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Semester in London info session planned

Students who wish to spend the spring 1998 semester studying in London can attend a question-and-answer meeting at 4 p.m. Thursday in Sadler Hall Room 203.

Don Jackson, the Herman Brown Professor of political science, said he will answer questions about the study abroad program, which is offered through Regent's College in central London.

Tuition for the overseas semester is \$4,230, and room and board is \$3,150.

The program is limited to 10 current TCU students. Those accepted will have the option to participate in an exclusively academic program or an internship program through the political science department.

For more information, call Jackson at 921-7395.

Cliburn finalist to open concert series

Cliburn competition finalist and TCU student Anton Mordasov will usher in the second season of the TCU Performance Series at noon Thursday.

Mordasov, an artist diploma student, was the only TCU student to compete in the Tenth Van Cliburn International Piano Competition over the summer.

The TCU Performance Series will feature both faculty and students in a series of lunchtime performances beginning at noon the first, second and fourth Thursdays of each month.

The free public events will occur at the Contemporary Art Center of Fort Worth, located downtown in the Gainsco Building at 4th and Commerce streets.

Colleges

FTC warns students of financial aid scams

(U-WIRE) PROVO, Utah - If you must pay money to get money, it might be a scam.

This is the warning the Federal Trade Commission gives to college students looking for ways to find financial aid.

As the upcoming school year approaches, the FTC is advising students looking for financial aid that no scholarship search service can guarantee that a student will receive a scholarship, and that such promises are a red flag for fraud.

In addition, the FTC said, money-back guarantees for scholarship or employment services often come with conditions that are impossible or, at best, difficult to meet, according to a news release. Many scholarship companies claim to provide ways for students to receive much unused financial aid.

According to the financial aid information page at www.finaid.org, these companies offer their service for prices ranging from \$10 to \$100.

Students then receive lists of possible sources of financial aid.

-Brigham Young University
Daily Universe

'97 Volleyball Preview

A complete look at the VolleyFrogs and their WAC opponents.

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Language of music helps bridge gaps

Orchestra members laud global flavor

By Erin Brinkman
STAFF REPORTER

The TCU Symphony Orchestra is testing the theory that music is a universal language.

Under the direction of conductor German Gutierrez, ten different countries are represented within the orchestra this semester: Brazil, Columbia, Finland, Hungary, India, Japan, Mexico, Poland, South Africa and the United States.

"The international students are usually outstanding in their countries," Gutierrez said. "They come here because they have already

explored everything musically in their countries."

The quality of the orchestra has improved this year, he said, partially because international students can share different musical and cultural backgrounds.

"Every musician is unique," he said. "Brazilians, for example, have the samba in their blood."

"It's healthy for American students and international students to share different techniques and approaches to music. Thanks to the recruiting efforts of the whole faculty, our quality is improving every year," he said.

Tomasz Zieba, a senior cello performance major from Poland,

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Anne Drabicky SKIFF STAFF

Tetsuo Arima, a Japanese journalism professor, visited radio-TV-film classes Wednesday to discuss the Japanese media's collaboration with the well-known Aum Shinrikyo cult.

Japanese lecturer discusses scandal

Paper will discuss network's aid of cult

By Mitch Youngblood
STAFF REPORTER

A 1993 revelation proved that the Tokyo Broadcasting System had cooperated with the Aum Shinrikyo (Supreme Truth) cult, the same terrorists who released a nerve gas called sarin in a crowded Tokyo subway, killing 14 and wounding more than 400.

Not many people would be willing to talk about these events or the elaborate cover-up that ensued out of fear of reprisals from the cult.

But Tetsuo Arima, a Japanese journalism professor, is not only willing to discuss the events but is also collaborating on a paper about the cult

with TCU's Roger Cooper, an assistant professor of radio-TV-film.

Cooper and Arima are writing about a problem that has had serious repercussions in both the Japanese media and the world press.

TBS, one of the four major news networks in Japan, interviewed a number of suspected cult members in 1989 just before the network interviewed anti-cult lawyer Sakamoto Tsutsumi, who had been aggressively prosecuting the cult.

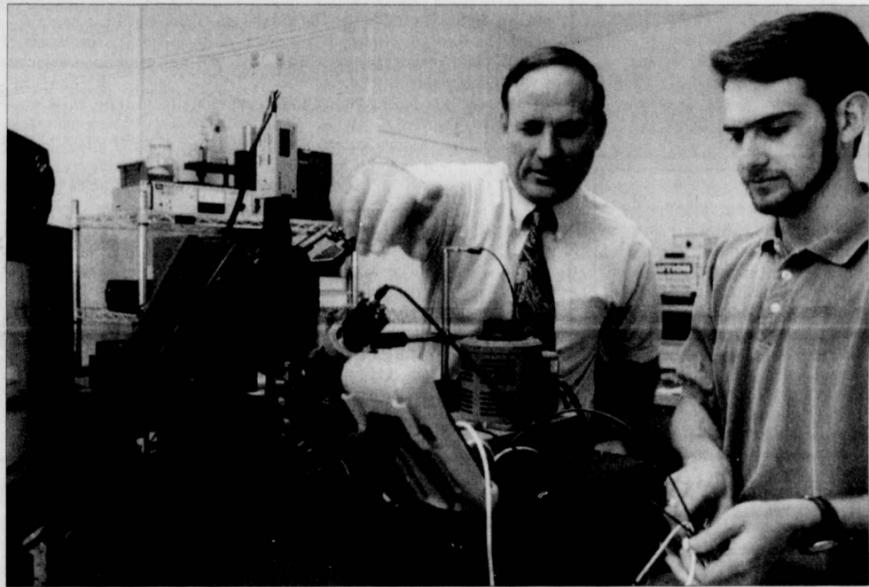
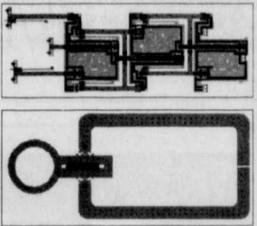
Apparently, TBS showed cult members the interview with Tsutsumi but never aired the interview. Tsutsumi, his wife and their

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Research could aid medical, military fields

Photos courtesy of Linde Kay and Ed Kolesar

Right: Ed Kolesar (left) and research assistant Peter Allen work with some of the equipment used in the MEMS research. Below: Two examples of MEMS - the "diving board" system used to achieve movement (top) and a pair of tongs, which could have applications in medicine.



