

Campus

Concert kicks off spring semester

Uniting Campus Ministries will sponsor a concert by Jim Newton and Paul Hill at 6 p.m. today in the Student Center Lounge.

Brian Young, director of the Wesley Foundation, said Newton has gained recognition through his work with hospitalized children. Many of the duo's music, Young said, are meant as therapeutic, healing songs for such children.

Newton has performed at TCU several times in the past, Young said.

"I thought it would be a good kickoff for the semester for all the denominations to come together and have some fun," Young said.

The concert is open to all who wish to attend, and coffee and dessert will be served at the event.

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Ghirardelli Chocolate sold for fourth time

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Ghirardelli Chocolate Co. changed hands for the fourth time in a dozen years Monday and is now owned by a Swiss-based candy maker.

Terms were not disclosed by the buyer, Chocoladefabriken Lindt & Spruengli AG, of Zurich.

Lindt said the acquisition will add about \$100 million to its annual sales and make it the No. 2 company in the U.S. premium chocolate market.

Ghirardelli, based in San Francisco, makes and sells gourmet chocolate products in its own stores and other retailers nationwide. The company has 500 employees and retail outlets in San Francisco, Chicago, Las Vegas and at Florida's Disney World.

Ghirardelli was acquired by the Dallas-based buyout firm Hicks Muse Tate & Furst Inc. in March 1996, for an undisclosed sum.

The company was founded in 1852 by Domingo Ghirardelli, and has become a leading manufacturer of high-quality chocolate confections. The company has an industrial division that sells chocolate chips, coatings and cocoas to commercial bakers and the specialty coffee industry.

Ornstein buys Mesa stock, seeks position

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — The chief executive officer of Virgin Express is angling for a seat on Mesa Air Group's board of directors after acquiring control of 5.33 percent of the stock in the Farmington-based company.

Jonathan G. Ornstein and his affiliates, in a filing Monday with the Securities and Exchange Commission in Washington, D.C., said they bought the shares to influence Mesa's policies and "have recommended changes in the operating policies and management personnel."

The filing said Ornstein and his affiliates may ask to have him placed on the board, but are not seeking an executive position for him "at this time."

Ornstein worked for Mesa for a few years until 1994, said Sarah Pitcher, Mesa's vice president of communications.

Ornstein and the affiliates bought 1.5 million shares of stock between Aug. 12, 1997, and last week at prices ranging from about \$5.04 and \$7 per share.

Pitcher said Tuesday the company received the SEC filing Monday and acknowledged it.

Mesa's annual board meeting will be held in the spring, and shareholders will vote on board seats, Pitcher said. She said Mesa has six board members.

Mesa chief executive officer Larry Risley announced last month he will retire as head of the company he founded in 1982 with one commuter plane.

Risley built Mesa into the largest independently owned regional carrier in the world, with annual revenues of more than \$500 million.

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Nailon pleads no contest to assault

Star player says incident did not involve violence

By Michael Bryant
MANAGING EDITOR

Lee Nailon, a junior center for the TCU basketball team, pleaded no contest Wednesday to a class A misdemeanor charge of assault with bodily injury for allegedly beating up his girlfriend over the Christmas break.

Nailon now faces one year of probation. During that time, if he commits any offense more serious than a speeding ticket, it will be considered a violation of his probation.

He must also attend an anger control counseling program. He was not assessed any fine.

Nailon, who is currently the fourth leading scorer in NCAA basketball and first in the WAC, will be suspended from the Frogs' Saturday game at San Diego State University, but may return to action the following game against Hawai'i, said Billy Tubbs, men's basketball head coach.

The charges stem from an incident that occurred Jan. 6 in Moncrief Hall. According to a police report, Marti Bell had moved into Nailon's dorm room over the Christmas break and was living with him at the time of the incident.

Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs, said it is not common for university staff to deal with students who allow non-students to live in dorm rooms and he is unsure how this may have happened.

"It does not happen very often on campus," he said. "That's part of what we're still trying to sort out."

He said Nailon "will go through our normal university discipline process, and that has already started."

Mills said the university's reaction to housing violations, such as

having someone of the opposite sex living in a dorm room, are dealt with on a case-by-case basis. He said typically students are given some sort of probation by the university for residence hall violations.

Mills said university staff stay in residence halls any time students live there. Locks are changed over the holidays so only students who have been allowed to live in the residence halls have access to the building.

Nailon said Bell never lived in his room but was in town staying with an off-campus friend beginning around Dec. 31.

Shana Blocker, hall director for Moncrief Hall, said she was not aware of any non-students living in Moncrief over the holidays.

The Skiff was unable to contact Bell as of press time.

According to the police report, Bell said Nailon choked her, hit her, threw her into a closet door and threatened to kill her Jan. 6 after she confronted him with pictures and phone numbers she found of other girls.

Nailon said the incident was only an argument and that he never touched her. He said he called his coaches after the incident "because I didn't want it to get out of hand."

According to the police report, the coaches then took Nailon and Bell to separate rooms in an attempt to assess the situation. The coaching staff then left after Nailon reportedly apologized and both parties agreed that everything would be OK, according to the police report.

Despite repeated attempts by the Skiff, men's basketball assistant coaches could either not be reached

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Junior center Lee Nailon signs autographs following Saturday's basketball game against San Jose State. Nailon now faces one year of probation after pleading no contest to assault with bodily injury.

TCU prepares for King's birthday

Monday's celebration demonstrates university's commitment to minorities

By Jason Crane
STAFF REPORTER

Legacy and the Word of Truth Gospel Choir will sponsor a Martin Luther King Jr. birthday celebration 7 p.m. Monday in the Student Center Ballroom.

King, the leader of the civil rights movement during the 1960s, was assassinated in 1968. Today would have been King's 69th birthday.

Darron Turner, director of Minority Affairs, said the event will allow students to learn more

about the meaning behind the civil rights movement.

"Students will have the opportunity to hear about the goals King set and how they apply to day-to-day life," Turner said.

Legacy President Anthony Johnson, a senior psychology major, said the holiday is an integral part of black history.

"TCU cares about the things minority students hold dear, and Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday is one of those things," Johnson said.

Legacy members said that although the program is a celebration of King's birthday, it also shows TCU's commitment to minority students.

Leon Reed, a senior political science and history major, said he is excited that King's message is addressed more openly now than ever before.

"When Martin Luther King Jr. Day was first announced as a holiday (in 1986), it took a walkout by the black football players to get the school's attention," Reed said.

"Now the school is doing a much better job recognizing minority students."

Students who will be involved in the event said Martin Luther King Jr. Day is a celebration for not only African-Americans, but all minorities.

Yonina Robinson, a freshman speech communications major, said the event proves that TCU is moving toward equality for all minority students.

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TCU professor distinguished by national award

By Heather Graff
SKIFF STAFF

A TCU associate professor of mathematics received one of three national awards given for distinguished teaching in mathematics in Baltimore, Md., last Thursday.

Rhonda L. Hatcher was given a

\$1,000 Haimo Award for Distinguished College or University Teaching of Mathematics by the American Mathematical Society and the Mathematical Association of America. Two professors from other colleges in the country were also presented with the award.

Hatcher, who has been teaching at TCU for eight years, said she is honored.

"It is really nice to be selected (for this award), especially at my age, because I have only been teaching for nine years," she said. "So it is quite an honor."

