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McDonald's plans Big Mac attack

CHICAGO (AP) — McDonald's is planning a real Big Mac attack, offering the sandwich at its lowest price ever — 55 cents.

The fast-food giant will be taking a loss. The cost of the ingredients alone — two all-beef patties, special sauce, lettuce, cheese, pickles, onions and a sesame seed bun — is about 40 cents. But McDonald's hopes to make it up by drawing in more customers and requiring that the Big Mac be sold with a drink and fries.

The Big Mac, introduced in 1972, normally sells for about \$2.

McDonald's will put the "Campaign 55" promotion to a vote Thursday in a closed-circuit telecast to its 2,700 franchisees.

Campaign 55 refers to the year McDonald's was founded. The 55-cent package will rotate over the next year to the Quarter Pounder, the McRib and the Arch Deluxe.

Hillary Rodham Clinton wins Grammy award

NEW YORK (AP) — Now she's the first lady and a Grammy winner.

Hillary Rodham Clinton's book on child rearing, "It Takes a Village," took the award for best spoken word or nonmusical album. The book spent 20 weeks on best-seller lists last year.

"I'm amazed," said Mrs. Clinton, who appeared in person to accept the award.

Mrs. Clinton's recording was nominated along with Garrison Keillor's "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" and "Charles Kuralt's America" by Charles Kuralt.

State

Police catch robber who asked for shrimp

EDINBURG (AP) — An attempted bank robbery and hostage situation ended peacefully after the suspect made an unusual request of police — he demanded shrimp cocktail, crackers and bottled water.

The suspect was arrested after police delivered the food and found he was unarmed. No one was injured.

Sergio Trejo, 23, of Pharr, walked into the International Bank of Commerce and began acting suspiciously, said Edinburg Police Sgt. Rey Ramirez. A bank teller questioned Trejo, who said he wanted a drink of water and then left.

Trejo returned 30 minutes later with his hand stuffed under his shirt, contending he was armed with a gun, Ramirez said.

Campus

Competition winners to perform with orchestra

Both winners of last year's concerto competition will perform in a free concert with the TCU Symphony Orchestra at 7:30 tonight in Ed Landreth Auditorium.

German Gutierrez, conductor, praised the orchestra members for their hard work and said he invites everyone to attend.

"The orchestra has done so well this year and worked hard," he said. "Preparation for an hour of performance usually requires a month of work."

James Bachrach, a marimba player and a concerto competition winner, will perform "Concertino for Marimba," by Paul Creston, with the orchestra.

Toshie Ueda, pianist and a concerto competition winner, will perform Franz Liszt's Piano Concerto No. 2 in A Major.

In addition to the winner's performances, the orchestra will perform "Valse Triste" by Jean Sibelius and Franz Schubert's Symphony No. 8 in B Minor "Unfinished."

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Highway injuries go up

Study says increase may be related to speed limits

By Jonathan Conwell and Kimberly Wilson
SKIFF STAFF

Interstate speeders beware. The Texas Department of Transportation released the first report of a study on the Texas speed limit increase Wednesday, which shows a higher rate and frequency of serious injuries on urban interstate highways since the speed limit was raised from 55 to 70 mph.

According to the study, the evidence shows that the speed limit may be related to the increased injuries.

One year after the speed limit on Texas highways was raised, state

troopers said they have seen a significant increase in fatal accidents and are concerned with drivers' safety.

Preliminary reports from the Texas Department of Public Safety show there has been a 17 percent increase in automobile-related fatalities in the time period between January and October of 1996 as compared to the same time period in 1995.

Alesia Gamboa, a statistical technician for the Department of Public Safety, said that because the data is preliminary, it is not known if the increase is "necessarily related to speed."

Gamboa said the 1996 report has

shown that 2,946 people were killed in the state in car accidents, according to the most recent study, but that the department expects to find that about 3,700 people died in car accidents by the time all the data has been reviewed.

Randall Dillard, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Transportation, said the reports from DPS "should serve as a wake-up call for Texas motorists."

"We are very concerned about these increased deaths," he said.

But Dillard said if motorists

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A study released Wednesday by the Texas Department of Transportation reported a higher rate and frequency of serious injuries since the speed limit was raised from 55 mph last year.



Ryan McCarthy (left), a senior psychology major, and Aaron Puckett, a senior instrumental performance major, played wash tubs, washboards and even potato chip cans as part of an improvisational performance Wednesday evening in the lobby of Tom Brown Hall. The two were part of the entertainment for the hall's BrownBean event.

Campus building defaced

By Elena Fortner
SKIFF STAFF

Although Ed Landreth Hall is known for hosting colorful and artistic entertainment, the splashes of red found on its wall last weekend were not considered art by Campus Police.

Fort Worth neighborhood police officer Matt Welch said, "Although some kids call themselves street artists, we called it (the paint) graffiti."

The inside stairway wall was decorated with the word "Threat" in inch-high red ink.

A second graffiti incident was reported two days later on the trailer and garbage can behind Worth Repeating, a clothing store on Berry Street. The trailer will soon be the new home of Campus Police. The area had the word "Who" painted in purple paint four times.

Such cases of vandalism are considered criminal mischief if there is less than \$1,500 in damage to the property. The Class A misdemeanor carries up to a year in jail and/or a \$2,000 fine.

Welch, who conferred with the Fort Worth Police Department gang prevention unit about the incidents, said the graffiti was most likely done by a tagger.

A profile by the California Parks and Recreation Department describes a tagger as a person who is not officially in a gang but paints the area with gang graffiti.

According to the profile, the tagger is usually categorized as someone who is between 12 and 18 years of age, has fingers repeatedly stained with paint or permanent marker ink.

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Basketball team to have support in Vegas

Band and Showgirl members will travel to the WAC tournament on TCU funds

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The TCU Basketball Band and Showgirls will take some Horned Frog spirit to Las Vegas next month when they attend the Western Athletic Conference Basketball Tournament.

But one student waiting for the decision to fund the band and dancers wondered if the money for the trip would be found.

Shane Wickson, a senior computer

science major and tuba player for the Basketball Band, wrote a letter to TCU administrators expressing his concerns about the band traveling to the tournament to support the men's basketball team.

Kenneth Raessler, chairman of the music department, said the concerns were premature.

"When I read the letter, it took me by surprise," he said. "Because the tournament sets a precedent for TCU,

the money wasn't budgeted."

Raessler said the decision to include the Showgirls on the trip was made to give TCU the best representation at the tournament.

A total of 30 members of the band and Showgirls will attend the tournament at a cost of almost \$30,000.

Robert Foster, associate director of bands, said two-thirds of the group will be able to make the journey.

He said TCU will pay for the stu-

dents' airfare, meals and lodging.

Foster said he is glad the students will be given the chance to represent TCU at the tournament.

"I feel good that TCU stands behind its band program," he said.

He said students are thrilled about the upcoming trip.

"In the four years I've been at TCU, I've never seen our band students as excited about going to Las Vegas," he said.

SuperFrog celebrates his birthday Friday

By Michael Bryant
SKIFF STAFF

Though he is usually a leader of cheers and fun at TCU athletic events, SuperFrog will take on a different role Friday as he gambles and dances the night away to celebrate his 18th birthday.

SuperFrog will be on hand at all of Friday's activities, beginning with casino gambling from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Student Center Lounge and in Eden's Greens, said Carl Long, chairman of the Programming Council Special Events Committee.

The gambling will include slot machines, blackjack, craps and roulette, and students will have the chance to trade their winnings for special prizes at a gazebo in the Reed-Sadler Mall, Long said.

In addition, free pizza and soft drinks will be available in the mall area during lunch hours.

Later in the day, a group of Texas A&M University students called "Freudian Slip" will provide comedic entertainment from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Student Center Lounge.

Long said the biggest and last event of the day will be the Frog Formal, from 9 p.m. to midnight in the Student Center Ballroom.

The Frog Formal will be a campus-wide dance with a disc jockey and tables around the edge of the ballroom, and prizes will be raffled off to those in attendance.

