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Former President Carter among Nobel nominees

OSLO, Norway (AP) — Former President Jimmy Carter, Bosnian peace envoy Richard Holbrooke and Balkan peace activists are among this year's nominees for the Nobel Peace Prize.

So far, 100 individuals and 25 organizations have been nominated, Geir Lundestad, secretary of the prize awards committee, said Tuesday.

"But nominations are still coming in, and we expect this to be the first year we exceed 130 nominations," he said.

This year's prize, worth \$1.03 million, will be announced in mid-October, Lundestad said. The committee meets Feb. 25 to begin reviewing candidates.

Nation

ACLU official threatens to expose gay lawmakers

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Outraging members of the state legislature, the head of the American Civil Liberties Union in the Dakotas is threatening to expose gay lawmakers who vote to ban homosexual marriages.

"If they're going to be hypocritical, then they need to have that hypocrisy exposed," Keith Elston, who himself is gay, said Tuesday.

He made the threat to "out" lawmakers he believes are gay in a column last week in a weekly arts and entertainment guide published in Grand Forks.

The legislation at issue would deny recognition of same-sex marriages performed in other states and explicitly define a marriage as a union between a man and a woman.

Councilman convicted of flinging ham

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — A city councilman was convicted and fined \$250 Tuesday for smacking a store clerk in the head with a flying one-pound package of sliced ham.

A judge found Paul Riddick guilty of assault and battery in the Nov. 16 incident.

Lynda Doss testified that Riddick came to the store where she works to return ham that was spoiled. Doss said that when she put a package of fresh ham on the counter, Riddick shouted, "Don't throw that ham at me!"

The councilman then threw the package, hitting her in the side of the head, knocking off her glasses and bruising her nose, she said.

Riddick testified that the woman had "slung" the ham onto the counter, snarled, "Take your damn ham" and called him an "SOB."

Supremacist pleads guilty to conspiracy

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The leader of the Aryan Nations in Pennsylvania pleaded guilty Tuesday to plotting seven Midwest bank robberies and using the cash to further the white supremacist group's cause.

Mark Thomas originally pleaded innocent Feb. 4, shortly after he was indicted with four other men, all members or associates of the "Aryan Republican Army." His lawyer, David Maynard, said Tuesday that Thomas decided to change his plea almost immediately.

"He's guilty," Maynard said. Maynard said prosecutors had not agreed to reduce Thomas' sentence, a maximum of 25 years for conspiracy and two counts of receiving stolen money. Maynard said he expected the sentence to range from eight to 12 years.

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House meets with Faculty Senate on evaluation process

By Jill Taylor
SKIFF STAFF

In a joint meeting of the Faculty Senate and the House of Student Representatives Tuesday, faculty members encouraged students to communicate with departmental administrators to make instructor evaluations more effective.

David Grant, an associate professor of religion and chairman of the Faculty Senate Academic Excellence Committee, explained the process of instructor evaluation.

Faculty members are instructed to distribute evaluation forms to students at the end of the each semester. Tenured faculty, he said, have a choice, whether to conduct evaluations in the spring semester.

"When you do these evaluations, faculty don't see them for over a month," Grant told students. "That's long after grades have been entered, so there's no need to worry about an instructor checking the handwriting on the evaluations."

He said completed evaluations go to the Center for Instructional Services, where bubbled-in responses are compiled for statistical reports.

He said a summary of the statistical data is sent to each department chairman or chairwoman and dean for comparison with other instructors in the department. The actual evaluation forms, complete with

comments from students, are then sent to the instructor.

"The department chairs or deans may request that the instructors show them the comments as a factor in determining salary decisions," Grant said. "But unless the dean asks to see those, the comments are only seen by that instructor."

Kitchens said he calls the forms "student perceptions of teaching" rather than evaluations because of the limited effect the forms have on decisions concerning an instructor's salary and placement.

Several students addressed specific areas they considered to be problems with the evaluation system.

Brooke Batchelor, a senior pre-major, questioned Kitchens about the flow of evaluations from study abroad programs.

Batchelor said she has taken four study-abroad trips during which she made negative comments on evaluations. She said she was concerned because at least one instructor supervised the evaluations and read them as students handed them in.

"Where do the study-abroad evaluations go?" Batchelor said. "I don't feel like my instructors are held to a standard if evaluations are never seen by anyone but that instructor."

Kitchens said study-abroad evaluations are not routed through

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House to fund event, introduces b-ball bill

By Ryan J. Rusak
SKIFF STAFF

The House of Student Representatives will provide \$1,250 for an event to be staged in March by the International Students Association.

A bill that funds the event, International Week, passed the House unanimously Tuesday. The bill originally requested \$1,500, but the amount was cut by the House Finance Committee.

Patricia Endara, vice president of ISA, said the event will help spread cultural appreciation on the campus.

"We think the event is not only to enrich our culture, but to give Americans an opportunity to get to know other countries' cultures and traditions," said Endara, a junior marketing major from Panama.

Endara said the event will feature several activities, including initiation into an honor society for international students, a multilingual poetry night, a food festival and a banquet with a talent show.

Cody Dick, a Clark Hall representative, said the bill was the type the House should pass.

"If we're going to pass bills for small organizations like we did last semester, we should pass one for the largest organization on campus," Dick said.

ISA has 180 members.

One new bill, which requested funding for a three-on-three basketball tournament sponsored by the Delta-Sigma Theta sorority, was introduced Tuesday. It requested

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Modern-day griot Kijana Wiseman took her audience to Africa Tuesday evening in the Student Center Ballroom as she sang, narrated and acted during her performance of "The Griot."

Griot travels through history

By Kelly Melhart
SKIFF STAFF

It was a toe-tappin', knee-slappin', hand-clappin' good time in the Student Center Ballroom Tuesday night as Kijana Wiseman, a writer, entrepreneur and soloist, showed audience members how to enjoy learning history.

Wiseman's program, "The Griot," took the audience on a voyage through the history of all Americans as she traced the path of blacks from their tribal beginnings in Africa to the age of jazz.

"We all come from the same place," she said. "As sure as Adam

knew Eve, we are all African. It's OK to be a human being, and it's okay to have fun. We can embrace the past without living it."

Wiseman said she was trying to give the audience members something to laugh about while they were at the performance and something to remember when they left.

"I am truly an American," Wiseman said. "The only thing I'm not is a minority. I don't buy that."

She said thousands of years ago, griots served as the "first six o'clock news," and brought information from neighboring tribes and villages to other groups

through their stories and songs.

Wiseman acted as a griot for the audience and brought them the history through her words, music, slides and costume changes.

Ann Crassons, a sophomore French and international affairs major, said, "A real-life griot, this is monumental. The griot is a major theme and a major part of West African literature."

Wiseman immediately involved the audience members in the program by demanding their participation in the songs she sang and the

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Lowi speaks on politics

By Anne Drabicky
and Kimberly Wilson
SKIFF STAFF

"Back to the Future: Emerging Changes in the American Separation of Powers" was the topic of discussion Tuesday by Theodore Lowi, the John L. Senior Professor of American Institutions at Cornell University, who spoke as a Visiting Green Honors Chair for the political science department.

Lowi compared the different separations of power that the American people have witnessed to what the framers of the Constitution originally intended.

"The framers were never more clear on anything as they were on the separation of powers," Lowi said.

He said when referring to branches of government, the framers specified "separate and independent."

"The objective was to make it possible for each branch to

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Anne Drabicky SKIFF STAFF

Theodore Lowi, a visiting Green Honors Chair for the political science department, discussed the separation of powers of American government Tuesday afternoon in the Student Center.

Halls will compete to raise roof

By Andrew Rexrode
SKIFF STAFF

Students who want to show support of the TCU men's basketball team will have the perfect opportunity today at 5 p.m. today in front of the Student Center.

"Raising the Roof of Daniel-Meyer Coliseum," is a campus-wide student-initiated party that was created this semester as a result of Coach Billy Tubbs' letter calling for student support in the Jan. 14 issue of the Skiff.

This year, the party was developed in conjunction with Milton Daniel Hall's annual Woolly Mammoth T-shirt Basketball Promotion Night.

Jimmy Flint, Milton Daniel hall director, said the party was designed to get the student body involved.

"Coach Tubbs has said that the student body is worth 10 points," he said. "This program is designed to display their enthusiasm at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum."

Several events will be scheduled prior to the game, including long distance and hot shot contests where students can qualify to win round-trip airline tickets from American

Airlines.

The TCU Bookstore will also give free books to the student who can shoot 10 three-pointers in a 25-second period.

Both male and female qualifiers from the pre-game contests will have the chance to win the tickets during halftime.

Residence halls will also take part in the event.

The head resident assistants from each residence hall will have a check-in table where students will be eligible to receive door prizes, including baseball hats, posters and small autographed basketballs from Tubbs and players.

The residence halls will also have a chance to win a pizza party with the basketball team. The highest percentage attendance for each hall will determine the winner. The wing with the highest attendance will win a lunch with Tubbs. The results will be based on the number of scanned identification cards at the game.

