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Battle of the Bands applications due soon

It's time to tune up those guitars and practice playing in the key of success.

Applications to participate in the annual Battle of the Bands are available at the Student Center Information Desk and are due Feb. 27.

The event will take place during Siblings Weekend on March 28.

At least one member of the band must be a student enrolled at TCU. Winners will be awarded prizes up to \$500.

Biology professor released from hospital

Rudolf Brun, professor of biology, was released from the hospital Tuesday after suffering a heart attack Saturday.

Wayne Barcellona, chair of the biology department, said Brun, who has been teaching at TCU since 1978, will need at least two weeks to recuperate.

Barcellona said he spoke to Brun while he was in the hospital and that he was in good spirits. He said he was unaware if Brun had suffered from any previous heart conditions.

Nation

Comedian pleads no contest to rape

OMAHA, Neb. — A former "Star Search" comedian suspected in a series of campus assaults pleaded no contest Tuesday to raping an instructor at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Vinson Horace Champ, 36, of Los Angeles changed his plea from innocent just before jury selection was to begin in his trial.

In exchange for the plea, prosecutors agreed to delay sentencing until after he stands trial in Lincoln on a charge of raping a woman at Union College. The trial has not yet been scheduled.

Champ faces up to 50 years in prison for the first-degree sexual assault of Heidi Hess on March 5 at a University of Nebraska computer lab. Hess has spoken publicly about her assault because she believes people need to know rape victims as people.

He came under a flurry of suspicion after he was charged with trying to rape a student in Pasadena, Calif., as she was playing a piano. A national bulletin was released, noting that he was a traveling comedian.

Champ also has been charged with raping a woman at St. Ambrose University in Davenport, Iowa. Authorities have reports of similar attacks in Illinois and Wisconsin, but no charges have been filed in those cases.

Champ's attorney, James Martin Davis, said DNA evidence in the Omaha case weighed heavily in the decision to enter a plea.

Titanic scraps sold to collectors

NEW YORK (AP) — Collectors paid \$180,310 on Tuesday for wireless messages and other documents from the doomed Titanic.

Driven by the popularity of a movie and a Broadway musical about the ship, the total was 15 times the top presale estimate set by Christie's auction house.

The centerpiece, bought for \$123,500 by an anonymous telephone bidder, was a volume containing 34 signals from or about the Titanic from the radio-room logs of the liners Olympic, Carpathia and other vessels.

"Titanic sending out signals of distress," reads the 11 p.m. entry in Olympic's radio log on April 14, 1912. "Answered his calls."

A second volume of messages to the Titanic, mostly congratulations before its fatal encounter with the iceberg, fetched \$46,000 from another bidder whose identity wasn't disclosed.

An anonymous private collector put the papers up for sale, said Christie's staffer Lauren Rosenblum.

Puppy dog kisses



David Murden, a freshman theater major, receives a playful kiss from Bogart, a yorkshire terrier, Tuesday afternoon near the Moody Building.

House aids students for tournament

By Aimee Courtice
STAFF REPORTER

The House of Student Representatives on Tuesday passed both a bill allocating funds to send a group of students to a philosophy tournament and a resolution commending the TCU community for its response to the recent sexual assaults.

House of student representatives

In a 40-11 vote, the House allocated \$100 to help cover transportation costs for four philosophy majors to attend the Ethics Bowl at Texas A&M University, an annual invitational. Chris Smith, a senior history and philosophy major and a member of the team, said the team is comprised of the philosophy department's top students. He also said the competition is a well-respected event.

Originally, the bill requested \$174, but the Finance Committee recommended to reduce the amount to \$100. The allocated money will come from the House's Conferences and Conventions account, which now stands at \$1,800.

House Treasurer Renee Rabeler said she wanted the amount to be reduced because she did not want the House to set a precedence of passing every bill for their full amounts.

"It's not good to set bills for the full requested amount," she said. "But since (the tournament) is an academic program, the Finance Committee thought it would be good for TCU."

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Sigma Kappa to begin first Rush activities Sunday

By Kristina Jorgenson
STAFF REPORTER

Sigma Kappa will colonize at TCU Feb. 26 after a week of activities, which include holding Rush, interviewing interested students, giving out bids and conducting the pledging ceremony.

Events will begin with an informational meeting Sunday where Sigma Kappa national officers will give a general overview of Sigma Kappa, including its history and values, said Sara Harvey, Sigma Kappa chapter consultant.

Informal parties will be open to any interested women on Monday and

Tuesday nights, and personal interviews will be conducted during those two days.

Women who wish to join Sigma Kappa must complete an interview in order to be considered for the sorority. The other activities are optional. Sigma Kappa national officers will hold an invitation-only preference party Wednesday and will direct the formal pledging ceremony on the night of Feb. 26.

Bids will be offered to the selected women between the party Wednesday and the formal pledging, Harvey said. Jeca Salas, a junior radio-TV-film major, said she is excited about a new sorority forming on campus.

"(None) of the sororities that I've seen on campus have really appealed to me," Salas said. "Since (Sigma Kappa) is new, I can have a voice in

establishing it."

Though she had never been interested in joining a sorority, Salas said that the idea of forming a new sorority interests her.

"It would be neat to be part of a new organization," she said. "We would set the standard for it since we will start the first group... Since we'll all be pledges, we'll all start on the same level."

Sigma Kappa is looking for women who value academic scholarship, community service, campus involvement and long-lasting friendships, Harvey said.

Sigma Kappa will provide an influx of new ideas and people to the TCU Greek community, Harvey said.

"We're very alike to the other (Greek) organizations, and we're also very different," she said. "One more

group is going to add more women into the Greek system... That can only help the campus."

Greek women can obtain better interpersonal communication skills, Harvey said, and Sigma Kappa urges members to become involved in outside activities.

Harvey, a Sigma Kappa alumna and 1997 graduate of Ohio University, said her sorority provided her with opportunities to obtain better speaking skills, which will eventually help her realize her goal of attending law school and practicing law.

It has been difficult to spread the word that a new sorority will form on campus, Harvey said.

The TCU Greek community has provided assistance, she said.

"The entire Greek system has really helped us out a lot," Harvey said.

"The response isn't usually this great."

Sigma Kappa will seek to establish a chapter with member numbers comparative to the other sororities, which generally have 100 to 120 members, Harvey said.

Following the pledging ceremony, Sigma Kappa new members will undergo a six-week new member program before initiation, after which their colony will become a chapter.

Colony officers will be elected within three weeks of the pledging ceremony.

Harvey will serve as new-member educator and will remain at TCU the entire semester.

Sigma Kappa was founded in 1874 at Colby College in Waterville, Maine.

Interested women can call 921-7281 for more information.

Opinions on Iraq controversy differ among TCU students

By Melanie R. Rodriguez
STAFF REPORTER

As the Clinton administration handles the threat of military action in Iraq, members of the TCU community have expressed mixed responses to President Clinton's actions concerning the recent stand-offs with Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

At issue in the crisis is Saddam's refusal to let inspectors into eight presidential compounds, because he considers them to be safe from inspection due to national sovereignty. U.N. officials believe the palaces are being used to house biological weapons.

Saddam has requested that a member of the U.N. Security Council be present at the inspections to balance the team of 16 inspectors, which is currently composed of 14 American and British members. Saddam said he believes there are too many political biases.

Clinton said in a televised speech on Tuesday that he still hopes for "a genuine solution and not simply one that glosses over the remaining problem" of Saddam's refusal to allow United Nations inspectors access to possible weapons sites.

U.S. officials have made it clear that if diplomacy fails, and the U.N. council rejects military force, the United States is prepared to act on their own. Many members of the TCU community support this idea.

Stuart Neal, a sophomore criminal justice major, said the United States needs to do what is necessary in its' relations with Iraq.

"We have every right to go in there and bomb them," Neal said. "If they're not going to let the inspectors in, then we've got business to take care of. Diplomatic relations obviously aren't working; we have to use some force."

Jared Franklin, a sophomore speech communications and political science major, said the United States is handling the situation in Iraq properly.

"This situation is just for us to test our weapons, and show we are still a superpower," Franklin said. "We have to protect our political interest."

Donny Pinson, a sophomore music education major, said he thinks the United States' actions are OK for the present time. "I just think we need to go in there and make a stand," Pinson said. "We shouldn't let Saddam Hussein get away with whatever he wants."

Some members of the TCU community do not think military action is the right way to handle the situation, but they are unsure of the best solution.

Kathryne McDorman, the director of the honors program, said she doesn't think the United States is

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Happy Birthday, SuperFrog

TCU mascot supports athletics



SuperFrog

HORNED FROG OF THE WEEK

By Jason Crane
STAFF REPORTER

TCU students love him, junior high schoolers hate him and young children either want to take him home or run away as fast as their little legs will take them.

SuperFrog, that fuzzy creature who represents TCU at sporting events around the country, will celebrate his 21st birthday Friday.

The Programming Council Special Events Committee is sponsoring SuperFrog's birthday party Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Student Center Lounge.

SuperFrog said his birthday is an exciting time of the year for him because the students show him a lot of support.

"(My) birthday is such a big event on campus because the students really get into it," SuperFrog said. "It's really quite an honor."

