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Colleges

Another MIT frat under investigation

(U-WIRE) CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — The Massachusetts Institute of Technology is investigating yet another campus fraternity in the wake of allegations that a Boston University student suffered alcohol poisoning after attending a party at the Theta Chi fraternity house.

The Boston Police Department issued a violation complaint to the house after a first-year student, Marie Figueredo, 18, said she had been drinking there on Nov. 14, the *Boston Globe* reported.

According to the report, Figueredo drank so much that her roommate called an ambulance. She was treated at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and released the next day.

"There has been an ongoing investigation in the dean's office," MIT spokesperson Robert J. Sales said Monday. "If we find that people are at fault, there could be severe consequences."

The fraternity has not yet been placed under any sanctions, he said.

The most recent allegation of underage drinking at MIT comes less than a week after the Boston Licensing Board voted to temporarily close the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity house because of the drinking-related death of first-year student Scott Krueger.

—Harvard Crimson
Harvard University

Michigan student's death shocks campus

(U-WIRE) ANN ARBOR, Mich. — The suicide of a sociology graduate student last week continues to shock students and faculty members within the University of Michigan community — especially those who worked with or were taught by him.

Daniel Glos, a graduate student instructor, shot himself in his hometown of Ithaca, N.Y., on Nov. 24.

"He was a very diverse person," said his mother, Kathy Burlitch. "He reached out to all kinds of people. He was very good with young children."

Sociology Professor Silvia Pedraza said she is extremely saddened by Glos' sudden death.

"It touches me very deeply," she said.

As an instructor, Glos exerted great effort and always made himself available to his more than 50 students, Pedraza said.

—Michigan Daily
University of Michigan

Study probes student drinking problems

(U-WIRE) GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Students who doubt their ability to handle bad moods or bad situations are more prone to problems with alcohol, a new University of Florida study has found.

The study was led by Jon Kassel, a clinical psychologist in the University of Florida College of Health Professions. He said he was interested in finding out why alcohol becomes a problem for some students.

"Previous research has shown that people use drugs or alcohol when they do not have more effective ways of coping with problems," Kassel said. "But nobody has looked at it from this angle: Does a person's perception of his ability to cope play a role in problem drinking?"

Jackson said the study could help students realize that they have a drinking problem. She said if a student is having a difficult time, he or she will seek an alternate way of dealing with their problems.

She also said she thinks the problem goes beyond college students.

"College students sometimes behave differently than the world around them," Kassel said. "I suspect we would have similar findings if we surveyed a cross-section of the public."

—Independent Florida Alligator
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1,000 career points
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Alum focuses camera on TCU for short film

By Rhonda Dickens
STAFF REPORTER

Dallas Cowboys defensive tackle Tony Casillas tackled the movie industry with an appearance on campus Tuesday for the filming of an independent short film.

"Rules of the Game" is the brainchild of Sam Estrada, 24, who graduated from TCU in December 1996. He is co-directing and co-producing the film with his cousin Jimmy Estrada, 29.

Casillas has a short but major role as a police officer named Diego in the film, which is about two college students who are contracted over the Internet to kill someone.

Casillas said this is not the first time he has tried his hand at acting, but it is the first time he has been able to commit to making a film.

'Rules of the Game' to feature Cowboys' Casillas

The Estradas and a 26-person crew set up their cameras at the Sid W. Richardson Building and the Campus Police headquarters. The crew will be filming in the post office in Sadler Hall today.

Casillas agreed to appear in the film after Sam Estrada sent him a letter and a script.

"He called at 10:45 p.m. that night and said he'd love to do it," Estrada said.

Casillas said this is not the first time he has tried his hand at acting, but it is the first time he has been able to commit to making a film.

"Over the last three or four years I've been wanting to get into it (acting), but I haven't been able to because of my schedule," Casillas said.

Casillas is in his 12th year in the National Football League. The 33-year-old Coppell resident played college football for Oklahoma University and earned a degree in communications. He was a two-time All-American and Lombardi Award winner during his college football career.

Casillas said he has always enjoyed the arts and has taken

classes in the arts in the past, but he had never pursued it seriously until now.

"This is something I want to do after I finish playing football," Casillas said. "I do have aspirations once I get out to do it."

Casillas said he decided to work on the film because the shooting fit his scheduled day off and because he was impressed with the script and with Sam and Jimmy Estrada.

"It seemed like a really legitimate project," Casillas said.

He also said he thinks the

Estradas, who impressed him with their experience in the professional film industry, have a promising future.

"It (the film) is a start for me and for them," Casillas said.

The Estradas have begun to make their mark in the film industry. Recently, the two worked in the art department of the film "Point Blank," which was shot in the Fort Worth area. The film stars Mickey Rourke.

Jimmy Estrada, a graphic design major from the University of North Texas, said he also worked designing and building

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Santa's little helpers



Children from Castleberry Elementary School display ornaments they made for the TCU Christmas tree, which will be lighted at 10 p.m. Wednesday on the steps of Sadler Hall. Children ages kindergarten through third grade worked on the ornaments.

Blair Pearce PHOTO EDITOR

House to buy printers

Members say \$10,700 project meets needs

By Jeff Meddaugh
STAFF REPORTER

The House of Student Representatives met Tuesday for the last time this semester and voted to allocate \$10,695.14 from its permanent improvements budget to buy eight new printers for three computer labs on campus.

According to Bill 97-33, the money will buy six laser printers for labs in the Tandy Hall and Mary Couts Burnett Library and two inkjet printers for the Student Center Reading Room computer lab.

The bill's authors, Permanent Improvements Committee Chairman Chris Brooks and Computing Affairs Committee Chairman David Rench, said they wrote the bill in response to students, whose needs are not met by the outdated dot matrix printers currently available.

The new printers will cut the cost per printed page from eight cents in the library and 15 cents in

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Four pledges injured during football game

By Melanie R. Rodriguez
SKIFF STAFF

Some Phi Kappa Sigmas decided to play a casual game of football in November.

But instead of a friendly game of "two-hand touch," the Phi Kaps played "full contact" football, and the result was a trip to the hospital for four new fraternity members.

Brian Bonjour, a junior finance major and president of the fraternity said 22 active and new members of the Beta Theta chapter

combined to form two teams of 11, on one of the intramural fields behind the Worth Hills area on Nov. 10. Bonjour was not at the game.

Within minutes, the first injury occurred when a new member attempted to tackle a ball carrier, missed and collided with a teammate. The injured member was examined by many players, including Phi Kap active Sam Woolford, a junior political sci-

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Jazz legend will play with TCU ensembles

Performance to salute Big Band greats

By Rhonda Dickens
STAFF REPORTER

"Peanuts" Hucko, a legendary jazz clarinetist, will make a rare guest appearance at the TCU Jazz Band's "Salute to the Big Bands" at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Ed Landreth Auditorium.

Curtis Wilson, director of jazz studies, said the concert will be the first time Hucko has played with a university band.

"It will be a rare opportunity to hear an artist of this caliber," he said.

Donny Pinson, a junior music education major and jazz band member, said playing with Hucko in rehearsals has been a wonderful experience.

"It's been great because he's one of the icons of the jazz world," Pinson said.

Hucko and the jazz band will perform a tribute to Benny Goodman, who was one of the world's most notable clarinetists and band leaders.

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A Frog for life

Staff appreciate chancellor's sense of humor, dedication

William E. Tucker
HORNED FROG OF THE WEEK

By Anne Drabicky
STAFF REPORTER

An impostor is running the university.

The man the TCU community has come to know and love as Chancellor William E. Tucker really has a different name.

"My life has been a strange life," the man said.

Adopted at age 1, even he did not know his real name until he filed for a passport and discovered he did not have a birth certificate.

He said he always thought his name was William E. Tucker, but he discovered it was really Billy Tucker.

"My mother had always called me William E.," he said. "I had to go back through the business and have my name legally changed to William E."

Mary Nell Kirk, executive assistant to the chancellor, described Tucker as a man who is at once outgoing and extremely private and who loves harmless practical jokes.

Tucker said, "Without a healthy sense of humor, one tends to lose purpose."

One of the ways Tucker shares his sense of humor with his assistants is during birthdays.

"Whatever card he can find is what we get," Kirk said.

