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Judge rules line-item veto unconstitutional

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a decision affecting federal spending and the balance of governmental power, a judge Thursday struck down as unconstitutional a law that lets the president veto specific items out of bills passed by Congress.

The 37-page ruling by U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson overturns the Line-Item Veto Act. The law was passed by Congress a year ago and became effective Jan. 1, but President Clinton had never exercised it.

The law allowed the president, for the first time, to veto particular items in spending bills and certain limited tax provisions passed by Congress. Previously, the president could only veto entire bills.

Jackson said the law flatly contradicts basic tenets of the Constitution.

First lady compares Whitewater to UFO

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hillary Rodham Clinton denied Thursday that administration officials tried to silence a key Whitewater figure and said the long investigation reminds her of "some people's obsession with UFOs and the Hale-Bopp comet."

Publicly addressing the question of hush money for the first time, Mrs. Clinton rejected suggestions that White House officials hoped to discourage Webb Hubbell from talking to Whitewater investigators by helping him find work after he resigned from the Justice Department under an ethical cloud in 1994.

Woman, daughter freeze to death after crash

KENT, Minn. (AP) — After her car slid into a half-frozen creek, Pamela Jean Wagner and her 3-year-old daughter escaped out the driver's window and began walking in the dark to a farmhouse for help.

Soaking wet with the temperature at 8 degrees, they walked about a mile for more than three hours and got within yards when more water blocked their way. They collapsed and died in a field, frozen and exhausted.

Wagner, 29 and three months pregnant, had a cellular phone, but it had apparently been soaked in the accident Tuesday.

Searchers in helicopters spotted the bodies the next day, 200 yards from the farmhouse, after the silver car was found in the creek, along with footprints leading out of it.

Investigator says ship sank from small holes

NARRAGANSETT, R.I. (AP) — New findings indicate an iceberg sank the Titanic with six relatively small punctures — not the popularly held theory of a 300-foot gash.

Shipwreck investigator Paul Matthias used high-tech sonar equipment to create images of the wreck. The total damage was less than 15 square feet — about the size of a refrigerator — but the pressure was tremendous and shot water into the ship so fast the crew was helpless, he said.

"It's disturbing that these small openings were spaced in such a way, a very unlucky way, to cause it to sink," said Matthias, president and founder of Folaris Imaging Inc.

The Titanic struck an iceberg during its maiden voyage on April 14, 1912, and sank in 24 miles of water off the coast of Newfoundland, killing 1,523 passengers.

BATTLE OF THE BANDS

By Michael Bryant
SKIFF STAFF

Six hours of music and fun will rock the TCU campus Sunday afternoon with Battle of the Bands "Beach Blast '97," sponsored by Programming Council's Concerts Committee.

The six competing bands, which all contain at least one TCU student, were chosen by an application process in March.

The order of appearance will be

Balistix, followed by the jim squires band, Drama Tiki, Fishermen's Ensemble, Unit Vector and finally Crinkleroot.

Balistix will begin the event at noon in front of the Student Center and each band will have 35 minutes to perform. There will be a 10- to 15-minute break between acts, and the winner will be announced by 6 p.m.

Danny Dukes, chairman of the PC Concerts Committee, said the bands will perform on alternating stages,

one on each side of Frog Fountain, facing the Student Center.

Although the theme of Battle of the Bands is beach-related, the bands may play any music they choose, Dukes said.

"We encourage the performance of original pieces, but they are not limited to that," he said.

While the bands are playing, students and their siblings will be able to enjoy refreshments provided free by PC. An inflatable moonwalk and

"Cliffhanger" will also be in front of the Student Center.

In addition, the Ballooning Buffoon and a caricature artist will be at the event from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Judges for the band competition come from the Ale House, the Pour House, the Impala and the Aardvark, Dukes said. The bands will be judged according to a set scoring sheet and point system.

Dukes said he expects between 400 to 500 people to visit Battle of the

Bands throughout the day.

"We are just hoping for all of the students to come out and support all of their friends who are in the bands," he said.

The winning band will receive \$500, while second place will receive \$300 and third place \$200.

The top three bands from last year's competition, Drama Tiki, Crinkleroot and Fishermen's Ensemble, respectively, are all returning for this year's event.

McNally to leave TCU

By Christopher Rose
SKIFF STAFF

The reasons some people resign from a position vary depending on the situation.

Some people resign because they have accepted a new job that offers more opportunities or money. Others resign because their employer asked them to leave or because of personal conflicts within the company.

But for Michael McNally, his decision to resign as an assistant professor of religion at TCU involved a different reason not associated with his present employment.

McNally said his resignation, effective at the conclusion of this semester, reflected a "personal life choice," and not dissatisfaction with TCU, his colleagues or the students.

That personal life choice is based upon a sensitive issue about the acceptance of female priests in the Episcopal Church.

McNally said his girlfriend will graduate from Harvard Divinity School in June, and she will be ordained an Episcopal deacon and as a priest in her



Michael McNally
religion professor

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Teaching profs

Frye stresses power of words

By Jill Taylor
SKIFF STAFF

Encouragement by his mentor and a love for language led Bob Frye toward the vocation of teaching, Frye told fellow faculty members Thursday in the second of two "Conversations on Teaching."

Frye, a professor of English who was named the 1996 Texas Teacher of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, led a discussion among 26 participants.

"When I was in college and thinking about teaching, the word 'career' didn't really stick out," Frye said. "I call it a vocation, which implies more of a calling to be a teacher than the conscious decisions that go into a career."

He said he attempts to engage students in learning about language from the first day of class.

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Brian Henderson, a junior computer science major, works on a landscape painting Wednesday afternoon for his beginning painting class.



The Indigo Girls, composed of duo Emily Saliers (left) and Amy Ray, visited Will Rogers Coliseum on Thursday night. The folk group, which got its start by playing for college crowds, was brought to the Fort Worth area by TCU's Programming Council.

Indigo Girls connect with audience

By Michael Bryant
SKIFF STAFF

While crowds of fans stand in apprehension outside the doors of Will Rogers Auditorium anxiously waiting to claim their seats for the upcoming Indigo Girls concert, Amy Ray and Emily Saliers sit patiently in a recessed dressing room, kicking back to relax in their folding chairs before they perform.

Even after three interviews with various Metroplex media organizations and a brief sound check at the venue, the two musicians' demeanor remained welcome and mellow.

But that's exactly what one would

expect from the folk/rock musicians, who despite years of sold-out concerts at the nation's biggest venues, still find a place in their hearts for smaller shows.

"This is a nice venue," Ray said in reference to the 2,856-seat Will Rogers Auditorium secured by the Programming Council Concerts Committee for the performance.

She said smaller venues increase a level of intimacy during performances because the audience and the band can see each other better.

"You feel more connected to the whole crowd," Saliers said.

Ray said, "The only drawback in theaters is that sometimes they're more

strict about whether (the crowd) can stand up and dance."

Saliers said touring college campuses is important to the band because colleges are where the Indigo Girls got their start.

"It's unlike other audiences," she said. "We were supported by college audiences from way back when."

Fort Worth is just one of the stops on the Indigo Girls' college tour promoting their new compact disc, "Shaming of the Sun," to be released April 29.

The new album is different for the band because it is the first album Ray

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Siblings' Weekend festivities fun for all students

By Beth Wilson
SKIFF STAFF

Siblings of TCU students will make their way to several campus events this weekend as part of the entertainment scheduled for Frog Fest, sponsored by Recreational Sports.

The weekend will be one big festival beginning today with registration and a movie, "101 Dalmatians," in the Student Center Ballroom. Saturday is the big day for games and sports.

Recreational Sports will take over the area surrounding Frog Fountain with a lunchtime cookout, and several games will begin at 12:30 p.m.

Some of the featured games will be Giant Twister, Bungee Run and the Bounce House. Recreational Sports will

also have a virtual reality game for students and their siblings to experience. There will also be an egg toss and a few games of Dizzy Lizzy, where participants place their forehead on a bat and spin around before trying to win a race. The Sumo Wrestling game, which allows players to put on Sumo suits and wrestle like the famous Japanese wrestlers, will also be available.

Several prizes provided by Recreational Sports will be given to the winners of these events, including restaurant gift certificates to Good Eats Grill and Chili's, as well as several compact discs.

This is the 10th year for Frog Fest, which began with an idea from the University Bookstore for a spring event

for the students. Siblings were thrown into the mix later.

"It is really a student event," said Steve Kintigh, director of Recreational Sports. "It's not just for the students with siblings."

Courtney Coe said she is looking forward to spending the weekend with her sister. Coe, a freshman education major, is taking her younger sister to a sorority formal this weekend. Her sister, Mindy, is a sophomore in high school and this will be her first weekend at TCU.

"We just have a great time together," Coe said.

Patti Edmundson, a junior business management major and committee coor-

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CAMPUS LINES

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY will have a pre-finals retreat from 5 p.m. Friday to 8:30 a.m. Saturday at Camp El Tosoro. The cost is \$5 and can be paid in the University Ministries office. The group will return in time to sign up for housing on Saturday.

CHEERLEADING TRYOUTS will be prefaced by an informational meeting at 6 p.m. today in Rickel Building Gym 3. Candidates must attend the meeting to try out. Tryouts will be held at 6 p.m. April 18 in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. For more information call John Finke at Ext. 5462.

PHI ALPHA THETA, the history honor society, will host a regional conference for graduate and undergraduate students Saturday in the Bass Building. Thirty-eight students from 12 schools will present papers on various subjects from all areas of history. Students are invited to attend the paper sessions beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday. For more information call Elizabeth Alexander at Ext. 7288.

PRESBYTERIAN STUDENT FELLOWSHIP will meet at 10:30 a.m. Sunday in front of the Student Center to visit First Presbyterian Church. The group will also meet at 12:30 p.m. Sunday in front of the Student Center, armed with sack lunches, for a picnic at the Botanic Gardens. For more information call Becca Barlett at Ext. 8336.

TCU SHOWGIRLS prep classes will be held from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday and April 23 in the Rickel dance room. For more information call Jamie at 923-6565.

SCHOOL IS COOL JAM needs volunteers for its April 22 program in which elementary school children will visit the campus. For more information call Kara Watson at 926-6554.