The awards, started in 1991, are given "to honor college or university teachers who have been widely recognized as extraordinarily successful and whose teaching effectiveness has been shown to have had influence beyond their own institutions," according to a news release.

For the past three summers, Hatcher has been principal investigator on National Science Foundation grants, attracting undergraduates from around the country to TCU to work on projects such as "Zeros of Special Functions" and

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Rhonda Hatcher

Student model trades Moudy 'look' for Miami glamour



TCU sophomore Todd Warren will spend the spring semester modeling in Miami for the next Abercrombie & Fitch campaign.

By Jeff Meddaugh
CAMPUS EDITOR

One could wonder how a face that once winced with pain caused by a freak accident in high school could ever beam with the self-confidence only captured by a photographer's camera.

But amazingly, 42 stitches, a bone-deep gash above the eyebrow, a swollen nose and two black eyes disappeared from the face that will appear in Abercrombie & Fitch's next campaign... without a bit of plastic surgery.

And the accident with a makeshift pool pump that exploded under high pressure is now a distant memory.

Todd Warren, a sophomore radio-TV-film major whose college modeling career began in September, will be featured with several other young models from across the country in advertisements that could end up in stores or on bags and postcards.

He will spend this semester in Miami, a hot spot for the modeling industry, to work for the campaign.

"I'll be there for four months, which is the biggest money-making time in Miami," Warren said in a December interview. "There'll be a lot of things going on for models and jobs."

The campaign, his third modeling job, is an advancement about which his agent, Page Parkes, said Warren has "done in two months

what some people have done in two years."

But Warren, 20, said he feels very lucky to receive an invitation from the Abercrombie & Fitch campaign director, Bruce Weber, a popular photographer who has worked with Gianni Versace and Ralph Lauren and whose photographs have appeared in *Vogue* magazine.

"I was in the right place at the right time," he said. "This is something I can do for a while, (and) then I have to go out into the real world."

Warren said he hopes to use the high-profile connections he makes during his modeling career as "stepping stones" after he receives his bachelor's degree from TCU.

"It's all about connections in any kind of entertainment business," he said. "My whole plan's been to get into production and work my way up. Hopefully, one day I can make the transition to the front of the camera."

Warren is represented by Parkes' modeling agency based in Dallas, Houston and Miami. His agency also seeks to broaden his representation with as many big-city agencies as possible, which may give him the chance to model in Milan this summer.

But it all depends on having the right "look," he said.

"It's a really fickle business," he said. "You could be hot one day and gone the next."

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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.

CALLING ALL FROGS final interviews will be held Thursday. Sign up at the Kelly Center information desk.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION will show a video review of International Week 1997 Thursday at 5 p.m. in Student Center room 222.

CAREER FAIR to be held from from 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. and 4-7 p.m. on Jan. 19-20 at the Infomart, located at 1950 Stemmons Frwy. in Dallas. A list of jobs available can be found at www.cfcjobs.com.

STUDENT AMBASSADORS will meet at 6 p.m. on Jan. 20 in Sid Richardson Lecture Hall 2.

STUDY SKILLS WORKSHOP titled "Getting the Semester Kicked-Off Right" presented by Jeremy Poynter of the Center for Academic Services at 7 p.m. on Jan. 20 in the Rickel building room 106. Call 923-8792 with questions.

COLLEGE REPUBLICANS will meet at 6 p.m. on Jan. 21 in the Student Center room 205. Call Shelby at 927-8491 with questions.

STUDY ABROAD RECEPTION to be held on from 4 until 5:30 p.m. on Jan. 21 in Student Center room 207. Anyone interested in meeting students, faculty and staff returning from study programs is invited to attend.

1998 CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST submissions will be accepted by the English Department until Feb. 6. Rules and entry forms are available in Reed Hall Room 134.

LEGAL ADVICE HOTLINE sponsored by Tarrant County Bar Association will be available from 6 until 8 p.m. on Jan. 22. Answers are free. Call 335-1239.

ODYSSEY HOSPICE is seeking volunteers to work with terminally ill patients. Hours are flexible. Call 882-8942 for more information.

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"Computational Group and Graph Theory."

Last year, Hatcher received the Texas Distinguished College or University Teaching of Mathematics Award from the MAA and was a 1994 winner of the TCU Deans' Teaching Award. Hatcher has also been a lecturer in the Advanced Placement Teachers Calculus Programs at TCU.

"I want to teach to all students and

when you have a class of all students, whether it is Calculus, Math 1033 or Topics, you have people at both ends of the spectrum. I don't want to leave anyone behind," Hatcher said. "I try to teach at a level... that is not condescending without boring the ones at the top. It is very tricky. I learned through the years how to do it."

Linda Taylor, a pre-med advisor and one of Hatcher's former stu-

dents, said she likes Hatcher's teaching style.

"I personally think that she is the best teacher around," Taylor said. "She makes math very clear, even for those who struggle with numbers."

Robert Doran, professor of mathematics and chair of TCU's mathematics department, said Hatcher identifies with students' needs well.

"She is one of the best," Doran said. "(This award) brings national

recognition to TCU (and) is very good for TCU and the math department. It is a top honor to be one of the three selected."

Hatcher is a summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Colorado with a master's degree. She received her doctorate from Harvard University.

Hatcher and her husband, fellow TCU math professor George Gilbert, have two sons.

World Report

Nation

Clinton lawyers give up on getting records

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — President Clinton's lawyers Wednesday gave up their effort to get donor lists and depositions from the organization bankrolling Paula Jones' sexual harassment lawsuit against him.

Instead, the Rutherford Institute agreed to turn over its expenditures.

Clinton's attorneys wanted the records to support their claims that Jones is suing for personal gain and that she has benefited personally from the legal fund — accusations the institute and Jones have denied.

"There are no checks for Paula Jones," Institute lawyer Thomas S. Neuberger told reporters Wednesday.

After meeting in his chambers with Neuberger and talking on the phone with Clinton attorney Katharine Sexton, U.S. District Judge James Harry Michael Jr. announced no hearing was necessary.

Wright had ruled last month that institute documents involving fund raising, public relations strategy and taxes must be turned over to the president's lawyers.

The conservative institute, backed by the American Civil Liberties Union, challenged the subpoena last week, accusing Clinton's lawyers of conducting a "witch hunt" aimed at revoking its tax-exempt status.

The institute also asked that hearings on its challenge be conducted in open court.

Clinton's lawyer, Robert S. Bennett, called the institute's allegations "false and preposterous." He said the institute's challenge violated Wright's gag order and was "obviously a gimmick to raise funds for the Paula Jones lawsuit by making up a story that they are under attack."

The Rutherford Institute has supported Jones' lawsuit "to help the powerless against the powerful, to show that the most powerful can be brought into a court of law," Neuberger said.

Clinton is scheduled to give a deposition in the case on Saturday. The trial is scheduled to begin in May.

Brinkley commercials pulled from ABC lineup

NEW YORK — David Brinkley is no longer welcome on the program that once bore his name. Not as a corporate pitchman, anyway.

ABC News said it has informed the advertising agency of Archer Daniels Midland that the network will no longer accept its commercials featuring Brinkley.

The controversial ads display Brinkley in a role strikingly similar to the one he had performed on ABC's "This Week." Prepared by Decatur, Ill., ad agency Jones & Thomas, the commercials began airing on the Sunday morning public-affairs program Jan. 4.

Brinkley, 77, retired last October from the program he launched in 1981. Cokie Roberts and Sam Donaldson are now co-hosts of "This Week."