Jean Walbridge, assistant to the chancellor, said the cards often are simply whatever Tucker can find in his desk.

"Sympathy, get well soon, old Christmas cards — you never know," said Walbridge, who has been the chancellor's assistant for four years.

She said that one birthday she received a birthday card with the "Get well soon" crossed out and "Happy Birthday" written above.

Kirk, who is in her seventh year of working with the chancellor, said, "We just have so much fun with him so much of the time."

Tucker described several years in the early '80s when he lost friendly bets he had made on the performance of athletic teams.

As the result of one loss, Tucker had to do a head stand on the 50-yard line at Amon Carter Stadium.

"I couldn't do the head stand on my own, so my wife had to help me," he said.

Another loss, this time to the former chairman of the Tandy Corporation, left the chancellor duck-walking from the steps of Sadler Hall to the steps of the Mary Couts Burnett Library.

"I couldn't walk very well for a while after that," he said.

SPECIAL TO THE SKIFF



Chancellor William E. Tucker stood on his head at the 50-yard line at Amon Carter Stadium in the 1980s to pay off a lost bet.

In addition to the fun side of their boss, Kirk and Walbridge said Tucker, who they called a man of purpose and conviction, is more of a co-worker than a boss.

Kirk said parents often meet Tucker and might not know he is the chancellor.

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Pulse

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TRANSFER STUDENTS are invited to meet with alumni of Phi Theta Kappa at noon today in Student Center Room 214.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE ORGANIZATION will meet at 6:15 p.m. today in Student Center Room 214. For more information, call Brian at (817) 882-9508.

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sets as the assistant art director for the film "Desperado."

Sam Estrada majored in radio-TV-film at TCU. He told a reporter from the Dallas cable television show "Real Critics" that he has had the idea for the film for about six years.

Pauline Estrada, Sam Estrada's mother, is a graduate education student and the office manager in TCU's Center for Instructional Services. She said she is funding the production of her son's film.

"He is so enthused about this," she said. "It's his whole life, and I'll do whatever it takes to make sure he's happy."

Pauline Estrada said she has confidence in her son's efforts because of the professional people he is working with.

She said she will make an appearance in the film as a professor, as will Anantha Babbili, a professor of journalism and chairman of the journalism department.

"I'm financing it," Pauline Estrada said. "So I told him, 'You better find me a spot.'

Sam Estrada said he has wanted to work in the film industry since he was a child.

"I've been wanting to write and direct a movie ever since I saw 'Star Wars' when I was 4 years old," he said.

The two Estradas intend to take their brainchild to the independent film circuit after it is completed. Jimmy Estrada said the pair will probably enter the Telluride and South-by-Southwest festivals, as well as other major film festivals in the United States.

Jimmy Estrada said they might consider entering the film in international festivals, such as the Cannes Film Festival.

The Estradas, who call their Irving production company E Productions, said they have other film ideas in the works. Sam Estrada said he will definitely write a role for Casillas in his next film.

Jimmy Estrada said he and his cousin will begin work on a feature-length film immediately after completing "Rules of the Game."

The young filmmakers said they decided to use TCU to film their production because the story takes place on a college campus.

David Austin, 27, the second assistant director, said the story takes place at the fictitious Texas State University.

The main characters, two students, assassinate a judge in order to finance their college educations, Austin said.

Casillas plays the police officer who "unwittingly gives the rookie cop the clue he needs to put it all



Dallas Cowboys' defensive tackle Tony Casillas gets made-up Tuesday at the TCU police station. Casillas was on campus filming a short movie titled "Rules of the Game," which was written, co-produced and co-directed by a TCU alumnus.

together," Austin said.

"This is probably the most important scene of the whole movie," Sam Estrada said of Casillas' scene.

Sam Estrada said TCU had been accommodating by letting him shoot several scenes on campus.

Campus Police Chief Steve McGee allowed the Estradas to use the police station for Casillas' scene, Sam Estrada said.

The Estradas began shooting Dec. 1 and will do four days of shooting for the film.

They plan to begin entering the film in festivals next spring, according to a news release.

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ence major, who Bonjour said has had experience with injuries.

Bonjour said the new member sat out for the duration of the game after his fraternity brothers concluded he just had a bump on his head and the wind knocked out of him.

The second and third injuries occurred about 20 minutes later, he said. Two new members injured each other when they collided. Bonjour said they walked off the field and were examined as the game continued.

One new member received a cut on his head, and the other new member's nose was bleeding. Bonjour said Woolford thought the member's nose was broken, and he was right. However, the nose had been broken

about a month earlier and never examined.

While Woolford was examining the previous two, a fourth new member was tackled and landed on his head. Bonjour said all the players who saw the new member fall, said he hit the ground hard. They asked him questions and checked for a possible concussion.

Bonjour said at this point, 30 minutes into the game, Woolford decided the game should end, and everyone agreed. He said Woolford concluded none of the injuries were serious, but decided to take all the injured to the hospital.

Kirsten Kirst, director of fraternity and sorority affairs, said the hospital visit was a precautionary procedure and those who were treated at the hospital are paying for their own bills.

Kirst said the national chapter, local chapter and the university have investigated the incident.

Representatives from the Phi Kappa Sigma national board had planned their yearly visit to the chapter the weekend after the game.

Bonjour said representatives from the national organization were seriously concerned when they heard about the incident.

"Using the word 'uneasy' would be a huge understatement to explain the feelings of our nationals," he said.

The national board instructed John Billen, national educator consultant, to conduct a full investigation into the matter.

Billen held private meetings with small groups of new members about the incident and talked with actives.

"The nationals pushed (Billen) to investigate and interrogate, and he concluded there was no hazing," Bonjour said.

Members of the chapter's executive board and Bonjour also investigated the matter.

Together, they concluded there was no hazing involved in the game because teams were not made up exclusively of actives or pledges, and no new members were injured purposely.

Kirst said the university also investigated the incident because it is standard procedure to investigate injury to a student.

In a private letter to Kirst from Bonjour, he addressed the issue of the game and hazing.

"In the letter, the chapter has said this was the last year (for the game)," Kirst said. "They don't want anyone to ever suspect them of hazing."

Bonjour said although he cannot stop fraternity members from playing football, he said the game will not be a fraternity event.

"Involving new members was probably not a good choice," he said.

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editorial

A LOSING RECORD

Those of you whose minds have not been numbed by the onslaught of tests and papers may recall that the *Skiff* made a list of hopes for the semester back on Aug. 25, the first day of classes. Digging back into the *Skiff* archives, the editorial board looked at the specific predictions and scored itself for accuracy. Here are the results.

• "At the conclusion of the football season, we would like to see a higher ratio of games won to the number of players arrested." We came close. Up until the final game of the season, the Horned Frogs had zero wins and zero arrests.

Then came the victory over SMU. Whew, 1-0, we thought. Then the news came of a player arrested shortly after the game. Although there were no charges filed, we still can't count this one.

Score: 0-1.

• "Once, just once, we want to see a TCU administrator admit that the punishment given to the Phi Delta Theta fraternity last semester was simply a joke and they were merely trying to set an example." They might have said it behind closed doors, but we don't know for sure. Being the honest, responsible journalists that we are, we rely solely on facts. Damn ethics! Score: 0-2.

• "With the hours of The Main expanded to accommodate student schedules, we hope Marriott employees now have enough time to change the bucket o' grease the hamburgers sit in at least once a day." Now the hamburgers sit all day under heat lamps

instead. Hey, it's still a minor victory. Score: 1-2.

• "We would like to see this semester's House officer elections pass by with less corruption and a more positive legacy than a certain 1972 presidential campaign we won't mention." Well, this was a gimme. Congrats to the candidates and the Elections and Regulations Committee for a clean campaign. Score: 2-2.

• "Students should be allowed just one week to walk to classes without tripping over a backhoe making a trench through former flower beds." If TCU didn't halt

construction for prospective students and their parents during Mondays at TCU, do you think they would halt them for a mere school day? Score: 2-3.

• "We want to see an award presented to Information Services the first time the TCU Web server goes 24 hours without crashing." Well, we're sure the server went 24 hours at least once, but no awards were given. Doh! We were half right. Score: 2-3-1.

