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Asbestos causes junk-food recall
SCHILLER PARK, Ill. (AP) — HoHo's, Twinkies and more than a dozen other types of snacks were recalled in 21 states because a bakery might have been contaminated by asbestos.

Interstate Brands Corp. said Tuesday it recalled the snacks and closed its plant in this Chicago suburb because of a potential threat from asbestos fibers in insulation removed from a boiler Jan. 11.

State inspectors had planned to close the plant Monday night when it was shut down voluntarily.

"We are taking this extremely seriously and want to make sure that the public knows about it, and it is taken from the shelf immediately," said Tom Schafer, a spokesman for the state health department.

Ray Sutton, general counsel for Interstate Brands, said workers removing the insulation didn't realize it contained asbestos. They were not properly licensed or protected and did not follow procedures that would have protected the plant's ventilation system, Schafer said.

FCC asked to halt regulation of Internet
WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's largest regional telephone company asked the Federal Communications Commission on Tuesday to stop states from regulating Internet services.

Bell Atlantic Corp. also wants the FCC to let it build high-speed networks to carry Internet traffic in its local phone region, which stretches from Maine to Virginia.

The company's filing to the FCC is the latest event in the race between cable and telephone companies to become major players in the Internet business.

Cable's high-speed Internet connections, as well as those from other non-telephone companies, aren't regulated. In addition, cable companies don't require FCC permission to build high-speed networks. Bell Atlantic said it believes the regulatory relief, if granted, would speed deployment of high-speed data services to the public.

While the FCC has no role in regulating the price of these high-speed data services offered by telephone companies, Bell Atlantic wants the FCC to step in to pre-empt state rules.

These consumer services include special high-speed telephone lines called ISDN, for integrated services digital network, and a lightning-quick phone line using a developing technology called ADSL, or asymmetrical digital subscriber line.

Neither the FCC nor state regulators had immediate comment on Bell Atlantic's request.

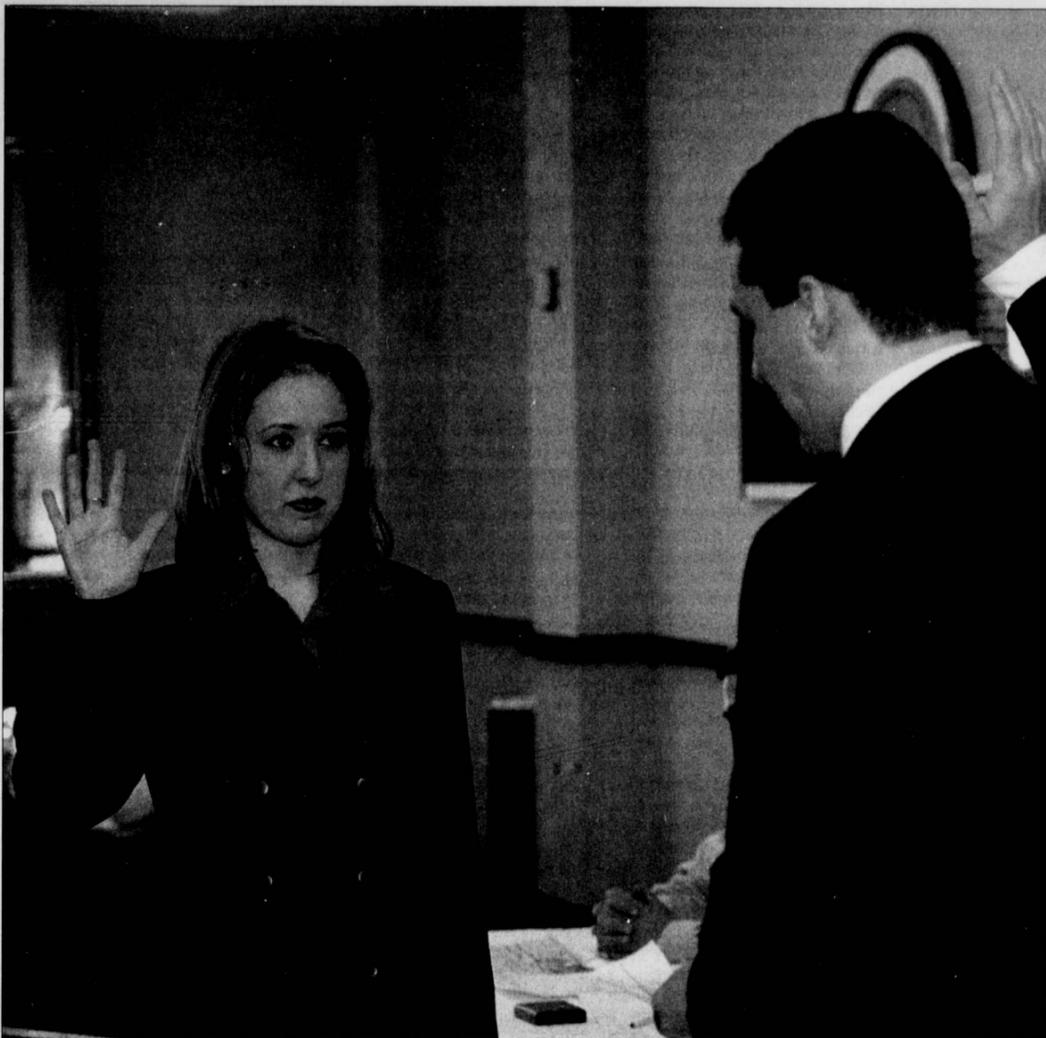
The 1996 Telecommunications Act, which deregulated the communications industries, gave the FCC power to pre-empt state regulations that impede competition.

State

Five people arrested in drug conspiracy
SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Five South Texans, including an immigration inspector, were arrested Tuesday in what authorities called a large-scale marijuana importation and distribution conspiracy in the Rio Grande Valley.

One defendant, Ana Gonzalez, is a U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service inspector at the Roma, Texas, port of entry.

The FBI said more than 2,900 pounds of marijuana have been seized following a three-year investigation conducted by an organized crime drug enforcement task force.



House President Shana Lawlor is sworn into office by Andy Mitchell Tuesday night during the semester's first meeting of the House of Student Representatives. Other House officers and members were sworn into office shortly afterward.

Lawlor takes seat in House

President swears in cabinet, House reps

By Aimee Courice
STAFF REPORTER

House of Student Representatives President Shana Lawlor was inaugurated Tuesday by former President Andy Mitchell at the House's first meeting of 1998.

Mitchell presided over the opening of the meeting, and before passing the gavel to Lawlor, he challenged House members to get involved with the House.

"I challenge you to embrace the House of Reps experience," he said. "I think the students are what makes us have tradition. I think student government leaders are the keepers of pride."

Lawlor then swore in members of the House's Executive Board, which include Vice President Willy Pinnell, Vice President for Programming Carl Long, Secretary Christie Hobbs and Treasurer Renee Rabeler.

Lawlor also swore in appointees as well as Administrative Cabinet members and elected representatives. She said she wants the House to be actively involved in the changes taking place at TCU.

"Our university is moving in an exciting direction," she said. "This is a challenge to us as students. We need to step up as a House."

Members of Programming Council were also sworn by Long.

He said that usually PC members don't attend House meetings, but both he and Lawlor said that House and PC members should try to make the effort to take part in each other's committees.

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Lawyer addressed the issue of effective leadership

By Robyn Ross
STAFF REPORTER

Effective leaders navigate life as if they're skiing at a speed that's just a tiny bit dangerous, Sarah Weddington told students and members of Leadership Fort Worth Tuesday night in the Student Center Ballroom.

"The only good ones go a little faster than they can control," she said. "That way they fall, but they learn to get up. You've got to have give to get over the moguls and waves."

Weddington, who argued the winning side of Roe vs. Wade in 1973 and is a well-known supporter of

Talking to people in prospective profession is important

women's issues, said her life has taken many unexpected turns.

"If, when I was a senior at McMurry (University) in Abilene, someone had said (that) a student there would organize a case and present it before the Supreme Court, nobody would have picked me," she said, wearing TCU purple and walking casually in front of the audience. "My life has been a series of course corrections."

Weddington explained the idea of course corrections by drawing exam-

ples from her own life. She said she had never argued a contested case when she argued before the Supreme Court.

"A group of women had approached me and asked me if I'd mind filing a case for them regarding the issue of birth control," she said. "I took it, not knowing, of course, that I'd end up before the Supreme Court. It just seemed to me that there were too many limits on women."

Citing herself and Supreme Court Justices Sandra Day O'Connor and

Ruth Bader Ginsburg as examples of people who didn't get the jobs they wanted right after college, Weddington said people have to do some things they are not confident about doing.

"You have to use the critical eye and watch other people to learn," she said. "Talk to the people who do what you're interested in, and ask them how they got where they are."

During her speech, Weddington asked for the input of several Leadership Fort Worth audience

members. Steve Dutton, executive director of the Samaritan House for people living with AIDS, said he has done a lot of course correcting over the years.

"I went from being an airport director to doing this," he said. "Guidance counselors told me to do something where there was a lot of money and a lot of opportunities, but you have to do something where you have a passion. Follow your heart as well as your first, and be honest with yourself mind."

Sally Werst, who volunteers with

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Milton gets female hall director; Kruse welcomes the challenge

By Kristina Jorgenson
STAFF REPORTER

When residents enter Milton Daniel Hall this semester, a new experience awaits them.

Colorful bulletin boards adorn the walls, Oprah Winfrey's voice echoes from the office television and a smiling, red-haired woman rules the dormitory.

Kathy Kruse, the former hall director of Francis Sadler Hall, has moved to the same position in Milton Daniel Hall where she is now responsible for the well-being of 234 young men.

Wanda Olson, associate director of residence life and part of the staff that hired Kruse, said that after working with her for 18 months, she knew Kruse could handle Milton Daniel Hall.

