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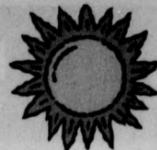


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Space

Antifreeze leak at Mir at maximum level

(AP) — Antifreeze fumes leaking from a cooling pipe on the aging Mir space station have reached the maximum acceptable concentration and may become dangerous to the Russian-American crew, a news agency reported Tuesday.

The crew has fixed two other leaks, but a remaining leak in the Kvant-1 research module has eluded cosmonauts trying to seal it. Mission Control Center spokesman Viktor Blagov said at a news briefing, according to Interfax.

Blagov said officials were worried about the situation, but it was not immediately clear what would happen to the station and its crew if the leak is not found soon. The Russian space agency did not answer calls from The Associated Press on Tuesday night.

World

Soldiers storm mansion; hostages walk free

LIMA, Peru (AP) — Peruvian forces stormed the Japanese ambassador's mansion amid explosions and gunfire Tuesday, rescuing hostages held for four months in a dramatic raid. Freed captives and jubilant soldiers cheered and sang in the compound.

The 150-man military strike team rescued all 72 captives, local radio reported. But Eloy Avila, Bolivia's acting ambassador to Peru, said he had been inside the residence and had seen what appeared to be one dead hostage and three or four wounded soldiers.

Peruvian and Japanese news media reported that the assault killed all of the at least 15 leftist Tupac Amaru rebels who seized the compound 126 days ago.

Immediately after taking the mansion, Peruvian forces pulled down the Tupac Amaru flag, and martial music played in celebration. Freed hostages hugged and kissed one another.

Nation

Trainees got privileges for sex, witnesses say

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md. (AP) — An Army trainee who accused a former drill instructor of rape claimed she received special treatment in return for the sex, a witness testified Tuesday.

The testimony at the court-martial of Staff Sgt. Delmar Simpson was aimed at discrediting a key prosecution witness who contends Simpson raped her nine times in 1995, when she was in his advanced infantry training company at the Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Pfc. Dana Jackson testified that the 23-year-old alleged victim confided to her that "her life was a little easier" as a result of having sex with Simpson. The accuser sounded angry at Simpson "but she didn't say rape," Jackson said. "I thought it was consensual."

Restaurant bars black girl from friend's party

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — An 11-year-old black girl was barred from a birthday party at a restaurant because her parents weren't present, even though nine unaccompanied white children were allowed inside, officials said.

A spokesman for the Dave & Buster's restaurant chain said Tuesday the girl was turned away because of a corporate policy requiring that children under age 16 be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

But the black restaurant employee who singled out the black girl didn't ask any of the white children if their parents were present, the company said. Four white adults chaperoned the party for 10 girls.

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Minor gives club major tips

TCU alum details the top 10 ways to make millions

By Kimberly Wilson
SKIFF STAFF

David Minor, a millionaire, told members of the Financial Management Association Tuesday evening about the top ten ways to succeed in business.

Minor, an alumnus of the M.J. Neeley School of Business, is the president and CEO of Minor Landscaping, which presently employs between 150 and 200 people, depending on the time of the year. It has offices in both Dallas and Fort Worth.

Minor gave students tips and his observations of other people, along with personal experiences, during his talk. He said one of the ways students can expect to be successful in the business world is by "being the best you can be no matter what the circumstances."

Minor urged students to "deliver quality and do it quickly."

Minor said students need to keep in mind that quality is always defined by the consumer, but having quality is not always enough.

"You've got to do quality quickly and

efficiently," he said.

Minor added that people who are successful in the business world know that the customers provide answers to unasked questions.

"You must understand what the customer wants," he said.

His second tip to students was to "be obsessed with providing exceptional customer service."

Minor said great quality, great prices and service are critical to successful business. "Don't let your customer buy from someone else," he said.

Minor said one thing he has always done to help him to succeed is set goals.

Minor said setting goals is like getting a map when traveling to an unknown city.

"Write your goals down and commit yourself to achieving them," he said.

He said people who take the time to write down their goals usually realize them.

Minor then emphasized the importance of personal skills, which he said all people have to develop throughout their lives to be successful.

He said businesspeople need to communicate well and be versatile.

"The most valuable employee in any organization can do a variety of things," he said.

He urged students to learn and master several different skills and teach themselves as much as they can about the type of business in which they are involved. Minor said people who can assist in other areas of the business in times of need are extremely valuable to a company.

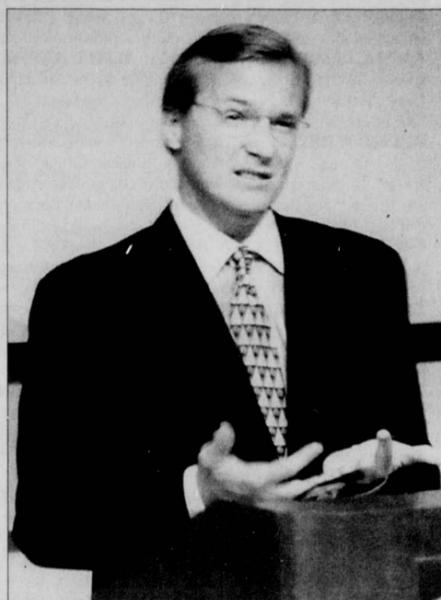
Minor said students also need to find the most effective type of time-management technique for themselves because there is simply never enough time in the day to get everything done.

"Do your best to squeeze every minute out of every day," he said.

In addition to using time wisely, knowing how to prioritize demands is also crucial, he said.

Minor said another important aspect of success involves the development of lead-

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David Minor, an alumnus of the M.J. Neeley School of Business and president and CEO of Minor Landscaping, speaks to the Financial Management Association on Tuesday night in Dan Rogers Hall.



Leigh Howard Stevens, Green Honors Chair of the music department, prepares to strike his marimba Tuesday evening in the Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium. Stevens was named the world's greatest classical marimbist by Time magazine.

Ensemble and marimbist keep the beat

By Kelly Melhart
SKIFF STAFF

The percussion ensemble is the backbone of any musical group, and Tuesday night, students and faculty discovered that the ensemble is a group in itself.

The group of eight students led by Nick Patrella, director of the TCU percussion ensemble, along with world famous marimbist Leigh Howard Stevens, showed the audience that everything from the

traditional snare drum to wooden blocks can make beautiful music everyone can enjoy.

Stevens, the Green Honors Chair of the music department, only added to the elegance of the music created. Stevens is known for his four-mallet technique and was named the world's greatest classical marimbist by Time Magazine.

Review

However, Stevens said his grip is incidental next to the music he creates.

"The grip is not the real issue," he said. "The issue is all the different stroke types and ways I hit the instrument are important to the sound I provide."

Stevens will give a solo performance 7:30 tonight in Ed Landreth Auditorium. He will play five pieces, two of which he composed himself.

Kenneth Raessler, a professor of music and the chairman of the music department, said the department chose Stevens as the Green Honors Chair because it is trying to develop the percussion area of the department.

"If you're going to go for the best, you'd better get the best," he said. "And I think we have the best."

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Cleanup gives volunteers the chance to go to the beach and get trashed

By Kirk Shinkle
SKIFF STAFF

The Texas General Land Office wants you to go to the beach this weekend for the biannual Texas Adopt-A-Beach Cleanup this Saturday at 9 a.m.

Several beachside hotels will also offer beachcombers discounted rates in return for their service to the environment.

The volunteer-intensive cleanup, which will begin at 9 p.m. Saturday, will help remove between 150 and 200 tons of trash from Texas beaches. The participants will be met at one of 18 cleanup locations along the Texas coast by volunteer organizers.

Volunteers will be sent in pairs, with one participant picking up the trash and the other recording their progress on a data sheet provided by the sponsors.

Jeff Long, the information coordinator for the Texas General Land Office, said the event normally draws between 8,000 and 15,000 volunteers, mostly from the coastal regions of the state. Long said the data gathered from the cleanups over the past 11 years has been invaluable to the continued

cleanliness of Texas beaches.

Long said the data collected in the past, which was passed on to the Center for Marine Conservation, was instrumental in the ratification of the MARPOL Annex V Treaty, which restricted the practice of dumping at sea, especially prohibiting the dumping of plastics into any of the world's oceans.

So far, the Adopt-A-Beach program has gathered over 3,640 tons of trash from Texas beaches with the aid of 180,089 volunteers.

During the September cleanup, the group gathered a wide variety of unusual debris from Texas shores, including shoes, car batteries, a plastic car bumper and two car doors, syringes, a cassette player, several toilets, shotgun shells, and a kitten trapped in a thorn bush. The items ranged from as far away as Greece and Asia.

However, while offshore dumping and pollution has decreased, the main problem facing Texas beaches is still litter left by Texas residents.

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House chooses leaders



House News

By Ryan J. Rusak
SKIFF STAFF

The House of Representatives chose its committee chairpersons for the fall semester at its meeting Tuesday.

Chris Brooks was re-elected chairman of the Permanent Improvements Committee. Brooks defeated Jared Franklin, a freshman premajor and a Milton Daniel Hall representative, in the only contested election.

Three positions will change hands. Dina Mavridis, a freshman business major and head representative for Colby Hall, will take over as the University Relations Committee chairwoman. Sean Scott, the chairman for this semester, said he decided to step down to devote his time to being a resident assistant in Tom Brown Hall.

Kirsten Pue, a sophomore political science major and a Waits Hall representative, will chair the Dining Services Committee. Pue's twin sister, Kimberly, led the committee this spring but is stepping down.

David Rench, a freshman business major and a Moncrief Hall representative, will take over the Computing Affairs Committee chairmanship. The current chairman, Josh Martinek,

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Event offers cultural infusion

By Michael Bryant
SKIFF STAFF

Students interested in a break before buckling down to study for finals may be interested in signing their Saturday away at the Student Center Information Desk as soon as possible.

The Programming Council Fine Arts Committee is sponsoring Fine Arts Day Saturday for the first 40 students who sign up to attend several of the free events.

The day will begin at 3:30 p.m. with the Omni Theater presentation "Lions of the Serengetti" at the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History, which is in the Cultural District, north of Interstate 30 on University Drive.

After the show, students will have from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. to eat dinner and tour area museums on their own, said Cat Vadala, a freshman premajor and Fine Arts Committee chairwoman.

Finally, at 8 p.m., students will attend the Casa Mañana performance of "Lend Me a Tenor."

All of the activities will be free for the

first 40 students who sign up at the Student Center Information Desk, Vadala said. A \$5 deposit will be required from each student and will be refunded when the students arrive for the activities Saturday.

The sign-up will last until 5 p.m. Thursday at the Information Desk. In addition, PC will have a table today at lunch in the Student Center where students can register.