• "And finally, we at the *Skiff* hope to publish a semester of the most fair, accurate and unbiased reporting in the paper's history, even when dealing with that corrupt, powerless House; the exclusive, air-head Greeks; the acidic, tasteless products from food service; and the delinquent football team." No matter how well we think we did, we're humble enough to let you decide this one. A positive mark would bring us to .500 for the semester. A negative one... well, it's still a better record than the TCU football team.

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Reform needed, but vouchers will do more harm than good

AUSTIN — Quite understandably, the debate over affirmative action at the university level has overshadowed many of the other critical issues in current education politics. However, if we truly wish to combat the social divisions that programs like affirmative action were designed to reduce, some of our focus must shift to the fundamentals.

That is, we must look to the availability of quality education at the elementary school level. It is unreasonable to suppose that racism in our institutions of higher learning will be effectively eliminated if we do not provide a solid education for all of our children.

Unfortunately, it is well known that not all school districts are created equal. Stories of high school students who can't find the United States on the map or who think that the Fourth of July celebrates the end of the Civil War only confirm the fears that basic knowledge simply isn't transmitted in our public schools.

One of the methods currently being considered to solve the situation is to use some type of voucher system. This approach is, at first

glance, a very appealing and straightforward solution. The gist of the voucher system is this: Whether through tax refunds or tuition reimbursement, everyone is given vouchers which will allow even poor families to afford to send their kids to private schools, which have considerably better reputations than the average public school. This allows parents to send their kids to a school where they can get a decent education, and, by forcing the public schools to compete, schools will improve.

There are, however, three serious flaws in this scheme that, if not addressed, will turn this well-intentioned idea into a catastrophe.

First, just because parents will technically have the right to choose doesn't mean they'll get the schools they want. Existing private schools are, presumably, already serving as many children as they can. There is no reason to expect them to accept any more children beyond their current enrollments. Given their superior reputations, however, it can be assumed that parents will generate a heavy demand for these schools, forcing the schools to make some hard choices. As a result, many kids will be left behind.

Second, there is no reason to expect that public schools will improve from competition. Public and private schools have competed on an academic level for years,

both trying to attract students. It is safe to assume that most public school teachers and administrators genuinely want to provide a good education to their students, but for one reason or another they cannot. Whatever the cause may be, the risk of losing more money and resources seems an illogical way to solve it. It would be like curing anemia with leeches.

Third, most private schools, especially those with a religious affiliation, are justifiably concerned about accepting government money. After all, if the government helps pay for it, might they not demand power to ensure that their money is spent "wisely"?

Private schools are private precisely because they exist outside of government control, and accepting public funds may harm their independence. It seems ironic, in this sense, that those who most strongly support vouchers are those that also tend to complain about government being intrusive.

Although it looks good at first, the voucher idea is, at best, a quick fix. It may even do more harm than good. As much as we might hate to admit it, the road to educational reform is going to be long and hard.

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Want to tick people off? Write for the *Skiff* next semester

I'm quitting this job. Actually, it's only temporary. I'll be in the reporting class next semester, so I'll take a few months' leave to concentrate on repeating what people said instead of picking their words apart.

However, the *Skiff* is always on the lookout for fresh new talent. You've seen the advertisement calling for applications, and you've considered it. But you're not sure if you've got what it takes.

So in the spirit of something — giving? Christmas? sarcasm? — I'll share with you what I've learned over the past year about being a columnist.

First of all, it's best to be male. You

know more about politics that way, and it's easier to be arrogant. Everyone knows the male brain is better suited for analysis and cool reason, and men tackle only serious issues. Plus, there's the benefit of never being wrong.

It also helps to come from a debate background. A well-structured but half-baked argument generally sounds better than a thoughtful but loosely linked one. If you number your points and maintain detached rationality, audiences will look to you as an authority figure. Intimidate people, and they'll take you at your word.

Pepper your commentary with clichéd phrases of this column-writing business. Too. Saying "as it were," "therein lies the problem," or "the truth is . . ." at least once each week assures you of a continued readership,

if for no other reason than because people are waiting to hear you say something new.

Write at least one or two columns on a boring political saga that hasn't witnessed any major change in the past five years and probably never will. Take a predictable stance, and be careful never to bring up any new issues or examine the facts more closely than at their surface. The future of television journalism depends on the cultivation of critics like you.

Bring up the Greeks-vs.-independents debate with the same frequency you mention parking problems, low voter turnout and the increasing cost of tuition. If you don't make sure everyone remains aware of these issues year after year, who will? Some of the very best college editorials have developed out of rehashed discussions of rote topics. You may

be the one to discover a new angle. It's worth a try.

When you're completely out of ideas, write about the House of Student Representatives. It's a universally accepted fact that the press and the government will never get along, especially on college campuses. The stakes are just too high, the business on both sides being of such great importance that no bonds of friendship or communication can be forged.

Your sole goal is to get as many letters to the editor as possible. Who cares if people agree with you? They never write to show their support. You want to incense your readers, irritate and offend them. Strive to be as caustic as you can. The less you know about a topic, the less likely you'll offend someone you know by misrepresenting the facts, and

you can't lose friends you never had.

It's all about getting your name in that paper as many times as possible, and if irritating and offending people is the way to go, then complain away.

At all costs, be arrogant. That's what you're here for: To impress the collegiate community with how brilliantly sarcastic you are and to give them a laugh now and then. Don't agonize too much about misunderstandings or animosity you generate or how people perceive you. Remember, this is your space on the opinion page, not theirs. Who really cares what your readers think?

They always miss your point, anyway.

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

It's that time again: Bring on the Scantrons and the No. 2 pencils

Evaluation criteria should include several more realistic categories

By now, most of you have at least one professor that you've cursed in your sleep, hung in effigy or drawn pictures of under a guillotine in the margins of your notebook. As exams and due dates for projects loom closer, this hostility only grows larger.

Then your professor does something that puts a temporary smile on your face. Out come the No. 2 pencils and pseudo-Scantron sheets, and

the evil prof exits the room. Now's your chance, you start to think, to really stick it to the system.

Knowing that you don't have much time to fill out the evaluation and that you have other priorities in life, your goal becomes to get this thing done as quickly as possible. This doesn't seem impossible, because you're likely to give mostly poor and fair grades throughout each section.

In case most of you haven't noticed, the evaluation forms actually have instructions at the top of the front page. It really isn't necessary to look these over, because filling in little bubbles requires all the intellectu-

al capacity of "shampoo, rinse, repeat."

The first sentence in the instructions needs to be looked at with a tinge of skepticism. It reads, "Thoughtful student appraisal can help improve teaching effectiveness." This sounds all well and good, but is there any validity in this statement? It doesn't seem that a professor who has been teaching for 25 years is suddenly going to change the structure of a class because of a few student comments.

In the evaluation for social science courses, the first section is titled "intellectual stimulation." This section doesn't provide as much leeway for criticism as it may appear. The first aspect to evaluate is, "discussed varied points of view." As long as your professor didn't spend

the whole semester cramming Marxist propaganda in your head, you have no choice but to give a high mark. The same goes for the next point, "included recent developments in the presentations." If your class happened to be in Neanderthal Metaphysics, this part doesn't matter.

Other categories reflect qualities that anyone deserving of a job as a professor at a second-tier university should have. One such category is, "presented the material coherently." As long as your professor doesn't randomly break into Tagalog, you have to fill in the five. Another interesting category is, "explained how the course grade would be determined." As long as you received a syllabus on the first day of class, you're all set here.

On the back page, students get the

chance to actually write what they think of a professor. The written section of the evaluation is not required to be seen by department deans or anyone who can affect a professor's status. Deans and administrators are only required to receive reports based on the numerical scores of the evaluation, which really don't say much.

The evaluation forms need to be re-evaluated and rewritten with new categories. These categories should include one called, "Professor doesn't act as though this class is the only one that matters." This ongoing problem is caused by professors who are so in love with the material they're teaching that they try to feed you every imaginable piece of information and require you to reproduce all of it at exam time, even though you're only in there to fill an elective requirement.

Other points of evaluation should include: "professor thinks he's God." By senior year, just about every student has had a professor that falls into this category. One last category could be, "Professor taught anything that you might use later on in life." This one could lead to a reduction in several salaries.