Tiny machines could give students an edge, prof says

By Anne Drabicky
STAFF REPORTER

For the past two years, Ed Kolesar has been working with objects whose dimensions are compared to the thickness of a single strand of human hair.

Kolesar, the William A. Moncrief professor of engineering, has been working with devices called microelectromechanical systems but more commonly known as MEMS.

MEMS are made of silicon, which begins as beach sand, and they are measured in microns. A single strand of human hair is 100 microns wide.

Kolesar said his research has possible applications in military

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Putting faces with names

Reception joins freshmen, members of Vanguard program

By Melanie R. Rodriguez
SKIFF STAFF

Freshmen who received notes this summer from TCU students known as Vanguards got to meet the faces behind the letters at a welcome party Wednesday evening in the Rickel Building.

The activity featured music, door prizes, cake and soft drinks.

Theresa Singleton, a junior advertising/public relations major and program coordinator, said, "This is an organization for the

students from the students. It's the first student-to-student contact for (the freshmen).

"We're like a welcome wagon and safety net for freshmen," she said.

Kristy Balzafiore, a freshman nutrition major, said, "I think this was good because you get to know people. When freshmen don't really know anybody, any activity is nice to get to know people."

The Vanguards program is designed to help freshmen get to

know the university and its students, said Ben Alexander, a sophomore broadcast journalism major.

"We try to get (freshmen) connected to the TCU community before they get to the campus by writing letters. We also help them know TCU from a student's perspective," he said.

"I love being a Vanguard," Alexander said. "It's another way to get to know the class of 2001."

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Revised election code creates academic school reps in House

By Jeff Meddaugh
STAFF REPORTER

A bill passed by the House of Student Representatives late last semester revises the TCU election code to allow students to be appointed as House representatives from the five academic schools.

According to the bill, the previous code, designed to provide procedural regulations for conducting fair, open and honest elections, was deemed outdated by the Elections and Regulations Committee.

Bill 97-18 was passed April 29. One representative will be appointed by administrators from each academic school - AddRan College of Arts and Sciences, M.J. Neeley School of Business, School of Education, College of Fine Arts and Communication and Harris College of Nursing.

William Pinnell, chairman of the Elections and Regulations Committee, said the revisions would reinstate positions created and dropped years ago.

"There used to be academic schools represented in the House," he said. "We don't have the records from 20 years ago, so (we don't know) how or when it changed."

The process of appointment for the academic school representatives is different from the elections that decide

representatives from residence halls, Pinnell said.

Representatives will not be chosen by a constituency. They will instead be appointed by an academic dean, with five signatures from students within the respective academic schools are required.

"The representatives would be appointed by the dean's office, and (the appointment process) would be purely discretionary," Pinnell said.

Appointees will be announced at the first House meeting Sept. 16, Pinnell said.

House President Andy Mitchell supported the bill, saying the new positions will bring depth to the House.

"It made sense to have a visual sign of our commitment to academics by having representatives from each school," Mitchell said. "It gives us a connection with the deans' offices and opens up what's going on with the schools."

"What they're doing in the business school is different than what they're doing in fine arts," he said. "By sharing that information, we accomplish a lot."

Academic school representatives are required to have completed at least 60 semester hours with a minimum

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Dallas' Jackopierce to play final tunes

Band plans nationwide farewell tour

By Danielle Daniel
SKIFF STAFF

One of Dallas' best known mainstream pop bands, Jackopierce, announced its breakup last week after nine years of playing venues around the world, but a spokesman for the group said Jackopierce would not go out without one last performance for their devoted fans.

A nationwide farewell tour, set to begin Oct. 1, will hit major U.S. cities.

However, local fans can catch the group for free at a concert starting at 5 p.m. Thursday in Sundance Square. Jackopierce is scheduled to play at

8:30 p.m. and stay on stage for about an hour and a half.

The tour, billed as "An Evening with Jackopierce," will give fans a wide spectrum of the group's music, pulling songs from their five-album catalog and opening the show with a return to the band's roots - acoustic guitar.

According to a representative for Jackopierce management, "They (Cary Pierce and Jack O'Neill) will be playing acoustically again for the first time in three years. It's just another little present for the fans," the

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Special to the Skiff

Members of Jackopierce, a well-known band in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, announced last week that they plan to break up. The band will embark on a cross-country farewell tour Oct. 1 but will perform for free at 8:30 p.m. Thursday in Sundance Square.

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.

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

TRANSFER STUDENTS are invited to meet at noon Wednesdays in Student Center Room 214. The meetings, sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for students of two-year colleges, will last an hour and are open to anyone. Students should bring their own lunches. For more information, call Joel McMullen at 921-7490.

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.

DALLAS MAVERICKS "FUNSLINGERS" AUDITIONS will be held Sept. 10 and 11 at Reunion Arena in Dallas. The Mavericks are looking for energetic and dynamic men and women to lead crowd interaction activities at all home games. No experience is necessary. For more information, call the Mavericks at (214) 653-0243 or toll free (800) 646-1110.

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.

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Correction



Don Coerver

In a Wednesday story about new department chairmen and chairwomen, a photo was incorrectly labeled. Don Coerver, a professor of history and the new department chairman, is pictured at left.

World Report

World

Ex-Bosnian Serb leader invites investigation

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — In a show of bravado, indicted wartime leader Radovan Karadzic invited U.N. lawyers to Bosnian Serb territory Wednesday to investigate him before he decides whether to agree to stand trial, his closest aide said.

Momcilo Krajisnik, the Serb member of Bosnia's three-man presidency, relayed the offer to U.N. human rights envoy Elisabeth Rehn during a meeting in Pale, Karadzic's stronghold.

Karadzic proposed that Rehn interview him and his wartime military commander, Gen. Ratko Mladic, and mediate between the U.N. war crimes tribunal, on the one hand, and the two indicted suspects on the other, Krajisnik said.

Nation

Arizona governor convicted, will resign

PHOENIX — Gov. Fife Symington was convicted Wednesday of lying to get millions in loans to shore up his collapsing real estate empire. Symington's lawyer said the two-term Republican would leave office Friday.