Vadala said students who sign up for Fine Arts Day should pick up their tickets for the Omni Theater presentation at 3:15 p.m. at the Omni box office and meet again to pick up tickets at 7:30 p.m. in front of Casa Mañana Theater for the 8 p.m. "Lend Me a Tenor" performance.

Vadala said Saturday was chosen for the event because it is "the last real weekend before finals start." She said Fine Arts Day will allow students to take a break from studying to go out on the town.

She said the purpose of the annual event is to "increase the awareness for TCU students about the community and what's going on in the community."

Pulse

TCU SHOWGIRLS auditions will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday in the Rickel dance room (Room 317). Interested parties can learn the tryout routine from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Thursday. A prep class will be held from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. today in the Rickel dance room. For more information call Jamie at 923-6565.

RANGERS TICKETS for the tonight's game against the Detroit Tigers are available for a primo price at the Information Desk.

ORDER OF OMEGA presents its awards banquet, "Greek Night at the Oscars," at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the Student Center Ballroom. To attend, contact your chapter president or Sara Johnson at 924-3427.

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

KAPPA LAMBDA CHAPTER OF ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA will sponsor its "Mr. Ebony Man" Pageant at 6 p.m. Sunday in the Student Center Ballroom. For more information or for tickets call Nicole Lee at Ext. 2271.

PHI BETA DELTA, international student honor society, will meet from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday in Student Center Rooms 205-206. Following the induction of new members, professor Mercedes Olivera will discuss changing perceptions of womanhood. For more information, call Ext. 7485.

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

GOLDEN KEY NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY members who wish to order medallions should bring a check for \$18 to the social work office by Tuesday and/or call Nicole Miller at Ext. 3733 or the social work office at 921-7469.

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HOUSE

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said Monday he is leaving the university after this semester.

The Academic Affairs, Student Concerns and Elections and Regulations committee chairmanships will remain the same in the fall.

In other news, the House approved a resolution that asks the administration to replace emergency call boxes and add to the existing locations of boxes. The resolution passed by unanimous consent.

Brooks, whose committee sponsored the resolution, said new boxes will be easier to use. Some of the current ones require the user to dial Campus Police.

"With the new style, you can just reach in and punch a button, and you can keep on running or whatever you need to do," Brooks said.

Brooks also said a bill to partially fund a Worth Hills reading room will be introduced and considered at the House's final meeting of the semester next week.

The bill would allocate the remainder of the Permanent Improvements budget, about \$10,000, to the project. Brooks said the administration has offered to fund the rest of the project, which will cost about \$28,000 total.

"If we pass the bill . . . the university will pick up the rest of the cost, pending completion of other projects ongoing on campus," Brooks said.

Brooks said he considered funding half of the reading room this semester and half in the fall, but if that happened, the reading room would be the only Permanent Improvements project possible next semester.

Student Concerns

QUESTIONNAIRE SUMMARY

Places on campus needing improvement

- **Student Center**
 - 41.7% - better hours
 - 33.3% - bigger facility
- **Library**
 - 41.2% - better hours
 - 17.2% - non-smoking
- **Rickel**
 - 49.0% - better hours
 - 41.7% - bigger facility
- **Worth Hills**
 - 42.6% - better hours
 - 26.0% - better service
- **The Main**
 - 60.3% - better hours
 - 50.0% - better service
- **The Pit/ Staples**
 - 33.3% - better hours
 - 31.9% - better service

Comments on new programs/ ideas

- **Recycle Trash**
 - 67.2% - would participate
 - 60.8% - would support
- **Recycle Styrofoam**
 - 63.2% - would support
 - 59.8% - would participate
- **Water Conservation**
 - 47.1% - would support
 - 41.7% - would participate

Programs needing improvement or changes

- **House of Reps.**
 - 49.0% - inform/ serve students better
 - 27.9% - more participation
- **Programming Council**
 - 34.8% - inform/ serve students better
 - 19.1% - more variety
- **Greek System**
 - 26.5% - more variety/ diversity
 - 18.6% - more involvement
- **Athletics**
 - 48.5% - more participation/ involvement
 - 23.5% - serve students better

General Complaints/ Problems with

- **Faculty/ TAs**
 - 26.5% - quality
 - 14.7% - accessibility
- **Food**
 - 69.6% - quality
 - 27.5% - not enough
- **Lighting**
 - 30.4% - not enough
 - 8.9% - quality
- **Parking**
 - 65.2% - not enough
 - 29.9% - accessibility
- **Buildings**
 - 22.1% - quality
 - 12.3% - accessibility

Total number of surveys: 204. Categories and percentages based on the highest response by students

SOURCE: HOUSE STUDENT CONCERNS COMMITTEE

"I would have to wipe out (the Permanent Improvements) budget next semester, and I couldn't justify doing that," he said.

Brooks also said the committee has

abandoned a plan to fund beautification of the median on South University Drive because the estimated cost of the project is \$41,000.

In other news, Christi Beach, a

town representative and a member of the Student Concerns Committee, said the committee will soon act on the results of the completed student concerns survey.

BUSINESS

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ership skills. He said businesspeople who succeed treat all people they deal with fairly and decently. Minor said positive reinforcement is important with employees, too.

"You've got to have people (working for you) who believe in what you're doing," he said.

He said often the people working in the business determine the suc-

cess of a businessperson. "The internal customer, the people you work with, will make or break you in your organization," he said.

Minor said having a realistic but positive attitude is more important to success than some people think, and a positive attitude can affect an entire workplace.

"The people with the bad attitude

— no one wants to be around them," he said.

He said businesspeople must be prepared for a harsh world and be able to handle the adversity.

"Business is tough," he said. "There will be adversity — guaranteed. No ifs, ands or buts about it."

But he said that throughout the

problems it is important not to become negative.

The last piece of advice Minor gave students was to focus on self-improvement.

"The best thing about this journey is that it never ends," he said. "You can do it, just like many people that have roamed these halls before you."



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NET SURFING

Students should show some restraint

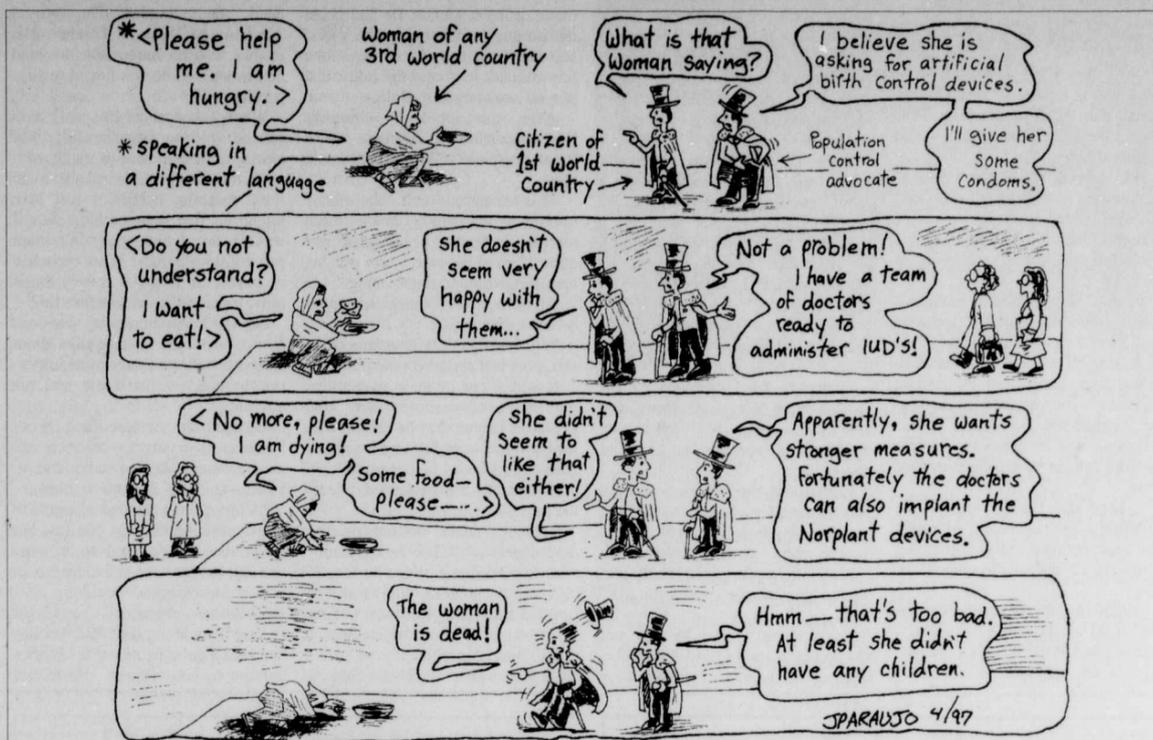
Surfing the Net is fun, and you can learn interesting facts and get good information on-line. However, in the Student Center and other campus computer labs, e-mail and Web surfing should not take precedence over legitimate school-related work.

Don't get us wrong; we use the Internet for recreational purposes just as much as the next guy. But the problem is that some students abuse the privilege. It's important to remember that campus computer labs exist primarily for academic reasons. When someone who needs to print out a paper for a class cannot because someone else is selfishly surfing the Web for curiosity reasons, problems ensue.

Because it is often difficult to draw the line between what is leisure and what is school-related research, any form of regulation would be futile. Instead, students ought to regulate themselves.

Students need to be responsible about how they use the computers. They need to realize that campus computers at TCU are somewhat rare, and sometimes there are other people who need them for academic purposes. We're not saying that students can't enjoy themselves on the Internet or keep up with high school friends via e-mail. All we're saying is to show a little restraint if the lab is busy.

So, next time you're surfing the GAP's home page in a computer lab, look around and see if the lab is full. If it is, try to keep your surfing time to a minimum, so students who actually need to use the computers can.



Help break the AIDS silence

AIDS activists, including the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power (ACT UP), have long adopted the slogan SILENCE = DEATH.

I wondered if the TCU community was breaking its own silence when I got a flyer (actually, several) on Steve Sawyer, a 21-year-old man who is living with the disease.

"Living with AIDS. Dying with Hope," the promotional material said.

I didn't go hear Steve last week, but I did read the *Skiff* article on his visit. And I must admit, I was somewhat confused. Was Steve supposed to be an oddity in the AIDS community, a beacon of light in a world of hedonism and deviant "risk behaviors"?

In general, I was frustrated with my perception that people were amazed that Steve was a Christian despite the fact that he had AIDS.

After years of trying to break down barriers between people living with AIDS and the world around them, why are we still uncomfortable with those who have it?

"Sure," you say, "I don't have a problem with AIDS patients. I know you can't get it from casual contact." But if you were on a plane, and someone next to you said, "Hi, I'm Joe, and I'm HIV-positive," how would you respond?