MINORITY AFFAIRS needs TCU acts for its "Showtime at TCU" annual talent show on April 26. For more information call Ext. 7855.

FREE STUDY SKILLS WORKSHOP will be held at 7 p.m. April 28 in Rickel Building Room 106. Test-taking and time-management skills will be addressed. For more information call Ext. 7486.

TEACHING

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"From the first day, I set a tone of expectation for the students," Frye said. "I try to make them aware that words are important and that words really do matter."

Frye said he couldn't identify a point in his career when he knew he was a good teacher, because he is in a constant state of development.

"I've always wanted to be a good teacher, and I'm still working on it," he said. "Teaching takes a great deal out of me, but I guess I'm pretty well preserved for as long as I've been teaching."

He said strong relationships with students can smooth the path to effective teaching.

"It's a matter of personal rapport," Frye said. "I ask students on the first day of class to answer a list of questions about themselves, and I have conferences early on in the semester to deal with them on an individual basis."

Frye stressed that he avoids referring to students as "my students."

"I don't speak of students in possessives," he said. "I consider myself an older student in the class."

Yushau Sodiq, an assistant professor of religion, asked Frye, "How does a teacher know he's not a good teacher?"

Frye said, "I pay lots of attention

to the students' evaluations."

He said that in class he emphasizes the importance of the comment section on the evaluations.

"I want them to be able to express what I do effectively and what I need to do better," he said. "Also, you can generally pick it up when something's not working in a class, if students are falling asleep or constantly looking at their watches."

Sodiq asked how a teacher should handle students who are unreceptive to learning because they have built up a sentiment against a course they are required to take.

Frye said, "I would have to ask for help from someone else, because I'm not a psychologist, but sometimes you just fail, though it's not from a lack of trying."

Both Conversations on Teaching were co-sponsored by Instructional Services and the Faculty Senate.

Larry Kitchens, director of Instructional Services, said the Conversations on Teaching have been positive experiences and will likely be continued in the future.

"We hope to have maybe one (meeting) a month next year," Kitchens said. "We're still experimenting, and we'll make changes as we go along."

SIBLINGS

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inator for Frog Fest, said about 150 to 200 siblings have registered, and that registration will continue through the weekend. She said about 50 more people are expected to register.

The registered siblings range in age from 5 to 20 years old, said Sandy Alexander, administrative assistant for Recreational Sports.

The cost for siblings to attend is \$10. Edmundson said the games are free to TCU students without siblings.

"They just have to pick up an arm band to participate," she said.

This weekend's baseball series

against Rice University are also part of the weekend activities. Saturday and Sunday's games begin at 1 p.m.

Sarah Weatherford, a junior biology major, has two younger brothers coming in for the weekend. She said she plans on to take them to a class Friday and said she thinks they will enjoy the TCU baseball games and the other activities.

Edmundson said the weekend is fun for both the student and the sibling.

"It's a time to let it all go and not study," she said.

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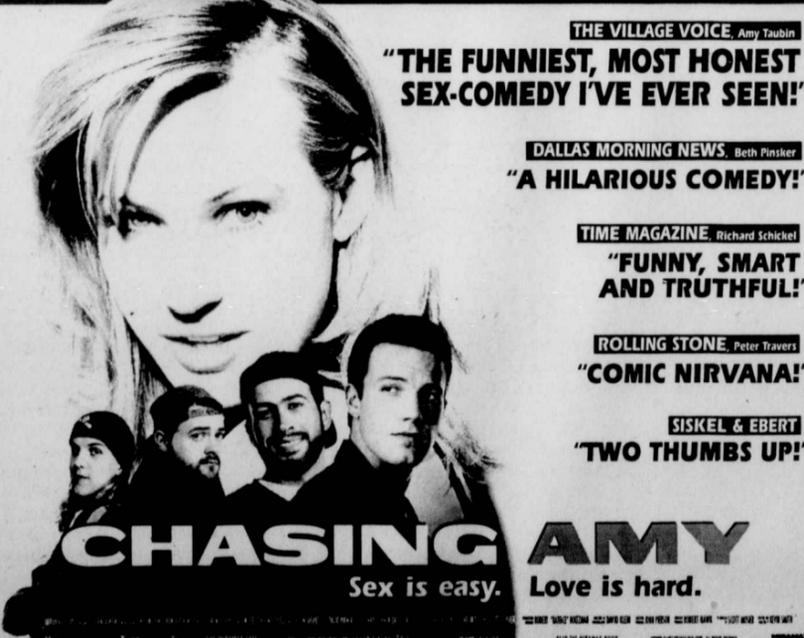
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Oops, We Goofed!

In an ad that run April 2, which thanked all faculty and staff who made gifts to The Next Frontier Campaign, the following names were misspelled. The *Skiff* apologizes for this mistake.

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EDITORIAL

METROPLEX DIOCESES

Female priests should be licensed

Perhaps you noticed the article in today's *Skiff* about Michael McNally, the assistant professor of religion who is resigning this year. It seems that his girlfriend, who will soon be ordained as an Episcopal deacon and as a priest, will not be able to find a congregation to serve in Fort Worth.

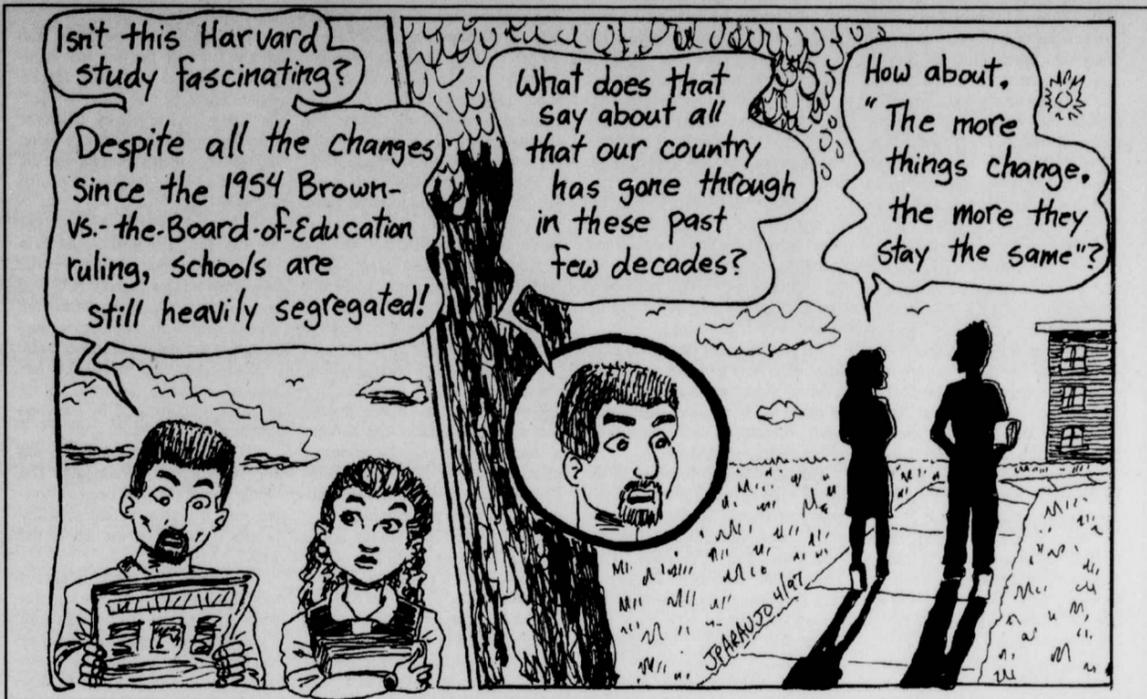
Why? Well, Fort Worth is one of four dioceses in the nation that rejects the licensing of female priests.

The interesting point to be brought up is that unlike the Catholic Church, which has a worldwide policy against the licensing of woman priests, the national Episcopal Church actually does allow the licensing of women.

It is hard to believe that we are losing a professor, who many students value, because he has to move to a market where women are thought to be able to do as good a job as men in their profession, even though the overall majority approves of women priests.

Yes, we are aware of the local dioceses' explanation that none of Jesus' apostles was a woman. But let's get real. The Bible is constantly going through interpretations to accommodate the current social culture. Why should this be any different?

How unfortunate that Metroplex Episcopal churches can't stand by the women as well.



J.P. Araujo SKIFF STAFF

Jam-packed heads may explode

Most of us can go entire presidential administrations without worrying about our heads spontaneously combusting during a chess match.

However, according to the *Weekly World News*, a world-renowned tabloid publication, we should be concerned. Very concerned.

The respected paper reported that a Russian chess player's head literally exploded in the middle of a championship game in 1994. As a noteworthy columnist and booger expert Dave "Franken" Barry would say, I am not making this up. The *Weekly World News* might be, but I'm not.

According to the *Weekly World News*, Nikolai Titov's head simply exploded at the Moscow Candidate Masters' Chess Championships on

May 24, 1994. Not surprisingly, Titov was immediately suspended from the tournament because he didn't have a head. His lawyer later sued (citing discrimination against the head-impaired), winning 10 trillion rubles (\$1).

Experts said Titov suffered from a rare medical condition known as "Hyper-Cerebral Electrosis," or HCE. The condition is so named because the doctors had as much creativity as a brick.

"(Titov) was in deep concentration with his eyes focused on the board," said Titov's chess opponent, Vladimir Dobrynin. "All of a sudden, his hands flew to his temples and he screamed in pain. Then his head popped like a firecracker."

The *Weekly World News* reported that five people are known to have

died from HCE in the last 25 years. Dr. Anatoly Martinenko, a famed neurologist, said the condition is caused by an overload of the brain circuits, or by swallowing dynamite.

"The explosions happen during periods of intense mental activity when lots of current is surging through the brain," Martinenko said. "Victims are highly intelligent people with great powers of concentration."

Since this ailment obviously doesn't affect columnists or government officials, why should the American people be concerned? Well, HCE is a bizarre and socially-crippling ailment that could ruin your career.

What would happen if your head suddenly exploded at an important business function? You'd be pretty embarrassed, that's what. And you probably wouldn't get that big promotion either. You don't even want to think about what would happen on a first date. I speak from experience.

Thankfully, HCE is a condition that can be averted. There are even symptoms to look for, Dr. Martinenko said.