If you have any legitimate complaints about your professors, don't rely on mind-numbing evaluations to solve your problems. Feel free to take up grievances with deans and department heads. It's unlikely you'll get too far, but little shaded circles can only say so much.

Matthew Pearce is a senior news-editorial journalism major from Wenham, Mass.

World Report

World

Early Van Gogh painting sold at auction

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands — An early Van Gogh painting of a gloomy country cottage and a peasant woman sold at auction Tuesday for \$693,000 — almost three times higher than predicted.

The small oil on canvas, "Cottage," had been valued from \$160,000 to \$250,000, much lower than masterpieces from the artist's later periods, which fetch tens of millions of dollars.

"Cottage" was created in 1885, the same year Vincent Van Gogh painted his famous "The Potato Eaters," now at Amsterdam's Van Gogh Museum.

Unlike his other vibrantly colored works like "Sunflowers" or "Irises," this painting shows a dark brown cottage against a pale yellow sky and a woman in peasant garb.

Nation

Inmate apologizes before execution

LINCOLN, Neb. — A man apologized from the electric chair Tuesday to the husband of one of the three women he confessed to killing. A few minutes later, he

clenched his fists as the first of four deadly jolts struck.

"I'm sorry Mr. Rowe. I love you, brother," Robert Williams said to Wayne Rowe, a retired farmer who discovered his wife's bloody body at the couple's Iowa home two decades ago. Rowe waved to Williams and later said he accepted the apology.

"The book is closed. This chapter is finally ended," Rowe said. "Now we can go on with our lives."

Smiling before the execution mask was placed on his face, the 61-year-old Williams blew kisses to the witnesses he had selected. He was pronounced dead at 10:23 a.m., six minutes after the first jolt of electricity was delivered.

His was the first daytime execution in Nebraska and the first to be witnessed by a victim's relative since the state resumed carrying out the death penalty in 1994.

Earlier Tuesday, the U.S. Supreme Court rejected Williams' request to review the dismissal of his lawsuit alleging that the electric chair is cruel. Nebraska is one of five states that use the electric chair.

Williams was sentenced to death for murdering Catherine Brooks and Patricia McGarry in Lincoln in 1977. He also admitted killing Virginia Rowe and raping and shooting a woman who survived in Minnesota.

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Smoothies to join dining lineup

By Beth Wilson
STAFF REPORTER

Frozen cool blended drinks made with fruit purees, nonfat yogurt and fruit juice will be the next addition to the dining options on campus at the beginning of the next semester, Senior Food Service Director Dave Ripple said.

Marriott has purchased a \$1,400 smoothie machine, which will produce pre-mixed frozen beverages in a variety of flavors, including the fruity flavors So Very Strawberry, Life's A Peach, Wildberries, Tropical Fruit Medley, Ravin' Raspberry, and the coffee creations Latte Cool and You Mocha Me Crazy.

Ripple said the machine, which will probably be installed in The Grind, will offer five fruit flavors and two coffee flavors, with two flavors available at a time.

Ripple said the House of Student Representatives Dining Services Committee recommended the purchase of the smoothie machine and has been involved in deciding where it should be placed.

Kirsten Pue, a junior political science major and chairwoman of the committee, said smoothies are similar to the blended fruit drinks that were made individually in The Pit last year.

Members of the Dining Services Committee tasted the smoothie flavors earlier in the semester, and the response was favorable.

Elizabeth Gipson, a freshman political science major and a member of the committee, said the smoothies are an alternative to the coffee already offered in The Grind.

"(Smoothies) are a low-fat drink that you can get and go," she said.

Only the fruit smoothies are non-fat drinks and range between 110-240 calories, depending on size and flavor. The coffee smoothies have a higher fat content: Latte Cool has 3.5 to 5 fat grams, and You Mocha Me Crazy has 6 to 9 fat grams. The coffee drinks range from 200 to 315 calories, depending on size and flavor.

Members of the Dining Services Committee requested that the

smoothie machine be placed somewhere on the main campus so it will be accessible to a large number of students.

Ripple said that although the final decision about the location of the smoothie machine has not been made, he is 80 percent sure it will be placed in The Grind. This is in accordance with the House resolution that states the machine should be placed in The Grind.

Ripple said The Grind is not the ideal location because it is often busy in the morning and it is closed from 2 to 7 p.m.

He said The Main is also not a perfect home for the machine because it requires a fair amount of space and a water line. The Main's current layout does not allow enough space.

Stems and Staples, the convenience store, is too small and already has traffic flow problems, Ripple said.

Ripple said the Sub Connection, located in Dan Rogers Hall, was designed with space for additions and would be the ideal place for the smoothie machine.

FROG

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"He performed the wedding for my daughter and told people, 'I'm Bill Tucker, and I work at TCU with Mary Nell,'" she said. "He doesn't work with me, I work for him."

Tucker became chancellor of the university in the fall of 1979 but said he doesn't think of himself as having missed anything because of his demanding job.

"I look (more) at the wonderful opportunities I've had," he said. "Nobody twists my arm to work for TCU, to care deeply about it, to be glad when it's on a mountain top and sad when it's in a valley."

During his college career, Tucker

said he had great difficulty deciding what field he wanted to pursue.

"I was declared, but uncertain," he said. "I didn't have the foggiest idea (what to pursue)."

He was a pre-medicine student at one time and a pre-law major at another, but he ended up with an English, history and religion triple major.

"I very much wanted to be a criminal lawyer," he said. "I (also) enjoyed chemistry, so I thought I'd like to be a doctor."

Because of his own struggle with his future during college, Tucker said he has great sympathy for undecided

students and for the parents of those still undecided.

"But I wouldn't have done it any other way," he said.

After his undergraduate work, Tucker attended Brite Divinity School. While there, he met his wife, Jean.

He said he was 24 and she was an underclassman when they first met. They first saw each other at Robert Carr Chapel.

"The first time I met her, I thought she was an attractive person in every way, with incredible vitality," he said.

Jean Tucker said her first impression of her husband was his intelligence.

gence.

"I just thought he was the most amazing, most intelligent person I had ever met," she said.

On their first date, the two were separated — physically — by former Chancellor M.E. Sadler.

"I was responsible for putting on some sort of program, and Chancellor Moudy ended up sitting between us," Chancellor Tucker said. "But it was still a good date."

The Tuckers will celebrate their 43rd anniversary in April.

Walbridge said Tucker's strengths include his even-tempered disposition and his tendency toward being a

workaholic.

"It (his disposition) makes him very easy to work with," she said. "He looks at problems and sees them in a detached, objective manner."

"He believes in what he's doing," she said. "The university is an educational institution, and he leads it with his sense of purpose."

Tucker said the best part of his job is the enjoyment he receives from the success of the students and faculty.

"My goal is to provide a setting within which students, faculty and staff are put in a position of meeting and exceeding their own expectations," he said. "In the final analy-

sis, any success I have is vicarious success."

A photograph on the wall of his office most clearly symbolizes him as chancellor, he said. The photo is of Sadler Hall at night with only two lit windows in the building — the windows in his office.

Tucker's term as chancellor will end July 1, but he said he will probably continue to work in and around the TCU and Fort Worth communities.

"I hope people will remember me as one who did the best he could with what he had, who tried to be fair and who wanted to leave the place better than he found it," he said.

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Students create own Web sites

Class requirement encourages them to use, learn from Internet

By Fernando Ingles
SKIFF STAFF

All over campus, students are slicing off one little portion of the information superhighway. They are creating Web sites, and TCU is encouraging them to do so.

The university is not only encouraging students to create their own Web pages, it is helping them do so and even requiring it in some classes.

Sue Anderson, an assistant professor of educational foundations and administration, teaches "Computers and Telecomputing Network as Educational Tools," a School of Education class that requires Web pages.

"The students choose a topic, they research about it and they make a Web page about it," she said.

Understanding how to create a Web page or even computers is not a prerequisite for classes requiring sites because the classes teach students how to create and improve their pages.

Anderson said classes that require Web sites help the Internet have more information and help students become more familiar with the World Wide Web.

Every time someone puts anything new on it, it is one more thing that people can look for in the Internet, she said.

While some classes like Anderson's require students to create Web pages, many more encourage students to create them.

There are over 160 students with their own Web sites already. Most are from the engineering, business and computer science departments.