"I knew that if ever we could put a woman hall director in Milton Daniel, it would be a Kathy Kruse," she said. "(Kruse) has the patience and the confidence to handle the building."

Milton Daniel Hall has had a woman hall director once before.



Kathy Kruse
Hall Director

Although an all-female dormitory has never had a male hall director, Olson said she is not opposed to the idea.

Kruse applied for the position along with other men and women, Olson said.

Aware that Milton Daniel Hall has a reputation for being a difficult men's dormitory, Kruse said she did not fear the task ahead of her when she found out she got the job.

"I was so excited for this challenge," she said. "Not only being a female in a male hall, but also the challenge (of) coming in (to the job) in December... a challenge with the residents and the whole stigma that people think of when they hear 'Milton Daniel.'... I like challenges."

Kruse said though she did not worry about working at Milton Daniel Hall, others did have some concerns.

"My parents were worried," she said, laughing.

Working in an all-male hall has several surprising benefits, Kruse said.

"I know a lot about football, and I know a lot about sports," she said. "I'm just going to be the perfect wife because I understand men now, because they truly are different. It has broadened my horizons."

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The 'Mail' Guy handles it all

Hulme coordinates staff with sense of humor in sea of chaos



Glen Hulme

HORNED FROG OF THE WEEK

By Danielle Daniel
SKIFF STAFF

Behind the hustle and bustle of the mail room and the outpouring of envelopes and packages, Glen Hulme, manager of mailing services, sits in a cramped but cozy office, offering a jovial smile and keeping the chaos of the post office under control.

Never mind the small quarters of the mailing services' office or not having enough workers: Hulme loves his job.

Hulme begins every day early — around 5 a.m. First, he makes sure the mail is delivered and handled smoothly. Then, cash drawers must be assigned, stamps issued, and questions answered, all while maintaining order.

Debbie Zihlman, director of postaling services, said Hulme is dedicated and always keeps things under control.

"He is one of the hardest working people, coordinating all that goes on," she said. "(The work) is ceaseless and there is never a light of day — the mail is always coming."

"The pace has to be kept con-



Joe Williams SKIFF STAFF

Glen Hulme, manager of mailing services, has worked at post offices since he was 18 years old. Hulme is known for his sense of humor and pranks around Halloween and April Fools' Day.

stant, and he never misses a beat," she said.

Hulme, a Fort Worth native, said he has been around post offices for his entire life, beginning as an 18-year-old mail carrier, clerk and supervisor.

He began working at TCU in 1991, first operating the post office before accepting his current position in mail services.

Hulme said the best part of his

current job is being able to work in a supportive environment and have a great staff.

"I am most proud of the reputation my employees have earned," he said. "They work real hard to satisfy the customers' needs. I am very proud of the way they interact with students."

"Truly my management style is basically (that) I am here to serve

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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 Moody 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.

LIBRARY RESOURCE DEMONSTRATIONS will be held today for anyone who is interested. A new database workshop will be at noon in room 219 of the library and at 3 p.m. in Sid Richardson room 154. A business resource class will be held at 1 p.m. in Sid Richardson room 154.

AREA LAWYER JAMES MUNFORD will be in the House of Student Representatives office today from 6 until 7:30 p.m. to answer legal questions for students.

CIRCLE K INTERNATIONAL will be recruiting students in front of the Student Center today from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. For questions, call Sarah Thomas at 920-4071.

MAY DEGREE CANDIDATES should file their intent to graduate promptly in the office of their academic dean. The registrar must have all names by Feb. 1.

ROOTS & SHOOTS will meet today at 5 p.m. in the Student Center reading room A. Anyone interested in the environment, animal welfare and community service is invited to attend. Call Karman at 927-1718 with questions.

MORTAR BOARD APPLICATIONS are available in the Student Development Services office and are due by Feb. 7.

FORT WORTH MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND HISTORY needs volunteers to serve as exhibit explainers at a travelling aviation exhibit. No special training is necessary but aviation experience is helpful. For more information, call the Volunteer Services Office at (817)255-9547.

STUDENT TEACHER APPLICATION for fall of 1998 are due Feb. 25. To check for eligibility and apply, go to the Bailey Building room 102 or 304.

World Report

World

Pakistan lawyer argues for release of CIA killer

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — A lawyer for convicted killer Aimal Kasi urged a Lahore High Court on Tuesday to overturn Kasi's extradition to the United States.

A U.S. court on Friday sentenced Kasi to death for the 1993 killings of two CIA employees outside CIA headquarters in Fairfax, Va.

Attorney Javed Iqbal Jafari argued Kasi was illegally taken from Pakistan and that the FBI "concocted" his client's confession.

"(The Kasi family) never expected justice from the American court," a Pakistani news agency quoted him as saying.

The hearing was later adjourned. No date was set for when it will continue.

Kasi was arrested last June in eastern Punjab province. Within hours, he was aboard an aircraft and on his way to the United States. Kasi apparently confessed while en route to the United States.

Nation

Polio vaccine doesn't cause cancer, report says

CHICAGO — Millions of Americans who were given a polio vaccine during the 1950s that was contaminated with a monkey virus do not have a higher incidence of rare cancers linked to the virus, according to a recent study.

"This result is reassuring, as it is likely that we would have observed an effect on cancer rates if one existed," said the authors, led by Dr. Howard D. Strickler of the National Cancer Institute.

The findings were published in Wednesday's issue of *The Journal of the American Medical Association*. Strickler presented the same data at a conference a year ago.

Polio vaccine made using monkey tissue entered mass distribution in 1955. In 1960, doctors discovered that the vaccine was contaminated with monkey virus SV40. The virus was found to cause cancer in laboratory animals injected with it.

The government ordered manufacturers to provide a virus-free vaccine, but it didn't reach the market until 1963, after as many as 98 million people were exposed to the contamination. Vaccine sold today is tested to ensure it is free of the virus.

Concerns had subsided until scientists in recent years found genetic pieces

of SV40 inside tumors taken from cancer victims. It was feared that people who were given the vaccine — especially those with damaged immune systems — might be more prone to certain cancers of the brain, bone and lung.

FAA pilot crashes \$3.5 million helicopter

BLOOMFIELD, Conn. — A Federal Aviation Administration pilot crashed an industrial helicopter Tuesday, wrecking the aircraft, the helicopter's manufacturer said.

Angelo Spelios, 56, of Weatherford, Texas, was returning from what is known as a familiarization flight on the one-seater K-Max when the left wheel struck the ground and the helicopter overturned, landing on its side, said David Long, a spokesman for Kaman Aerospace.

Spelios walked away with minor scrapes. He was treated and released from St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center in Hartford, a hospital spokesman said.

Long said the \$3.5 million helicopter was considered a total loss, but that he was unsure who would pay for the damage.

The double-rotor K-Max is used for heavy lifting in industries such as logging.

Kaman said both the FAA and the National Transportation Safety Board would investigate the accident.

State

Texas man sentenced to 99 years for killing mom

EL PASO, Texas — A 20-year-old man convicted of murdering his mother and burying her in the backyard was sentenced Tuesday to 99 years in prison.

Anthony Taylor, who was also fined \$10,000, was convicted Monday after a jury refused to accept defense attorneys' theories that Taylor was insane when he bludgeoned Rosa Emma Taylor last May.

Defense lawyers argued that Taylor had been bombarded with conflicting messages by his mother, including abuse, overindulgence and criticism. They said those circumstances, combined with psychotic symptoms, prompted Anthony Taylor to kill in a blind rage.

Assistant District Attorney Kyle Lasley countered the attempt at an insanity defense in a blistering closing argument.

"No reasonable person would kill their mom," Lasley said. "Does that make you nuts? Does that make you one sick puppy? You're darn right it does. But does it make you legally insane? ... No."

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Lawlor also announced the formation of two new committees, Merchant Relations and Technology Advancement.

Lawlor said the purpose of the Merchant Relations Committee is to get TCU to actively correspond with businesses in the immediate area of the university.

Ashley Brown, the committee's chairwoman, said one of the main goals of the committee is to produce a student discount card in a partnership

with local merchants.

She said no permanent plans have been made but the committee will work on the coordination and distribution of the card.

Lawlor said the Technology Advancement Committee will replace the former committee called Computing Affairs.

"This is the one I'm most excited about," she said. "The purpose of this committee is to present to the university the technology needs of the stu-

dents."

Lawlor said Technology Advancement would extend the role that the Computing Affairs committee served. She said the new committee will focus on all aspects of technology as well as develop the House's web page.

Pinnell said he wanted to work to develop the House's head representative program, which delegates one lead representative from a residence hall, to enhance communication

between constituents and House members.

Chancellor William E. Tucker also addressed House and PC members and told them not to get discouraged when faced with opposing opinions from peers.

"Guard against cynicism," he said. "Cynicism breeds cynicism."

Tucker also said a positive outlook makes high expectations easier to achieve.

"Think big," he said.

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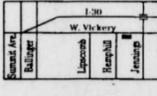
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about 15 organizations in the community, said she remembered a saying her father told her about using time and energy effectively.

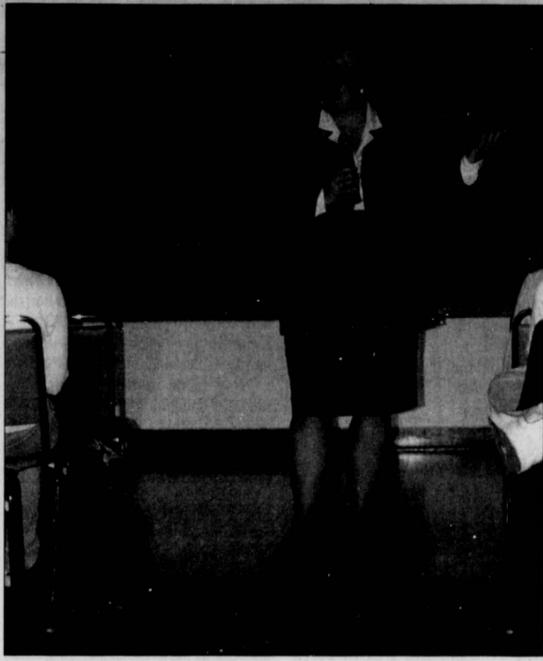
"He said, 'Don't stuff envelopes. Don't waste your time on menial tasks like that.' Design what goes in the envelope, or design the program," Werst said.