You might be concerned if you:

- Watch infomercials with the intent to buy.

- Don't understand "Hee Haw," "Baywatch" or "The Dukes of Hazzard."

- Spend more than one millisecond a day listening to Rush Limbaugh.

- Read tabloids for reasons other than because "they're funny."

- Take poorly-written satirical head-explosion columns too seriously.

If you or anybody you know exhibits one or more of these telltale symptoms, don't be alarmed, and don't worry. To be affected by HCE, you have to have too much brain activity, not vice versa. That's why the Clinton administration won't fund research. HCE doesn't affect its members personally.

For more information on spontaneously exploding heads, call the *Weekly World News* at 1-800-GET-CLUE, Ext. D-U-H.

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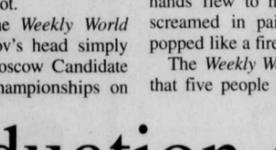
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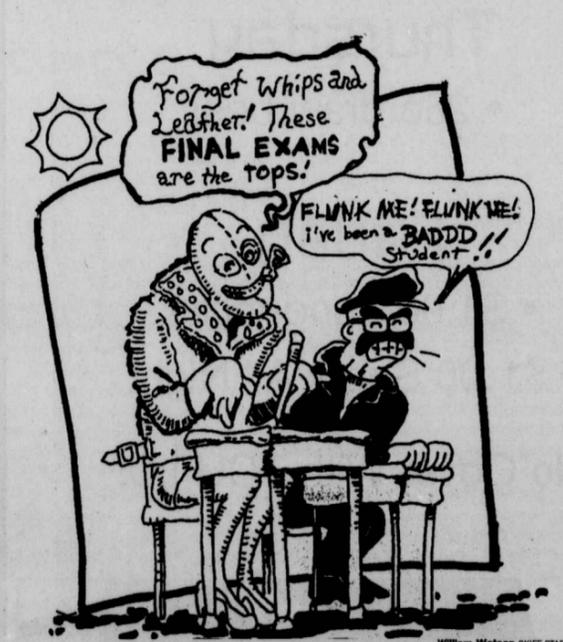
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While visions of graduation danced in their heads



William Watson SKIFF STAFF

The sun now shines more often than not, the campus' flowers bloom with great zeal and finals are just around the corner. Springtime has arrived. In other words, it is now tougher than ever to get any school work done, and the call of the sunshine seems to all but drown out the persistent whisper of the classroom.

Unfortunately, spring fever is not alone in its infestation of campuses far and wide. Lurking in the background, one can just catch brief glimpses of an even more detrimental variation of this strange virus, senioritis.

This silent disease, usually after mounting a gradual, semester-long attack on motivation, tends to mingle with the onset of spring fever to eat away at study habits and attendance records alike. The psychological response to this attack varies

quite dramatically between afflicted individuals.

Some fight quite valiantly to maintain their obligations, while others blissfully succumb

Commentary



Leland Horton

However, as those of you not near the blessed event of graduation look down your noses at those of us with increasing amounts of apathy, try not to be to harsh. As those students whom you formerly considered models of diligence and dedication fall into the trap of apathy, at least attempt to understand their situation. Of course, if you think about it too long you just might fall prey to an even

greater threat to yourself, senior-envy.

In the name of clarification, then, I just want to point out that senioritis is not a singular illness. It strikes in various forms and may include several distinct subtypes. It is these subtypes that I will try to flesh out further in the remainder of this column. Thus, having read this, you will be more likely to recognize senioritis in most of its myriad forms.

A sizeable percentage of senioritis victims, though by no means the majority, neglect their various campus duties because they actually have other things to do. Some of these students may have already begun their chosen careers on a part-time basis. Likewise, others may be actively traveling the interview circuit for either jobs or graduate schools.

A roughly equivalent number of these same sufferers have, upon carefully examining their grades, panicked at the prospect of not being allowed to graduate. These students can either be found in the library or groveling at the feet of various faculty and staff. A few others among this category are actually busily writing out dozens of commence-

ment invitations in hopes of this deal "paying off big."

Another distinct form of senioritis involves the "I really don't care" segment of the graduating class. These students are probably going to spend the summer in Europe or some other fun and exciting location and just really do not want to be bothered by anything relating to school.

These are by far the most difficult of the victims to sympathize with; just try to refrain from inflicting any bodily harm. Truly, they are sick indeed.

With these major categories taken care of, we are really only left with a few minor subtypes. The Procrastinators will take care of everything sometime tomorrow, the Pseudo-Busies just want everyone to think that they have everything under control and the Stunned group is just trying to fathom the idea of entering the real world. Whatever the case may be, understand that this is a complicated illness with various physiological and psychological causes.

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Letter to the Editor

Alexander's sarcastic letter cause for concern

In an April 4 letter to the editor, University Advancement employee Dennis Alexander offered a response to Chris Smith's and Kevin Arceneaux's columns about the phasing out of academic programs and the increase of tuition at TCU, respectively. Though Mr. Alexander's letter provided some useful rebuttals that do merit consideration, it was written in a complacent, sarcastic and puerile tone that seemed absolutely inappropriate as a response to valid student concerns from a university employee.

Alexander began by attempting to discredit Smith and Arceneaux by accusing them of what he called predictable "spleen-venting." In the first paragraph, he smugly

dismissed their arguments as just more childish ranting from the *Skiff*: "Ah, well, at least they're consistent," he sighed.

In the first place, I didn't expect an official university response to come in the form of satire. But what is more disturbing is the possibility that, as evidenced by Mr. Alexander's reaction, an employee of the office of University Advancement is indifferent to student opinions about their TCU education.

The phasing out of academic programs such as Latin, Russian, and Linguistics at what Alexander calls a "leading national" liberal arts schools is certainly a cause for concern and consideration. Although I understand that it isn't profitable for TCU to staff a professor of Latin when only few students would be interested in studying it,

Smith's complaint merited more than a self-assured repudiation from Alexander.

Yes, Smith's tone is often confrontational and his intended message is often hidden under layers of pretentious diction and caustic sarcasm, but he is nevertheless a tuition-paying student of this university. And as an adult TCU employee, Dennis Alexander should know better than to answer sarcasm with even more causticity.

In the second half of his letter, Mr. Alexander descended to petty personal attacks on Kevin Arceneaux for what Alexander described as Arceneaux's second attempt to rebut a column Alexander wrote last semester about tuition increases. Alexander added: "Judging by the attention Kevin has given that column, I must have

scored some hits." Then, Mr. Alexander sought to disprove Kevin Arceneaux's data with a juvenile resort to insult.

Mr. Alexander criticized Arceneaux's inclusion of tangible statistical evidence for his argument in his column by sarcastically calling it "an added bonus."

Furthermore, Alexander claimed that Arceneaux "conveniently declines to share what college rating system he is citing, so we can't check his facts." This statement was an obvious dissimulation by Alexander, who knew perfectly well that the system by which Arceneaux designated TCU as a third-tier school was the 1996 Ranking of American Universities by *US News and World Report*, a classification that was widely and frequently discussed in the *Skiff*, around cam-

pus and by university officials last semester. This year's report, according to Alexander, places TCU "comfortably in the second tier," with such institutions as SMU and Baylor. That's good news, but shouldn't university officials ignore the placements of "comparable schools" and to find a way to rise from that "comfortable" second-tier ranking in order to achieve first-tier status for TCU?

All we expect is something more cogent, objective, logical, mature and inoffensive, something that would demonstrate that university officials such as Mr. Alexander seriously recognize, at least, student concerns about tuition and their academic education.

Roderick Branch
senior English and music major

MS fund raiser walks through TCU

By Jennifer Longley
SKIFF STAFF

On an average Sunday morning, TCU alumnus Michael Parks reads the newspaper and gets his family ready for church. But one Sunday each April, Parks veers from his routine and joins nearly 300 other walkers in the Bank One Multiple Sclerosis Walk in Fort Worth.

"It is a fun way to help a great organization raise money," said Parks, who has participated in the event for the past five years.

On Sunday participants in the seventh annual MS Walk will wind their way through the TCU campus beginning at 10 a.m. Registration for the event begins at 8:30 a.m. in front of Amon Carter Stadium.

The walk is not a competitive event. Participants raise pledges to benefit the North Central Texas Chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Society, which aids the 2,600 people with MS in its 33-county area, said Jackie Wade, special events coordinator for the chapter.

"The walk is simply a fund raiser to help find a cure for MS and to support the many local services we provide at MS," Wade said. "But we hope it is also a fun time for everyone who comes out to help."

Wade said aerobics instructors and a band will be on hand to entertain the participants before and after the walk takes place.

Though no winner will be

declared at the walk, participants can win prizes by raising money for the MS chapter through pledges. Wade said the person who raises the most pledges will win a trip for two to Las Vegas. A minimum of \$3,000 in pledges is required to win the trip.

If the winner raises more than \$5,000, that person will receive an extra \$500 "to increase the odds of having a good time in Vegas," Wade said.

All participants who turn in \$75 or more will receive a walk T-shirt. Any participant who raises more than \$500 will receive a gift certificate from Spiegel. The amount of the gift certificate depends on the amount of pledges raised.

All pledges must be turned in by May 19 to be eligible for any prizes.

Many volunteers are also needed to make the walk successful, Wade said. Volunteers can qualify for prizes by raising pledges.

The MS Walk is just one of the many fund raisers for the chapter each year. Events like the MS Rodeo and Concert held at the Will Rogers Coliseum and the MS Golf Tournament, both held in August, help the chapter provide assistance to area MS patients.

The MS Society's 140 chapters and branches provide many local services, which include self-help support groups, educational programs, audio teleconferences, research symposiums and a variety

of therapeutic exercise sessions for the MS community of Tarrant County and much of North Central Texas. Expenditures for the services total 35 percent of all money raised by MS chapters across the country.

Part of the proceeds from MS fund-raisers are used to fund biomedical research for the disease. MS invests about \$12 million each year for research by some 200 scientists.

The Fort Worth walk is just one of six similar events in different North Texas communities. Walks are also held in Arlington, Wichita Falls and several other smaller cities. Wade said the walks raise about \$97,000 for MS. The Fort Worth and Arlington walks together raise close to \$90,000, she said.