Would you stigmatize Joe? Would you think, "It's too bad he did something he shouldn't have, and now he's going to die"? Before you answer that, let me ask if the same thoughts

fleet through your head when people tell you they have cancer. And let me also tell you that "Joe" has already been next to you on the flight... and in the TCU classroom.

If someone developed lung cancer from smoking, would that person deserve to die because of his or her bad judgment?

Granted, many of these bigoted attitudes have lessened since the 1980s, when houses were burned down and children were locked out of schools. But now the AIDS community faces some different problems.

You may have noticed much publicity lately about protease inhibitors and how they seem to suppress AIDS. This is definitely good news, but it leads to a perception that AIDS has been cured and that we don't need to feel sympathy for people who have it anymore.

Wrong. Protease inhibitors do not cure AIDS. And they are hell to take. They require a brutally precise schedule, including doses at 3 in the morn-

ing daily. They cost upward of \$25,000 and are pitifully undercovered by insurance.

Which leads me to my point. There's an excellent chance this weekend for the TCU community to show its support for the AIDS community. The Tarrant County AIDS Walk will take place at 2 p.m. Sunday in Trinity Park.

All you have to do is walk. You don't have to touch anyone with AIDS if you don't want to. You don't have to raise a lot of money (although every bit helps). In fact, even if you don't raise any money, you can still come out and join the fun.

Don't let people in Fort Worth look at TCU and say, "Yeah, it's too bad they feel like they live apart from AIDS." Because we don't live apart from it. Surprise people for a change, and show them that you care.

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Human rights abuses in America overlooked

The United States of America, home of the paradox and the "wink-wink-nudge-nudge" foreign policy. Yes, America, found-

ed by those escaping religious persecution in order to perpetuate their own system of religious persecution. Constructed to be a bastion of self-determination and freedom — save that of African Americans, Native Americans and basically all non-white — for male property owners.

most successful in duping the rest of the world into believing that the beacon of human rights rests within its borders, the job of condemning all others, save those with compelling federal interests, rests on the not-so-ample frame of these United States.

The congressional human rights report of a few months ago reported on human rights violations in more than 30 countries and condemned some for flagrant misconduct. Burma was thoroughly thrashed for its repression of

the democracy movement and Germany was given the standard smack on the hand for the federally supported discrimination and targeting of scientists. But for all of its flair and oh-so-thorough attitude, this congressional report left out some odious violations for obvious reasons.

Britain and the United States have a "special" relationship. This extends from the largely unknown fact that Britain is the largest foreign investor in America, in front of Japan and Germany. Given this, the human rights report fails to mention some of the suspicious goings on in England.

Sure, Congress can afford to attack Burma for suppressing the natural urge toward the superior form of government, democracy, but the insightful committee conveniently forgot to mention the

renewed shoot-to-kill policy in England concerning suspected (emphasis on "suspected") Irish Republicans. This shoot-first, come-up-with-a-cover-story-later police policy is nothing new in England, and the blind American eye is an old hat as well.

However, the human rights committee also overlooked the still-implemented Prevention of Terrorism Act, which allows the police to interrogate and hold suspects without charge for seven days. The committee must have misplaced the information that shows that it is still against the constitution for the British monarch to be Catholic or marry one.

The English justification for torture by the army (soldiers do the interrogation and therefore do not

enjoy inflicting pain, thereby failing to meet the definition of torture) was overlooked. The file on how the British government ignored the voter mandate of last June to send Sinn Fein to the peace negotiations must have been refiled by a clumsy intern. Concerning China, America is at least consistent in its conscious ignorance of human rights abuses with countries that line the pockets of the fat-cat lobbyists.

Although people are not put on the rack or burned at the stake, it is the more subtle nuances of American human rights abuse that are scary. The FBI has proposed to turn the Internet into a large surveillance system. A new security device, which is a low level X-ray and can display all that is on your person as

well as some human anatomy, has been developed and will soon be available for law enforcement. Also, the airlines "require" one to show a legal driver's license before entering the plane (this is not a law, only a suggestion by the airlines. You do not have to show an ID, and I encourage all who travel to refuse to show it, supporting our constitutionally guaranteed right to travel).

The problem is not that the government is trying this (it is expected), but that the sheep dubbed "American public" do nothing about it and continue to rely on sensationalist media to further fan the flames of its already distorted view of society and the dangers within.

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Chris Smith

Class attendance should be students' choice

Before I received my high school diploma I lived in a world where my presence

always had to be accounted for. If I was late to a class, I received a tardy mark in the grade book. If I missed school, I knew my absence would be recorded because my teacher was required to do so. If I was to be absent for a school-related function, this absence was excused, provided my sponsor circulated an official list of students involved. I thought that once I reached college these rules would no longer be considered important in the face of overall learning.

Oops. In Texas public schools, students are required to attend 90 percent of

the 180 days of school, regardless of their grasp of the material. If they don't they lose credit. TCU seems to

have implemented a close facsimile of this policy. But no one is required by law to attend TCU. TCU does not have to report attendance figures to the state to receive its money. Its caliber as an institution is not determined by the number of students in class each day.

The first page of the TCU Student Handbook tells us that "The university's policy on class attendance is clear and straightforward: Students are expected to attend classes and take exams on schedule except under extraordinary circumstances... Faculty members have the right to set

their own policies on class attendance so long as they are within the general university guidelines."

These sentences discount the popular assumption that all professors are bound by a single university absence law of "three strikes and you're out." They also prove false the rumor that instructors are required to count double absences before holidays. But these sentences do little to explain why a university-wide attendance policy is necessary to the well-being of the school.

The handbook reads, "The university absence policy is that regular and punctual class attendance is essential and no assigned work is excused because of absence, no matter what the cause." But what if class attendance is, in fact, not essential?

In an ideal world, students would leap nimbly out of bed each day, eager to attend class, unwilling to miss a single day of instruction. But sometimes that instruction isn't as engaging as it could be. Sometimes it

directly parallels what's already written in the textbook. Sometimes it's incredibly easy to make a decent grade by reading the text and doing the menial assignments without ever interacting directly with the teacher.

If students can attend class very infrequently and maintain a high grade, one has to question the composition of the class. Why is it so easy to get by just reading the text and not participating in discussion? Are there no real added benefits from hearing the lecture material firsthand and interacting with other students?

If there aren't, the structure of the class, not the student's attendance, needs to be re-evaluated. There's no need for someone to come to class if he can do equally well without it, but then why should a college course be structured so that it can be taken essentially by correspondence? If the only reason we're coming to class is so we won't be counted absent, some priorities are seriously out of whack.



Robyn Ross

Letter to the Editor

Music page full of flaws

Thursday's piece on the local music scene was a well-deserved start. It's great to give praise, but devoting half a page to a band that has been seen around TCU just doesn't give the local scene justice. Furthermore, the picture of Grand Street Cryers is not a picture of them. In actuality, it is another band called Catapult. One final note: Fred Koehn was replaced last week by another bass player named Steve. Maybe in the future your local music coverage will branch out and encompass more bands.

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Feghali is note-worthy musician

Artist-in-residence gives students the black and white keys to success

By Kathy S. King
SPECIAL TO THE SKIFF

On a rainy night in Georgia, concert-goers at Kennesaw State College feared that the appearance by TCU artist-in-residence Jose Feghali would be rained out.

The concert was indoors, but so was the rain — the roof of the concert hall was leaking.

Feghali then appeared on stage in a black, long-tailed tuxedo, carrying an umbrella.

To the delight of his audience, Feghali joked that his first selection would be "Singing in the Rain." And as the rain hit the tin roof of the auditorium and water from the ceiling dripped in syncopated rhythm around him, Feghali went on with the show.

Feghali said he hopes that people consider him to be a communicative artist.

"I hope that I am giving people something emotional and spiritual, that I am communicating something beyond just notes and the sounds," he said.

Feghali, a native of Brazil, won the 1985 gold medal at the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, the nation's top piano event held every

four years in downtown Fort Worth and at TCU. In 1986, he was named associate of The London Royal Academy of Music and has been an artist-in-residence at TCU since 1990. He has played in every continent in the world.

Feghali's father was practically tone deaf, and his mother was a school teacher who played guitar by ear.

Feghali said, "I started playing by ear whenever my mother wasn't around because I wasn't allowed to touch the piano."

The piano had been bought by his father for his older brother so he could practice his piano lessons at home.

Feghali said he used to sit by his brother while he was practicing, and when his brother made a mistake he would tell his mother that he could play better.

Feghali said one day his mother got very annoyed with him for tormenting his older brother, who was having trouble with a music passage, and, putting him on the piano bench, told him to play or she would "smack" him.

Feghali said that he had not touched the piano but had already figured out that the black and white keys

made different sounds. He had heard his brother's teacher play the piece, and after he played with the keys for a few minutes he found the notes and played two or three measures.

After that incident, whenever Feghali's mother left the house and he found the piano unlocked, he would play.

This continued until "the nanny told on me, and then my mother made me play in front of her, and she was quite amazed because I was playing hands together and improvising."

At the age of 3, Feghali said, "I became a party trick."

When his parents entertained, he came out and played for the guests.

It was at one of these parties that the owner of a music store told Feghali's mother that he should take lessons or he would not want to learn notes. Feghali said he remembers not understanding why he needed to learn the notes.

Feghali's father, an industrialist, died when he was 13, leaving the family with few resources. When he was 15 his mother sent him to study music in London with Maria Curcio, a famous international teacher, which was a great financial sacrifice.

At 17, with two scholarships in

hand, he attended The Royal Academy of Music in London. His mother was no longer able to send him money, so he was forced to support himself.

When asked about his goals as a college student, Feghali said, "My ideal goal was to have as much variety in music as possible and also to do some teaching because I just love teaching. I've been teaching since I was 17, and I find a very important part of development is to verbalize what you are trying to convey musically, technically and structurally."

Feghali's emotions and passions cannot be hidden when he talks about his goals and the things most important to him — his music and his teaching.

He said the hardest thing about teaching is trying to describe the musical elements and ideas and to awaken students' feelings to music.

"A lot of times the student wants to please you and do what you say, but the point is not for them to do what you say, but for them to find their own way of expressing it," he said.

Christine Menedis, one of Feghali's students, said, "He has this fabulous personality that comes through in his teaching. He makes



Brazil native Jose Feghali, TCU's artist-in-residence, began playing the piano at the age of 3, and has taught piano since he was 17.

you want to do your best, and he allows you to express your feelings through a piece."

Menedis said if she has a problem understanding a selection of music, Feghali has her play it over and over, and sometimes he demonstrates the piece.

"I think one of the things that is unique about him is that each one of his students plays differently, and he

allows you to have your own personality," she said. "He doesn't make you just copy him. He allows you to bring out your own interpretation."