Weddington said that students should leave with the incentive to practice leadership.

"(In leadership) you get to be around interesting people, to have an impact and to make a difference," she said. "Be adaptable, learn from watching other people and put those skills into practice."

Kate Benoit, a junior political science and music major, said she was most inspired by Weddington's approachability.

"She makes such an effort to talk to each person and offer advice pertinent to you," Benoit said. "I had not met her before tonight, but I've been very interested in women's issues. She can give good advice because she's had such broad experiences in life."



Julie Redwine SKIFF STAFF

Roe vs. Wade attorney Sarah Weddington addresses a crowd of Leadership Fort Worth members and students Tuesday night in the Student Center Ballroom.

College News Digest

Educators brainstorm ways to up minority enrollment

AUSTIN — University officials from across Texas met Monday to trade ideas on how to increase minority enrollment without affirmative action.

"The biggest challenge is ensuring that all have real access to participate and succeed in higher education," said Don Brown, commissioner of the Texas Coalition for Higher Education.

The meeting was the first for the Texas Commission on a Representative Student Body, which is addressing declining minority enrollment at public universities following the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals' Hopwood ruling, which banned the use of affirmative action in admissions and financial aid decisions.

The commission will make recommendations to the Texas Higher Education Coalition in August.

Sally Cain, spokeswoman for the U.S. Department of Education, said the 24-member commission of university chancellors, presidents and community leaders is probably the first of its kind.

—Daily Texan University of Texas-Austin

Conflicting reports surround student confrontation

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Two conflicting stories have emerged regarding a physical conflict that occurred around 5 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 24 between a Brown University student and a university police and security officer.

According to reports from Providence Police, Benjamin J. Wearing engaged in violent and disruptive behavior when confronted by a Brown police and security officer and three EMTs who had arrived to treat Wearing for intoxication.

Wearing was arrested and charged with simple assault and disorderly conduct.

However, Wearing and eyewitness Kristy Troup told a different story. According to the two students, Brown officers were unnecessarily rough with a bewildered student, shoving and cursing at him.

—Brown Daily Herald Brown University

Government tax credits give students HOPE

ATHENS, Ohio — Tax time next year might be a little more enjoyable for college students and their families.

In an effort to make higher education more affordable, the federal government created two tax credits that will give money back to eligible college students and their families for tuition paid after Dec. 31, 1997.

The HOPE Scholarship is a tax credit of up to \$1,500 for students enrolled as at least half-time students during their first two years of college.

For a student's family to receive the tax credit, the child must be claimed as a dependent. Joint filers earning \$80,000 or less in a year would be eligible for the full \$1,500 credit. The credit amount gradually decreases for incomes between \$80,000 and \$100,000, according to the Internal Revenue Service.

College juniors, seniors, graduate and professional degree students will be eligible for the Lifelong Learning tax credit, which could credit up to \$1,000 on the first \$5,000 of tuition paid each year through 2002.

—The Post Ohio University

Students work hard avoiding new books

BERKELEY, Calif. — Used textbook sales are growing rapidly, outpacing the demand for expensive new books, according to University of California, Berkeley bookstore employees.

Because of competition, marketing and the need for profit, book publishers raise the prices of new textbooks each year. As a result, many college students go to great lengths to avoid buying new, higher-priced books — especially with ever-increasing housing and food expenses already bearing a lot of weight in students' budgets.

It has even become increasingly common for students to go to such extreme measures as using books on reserve at campus libraries or even choosing not to buy the required book for class.

Bookstores purchase their used textbooks from wholesalers, individual book buyers and students and sell them for 25 percent less than a new book.

—Daily Californian University of California, Berkeley

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my people, so they can serve their customers," he said. "So what I try to do is facilitate their needs and make sure they have proper training and to make them know that I am there to support them."

Although Hulme said he sees himself as somewhat of an introvert, he is especially famous for his Halloween costumes and April

Fools' gags.

"The first year I was sort of a sea hag, and the second year I was Miss Piggy; this year I was Ursula, the sea witch," Hulme said, showing a picture of himself in a long black dress with tentacles and his face coated with pinkish-purple make-up.

As for April Fools' Day, Hulme said once he arranged for a "postal

inspector" to arrive and tell Zihlman, his boss, that they had a major problem because they were \$3,000-\$4,000 short.

Even though Zihlman is used to Hulme's "legendary" sharp wit, she said the stunt took her by surprise.

"His wonderful sense of humor is what I like best about him," Zihlman said.

29 convicted in assassination of Indian prime minister

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POONAMALLEE, India (AP) — All 29 defendants were found guilty Wednesday in the 1991 assassination of former Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, the investigator who solved the case said.

"The nation stands vindicated," federal police officer D.R. Karthikeyan told reporters gathered at a roadblock half a mile from the courthouse where the verdict was announced. Only those involved in the trial had been

allowed inside because of tight security.

Gandhi and 17 others were killed at a political rally near Poonamallee, the same location where the trial was held over the last six years. A Sri Lankan suicide bomber offered him flowers, then set off a pound of plastic explosives packed with 10,000 metal pellets.

Karthikeyan said the 41 people implicated in his investigation were found guilty by Judge V. Navaneetham. Only 29 were actually standing trial —

three in absentia — because 12 had committed suicide rather than be captured.

Charges range from abetting a crime to murder, and possible sentences from five years in prison to death, although the death penalty is rarely carried out in India.

Karthikeyan said details of the judgment would be released later today.

Those convicted included low-ranking members of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, a Sri Lankan force

that is one of the deadliest rebel groups in the region. Tiger leader Velupillai Prabhakaran and his two top aides were convicted in absentia.

Fear of the Tigers, who have pulled off several daring assassinations in their own country as well, prompted the extraordinary security measures surrounding the trial.

Sonia Gandhi, Rajiv's widow, is campaigning for her husband's Congress Party in northern India today.

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editorial

POLITICALLY CORRECT TCU

TCU residential services broke from the norm this year by hiring a woman to be the hall director at Milton Daniel Hall.

Not only will she have to deal with the 234 male residents who are mostly freshmen, she probably will have to live with the challenge of a gender barrier.

We're not saying it's impossible for a woman to take on what is traditionally a man's role, but she may have to deal with a different set of problems.

With 20 residence halls on this campus and only two that house both men and women, many were surprised by the decision to make a woman the hall director in an all-male dorm.

Wanda Olson, associate director of residence life, said she isn't opposed to the idea

of hiring a male hall director for an all-female dorm, if he was the right person for the job.

In this age of political correctness and affirmative action, it seems that TCU has taken a positive step toward gender equality as well as coed dorms.

By the same token, perhaps it's a step in the right direction to calm the hysteria that sometimes surrounds the policy regarding visitors who are of the opposite sex.

Although the theory that females may need security more than males is credible, sometimes the staffs in the women's halls are just a little bit too uptight.

The Skiff welcomes the change and hopes that Kathy Kruse's Milton Daniel Hall challenge will bring TCU closer to peaceful coed existence in more residence halls.

Perhaps a female hall director in Milton Daniel will bring more gender understanding.

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Love knows no boundaries

Homosexuals shouldn't be denied support, right to adopt children

I'm going to break a social taboo and talk about homosexuality in keeping with the "Love is a basic human right" events this week.

It is time to break the silence and overcome the irrational fear that by supporting gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transsexuals in their right to those who to love, you will be tagged gay by association.

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, gay and lesbian youth are two to three times more likely to attempt suicide than other young people. Thousands of young people never make it through the 16-year gap between the first awareness of homosexual feelings and the emergence of a positive "gay" identity, because of a fear of rejection and harassment.

This staggering statistic could be reduced if students knew who they could turn to for support when going through this difficult period of self-discovery.

As the blank canvasses in the Student Center Lounge exquisitely illustrate, gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transsexuals are not given an opportunity to express themselves in our society.

The New Jersey court decision to allow gay couples to jointly adopt children is the long-overdue recognition that homosexual couples can be loving parents (and is a victory for the millions of foster children in need of permanent families).

Conservative opponents claim that children need an intact husband-and-

wife family. Yet they are forgetting about the millions of one-parent families out there already, not to mention the unhealthy two-parent families. There is no longer any reason to strictly define a family as husband and wife.

What is sad is that there are thousands of children who are in need of a permanent family to adopt them. And there are loving, caring couples out there who want children and would like to adopt, but can't because of their sexual orientation. This does not make sense.

If a couple, whether a man and man, woman and woman or man and woman, is interested in adopting a child and is found fit to be parents by the court in all other areas, sexual orientation should not be a factor.

The courts are responsible for determining the best interests of the child, and that best interest lies in finding a

rarely exists. The fact of the matter is there are not enough Cleaver families to adopt all the orphans. It is cruel to deny a child the chance to have a loving family and happy childhood because the 1950s family has changed.

The National Center for Lesbian Rights estimates that between eight and 13 million children are being raised by gay or lesbian parents nationwide. That is 13 million children who are being reared in a loving, family environment instead of an orphanage.

The image of the wild, drug-crazed homosexual "lifestyle" was disproved years ago. Many homosexuals are hard-working, religious, family-minded people who would make wonderful, caring parents.

Also, it is widely accepted that a child's experiences in life have little to do with determining romantic and sexual attractions, such as being homosexual. No one is homosexual solely because of a harmful or beneficial experience.

Placing children in stable, loving families who will support and nurture their development of a good sense of individuality and independence should be the first priority of the courts.

The demographics of the average family have changed and it is about time the courts recognize and accept this new definition of a family. Other states would be wise to follow New Jersey's lead in allowing homosexuals to adopt children because it is in the best interest of the children.