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Michael Coppens, a freshman business major, test drives the remote-controlled car used by Programming Council in the Student Center to promote SuperFrog's 18th birthday celebration on Friday.

Marriott changes to-go containers

By TeNikki Carter
SKIFF STAFF

Students who get their meals to go will soon be carrying smaller, gentler packages from campus eateries, thanks to pressure from an environmental group and cost-cutting by Marriott.

David Ripple, Marriott Operation Director, said Marriott has been considering a change in containers for a long time.

"We had received a large number of complaints about the containers from TERRA, the environmental group on campus," Ripple said. "So we decided on a product that would be less detrimental to the environment."

Ripple said the new containers are still made of plastic foam but are constructed of 50 percent recycled products.

In addition, he said, Marriott wanted to have smaller containers because they are more compact and take up less room.

"The containers are also less expensive," Ripple said. "These smaller Styrofoam containers are much cheaper than paper products

and less harsh on the environment."

Ripple said the containers have the same three-compartment format as the old containers. The main difference in the containers is their depth, which has been decreased in the new containers.

Jennifer Mazza, a sophomore theater major, said she noticed the change in the container size.

"I am pleased with the size of the container like it is now," Mazza said. "I don't think they should decrease the size any more."

Mazza said decreasing the depth would be fine with her as long as the width of the container is not changed.

Kammerin Hunt, a sophomore theater major, said he wants the dining areas to go back to the regular-sized to-go containers.

"When I try to put a waffle in fit," Hunt said. "If I wanted a complete meal with meat, bread, vegetables, fruit and dessert it would not fit in the new containers. I think they should even make the containers a

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Pulse

CAMPUS LINES

HORNED FROG YEARBOOK will take portraits in the Student Center Lounge from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. today.

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

SUPERFROG'S BIRTHDAY is Friday. Casino activities will be from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Student Center Lounge. Comedy act "Freudian Slip" will perform from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Student Center Lounge. Frog Formal, with semiformal dress, will be held from 9 p.m. to midnight in the Student Center Ballroom. For more information call Ext. 5233 or Ext. 4068.

PSI CHI NATIONAL CONVENTION will be held Friday and Saturday at TCU. Students from many other schools will be on campus, and Robert Sternberg, a professor at Yale University, will be the featured speaker. Registration is \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. For more information, call Heather Edwards at 370-8662.

PC FILMS COMMITTEE will show "Courage Under Fire" at 9 p.m. Saturday in Moudy Building North Room 141.

PRESBYTERIAN STUDENT FELLOWSHIP will meet from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday in Student Center Room 203. Food and drinks will be provided. For more information call Becca Bartlett at Ext. 8336.

TCU TRIANGLE will meet at 5 p.m. Sunday at the Wesley Foundation to discuss "The Simpsons" and homophobia. For more information call Priscilla Tate at 921-7160.

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

DESCANT, Fort Worth's Journal of Poetry and Fiction, will accept artistic and computer graphics entries in its cover design contest until March 14. For more information and contest guidelines contact the English department at Ext. 7240, e-mail descant@tcu.edu or go by the English department office in Reed Hall Room 314.

PC MULTICULTURAL COMMITTEE will host a multicultural fashion extravaganza from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. March 25 in the Student Center Ballroom. For more information call Programming Council at Ext. 5233.

SPEED

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practice safe driving "we can hold this number down."

Many TCU students who frequently drive Interstate 35 have said that most drivers were driving 70 mph before the 15-mph speed increase was put in place, instead of obeying the legal limit of 55 mph.

Dillard said this is one of the reasons that the speed limit has been set at 70 mph.

"A large number of motorists weren't obeying the speed limit when it was 55 mph," he said.

He said one of the things that must be considered when deciding on an appropriate speed limit for an area is a concept known as 85th percentile speed. Dillard said this means that workers for the Department of Transportation must go to the area with radar guns and study the speeds most people are driving to find the speed at which 85 percent of the people choose to drive.

He said the speed limit is then generally set anywhere between 5 mph above or below the average speed,

unless other factors are considered, like if a road passes through a city or residential area.

Dillard also explained that the speed limit had not been raised by the department but instead had been returned to the speed limit that had existed prior to a national maximum speed limit of 55 mph, which was passed in 1973 by the federal government.

If the limit of 55 mph was not enforced, states risked losing all federal funding for transportation departments. Dillard said he did not know of any states that did not enforce the limits because of the need for the funding.

On Dec. 8, 1995, the national maximum speed limit was repealed.

Dillard said most people do not understand speed limits in terms of the way they affect the speed people choose to drive.

"The number on a sign has very little to do with the speed that we are traveling at," he said. "That's one of the big misconceptions about speed limits."

Most students who drive home on

weekends or holidays said they are glad to be able to legally drive faster.

Melissa White, a junior special education major from Kansas City, Mo., said she travels home on I-35 during school breaks. She said she feels more comfortable driving 70 mph than she did last year when the speed limit was 55 mph.

"Everyone used to drive 70 to 80 mph before the speed limit increase anyway," she said. "Now everyone can go 70 mph without worrying about getting a ticket."

David Barnes, a senior psychology major, said he travels to Austin to visit family and friends many times throughout the semester and that he likes the speed increase.

"I never really went 55 mph, so I definitely think it is better," he said. "Once it was set to 70 mph, people pretty much kept on going as fast as they did before it changed. Nobody really seems to go slower than 70 mph or 75 mph. Of course, there is the occasional person who flies by going really fast."

Lt. Steve Richmond of the Texas Department of Transportation said students who travel home for the holidays or Spring Break should not drive faster than the speed limit indicates.

"Holiday seasons seem to bring out the worst in driving and an increase in accidents is vividly apparent, especially with the speed increase," he said. "Just because the speed limit is 70 mph doesn't mean it is safe for you to drive 80 mph, and don't think you won't get ticketed, either."

As of now, Richmond said, there is not a proposal to move the speed limit back to 55 mph.

The study did not find an increase in accidents on rural interstates. According to a press release, researchers thought a slight increase in serious crashes in these areas could be attributed to increases in travel volumes or other normal fluctuations.

The report states that the Texas Department of Transportation plans to schedule 25 public meetings across the state to get input on speed limit issues this spring and summer.

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EDITORIAL

DOUBLE-BOXING SCARE

New boxes not a solution

If you think double-cupping is a problem, you should be furious about the prospect of "double-boxing."

The reason people double-cup their drinks at the campus' cafeterias is that the cups are cheap. They leak, they drip, they collapse and they do not keep drinks cold or hot.

As if cheap cups weren't enough, Marriott has again proven itself to be a completely inept food organization by replacing the old to-go boxes with cheaper, just as unwieldy, yet 50 percent recyclable, boxes.

Now students are starting to double-box to compensate for the thin, cheap and inadequate to-go boxes.

After getting much pressure from environmental groups such as TERRA, Marriott has tried to take a step toward solving the controversy by supplying plastic foam boxes that have less plastic foam in them. But all "less plastic foam" means is less insulation, less warm food, fewer happy students and thus more boxes, more mess, more burnt hands, more dropped lunches and more unhappy students.

McDonald's replaced its plastic foam years ago with sturdy cardboard, and now when you get a Big Mac, it is warm, it is compact, it is earth-friendly and you are happy.

On the other hand, when you get a burger at the Main, you get one burger in a tray large enough for three burgers but thin enough so that the cheese melts through the more biodegradable plastic foam.

Marriott needs to get a clue. If it wants to cut down on plastic foam, it should not solve the problem by using lower-grade plastic foam but instead should find a better way to package food. Ideally, this would include boxes that fit the size of the food, boxes that are earth-friendly and user-friendly, and most importantly, boxes that keep the food warm.

We appreciate any serious efforts to do away with plastic foam. But this was not a serious effort. It was merely a temporary and ineffective solution to a problem that needs to be dealt with.