SuperFrog said he enjoys attending sporting events on campus because he and the crowd feed off each other to make the atmosphere exciting for the fans and the players.

"The teams really enjoy me cheering at the games because I help to get the crowd involved," SuperFrog said. "When the crowd gets excited, the teams seem to play a lot better."

SuperFrog supports the Horned Frogs at all the football games and at the home basketball and swimming events.

SuperFrog said the job is rewarding because he gets to interact with fans in a way which most people don't.

"One time I was giving some students high fives at a football game and they pulled me up over their heads



Jason Taylor SKIFF STAFF

SuperFrog takes a timeout from the men's basketball game vs. Hawai'i Thursday to play with youth in the audience.

and I crowd surfed," SuperFrog said. "I wasn't expecting it at all, but the fans went nuts when it happened."

SuperFrog said although TCU students are excited when he's around, that's not always the case with younger students.

"When I go to events with kids who are in high school or junior high, they try to push me down and act

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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.

PSI CHI will meet at 6:30 p.m. today in Wipon-Scott room 217. Hypnosis will be demonstrated. Everyone is welcome to attend.

COLLEGE REPUBLICANS will meet today in the Student Center room 207. Call Shelby at 927-8491 with questions.

TCU SUMMER IN BUDAPEST PROGRAM still has space available. For more information, see the table in the Student Center today from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES welcome students to hear internationally known musician and evangelist Beau Williams, who will perform at 9 p.m. today in Robert Carr Chapel.

CIRCLE K INTERNATIONAL will meet today at 6 p.m. to discuss the chili cook-off in Austin and the district convention in Okla.

AREA LAWYER JAMES MUNFORD will be in the House of Student Representatives office today from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

FROG

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altogether obnoxious," SuperFrog said.

SuperFrog said those pesky juveniles may be a nuisance, but the real threat comes on the sidelines, when mascots from the opposing team challenge him to a duel.

At the SMU football game last season, SuperFrog and the SMU Mustang fought it out to determine who would win between a Horned Frog and a Mustang.

Although TCU was victorious on the field, the sideline mascot brawl resulted in a draw.

"The Mustang is a formidable opponent, but in all honesty, I think I

should have won," SuperFrog said.

SuperFrog said mascots from opposing teams have a mutual respect for each other, a statement which can't necessarily be made about the athletes or the fans.

"Even though the Mustang and I showed no mercy during the fight, we shook hands and made up afterward," SuperFrog said.

SuperFrog said after a particularly brutal incident between two mascots, he is considering joining a new association of college mascots called Mascots Against Mascot Abuse.

This organization was formed after an altercation between the Rhode

Island Ram and St. Joseph's Hawk became violent.

"It's really a shame that mascot abuse has become such a big problem," SuperFrog said. "But for the most part, the mascot fights are good-natured."

SuperFrog said although his job can sometimes be dangerous, the rewards are well worth the risk. Besides supporting TCU athletes, SuperFrog also attends many community-oriented events for children around Fort Worth.

SuperFrog said one of his most memorable experiences was when he attended a "Reading is Fun" program

at a local elementary school. He said since he can't read, he played with the children during recess and lunch.

"The kids ganged up on me and tackled me, and it was fun wrestling with them and watching them have a great time," SuperFrog said. "I wouldn't trade it for anything in the world."

SuperFrog's contribution to TCU and the surrounding community cannot be measured, but the smiles on children's faces tell it all.

"When I make a child laugh, and I see their beaming smiles, it's a fantastic feeling," SuperFrog said. "It really makes all my hard work pay off."

HOUSE

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But before the House voted on the bill, members amended it three times.

Yushau Sodiq, a town representative and the author of the bill, submitted two "friendly" amendments.

The first requested that the amount to be allocated by the House, if passed, be increased to the amount originally requested before it was cut by the Finance Committee.

Sodiq submitted a second amendment stating that if the team won the tournament's \$1,500 grand prize, \$174 of the prize money would be given to the House.

Bryan Storms, the Lambda Chi Alpha representative, submitted a third amendment requesting that

the bill respect the proposal by the Finance Committee to allocate \$100 instead of \$174. Since it was not considered "friendly," the House needed to vote on whether or not to accept the amendment.

Storms said the House would be taking a gamble by allocating \$174 on the premise that if the team won the House would be reimbursed.

Some House members felt that refusing to accept the third amendment would be defying the opinion of the Finance Committee.

Sean Weaver, a town representative, said, "It's a really bad idea to start second-guessing the Finance Committee."

The House voted to accept the amendment, and the first amendment which stated prize money

would be used to reimburse the House remained in the bill.

While debate prevailed over the first part of the meeting, the House unanimously passed a resolution commending and thanking various members of the TCU community for their efforts in responding to the recent sexual assaults.

House Secretary Christie Hobbs, the author of the resolution, said those participating in safety efforts should be recognized for their help.

The House also introduced four new bills that request a total of more than \$5,000 from the \$1,900 remaining in the House's Conferences and Conventions account. The bills will be tabled to the Finance Committee until next week's House meeting.

House of Reps Votes

Bill 98-2 To allocate \$100 to fund the TCU philosophy department to the annual Ethics Bowl tournament at Texas A&M University.

For - 40
Against - 11
Abstain - 7
Absent - 12

Resolution 98-1 To commend the TCU Community for their efforts to ensure the safety of students, faculty, and friends of the University.

For - unanimous

For more information call the House office at ext. 7924

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editorial

TIME TO ROCK IRAQ

Yesterday, in a nationally televised speech from the White House, President Clinton addressed the volatile situation of Iraqi sanctions. He said "military force is never the first answer, but sometimes it's the only answer."

Clinton is obviously readying the American people for a possible military strike — meaning that we're about to have another military dog fight with Iraq. After months of cat-and-mouse maneuvers, it has finally come down to who will blink first: Bill Clinton or Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

Thus far, American military officials have been amazingly patient and shown remarkable restraint. We've bided our time and waited for Saddam to use common sense. But enough is enough. It's time to fight.

The major cause of this standoff, of course, is that Iraq doesn't want any U.S. representatives serving on the United Nations weapons inspection team. Clinton said U.N. inspectors charged with dismantling Saddam's biological, chemical and nuclear weapons have encountered "lies, stonewalling and obstacle after obstacle after obstacle" in the seven years since the Gulf War.

Americans are needed on the inspec-

tion team, officials say, because of the resources and expertise they bring to the inspection.

This alone gives us ample reason to use military force. But there's more.

Clinton has that said Saddam "could end this crisis tomorrow simply by letting the weapons inspectors complete their mission."

We could call the next struggle "Gulf War II: Deja Vu."

Iraqi officials maintain that there is no need for U.N. weapon inspections because it has destroyed all its "mass destruction" weapons. Experts on Iraq's weapons program, however, disagree.

American officials fear that unless Saddam is monitored, he could build a fully functional nuclear bomb in two or three years. The biggest concern, however, is the possibility that Iraq could develop biological weapons that use such deadly agents as anthrax. Just 220 pounds of spores could kill as many people as a one megaton hydrogen bomb.

The Iraqi/U.N./U.S. situation should have never come to a boiling point. But for whatever reason, it has. And lives are at stake.

It's hard to rationalize a certain death warrant for many soldiers — Iraqi and American. Human life is human life. But unless something is done now, the future of millions could hang in balance.

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Human mysteries solved

Last week, as I was enjoying a labyrinthian episode of "Baywatch," I marveled at how amazing the human body really is. Later that day, as I was watching psychic infomercials, I marveled at how repulsive the human body is. This led to the following revelation:

I watch too much TV.

But I also realized how truly amazing our bodies are. R u s h Limbaugh and Keith Richards jokes aside, our bodies are miracles of biology. We're able to think, walk, talk and play Nintendo 64. Extraordinary. Truly extraordinary.

But a few questions about the human body have plagued second-rate TV comics for years:

Why do men have nipples?
 Why is yawning contagious?
 Why do our stomachs rumble when we are hungry?

The celebrated nipple issue, dubbed "Nipplegate" by an anonymous desperate writer, is indeed a

ponderous one. Obviously, men don't really need "them." So, why do we (guys) have them (nipples)?

Well, after exhaustive research, I discovered the reason for the existence of guppilles. *New Scientist* magazine offered this explanation:

"Male and female embryos are identical in the early stages of their development (Insert Dennis Rodman joke here). If the fetus receives a Y chromosome from its father, a hormonal signal is produced: the labia fuse to form a scrotum, the gonads develop as testicles, and a male results. Otherwise, the 'default' female remains. In the male, development of breasts is halted, but the nipples are not reabsorbed."

Amazing. Truly amazing. But what about yawning? Why is yawning contagious?

It's evolutionary, my dear Watson. In our distant past (before 1976), when we lived, hunted, and watched TV in groups, every member of the group had to get a good night's sleep. This wasn't always possible because of rival groups' threat of war.

So, according to *New Scientist*, all groups had to go to sleep at the same time. Yawning is a subconscious signal to others that we are tired and

want to sleep. Yawning would spread throughout the ancient groups, and everybody knew it was safe to fall asleep. This ancient remnant of yesteryear can often be observed in modern math classes.