Maybe there will be a day when people can place their own sexual insecurities aside long enough to love and support all youth as they go through the awkward process of becoming an adult.

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Commentary



JESSICA WOZNIAK

The courts are responsible for determining the best interests of the child, and that best interest lies in finding a loving, safe home for the child, even if this home happens to be in a non-traditional family.

loving, safe home for the child, even if this home happens to be in a non-traditional family. A majority of the families in the United States are non-traditional families because of high divorce rates and teenage pregnancy.

The ideal Beaver Cleaver family

Presidential allegations an embarrassment to First Daughter

There are probably very few, if any, people on the planet who have gone through life without ever being embarrassed by one of their parents. Everyone remembers the times when parents went a little too far and showed off scary childhood pictures to a date or told a joke when the content was completely out of place.

But the moments when we are proud of our parents are more numerous than the times they are embarrassing. The times when we want everyone to know "that guy is our dad" occur a lot more than the times we want to crawl into a hole and proclaim that "we've never met that guy who says we're his kids."

Surely Chelsea Clinton knows a lot about both of those feelings this week. Whether she's the supportive type or not, it can't be fun to have fellow coeds at Stanford University gossiping about her father's alleged sexual involvements with someone young enough to be living in one of the dorms.

Regardless of whether or not the allegations are true, this is probably not the weekend that Chelsea wants to invite dear old dad to make a trip to California. And I'm definitely not implying that she just has better plans. Hillary has decided to defend her

husband once again, but does she really know the truth? I wonder what she has told Chelsea to do. Surely she's familiar with the "no-comment" to the media that is expected of her, but what does the President's daughter say to close friends when they want to know the truth?

For her sake, I hope he's the man of steel when it comes to

want to someday marry. But it doesn't always work that way. Whether Bill is faithful or not, scandals like he has been involved with have certainly reminded the American people that even those with the most glamorized lifestyles may not be as perfect as the fine china they eat dinner

off of each evening. There are probably people out there who appreciate that. Those are probably people who have been unfaithful to a spouse themselves. They're probably celebrating the scandals and hoping that Clinton's guilty. And why shouldn't they — if Bill can get all the way to the White House this way, cheating on your wife must not be a big limitation in today's society.

How sad. If Bill did it, I'm not as concerned

how much do I really know about the Clintons? They're not exactly personal friends.

If they were, though, I'd want to do everything I could to silence the media. I'm not sure I'd be too thrilled about Hillary bringing it up on national television.

It must be nice to go to class and know that Mom was just on TV defending Dad's faithfulness. Yuck.

There are times when we're young and think it would be so great if our cool dad was the president. Clearly when we're young, all of our dads are qualified, because they're the best dad there ever was. We never question that they could do anything they want, because they are our dads.

Chelsea is probably not too sure she wants her dad to be president anymore. Actually, she probably wants to climb into a hole and stay there for a while. Whether Bill is the best dad ever or not, he's her dad. Whether he cheated on his wife or not, he's still her dad.

And whether or not she wants to be right now, Chelsea is stuck being the president's daughter when most people don't think her dad is very cool at all.

It doesn't take an award-winning psychologist to know she's embarrassed, even if she knows in her heart that it isn't true.

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Commentary



KIMBERLY WILSON

CHELSEA, HONEY... I DON'T THINK I'LL BE ABLE TO MAKE IT TO PARENTS WEEKEND THIS YEAR...

THAT'S O.K., DADDY...



Jeremy Roman SKIFF STAFF

morals. The man whose wife doesn't have to ask because she knows he would never cheat. The man whose daughter really has reason to blow off all the gossip she is undoubtedly hearing.

That's the way everybody wants to think of their dads. He's unbeatable. He's the best. He's the greatest. And for girls, he's the guy like the one you

Broncos' Super Bowl win, Elway's triumph sweet even for Chiefs fan

Did y'all have a Super Bowl Sunday? Despite the conspicuous absence of the wannabe Dallas Cowboys, most people tuned into what was predicted to be another merciless slaughter of the American Football Conference.

But sit down, cheeseheads, for Super Sunday's game turned out to be quite a battle. For the first time since the 1984 Los Angeles Raiders, the AFC beat the odds and won the Lombardi trophy. The Denver "Super-Under" Broncos beat

Lombardi's legacy, the Green Bay Packers, and the self-touted best team in football. This wasn't just a win for the AFC or for future wildcard teams. This was good conquering evil.

John "Hell, Yea!" Elway's career was given a final icing that had been missing for so long. It took him four different attempts, but the only weight Elway will be burdened with after this Super Bowl is that thick gold ring around his finger. And he'll probably feel some bruises, too.

Elway had three rushes Sunday. One ended safely in the end zone, but the other two were brought to a halt by some rough tackles. But did old No. 7 slide for safety? Elway? No!

Elway's numbers weren't super for the Bowl, but with his dives and hits (not to mention that trademark toothy, horse-

face grin) he showed a lot of class, like a general fighting in the trenches alongside his men.

Class breeds inspiration. Inspired men win Super Bowls. The Denver Broncos, who were the Budweiser Lizards going into the big game, may not have killed the big frogs, but they shocked them just enough to get them out of the way.

It was awfully quiet on the Packers' sideline. If Denver's Super Bowl Most Valuable Player Terrell Davis hadn't run for 157 yards and three touchdowns, then Green Bay's Dorsey Levens' 90-yards might have been impressive.

And if Brett Favre didn't single-handedly hand over two turnovers all by his lonesome self, he might have played as good as he says he is. If the Packers had won the game, Antonio Freeman's 126 yards

and two touchdowns would have been good enough for MVP honors.

Yep, it would have been downright noisy on Green Bay's sidelines if Denver hadn't shown up ready to play the way they did. But Denver took all of the if's out of the game, and the proud Packers cut some raunchy cheese.

Football doesn't like cry babies and arrogant trash-talking MVPs. It appreciates good solid hits like the ringers Steve Atwater was passing out all day. Any hit that lays the tackler, his own teammate and an unsuspecting Packer out for a little nap on the grass is worth a replay.

Another highlight was Davis' illustrious homecoming to San Diego. He arrived an underdog and was carried off an MVP. Let's take one more

peek at his numbers: three rushing touchdowns and 157 yards. Those touchdowns will go down in the Super Bowl record book. Davis ran one of the best running back performances in any Super Bowl.

The last time the AFC won the Super Bowl, the MVP was none other than running back Marcus Allen (who was then playing for the Raiders). Allen and Davis went to the same high school. Someone from the AFC front office needs to give that school and its running back coach a big, fat check.

After what many sports fans called an ugly World Series, this Super Bowl was a refreshing conclusion to an exciting season. This game was special. From the super-sexy, chaps-clad Bronco cheerleaders to the super-cool reversal of a pass interference flag to the super-

weird penalization for incorrect fair catch call, this was Super Bowl.

Chiefs' fans, like yours truly, can rarely find anything nice to say about the Denver Broncos. They took Neil Smith. They burned us once in the regular season and once in the post-season, knocking us out of the playoffs. But for once, I put my prejudices aside to cheer on a great game and a classy team.

Besides, Denver beat Green Bay by seven points, 31-24. They only beat the Chiefs by four points. I guess that makes the Kansas City Chiefs the second best team in the NFL.

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Commentary



MICHAEL KRUSE

Money well spent High-expenses for sports recruiting pay off with national, community recognition

It's very easy to make a case that TCU, like most Division I schools, places too much emphasis on athletics. It seems that in an institution whose stated purpose is education, academics wouldn't take a back seat to athletics as often as it does.

But we often forget that we control this seemingly backward world, which is only responding to our demands. We're the ones who brag when the basketball team is in the Top 25 and are disgusted when the football team does poorly.

We're also the ones who make Super Bowl Sunday an unofficial national holiday. We're the reason sports stars like Michael Jordan are the highest paid professionals in the world.

When we're in high school, we're the ones who apply in greater numbers to universities with recognizable athletic teams, and when we're alumni we're the ones who give more money when the football team does well.

But, most importantly, we're the ones who chose to attend this university, and none of us applied to TCU at a time when the university considered athletics unimportant. Simply put, if you disapprove of a heavy allocation of money and favors to the athletic department, you're at the wrong school.

And, believe it or not, there are benefits to a successful athletic program. Besides more alumni money and a potential increase in the number of student applications, a good athletic program earns valuable name recognition

for a university. This is especially important to TCU, which is relatively unknown outside of Texas.

A good athletic program also improves the relationship between the university and the surrounding community. It is much easier for a university to thrive when it is supported by the community, and sporting events are TCU's most valuable asset for strengthening community relations.

Sponsorship and advertising at major sporting events allows TCU to form alliances with local and national

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businesses, giving the university a more active voice in the Fort Worth community.

Typically, the major college sports are dominated by large schools, yet TCU has shown itself capable of competing on a national scale, as the basketball team is doing presently and the football team has done in the past.

At the same time, the campus-wide nature of football and basketball games helps give TCU its small-college atmosphere.

Accepting the benefits of a strong athletic program, many still argue that TCU should de-emphasize athletics because athletes are not held to the same academic standard as the rest of the student body. This argument is false. Oddly enough, athletes who wish

to participate in NCAA sports are held to an objective admissions standard which doesn't apply to non-athletes entering TCU as freshmen.