The jury found Symington guilty on seven counts alleging he filed false financial statements to banks. He was acquitted of three counts, including a charge that he tried to use his political muscle as governor against a pension fund he owed \$10 million.

U.S. District Judge Roger Strand declared a mistrial on the remainder of the 21 counts because the jury was unable to reach a verdict.

Weight-loss chain pulls diet drug combination

PHILADELPHIA — A national weight-loss chain has pulled the popular diet drug fen-phen from its program amid concern that it may cause heart valve damage and high blood pressure.

Nutri/System Weight Loss Centers this week began replacing fen-phen — a combination of fenfluramine and phentermine — with a mix of phentermine and the anti-depressant Prozac. The chain said the new drug, called phen-pro, is a safer, cheaper and equally effective alternative for the 9 million Americans who take fen-phen.

State

UT official stresses need for minority education

AUSTIN — Texas is facing a "time bomb" unless it does more to ensure its growing minority population gets a college education, University of Texas System Chancellor William Cunningham said Wednesday.

It's predicted that the Texas work force will be less educated in the year 2030 than today and the average household income will decline by \$3,000, he said.

"We are facing a time bomb, and if we don't solve this time bomb, it is not going to be a pretty picture," Cunningham said as he opened a retreat on higher education issues for University of Texas regents.

Cunningham also said UT System schools have made progress in educating minorities in recent years, but black and Hispanic educational attainments aren't yet at the level of white students.

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College News Digest

OSU student sues fraternity, alleges hazing

STILLWATER, Okla. — Ryan Foster said his worst memory as a Sigma Nu pledge at Oklahoma State University was a rifle, fired by a member, less than 20 feet away from him and his pledge brothers.

"We were supposed to get a box out of an abandoned house and it had the Greek letters E-N on it," he said, describing a scavenger hunt during his pledgeship. "We get out the door and all we see is this rifle sticking out, and we just started cruising."

This, his worst memory, is one of many allegations in his lawsuit against the OSU Sigma Nu fraternity. The lawsuit was filed Aug. 14.

Foster is suing the fraternity for compensatory damages in excess of \$10,000, punitive damages in excess of \$10,000, and court costs associated with the lawsuit.

Thirteen acts of hazing are included in the lawsuit, filed by Tulsa attorney John M. Thetford.

Scott Quillen, Sigma Nu colonel, or president, said the allegations of hazing do not pertain to his fraternity.

-Oklahoma State University Daily O'Collegian

Suspect arrested in connection with California rapes

BERKELEY, Calif. — Oakland, Calif. police arrested a San Leandro resident Monday who may have committed a string of violent sexual assaults known in the area as the East Bay rapes.

The 37-year-old suspect was arrested Monday in connection with a rape case at Chabot College in Hayward. Oakland police said he is also a prime suspect for the recent sexual attacks that have struck the East Bay since mid-July. The Alameda County district attorney's office said the suspect will be charged in the Chabot College case.

-University of California, Berkeley Daily Californian

Texas A&M, two other schools swap cadets

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Two Citadel cadets and six Virginia Military Institute cadets are getting a taste of Texas A&M University hospitality this semester, and eight members of the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets are spending the fall at those schools.

The Citadel and VMI are participating with A&M in a semester-long Corps Exchange Program to help improve integration of women at the two other schools.

Monica Strye, Corps recruiting sergeant and a junior animal science major, said the cadets from the Citadel and VMI are at A&M to observe how men and women in the Corps react to each other so they can improve integration at their schools.

-Texas A&M University Battalion

Fraternity at DePauw announces substance-free plans

GREENCASTLE, Ind. — The Phi Gamma Delta chapter at DePauw University will be substance-free by July 1, 2000, making it the third DePauw fraternity to announce plans to go dry.

Both Phi Delta Theta and Sigma Nu have also announced plans for substance-free housing, as part of a program implemented by their national fraternities.

"I would not be surprised if we see many more national fraternities announcing substance-free housing before the year is over," said Joe Weist, FIJ's Indiana section chief and a member of the fraternity's national substance-free task force.

Weist cited incidents such as the recent Louisiana State University case of a Sigma Alpha Epsilon pledge who died from alcohol abuse as reasons for the trend of Greek living units moving toward substance-free policies.

-The Depauw (Depauw University)

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editorial

ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT

With The Pit and Staples moving out of the Student Center basement and the University Store vacating its location within the next two months, TCU is organizing a task force to make recommendations for the newly opened space.

Not to be outdone, the *TCU Daily Skiff* editorial board would like to offer our list of suggestions. A new student center may be in the wings, but here are a few things to tide students over until that day arrives:

- A movie theater in the Student Center basement. Such a facility would allow a permanent location for Programming Council to show 6-month-old movies. Also, since many students spend more of their money at the AMC Sundance theater than on tuition, bringing new movies to campus could be a good way to get students involved in TCU affairs. Refreshments could be served from the former Pit. Having such an entertainment facility on campus would also serve those students without transportation.

- A cybercafe. OK, we borrowed the idea

from House President Andy Mitchell, but it warrants a second look. The computers in the Reading Room should only be used for school work, so adding computers downstairs could open up a new area for students to relax, drink coffee, check e-mail and surf the 'Net. Since the new bookstore will probably close before students are finished studying at night, a cybercafe would offer a place to hang out in a setting much like the existing Grind.

The closing of The Pit and the University Store will leave parts of the Student Center unused. Here are our suggestions for how to take advantage of the space.

- A game room/arcade. Adding air hockey tables, pool tables and video games to the Student Center would provide a place for students to relieve stress, and little supervision is needed for upkeep.

- Student organization offices. By installing a group of cubicles in one area, members of various student organizations can better communicate with each other and cooperate on more events.

- Three words: Indoor putt-putt. Purchasing that ugly green carpet and used putters isn't an expensive venture, but it could keep students entertained for hours.

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Always and forever?

New covenant slights strength of traditional marriage

Marriage is supposed to be forever. However, marriage has gone from "til death do us part" to "til a few disagreements do us part."