Jeff Crane, a junior marketing major and RA in Tom Brown Hall, said he hopes that the event can

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Pulse

CAMPUS LINES

PSI CHI the psychology honor society needs items donated for its March 8 and 9 garage sale. Call Heidi Nash at 926-7150.

STUDENT FOUNDATION applications can be picked up in the admissions office, the alumni office in the Dee J. Kelley Alumni and Visitors Center and the Information Desk. Applications are due March 14. Interviews will be held April 8, 9 and 10. For more information call Sandra Tuomey at 921-7803.

BRITE DIVINITY SCHOOL will observe Black History Month with a series of special Tuesday chapel services celebrating the African-American religious experience. The three-week series, "Come with Me and See My Zeal for the Lord," will feature nationally known African-American preachers and special music. The next chapel service will be held from 11 a.m. to noon Feb. 25 in the Robert Carr Chapel. All activities are directed by Students for Social Solidarity.

EATING DISORDERS GROUP is now forming. For more information call Monica Kintigh at Ext. 7863.

SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS GROUP is forming at the Counseling Center. For more information and to set up a screening call Dorothy Barra at 921-7863.

HORNED FROG YEARBOOK will take portraits in the Student Center Lounge from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 26 and from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Feb. 27.

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

FORT WORTH FIRE pro hockey team offers a special deal for all TCU students, family and friends for the Feb. 28 game against the Tulsa Oilers at 7:35 p.m. at Will Rogers Coliseum. Tickets costing \$9 can be purchased for only \$6. Tickets may also be purchased from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 26 in the Student Center. Orders can be phoned to Amy at the Fire office at (817) 336-1992.

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.

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Instructional Services.

Nowell Donovan, a professor and chairman of the geology department and a member of the Faculty Senate, said study-abroad evaluations are collected by Delia Pitts, the director of International Education.

Corby Miteff, a senior radio-TV-film major, suggested a documentary-style video be produced and shown to freshmen at orientation or Frog Camp. The video would explain the evaluation process in an effort to eliminate confusion.

Sean Scott, a freshman premajor and chairman of the House University Relations Committee, said he was disappointed that

tenured faculty who consistently garner negative evaluations are protected by tenure.

Fred Oberkircher, an associate professor of design and fashion, said, "By and large, faculty are hired for their expertise in a particular subject matter, not because they've taken classes in education. Most of us learned how to teach on the job."

Grant told Scott that the Instructional Services staff works with faculty to improve teaching, and another program being planned will offer further instruction and support for teachers who fall short on evaluations.

Kathleen Martin, a professor of

education and chairwoman of the Faculty Senate, said the Faculty Senate is currently planning a Center for Support of Teaching. Such a program, she said, would diagnose ineffective teaching and offer support and training for instructors who struggle in the classroom.

Martin suggested that the House encourage students to join the planning committee for the center.

Bob Vigeland, chairman of the accounting department and Faculty Senate chairman-elect, emphasized that students should not discount the value of communication with the department heads when students

have a problem with an instructor.

Sarah Schoper, a sophomore political science major and House secretary, requested that class syllabi include the name of the department chairmen or chairwomen so students will know whom to approach with problems.

Martin said she will present all the students' comments and suggestions to the Faculty Senate at the group's March meeting.

"I think there was a tremendous exchange of dialogue," Martin said. "Good teaching is a relationship between the instructor and the student, and effective evaluations are essential to a good relationship."

LOWI

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defend itself," he said.

While the framers were still alive, Lowi said, their intentions were somewhat ignored and a "fusion of power" began.

Lowi said the power to tax and the Bill of Rights both came from Congress, not the president.

"The president was given no independent base of power," he said.

This was a result of two main issues, he said. One issue was that the nomination process for the president was controlled by Congress.

Secondly, the House of

Representatives was expected to be the elector of the president, he said.

"His (the president's) constituency was the U.S. Congress," Lowi said.

After 1832, the first actual separation of powers began and made the president an independent actor.

"The president was now a factor as originally intended," he said.

Later, the system became a presidential government. There were two separate branches with a modicum of independence and the president at the center, Lowi said.

"The center is the presidency and the periphery is Congress, rather than the other way," he said.

Most recently, there has been a movement toward divided government, Lowi said.

"We got what I am now calling an absolute separation of powers, which is what the founders always wanted," he said.

Policy is "a by-product of staying in power, a by-product of winning elections," he said.

Lowi also said there needs to be more modern approaches toward

government.

"In 18 years, there have been no innovations in federal government," he said. "The U.S. Congress is not capable of doing what's necessary to cut spending," he said.

Lowi is currently the vice president of the International Political Science Association. He has written several books, including "The End Of Liberalism." He received his doctorate from Yale University in 1961 and has received several honorary degrees from other universities.

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stories she told.

"Put your hands together," she said, and the audience responded by accompanying her.

The program began with a glimpse of a small African village at the precise time the griot (Wiseman) had arrived to tell the news, "Mama Tiembo's Getting Married Tonight."

The audience followed the griot on her quest for the perfect outfit for the wedding, a Lappa, and went with her as she left Africa and boarded a ship headed for America.

The audience went with her, experiencing the hardships of the journey as they watched the anguished faces on the slides overhead and listened to the haunting story of masters chaining 120 African men, women and children and tossing them overboard

to lighten the ship's load.

The program touched on the songs of the slaves as Africans became Americans in school, in work and in life.

"As we became Americans, we learned," she said.

The program continued its trek through time with the "music of America — jazz."

Wiseman sang the tunes of Sarah Vaughn, Ella Fitzgerald and Billie Holiday as the audience clapped the rhythm.

Wiseman ended her program by inspiring the audience members to believe in themselves.

"You're the richest person you know because you've got your treasure right here," she said as she pointed to her head.

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grow.

"I think there is a friendly rivalry between the halls to support the basketball team," he said. "Hopefully, this can become an annual event to boost some support for our athletic teams."

Shannon Locke, a senior English major and head RA in Moncrief Hall, said she hopes the activities will draw publicity for TCU.

Curtis Norwood, a senior engineering major and head RA of Brachman Hall, said he hopes the events can lead to a sellout of the student section of Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

"I think basketball is very conducive to TCU," he said. "We have the possibility of selling out Daniel-Meyer Coliseum."

John Finke, assistant marketing

director for athletics, said the marketing department likes to provide contests and shootouts to get students out to the game.

"The team loves to see the students cheering them on and to get them motivated for the game," he said.

Flint said the party is designed for those students who don't want to take part in all of the activities scheduled.

Those who receive the award for the most spirited outfit will win an autographed basketball from Tubbs and the players.

The Mavs Man, the mascot for the Dallas Mavericks, and SuperFrog will perform at the Student Center before and during the game.

Activities will begin at 5 p.m. in front of the Student Center. TCU will play SMU at 7 p.m.

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EDITORIAL

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Campus shouldn't ignore the future

Black History Month is more than half over and there are only a few more events happening on campus. With that in mind, there is no reason why these events should not be packed with student attendance.

We are nearing the end of the 20th century; slavery has been condemned for years and everyone is constantly talking about harmony in a world of diversity. It is time for us to put up or shut up. If we are going to continue to blow off events that might potentially broaden our horizons and help us achieve that harmony, then we might as well put a slogan on all TCU letterhead that reads "TCU: A culturally narrow-minded university."

Black History Month is not about minorities. In fact, the limited number of minorities here, though it might behoove us all to increase that number, is not the issue either. The real problem is twofold: First, the way we view each other here at TCU is far too narrow, and second, campus participation, as always, is lacking.