Kenneth Raessler, chairman of the music department, said Feghali contributes a great deal to the TCU music department.

"Jose Feghali is an artist of the first

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level, and it is very good to have the students around an artist of his caliber," he said.

He said Feghali's teaching is impressive.

"He communicates well with his students; he cares about them, he nurtures them, he encourages them and they love him," Raessler said. "Put that all together and you have a winning combination."

Feghali said if he could communicate a message to the TCU student body and faculty it would be to pay more attention to concerts on campus.

"I wish that students and faculty from other departments would come to our concerts more often," Feghali said. "Especially the student concerts."

He said Ed Landreth Hall is constantly busy with concerts, most of which are free of charge. He encourages students to get the music department calendar in order to know what events will take place.

"A lot of times there is the perception perhaps that classical music is only for the cultured, or the posh, or the snub-noses, and it's not at all," Feghali said. "It's something that you can develop even though it may seem strange at first. It is really something that

can bring something very tangible to your life."

He also said other departments on campus should let the music department know about events in their respective areas so the music department can encourage students to attend these events. He said he would like to see more interdepartmental participation across the TCU campus in the area of audience participation.

Feghali said that, in addition to Ed Landreth Hall, the new facilities in Fort Worth, which include the F. Howard and Mary D. Walsh Center for the Performing Arts and the Nancy Lee and Perry R. Bass Performance Hall, will place TCU in a fantastic situation for teaching, performance and recruiting.

"It is going to project us into the forefront of music departments in the country," Feghali said. "And I think that is extremely exciting."

Whether playing at Carnegie Hall, the Kennedy Center or a leaking auditorium in Georgia, many say Jose Feghali has proven his success as a communicative artist.

"Just look at what's happening at TCU," Feghali said. "Come and try it out!"

Exhibit has new branches of knowledge

By TeNikki Carter
SKIFF STAFF

Students planning a weekend excursion to San Antonio may want to include a visit to one of Texas' newest treehouses.

San Antonio's oldest museum, The Witte Museum, has recently added an exhibit called the HEB Science Treehouse.

Marion Zamora, public relations director for the museum, said the treehouse is a highly imaginative, four-level building that is surrounded by trees and is located beside the San Antonio River.

She said the treehouse is a hands-on science center for people of all ages.

"The treehouse is an interactive and fun place for people to learn about the presence of science in their daily lives," Zamora said. "It seems as though the visitors truly enjoy their experience in the treehouse."

Zamora said the underground level of the treehouse is used for science demonstrations and theatrical presentations. She said the level is also used for overnight camping for children between the ages of 8 and 12.

"A really cute 15-minute play that many people enjoy is the 'Many and Wondrous Adventures

of Splish N' Splash,'" Zamora said. "It's about two water drops that talk about their uses in everyday life."

The first floor of the exhibit contains large scale hands-on exhibits. Zamora said this is primarily a place for children to let off steam.

She said the second floor contains more small-scale, high-tech exhibits.

"You can create your own animated video using stop-action technique and play music with laser beams," Zamora said. "There is also an Internet surfing room with nine computers."

She said the fourth, or treetop level, includes a floor maze, telescopes, kaleidoscopes and pinhole cameras.

"A real treehouse that is accessible from the first and second floors is another great feature the building has," Zamora said. "There are also beautiful outdoor water exhibits using water out of the San Antonio River."

Zamora said the building was designed to integrate fully with the environment.

"The building was built in order to provide science education for young people," Zamora said. "We wanted to make it interesting for children and their families."



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The four-level interactive HEB Science Treehouse is the newest addition to the Witte Museum, the oldest museum in San Antonio.

Zamora said the admission to the treehouse ranges from \$5.95 for adults to free admission for children under the age of 3. She said that between 3 p.m. and 9 p.m. Tuesdays, admission is free for everyone. The museum is highly respected throughout the United States and has a reputation for encouraging family participation.

She said the museum and treehouse are only closed three days out of the year: Thanksgiving,

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

She said the treehouse exhibit has been very popular.

"Everyone here at the museum is pleased with the great responses of the public," Zamora said. "It has been a positive experience for everyone."

Zamora said she is delighted with the high attendance. She said about 50,000 people have visited the treehouse since it opened March 1.

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"Their litter has stayed level," Long said. "Since Texas has no private beaches, we have to take care of them."

He said awareness is the most important factor in keeping beaches litter-free.

Long said beach-goers need to treat the beach with the same respect that backpackers have learned to treat mountains. He said visitors should leave their environment in a more pristine condition than they found it.

Rea Frederick, the outreach coordinator for the event, describes the volunteers who attend the event as diverse and said the event includes everyone from "a bus load of kids from Texarkana to a couple in their 70s who plan their vacation around the event."

She said volunteers come from

elementary, middle and high schools, the Marines, the Coast Guard, churches, business groups, scouting organizations and a variety of other sources.

In addition to organizations volunteering time, businesses and corporations help the event succeed with financial support.

The sponsors include such well-known corporations as Coca Cola, Diamond Shamrock, Philip Morris, Oshman's SuperSports USA, Southwest Airlines and the American Plastics Council.

In addition to helping the environment and spending a weekend at the beach, participants attending the cleanup will also receive discounts at area hotels.

Those seeking more information on cleanup sites and lodging information can call 1-800-85-BEACH.

Kite craftsman makes junk fly again

By Holly Sales
SPECIAL TO THE SKIFF

Eugene Hester, a kite-maker who lives in the TCU area, said he was once like the objects he collects to make his kites: discarded.

Certainly, most of the materials Hester gathers from his walks — plastic trash bags, water bottles and styrofoam plates — qualify as discarded. But for Hester, who calls himself an "optimist who does the best with what he has," perhaps the old garage-sale shopper's adage is applicable: One man's junk is another man's treasure.

Hester's life reflects a belief that the unwanted, whether it's a piece of trash or a human being, can be recreated and beautified with just the slightest aesthetic vision.

The 66-year-old's vision enabled him to overcome his long-term battle with a case of manic-depression so severe that his Air Force career ended in an honorable medical release.

Though he was able to manage the illness through therapy and medication, Hester said he still regrets an estranged relationship with his son, the oldest of his five children. He said his illness negatively affected his personality, which alienated his son.

Hester uses kite-making as what he calls a "release" from depression. He said it is fulfilling because it brings

pleasure to himself and others.

A self-taught teacher, Hester has worked with TCU's Kathleen Martin and Anne Herndon at the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History, teaching children in the Hands On Science Learning Lab.

Martin, a professor of education, and Herndon, project coordinator for the lab, are both involved in the interactive children's exhibit at the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History.

Herndon said Martin invited Hester to work with the children at the learning lab after she saw him flying one of his kites on a corner last fall.

"A 66-year-old man with a string in his hand and a grin on his face is bound to excite curiosity," he said.

In the fall of 1996, Hester worked with a group of Birdville school district fifth-graders in a lab project. In March of 1997, he spent three days talking with the students about the weather and things that fly. He devoted one day to flying kites on the museum's north lawn.

Herndon recalled one boy in particular who seemed to prefer shadowing Hester to flying his own kite. The boy wanted to fly Hester's large kite, El Grande, but Hester said that because the kite was so large, he preferred to fly it himself. At the end of the session, Hester cut the string off the kite

and offered it to the little boy as a gift.

"It made me cry," Herndon said. "Eugene has a real, simple joy."

Martin, who does consulting work with the lab through a National Science Foundation grant, said she enjoys Hester's wonderful stories.

"He considers himself a true craftsman and is very interested in passing along the legacy so it doesn't die out," she said.

The Learning Lab, a collaborative project between the School of Education and the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History, gets support from local businesses such as Lockheed Martin and the Exxon Foundation, which are the project's largest supporters, Herndon said.

TCU uses the lab from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. during the week, and the lab is open to the public after school, on weekends and during the summer.

The workshops allowed Hester to share his knowledge of kites with children, the people who initially inspired his interest in the hobby when he worked in the mailroom at Cook Children's Medical Center. Hester said kite-making helped him cope with the depressing atmosphere.

"I could look forward to flying a kite, which has a life of its own," Hester said. "It plays with the clouds, dances in the clouds and is an extension to put ourselves into the clouds."

Encouraged in his interest by a fellow employee at the children's hospital, Hester began to read books on kite-making and kite-flying and attended a kite-flying session of international students at the University of Texas at Arlington, where he won a "kite fight" against a student from India. The award was a distinction, he said, because fighter kites probably originated in India.

Hester said a kite fight is a mutually agreed-upon challenge in which the person who knocks down the kite of his or her opponent wins the opponent's kite.

Hester said the kites were the bridge of communication over the language discrepancy between himself and the international students.

"There is a communication between the kite and the flyer by way of the kitenline," he said.

Hester said some of the earliest history of kites can be traced to Buddhist monks, who spread the craft from one canton to another and then into Korea.

When the Dutch East India Co. traded with India and Japan, Hester said, Dutch sailors flew kites off their ships, and other sailors adopted the practice and modified it to produce the Japanese fighter kite, the Hata.

In America, Hester said, kite-flying was an outgrowth of agricultural soci-

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Culture of disbelief

By Michael Raphael
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOLLIDAYSBURG, Pa. — The parents of a 16-year-old girl who died from diabetes were convicted Tuesday for relying on prayer instead of medicine. It was their second conviction in the death of an untreated child.

Lorie Nixon wept when the jury found her and her husband, Dennis, guilty of involuntary manslaughter and child endangerment. Their daughter, Shannon Nixon, died in June of treatable diabetes. Pathologists said her heart gave out when her blood-sugar level soared 18 times higher than normal.

The Nixons are members of the Faith Tabernacle Congregation, a Philadelphia-based Christian sect that advocates faith healing. Their 8-year-old son died in 1991 of an untreated ear infection.

Shannon lapsed into a coma after four days of severe nausea and dry mouth. The Nixons told jurors that they prayed for Shannon and asked Nixon's father, Charles Nixon — the pastor at

Faith Tabernacle — to anoint the child.

"God is the giver and taker of life," Mrs. Nixon testified Tuesday.

Shannon died at home in Altoona, about 85 miles east of Pittsburgh.

Judge Norman Callan told the jury that despite defense arguments that Shannon was mature enough to make her own medical decisions, her parents had a duty to protect her health and safety. Their religious beliefs are not a valid defense under Pennsylvania law, he told jurors.

Steven Passarello, the family's attorney, said he would appeal. Nixon, 41, and Mrs. Nixon, 44, have not commented and ignored reporters' questions as they left the courthouse. They have eight surviving children, and Mrs. Nixon is pregnant.

Sentencing was set for June 10.

District Attorney William Haberstroh has said he would not seek more than a year in jail. In the death of their son, Clayton, the couple pleaded no contest and were sentenced to probation and community service.