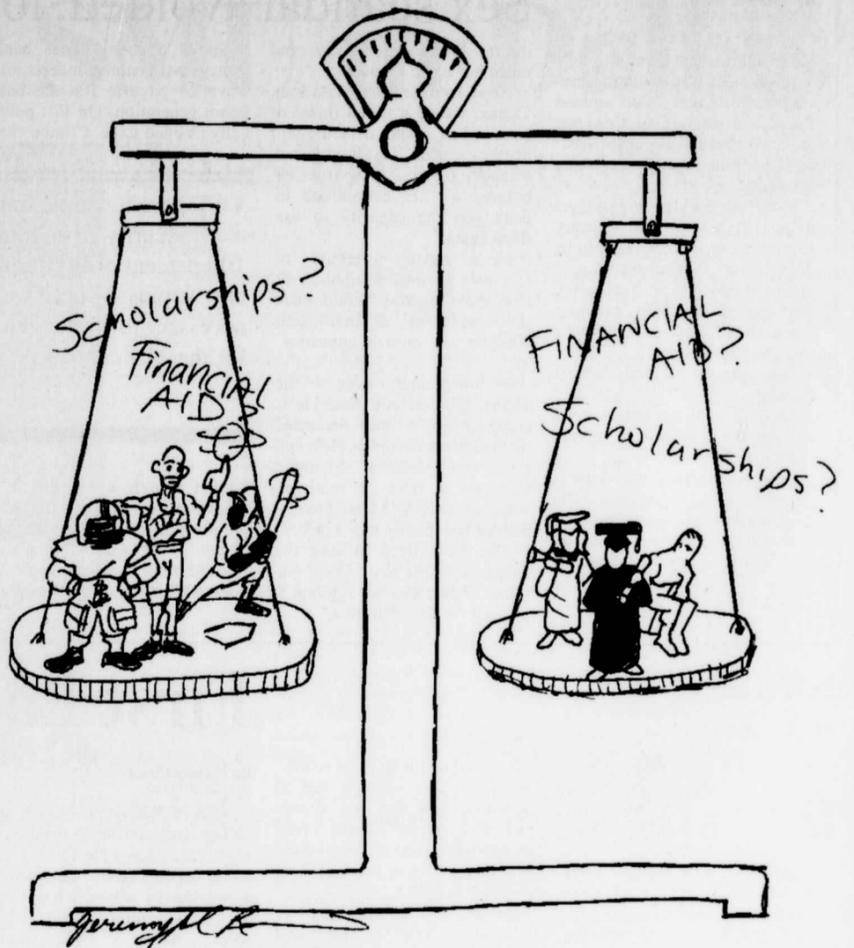
NCAA Bylaw 14.3 requires freshmen first-year athletes to attain a minimum core GPA and achieve a combined score on the SAT verbal and mathematics section, or a composite score on the ACT based on a sliding scale. For instance, entering freshmen athletes whose core GPA in high school was 2.025 or higher are required to attain a score of at least 1,000 on the SAT.

Freshmen athletes with a core GPA above 2.5 are required to score at least an 820. In contrast, TCU makes no objective requirement on the standardized tests for nonathletic incoming freshmen.

Yes, the TCU community unapologetically plays society's seemingly trivial games, and the school's hysteria over athletics is no exception. However, playing these games results in favorable outcomes for the entire student body.

I would have a difficult time justifying the pedestals TCU creates for its athletes if it weren't for TCU's personable atmosphere, of which campus-wide events such as football games are an integral part. But then again, I chose to come here and am generally happy with my choice.

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Jeremy Roman SKIFF STAFF

School recognition should not be based solely on athletics

One problem facing small, private schools is that in order to have any national distinction, they must have a reputation for academic excellence or be known as an athletic powerhouse.

TCU has been clamoring for a spot in both areas, making an appearance in *U.S. News and World Report's* annual best college ratings, and more recently, filling a spot in the Associated Press basketball poll.

As the Horned Frog basketball team is currently enjoying a 16-4 record, TCU is beginning to gain even more recognition outside of Texas, which translates into more money for the school.

For the purpose of making money, athletics does a valuable job. Unfortunately, a university isn't supposed to be about making money. Rather, its purpose should involve furthering education and preparing leaders, instead of Nike endorsers, for the

next century. Money, in the form of more academic scholarships, is a tantalizing recruitment tool to many high school seniors and transfer students and is often the deciding factor

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between collegiate choices. It would make sense to make some cuts in athletic budgets, if that's what it would take to free up some academic cash. Unfortunately, academic scholarships cannot be made available to everyone because not everyone deserves them. Plus, they are not as strong an advertising tool as a winning football, basketball or baseball team is.

Strong athletics are excellent advertise-

ments to attend a particular school. However, much funding must be raised in order for a team to be a successful advertisement. This creates a vicious cycle. If a school is to get the word out, it helps to have strong, attention-grabbing athletic programs.

To build these programs, money must be spent recruiting athletic talent. When a team starts doing good things, people take notice and start enrolling. Then money has to continue to be pumped into sports to keep them at the same level of performance, leaving academics behind. Clearly, a balance must be reached.

And what about TCU? I was unimpressed by its athletics until the current basketball season. Granted, it is hard to impress me with a football or baseball team anyway, but I think it's safe to say that Horned Frog athletics don't compare to a

school like Florida State. I would like to present an ultimatum saying that teams that don't win shouldn't get money, and money that would have been spent on losing teams should be turned over to academic funding.

Of course, I am in no position to present ultimatums to university athletics, and it is unlikely that it would be carried out anyway. But I do feel that this is a way budgets could be trimmed significantly.

For instance, look at the salaries of university football coaches. Typically, they are in the ballpark of \$400,000, not including perks such as cars and houses. Exorbitant salaries make sense for perennial powerhouses such as Nebraska and Florida State, but at TCU it makes little sense to pay someone that much for so little.

Unfortunately, when a team loses a coach, a fat paycheck and loads of perks

are often the only way to attract coaches of decent repute. Once again, the cycle is started up again. It's sort of like maintaining a car that is falling apart. Everyone needs a car, but some people are stuck with lemons.

In order to maintain their mobility, they have to continue to dump money into it just to get by. It would be in their best interests to try to get by until something reliable can be afforded, but usually they can never get ahead.

Trimming coaches' salaries is a logical step in freeing up some academic money. Why do coaches need fancy luxury cars? If they want them, they have a head start with the 400K they're making a year. If nothing else, most of the perks should be eliminated.

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Athletes expected to focus on academics

By Amy Tubbesing
SKIFF STAFF

Many students and alumni believe special attention and different values are placed on recruiting athletes versus recruiting nonathletic students.

Many recruiters and supporters of athletics disagree and believe a good balance has been established between athletic and academic recruiting.

Leigh Ann Smith, the director of athletic academic services, said athletes and the athletic department do not receive more emphasis than other areas at TCU.

She said recruiting good athletes is important, but a good reputation, a strong work ethic and a healthy attitude are also important considerations for recruiting.

Smith said these traits are important for recruiting all students at TCU, both inside and outside the athletic realm.

"It is important that all students, whether in the athletic program or not, are good people and fit the ideal student (profile) everyone is looking for," she said.

Jack Hesselbrock, associate athletic director, said TCU looks for the best quality in all students.

"I have never felt that when recruiting athletes that academics has been compromised," Hesselbrock said.

He said the same rules that non-athletes must abide by as a student at TCU must also be followed by athletes.

"Athletes are under a lot of pressure to not only follow school guidelines, but NCAA and (Western Athletic

Conference) rules as well," Smith said.

Jim Atwood, assistant to the dean of admissions, said the differences in recruiting athletes versus non-athletes have decreased over years past.

Atwood said grades now play the number one role in recruiting students, and talent and personality are close behind.

Changes to NCAA rules have played a large role in keeping athletes in and out of colleges, he said.

Atwood said TCU admissions and the NCAA have tightened the reigns on grades for admitting students into school. But a student's GPA is only a small percentage of the deciding factors for admittance into TCU.

Smith said the athletic academic offices have a goal to make sure every athlete excels in his or her academics and graduates on time.

She said professors are understanding and conscientious of when athletes are traveling with the team and have odd practice hours. Smith said make-up assignments and exams are not a problem if an away game is the same day as an exam.

Smith said an added pressure for athletes is the stress of practice and studying. Many student-athletes do not have the luxury to pick and choose a major because of practice and game constraints.

"If an athlete wants to be a graphic design major, he or she has to forfeit practice for afternoon lab hours, and this is not fair to the rest of the team,"

Smith said. Though athletes sacrifice a lot to practice and be with their team, TCU athletes are majoring in subjects ranging from business to psychology, and from physical therapy to speech communication, Smith said.

"The one difference between athletes and non-athletes is the academic support offered from the athletic academic offices," Hesselbrock said. "Athletes are offered mentors and tutorials to help with classes, which many people find is an advantage."

Atwood said athletes possess a great talent to do what they do, but they also have a lot riding on their backs and need to make sure they walk a straight line.

"Athletes do have special talents like dancers do, but TCU's overall goal is to make sure all students graduate," he said.

The advantage athletes have in receiving free tutorials for studying pays off after hard workouts and practices to keep the school team strong, Atwood said.

NCAA guidelines prohibit student athletes from holding a job while playing sports and attending classes.

Atwood said that like non-athletes, TCU athletes are under a careful eye from the athletic and academic departments as well as the WAC and NCAA to maintain a good GPA.

Athletes' talents might make them stars on the field or on the court, Atwood said, but just like other students, grades are the key to remaining at TCU.

Editor's Note

This is the first Issues page of the semester. The page will run every other Wednesday until the end of the semester. Topics for the page are decided by the Skiff editorial board.

Each page will include two in-depth analysis commentaries by Skiff columnists. The page will also include a guest column, analysis story or roundup of opinions by other Skiff columnists. It will also include artwork by members of the staff.

The Skiff editorial board is open to suggestions concerning the issues we choose to address. We also encourage everyone in the TCU community to submit letters to run on the page.

The Issues page was a success last semester, and we hope that success will continue. For this to happen, we need support and feedback from the Skiff's readers. We hope you enjoy reading the Issues page, and we appreciate your suggestions.

Clinton urges to fix Social Security

By Terence Hunt
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WASHINGTON — Shaken by scandal, President Clinton sought to reassert his leadership in a crucial State of the Union address Tuesday night, urging Congress to "save Social Security first" before cutting taxes or increasing spending.

