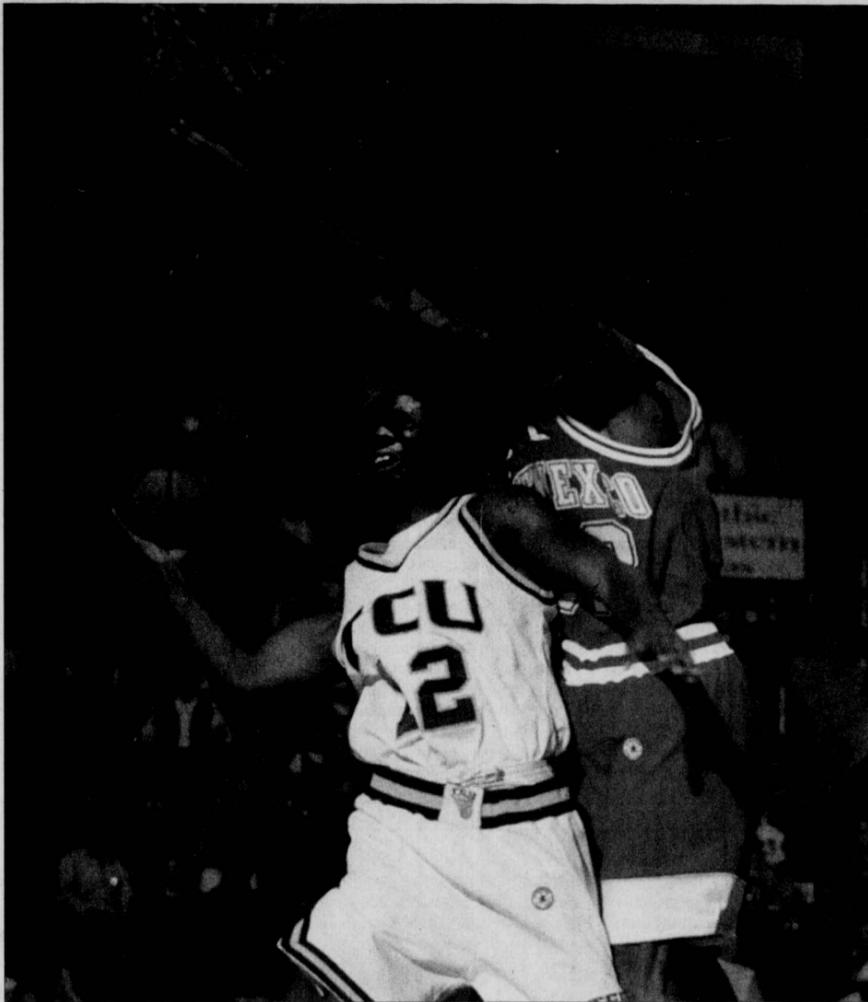
If no agreement is reached by midnight Friday, the end of a federally mandated cooling-off period, the pilots have threatened a strike and the airline has said it would shut down. That would hobble a fifth of the nation's air-travel capacity and leave ticketed passengers without a ride.

A federal mediator will shuttle proposals between representatives of the nation's largest domestic airline and the Allied Pilots Association at a downtown hotel.

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Senior point guard Anthony Burks started his second consecutive game for the Horned Frogs in their 80-59 win over No. 9 New Mexico Saturday. Burks had nine points and four assists in 25 minutes. A sellout crowd of 7,166 fans filled Daniel-Meyer Coliseum for the second time this season.

Frogs trip up No. 9-ranked Lobos before sellout crowd

By Paul Cortiss
SKIFF STAFF

TCU men's basketball head coach Billy Tubbs wasn't surprised, but almost everyone else who follows college basketball was shocked by the Horned Frogs' 80-59 massacre of then-No. 9 University of New Mexico Saturday at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

"This was a big win for us," Tubbs said. "But I don't think we could call it an upset."

Despite the coach's comments, the word "upset" seemed to define this huge conference win for TCU. The Horned Frogs improved to 15-8 and 4-6 in Western Athletic Conference play with their first victory over a Top 10 team since a 61-59 overtime win against the University of Arkansas in 1983. The Lobos (18-4, 7-3) defeated TCU 79-64 Jan. 9 in Albuquerque.

The difference between this TCU performance against New Mexico and the last one was rebounding and defense. With a tenacious full-court press, the Frogs forced 21 Lobo turnovers and — despite being out-sized — out-rebounded UNM 45-26.

"I think we're rebounding a lot better and playing better 'd,'" Tubbs said. "They're a very good basketball team, (but) they made some turnovers and we made some big baskets and

offensive rebounds."

Tubbs also said the win against New Mexico can only enhance the Horned Frogs' chances for postseason play.

"This win obviously helps us in the power ratings," Tubbs said. "A game like this and the (Texas) Tech and Purdue games give us three wins over teams that should be in the NCAA tournament."

TCU was sparked by the play of senior power forward Saipele Tuialii, who started only his third game of the year against New Mexico. Tuialii posted a career-high 18 points and a game-high eight rebounds for the Frogs.

"Sai had a great game, but he's been coming on strong," Tubbs said. "He hit some critical threes for us."

Tuialii, who hit three shots of five from behind the three-point arc, said he just wanted to make the most of his new starting role for the Frogs.

"When you work hard you should be rewarded," he said. "Coach Tubbs rewarded me (with a starting position), and I didn't want to let my teammates down."

TCU's overall leading scorer for the season, Malcolm Johnson, said Tuialii earned his position from hard

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Services add new experiences to religion

Brite Divinity School brings the African-American religious experience to the TCU campus

By Adria Johnson
SKIFF STAFF

Brite Divinity School will celebrate Black History Month by hosting a series of chapel services dedicated to the African-American religious experience.

The three-week series, titled "Come With Me and See My Zeal for the Lord," will cover three different facets of the black American

church with Methodist, Pentecostal and Baptist-style services.

The president of Students for Social Solidarity, an organization comprised primarily of black seminarians, said the Brite curriculum generally focuses on a Eurocentric style of worship.

"Worship style in the black church is different," organization President Raumone Burton said.

"(The program) will be a small and fair representation of the broad black worship experience."

Burton said few Brite students have had the experience of attending a black inner-city or country church. The services are foreign even to professors, he said, whose experiences with black preachers is limited to sermons by Martin Luther King Jr. and the Rev. Jesse Jackson.

"What makes (the black church) different is that it is both the preacher and the parishioner," Burton said. "The preacher says something, and the congregation responds."

Speakers this month will include the Rev. Sheron Patterson, pastor of Jubilee United Methodist Church in Duncanville, today; the Rev. Michael Patrick Williams, pastor of Joy Tabernacle in Houston, on Feb.

18; and the Rev. Henry H. Mitchell, a retired homiletics professor, author and renowned Baptist minister in Atlanta, later in the month.

Brite student Robbie Morganfield said each speaker represents a different slice of the African-American religious experience. He said Patterson, a female Methodist pastor

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Students learn about college life

By Kimberly Wilson
SKIFF STAFF

About 150 area minority high school sophomores, juniors and seniors came to campus Friday to learn about what college has to offer during a day of workshops, group activities and an overnight lock-in at the Rickel Building.

Informal workshops, ranging from financial aid options to choosing a major and getting involved on campus, were some of the ways college students interacted with the high school students.

TCU students explained to the visitors some of the differences between high school and college. The younger students learned, for instance, that time management in college differs from high school but doesn't necessarily make life harder.

Jessica Lowry, a senior sociology major and one of the facilitators for the conference, said the students took the initiative and asked basic questions about college life.

"I was asked a lot, 'Is college hard?'" she said.

Lowry, who directed the workshop on co-curricular activities in college, said the students also wanted to know what college students do in their spare time to have fun and where all the "cool parties" were.

She said the students learned much throughout the day.

"It exposed a lot of the kids to college who hadn't been exposed to it before," Lowry said.

Nadia Mandujano, a sophomore

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In an attempt to reach more of the shiny plastic beads at Mardi Gras, one New Orleans parade-goer climbs a nearby tree to shake his treasure to the ground. See related story, page 3.

House-sponsored computer lab to open in Student Center

By Ryan J. Rusak
SKIFF STAFF

A Student Center computer lab, paid for by a House of Student Representatives' bill passed last semester, should be operational by the end of this week or early next week, House President Andy Mitchell said Monday.

The lab, which will be inside the Student Center Reading Room, will feature four Windows95-based computers, two Macintosh computers and two printers, Mitchell said.

The House will monitor how often the machines are used and will consider adding to the lab if

necessary, Mitchell said. "If it's a big success, we'll keep expanding it," he said.

Mitchell said the lab will operate on an honor system, monitored occasionally by Student Center employees. The machines will be maintained by these workers and Josh Martinek, chairman of the House Computing Affairs Committee.

In other news, the House will vote on two bills and introduce another for consideration at its 5 p.m. meeting today.