Welfare overhaul unethical

Commentary



Kevin Arceneaux

"Let them eat cake!" Just don't give 'em any food stamps. God knows we've gotta balance this here budget. Is it just me, or do some of our fellow Americans in Washington have absolutely no idea how the real world operates — specifically, the 283 Republicans, 123 Democrats and one president who supported the welfare "overhaul" bill last August?

In that wonderful little bill was a nice provision regarding food stamps. You know, that fun program that helps extremely poor people buy food. (About 35 years ago some people had this socialist idea that really poor people might not have enough money to buy food, and they had this silly notion that without enough food people might become malnourished and even die. So these Trotskyites came up with the food stamp program.)

Back to our story. This wonderful welfare "overhaul" bill, which is supposed to stop those evil welfare recipients from ruining our great country, limits those who can receive food stamps. It seems that if able-bodied 18- to 50-year-old people with no children don't work at least 20 hours a week, they are limited to three months of food stamps in three years. That'll teach 'em to go out and work. Make them dance with the starvation queen. Oh, but our fearless leaders forgot something. What if there are no jobs to be found?

In fact, according to the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, tens of thousands have already lost their food stamps, and by the end of the year approximately 1 million more will do so because of the work requirements. Private charities don't think they can handle the influx.

Serves them right, though. I mean, they're all lazy bums. Aren't they? After all, the King Of Idiotic Budget Cutting, John Kasich (R-Ohio) — also known as House Budget Committee Chairman — said, "...if somebody's able to work, then they need to go to work," according to *CQ Weekly Report*. Ol' Johnny-boy wouldn't lie to us, now would he?

I wonder if Mr. Kasich has been down to South Texas, rural Alabama or some choice neighborhoods in our inner cities where unemployment may be as high as 25 percent? I wonder if Mr. Kasich has ever met someone who has been looking for a job for years, but can't find one?

Jobs aren't a given. The U.S. economy isn't some theoretical model where we can assume jobs are a "ubiquitous input" and spatial realities don't exist. But that is what our leaders have done.

Even though our aggregate economy is at or close to full employment that doesn't mean chronic unemployment is extinct. In a full employment economy, involuntary, chronic unemployment still exists. Plus, there are still pockets and regions of the United States that have high unemployment.

The unemployed guy from South Texas can't just pick up and leave to find a job somewhere else — that's unrealistic. It ignores basic physical, social and psychological realities.

Moreover, assuming there were jobs out there for everyone who wants one, it isn't ethical to take away someone's only source of food on the basis that he or she is not working. Call me a bleeding-heart liberal, but I think all people deserve to eat no matter how lazy they are.

Besides the average freeloaders gets seventy-three dollars and 12 cents a month in food stamps. I bet that buys three well-balanced meals a day.

There are just some things the ideology of warped-individualism and the philosophy of the-bottom-line-at-all-cost have absolutely no place. Food stamp policy is one of them.

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Show me the GPA

Atheletes' failure reflects on schools

It must be nice to have your future so concrete and perfect that you can say, "Gosh, I sure don't feel like going to class today. Heck, I don't think I'll go at all this semester. I think I'll just play football."

This is apparently what Byron Hanspard thought before the fall semester last year. Our boy Byron, a Texas Tech football player, decided he was tired of going to school and figured he would just enter the NFL draft

before he graduated. So, he just didn't do anything and received a 0.0 GPA last fall. Despite his lack of studies, he was still able to play football and win awards.

This is the problem. More and more athletes are ignoring "stay in school" and are instead following the new phrase, "Show me the money!" Unlike most professions, sports don't require long years of grueling study of a cornucopia of subjects to get a degree and thereby convince employers that one is not a complete moron.

Sports generally require that you can run around for about two hours and be a marketable commodity. The only thing you really have to learn is a playbook.

"Student athlete" is a term that has become an oxymoron. No longer are sports ways for some people to pay their way through college. Originally, a college or university would say to a talented high school student, "Hey, you're a talented high

school student. If you will come run around on a field in front of people for a while, we'll let you learn things at our school for free!"

It was a trade: talent for knowledge. The school got athletic talent that would make their sports programs better and generate interest and income. In return, the athlete was able to go to school and continue his or her education.

Now, college-level athletics are just the next step to professional sports. As soon as athletes have gained enough notice that the pros want them, they jump ship and leave college. This should be considered a breach of contract.

The school has given the athlete money in order to take classes. The athlete many times only takes the classes to continue to play. Wouldn't this money be better spent on someone who wanted to take those classes? Aren't there plenty of people out there who either can barely afford or can't afford college, but truly deserve an education? Why are these "schools" wasting their money on people who don't want to be there and don't deserve to be there?

Since the athletes don't hold up their end of the bargain, they should be required to repay everything they have received from the school for tuition, room and board, food, books, etc., with interest. After all, most of these athletes end up becoming mul-

timillionaires anyway.

Kevin Blackstone of *The Dallas Morning News* tried to justify Hanspard by claiming that Texas Tech was teaching him a trade (football) and that was why he was in school. Presumably, once he learned that trade, he moved on to the "real world" we hear so much about.

First of all, football is not a trade. It is a game. Second, even if it were a trade, why should he be allowed to ignore his non-football classes and also leave before he had completed his time learning that trade?

What would it be like if everybody could leave school whenever they wanted? "Today, Binky T. Clown announced he would leave medical school early in order to become a podiatrist in Iowa and make \$3.8 million a year." Yeah, I want an incomplete doctor looking at my feet. How many education students forgo their senior year of eligibility to take a teaching job somewhere?

It isn't just the athletes' fault, though. The professional sports don't discourage this practice, and many times the universities don't try to prevent this from happening, either. The professionals should provide a minor league for athletes who couldn't care less about classes and grades, and schools should shy away from recruiting athletes whose career goals consist of being shown the money.

By allowing these athletes free reign, schools are devaluing their campuses and the education system as well.

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Breathalyzer tests stereotype students

Commentary



Robyn Ross

Sometimes good intentions are carried too far and result in unnecessary restrictions. The Arlington school board's decision to require breathalyzer tests at prom is a prime example.

A group of students is protesting the decision, citing the Fourth Amendment, which protects citizens from illegal searches and seizures, and saying the policy places students in a negative light.

The students are considering organizing an alternate prom, complete with the amenities of the school-sponsored function, but without the breath test. The point of the alternate prom is not to let them drink but to eliminate having to prove their innocence.

I'm pleased the school is this concerned about student drinking. Teenage alcohol abuse and drunk driving are two of the most serious and widespread problems in that age group, and the problems traditionally increase on prom night. The Arlington school board is doing a commendable job of showing concern.

I have to disagree, though, with how it is expressing that concern. The breathalyzer test is a pre-prom measure that does not have any effect on what students do after they leave the dance. It also puts students in a category of guilty until proven innocent.

Instituting a breathalyzer test, which is given to those suspected of intoxication, reeks of negative assumptions. One school board member said the board members "trust them (the students) implicitly" and that they just want to set boundaries. But if the kids were really trusted as much as the board member said, the adults would address drinking problems when they arose instead of testing all prom-goers.

The breathalyzer test is not a preventive measure. If school officials want to curb drinking on prom night, they should follow students to the parties, clubs and hotels they go to after prom.

It's true that every now and then a kid or two arrives at prom drunk. But the majority of high school drinkers, especially those to whom the breathalyzer test is theoretically directed, will save their drinking for after prom.

And unfortunately, there probably isn't a way to prevent most drinking after the prom.

A much more practical and psychologically effective way to channel the school's concern would be to set up a system of communication among school employees, students and parents. Perhaps the money spent on the breath tests could be applied



instead toward a system of free rides employing volunteers and parents on call before and after the dance.

Students whose dates had been drinking or who themselves had been drinking could call to get a ride home, no questions asked. Unlike the breathalyzer policy, which punishes the problem before prom, the ride system would do a great service when kids are more likely to drink. This gets to the center of the whole prom-drinking issue, which is (I hope) concern for the safety of students.