With the end of big budget deficits, Clinton said "every penny of any surplus" should be devoted to shoring up Social Security, which faces bankruptcy next century as baby boomers retire. Republicans are eyeing the surpluses for tax cuts.

Replying to Clinton, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott said the best thing Washington can do is "cut the tax burdens on the American family."

In an expectant atmosphere, Clinton faced probably the largest television audience of his life with his speech before a joint session of Congress. Aides said he would not address allegations that he had sex with a young

Sex scandal avoided, low unemployment praised

intern, Monica Lewinsky, and urged her to lie about it.

Amid fresh tensions with Iraq, Clinton issued a veiled threat of force: "You cannot defy the will of the world. You have used weapons of mass destruction before. We are determined to deny you the capacity to use them again."

In a subtle reference to Clinton's personal troubles, Lott said the Congress would back the president against Iraq "despite any current controversy."

In his annual report to the nation, Clinton said America is enjoying good times enhanced by the lowest unemployment and inflation in decades. He urged Congress to raise the minimum wage — now \$5.15 an hour — but did not specify how much.

"We can afford to take one simple, sensible step to help millions of workers struggling to provide for their families."

Social Security faces bankruptcy next century under a tidal wave of payoffs for the baby boom generation. On this politically charged issue, Clinton chal-

"I have a simple four-word answer: save Social Security first," the president said. "Tonight I propose we reserve 100 percent of the surplus —

Republican-led Congress and the politically weakened president. Gene Sperling, a senior economic adviser to Clinton, said the surpluses should be "protected from being spent or tax cut away" until a Social Security fix is in sight.

To promote a Social Security solution, the administration will arrange three or four regional conferences to discuss the problems. Clinton will host a White House conference in December. He said he would convene the leaders of Congress next January to craft a bipartisan agreement.

The strategy would allow Clinton to spend the year talking about saving Social Security while delaying decisions until after the mid-term elections.

He proposed \$7.3 billion to hire 100,000 teachers, with a goal of reducing class sizes in grades one to three. He also urged tax credits to pay interest on nearly

\$22 billion in bonds to build and renovate public schools.

Carrying the family-friendly theme a step further, Clinton underscored his proposal to let Americans as young as 55 buy into the Medicare system.

"It won't add a dime to the deficit," he promised, "but the peace of mind it will provide will be priceless."

With the economy booming and the government collecting more tax revenues, Clinton boasted that he would submit a balanced budget for 1999, three years earlier than required in his deal with Congress.

He urged passage of consumer health care protections, guaranteeing the right to appeal when services are denied. He renewed his call for expanded authority to negotiate foreign trade deals; Democrats balked at the request last year.

Clinton also asked Congress to support his decision to keep American troops in Bosnia for an unspecified length beyond their scheduled June withdrawal.

"I have a simple four-word answer: save Social Security first. Tonight I propose we reserve 100 percent of the surplus — that's every penny of any surplus — until we have taken all the measures necessary to strengthen the Social Security system for the 21st century."

— President Clinton

lenged Congress to join in a bipartisan search for a fix. With the prospect of the first balanced budget in 30 years, Clinton said the question is what should be done with the projected surpluses.

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That proposal sets up a confrontation between the

KRUSE

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"It's definitely making me a more well-rounded person by being able to get into this stuff," she said. "Except I do sometimes miss my girl chats."

Grant Wietzel, a Milton Daniel Hall resident assistant and junior radio-TV-film major, said Kruse has brought positive changes to the dormitory.

"I always said that if Milton Daniel was co-ed or had a woman hall director, it would be a civilizing influence on this place," Grant said. "(The residents) tend to watch their behavior with a woman in the hall."

He said the residents have a hard time treating Kruse disrespectfully because of the amount of respect she shows to everyone else.

Milton Daniel Hall resident John Shelton, a freshman business major, said Kruse is appreciated by the men.

"She's friendly every time I see her," he said.

The dormitory has achieved a more caring atmosphere with Kruse in the position now, Wietzel said.

He described a situation at one staff meeting when Kruse passed around a history sheet on Abraham Lincoln that showed surprising statistics on Lincoln's many failures from 1831 to 1858, including political defeats. In 1860, Lincoln became president.

Wietzel said he already feels completely comfortable with Kruse and has found that she can help with "girl problems."

Kruse said she was surprised by the friendly personalities of her residents.

"The most surprising thing here

is that everyone is so great to me," she said. "The residents are so respectful, and they are always chatting. I just don't know where this Milton stereotype comes from because they have been nothing but sweet to me."

She said she has noticed some differences between men's and women's buildings.

"Men are less clean," she said. "And it's much louder and more active here."

Despite that, "If I had my choice, I'd definitely stay in the male dorm, just because... woman are catty, and women are picky," Kruse said. "I'm one of those, but it's just that men are so laid back, and they don't feel the same things that women feel."

Kruse said she has one older brother, but nothing really prepared her for the job.

"I don't know if you can be prepared in this job," she said. "You just have to have the attitude to take it as it comes."

Kruse said the qualities necessary for a woman to handle this job include relating to the residents and what's important to them, possessing spontaneity, listening well and always remaining patient with the young men.

Kruse grew up in Bloomington, Minn., and graduated from the University of North Dakota in May 1996. She arrived in Texas the summer of 1996 to begin work as the Francis Sadler hall director position. She plans to obtain her master's degree in student affairs.

For right now, though, Kruse said she is content in Milton Daniel Hall.

"I think that I have the best job in the world," she said.

First Lady publicly answers charges

By Michael Blood
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK (AP) — First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton stepped forward Tuesday as a forceful defender of her husband against allegations of a presidential affair. When a TV anchor started off the phrase, "Where there's smoke..." Mrs. Clinton quickly jumped in to finish his sentence, "there's no fire."

"The important thing now is to stand as firmly as I can and say that the president has denied these allegations, on all counts, unequivocally," she said on NBC's "Today" show.

"My attitude is, we've been there before, we've seen this before, and I'm just going to wait patiently until the truth comes out."

In her most detailed comments to date on allegations that President Clinton had a sexual relationship with

a White House intern and then urged the 24-year-old woman to lie about it, the first lady pointed an accusatory finger at a "vast right-wing conspiracy" that she said was scheming to topple her husband.

She also suggested that Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr's judgment had been tainted by politics.

"We get a politically motivated prosecutor who is allied with the right-wing opponents of my husband who has literally spent four years looking at every telephone call... we've made, every check we've ever written, scratching for dirt, intimidating witnesses, doing everything possible to try to make some accusation against my husband," she said.

Starr quickly responded with a statement calling the first lady's comments on a conspiracy "nonsense" and characterizing his investigative

team as pursuing the case "through a deliberative process."

Clinton has denied having sexual relations with Lewinsky or urging her to lie.

Hillary Rodham Clinton described her marriage as strong and loving, and answered "absolutely not" when asked if Clinton would admit "he again has caused pain" in their relationship. In a 1992 interview, confronted with accusations of an extramarital relationship, Clinton conceded he had caused "pain" in their marriage.

"I have learned a long time ago that the only people who count in any marriage are the two that are in it," Mrs. Clinton said Tuesday.

William Ginsburg, Lewinsky's attorney, called the first lady's appearance dignified and well put, adding, "I thought her insightful analysis was

ethical."

Mrs. Clinton said the latest charges were "part of an effort, very frankly, to undo the results of two elections."

"Bill and I have been accused of almost everything, including murder, by some of the same people who are behind these allegations," the first lady said.

The allusion to a murder accusation stems from the death of White House aide Vince Foster in July 1993. Government investigators concluded he shot himself.

A lawyer for Paula Jones, who has accused Clinton of sexual harassment in a case dating to Clinton's days as governor of Arkansas, dismissed talk of a right-wing conspiracy.

"Show us the facts; who conspired and where?" said John Whitehead, president of the conservative Rutherford Institute.

Mad cow stampede

Government food safety expert testifies he was 'ambushed' by Oprah

By Mark Babineck
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AMARILLO, Texas — A former government expert on mad cow disease testified Tuesday that he was "ambushed" on "The Oprah Winfrey Show."

William Hueston said he agreed to appear on the 1996 program after a producer said he wanted "a voice of reason to calm the hysteria" about mad cow disease.

Testifying for a group of Texas cattlemen in their \$10.3 million-plus beef-defamation case against Winfrey, Hueston said the show instead took an alarming turn.

Hueston accused Winfrey of "riling

up" the audience, both during the show and the commercial breaks, and said he heard whispers of "You can't trust the government."

"I felt I was being ambushed," Hueston said. He also said he sensed "a lynch mob mentality."

But Charles Babcock, representing Winfrey and her production company, pointed out that during the show Hueston appeared to stand up for the rights of food safety activist and co-defendant Howard Lyman when asked by Winfrey if Lyman was overstating the danger of mad cow disease.

"I would say Howard is an example of what makes America the great

country that it is now," Hueston said in a clip edited from the show.

Hueston said on the stand that he did not want to pick a fight with Lyman on the program. He also admitted that he did not call producers after the taping to complain about the tone of the show, even though it did not run until five days later.

Hueston testified that his reassuring comments about the safety of American beef were mostly edited out. Winfrey has said that much of what Hueston and a cattle industry spokesman said was deleted because it was redundant.

During the show, a food safety activist said that the feeding of

processed cattle parts back to cattle in this country could spread the human version of mad cow disease in the United States. Winfrey responded by swearing off hamburgers.

The cattlemen say the program caused beef prices to fall to 10-year lows within a week.

Winfrey's "dangerous foods" show came in response to a British announcement that an outbreak of mad cow disease had probably also caused a brain-destroying disease in humans.

Hueston testified Tuesday that there is a "snowball's chance in hell" that mad cow disease will strike the U.S. herd.

Students with ADD face many challenges in college

Learning simple skills can be key to success

By Beth Wilson
SKIFF STAFF

The books, stacked on the desk, wait to be opened. The room is quiet but the student strains to hear conversations and the radio from next door. He taps a foot against the desk and tries again to focus on his studies. His mind races.