The first bill originally requested \$784 for the Psi Chi student con-

vention but was cut to \$484 by the Finance Committee. Psi Chi is the national honor society for psychology students.

The second bill asked for \$2,300 to help fund "Experience India," a fund raiser sponsored by Students for Asian-Indian Cultural Awareness. The bill was cut to \$750 by the Finance Committee.

A bill requesting \$888.70 for a "Frog Formal" dance on campus and a celebration of SuperFrog's birthday will be introduced today. It will be tabled to the Finance Committee.

Another bill, which requests

funding for the International Student Association's International Week, will be tabled to Finance for another week, Mitchell said.

The House will also focus on a Restructuring Task Force forum scheduled for Wednesday. Members of the task force, which was created to look at ways of rebuilding student government to boost its effectiveness, will be at high-traffic areas across campus to solicit student opinion about the House, Mitchell said.

Students can fill out surveys,

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CAMPUS LINES

EATING DISORDERS GROUP will hold its first meeting from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. today at the Counseling Center. For more information call Monica Kintigh at extension 7863.

GLOBAL EXPLORERS will meet at 4 p.m. today in Student Center Room 205 and 206. Representatives from the Institutes of European and Asian Studies will discuss study abroad opportunities. For more information call the Office of International Education at 921-7473.

MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT will feature a lecture by professor Darryl McCullough of the University of Oklahoma at 4 p.m. today in Winton-Scott Hall Room 145 (the Einstein Room). The lecture is titled "Fiber-preserving Diffeomorphisms." Refreshments will be provided in the Gauss Common Room (Room 171) at 3:30 p.m.

PC MULTICULTURAL COMMITTEE will sponsor a "Jeopardy" show with trivia about black history at 7 p.m. today in the Student Center Ballroom. All students are invited to participate, and prizes will be awarded.

PC FINE ARTS COMMITTEE will sponsor a Valentine-making party from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. today in The Grind. Cookies and snacks will be provided for all who attend.

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DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY AND RECREATIONAL SPORTS present March Madness Basketball Tournament Feb. 28 through March 2. The tournament is open to TCU students as well as non-students, and proceeds benefit the Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation. Entry fee is \$25 per team, and prizes will be awarded for first through third place. Applications are available at the Information Desk or by calling Recreational Sports at 921-7945.

MAY DEGREE CANDIDATES should file their intent to graduate immediately in the office of their academic deans. Students should contact their college for deadline information.

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answering questions such as, "How do you feel about student representation on campus?" or "Do you find it difficult to access information about student groups and/or resources?"

Mitchell said task force members will also be available to talk to students about government.

Task force members, who are mostly current and former House members, will visit other campus organizations this week to try to extend offers of participation in the task force, Mitchell said.

"We're going to try to get as many non-House members as possible," he said.

Mitchell said he hopes to edu-

cate students about what the House can accomplish.

"I want people to know they can come to the House for representation," he said. "They think there is a lack of access to student funds and a lack of resources about student groups."

Mitchell said he wants to boost the House's credibility on campus.

"We must get our credibility back," Mitchell said. "Being in the House must be more than adding to a resume. People must really think they can accomplish something. The bottom line is we should prove we can get it done and we have the ear of the administration."

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than putting it on the back burner."

The two-hour open-house agenda began with MBA Academic Director Robert T. Rhodes' opening remarks and discussion of the M.J. Neeley School of Business Program and curriculum. It continued with a student panel and MBA Admissions Director Peggy W. Conway's discussion of admission requirements and scholarship opportunities.

Rhodes said the faculty is required to balance the time spent on research with lecturing, instead of just doing research like some universities require.

Chris Davis, a native of England who received his undergraduate degree in environmental engineering at the University of Portsmouth, England, said the main reason he wants an MBA is to increase his financial earnings.

"I would like to improve the quality of my life in the future and do something a little more challenging,"

Davis said.

Andy Grubb, a 40-year-old second-year evening student and panelist, said the evening professors are very flexible and will even change test dates because they know their students have full-time jobs.

"The professors know everyone is in the same boat," he said. "The MBA program and the professors will stretch you, but you won't be broken."

Federico Ochoa, a second-year MBA student from Chihuahua, Mexico, said his advice to a prospective MBA student would be to look at one's long-term goals.

"Right now an MBA is a trendy thing to have," he said, "but it is a lot of hard work, and you must evaluate yourself and what you want to do in the future before you take this step."

To receive an MBA, students must complete 16 courses, 11 of which are required classes and five of which are electives.

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political science major and a facilitator for the conference, said the conference was similar to a Monday at TCU.

"It was informative but with a little twist," she said.

Mandujano said the workshops were designed to be fun for the students instead of following a lecture format, which students might have found boring.

Darron Turner, director of Minority Affairs and commuter student services, said the main reason TCU holds the conference is to help area students become aware of all college opportunities, not just those at TCU.

He said the program may bring some students to TCU whom otherwise the school may have missed and also encourage the students to apply

to a college they might not have thought about.

Turner said that while TCU is not the only university that sponsors such a program to teach local students about their college options, the program still should be noted.

"We're unique in the approach we take," he said.

He said the conference eliminated many of the stereotypes the students had about TCU.

Overall, Turner said he thinks the conference was beneficial for all who attended.

"I think it makes all the difference in the world," he said.

Interacting with minority college students and learning how to finance the cost of college makes going to college seem more realistic for local minority students, Turner said.

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known for dynamic preaching, represents progression in the black church.

"Black churches in general have been not as fast in ordaining women," Morganfield said. "But women have always been the backbone of the black church."

Each service will have a worship style unique to that denomination.

Morganfield said the Methodists are the most formal of the three services represented. The less formal Baptist denomination is the most common denomination among African Americans.

The Pentecostals are known for a more spiritual service, he said, and the denomination is the fastest-growing religious movement in the black community.

"These services are going to be somewhat distinct," he said.

"Typically in the Brite community, there seems to be a more generic approach."

Special African-American liturgies and music will be led by black Brite students, the TCU Word of Truth Gospel Choir and the Trimble Tech High School Gospel Choir.

After the services, each speaker will lecture on topics related to black church ministry and history.

Burton said another goal the Students for Social Solidarity have for the program is to highlight the advantages of faculty diversity in Brite.

"We want to aid in the finding of more minority faculty," he said.

Morganfield said he wants the program not only to enlighten the Brite community, but to influence the entire campus as well.



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Mardi Gras leaves nothing to the imagination

Annual celebration an excuse for debauchery

SKIFF STAFF

Editor's Note: Several members of the Skiff staff took part in the Mardi Gras festivities in New Orleans, La., this weekend. After the long, grueling task, they decided to write a firsthand account of their trip for those who have never experienced the notorious celebration.

Every year the streets of New Orleans fill with swarms of sweating, beer-spilling drunks and topless women clad in cheap plastic beads. That's right, it's Mardi Gras time again and the Skiff staff was on hand to cover it.

This festival of mammary glands, alcohol and lack of sanitary bathrooms begins every year about this time. One could almost hear the city sinking deeper and deeper into the swamp it sits atop as the screaming revelers competed with righteous-minded Christian soul savers whose loudspeakers and signs proclaimed that all who do not repent will burn eternally in hell.

Mardi Gras is full of contradictions. The debutantes walked by the homeless without a glance, and the locals sat and watched stoically as their city was overrun by thousands of tourists. Equally overpowering were the millions of tourist dollars that flowed down welcoming throats in the form of the New Orleans Hurricane and the Hand Grenade.

It was difficult to make out exactly what this celebration was really all about, but then again, that wasn't

the point. Mardi Gras didn't seem to be about thinking so much as it was about lack of thought. It was blatant hedonism, debauchery and the hordes of barely walking college students and seedy-looking gangstas who prowled Bourbon Street past bathroom lines and crumpled forms, holding bottles of Mad Dog 20/20 in alleyways that reeked of urine.

It was about the New Orleans police force that had given up enforcing the law. The men and women in blue favored moving barricades around and keeping stragglers (and Skiff photographers) out from under the wheels of tractors that pulled floats through the streets. A few of them also sold beads as they fingered their batons and handcuffs.

Ah, the beads. The things people did for a string of shiny plastic spheres were, in some cases, unnamable. Bourbon Street was the scene for the majority of these acts, which included the infamous baring of the chest by some rather well-endowed young, and not-so-young, women.

In return for flashing America (or all of America that could fit into the narrowness that was Bourbon Street), women would receive the much-coveted beads or the even more-coveted pairs of trashy, lacy underwear. Men and women alike tempted the crowds below their balconies with these items, and no one had any qualms about any of it. And, by the way, the poles were greased to prevent anyone

from climbing up onto the balconies to get the prizes.

In addition to the people who tempted the crowds from balconies and rooftops, there were the "bead gods" who rode the floats. People in the crowd who watched the parades became very protective about the little spaces they had managed to find along the parade route.