It all comes down to expectations.

I believe in the self-fulfilling prophecy in all aspects of education: If you set high standards for your students, they will eventually rise toward them. If you expect nothing, you will receive exactly that.

It's the same concept with the breath tests. Much of the tension between the Arlington school board and the dissenting students would be resolved if the adults gave the students a chance. A test-free prom might surprise many adults with the way students rise to the occasion.

Conversely, the prom that questions the innocence of students

before they enter the dance may further erode students' attitudes and respect toward the adults in charge.

I hope the students who want to organize an alternate prom realize their goal. I hope it is well-attended and just as enjoyable as the official school prom, more so even because students won't be tested at the door. Such a success would be proof in itself of the underestimated maturity of young people.

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Cats are problem in dorms

By TeNikki Carter
SKIFF STAFF

Some people think cats are cute and nice to have, but in the dorms their fleas can really "bug" fellow residents.

Several students may have noticed stray cats on campus, but few may realize their sniffles and watery eyes may not be weather-related, but could come from a cat living next door.

It seems as though in-house cats are a bigger concern than stray ones.

Megan Crider, a sophomore religion and history major, said she recently got caught with a cat in her dorm room.

"My friend had a family emergency and asked me to take care of her cat while she was out of town," Crider said. "The next thing I know my (Resident Assistant) is knocking at my door asking me if I had a cat in my room."

Crider said that after her RA confronted her she had another conference with her RA and hall director.

"My punishment was to vacuum the hall floor after the fleas were exterminated," Crider said. "I was written up, and I also had to write an apology letter to my floor and RA for any inconvenience I had caused, which was posted on the bathroom door for three days."

She said her RA and the hall director told her that if it happened again she would have to talk with higher ranking administrators.

"Since the cat had to move to another home, my friend gave it to a newlywed couple," Crider said.

Although three people have been caught with cats in rooms in Jarvis Hall this year, there are still a number of cats in other dorms, Crider said.

Laura Crawley-Lothenore,

Jarvis Hall director, said she began a floor-to-floor search after she received complaints about residents getting flea bites.

"As I was walking through the halls of Jarvis, I heard a meowing sound coming from two of the rooms," Lothenore said. "After I knocked on the doors and no one answered, I opened the doors with my key and found the cats in the rooms."

Lothenore said she waited until the residents came back before she and the RA confronted them. She said that after she found the cats, she informed the residents in violation that they had 24 hours to get rid of the cats, or she would remove the animals herself.

"Many of the residents are asthmatic or allergic to animals," Lothenore said. "And my job is to look out for the welfare of my residents."

However, Robert Sulak, TCU's landscaping and grounds assistant director, said cats are not as big of a problem as they once were on campus.

"Over the past couple years we have received fewer complaints about cats," Sulak said.

Sulak said many of the cats are strays and come from surrounding neighborhoods. He said he doesn't think any of the cats presently on campus carry diseases.

"When we receive work orders about cats, we send our grounds people to set out live traps to catch the cats," Sulak said. "After the cats are caught we turn them over to Fort Worth Animal Control."

Jamey Cantrell, staff coordinator for the Humane Society, said the Fort Worth Animal Control turns the cats over to them. The Humane Society houses the animals for three days, and if no one claims



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY ANNE DRABICKY

Though cats are not as big a problem on campus as they once were, some residents in Jarvis Hall were recently "bugged" by the ones their neighbors had hidden in their rooms.

them, the animals are either put up for adoption or euthanized.

Cantrell said only the healthy, friendly cats are put up for adoption. He said there are just not enough people who are willing to adopt the animals.

"Every time someone goes to

buy a pet at the mall or gets a pet from an advertisement in the paper, that makes one less home for the cats at the pound," Cantrell said. "We really try hard to put up as many animals for adoption as we can, but we are very limited in space."

GRAFFITI

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has paint but not the income to buy it and possesses a large quantity of stickers used for tagging that display the name of the tagger.

"Taggers are the people who call themselves street artists," Welch said. "There is a fine line between

the vandalism and street art."

Officer Julie Hernandez of the FWPD gang prevention unit said, "The marks are (not) known of any one artist in the area. They were probably done by the same person."



William Thomas Burdette SKIFF STAFF

Taggers have recently graced the inside of some of the bathroom walls in Ed Landreth Auditorium with the word "threat" in red marker, despite the coverage the Skiff gave the recent graffiti controversy.

She said taggers can be identified because they often write certain letters the same every time they write them.

"Like this one," she said, "he makes his 't' like a 'v' every time. He'll do everything like that."

She said the person responsible for the graffiti is most likely a student at Paschal High School and was probably an amateur tagger trying to perfect his skills.

"Paschal is tagger-central," she said.

Hernandez said TCU should keep an eye open for more graffiti on campus because the same person may return.

Even though TCU had one graffiti incident a few months ago, usually the gangs and taggers leave the area alone, Welch said.

"They know the area is private property with its own police department," he said, "so there is a higher risk of getting caught."

SUPERFROG

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Prizes, both at the dance and for casino winners, will include SuperFrog's birthday T-shirts, museum passes, zoo passes, comedy club passes and free games of miniature golf.

"The people I've mentioned it to were all excited about it," Long said.

Despite the fact that the event is being advertised as a "formal," Long said a suit and tie or a simple dress is adequate for the dance.

The original idea for the dance came as a chance for non-Greek students to have a formal, but as planning developed, the dance became an all-campus activity, he said.

"A lot of people around campus have felt there's not much unity on campus," Long said. "They're making such an investment in TCU by just coming here that events like the Frog Formal give them a chance to enjoy TCU as a whole."

Long said he expects a full crowd of about 500 for the ballroom, though

he would be happy with 200 to 250.

PC has been advertising the event through the use of remote-controlled cars with information flyers attached, he said. The idea for the cars came from the PC retreat earlier this year, he said.

Long said any student interested in driving one of the remote-controlled cars can stop by the PC office in the Student Center Annex to receive instructions.

One of the TCU students who dons the Superfrog costume at athletic events, who wished to remain anonymous, said SuperFrog's birthday "will give a chance for students to celebrate SuperFrog and make him feel important for a day."

"It would be icing on the cake on SuperFrog's birthday for students to be there to support him and love him," the student said.

Long said the casino games will cost PC \$2,500, the comedy act will

cost \$1,000 and the Frog Formal will cost \$400.

John Finke, assistant marketing director for athletics, said SuperFrog was first designed in 1979 to replace "Addie the Frog," who was previously TCU's mascot.

Carolyn Dixon, associate athletics director, said SuperFrog was actually unveiled the fall before the first football game of the season, when he entered Amon G. Carter Stadium by helicopter during a pep rally.

She said his birthday celebration was moved to February because "it kind of put some spirit back into the school" during the lull of early spring.

The idea for SuperFrog first came from John Grace, former director of marketing, Dixon said. Grace and Dixon traveled to a costume-making company in Dallas to discuss the design for the outfits, she said.

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DINING

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little bigger than the old ones." Hunt said the dining areas need to work on having more of a variety of containers. He said the containers should be available in small, medium and large sizes because some people have bigger appetites than others.

gy and premed major, said she noticed the containers were thinner. "I think the new to-go containers are fine," Okupa said. "If it helps the environment, I'm all for it." Okupa said she doesn't think Marriott should decrease the size of the containers anymore. She said if smaller boxes are provided,

people will be carrying two and three boxes at a time. Ripple said, "We haven't decided yet, but we are thinking about maybe decreasing the size of the containers by one more size. The students wouldn't get smaller portions of food but it would help cut costs even more."

Torricelli opposes amendment

By David Espo ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — In a devastating blow, Sen. Robert Torricelli announced opposition Wednesday to the Republican-drafted balanced budget amendment to the Constitution. He said it could hamstring future generations confronting a military crisis, recession or the need for federal construction.

"We write not for our time but for all times," said Torricelli, D-N.J., who has supported similar measures in the past. When it comes to making a change in the 210-year-old Constitution, he added, "good is not good enough."