"I've moved," Brinkley began in one spot for the agribusiness giant. "Since television began I have brought you the news... the news, straight and true. I will still speak straight and true, I'll never change that."

"But now," he went on, "I will bring you information about food, the environment, agriculture; issues of importance to the American people and the world." All on behalf of ADM.

Before they aired, the Brinkley commercials from longtime "This Week" sponsor ADM had been cleared by the network, ABC spokeswoman Eileen Murphy said.

"But we were told the spots would air on other Sunday morning public-affairs programs, too," she said. "Based on that, we decided there would be no viewer confusion." When the ads had not appeared elsewhere, the network pulled the ads Wednesday. "We feel the agency misled us," Murphy said.

Jones & Thomas did not return several phone calls. Brinkley did not return a message left for him on a phone number provided by ABC.

Andy Rooney told his "60 Minutes" audience that Brinkley's new job was "as sad as the death of a friend."

"We didn't think David Brinkley could ever be bought, and it leaves the rest of us open to the suspicion that we might be bought, too," Rooney said. ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Along with this constant uncertainty, Warren said he will be cautious of the fast-paced lifestyle of the "rich and famous" that sometimes lures models into substance abuse.

"I've seen pictures of people... who go get strung out on drugs," he said. "They can't sell someone who's like that."

A model's usefulness depends on how they take care of his or her "vehicle," a term modeling insiders use for the body. The industry can be very cruel sometimes, Warren said.

"I can understand how they can be that way because... they can't get you work if you're not taking care of yourself," he said. "I enjoy (modeling), but mainly I do it to make money."

Between his travels, he plans to complete his education, which his parents have agreed to let him put on hold so he can earn money modeling.

"(This job) was good enough reason for my parents to let me take the next semester off," Warren said.

His sister, Tiffany Warren, a senior advertising/public relations major, said her family is very supportive of Todd's modeling.

"We're very proud of him," she said. "It's a really great gateway to film and production or whatever Todd wants to do."

With appearances in two Dillard's ads, a music video and a Steven Spielberg film, "The Locust," thusfar, Warren may be making enough connections to not be just another face.

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LIGHTS, CAMERA, GUILTY

Yesterday, Judge Joe Drago decided to allow Court TV to televise the Diane Zamora murder trial and also defined the specific restrictions on media coverage of the trial.

Drago, who had considered banning cameras from the courtroom altogether, agreed to allow Court TV, a cable television station, to place only one camera in the courtroom and will permit *The Dallas Morning News* and *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* to take still shots, although they will be required to share their photos with other news outlets.

In addition, journalists may only focus on witnesses while they are testifying.

They are prohibited from questioning or photographing family members of either Zamora or the victim, 16-year-old Adrienne Jones. Zamora and her boyfriend, David Graham, are accused of the 1995 murder.

Violation of these rules will result in the expulsion of all cameras.

Drago appears to have drawn a compromise between the prosecution, which wanted all cameras banned, and the defense, which wanted an openly televised trial. Though the prosecution is unhappy with the ruling, they got the fairest deal they could have hoped for.

There's no guarantee the Zamora trial won't be "ring one of a three-ring circus" as

the prosecution is predicting, but it'll be a far cry from the soap opera the O.J. Simpson trial became.

We can be pretty sure there will be no bloody glove or Kato Kaelin involved this time around.

As journalists, it is difficult for us to sidestep the public's right to know. Because this trial hits home, millions of people in the Metroplex will be eager to follow the developments as the trial progresses. The public deserves to know what's going on in such a serious situation, and the only way they'll get this information directly is through the media.

Drago did an excellent job finding a solution without resorting to censorship. Press freedom is a cornerstone of this nation's beliefs and is the only way to guarantee any accuracy in what the public is told. Without accurate coverage, the public would be kept in the dark over what is going on.

While overexposure in a criminal trial can unfairly alter the outcome, lack of exposure can be more dangerous. The justice system cannot allow another O.J. trial to take place, and Judge Drago has taken an important step in preventing that. If the media's restrictions are followed properly, faith in the justice system may be restored — at least in North Texas.

Allowing courtroom cameras during Diane Zamora's trial is the best decision for all sides.



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Celebrate safe arrivals

We sometimes think dogs are stupid. It doesn't matter whether we leave them at home for 15 minutes while we run to the store or leave them for over half a semester while we are away at school. They will still act utterly overjoyed to see us again, no matter how short or long a time we have been gone.

Have they no concept of time? Where is their sense of what is important and what is not?

Maybe it's right where it should be. So what if Lucky and Ralph are so thrilled to see that you made it home safely from Taco Bell to see them again? They may have no concept of time, no sense of the difference between taking a trip to China and running to the hardware store, but they take no safe return of their beloved humans for granted.

They never know for certain if their owners are coming back or not, and therefore every safe return is a

cause for celebration. Ironically, we humans never know if our loved ones will be returning unaffected by the hazards of this strange world either. The difference is we always act as though they undoubtedly will.

The holiday season is the year's peak time for travel. College students are heading home at the end of the semester. Uncle Fred is running up to Minyard's to grab more egg nog and marshmallow cream at 11:34 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

In the time of year when we supposedly most value our loved ones' presence, they are most likely to be involved in a traffic accident. Why shouldn't we celebrate joyously like dogs when a family member returns unharmed from a run to grab some pumpkin pie spice?

Not all accidents involve cars, either. Think of how many people you know who went skiing over this winter break. Perhaps you went. I did, and I'm darn glad my friends and I are alive and (mostly) unharmed after what happened to Sonny Bono and Michael Kennedy.

I'm sure it never crossed the minds of the families of these men that they were going to ski into trees and never be seen alive again. But I am sure that they wish the last time Bono and Kennedy had come home

uneventfully that they had taken the opportunity to show them that they cared.

When tragedy strikes, as it unfortunately does for all of us at one time or another, it is easy to look back and see that we should have been more grateful during the times when everything was right with the world.

But it is those little times when everything magically turns out OK that we should acknowledge when they happen, not when we wish they would happen.

So maybe we should take a lesson from our dogs. Rejoice with each safe arrival. Take no minor miracle for granted. When someone returns, act like it is the greatest thing that is going to happen all week.

Whether your buddy is coming back from a Whataburger and beer run or just came back from spending a semester in Switzerland, treat him like you thought you were never going to see his smiling face again.

When we know others miss us, whether for 15 minutes or 15 years, it builds us up. And perhaps we'll be more motivated to take care of ourselves and arrive safely once more.

Rachael Smiley is a junior art history major from Tulsa, Okla.

Commentary



RACHAEL SMILEY

Sometimes journey can be more important than destination

When I was a little boy, my father would put me in the car, buckle me in, shift the car in reverse and proclaim, "... and away we go" as he backed out the driveway.

My father, a very wise man, knew that there are many repetitive, mundane things in life that children don't like to do.

Like go run errands with Dad, thus cutting into valuable "play"

time. So, to brace me for the tediousness of yet another trip to the grocery store, he would turn it into an adventure.

Later, when I was a teenager, I figured out what my dad was up to because he did the same thing for my little sister. At times, he would even make me play along, which meant I had to sit in the back seat. This is a 15-year-old's nightmare.

"No way I'm giving up the front seat to a four-year-old," I told him. "Why do you do this goofy stuff, anyway?"

So, he aborted his plan for once. For this, my punishment was to endure a kid sister laying on the grocery store floor, whining endlessly like a broken record.