Astounding. Truly astounding. But what about stomach rumbling? Why do our stomachs rumble when we're hungry? Again, we turn to *New Scientist* for answers.

Our bodies know our normal eating schedules. When it's time to eat, your digestive system secretes digestive fluids — regardless of whether you're eating or not.

If your stomach is empty at the time, the result can be noisy, according to the magazine. If there is food in your stomach, it "dampens the sound of the juices squirting into the digestive tract."

Remarkable. Truly remarkable. But what about the repetitive commentary writers who use the same jokes throughout their stories? Why do commentary writers repeat themselves?

Because they're lazy, and too busy watching "Baywatch" reruns. At least that's what the writers of *New Scientist* said.

Andy Summa is a senior news-editorial major from Alvin, Texas.

Commentary



ANDY SUMMA

Complaining becomes a way of life on college campuses

Remember when people said, "Fine, and you?" when asked, "How are you?"

In college, people don't say that. A college student answers, "How are you?" with, "Oh man. I had four tests and a paper in two days last week. And my stupid philosophy professor gave me a C on my essay. On top of that, I worked 20 hours this week, and I think I'm getting sick 'cause I haven't slept in days."

As if this response to a simple, "How are you?" wasn't sorry enough, it's met with, "You think you got it bad? I had

three tests in one day and failed two of them, my stupid roommate stayed up all night and screwed up my sleep schedule, AND my car broke down."

Why do we do this? Does life really suck this hard? Or are we just that pathetic? Either way, it can't be healthy that our daily encounters routinely turn into my-life-is-worse-than-yours contests.

Do our persistent whines lessen the difficulty of our lives at all? I can't see how. We have all sorts of work to do, and instead of doing it, we whine about it. If we'd do something productive in the time we spend complaining about our pathetic lives, we might not have so much to whine about.

Maybe we think our suffering will be lessened if we share it. If that's the case, we're going about it all wrong. The belly-aching I hear on campus is much more

derisive than unifying. We whine to put each other down, not lift each other up. When someone complains to me about his horrible life, he's trying to remind me of my sheltered, ridiculously easy existence, not the good life for which I should be thankful.

I don't think there is any justification for the whining game college students love to play. The existence of this contest suggests to me that we might actually be striving to lead miserable lives. If we truly were happy with the choices we made, we wouldn't see any reason to complain, even when our tasks are dull.

Someone who tries to live a happy life would look upon dreary work as an opportunity, because the suffering now is well worth the rewards later.

Instead, we act like our responsibilities are some form of torture upon us

by a malevolent existence. Rather than trying to do away with our miseries, we display them proudly, as if they're what life is all about.

If we'd only listen to some of the garbage we're saying, we might realize how pathetic we really sound.

"You think you're busy — I've got three tests next week." Translation: "I'm paying thousands and thousands of dollars to go to school so I can be miserable."

"My classes are SO hard." Translation: "I wish I were paying all this money for the opportunity to learn nothing."

"I'm SO tired. I haven't slept in days." Translation: "I have so little control over my own life that I can't even get down basic bodily necessities like sleeping."

Since the college-student whining game is really a contest to see who has the

least control over his own life, I suggest being more honest when you play. Instead of complaining about all the homework you have to do, complain about how pathetic you are that you have the intelligence and resources to go to college but can't figure out how to be happy.

Then whine about how stupid you are for continuing to live a dreary life every day and never changing anything. Go on to complain that you'll probably be a miserable person your whole life because you're too chicken to do anything now when you've got youthful energy and your whole life ahead of you.

Then be ready to listen patiently as your friend begins, "You think you're pathetic..."

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SPENCER BAUM

letter to the editor

Americans need to accept blame for electing Clinton

Turning on the tube, I'm bombarded with tabloid trash featuring, no, not Rob Lowe, but my country's Chief of Staff and a 22-year-old with a green-beret-style hat fetish.

It's a nightmare. I say it's time to take a step back and evaluate what the press is doing to the state of the nation and how we, the college students of America, support such propaganda. As far as I'm concerned, Bill Clinton is an inspiration to college students across the nation and deserves our support.

Thinking back to all the "Slick Willie" incidents, I believe that the college student should be the last one on earth to shun the President. This is a man who flies to London to light up his first joint. And you call that politically and socially irresponsible? I say that is the very dedication and respect of U.S. policy and law we should all hope and strive for daily.

This is a man that wins the presidency on Arsenio Hall. You have to admit, a rock star deficit-reducing president will always sound fabulous, no matter what age you are. Little did we know that when Arsenio said, "Give it up for the man," so many women would actually take him up on it. Frogs, I ask you, "Can you point the finger so easily?"

Fellas... this is a man who slept with a woman named Jennifer Flowers. Again, not condoning his behavior, but do you really think that was her real name? I mean, per-

haps it was a pen name created after the fact? Far-fetched? Maybe, but anything is possible when dealing with the Love King of Capitol Hill.

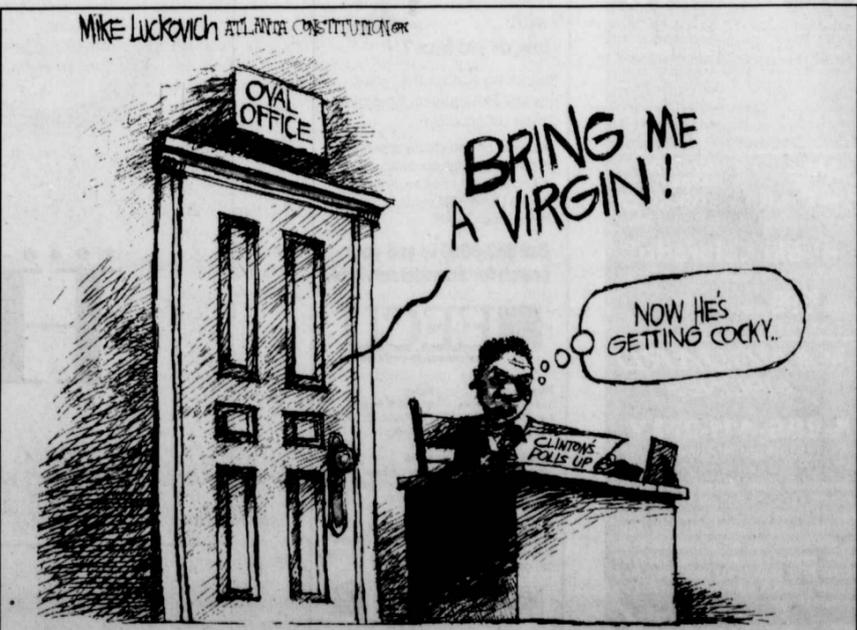
Finally, this is a man who brought back Fleetwood Mac, the notorious, drug-abusing-then-get-married melody makers. And they're his favorite band. What do you say to that? And what do we have to say for ourselves, two-terming this Ambassador of Sex, Drugs and Rock 'n' Roll? Ten to 1 odds that you even bought 'Macs latest album. I did.

We should have seen it coming, but didn't. Instead, we figured, "Hell, it's peacetime, let's give this guy a go. Besides, he plays the sax!" And look on the bright side, I'd much rather be going through a "Lewinsky Crisis" than, say, the Cuban Missile Crisis. At least this way, not everyone has to go down.

Now, after taking into consideration all of these things, tell me honestly, who you really want this man under crisis? Certainly not me. So, college students near and far, lay off the rock star president. Life is much too entertaining with Bill Clinton in it. And when he finally does leave office for bigger and better things, we can hold our heads high, knowing that we had unshakable loyalty, proudly turn to one another, and say, "Yep, there goes our Prez..."

R.J. Adams

senior political science major



Cinematographer directs interactive demonstration

Hirschfeld selected as Green Honors professor for his work

By Mitch Youngblood
SKIFF STAFF

An old joke in Hollywood says the heads of most studios are atheists because the lowly screenwriter is God. But the Holy Trinity, as it applies to Tinseltown, doesn't include the Father, the Son or the Holy Ghost.

Instead, lights, camera and action encompass all the spirituality filmmakers are likely to attain in today's profit-before-art world of entertainment.

But according to cinematographer Gerald Hirschfeld, neither the camera nor the action can happen if the lights are not adequately prepared. Hirschfeld, a veteran director of photography on more than a dozen films, was on the TCU campus last week lecturing and presiding over several interactive demonstrations of lighting for the cinema.

Hirschfeld was selected as this year's Green Honors professor, an individual invited to the university whose knowledge and experience would greatly contribute to the academic courses of a particular department.

"Each year a different department is allowed to bring in an outside professor to discuss topics relevant to the field of study for that department," said Richard Allen, an assistant professor of radio-TV-film.

Hirschfeld defines his job as "doing a visual interpretation of the screenplay," but

refuses to say which of his films was his favorite, although "Young Frankenstein" is his most famous.

Born on April 25, 1921, to a dental technician and a homemaker who resided in New York City, Hirschfeld became interested in still photography at an early age. His fascination with capturing inanimate images onto film began in earnest when he was offered a job as a photographer in New York by a client of his sister's, who was an oral hygienist at the time.