Anyone who tried to move in on another person's space was either pushed back out of the space or given those looks that can kill. And heaven help you if you caught a string of beads at the same time that someone else caught them. People were even more protective of their beads than they were of their space.

Every time a float passed by, a minor version of mass hysteria would promptly ensue. Screaming, shouting and even pleading were not uncommon in this quest for the plastic shiny stuff. The float would pass by, everyone would scream and dive for beads, and then a marching band would follow behind.

The marching bands that strolled the parade route (they did not march, as the name might imply) were, for the most part, horrible. In fact, most of them didn't even play. They just walked by and waved their instruments to the beat of some not very well-timed drummers.

Walking on Bourbon Street was basically impossible. What you did instead was flow with the other people. Waves of humanity washed up and down the street, and getting to



Safe on their balcony from the crowds below, Bourbon Street revelers offer beads to the inebriated masses on the street.

where you wanted to go became quite a process. At one point, people were actually picking up their legs and just moving with the swell of the crowd. It was like being in a mosh pit, except the only music playing was jazz from a street band, which is pretty odd music to mosh to.

The parades from which the police protected the crowds were explosions of papier-mache color. They floated through throngs of screaming people who clamored for beads, which acted

as both accessory and currency in the French Quarter. The floats held Vegas showgirl-style women in feathers smiling in the cold wind, and a few dozen Elvis impersonators stared drunkenly through dark glasses as they dangled women's undergarments from gold-clad fingers.

There were also bad marching bands full of scowling teenagers and shivering majorettes who looked like they'd enjoy nothing more than being on the other side

of the barricade with the rest of us.

And finally, the crowning moment of the parade: David Schwimmer of "Friends" fame graced the masses with his presence atop a golden throne, to the delight of preteen girls and fans of Must-See TV everywhere. The odd thing was this: for a Must-See TV star, he sort of seemed to float by without much notice from the crowd. Perhaps it was because he wasn't throwing beads.

Alcohol and drug education programs produce leaders

Award-winning organizations stress service and peer education in spirit activities, promote campus health

By Christopher Rose
SKIFF STAFF

TCU prides itself on producing leaders in the collegiate community, according to Angie Taylor, director of the Alcohol and Drug Education Center.

Last November, TCU received a boost to its pride when ADE returned from the General Assembly of BACCHUS and GAMMA Peer Education Network in Orlando, Fla., with three leadership achievements.

"Leadership is not something we

talk about," Taylor said. "It's something we do."

Two members of ADE received BACCHUS leadership positions, and an ADE program won an outstanding program award.

Stoney White, a junior political science major, was elected student area coordinator for Area Six, which consists of Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Louisiana, Arkansas and parts of northern Mexico.

The assembly also named Leanne Fondren, an ADE substance abuse

counselor, as the Texas state coordinator for BACCHUS.

In addition to these leadership achievements, Hyperfrogs, a student group that supports TCU athletic events and stresses abstinence from alcohol and drugs, was one of six chapters that won the outstanding program award.

Hyperfrogs competed against 40 other college and university chapters in the nation.

White said his election will give him many opportunities to be of ser-

vice to other college and university chapters.

"I know that I could be making a difference," White said. "As coordinator, my job is to work as a resource for other chapters and to help struggling chapters reach their own goals."

Fondren said her goal is to involve as many nonmember colleges and universities as possible in BACCHUS programs.

BACCHUS and GAMMA act as a collegiate support network for substance abuse programs and other stu-

dent health-related issues. There are about 800 chapters in the United States and Mexico that belong to BACCHUS.

Rachael Parker, president of Hyperfrogs and a sophomore radio-TV-film major, said the outstanding program award made Hyperfrogs nationally recognized as not only a spirit group but also as an education program.

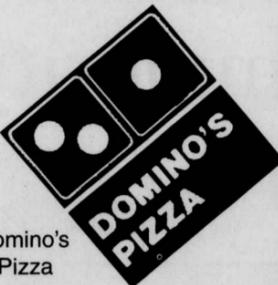
National recognition is nothing new to ADE. In 1995, the U.S. Department of Education selected it

as one of the top six higher-education substance-abuse programs in the nation.

Taylor said ADE's national visibility has given TCU the reputation of a university committed to improving the health of the campus environment.

"It gives us an edge in recruiting because we can recruit the kind of student who can contribute positively to the university when they know we are a campus committed to these ideas," Taylor said.

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EDITORIAL

FROGS HOOP IT UP

All games merit support

The TCU men's basketball team defeated ninth-ranked University of New Mexico 80-59 Saturday night at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum, their first win over a Top 10 team since knocking off the University of Arkansas 61-59 in 1983.

Congratulations are in order for head coach Billy Tubbs and his Horned Frogs, and congratulations are also in order for TCU students and fans who filled Daniel-Meyer for the second time this season.

As the first TCU team in recent memory capable of earning highlight time on ESPN's Sportscenter, the men's basketball squad has forced the TCU community to take notice.

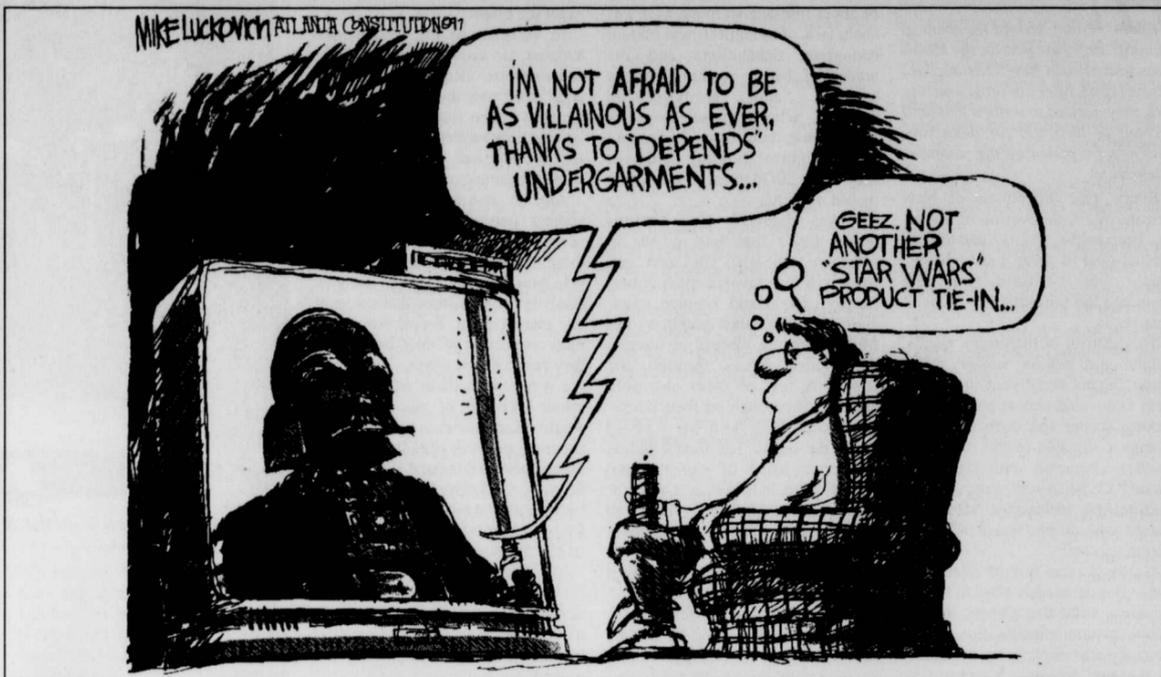
Fans have responded by embracing Tubbs' team, which has a chance to return Horned Frog basketball to the post-season for the first time since the 1991-92 season. This proves TCU and Fort Worth will support a team that competes at the national level.

But what about games that aren't against Top 10 teams? Two days before the New Mexico game TCU played the University of Texas-El Paso before only 4,155 fans. Are the fans coming to see TCU or its opponent?

As the Horned Frogs continue their late-season push for an NCAA or National Invitation Tournament bid, three home games remain: cross-town rival Southern Methodist University, University of Tulsa and Rice University.

None of the games are against Top 10 teams, but all three are must-win games full of interesting possibilities.

Just because they aren't playing New Mexico or Utah doesn't mean the games don't merit attendance.



Day of love tragic occasion

I hate Valentine's Day. There are many reasons why this tragic holiday and I don't get along. Besides the fact that I never get flowers, candy or a new Jaguar, this holiday represents many other parts of the human psyche that I just do not like.

First, Valentine's Day throws off my internal "karmatic balance."

I wake up in the morning, stare at the calendar and rue the person who invented this holiday. The fact that I have to walk around campus and see lovers smooch (or mug down in the middle of the Quad, depending on the severity of the relationship) not only grosses me out and makes me wonder if there is a shortage of hotel

rooms, but also reminds me of my inability to share the holiday with someone else.