MS is a chronic, often disabling disease that affects more than a 330,000 Americans. It is a disease that randomly attacks the nervous system, wearing away the control a person has over his or her body. Symptoms may range from numbness to paralysis and blindness.

Each week, 200 young adults between the ages of 20 and 40 are diagnosed with the disorder. There is no known cause or cure for MS.

The MS chapter depends on the pledges raised in the race, but anyone can participate in the race without raising pledges, Wade said.

Wade said she expects about 15 teams to participate this year. Corporation, families, friends, fra-

termites and sororities have all made up teams in past walks. Teams can win awards for most team members and highest fund raising.

Participants in the walk can choose between the four-mile mini-route and the nine-mile regular route. There will be "sag vehicles" on hand to pick up weary walkers or for those needing assistance along the course, which snakes through the campus, Overton Park and Colonial Country Club.

TCU has served as the walk site for the past six years, said Erin Fincher, development director at the MS chapter. One reason TCU was chosen as the site was because of the scenic home and landscape surrounding the campus, Fincher said.

Wade said the university has assisted MS with the walk and its efforts are appreciated by everyone involved.

"TCU has been so supportive and very helpful to us," Wade said. "The whole community has been supportive, and it's great to see so many people show up on the day of the walk."

But Wade said there is always room for improvement. She said students are welcome to come out even if they just want to get some fresh air and exercise. If students, faculty or staff want to join in the walk, they can simply show up before 10 a.m. on the day of the walk and register, she said.

Festival kicks off

By Rhonda Dickens
SKIFF STAFF

Participate in MTV's "Singed Out," hear singer Tish Hinojosa or explore the nine blocks of art, food and wine tasting at the Main St. Fort Worth Arts Festival today.

The festival, which began Thursday, will continue through Sunday. Festivities begin at 10 a.m. and continue until midnight Friday and Saturday. Main St. begins at 11 a.m. Sunday and ends at 9 p.m.

Admission to the festival is free. Artists' booths and performance stages line Main St. from the Tarrant County Courthouse to the Fort Worth/Tarrant County Convention Center.

"We are excited about the growing recognition of Main Street throughout the United States," said Jay Downie, producer of the festival. "We already have artists attending from across the states, and we expect to see attendance growing in the same manner."

Kelly Burns, a public relations specialist for Downtown Fort Worth Inc., the event's sponsor, said more than 380,000 people are expected to attend the 12th annual festival.

The festival includes a new addition to the artists' booths and entertainment, Burns said. The new Main & Vine: A Taste of Texas Wine pavilion is among the most exciting, she said, and will allow visitors to participate in a wine tasting or ask questions to the nine Texas wineries represented.

This year's festival will feature

300 performances and 200 artists as well as booths for sampling food and beverages of Fort Worth's signature restaurants, according to a schedule released by the sponsor.

Among the restaurants at the festival are Riskey's Bar-B-Que, Hedary's Lebanese and Don Pablo's Mexican Kitchen.

Included among the artists' booths at the festival is the collection by TCU senior studio art major George Allen. Allen's series of oil paintings, "The Road to West Texas," will be shown today through Sunday.

TCU art department Chairman Ronald Watson said the department helped the Fort Worth Sister Cities International install the exhibit "Hungary: An Emerging Vision" at the International Center downtown.

Watson said the installation is important to the university's attempts to promote the TCU in Budapest program, which offers students courses in figure drawing the last three weeks of July.

Also at the event is a mural created by Fort Worth artist Nancy Lamb in front of The Contemporary Art Center of Fort Worth. Those who attend can create art on the back side of her mural.

Performers on the schedule include Los Lobos at 10 p.m. Saturday and Sara Hickman at 7:30 p.m. Sunday.

Other entertainment will include tonight's The Miller Lite Jammin' On Main, which will feature alternative bands and the travelling version of "Singed Out."

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Neeley News discusses business over Neeley Network

By Aimee Courice
SKIFF STAFF

Look out campus television viewers, some students from the M.J. Neeley School of Business have taken over the airwaves.

The Neeley News airs Thursdays on campus cable channel seven, the Neeley Network, bringing TCU students up to date on the latest news from the M.J. School of Business.

Josh Lambertson, a junior marketing major and co-anchor for the Neeley News, explained the show's main objective.

"The point is to bring students into the business school by letting them know what is going on here," he said. "For a lot of freshmen and sophomores who have not found a major and who don't know that much about the business school, this show is really good and we want to get more people watching."

The Neeley News is produced by students who are members of a select group in the business school called the Neeley Associates. They do all of the writing, editing and recording required to produce the show. The show is taped Wednesdays and airs Thursdays.

Members of this group were first nominated by business school faculty. The selection process involved an interview and recommendations.

The eight members were chosen based on their demonstration of leadership and interpersonal skills, campus involvement and academics.

The news show consists of a feature interview, announcements from the business school and general campus news.

Jennifer Mathieu, a senior accounting and marketing major and co-anchor, said the feature interview with a faculty member from the business school is an important part of the show.

"We wanted to present the faculty on a more personal basis," Mathieu said.

Lamberton and other associates agreed that the Neeley News has come a long way.

"When the Neeley Network first started, it consisted of slides and announcements," said Neeley Associate Colby Siratt, a senior accounting major. "We see the Neeley News as a tool with unlimited potential to get people in the business school and increase attendance at its events."

Mathieu said most of the announcements are geared to target business school students because they include upcoming speakers, as well as information about internship and job opportunities.

Elizabeth O'Neil Layne, coordinator of the Neeley Student Resource Center, said the Neeley News is a positive addition to the business school.

"The show has huge benefits," she said. "It does tremendous things to promote communication in the business school; it promotes community."

Mathieu said the business school benefits from the program, but being a part of the show personally benefits the Associates' members.

She said they intend to pursue careers in business, not television news. Producing the show, however, prepares them for the workplace because the show enhances their communication skills.

"Being able to get in front of camera to do this will make it easy to make a presentation in a business setting," she said.

Siratt said the group has ideas about additions to the program.

"We have thought about going to the outside community as well different departments," he said. "We think it would be advan-



Students work on a production of the Neeley News, which airs Thursdays on the Neeley Network, campus cable channel seven. The show updates students on events taking place in the M.J. Neeley School of Business.

tageous for other students and organizations to use what we have to help."

When asked about the possibility of expansion of the Neeley Network and the Neeley News to involve more general campus news as well as the addition of radio-TV-film production assistance, Mathieu said that there are some possibilities.

She said because a new group of Neeley Associates will be chosen for this fall, the crew for the Neeley news will change as well.

"We are anxious to see what next year's

Associates will do with the show."

Justin Paulk, a junior radio-TV-film major, has seen the show and said he thinks its production quality is poor.

"I think it's pretty bad," he said. "They need to learn some radio-TV-film skills."

Layne said that while it would be beneficial to have students who are knowledgeable about production involved with the show, the business school wants the show to focus on business-specific news.

"The Neeley Associates have worked real-

ly hard to establish the show," she said. "I think we are going to focus on business because we are really pleased with the response from the business school so far."

She said collaborating with other departments is something that has not been strongly considered nor completely ruled out.

"It might be something we want to investigate," she said. "This year's Associates felt they could handle the production of the show, but next year's Associates might handle things differently."

Frats to hit home run for child dental care

By Kimberly Wilson
SKIFF STAFF

Baseball lovers will be a bus ride away from an evening of baseball games played by members of TCU fraternities from 5:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday at the Chi Omega Frats at Bat baseball tournament.

Jamie Taylor, president of Chi Omega, said the event, sponsored by the Chi Omega sorority, will raise money for a child studies program that provides dental care for underprivileged children.

The teams of fraternity members will play several games and have been "coached" by members of Chi Omega.

Nathan Deary, a junior physical education major, said he has been practicing for the tournament with about 14 other members of Sigma Phi Epsilon. This event will be the second fraternity event members have participated in since becoming one of the two new fraternities on campus.

Deary said the team wants to "make a pretty good statement about our athletics."

He said that since this is the first time the fraternity has participated in Frats at Bat, he doesn't know what to expect.

"I'm sure it will be a lot of fun," he said.

Taylor said those attending the event will be bused from the Chi Omega house in Worth Hills to the location of the event. Buses will provide shuttle service throughout the night.

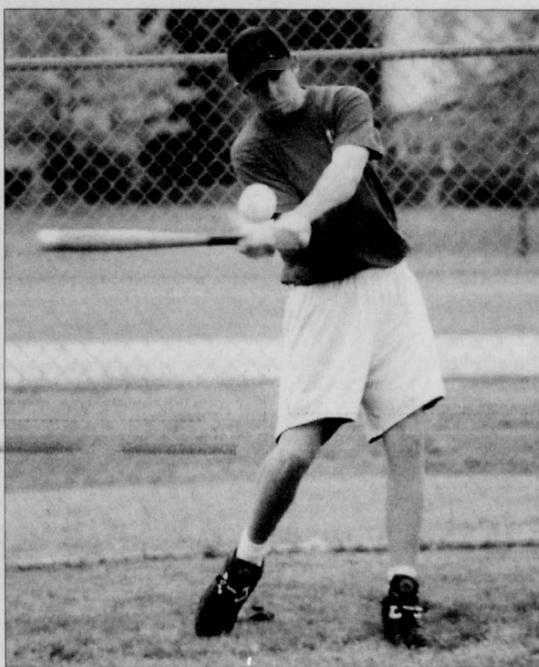
She said the 10 teams will play on three to four fields and additional entertainment will be provided by a disc jockey.

The \$5 admission price will include the bus trip and a \$1 coupon for the concession stand.

Attendees can come and go as they please, but must take the buses to the event.

Taylor said "everyone's invited" to the event and said it is a great affair for students to attend with their siblings and other family members in honor of Siblings' Weekend.

"My little sister's coming and we're going to go," Taylor said.



Freshman business major Jeff Ferguson, a member of the newly formed Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, takes a swing during his team's practice Thursday afternoon for the Chi Omega Frats at Bat baseball tournament.

Dine out with siblings

By Kristina Bosquez
SKIFF STAFF

Students with visiting siblings may want to dine at one or more of several local eateries in favor of spending every mealtime at the Main.