Lawmakers in Louisiana think they have found a solution to the problem of divorce. A new piece of legislation was recently introduced that allows for two different types of marriage: A traditional or marriage or the new, unbreakable covenant marriage. If a couple enters into a covenant marriage, they must prove certain circumstances, such as abuse or abandonment, to break the union. In short, divorce is out of the question.

Yeah, right. There are so many ways around that. If two people don't want to stay together, no law can keep them married. Take the Catholic Church for example. It doesn't recognize divorce, but couples can still get an annulment, which is, for all practical purposes, the same thing.

While the intentions of this bill are noble — few people in our generation would lobby for the benefits of divorce — in reality, it will simply end up making more of a mockery of marriage than divorce has.

Granted, divorce is harmful and has several negative repercussions on society. However, this is not the way to cure the ills of divorce.

If this covenant marriage catches on, two classes of marriage — short-term and long-term — will emerge.

Take Sally and Steve, for example. They go out to a nice dinner at a quaint little Italian restaurant for their three-year dating anniversary. Sally has been hinting to Steve for months to pop the question. He isn't ready to make the commitment, but he doesn't want to lose her. So he decides to propose.

"Sally," Steve says as he gets down on one knee, "we've been goin' steady for a while now and you cook real good and I love the way you smell. Will you marry me?"



Jeremy Roman SKIFF STAFF

It isn't exactly as she has envisioned it, but it is a proposal nonetheless. So she says yes. But then something occurs to her.

"Will this be a regular marriage or a covenant marriage?" she asks.

"Well, it's a regular one," Steve says.

Sally starts bawling and runs out of the restaurant, and they break up and never see each other again.

On one hand, this is a good thing: Sally and Steve were obviously not ready to be married.

On the other hand, it makes no sense. Why would you enter into a non-covenant marriage? Isn't that an oxymoron? A marriage is a covenant. By creating a type of marriage that is expressly a "covenant," it is perverting the traditional marriage to be something less than that — a short-term or noncommittal marriage.

Next thing you know, Louisiana will be offering a surgeon's license which requires one to actually follow the Hippocratic Oath. Assuming that all surgeons at least attempt to follow this oath, this license would make a

mockery of the entire thing. It would be, essentially, admitting that the entire oath had been a sham until this point.

Are we so unable to make commitments that we need covenant marriages?

The problem here is not in the name. A marriage by any other name would still break up if the people involved weren't prepared to spend their lives together. Coming up with a new name and making divorces messier will not make marriages stronger.

The problem is attitudinal. We don't need a new marriage, we need new motives for the old ones. We don't need to invent new unions, we need to make the existing ones stronger.

We just need to change our attitudes about marriage. Marriage should be forever, regardless if it's the fancy new marriage or the plain old-fashioned one.

William Thomas Burdette is a junior news-editorial journalism and English major from Overland Park, Kan.

Gut responses to Diana's death misplace blame

There is probably not a person in the Western world with any access to television or newspapers who does not know of Princess Diana's death. On Saturday night, major networks provided several hours of coverage of the accident, including speculation about the role of paparazzi in the crash.

Monday's *Dallas Morning News* carried 16 different stories about the accident and its potential impact on Britain and the world at large. The death is arguably the largest story of the year because of both its suddenness and Diana's high profile.

Now it's apparently time to place blame, as mourners proclaim in both broadcast and print. A man driving a bus Saturday night shouted out the window at journalists near Diana's Kensington Palace residence, "Leave her alone." A woman screamed, "Scum!" at a radio reporter conducting an interview. A man near the palace carried a sign saying, "A message to the press: Who is your next victim?"

The role of alcohol in the crash is still being explored, but criticism will probably be torn between barbs aimed at the hotel that provided the chauffeur and those aimed at the media.

Princess Diana's death shocks and touches me, too. She was the least stuffy member of the royal family and undoubtedly the most accessible. I don't think committing adultery or having bouts of serious depression are prerequisites for being in touch with the people, but I think in her humanitarian efforts Diana embodied a genuine interest in her public that other royals failed to communicate. Her death is a great loss.

However, I don't think those feelings of loss justify a complete trial by fire of international media. The fatal irony of Diana's now cliched hot-and-cold relationship with the press raises serious ethical questions, and I have a feeling many people will want to choose one factor upon which to heap all the blame for her death.

But while seven paparazzi may have helped a drunken chauffeur race toward tragedy, they should not be held solely responsible for a worldwide condemnation of the press.

The freelance paparazzi must be distinguished from actual photographers associated with newspapers, as well as from reporters and broadcast per-

sonnel affiliated with radio and television stations. Not everyone with a camera or a reporter's notebook speeds after celebrities on a motorcycle; in fact, only a very small percentage of those who call themselves journalists fall into this category. Yet in the anger of the present, it's easy to see all aspects of the media as equally to blame.

Diana had a love-hate relation-

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ship with the press. So do we. The very tabloids scorned for being the markets for paparazzi were snapped up as souvenirs in both England and the United States. Many of the photos and clips shown on the news were themselves the product of the kind of media frenzy Diana despised. One can quickly forget how the news he or she is watching was obtained; the television camera shows all the other photographers and reporters while hiding its own gaping eye.



Tom Urquhart SKIFF STAFF

Confused by this ambiguity, our country can't decide whether to defend or condemn its own media outlets. On one hand, contemporary journalists are consistently named as one of the least trusted groups of professionals in the nation. On the other, television viewers are lured to a particular channel by a trustworthy face and slogans such as "Looking out for you." Readers complain that the paper is filled with fires, murders and nothing but bad news — yet sales invariably go up during extensive coverage of events like the JonBenet Ramsey case. The contradictions go on and on.

Any nation, no matter the continent, that can decry the host of organizations it lumps together as "The Media" and still support a thriving tabloid industry is living a mixed message. Any hasty endorsement of new privacy laws or a ban on tabloids is a mistake that comes from a gut reaction, not from careful thought.

Perhaps Diana's death will encourage us to confront problems within journalism rather than let them build to tragic proportions and result in misplaced anger. A society in perpetual confusion has only itself to blame.

Robyn Ross is a junior news-editorial journalism major from Marble Falls, Texas.

Aptly named series appeals to dummies

A strange and threatening development looms over the idea of mass education. The aim of modern literature now lies in its accessibility. With the advent of national bookstore chains, the price of dubious pulp discourages would-be dilettantes from investing in anything over \$10.

