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Phi Kaps' actions under review

The Student Organization Committee held a hearing Wednesday to review information in the university's investigation of the Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity.

A TCU staff member compiled evidence in response to charges, which include possible hazing allegations made against the fraternity in January, and presented it to the committee.

After the Phi Kaps were given an opportunity to respond to the case against them, the committee interrogated both the investigator and fraternity members.

John Harvey, Student Organizations Committee chairman and an associate professor of economics, said TCU has done all it can to make the hearing run smoothly.

"(The university) has really worked hard to make this (hearing) up-front and as clear and straightforward as possible," he said.

The committee, which has five days to make a decision, will convene today and attempt to make a decision that could range from dismissing all the charges against the Phi Kaps to suspending the fraternity from campus.

Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs, may then accept or modify the committee's decision.

The fraternity can appeal the outcome.

Women's basketball invites kids to game

TCU is one of over 100 universities participating in the national promotion "Take a Kid to the Game" for the month of February. The TCU women's basketball program is joining the promotion at today's 7 p.m. game against Fresno State in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum and at their Feb. 14 at San Diego State.

The program encourages colleges to invite kids free of charge to women's basketball games in conjunction with National Girl's and Women in Sports Day. The events are a way to reach women's college basketball fans nationally for exposure and visibility of women's athletics.

Girl Scouts of the USA, YWCA and Girl Scouts Incorporated are a few of the organizations who are co-sponsoring the National Girl's and Women in Sports Day.

Nation

Congress to rename airport for Reagan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Happy Birthday, Ronald Reagan!

The House and Senate each voted Wednesday to rename the capital's Washington National Airport in honor of the ailing 40th president in time for his 87th birthday.

Despite complaints from Democrats that local rights were being trampled, President Clinton will sign the bill, said his spokesman, Mike McCurry.

"I think for him it came down to a question of honoring Ronald Reagan," McCurry said.

On a 76-22 roll call with all of the nays coming from Democrats, the Senate voted to rename the airport Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport. Later, the House passed a slightly different bill, 240-186. Of the no votes in the House, 183 were from Democrats.

The House was expected to adopt the Senate's version on Thursday, the eve of Reagan's birthday.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich praised the renaming as a fitting tribute to a president "who transformed the world" by helping bring down inflation and end the Cold War.

"I hope that the president and Mrs. Reagan, watching this happen, will have some small sense that there is enormous affection in this country for Ronald Reagan, and there is a deep sense of gratitude for the leadership that he showed," Gingrich said.

Winter Olympics spark local enthusiasm

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The international competition between athletes begins next week and members of the TCU community are eagerly anticipating the excitement that will accompany the 1998 Winter Olympics.

Skiing, bobsledding, hockey and figure skating are only a few of the events that will be played during the Winter Games which are being held in Nagano, Japan.

The 1998 Winter Olympics isn't the first time the games have been held in Japan. Both Tokyo and a northern city, Sapporo, have hosted the international event.

Yumiko Keitges, the director of the Japanese studies program, said she was surprised that Nagano was chosen to host the games. She said the small town, known for

its tasty apples and natural hot springs, is not on the same scale as the other Japanese cities that have held the Olympics.

She said there is much excitement for the Olympics in Japan. The Japanese people will profit greatly because of the events.

Olympic visitors will also venture to other parts of Japan which could boost the country's economy, Keitges said. Thus, the entire population of Japan will be affected by the Nagano games.

"All get involved because it is such a small country," Keitges said.

Mie Hyodo, a junior marketing major, vis-



its her hometown of Yokohama, Japan once a year. She said new businesses and construction have been developing throughout the town since the decision was made for Nagano to host the Olympics. She said the event is bringing Nagano lots of publicity.

"This will help the small city be noticed," she said.

Manami Hayashi, a freshman biology major from Japan, said she visited Nagano two years ago on a skiing vacation. She said the small town has been preparing for the big event by widening the roads and designing special police cars that can run on the snow.

TCU students may not be traveling overseas to see the games, but many will participate by watching the events, which will be nationally televised on CBS.

Katy Cavins, a freshman nutrition major, said she likes the beauty of figure skating and plans to watch the Olympic events next week.

"I'm waiting for another Tonya Harding incident," she said.

Cavins and her friend, Tiffany Shilling, a freshman premajor, said their favorite part of the Olympics is the McDonald's commercials.

Phil Padgett, a senior music education major said he is enthusiastic about the new additions to the Winter Olympics.

"I think it is awesome that snow boarding is an Olympic sport," he said.

But not all TCU students plan to watch many of the events this year.

K.P. Pierce, a sophomore advertising/

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Sara Williams, a sophomore elementary education major, helps Starpoint School student Ryan Wednesday.