Second, Valentine's Day reminds me of exactly how commercialized this society has become.

Not only have we lost the meaning of Valentine's Day, which is a day to celebrate St. Valentine, who epitomized love and caring for all people, but we have turned it into a moneymaking machine. No longer do single long-stemmed roses do the job

and put the giver in the good graces of the recipient. Now we have to spend a small fortune on each other to show our love.

Like so many other holidays, including but not limited to

Christmas and Easter, we are not content simply to enjoy the spirit of the season. The driving questions seem to include the financial cost of the gift so the recipient can either buy a gift of greater value or know beforehand the estimated value of the gift at the nearest pawn shop.

Last, Valentine's Day symbolizes anger and frustration, not love and hope.

Because we have lost the spirit of Valentine's Day, many other people face similar reactions to this holiday that I do. I face the day with foreboding and hopelessness.

My normally hopeful and good-natured demeanor faces a troubling transformation this holiday: I turn into a bitter single person. I go to grocery stores and give wayward boyfriends the wrong advice about what to get their modelsque girlfriends. I go into a frenzy when I walk down the candy/Valentine's Day aisle. I even kick squirrels (that's a joke; no squirrels have been

hurt for the sake of this column).

But this holiday is not all needles and pins. My mom usually sends me a card, and it reminds me of how lucky I am that at least someone loves me. Also, my other single friends and I celebrate the holiday on our own. Misery does love company, and we tend to spend half the evening railing against the opposite sex. I also remember that I am in the season of Lent and am reminded of my commitment to my faith.

So I suppose I will try to remember all the good things that Valentine's Day should signify. But if you walk into Albertson's and notice something is amiss in the candy aisle (like all the hearts are broken), I may or may not have done it in a moment of temporary insanity.

Farewell all you lonely hearts, and may the force be with you.

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Commentary



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Hispanics a diverse, yet isolated minority group

Hispanics will become the largest minority group sometime in the next century, according to various surveys. Hispanics are a growing group that will likely have an increasing influence in our society in the decades to come; therefore, it is necessary to learn about them. I can help in that regard, although I can't say that I speak for all Hispanics, as Hispanics are a diverse group.

I would like to emphasize education and the Hispanic community. In my own family, education is very important, as it should be. However, it is not

the case in too many Hispanic families. To illustrate my point, let me give an analogy that reflects this somewhat: There was a fisherman with two baskets of crabs.

His buddy came along and asked him why only one of the baskets was covered. He responded: "The open basket is filled with Mexican crabs, and any time one of them tries to climb out, the others pull him back in."

In Fort Worth, there are concentrations of Hispanics both in the Northside and Southside areas. This is because usually Hispanics keep to themselves. Hispanics are further isolated because of language and cultural differences. Even religion plays a part in this isolation, as most Hispanics are Catholics living in a society of white Protestants. Add to this the level of education of typical Hispanics during these past decades, and it is easy to see why they have kept to themselves. It is natural human instinct to stay with those like yourself.

However comforting that may be, living in the United States requires Hispanics to stretch their boundaries if they are to not only survive, but thrive in this society. This includes learning proper English (but I do NOT advocate making English the official language of the United States!). This is where education comes in. It is very painful and difficult to go beyond what is familiar and comfortable, but that is what must be done if Hispanics want to have any kind of voice in our society.

Commentary



John Araujo

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Watts could be GOP's next dynamic leader

Oklahoma Republican the fresh face in Washington D.C.'s dog-eat-dog political world

Lost in the confusion of the O.J. Simpson verdict and the State of the Union address Feb. 4 was the heartfelt response to President Clinton by Oklahoma Rep. J.C. Watts.

The Oklahoma Republican showed a national television audience — at least comprised of those not watching the O.J. coverage — what many Republicans have known since last summer's National Convention: He could very capably fill the void left by the departure of Ronald Reagan as the party's next dynamic leader.

Unfortunately, Watts' brilliant speech was overshadowed by a con-

trovery involving two of Washington's most powerful black leaders.

Watts was quoted in *The Washington Post* as calling the Rev. Jesse Jackson and Washington, D.C., Mayor Marion Barry "Race-hustling poverty pimps," because their careers hinge on their oppressing black people.

Commentary



Brian Wilson

Had this been said by a black liberal, the reaction would have been much different. It certainly would not have received the kind of negative reaction it did in response to Watts.

Just as with the Clarence Thomas

fiasco, this is a classic case of bias against black conservatives. Democrats cannot credibly assail the character of Watts, so they scream, "Uncle Tom." Never mind that the principles in which he believes — faith, family and freedom — are the basic building blocks on which the American civilization has been resting comfortably for over 200 years.

The possibility of a Watts-led Republican Party gives a sense of hope to all who are concerned with their president waking up each morning trying to conjure up a way out of the latest scandal.

He provides not only a fresh face in the dog-eat-dog world of Washington politics, but a whole new outlook, one that stresses God over government and puts family before finances.

In an era when many politicians talk about family values without living them, Watts constantly prac-

tices what he preaches.

When the power brokers inside the beltway are entertaining each other at weekend cocktail parties, Watts is where he should be — at home in Oklahoma, spending time with his wife and children.

Far too long have we been told by Democrats that the solutions to the ills of society lie not with mom and dad, but with Uncle Sam.

As an answer to our escalating violent crime, they propose new legislation restricting the rights of citizens to carry guns. Never mind that criminals, by definition, do not follow laws.

The solution for our crumbling education system is more federal control, despite evidence concluding that as Washington has increased its power in the affairs of public schools, the achievement of American children has consistently slipped.

Living in the United States also calls for learning about the society and culture in which Hispanics. This is where the "fisherman's basket of crabs" analogy comes in. For some Hispanics, trying to stretch one's boundaries amounts to wanting to be white. This is a sad attitude to take about someone who is family or a friend, and it is an attitude born of jealousy. They will put this person in an uncomfortable position of having to make a choice between staying with what's familiar and trying to learn what's out there.

What makes this so tragic is that it doesn't have to come down to issuing an ultimatum. When one Hispanic takes the risk of learning about the world beyond his or her boundaries, the whole Hispanic community benefits.

Also, it doesn't mean Hispanics have to give up their cultural identity. It just means they don't have to limit themselves to their cultural identity. That is, I know and am proud of the fact that I am Hispanic, but it is not the sum total of who I am.

It also doesn't mean that Hispanics have to give up their family or familial bonds. My family has much to contribute to my continuing growth and education (my mom is one of my toughest critics!), and it benefits from what I learn as well. I would be far, far less of a person without my cultural identity and family bonds.

And that is what I carry with me when I meet others outside of my culture and family. It is what others see

when I meet them and discuss issues with them. It is what my co-workers and classmates and my fellow *Skiffers* see when I work with them, laugh with them and enjoy their company at various get-togethers.

My culture and my family are part of who I am, but they are not all that I am. I am proud to be Hispanic, and I am proud of the fact that I have had the courage to reach beyond my boundaries and grateful that I have had the support of my family to do so. And I am not finished reaching!

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Have an opinion?

E-mail your comments to skiffletters@tcu.edu, bring them by the Skiff office at Moudy 2915 or mail them to TCU Box 298050, and look for your name and opinion in the paper.

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Racism halts our progress as a nation

Human race open to all

TCU is an institute of higher education. Ideally, this means that it would be comprised of true scholars who have yet to quench their thirst for knowledge. Unfortunately, every campus has its share of students who are enrolled for reasons other than the pursuit of truth and enlightenment. This may be the case for most students.

Obviously, people long ago figured out that greater rewards come with further education. It is now time people learn that greater responsibilities are the catch to the deal.

College is about new experiences. It is full of new people, ideas, music and even cultures. Many people embrace these opportunities wholeheartedly as part of their extracurricular education. Others mock them. These cowards can no longer be ignored.

It is important to realize and appreciate that America is not an effective melting pot. People of all nationalities and backgrounds come to the United States for whatever reason and are united by common citizenship while still retaining their national flair. America is more of a giant spice rack, full of a variety of flavors and cultures, joined in the common stability of democracy.

Diversity is an advantage for our country. The world is becoming more and more of a global village, and businesses are following suit. It is therefore in everyone's best interest to learn about our neighbors and respect all our differences. The

days of "us and them" are over. But human nature retards this progress towards universal understanding. People with their prejudices and bigots with their delusions prevent us from coexisting in harmony. Those who spread their hate and fear send us all backward on the evolutionary timeline.



Commentary

Michael Kruse

Bigots are dream killers. They're little people who inflict great pain and a multitude of problems. They see everything in black and white, man and beast, and good and evil. They are so concerned with pinning the blame on a scapegoat with a different-colored coat that they are blind to their own faults and weaknesses.

