

Nation

Review into death of LSU student begins

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — A state-assembled team will investigate the binge-drinking death of a Louisiana State University student celebrating fraternity pledge week. The student was too young to buy alcohol legally.

"This young man made a mistake," said John Kennedy, secretary of the Department of Revenue and Taxation, which oversees the state's Alcoholic Beverage Control board. "If someone assisted him in making that mistake and broke the law, they're going to answer for it."

Kennedy's announcement Wednesday came on the same day a private funeral Mass was said in suburban New Orleans for Benjamin Wynne, who died of alcohol poisoning the day before. Preliminary autopsy reports showed the Sigma Alpha Epsilon pledge had a blood-alcohol level of .588 percent, an amount authorities said would have required consuming more than two dozen drinks.

The control board investigation was one of five launched in the wake of the 20-year-old student's death. The legal drinking age is 21.

The university, campus police, Baton Rouge police and the national chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon are also investigating.

"We want to know who is responsible, who was at the parties, how the alcohol was acquired," said LSU Chancellor William Jenkins, who attended Wynne's Mass. He added that police have no evidence the student was forced to drink as part of any hazing ritual.

State

Tarleton State student dies of infection

FORT WORTH (AP) — A freshman at Tarleton State University in Stephenville has died of an apparent blood infection, the day before his freshman classes were to begin.

Jason Gully, 18, a tight end and co-captain on the 1996 Arlington Martin High School football team, died Sunday of meningococemia at a Stephenville hospital, Tarleton officials said Tuesday.

Meningococemia is an infection that can sometimes lie dormant inside the body, undetected by the carrier. It can be spread to anyone who has been close to an infected person for more than eight hours, state health officials said.

All persons who had close contact with Gully have been identified and are being treated with antibiotics, Taylor said.

Gully's roommates said he began to appear sick at about 3 a.m. Sunday. Gully was taken by ambulance to Harris Methodist Erath County hospital in Stephenville about 7 a.m., treated and discharged, Cole said. That afternoon, he was rushed back to the hospital with a rash. He died at 6 p.m. Sunday, said hospital spokesman Steve Hartgraves.

University officials said they know of no one else who became ill, Tarleton President Dennis McCabe said.

Volunteer firefighter suspected of arson

KELLER (AP) — A volunteer firefighter was arrested for suspicion of arson Wednesday after a fire gutted a century-old chapel next door to his home, officials said.

The 29-year-old man, a volunteer with a neighboring rural fire department, was suspected of setting the fire at the Harvest Baptist Church chapel, said Keller Fire Chief Kelly King.

No injuries were reported. The man was turned over to the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms for questioning and possible federal arson charges, police said. Arson investigators still had not determined Wednesday the precise cause of the fire.

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High 95
Low 71
Mostly sunny



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Windegger says he'll retire
AD will leave legacy after 42 years, associates say

By K.E. Stenske
SPORTS EDITOR

The athletic department received a startling announcement Wednesday when Frank Windegger told coaches and staff that he will retire after 22 years as athletic director and 42 total years of service to TCU.

"To all of us it was a surprise," said Glen Stone, sports information director. "None of us had known anything about it. It came close to flooring us."

Men's tennis coach Tut Bartzon said he was also surprised.

"I knew that probably in the next year he would (retire), but I was surprised by the announcement today," he said.

In a statement released by TCU's Sports Information office,

Windegger said it felt better to step aside at the same time as Chancellor William E. Tucker.

In an interview Wednesday, Windegger said, "I've been thinking about it since Bill (Tucker) announced his retirement. We've been kind of a team over the last 19 years."

Tucker said Windegger had been contemplating retirement for a while.

"He and I had talked about this for a long time," Tucker said. "I think he thought it best to announce his (plans for) retirement prior to my retirement."

Head women's basketball coach Mike Petersen said, "I feel fortunate to have had the opportunity to work for Frank. 'I will always feel indebted to him for bringing me to TCU."

"Frank is as respected as anyone in the country and has earned that respect."

In the beginning

Windegger began his career in 1954 as a player on the Horned Frog baseball team, where until his graduation in 1956. He was also a member of the 1955 and 1956 football squads.

In 1959, he became the assistant ticket manager and an assistant coach for the baseball team. He moved up to ticket manager and head baseball coach in 1962.

He set a record in 1963 as the youngest championship-winning coach in any Southwest Conference sport. The 1972 co-championship season earned Windegger resulted in his selection as NCAA District VI

and SWC Coach of the Year.

He ended his coaching career after the 1974 season with a record of 298-168-2.

"My one regret in my coaching career is I wished to get 300 wins, but it just didn't happen," Windegger said. "Overall, I had a very great career."

From 1967 to 1974, he held four different jobs in the athletic department. He became the athletic director in 1975.

"His love for TCU is unquestioned," Tucker said. "His whole career has been at TCU. He worked up from the ranks and succeeded."

Big Shoes

Windegger's replacement, who-

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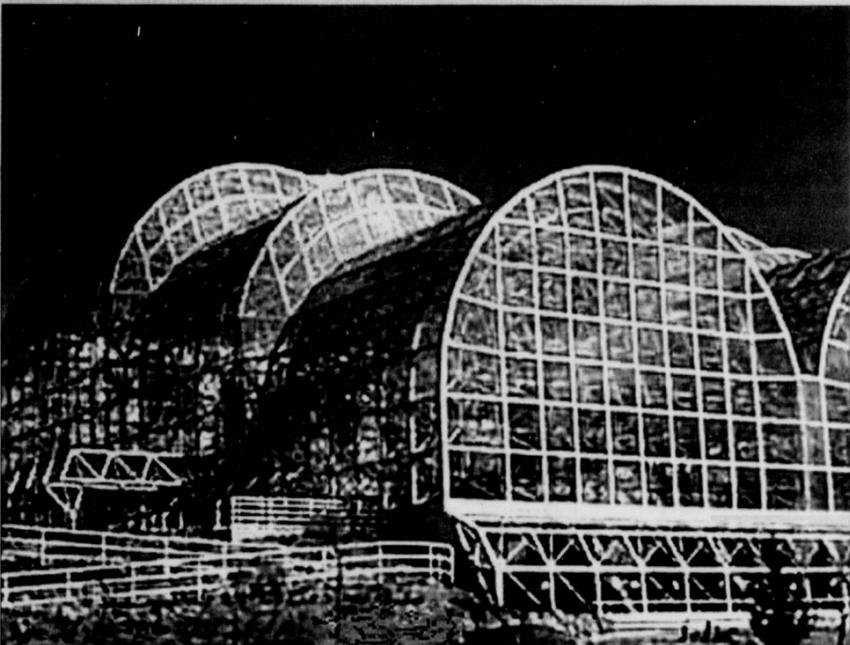
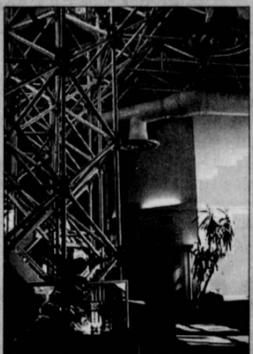


Frank Windegger
TCU Athletics Director

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Deal lets TCU send students to Biosphere 2

Right: Biosphere 2 rises above the Arizona desert near Tucson. Five or six TCU students will be chosen to study at the facility.
Below: Inside the habitat community, where the "Biospherians" live and work.



Minor available to those chosen for program

By Mitch Youngblood
STAFF REPORTER

TCU, in a partnership forged with Columbia University, will be the first of nearly a dozen colleges to send students to live in the Biosphere 2 in Oracle, Ariz. for the fall 1998 semester.

A formal three-year agreement solidifying the joint academic venture was signed June 10. The terms allow for five to six TCU students to travel to the Biosphere 2 for one semester, aptly called the "earth semester."

Students can obtain 16 credit hours, enough to earn a minor in environmental science. Four- or six-week summer sessions are also planned for unable to attend the full-semester program.

"This is probably the biggest and most exciting thing that has ever happened to

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All in the family
660 students affiliate with Greek societies; women's quotas higher, Rush official says

By Kimberly Wilson
SKIFF STAFF

220 men and 440 women became pledge brothers and sisters Monday night when fraternity and sorority bids were issued, bringing an end to the formal Rush activities for Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic.

Both groups had a significantly higher number of rushees this year as a result of several factors, including more advertising and a large freshman class, said Kristen Kirst, director of fraternity and sorority affairs.

Kirst said the chapter quotas, or the number of new members TCU permits each sorority to pledge based on the number of rushees, was up to 47 women this year.

"I think that is the highest it's been since the late '80s," she said.

She said that due to he large number of women going through Rush, some chapters were able to pledge more women than the quota required.

The pledge classes range in size between 47 and 59.

Kirst said 91 percent of the fraternity men who stayed in Rush received a bid Monday.

"Those (figures) are the best in all the years I've been here," she said. "With adding two new fraternities, I think there were more opportunities."

Kirst said that both IFC and Panhellenic worked hard to promote Rush and Greek life more to incoming freshmen than they had in the past. She said they worked with the Office of Admissions to send

brochures to high schools where the university recruits.

Information was also sent to alumni groups so students who didn't have a background in Greek life would still be informed about Rush.

Several fraternities participated in

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— **Kristen Kirst,**
director of fraternity and sorority affairs

recruitment workshops, which helped them to become more educated about the Rush process.

Kirst said she was glad to have IFC and Panhellenic need a larger work space to use as Rush headquarters next year. Parking in the Worth Hills area will also have to be addressed, she said.