"I'm bored, I'm bored, I'm

bored...Tim, un-bore me cause I'm bored," the annoying little sibling continued. It was perhaps at that exact moment that I extolled greatness upon my father. There was, believe it or not, a method to his madness.

This brings me to the present. I was just reminded of a November day when I had said to myself, "I can't wait until this semester is OVER!"

I remember the day well because I had a paper that was due in a half hour and still needed to be printed off a computer disk. Somehow I eventually prevailed, with about 32 seconds to spare.

Have you been through this scenario? About halfway through the semester you're so tired of learning new concepts, reading assignments and projects that your personality

does a disappearing act. Friends and family just stop calling.

They understand that loss of sleep causes brain numbness. So, my question is this: How come we students can't wait for a semester to be over, but then we miss school so much that we have a need to get back to it?

As with everything else in life, I have a theory. I believe that most students dread the tiresome grind of school, but they enjoy the emotional experience.

When I think back to last semester, I remember most of the concepts that I learned and they continue to be part of my personal growth. But over time that book work will wane from my consciousness. The emotional experience, however, won't fade.

What I will recall years from now is the new friends I made, the people who crossed my path and the study groups that made it possible to pass tests.

I will surely remember the late night study sessions with friends Callie, Ron and Brian, trying to figure out what Dr. Powers would ask on our exam.

Thinking back to my religion class, I might recall what Buddha believed or who started Islam, but I will definitely remember the experience of sitting next to two football players and an athletic trainer.

I'll also remember the basketball player behind me who would laugh when I combed my long hair during lecture. Oh, and let's not forget the girl who kept smiling at me from

across the room. I never did find out her name.

So yeah, here we are back in school and most of us are even excited about it. The truth is, no matter how much work I have to do, I still enjoy being around the people, interacting with them and even learning a thing or two in the meantime.

I think deep down we could all learn from that lesson my father taught me so many years ago. Life is a journey, not a destination, and school is a fascinating leg of that journey.

Welcome back, everyone. Here we are again for another semester. "... And away we go!"

Tim Skaggs is a senior speech communication major from Fort Worth.

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TIM SKAGGS

Supreme Court abortion decision points in direction of new scapegoats

January 22 marks the 25th anniversary of the Supreme Court's Roe vs. Wade decision. The decision made abortion legal throughout the country instead of being determined by each individual state as was done previously.

Some hail it as a landmark day for the progress of women's rights. They see this as another stepping stone on the path to equality.

Others view this decision with ambivalence. They can see the wrongfulness of legalized abortion, but do not feel that it is their place to tell others. They do not want to "force their views down other people's throats," as it is usually stated.

Still others see this as a plain and simple moral wrong. The fact that some disagree with them does not sway these folks from

stating the wrongfulness of abortion and its promotion in our society.

Personally, I see this decision as a stepping stone, but not on a path to equal rights. Rather, I see it as a step in the wrong direction.

During the course of human history, societies and civilizations have always needed a class of people to call sub- and nonhuman. This was necessary for the leaders of these societies and civilizations because they needed a group of people to perform the menial and backbreaking tasks and to sacrifice as demonstrations of the leaders' power.

Most of all, these leaders needed a group of people to blame when things went wrong. It was easier to have a scapegoat to blame for bad times than to look at themselves as the cause of their problems or failures. How satisfying it must have been for them to have scapegoats to punish and sacrifice!

The most classic example of sacrificial scapegoats is the Nazi extermination of the Jews. It must have felt satisfying to them at the time, but now many Germans deeply

regret this indelible stain on their country's history.

In American history, we have had our share of scapegoats as well: blacks, Chinese, Vietnamese, Jews, Catholics, Irish, illegal immigrants from Latin America and Asia and Native Americans. It has taken nearly the length of our entire history, but we are finally at the point of no longer needing scapegoats to blame for our problems.

And if you believe that, I have a professional baseball team in Arlington to sell you. Our new scapegoats are the most tragic of all, for they are the unborn children of abortions. The saddest part of this decision is that it came right on the heels of the passage of the

Civil Rights Act of 1964. It took our nation until 1863 to recognize that we have no right to declare someone a slave, and it took another 100 years for our laws to reflect this belief.

As enlightened and advanced as we had become, it took only nine years for us to find another societal scapegoat. The irony is so thick you can walk on it.

Another sad irony of this court decision designed for the empowerment of women is that the pregnant woman is often pressured by someone else and is given very little alternative but to have the abortion even if she does not want one.

There are an increasing number of pro-life clinics designed to help women in such des-

perate situations, but at this time they are outnumbered and lack the vast funding of pro-choice clinics.

Sadly, even though using unborn children as sacrificial scapegoats for the so-called "right to choose" is bad enough, our society is still looking for others. This can be seen in the push for euthanasia for the less-than-perfectly fit.

The next group of scapegoats will be the elderly, the physically and mentally disabled, and unwanted newborns (already happening, as evidenced by the many recent reports of babies found in trash cans) if we continue down the path that we have begun with Roe vs. Wade.

Are we going to continue human history's long line of needing scapegoats to blame for our problems, or do we want to make a real difference in how we deal with our problems? That is a question that needs to be answered one person at a time.

John Araujo is a senior general studies major from Fort Worth.

Students surfing to class?

TCU explores the possibility of online classes

By Jessica Wozniak
SKIFF STAFF

Showing up to class in bunny slippers and a robe used to only happen in nightmares. Not anymore.

University classes offered on the Internet make it possible to get a college degree without ever stepping foot on campus. Students at many universities are now able to log onto the 'Net to review a lecture, take a test or participate in a class discussion.

The University of Memphis offers a public relations master's degree completely online.

The University of Texas at Arlington offered its first online class this summer and is planning to offer many more courses online through its new Center for Distance Education.

TCU does not offer any classes on the Internet, although Doug Newsom, professor of journalism, is trying to change that. Newsom is taking a sabbatical this spring to study how other universities conduct online classes.

"I've been trying to sell (Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs) Bill Koehler on this since 1982," she said.

"I'm just sure that we could put together some classes on the Internet that could be available to professionals in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex. I need to find out what works and what doesn't."

One advantage to online classes is flexibility. Some classes require students to come to class for an orientation, some require in-class attendance only on test days and others don't require any on-campus attendance at all.

Some classes are taught as strictly lecture classes where a student can log on at any time to read the notes from that week's class. Other classes are seminar classes which require students to log on at designated class times.

E.W. Brody, professor of journalism at the University of Memphis, said online graduate classes at his university are identical to the classes offered on campus except for where

they meet. Students are given a list of discussion topics beforehand and then the class meets in a chat room for discussion, he said.

A monitor, either the professor or a student, must recognize each student before he or she can "talk," Brody said. When a student is talking, they must insert a dash at the end of each line and an asterisk at the end of the statement, he said.

Attendance and participation can be monitored by the professor and access to the chat room is by password only, Brody said.

Classes meet from 8 to 11 p.m. CST to accommodate students on the West and East coasts, Brody said. Students in Europe have to log on at

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— Doug Newsom
professor of journalism

strange hours to participate in class discussions, he said.

This is the third year a fully online master's degree has been offered at the University of Memphis. For the first year-and-a-half, classes were set up on Compuserve but then changed to the Internet because it's more accessible at a lower cost overseas, Brody said.