Bonnie Melhart, an associate professor of computer science, said, "This number will certainly increase as more and more students get to know more about how to create their own Web page."

Student sites are maintained through the TCU server, and each page has its own address that is accessible to anyone with Web access.

Katherine Kight, a junior graphic design major, said one of the things she likes about student-created Web sites is that students can put anything they want on them.

"We create our own files," she said. "Basically, my page has information about me."

Any student interested in creating their own Web site can obtain more information at the Mary Couts Burnett Library.

CONCERT

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The two-and-a-half-hour concert will also feature the swing music of Tommy Dorsey, Les Brown, Count Basie, Duke Ellington and Glenn Miller.

Pinson said the concert is a diverse program of jazz and tribute to all the Big Band leaders.

"The impetus of this concert is the great, almost immortal music of the jazz bands of the '30s and '40s," Wilson said. "I would not be surprised to see people dancing in the aisles to some of this music."

Wilson said jazz was the most popular form of music between 1935 and 1945.

Wilson said Hucko, who lives in Denton when he is not traveling and performing internationally, is

the current leader of Goodman's jazz band and has performed in the jazz bands of Jack Teagarden, Louis Armstrong and Ray McKinley.

"He has played with everyone," Wilson said.

Wilson said he has wanted to do the concert for a long time, but had previously been unable to arrange a date with Hucko.

The jazz legend, now in his 80s, has been playing reed instruments since he was 11 years old.

Pinson said, "It's great to sort of absorb some of that experience he has."

The Purple, White & Blues Vocal Jazz Ensemble, conducted by Ron Laney, the two TCU jazz bands and

the Trombone Choir will also perform.

The Trombone Choir, conducted by Dennis Bubert, an instructor of trombone, will play a series of tunes written and arranged by Wilson including "I'll Be Around," "Angel Eyes" and "I'll Never Smile Again."

Admission to the concert will be \$8 for students and \$10 for regular admission.

There is no reserve seating available, so all tickets must be purchased at the door before the performance.

All proceeds will go to a jazz band fund to help the department pay for recording projects and to sponsor visiting artists throughout the year, Wilson said.

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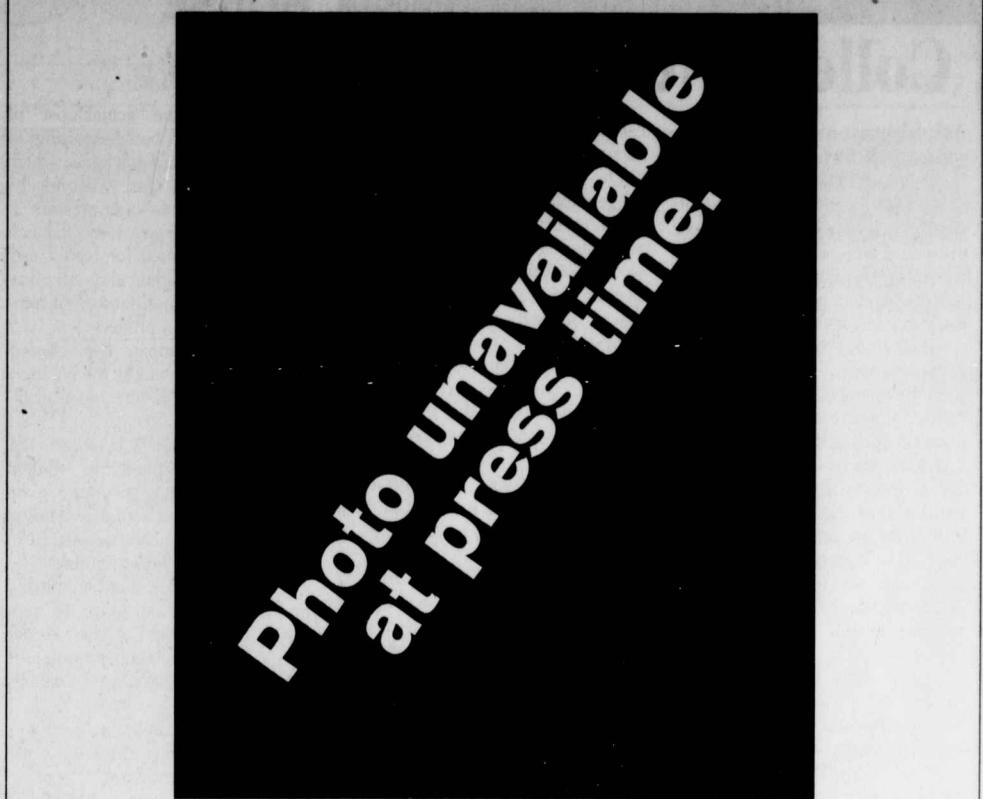
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Michigan could face ticket shortfall

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — As University of Michigan students flock to purchase Rose Bowl tickets, university administrators will cross their fingers and hope they are able to live up to their promise of providing every student with a ticket.

"If all 20,000 student season-ticket holders want to go to Pasadena, then we're going to have a shortfall," said Keith Molin, senior associate athletic director.

Walter Harrison, vice president for university relations, said he expects that 5,000-7,000 students will show up during the next two days to buy tickets. If more students show up, the ticket office will accommodate students by dipping into the tickets allotted for alumni.

—Michigan Daily
University of Michigan

Commission may suggest easing regulations

EAST LANSING, Mich. — A federal commission will release a report Dec. 11 on how Congress

can help reduce the costs of higher education.

The commission will probably suggest relaxing government regulation, reducing the cost of accreditation and cutting down on paperwork, said Robert Burns, a commission member and a South Dakota State University political science professor.

The commission's job is to examine why various costs are increasing and how that influences the price of obtaining a college education, he said.

"We will resist strongly the reduction of cost if it results in the deterioration of quality education," Rench said.

The National Commission on the Cost of Higher Education, which was formed in August, will make suggestions before Congress revamps the Higher Education Act early next year.

The act is reauthorized every five years and determines federal funding for loan and grant programs.

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Behind the scenes

Student crew vital to success of play

By Andy Summa
STAFF REPORTER

When the final curtain has fallen, the applause has faded away and the set has been torn down, the only thing that remains from a stage play is memories.

Perhaps a leading actress wowed the audience with subtle acting nuances or a supporting actor delivered a powerful soliloquy. Chances are, however, the audience won't remember the lighting cues or music arrangements.

The Theatre TCU play "Communicating Doors," which wrapped up recently, relied just as heavily on students behind the curtain as it did on those in front of it.

Caleb Moody, a junior theater-television major and the play's sound designer, said the students who worked "in the shadows" were crucial to the production.

"Communicating Doors" was a technical nightmare," he said. "Between the lighting, sound effects and sound cues, the play was very difficult to produce. The crew did a great job getting everything done."

The play, written by Alan Ayckbourn in 1994, scrutinizes the decisions people make in their lives — as seen through a time machine.

"(The play) is really about characterization through different time periods," said Lara Maerz, the play's stage manager and a junior theater major. "Decisions change the future and we don't often realize it."

"Communicating Doors," which was shown for the first time in the

Southwest on the TCU stage, was a challenge to both the crew and the actors, Moody said.

Rehearsing every day for four solid weeks, the production crew worked hard to craft a smooth-flowing, technically sound stage play, said Jennifer Faletto, a junior theater major who played one of the play's main characters, Poopay.

"The whole production went very well," she said. "From all aspects, the play was solid. The sound effects, lighting and stage preparation were great. The entire crew did a fantastic job."

Maerz said small details were very important to the final product.

"Most people don't think twice about blocking," she said. "That's how the actors are placed on a stage. Every single scene block is planned. It's a tedious process."

Maerz said coordination of the crew's time is equally pertinent to the production.

"It takes a lot of organization, but it's worth the effort," she said. "(The play) takes a lot of your time. We're all students, and we all have tests and homework. It's a real sacrifice."

Moody said the final product was worth the time and social sacrifice.

The play was awesome," he said. "It gave me the chance to play with a lot of different kinds of music. Rehearsal takes its toll, but it's incredible to see your work — your baby — on stage."

Ayckbourn, who has published more plays than William Shakespeare, has had his work performed in 51 different countries.