Elected to the Senate last November, the New Jersey Democrat thus became the 34th Democrat to oppose the measure, enough to ensure its defeat.

His decision confronted Majority Leader Trent Lott with a choice between offering concessions in hopes of gaining the elu-

sive 67th vote in support of the measure — or watching it go down to the narrowest of defeats next week and try to pin the blame on the Democrats.

The proposal, a cornerstone of the Republican congressional agenda, would require a balanced budget by 2002, with a three-fifths vote of the House and Senate to run a deficit thereafter. It cleared the House two years ago, when the Republican revolution was in control, but fell one vote shy of passage in the Senate.

This time, it bogged down in the House, where some Republicans flinched in the face of Democratic charges that it could threaten Social Security benefits. That prompted the GOP leadership to try to push it through the Senate first.

Within the new Senate, where all 55 Republicans support the measure, it quickly became clear that the swing votes were held by four newly elected Democratic

senators. Two of them, Max Cleland of Georgia and Mary Landrieu of Louisiana, announced their reluctant support over the past several days.

Sen. Tim Johnson of South Dakota declared his opposition last week, even though he, like Torricelli, had supported a similar amendment only two years ago.

Landrieu's announcement on Monday left Torricelli squarely in the spotlight — a position clearly welcomed by a newcomer who has moved forcefully to establish his presence within his party and the Senate.

Torricelli voted for similar amendments twice before, most recently in 1995 in the House when he was preparing for his Senate candidacy. He told reporters that he had voted that way to send a message to Presidents Bush and Clinton at a time when deficits were approaching \$300 billion."

ISA plans global events International Week offers taste of various cultures

By Kirk Shinkle SKIFF STAFF

TCU's international community will celebrate next week with a variety of events that will showcase the university's diversity through song, dance, food, poetry and a wide variety of cultural exhibits.

International Week '97 will open Monday with the help of Fort Worth Mayor Kenneth Barr, who will speak at the opening ceremony at noon on Monday in the Student Center Lounge.

Additional speakers will include Don Mills, vice chancellor for Student Affairs, and Andy Mitchell, president of the House of Student Representatives. Other speakers from TCU's international organizations will be on hand for the presentation and a ribbon cutting.

Stefan Zosso, a senior economics major and the president of the International Student Association, said International Week events provide a "great opportunity for the TCU community to explore TCU's international factor."

Zosso said International Week is a welcome opportunity for ISA members to exhibit aspects of their native cultures.

"We are happy to have the opportunity to share customs and traditions with the local

community," he said.

The ISA will stage a cultural exhibit Tuesday in the Student Center Lounge.

Laly Gomez, a freshmen engineering major from Argentina and the chairwoman for cultural exhibits, said the event will feature artifacts, clothes, videos, magazines and slides from countries from around the world.

The event will also feature free food and a drawing with prizes including an International Week T-shirt and posters of places from around the world.

The Phi Beta Delta international honor society initiation will also be held at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday in Student Center Room 207.

Religions of the world will be the subject of an international chapel service at noon Wednesday in Robert Carr Chapel. The service will include prayers, songs and readings from a variety of nations, including Spain, Japan and Poland.

On Wednesday evening, the ISA will host an international poetry reading. The poems will be read by TCU students in their original languages, to be followed with an English translation. The reading will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in

the Student Center Lounge and will be hosted by Professor Lee Daniel of the Spanish and Latin-American studies department.

Students will also be able to enjoy new culinary experiences for free.

From 11:30 a.m. through 1 p.m. on Thursday in the Student Center Lounge, students from 20 of the 68 countries represented in the ISA will hold an international buffet-style tasting session of foods from different cultures.

International Week '97 will conclude at 6 on Saturday evening with a banquet and talent show presented by ISA members in the Student Center Ballroom. The meal will include international cuisine similar to that served at the "Taste of the World" presentation.

The talent show will feature performances highlighting the plethora of cultures represented at TCU. It will include singing, dancing, operatic and piano music, belly dancing, a judo demonstration, a fashion show and a slide show featuring ISA members.

Tickets for the banquet and talent show will be \$8 for students and \$10 for non-students. Tickets can be bought throughout next week in front of the Main or at all International Week events.

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IT'S A GREEK THING

Greeks offer alternatives

By Adria Johnson
SKIFF STAFF

Minority students are adding another dimension to Greek life on campus by offering alternative options to students who are uncomfortable joining mainstream organizations.

Members of minority fraternities say the existence of such organizations is vital to students who think more popular Greek organizations aren't meeting their needs.

"Black fraternities are legacies," said Forrest Robinson, a senior art education major. Robinson is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha, a historically black organization. "If it weren't for the Alphas, I wouldn't be a member of a fraternity."

Robinson presently is the sole member of his fraternity, which was founded on campus in 1971. Retaining membership has been a struggle, but Robinson said the small numbers do not diminish the quality of the fraternity.

Minority fraternities fill a void for some students, said Marcos Antonio

Perez-Hurd, a member of Lambda Kappa Kappa and a junior political science major.

"Our founders didn't like what the other fraternities were doing," he said. "They were just about socializing and drinking. They weren't doing anything for their community or their people."

Lambda Kappa Kappa, a Latin-American fraternity, is focused on providing a support group for students, particularly Hispanics. Founded two years ago on campus, fraternity membership is growing rapidly, Perez-Hurd said.

"We actively recruit people," he said. "We don't have dues like other fraternities, which charge an enormous amount of money. We make ourselves attainable to the people."

Focus on community service is common among the minority fraternities on campus. Alpha Phi Alpha combines social events with service.

"We'll get together and throw a party, but it's more than a party," Robinson said. "A requirement to get in may be to register to vote. And the charge to get in will be used for a

homeless shelter, or clothes for the needy."

Markus Lloyd, a freshman vocal performance major, said joining a black fraternity gave him hope of finding a niche on campus.

"TCU is a great school to learn and get your education, but it's not a great place to learn about your roots," he said. "Black fraternities help those students who don't fit in to find a support group on campus."

Several minorities said their fraternities provides a refuge from racial alienation.

"It provides a lot of mental support," said George Don-Arthur, a sophomore physics major. "Phi Beta Sigma is (my) family outside of my immediate family, something to fall back on in times of need."

But a common bond between fraternity brothers fosters more than comfort, Perez-Hurd said.

"If you have that cultural cohesiveness, it makes it easier for you to be secure in who you are," he said. "When you are secure within yourself, then you are able to do things

better by five- or sixfold."

However, there are disadvantages of creating new fraternities on campus.

"I'm not even sure TCU knows about my fraternity," said Robinson, who thinks his fraternity is virtually ignored by the office of Campus Life.

Lambda Kappa Kappa, which found success outside the traditional Greek system, is happier functioning independently.

"We refuse to join the Greek system because our setup is totally different," Perez-Hurd said. "To join them, we would have to conform to certain standards. That would take away our identity."

But acceptance is inevitable, Perez-Hurd said.

"If we were promoted more, it would be easier, but we're going to do it in spite of that," he said.

Several students said members of minority fraternities gain a group of friends who encourage their personal and academic success.

"It just makes the TCU experience better," Perez-Hurd said. "That common bond makes you push harder."

Service projects part of Greek life

By Krissy Jorgenson
SKIFF STAFF

Under the word "fraternity" or "sorority," and visions of wild parties and alcohol binges spring into many students' minds.

It's time to add "huge service projects" to that vision.

Because of the constant hoopla over the social aspects or law-breaking incidents of sororities and fraternities, the volunteer work of Greek members is often overlooked.

Last spring, the Alpha Chi Omega sorority raised more than \$5,000 through one event to benefit the Women's Haven of Tarrant County.

Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity members logged over 435 hours of volunteer work last semester.

Kappa Alpha Theta members helped their sorority's alumnae raise over \$8,000 last year through a project to benefit Court Appointed Special Advocates, an organization that uses its charitable funding to represent children in legal battles such as custody disputes.