"Having it over before school started was beneficial for students and members," she said. "That way, they could concentrate entirely on classes Monday morning."

She said having both groups Rush simultaneously, although hectic, pro-

Rush Returns

Women
495 rushed
439 pledged
89% received bids

Men
235 rushed
221 pledged
91% received bids

OFFICE OF FRATERNITY AND SORORITY AFFAIRS

Track project on hold; details still unresolved

Lighting, security issues for Worth Hills facility

By Danielle Daniel
SKIFF STAFF

The development of a new track in the Worth Hills area is at a temporary standstill as administrators still disagree on the design of the project.

However, the disputes will come to a close next week as administrators plan to resolve the current design conflicts and choose a configuration chosen for the track, said Bronson Davis, vice chancellor for university advancement.

Once a design is agreed upon, issues of lighting and security will be addressed, Davis said.

"We are having to finesse (the project), before we really finalize it," Davis said.

Chris Brooks, chairman of the House of Student Representatives Permanent Improvement Committee, said the plans encountered some complications after university officials realized the city of Fort Worth would gain control of the track if the course was built too close to the curb. However, administrators resolved the issue with the city, and the dimensions were adjusted, Brooks said.

"Everything is going smoothly now and hopefully we'll see construction soon," Brooks said.

Will Stallworth, director of the physical plant, said once Edd Bivin, vice chancellor for administrative services, releases the project, his department will begin construction.

Despite past conflicts over the material for the surface of the track, a

decision has been reached to use concrete, Brooks said. This surface, which is harder than asphalt, will allow in-line skating, biking and other activities, although it will not be soft for joggers.

"The concrete is durable and lasts longer," Brooks said. "The asphalt may be cheaper but it is very expensive to maintain and has to be replaced more frequently."

Brooks said the planned course of the track weaves near the Kappa Sigma building, around the football workout area and soccer area, bends near the tennis courts and then loops around again.

The track will be available to all students, though administrators are dealing with yet another issue.

"We are debating what to do about our neighbors who might want to use the track," Davis said. "I don't think we can keep them off it because they use the golf course."

However, Davis did exclude the option of encircling the course with a fence.

The project is funded by a \$100,000 donation from alumnus Nick Taylor and his wife, Sharlene. The university received this money in May, and all of the money has been allocated for the construction of the course.

Administrators considered adding extras such as a bridge over a gully in the area, at an additional cost of \$80,000, but university officials decided against it.

Pulse

Announcements of campus events, public meetings and other general campus information should be brought to the TCU Daily Skiff office at Moudy Building South Room 291, mailed to TCU Box 298050, or e-mailed to skiff@gamma.is.tcu.edu. The Skiff reserves the right to edit submissions for style, taste and space available.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ASSOCIATION will hold its first meeting of the semester at 5 p.m. today in Student Center Room 222. ISA is open to students of all nations.

STUDY ABROAD will have a reception for future global scholars and international students to welcome students, faculty and staff returning from overseas study. The reception is from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Sept. 3 in the Student Center Woodson Room, and the public is welcome to attend. For more information, call the International Center at 921-7289.

CHEERLEADER TRYOUTS will be held Saturday in Gym 3 of the Rickel Building. Tryouts for the all-girls squad begin at 9 a.m., and tryouts for the coed squad begin at 11 a.m. For more information, call 921-5462.

UNITING CAMPUS MINISTRIES will sponsor *Shine!*, the Annual All-Campus Retreat, on Sept. 5 and 6 at Lake Bridgeport United Methodist Camp. Students of all denominations are encouraged to attend. Cost is \$20 per person, and transportation will be provided. Call 921-7830 for information.

MARY COUTS BURNETT LIBRARY hours have been extended. The library will be open from 7 a.m. to 1 a.m. Monday through Wednesday; from 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Thursday; from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday; from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday; and from noon to 1 a.m. Sunday.

POCKET SANDWICH THEATRE will hold auditions for its next melodrama, "Phantom of the Opera," from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday. The theater is located at 5400 E. Mockingbird Lane in Dallas. For more information and audition appointments, call (214) 821-1860.

FORT WORTH JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT needs college students to work as school program volunteers. Volunteers visit area classrooms once a week for 30 to 45 minutes over five weeks to inspire and motivate students ages kindergarten through 12th grade. For more information, call (817) 731-0838.

Lambda Chi wins national award

By Missie Korte
SKIFF STAFF

Members of the TCU Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity became the only five-time winner of one of their national organization's most prestigious awards when they won the Grand High Alpha Award again this summer.

Lambda Chi president Brandon Logsdon, a senior marketing and finance major, said the award, one of two the chapter won at the national seminar, came as a complete surprise to Kourtney Lewis, a sophomore business major and the chapter representative at the seminar.

"It was pretty incredible," Logsdon said. "We didn't know because it's not done by an application or anything."

According to Lambda Chi Alpha spokesman Jason Pierce, the TCU chapter, referred to as the Iota Pi chapter, was reviewed by a fraternity committee. The committee focuses on how well the chapter performs in areas such as risk management, recruitment, campus involvement, social involvement and how well the

TCU chapter a fifth-time winner

chapter performs in these aspects, he said. Pierce said chapters are eligible when they perform well for three consecutive years.

According to Lambda Chi records, the TCU chapter has received this award five times in the past 20 years. The chapter was also honored in 1977, 1980, 1983 and 1990.

"The awarding of the Grand High Alpha Award shows a lot about Lambda Chi at TCU," Logsdon said. "We offer more than a social outlet by trying to prepare our members for excellence after college."

Pierce said the national organization gives out a few awards each year

to commend chapters on the fraternity's goals of enhancing and complementing the college experience.

"It's a great honor with the national organization seeking and finding the chapter that best represents the award," Logsdon said. "Many of our members are involved in student government, intramurals, and other areas on campus life."

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—Brandon Logsdon,
Lambda Chi Alpha
TCU chapter president

Award.

Pierce said the Campus Involvement Award recognizes chapters who excel in having their members involved in other activities and who are leaders on campus.

Each chapter is visited twice a year by a Lambda Chi Alpha national representative, who evaluates the chapter on leadership and involvement, he said.

"Ten schools per year demonstrate outstanding involvement performance and are recipients of this award," he said.

Pierce said these awards give the TCU Lambda Chi Alpha chapter an excellent reputation.

"They have sustained excellence in both service and all-around excellence," he said.

The awards were given in the presence of several undergraduate representatives from the chapters nationwide who attended the seminar to receive instruction and training from Lambda Chi Alpha staff and alumni.

Mir crew prepares for repairs to station

By Vladimir Isachenkov
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MOSCOW — Mir crew members cranked stationary bike pedals with their arms Wednesday, trying to improve upper-body strength before a spacewalk to survey a damaged section of the space station for holes.

Mir commander Anatoly Solovyov and NASA astronaut Michael Foale spent 40 minutes training their arms on the bicycle as their legs floated freely. The exercise is made possible by zero gravity.

Solovyov and Foale will need strong arms to get through the tiring procedure of crawling along special handrails on the outside of the station's hull during the spacewalk, tentatively scheduled for next Wednesday.

"They have to move a long distance outside the station and that puts a heavy load on the cosmonauts' shoulders and arms and, also, on their cardiovascular systems," Igor Goncharov, deputy Mission Control chief in charge of medical affairs, told The Associated Press.

The training will continue daily

Workers will search for holes caused by June collision with cargo vessel

until the spacewalk, said Mission Control spokeswoman Rufina Amosova.

Solovyov and Foale spent the rest of their time Wednesday checking their spacesuits and preparing instruments, Amosova said.

NASA has not yet given Foale permission to take part in the spacewalk.

Another Russian cosmonaut, flight engineer Pavel Vinogradov, continued tests aimed at fully re-engaging solar panels on the Spektr module, which was damaged in a collision with a cargo ship June 25. The crew has yet to find any holes from that collision, which depressurized the Spektr module.

During their risky venture inside the Spektr last Friday, Solovyov and Vinogradov reconnected the cables that link its solar panels with the Mir's main power system.

Mir has been running on about half-power since the collision, which

forced the crew to hastily unhook the power cables.

Three of Spektr's solar panels have been providing power since Monday, but the fourth one was damaged beyond repair during the crash. The crew has used the additional energy to switch back on some equipment aboard the sprawling 136-ton, six-module station. Portions of the station had been shut down to save power.

By the end of the week Mir should have about 90 percent of its original power, Russian space officials said.

Before that, the crew must dry out all the equipment, some of which was dampened by condensation during the two months some modules were without power.

During Friday's venture into Spektr, the crew was unable to find holes the cargo ship is believed to have punched in the module's aluminum hull. Solovyov and Foale must now try to spot them from the outside.

The U.S. space shuttle Atlantis is expected to bring another American — David Wolf — to replace Foale.

U.S. space officials have indicated they are inclined to proceed with plans for Wolf to stay aboard the Mir until early 1998, when one final American astronaut will replace him.

NASA is paying Russia about \$472 million over five years to use Mir, and space officials in both countries have pledged to continue cooperating despite a string of breakdowns on board the aging station.

The most recent problem — the brief failure of Mir's oxygen-generating systems Monday — was followed by an apparent communication gap between Russian Mission Control and NASA headquarters in Houston. The Russians already had fixed the systems and shutdown for the evening when NASA announced that they had failed.

NASA spokesman Rob Navias denied Wednesday that there was a communication problem between the two agencies and blamed the problem on the time difference between Moscow and Houston.