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Tandy Hall to the "actual cost" of about a penny in both, according to the bill. VendaCard machines, which record such charges, will not be attached to the new laser printers.

Rench said the new laser printers, which are designed for heavy use, will be more efficient and will eliminate the noise and number of antiquated dot matrix printers.

"We can eliminate five printers with one laser printer in the business school, which has the most printers," Rench said.

Brooks said the TCU administration "hasn't listened" to student requests for new printers even though the House sent a resolution that "mirrored" needs expressed in the bill to officials last semester.

"We feel if we don't go ahead and do this, it's not going to happen," Brooks said. "The school won't, (so) we're taking it upon ourselves because that's what students want."

Brooks also said the new printers would be installed and ready for use by the spring semester.

Michael Cappens, a Moncrief Hall representative, said he supports the idea of purchasing new printers but disagrees with spending nearly \$11,000 in student government fees that are taken from full-time TCU students.

"I think the university should pay for this," Cappens said. "We keep footing the bill for them."

Matt Kartsonis, a Milton Daniel Hall representative, disagreed. He said the fees were meant to be spent on this kind of improvement.

"Using student fees (for a project) that affects students is something we need to do," Kartsonis said. "It benefits us all."

Brooks said TCU will pay for the printer upkeep in the computer labs, except for the Student Center Reading Room lab, for which House members will be responsible.

In other business, members elected new chairpersons for five of the seven 1998 committees that compose the House's administrative cabinet.

Those elected were: Will Leaverton, Academic Affairs Committee; C.J. Striebinger, Permanent Improvements; Sarah Burleson, Student Concerns; Pete Radovich, Elections and Regulations; and Dina Mavridis, University Relations.

Chairpersons for the Dining Services and Computer Affairs committees, which are ad hoc committees, will be appointed by the House's Executive Board-elect. The board will also appoint students to fill the administrative assistant, parliamentarian and historian positions for the 1998 term.

How They Voted

House of Student Representatives

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| Jose Castro | • | |
| Andee Clear | yes | |
| Shane Cox | • | |
| Jeff Kidwell | • | |
| Kary Johnson | • | |
| Sara Sutton | no | |
| Andie Piehl | • | |
| Sean Weaver | • | |
| Kevin Hughes | no | |
| Wanda Kadlec | abstain | |
| Gilda Esmaeli | • | |
| Will Leaverton | yes | |
| Dominick Marsala | yes | |
| Paul Mason | • | |
| Ashley Braly | • | |
| Yushau Sodiq | yes | |
| Dilruba Swati | yes | |
| Brite Divinity School | | |
| Canaan Harris | • | |
| Ronnie Fields | • | |
| Christina Hildebrand | • | |
| MBA Association | None listed | |
| Brachman Hall | | |
| Nicholas Parks | yes | |
| Matt Sanchez | yes | |
| Israel Rodgers | yes | |
| Clark Hall | | |
| Jeff Bradley | no | |
| Christopher Frey | no | |
| Scott Taylor | • | |
| C.J. Striebinger | yes | |
| Colby Hall | | |
| Robyn Yantis | yes | |
| Leslie Hoff | • | |
| Nicole Jailet | no | |
| Rosie Birkedahl-Willard | • | |
| Julie Covert | no | |
| Dayna Worlow | yes | |
| Foster Hall | | |
| Erin Paul | • | |
| Elahm Ghaemmehani | yes | |
| Elizabeth Rainwater | yes | |
| Kristi Deans | yes | |
| Frances Sadler Hall | | |
| Hilary Morrison | yes | |
| Jarvis Hall | | |
| Diana Munro | yes | |
| Christie Hobbs | • | |
| Jennifer Knowles | yes | |
| Milton Daniel Hall | | |
| Carlo Capua | yes | |
| Matt Kartsonis | yes | |
| Randy Key | yes | |
| Adam Ryan | yes | |
| Walker Moody | yes | |
| Gill Chenault | yes | |
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| Pete Radovich | yes | |
| Michael Cappens | • | |
| Jennifer Lopez | • | |
| Sherley Hall | | |
| Abby Allen | • | |
| Lindsey Williams | no | |

* denotes no recorded vote

What was on the docket

BILL 97-33 To purchase four laser printers for the business school computer lab, two laser printers and one inkjet printer for the library, and one inkjet printer for the Student Center Reading Room - \$10,695.14.

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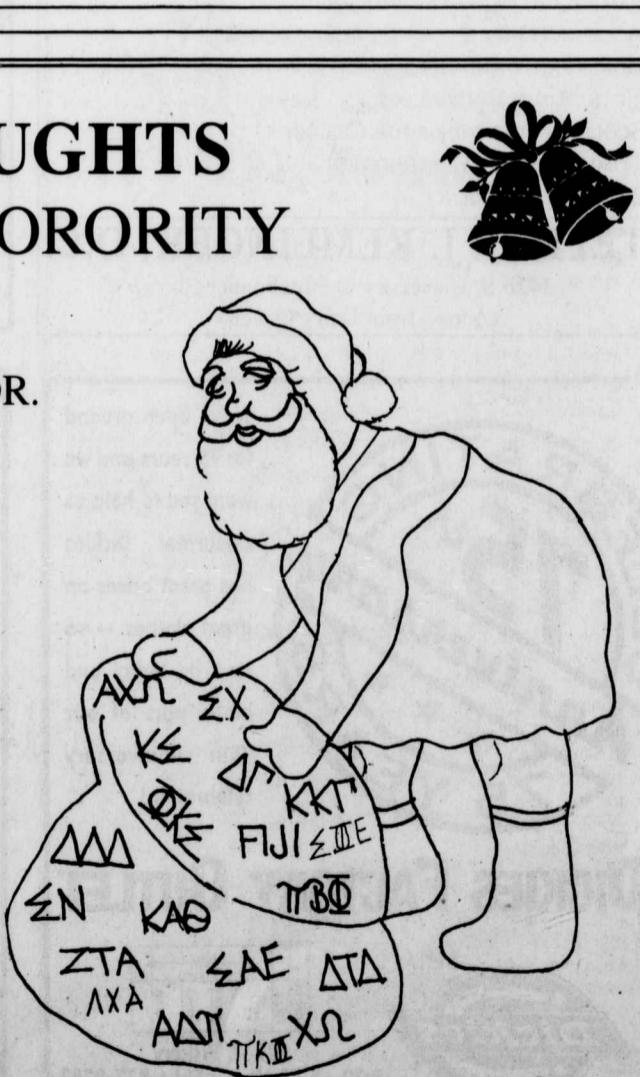
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DeBartolo steps down amid fraud accusation

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Edward DeBartolo Jr., whose San Francisco 49ers won five Super Bowls under his leadership, stepped down as owner Tuesday after two Louisiana newspapers reported he would be indicted for gambling fraud.

DeBartolo said that pending the outcome of the investigation, his sister, Marie Denise DeBartolo York, will take over as chairman of the 49ers, and Carmen Policy will continue as president and chief executive officer.

The newspapers reported that DeBartolo and former Louisiana Gov. Edwin Edwards are among at least six people notified they soon will be indicted by a federal grand jury.

"These charges simply are not true," DeBartolo said in a statement. "I look forward to the time when I can address these issues and tell my side of the story."

Policy will continue to run the 49ers' day-to-day operations and replace DeBartolo as the team's representative to the NFL for league business.

DeBartolo said he also was stepping aside from any role in the project to build a new stadium for the 49ers in San Francisco.

Switzer pleads guilty to gun charge

FORT WORTH (AP) — Dallas Cowboys head coach Barry Switzer, who was arrested last summer for carrying a loaded pistol in his luggage at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, pleaded guilty Tuesday to a misdemeanor gun charge.

Switzer was fined \$3,500 and was given deferred adjudication, meaning that successful completion of his probation will erase the charge from his record.

He also agreed to serve 80 hours of public service as a condition of his probation.

Carrying a handgun without a permit is a Class A misdemeanor punishable by up to a year in jail and a \$4,000 fine.

Accompanied by attorney Bill Magnussen, Switzer entered court through a back entrance. Answering questions from Tarrant County Criminal Court Judge Daryl Coffey without expression, Switzer said he understood the terms of the agreement but declined Coffey's invitation for a final statement.