The program initially cost between \$1,200 and \$1,500 for the server, Roundtable. The university pays for the server and students get the software free of charge; however there can be some difficulty when choosing

between Mac and PC compatible software, Brody said.

Paul R. LaRocque, retired TCU director of student publications, taught an online course for the American Press Institute. Five week-long seminars designed for newspaper professionals were offered.

Textbooks and handouts were delivered by mail or online and participation in chat room discussions over a period of days was required, LaRocque said. The software was included in the cost of the class and students only needed a modem.

Newsom said she envisions an online public relations master's degree for business professionals in the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

"We've got a lot of people in public relations and advertising jobs who don't have much control over their time, their clients or their bosses," she said. "But they would have some time during the week to finish their assignment on the computer."

Newsom said graduate courses that are offered online would be likely to pay for themselves.

"Most of the people who want a master's degree are in the 35-45 (age category)," she said. "They are in that time in their career where they need an advanced degree and all they would have to do is turn on the computer."

Luther B. Clegg, chairman of the department of curriculum and instruction, said motivation is difficult for professors who do not see their students regularly. Students feel a certain accountability to professors that they know and see face to face each week, he said.

Clegg said he has taken some correspondence classes, which are similar to online classes, and gained nothing.

"I did the assignments and took the tests at the end of the semester," he said.

Still, Clegg said, the classes can be beneficial to some.

"Some students can get a lot out of anything they do," he said.

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or refused to comment on the events of Jan. 6.

Nailon said Tubbs did not know about the incident until after Saturday's basketball game against San Jose State University because he thought the argument was finished and he didn't want to take Tubbs' mind off of his coaching duties.

Officer Robinson of the Fort Worth Police Department said he responded to a call from Campus Police Saturday and took a statement from Bell. The information was then passed on to police detectives, he said.

According to the police report, Bell had multiple bruises from her eyes to her knees and small cuts on her neck and palm.

Nailon said Bell did not have the injuries on Tuesday and that they did not show up until Saturday. He said he could not explain how she was hurt.

"Students, fans and people shouldn't think of me differently because of what has happened because police are going to

believe females over males regardless of what I say happened," he said.

On July 18, 1997, both Nailon and Bell were arrested on suspicion of battery in a similar incident by Sedgwick County, Kan., sheriff's deputies, according to Sedgwick County officials. The district attorney's office in Wichita did not file charges in the case, and both parties were released.

Nailon said the arrest, like the current incident, was "just a big argument and the police took it out of hand."

Nailon attended Butler County Community College in El Dorado, Kan., where he met and began dating Bell. He said they had been going out for eight months before they broke up Friday.

"I think she thought I was her trophy, her ticket to making a lot of money," he said.

Nailon's plea was one of the three options he faced in response to the charge. He also could have pleaded guilty or not guilty.

A plea of no contest is one that may be entered with permission of the court in which the defendant does not admit or deny the charges.

Nailon said he decided to plead no contest "because it was getting to be a distraction to my team, and I thought it would be the best for me because of basketball, conference play right now, and the second semester of school is very important to me."

Tubbs said Nailon has been demoted to practice with the second team. Additional disciplinary action has been taken at the university level, but athletic administrators declined to comment on the extent or nature of the discipline.

Nailon said his teammates never approached him with concerns about the allegations but that he could tell it was bothering them.

Skiff staff Ellen Miller, Kelly Melhart, Jill Taylor and Kimberly Wilson contributed to this report.

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Former employee sues Indiana U. fraternity

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — A former employee of Phi Delta Kappa is suing the education honorary fraternity for terminating his employment after he complained that his supervisor sexually harassed him.

Thomas Pleasant filed charges in December against Phi Delta Kappa and Bill Hyman, his former supervisor, for "same-sex sexual harassment, retaliation and wrongful discharge."

Employed in the management information systems department, Pleasant alleges Hyman had been making sexual advances toward him both in and out of the workplace since late May. The suit cites examples, such as Hyman allegedly grabbing Pleasant's buttocks in the workplace and making sexually-oriented comments.

This week, Phi Delta Kappa attorney James Whitlatch said the fraternity denies any wrongdoing.

"We've investigated the charge, and we do not believe that there is any truth to the validity of Mr. Pleasant's claims," Whitlatch said.

Whitlatch said it could take two years before the lawsuit reaches the court system.

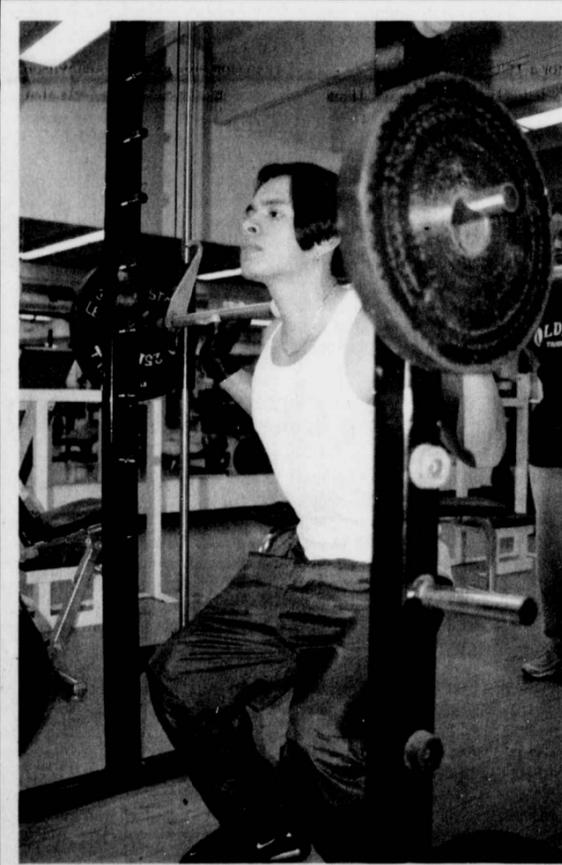
Hyman said he would only speak through his attorney, Bill Andrews. Andrews did not comment about the case.

After making attempts to thwart the actions, Pleasant eventually discussed the matter with Ron Joekel, Phi Delta Kappa's executive director. According to the lawsuit, Pleasant said Joekel "did not take effective, remedial action to address such conduct."

"I think it's a poor situation when you go to the executive director of the building, and you are let go for bringing forth a wrongdoing," Pleasant said.

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Indiana University

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Sophomore business major Robert Cobian (left) lifts weights in the Rickel weight room Wednesday afternoon. (Below) Aerobic dance instructor Collette Stewart helps freshman elementary education major Desiree Faucette with abdominal exercises during class.

Many students took advantage of light homework assignments and free time during the first week of classes to work out in the Rickel.

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Court TV, photographers to cover Zamora trial

By Chris Newton
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FORT WORTH, Texas — Court TV will be allowed to televise the capital murder trial of former Naval Midshipman Diane Zamora, the judge presiding over the case ruled Wednesday.

The cable network will have the only TV camera allowed in the courtroom. Two newspaper photographers also will be allowed, District Court Judge Joe Drago ruled.

The judge said he thought the TV and still cameras in the courtroom would be less disruptive than a dozen or more cameras packing the courthouse hallways.

"My initial thought was to not allow any cameras in the courtroom," the judge said. "But reluctantly, upon reflection, it became obvious to me that this case is going to be very heavily publicized whether I let cameras in or not."

Drago also issued a strict set of rules for news reporters covering the proceedings, disallowing any questioning of families connected to the case.