In this vein, racial symbols need to be left in the vault of history's horrors. Swastikas and confederate flags aren't symbols of supremacy or superiority, only mental dysfunctionality. Do people actually think they're raising themselves up by kicking someone else down? How sweet is the fruit they seek if they have to break another's back to

reach it? Since the establishment of this country, people have had the right to be different. They have the right to pray differently, to think an infinite amount of varying thoughts and to shine in the brilliant kaleidoscope of colors and individuality. As is said in the movie "A Room with a View," "There is only one completely correct view, and that is the view of the sky above us."

People need to learn not only to respect other's beliefs, but to respect their own as well. It has to be understood that whenever their beliefs intrude on another's rights, a great injustice occurs. If every time a bell rings an angel gets its wings, then every time a racist thought will sell, a new fire ignites in hell.

Universities have always been the catalyst for change. Great minds are always found in the largest proportions at institutions of education. This is why we as scholars, students and global children must work to end prejudices. We are the next generation. If America wants to compete in the still, unfamiliar waters of global competition, it has to stop drowning in its own cesspool of fear.

In the end, no matter how hard people try to change, break or abolish it, there is still only one race that counts. And that is the human race.

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William Watson SKIFF STAFF



Commentary

Pete Radovich

Confederate flag is emblem of intolerance

Not long ago, I recalled my most vivid memory of first grade when my teacher played a Martin Luther King Jr. video for my class. King said, "I have a dream that one day my four little children will live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character." King not only changed my life forever but

ignited my struggle for harmony and justice for all people. This is only my second semester at TCU, and last semester I encountered several people who challenged me to reflect on what King said to me in first grade.

Near the end of last semester, while looking for a can opener, I walked into the room of a fellow resident only to find a Confederate flag, a swastika, and a mural of Adolph Hitler proudly displayed on the walls of his room. How could a person advocate such symbols of animosity?

To me the Confederate flag is a symbol of racial bigotry in the South and the bastion of the Ku Klux Klan. The swastika is universally recognized as an emblem of hatred, which was adopted by Nazi Germany under the mistaken notion that it was originally an Aryan white supremacist symbol.

I don't think I need to elucidate the connotations of the portrait of Hitler draped on his wall. In a separate incident, I asked a fellow student if he wanted to go to the basketball game with a group of friends. He said, "Only niggers play basketball! I hate niggers!"

I stood in front of him, staring into his blue eyes, his light complexion and blond hair. I almost broke down into tears right in front of him as he went on about the white man's struggle and the Confederacy. Never in my life have I felt such sadness and remorse for the entire human race. He went on to confirm his support

of the Confederate flag. Throughout my time as a TCU student, I've seen students and members of the community proudly sporting Confederate flags in their rooms and on their vehicles. I watch these people march through our campus and speed down our streets. My only wish is for them to stop for only a second and listen to my plea.

Why do these people fly the Confederate flag? What does it represent? Most of all, do these people judge others by the color of their skin or by the content of their character?

The Confederate flag originated in the Civil War, a conflict rooted in the institution of slavery. To the South, it represented a regime devoted to enslaving all people of African descent.

History cannot be erased or ignored. The Confederate flag still represents that regime and should not be a source of pride for Southerners or anybody else. The flag is analogous to the swastika most recently used by Nazi Germany.

However, most Germans today shun that time in their country's history and don't endorse this symbol. It's too bad America can't say the same, as Georgia and Mississippi proudly fly the Confederate flag above 'Old Glory.'

I realize that people in Texas have ancestors who fought for the South, and they want to honor the memory of their forefathers. My problem with these people is that they haven't objected to the evil connotation their

flag takes on today. Nearly every white supremacist group in America waves the flag from the backs of its pick-up trucks. The Klan still displays the emblem proudly as it burns crosses in memory of what it calls the 'glory days' of lynchings and hangings. Skinheads all over the world adorn themselves with it as they beat innocent people to death.

Where are the people who hold the Confederate flag's meaning close to their heart? Why aren't they outraged by these groups' misuse of their beloved symbol?

I know at least two people right now who are reading this column and desperately want my body in a gas chamber or tied to a burning cross. I wasn't raised in the South, and all my life I've been brought up to believe that judging people by the "content of their character" was the right thing to do.

I beg you to call me, e-mail me, talk to me and challenge my beliefs concerning my lack of appreciation for the Confederate flag or why I shouldn't disdain Nazi Germany. Help me understand why any one person of a certain race, sex, religion, or what have you, is superior to any other human being!

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Letters to the Editor

Wilson should not pass judgement

Although I have often thought of writing to the *Skiff* in response to an article or commentary, especially after reading one of Chris Smith's damn funny pieces, the urge has usually been usurped by a general lack of time. However, I feel compelled to respond to Brian Wilson's commentary on the V-chip.

I am amazed, first of all, that in this V-chip piece Wilson somehow managed to equate the corruption of the youth and the nation with homosexuality. Although not a new argument, it remains nonetheless unwarranted in addition to being entirely out of place in this context.

The ease with which Wilson is able to correlate homosexuality to our "morally corrupt" society frightens me. Such universal condemnations of those who are not like you and yours is a wholly despicable attitude. It is his opinion, I realize, and he is entitled to it, but it smacks of intolerance and fear.

In the hodgepodge that is our contemporary society, it astounds me that people still pass judgment on others for something as trivial as sexual tendency or skin color or religious belief. You don't have to accept homosexuality, Mr. Wilson, though it is a fact and will continue to exist despite your close-minded commentary.

I realize that it is easier to pass judgment than to understand, but I do urge you to examine your perspective and try to learn about and

even respect those who do not share your values instead of dismissing them as the morally corrupt. In your seemingly benign but highly offensive commentary, I see the true moral corruption of our society — blind intolerance.

Aryn Hersma
senior Spanish major

Great journalism only requires pencil, paper and phone

The application of technology is an important matter that has not been overlooked by TCU. When your recent editorial regarding this issue ignored the great deal of work that has been done in the past few years, I felt it was necessary to enlighten your readers.

Technology at TCU has been making leaps and bounds in the past few years, many of which have cost this university a great deal. This process has built a great foundation from which "technology" can more easily be added in the future. I could fling words like "redundant backups," "managed hubs," and "fiber backbone," which may mean little to the laymen but mean a great deal to those who would support this "technological boom."

The appearance of a new technology does not necessarily eliminate previous technology. That would be like saying that the book eliminated the need for dramatic plays, and that the movie eliminated the need for books. Education in many areas can utilize newer tech-

nologies, but still requires a great deal of "older technology" as its foundation.

Indeed, your editorial lacked an element necessary to great journalism; fact gained from investigative reporting needs little or no technology. It requires skill gained from experience and effort. The only technology needed to gain some insight would have been a pencil, a piece of paper and perhaps a telephone. Hardly what I would call a technologically dependent job.

Implementing technology requires much the same thing. With limited staff, departments like Information Services and Instructional Services provide technology as fast as they can while being able to support that technology. Support is a critical element of technology, one that cannot be overlooked or ignored. I think the latest computers are great, and the things they can do are amazing, but I'd rather spend the money wisely than just fling it at the next greatest thing with bells and whistles.

A dot matrix printer still creates the large majority of reports and research printouts that are distributed all over campus on the "green bar" paper. That printer has been working for the past 10 years and will continue to do so for the next five.

If ever you have sat in the library and watched the incredible amount of waste paper that is created there on the dot matrix printer, it is terrible to think of the cost if it had been done on laser printers. This letter

could easily have been typed up on a 286 computer over in Development, where employees have used "outdated" technology to collect the \$100 million of the Next Frontier campaign.

Finally, since this is an institution of education, there is an important fact to consider. Are the teachers ready to educate the students in their respective departments. The business school updates its computer lab technology every few years because its professors require their usage. They use e-mail in their classroom, have home pages on the Internet and discuss technological advances in their field on a constant basis. It is a must in their field. The department of mathematics does not have as great a need, nor does the English department.

If the *Skiff* needs access to such technology, they should first look towards the journalism department. How great a need does it have compared to physics students who cannot compute their complex mathematical formulas without the aid of a computer. A brand spanking new computer with all the gadgets is not going to do a thing to help you with an interview. It's not going to give you the right questions to ask, make them talk any faster, or make you more aware of your surroundings of which you are in desperate need.

So before you demand the heads of administration for lack of attention to detail, look around at what has been done. You have adequate

computer lab in Tandy Hall, the library, Sid Richardson, and in the Rickel Writing Center. You have Internet access in the dormitories, Southwestern Bell no longer owns your telephone lines and cable TV is readily available to procrastinate your studies. You have multiple computer platforms all supported on the same network, and staff who can support them.

The technology is available and used by those who need them. In fact, those who do need them are using them while the rest are busy complaining.

Michael Holley
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Vitamins ideal for healthy diets

I'm writing in response to the Feb. 6th article, "Vitamin Supplements Popular." The article included several opinions about the value of taking vitamins and concluded that people should eat a healthy diet rather than take vitamin supplements. It further stated that people can get all the vitamins and minerals they need by following the RDA Food Pyramid.