Football**Williams to be head coach at Grambling**

(AP) — Doug Williams, one of Eddie Robinson's finest quarterbacks before going on to NFL stardom, will succeed his former mentor as the second Grambling coach in history.

Grambling officials scheduled a news conference for Thursday to announce Robinson's successor.

"He's not giving any interviews until the news conference Thursday," said a secretary in the Morehouse College football office in Atlanta, where Williams was the coach this year.

Williams returned to Atlanta late Wednesday from Grambling.

"I would think Doug would be the logical choice," former Grambling sports information director Collie Nicholson said. "I think he's the best choice if for nothing else his high name recognizability would open a lot of doors for Grambling."

Robinson, who started the Grambling program in 1942, retired Saturday after the team's final game of the season. During his career, Robinson won more games (408) than any other college coach.

Williams was one of three men Grambling interviewed for the job. Williams played for Grambling from 1974-76, then spent nine years in the NFL. He was the MVP of the 1988 Super Bowl, leading the Washington Redskins to victory over the Denver Broncos.

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Women defeat Incarnate Word Garcia tops 1,000 career points

By David Quinlan

SKIFF STAFF

The women's basketball team picked up its fifth consecutive win Tuesday night at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum, edging the Incarnate Word College Crusaders, 67-61.

The Frogs (5-1) tied a school record with their fifth straight win. Senior guard Leah Garcia collected her 1,005th career point, placing her in a tie for second all-time on the TCU scoring list.

Still, head coach Mike Petersen said the Frogs shouldn't have had so much trouble with the Crusaders.

"We didn't play hard enough," Petersen said. "I didn't expect this game to be as close as it was. We just were not focused."

After the Frogs won the University of New Orleans Hoop Classic over the weekend, TCU entered Tuesday night's contest confident against the Division II Crusaders (3-3).

The Frogs had trouble early on with transitions and fell behind, 38-27, at the end of the first half.

"We can't keep digging us holes like this," Petersen said. "We've got to come out way more ready and execute better in the first half."

Junior center Tamika Mims had a big night for the Crusaders, scoring 11 points and taking a pair of rebounds. Junior guard Jenny Barnes also had a stellar night, finishing with 15 points and two assists.

The Frogs turned around in the second half, continuing their usual high scoring trend by posting 40 points to the Crusaders' 23.

"I'm not sure we played hard at any point of the game," Petersen said. "We definitely played harder in the second half. It's nice to be able to

score more than 40 points in the second half."

A Garcia jumper sparked the turnaround for the Frogs. After Petersen called a 20-second timeout, Garcia was presented with a commemorative ball signifying her achievement.

Garcia became the second player in TCU history to score 1,000 points. She also collected five assists on the night.

"It wasn't really a big deal," Garcia said. "I wasn't anything I really was thinking about. You come out there in these games and you really don't think about those little things. You just think about winning."

The Frogs went on a 15-2 run after Garcia's jumper, TCU refused to surrender their lead after that point.

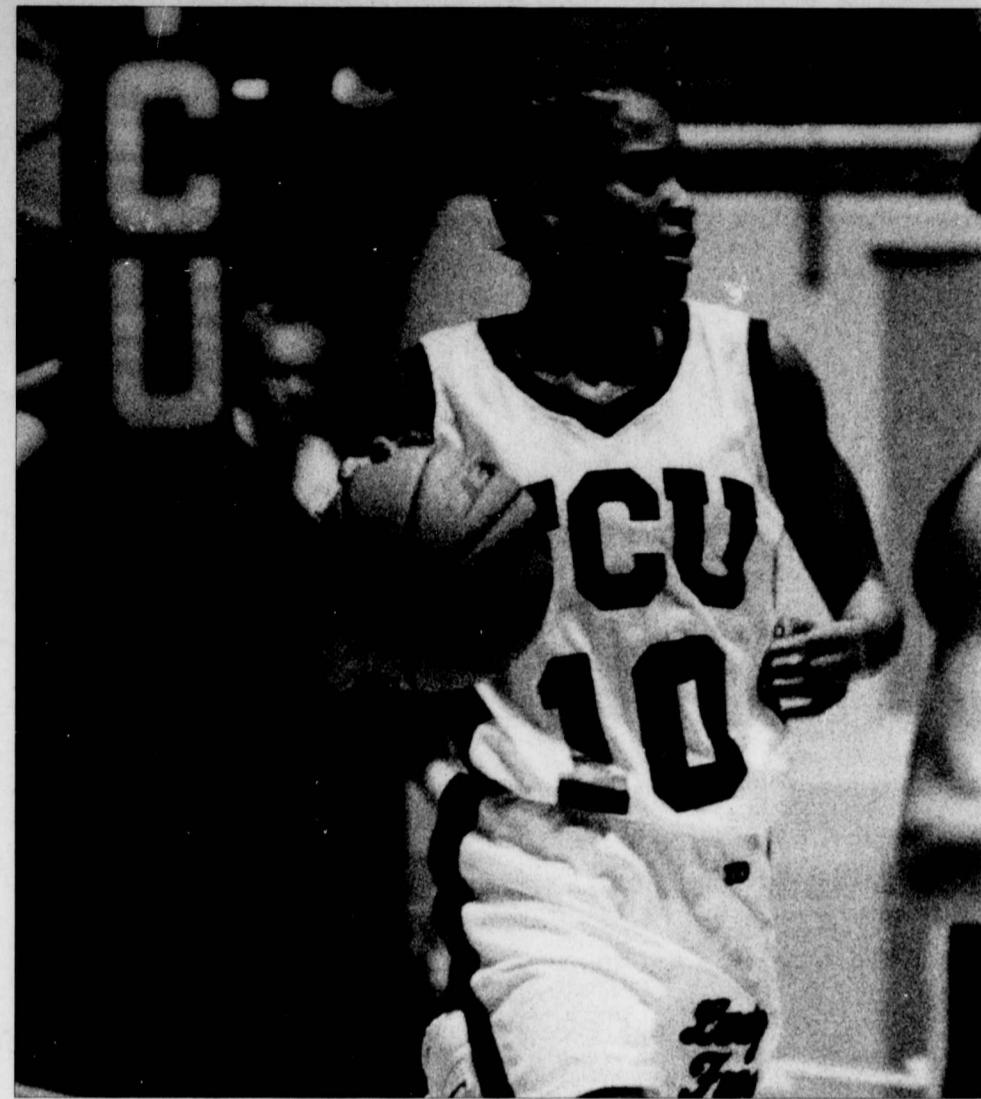
"Leah's moment would not have meant anything if we didn't win that game," Petersen said. "It's a team game. It's not who scores, it's whether we score or whether we win."

Freshman guard Jill Sutton, who earned player of the week honors for the Western Athletic Conference Pacific Division to top her most valuable player award for the New Orleans tournament, continued her offensive surge. She nailed two three-pointers and ended the evening with 12 points and two assists.

"No matter who we play, we need to play harder," Sutton said. "We need to come out harder every game."

The Frogs' bench also had a busy night. Sophomore forward Shonda Mack contributed to the inside game, hitting four points and three rebounds.

"I came out to try and play really hard and tried to get things going,"



Senior guard Leah Garcia scored 14 points Tuesday to top 1,000 for her career and help the Horned Frogs to a 67-61 win over Incarnate Word College. Garcia's 1,005 career points puts her in a tie for second among all scorers in TCU history.

Mack said. "We knew that we were playing a team that we were better than."

Sally Spencer also contributed to the Frogs' comeback. The 5-10 freshman forward wrapped up three boards and four points in just seven

minutes of play.

"Sally Spencer did a great job off the bench," Petersen said. "She really helped spark things for us."

TCU won with a solid performance from the bench and free throw shooting down the stretch.

Blair Pearce PHOTO EDITOR

The Frogs continue their home stretch on Friday when they host the TCU Invitational at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. TCU plays in the second game against Prairie View A&M at 7:30 p.m. Arkansas-Pine Bluff and Nicholls State play at 5 p.m.

New head coach tops football team's wish list

By Todd Shriber

SKIFF STAFF

'Tis the season for not only eating ourselves silly and watching all 300 college bowl games but also for reflecting on the past year's mistakes and asking for lots of presents.