"These rules are to keep order," Drago said. Zamora attended Wednesday's hearing and showed no reaction to the judge's decisions.

She is accused in the 1995 slaying of Adrienne Jones, 16. Prosecutors say Jones was killed and dumped along a dark Grand Prairie road because of a one-time affair with Zamora's high school sweetheart and former fiancé, David Graham.

Graham, who also is accused in the killing and will stand trial separately, went off to the Air Force Academy and Zamora to the Naval Academy months later.

It wasn't until Zamora told a fellow cadet about the crime that the pair were caught, prosecutors say.

Both Zamora and Graham remain jailed on \$250,000 bond.

The Dallas Morning News and Fort Worth Star-Telegram were chosen by Drago to have photographers present at Zamora's trial. The newspapers and Court TV will share their images with all other media present.

Drago imposed other restrictions on photographers, saying they may only focus on witnesses while they are testifying. Photographers also were barred from taking pictures of family members as they leave the courthouse.

Violation of the rules will result in expulsion

of all cameras for the duration of the trial, Drago said.

Prosecutors, who had filed a motion asking that cameras be banned, said the judge's ruling will make the court "ring one of a three-ring circus."

"Witnesses sometimes stop paying attention to the evidence and start worrying about their image," said chief prosecutor Mike Parrish. "We want this case decided on evidence, not image."

Defense attorneys said they agreed with judge's ruling.

"We believe the public does have a right to know and we think this was a reasonable way to achieve that," said defense attorney John Lineberger.

In another ruling Wednesday, Drago said the jury, to be picked next week, will not be sequestered during the trial that is expected to last about two weeks.

Jones' parents, Bill and Linda Jones, issued a statement saying they were disappointed with the judge's decisions on cameras and sequestration.

"Our prayer is that the jury will hear only the facts and that justice will be served," they said.

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"The program will serve as a symbol that TCU is being objective toward not only blacks but all minority students," Robinson said.

Minority students are gaining more recognition in the TCU community because the "trustees and professors have a bona fide interest in it," Reed said.

The event will begin with the Black National Anthem by a trio from the Word of Truth Gospel Choir and a recitation of King's famous "I Have a Dream" speech. The choir will also perform during the event.

Barry Williams, a TCU graduate and published author, will give the keynote address.

NASA considering Glenn for flight

By Katherine Rizzo
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Since his historic splashdown in February 1962, John Glenn's been aching for another ride in space.

He expects to learn soon whether it's possible.

For the past year, NASA has been evaluating whether there's a good scientific reason to allow the 76-year-old astronaut-turned-senator to become the oldest man in space.

Daniel Goldin, the agency's administrator, is considering using Glenn as an in-flight subject for tests that might improve earth-bound research on human aging.

The NASA chief indicated he will decide in the next few weeks, based on a determination of safety and scientific merit.

"We don't just fly people into space without a mission," he said.

John Logsdon, director of the Space Policy Institute at George Washington University's Elliott School of International Affairs, said there should be "enough science behind this that it can't be ridiculed as a stunt."

"NASA should not — and I think would not — do this unless some relevant external group of scientists said, 'Yes, there is scientific benefit,'" the analyst said.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration has had talks with the National Institute on Aging about research on aging. Glenn has encouraged those talks and helped round up scientists for a special meeting last year.

Glenn, who in the past has freely discussed the possibility of another space flight, recently has been declining interviews on the subject.

Spokesman Jack Sparks said he could say nothing beyond: "Senator Glenn is in extremely good physical condition but feels it's premature to discuss any med-

ical matters until NASA makes a decision."

Glenn, who in 1962 became the first American to orbit the Earth, exercises daily, lifts weights, pilots his own plane and even set a 1996 speed record in his twin-engine Beechcraft Baron.

Logsdon speculated that Glenn's great condition might work against him "because he's so healthy he's not your typical old guy," but Glenn based his argument to NASA on both his physical condition and background.

He argues that baseline information gathered during training for his Mercury 7 flight and subsequent yearly physicals would be useful in the study of osteoporosis and changes in the body's immune system during aging.

Space is a good place for geriatric study because there are similarities between what happens to a body in zero gravity and what happens naturally over time on Earth.

For Glenn to fly again, NASA would have to change the policy against civilians in space established after the Challenger explosion in 1986 that killed teacher Christa McAuliffe.

And that wouldn't be easy, said Pat Dasch, executive director of the National Space Society.

"They wouldn't just be giving a reflight to one space hero," she said. "If they seem to be opening the floodgates to noncurrent astronauts, then what?"

Glenn is preparing to retire from the Senate at the end of this year. A Democrat, he has represented Ohio since 1975.

Freshman to play in championships

For the third time, TCU will send a men's tennis singles player to the Rolex Intercollegiate Tennis Championships this February.

Freshman Esteban Carril qualified for the third leg of the 1997-98 Intercollegiate Tennis Association Grand Slam via his singles title at last November's Rolex Region VI Championships.

Carril's current 21st ranking is fourth highest among freshman in the latest Rolex Collegiate Rankings.

Football director resigns

Rick Villarreal, the director of football operations, resigned from his post to take a similar position at his alma mater Southern Mississippi.

Villarreal was the only person still on staff after the Pat Sullivan resignation. His duties with the Frogs included organizing recruiting visits and processing scholarship paperwork.

Six months ago Villarreal accepted a position similar to associate athletic director at Southern Mississippi, but the school did not follow the proper job posting mandated by the state of Mississippi and the offer was rescinded.

Texas NBA Showdown

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Rockets needed a victory and it didn't matter that it came against the lowly Dallas Mavericks.

Kevin Willis scored 14 of his 30 points in a comeback third quarter Tuesday night as the Houston Rockets snapped a three-game losing streak with a 100-87 victory.

The Mavericks have lost 18 of their last 19 games. Their only win in that span came against Denver, which has the NBA's worst record.

Houston lost the lead on the first basket of the second quarter, trailed 41-37 at halftime and didn't regain the lead until Willis led a 20-9 third-quarter run.

The Rockets, who had lost four in a row at home, took the lead 52-51 on a slam dunk by Willis on an slashing pass from Rodrick Rhodes with 5:38 to go in the third quarter.

The Rockets played the game without three starters, Hakeem Olajuwon, Clyde Drexler and Matt Maloney, all sidelined with injuries.

Dallas got the lead back at 55-52 on two baskets by Michael Finley, but a basket by Willis and free throw by Rhodes tied it and Mario Elie's two free throws with 3:07 to play put the Rockets on top for good.

NFL hits jackpot in TV negotiations

NEW YORK — NBC Sports president Dick Ebersol defended his decision to pass on the NFL, claiming his competitors made "reckless" deals that could lose hundreds of millions of dollars.

"The NFL is a great sports property, but there is no property we would go after that would lose at least \$150 million a year," Ebersol said. "We see this as reckless. We were given an opportunity to match CBS' bid but we made a cold, calculated decision that the losses were intolerable."

The NFL is guaranteed at least \$17.6 billion over the next eight years from Fox, CBS, ABC and ESPN. The league can reopen the contract after five years. If it chooses not to, an escalator clause will make the deal with \$18 billion.

The Walt Disney Co., which owns ABC and ESPN, said its \$550 million a year deal for "Monday Night Football" — \$50 million a year more than NBC bid — and \$600 million a year for the exclusive Sunday night package for ESPN will be profitable.