Greeks give more hours to service projects than non-Greeks do, and Greek alumni do more volunteer work and give more money to charitable organizations after they graduate from college, according to a survey commissioned by the National Panhellenic Council, which oversees sororities, and the National Interfraternity Council, which oversees fraternities.

The council paid an independent company to determine how Greek life affects its members via a survey given to Greek alumni from the classes of '75, '85, '90 and '95.

TCU fraternities and sororities often plan one large project to benefit their philanthropy and then participate in several other smaller volunteer projects throughout the year.

The philanthropy is the charitable organization recognized and helped by all the nationwide chapters of the sororities or fraternities.

For instance, Alpha Delta Pi sorority members volunteer for many projects for their philanthropy, the Ronald McDonald

House, which houses families who have children or family in nearby hospitals.

Members serve dinner to the families once a month, decorate the House for the holidays, help distribute bulk mailings and make cookies and crafts for the inhabitants, said ADPi Philanthropy Chairwoman Katie Bryan, a sophomore social work major.

Bryan said her sorority is also planning a large spring dinner, complete with entertainment and games, for the sorority.

"We really encourage volunteer work," Bryan said. "It depends on the individual, and it is required, but everyone seems to have positive experiences with it."

To help their philanthropy, the Muscular Dystrophy Association, Phi Gamma Delta fraternity members organize a select Casino Night party each spring.

The group solicits prizes from businesses, invites several sororities and other guests and their dates to attend the casino, charges them to enter the games and places their names in a raffle for prizes. Then the fraternity donates the money earned to its philanthropy.

Phi Gamma Delta House Manager Jerome Butler, a junior radio-TV-film major, said the event is a way for the fraternity to "give back to the community."

"It's a reality check," he said. "We're not doing it (volunteer work) for us to look good on campus. We do it for ourselves; we want to feel good about donating time."

Anyone who purchases tickets can attend the Alpha Chi Omega fashion show in April.

Proceeds from the show benefit the Women's Haven of Tarrant County, which shelters over 1,600 abused women and 3,200 children, monitors a crisis hotline, organizes a men's counseling program and provides health access, immunizations and school supplies for children.

Tany Copple, Women's Haven director of development, said, "Every person that helps to battle domestic violence is needed. We appreciate it (Alpha Chi Omega's



Lambda Chi Alpha members Scott Bogle (left) and Ricky Paradise help paint the walls of the Alliance For Child Youth Center as part of a service project for their fraternity last November. The center aids abused children.

help) more than we could ever say."

Alpha Chi Omega President Alisha LaRochelle, a junior broadcast journalism major, said, "One of the responsibilities of a fraternity or sorority is to encourage philanthropy. It's one way to improve not only ourselves individually, but also our sorority."

Kappa Alpha Theta Service Chairwoman Erin Atwood, a freshman premajor, said her sorority is planning to hold a 5-kilometer and a 10-kilometer run next year for any students wishing to participate. Students will pay a registration fee that will be given to the sorority's philanthropy, Court Appointed Special Advocates.

"We try to get people to enjoy working at service projects," Atwood said.

For a small fee, students can watch the annual Anchorsplash competition between fraternities each fall semester.

Half of the money raised at this Delta Gamma event benefits the sorority's national foundation, Sight Conservation and Aid to the Blind. The other half benefits a local charity that helps visually impaired people.

In addition to the philanthropy projects, most of the sororities and fraternities also organize or participate in several smaller volunteer functions.

Ten of Lambda Chi Alpha's 85

active members have been selected for the Growth Center Big Brother project. After a rigorous application process including recommendations from references, these fraternity members had to go through training and commit to at least a one-year effort, said Ricky Paradise, Service Chairman of Lambda Chi Alpha and a sophomore finance and accounting major.

Each week these students see their "Little Brother" at a local school and visit with them for at least one hour. Paradise said the children are chosen if they face special challenges or circumstances in life, such as abusive parents, learning disabilities or broken homes.

"I can talk to anybody about anything, and there's nothing as hard as the first time you sit down with a 6-year-old, and it's just you and him," Paradise said. "Now we've gotten to be best buddies. He invited me to his soccer game the other day."

"Most of the service projects we do... it's a one-time, simple commitment," Paradise said. "This (Big Brother program) actually involved training, an application with references and a commitment for an entire year. You cannot miss, or your little kid will be crushed."

Wild parties? Probably. Alcohol binges? Perhaps. Volunteer work? Definitely.

Women to compete for championship

The TCU women's swimming and diving team will compete today in the Western Athletic Conference Women's Championships in San Antonio.

TCU is led by Maggie Topolski, a sophomore individual medley swimmer, Sheila Hewardine, a senior butterfly swimmer and Robyn King, a freshmen distance swimmer.

Sarah Crawford, a junior, leads the Frogs diving team, having finished in the top three in almost every event this season. Crawford also finished 17th overall all last year in the NCAA Championships on platform.

Southern Methodist University, currently ranked second in the nation, has broken 12 WAC records this season and is leading the WAC in every swimming and diving category. Last year, SMU finished second in the nation behind Stanford, who is once again first in the nation this year.

Colorado State owned the WAC title for the last two years and Brigham Young University won the previous four WAC Championships.

This is the sixth season of women's swimming in the WAC.

Rangers sign four one-year deals

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. (AP) — The Texas Rangers signed outfielder Damon Buford and three other players to one-year contracts on Wednesday.

Also signed were first baseman Lee Stephens and pitchers Julio Santana and Jose Alberro. Terms were not disclosed.

The signings came as the Rangers prepared to open their exhibition season Friday against the Cincinnati Reds at Plant City, Fla.

Four players on the major-league roster remain unsigned for 1997: shortstop Benji Gill, pitchers Cory Bailey and Wilson Heredia and catcher Kevin Brown.

Also on Wednesday, Rusty Greer, Henry Mercedes and Mike Simms each had home runs in the Rangers' first intrasquad game of the spring.

Ken Hill, Bobby Witt, Xavier Hernandez and Tom Urbani each pitched two scoreless innings. Duane Ward allowed two hits and four runs in one inning of work, while Roger Pavlik allowed two hits and three runs in two innings. John Wetteland allowed one run and a walk in one inning.

Mercer to go pro after season

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Intent on removing all distractions as Kentucky pursues a second straight NCAA title, Ron Mercer is giving up his last two years of eligibility to enter the NBA draft.

The 6-foot-7 sophomore forward, the leading scorer in the Southeastern Conference, is expected to be one of the top selections in the June draft.

"I have a team to take care of and I want that to be my main focus," Mercer said Wednesday in making his widely anticipated announcement. "That's why I'm doing this now so I can put it behind me and focus on winning another championship."

Kentucky coach Rick Pitino said Mercer was swayed by the NBA's high regard for him.

"If the NBA thinks he's top three in the draft, then he's ready," Pitino said. "They like the fact that he flies through the air with the greatest of ease."

Mercer, a finalist for player of the year awards, is averaging 18.1 points and 5.3 rebounds a game.

"Certainly Ron Mercer has been someone special for us the past two years," Pitino said. "He helped us win a championship last year. He's been a humble, hard-working player since the day I met him."

Mercer is the third player under Pitino to turn pro before completing his eligibility, joining Jamal Mashburn in 1993 and Antoine Walker in 1996.

"I'm going to miss out on a lot," Mercer said. "But I've got to pursue my dream."

Women's golf up to par at A&M

By Wendy Bogema
SKIFF STAFF

The women's golf team placed second at the Texas A&M Monica Welsh Memorial Classic tournament, which took place Monday and Tuesday at the Pebble Creek Country Club in College Station.

Three TCU golfers finished in the top 10. Freshman Angela Stanford captured her first collegiate win with a final score of 8-over-par, sophomore Amanda Workman took second place at 11-over-par and sophomore Susan Horton finished in 10th place at 20-over-par.

The other two Lady Frogs competing in the tournament were sophomore Shannon Fisher and junior Ashley Huffman. Fisher finished tied for 48th, and Huffman finished tied for 68th.