Such hyperactivity, impulsiveness and distractibility could be symptoms associated with Attention Deficit Disorder, a neurological disorder possibly linked to lower levels of brain activity or delayed transmission of messages from one part of the brain to another.

According to an article titled, "Children with ADD: A Shared Responsibility," between 1.35 million and 2.25 million U.S. students have been diagnosed with ADD.

Joe Mannion, a senior psychology major, is among them. He said that as a child he was told he was dumb and didn't try hard enough.

"I knew I was smart," Mannion said. Matt Blakeley, a senior radio-TV-film major, has also been diagnosed with ADD. He said ADD is like "being scatter-brained 24 hours a day."

"So much is going on in your head," he said.

Organizing tasks and activities and taking part in leisure activities quietly — seemingly simple tasks for most people —

can prove difficult to a student with ADD. Feelings of restlessness can accompany these symptoms as well.

For ADD to be diagnosed, a person must exhibit at least six symptoms of inattention for a period of six months, according to the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders. Symptoms must have occurred before age seven and not be due to any other disorder.

Treatments and accommodations for those diagnosed with ADD are tailored specifically for each individual. TCU has many resources that offer guidance and assistance to students with ADD or those who exhibit its symptoms.

Mannion said he decided to get tested for ADD at the Counseling Center when he was in danger of failing a class his freshman year.

Margaret Thompson, the coordinator of assessment for the Counseling Center, said the center screens students for problems and refers them to professionals for further testing.

"(We) make them aware, as much as we can, to what's available," she said.

The Center for Academic Services also assists students with study skills and acts as a liaison between the student and the professor.

Director Jane Oxsheer Cote said federal law requires that accommodations be made for any students with disabilities.

Cote said less than seven percent of the students she sees with disabilities have ADD. Each student's situation is discussed and reviewed on an individual basis.

Academic Services will provide the

student with a letter for their professors outlining recommendations which will make the student more successful in class. These letters allow the student and the professor to discuss the best study skills and any accommodations the student might need.

Blakeley said he doesn't discuss his ADD with his professors.

"I do fine in my classes," Blakeley said. "I may have to work a bit harder than everybody else."

Students with ADD often use medication, most commonly Ritalin, which calms their behavior.

Blakeley said he takes a low dose of Ritalin only when he needs to study.

Marilyn Hallam, assistant to the director of TCU's Health Center, said the Health Center, which prescribes medication with an ADD diagnosis, will follow up on how the medication is working.

Mannion said he used Ritalin for one semester. Ritalin raises blood pressure and Mannion said he often felt faint and nauseated while weightlifting during the time he took the drug.

Ritalin should be used temporarily because the long-term effects of the drug are not certain, he said.

While Mannion was on Ritalin, he said he was able to learn the study skills that have kept him on the dean's list since his diagnosis.

Nancy Meadows, an associate professor of special education, advises students with ADD.

"The label (of ADD) is almost irrelevant," she said. "It is the behaviors and problems that get in the way."

Meadows said the key to dealing with ADD learning strategies for self-management.

Students with ADD know they are prone to distractions and hyperactivity and must make accommodations for this, Meadows said. Sitting by the window increases the distractions, so students with ADD learn to sit in the front of the class.

Because diagnosis usually occurs in childhood, these simple tips for scholastic success often are already mastered by the time a student with ADD enters college.

Kathy Spencer, the principal at the Starpoint School, an elementary school on the TCU campus for students with learning disabilities, also advises TCU students with ADD.

She said she helps them learn the strategies for success and how to talk to their professors about their disorder.

Spencer said the college student with ADD will often change majors several times and drop or fail classes, which can be frustrating and expensive. Many students with ADD have high IQs but need to make accommodations for their distractibility or hyperactivity.

For the college student, it is critical that the class schedule offers a variety of types of classes and a minimum number of "non-interesting" classes, Spencer said. Tape recording lectures, getting a copy of a friend's notes and prioritizing are simple strategies that can help the students.

"Not knowing these simple techniques can be disastrous," she said. "(But knowing) can make all the difference in the world."

Managing ADD

It is estimated that two million to five million adults have Attention Deficit Disorder. Between 30 and 70 percent of children with ADD exhibit symptoms in adulthood.

The following tips may help adults offset the effects of ADD:

- Use an appointment book, personal computer or tape recorder to organize and plan your daily tasks.
- Make lists.
- Prioritize.
- Make deadlines.
- Post a schedule of classes and appointments.
- Schedule regular physical exercise.
- Break down large tasks into smaller, manageable ones.
- Enlist a friend or relative to help you finish tasks and remind you of commitments and offer feedback.

SOURCE: CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH ATTENTION DEFICIT DISORDER

NBA

All-Star reserves announced

NEW YORK (AP) — The Los Angeles Lakers will be the first team to have four players in the NBA All-Star game since 1983, after guards Nick Van Exel and Eddie Jones are added as reserves to the Western Conference team today.

Van Exel and Jones join teammates Shaquille O'Neal and Kobe Bryant, both starters, on the West team facing the Eastern Conference in the Feb. 8 game at Madison Square Garden.

Other reserves added to the West team were San Antonio's forward Tim Duncan, the only rookie on either squad, and his teammate, center David Robinson; forward Vin Baker of Seattle and guards Mitch Richmond of Sacramento and Jason Kidd of Phoenix.

Selected to the East team as reserves were guard Reggie Miller and center Rik Smits of Indiana, center-forward Jayson Williams of New Jersey, forwards Glen Rice of Charlotte and Antoine Walker of Boston, and guards Tim Hardaway of Miami and Steve Smith of Atlanta.

Earlier, the fans voted for the starters. Chosen to start for the East were forwards Grant Hill of Detroit and Shawn Kemp of Cleveland, center Dikembe Mutombo of Atlanta, and guards Michael Jordan of Chicago and Penny Hardaway of Orlando.

The West starters, in addition to O'Neal at center and Bryant at guard, will be forwards Kevin Garnett of Minnesota and Karl Malone of Utah, and guard Gary Payton of Seattle.

Larry Bird of Indiana will coach the East team and George Karl of Seattle will coach the West.

Spurs defeat Rockets in revenge game

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — It didn't take long for the San Antonio Spurs to get revenge against the Houston Rockets.

After losing by 25 points in Houston two days earlier, the Spurs rebounded by routing the Rockets 115-90 Monday night.

Charles Barkley had 19 points and 14 rebounds for Houston before he was ejected for arguing a call in the fourth quarter.

"I can't explain the turnaround," said Houston coach Rudy Tomjanovich. "We played absolutely no defense. They played a great game, but they are not my concern. I don't care who you are playing, without any defense we are going to have a hard time winning."

After taking a 52-48 half-time lead, San Antonio opened the third quarter with a 9-4 run to stretch the lead to 61-52 on a jumper by Johnson with 7:56 left in the quarter.

San Antonio then put the game away with an 18-3 run, capped by a jumper by Robinson that gave the Spurs a 105-79 lead with 4:51 remaining.

Dallas Stars claim Jarrod Skalde

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Stars claimed Jarrod Skalde off waivers on Tuesday, making the fourth time this season the center has changed jerseys.

Skalde began the year with the San Jose Sharks, then was claimed off waivers by Chicago on Jan. 8. San Jose reclaimed him on Jan. 16 before putting him back on the wire.

During 26 games this season, Skalde has four goals and seven assists for 11 points with 16 penalty minutes.

Skalde led the Saint John Flames, Calgary's affiliate in the American Hockey League, in scoring during the 1995 and 1996 seasons. He recorded 68 points in 65 games in 1996-97 and 67 points in 68 games in 1995-96.

The 6-foot, 190-pound center has also played for New Jersey, Anaheim and Calgary.

The Stars, 33-11-8, begin a three-game road trip in Miami on Thursday.

Frogs beat SMU in Dallas

Jones breaks steal record

By Wendy Bogema
SPORTS EDITOR

The battle between the TCU Horned Frogs' and the SMU Mustangs' men's basketball teams began before the opening tip on Monday night.

It began just after the pre-game warm up as both teams huddled back-to-back near center court laughing and trying to push the other team off of the mid-court line. That battle ended in a draw as neither team reached exact center, but the bigger battle ended in a decisive Horned Frog victory, 100-82.

This marked the 11th time the Frogs have hit the century mark, but this game, like several recent ones for TCU, wasn't as easy a win as the score might indicate, especially in the first half.

Amidst a crowd of 5,600 plus, of which about 1,500 were TCU fans, and a national television audience, the Frogs came out and committed three fouls in the first minute and a half.

Their first score was a three pointer from junior guard Prince Fowler, who was left open most of the night as the SMU defense concentrated their efforts on stopping seniors Malcolm Johnson and Mike Jones.

Fowler took advantage of his opportunities, and he finished as the second highest scorer with 17 points and led the team in assists with eight. He was 6-11 from the field and 5-8 from behind the arc.

Fowler said he doesn't take it personally when opposing teams leave him open because he has confidence in his abilities.

"I know I can shoot the ball," Fowler said. "I just let it come to me . . . if they leave me wide open I have no choice but to shoot the ball."

The Mustangs were effective in stopping Jones and Johnson from scoring, (Jones had two in the first half and Johnson had four) but the rest of the team was able to make up the difference.

TCU's bench did a good job in the first half of keeping the Frogs in the game. Senior forward James Penny came into the game when junior center Lee Nailon and senior forward Dennis Davis got into foul trouble early and scored 10 points in the first half.

Penny had 16 points for the game, which was

third highest on the team. He now needs only 11 more to reach 1,000 for his career.

Also coming off the bench in the first half were junior forward Scott Gradney and freshman forward Ryan Carroll, both of whom chipped in six points.

At only two times in the first half did TCU lead the game. The Frogs first led 12-10 at about seven minutes into the game and didn't lead again until Fowler knocked in a shot at the buzzer and the Frogs entered the locker room at halftime up by one.