Starpoint teaches Frogs, too

School provides lab for future teachers of special education

By Selena Hernandez
STAFF REPORTER

Just a few feet away from the stressful, main campus, collegiate life filled with exams, papers and presentations, is a school where a kid can be a kid.

The halls of Starpoint School, decorated with brightly colored projects and frogs of every shape and size, seem like something

out of "Sesame Street."

The school has been the on-campus laboratory school for elementary-age children with learning disabilities for the past 30 years.

Kathleen Spencer, who has been Starpoint's principal for four years, said her job blends an administrative background with her teaching experience.

Spencer said the unique environment allows TCU students to gain valuable teaching experience. Several rooms contain an observation deck, a room where students, parents and other teachers can examine teaching skills.

"We are here to serve TCU," she said.

Spencer said the school strives to teach TCU students how to work with special students.

Starpoint educates 44 children, ranging in ages from 6 to 11. Last year, the school received 417 applications for only 10 available openings, Spencer said.

"We choose children who fit a research template," she said.

Spencer said the parents must understand that their child will participate in research that will help prepare TCU students majoring in special education. Students work closely with the children by

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Job hunt

Employment available on campus

By Reagan Duplisea
SKIFF STAFF

Student jobs on campus range from clerical positions to refereeing intramural games, but currently most jobs are filled and students seem to feel the only jobs available are work study.

Dolores Oelfke, student employment coordinator, said jobs throughout the campus are available to both work study and non-work study students. Student workers on work study make up about 50 percent of all student workers and the other 50 percent are non-work study student employees.

Oelfke said every office on campus hires students but most departments and offices hire in the fall and keep the students for the academic year.

"If you walk through campus, every office you see will have student employees," Oelfke said.

Oelfke said she feels jobs available to students on campus are fairly well known. On-campus jobs are posted on a bulletin board in the student cen-

ter. However, some students have turned to searching for jobs off campus because they don't feel there are enough opportunities at TCU.

Freshman religion major Melanie Lewter has spent the last two weeks applying for jobs at various off-campus locations after quitting her job at University Christian Church's day care so that she could attend services Sunday morning.

"The only job I know of that's not work study is at the post office, but you have to be there at 5 a.m.," she said.

Jobs at the Rickel Building, the Mary Coats Burnett Library and Calling All Frogs, which calls alumni for donations, are open for non-work study students, Oelfke said.

"Without students, they (the Rickel and the library) couldn't run," Oelfke said.

TCU offers three types of student

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Student gets acting lessons in Russia

By Mindy Gray
STAFF REPORTER

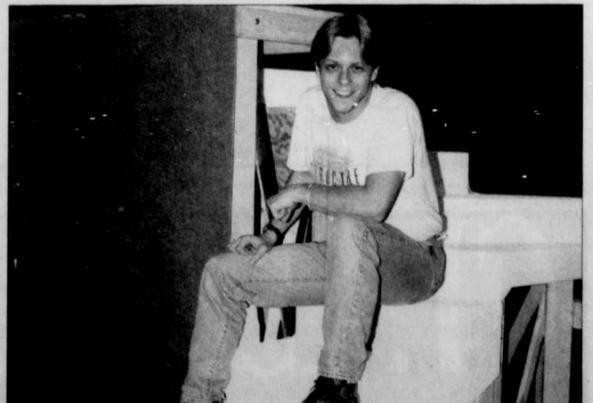
Rob Eigenbrod dropped out of school last semester, but he isn't complaining.

"I'm the luckiest guy in the world," Eigenbrod said. "(The production company) needed an American, and the director wanted me for the role."

The senior theater major, who has the lead role in the State Theatre Koleso's production of "Romeo and Juliet" that will be performed at the end of February at TCU, traveled to Togliatti, Russia, for rehearsals last semester.

He left for Russia around Thanksgiving and spent five-and-a-half weeks rehearsing with the professional theater company. He said he had to take incompletes in some of his classes, but the experience was well worth it.

Forrest Newlin, professor and chairman of the theater department, said the purpose of the exchange program is to give students the opportunity to learn the Stanislavsky technique, a realistic style of acting taught



Rob Eigenbrod, a senior theater major, recently returned from Russia where he rehearsed on the upcoming production of "Romeo and Juliet."

in most universities and used by actors Marlon Brando and James Dean.

"Rob is the first student to have this opportunity," he said. "It was a wonderful experience for Rob. He came

back with a new understanding of the Stanislavsky technique and the Russian people and a new understanding of theatre."

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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.

ENGLISH MAJORS AND MINORS who wish to apply for Sigma Tau Delta may pick up applications in the English department office, Reed Hall room 314. The deadline for applications is Feb. 10 at noon.

THE NEWLYWED GAME, sponsored by Baptist Student Ministry, will be played in the Student Center lounge Feb. 9 at 7 p.m. Three TCU couples will answer questions about married life. Students need not be married to attend.