I recently attended a seminar by Dr. Stu Menn, an expert on sleep disorders and a spokesperson for Nutrilite, the first company to produce a multivitamin supplement and the No. 1 nutritional supplement company in the world today.

Dr. Menn's talk included a study from the late 1970s that was published by the *Journal of the Indiana Medical Society*. In the study, 300

people who were already following a healthy diet were asked to track and write down everything they ate for three days. This included only food and not food supplements.

One would assume that most of these health-conscious individuals would be fulfilling all of their RDA requirements for vitamins and minerals from their diets. However, the study found that after all the total amounts of nutrients consumed had been totaled, only one of the 300 participants was getting all the vitamins and minerals he needed from his diet — he was a weight-lifter who was consuming 4,600 calories a day.

It is possible to fulfill all the RDA requirements each day. But who actually goes through the hassle of planning each day's meals, and who wants to gain weight by eating so many calories? And besides, who has time to worry about it?

The truth is the pace of our world makes vitamin supplements the ideal way to make sure that we fill the gaps in our diets easily and effectively. Supplements are not designed to replace food, but instead to work with food to add great benefits to our diets.

In the cutting-edge medical community today, the question of the positive benefits of supplements has already been answered and proven. We've got the technology to greatly improve our health and the quality of our lives — now let's use it.

Rebecca Martin
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Cason: a legend in the Rickel

Inventor of wishbone offense changed the face of football

By Michael Bryant
SKIFF STAFF

In the upstairs of the Rickel Building, students in the beginning golf class practice hitting golf balls into a torn, frayed net while the instructor walks patiently in the background, offering tips of advice and words of encouragement.

Recent health problems have crippled the left arm of the instructor, making the swing of a club, a motion he loved dearly, next to an impossibility.



Charles "Spud" Cason
golf instructor

But 25 years ago, Charles "Spud" Cason had the full use of his arm and was offering the same tips of advice and words of encouragement to younger students as a junior high school football coach.

What may seem like an average, humbling occupation was nothing of the sort for Cason. The coach not only lost just 20 games in 21 seasons at Monnig Junior High School, but also invented an offensive alignment known as the wishbone that changed the face of football for years to come.

The year was 1950 when Cason accepted the head coaching position at Monnig Junior High in west Fort Worth after serving two years as an assistant coach at Strickland Junior High School. Cason, though, immediately discovered a problem.

"I had a slow fullback who could not get to the hole quick enough," Cason said. "To compensate, I moved him up a step and noticed that it opened up a lot of possibilities."

The result became known as the "Monnig T" and served as the staple of Cason's offense for the remainder of his career. Under Cason's leadership, Monnig had 13 undefeated seasons and 137 wins, he said.

People didn't begin to notice the widespread possibilities of the play until Darrell Royal introduced the same offensive structure at the University of Texas at Austin game against the University of Houston.

Cason, a TCU graduate, said that when the offense first appeared on television, his phone "started ringing off the wall" with friends and neighbors who recognized the play.

After the UT-Houston football game, a sportswriter nicknamed the play the "wishbone" based on the look of the line, Cason said.

In order to prove that he had developed the play first, "We had films in living color that preceded the Texas University running," Cason said. "The Associated Press wrote an article after seeing our films showing that we had started using it years before."

Soon after, Cason said he was prompted to write a play book. "The Original Wishbone T" went through around five printings, Cason said, and sold approximately 15,000 copies in all 50 states.

Many other major universities, such as the University of Oklahoma under Barry Switzer and the University of Alabama under Paul "Bear" Bryant, began to copy the wishbone offense and apply it to their own game strategies, Cason said.

The wishbone became one of the most popular offenses of the 1970s, he said. Six national titles were won by Texas, Alabama or Oklahoma, all wishbone teams, in the '70s.

The popularity of the wishbone has

died off in college football, Cason said, although a few colleges still put it into use.

One of those colleges is the U.S. Air Force Academy, a WAC rival of TCU in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Bob Noblitt, offensive coordinator for the Air Force Falcons, said, "We live and die on the triple option of the wishbone."

The triple option was perfected by Cason for the third printing of his play book in 1970.

The Falcons, who implemented the wishbone offense 15 years ago, use the triple option about 75 percent of the time, Noblitt said.

"It gives us an opportunity to take advantage of our players at the academy," he said. "It's an offense where you can use intelligence, quickness and aggressiveness before you have to worry about size."

Noblitt said the wishbone had been "a big, big, big factor in the success of Air Force football."

Under the wishbone and Head Coach Fisher DeBerry, Air Force has been to 11 bowl games, shared the WAC title once and won the Commander-in-Chief Trophy 11 times, he said.

Cason will be able to see his plays in action once again when the Falcons travel to Fort Worth during the 1998 football season.

Cason, who was born and raised in Fort Worth, said his greatest achievement as a football coach was winning 42 games in succession during the late 1960s and early 1970s.

"The credit (for success) goes to good material, lots of luck and the wishbone offense," he said.

Despite the glory of his football victories, Cason said one of the greatest moments of his career was "seeing

a lot of my players succeed in life."

He said he tried to help his players by "teaching them to instill a set of values in life and to prepare them for manhood."

Several of Cason's junior high players went on to greater success in football, including former Horned Frog and Dallas Cowboys player Mike Renfro, Cason said.

Cason was forced to retire from football in 1973 because of a bleeding ulcer.

Before he retired, Cason had developed another offensive structure, which was nicknamed the "circus" by a Florida sportswriter. But because of his retirement, the play book was never published, and the play was never used at other schools, he said.

"My biggest complaint is that the wishbone was never utilized to its fullest capabilities," Cason said. "While most of these teams used it only as a running offense, we had already started running half a wishbone... and were passing quite a bit off it."

Cason said hearing about the success of the play he created "made me feel really good in a way. Then I started hearing the announcers say it was a come-from-behind offense, so that made me a little agitated because I knew better."

After his retirement, Cason served two years as a football broadcaster for WBAP radio and two years as a color commentator for a local television station.

He began working at TCU in February 1995 as a golf instructor. Cason was an avid golfer in his youth and became the youngest Fort Worth city golf champion at the age of 16. He later played both football and golf for TCU.

VICTORY

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work in practice.

"In practice if you aren't ready to bust your tail, you'll get your position taken," he said. "We call our practices 'war zone.'"

Johnson also scored 18 points for TCU, and the junior forward seems to have broken from a mid-season slump.

"I'd been shooting threes a lot and decided to start going to the hole more often," Johnson said. "I'm just making better decisions."

The decision by Tubbs to stick with his new starting lineup of Johnson and Tuialii at forward, Scott Barrett at center and Anthony Burks and Mike Jones at the guard spots helped the Horned Frogs win two WAC games in a row for the first time this season. The Frogs beat the University of Texas-El Paso Thursday 77-55.

"It isn't necessarily who starts, but who plays," Tubbs said. "We've proven some points (with the new lineup) about hard play in practice."

Burks turned in his second consecutive solid performance as

TCU's starting point guard to help offset the performance of his former high school teammate (at Fort Worth Dunbar) Charles Smith of New Mexico.

"We won this one for A.B.," Tubbs said of Burks, who had nine points and four assists. "We wanted everyone to remember that A.B.'s from Dunbar too."

Despite TCU's effort, the pre-season All-American Smith posted 23 points and eight boards to lead the Lobos in both categories.

"I'd trade all of my points for a win," Smith said. "The first time we played we were in the same situation, but we had our crowd."

TCU was boosted by a sellout crowd of 7,166 — the second sellout of Daniel-Meyer Coliseum this season.

"Our crowd was super tonight," Tubbs said. "They were good for 10 points."

Tuialii agreed with his coach about the importance of the home crowd.

"The fans were a big factor," he said. "I want to thank the student body for coming out tonight."

WAC Mountain division men's basketball standings

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Lobos defeat Lady Frogs, tie TCU in conference

The TCU women's basketball team saw its two-game winning streak end at the hands of the University of New Mexico on Saturday at the Pit in Albuquerque, 60-57.

The loss dropped TCU to 11-10 overall and 5-6 in Western Athletic Conference play. The Lobos moved into a fourth-place tie with TCU in the WAC Mountain division as they upped their records to 14-7 overall and 5-6 in the WAC.

The Lady Frogs, having never led in the game, shot a season-low 27 percent and scored a season-low 57 points.

TCU was led by sophomore forward Jennifer Hickman's 13 points and senior center Shawanda Mitchell-Harps' 11 rebounds. New Mexico guard Sonya Bryant paced all scorers with 24 points.

The Lady Frogs return to action on Thursday against Brigham Young University at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum for another critical conference game. The Cougars (4-7, 7-15) are one game behind TCU in the WAC Mountain standings.