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Grisham and Michael Crichton, with their arsenal of cheap literary theatrics, have wooed readers from more traditional works and authors. Pulp has always been a mass indulgence, yet the prominence of corporate bookstores has given copious amounts of money to furthering the cause of the dime-store novel. From this vacuous well of idle minds rises the ultimate form of accessibility, unfortunately joined with its co-conspirator, stupidity.

With the age of computers, a certain necessity arose to make instruction manuals more user friendly. This proved to be the impetus for the now famous, "Dummy" series. The sole stomping ground for these books was resigned to computer usage. However, the unmitigated success of the "Dummy" series spawned an offbeat cousin from its original intent.

Now the culture is inundated with books ranging from "Windows '95 for Dummies" to "Sergei Prokofiev for Dummies." From the launch pad of computer manuals, this wretched series of filth has stuck its vile proboscis into classical music, chess and even philosophy, leaving nothing sacred, nothing left unmarginalized. This is the fundamental goal of the series.

The lack of upsurges in sales of

those books in the same fields as the "Dummy" topics leads one to believe that if the intent of the series was to make rather esoteric topics accessible contingent on the further examination of the said topic, then this failed endeavor has been replaced by something more sinister.

Corresponding with a societal push towards marginalization, the "Dummy" series offers the laity a chance to entertain ideas about classical music, chess and philosophy that would not normally be accessible either by convention or perception. However, the series is an end and not a mean. It broadcasts the message that all things are subject to reduction to their lowest common denominator and that this reduction is an end point, not a starting point.

The champion of functionalism, the "Dummy" series overthrows extended learning, teaching that all can be included in a 300-page volume. Devoid of meaning and content, the "Dummy-ized" topics are stripped of their original worth. This does not eliminate "beginner" books, for based on the word beginner, these books at least pay respect to the idea of continued investigation.

The "Dummy" books represent a dangerously concise version of things. Just as *Reader's Digest* began to spew half-wit edit jobs of the classics, now the "Dummy" books are expanding on the idea that less is somehow universally more. Functionalized, marginalized and devoid of any semblance of the former self, these new "Dummy" volumes are ambrosia to the uninformed, lazy masses. The indictment rests not with the publishers of these cesspools of knowledge, but rather with the lackadaisical mush-heads who buy the books as well as the ideology.

Christopher Smith is a senior history and philosophy major from Burleson.



CHRIS SMITH

Students hear of benefits of Study Abroad

Instructors, returned travelers stress educational experiences of international programs

By Beth Weibel
STAFF REPORTER

Students planning to study abroad in upcoming semesters met with program coordinators and students with international study experience Wednesday afternoon in the Student Center.

Delia Pitts, director of International Education, said the meeting was designed to give students and faculty a chance to become acquainted and share Study Abroad experiences.

Pitts also introduced several of the Study Abroad coordinators responsible for programs in places such as Hungary, Mexico, England and Japan.

David Bedford, Spanish instructor and coordinator of the TCU-

Mexico summer program, said studying abroad is a valuable experience for students.

"Studying abroad is important because students learn a different way of working with the world," Bedford said.

Ricardo Roberto, director of the Fort Worth International Center, also told students about the benefits of studying abroad and the need to be aware of events in the world.

"The world is in your living room, bathroom and on your body," Ricardo said. "We need to realize how international we are."

Douglas Newsom, a professor of journalism, instructs a Global Advertising and Public Relations course in the summer program at Regent's College in London. She

said Study Abroad students learn from being exposed to a different culture.

"We all live with assumptions, and students find out that what appears to be familiar isn't," Newsom said.

Students with Study Abroad experience also shared their ideas about the importance of studying in another country.

Ashley Braly, a junior business marketing major, spent the summer studying theater in London and traveling throughout Europe.

"My favorite part about studying abroad was the opportunity I had to travel," Braly said. "Berlin was my favorite place because it was really interesting to visit, a place so full of history."

Crissa Renteria, a junior advertising/public relations major, said her experience in London showed a completely different way of living.

"I really enjoyed the unique people and experiences you encounter when you are in a different culture," she said.

Students interested in Study Abroad opportunities asked questions and expressed concerns about the programs.

Natalie Meek, a junior international communications major, said she is excited about studying in another country.

"I would love to go to Spain and learn to speak Spanish fluently," Meek said. "I might want to go to London for the summer and spend the semester in Spain."

MEMS

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and medical fields. He has received grants from the National Science Foundation for his research and from Lockheed Martin Tactical Aircraft Systems to develop the military side. He also works closely with Dr. Ronald Schachar, a Dallas ophthalmologist, to develop the medical applications of the device.

Kolesar said the first application of the MEMS technology came several years ago with an airbag sensor.

The tiny device "can actually detect when the bumper is hit and is starting to flex, causing airbag deployment," Kolesar said.

"The thing that was lacking was that people were never able to make things (MEMS) move," he said.

This created roadblocks for those working in medicine. Kolesar said the lack of movement made it difficult to develop a medical use for MEMS.

Kolesar and his assistants recently developed a technique that allows them to move miniature pliers and gears, components of MEMS.

In the past, MEMS have been stacked on top of one another in layers to make sensors like the ones used in car bumpers. Kolesar created a "diving board" type of formation that allows MEMS respond to electricity, thus making them move.

The base of the diving board is a silicon wafer, followed by three layers. The middle of the three is known as the "sacrificial layer" because it is removed to leave an open air space between the two remaining layers. The two are connected with a sort of arm to the side, Kolesar said, to prevent the top layer from falling.

"Now that we have the air there, we can move things vertically and horizontally," Kolesar said.

This movement is achieved by applying magnetic impulses to the ends of the board, following the "opposites attract" theory.

Kolesar said this movement development could be invaluable to the medical field. In normal surgeries, sharp needles must be used with extreme caution to avoid accidentally causing harm. By using tweezers made of MEMS, a single cell or group of cells can be removed without puncturing healthy cells.

The MEMS technology also could be used for pressure sensors to monitor the "health of aircraft, structures, buildings and trains."

At the Mach speeds at which military aircraft travel, for example, Kolesar said the plane "can start to bend, twist and distort." The MEMS sensors can be used to detect structural weaknesses or failures so the plane's design can be improved.