TCU TRIANGLE will meet Feb. 8 at 5 p.m. in the Wesley Foundation. Todd Camp will provide the program on "Gays and Lesbians on TV."

ACTOR

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In Russia, Eigenbrod rehearsed for the plays "Romeo and Juliet" and "Moorlyn Moorloe," both future TCU productions. Eigenbrod worked with a Russian translator to translate his lines in "Moorlyn Moorloe" into English, he said.

Eigenbrod said the language difference didn't make it difficult to produce the play, only slowed the process.

"The director brings such passion that we understand what he's doing," he said.

Gleb Drosdov, the director, came to TCU in August with his translator to cast students in the joint production of TCU's theater department and the State Theatre Koleso. Nine TCU stu-

dents will portray the Montagues and the Russian actors will play the Capulets, each in their own language.

Eigenbrod said the Russian actors will speak a little English in the play so the American audience can understand. He will also speak some Russian, as if his character, Romeo, is trying to speak Juliet's language.

Eigenbrod has had major roles in several TCU productions.

His favorite role, despite sporting a perm for the part, was Inspector Ruff from "Angel Street."

Eigenbrod said he faces obstacles in acting everyday.

"There's so much to pull out of the text," he said. "It's a struggle to find what is important and to communi-

cate that to the audience without getting in the way."

Eigenbrod said he first became interested in acting while shooting movies with his friends in the fifth grade. They made everything from stunt shows to talk shows.

His first role was in a musical in the sixth grade.

"I played a computer nerd, and I looked the part," he said.

Eigenbrod is still making his own movies today, he said. He and a group of his best friends have made a series of films titled "Schmucks."

Eigenbrod wrote and directed the third film, a mystery thriller, which 70 people watched in a showing in the Moudy Building last year, he said.

Eigenbrod said it was fulfilling and rewarding to make these films because he was able to get all of his friends involved. They don't plan to make another film until their 10th-year reunion in 2008, but they might shoot a few scenes this year, he said.

After he graduates next fall, Eigenbrod plans to complete his education certification and possibly go to graduate school or pursue an acting career on the stage.

"Romeo and Juliet" will be held at 8 p.m. Feb. 25-28 and at 2 p.m. Feb. 28 and March 1 in the University Theatre. "Moorlyn Moorloe" will be held at 8 p.m. March 2 and 3.

Tickets are available by calling the theater box office at 257-7626.

College News Digest

Student pleads not guilty to accessory murder charge

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Fernando Aquiles Capablanca, a senior business administration major at the University of Florida, stood in court Tuesday morning and pleaded not guilty to accessory to murder after the fact.

His predicament, officials alleged, is the result of a 10-hour stretch one December night that for-

ever changed his life and the lives of four other Gainesville students.

In the early morning hours of Dec. 14, a man was killed. Ralph Alphonso Vasquez was left beaten and shot in Newberry's Watermelon Pond Park, the final act of a drug deal gone bad.

Now 10 people, including Capablanca and four Santa Fe Community College students, have been charged with the drug-related crime and if

convicted, could get the death penalty.

State Prosecutor Greg McMahon believes those involved in the crime — including the 22-year-old victim who got out of jail on an aggravated battery conviction only 12 days before he was killed — all knew each other through a drug subculture.

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editorial

LIMITED ACCESS

TCU has made great strides in improving accessibility for disabled students. Thanks to the elevator in Reed Hall, automatic doors in the Student Center and more curbs cuts in sidewalks around campus, disabled students can travel the campus without many barriers.

However, even these significant improvements cannot open TCU completely to students and visitors who use wheelchairs.

The problems don't necessarily involve getting to class, although access to nearly every classroom on campus is certainly a plus. The most striking disadvantages wheelchair users on campus face involve the fun aspects of TCU, such as quality seating at sporting events.

Seating for wheelchair users at football games is located beyond the end zone. And at baseball games, disabled fans are forced to sit near the end of the left field side, too far down to tell if a pitch is a ball or a strike.

No matter how many new elevators, ramps and sliding doors TCU can create, the school must be prepared when a piece of equipment breaks. Too often, a student will have to struggle to get through a door because the button that opens it doesn't work, get stuck on the second floor of a building because the elevator is broken, or

be late to class because an able-bodied student has parked in a handicapped spot.

Since the Campus Police never hesitate to slap a ticket on a car with the rear six inches encroaching on a no-parking zone, there's no reason why they shouldn't keep a closer watch on parking violations that can actually disrupt someone's day. One student getting away with such an offense is one too many.

Not all doors are open for TCU's wheelchair users.

While the administration is not ignorant of accessibility problems, it hasn't bent over backwards to rectify them. A campus tour has been designed to demonstrate specific problem areas. Several sociology students take this tour as part of a class, and Linda Moore, an associate professor of sociology, has administered it through lectures such as the Diversity Symposium.