Sonny Bryan's Smokehouse, Good Eats Grill and Romano's Macaroni Grill are just three of the local restaurants TCU students frequent.

Sonny Bryan's Smokehouse
As the doors swing open to Sonny Bryan's Smokehouse, the trademark aroma of brisket and the famous sauce fills the air.

Located at 2621 N. Main St. in the historic Stockyards, this is one of the newest locations for the restaurant chain.

Manager Ben Baumberger said one of the things that makes Sonny Bryan's special is that the meat is cooked fresh daily on hickory wood.

While Sonny Bryan's is known primarily for its brisket, it is the restaurant's Pulled Pork that is the house specialty. The pork is slow smoked for 18 hours and is so tender that it can be pulled apart without the use of a knife.

For those who are interested in mouth watering taste without high fat grams, Sonny Bryan's has a smoked turkey with garlic dish that is 97 percent fat-free.

Sonny Bryan's has been serving up family tradition since 1910, with the first Bryan's Barbeque, and again in 1957, when Bryan started his own restaurant. Sonny Bryan's has been nourishing the mouths of U.S. presidents, famous entertainers, sports celebrities and other Texans for 40 years.

Good Eats Grill
It's all about "The Basics" for Good Eats Grill, but there is nothing basic about the home cooking or the Floyd Gentry mural that hangs on the south wall of the restaurant.

Good Eats is a family-oriented restaurant and has an atmosphere where TCU students can just relax and take their minds away from studying. Located north of campus at 1651 S. University Dr., Good Eats has been filling the hungry stomachs of Horned Frogs for almost a year.

Kathleen P. Robertson, general manager, said one of the best characteristics about Good Eats is that the restaurant's mesquite wood grills enhance the flavor of all the grilled meats they serve, including their hamburgers and their 12-oz. cut of Rancher's Ribeye.

Instead of flying overseas, let the Macaroni Grill bring Italy to you.

For those with growling stomachs that would rather eat vegetables or healthier entrees, Good Eats has grilled market fish and chicken breasts with steamed vegetables on the menu. The Fresh Garden Vegetable Plate allows you to select four vegetables ranging from a baked potato to a bowl of salad.

While enjoying your meal, it is certain you will not miss Gentry's mural of a Texas cattle drive. The mural depicts many famous Texans, which include Sid Richardson, oilman Monty Moncrief, rodeo cowgirl Tad Lucas and publisher Amon Carter.

So if you are in the mood for a taste of home with a splash of Texas as you relax under the cowhide and longhorn lamps, then settle down at a table or booth at Good Eats.

Romano's Macaroni Grill
For a taste of Italy combined with springtime, there is no better time than the present to go to Romano's Macaroni Grill.

Instead of flying overseas, let the Macaroni Grill bring Italy to you as they celebrate Castiglione de Lago (the coming of spring) Friday through Sunday. The restaurant will be decorated with tulips flown in from Italy to commemorate the festivities.

Manager Chris Batch said the best part of the Macaroni Grill is the culture, lively atmosphere and the nightly performances of opera singers.

Batch said the best dish on the menu is the Pasta Gamberetti e Pinoli. The dish is a pasta with shrimp, mushrooms, pine nuts, spinach and lemon butter. Macaroni Grill also caters to the vegetarian with the Fusilli Ortoalno dish. Consisting of pasta twists, the dish also includes a puree of fresh vegetables, tomato sauce, mushrooms, roasted garlic, carrots, spinach and parmesan cheese.

If your taste buds are asking for a mouth-watering bowl of pasta, a dish of freshly prepared pizza or a plate of pesce (fish) or pollame (chicken), then stop by Romano's Macaroni Grill, located at 1505 S. University Dr.

CONCERT

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and Saliers fully produced with the help of their engineer. Although the pair have co-produced albums in the past, they said being in charge is a new experience.

"This time it was like we bared the load of responsibility for what happened and how it came out," Ray said. "It's hard work, but in the end, it's more gratifying to have done it yourselves."

Ray said the Indigo Girls' music, which has sold more than 7 million albums since 1987, is a direct reflection of the lives of the two performers.

"We're one and the same — the songs and Indigo Girls on-stage and off-stage," she said.

The Indigo Girls emerged onto the music scene in 1987 with their first album, "Strange Fire," and the

band from Atlanta has since garnered five Grammy nominations, winning one Grammy in 1989.

Despite having performed in front of more than 3 million fans, Ray said the path to success was very slow, but that things have come to the band in a good way.

"We're doing it because we love to do it," she said. "We don't ever take it for granted."

The seemingly endless number of performances has not detracted from each concert's uniqueness, however, Saliers said. By changing the look of the set at every performance, accompanied with the changing of instruments, songs, venues and audiences, the Indigo Girls are able to give each concert its own style.

"Playing music is such a rush,"

Saliers said. "You never get over that. We haven't, anyway."

Both Ray and Saliers credited their fans for their unending support, even in times of trouble.

"We have incredible fans who support us even in our trying times," Saliers said.

"The people you're singing to are giving you back energy. It's more of a communal experience rather than just a performance, she said.

Both individuals bring their own unique style to the band, evident in what their career choices would have been if the Indigo Girls had never become popular.

Ray said she had wanted to work along environmental lines, either with forests, animals or science.

"Then I want to be a hobo,

because I really have the need to just keep going," she said.

Saliers said she was planning to become an English teacher before the band got going, but now she sees herself working in a library or bookstore, where she can professionally live out her love for books.

But millions of concert attendees from around the world are glad the teaching and environmental communities are short two members, and TCU students and community members discovered the same feelings Thursday night.

The Indigo Girls will continue on a concert tour throughout the summer, highlighted initially with anticipated appearances on "The Late Show with David Letterman" and "The Rosie O'Donnell Show" later this month.

MCNALLY

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home diocese of Michigan.

"The problem is that the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth forbids the licensing of women to serve as priests," McNally said. "Because of this policy, we decided that the prospects for a future together in Fort Worth would be slim."

Ron Flowers, chairman of the religion department, said McNally's resignation paperwork was turned in last week to Michael McCracken, dean of AddRan College of Arts and Sciences.

McNally, whose field of study is Native American traditions, said he has accepted a position as assistant professor of history at

Eastern Michigan University to begin next fall.

"Despite a promising career at TCU," McNally said, "I wouldn't be worth my salt if the fulfillment of my career took place at the expense of my partner's fulfillment in her career as an ordained priest."

Besides the Fort Worth Episcopal diocese, three other dioceses — in California, Illinois and Wisconsin — have a policy that rejects the licensing of women as priests.

The policy of the four dioceses is contrary to the canons (position) of the national Episcopal Church.

Bishop Jack Iker of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth could not be reached for comment, but the Rev. Joseph Schley said the non-licensing policy is based on biblical authority.

Schley, the president of the Standing Committees in the Fort Worth diocese, said the policy is grounded in scripture because "none of Jesus' apostles was a woman."

According to Schley, the Episcopal Diocese of Dallas (not related to Fort Worth) will license women, but the diocese will not force a congregation to accept a female priest.

Schley said he believes there

are parishes in the Dallas diocese who have accepted female priests.

McNally said: "Unfortunately, the opportunities are few in Dallas and the environment is not encouraging. We are moving to an area (Michigan) where there are a wealth of opportunities for my partner to serve as an Episcopal female priest."

Flowers said McNally's resignation will affect the department and fall registration.

"We regret losing a valuable faculty member, teacher and a good colleague," Flowers said. "We will also lose an area of study we wanted to add to our curriculum."

Flowers said all of McNally's fall classes have been cancelled, although they are still listed in the Pre-Fall Advance Registration book.

Those classes include two courses in "Understanding World Religion" and the "Native-American Religious Traditions" course.

He said to make up for the loss of the World Religion classes, the department will increase the enrollment limit in each section by three students.

Geoff Mitchell, a junior religion major, said he was looking forward to taking McNally's Native-American class.

"I'm really disappointed," Mitchell said. "First, I can't take his class, but also I believe he is one of the best professors in the department because of his passion for teaching and because he interacts so well with the students."

McNally, who graduated from Harvard University, said his new position at Eastern Michigan University involves "no stride forward in terms of salary and rank."

"This is not something I'm reluctant to do," he said. "The relationship with my partner, which has blossomed into a life-long commitment, is now a part of my career decisions."

The Skiff Editorial Board has picked 10 things we think would be fun to check out over the weekend and during the next week. Here they are:

Cyrano — The TCU Theatre has made it possible for you to travel to the romantic world of Cyrano de Bergerac, where you can experience this kind-hearted man's love for the beautiful Roxane first hand. With the spectacular costumes and fantastic sets, you can't help but be drawn into Cyrano's life. The play runs through April 20 at the University Theatre. Tickets are \$10 for general admission and \$5 for students for both matinee and evening performances. Call 921-7626 for reservations and information.

Frats at Bat — Chi Omega has thrown the typical baseball tournament a curve by pitting fraternity against fraternity from 5:30 p.m. until 2 a.m. Saturday. Anyone who is interested can pay the \$5 admission, which includes a \$1 concession coupon. You must ride the bus in order to attend.

Main Street — The 12th anniversary of the Main St. Fort Worth Arts Festival kicked off last night, but don't worry, it's not too late to experience the sights and sounds of vibrant Fort Worth. The festival will celebrate the visual arts of more than 200 artists, the performing arts through more than 300 performances and the culinary arts of area eateries. The event is free and open to all who are interested.

Woodeye — This band, featuring TCU student Scott Davis on guitar and vocals, will play at The Aardvark on Saturday. Check out the terrific vocals and upbeat lyrics for which this band is known.

Baseball — The Horned Frogs return to the TCU Diamond this weekend to host longtime rival Rice in a three-game Western Athletic Conference series. When the two meet at 2:30 p.m. Friday, it will be the 199th time these two schools have met. The series continues at 1 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday.

MS Walk — Set the pace for a happy, healthy life by participating in the seventh annual MS Walk Sunday. Walkers will wind their way through the TCU campus to raise money for the North Central Texas Chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Registration begins at 8:30 p.m. in front of Amon Carter Stadium.

"Informance" — Experience the movement of contact improvisation, the unique form of modern dance, at noon Wednesday in the Student Center Lounge. The program will feature Susan Douglas Roberts, an assistant professor of modern dance, and Daniel Lepkoff, an independent New York artist and one of the original contact improvisation experimenters.