TCU women's soccer signs three new players

TCU head women's soccer coach David Rubinson announced the signing of three high school seniors to national letters of intent on Friday: Angie Rubli, Tara Steinhilper and Jackie Rodriguez.

Rubli is a midfielder/forward from Spring. She plays for Klein High School and the Klein Challenge Soccer Club.

Steinhilper plays midfielder and competes for Waubensie Valley High School in Naperville, Ill.

Jackie Rodriguez is a defender/midfielder from Sunnyvale, Calif., where she plays for St. Francis High School and Woodrows Soccer Club.

Parcells approved as Jets new coach

NEW YORK (AP) — Bill Parcells will take over as coach of the New York Jets immediately, under a deal brokered Monday by NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue.

New England will get New York's first-round draft pick in 1999, the Jets' second-round pick in 1998 and their third- and fourth-round picks this year. In addition, the Jets will make a \$300,000 contribution to the Patriots' charitable foundation.

New England had insisted that the price for Parcells would be the Jets' No. 1 pick this year — the top pick in the NFL draft. New York had the worst record in the NFL last season, going 1-15.

Patriots owner Robert Kraft, Jets owner Leon Hess, Jets president Steve Gutman and lawyers for both sides attended the meeting.

The Parcells controversy has plagued the NFL since the Patriots lost 35-21 to Green Bay in the Super Bowl two weeks ago.

Three days later, Tagliabue ruled that Parcells remained the property of New England as a coach or in a "comparable position" until Feb. 1, 1998, the expiration date of his contract.

Parcells resigned following the Super Bowl, and last week the Jets hired him as a consultant, part of a six-year contract signed Friday that called for him to take over as coach and general manager following the 1997 season. The deal calls for him to coach at least four of those years.

Bill Belichick, his long-time associate, was appointed coach for this season just last week. Under Monday's settlement, it appeared Belichick would become assistant head coach.

Kraft called the consultant's agreement a sham, and the issue went back to Tagliabue.

Baseball wins two out of three

By Ryan J. Rusk
SKIFF STAFF

The Horned Frog baseball team took two of three weekend games at the TCU Diamond to move their season record to 2-3.

TCU clobbered the University of Texas at Arlington Friday, 24-2, and split a Saturday doubleheader with the Sam Houston State University Bearkats, losing the first game 2-1 and winning the second 6-1. A Sunday game against UTA was canceled because of rain and will be made up May 11 at UTA.

Compared to their first two games against Oral Roberts University, the Frogs improved their play in all aspects of the game. The most noticeable improvement was on defense. After making 16 errors against ORU, the Frogs made only one in the three weekend games, and it came near the end of the UTA blowout.

Head coach Lance Brown said shifts in the defensive lineup and extra practice time devoted to defense were the keys to the improvement.

"We made some lineup changes after working hard a couple days," Brown said. "We spent a good deal of (practice) time working on defense."

These changes included moving sophomore Royce Huffman from first base to third, putting junior second baseman Sam Lunsford in center field and moving junior Chris Connally from left to right field. Darren Wood, a freshman who started against ORU in center, moved to left, splitting time with sophomore Jeff Dover. Original right fielder Ryan Dunn moved to designated hitter.

Brown said he would stick with the new defensive lineup as long as it works.

In the first game, the Frogs jumped on UTA early, scoring five runs in the first inning as UTA starter Josh Frisby lasted just one inning. Huffman knocked in a run with a sacrifice fly and after Dunn walked, sophomore second baseman

Matt Howe knocked in two more with a triple. Connally then hit the first of his two home runs.

The Frogs scored two runs in the third, six in the fourth, seven in the seventh and four in the eighth, taking advantage of five UTA errors. Connally finished with six RBIs and Dunn had four, contributing to a Horned Frog team record of 23 RBIs. The previous record was 21 against Austin College in 1980.

Left-handed starter Derek Lee, a senior, pitched six strong innings, giving up just four hits and striking out four to earn the win. UTA starter Roger Lancaster, also a senior, took the loss.

Runs didn't come as easily for the Frogs in the first game against Sam Houston. Left-handed starter David Meyer, a senior, gave up a run in the first after surrendering a walk, a wild pitch and a double. After that, he was brilliant, giving up only two more hits over a total of five innings. At one point, Meyer retired 10 straight hitters.

The Frogs got the run back in the fourth, when Wood and Huffman led off with singles. Dunn loaded the bases with a walk, and Howe knocked in the run with a sacrifice fly. But the Frogs couldn't take advantage of the situation, as Connally struck out on an appealed third strike and sophomore first baseman David Wallace flew out to center.

The Frogs were victims of a questionable call in the fifth that may have cost them the game. Catcher Ismael Segarra, a junior, drew a walk with one out. After Lunsford struck out, Wood hit a ball that careened off the first baseman's glove into foul territory.

Bearkats right fielder Tommy Cliffe, a sophomore, chased the ball and threw up his hands to indicate he could not reach it in the TCU bullpen. The umpire called for the runners to stop at second and third — without running down and checking on the ball — and Cliffe picked up the ball and threw it back in.



Patricio Crocker SKIFF STAFF

Sophomore catcher Mark Silva started TCU's 6-1 win over Sam Houston State and went 2 for 2 with a walk and one run scored. The Horned Frogs split their two-game series with Sam Houston Saturday and beat UTA Friday at the TCU Diamond.

Brown protested, but the call stood, costing the Frogs the run Segarra would have scored, as Huffman popped out to second with runners on second and third to end the inning.

"That would have been a run. It was a completely wrong call," Brown said. "The umpire should have let the play go and go down to check out where the ball was."

Sam Houston took the lead for

good in the sixth, turning a leadoff triple into a run against TCU reliever Aaron Carruth, a junior.

In the third game, TCU jumped out early with two runs in the first, taking advantage of several fielding mistakes by Sam Houston third baseman Mark Hopkins. The Frogs scored two more in the third and one each in the fourth and fifth.

TCU junior starter Reese Ryan pitched five strong innings, giving

up just one run on a home run by catcher Brent Bubela en route to his first career win.

The Frogs face a stiff challenge this week, playing Tuesday and Wednesday in Lubbock against Texas Tech University. Tech is ranked No. 24 in the *Collegiate Baseball* poll and won the last Southwest Conference championship in 1996, compiling a 49-15 record.

Women's Rifle squads place in top five



Angela Crisp SPECIAL TO THE SKIFF

After competing in an El Paso tournament in late January, members of the TCU rifle team take time out to enjoy the sights and sounds of Mexico. The team finished its sixth season Saturday afternoon against Texas A&M University and Centenary College in the NCAA qualifying national sectionals riflery competition.

By Andrew Rexrode
SKIFF STAFF

The TCU Women's Rifle Team finished its sixth season Saturday afternoon against Texas A&M University and Centenary College at TCU's firing range in the NCAA qualifying national sectionals riflery competition.

Five TCU shooters placed in the top 10 of the air-rifle standings. Senior Misty McFarland and junior Theresa Glasgow placed first and second, respectively, with scores of 364 and 361.

TCU's three squads placed second, third and fifth in the competition, which consists of the .22-caliber rifle and air-rifle competitions.

Shooters in the .22-caliber rifle competition have three positions in which to hit their targets: standing, kneeling and lying down, or prone. Shooters must hit the target from 50 feet away.

Roger Ivy, women's rifle team head coach, said the prone position lasts 43 minutes, kneeling lasts 63 minutes and the standing position lasts 83 minutes with a 15-minute changeover between the positions.

In the air-rifle competition, the shooter remains

in standing position and must hit the target from 10 meters.

Ivy said shooters have 10 targets to shoot, worth 10 points each, for a perfect score of 100. He said the competition is a timed event.

Ivy said shooters can be on the firing range for almost six hours and said the firing range is a very controlled environment.

"The students are always taught gun safety as freshmen or when it's their first year in the program," he said.

Freshman Stacey Schonefeld said she practices daily for one to two hours for the events.

"It's a chance to enjoy myself and be part of a team on campus," she said.

Ivy said he hopes to see a big recruiting drive this season since three shooters will be graduating this semester.

Senior Kelli Deacon, who is the captain of the team, said she helps with recruiting new members.

"Hopefully, we can get other people on the campus involved as well by having a table set up in the Student Center the week after Spring Break for interested students," she said.

Tennis set back Weir-Smith injures back, leaves Rolex

By Kimberly Campbell
SKIFF STAFF

TCU tennis fell short of a successful weekend with the men's team having to withdraw from doubles play at the Rolex National Indoor Championships and the women's team losing a tough battle to the University of Oklahoma.

The No. 1-ranked doubles team of Ashley Fisner and Jason Weir-Smith suffered defeat before the match even began, as the two had to withdraw after Weir-Smith injured his back during warm-up Thursday morning.

Coach Tut Bartzan said Weir-Smith was warning Fisner up for his singles play when his back was pinched.