It would make sense for every administrator in Sadler Hall to take this tour on a regular basis to see how accessible the campus really is. Unfortunately, most don't.

Although TCU has met all legal guidelines for accessibility, more work can be done to ensure that the places that make TCU fun — not just the necessary destinations on campus — are open for wheelchair users.

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Grading political potential

Decision-making scale would help eliminate scandals

Once again, the leader of the free world is under scrutiny. Of course, this is not the first time for Clinton, or the presidency, to be grilled by the media and the public.

We, the American people, relish the opportunity to tear to little shreds the very leaders we so confidently elect to office at any sign of drifting from their civil duties.

So President Clinton probably made a bad decision by allegedly having an affair with a 21-year-old White House intern. It's not something I would have chosen to do if I were president of the United States. If I had been former U.S. Senator Bob Packwood, I wouldn't have kept diaries of my sexual escapades, either. But Packwood did.

Elected leaders often make poor decisions. We elect them to do great things, and some of them end up doing things most fourth-graders know are downright wrong. This does not speak well for the leadership of this country.

How can we prevent these bright, powerful and innovative leaders we so enthusiastically promote and vote for from becoming astoundingly stupid or becoming

poor decision-makers once they take office? I have a simple plan.

If the ability to make sound decisions is something we value so greatly in government leaders, why not evaluate them on this skill before they are ever elected? So much of a campaign is spent focusing on what a candidates plan to do. Why not focus on what they are capable of doing based on what they have done in the past?

Let's have a system for rating all candidates for public office on their decision-making skills. I call it the Decision-Making Ability Scale (DMAS). A national panel comprised of various important, fair-minded people (Ivy League political science professors, corporate CEOs, Oprah Winfrey, etc.) would rate candidates on a scale of 1 to 10 on their ability to make decisions in the office they aspire to take.

This would be a method of informing voters which candidates, despite claims they make for the future, may show a poor track record in some areas. Obviously, after incidents like Whitewater and the emergence of people like Jennifer Flowers, Bill Clinton would not have scored as well on the DMAS as someone like, say, Colin Powell before the '96 election.

The DMAS would not be intended to be the only tool for voters to utilize in their pre-election evaluation of candidates. Obviously, they should be as informed as possible about the candidates before deciding who to vote for.

The DMAS would be intended only as a guide to help voters estimate how likely it would be for a prospective official to do something like play ski-football while intoxicated or become involved with a young intern and lie about it under oath, based on their past behavior.

It is only logical that the person running for office who is most likely to do something really stupid is the person you would not want to vote for. Likewise, the ability to use good judgment should be something candidates can use in their favor.

Unfortunately, a system like the DMAS will probably never exist. We love to hate these poor idiots way too much. If we started electing officials who were pretty much going to always just do their jobs and do them right, we would have to do things like cut back on media circuses, eliminate grand jury investigations and cancel our subscriptions to *Newsweek*. We would be pretty bored.

So the world still turns, political turmoil and scandal included. We complain about it, but we wouldn't dare do anything about it.

Blasting the government officials we elected for the stupid mistakes they make is a time-honored American tradition. Ending this tradition would make too much sense. Now why would we want to do that?

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



RACHAEL SMILEY

The next Issues page will run on Wednesday, Feb. 10. The issue to be examined will be:

Capital Punishment in Texas

In 1997, a total of 37 condemned murderers in Texas were executed, far exceeding the number of any other state. The high number of executions, plus the lethal injection of Karla Faye Tucker, have prompted serious questions regarding capital punishment.

Is capital punishment a morally justifiable institution? Does it send a message of violence, or a message of laying down the law? Does the death penalty bring adequate retribution for the brutal crimes punishable by it in Texas? Should convicted murderers be given rights to endless court appeals, which delay execution dates for several years?

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Letter to the editor

Nose picking not for national TV

It's every collegiate sports fan's dream — making the next edition of "SportsCenter" (A distant second to personally making the "big show," for people who go to schools such as TCU that are not featured very frequently, is to have someone else from your school make an ESPN appearance). Of the many possibilities that exist for getting some TV time on ESPN, one of the most popular is to make a poster using the letters E, S, P and N to form an acronym.

There is, however, a sort of unwritten law which must be at the forefront when one considers the different antics that can take him or her to this pinnacle appearance on

"SportsCenter"). That law states, "One should use good judgment and should not participate in activities that will have negative repercussions on his or her school."

With that said, I feel a certain obligation to inform my fellow TCU students that the sign which read, "Every SMU player Picks his Nose" is the most grotesque breach of the preceding law. You (the people holding the sign) are exclusively responsible for bringing embarrassment to TCU. While the TCU basketball team was drilling our "cross-town whipping boys," SMU students were jesting with TCU students that "at least no one from our school will be on national TV holding up a sign like that."