His interest in the motion picture industry wasn't fully realized until he joined the Army's Signal Department during World War II. That is where he learned firsthand how to shoot films, primarily propaganda films for the armed forces. After he left the Army, he returned home to New York City and soon found work in the burgeoning film industry.

"At the time, this was around the late (1930s), early (1940s), not a lot of movies were shot in New York," Hirschfeld said. "Nowadays, you can't go anywhere in New York without seeing a camera crew somewhere."

Hirschfeld has plenty of reasons to be grateful for having such fond affections for the industry. While he was working on "Goodbye, Columbus" in the late 1960s, he was introduced to the film's script supervisor, Julia Tucker. It was his first time to shoot in color and it was her second film to

supervise the script.

They were married four years later and have been together ever since. In the time they have been together, as associates and later as spouses, they have worked with each other on eight other films, including "Fail-Safe," "Cotton Comes to Harlem" and "World's Greatest Lover," which was "Young Frankenstein" star Gene Wilder's directorial debut.

"Our relationship was based on (what I call) a mutual admiration society," said Tucker. "It was grounds for a great relationship."

Tucker explains her role on a film set as "a liaison between the director, the editor, the producer and the writer." She also gave several lectures last week and aided Hirschfeld at some of his workshops.

One of the larger workshops Hirschfeld gave was last Monday when he, in conjunction with the on-camera acting and Electronic Field Production I and II classes, showed how to light a faux courtroom scene at the Dee J. Kelly Alumni and Visitors Center. Prior discussions about how long it often takes to light a lone shot came into focus that afternoon as dozens of students crowded around him and hung on his every word, all trying to touch 30-plus years of Hollywood.

The demonstration began around 1:30 p.m., but the actors themselves weren't required until closer to 2:30 p.m. During that interval, Hirschfeld and the numerous



Gerald Hirschfeld, Green Honors professor for radio-TV-film, instructs students on lighting last week at the D.J. Kelly Alumni Center.

students carefully set up huge lights to balance out the brilliant sunlight which was pouring through the windows in a torrential flood.

When the actors were finally summoned, Hirschfeld spent another half hour just lighting them. After the actors eventually began performing, Hirschfeld and "crew" worked for so long preparing each take (final number of takes per shot: seven), many people began to get restless. But the

demonstration imbued upon the gathered students a better feel of what it takes to work in the industry.

"It's been pretty interesting to focus so much on film and to get a point of view from the person behind the camera instead of the person in charge," said Kristen Nygren, a junior radio-TV-film major. "I've learned to be a lot more observant of the details and how complex it can become if you don't pay attention."

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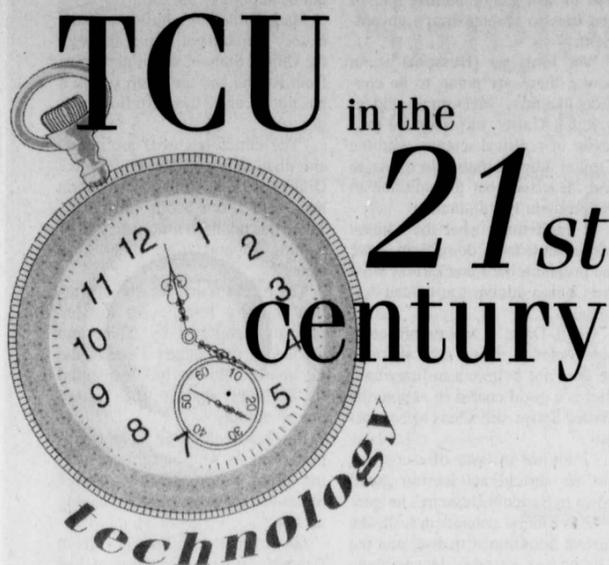
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Internet playing large role in classroom

Professors use Web to initiate student interaction

By Selena Hernandez
STAFF REPORTER

The Internet has spun its Web around the classroom.

The 21st century may still be several years away, but some TCU students are already getting a taste of what changes the future might hold for the traditional classroom structure.

Some professors are already utilizing the power of the Web as an extension of their classroom lectures.

Chuck Williams, a management professor, said the Internet has been a positive addition to his class lectures.

"(The Internet) is an alternate way for students to have discussions," he said.

Williams said sometimes students are shy or intimidated in the classroom. He said Web-based discussion provides an outlet for students to voice their opinions without feeling uncomfortable.

Williams said he posts questions on the Web to generate ideas and comments from his students.

"I think (the Web) could lead to deeper thinking and organization about issues," he said.

Williams said the Web allows students the freedom to explore various issues at their own leisure. He also said the Web discussion serves as a means to allow students to focus on the responses themselves and not the individuals who make them.

"It doesn't matter who you are. All that matters is how well you make your argument," he said.

Beata Jones, professor of management information systems, also incorporates the Web in her curriculum. Jones posts additional class information on the Web and she also utilizes a discussion board.

She said that students enjoy the flexibility in working with the Web and that the discussion board allows students more time to ponder answers to lecture issues.

Jones said the incorporation of technology

in her curriculum will help prepare students for the business world. She said the interactive medium of the Web is a precursor of what students will encounter throughout their careers.

Veronica Conners, a professor-in-residence for the Harris College of Nursing, said she and the department are working to establish a program that will enable graduate students to complete all their required class work via the Internet.

"All of the didactic course work will be on the Web," she said.

Conners said this particular program is best suited for graduates because many of the students are busy with other commitments and the online structure will allow them a great deal of flexibility.

"The students will be able to learn at their own pace," Conners said.

She said the program is scheduled to begin in fall 1999.

William Koehler, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, said some class cur-

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Turning toward new technology

By Rob Sherwin
SKIFF STAFF

Imagine a campus without computer labs — one where students brought their own laptop computers to campus, took them to classes and where they would surf the "information superhighway" right from their desks.

Although such ideas may seem farfetched, they are not entirely out of reach, said Dave Edmondson, assistant provost for Information Services.

"There's a possibility that in the future, computer labs as we know them would not exist," Edmondson said. "Maybe students will have their own computers as part of coming to TCU. Just like in the old days, I had to have a slide rule; now you probably can't get along without a calculator. The future may say we can't get along without a computer."

Statistics seem to show that the possibility Edmondson raises is already well on its way. In 1995, the first year that Internet connections were offered in residence hall rooms, only about 300 of the 2,800 students living on campus tapped into the university's system, Edmondson said. The following year, that number doubled, and this year about 1,500 students are using the service.

Edmondson attributes the sharp jump to two factors: the increasing prevalence of personal computers in society, and the university's decision to automatically assign each incoming student an e-mail address.

By all indications, Edmondson said, on-campus use should continue to increase. That poses a serious dilemma in regard to the future of

on-campus computing.

Edmondson asks whether more computer labs, as some students demand, are more beneficial than improvements to online access:

"Are labs really what we need, or do we need to make access very easy for everyone so that you can have a laptop, carry it around with you and plug into the connection in a classroom or library or dorm or apartment and have the same resources available there as you had anywhere else on campus?"

He said he thought the number of computer labs already on campus is sufficient for students.

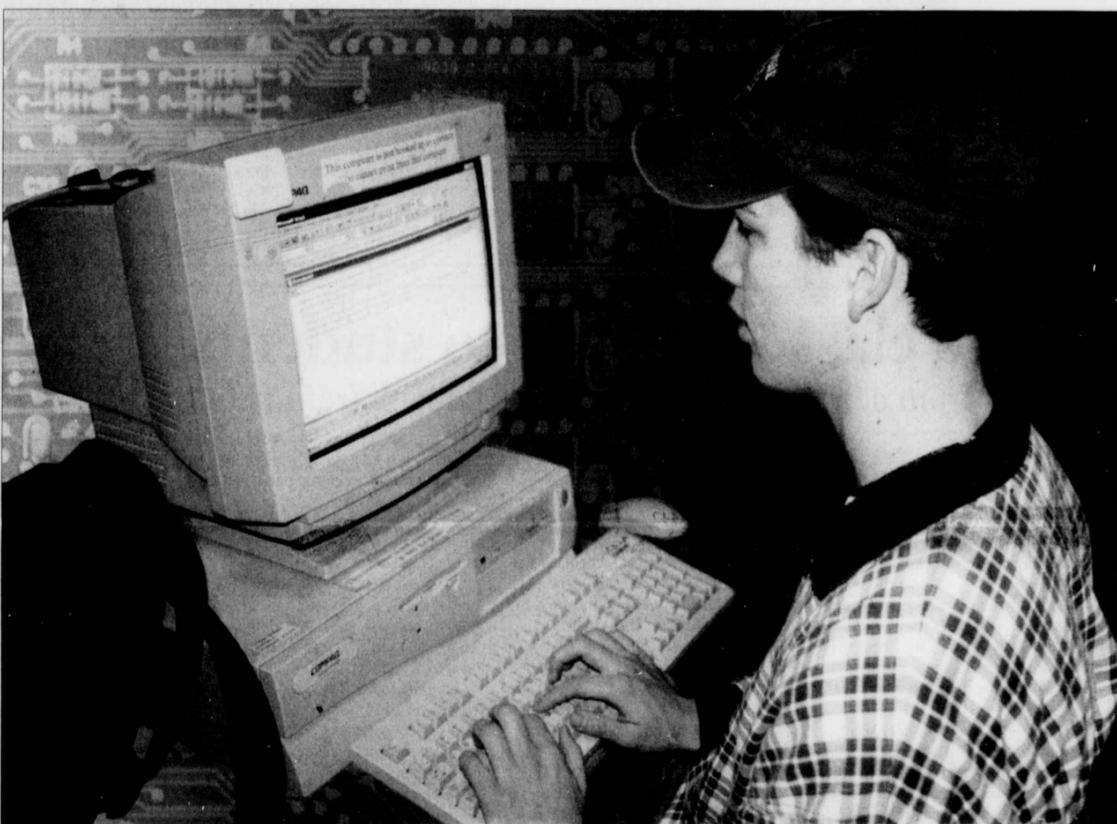
"I think the current situation is adequate, personally," he said.