MARIMBA

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A particular strength of the ensemble was that it did not limit itself to one particular style. Instead, it showcased its numerous talents through its varied repertoire.

The opening piece, "Processional," was aptly titled. The pounding pulsations of the drums created the ambiance of a tribal procession.

Varying between slow, fast, loud and soft, a feeling of anticipation was created. This feeling was ended only by a resounding chord followed by cymbal crashes, which led to the frantic beat of the drums once again. The song wove seemingly unending circles of tension around the audience

that escalated until the piece ended in a series of loud, steady beats.

The second piece, "Gainsborough, Movement I," was a dramatic change from its predecessor. The slow melodic tones of the marimbas were soothing. The addition of the drums and the cymbals created an interesting combination.

My personal favorite was the final piece of the first half of the program, "Rock Etude."

Five men stood in a row behind a marimba and chanted the beat of the piece they were about to play, catching the audience by surprise. Their enunciation of every sound was

extremely powerful. Then all five picked up two mallets and played the same rhythm they had chanted only moments before. Finally, the five split up and replayed the rhythm on their various instrumental groups. The overall effect was very loud, very primitive and very tribal.

The second half of the performance opened with the world premiere of William Cahn's "Rosewood Dreaming," a piece Stevens and TCU had commissioned for Stevens' performance with the ensemble.

The piece may have changed paces occasionally, but it never lost its hypnotic hold on the audience. It was a

piece created to show Stevens' talents, which it did while showing the ensemble's talents as well.

Although the next piece, "Music for Pieces of Wood," was a little lengthy, it was fascinating to see essentially blocks of wood creating music.

But, as Patrella said, "The best music comes from the unexpected."

The final piece, "Take That," literally ended the performance with a bang. The pulsating beat of four different drum sets reminded me why the percussion ensemble is the force behind whatever musical group with which it performs; it is vibrant, it is alive.

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KITES

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ety. Between planting seasons, farmers passed the time by making kites out of butcher paper, heavy sticks, twine and a flour-and-water paste.

Hester said he is called "the kite farmer" by a fellow kiteflier in Jewels of the Sky, a Dallas-Fort Worth kiteflier's club, because he frequently gives his kites away. He said he has "a dispersed collection" of kites.

"They never come back, but neither does the seed the farmer plants. The plant comes with many seeds, but that one seed that he planted, he doesn't see it anymore," he said.

Hester tearfully recalled a recent occasion when, while taking a walk with one of his kites, a man pulled his car up beside Hester and asked him if his name was Eugene.

Hester said the man told him, "My name's Scott Lennox, and you gave me a kite 20 years ago and changed my life."

While he and the man spoke, Hester said, he recalled that Lennox and his wife had chased dolphins in the Pacific. By coincidence, the kite Hester had in his bag was a dolphin kite. For the second time, Hester presented Lennox with one of his kite creations.

Hester said he enjoys these chance associations with local residents as well as meeting people through his affiliation with kite associations. He is a life member of the American Kitefliers Association and a fellow in the International Kitefliers Association.

Unlike many of his colleagues who work with new and manufactured materials, Hester said he prefers to work with discarded materials, though he uses a glass-treated string for flying fighter kites. This type of string, along with

skillful hand-eye coordination and fingertip dexterity, allows him to "abrade his opponent" for a win, he said.

Most of his more recent kites are inflatable "bag-loons," he said. A bag-loon, similar to a balloon, has a long tether and is inflated only with human breath and air that enters through a small opening, rather than with helium.

He said he hopes to make these kites available to people who are otherwise unable to enjoy kites.

"I'm trying to think from the mindset of a person who is bound to a chair, never able to walk again, to run again," Hester said.

He said he thinks such a person would enjoy the kite's motion and color and the hand-eye coordination involved.

Bag-loons are not dependent on a string, Hester said. They need only a flow of air to lift them.

"I wanted them to be very forgiving, a plaything for the subtlest of breezes," he said.

Hester has published kite plans in *Arts and Crafts* and *Kiting, the Journal of the American Kitefliers Association*.

The Journal of the American Kitefliers Association is available at the Fort Worth Central Library through a subscription Hester placed in memory of a daughter who died. He said he and his daughter frequently flew kites together.

Hester said he always carries a kite with him on his walks through the TCU area.

"Some people walk a dog," he said. "I carry a kite."

Hester spent years living out a tiring quest for perfection, he said, but now enjoys each day from the perspective of a kite.

"I breathe better when I'm looking up," he said.

Grand Forks devoured by floods

By Julia Prodis
ASSOCIATED PRESS

GRAND FORKS, N.D. — The Red River has devoured Grand Forks, leaving four generations of Johnsons — and some 45,000 people — homeless.

"We'll be lucky to have a town to go back to," Georgia Johnson, 55, said Tuesday.

Her home and some 15 others belonging to her extended family, which has lived here since the turn of the century, are under water. Some, she fears, might be floating off their foundations.

Johnson and her two daughters have returned to one of the only open stores in town to get clothing, dog food and soda. Then they returned to their makeshift family compound.

A borrowed house and three campers in Reynolds, a town about 15 miles north, shelters them all.

"Bill, Debbie, Gramps, Dale, Bubba, your four — that's nine, 10, 11, 12, um . . . 16 — plus five dogs," said Tammy Sorbo, Johnson's oldest daughter. "That's all the homeless."

The scale of the disaster is still

hard for them to comprehend. This isn't just a section of town under water, a low-lying neighborhood, a few downtown businesses. This is North Dakota's third-largest city with 50,000 people — and practically all of it is under water. This is the hospital, the schools, softball diamonds, drug stores, beauty shops — most under water.

Dust swirled in the air as trucks dumped tons and tons of dirt to build a dike in hopes of protecting the hospital.

The nose-ckling smell of raw sewage and burning embers from nine buildings destroyed by fire over the weekend greeted North Dakota Gov. Ed Schafer on a boat tour of town Tuesday.

"This is going to be obviously years and years of getting this put back together," he said.

The water courses west to the interstate, east through the smaller town of East Grand Forks, Minn., and all the way past Happy Joe's Pizza and Ice Cream to the south. Beer drinkers couldn't get the "Sandbaggers" Special 30-Pak

\$9.99" at Southgate Off-Sale Lounge if they wanted it. Flooded.

And those 2,000 or so residents not yet forced to abandon their homes are making due without phones and showers. The entire city water system is contaminated with backed-up sewage. Even after the water recedes and the remains of homes begin to dry out, safe drinking water will still be weeks away.

Grand Forks is not alone. The rising Red River has forced evacuations in little towns north all the way into Canada; one dike in Drayton, N.D., began cracking under the pressure Tuesday, two days before the crest was due to hit town. In Grand Forks, the river crested Tuesday at 54 feet, 26 feet above flood stage.

President Clinton toured the region by helicopter Tuesday and pledged nearly half a billion dollars to help victims "in the fight of their lives."

Not one Johnson family home escaped the raging river.

"In our family, there's no one who's home," Johnson said. But they didn't leave peacefully.

Husbands, wives, cousins and in-laws spent bone-chilling days side by side desperately piling sandbags along the bulging river.

Nature finally won last week. Johnson's daughter Kim Morrison was the first to flee with her husband and two children. They lived closest to the river, in a neighborhood her husband had grown up in. They moved their furniture to the second story, but the entire house was swallowed by the river.

That was last Wednesday. By Sunday, her sister, Tammy, and her family were forced out. It was Tammy's daughter's sixth birthday.

"It was a complete disaster. We got kicked out of our house, she didn't get her birthday party or birthday cake. We grabbed her presents and she opened them — unwrapped," Mrs. Sorbo said.

But that's trivial compared with the suffering of others, she said.

"For me, I get to the point I'm really hurting so bad. Then I look at my sister and I think, at least I've got a home on a foundation," Mrs. Sorbo said.

Zaire rebels fighting Rwandans near camps

By Hrvoje Hranjski
ASSOCIATED PRESS

KISANGANI, Zaire — New fighting was reported Tuesday outside the sealed-off refugee camps of central Zaire, further jeopardizing the 100,000 Rwandan refugees already devastated by disease and hunger.

Rebels blocked aid workers from the camps for a second day, even commandeering the fuel that aid agencies needed for inspection flights over the camps. Aid workers had no way to help the refugees, who have been dying of starvation and disease at a rate of 60 a day, or even to learn what was happening to them.

"There is a battle. We're meeting very stiff resistance from Rwandans," declared Senki Sabomana, a spokesman for the rebel alliance that controls the eastern half of Zaire.

The rebels said their forces and Rwandan Hutu soldiers and militia-men started fighting after residents around the camp went on a rampage Monday, blaming the refugees for the killing of six local people. The mobs looted food supplies and attacked aid

workers and journalists.

The rebels — many of them ethnic Tutsis from eastern Zaire — have periodically fought former Rwandan Hutu soldiers and militia-men during their seven-month insurgency against Zairian President Mobutu Sese Seko. Innocent men, women and children among the refugees are caught in the middle of the dispute, which has its roots in the 1994 genocide in Rwanda.

The Hutus at the camps in central Zaire are among more than 1 million Rwandans who fled their country after Hutus slaughtered a half-million Tutsis there.

In Geneva on Tuesday, the United Nations said the rebels had given them permission to investigate claims that rebel forces slaughtered the refugees as the rebels advanced across eastern Zaire. The U.N. Human Rights Commission cited accounts of mass graves containing anything from a few hundred to 50,000 corpses.

But U.N. officials were more worried Tuesday about the refugees at the camps in central Zaire.

"We just don't have information,"

said Paul Stromberg, a spokesman for the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees. "We're concerned about what's going on because the refugees, sensing insecurity, may leave."

U.N., rebel and Rwandan government representatives met Tuesday to discuss access to the camps and the start of a refugee airlift repeatedly delayed by the rebels. Aid workers want to start Africa's largest refugee air evacuation soon, flying the 100,000 people to the Rwandan border and sending them home.

"We want firm political commitments from Rwandans and (rebel leader Laurent) Kabila that repatriation can start as we have planned it," said Kilian Kleinschmidt, UNHCR representative in Kisangani.

The rebels have said they wanted the refugees driven the 375 miles to the border town of Bukavu. But much of the road is a muddy track that would require millions of dollars and several months to repair.

While Zairian rebels and Rwandan militia-men fight, Rwandan Hutu refugees — many of them women and

children — are dying in the camps.

With irregular food and medicine supplies to the filthy camps, more than 545 cases of cholera have been reported in the past two weeks. Ninety people died Sunday alone from malaria, dysentery, pneumonia and cholera.

Fighting around the camps, 15 miles south of Kisangani, would further frustrate U.N. plans to help the refugees.