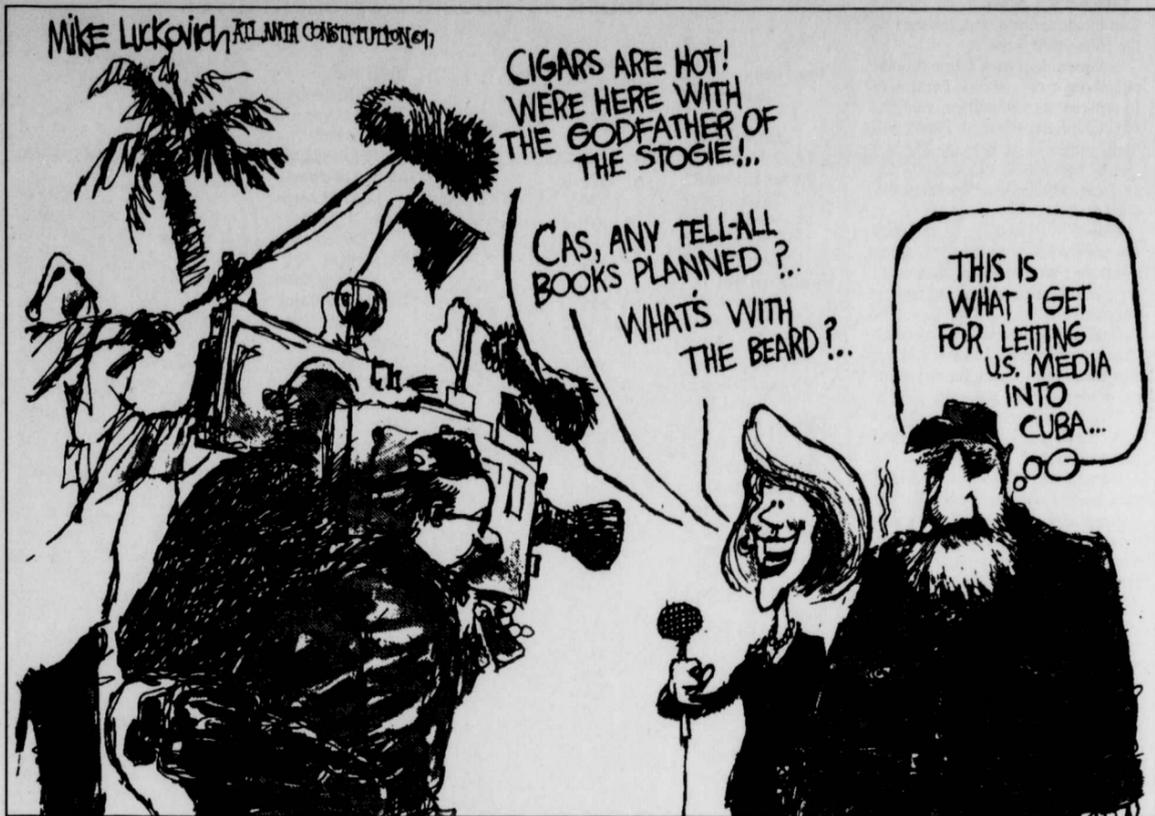
We need to quit looking at each other from inside our little comfort zones. It would do us all a little good to try to walk in another man's moccasins. That's what it is going to take to break down all the stupid social barriers that keep Greeks separated from independents, whites separated from blacks and Christians separated from Hindus.

Part of stepping outside of our comfort zone involves supporting each other in our endeavors. We all need to learn about each other's culture, if not to be more accepting, then at least to be less ignorant.

The faculty of TCU is not off the hook when it comes to attending these events either. As a very integral part of the TCU community, it is, in part, the faculty's job to, promote and participate in campus events — especially those events that will foster understanding within our community.

In kindergarten, our teachers always told us to play fairly and to share with each other and not to leave anyone out. Why should it be any different now?

Black History Month is not about history, it is about our future as a diverse community.



Priesthood not a public office

Biblical standards, not political, apply to women's roles

It's hard to know where to begin on the issue of women and the priesthood in the Roman Catholic Church since it has become so politicized and polarized. What needs to be stated first is this: The role of the priesthood cannot be considered equivalent to that of a political office like sheriff or mayor.

The priesthood is a role in a major world religion believed by its followers to be founded by Jesus Christ himself. The priesthood is a sacrament in the Catholic Church and thus it should not be made the goal of a political quest for equality. The office of mayor or sheriff is a man-made office created by a man-made political entity. As such, it is inaccurate and an injustice to try to equate the priesthood with an office in the secular regime.

Another thing that needs men-

tioning here is that the Catholic Church is not a democracy. It never has been and never will be. We in the United States view this as somewhat unfair, but that is

because we are accustomed to believing our form of democracy is the epitome of progressive development. We simply cannot see things any other way.

Many who criticize the church over this issue lack the understanding of why the church does what it does. They instead resort to sloganeering, sound bites and simplistic judgments. It may seem easy enough just to admit women, but the issue is more complex than that. The reasons run deeper than merely wanting to maintain an all-male priesthood.

The basis of all-male apostles comes from scriptures themselves, not from the Catholic Church.

Check any Bible and you will see that Jesus himself selected this group from among his disciples and he picked only men. But let's look at this "elite" group Jesus selected: For the three years of his ministry, they never quite understood what he wanted to do.

They thought he was going to lead a kingdom on Earth to conquer the enemies of Israel as a general in a great battle. As such, they fought among themselves over who was going to sit by Jesus' side. And, when the chips were down, when Jesus hung on that cross, they ran and hid! Even Peter, whom Jesus had given the keys to the kingdom, ran away in fear!

Meanwhile, the women in Jesus' life on Earth were among his most devoted supporters. They were with him when he carried his cross to Golgotha. They were with him when he hung on the cross. These women's dedication is even remembered in the Catholic practice of the Stations of the Cross.

Any student of Catholicism knows how much Catholics honor Jesus' mother, Mary. Catholics believe that Jesus, the perfect son,

loved his mother as any good son would, so much that he arranged that she be born without sin and would be assumed into heaven, body and soul, when her time on Earth had passed.

And yet, as much as Jesus loved his mother, he never selected her to be an apostle.

Why is that? In fact, why didn't he select any women to be apostles? The answer may lie again in scriptures, in Isaiah 55:6-9, which reads, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord." That is why the Church says it has no authority to undo this practice of selecting only men to the priesthood; Jesus himself set the example. He must have had a reason, and it is not our place to question it.

On an ironic note, there are now some feminists who want the issue dropped. Why? Because if female priests are allowed, then they would be subject to the authority of the pope!

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Commentary



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Lenten sacrifices can pave the way for permanent changes

Commentary



Richmond Williams

Now that Mardi Gras is over, it's time for the sacrifices of the Lenten season.

Of course, many people choose to enjoy the indulgences of "Fat Tuesday" without acknowledging the 40-day period leading to Easter that

follows. And that's their right. But many people — regardless of religious background — follow the custom of giving up something for Lent.

Looking past the Catholic tradition that the sacrifice comes from, this custom can be healthy for anyone.

Unlike a fast, where the sacrifice of food is an exercise of mind over body, many people think that what is given up for Lent should be something a person can do without. The 40 days give this person a chance to see what life is like without the habit or item they have given up.

For example, people can give up particular snacks or beverages, like chocolate or carbonated beverages. During Lent, someone who gives up chocolate might discover healthier

snacks. Likewise, a person who gives up carbonated beverages might discover the taste of juice or water. After the 40 days are over, instead of rushing back to the cravings, one may enjoy chocolate or carbonated beverages in moderation and also enjoy the newfound benefits of a healthy lifestyle.

Other things, like profanity, can also be given up. During Lent, a person who gives up profanity will probably realize that others understand him or her just as well without the expletives. Regardless of what you think of profanity, this is good practice for job interviews and certain social situations.

There are obviously countless things that can be given up during

Lent. Some people give up using derogatory nicknames, choosing to only call others by their given names during the fortnight. No one thing is the "right" thing to give up. This has to be a personal decision.

Certain addictions, however, like alcohol and smoking, are not ideal for a 40-day cold-turkey elimination. Professional help is better for these areas.

A sacrifice is not worthwhile unless it is something that affects you. Swearing off peanut butter if you are allergic to it, or giving up jumping off bridges for the month doesn't do anyone much good. At the same time, be realistic. Realize that this is a 40-day commitment. But if you stumble after a week, don't beat

yourself up over it. We're all mortal.

Of course, you don't have to do this at Lent. Pick a 40-day (or 14-day, whatever works for you) period in the year to exercise your self-control. Look at it as a trial run for a New Year's resolution. One reason so many of these resolutions fail is because people realize they can't stick to it for a whole year. But if you can see the light at the end of the tunnel, there might be less pressure, which can lead to a successful change.

Another important step in this business of sacrifice is telling someone else about it. This is not to boast, and you don't have to tell anyone if it's too personal. Remember, this is all for you. But the whole process is easier if someone holds you account-

able. Bad candidates for this position include friends or family members you think might antagonize you into stumbling.

After the 40 days are up (Easter, if you are using Lent), reward yourself with a little bit of what you gave up. If you overload to compensate for your time away (say, 5 pounds of chocolate or a 12-pack of Dr Pepper), that's the way things go. But if you don't really miss it, then the experiment has been successful. You may have just made a lifelong change. And that's what Lent is all about.

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Letters to the Editor

University cares about improving Student Center

It might be helpful to the student discussions concerning the future of the Rickel Building and the Student Center to know that these two projects have been discussed at length among the chancellor and vice chancellors. (The Student Center) was actually a fund-raising project back in 1989-90 when \$2 million was raised to renovate the Main, the Kitchen and Edens Greens.

That renovation was completed in 1991. Then the proposed renovation or reconfiguration of (the Student Center) was included in the Next Frontier Campaign as an objective, but it was always understood that it

would come after the Weight Training and Rehabilitation Center, the Alumni Center, the Performing Arts Center, Brite student housing and the engineering building.

The necessary transformation of the engineering building into the Technology Center, which is projected to cost somewhere in the neighborhood of \$17 million, meant that we would not get to (the Student Center) in the Next Frontier Campaign (it is projected that it will take us another two years after the campaign to complete funding of the Technology Center).

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Don Mills and I have had a number of discussions about both the Rickel Building and (the Student

Center). In fact, last year I made a proposal to a prospect to fund a study for a renovated or reconfigured Rickel, but we were unsuccessful.