"They're not necessarily available at the preferential time that the students want, though. You may want to do your work at 2 o'clock in the morning, and if that's the case, there aren't enough labs on campus for you to be able to do that, because you're not going to find one at 2 o'clock in the morning."

Edmondson said the cost of managing and supervising 24-hour computer labs outweighs the benefits.

"We decided it would be far better to put the cost into access via modems or network in the residence halls over a lab," he said.

But don't rule out all-night labs entirely, Edmondson said the university is experimenting with unsupervised labs in the Student Center Reading Room and that so far there haven't been any significant problems. Still, he said, there is the problem of finding a building that could be left open 24 hours a day. He pointed to the recent instances of reported assaults near campus as one of the safety concerns associat-



Victor Drabicky, a freshman broadcast journalism major, works on his computer Monday. Student computing at TCU will likely take drastic changes as technological advances improve computer options.

ed with unlocked, unsupervised buildings.

As for the present and near future, Edmondson said Information Services is working on making

common administrative functions available over the TCU computer network. Whereas students are currently able to check grades and view open class lists, Edmondson

said that functions such as registration and adding/dropping classes will eventually be available via computer access.

"All the functions that you might

have to go to a certain office for would be available to you," he said. "Those are the things that ultimately I have . . . in mind. That's what we'll grow to."

Professors, students develop technology to aid science and home

By Robyn Ross
SKIFF STAFF

TCU professors are contributing to technological research in ways that will help both scientists and homeowners.

Robotics

Edward Kolesar, the Moncrief professor of engineering, is developing a project that will allow robots to take the place of humans in hazardous work situations.

"Certain materials we have to work with are dangerous to humans," he said. "We can use robots in manufacturing

environments where the process, the chemicals or the environment is detrimental to a human's health."

Kolesar cited the deafening noise of punch-press machines and the risk of exposure to deadly viruses in research labs as situations where robots could replace humans for increased safety.

"One of the ways to make robots more intelligent is to give them human senses," Kolesar said. "The most important of those are vision and touch."

In situations where a robot is required to pick something up, such as a test tube

filled with a deadly virus, a robot's "hands" aren't as sensitive as a human's, he said.

"If a robot is picking up a golf ball and an egg, it doesn't have the tactile sensors, the nerves in the fingertips that identify different objects, humans do," he said. "It doesn't know when to stop squeezing the egg as it picks it up."

"You and I would make that mistake once and have that mess once, but the robot doesn't know. The question I'm working on is, 'Is it possible to build a robot that would have a sense of touch?'"

Kolesar said his goal is to give a robot's hands the ability to discern the shapes of objects with the same resolution as humans can. To make robots' fingers 'sensitive,' he installs electrical sensors on them which are connected to microchips. The sensors are installed with the same relative density as nerve endings on human fingertips.

The human, who monitors the robot's progress from another room, wears a glove that contains a sensitive pincushion of electrodes, complementary to the one on the robot's finger. A computer stores the voltage values collected from the chip on the robot's finger and uses them to form a video image of what is being touched.

The human can then move his or her hand in the glove while watching the video image, which causes the robot to move its hand the same way.

Kolesar said humans have an advantage over robots because they can picture things they touch without looking at them.

"For humans, once you touch something that's 3-D, you have a mental image of it even without using your eyes, by using your sense of touch," he said. "I'm giving robots the capability to sense objects and think of them in silhouettes."

"In five to 10 years, we'll see these robots in the workplace," he said.

Insulation

Bob Bittle, an assistant professor in the engineering department, is working with phase-change materials in insulation for homes and buildings, which is used to reduce the energy load on buildings dur-

ing peak hours.

"Most homes have a peak energy-use time frame of 5 or 6 in the evening when people get home," Bittle said. "If we can make a house's biggest energy pull before or after that time, we can reduce the energy load on the house."

"The goal is to provide consumers with an alternative to traditional insulation, one that is more effective," he said.

Drilling/fiber optics

Steve Weis, an associate professor in the engineering department, is working on a project involving optical fiber sensors, vibration sensors and pressure sensors. Over the past two years, he developed a communication system for well or earth drilling.

Weis has worked with plastic optical fiber sensors, which measure the stretch in materials like bridges. He plans to develop a seismic sensor next.

"To sum it up, I try to take what has been learned about optical fiber sensors in labs and apply it to the real world," Weis said. "What I'm working on the most now is the drilling."

The sensors collect information about the environment and send it from down in the well to the computer.

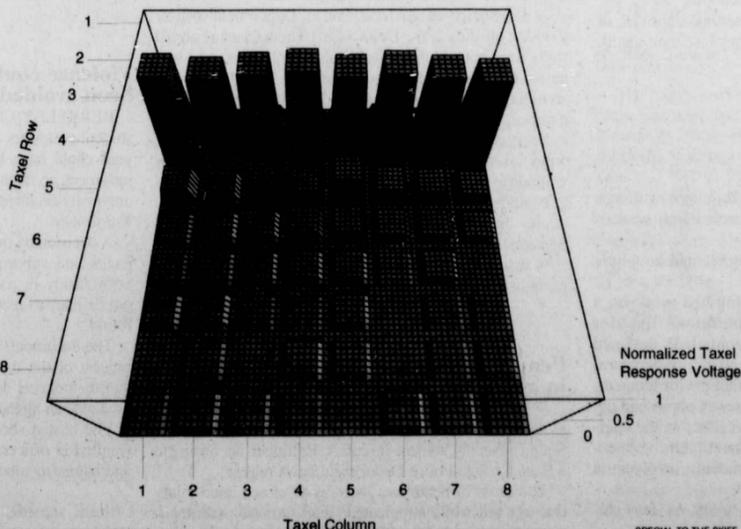
"It lets people drill for oil more efficiently and avoid hazardous conditions, ones they'd like to sense and know about before they get there," he said.

Refrigeration

Bittle and Weis are also working with two-phase-flow capillary tubes for use in refrigeration.

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Edward Kolesar, the Moncrief professor of engineering, is involved with the reproduction of a video image of a robot's electronically sensitive fingertip. The highest raised row of columns represents the area the robot's fingertip microchip is pressing against the hardest. The other slightly raised columns represent areas of the chip that are touched lightly. Unraised squares represent areas not contacted by the robot's fingertip. By looking at the video image, the person operating the robot can tell what surfaces are beneath the robot's fingertip and can move its hand accordingly. The word "taxel" is a combination Kolesar coined blending the words tactile and pixel, the dots that make up a picture on a video screen.



Shawna Blocker resigns position after six years on the job as a hall director

By Beth Wilson
SKIFF STAFF

For the first time in 11 years, Shawna Blocker will live off campus.

She traded life as an undergraduate in the dorms for her current position as a wife and mother running Moncrief Hall.

Blocker, the hall director for Moncrief Hall, answers phones, files paperwork, chats with residents, all with her 14-month-old daughter, Abigail, dancing at her feet. Students admire her daughter so much that Blocker can't walk with Abigail on campus without being stopped so students can coo at her.

But in May, Blocker's direct connection to TCU residential life and her six-year reign as hall director will come to an end as her family moves from a two-bedroom apartment in Moncrief Hall and into a house.

"Perhaps, I'll go to bed earlier," she said.

Blocker graduated from TCU in 1992 with a degree in interior design. As a senior, she said she realized she wanted more personal interaction than a job in her major would allow.

She was a resident assistant and was approached about an opening for a hall director position. She applied, got the job and has been here ever since 1992.

She was hall director in Wiggins Hall for three years and then moved to Moncrief, which was more than a change of location, she said. She had recently been married and her husband, Gordon, moved into the apartment with her.

Blocker said he was the one who prepared the family for the move off campus. They were ready to "grasp a normal lifestyle," she said.

"(Being a hall director) is a stress to us as a family but the rewards outweigh that," she said.

Blocker said her job gives her the opportunity to invest in people's lives and build relationships. She also enjoys the flexibility of the job, interacting with all of the residents and being able to have Abigail by her side.

Bryan Goudelock, a sophomore premajor and resident assistant in Moncrief Hall, said it has been a great privilege to work with Blocker. He said balancing a family and work never seemed to be a problem for her.