It wasn't just going into the locker room down by one that hurt the Mustangs. What was more damaging was the loss of their freshman guard Jeryl Sasser. Just before the half while attempting to retrieve a loose ball, Jones inadvertently kned Sasser in the head.

It was originally thought that Sasser had received a mild concussion, but after examination at Baylor Hospital it was determined that his injury was less severe. Sasser led the Mustangs with 17 points in the first half.

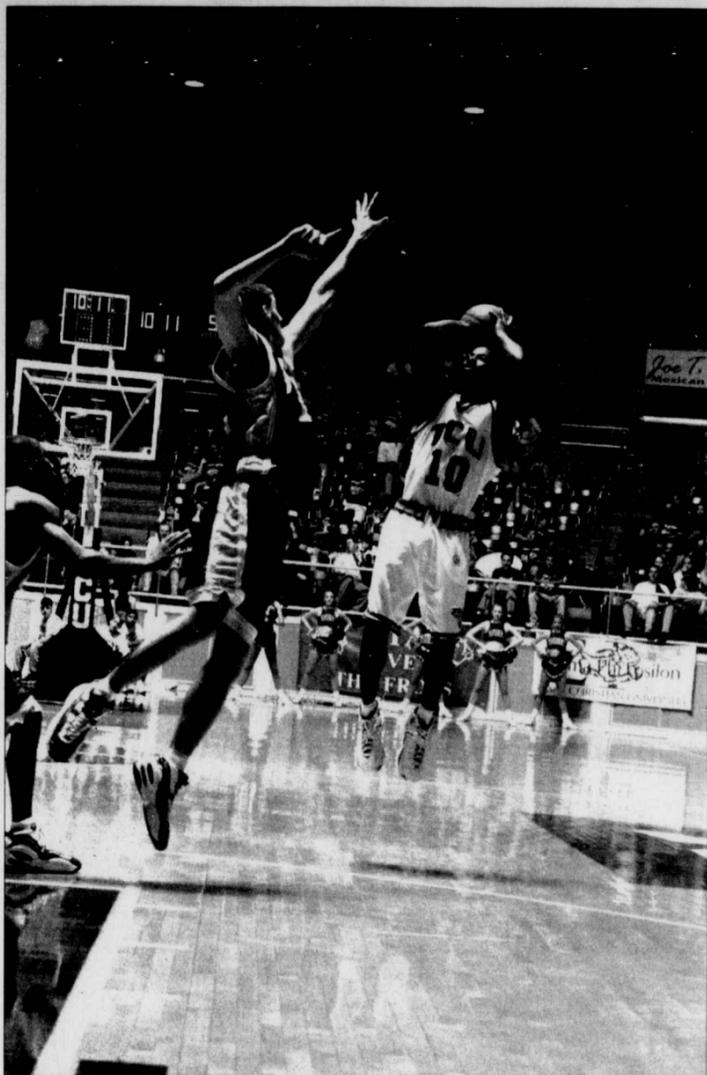
In the second half of this game, as in three of their last four games, the Frogs came out on fire and the Mustangs never recaptured the lead.

The Frogs biggest lead was 21 points, and they hit the 100 point mark with about 30 seconds left in the contest. Nailon led the team in scoring with 26, despite carrying three fouls most of the game. Six Horned Frogs had three or more fouls by the end of the game, and SMU went 20-28 from the free throw line.

Despite their good performance from the line, the Mustangs weren't able to recover from their halftime deficit and were held to 40 percent shooting from both the field and three-point land.

Although he didn't score his average 22.6 points per game, Jones, who leads the WAC in steals, broke TCU's all-time steal record. He had two steals in the game which gave him 130, one over the record originally set by Darrell Browder.

This was TCU's third WAC road game win and moves them to 5-0 in WAC, 16-4 overall. The Frogs next game is Thursday when they will face the Rice Owls at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum at 7 p.m.



Michael Bryant MANAGING EDITOR

Junior guard Prince Fowler takes a shot against San Jose State on Jan. 10.

Frogs run in Arkansas, take first in five events

By Matt Welneck
SKIFF STAFF

The "Flyin' Frogs" competed at the Bank of Fayetteville Invitational in Arkansas this past weekend, and in their second indoor meet of the season, the Frogs placed well in the sprint events but didn't earn any points in field events.

Senior S y a n Williams repeated his first-meet performance with first place in both the 55-meter dash and the 200-meter dash with times of 6.25 and 21.68 seconds, respectively.



Syan Williams Senior



Giesla Jackson Senior

Jarmiene Holloway finished third in the 55-meter dash, and finished sixth in the 200-meter dash.

Senior Giesla Jackson also placed first in the 55-meter and 200-meter dashes, finishing with times of 6.91 and 24.50 seconds, respectively.

Following Jackson was junior Catoshia Lewis, who came in third in the 55-meter dash with a time of 6.98 seconds and fourth in the 200-meter dash at 25.02 seconds.

In the 400-meter run, sophomore Dywana Crudup placed third for the women with a time of 56.88 seconds.

Sophomore Johnny Collins also placed third in the men's competition with a time of 48.25 seconds. Senior Clayton Brookins came in fifth for TCU with 49.73 seconds.

TCU did not fare as well in the 800-meter run as they did in the first meet. Senior All-American Khadevis Robinson dropped from first place in the first meet to 14th in this weekend's action. Junior Keela Thompson finished in seventh place for the women.

The Horned Frog distance team continued to perform well as sophomore Marci Madsen won first place in the 3,000-meter run with a time of 10:16.26. Junior Alyssa Anes came in seventh place.

Sophomore David Lagat, who placed first in the Oklahoma meet, finished ninth at this meet.

In the 5,000-meter run, sophomore Adrian Martinez took second place for the men with a time of 15:30.35.

Freshman Gladys Keitany placed third with a time of 18:11.48, and junior Karly Reichenstein finished fifth with a time of 19:27.48.

Junior Chessna Davis took third place in the 55-meter high hurdles with a time of 8.03 seconds.

The "Flyin' Frogs" kept up their excellence in the 4-by-400 relay. The men took first place with a time of 3:15.07 and the women received second place with a time of 3:51.64.

The Frogs' will again go on the road to compete in the University of Houston Track Invitational in Houston this Saturday.

The Temple of Tubb?

Those that attended the SMU-TCU game on Monday noticed the overall theme of the evening in the minds of Mustang fans: sleep.

Everyone was dressed in pajamas and had pillows because it was a late night event. The Mustang athletic staff passed out Maxwell coffee packs to members of the media with a note of appreciation for coming out to cover an interestingly timed basketball game.

It turned out that the theme was extremely fitting. Mustang fans left midway through the second half to go to sleep, and judging by the lack of noise level from the SMU side of the arena, some may have decided to doze off in Moody Coliseum.

The idea may have been cute, but TCU doesn't need to serve coffee and dress students in pajamas and pillows. While we are on the topic of themes, I thought a renaming of Daniel-Meyer Coliseum might add even more excitement to the season.

These are suggestions that I've made

and heard from others around campus. You decide what you like and don't like:

The Tubb:An obvious choice in honor of TCU coach Billy Tubbs. I've stolen this idea from the University of Georgia who named their arena the Tubb after Tubby Smith. I figure since Smith is now at Kentucky (there's no way Rupp arena will ever be called the Tubb) that we can claim The Tubb in Fort Worth.

The Kitchen:It may seem random at first glance, but think about the fun we could have with this one. Students could bring pots and pans to the game and bang on them to add even more noise to the arena. We could use bad cliches like: What's cooking in the kitchen tonight? or What's on the menu?

The Copper Top:With last year's renovation to the roof on DMC, this might be appropriate. Every student would be required to walk in with something shiny so that opponent field goal percentage would decrease with the constant challenge of shooting at the hoop with a bunch of light in your eyes. Might it make sunglasses a new fad inside basketball facilities?

The Temple of Doom:This idea is also doomed. When Tubbs first came to the Frogs program in 1994, someone passed out flyers in an attempt to garner student support. Temple of Doom just never really did it for me, but obviously somebody

liked it.

Run DMC:It's a catchy name like the music group and is actually quite accurate. No team in the nation runs more than the Horned Frogs and what better place to do it than Run DMC. On the other hand, it's not a name that will have the Sportscenter guys going nuts.

The Lilly Pad:The name that I've given to TCU's baseball diamond, but it could certainly be applied to the coliseum as well. Frogs treat lilly pads as home sometimes and certainly TCU's home court could be The Lilly Pad. It has a ring that could catch on around the country.

The Purple Palace:Imagine Daniel-Meyer Coliseum completely full with everyone wearing purple. It could happen. When students and season ticket holders go through the turnstiles they must be wearing a purple shirt, sweatshirt or jacket.

Opponents will be very confused by the solid color throughout the arena and it would take time to adjust with that kind of shooting background. TCU could get quick leads at home.

These are a few suggestions. I would like to hear yours. Write me at the Skiff with any names you or your friends have thought of or vote from the list above for the best choice. Be sure to include your name and phone number and I'll print the best ones.

Commentary



RICHARD DURRETT



Do you think Daniel-Meyer Coliseum should be renamed The Tubb?

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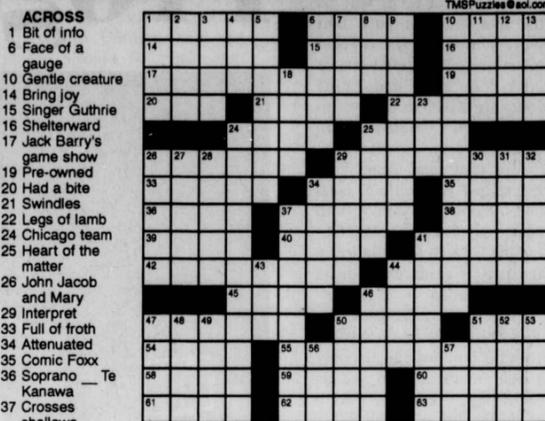
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