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Sand Volleyball 4x4	9/26	10/1
Punt, Pass & Kick	9/29	10/1
Tennis Singles	10/3	10/8
Putt Putt Golf	10/8	10/15
Homecoming Volleyball	10/17	10/22
Indoor Soccer	10/17	10/22
Softball Tournament	10/17	10/29
Racquetball Singles	10/24	10/29
Ultimate Frisbee	10/24	10/29
Wallyball	10/31	11/5
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SOLVING THE PARKING DEBATE

The cycle is soon to begin again. Every year, students complain about a lack of parking places, and every year the university adds a few new spaces as an appeasement until the next fall. This year's addition will come in the form of a lot near the soon to be opened new bookstore.

Though the university's efforts to ease the parking problem should be lauded, the yearly additions do not constitute a long-term solution, especially with ever larger incoming classes.

The most popular idea so far has been the construction of a parking garage on main campus, but this solution is both expensive and, well, unattractive.

The *Skiff* recommends a shuttle service from distant lots, a more effective and low-cost option.

For starters, the university could open the parking lot behind Amon Carter Stadium to commuter students. (Currently, the lot is not utilized except during football games.)

The shuttle could run between the new commuter lot, Worth Hills and the Student Center. The whole trip would take only five to 10 minutes, and those who do not wish to wait for the shuttle could walk the extra five minutes to campus.

In addition, the number of spaces on the east side of campus open to Worth Hills residents could be restricted if emphasis is given to the new shuttle service or walking.

The cost of offering such a service would be significantly less than the construction of a parking garage, and the only inconvenience would be a few extra minutes every morning.

We do realize, however, that the shuttle service would be an added expense. We are also willing to admit that TCU students get off easy when they pay for parking permits each year. In comparison, students at Southern Methodist University pay \$80 for a parking permit, while the most a TCU permit costs is \$30. Close-in parking at Rice University costs more than \$84, and parking at the University of Texas costs \$65.

TCU could double its existing rates and still be cheaper than many comparable universities. Maybe such an increase would even cover a second shuttle and force many students to accept a cheaper permit in the Coliseum or Ranch Management parking lots.

Sorry, freshmen, you'd still have to walk from Ranch Management. But be thankful the lot is as close to campus as it is. Many universities force new students to park nearly a mile from their residence halls. Some don't allow freshmen to park cars on campus at all.

In the mean time, however, we encourage all students on campus (this includes Worth Hills) to walk to classes every day. Take advantage of the beautiful weather while it's here, and maybe a better option will hit TCU before the subfreezing temperatures.

A shuttle service would quell complaints and eliminate long-term problems. But students must be ready to accept higher fees.

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What vacation?

Relaxation was finally found on Colorado mountain

In a memorable episode of "Married with Children," Peg says, "Kids, we have to go and pick your father up at the airport. His plane should be here any minute now."

Peg turns around as the camera pans to Al, catatonic on the couch except for a big, goofy grin. Al's body begins to shake and bump, as if he is in a plane that's landing. Suddenly, Al is "back" and the smile disappears from his face.

"Well," he says to Peg, "That was fun. Back to the grind!"

Let's face it, we all need a mental vacation once in a while. Vacations are supposed to be about rest and relaxation and catching plenty of z's.

Anyway, this year I vacationed in Aspen, Colo., which is a "cool," peaceful place to hang out, relax and forget about the pressures of the everyday world. My friend Jerry was about to wrap up his summer job at the Aspen Country Club, so he had some free time coming. Perfect!

Aspen, I quickly gathered, was nothing like any other town in the United States. No crime, dogs tied to trees, unlocked cars, etc.

Everywhere you look, there are mountains, mountains and more mountains. It was a sight to behold! Then there are buses, buses and more buses. If you want to get somewhere, trust me, there's probably a bus headed in that direction. I think I rode them all at least once.

Nevertheless, I was there to get some rest and relaxation. There were, however, a few obstacles along the way.

I never get carsick, seasick or even sick-sick, but after about five minutes on the ground I was 8,000 feet of altitude-sick. I used to get that same feeling when I was a little kid and I would spin around in circles until I fell down. Ah, to be 4 years old again and have an equilibrium made of steel.

The next day we had to go into town,

which meant no time for rest. Once in town, we scouted the streets for shops, avoided passing cars (pedestrians have the right of way, but you never get used to it), and found a place to eat.

Our find: Boogies Diner, featuring excellent food, a great 1950's atmosphere and outdoor dining. No time for rest or relaxation, though. Too many places to go, too many people and things to see.

Since we had tickets to the Colorado Rockies baseball game, we decided it was time to head for our friend Sonny's house. So, we took a bus to the connecting bus, crashed at his place and got right back up at 5 a.m. to catch a bus to Denver. Buses, buses, everywhere!

In Denver, we ditched the bus, located the stadium and found our seats. Hey, an added bonus! It was Jackie Robinson day and a pregame ceremony was held in his honor. The game was even better, as the Rockies and Phillies combined for 20 runs and Fort Worth native Ellis Burks hit a home run in the ninth inning for Colorado.

We went back to Aspen the next day, which meant (you guessed it) a bus ride to another bus, to another bus and then home . . . to catch a bus into town for dinner and then a bus ride home. What happened to that rest and relaxation?

The next day was my last, so we decided to ride the gondola up to the tiptop of the mountain. Teetering in a small cable car, we climbed another 2,000 feet, all the while high enough off the ground so that a mishap would mean a plunge to certain death. "This is not relaxation," I kept thinking.

Once at the top, I walked around the mountain's edge until I found a nice grassy slope to lie down and enjoy the view. The slope was a perfect place to lean back, close my eyes, and feel the crisp, cool mountain air and just relax! Finally, peace and quiet.

Now, where did I leave that hammock?

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TIM SKAGGS

Superstores offer lower prices but sacrifice depth and charm

Barnes & Noble is taking over the management of a new TCU bookstore. This prospect should come as no surprise to anyone who has ever set foot in the literary, music and media wonderland.

To be honest, I really see no problem with Barnes & Noble taking over — perhaps now we will be able to save a few bucks on textbooks.

However, what is really frightening is the trend of corporate America slowly taking over the world.

Barnes & Noble is not the only chain that has cornered an industry and virtually ruined it. The trend is toward superstores: Borders, Starbucks, Blockbuster Video, CompUSA, Office Depot and Office Max are a few businesses that find what the masses want, buy lots and lots of it and thus offer lower prices.

Barnes & Noble, Borders and other corporate giants prey off the little guys. In the interest of progress, they steal ideas, information, good business ventures and brilliant marketing schemes, warping and twisting them to meet their needs. They take an original or perhaps classic idea and exploit it until the main focus of the business has lost its heart and soul. All that is left is the bottom line, which grows and grows while personality and uniqueness die.

For example, a small bookstore will sell a ton of copies of "The Bridges of Madison County." Small stores sell their sales records to *The New York Times* for the paper's best seller list. *The Times* publishes the list, Barnes & Noble buys one trillion of each of the books on that list and the prices of the best sellers drops. Elsewhere, at the small local bookstores where the book first gained its following, the prices remain the same. The end result: People flock to Barnes & Noble to buy "The Bridges of Madison County."

From a business viewpoint, this appears to be a good deal for both the common consumer and the corporate giant.

What is not so obvious is the way in which these corporate giants slowly take all the personality out of a business. In short, superstores turn classic or innovative into cliché or trendy.

No longer can you walk into a small, independent bookstore with a cat sleeping in the sun and shoot the breeze about which books are real page turners and which ones induce narcolepsy.

These stores are not retail outlets. They are amusement parks. As with all amusement parks, there are long lines, lots of people and little that differentiates them from one another. Six Flags Over Texas is just like Six Flags Over Mid America, and Borders is just like Barnes & Noble. Instead of rides and games, they offer books and coffee; but there's no doubt about it, they are amusement parks just the same.

The starving-artist types and the folk singers they import to their pseudo-intellectual book-parks for the masses are just as much a part of the decor as the books and the cafe latte. They are not real people to the corporate giants; they are furniture or

hired workers whose talent (or sometimes lack thereof) can be exploited to make the bookpark seem like a real bookstore or coffee shop.

These bookparks feel no more like a real bookstore than the old Western section of Six Flags feels like a real old Western town.

What the corporate bigwigs do not realize is that while they are making things a little cheaper, they are sacrificing depth, interest, interaction and personality.

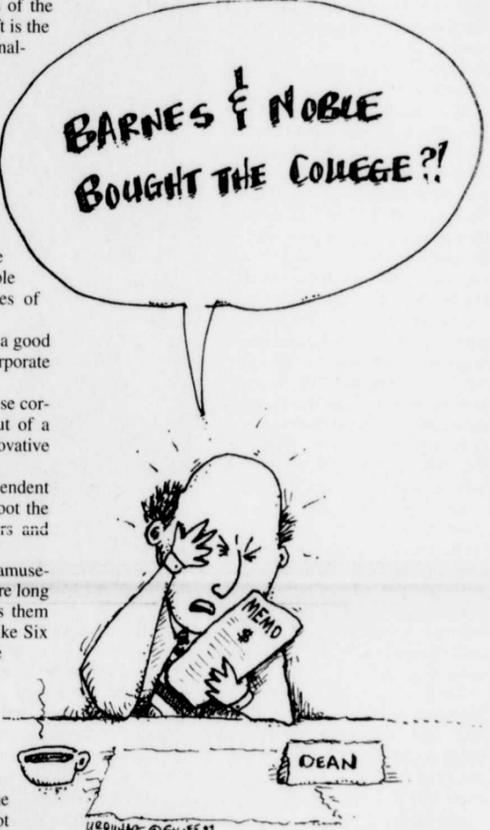
The cat sleeping on the window ledge is part of the little bookstore charm, but if Barnes & Noble started putting stuffed cats in its windows in the interest of being more charming, the effect just would not be the same.