"It is neat to see her handle her family," he said.

He said he likes the family environment Blocker brings to Moncrief.

Blocker said she will miss almost everything about being a hall director.

"I won't miss the stress of a full-time job and living on a college campus," she said.

Neither Blocker nor her husband have lived in a residence of their own and both are looking forward to it.

Gordon Blocker, a 1995 graduate, lived in Clark Hall before moving into Moncrief Hall. He said he is ready to play basketball in his own driveway, mow his own lawn, have his own garage and stop paying for laundry.

Gordon Blocker said he will miss the fast-paced atmosphere



Moncrief Hall hall director Shawna Blocker plays with her daughter, Abigail, on Tuesday. This is the final semester Blocker will serve as hall director since 1992.

and being near to the students, but said he is ready for a simple life.

"(There are) so many people living in a tight community with so much to do," he said.

As a hall director, Blocker said she has had many different roles, including disciplinarian, building manager, counselor, administrator, adviser and friend.

"It's difficult to balance between (being a) friend and a disciplinarian," she said.

But it is important to know what is best for the students, even if it is getting them in trouble, she said.

Majin Sierra, a senior engineer-

ing major and resident assistant in Moncrief Hall, said he was not surprised by Blocker's decision to move.

"It is a logical step," Sierra said. The Blockers plan to move within about two miles of campus. Gordon Blocker said he will recruit students to help them move in May and is expecting them to visit throughout the year.

Both Blockers agreed that the move will be a change and an emotional adjustment.

"God will take care of us, like he always has," Gordon Blocker said.

IRAQ

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willing to take the responsibility of following up on its' actions, regardless of whether it bombs Iraq or just tries to revamp Iraq's government.

"As long as (Hussein) is in power, there are going to be conflicts like this," McDorman said.

Ralph Carter, an associate professor of political science, said the Clinton administration is trying to end the crisis, but the solution to the problem is still unclear.

"I don't think what the Clinton administration is doing can solve the problem, but I don't know what the Clinton administration can do," he said.

Geoff Dale, a sophomore computer science major, said although he does not believe a military conflict is a good course of action, the United States still needs to be careful.

"I am not in favor of a conflict, but we should not let our guard down to Saddam Hussein," he said.

The timely coincidence of the current situation with Iraq and the Clinton sex scandals leaves many members of the TCU community wondering if the military actions are motivated by political and economic interest or if they are just a diversion tactic.

Franklin said he thinks that the situation has great timing with the Clinton scandals, and that that may be the reason for the current action.

"We could have gone and done this at anytime, but now is a good time," he said.

Carter said he thinks the timing of the sex scandals and the situation with Iraq is pure coincidence, not a diversion tactic.

"I think they coincidentally happened at the same time," he said. "(Clinton) has used force before, and it's appropriate to do so again."

Some members of the TCU com-

munity said they think the actions of the Clinton administration will not be supported abroad.

Mark Gilderhus, chairman of the history department, said although the United States is seeking support from Russia and the Arab states, it has not received the help it is looking for.

"The conditions now are different than those of the Gulf War," Gilderhus said. "Yeltsin and Russia have said, 'You better not do it.' There has not been much success of gaining support from other Arab states."

The recent standoffs do not warrant military force, said Russian officials, supported by China and France, in the January issue of the *Economist*. Russia has expressed its feelings against the United States' actions.

Iraq has been trying to gain support from its Arab neighbors, urging them not to let the United States use their territory for staging air attacks.

Government officials from Bahrain, an island that was part of the Persian Gulf War coalition, said Tuesday they will not let the United States use their land.

Manochehr Dorraj, an associate professor of political science, said the military plans and actions of the United States will not be good for long-term foreign policy. He gave a few possible negative outcomes if the United States proceed with military action.

"The first is having a negative impact on the peace process in the Middle East," he said. "These actions could also result in the strengthening of Muslim extremists. Another fallout would be a lot of collateral damage done in the killing of innocent Iraqis. Finally, the bombardment may not do its job."

Online classes offered to students

Students from across U.S. can receive feedback from peers

By Yumiko Shibata
STAFF REPORTER

In order to accommodate the growing popularity of computers and the need for classes by people who are far away or physically disabled, the Office of Extended Education is expanding its online classes.

The office will continue its program from last year and offer three classes through the Internet that will begin in March, said Diane Lovin, coordinator of professional and community service.

The classes offered are Healing Words, a course to discover how to express feelings through writing; History of Fort Worth, an animated lecture series using interactive materials; and Writer's Electronic Workshop, in which students post their writings online and receive feedback from classmates.

The students will use class home pages to communicate with the instructors and classmates instead of meeting in a classroom at a certain time.

Lovin said she is currently testing an online chat room for the three classes.

The first class, the electronic workshop, will start within three weeks. The History of Fort Worth is scheduled to start at the beginning of April.

Registration for the classes, which have a maximum of 20 students, has not started yet. Anyone with regular access to a computer can register, but some classes may require at least a ninth grade education, she said.

The classes' prices and schedules will be announced on the office's home page at <http://gamma.is.tcu.edu/ced> around the beginning of March, she said.

The classes will use either a Web board or a chat room, sometimes both, for posting questions, opinions and critiques, she said. Because of the Internet's convenience, the students can review and study at home.

"Some people think (the Internet class) is too impersonal because they cannot see the instructor's or other students' faces," Lovin said.

But this can be an advantage, too, she said. Online classes make it easy for people who feel uncomfortable sharing their writing with others in a classroom setting, she said.

"Actually, people notice that they can get to know others more than they thought," Lovin said. "The Internet class can be more personal if (the students) want."

The office provided its first two online writing classes last year, she said.

Lovin said the first two people who registered last year were from New York and Las Vegas, supporting the fact that students do not need to be in the same location.

Lovin said about 12 people took the Internet classes last year.

"(Those classes) were successful for the first class," Lovin said.

Lovin said she wants to add one or two classes each semester, continually extending Internet education.

Gary Studdard, the instructor of the History of Fort Worth class, said his class's Web page will include links for references such as old maps of Fort Worth and Tarrant County.

He said he can show materials through the Internet that he can not show in a classroom.

The History of Fort Worth class is a cooperative effort with Amon Carter Museum, from which he got permission to use some of the learning materials, he said.

He said this class would be valuable for natives of Fort Worth.

"I am a native of Fort Worth, and I thought I knew everything about Fort Worth," Studdard said. "People asked me questions about (the city) and I didn't know, so I decided to find out."

TAGER-TV contributes to campus events and classes

By Nicole Edwards
STAFF REPORTER

A small concrete building near the Bass Building may not be often recognized for its contributions to campus, but inside is the major source for on-campus TV programming.

House of Student Representatives meetings, the Neeley News and the TCU bulletin board are all controlled by the television studio on campus called TAGER Television.

TAGER-TV is a part of TAGER Television Network and the Alliance for Higher Education of North Texas. The network serves institutions in the Dallas and Fort Worth areas.

The studio, formerly known as The Association of Graduate Education and Research, now works with the instructional services program located in the library and produces instructional videos for professors and their students.

The studio works with three cameras that are controlled by remote. TAGER also uses satellite dishes to download programs for teleconferencing programs.

Deana Muirheid, coordinator of the TAGER-TV studio, said the studio works closely with the M.J. Neeley School of Business and the House of Student Representatives.

"We are the head end of the campus cable system," she said.

TAGER is responsible for producing tapes of marketing presentations and for taping role-playing activities for social work classes. It also

produces tapes for the design and merchandising department, classroom discussions and special events like an upcoming spring dance concert, Muirheid said.

Roscoe Compton, a freshman premajor who works for the studio, said the experience he will get by working at TAGER could help his job search after college.

"The first-hand experience you get here prepares you for the real world," he said.

Students who work at the studio gain vital computer skills and experience dealing with different types of people on a daily basis, said Compton, who is one of seven students employed by TAGER.

Many radio-TV-film majors have worked for the studio, but employment opportunities are not limited to them.

"We have had lots of radio-TV-film majors working here, but anybody is welcome to join us," Muirheid said.

Although many students are unaware of the benefits of working for TAGER, TCU faculty and staff use their services quite extensively.

Phyllis Bodie, the programming coordinator for Campus Life, said using TAGER's services is a great way to promote university programs.

The television studio is open to any faculty or university-recognized organization requesting a taped event.

The rights of the program are given to the faculty and organizations and are copied for \$2 or \$3.

CLASSES

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room extension.

"There are certain fields of study that lend themselves to self-paced, Web-based instruction (more) than others," Koehler said.

He said he supports an education that incorporates the Web within the classroom. He said the classroom creates an environment where students learn to interact with others and learn how to work with diverse individuals.

"Faculty assist and guide students

in learning," he said. "I think there's a great value in students learning together."

Jones said the traditional class structure will not be taken over by the Internet because education is personalized in the classroom.

Chun-Wei Cheah, a senior radio-TV-film major, said the Web allows students to apply the knowledge they have learned in the class.

Cheah said he favors a class that utilizes the Web as long as there are

sufficient stipulations and guidelines for students.

"I advocate the use of the Internet, but everything is open to abuse," he said.