Before TCU's next game on ESPN, I suggest that you watch some other college basketball games in order to get your "creative juices" flowing. Though I don't suggest plagiarizing someone else's sign, taking this approach will give you something to model your own sign after. One of my all-time favorite ESPN posters popped up at another TCU game which was televised late in the fall '96 semester. It read, "Exams Soon, Pass Nothing". So don't fret. As is the case with the fall '96 example, the sign can be simple and still humorous. You have simple down. Now, just work on the humorous part!

Matt Harris
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Reality, schmeality — Telly is all the truth Gen Xers need

A dear friend of ours is under merciless attack from the media. Our pal has been unduly criticized and bludgeoned by naysayers.

Yes, a few ethical boundaries have been violated. And, yes, certain philosophical liberties have been taken.

But our buddy has given us a lot, and we should overlook these minor infractions. Our pal deserves our support.

The friend I'm talking about, of course, is television.

Television (a.k.a. "Telly Vision," "Boob Tube" or "Secret Lover") has been a close friend of ours for over 50 years. Since its

birth in 35 B.C. (Before "CHiPs"), Telly Vision has been a great companion to millions of people, as well as several Republicans.

In fact, Telly has been my best friend since I was five years old, when I developed an acute case of Cooties (medical term: Loseritis).

Cooties, as you know, is a degenerative disease that attacks the coolness hormones, forcing the victim to wear multicolored jams, "Mork and Mindy" suspenders, "ALF" socks and Houston Astros shoes. So naturally, I was as cool as a dangling booger at a job interview.

But during my tumultuous formative years, Telly was always there for me, and I'm a better man because of it. If not for Telly, I wouldn't be the "90210"-savvy adult I am today (For example: Did you know that "90210" star Tori Spelling is really ugly?).

Yes, Telly's radiation has probably steril-

ized me. Yes, his grainy pictures have blinded me. And, yes, his mere presence has made me a blithering slob (Insert Ted Kennedy or Rush Limbaugh joke here). But that's OK.

Since its birth in 35 B.C. (Before "CHiPs"), Telly Vision has been a great companion to millions of people, as well as several Republicans.

because I am who I am because of Telly.

So are you. That's why the amount of backlash Telly has received the last few years is puzzling. Everybody says TV is bad. There have been enough "TV is bad" statistics released to

make a mathematician drool. For example:

According to the Center for Population Options, the typical teenager sees 14,000 sexual encounters with Telly a year (NOTE: This number is substantially higher if the teen has access to late-night Cinemax. Hubba, hubba).

By the time a student enters junior high, he has witnessed 8,000 murders on television, almost as many as he would see in a Los Angeles high school.

By age 18, the average child has spent more time watching TV than anything else — unless, of course, the child is a male and has access to late-night Cinemax... if you know what I mean.

Number of hours an average American kid spends in school a year: 900.

Number of hours an average American kid spends watching TV a year: 1,500.

Number of hours an average American kid spends in a dazed stupor: 1 billion.

This can only lead to one conclusion:

So what? These are all good things. If we weren't watching sick, gratuitous violence or enchanting, gratuitous sex with Telly, we'd be immersed in something so vile it turns every Gen Xer's stomach:

Reality. And, as a person who grew up on a steady diet of TV goodies like "Scooby Doo," "CHiPs" and "Knight Rider," I have one thing to say:

Thank you, Telly. You've shielded us from the horrors of the real world and given us something to do when we're not sleeping. You've done a great job raising us.

Pass that thank you on to Telly Vision's companions, Kay Bell and Sattie Litedish, too.

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ANDY SUMMA

STARPOINT

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tutoring, observing or working with a child on a specific problem. "It's a very active partnership," Spencer said. Kaci Kirkland, a junior special education major, said she has learned how to change her teaching methods to suit the students. "Every kid is different, and you have to adapt to each individual

child," Kirkland said. Vickie Wilkins, the parent of a four-year Starpoint student, said she is appreciative of everything the school has done for her 10-year-old son, Andrew. "They have formed him and changed him into an excellent student," she said. Wilkins said before her son came

to Starpoint, he had trouble concentrating and staying focused. The teachers have worked with him and created high standards, which Andrew met. "When you expect it, (the child) will give it to you," Wilkins said. She said Spencer is valuable to the students and sensitive to many issues concerning children and families.

"The teachers and parents work so closely together here," Wilkins said. "You can't fake that genuine caring about a child." Spencer said Starpoint's long and proud tradition of serving children has turned the focus from the child's problems to the child's assets. "We have to appreciate the strengths the child has," she said.

Spencer said when the children feel good about themselves, they feel comfortable with themselves. "(With) everything we do here, we must honor and respect the children," she said. "This is a place of laughter and learning." Kirkland said her experience at Starpoint has been challenging but rewarding.