Sabomana, the rebel spokesman, said rebel troops had been ambushed about 10 miles south of Kisangani, before reaching the first refugee camps. One rebel soldier was reported killed.

Sabomana claimed that Rwandan militia-men had infiltrated the jungles near the camps from areas controlled by the Zairian government to the northwest.

Airport workers said rebel reinforcements were flown in from Goma to Kisangani on Monday. Troops were seen carrying rocket-propelled grenades, and there were piles of mortar shells and land mines, they said on condition of anonymity

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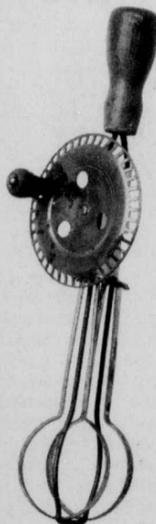
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Judge told of possible Whitewater plots

By James Jefferson
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — In a strongly worded declaration, Whitewater prosecutors told a judge Tuesday they've gathered "extensive evidence" of possible obstruction of justice, including witness tampering, perjury and document destruction.

The judge granted a six-month extension of the grand jury that prosecutors have been using to investigate President and Mrs. Clinton's roles in Whitewater.

In requesting the extension, prosecutor Kenneth Starr's office also disclosed the existence of behind-the-scenes court battles in which witnesses are resisting efforts to cooperate.

"There have been assertions of privileges... which have been or will be the subject of additional grand jury litigation," deputy independent counsel Hickman Ewing wrote in court papers.

"There have been efforts by some persons and entities to challenge grand jury subpoenas," the court papers added. "This has led to grand jury litigation under seal, some of which is ongoing."

The papers did not specify whether witnesses are refusing to turn over documents, are declining

to answer investigators' questions or both.

The prosecutors also did not disclose whether the "privileges" involved the president invoking executive privilege or perhaps attorney-client privilege to shield himself from questions or to protect the confidentiality of papers that investigators are seeking.

The Clintons' Whitewater lawyer, David Kendall, declined to comment on the court papers filed by prosecutors.

U.S. District Judge Susan Webber Wright approved the extension to Nov. 7 after prosecutors said the grand jury has gathered "extensive evidence" of "possible obstruction of the administration of justice." The grand jury had been set to expire by May 7.

If the grand jury were disbanded, said the prosecutors' court papers, it would impede and further delay the probe of possible "concealment and destruction of evidence and intimidation of witnesses."

Prosecutors are looking into:

- Payments to Whitewater witness Webster Hubbell arranged by longtime friends of the president. The investigation centers on whether the payments were designed to discourage Hubbell, a longtime friend of the Clintons,

from giving prosecutors information about the president and first lady.

- Whether the president lied in sworn testimony last year when he denied any knowledge of a fraudulent \$300,000 federally backed loan to Susan McDougal, one of the Clintons' partners in the Whitewater real estate venture. Part of the loan was used to prop up the failing venture, and the \$300,000 was never repaid. Mrs. McDougal refused to testify to the Whitewater grand jury and is jailed for contempt of court.

- The disappearance and mysterious reappearance of Mrs. Clinton's law firm billing records outlining her work for James McDougal's failing savings and loan in Arkansas. The records vanished and turned up in the White House more than two years after investigators subpoenaed them.

Hubbell "knows where the bodies are buried" and holds the answers to many of the prosecutors' questions, James McDougal said Monday night on CNN's "Larry King Live." Hubbell and Mrs. Clinton were partners in the Rose Law Firm, which represented McDougal's savings and loan.

McDougal has been cooperating with prosecutors since last Aug. 8.

Declaring that he lied under oath in order to protect the first couple, McDougal said he was present when Clinton, then Arkansas' governor, urged Little Rock municipal judge David Hale to lend Susan McDougal the \$300,000.

Clinton showed up at a meeting and made the suggestion after McDougal and Hale had finished discussing the proposed loan, McDougal said on CNN.

"I think there could be a personal and a financial relationship" between Bill Clinton and Susan McDougal, he said.

Two White House officials, Mack McLarty and Erskine Bowles, testified last week to the grand jury about trying to line up work for Hubbell.

Democratic supporters who hired Hubbell testified to the same grand jury. Both said they acted out of compassion to help before Hubbell confessed to crimes.

James McDougal testified before the grand jury April 2-3 and gave the panel information it needed more time to investigate, the prosecutors said in court papers.

"The information provided to the grand jury by Jim McDougal emphasizes the continued need to obtain the testimony of Susan McDougal," Starr's motion said.

Jurors selected for McVeigh's trial

By Michael Fleeman
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DENVER — The jury in the Oklahoma City bombing trial was selected Tuesday, with the judge taking extraordinary measures to keep the identities of the panelists secret.

"I now address you as members of the jury," U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch told them as they took their assigned seats in the jury box. "You've been selected as the jury to try this case."

Although their names, backgrounds, attitudes and races were not disclosed, sources said the jury consisted of seven men and five women, with an alternate panel of three men and three women.

The jury is blocked from the view of reporters in the courtroom by a wall, but can be partially seen by members of the public. Those in the courtroom said the panel appeared to have 16 white members and two whose race could not be determined, but who appeared to be either Hispanic or American Indian.

Matsch told jurors to return Thursday to take their oath and hear opening statements in the case against Timothy McVeigh.

The 28-year-old Gulf War veteran is charged in the worst act of terrorism on U.S. soil: the April 19, 1995, bombing of the downtown Oklahoma City federal building that killed 168 people and injured hundreds more. He could face the death penalty if convicted.

Intent on preserving jurors' privacy, Matsch concocted an unusual system of exercising peremptory challenges, in which jurors were identified by a letter and a number.

Lawyers called out the codes — D-2, A-4, E-6 and the like — of the jurors to be dismissed. In peremptory challenges, no reason must be stated to excuse a juror. The process took about a half

hour. Prosecutor Joseph Hartzler tried to make light of the system. "Like bingo, your honor," Hartzler quipped.

Matsch glared at the prosecutor and said, "It's a lot more serious than a bingo game."

By renumbering the jurors, Matsch was creating an anonymous jury because reporters and the public would not be able to link panelists with answers they gave during questioning.

Since the trial began three weeks ago, Matsch has been meeting in secret with lawyers to handle the dismissal of prospective jurors based on their beliefs about the death penalty or other views. He's even barred reporters from seeing prospects' faces and kept them from getting transcripts of court sessions.

"I think the public has a lot to lose," said Jane Kirtley, executive director for the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press in Washington. "The public vets the jury as well as the judge and lawyers. Our whole system of justice is on trial here."

But Jack King, spokesman for the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers in Washington, said Matsch is just being cautious.

King said a secret process "prevents juror intimidation and keeps them from being bothered by the press if they don't want it."

The defense mulled over its peremptory challenges for up to 30 seconds at a time, with McVeigh and his attorneys working off of charts and multicolored graphs.

As the session wore on, McVeigh became increasingly involved in the decision-making. Working with two black felt pens — a fat one and a skinny one — McVeigh scratched off the numbers of excused jurors and frequently leaned over to confer with his lead attorney, Stephen Jones.

Judge clears officers in motorist's death

By Claudia Coates
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PITTSBURGH — A judge ruled out a second trial for two white police officers accused in the death of a black motorist, saying prosecutors had unfairly singled them out.

Allegheny County Judge David Cashman dismissed involuntary manslaughter charges against Brentwood police Lt. Milton Mulholland, now a janitor, and Officer Michael Albert from Baldwin, who were among five officers at the scene of Jonny Gammage's death.

"When one acknowledges the fact... that these individuals were the only ones prosecuted, it becomes clear that a political purpose was attempting to be served rather than

the interest of justice," Cashman said.

He also removed the case from the office of District Attorney Robert Colville and gave it to Attorney General Mike Fisher for any further proceedings.

Colville said he will appeal all the decisions, saying Cashman was wrong to say prosecutors bowed to political pressure by charging the officers.

"Life is under political pressure," Colville said. "We charge everybody in that political pressure."

The officers fought with Gammage, 31, of Syracuse, N.Y., in Pittsburgh on Oct. 12, 1995, after police stopped him in a luxury car that belonged to his cousin, Ray Seals, a defensive lineman now play-

ing for the Carolina Panthers.

A fight began when one officer knocked a cellular telephone and an address book out of Gammage's hand. He said later he thought the phone was a weapon. Officers pinned Gammage to the pavement and he suffocated from pressure on his neck and back.

Mulholland and Albert's trial last fall ended in a mistrial when Coroner Cyril Wecht, under questioning by the defense, said Albert should explain what he did that night. A defendant is not required to testify at a trial.

A third officer was acquitted in a separate trial, and two others were not charged.

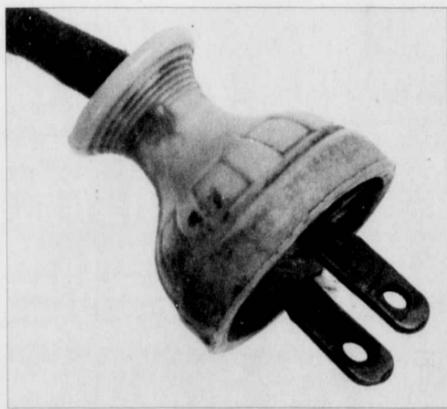
The officers' lawyers denied Gammage was pulled over only

because he was a black man driving an expensive car late at night in a white suburb. They said the officers couldn't see his face through the tinted windows.

"We've said from the very beginning that this was selective prosecution, and when the trial blew up with Dr. Wecht on the stand, we took the position that we shouldn't be tried again," said Mulholland's lawyer, Patrick Thomassey.

Cashman's ruling "proves beyond a doubt that the federal government has got to step in and prosecute all of the police who were responsible for killing Jonny Gammage," said Dorothy Urquhart, a spokeswoman for United Concerned Citizens at Work, which has supported prosecution of the officers.

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Frogs beat UTA, 6-2, at Diamond

David Meyer pitched yet another complete-game win Tuesday, leading the Horned Frogs to a win over the University of Texas at Arlington Mavericks, 6-2, at the TCU Diamond.

Meyer (6-2) has now pitched four complete game victories in his last six starts. In Tuesday's game, Meyer, a senior left-hander, gave up just two earned runs on eight hits. He struck out seven while walking just one.

The Mavericks (17-28) lost to the Frogs for the third time this year. UTA starter Brett Wood (3-5) took the loss.

The Frogs (21-24) got strong offensive performances from freshman left fielder Darren Wood and junior center fielder Chris Connally. Wood stroked three hits, including a home run, and drove in two runs. It was his fifth straight multi-hit game.

Connally cranked his team-leading 17th home run and drove in two runs. He has now hit safely in 17 straight games and leads the team with a .412 batting average.