Perhaps Barnes & Noble will, like the Roman Empire, experience imperial overstretch. Maybe during the process of turning everything into a marketing scheme and exploiting every corner of the market, Barnes & Noble will implode upon itself and the independent bookseller will rise again.

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WILLIAM THOMAS BURDETTE



University should embrace Christian roots

Friends, I think a rumor must be dispelled before it festers into fact. As pliable minds enter the campus, some folks begin to go about the business of prying on the vulnerable. And the rumor begins to be passed around like a child's game of telephone.

This university's best-kept secret is the definition of the "C."

What does the "C" in TCU really mean?

What does it mean for TCU to be a Christian university? What kind of moral and ethical presumptions does it project? What kind of image does it paint for our campus? What does the word *Christian* say about our student, faculty and staff community?

Is the "C" in TCU a blessing or a curse? Well, it's both.

Through years of rich tradition and history, the university inherited its title as a Christian institution. From its frontier beginnings, the school has been connected (at times more strongly than others) with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

The relationship between church and university is a tenuous one. Neither can dictate the actions or philosophies of the other, yet both are shaped by each other.

Perhaps more important than the traditions are the unspoken, yet equally loud, presumptions that arise when people speak of Texas Christian University.

I believe that TCU's designation as a Christian university should not dictate an absolute moral standard. How will students learn the virtues of independence and freedom if they are not granted the freedom to make decisions for themselves? Therefore, moral and ethical rigidity are not — and should not be — functions of the "C" in TCU.

Nor should our "C" be taken out of context. It does not mean that all students, faculty and staff are of the Christian tradition. Nor should they be. If discovered, TCU's religious diversity can be a challenging and helpful extracurricular classroom. Let's not

pretend that it doesn't exist. Instead, we must take advantage of our religious diversity, at the same time discovering more about who we are.

I also feel that we must clearly and honestly say to students, visitors, alumni and friends that TCU is not a school of Christianity. The philosophy instructors aren't afraid to truthfully shake the comfortable foundations of your beliefs. The weekly Robert Carr Chapel services aren't always conducted in a Christian tradition. And we needn't be scared by these realities. This is called education, and it's why we're here.

But one thing does bother me. If this is all true and we are so intentional about separating ourselves from anything distinctly Christian, why do we not change our name to Texas Private University?

There is one very important tradition at TCU that reminds us again and again of our Christian namesake. It is TCU's continuing commitment to justice, love, openness and understanding.

These principles — while in no way characteristic only of Christianity — do, however, lie at the very center of Jesus' life and teaching.

So if you are new on campus and you're not quite sure what you've gotten yourself into, don't worry. You shouldn't have to worry that you will be beaten with any strict moral Christian agenda. You shouldn't have to worry that you will be expected to profess belief in any narrow Christian theology. And

you shouldn't have to worry that your beliefs (or non-beliefs) will be compromised in any way.

You have a right to your own mind. And as long as this is Texas Christian University, the commitment to justice, love and openness will ensure that your right will not be compromised.

There is one very important tradition at TCU that reminds us again and again of our Christian namesake. It is TCU's continuing commitment to justice, love, openness and understanding.

What does the "C" in TCU mean? It's a reminder. It reminds each of us that education should not be stifled by any narrow moral codes or implied Christian theological expectations.

And I think it reminds us that — overall — the values of love, respect, understanding and justice are the most important.

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Letter to the editor

Committee looking for 'manager'

In the Aug. 26 issue of the *Skiff*, the article on the Chancellor Search Advisory Committee ("Panel looking for CEO like Tucker") misrepresented my views. The comment that "the committee is searching for the best CEO it can find — an educator and businessman of superior quality" was attributed to me. Instead of "businessman," I think I used the word "manager."

While a successful chancellor candi-

date must be a talented manager, that management talent need not come from a background in business. In fact, I think it is very unlikely that our next chancellor will have a business background. Moreover, it is altogether possible that our next chancellor will be a woman, so the term "businessman" is clearly inappropriate.

Robert L. Vigeland
member, Chancellor Search Advisory Committee

System upgrade could avoid year 2000 crisis

By Claire McLellan
SKIFF STAFF

As the millennium draws to an end, computer experts have identified a potential disaster: The invisible calendars inside personal computers, insignificant as they may seem, could cause hard drives to crash at the turn of the century, when every computer clock resets itself to 1900 instead of 2000.

The university is addressing this rapidly approaching problem by making changes in the campus-wide computer network.

People Soft Inc. and TCU Information Services employees have moved into the former Campus Police building to begin working on the project. David Edmondson, assistant vice chancellor for information services, is heading up the operation.

Most computerized calendar systems use the standard MM-DD-YY approach to entering dates, which only allows two digits to represent the year. The new calendar

Calendars on campus mainframe to be reset by computer consultants

system will use a YYYY-MM-DD approach, eliminating the confusion of whether the first day of the millennium will be Jan. 1, 2000, or Jan. 1, 1900.

People Soft, founded in 1987, has grown into a multi-million dollar company whose main focus is providing software ready for the year 2000.

Some companies affiliated with People Soft include Texas Instruments, Sony, Walt Disney World, Coca-Cola, The Gap and the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. People Soft also serves over 35 colleges and universities all over the country, including Northwestern and Southern Methodist universities.

The project, now in its earliest stages, will be an integral part of how the university's computer sys-

tem will run in the next century.

Because the university's computers are linked through a mainframe system, all campus computers will be upgraded to a client-server system as a result of the upgrade.

"The software we bought from People Soft will allow students to check their degree status, look for open classes and do much more from their residence hall or personal computer," Edmondson said. "Teachers can enter grades, and prospective students can apply for admission from all over the world with the new software."

Cambridge Technology Partners in Massachusetts (a partner with People Soft) will also be providing services during the project, Edmondson said. Three teams of TCU representatives working with

Cambridge on making a prototype of the software now, he said.

According to a tentative schedule, financial and human resources services will be accessible on the upgraded campus mainframe by March 1998. Residential services and admissions services will follow in the early months of 1999. All other divisions of campus systems will be ready by the time the clock strikes midnight, Dec. 31, 1999.

There will be no computer downtime, and the project will be completed at no extra cost to the students, Edmondson said.

"This is the opportunity of a lifetime, to be able to make an impact on how TCU operates," he said. "Some of my peers will work their whole lives never having an opportunity like this one."

William H. Koehler, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, will release a letter to faculty and staff this week concerning the project.

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the environmental science department," said Leo Newland, director of environmental sciences. "From an educational point of view, the Biosphere 2 opportunity is very stimulating."

Eight faculty members of the Biosphere 2 project will school students in biology, geology, earth policy, economics and management of the earth and the environment. Students will also take several field trips to other Arizona sites, such as the Grand Canyon, where they will apply what they have learned to actual environmental situations.

"An ideal candidate for this program would be a student who is bright and enthusiastic about learning," said William H. Koehler, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs. "They do not necessarily have to be a science major, but they should be someone who is interested in the environment."

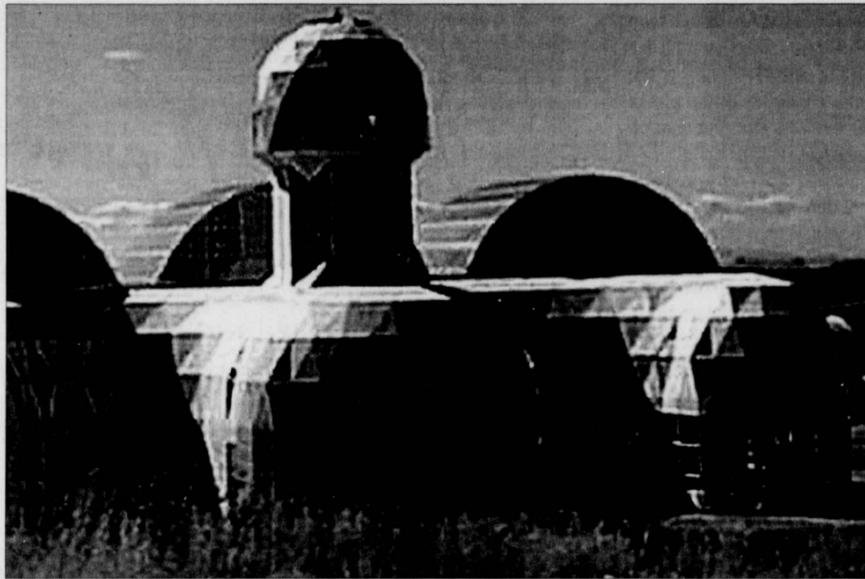
Applying to become one of the Biosphere 2 students sounds easy, but the selection process is considerably more difficult. Since only five or six students will be accepted per semester, a committee made up of faculty members from various departments to decide who will make the grade.

Since Columbia manages the Biosphere 2, TCU students accepted into the program will pay Columbia's tuition. The current tuition for a semester at Columbia is about \$10,400, compared to about \$5,000 for TCU.

TCU is currently trying to help students make up the difference between the two prices. TCU students going to the Biosphere 2 will still pay TCU tuition, but the school plans to see that students don't have to pay the difference.

Plans aren't final, but by the time TCU is ready to take Biosphere 2 applications, the price difference should be settled, Koehler said.