"It's really neat to work with the kids and to see them grow as individuals," she said. Spencer said the school has about a 98 percent success rate and will track the children for one year after they leave the school. Spencer said Starpoint welcomes volunteers. Anyone interested can call the school at 921-7141.

JOBS

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employment: work study funded by the federal government, work study funded by the Texas government and non-work study employment. Both types of work study are funded 70 percent by the government and 30 percent by the department the student works for, while non-work study is funded 100 percent by the department. Oelfke said the smaller offices hire students on work study, since their budgets are smaller. Oelfke said that all students receive minimum wage. "The only distinction between work study and other jobs is what percentage comes from the department the student is working for," Oelfke said. Dorothy Howell, accounting assistant in the payroll department, said

about 1,200 students are on TCU's payroll. Oelfke said most jobs on campus don't ask for any prior experience. One exception is for students who work in the computer labs, who are required to know the different programs so they can help their peers. Oelfke said there are many benefits to working on campus. "Not only do you have a job, but you get to meet someone on staff," she said. Students can also put their work experience on their resumes, and learn good public relations skills. Barbara Standlee, administrative assistant at the library, said the library hires 90 to 100 students at the beginning of each school year and keeps all applications on file even when they are not hiring.

Lance Steffen, assistant director of recreational sports, said the Rickel staff is always looking for student officials and referees. Positions for intramural supervisors and office and facility staff are also available. "We'll take applications at any time," Steffen said. The TCU Health Center is the only place on campus that does not hire students. This is done for privacy and confidentiality issues, said Marilyn Hallam, assistant to the director of the TCU Health Center. "We don't even employ student nurses from the Harris College of Nursing," she said. Students looking for jobs on campus can go by the Student Employment Office, which is attached to the Financial Aid Office in Sadler Hall room 108.

OLYMPICS

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public relations major, and Brandon Simmons, a sophomore engineering major said they can't relate to the sports played in the Winter Olympics because they don't play them. Skiing and bobsledding aren't given much exposure in Texas, they said.

"I'm a big fan of the Summer Olympics," Simmons said. "I can relate (more) to the sports (in the Summer games)," Pierce said. Greg Riegel, a senior chemistry major, said he will watch the bobsledding and luge events, but said

the Olympics are not the best televised sporting event. "I like to watch them crash," he said. "I tend to watch more of the Summer Olympics but neither of them can hold a candle to football."

World Report

World

Airbag investigation possible in Princess Di crash

PARIS — The judge investigating the crash that killed Princess Diana is looking into what role, if any, was played by the airbags in the Mercedes she was traveling in, sources close to the investigation said Wednesday. Judge Herve Stephan's conclusions will be included in the full accident report he is preparing, said the sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity. The French newspaper Le Parisien, citing a medical report by a trauma specialist at the Pitie-Salpetriere Hospital where Diana died, claimed Wednesday the airbags may have inflated shortly before the crash. Diana, her companion Dodi Fayed and their driver Henri Paul all died in the crash in a tunnel along the River Seine. Her bodyguard, Trevor Rees-Jones, was the only survivor. Le Parisien said Stephan would order a new appraisal into the functioning of the airbags as a result of the medical report. Investigators have focused on Paul's drunken state at the time of the crash, the high speed of the car and the possibility it struck another car before the accident.

in the hazards of mercury this week, hours before a second mercury-contaminated building was demolished.

On Tuesday, Environmental officials let three Pleasant Grove High School students put on suits worn by people who clean up mercury.

"You don't need to be playing with mercury unless you have one of these suits hanging in your closet," said Rita Engblom, the federal Environmental Protection Agency on-scene coordinator.

School officials asked for the presentation after a mercury spill there last week.

The mercury problem began about a month and a half ago. Two youths admitted taking more than 20 pounds of mercury from a closed neon sign plant. Neither youth has been charged.

Mercury has since been found in several homes and one business. A contaminated shed was demolished Tuesday.

A day earlier, the Environmental Protection Agency destroyed a home after determining that razing it would be less costly than cleaning it up.

A 16-year-old was accused of terroristic threatening and criminal mischief after mercury was found in the hallway of Pleasant Grove High School.

The youth's mother said she hoped this week's presentation at the school would teach students about the problems mercury can cause.

"I don't think they're taking this seriously, but they should," the woman said. "They need to see what happened to us."

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TCU Football recruits:

Names of recruits are followed by the school they attended.