Guys and Dolls — Texas Wesleyan University presents this comedic musical about seemingly hopeless gamblers and the women that fall in love with them. It runs through Sunday in the Scott Theatre, 3505 W. Lancaster Ave. in Fort Worth. Tickets range from \$5 to \$12. Call 531-4991 for more information.

Widespread Panic — The widespread following of this phenomenal group will show up in Dallas tonight at the Bronco Bowl. "The Panic" is known for its live performances and fantastic musicianship. If any tickets are left, they are available through TicketMaster or at the Bronco Bowl.

Battle of the Bands — "Beach Blast '97" will rock the TCU campus for six hours beginning at noon Sunday in front of the Student Center. Each band will perform for 35 minutes. Come see what your peers can do with a guitar and some drums.

'Grosse Pointe' a sharp comedy



Review

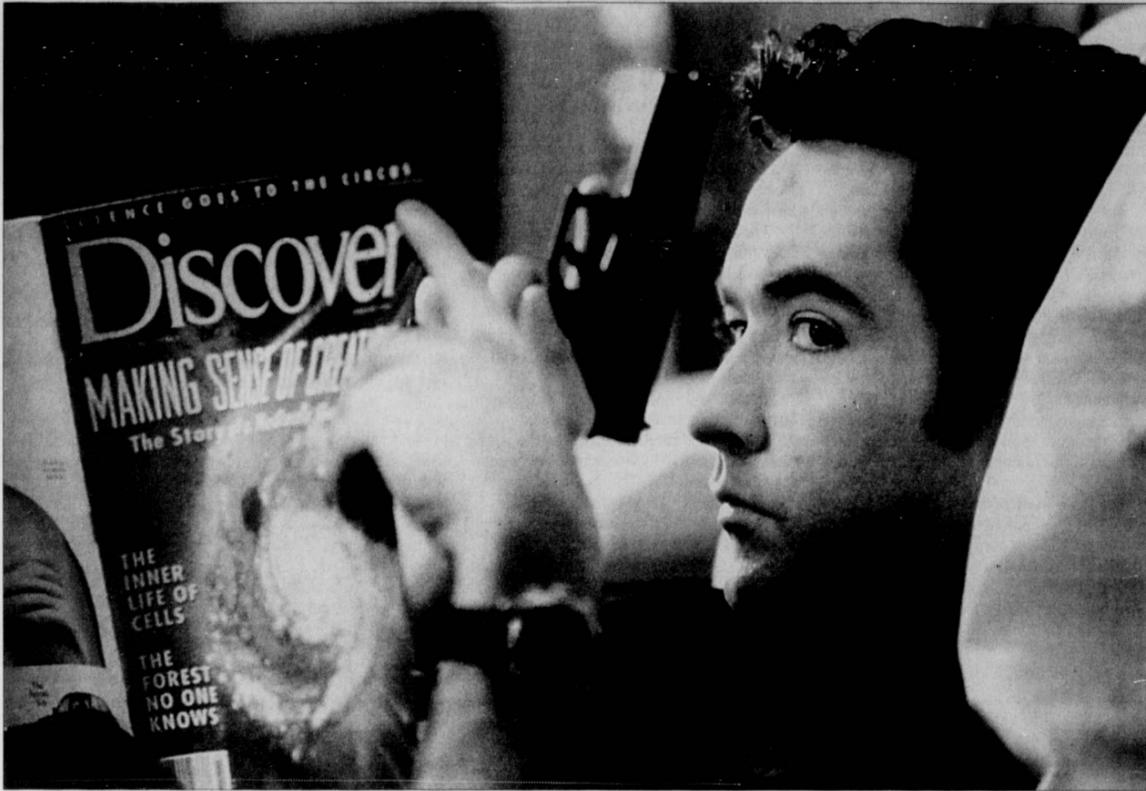
Mitch Youngblood

"Grosse Pointe Blank" is the most fun I have had at the movies in a long time. Simply put, it is a very potent combination of Albert Brooks and the Coen brothers.

For once, the plot is secondary to character development instead of explosions and special effects, courtesy of Industrial Light and Magic. The stars are some of the most enjoyable actors working today, and the screen chemistry among everyone could not be more perfect.

John Cusack plays Martin Blank, a mafia hit man who grows tired of killing. At the behest of both his nervous psychiatrist, Dr. Oatman (Alan Arkin), and his daffy secretary, Marcella (Joan Cusack), Blank returns to his hometown of Grosse Pointe, Mich., for his 10-year high school reunion and one last hit. Problems arise when he sees Debi (Minnie Driver), the girl he left behind on prom night, and falls back in love with her. His amorous plans are thrown askew, however, when his arch enemy Grocer (Dan Aykroyd) shows up to kill him.

The film scores most of its points by not treating the art of assassination frivolously. Blank is a killer, period. While his views on life and death are hilarious, we never forget that he kills for money. The scenes of him plying his trade are interesting on many levels because we not only get to watch him work, but we also see how he thinks and acts in certain circumstances. It also helps that Cusack has a natural presence that



John Cusack stars as Martin Blank, a hit man who returns to his hometown of Grosse Pointe, Mich., to combine one fatal "hit" and his 10-year high school reunion, and rediscovers his old flame Debi (Minnie Driver), in Hollywood Pictures' latest comedy, "Grosse Pointe Blank."

is fun to watch.

I think we should all give Dan Aykroyd a round of applause for breathing life into his career with his icily cunning villain who wishes to unionize hit men across the world. Aykroyd was always a fearless performer on "Saturday Night Live," and here he imbues his ordinarily rapid-fire delivery with cold venom. Grocer's big standoff with Blank in a fast-food restaurant is more intense than it should be because of both stars' abilities. Driver's stardom is definitely on

the rise. With her scene-stealing cameo in "GoldenEye" and her heart-wrenching performance in "Circle of Friends," Driver is an actress to watch.

Here, she fills Debi with a regret over lost chances that is at once sad and content. Her skewering of Blank on her radio talk show is also one of the film's many comic gems and, at the same time, it shows how much she still loves him and wants to humiliate him. Her next big film is "The Flood," one of the first of

the summer movies.

Director George Armitage has obviously seen many Hong Kong action films. The level of mayhem in "Grosse Pointe Blank" is pretty high considering that it is a comedy, but the showiness of it all, especially the final shootout where everyone has two guns, is so much fun that you can ignore the body count.

What also makes the violence work is that it is all tempered with just the right amount of humor. The cliched convenient store shootout is reinvigorated by great sight gags

and a Muzak version of Guns N' Roses' cover of "Live and Let Die."

Through it all, the characters are believable, human and lovable. The humor and action are in perfect synch from start to finish, and the uproarious, razor-sharp dialogue will keep everyone entertained. "Grosse Pointe Blank" is far and away one of the best films so far this year.

Grade: A

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

Raid your video store for 'Lost Ark'

The Skiff film critics worked together to recommend a video for your weekend entertainment.

It is an undebatable fact that "Raiders of the Lost Ark," our video pick of the week, is the greatest adventure film of all time.

Unlike today's films, which routinely slow down when characters are introduced or "developed," the breakneck pace of "Raiders of the Lost Ark" actually increases whenever characters are brought in, usually because they are immediately thrown into some form of danger. And few other characters have stuck in the minds of moviegoers quite like Indiana Jones,

played by Harrison Ford.

Funny enough, Ford was not the first choice for the role that would help to make him the name he is today. Director Steven Spielberg and Executive Producer George Lucas wanted an actor who, at the time, was at the peak of his powers on television: Tom Selleck of "Magnum, P.I." But because Selleck was not let out of his contract with his network, and Ford had ably carried "The Empire Strikes Back" the year before, the role was given to Ford.

Unlike the other Indiana Jones films, "Temple of Doom" and "Last Crusade," "Raiders" pairs Indy with a strong-willed and fiery

leading lady in Karen Allen. As Marion, Allen is much more than just the love interest. She brings a needed earthiness to the love-hate relationship between herself and Indy.

The plot is just as legendary as the action and visuals. Indy, an intrepid, bullwhip-carrying archaeologist and nerdy professor at an Ivy League college, is hired by the U.S. military to locate and procure the lost Ark of the Covenant, an artifact for which the Nazis of 1936 are scouring the Egyptian desert. Indy, his former love Marion and his friend Sallah (John Rhys-Davies) must race the Nazis, who are being led by Indy's rival,

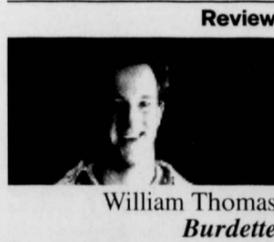
Belloq (Paul Freeman).

What makes the film work is that no matter how unbelievable each action sequence is, we believe and accept that our heroes will make it out because they are so firmly established. Everything is clear cut in the film, and it all is tremendous fun.

The fact that the action is relentless only adds to the viewer's giddiness. Sixteen years have done nothing to diminish the staggering power of the final sequence, where the Nazis open the ark and unleash some rather powerful forces. "Raiders of the Lost Ark" is a masterpiece that should be rented over and over.



Indigo's latest album is full of many twists



Review

William Thomas Burdette

If you thought the Indigo Girls were just a couple of folk singers with acoustic guitars, then their new album will most likely take you by surprise.

For their latest effort, "Shaming the Sun," Amy Ray and Emily Saliers have added some twists, including the somewhat extensive use of a banjo and some creative, but not-too-tasteful sampling.

It is encouraging to see them attempt to try new things while wedging them into the same old Indigo Girls format. However the result is an album that seems to lack an identity and feel of its own. It seems like a collage of brilliance, boredom and random.

The addition of some interesting string arrangements and the twang of the banjo fit nicely but the dance-funk-screaming sampling thing they attempted on "Shed Your Skin" is completely out of place on an Indigo Girls album. To pull something like



Blake Sims SKIFF STAFF

TCU students cheer on the Indigo Girls, who rocked Fort Worth with songs from their new album, "Sharing the Sun," and some old favorites.

that off they would have to change their style to be more pop-ish.

They could be moving in that direction, but this track, if meant to be a transitional one, should be considered a rough draft. The ideas are good and the instrumentation is competent but it just seems to be forced.