"This will add another dimension to our programs," Koehler said. "The academic thrust is planetary stewardship and enables our students to engage the issue of the future of this planet through the study of physical



Outside of the habitat facility at the front of Biosphere 2.

and life sciences, regulatory and legal issues and demographics.

"They (the students) will be grappling with questions that are humankind's common problems."

Ground was broken at Biosphere 2 in 1986 with the financial support of Fort Worth billionaire Edward P. Bass. The first scientists to live in the 3-acre compound entered the dome in 1991.

The original purpose of the Biosphere 2 project was to test domed living on planets that lack an atmosphere, such as Mars.

The project fell into disarray, however, when the first eight residents began suffering from a lack of oxygen due to an extremely rich soil. The soil consumed oxygen faster than the soil type that was advocated by the scientists but tossed aside by management.

In April 1994 Bass called in federal marshals to throw out Biosphere 2 officials, accusing them of mismanagement. Columbia took over in

January 1996 and plans were immediately made to convert the entire facility into a research campus devoted to earth science.

William C. Harris left the National Science Foundation in Washington, D.C., to take over as president and executive director of Biosphere 2.

Biosphere 2 subsequently underwent a massive overhaul, starting with the removal of the 2,000 cubic meters of rich soil that used too much oxygen. One-third of each agricultural bay was planted with several types of trees, including loblolly pine, red-bud and sweet gums to show how forests would hold up under increasing amounts of carbon dioxide.

"Biosphere 2 is working beyond my wildest expectations," Bass said to TCU officials about the changes. "Making these kinds of partnerships through institutions like TCU ensures the quality of the program through the quality of the students."

Informative seminars will be held on campus by representatives of the

Biosphere 2 project in late September or early October, Harris said.

Harris said he is excited about working with TCU and other universities.

"TCU and Morehouse College were our top two choices for the first universities to join us because of their fine undergraduate programs in their science departments," he said. "We will be creating an environment of learning and education that has never been accomplished before."

The future of the project looks bright, with universities such as Duke, Princeton and the University of California-Los Angeles lined up to take part.

Newland said he is happy with the way the partnership is turning out and with the opportunities it presents students.

"Out of the 30 years we've been here this is the largest opportunity to face our students," Newland said of the department.

World Report

World

Drug czar says U.S. money, guns feed corruption

NOGALES, Mexico — American money and guns smuggled into Mexico are creating many of the drug-related corruption problems in Mexico, the nation's drug czar, Barry McCaffrey, said Wednesday.

He called for the two countries to work together and said there is agreement that drug abuse among children is the greatest threat to both countries.

McCaffrey is on a weeklong tour of the U.S.-Mexican border to meet with officials on both sides to discuss cooperative efforts in fighting the burgeoning drug trade along the border. He is scheduled to visit San Diego Thursday.

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Swiss, Danish workers highest paid, study says

ZURICH, Switzerland — Workers in Geneva and Zurich earn the highest salaries in the world, followed by those in Copenhagen, Tokyo and New York, according to a private study published Wednesday.

Meanwhile, workers in Moscow, Bombay, India and Nairobi, Kenya are the lowest paid, with hourly salaries that are only 5 percent of what their Swiss counterparts earn, the Union Bank of Switzerland report said.

Journalist hopes court will let him stay in Panama

PANAMA CITY, Panama — One day before his scheduled deportation from Panama, Peruvian journalist Gustavo Gorriti waited for a reprieve Wednesday from the country's Supreme Court.

La Prensa, where Gorriti works as associate editor, asked Panama's high court Tuesday to stay his expulsion.

A Supreme Court employee, however, told The Associated Press that the court was unlikely to rule on the issue before Gorriti's visa expires Thursday.

The government has refused to extend Gorriti's visa, saying there are plenty of Panamanian journalists who could fill his job. He has vowed to remain in Panama and camp out at the offices of *La Prensa*.

National

Appeals court replaces McVeigh's lead attorney

DENVER — An appeals court on Wednesday replaced Stephen Jones as lead attorney for Timothy McVeigh with another member of the defense team.

McVeigh had wanted Jones off the case, contending the attorney had told him a series of lies and "screwed up badly."

Jones denied the allegations but said last week he, too, wanted off the case. He said McVeigh had become so angry and self-destructive that he felt he could no longer represent him.

The 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals appointed Robert Nigh Jr., already a member of McVeigh's legal team, to handle his appeal.

Company's practices making trains unsafe, official warns

ASSOCIATED PRESS

OMAHA, Neb. — Dangerous train maneuvers, 90-hour work weeks and missing freight information are undermining safety on the nation's largest railroad, the Federal Rail Administration chief said Wednesday.

Jolene M. Molitoris' grim assessment came midway through her agency's 10-day, system-wide safety review of Union Pacific Railroad, which was prompted by a recent series of train wrecks that killed seven people.

Eighty inspectors are riding the rails, talking to crews and hovering over dispatchers, she said. They found dispatcher errors, including one impromptu decision to run a train against the flow of rail traffic.

Molitoris met with Union Pacific President Jerry Davis for almost three hours Wednesday to discuss changes.

"He gave us his full commitment to develop an action plan, with a time line to address all of our concerns," she said. They plan to meet again within the week.

Union Pacific officials said they would organize a safety team to address the agency's concerns and appreciated the review of the company, which has 36,000 miles of track stretching west from the Mississippi River. They also said they would hold a safety summit with managers, agency officials and labor unions to deal with the concerns.

"Union Pacific's commitment to preventing accidents and injuries to our people has never been stronger," Davis said. "This team re-enforces that commitment and also sends the clear message that we will do whatever it takes for as long as it takes until we are running the safest railroad in the United States."

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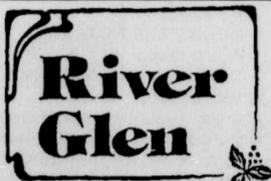
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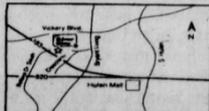
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Frogs reflect on Windegger's winning style

By K.E. Stenske
SPORTS EDITOR

Before spending 22 years overseeing TCU's athletic programs, Frank Windegger had some practical experience. He spent 18 years in the baseball dugout — three as a player, three as an assistant coach and 12 as the head coach.

Windegger's teams always finished in the top half of the conference, sharing the Southwest Conference title four times. Throughout that period, he earned the adoration of many of his players.

Don Bodenhamer, a member of the 1970-73 teams, said he has much respect for Windegger.

"He gave me a chance to play as a freshman. He showed confidence in me as a player and a person,"

Bodenhamer said.

Windegger's confidence in his players, coupled with his ability to motivate them, created teams that could come back from any deficit, players said.

Glenn Monroe, a player from 1968-70, described a unique method Windegger once used to light a fire under his players.

"We were playing Arkansas one year and they had a pretty good club, but we were much better," Monroe said. "Well, we were losing 13-7 in the bottom of the ninth, and he gets us all in the dugout and says he was going to put us on the hill until dark."

The hill, Monroe said, was an incline behind right field that players ran as part of conditioning.

"We ended up beating them 14-13 and we still only had one out in the ninth."

Windegger's caring, supportive and positive attitude made him an easy man to work or play for, one player with a lot of time under Windegger's tutelage said. Current TCU head baseball coach and former star pitcher Lance Brown said Windegger has had the same laid back personality throughout the years.

"I've played and worked for him and his personality has been the same," Brown said. "He has always been supportive, and when we played he was always positive. He was easy to work for, and if you worked hard, he was always in your corner and tried to help you."

"The year we won the championship (in 1963), I was 8-0 going in to play Texas, and in the first game we lost 5-4," Brown said. "We were all really down over losing and that night he came to see me. Instead of complaining he told me I'd had a great year and we'd go out and win the next game. We did."

Brown said Windegger's compassion for his staff has always been evident.

"He's always been sensitive to the people around him and very loyal," Brown said. "Every Monday after we've had a big series he'll call, win or lose, and either congratulate (us) or say we'll get them next time." Staff writers Wendy Bogema and Meredith Webb contributed to this report.

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ever he or she may be, will be hard pressed to fill the gap left by his departure, his associates say.

"Any time you lose somebody who's been around that long, you lose part of the personality of the school," Bartz said.

Head baseball coach Lance Brown said Windegger's successor will have to help the university stay at the forefront of college athletics.

"There will be a lot of changes in the next few years, and a person who is ahead of the game will be successful," he said.

Petersen said, "No question anyone involved in TCU will miss his day-to-day involvement. Whoever succeeds him has some very big shoes to fill."

Angie Ravaoli-Larkin, head women's golf coach, said Windegger was extremely knowledgeable as a player, coach and administrator.

"We are very fortunate to have someone who experienced all levels along the way," she said. "To find somebody who's been there — that versatility is very hard to come by."

Windegger will retire as the only athletic director in the NCAA to ever serve on five different NCAA committees.

"The fact that he was on some NCAA committees helped the school," Bartz said. "It's good for the image of the school (for someone) to be on all of those committees."

Windegger's legacy

The impact of Frank Windegger is undeniable, those involved with TCU athletics say. He became the first athletic director to serve as the Southwest Conference representative on the NCAA Division I-A Football Playoff committee. He was on the NCAA committee that oversaw the expansion of the NCAA basketball tournament from 32 teams to 64.

But, Windegger said, his most gratifying moment came when he convinced his colleagues to adopt a policy that would help Division I, II and III athletes who had been paralyzed while participating in collegiate athletics.