Using MEMS, Kolesar and his assistants also created a lightbulb. "We were trying to make a fuse and we got a light bulb out of it... much like Edison did," Kolesar said.

The light bulb is 10 microns long and 2 microns wide — definitely not visible to the naked eye.

Kolesar said the recent addition of the Intel Corporation to the Fort Worth area could provide an outlet for the MEMS research.

"Intel is really going to make an impact," he said. "I think we're going to become another microelectronics hub, like Silicon Valley in California."

Kolesar has emphasized his research while at TCU because he wants engineering students here to have a comparative edge over students at other Texas schools.

"I want to give us a unique flavor relative to other engineering schools in Texas," he said.

Kolesar believes the MEMS research is the way to achieve his goal. With many possible applications, he said, "I see it as the technology of the future."

HOUSE

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on the Academic Affairs Committee, according to the bill.

Marian Red, chairwoman of the Academic Affairs Committee, said any support a student can give to academic importance is valuable.

"This will strengthen communications with five students from different schools and (add) perspectives for a comprehensive formulation of ideas," Red said.

In the same bill, spending limits for House officer candidates more than doubled to \$150. The previous election code allowed candidates to spend \$60.

The new amount was based on inflation rates, Pinnell said.

Because candidates for House representatives campaign only in their residence halls, the amount of spending allowed in their races remained at \$15, Pinnell said.

JAPAN

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appeared on Nov. 4, 1989.

Of many possible reasons for TBS showing cult members the tape but claiming they never contacted the cult, the most plausible reason was fear of cult attacks.

Aum members convicted in the gas attack on the Tokyo subway eventually admitted that TBS had made a deal with them. TBS finally relented in 1994, when they acknowledged past contact with the cult.

"People in Japan actually blame TBS for the gas attack," Cooper said. "Their distrust of TBS and the media in general is immense."

Cooper met Arima, a prominent media analyst in Japan, when he was a Fulbright Scholar at Osaka University from 1995 to 1996.

Cooper had written about the scandal over NBC's questionable investigative reporting tactics. His research provided a common ground from which he and Arima approached the TBS scandal.

Arima has been in the United States for two months touring and lecturing at various colleges. For the past two weeks he has been in Fort Worth working with Cooper and lecturing to classes. He leaves Thursday to go to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he plans to

talk about new types of computers being integrated into the education process.

"Before coming here, my perception was that Texans are really macho," said Arima. "But after staying here for a while, everyone here is very nice. And everything is big. I can see the horizon."

Arima teaches a graduate school course called international cultural studies and undergraduate courses in American media studies and advertisements at Tohoku University in Sendai, Japan.

Colleges in Japan do not adequately prepare students interested in pursuing print journalism, radio, television or film as careers, Arima said. Students there must earn degrees in other departments and are usually given a test to get into one of the few media firms.

Arima said he used to play tennis but his work and family life — he has a wife and daughter — are so consuming that he has not played in a long time. His days now are devoted mostly to watching American television and American movies.

"We have cable TV, which is not really popular in Japan, and a satellite dish at our house," Arima said. "It is really a great job, watching TV for a living."

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representative said.

Though the farewell concert will open with acoustics, band members Clay Pendergrass on bass and Earl Darling on drums will join the two vocalists after a short intermission to play some of the group's hits.

According to the representative, who asked to remain unnamed, band members have built a following around live performances and wanted to say thank you and goodbye to their fans by giving a last concert.

"They have an attachment to their

fans and appreciate them," the representative said.

Tickets to the concerts are anticipated to be in high demand, and every show is expected to sell out.

"It's going to be the biggest tour they have ever done — 40 shows in three months," the representative said. "They want to make sure the fans who have been supportive have at least one last chance to see them."

The band will reach the Dallas area toward the final days of their tour in December.

Though the band has sold hundreds of thousands of records and receives thousands of e-mail messages each day, the band decided to end its association, the representative said.

"They are going to pursue other artistic and creative endeavors," the representative said. "But they are still great friends, and the separation is not based on animosity."

Shanna Steele, a junior sociology major, said the breakup of the band is upsetting.

"I have been a fan since I was 15,"

Steele said. "I'm from Dallas and I have been to a lot of their concerts. I guess I'll miss them."

Steele said Jackopierce's music appealed to her because their lyrics are intelligent.

"Their music is folkish, and their lyrics are deep and insightful," she said.

To receive information about upcoming concerts, visit their World Wide Web site at www.jackopierce.com or call (214) 741-9663.

ORCHESTRA

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said the orchestra has improved since Gutierrez became the director.

"Before we didn't have enough good players, but Gutierrez brought in good musicians," Zieba said. "I think the orchestra will be very good this year."

Michael Riggs, a junior music composition and performance major and double bass player, said international students bring quality to the orchestra because they are serious about what they do. The musical environment is enriched because the orchestra can call on talents from all over the world, he said.

"But we emphasize quality students, not international students," Riggs said.

In return, the orchestra helps international students as they adjust to life in the United States.

"Instead of being just another student on campus, they can join an organization like they were in back home," said Christi Thomas, a freshman music education major. "Maybe we don't all speak the same language, but we can all play the same music together."

Eloisa Padilha, a graduate student from Brazil who plays violin, played for a professional orchestra in her home country. She said she is enjoying playing with the TCU orchestra.

"Playing is different when it's work than when it's playing for enjoyment," she said. "School orchestras are the same everywhere, and I feel better playing in a school orchestra."

International students can sometimes have trouble making

friends with American students in classes where they just take notes and leave, said Ryoko Arai, who will be a freshman music performance major after passing the Test of English as a Foreign Language. Arai plays the violin and is from Japan.

"In orchestra we play together and spend time together," she said. "It's easier to make friends."

A strong sense of family and fellowship is part of the orchestra, Riggs said. Having a musical community similar to what the students had in their home countries helps international students without many local connections adjust to TCU, he said.

"If music is your love, being in the orchestra is like carrying a piece of home with you," Riggs said.

Zieba said he made his first good friends at TCU through the orchestra, after he learned English.

"Before I learned the language we communicated by music," he said.

Donny Pinson, a sophomore music education major and trombone player, said music is a universal language because no matter where the student is from, it's expressed the same way.