J.T. Aughinbaugh, Lake Highlands; Brady Barrick, Amarillo High; Joey Biasatti, Burleson High; Cody Davis, Arlington Martin; LaTarence Dunbar, South Oak Cliff; Quint Ellis, Friona High; Curtis Fuller, Tyler Junior College; Jason Goss, O.D. Wyatt; Josh Harbuck, Arlington Heights; Frank Montgomery, Duncanville High; Jamal Powell, Channelview High; B.J. Roberts, Burk Burnett High; Marcus Shaw, San Bernadino Valley College; Jared Smitherman, Nimitz (Houston); Bo Springfield, Denison; Sean Stille, Lake Highlands; Demario Wesley, O.D. Wyatt; Terran Williams, Cypress Falls

Women's soccer signs four new recruits

The TCU women's soccer program gained four new additions to their 1998-99 squad today. The new signees are Tiffany Goetz, Jeanine Rogers, and KeithAnn Wagner, and Gina Scigliano.

Goetz is a midfielder from Arlington Oakridge High School.

Also a midfielder, Rogers comes from Arlington Martin High School. Both Goetz and Rogers are members of the North Texas State Pool.

Wagner is teammate of Rogers and is an all-state goalkeeper.

Scigliano is a fullback/defender from St. Francis High School in Sunnyvale, Calif. She has played for the Los Gatos Woodrows club team for the last few years.

Three of her former teammates on the club are already players on the TCU team.

Recruiting efforts pay off Franchione successfully nabbing top players

The Dennis Franchione era was in full swing at TCU Wednesday as it was national signing day for America's high school football prospects, and it seems that the Horned Frogs did better than might have been expected.

Recruiting had been a major concern of the football program after former head coach Pat Sullivan tendered his resignation and the university took almost two months to find a replacement.

However, Franchione might be giving Horned Frog fans a reason to be excited about next year's team with the addition of 18 new faces.

After finishing the 1997 season with a dismal 1-10 record, it would stand to reason that TCU would find the recruiting waters hard to navigate and extra pressure would be put on Franchione to produce immediately, but the former New Mexico coach doesn't feel that way.

"I wouldn't call it a 'pressure,'" Franchione said. "TCU has a pretty good reputation, which helped, and I think the thing that helped a little bit is the accomplishments of our coaching staff."

Franchione and his staff bring with them a wealth of knowledge about and contacts in the Texas high school football

arena. Franchione's impact has been immediate, with 17 of the 18 signed players coming from the Lone Star State.

"We used the ties that we previously developed in the state and that helped us get off to a good start," he said.

Among the local products coming to TCU next year are kicker Joey Biasatti of Burleson, offensive lineman Josh Harbuck of Arlington Heights, defensive back Demario Wesley and wide receiver Jason Goss, both of Fort Worth's O.D. Wyatt.

Biasatti chose TCU over Texas, Notre Dame, and Nebraska among other powers. Harbuck considered Baylor, Texas A&M and Kansas State before deciding to remain in Fort Worth and Wesley received offers from Texas, Tennessee, Baylor and Nebraska.

Individual positions that will be helped the most by this year's class will be quarterback with the arrival of Sean Stille of Lake Highlands and the offensive line with the arrival of Harbuck. Wesley will help the defensive backs be a little less generous.

"We really addressed every area except defensive line and linebacker. We've signed four defensive backs, four offensive linemen, three tight ends, three receivers, two running backs, a quarterback and a kicker. We got a little bit of everything," Franchione said.

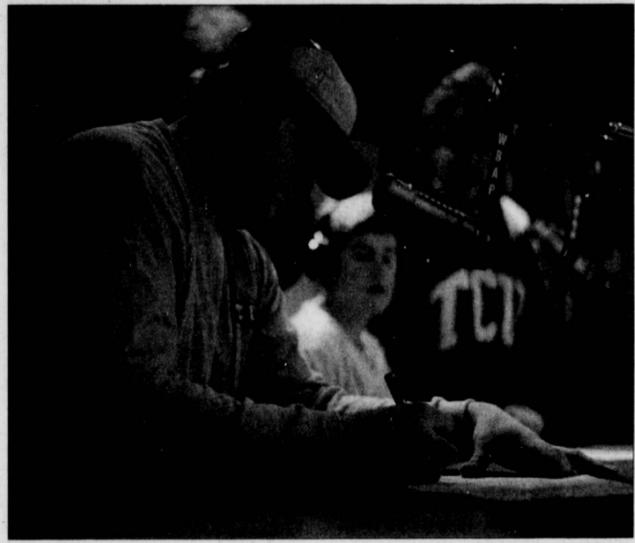
A criticism of last year's team was that Sullivan played too many young players. Don't expect the same out of Franchione. He said a team can't expect to be too good playing a lot of freshmen because it's hard for young players to make the transition from high school to college.

This class as a whole is exceptional considering last year's performance, and it seems as though Franchione may bring joy to Frogville if he continues to recruit this way.