"Since the policy has gone into effect it has helped some players like the hockey player at Boston (University) and our own Matt

Career Highlights

1957: Frank Windegger graduates from TCU with a bachelor's degree after playing quarterback and pitching on the baseball team.

1959: Windegger becomes assistant ticket manager and an assistant baseball coach.

1962: He moves up to ticket manager and head baseball coach.

1963: The Horned Frogs earn the first of four Southwest Conference co-championships under Windegger. At 28, he becomes the youngest coach to win an SWC championship in any sport.

1967: Windegger is named assistant athletic director.

1972: The Horned Frogs tie for first place, earning Windegger NCAA District VI and SWC coach of the year honors.

1975: Windegger leaves his coaching position as TCU's winningest baseball coach. His total of 298 wins is later surpassed by

Moore," he said.

Stone said Windegger's heritage at TCU will be his dedication to the university.

"He personally hired every coach,



Frank Windegger (right) greets baseball player Gene Burton in an undated photo.

Lance Brown, a former pitcher under Windegger. Windegger becomes athletic director.

1981-88: He serves on the NCAA Men's Basketball Committee.

1990: Windegger becomes the first athletic director in the SWC to

serve on the NCAA Council, a position usually held by faculty representatives.

1990s: He guides TCU's departure from the SWC and entrance to the WAC.

1997: Windegger announces his retirement.

"His love for TCU is unquestioned. His whole career has been at TCU. He worked up from the ranks and succeeded."

—William E. Tucker, chancellor

including me 16 years ago, and that's why we have deep-seated feelings towards him," Stone said.

Ravaoli-Larkin said, "I felt like he supported our program in the way of knowing how we did in the tourney before I told him. He developed a biweekly meeting with each coach on an individual basis."

She said Windegger took a risk by

hiring her without previous coaching experience.

"He was the one that hired me and gave me a chance as a young coach," Ravaoli-Larkin said. "He allowed me

to do what I thought was best for the program, but he provided guidance."

Bartz said Windegger has been compassionate with coaches.

"He really felt their problem and tried to help them in any way," he said. "In anything I talked to him about, he resolved it quickly. Not always in a way I liked, but quickly."

Brown said Windegger was very

successful as a coach and as athletic director at moving TCU through the changes through the past 10-15 years. He said that with all the changes in television contracts, NCAA regulations and other legal aspects TCU could have fallen behind without Windegger's strong leadership.

"He has led TCU successfully into the modern era of college athletics which is totally different from when I played here. He prepared TCU for that," he said.

"My way"

Windegger said he hopes to keep a hand in the collegiate athletics arena doing consulting work, continuing the job he has done for the last 22 years, advancing intercollegiate athletics.

"I don't know anybody who was more blessed than I," Windegger said. "I've had a very rewarding career, and as Frank Sinatra said, 'I did it my way.'"

Restricting reproduction

Europeans come to grips with history of forced sterilization

By Robert Wieland
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BRUSSELS, Belgium — A Belgian woman says no one listened when she complained about being sterilized against her will. A Swede describes how hard it was when colleagues would ask why she never had children.

Women who were deemed physically or mentally inferior and were sterilized are now speaking out, after revelations in Sweden drew attention to government programs that were common in many parts of Europe.

In Belgium, Ingrid van Butsel spent her life in orphanages and state housing. She married in 1985, but only after the regional government — without giving a reason — pressured her into a sterilization operation.

"I could not believe my ears. I wanted children, but they said I was unsuited to raise children. I had a choice: I could marry if I had myself sterilized (or) they would send me to a psychiatric hospital," van Butsel, 40, said in Wednesday's daily *De Morgen*.

Swedes have been forced to acknowledge an unflattering chapter in their past recently after a newspaper examined the 1935-76 involun-

tary sterilization program that robbed 60,000 Swedish men and women of their ability to have children.

Belgium never had the same kind of sterilization program, but van Butsel's story shows how officials got away with the forced sterilization of a woman who was not mentally or physically disabled.

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Van Butsel lived in government housing for young women who have no family, no money and few skills. The government did not tell her why it deemed her unfit to raise children and she, being poor and uneducated, was not able to challenge the decision.

After her sterilization, van Butsel became depressed, gained weight and

wrote letters to the Belgian king and prime minister — to no avail.

"Sterilization is not allowed without the permission of the person involved," says University of Antwerp medicine professor Joke Denekens. "Yet it happens. We should have a debate about that in Belgium."

European nations have no statistics

until 1955, but much smaller: 1,460 people were sterilized, compared to 60,000 in Sweden. Finland outlawed such sterilizations in 1970.

Before World War II and even after that "most doctors considered it as a normal medical application," said University of Helsinki researcher Panu Pulma.

Heide Schmidt, head of Austria's Liberal Party, said it is necessary to eliminate "gray zones" that make forced sterilization possible.

The idea of sterilizing physically and mentally undesirable stems from eugenics, the philosophy that a society should strive to keep its genetic makeup pure.

The theory was founded by Sir Francis Galton of Britain in the 1880s. It acquired popularity in the early half of the 20th century, when many nations, including the United States, sterilized people declared insane.

But political and racist motives were mixed in — with calamitous results, most notably in Nazi Germany.

Today, sterilization is most often associated with China and India, two nations that try to curb their fast-growing populations.

Tech center awaits funds

By Rhonda Dickens
STAFF REPORTER

The fund-raising campaign for construction of a \$17 million technology center has already raised \$970,000, but prior financial commitments by key funding sources could lengthen the project by several more years.

Bronson Davis, vice chancellor for university advancement, said the designs for the technology center include accommodations for all campus technological systems, along with the recently accredited engineering program.

The center will be built between the Annie Richardson Bass Building and Sid W. Richardson Building, where temporary facilities currently stand.

"The technology center is an effort by the university to bring together in one building all technological systems on campus," Davis said. "By bringing them all together there is a certain synergy that would result."

Davis said currently all campus technological systems are housed in the Sid W. Richardson Building, which was not designed for such purposes, and the engineering department is spread throughout various buildings.

He said the engineering department has struggled to get off the ground, in part because trying to recruit students to a program with no accreditation is a difficult task.

Davis said the department now needs a permanent facility, which is what the technology center would offer.

The fund-raising goal of \$17 million includes construction and maintenance costs. Maintenance expenses are calculated at 25 percent of the cost of construction, he said.

Fund-raising efforts have been challenging to this point, Davis

said, because focus has been on four projects besides the technology center.

The F. Howard and Mary D. Walsh Center for the Performing Arts and Brite Divinity School residences are two of the most recent construction efforts made possible by donations.

"It's hard to do more than one building at once with fund-raising campaigns," Davis said.

The best prospects for foundation grants have prior commitments to other TCU projects, he said.

Because of commitments by the J.E. and L.E. Mabee Foundation to Brite housing, Davis said he cannot apply for a grant from that group for three years. The foundation will not supply funding until groundbreaking, he said.

Davis said the construction date, set for the year 2000, was estimated based on the delay in funding from the prospective foundation grants.

"The soonest we can probably break ground is three years, assuming we are successful in raising money," Davis said. "And I think we will be."

The Kresge Foundation grant is another possibility for the center's funding, but half the cost of the facility must be raised before TCU can apply for the grant, Davis said.

Davis said the Kresge Foundation likes to see grassroots fund-raising campaigns underway for projects before it commits to a gift. If TCU received the foundation's grant, a campaign requesting small gifts might be enacted as a fund-raising effort, Davis said.

Other fund-raising efforts will target technology corporations, Davis said, but most of the funding for the center will come from foundation grants.

Former NBC programmer dies of Hodgkin's disease

Brandon Tartikoff introduced many 1980s hits

By John Horn
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — Brandon Tartikoff, the former NBC programming wizard who transformed primetime television in the 1980s with such shows as "Hill Street Blues," "L.A. Law" and "The Cosby Show," died Wednesday of Hodgkin's disease. He was 48.

Tartikoff died at UCLA Medical Center, where he had been undergoing chemotherapy. The one-time chairman of Paramount Pictures was hospitalized earlier this year after suffering his third recurrence of the disease, an often curable but sometimes fatal cancer of the lymph nodes. He had battled it off and on since he was 23.

Tartikoff became the youngest entertainment president in network history in 1980 when he took over NBC's moribund programming at age 30. He promptly turned the lowest-rated network into the nation's most popular with "Cheers," "Family Ties," "Miami Vice" and "The Golden Girls." NBC was the No. 1 network for five consecutive seasons under his leadership.

Other series he introduced included "Knight Rider," "The A-Team," "St. Elsewhere," "Night Court," "Hunter," "Highway to Heaven," "Matlock," "227," "ALF" and "Empty Nest."

"Brandon Tartikoff was an irreplaceable spirit and an irreplaceable friend," Steven Bochco, the creator of "Hill Street Blues" and "L.A. Law," said in a prepared statement. Warren Littlefield, Tartikoff's successor, said, "We'll miss his creativity, boundless energy, strength and, of course, his wonderful sense of humor."

Tartikoff left NBC for Paramount, where his 15-month tenure was met with mixed results. The studio released the smash hit "Wayne's World" as well as the disappointing "1492: Conquest of Paradise" during that time.

He left Paramount in 1992 to spend more time with his daughter Calla, who was seriously injured in a car crash at the family's Lake Tahoe vacation home.

Most recently, he was hired by America Online in March to bolster its entertainment content. He previously had served as head of New World Entertainment and ran his own production company,

called H. Beale, named after the "mad prophet of the airwaves" character in the movie "Network."