Vice Chancellor Mills and his staff are at work on program statements for both projects and all of us realize that these two projects will be an important part of the post-campaign fund-raising agenda. The Technology Center is the present priority. But the many steps that must be taken before a student center or a recreation building come to fruition have begun, and the students are to be applauded for their concern and willingness to step forward and help accelerate the process.

Bronson C. Davis

vice chancellor for University Advancement

Confederate flag is a racist symbol

If states' rights are what you support, write your congressperson and pick another symbol besides the Stars and Bars.

The Confederate flag is not appropriate anymore. It represents a time period in which an entire race of people was legally regarded as chattel. But today, 130 years later, we live under the umbrella of civil rights, and to display a symbol of racist times is to display a racist symbol.

Many who support the flag con-

tend that they are not racists. Nobody considers himself racist, yet the prejudice still thrives. It is hard to step back and objectively say, "My behavior is completely open-minded. No one should be offended."

Bluntly put, however, if the majority of blacks are offended by the Confederate flag, then it is racist. Who are whites to know what is or is not racially offensive? In the United States, white males have never been legally forbidden to vote or own property. Whites have never had to stoop to drink from a lower water fountain.

There is nothing wrong with Southern pride, as Shane Wickson points out in his letter of Feb. 13.

My last name is Arceneaux, and my maiden name was originally Robicheaux. I am as Southern as they come.

But in all likelihood, the Southern families from which we descended were not slave owners. Very few people lived on the stereotypical plantation. Our ancestors were sent to fight a war so a handful of wealthy whites could maintain their lofty lifestyles. Mr. Wickson, they were probably not fighting for what they believed in, as you asserted. They were fighting for what someone else believed in.

How noble is that?
Leigh Anne Arceneaux
TCU class of 1996

HOUSE

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\$800 to help fund the event, which will donate \$300 to the Sickle-Cell Disease Association.

The bill was tabled to the Finance Committee and will be considered by the House next week.

In committee news, Chris Brooks, chairman of the Permanent Improvements Committee, said the director of the Physical Plant, Will Stallworth, will speak at the March 4 House meeting to discuss ongoing projects, including residence hall renovations.

Brooks said University Advancement is currently raising funds for a Worth Hills jogging track, a project the House voted to fund in the past.

Student Concerns Committee Chairwoman Shana Lawlor said the committee is still working on a campus-wide recycling program.

"We're still gathering information," Lawlor said. "It's a long and tedious process."

Computing Affairs Committee Chairman Josh Martinek said the committee is working on helping student organizations build World Wide Web pages to increase their visibility. He is also working with Information Services to get links to organizations' sites on the TCU homepage, which will help publicize the university, Martinek said.

House President Andy Mitchell said a new computer lab being set up in the Student Center Reading Room should be operational this week.

Mitchell also praised the efforts of members of the Restructuring Task Force, a committee that is studying ways to reform the structure of student government.

"Students really appreciate every opportunity we take to go out and find out what they want," Mitchell said. "Now we're extremely concerned about how we're doing."

House delegations also chose head representatives from their constituencies Tuesday. Vice President Kevin Nicoletti has said the representatives will be responsible for coordinating constituent days and communication among constituents.

The head representatives from residence halls are: Zuberi Williams, Tom Brown Hall; Todd Shriber, Milton Daniel Hall; Rachael Niwa, Moncrief Hall; Lisa Lennox, Sherley Hall; Dina Mavridis, Colby Hall;

How They Voted		
House of Student Representatives		
	Bill 97-3	Bill 97-3
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Corby Miteff	yes	Kirsten Pue
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Jamie Garcia	*	Wiggins Hall
Stuart Greenfield	yes	Ashley Braly
Brooke Batchelor	yes	Alpha Chi Omega
Christi Beach	yes	LeAnn Rumage
Andie Piehl	yes	Alpha Delta Pi
Chris Montez	*	Kary Johnson
Sean Weaver	yes	Chi Omega
Brachman Hall		Mindy Zeller
Evette Rede	yes	Delta Delta Delta
Ben Fisher	*	Meredith Evans
Brite Divinity School		Delta Gamma
Carolyn Allen	yes	Lauren Syler
Lane Duncan	yes	Delta Tau Delta
Ron Fields	yes	Ryan Olsen
Clark Hall		FIJI
Cody Dick	yes	Carl Christensen
Dominick Marsala	yes	Kappa Alpha Theta
Danny Dukes	yes	Elizabeth Veazy
Joel Penrod	yes	Kappa Kappa Gamma
Colby Hall		Lisa Luddy
Lisa Cassiani	yes	Kappa Sigma
Dina Mavridis	yes	John Elliot
Renee Rabeler	*	Lambda Chi Alpha
Foster Hall		Bryan Storms
Jessica Plimpton	yes	Phi Kappa Sigma
Jarvis Hall		Mike Bono
Rebecca Martin	yes	Pi Beta Phi
Michelle Redwine	yes	Lindsey Cobb
MBA Association		Sigma Alpha Epsilon
Noel Pretila	yes	Kyle Elam
Milton Daniel Hall		Sigma Chi
Todd Shriber	yes	Joel Peterson
Moncrief Hall		Zeta Tau Alpha
David Rench	yes	Eliise LaMontagne
Rachael Niwa	yes	Voting Officers
Sherley Hall		Christie Hobbs
Liz Rainwater	yes	Kimberly Pue
Erin South	yes	
Lisa Lennox	yes	
Tom Brown Hall		
Ben Alexander	yes	
Zuberi Williams	yes	

What was on the docket

Bill 97-3 To fund International Week

Jessica Plimpton, Foster Hall; Kirsten Pue, Waits Hall; Ashley Braly, Wiggins Hall; and Ben Fisher, Brachman Hall.

Joel Petersen, a Sigma Chi representative, will serve as head representative for fraternities. Mindy Zeller, a Chi Omega representative, will fill

the position for sororities. Ron Fields will be Brite Divinity School's head representative. Noel Pretila will serve MBA students.

'Fantastick' show set to play on campus and then in Russia

By Jill Taylor
SKIFF STAFF

Theater aficionados need not travel off campus this week to see a performance of "The Fantasticks," the longest-running musical in the world.

The TCU theatre department will present the musical, written by Tom Jones and Harvey Schmidt, Wednesday through Sunday in the University Theatre.

The theme of the play centers on a boy, a girl and the pain of growing up, according to material provided by the play's director, Steven Breesee, an assistant professor of acting and directing.

The play's narrator, a character named El Gallo, sets the scene by telling the audience to remember a time when life was slower and mellow. He introduces Matt and Luisa, the two young lovers to whom the play's title refers.

The mothers of the happy couple have erected a wall between the families' houses in an attempt at reverse psychology. They want nothing more than the marriage of their respective offspring, but they know all too well the tendency of children to avoid fulfilling their parents' dreams.

To add a sense of drama to the blossoming relationship and to reveal their true delight in the relationship, the mothers arrange for a staged abduction of Luisa that will let Matt prove himself a hero and unite the families.

The abduction and the rescue go through as planned, and the couple is united with their mothers' blessings. But they soon find that their dreams and goals differ and their paths begin to stray. The plot then takes on a reflective twist as the lovers grow in their efforts to learn the truths of life and love.

Jennifer Faletto, a sophomore theater major who plays the part of The Mute, described the play as employing an ensemble cast.

"There are no stars of the show," Faletto said. "Everybody works together and gets along for the most part."

She said the musical has helped her and others expand the base of their acting abilities.

"I can't sing at all, obviously, and that's why I play The Mute," she said. "But it's really important for all theater people to see how a musical works, and it's really exciting to see the incredible talent of all the people involved in the music."

Accompanying the actors and singers are harpist Sydney Howell and pianist Robert Garwell. Garwell, the dean of the College of Fine Arts and Communications, also serves as the production's music director.

"Dr. Garwell is great," Faletto said. "He gives the cast pep talks and sets goals for each rehearsal. He's really interested in the whole process. Plus, he's just a fabulous pianist."

Theatre TCU will travel to Moscow and Togliatti, Russia, to present the production to Theatre Koleso, a Russian acting troupe that performed at TCU in fall 1996, said "Fantasticks" stage manager Marija Gluscevic.

The group will leave March 9 and will stay in Russia for 15 days, said Gluscevic, a junior advertising and public relations major.

"When the performances are over Sunday, we will have lessons in Russian language, and we'll have several rehearsals to incorporate lines spoken in Russian into the performance," Gluscevic said.

Faletto said the cast and crew have been rehearsing "The Fantasticks" since auditions in early December 1996.

"We've had fun with it," she said. "We've laughed just as much as we've worked, so I think it's been successful in that respect."

"The Fantasticks" will be performed at 8 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and at 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday in the University Theatre. Admission is free for TCU students, \$5 for adults and \$3 for senior citizens and non-TCU students.

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STRESSED OUT?!