The highlight of the album comes from the extraordinary string arrangement on "Caramia" (done by Sara Lee). This is the one point in the album where their old talents like song writing and vocal harmonies combine with the new efforts. Darker, more distorted guitars meld quite

nically with the strings and folk sound. They probably won't earn any new fans with this album. It is a bit too contrived and they have added some creative effects at the expense of good taste and the raw emotion that characterized their debut.

However, the old die hard fans will no doubt enjoy this fresh approach to the same old tunes.

The album will be available in stores April 29.

William Thomas Burdette is a sophomore news-editorial major and Opinion editor of the Skiff.

Trivia

This week's trivia quiz will test your knowledge of U.S. presidents. For answers, turn this page upside down.

1. His father was also a president.
2. His favorite candy is jelly beans.
3. This Mexican War hero was affectionately referred to as "Old Rough and Ready."
4. Checkers was this president's dog.
5. What president got stuck in a bathtub?
6. What president left his political party to run against his hand-picked successor?
7. Which president could not tell a lie?
8. "Our American Cousin" was the last play this president saw performed.
9. Which president dedicated a building on the TCU campus?
10. This president came in on a bull and rode out on a bear (market that is).
11. He would rather be known for founding a university than for serving as president.
12. Who caught pneumonia while giving his inaugural address and died as a result?
13. Who was the last president to be elected despite his opponent winning the popular vote?
14. This president's wife was known as "Lemonade Lucy" because she refused to serve alcohol in the White House.
15. Who was the first president to be elected without having won the New Hampshire primary?
16. This president's classmate at Bowdoin College was Nathaniel Hawthorne.

bonus question: What group sings the song "Peaches"?

Answers: 1. John Quincy Adams 2. Ronald Reagan 3. Zachary Taylor 4. Richard M. Nixon 5. William Howard Taft 6. Theodore Roosevelt 7. George Washington 8. Abraham Lincoln 9. Lyndon B. Johnson 10. Pierce 11. Chester A. Arthur 12. William Jefferson Clinton 13. Benjamin Harrison 14. Thomas Jefferson 15. William Henry Harrison 16. Franklin D. Roosevelt

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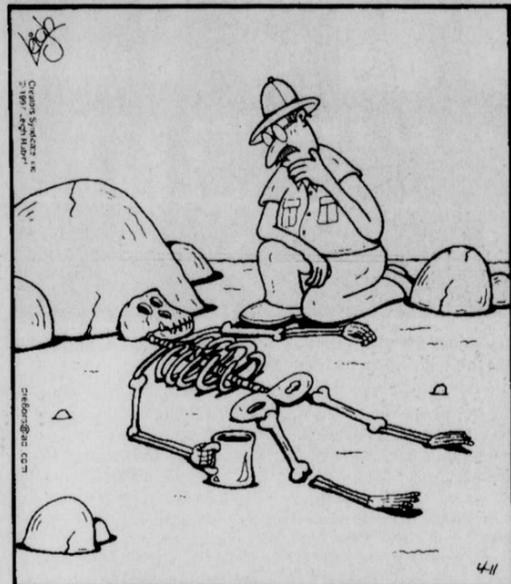


Answers to previous puzzle

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By Leigh Rubin



The nearly perfect fossil left little doubt that these were unmistakably the remains of Java Man.

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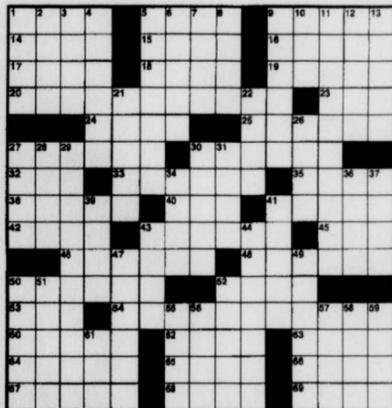
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 - 39 Poet's nighttimes
 - 41 Corpsman
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Purple Poll

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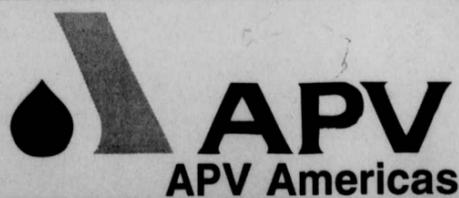
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Men's golf travels to North Carolina

The men's golf team will travel to Cary, N.C., this weekend to compete in its last tournament before the Western Athletic Conference Championships.

The 1997 PING Intercollegiate golf tournament will consist of 36 holes played Saturday and 18 holes played Sunday at the MacGregor Downs Country Club in Cary.

There will be a 12-team field, including the Rolex Collegiate Rankings top four teams: No. 1-ranked University of Nevada-Las Vegas, No. 2-ranked Oklahoma State, No. 3-ranked TCU and No. 4-ranked Clemson.

The five men who will represent TCU at the tournament are sophomore Alberto Ochoa, Rolex Collegiate Rankings' No. 2 player; senior Deron Zinnecker; junior J.J. Henry; freshman Sal Spallone, ranked No. 40; and senior Brent Wolf.

Head coach Bill Montigel said the team members will work hard to win this tournament.

"We're approaching this one like we do all tournaments, with the idea that we're going to win," Montigel said.

The MacGregor Downs Country Club has a par-72 layout of 6,776 yards.

Women's tennis team takes on UTEP

The TCU women's tennis team, which is coming off a big win against Baylor, will take on the University of Texas at El Paso at 1 p.m. tomorrow in Houston.

The team, ranked at No. 40, held on to beat Baylor, which is ranked at No. 35 with a 5-4 record.

Coach Roland Ingram said it was exceptionally rewarding to beat a team ranked ahead of TCU.

He said he was proud of the team's performance and the way it held on after splitting the singles wins to beat Baylor in doubles play.

Ingram said this win displayed the maturity level of the women's tennis team.

"There aren't many teams as young as we are, but they are maturing quickly," he said.

UTEP isn't ranked, but he said he expects tough competition because UTEP is better than its record.

Ingram said he thinks it should be a close match, considering that both TCU and UTEP lost to Oklahoma, 5-4.

After the UTEP match the women's tennis team will go up against Rice at 11 a.m. Sunday in Houston.

TCU suffered a 5-4 loss against Rice last year, and even though TCU is ranked above the Owls, who are at No. 42, Ingram said he expects Sunday's match to be a challenge.

The women's team will return from its weekend play to look forward to its last two matches against Southern Methodist University and University of North Texas before the Western Athletic Conference tournament.

League to Deion: Alter tribute to Robinson

CINCINNATI (AP)—Sorry, Deion, your sartorial tribute to Jackie Robinson violates baseball Rule 1.11, section A, subsection 1 — and then some.

And with that, the National League on Thursday ordered the Cincinnati outfielder to dress the same as his Reds teammates.

Deion Sanders had cut off the sleeves of his road jerseys so they barely covered his shoulders and wore the bottom of his pants at knee-length — similar to the style worn by Robinson and other players of the era.

Katy Feeney, the NL's senior vice president, told Reds general manager Jim Bowden on Thursday that Sanders' style statement must stop when it comes to sleeve length.

"Deion will be wearing the same uniform," Feeney said. "We did not say anything about pants. That hasn't been an issue."

Baseball's rule book says nothing about the length of pants. But it goes on for more than 300 words alone about the uniformity of uniforms.

TCU to take on Rice in weekend series

Frogs must overcome injuries, Owls' high rank to stay in hunt for WAC berth

By Ryan J. Rusak
SKIFF STAFF

The Horned Frog baseball team will play perhaps the most important series of its inaugural Western Athletic Conference season this weekend with three games against Rice University at the TCU Diamond.

Rice comes in at 26-12, (11-7 in the WAC), leading the Horned Frogs (17-20, 9-9 in the WAC) by two games in the South Division.

The series begins at 2:30 p.m. today and will conclude with 1 p.m. games Saturday and Sunday. TCU head coach Lance Brown said his top two lefties, seniors Derek Lee and David Meyer, will start two of the three games. Lee is 5-5 with a 3.90 ERA; Meyer is 4-1 with a 3.44 ERA. The starter for the third game is undecided.

Rice plans to go with sophomore Stephen Bess (1-2, 6.38) on Friday, freshman Mario Ramos (4-2, 4.48) on Saturday and freshman Jeff Nichols (4-2, 3.70) on Sunday.

TCU junior shortstop Jeff Yarbrough said this series means everything for the Frogs.

"It's the biggest series anybody on the team has played in their lives," Yarbrough said. "If we don't win, we probably don't make the tournament. If we win, we're in first place."

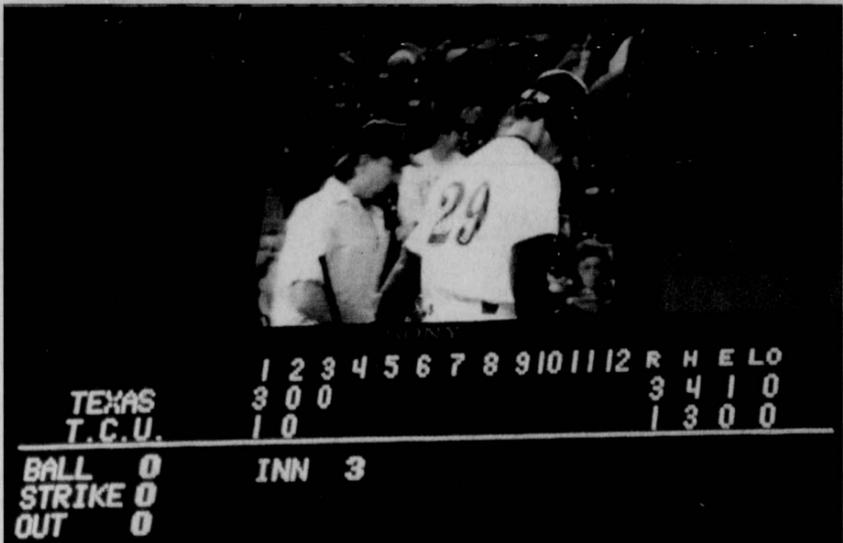
Junior outfielder Chris Connally said TCU must win at least two games this weekend to stay in the hunt for a WAC tournament berth.