He said students shouldn't rely strictly on the Internet for their education. He believes human interaction contributes to a healthy and well-rounded education.

"When a person is deprived of human contact, they lose their identity," he said.

research and picking up new things. Plus, most of the research work is paid.

"I've definitely learned how little I know," he said.

Bachim just finished work on a rugged communications link for drilling applications. It is designed for communication in high-temperature situations, those with temperatures of 150 degrees Celsius and up.

Weiss said the caliber of the engineering department can be measured by the students involved in research projects.

Our shining glory is our students," he said.

RESEARCH

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A refrigerator cools its contents through a combination effort of capillary tubes and a compressor, Bittle said. The refrigerant, a substance such as freon, enters the tubes as a liquid and exits as a vapor, which is how the tubes get their name.

Chlorofluorocarbons, the ozone-depleting chemicals traditionally used in refrigerators and air conditioners, are being phased out in favor of alternative refrigerants that do not harm the ozone layer, Bittle said.

"What we're trying to find out is, 'How do the new refrigerants impact the performance of refrigera-

tion equipment?'" he said.

Bittle said engineering students built the test facility, which is a simulated household refrigerator, and are incorporating the data gathered into software.

Student Research

Brent Bachim, a sophomore engineering major with an electrical emphasis, said working on professors' research projects is a good way to apply what he had learned.

"When I started last summer I had no idea what optical fibers were, but I've learned since," he said. "For this job, I'm constantly doing

College News Digest

Two Tucson men shot at University of Arizona sorority event

TUCSON, Ariz. — Two Tucson men were shot late Friday night when an argument at a University of Arizona sorority-sponsored dance escalated into gunfire outside the student union building.

No one was seriously injured, and university police arrested two alleged shooters minutes later.

A University of Arizona Police Department officer working off-duty at the Delta Sigma Theta dance reported shots fired outside the building about midnight, and witnesses told police they saw two men flee from the scene in an older-model American car, said Cmdr. Brian Seastone, a university police spokesman.

Seastone said the two victims, both Tucson residents, were taken to University Medical Center, treated for wounds to the leg and foot and then released.

Neither the victims nor the alleged shooters are students, and the incident appears to be gang-related, Seastone said.

It was not known how the non-students got into the party or if they were supposed to be there, Seastone said.

—Arizona Daily Wildcat
University of Arizona

Penn State student dies in alcohol-related accident

STATE COLLEGE, Penn. — Alcohol was determined as the contributing factor in the Sunday death of Penn State University student Joseph A. Bettinger, according to a State College Police Department news release.

The cause of death was listed as a "closed head injury due to a fall while intoxicated," said forensic pathologist

Isidore Mihalakis of Lehigh Valley Medical Center.

Witnesses in the area told State College police Bettinger appeared to be intoxicated and had been walking backward on the sidewalk when he fell to the ground, according to a previous release.

Bettinger's blood alcohol content was 0.24 percent, according to the release, which is more than two times higher than the legal limit.

—Daily Collegian
Penn State University

Violence could have been avoided, report states

BERKELEY, Calif. — A violent confrontation between student protesters and University of California police last year could have been avoided had officers used better judgment, according to a confidential report authored by a university-retained attorney and obtained by *The Daily Californian*.

A decision by the police to remove the protesters' backpacks and subsequently refuse to return them figured prominently in rousing the protesters to charge through police lines to retrieve their personal property, the report found.

The document, written by attorney Gregory Fox at the request of the university's Police Review Board, stated that the police's decision to hold the students' backpacks escalated an already tense situation into violence.

The heated second confrontation over the backpacks resulted in officers using a combination of pepper spray and batons to subdue the raucous crowd.

—The Daily Californian
University of California, Berkeley

WAC

Collins receives player of week honors

Senior right-handed pitcher Heath Collins was named the WAC Player of the Week for the week of Feb. 9-15.

Collins, a Lake Jackson native, played in two games, pitched 9 1/3 innings and allowed three runs, two earned, on seven hits. Against No. 17 Texas Tech, Collins pitched 2.2 innings of relief, allowed no runs on two hits and recorded the win.

In a 7-6 win over Southwest Texas State, he gave up two earned runs on five hits, struck out six and tallied his second win of the week.

Baseball

Harry Caray remains in critical condition

RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif. — Longtime Chicago Cubs broadcaster Harry Caray remained unconscious and in critical condition Tuesday, and a spokesman said the family is "hoping for another miracle." "Things do not look good," Bill Wills said. "However, in Harry's past, there have been many times when things did not look good for recovery, and he's beaten them every time."

Tests taken at Eisenhower Medical Center, where the 78-year-old Caray was taken following a fall at a night club Saturday night, revealed that the "prognosis for functional recovery is poor," Wills said, quoting doctors.

"The medical terminology for this is hypoxic ischemic encephalopathy — doctors call it HIE," Wills said. "Harry's condition continues as critical; his body signs continue to be stable."

Caray collapsed Saturday night after his heart suddenly changed rhythm, which seriously affected his circulation and the supply of oxygen to his brain.

The Hall of Fame broadcaster has been unconscious and breathing with the help of a ventilator since being admitted to the hospital, Wills said.

Olympic Update:

WOMEN'S HOCKEY:

The U.S. women's team, with an emotional 3-1 victory over arch rival Canada, captured the first Olympic hockey gold for women. The Canadians took the silver, and Finland captured the bronze medal by knocking off China 4-1.

AERIALS: The morning after the hockey upset, U.S. freestyle skier Nikki Stone collected some gold herself.

SHORT-TRACK SPEEDSKATING:

South Korea claimed its first two medals of the games, with Kim Dong-sung winning the men's 1,000-meter and its relay team taking the 3,000-meter race. China was second and Canada third in the relay.

MEN'S HOCKEY:

The single-elimination quarterfinals begin Wednesday. The matchups: the United States (1-2) against the Czech Republic (2-1); the undefeated Canadians, the team to beat, against Kazakhstan (0-3); Russia (3-0) against Belarus (0-3); and defending gold medalist Sweden (2-1) against Finland (1-2).

SPEEDSKATING:

Another day, another world record, another Dutch gold medal — their fourth in eight races in Nagano. Gianni Romme took his second gold of the games in the men's 10,000 meters, slicing a stunning 15 seconds off the old world mark.

Romme's victory capped a Dutch sweep as Bob de Jong and Rintje Ritsma took the next two spots.

BIATHLON: It hasn't happened since the last Japanese-hosted Olympics in 1972 — the postponement of a biathlon race after it started. But Tuesday the ski and shoot competition was called off after 40 minutes as fog and snow obscured the targets in the 10-kilometer race.

The race was rescheduled for Wednesday (Tuesday night CST).

Singles play saves match

Doubles lose, singles win first contest of season

By Rusty Simmons
SKIFF STAFF

For four of the top six of TCU's men's tennis team seeds, Saturday's match with Rice was their first collegiate spring match. With six consecutive singles wins, the Horned Frog squad assured that their first match would be their first victory.

After the two doubles squads of freshmen Esteban Carril and Martin Jirak and Jaideep Shetty and Scott Eddins lost matches to give the doubles point over to Rice, the entire team responded in the singles matches.

"We had prepared for a long time, so we were a little disappointed that we lost the doubles point," Jirak said. "But we came up with a great effort to bounce back and win all six singles matches."

A great effort is an understatement of how TCU responded to the doubles point loss. The six top seeds, as well as the two practice match participants, all won their respective singles matches. Freshman Mike Leonard, sophomore Matt Bere, freshman Trace Fielding, and senior Matt Walsh said

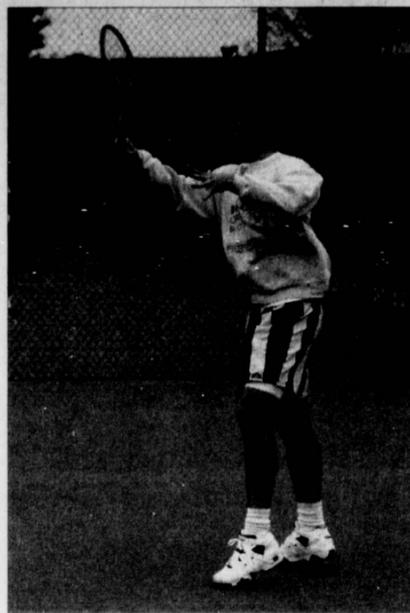
sets, but in the end, he overcame Rice's Robert Collins.

Carril and Jirak each added victories over Rice's Efe Ustundag and Naishon Arafu respectively, but both needed a first set tie breaker to do so. Eddins had the easiest match, beating Darin Mast (6-4, 6-4).

Throughout the six singles matches TCU won 81 games to Rice's 50. This a far cry from the doubles where Rice won 20 of the 38 games.

"In the doubles they got a lot of first serves and did a good job of returning our serves," Jirak said. "We played a lot better in the singles."

TCU will have a chance to improve on its current (1-0) mark against heavily touted Arkansas this weekend. The Horned Frogs will travel to Arkansas' indoor courts to compete with the Razorbacks on Friday.



Freshman Esteban Carril, shown here in practice last week, won his singles match in the meet vs. Rice on Saturday.