The Frogs return to action Friday, starting a three-game Western Athletic Conference series at the University of New Mexico.

Alomar, Hirschbeck shake hands in reunion

BALTIMORE (AP) — Roberto Alomar and John Hirschbeck shook hands Tuesday night.

In a scene far different from their last meeting, the Baltimore second baseman went out of his way to greet the umpire before the Orioles' game against Chicago.

Before taking his position, Alomar ran up to Hirschbeck in short right field to shake the umpire's hand and offer a few words.

Many of the fans at Camden Yards applauded their approval.

Last Sept. 27 in Toronto, Alomar spit in Hirschbeck's face after being called out on strikes. He was promptly ejected. The next day, Hirschbeck charged into the Orioles' locker room, vowing to get even with Alomar.

Alomar was suspended for five games, with the penalty not taking effect until this season. The delayed punishment infuriated umpires, who threatened to boycott the playoffs, and made Alomar baseball's Public Enemy No. 1.

The spitting incident became the game's most talked-about issue among fans, players and umpires. Hirschbeck, who was working at first base, and Alomar hope the public sign of reconciliation will bring closure to the incident.

Tiger Woods describes himself as 'Cablinasian'

CHICAGO (AP) — When Tiger Woods was asked in school to check one box that best described his background, he couldn't settle on one. Perhaps that's because there wasn't a box for "Cablinasian."

That's the word that best describes his background, a blend of Caucasian, black, Indian and Asian, the 21-year-old golf star said on "The Oprah Winfrey Show."

Woods, described as the first black Masters champion, said it bothers him when people call him an African-American.

"It does," he said Monday during the taping in Chicago. "Growing up, I came up with this name: I'm a 'Cablinasian.'"

Woods' race has often been an issue in a game played predominantly by whites. It was brought to the forefront again when Fuzzy Zoeller referred to him as "that little boy" and urged him not to put fried chicken or collard greens on the menu of the Champions Dinner next year at Augusta National.

The remarks were broadcast Sunday on CNN's "Pro Golf Weekly," a week after Woods' record-setting victory at the Masters.

Zoeller, who won the tournament in 1979, apologized Monday.

Woods is one-fourth black, one-fourth Thai, one-fourth Chinese, one-eighth white and one-eighth American Indian.

Winning races suits Jackson to a 'Tee'

By Andrew Roxrode
SKIFF STAFF

One skill, one feat, one "Tee." "I've been called 'Tee' for a long time, and my grandparents call me 'T.J.," said Tinesha Jackson, a member of the TCU women's track team and TCU Female Athlete of the Year.

Jackson, a junior social work major, holds the fastest time in the nation in the 200-meter dash with a 23.24 performance. Jackson also ranks fourth in the 100-meter dash with a mark of 11.38.

In the Western Athletic Conference, Jackson holds the fastest time in both the 100 and 200 meters, which qualify her for the NCAA Championships.

Last spring she finished fourth in the Southwest Conference outdoor 100 meters and anchored the team 4x100-meter relay to an NCAA Championship qualifying time of 44.36 seconds.

"My senior year, I will be considered a pro based on my time, even though I'm still playing at a collegiate level," she said.

Alissa Brewer, a senior business management major and track sports information director, said Jackson will improve.

"Her times will only get faster as she gets older," she said.

At 5 feet 3 inches, Jackson said she believes in a Carl Lewis style of running.

"I run tall, but when someone sees me in person, they say 'I thought you were taller than that,'" she said.

Jackson said running track has been her lifelong dream.

"I've always wanted to run," she said. "When I was 7, my Aunt Brenda assigned me to my first track club."

Jackson also said her parents

inspired her to begin running.

"My mom and dad ran, and I'd hear stories from them," she said.

"My father was the fastest in Fort Worth in the 100-yard dash," she said.

Jackson also said her mother, at 15, ran the 100-yard dash in 11 seconds flat.

Jackson's childhood began in Fort Worth, and she said she had some good experiences growing up.

"We used to stay out all night in the front yard and play hide-and-seek," she said. "We had races and relays as a family, and I was a huge tomboy because I hung around the guys."

But Jackson said she had both good times and bad running track in high school.

"At Dunbar, we won the 5A overall championship for the state," Jackson said. "But at Arlington Heights, I was all by myself."

It was also during her high school years that her parents divorced.

Jackson said she was old enough to understand the divorce and remains close to both parents.

Jackson said that when she goes home, she goes to her mother's house, but that she still spends time with her father.

"My father and I are close — he's my friend, my buddy, my pal."

Jackson said her parents never competed in track events in college and are supportive of her efforts.

"They're real supportive because I guess they see themselves almost like a mirror image of what they wanted to do."

Each day, Jackson begins her workout at 2 p.m. Her routine includes warm-ups, jogging, stretching, lifting and track drills

followed by a final workout.

This weekend the team travels to Philadelphia for the outdoor Penn Relays.

Jackson will go, but only for team support.

A hamstring injury forced her out of the relay. She said she was disappointed about not being able to participate in the relay.

"When I'm not running or can't compete, I'm sad because that's what I like to do," she said.

She said her track heroes in the pro circuit include Gwen Torence and Gail Deavers. Jackson also said she considers her boyfriend a hero.

"My fiance helps me and teaches me a lot," she said.

Jackson also believes she is a role model for her younger stepsisters and her niece.

"All of them look up to me, and they try to pick up my habits," she said. "So I have to watch what I do around them, and that goes with attitude and conversation."

Jackson then addressed steroid issues in sports.

"It's out there and I don't believe in it," she said. "You know the money is the object now, and they'd do anything to make money."

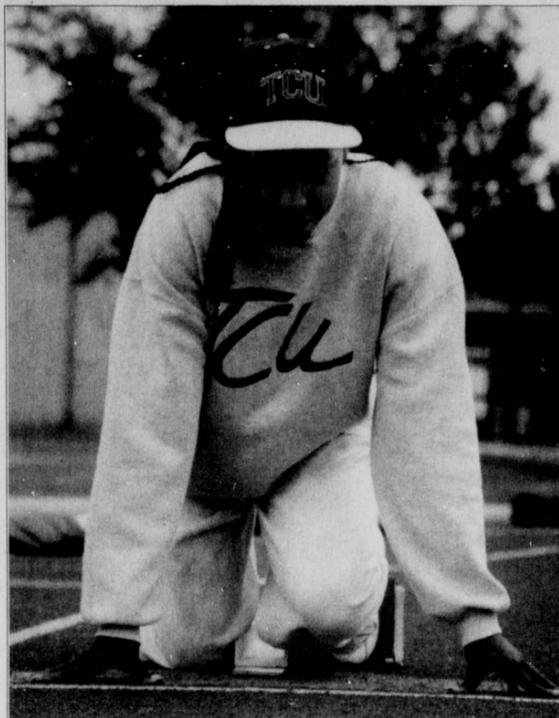
Jackson said she remains goal-oriented when training and competing.

"I motivate myself so I can keep at the top level of track and field," she said.

Monte Stratton, head men's and women's track coach, said he had no problems with her training.

"Tinesha is a very dedicated athlete and very competitive," he said. "She is basically at an elite level now."

He said members of the track team are very supportive of each other. Chessna Davis, one of Jackson's



Anna Drabicky SKIFF STAFF
Last spring, junior sprinter Tinesha Jackson finished fourth in the Southwest Conference outdoor 100-meter dash.

teammates, said Jackson practices about 20 hours a week and is a very levelheaded and down-to-earth person.

"She has a good work ethic in practice," said Davis, a sophomore education major. "She's not a real prima donna runner."

Outside of track, Jackson enjoys going to the movies and engaging in

conversation with her friends.

But Jackson said track is still the main part of her life.

"I'm the type of person that doesn't like anything but track," she said.

And because of that, TCU students have not heard the last of Jackson.

"I'm just getting started," she said.

Sybesma is making waves

By Scott Russell
SKIFF STAFF

As Texas A&M swimmers and divers warmed up on a 1980 afternoon, TCU first-year head coach Richard Sybesma slowly brought his team into the College Station natatorium only to discover the words: "Swim anything you want against TCU" written on the pool's blackboard.

"They were basically saying that they could beat us no matter which ones of their swimmers competed against us," Sybesma said. "It was humiliating because our whole team saw it and there was nothing we could do."

It was at that point that Sybesma knew he would someday beat the Aggies.

That day finally came in 1989 and again in 1994, when the Horned Frogs were able to upset the Aggies at the Southwest Conference Swimming and Diving Championships.

In fact, Sybesma has made a career out of beating schools with better facilities, larger coaching staffs and more scholarships than his teams. In his 18 years at TCU, he has posted victories over such perennial NCAA powers as Notre Dame, Arkansas, UNLV, LSU, Yale and Oklahoma, among others.

Even though the overall TCU athletic program is light years ahead of where it was when he began, Sybesma said he still does not have the same size coaching staff or the same number of women's scholarships that other schools have.

"It doesn't matter whether it is basketball, football, swimming or tiddly winks, when you beat a big state school such as A&M, which has better facilities and funding, it's a major accomplishment," Sybesma said.

Sybesma's underdog mentality was perhaps foreshadowed by his entrance into swimming.

Family history
The owner of an 18-unit hotel, Sybesma's father thought it was more important for his sons to remain around the house and do chores rather than participate in sports.

"It was a hard thing to accept in a time when a person's value was based on his athletic ability," Sybesma said.

However, as a scrawny, asthmatic child, Sybesma's pediatrician told his parents that he needed to participate in some athletic activity in order to remain healthy.

Sybesma's home town of Andrews, located 30 miles north of Odessa, had oil money and was able to afford one of the first indoor pools in Texas.

Swimming was a perfect match for Sybesma because the team practiced in the evenings, giving him time to finish his chores and his homework before practice.

Commitment to academics
Though he had to work hard, Sybesma enjoyed swimming, but his parents stressed academic achievement over athletic performance.

"I had to sit out an entire six weeks from swimming in junior high because I made a 'C' on my report card," Sybesma said. "Looking back, I think that was one of the best lessons I ever learned."

Sybesma's commitment to academic success is still evident in his coaching style. The women's swim-

ming and diving team has earned the Collegiate Swimming Coaches Association Academic Excellence award for 11 consecutive semesters and the men have achieved the same honor for the past two semesters. Both teams have cumulative grade point averages above 2.9 and a mandatory study hall is required for any swimmer or diver whose GPA falls below a 3.0.

Coaching
As a senior in high school, Sybesma took a job at the local pool as a swim coach. He said it was then that he knew what he wanted to do with the rest of his life.

After swimming at Texas Tech and coaching the Monahans High School Swim team to three Texas 3A State Championships, he was offered the head coaching post at TCU in 1980 at the age of 25.