Commentary



TODD SHRIBER



Arlington Heights senior Josh Harbuck, a TCU football recruit, signs his national letter of intent Wednesday morning. Harbuck signed the letter live on the WBAP-AM Morning News, where his father, Hal Jay, is the host.

Todd J. Shriber is a sophomore broadcast journalism major from Laguna Niguel, Calif.

Club sports up and running

By Nicole Edwards
STAFF REPORTER

The TCU women's lacrosse team will start its regular season Saturday versus Baylor at 11 a.m. on the Worth Hills intramural field.

The 16-woman team will play a 10-game schedule and plans to host a tournament on April 18 and 19.

Tracy Glasheen, a sophomore business major, is captain of the team. She said the team may have the upper hand against Baylor this weekend.

"Since Baylor is a first-year team, we're a little bit ahead of them," she said.

Also, the rugby team is preparing for its fourth game of the season.

They are slated to play against the University of North Texas at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Worth Hills intramural field. The team holds a 2-0-1 record in its division.

Robbie Yellott, a sophomore movement science major, is co-captain of the team. He said the TCU rugby team looks good this year and is known for its high-scoring games.

"(North Texas) has a good team, but we're known for our explosive rugby," he said.

The team beat Southern Methodist University 26-7 and the University of Houston 65-14. Yellott said he hopes for an undefeated season and knows each game is important in determining who will be champion at the season's end.

Anyone interested in participating in the intramural program will have a variety of sports activities from which to choose. Last weekend, the intramural program held its season opener with a preseason basketball tournament.

Nineteen teams participated in the two-day tournament. Playoff and final competition concluded Sunday.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon won the final game over Lambda Chi Alpha in overtime, 52-47.

Lance Steffen, the assistant director of Recreational Sports and overseer of intramural activities, said the schedule will pursue a three-week regular basketball season.

"We look forward to three weeks of play and anticipate a regular tournament and playoff schedule without many forfeits," he said.

Other activities sponsored by Recreational Sports include a racquetball doubles competition and preseason soccer.

Registration for racquetball ends Friday and costs \$3 per player. Preseason soccer registration began Monday and will end Feb. 13.

Soccer registration costs \$10 per team. For more information about intramural and club sports, contact Lance Steffen in the Rickel Building Office 229.

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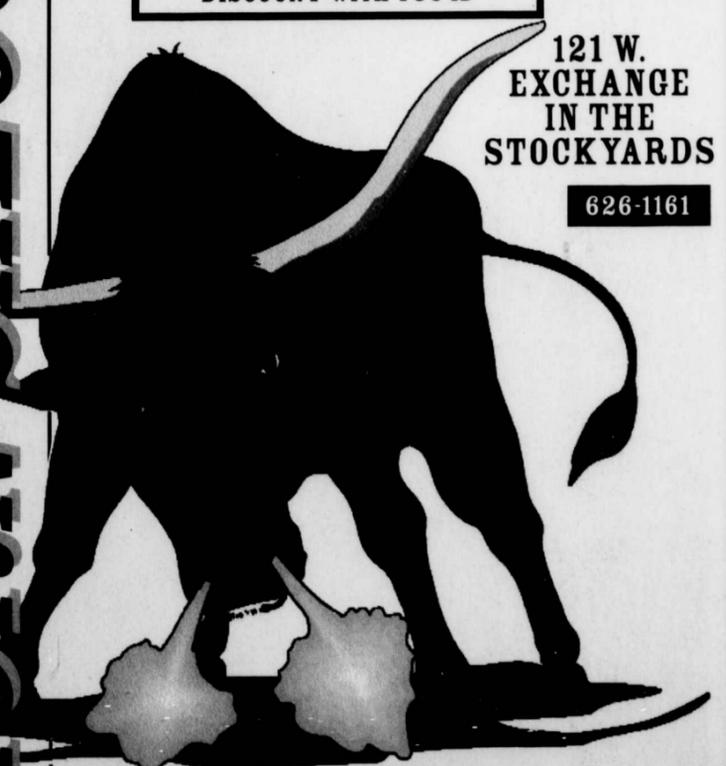
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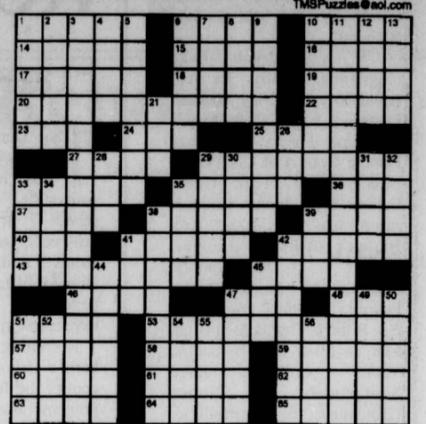
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 - Speak with lengthened vowels
 - College grad.
 - Jogging pace
 - SHOUT!
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 - Hoop
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 - SHOUT!
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