Stress symptoms a common plague in college scenes

By Kirk Shinkle
SKIFF STAFF

It's time to start brewing the coffee and getting ready for all-night study sessions as TCU students are inundated with the exams and papers that seem to dominate this time of year.

With long hours and constant academic challenges, students can begin to feel the pangs of stress that go hand in hand with passing (or not passing) college courses.

TCU students are faced with stressful situations every day. Any number of things can cause stress, including crowds on campus, close living arrangements, noise and constant deadlines. These problems can accumulate into an almost unbearable load as the pressure to perform increases during testing periods.

Minor annoyances such as roommates, relationships and Monday at TCU tour groups can become overbearing sources of anxiety for students.

So how are students affected in this tumultuous time of scholastic judgment?

"Sometimes I feel like I'm drowning," says Clayton Melton, a sophomore pre-major.

"It just kind of falls in on me. I don't feel acclimated to school yet, and everything seems to fall into a two-week period," he says.

"When I'm stressed I'm very disagreeable," says Tamara Basham, a senior environmental science major. Basham says that during stressful periods "coffee is a girl's best friend."

Sean Brown, a senior radio-TV-film and sociology major, says stress is a normal part of his life.

"This week I have four exams and a paper," he says. "Now I study to mostly just catch up. I spend my life being behind in school. It's not stressful, it's a way of life. I'm a procrastinator."

And as for changes in the entire student body during midterms?

Shannon Comrie, a sophomore psychology major, says tension in the entire student body increases as the semester progresses.

"Everyone becomes hypersensitive. Everything is a crisis or a drama," she says.

Angie Taylor, director of Alcohol and Drug Education, says stress doesn't necessarily have to lead to a crisis or breakdown.

"Stress is good; it's motivating," Taylor says. "It's how you deal with it that matters."

Taylor also says stress is highest during midterms because students are sometimes underprepared and do poorly on their

exams. They then begin to comprehend their less-than-desirable academic situations and realize they cannot drop the classes they are failing.

Taylor says another high-stress group includes students new to the university, such as freshmen and transfer students, who are busy adapting to the TCU environment.

Monica Kintigh, a staff psychologist at the Counseling Center, says she counsels the same kinds of students Taylor does and that "everyone who comes in is stressed."

Kintigh says most of the students she sees are self-referred and recognize that they are overly stressed and need help. Others are referred by friends, roommates or their professors.

Kintigh says she sees stress on the modern campus as a unique situation. She says today's campus offers "so many options to distract you" and that people in past decades "went to college to get educated, but now go to college to get a job."

She also says students are afraid of the future because they don't know what they are going to do with their lives. She counsels people facing a lack of direction to set manageable goals so they don't feel overwhelmed.

A concern for physical appearances can also cause stress, Kintigh says, and can lead to problems such as eating disorders or overexercising.

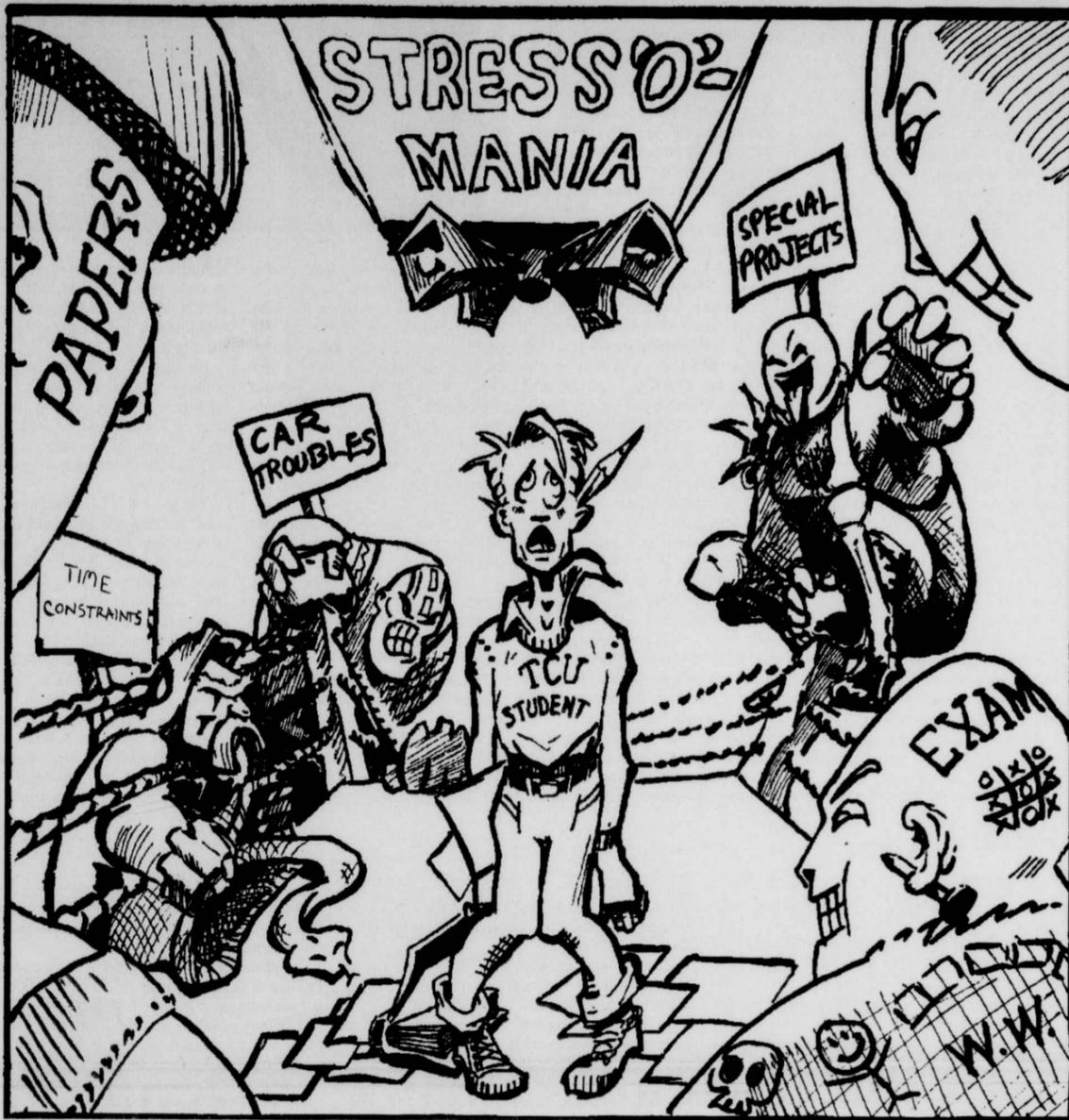
Kintigh says signs of unhealthy stress are recognizable. If students are not going to class or seem unable to handle daily life, then they may be at risk.

Other stress indicators include obsessive nail biting, grinding teeth, stuttering or rapid speech, dramatic weight changes, avoidance of peers or changes in eating habits.

Stress indicators that go unseen, but can be checked by the individual student, include constant worrying, fear of danger, moodiness and inability to concentrate.

Stress can also cause physiological problems such as muscle soreness, dizziness, sweating, fatigue, intestinal problems and frequent urination.

Dr. Dick Gerertz, a psychology professor at the California School of Professional Psychology, says the most important thing to remember about stress-related disorders is that they are manageable and it is important to balance work and play in a way that keeps stress disorders from becoming chronic problems.



How to stay sane when your brain's drained

Healthy stress-management techniques combat frazzled nerves and exhausted minds

By Charles Bandy
SKIFF STAFF

The big test is tomorrow and the other five classes' demands devour every moment. What do you do?

Stress can be a college student's friend and enemy at the same time, but a few advanced planning and management techniques can make the difference between success and failure.

Monica Kintigh, a staff psychologist at the Counseling Center, says there are ways people can manage stress effectively.

"The more proactive you can be in life by planning helps manage stress," she says. "Letting life sneak up on you only puts you in panic mode."

But sometimes students are past

the point where planning ahead is an option, and stress-management techniques become necessary.

Kintigh says a friend to talk to can make a big difference.

"Not holding your feelings in by having a friend to talk to helps relieve stress," she says. "That's why we're here."

Exercise and nutrition also play a major part in relieving stress.

But one of the most important things a student needs is adequate sleep, Kintigh says.

She says people need a healthy balance when it comes to sleeping.

"If stress is not dealt with in a positive way, people become depressed and use sleep as an escape," Kintigh says.

Many TCU students are knowl-

edgeable about positive ways to deal with stress.

Elizabeth Bewley, a sophomore international marketing major, has a busy schedule with classes and working for Campus Life.

"I spend time with friends and try to get away from everything," she says.

Other students have their own ways of coping with the pressures of learning.

Andrea Bucheit, a geology graduate student, prefers being with friends of the four-legged variety.

"I pet my cat," she says. "I've read where petting animals helps reduce blood pressure."

But Steve Nold, a senior geology major, prefers the great outdoors coupled with exercise.

"I enjoy riding my bicycle when I get stressed out," he says.