—Associated Press

Track takes off Season begins this Saturday

By Matt Weinack SKIFF STAFF

The "Flyin' Frogs" will be running on a half-empty tank of gas this Saturday as they prepare for the Sooner Five-Way Meet in Norman, Okla. The team begins its season indoors until March — then it's outdoors for the rest of the season.

"That's how we have to look at it, as a beginning, because that's just what it is," Coach Monte Stratton said. "We are looking to have a national-caliber indoor season."

Although the team has lost runners due to ineligibility and injuries, the Frogs will be looking to keep up their excellent performance.

"The team is looking better," senior sprinter Syan Williams said. "Although we are facing problems with people being ineligible, we expect to do much better."

TCU's All-American sprinter Percival Spencer, a senior from Jamaica, will be out until the end of the month with a pinched nerve in his hamstring.

"We are being extremely conservative with him," Stratton said. "It is likely that he could run next week, but we aren't going to run him until Jan. 31."

It will be tough for the Frogs to top their performance last year in the Western Athletic Conference Outdoor Track and Field Championships.

The men finished first in the 100 meter, 200 meter and mile relay.

They also took top honors in the 100-meter sprint relay and the 800 meter. Spencer won the Outstanding Male Performer title at the WAC Championship.

The men's team will rely on new transfers to help bring the WAC titles to TCU again. Bryan Howard, who won the NCAA 55 meter title for Auburn last season, joins transfer Jarmiene Holloway on the team.

The women's team finished first in the 100-meter sprint relay and the 100-meter dash at the WAC Championship last season.

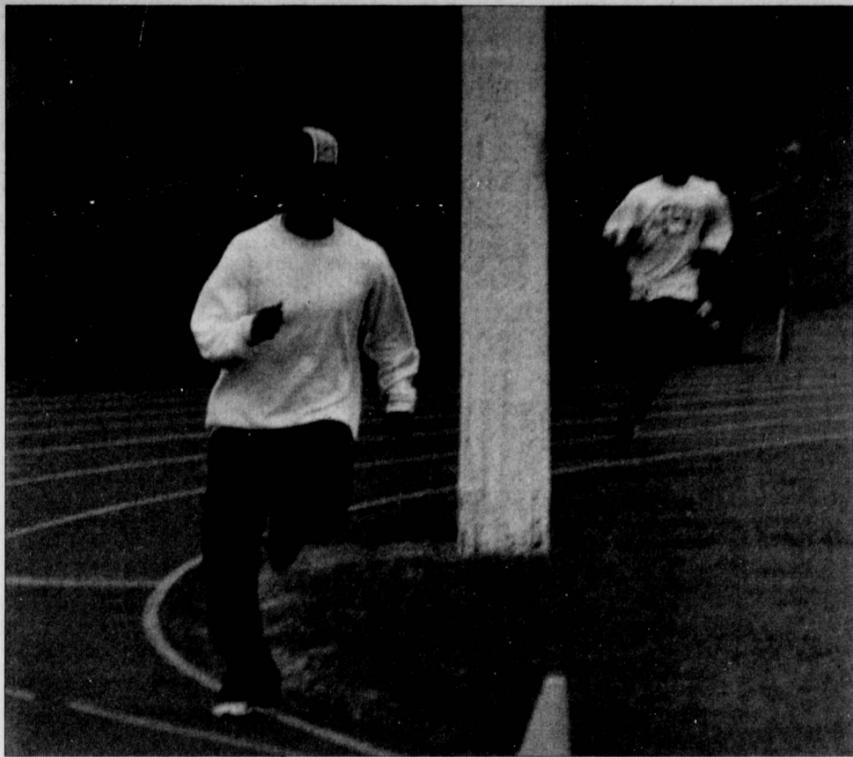
"It should be an interesting season," junior sprinter Cyntre Spencer said. "It will be difficult, but with the people we have, we're going to pull it off."

The women's team is anchored by a trio of speedsters consisting of senior Tinesha Jackson-Hackney, senior Giesla Jackson and junior Catoshia Lewis. Jackson-Hackney won the WAC Outdoor 100 meter last year and Lewis captured the WAC Indoor 55-meter title.

Despite all the adversity, the "Flyin' Frogs" say they feel like they are ready for the season to begin.

Williams, also from Jamaica, even opted to stay in Fort Worth to train for the upcoming season. "I'm practicing pretty well, (and) I expect to do much better this season," Williams said.

Both the men and women compete in indoor meets until March 13 when the NCAA Indoor Championship is



Members of the TCU "Flying Frogs" track team practiced yesterday for their first meet on Saturday in Norman, Okla.

held in Indianapolis, Ind.

They will then move on to outdoor competition with their first meet beginning March 21 in Waco.

The NCAA Outdoor Championships will be held in the first week in June in Buffalo, N.Y.

The Frogs will be traveling across the country to compete this year. They will have indoor meets in Arkansas, Kansas and Colorado and outdoor meets in Pennsylvania and New York.

Stratton said he expects to have

a good season.

"I'm optimistic. We have outstanding runners," Stratton said. "We certainly have our core of performers returning and we expect to have a stellar season, men and women."

Frogs return home to face WAC foes this week

Sometimes you just want to be home. Luckily for the TCU women's basketball team, home is exactly where they will play this week. The Frogs face WAC foes San Diego State and Hawai'i at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum after completing a road trip in northern California last weekend.

During the last outing away from Fort Worth, TCU won a tight ballgame with San Jose State in overtime 90-88 and fell to Fresno State 72-66 to finish the trip at 1-1.

TCU's win over San Jose State was thanks in large part to the play of freshman guard Jill Sutton. Sutton went on an 8-1 run in overtime to give TCU the victory. She finished with 34 points, on

12-18 shooting from the field and 8-13 from three-point land. Sutton's 34-point total is the second most in school history and her eight three pointers tie the TCU and WAC record for most in a single game.

TCU then headed to Fresno State where turnovers and free throws decided the contest. TCU took an early 19-7 lead but then committed 25 turnovers which led directly to 34 Fresno points.

Playing a 2-3 zone for almost the entire game, TCU's game plan was to force Fresno to take and hit the majority of their outside shots. The paint worked, but unfortunately Fresno made 11-34 from behind the big arc.

Jill Sutton had 14 points and six assists, while Misty Meadows had a double-double with 14 points and 11 rebounds. The stat that really decided the outcome for TCU, however, was free throw shooting. The Frogs converted on only 9-20 charity line shots.

TCU returns home to face a San Diego State team that is familiar

with postseason play. The Aztecs won the WAC Tournament title last season but are struggling so far during the 1997-98 season. San Diego State is 5-7 overall and 1-2 in the WAC.

Barb Smith, in her first season as head coach, has battled injuries within the Aztec team. Senior forward Olivia DiCamilli leads the team in scoring but has only seen action in one WAC game.

The key matchup between the two schools could be TCU's Misty Meadows vs. San Diego State's Courtney Bale. Meadows, a junior center and the Frogs leading rebounder, faces sophomore center Bale.

Bale has a size advantage in the paint, but Meadows has managed to average one more rebound than Bale this season (Meadows-8.3 rebounds, Bale-7.3 rebounds).

TCU averages more than double the three pointers and 15 more points per game than San Diego State.

PREDICTION: TCU's goal is

simple. Don't turn over the ball more than the opponent and make free throws. If Meadows can neutralize Bale, TCU's supporting cast — especially in the back court — it should provide enough fire power for a TCU victory.