Tartikoff's management of NBC's schedule made him one of show business' brightest lights, and he generally succeeded through innovation, not sleaze. In his first season with the network, he introduced "Hill Street Blues," a low-rated police series that he stuck with while it won critical acclaim and developed a loyal following.

In one of his last years at NBC, the network introduced "Seinfeld."

NBC also had its share of celebrated failures during Tartikoff's watch. They included "Manimal," "Beverly Hills Buntz," "Bay City Blues" and "Berrenger's."

He was pilloried by the media for broadcasting a "news" special by Geraldo Rivera about Satanism, and in his typical self-deprecating style, Tartikoff brought the incident up himself for years afterward.

Tartikoff was born on Jan. 13, 1949, in Freeport, N.Y., a Long Island suburb of New York City.

He attended Yale, where he played varsity baseball, was captain of the fencing team and co-edited the campus humor magazine with Garry Trudeau, the "Doonesbury" cartoonist.

After receiving his bachelor's degree in 1970, Tartikoff took a job with a Connecticut advertising agency, and two years later he became director of advertising and promotion for WTNH-TV, the ABC affiliate in New Haven. In 1973, he landed a similar job at WLS-TV, the ABC-owned station in Chicago.

He spent every vacation in Los Angeles looking for a job in network TV.

He found one when Fred Silverman, then head of ABC's programming division, hired him in 1976 as the network's director of dramatic development. Tartikoff remained with ABC only until September 1977, when he left to become director of comedy programming at NBC.

Tartikoff is survived by his wife, the former Lilly Samuels, a dancer with the New York City Ballet whom he married in 1982. The couple had two children, daughters Calla and Elisabeth. He is also survived by his father, Jordan, of San Francisco and a sister, Lisa Rosenthal of Burlingame.

College Football

Manning begins year as Heisman favorite

(AP) — Your turn, Peyton. Peyton Manning, eager to start his final season, gets that chance Saturday when the Heisman Trophy favorite leads No. 5 Tennessee against Texas Tech before a sellout crowd of more than 102,000 at Neyland Stadium.

"It's an exciting time," Manning said. "It's what I've been waiting for a long time. It seems like the offseason was getting longer and longer and longer. Practices intensify, everybody's got a little skip in their step."

Manning, who opted to stay in school rather than turn pro, is college football's brightest star. Last year, the 6-foot-5, 222-pound son of Archie Manning saw his Heisman chances disappear with four first-half interceptions in a 35-29 loss to Florida, but he still threw for 3,287 yards and 20 touchdowns in '96.

The Volunteers return 14 starters, including wide receiver Marcus Nash, a veteran offensive line and Leonard Little, who opens at middle linebacker.

WNBA

Comets coach, player sweep WNBA awards

HOUSTON (AP) — Cynthia Cooper, who led the Houston Comets to the best record in the WNBA's first season, was chosen the league's MVP on Wednesday and her coach, Van Chancellor, was selected coach of the year.

Cooper, the league's leading scorer and unanimous selection to the all-WNBA team, was the runaway winner of the MVP award, beating Charlotte's Andrea Stinson by a 370-116 margin in voting by a national media panel. Los Angeles' Lisa Leslie was third with 109 points and Sacramento's Ruthie Bolton-Holifield was fourth with 107.

Chancellor got 26 of the 37 votes for the coaching honor. He led the Comets to the best road record in the league, 9-5, and tutored a defense that ranked second in the league (65.5 points per game). Cleveland's Linda Hill-MacDonald was runner-up with four votes.

Cooper averaged 22.2 points, 4.7 assists and 2.11 steals per game and shot 47 percent from the field. Cooper scored 30 or more points in eight games and set a league record with 44 points against Sacramento on July 25.

Indy racing

Councilmen question Texaco-sponsored race

HOUSTON (AP) — Plans to bring a CART Indy race to downtown Houston hit a snag Wednesday when two black city councilmen questioned Texaco's sponsorship of the race and pushed back a vote on the issue.

Texaco Inc., based in White Plains, N.Y., endured a boycott before settling a racial discrimination lawsuit last November for a record \$176 million.

Last month, Texaco and Houston Mayor Bob Lanier announced a five-year contract with Championship Auto Racing Teams to race Indy cars through downtown under the heading of Texaco Grand Prix of Houston.

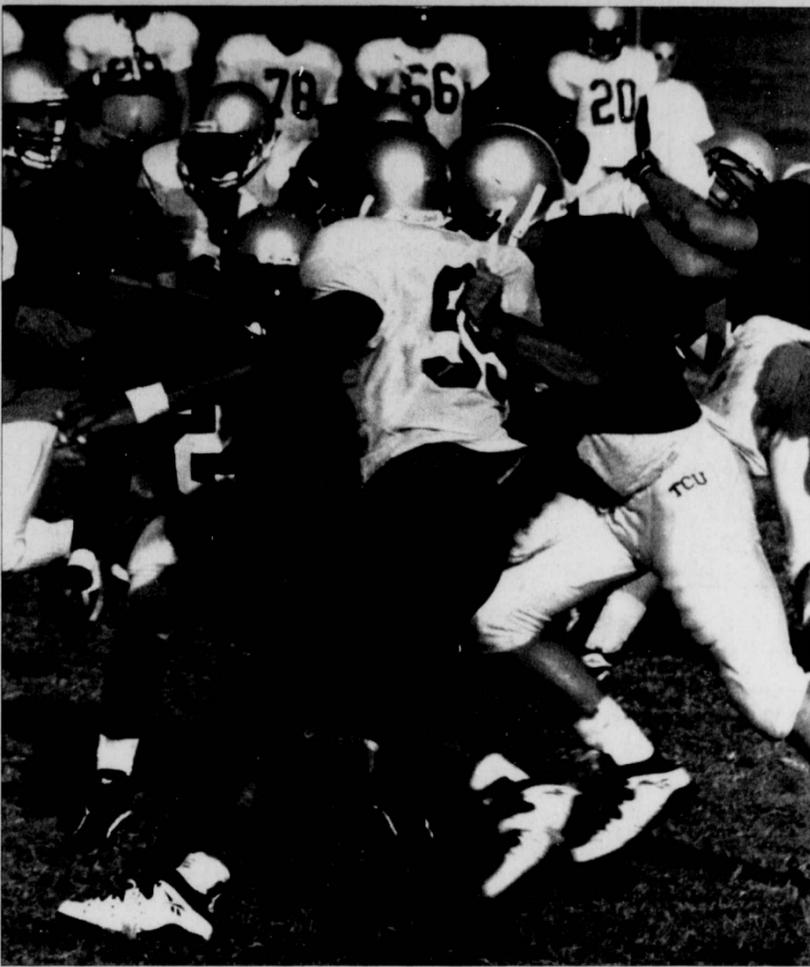
Approval of the contract was scheduled to go before a city council vote on Wednesday. But council members Jew Don Boney and Michael Yarbrough, both black, exercised their option to delay a vote for one week.

A call to Carl Haas, a CART director, team owner and organizer of similar events at Milwaukee and Elkhart Lake, Wis., was not returned Wednesday.

Texaco officials defended their sponsorship.

"We've chosen to partner with the city because we agree with the mayor and believe there are benefits to holding this major sporting event in the city of Houston," Maripat Sexton, Texaco's Houston spokeswoman, said.

Blocked out



Redshirt freshman tailback Charles Jones (23) and an unidentified blocker attempt to keep junior defensive end London Dunlap (55) away from the quarterback during practice.

Receiver from Pitt wants to make Steelers pay for overlooking him

ASSOCIATED PRESS

IRVING, Texas — Billy Davis was right there in the Pittsburgh Steelers' back yard, a hometown Pitt Panther waiting to be taken by his favorite NFL team.

Never happened. And now this blossoming receiver and special teams star of the Dallas Cowboys would like to make them pay. Big time. This Sunday.

"I want to do well to pay Pittsburgh back for not showing any interest in me," Davis said. "There's no vendetta. It's just going to be show and tell. I want to show them I can still do the same things I was doing when they saw me at Pitt."

Davis, the receiving star of the Cowboys training camp, will be Dallas' third receiver behind Michael Irvin and Anthony Miller. At Pitt, Davis was fifth on the Panthers' all-time receiving chart with 1,800 yards. He had 51 receptions his senior season and caught 10 passes for 135 yards in a game against Rutgers.

"A lot of quality receivers came out of college in 1995, but I fit the kind of mold the Steelers liked," Davis said. "That is what was disheartening. I think the Steelers only gave me a

halfway look. They just weren't interested."

Davis was the only free agent rookie to make the Cowboys roster in 1995 and spent the season making big plays on special teams.

"I think my tenacity is one of my strong points. I wasn't taken seriously when I came out of college."

—Bill Davis, Dallas Cowboys wide receiver

Last year he missed three games with a broken foot but still was tied for third on the team in special teams tackles. Although he has yet to catch a pass in a regular season NFL game, he was dynamite in the Cowboys 2-2 preseason, catching 23 passes for 403 yards and three touchdowns.

"Billy Davis had a great training

camp," quarterback Troy Aikman said. "I have all the confidence in the world in him. He'll be jumping into our three receiver sets and I think he'll do a good job. He was all over the field in the preseason. He deserves his big chance."

This is a big year for Davis. He's a restricted free agent.

"I think my tenacity is one of my strong points," he said. "I wasn't taken seriously when I came out of college. But I showed in the Dallas camp I belonged. Now, I'll let my actions speak."

Davis had good speed and runs precise routes, which are so important in the Dallas timing offense. Deion Sanders showed last year that an inability to run correct routes hurts.