Negative ways to deal with stress include alcohol and drug use, eating disorders and electronic obsessions such as the Internet, television and video games, Kintigh says.

"We all have a little addict in us, and it's easy to turn to unhealthy methods to deal with the pressure," she says.

If stress is not dealt with, Kintigh says, it can lead to physical problems such as headaches, muscle tension and high blood pressure.

"When allowed to go too far, stress can cause anger and abuse of others," she says.

But stress can have positive aspects too.

How vulnerable are you to stress?

Score each item from 1 (almost always) to 5 (never) according to how often each statement applies to you.

1. I eat at least one hot, balanced meal a day.
2. I get seven to eight hours sleep at least four nights a week.
3. I give and receive affection regularly.
4. I have at least one relative within 50 miles on whom I can rely.
5. I exercise to the point of perspiration at least twice a week.
6. I smoke less than half a pack of cigarettes a day.
7. I have fewer than five alcoholic drinks a week.
8. I am the appropriate weight for my height.
9. I have an income adequate to meet basic expenses.
10. I get strength from my religious beliefs.
11. I regularly attend club or social activities.
12. I have a network of friends and acquaintances.
13. I have one or more friends to confide in about personal matters.
14. I am in good health (including eyesight, hearing, teeth).
15. I am able to speak openly about my feelings.
16. I have regular conversations about domestic problems with the people I live with.
17. I do something for fun at least once a week.
18. I am able to organize my time effectively.
19. I drink fewer than three cups of coffee (or tea or cola) a day.
20. I take quiet time for myself during the day.

To get your score, add up the figures and subtract 20. Any number over 30 indicates a vulnerability to stress. You are seriously vulnerable if you score is between 50 and 75, and extremely vulnerable if it is over 75.

BOSTON UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER

What was your most stressful college moment?



Laura King
senior history and french major

"Taking a test and forgetting to do one of the essays and turning it in. It knocked my grade down from a 96 to a 71 in a class where you only have three tests for the whole semester."



Kirstin McCary
sophomore general education major

"I'm an epileptic, and last September I had a seizure and had to be rushed to Harris Methodist Hospital. It was a stressful situation because I had school going on and everything else, and that was just something else added to it."

Kevin Rhoads
junior speech communication major

"When you're walking around, and there are giant purple monsters that come out of the ground. They grab you and yank off seven or eight of your fingers and jump into the fountain and they scream the song — the banshee song. That is a nightmare."



Kevin Rhoads
junior

Nicole McWilliams
freshman religion and vocal performance major

"Registration. It's hell. It was really hard because none of the classes fit at the right time."



Nicole McWilliams
freshman

Teacher salaries stay comparatively small

By Michael Bryant
SKIFF STAFF

Young students arrive for their first day of school unsure of the future and unaware of the educational trip lying before them.

The guides for their journey are a group of teachers and instructors determined to leave students with a new vision of the future and a better understanding of their own lives.

However, the teaching profession, often admired and esteemed by the community, is not rewarded financially. Beginning teacher salaries continue to lag behind beginning salaries for other professions.

According to statistics from the American Federation of Teachers, the average beginning salary for teachers in the United States was \$24,507 during the 1995-96 year, and the figures for Texas ran almost \$2,000 lower.

Despite how small the numbers may seem, Dale Young, director of career services for the School of Education, said beginning salaries state-wide have increased significantly in recent years.

In addition, the availability of teaching positions has increased, especially in the Metroplex. The Fort Worth Independent School District and the Birdville School District are the two districts hiring the most new teachers in the state.

"School districts really have begun to recruit now, and they're doing it with extra incentives," he said.

Young said one reason salaries lag behind other professions is that people are likely to support the school district where they live or where their children attend while disliking the education system as a whole.

"When it comes to their own school," he said, "it gets a B+ or above."

He said people also often view

teachers as undeserving of higher salaries because they only work 10 months out of the year. Young said this belief is often misleading, however, because of the extra work teachers must do during the school year, including sponsoring events and attending school functions.

In addition, many teachers spend the summer months enhancing their teaching skills through continued education, he said.

Kristin Conover, a senior special education major who is currently student teaching at J.T. Stephens Elementary School, said the financial aspect of teaching is not often a detriment to students who want to become teachers.

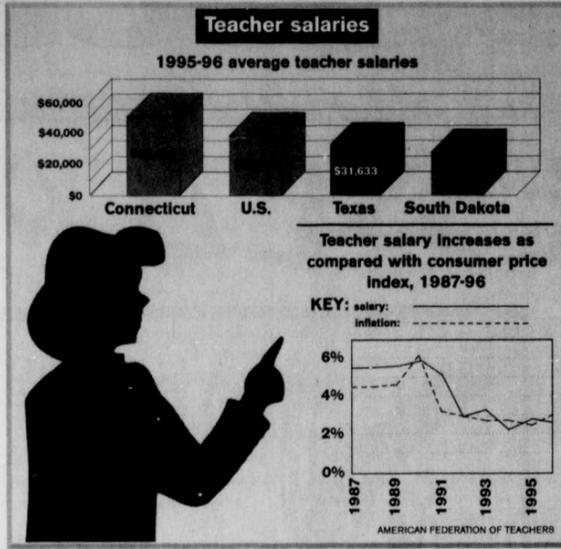
"People will start going into the teaching profession because they want to help people, not because of the money," she said.

According to statistics from the AFT, the states with the highest average teacher salary after 15 years of teaching are Connecticut, New Jersey, New York, Michigan and Alaska, while the lowest states include South Dakota, Louisiana, North Dakota, Mississippi and New Mexico. Texas ranks 36th on the list of states with an average salary of \$31,633.

But higher-paid teachers does not necessarily translate into increased student performance on national tests.

According to The College Board, which administers the SAT exam, the average SAT score for the state of Texas is 995 (495 verbal and 500 math). A state like New Jersey, however, with the second highest average teacher salaries, averages only a few points higher than Texas with 1,003 (498 verbal and 505 math).

Conover said teachers deserve higher salaries and increased respect because teachers are often the No. 1 influence on many children's lives,



considering students spend almost nine hours a day in the classroom.

Young said recent polls have shown that students in trouble will often go to their teacher before approaching their parents or their pastor, demonstrating the importance of teachers in children's development.

Also, the current low salaries almost force married teachers to be members of a two-income family, he said.

"The state legislature has got to do something about the salaries," Young said.

He said Texas legislators always campaign on promises of making education a priority, but the legislation itself does not reflect those promises.

"Texas has never been above the 24th ranking in teachers' salaries," he said.

Young said the desire of students to become teachers has seen a resurgence recently.

"There has been a change in the

attitudes of students over the past six to eight years," he said, adding that selfish attitudes have given way to unselfishness and a desire to do things for others.

He said benefits and incentives continue to increase for teachers, also leading to more respect for the profession. For example, he said, teachers in Texas with a master's degree and 20 years of experience earn about \$50,000 a year.

Young said TCU education students are enjoying increased success after college. In fact, Young said the number of school districts allowed to come and interview TCU students for jobs was limited because of the increased number of districts demanding teachers.

Young said Baylor and TCU students tend to be rated at the top among first-year teachers in Texas, allowing education majors to be more selective of their school choice.

Conover said, "I'd rather be happy making a little bit of money than unhappy making a lot of money."

Columnist gets threat

Caller disagreed with his opinion of flag

By Ellena Fortner
SKIFF STAFF

Death threats are reserved for the movies, national security issues and terrorist situations, but not a column discussing Martin Luther King Jr.

Skiff columnist Pete Radovich believed this, until he received a call last week.

"Late at night the phone rang," he said. "It was a male voice, and he said, 'You motherf---er nigger lover, if you ever publish something like that again I will kill you.'"

The phone call was in response to a column Radovich wrote dealing with the Confederate flag as a "symbol of racial bigotry in the South." The column stated that the flag should no longer be flown.

Later that night, Radovich received another phone call. When Radovich questioned the caller, the caller responded by saying, "Don't ever tell me a black man is equal to a white man again, or I will kill you."

Radovich reported the incident to the police but received five more harassing phone calls from, he believes, the same person.

"I am here living in the 1990s facing death threats because of my views on equality," he said. "The scariest thing is not that I received five death threats in one night but that people like that live in our society."

Phone calls that threaten immediate bodily harm are a Class A misdemeanor, carrying with them up to one year in jail and/or a \$4,000 fine.

William Thomas Burdette, Opinion editor of the Skiff, said he has never had to deal with this situation before.

"I was shocked people would be so into a symbol as to get violent," he said. "It was like we were talking about their mothers."

D. Clayton Brown, a professor of history with an emphasis on Southern history, said the flag is still important to many Southerners.

"The flag is a symbol of pride, especially to the white South," he said. "The flag stood for states' rights, the lost cause of the South and a way of life."

A large number of people, though, still see it as a symbol of white supremacy, Brown said.

"Since integration and the breakdown of supremacy, the flag has been taken on as the symbol of white supremacy."

It is this symbol that Radovich focused on and compared to pictures of Hitler and the Nazi Regime.