Stanford said her win was unexpected and she was overwhelmed. She said the fact that she won took a while to hit her, but she was excited.

Workman said she was very excited and hopes she can repeat the success. She said she was glad it was a teammate who finished ahead of her.

"Angela played awesome," Workman said. "She's been working very hard and I'm very happy she won."

Head coach Angie Ravaoli-Larkin said she was proud of the women for playing well despite bad weather.

"Under the conditions they did really well," Ravaoli-Larkin said.

Louisiana State University, which is currently ranked No. 8 by the Rolex Collegiate Rankings, took first place in the tournament. LSU finished eight strokes ahead of TCU.

After the first two rounds, TCU was leading LSU by 11 strokes, but

the team shot a 332 in the third round, compared to LSU's 313.

Workman said she thought the fall in the third round was a result of too much pressure.

"In our minds we knew we were ahead and had only been in that position once before," Workman said. "We thought about it too much and put a lot of added pressure on ourselves to win instead of thinking of it as just another 18 holes."

Ravaoli-Larkin said she thought the team tried to force the win.

"We tried really, really hard and wanted it really, really bad," Ravaoli-Larkin said. "It got to be where we were forcing it instead of letting it happen."

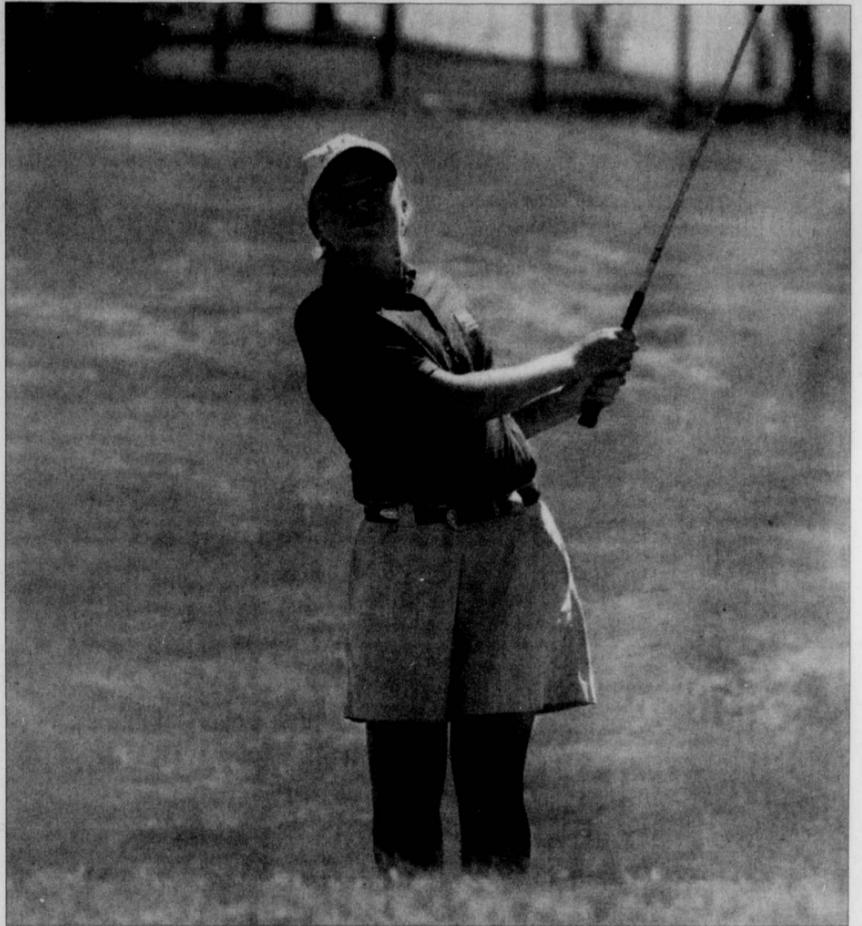
The 54-hole tournament hosted 18 schools, including Western Athletic Conference rivals University of Texas-El Paso, Southern Methodist University and University of Wyoming, who finished eighth, ninth and 16th, respectively.

Ravaoli-Larkin said beating SMU and other highly rated teams was a strong confidence boost.

"Beating the teams we beat made them (the Lady Frogs) realize they're among the elite caliber of collegiate golf," Ravaoli-Larkin said.

The golfers played 36 holes Monday and the final 18 holes Tuesday over the par-72, 6,156-yard course. Rain fell during all three rounds, but Workman said the team had practiced in all kinds of weather during the past few weeks and was very prepared.

Ravaoli-Larkin agreed, "We were totally prepared. We were more prepared than any team there. It was a good finish, but we're not satisfied, and it made everyone that much hungrier."



Sophomore Susan Horton finished 10th with a 20-over-par at the Texas A&M Monica Welsh Memorial Classic tournament Monday and Tuesday to help the women's golf team finish in second place.

Frogs need fan support

Tonight's women's basketball game between TCU and the University of Tulsa is the biggest home game for the Horned Frogs in Billy Tubbs' two-plus seasons in Fort Worth.

It was exciting to see fourth-ranked University of Utah and No. 11 University of New Mexico in front of capacity crowds at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum, but if any game deserves to be a sellout, it is tonight's match-up against the Golden Hurricane.

For starters, a win against Tulsa clinches the Frogs a spot in the WAC postseason tournament. More importantly, TCU gains another win against an opponent who has been ranked in the Top 25 most of the year and is considered a major player in the world of college hoops.

Tulsa stands at No. 22 in the NCAA's Rating Percentage Index, which has been used since 1981 to supplement the selection of at-large teams and seedings for the NCAA tournament. A win against the Hurricane would give the 56th-ranked Horned Frogs four wins against the RPI's top 25 teams (TCU beat RPI No. 13 New Mexico, No. 21

Texas Tech University and No. 23 Purdue University).

With four wins against these almost certain NCAA tournament teams, TCU would move up in the ratings and merit consideration for the "big dance." At the very least, an invitation to the National Invitation Tournament would become imminent for the Horned Frogs, who haven't smelled the post-season in five years.

The consensus around the college basketball community is that the

WAC is assured of four teams receiving invites to the NCAA tournament. WAC Mountain Division powers Utah, New Mexico and Tulsa are locks, as is the winner of the Pacific Division, which in all likelihood will be Hawaii, ranked at No. 36.

At No. 44 in the RPI and with two wins over the Frogs, the University of Nevada-Las Vegas is next in line for an NCAA bid.

In the RPI, TCU stands above the Associated Press's No. 20 team, the College of Charleston, and perennial powers Syracuse University, Georgetown University and Marquette University.

A win at Tulsa and a strong showing in the WAC tournament would force the NCAA selection committee to take notice of the Horned Frogs

and consider taking six WAC teams.

Without a win tonight, however, the Frogs will be rudely awakened from their NCAA tournament dreams. A loss could send Tubbs' most successful season at TCU down the toilet, but there's no reason to believe the Horned Frogs can't win — TCU's home record this season is 12-2, and the losses to UNLV and Utah were both winnable for the Frogs.