And nobody has more reflecting to do and more begging for generosity and gifts than the TCU football program. After finishing the 1997 season 1-10 and coming perilously close to the school's first winless season since Gerald Ford was president, the Horned Frogs are left with a plethora of issues to address in the off-season.

Todd Shriber

Analysis



Junior tailback Basil Mitchell led the Horned Frogs in rushing in 1997 and is expected to be a major part of the offense in 1998.

recruit, and without recruits, there is no future for Horned Frog football.

On the field, the Horned Frogs should ask for a few defensive presents in the form of replacements for first team All-Western Athletic Conference selections Chance McCarty and Scott Taft, both seniors who have used their eligibility.

TCU's defense was expected to be much improved over the 1996 version, but the Horned Frogs held just two opponents to less than 20 points while letting seven other opponents score more than 30 points.

The most glaring problems with the TCU defense were pass coverage and scoring defense. The Horned Frogs ranked 15th and 13th respectively in the WAC in those categories. TCU was a passer's delight in '97, surrendering an average of 196 yards and 53 percent completions per game through the air.

It would also be to TCU's advantage to give up less than 353 yards of total offense per game next year.

Without a coach, TCU can't

should also be on TCU's wish list. An offense that scored more than 20 points just once needs to be scrapped in favor of a more adventurous attack.

The new offense should make better use of junior tailback Basil Mitchell and sophomore receivers Patrick Batteaux and Torrie Simmons. They have the potential to put up big numbers, but they need the right offensive approach to exploit their talents.

Special teams turned in a fair performance this year. A replacement must be found for departing senior kicker Michael Reeder. And a new punt returner to take over for Royce Huffman, who finished a meager 12th in the WAC with an average of six yards a return, is a must.

Remember, Santa checks his list twice, so TCU better be nice and hope that he can fit all of the Horned Frogs' gifts on his sleigh. Or TCU can get smart and just hire a new AD and coach soon and begin the rebuilding process.

Report Card

By Joel Anderson

SKIFF STAFF

Passing Offense: D+

The Frogs' once high-powered passing attack suffered through a year of mediocrity. When QB Jeff Dover struggled to generate much offense in the first six games (all losses), Derek Canine took over and had similar results. The Frogs showed some potential in the second half of the season, but not enough to muster more than one victory.

The receiving corps suffered from inconsistency throughout the season but finished strongly with the emergence of TE Mike Brown (26 receptions, 292 yards, 2 TDs) and WRs Patrick Batteaux (27 for 396 and 1 TD) and Torrie Simmons (27 for 314 and 1 TD). Overall, TCU finished 13th in the WAC in passing offense.

Passing Defense: F

In the high-powered WAC, offensive coordinators give the green light to QBs at the sight of youth in the defensive backfield. Opponents mercilessly attacked the Frogs' inexperienced secondary, especially since TCU emphasized pressuring the quarterback. Injuries also hindered the Frogs' best cover corner, Corey Masters, for much of the season. TCU gave up 22 TDs through the air and picked off only seven passes, finishing second to last in the WAC's passing efficiency defensive ratings. Safety Chris Staten was the Frogs' most consistent performer, racking up 89 tackles (third on the team), two broken-up passes and two interceptions.

Rushing Defense: B-

TCU's front seven was solid against the run, allowing only 3.6 yards per carry. End Chance McCarty and LB Scott Taft garnered first-team honors in the WAC's Mountain Division, while tackle Matt Harper was a second-team honoree. The Frogs' linebackers performed consistently all year despite the early season loss of LB Marvin Mullins. The play of Joseph Phipps (91 tackles and three sacks) and Eric Anderson (82 tackles and eight broken-up passes) helped the Frogs tremendously.

The Frogs finished eighth in the WAC in rushing defense but limited the powerful rushing attacks of Utah, New Mexico, Rice and SMU.

Special Teams: C+

Michael Reeder connected on 12 of 16 field goals, including a long of 52 yards, and was a second-team Mountain Division honoree on special teams along with punter Royce Huffman. Reggie Hunt averaged an impressive 27.1 yards on 10 kickoff returns, and Tomlinson finished with a 19.3 average. Unfortunately, miscues and blown assignments hurt the Frogs in several games that could have turned on one play.

Coaching: F

Head coach Pat Sullivan ended his Horned Frog career on a positive note by defeating an SMU squad that harbored bowl hopes but could not produce a better record than 1-10 with a team that had at least 4-7 talent. Sullivan has laid a foundation for the incoming coach to succeed, but a team that is heavily reliant upon underclassmen is never good for a coach's job security. The 1997 Horned Frog football team will be characterized as a victim of unfortunate circumstances. Maybe it was El Nino.

Beer can-like tunnel removed

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FRESNO, Calif. — An inflatable rubberized can designed to promote Coors beer is being removed from Fresno State's basketball court in the wake of guard Chris Herren's leaving the team to deal with substance abuse.

After Herren began a rehabilitation program last week, Fresno Bee sports columnist Bill McEwen and others criticized the university for its commercial ties with beer companies.

Coors sponsors Fresno State's tournament, and players run onto the court through an inflatable silver tun-

nel that bears no brand name but resembles a can of Coors Silver Bullet beer. In addition, the game the night after Herren left the team was sponsored by Miller Light, and coach Jerry Tarkanian does ads for Budweiser.

Lou Amendola, who owns Fresno's Coors distributorship, announced Monday he is permanently removing the tunnel.

"We don't want to bring any disrespect to the university or our products," Amendola said.

Amendola said he and Fresno State administrators made the decision to

remove the mock beer can from the off-campus arena.

Athletic director Al Bohl said the university appreciates the distributor's financial support of Bulldog sports and will try to find other ways to let him advertise Coors to fans.

A spokesman for Adolph Coors Co. in Golden, Colo., said he didn't think the tunnel would cause anyone to abuse alcohol.

"Is there a direct correlation between a tunnel athletes run through and alcohol abuse? To make that connection is a huge leap," spokesman Derrick Johnson said.

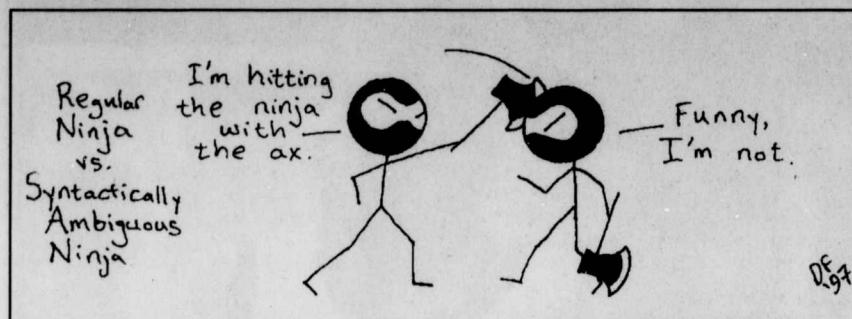
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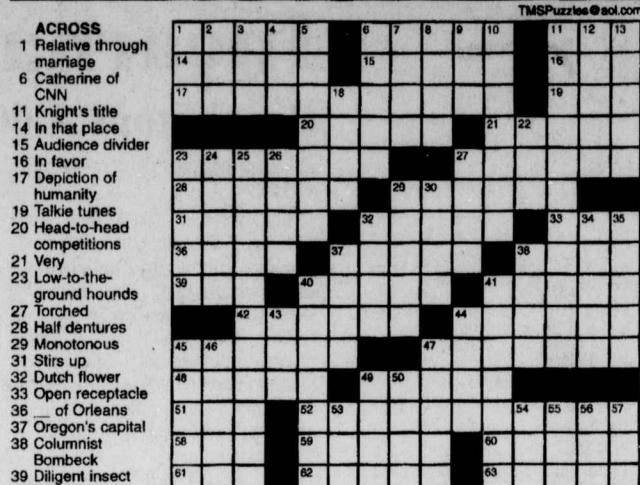
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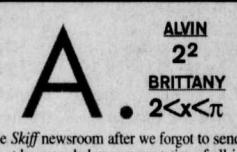
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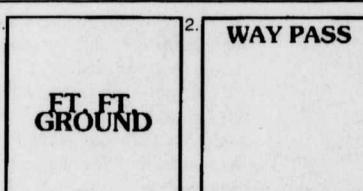


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