"I got a good chance in training camp this year because Sanders was gone and Miller was hurt," Davis said. "It gave me a chance to get my timing down with Troy and really show the coaches what I could do. I feel very comfortable out there on the field now."

Davis was asked if he has a big ticket list for Sunday's game. He shook his head.

"I've severed all my ties in Pittsburgh," he said.

Program promotes academic success

Alum gives athletes classroom guidance

By Kevin Dunleavy
SKIFF STAFF

In the 10 years since the Athletic Academic Support program was established, athletes have found resources to keep their minds conditioned as well as their bodies.

Leigh Ann Smith, a 1993 graduate and former member of the tennis team, coordinates the Athletic Academic Support program, which strives to create a balance between athletes' performances on the field and their performances in the classroom. Smith and her associates have created an outlet for players if they need help in Moncrief Hall, where many of the athletes live.

"We are basically secondary advisers," Smith said. "We make sure the athletes meet the NCAA guidelines for eligibility and the requirements for graduation."

Program directors recently instituted a four-point academic guideline to remind student athletes of the need for success both in and out of the classroom. Smith said she was pleased with the support shown by members of the TCU community who recognize the value of the program.

"Athletes don't come just to play, they come to study," she said. "It's in

the best interest for the school that the program works both ways, and this is backed 100 percent by the coaches. Of course, TCU's main prerogative is that the athletes get a degree."

Smith, now in her fourth year as director, boasts an impressive record for her efforts. The NCAA Division I Graduation Rates Report states that TCU had a 94 percent four-year graduation rate of student athletes from 1983 to 1997 and an 88 percent rate for five-year graduates.

"The NCAA unleashes more guidelines every year," Smith said. "They set new standards which are tougher on athletes than regular students. Practically every class must be (applicable) toward their potential major, and they must complete a higher percentage of hours every progressive year."

The program offers tutorial assistance for athletes struggling in class by hiring graduate and undergraduate students to help them study for tests. Program coordinators also contact professors to arrange alternative test days when a sporting event conflicts with players' classes.

But the program provides more than just study partners and test preparation, Smith said. Some athletes go to the center for answers to the questions outside of athletics.

"Sometimes they just need an ear to talk to," Smith said. "Not everything is school related, but we are here athletically and academically because the athletes work hard until they graduate."



Leigh Ann Smith
Director of Athletic Academic Support

Diving in

New coaches hired to guide strong recruits

By Rusty Simmons
SKIFF STAFF

This past offseason has been anything but a break for the TCU swimming and diving team. Instead of relaxing, the squad took strides toward improving their record.

The most recent of these was the addition of assistant coaches Wayne Chester and Amy Wood to its staff.

Chester, a graduate of the University of Alabama and Arlington Heights High School, has joined the Horned Frogs as the assistant diving coach. He has spent the last five years coaching diving throughout the Fort Worth area. While in college, Chester was NCAA champion in the 1-meter dive in 1979, a three time All-American, Southeastern Conference champion and SEC diver of the year.

"We are very excited about having Wayne as our diving coach at TCU. He has great experience as a competitor and will be an outstanding addition to our staff," Richard Sybesma, head swimming coach said.

Wood, a graduate of Western Illinois University, was promoted from the graduate assistant position that she held last year. Before that, she was the head coach for the

Homewood-Flossmor swim club in Flossmor, Ill., and the assistant registrar at the John Marshall Law School in Chicago.

"Amy will provide outstanding coaching help with the men's and women's program. She is a proven coach and an excellent recruiter," Sybesma said.

The expected lift in recruiting has already begun to develop. Sybesma expressed his excitement with the 1997 recruiting class.

Headlining the long list of newcomers is Megan Ryther. The graduate of San Antonio's Taft High School will be looked to for leadership in the distance events. Her best events include the 500-yard freestyle (4:53.98), the 1,000-yard freestyle (10:03.80), and the 1,650-yard freestyle (16:48.00).

Ryther was named "Rookie of the Meet" after placing third in the 800-meter freestyle at Spring Senior Nationals and winning the gold in the 1500 meter freestyle at the Junior National West. Along with these accolades, Ryther made the U.S. National Distance club. They will represent the United States in early January in Australia.

The other newcomers are Liz Aslin, Angie Bengsten, Erin Davis, Diane Drake, Bridget Nelson, Sarah Shepard, Heather Vance, Julio Acevedo, Ryan Mammarella, Rafael Mundt, Michael O'Connor, Cole Pruitt, Patrick Touhy, Isaac Valles and Michael Willis.



Amy Wood
Assistant Coach

New coaches, QB changes leave 1997 WAC race wide open

ASSOCIATED PRESS

With four new head coaches and only five returning starters at quarterback among the 16 teams, the Western Athletic Conference embarks on a season of uncertainty this weekend.

Wyoming and Tulsa will waste no time getting started, traveling to Ohio for games Thursday night. The Cowboys play at No. 9 Ohio State, and Tulsa visits Cincinnati.

Six other WAC teams kick off their seasons with non-conference games on Saturday — all at home.

Colorado State, 7-5 last year and a preseason pick to win the WAC's Pacific Division, entertains offensive-minded Nevada (9-3).

Air Force (6-5), with Blane Morgan replacing his brother Beau at quarterback, plays Idaho (6-5).

New Mexico (6-5), bidding for back-to-back winning seasons for the first time since 1970-71, plays host to Division I-AA Northern Arizona (9-3).

Fresno State (4-7), with Pat Hill

taking over for the legendary Jim Sweeney as head coach, meets Portland State (3-8).

Utah, 7-1 before losing three of its last four games a year ago, opens against in-state rival Utah State (6-5).

Hawaii, coming off a brutal 2-10 season during a transition year, faces Minnesota (4-7).

Wyoming's visit to Ohio State will be a homecoming of sorts for new Cowboys coach Dana Dimel, who grew up in Columbus. Dimel, at 34 the youngest head coach in Division I-A, spent the previous 13 seasons at Kansas State, including the last two seasons as offensive coordinator, helping that program achieve a remarkable turnaround.

He doesn't face such a rebuilding task at Wyoming. The Cowboys, who went 10-2 last season but did not get invited to a bowl game, have 10 returning starters, including running back Marques Brigham, center Jay Korth, linebacker Jim Talich and placekicker Cory Wedel.

Senior Jeremy Silcox, who backed

up the graduated Josh Wallwork at both Gavilan Junior College and Wyoming, beat out redshirt freshman Jay Stoner for the starting quarterback job in hotly contested preseason drills.

The Cowboys ranked first in the nation in passing last year, but Dimel wants to shift to a more run-oriented attack, and he also hopes to imitate KSU's attacking-style defense.

He also has no illusions about Thursday night's matchup.

"The key to being successful is to win all the ones you're supposed to win and roll the dice on the others," he said.

Ohio State, which went 11-1 last year and beat Arizona State 20-17 in the Rose Bowl, is a four-touchdown favorite.

Tulsa (4-7) looks to rebound from a disappointing finish in 1996. The Golden Hurricane knocked off Iowa, Oklahoma and Colorado State in consecutive games but then dropped five of their last six contests, partly because of injuries to quarterback John Fitzgerald.

The Golden Hurricane must find a replacement for cornerback Marshall Gordon, who suffered a season-ending hand injury in a work accident this summer.

Tulsa, which fielded one of the worst run defenses in the nation last

year, has two new coordinators — Pat Henderson on offense and Rocky Felker on defense.

Tulsa and Cincinnati (6-5) used to play each other in the Missouri Valley Conference.



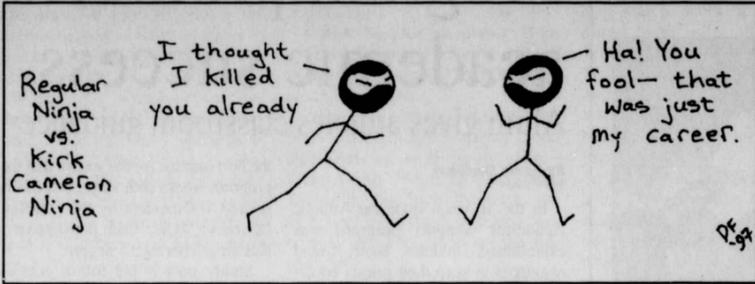
Freshman defensive end Chad McCarty runs through a workout.

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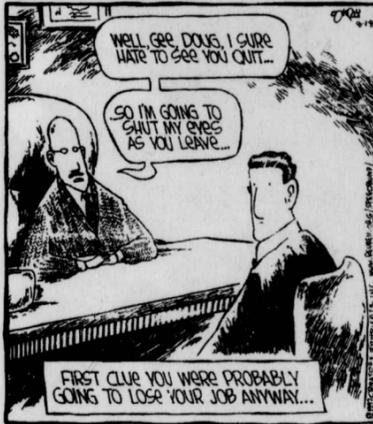
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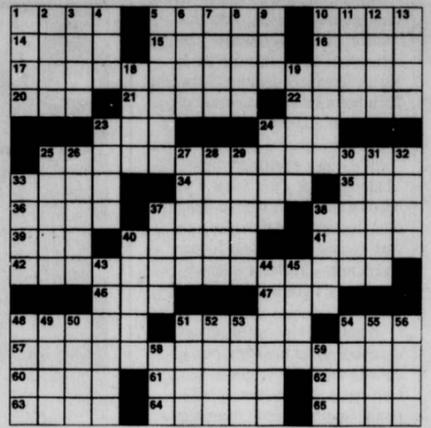
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by Matthew Higgins

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