Meredith Wilson, a freshman business and psychology major, said, "Music is an international language. People from different areas play differently, but we don't put an emphasis on being international. We're a family. We all play together."

VANGUARDS

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Plus I got a free T-shirt."

The Vanguards are upperclassmen who are energetic and positive about TCU, Singleton said. About 105 upperclassmen are involved in the Vanguards program. During the summer, they write incoming freshmen in hopes of easing the anxieties of new Frogs.

Singleton said after Wednesday night, it's up to the Vanguards to keep up with their freshmen.

Singleton said the Vanguards program, in its second year, seems like it is just starting up. The group, which was not funded its first year, now operates on a budget funded by the House of Student Representatives.

House President Andy Mitchell praised Singleton's efforts to build the program.

Several Vanguards said they enjoy working in the program because they like being a campus resource.

Vanguard Mark Irish, a senior finance major and House treasurer, said, "It helps the freshmen to get to know people. I guess that's what it's all about."

Many freshmen also see the program in a positive light.

Heather Ferra, a freshman international communications major, said, "It was nice meeting upperclassmen."

Lyndsey Blott, a freshman mathematics major, said, "It was helpful."

Shalmah Ross, a freshman speech pathology major, said the reception was warm and inviting.

"It was a chance to see friends I made earlier, but (who are) not in my organizations now," she said, referring to her experience at New Student Orientation.

The Vanguards program can be contacted through its World Wide Web site. The address is <http://student.tcu.edu/vanguards>.

Seal of excellence



Melissa Triebwasser SKIFF STAFF

A 9,000-pound university seal was installed Aug. 28 in front of Sadler Hall. The seal serves as the centerpiece of the flag plaza Chancellor William E. Tucker and his wife, Jean, provided in honor of her late father, A.V. Jones. The university motto, emblem and the words "Texas Christian University" were sandblasted into the seal's surface.

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VolleyFrogs fired up for new season

By Melissa Triebwasser
SKIFF STAFF

The second-year VolleyFrogs and head coach Sandy Troutd showed they learned a lot about mental toughness, bouncing back from a 4-30 finish a season ago to win two games and take second place at the Las Cruces Hilton Volleyball Classic, held in Las Cruces, N.M., Aug. 29 and 30.

Some members of the team attribute their improvement to strong leadership by the relative veterans of the team, including sophomores Jill Pape, an outside hitter, and Annie Gant, a setter.

"All the upperclassmen tell us what to expect, where to go in drills, when to close our mouths," freshman blocker Amy Atamanczuk said. "They are all really a great help and very supportive with all of the younger players. I don't know how they did it last year."

But with a year of experience behind them, and some key freshmen recruits, the players and coaches have high expectations for the season ahead.

"We want to win our quad and go to the Western Athletic Conference championships," Gant said. "That's

our goal for the season and what we think about in every practice."

Even the freshman seem ready for their first taste of collegiate play.

"The college level is definitely a step up for me. I really owe it to the returning players for helping to prepare us to make that step," freshman outside hitter Shannon Weiss said. "I wasn't as nervous as I thought I would be for that first game because everyone was so supportive. And we've grown so much as a team, even in the last three weeks, that we should all be well prepared for the season ahead."

Pape was the VolleyFrogs' primary offensive weapon a year ago, leading the WAC with 5.28 kills per game. This year the Frogs can pass the ball around much more, as well as incorporate a strong serving game and solid ball control.

"We served really well in New Mexico," Weiss said. "We were in control of the ball and played a solid game all around."

Head coach Sandy Troutd said the first few matches of the season will prepare the team mentally and physically for the tough schedule that lies ahead.

"All of the early season is there

to prepare you for the WAC," Troutd said. "We can keep readjusting our goals in a positive way after each game."

And although other teams may not know what to expect from the Frogs this year, the players expect to build a stronger record than last year.

Kelli Brown, a sophomore defensive specialist, said, "It was an awesome feeling to win in New Mexico, and a big step up from last year. We are going to be good this year, and we want a lot of fan support to help us reach our goals."

Weiss said she hopes fan support will help the team morale.

"Our game is fast-paced and a lot of fun for people to watch," Weiss said. "We really want to get a lot of people out there, cheering us on, helping us win. We want our opponents to be afraid to come to our house, and we want to be known as a tough team to play at home."

Gant said the VolleyFrogs' first-year record may make fans skeptical, but the team hopes to overcome the preconceived notions.

"Realistically, people aren't going to respect us," Gant said. "I don't care what we are ranked as (in the preseason); I just care about what they say when it's all over."