Brown said this was an unfair comparison.

"Hitler had a refined view of the Aryan race, complete with the holocaust, concentration camps and millions killed," he said. "America may have had similar views, but they were not taken as far."

The Skiff is temporarily holding Radovich's response to the threats and numerous letters received.

"We may run it later," Burdette said. "We decided to save it to protect the writer."

American fare sale questioned

By Karen Schwartz
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NEW YORK — The strike that didn't quite happen has led to the fare sale that isn't quite what it seems.

There are some good deals to be found in the sale that American Airlines announced Saturday to lure back customers scared off by a threatened pilots strike. True bargains were available for flights to Europe and the Caribbean, but for flights within the mainland United States, "this sale is an out and out joke," Terry Tripler, editor and publisher of the Airfare Report newsletter, said Tuesday.

The round-trip walk up fare from New York to Los Angeles was \$388 under the sale announced by American. Last week, however, American had a walk-up fare of \$398 round-trip.

Tripler says American is misleading the public with claims of up to 50 percent off.

"It's a vehicle to generate phone calls," he said. "How many people would pick up the phone if they said, 'New York to Los Angeles, \$10 off?'" American Airlines spokesman Tim Smith said the sale is genuine.

"Specials come and specials go, and we make it very clear that it is a discount off the regular 21-day fare," he said.

Sale or no, the phones are ringing again at American Airlines after a week of travelers taking their business elsewhere for fear of a strike.

A call to the airline's toll-free number Tuesday was met with a recording that said agents were busy and to call back later. Later tries got through within minutes.

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stress can cause anger and abuse of others," she says.

But stress can have positive aspects too. "Without enough stress, you won't get anything done," Kintigh says.

The Health Center suggests several methods for dealing with stress.

Among the best is having regular checkups to see whether stress is building.

Realistic goals are another good way to deal with stress because false ambitions may fail and lead to unhappiness.

Although alcohol abuse is one of the worst ways to cope, moderate alcohol consumption is harmless, most doctors say.

Some relaxation techniques the Health Center recommends are foot massages, progressive relaxation, breathing exercises and meditation.

Progressive relaxation involves tightening and releasing different muscles of the body, such as the fist, and working toward the other end of the body.

Breathing techniques involve inhaling through the nose, holding the breath for a second and exhaling gradually from the abdomen and chest.

According to literature from the Health Center, frequent meditation is good for deep mental and physical relaxation.

Another stress-relief method recommended by the Health Center is biofeedback, which allows the patient to monitor stress to better regulate the body.

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USA Boxing to decide if Norton will fight

DALLAS (AP) — USA Boxing officials met Tuesday with representatives for Ken Norton Jr. and the Dallas Golden Gloves tournament to decide whether to allow the San Francisco 49ers linebacker to compete in the amateur competition.

Federation rules prohibit professional athletes of any sport from fighting, but Norton is asking for a waiver because he's entering a novice division that does not advance to the state tournament.

C. Brian Renfro, on the board of USA Boxing as corporate counsel, was working with the Norton people. A ruling was possible by late Tuesday or today, said USA Boxing spokesman Steve Ross.

"This is going to set a precedent," Ross said from the federation's Colorado Springs, Colo., headquarters. "If they let him compete, there might be a long-term effect where we turn this into a Dream Team sport."

The 6-foot-2-inch, 245-pound Norton signed up Sunday for the super heavy-weight novice division. Of the more than 350 tournament contestants, only four are in that class.

Norton, 30, has never boxed before, save for some celebratory punches thrown on the football field. The competition involves three one-minute rounds using 10-ounce gloves and protective headgear.

If approved, Norton's first bout would be either Thursday or Friday night, tournament officials said. A victory would advance him to Saturday night's finals.

Two years ago, Norton reconciled a once-bitter relationship with his father, Ken Norton Sr., who beat Muhammad Ali in 1973 and briefly held the WBC's heavyweight crown in 1978.

Hill fired as Orlando Magic's coach

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Brian Hill was fired Tuesday as coach of the Orlando Magic, dismissed less than two seasons after reaching the NBA Finals but unable to shake his club from a slump since the All-Star break.

The firing apparently was prompted by complaints from players that Hill's relationship with the team was deteriorating and a change was needed to have any chance of salvaging the season.

Several players emerged from the locker room and either declined comment or said they were not certain what was going to happen. Co-captain Horace Grant spoke of Hill in the past tense.

"You have to get your team up, and in some cases he didn't do that. But a lot of that falls back on us also," Grant said.

He and Penny Hardaway denied that one or both of them had gone directly to the general manager and were responsible for the firing.

"Win, lose or draw, it's always going to fall on myself and it's going to fall on Horace. But we just have to take the heat," Hardaway said. "Whatever comes, comes. But I know it isn't my fault or it isn't Horace's fault the reason why this stuff is happening."

Hill, who led the Magic to 50, 57 and 60 victories the past three seasons, received a three-year contract extension last season worth \$750,000 a year.

With Shaquille O'Neal now playing for the Los Angeles Lakers and Hardaway sidelined much of this season because of injuries, the team is off to a 24-25 start and stuck in a five-game losing streak since the All-Star break.

The dismissal is the sixth coaching change in the league since the start of the season.

Big game: TCU tangles with SMU

By Paul Corliss
SKIFF STAFF

The TCU men's basketball team takes on Southern Methodist University tonight at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum with fourth place in the Western Athletic Conference Mountain Division at stake.

The Mustangs, 6-7 in the WAC and 14-9 overall, lead the Horned Frogs (5-7, 16-9) in the standings despite dropping the earlier meeting with TCU Jan. 25, 87-63.

"It's a real big game because we want to get the best seed we can (for the WAC postseason tournament)," junior forward James Penny said. "And we just like beating SMU in general."

Penny credited changes head coach Billy Tubbs made in the starting lineup as a reason for the Horned Frogs' recent success (3-1 in those four games), despite the fact that the changes put him in a non-starting role.

"I'm not disappointed, because we're winning," he said. "Coach Tubbs knows what he's doing, and I'm just happy to help the team the best I can."

Tubbs moved senior forward Saipele Tuialii, senior guard Anthony

Burks and freshman center Scott Barrett into the starting lineup two games after the first SMU game.

Despite TCU's 24-point win in its first game with the Ponies, SMU center Jay Poerner scored a career-high 29 points against the Frogs.

After the first game Tubbs laughed and said, "As usual, we didn't guard their center," but Penny said TCU doesn't have a new defensive strategy in store.

"Nothing's really changed. Sai's gonna take him. Last game (Poerner) did the scoring, but the rest of the team broke down."

Junior guard Mike Jones scored 25 points for TCU in the first game and was subsequently named WAC Mountain Division Player of the Week for his performance. Jones is the current Player of the Week for his role in last week's games in which he scored a combined 66 points in two outings.

Jones said TCU is ready to try to sweep its last four games and enter post season play on a high note.

"We're ready to give it a go," he said. "Not only are we looking to get a bid in the WAC tournament but hopefully the NCAA tournament as well."

Nelson was right to trade

Let's see... the Mavericks have a Robert, Khalid, Kurt, Sasha, Martin, Shawn, A.C., Michael, Erick, Derek, Greg and Samaki. Nope, no J's left.

In October of 1995, Dick Motta said, "I don't think there's another trio in the league I would trade the three J's for." Six months later, Jason Kidd is in Phoenix, Jamal Mashburn is in Miami and Jimmy Jackson is playing in New Jersey.

Hooray for new General Manager Don Nelson, who has decided to start over and move nearly every player who's contributed to the team's miserable 43-87 record over the past two seasons.

All three of the J's were immensely talented, but all brought immensely poor attitudes to the court with their talents. They had three seasons to gel and develop into a winner — they couldn't do it.

Rather than sticking with a talented nucleus that can't win, like perennially mediocre Denver, Golden State and Sacramento, the Mavericks actually did something to try to change.

Maybe the changes were extreme;

no team in recent memory has traded nine players away in a season. Still, the Mavs' new look brings reason for guarded optimism.

Shawn Bradley gives the Mavericks their first legitimate center in history who doesn't have a substance abuse problem. Robert Pack isn't as flashy as Kidd (who probably would still be in Dallas if Nelson had been GM in December), but he brings

quickness, scoring and playmaking skills to the table. Another plus with these two is that they're both under contract for four more years.

TCU basketball fans saw what Kurt Thomas is capable of doing when he's healthy. Thomas, who led the nation in scoring and rebounding while at TCU in 1994-95, started as a rookie for Pat Riley and averaged about 10 points per game last season. Michael Finley was also solid for Phoenix as a rookie last season.

It was tough for the Mavericks to part with All-Star forward Chris Gatling and point guard Sam Cassell, but you've got to give up something



Junior righty Reese Ryan hurls the ball to the plate in the Horned Frogs' 9-2 win against Texas Wesleyan University Tuesday at the TCU Diamond.