"These guys are normally in good shape to start," Bartzan said. "Three days is a long time for a player to be out."

Fisner went into singles play on Thursday as TCU's lone competitor and defeated Pepe Caballero from the University of New Mexico, 7-5, 3-6, 6-1.

Fisner lost Friday to Mike Russell of the University of Miami, 6-3, 6-3. Russell was the No. 7 seed and won the singles tournament.

The women's tennis team traveled

to Oklahoma City this weekend and played a tight dual-match against Oklahoma. They dominated the singles play, winning four out of six matches, but were upset in doubles.

Lucie Dvorakova and Daria Zoldakova won both of their singles matches in straight sets. Dvorakova upset Meagan Ricci, 7-5, 6-1, and Zoldakova defeated Jennie Hamilton, 6-0, 6-1.

Coming back to win in three sets were Annika Kjellgren, beating Kristin Guilford, 2-6, 6-4, 6-3, and Natalie Balafoutis, defeating Stephanie Sajbert, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4.

TCU's only two singles losses were handed to Deirdre Walsh by Kate Dunlevy, 5-7, 6-1, 6-2, and Sinead Walsh, who was beaten by Angela Stroup, 6-2, 6-3.

During doubles play, Walsh and Balafoutis were defeated by Dunlevy and Stroup, 9-8(5). Dvorakova and A. Kjellgren were beaten by Guilford and Ricci, 8-4, and J. Kjellgren and Zoldakova lost to Hamilton and Sajbert, 9-8.

Next Thursday the women's team travels to Texas A&M University and the men's team hosts Baylor University next Saturday.

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East wins All-Stars

By Chris Sheridan
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CLEVELAND — One for the ages is how the NBA billed its All-Star game, a tribute to its 50 greatest players.

One for the record books is how it ended, thanks to Michael Jordan and Glen Rice.

Jordan had the event's first triple-double, Rice broke two scoring records to win MVP honors and the East had one of the best comebacks in All-Star history in beating the West 132-120 Sunday.

Simply put, the NBA couldn't have asked for much more in the showcase event of its 50th season — even with the absence of injured All-Stars Charles Barkley, Shaquille O'Neal, Alonzo Mourning, Clyde Drexler and Patrick Ewing.

And it all happened in front of the greatest collection of basketball players ever assembled in one arena.

"I was in awe pretty much the whole time," said Jordan, who had 14 points, 11 rebounds and 11 assists in his first triple-double since coming out of retirement 23 months ago.

Rice scored 20 points in the third quarter, breaking Hal Greer's mark of 19 in the 1968 game. The Charlotte forward also set a record of 24 points in a half, breaking Wilt Chamberlain's

mark and finished with a game-high 26 points.

"It was very special," Rice said. "My teammates did a great job of getting me this award. Guys kept telling me: 'Get the ball and shoot it.' (Jordan) came in and told me: 'Keep stroking. I'm going to get you the ball.'"

The parade of greats was a moment of showtime that has never been seen before and will never be seen again. One after the other, out came the legends of the game.

Jordan was first. Chamberlain stood alongside Bill Russell and George Mikan. Isiah Thomas bodied up his own rival and buddy, Magic Johnson. Pete Maravich's two sons, Jaecen and Joshua, stood in for the only deceased member of the 50 greatest.

"I was very nervous, and I haven't been nervous in these situations for a long time," Jordan said. "I was like a fly on the wall, looking at all the players who have paved the way for me in the game."

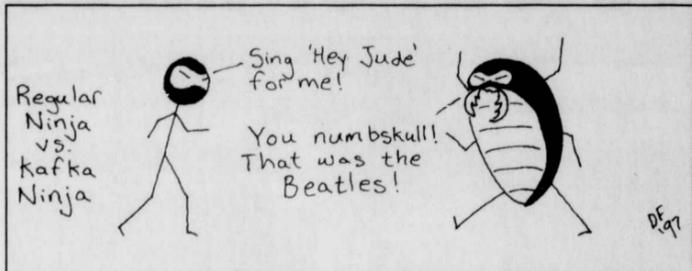
On and on it went, with the crowd eating it up. There were roars for Larry Bird, Julius Erving and Lenny Wilkens, boos for O'Neal — the only active player to miss the gathering.

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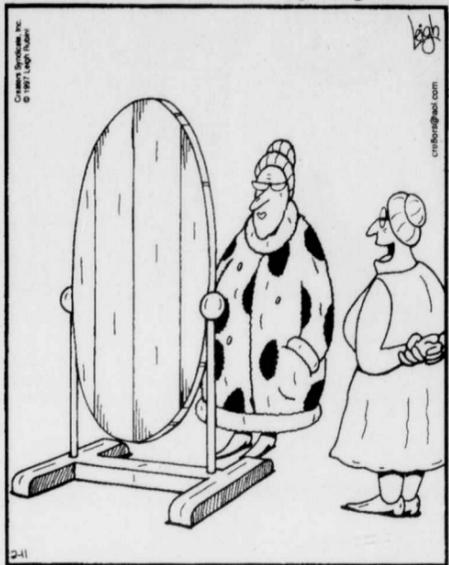
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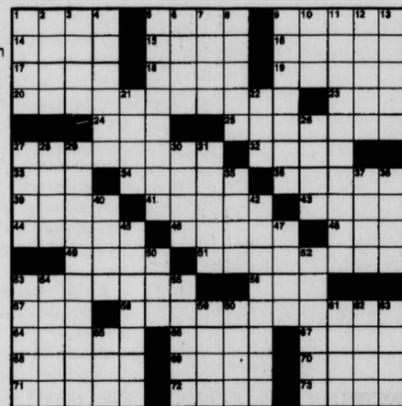
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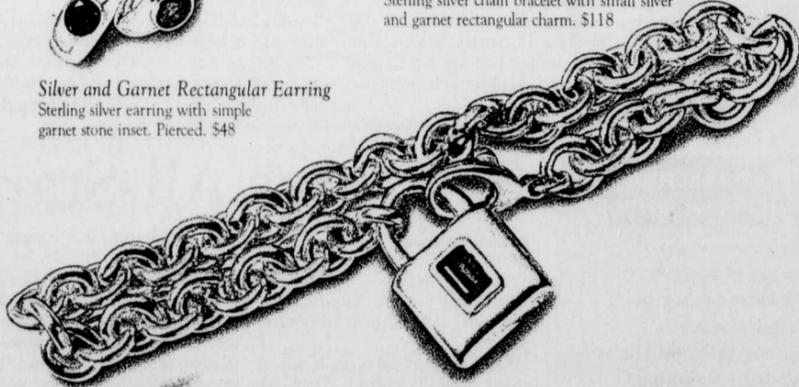
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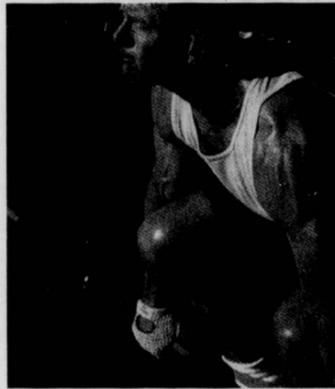
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S.Arlington 1-20 & Little Rd. 478-8270
 N.Arlington 1005 Skyline 860-0424

OPEN 24 HOURS
 OPEN 7 DAYS
 6910 Green Oaks Rd.

Bedford 2824 Central Dr.,#331 283-0301

737-2276

Behind Ridgmar Mall, Next Door to Tan USA

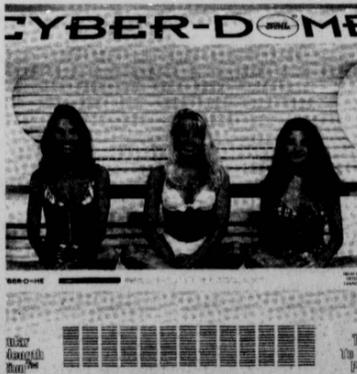


No Appointment Necessary

10 & 20 Minute plus Stand-up Beds

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Locations Throughout The Metroplex In Your Area...



- 6928 Green Oaks Rd. 817-377-2898
 NEXT TO GET FIT FITNESS CENTER 24 HRS
 4960 Overton Ridge Blvd. 817-292-8266
 BEHIND HULEN MALL
 3423 Alta Mesa ,#158 817-294-3828
 630 Lincoln Square 817-275-8786
 4772 Little Rd 817-483-7271
 4148 S.Cooper 817-468-0668
 2401 W.Pioneer,#125 817-861-8071
 4201 W.Green Oaks,#402 817-478-0402
 857 N.E. Green Oaks 817-261-3874
 628 Grapevine Hwy 817-498-4000
 6428 Rufe Snow 817-281-7794
 2824 Central Dr.,#330 817-358-9040
 2610 N.Beltline 214-257-1655
 4030 N.McArthur,#214 214-650-0040
 2000 Esters Rd.,#117 214-790-4440