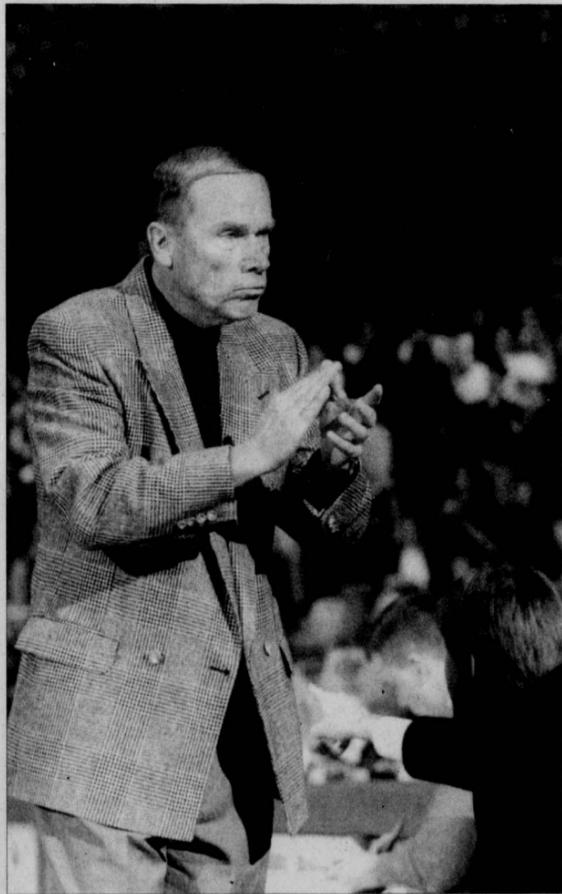
The student cheering section at Daniel-Meyer has become a real factor in games. Surely the SMU bench didn't enjoy being pelted with newspapers last Wednesday and New Mexico certainly didn't handle the jeers of TCU fans.

You make a difference. After the New Mexico game, Tubbs said the students were worth at least 10 points. Of the game against the Hurricane he said, "It's extremely important for our success that we get the students to come out for tonight's game."

Do you need more of an invitation? Tonight's game is the most important game of the year for the Horned Frog hoop squad, and the coach wants you to be there for it.

Bring your throat spray so you can scream for the whole game, bring your buddy who hasn't caught on to the most exciting team at TCU, and most importantly bring yourself, because you make a difference.

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TCU men's basketball coach Billy Tubbs says student support at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum has been vital to the team's 12-2 record at home.

Emphasis in sports has shifted from fun to business

Renaming of stadiums and championships makes the advertiser the star and destroys old traditions

Once upon a time a game was just a game.

Now a game is a business.

The world of sports has taken another corporate blow with the renaming of San Diego's Jack Murphy Stadium to a name taken from

Qualcomm Incorporated. Once again, money, instead of players, fans and coaches, talks in the world of sports.

Over the years, some historic and favorable names have been given to special stadiums. Original names

like Comiskey, Lambeau and Arrowhead are an endangered species. Now, with the addition of another corporation into the sports business, a famous stadium will take on a new name.

A couple of years ago a football and baseball haven was changed from Candlestick Park to 3Com Park. Last season another football and baseball venue, Joe Robbie Stadium, was renamed Pro Player Stadium as another corporation stormed in and shunned tradition.

All the new basketball arenas seem to be named after major airlines, such as the Chicago Bulls'

United Center or the Phoenix Suns' America West Arena. Then there's the St. Louis Rams (the moving of professional franchises like the Rams from Los Angeles is a whole different issue I'll save for another column), who play football in the TWA Dome.

I understand why a company would want the recognition, but why change the name? Are such name changes done merely for economic reasons? If they aren't, then why not keep tradition intact?

Take, for example, the college football bowls. College football's national championship was decided in a game named after a foreign cellular phone company. In the past the Sugar Bowl was just that, the Sugar Bowl.

Now the historic game, which began in 1935 in New Orleans, is the Nokia Sugar Bowl. Sure, it's great

that Nokia dishes out all that money for advertising, but is it necessary to flush more than six decades of tradition down the toilet for marketing purposes?

What if Tandy put up a few million bucks and renamed TCU's own Amon G. Carter Stadium as Radio Shack Field. Or what if Wet-N-Wild sponsored the Rangers and switched The Ballpark at Arlington to The Ballpark by the Lazy River. Jerry Jones may have tried, but Texas Stadium still isn't known as Nike Swoosh Stadium.

Why must Nike, Reebok and other athletic apparel companies insist on advertising on the jerseys of college and professional uniforms? Is it only a matter of time before we see a 25-yard Snickers bar painted in the end zone instead of a nickname like Cowboys or Horned Frogs?

I suggest that all sports and own-

ers focus on what's really at stake: the game. C'mon, the only bowl game TCU has played in the last 12 years was called the Poulan Weedeater Independence Bowl.

We pay our money to see the players compete. We don't want our cash to go to some company that is out for an extra buck.

We see it with huge, free-agent contracts. We see it with labor disputes. We see it with teams like the Rams, Cleveland Browns or Houston Oilers move to different cities for massive cash payments. We saw it yesterday when Jack Murphy Stadium was renamed by a Qualcomm Incorporated. Sports has become a business, and money matters more than the game.

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Commentary

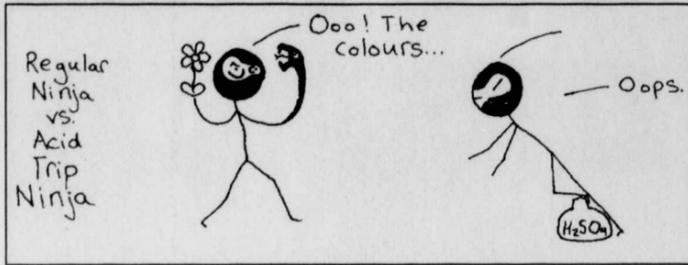


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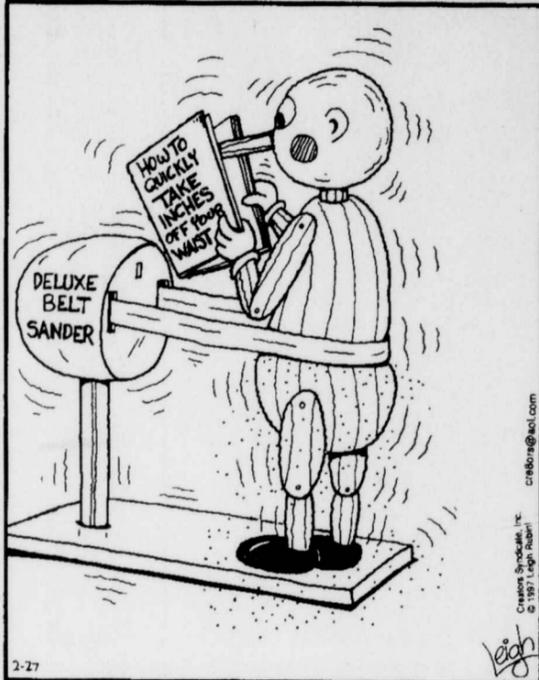
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Newsday Crossword

TEAM PLAYERS by Manny Nosowsky Edited by Stanley Newman



ACROSS

- Pint in a pub
- Choose
- Angry state
- Webster's offering
- Tiredness cause, perhaps
- Concerns of 31 Across and 18 Down
- Prepares for a new start
- Pennsylvania city
- Squealer
- Red Sox old-timer Bobby
- Cries of disapproval
- Sagacious
- Call a halt to
- Abilene buddy
- Eggs' partner
- Banjo sound
- President Ford
- Half a comedy team
- "I do," e.g.
- Borscht basics
- "... for the sky!"
- "...-all (panacea)
- Uncommon sense
- Otherwise
- "Comin' _ the Rye"
- Screen image unit
- Fall-sem. start
- O'Casey or Penn
- "The Raven" woman

DOWN

- Like 31 Across' persona
- More swallow-looking
- In mid-bombast, maybe
- Fancy premises
- Pot company?
- Bee chaser
- Refer (to)
- Pressure
- Oozed out
- Earth color
- Pea, in Paris
- Country cable channel
- Cannon clearer
- Henry & June character
- Ending for check or play
- Favorite
- Part of AFL
- It's a jewel
- Area north of the Thames
- Lab assistant name
- Half a comedy team
- Merchandise
- Rate of speed
- Asteroid's region
- Do tec work
- Take a bath
- Merriment
- straws (makes a futile try)
- Dynamic beginning
- Take for granted
- Author Hanf et al.
- Meeting heads
- Strikingly unusual
- At peace
- Promise
- Bit of silly laughter
- A real nut
- "... the finish
- "... it out!" ("Say it!")
- Change at Calabria
- Slangy suffix
- Go one better

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