"If we don't, we'll make it extremely tough on ourselves to make it to the championships in San Diego," he said. The top teams in each of the three divisions and three wild cards advance to the tournament. If the season ended today, the Frogs would miss the tournament as the fourth best non-division winner in the WAC.

The Owls, ranked 22nd in the nation by Collegiate Baseball and Baseball America, were preseason favorites to win the division and the conference but have slipped since WAC play began.

The Owls opened up conference play with a 7-0 record, sweeping TCU and Air Force in Houston and winning the first of three games at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas. They dropped the last two to UNLV, lost two of three at New Mexico, took two of three from San Jose State in Houston and were swept at Fresno State.

The Frogs haven't had much luck lately, either. They're in their longest losing streak of the year — six straight, including two at home against Texas Tech, three at San Jose and Tuesday's game against Texas at the Ballpark in Arlington.



TCU's Ryan Dunn, No. 29, went 2-for-3 against the University of Texas on Tuesday night at the Ballpark in Arlington. Dunn is second on the team with 13 home runs.

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Connally said the Frogs are fortunate to be in position to make a run at first place with a sub-.500 record.

"I thought we'd have a better record by now," he said. "We still should be executing better defensively and offensively."

TCU has been plagued by injuries all year as well. Brown said the team will enter this final stretch of the season counting only on the active players and not expecting others to return.

"We're just going on as if we've made our changes," Brown said. "We'll try to stay with the same lineup."

Several top-line players are out. Junior pitcher Reese Ryan is out with a strained shoulder and will probably declare a medical redshirt since it's doubtful he'll return in time to pitch much, Brown said. Junior lefty David Beuler will probably be out for six more weeks.

Second baseman Matt Howe, out with back pain, is out indefinitely. Junior catcher Ismael Segarra, who injured his throwing shoulder, tried to throw last week but is still having pain, Brown said.

"It's hard to be fired up because we expected so much more," he said.

"Without the injuries, we had a chance to win the (division) championship and maybe the whole thing. Just being in the running is sort of a disappointment."

The Owls are led by two preseason All-Americans. Junior first baseman Lance Berkman leads the nation in home runs with 25, has 84 RBIs in 38 games and is hitting .422. Connally, TCU's top offensive player, trails Berkman with a .402 average, 14 home runs and 46 RBIs.

Berkman was murdered on the Frogs in the three games in Houston. He went 5-for-13 with 8 RBIs. He leads an offense that is averaging 10 runs a game and is hitting at a .338 clip.

Yarbrough said Rice's offensive prowess makes strong TCU pitching a necessity for the weekend.

"We need our pitchers to get ahead early on," he said. "If they can throw low strikes, they'll be OK. If they don't, (Rice) will hit it out of the park."

Connally agreed that pitching is vital.

"They're a good hitting team. We have to pitch smart to them," Connally said. "But if we have good pitching, we can beat anybody."

Brown said it's critical that the

Frogs cut down on walks issued to Rice hitters. In the last series, TCU pitchers issued 21 walks.

"It really got us in a jam," Brown said. "The walks really did us in. But Meyer and Lee have not been walking people now, so we've got to make their starts count."

The other All-American Owl is junior relief pitcher Matt Anderson. Anderson is 6-1 with a 2.62 ERA and five saves. Rice pitchers as a whole have a 4.79 ERA, have struck out 1.85 batters for each walk they've issued and have given up about one hit per inning pitched.

That's not to say the Owls can't be hit. TCU scored 19 runs and collected 28 hits against Rice in Houston. Yarbrough said he thinks the Frogs can hit the Owl pitchers.

"Their pitchers aren't that good, so we've got to make them throw to us," he said.

Connally said having the series in Fort Worth is crucial for the Frogs, especially since Rice is just 7-9 on the road and only 3-6 in conference road games. The Frogs are 12-8 at the TCU Diamond.

"We need to have it here in Fort Worth," he said. "They've been beaten on the road, so that helps us."



Shawn Thompson and the TCU pitching staff will have to deal with Rice's All-American Lance Berkman.

Athletic heroes should be chosen for off-field actions

If you're interested in sports, chances are that you had a favorite athlete while growing up. Maybe you had a poster of Joe Montana on your wall. Or you had to get an ugly pair of red and black sneakers in honor of your favorite basketball player.

You liked that favorite athlete for some reason or another. Maybe he played for your hometown team, or maybe you just liked the colors of the team for which he played. Or maybe you liked him because that's who your dad liked, or then again maybe you just thought he looked cool.

I have to admit that I'm still like a little kid. I have my favorite players, but I'm sort of redefining the reasons I like them.

Did you ever stop and think about good reasons to root for a certain player? I really didn't until my favorite baseball player, Albert Belle, left the Cleveland Indians as a free agent to play for the Chicago White Sox.

The last few baseball seasons he's been arguably the best baseball player in the world and he was playing for

Looking at him without the rose colored glasses of being a Cleveland Indian, I asked myself, "Should I really have liked him so much?"

Commentary



Paul Corliss

So, of course, he was my favorite player. As long as he hit 50 home runs I could overlook his idiotic behavior off the field.

Once he got traded, however, I thought about all things he'd done. Belle threw a ball at a fan and hit him. He also pegged a Sports Illustrated camera man. He cussed out NBC's Hannah Storm for no apparent reason, except for the fact that he was in a bad mood and he chased some trick-or-treaters down the street — bumping them in the butt with his Ford Explorer.

The answer is no. You should root for athletes who do good things off the field as well as on the field.

When I think about what athletes do off the field, I get a whole new list of favorite players in my head.

Boomer Esiason springs to mind first. So he's probably playing past his prime, and he'll only be a back-up quarterback in Green Bay after so-so years in Arizona and New York after his starring days with Cincinnati.

His little son, Gunnar, has muscular dystrophy and is probably condemned to a short life — unless med-

ical technology improves.

What does Boomer do about this? He donates all his free time as a spokesman to earn money for muscular dystrophy research while donating as much as he can to the foundations he has established to research the disease.

Another athlete I'll root on for the "right reasons," is Mo Vaughn, first baseman of the Boston Red Sox.

No, I don't like him because he beat Belle out for the American League MVP a few seasons ago. I like him because of what he did for a little boy.

The boy was hit by a foul ball of Vaughn's bat. It would have been enough if Vaughn had just signed the ball for the boy and had it given to him. But Mo Vaughn went the extra mile. He personally visited the boy in the hospital and presented him with an autographed bat and ball.

The little boy looked at his hero and asked the slugger if he could do him one more favor.

"Can you hit a home run for me?" the boy asked Vaughn.

"I'll do my best," was the first baseman's answer.

The next night he hit a home run and presented it to the boy.

Last year, Albert Belle hit a home run and wanted the ball back. Then the fan who caught the ball asked for a simple autograph of Belle in return for the ball and Belle cursed at the fan.

I was rooting for him over a hero like Mo Vaughn?

I rooted for an outfielder who had never played a full season without a suspension for his behavior over a quarterback who is devoting his entire non-football life to finding a cure for a disease?

Go ahead and take Albert Belle, White Sox. He can be someone else's favorite player.

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Senior All-American Reeder set to kick last season into place

By David Quinlan
SKIFF STAFF

Whether it's in front of 45,000 Aggie fans at College Station or at a game-decider in Tulane, TCU's All-American kicker knows he has to prove himself every time he goes onto the field.

For senior Michael Reeder, his reputation is only as good as his next kick.

"People don't remember your last kick or an important kick that was made a few games earlier," Reeder said. "I have to prove myself every time I kick."

Earning All-State honors as a soccer player at Sulphur High School in Louisiana, Reeder was one of 10 walk-ons to make the TCU team in 1994. Little did head coach Pat Sullivan and the Frogs know of the success Reeder would bring in the next three years.

"Michael changes the complexion of the game," Sullivan said.

The 22-year-old Reeder enters his final and most important season as the Frog's No. 1 kicker. With images of the NFL not far away, Reeder will need a repeat of his

1995 season. "I was disappointed with my performance last season," Reeder said. "But I know I can still do as well as anyone else in the country. It's all mental."

Reeder led the NCAA in field goals in 1995 with his 23-25 season (.920 percent). He was awarded the Lou Groza National Place-Kicker Award and became the first Frog to win a national award since Davey O'Brien won the Heisman trophy in 1938.

Making first-team All-American in 1995, Reeder became a security blanket for the Frogs. He was a Honda Scholar Athlete honoree and was named a preseason All-American last season by College Sports.

Although last season marked a frustrating year for the Frogs, it will be up to the leadership from seniors to turn things around this season.

"You have to have an attitude where you go into each game and expect to win," Reeder said. "That was lacking this year. If we take one game at a time, we

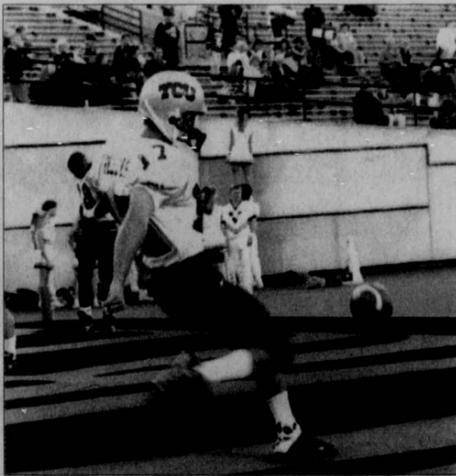
can really have a good year." Reeder's success on the field isn't anything less than what he does off the field. Reeder has made the Dean's List all seven semesters of his TCU career and will graduate in May with a 3.83 GPA with a degree in finance.

Just recently, Reeder married Heidi Dreher, a senior advertising/public relations major. His father, Tom Reeder, performed the ceremony in Austin near the family's new home.

Although the NFL is the ultimate goal for this Louisiana product, Reeder awaits admission for the TCU graduate school, where he wants to pursue his master's degree in business finance.

"My first priority is giving the NFL a shot," Reeder said. "As long as I am paid the league minimum, I don't care what team I play for."

It has been storybook success for this All-American. Playing in his final season next year, Reeder said he expects to have one more spectacular season as a Frog before moving on.



Entering his senior football season next fall, place kicker Michael Reeder hopes to return to his 1995 form that earned him the Lou Groza award and All-American status