During his tenure at TCU, Sybesma has coached over 400 athletes, including 11 All-American swimmers, and he was named Southwest Conference Coach of the Year three times. His overall dual-meet record as TCU head coach is 201-168-3, with his 200th career win coming in the women's dual meet against Houston earlier this year.

Part of the Sybesma's success in the pool at TCU can be attributed to the strong tie he has developed with Canadian swimmers. Starting with Jason Moren, who transferred to TCU from Nebraska in 1988, Sybesma has had great success recruiting Canadian swimmers and makes at least one trip each year to attend a Canadian National meet.

However, perhaps Sybesma's greatest success story as a coach comes from an athlete he recruited from San Antonio's Taft High School.

A trip to the Olympics
Walter Soza ended his swimming career at TCU in 1996 only after

becoming TCU's first male All-American as well as TCU's first Olympian.

"I looked at three other schools, but I came to TCU because Richard had a very fun and energetic personality and the laid back attitude of the team seemed to fit my personality," Soza said.

In 1996, Soza was the only Nicaraguan swimmer to travel to the Summer Olympics in Atlanta. To pay Sybesma back for the opportunity of receiving an education, Soza said he and his father chose Sybesma as the Nicaraguan Swim Coach who would make the trip with him to Atlanta.

"The opening ceremonies of the Olympics really was the thrill of a lifetime," Sybesma said. "I had dreamed since I was a young boy of participating in the Olympic games, whether as a coach or as a swimmer, and it made it ever more special to share the moment with Walter."

Help from a colleague
Another vital factor in Sybesma's success at TCU has been the support he receives from mentors such as his college coach at Texas Tech, Jim McNally, as well as longtime SMU coach George McMillion.

McMillion, who retired in 1988 after 31 years as the SMU head swimming and diving coach, established SMU as one of the most dominant swimming and diving teams in the nation. Because McMillion had faced many of the same problems Sybesma faces as the swim coach at a smaller private school, he could answer many questions Sybesma had about building a new program.

"When Richard began at TCU, we would discuss the differences between his previous job at Monahans High School versus coaching at a collegiate level," McMillion said.

Team success prioritized
Both coaches agreed that their personal coaching philosophies revolved around putting team success over individual achievement.

"Many of the swimmers here come from programs where they are the best on the team and the team is focused on their individual success," Sybesma said. "Though swimming is an individual sport, I try to stress the team aspect of competition and help swimmers realize their part in the team's success."

In addition to coaching the TCU squad, Sybesma also spends summers and afternoons teaching swimming lessons to local children.

"Seeing the look on a child's face when they swim across the pool for the first time is just as rewarding as sending one of the TCU swimmers to the NCAA Championships," Sybesma said.

Center defended

By R.B. Fallstrom
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ST. LOUIS — Dick Vermeil, who said he wouldn't have drafted Lawrence Phillips, took a chance on another troubled player.

A day after his first NFL draft in 15 years, the St. Louis Rams coach and general manager spent a lot of time Monday defending the selection of Ryan Tucker in the fourth round. Just like Phillips, who was the sixth pick of the draft last year, the TCU center hasn't been a model citizen in college.

"He's not a thug," Vermeil said. "He's a youngster who got in trouble and was out of line and he himself will tell you he's embarrassed about it."

Phillips wasn't Vermeil's pick, although he's expending a lot of energy trying to keep him in the fold. Last month, Vermeil flew to Nebraska to get Phillips out of jail where he had served 23 days for violating probation stemming from the 1995 assault of a former girlfriend.

Tucker, he insists, is another story.

"The problems are different," Vermeil said. "They aren't maybe as deep and may be easier to control. When a guy drinks a beer and gets in fights, that's a little easier to control than environmental things in a young man's process of growing up."

In May 1996, Tucker was accused of aggravated assault in another bar fight in a case that is still pending. After a shouting match with another TCU student

and his friends, a brawl ensued outside the bar. The fight sent a man to a hospital intensive care unit with a fractured skull, ruptured ear drum and detached retina.

Tucker said he didn't start any of the fights. He also said he's a changed man.

"I'm not going to put myself in any situation that might jeopardize my playing career," he said. "I guarantee that the Rams will not have to worry about anything happening in the future."

Tucker's draft value plummeted because of reconstructive knee surgery earlier this year, and because of a history of off-the-field problems. Vermeil said otherwise he'd have been a first-rounder.

Still, he acknowledges the risk and the potential public relations ramifications.

"I told his agent this morning, 'Listen, I'm sticking my neck out,'" Vermeil said. "I stuck it out in an educated way. I think I know what I'm doing."

In one sense, Vermeil admires Tucker's grit.

"Would you want your son to back away from some guy who's going after his butt?" Vermeil said. "No. I didn't raise my kids that way."

Still, he said Tucker has to learn more control.

"You can't be as aggressive and get away with it in our society anymore," Vermeil said. "There are only two things you can do, wrestle or play football. Other than that, you're going to go to jail."

Rodman back with brace

By Rickie Gano
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DEERFIELD, Ill. — The earrings, the eye shadow and the glittery gold makeup stay in the locker room. But Dennis Rodman, fashion guy that he is, will still sport new apparel for the playoffs.

Rodman, who missed the last 13 regular-season games with the Chicago Bulls, will be wearing a knee brace in Friday's playoff opener against the Washington Bullets.

Just like his hair, no one's sure what color or how stylish the brace will be. But they are sure that Rodman, the flamboyant six-time NBA rebounding champion, is back as the Bulls make a run at their fifth title of the '90s.

Rodman missed 27 games this season, 14 because of three separate sus-

pensions, and the last 13 with a sprained medial collateral ligament in his left knee. Chicago was 21-6 in his absence.

But with the physical play of the postseason, the Bulls need Rodman. They will face a tall Bullets front line featuring 7-foot-7-inch Gheorghe Muresan.

"He brings a lot of energy to the game. Hopefully, he can corral that energy and use it in a very positive way," Michael Jordan said shortly after the Bulls finished the regular season.

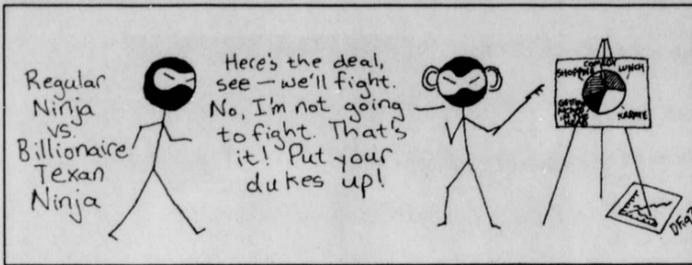
"He can certainly hurt us if he doesn't. This is no time to be getting kicked out of games or getting suspended, and I'm pretty sure he's aware of that."

Both Rodman and Toni Kukoc returned to practice Tuesday.

Ninja Verses

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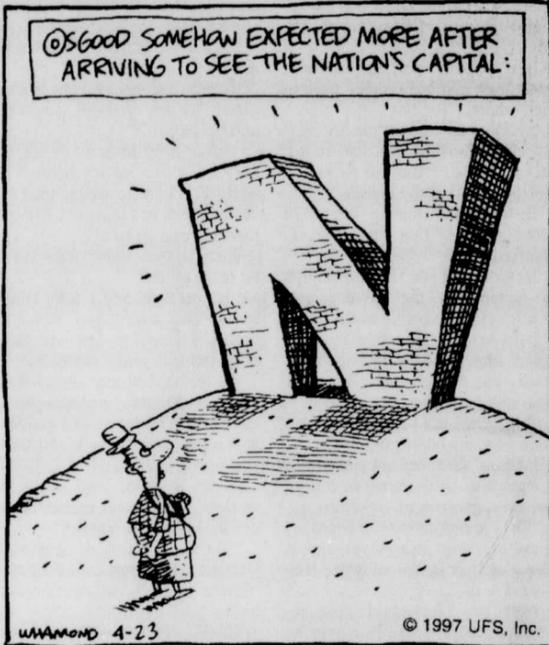
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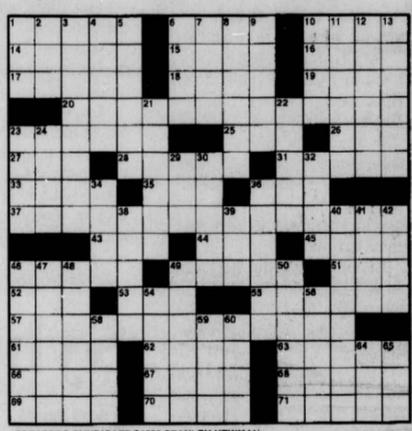
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- 1 Covenants
 - 6 Talk like Dafny Duck
 - 10 Party bowfuls
 - 14 G sharp's alias
 - 15 Director Premiering
 - 16 Singer Guthrie
 - 17 Location
 - 18 Toasty
 - 19 Sweetheart
 - 20 Hallucinations of a sort
 - 23 Arm art
 - 25 Simile center
 - 26 Suburban add-on
 - 27 ___ Town (Wilder play)
 - 28 Ghost
 - 31 Bad habits
 - 33 Mmes., in Spain
 - 35 Comics cry
 - 36 Spongy ground
 - 37 Doctor's pledge
 - 43 Cuttlefish's defense
 - 44 Buddy
 - 45 Hair maintenance
 - 46 Packing unit
 - 49 Holy book
 - 51 L-P connectors
 - 52 Males
 - 53 Totally
 - 55 Puts forth
 - 57 Far from the truth
 - 61 Salt, chemically
 - 62 Thug
- DOWN**
- 1 Unappetizing food
 - 2 Gridders' grp.
 - 3 Baloney
 - 4 Unspoken
 - 5 Office workers of the past
 - 6 Actor Rob
 - 7 Type style: Abbr.
 - 8 Winning sequence
 - 9 Ostentatious displays
 - 10 "The ABA ___ Honeymoon"
 - 11 Peaceful
 - 12 River to the Missouri
 - 13 Guzzlers
 - 21 Fraction of a ruble
 - 22 Devastation
 - 23 Nonsense, to a Brit
 - 24 Word form for "ear"
 - 29 Poet's contraction
 - 30 Giraffelike animal
 - 32 "___ Rhythm"
 - 34 Rotisserie need
 - 36 Soldier's lodging
 - 38 Ryan or Tatum
 - 39 Slot insert
 - 40 Couch parts
 - 41 Dye
 - 42 Medical coverage grps.
 - 46 Likelihood
 - 47 Poster word
 - 48 It's full of garbage
 - 49 ___ Mary (drink)
 - 50 Track wager
 - 54 Aboveboard
 - 56 Inventor Howe
 - 58 ___ mater
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 - 60 Landers and Miller
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