Top 25

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

Men's Basketball				Women's Basketball				
Rank	Record	Pts. Prv	1st Place	Rank	Record	Pts. Prv	1st Place	
1.	Kansas(70)	22-0	1,774	1	1.	Connecticut(37)	20-0	1,021
2.	Wake Forest(1)	18-1	1,697	2	2.	Old Dominion(3)	19-1	982
3.	Kentucky	20-2	1,634	3	3.	Stanford(1)	21-1	949
4.	Minnesota	19-2	1,565	6	4.	Louisiana Tech	19-2	881
5.	Utah	15-3	1,312	4	5.	North Carolina	19-1	853
6.	Iowa St.	15-3	1,265	11	6.	Georgia	16-4	821
7.	Maryland	17-4	1,236	5	7.	Alabama	17-4	694
8.	Duke	17-5	1,182	12	8.	Texas	15-3	691
9.	New Mexico	16-3	1,180	13	9.	Tennessee	16-7	678
10.	Clemson	17-4	1,151	7	10.	Virginia	15-4	660
11.	Louisville	18-3	1,142	9	11.	LSU	18-1	619
12.	Cincinnati	15-4	1,136	8	12.	Kansas	16-3	586
13.	Michigan	16-5	914	16	13.	Florida	16-5	533
14.	Arizona	13-5	827	10	14.	Texas Tech	13-5	491
15.	Colorado	16-4	735	18	15.	Notre Dame	19-4	450
16.	Villanova	16-5	685	14	16.	Vanderbilt	14-6	342
17.	Xavier, Ohio	15-3	620	20	17.	Arkansas	15-5	338
18.	Stanford	13-4	556	15	18.	Illinois	17-4	261
19.	South Carolina	15-5	448	25	19.	Clemson	14-6	241
20.	North Carolina	13-6	323	19	20.	Duke	14-6	221
21.	Tulane	16-5	317		21.	Stephen F. Austin	18-3	193
22.	Tulsa	17-5	306	21	22.	W. Kentucky	15-5	166
23.	Texas Tech	13-5	211	22	23.	Wisconsin	14-5	163
24.	Indiana	17-6	132	17	24.	Michigan St.	16-4	125
25.	Iowa	15-5	130		25.	N. Carolina St.	14-8	71

Nelson ignores buzz and shuffles players

By Denne H. Freeman
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS — In New Jersey, basketball fans think Don Nelson is an alias for Santa Claus.

In Dallas, fans are toasting him for dumping a bunch of underachievers. Is he "Nellie the Fox" or just plain "Crazy Nellie"?

Unfazed by the buzz he created by sending the Dallas Mavericks' starting lineup to the New Jersey Nets for four players, "Trader" Don was working the phones again Tuesday.

But why? Who's left? "There's no law that says you can't sell what you just bought," Nelson said, laughing. "I do what I think is right. If I find good reason, I do it."

In just 11 days on the job, fresh from unemployment in Hawaii, General Manager Nelson has flushed away what he called the Mavericks' "bad attitude" of players sleepwalking through their jobs.

"Some people think I'm a risk taker," he said. "But I feel comfortable with what I've done so far. It will take awhile to see. Half the people think it was a good deal. Half of the people think it was a bad deal. And to quote Yogi Berra, 'The other half of the people don't care.'"

He added: "Things were in bad shape with the Mavericks. I had to make a change. I was shocked by what I found. It made me sick."

A change? An asteroid hitting Reunion Arena couldn't have made a bigger impact than Nelson's scorched-earth policy.

Nelson fired uncaring center Oliver Miller, traded unhappy Jamal Mashburn to Miami for three players, and completed the overhaul Monday night with a nine-player trade that sent Jim Jackson to the New Jersey Nets along with All-Star Chris Gatling and three others.

The Mavericks got 7-foot-6-inch

center Shawn Bradley, forward Ed O'Bannon and point guards Robert Pack and Khalid Reeves. The Nets also received guards Sam Cassell and George McCloud and center Eric Montross.

The trade is believed to be the largest between two NBA teams in the last 25 years.

The blockbuster swap followed Friday's trade of Mashburn to the Heat for three players and deal that sent Jason Kidd to Phoenix for Cassell, A.C. Green and Michael Finley.

The ballyhooed three J's — Jackson, Mashburn and Kidd — were on the cover of the media guide last year. They're all gone now.

"This team needs leaders, and none of them was willing to accept that responsibility," veteran guard Derek Harper said. "All they saw was losing. That was frustrating for them."

The players with the longest tenures on the Dallas team are rookie Samaki Walker, who was drafted in June and signed in August, and Harper, who signed as a free agent in July.

Harper has been rumored in trade talks with Houston.

"Houston hasn't called, so maybe I should call them," Nelson said. "But Derek will be on the team if he wants to be on the team. He and I have a great relationship. A trade will only happen if he wants it to happen."

"I would welcome a trade to a team like Houston," Harper said. "But, if not, I'd rather stay put."

Nelson was chuckling over the stir his trades started.

"One of the NBA executives going over the contracts wanted to call back to see if I was sane," Nelson said.

The *New York Daily News* didn't think so.

"If you're a Mavs fan today, you can't wait for the Cowboys to head to Austin for training camp," according to the newspaper.

Men's golf ties for sixth in Hawaii

By Wendy Bogema
SKIFF STAFF

The men's golf team tied for sixth place at the seventh annual Taylor Made Big Island Intercollegiate Golf Tournament in Hawaii last weekend.

The five golfers representing TCU at the tournament were sophomore Alberto Ochoa, senior Deron Zinnecker, senior Brent Wolf, junior J.J. Henry and freshman Sal Spallone.

The 54-hole tournament, with 36 holes played Friday and 18 holes played Saturday, took place at the Waikoloa Kings' Golf Course in Kona, Hawaii. The course has a par-72 layout of 7,074 yards.

Individually, Ochoa tied for fifth place at three strokes under par and was the only TCU golfer to place in the top 20. The best four of five scores for each team were counted in the team scoring.

Coach Bill Montigel said he thought Ochoa played extremely well. He also said he thought the team could have finished higher, but not playing for a couple of months was detrimental to them.

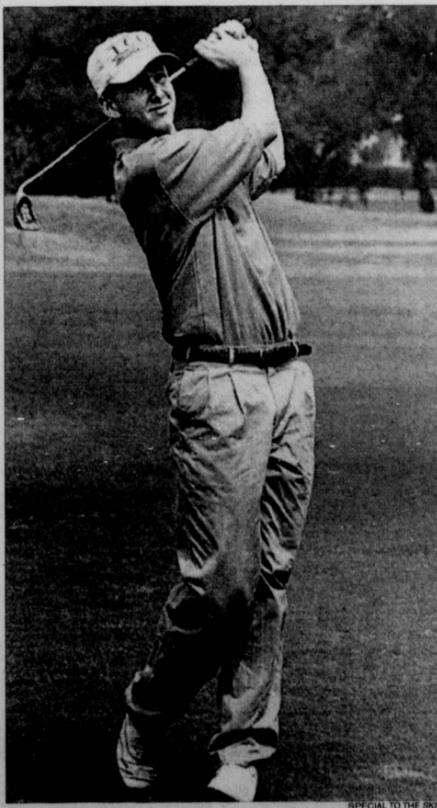
Twenty-two other teams competed in the tournament, including five Western Athletic Conference teams. The University of Nevada-Las Vegas, whose men's team is currently ranked No. 1 in the Rolex Collegiate Rankings, captured first place at the tournament. The University of New Mexico was the only other WAC school to finish ahead of TCU; it placed fifth.

Montigel said this tournament was a good chance for the players to see other WAC schools and look at some teams they hadn't previously competed against.

"The WAC has a great golf conference with some really good teams," Montigel said. "The WAC tournament will be difficult."

He said if the players work hard they will have a chance to have a good spring, and he is seeing progress in all the players.

TCU's men's golf team is currently ranked No. 3 behind UNLV and the University of Oklahoma in the Rolex Collegiate Rankings and has three players ranked in the top 50. Those players are Ochoa, No. 3; Spallone, No. 14; and Zinnecker, tied for No. 40.

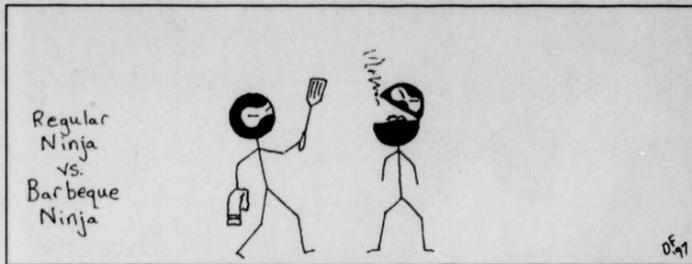


J.J. Henry helped TCU finish sixth at the Taylor Made Big Island Golf Tournament last weekend.

Ninja Verses

by Don Frederic UNIVERSITY²

by Frank Cho



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 - 4 Leave alone
 - 5 Spacey state
 - 6 Forever and a day

SATURDAY STUMPER by Dean Niles

Edited by Stanley Newman

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31	Global competition
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