Pacific Division

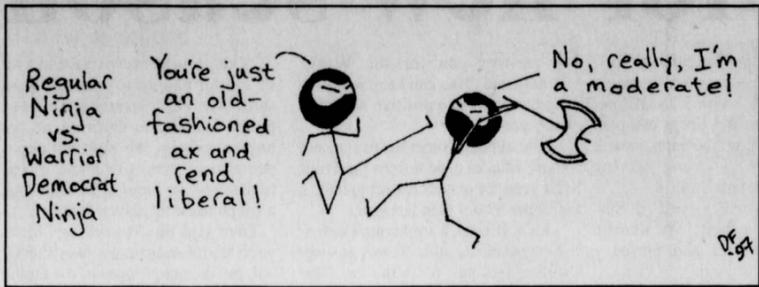
 <p>Letterwinners returning 6 Letterwinners lost 5 Starters returning 2 Starters lost 4</p>	 <p>1996 record 22-10 WAC record 9-7 WAC finish 4th (Pac.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior hitter Diana Naibandian (left) and sophomore hitter Diann Aufdemaur are the only returning starters from last years 22-10 team. • 1996 was the third straight year Fresno State has won 20 or more games. 	 <p>Letterwinners returning 9 Letterwinners lost 5 Starters returning 1 Starters lost 5</p>	 <p>1996 record 35-3 WAC record 16-0 WAC finish 1st (Pac.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior hitter Therese Crawford (left) is the only returning starter on a team that has won 35 straight league games. • The Rainbow Wahine finished runner-up to Stanford in the NCAA tournament last year. 	 <p>Letterwinners returning 7 Letterwinners lost 4 Starters returning 4 Starters lost 2</p>	 <p>1996 record 16-18 WAC record 9-7 WAC finish 5th (Mtn.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior setter Carolyn Sarnecki (left) is second in the Rice Owls record books in career assists. • Last years 9-7 WAC record was the first time Rice has ever had a winning conference record.
 <p>Letterwinners returning 6 Letterwinners lost 6 Starters returning 4 Starters lost 2</p>	 <p>1996 record 22-11 WAC record 13-3 WAC finish 2nd (Pac.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior setter Andrea Clark (left) is SDSU's all-time assist leader. • SDSU has been to the NCAA tournament the last three years. They lost to Texas in the second round in 1996. 	 <p>Letterwinners returning 6 Letterwinners lost 3 Starters returning 4 Starters lost 2</p>	 <p>1996 record 10-20 WAC record 5-11 WAC finish 6th (Pac.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junior middle blocker Melissa Myers (left) led SJSU with 112 blocks last year and is 10th all time with 227. • 1996 was San Jose's first campaign in the WAC. 	 <p>Letterwinners returning 6 Letterwinners lost 4 Starters returning 5 Starters lost 1</p>	 <p>1996 record 7-24 WAC record 3-13 WAC finish 6th (Mtn.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sophomore setter Leslie Olson (left) leads a team that includes two seniors, five sophomores and three freshmen. • The Mustangs fielded their first team ever in 1996.
 <p>Letterwinners returning 8 Letterwinners lost 1 Starters returning 5 Starters lost 1</p>	 <p>1996 record 4-30 WAC record 1-15 WAC finish 8th (Mtn.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sophomore hitter Jill Pape (left) led the WAC and was eighth in the nation in kills (5.28). • TCU's only conference victory came against arch-rival SMU on Oct. 19. 	 <p>Letterwinners returning 9 Letterwinners lost 3 Starters returning 3 Starters lost 3</p>	 <p>1996 record 8-24 WAC record 2-14 WAC finish 7th (Mtn.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Setter Christy McKay (left) leads a group of four seniors into their third WAC season. • Tulsa will compete in four tournaments this season. 		

Mountain Division

 <p>Letterwinners returning 9 Letterwinners lost 3 Starters returning 3 Starters lost 3</p>	 <p>1996 record 4-23 WAC record 1-15 WAC finish 8th (Pac.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junior setter Kat Dehne (left) and her 6.76 assists per game will lead the Falcons into their second season as a Division I program. • The Falcon returning starters led the Falcons in every statistical category. 	 <p>Letterwinners returning 9 Letterwinners lost 1 Starters returning 6 Starters lost 1</p>	 <p>1996 record 27-7 WAC record 15-1 WAC finish 1st (Pac.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior blocker Amy Steele-Gant leads the returning starters with 4.01 kills per game. • BYU defeated national runner-up Hawaii to win the WAC, but lost to the Rainbow Wahine in the third round of the NCAA Tournament. 	 <p>Letterwinners returning 10 Letterwinners lost 1 Starters returning 6 Starters lost 0</p>	 <p>1996 record 23-11 WAC record 10-6 WAC finish 3rd (Pacific)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior setter Analisa Saylor was a second-team all-WAC member last year. • The Rams' 1996 record was the best the team had posted since 1987.
 <p>Letterwinners returning 8 Letterwinners lost 4 Starters returning 5 Starters lost 1</p>	 <p>1996 record 5-22 WAC record 3-13 WAC finish 7th (Pacific)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junior setter Meri-de Boyer's (left) 5.43 assists per game leads a young team into the 1996 season. • The 1997 roster will have only one senior, blocker Amy Ellenwood. 	 <p>Letterwinners returning 8 Letterwinners lost 3 Starters returning 4 Starters lost 2</p>	 <p>1996 record 19-11 WAC record 13-3 WAC finish 2nd (Mnt.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outside hitter Jenny Pavley was a first-team all-WAC selection. • The Lobos were first in the WAC and fourth in the nation in digs as a team. 	 <p>Letterwinners returning 6 Letterwinners lost 4 Starters returning 3 Starters lost 3</p>	 <p>1996 record 19-10 WAC record 10-6 WAC finish T-3rd (Mtn.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defensive specialist Flor Sanchez (left) is one of three seniors on a young team. • UTEP had it's most successful season as a WAC member in 1996.
 <p>Letterwinners returning 7 Letterwinners lost 4 Starters returning 5 Starters lost 1</p>	 <p>1996 record 20-12 WAC record 10-6 WAC finish T-3rd (Mountain)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior hitter Brenda Barton (left) ranks second in career kills at Utah. • Utah's 1996 WAC record was it's best conference finish ever. 	 <p>Letterwinners returning 8 Letterwinners lost 4 Starters returning 3 Starters lost 3</p>	 <p>1996 record 14-17 WAC record 8-8 WAC finish 5th (Mtn.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior hitter Julie Overton (left) had 1.61 digs per game last year. • 1997 will be coach Susan Steadman's second year as the Cowgirls head coach. 		

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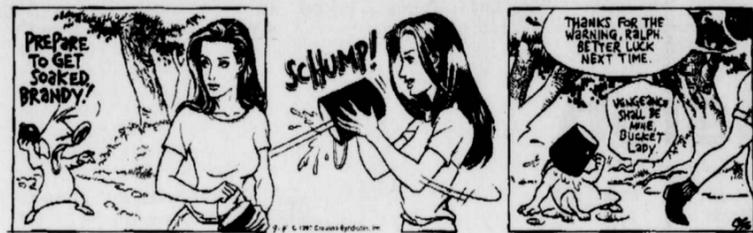
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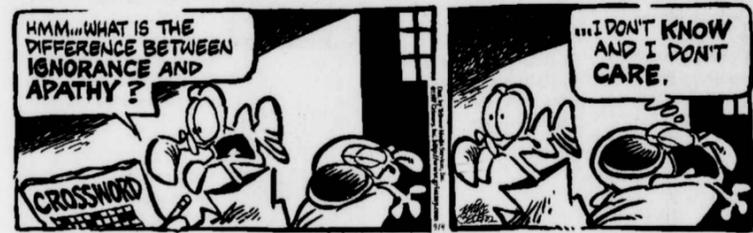
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