Saturday TCU takes on Hawai'i. Vince Goo, one of the most respected women's coaches in the country, brings his Hawai'i team to the Metroplex for their first trip off the island during the season. Hawai'i takes on SMU Thursday night before playing the Frogs on Saturday.

The Rainbows have won eight straight in route to a 12-1 record and a perfect 3-0 conference game mark. Hawai'i's only blemish on the season was a 64-62 loss to Iowa State.

The Rainbows are a very experienced ballclub with two seniors and a junior starting alongside two sophomores. Nani Cockett is one of the top scorers in the WAC averaging 19.7 points and 6.4 rebounds per contest. Raylene Howard and Kylie Page also average in double figures.

The important matchup could be Jill Sutton vs. BJ Itoman. During the WAC tournament last season, TCU and Hawai'i hooked up in a first round match won in large part by the Rainbows because of Itoman's ability to stop Frog guard Emma Wilson. Itoman must perform the same blanket defense against freshman threat Jill Sutton, who is hitting 43 percent of her three pointers.

PREDICTION: TCU is catching Hawai'i at possibly the best time of the season. After spending most of the year on the island, the Rainbows must experience life on the road in the WAC. For the Frogs to pull off the upset, the Sutton twins must be able to not only shoot the ball well, but also contain the Hawai'i guards. TCU keeps the game close, but Hawai'i wins in the end.

Both games are at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum Thursday and Saturday at 7 pm.

Richard Durrett is a senior Radio-TV-Film major from Montreal, Canada.



Senior Jason Flint swims the breaststroke Wednesday to prepare for the upcoming swim season.

Swimmers top WAC rankings Ryther wins gold medal in World Games, Flint 10th in nation

By Rusty Simmons SKIFF STAFF

While many TCU students were enjoying the holiday season at their homes, the Horned Frog swimming and diving team athletes were in Colorado.

Instead of days filled with Christmas music, presents, and eggnog, the squad had a very different agenda. They found altitudes in excess of 8,000 feet to train for the upcoming spring season. They swam a pentathlon at North Colorado University and trained at the Air Force Academy and in Estes Park.

"The training altitude proved to be quite physically demanding on the athletes, and they stepped up to the challenge, performing some outstanding sets," head coach Richard Sybesma said.

At a little better atmospheric level, both senior Jason Flint and freshman Megan Ryther made their own holiday break splashes. Flint is currently 10th in the nation in the 200-yard breast stroke and Ryther competed in the World Games in Perth, Australia. She placed fourth in the 5K open water race, and she was part of the United States team which won the gold medal.

These accomplishments and training that took place over the break, along with a successful first half of the season give the team a promising outlook for the Western Athletic Conference Championships.

"It is fun to be swimming so well

and to be ranked so highly at the midpoint in the season," Sybesma said.

The current WAC rankings show four TCU women in the top six in their events. Junior Angela Clark is 6th in the 1-meter dive, Ryther is 6th in the 1000-yard freestyle, freshman Sarah Shepard is 5th in the 400-yard individual medley, and junior Amanda Stevens is 4th in the 200-yard breast stroke.

The men's side currently ranks a prolific seven athletes in the top four in their events. Flint is 2nd in the 200-yard breast stroke and 4th in the 100-yard breast stroke, senior Adam Knippa is 3rd in the 1 and 3-yard dive and freshman Ryan Mammarella is 3rd in the 500-yard freestyle.

Sophomore Cedric Owens is 4th in the 400-yard individual medley, senior Chuck Rogers is 2nd in the 200-yard freestyle, sophomore Adrian Velasquez is 2nd in the 50-yard freestyle and freshman Mike Wills is 4th in the 100-yard backstroke.

Along with the stellar rankings of the individual athletes on TCU's swimming and diving team, some of the women swimmers achieved equally impressive academic standards during the first half of the season.

The women's team grade point average was 3.07. Senior Sarah Crawford, senior Stacy Fennell, junior Kristy Hopper, Stevens and junior Karina Walters all sported

perfect 4.0 averages for the fall semester.

Although the semester ahead includes some tough meets, Sybesma said he is excited about facing Tennessee, Texas A&M, Texas and Colorado State. All of these squads find themselves ranked among the nation's top 25 teams.

"Our schedule gives our swimmers an opportunity to race against some of the top competitors in the country," Sybesma said. "We don't expect to win all of our upcoming meets, just to prepare for the WAC Championships."

Sybesma said he expects big spring seasons from sophomore Brent Hendrix, Mammarella, Owens, Rogers, senior Rodrigo Segura, Velasquez and Wills on the men's side.

He said he also looks forward to big results from freshman Diane Drake, Hopper, sophomore Robyn King, freshman Bridget Nelson, Shepard, Stevens, and freshman Heather Vance.

"We want to peak at the WAC Championship," Sybesma said. "We want to finish in the top four on men's and women's teams."

The team's first two meets to start on the journey toward their goal will take place over the next two weekends. The women will face Arkansas Jan. 17th, and the men will face Tennessee, who finished 4th in the nation last year, Jan. 24. Both meets will be held in Fort Worth.

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by Jeremy Roman



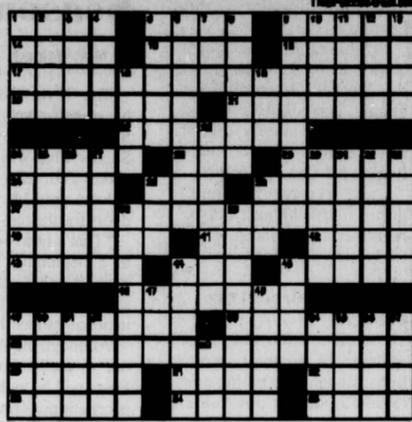
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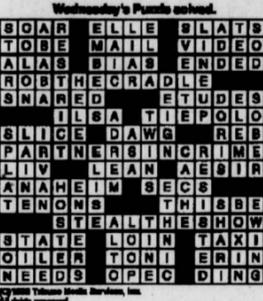


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 - Space saucers
 - Bolivian capital
 - Comic Johnson
 - Entreaty
 - Use the delete key
 - Drop off
 - Bingeing
 - Most authentic
 - First in importance
 - Laurel and Mikita
 - Back talk
 - Brief summation
 - Young Guthrie
 - Gore and Jarreau
 - Rady of "The Raven"
 - Drop off quickly
 - Click beetle
 - April 15 addressee
 - Pilot or mobile starter?
 - "More Than I Can Say" singer
 - A year in the Yucatan
 - Buenos Arg.
 - City of Yangon, formerly
 - Hang-glider's lift
 - Personal
 - Drop off instantly
 - Contain
 - Eur. particle accelerator
 - Spotted
 - Tear into strips
 - Part of DOS
 - Square measure
- DOWN**
- Texas city
 - Gulf of the Mediterranean
 - Finger James
 - Fringe group
 - Nominated
 - Small armada
 - the fields we go...
 - Persian governor
 - Host of TV's "Frontier Justice"
 - Seed coat
 - Sheet of glass
 - Questions
 - Piquancy
 - Beer ingredient
 - Harrison song, "Blues"
 - Part of MIA
 - Vaults
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 - Put to rest
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 - Rocky ridge
 - Squashes
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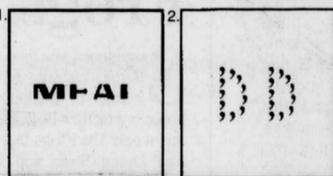
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