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— Martin Jirak, freshman

the matches were impressive.

Leonard said that Bere showed great poise in beating Rice's "wiley" Sasha Silver who hit a ball with constant erratic spins. Leonard added that Walsh won his match with a heavy dose of quality serve and volley play. Fielding went through three tough

More than statistics

Manning recognized for contributions to sport, community

FORT WORTH — In a professional sports environment filled with average athletes accepting above-average salaries, it's nice to find some players who realize sports isn't all about money.

The Davey O'Brien award annually recognizes athletes, specifically college quarterbacks, who fit this criteria. O'Brien, nicknamed "Little Davey"

because of his small 5-foot-7-inch, 150-pound frame, was the quarterback of TCU's 1938 National Championship football team. He was the first college athlete to win the Heisman, Walter Camp and Maxwell trophies in one season.

Monday at the Fort Worth Club, the award named after the former Horned Frog was presented to Payton Manning of the University of Tennessee.

"It means a great deal just to be a part of this great fraternity of quarterbacks who have won the award in years past," Manning said on KTCU's live coverage. "It's a special honor."

The story of Manning is well documented. After contemplating whether or not to turn pro after his junior year, Manning decided to stay at Tennessee. He already had his degree in three years, but he felt like some of the team goals hadn't been achieved.

"I came back to create a lot of memories for myself," Manning said with a smile. "We won an SEC Championship that was special and made it all worthwhile, but I came back just to have a lot of fun in college."

"It's created memories that no amount of money in the world could buy back."

When Manning talks like that you know he's telling the truth. It wasn't the Heisman or any individual awards that kept Manning in school. He wanted to win a

National Title, but more importantly he wanted to be a senior.

"A lot of people told Payton it was too much of a gamble getting hurt and he should go ahead and come out and that he would have been the first pick last year," Archie Manning, Payton's father, said. "I think Payton just wanted to be a senior and enjoy college for one more year."

Ryan Leaf, a junior quarterback at Washington State and a Davey O'Brien Award Finalist, decided to forgo his senior year and make himself eligible for the draft.

"I think that you go to college to get an education and become financially secure," said Mike Price, Washington State head coach. "I think he's going to be financially secure and he's only 16 (semester) hours from graduation, so he can graduate eventually."

Leaf, who led his Cougar team to its first Rose Bowl in 67 years, made a decision based on what he felt was best for his future. It's difficult to blame him for doing that.

"I didn't make the decision until the night after the Rose Bowl," Leaf said. "I talked to my coach and we felt like I had accomplished as much as I could and my next challenge was the NFL."

The other 1997 finalist was Cade McNown, who will return for his senior year at UCLA. McNown led the Bruins to nine straight wins after dropping the first two games of the season. This is a guy who clearly enjoys competing and playing football.

"Awards aren't a big priority to me," McNown said. "That's nice that everybody talks like that but when you get down to it you have to go out there and perform and be part of a team. That's what I love about football is being part of a team."

For the past winners, the awards ceremony was a chance to talk to friends and colleagues and bring

back old football memories.

"When you have four years of memories, it seems like every year something special was happening," said Danny Wuerffel, a back-to-back winner of the award in 1995-96. "I remember my sophomore year and coming back from behind to beat Alabama, and anytime you beat Florida State that has to be special and fortunately we did that a couple of times."

Most of the past winners who attended Monday night's function have had or are having good NFL careers. One player that didn't make the impact he had hoped on the gridiron after college is making an impact on the youth of America. O'Brien Award winner from 1987 Don McPherson from Syracuse University played in the Sugar Bowl in 1988 but struggled once he was drafted to play professionally, so he has put his efforts toward a worthy cause in New York.

"I've spent many years running programs in New York for kids, working with kids and talking about the benefits of athletics and the importance of education," said the soft-spoken McPherson. "I talked about the importance of using education to stay away from things like drugs, alcohol and substance abuse."

McPherson and the majority of the Davey O'Brien Award winners are examples of athletes who use their popularity to help others. The O'Brien Award isn't just about on-field accomplishments but is also about scholarship and academic standing and the leadership and ability to inspire others.

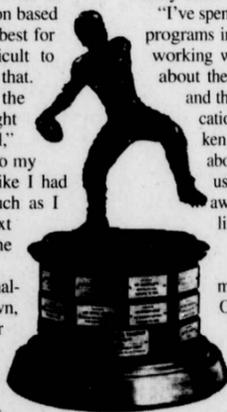
TCU should be proud that such a prestigious and national award based on something more than statistics is named after one of the great quarterbacks in Horned Frog football history.

Richard Durrett is a senior radio-TV-film major from Montreal, Canada.

Commentary



RICHARD DURRETT



Frogs putt well with top-ranked schools

By Wendy Bogema
SPORTS EDITOR

The second-ranked (Golfweek Top 25) TCU men's golf team placed second in its first tournament of the spring at the Eighth Annual Taylor Made/Waikoloa Big Island Intercollegiate in Kona, Hawaii.

The tournament was held Feb. 13-15, featured 25 other teams and was played on two different courses.

The teams were divided into two groups, and the first group, which included TCU, played the first round on the beach course and the second and third rounds on the King's course.

The beach course is a par-70, and the Frogs shot four under for that day, placing them sixth. Head coach Bill Montigel said the first day the weather was good, but it was in the second and third rounds they played their best golf because they managed to shoot low scores in worse conditions.

Senior J.J. Henry said the tournament was an interesting change of pace because the beach course was along the ocean and the King's course consisted of fairways between lava.

In the second round, the Frogs shot 3-over-par on the par-72 King's course and moved into fourth place. They shot even par in the final round, which was the best team score for that day, and finished second.

"As a whole, we played pretty good," Henry said. "It's nice to get off to a good start and, out of 25 teams, to finish second will hopefully give us momentum to help carry us through the spring."

Junior Grady Girard's consistent play kept the Frogs in the hunt. He was 2-under-par for the tournament and finished in a tie for fifth place.

Henry improved his score each day culminating in a final round 69 to put him in a ninth place tie for the tournament. On the last nine holes of the final round, Henry shot 5-under-par.

One other golfer, sophomore Sal Spallone, finished in the top 25; he

was tied for 23rd.

Freshman Scott Volpitto tied for 46th and junior Greg Sands tied for 63rd.

Montigel said he was proud of the way the team played among some of the country's best teams with windy conditions in the last two rounds.

Junior All-American Alberto Ochoa did not compete in this tournament. Montigel said Ochoa was scheduled to go but decided to stay back and take a couple of lessons because he felt he wasn't playing well.

Out of the 25 teams that competed in the tournament, 10 are ranked and five are WAC schools.

The tournament was won by the No. 1-ranked University of Nevada-Las Vegas. Montigel said UNLV is a strong team and will probably remain No. 1 for a long time.

Henry said the team wanted to play well in the tournament and hoped for a win.

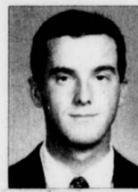
"We were just going in hoping to play good," Henry said. "Golf is the type of sport where if you win 10 percent of the time, you're the best team."

The top five finishers in the tournament are all ranked. Eighth-ranked University of Arkansas finished third, third-ranked Georgia Tech finished fourth and ninth-ranked University of Georgia finished fifth.

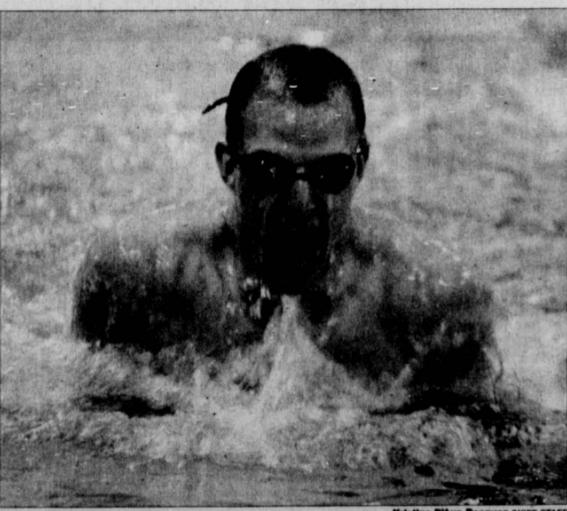
Besides TCU and UNLV, the other WAC schools represented were No. 24 University of Texas-El Paso, which tied for sixth, Southern Methodist University, which tied for 12th, and the University of Hawai'i, which tied for 19th.

Several South Pacific universities also competed in the tournament, including Korea University, which finished 23rd, and Japan's Nihon University, which finished second to TCU in last fall's Topy Cup tournament in Japan and tied for 19th in this tournament.

TCU ended the fall season with a win at the 1997 Golf World/Palmetto Dunes Collegiate tournament held Nov. 14-16 in Hilton Head, S.C. With a strong finish last fall and a strong beginning to the spring, Montigel said if the team members stay healthy and continue to work hard, they have a chance for a successful season.



Grady Girard



Senior Jason Flint swims the breaststroke in practice; he placed first in the 200-yard breaststroke in Friday's meet.

Frogs lapped by Longhorns in meet

By Katy Graham
STAFF REPORTER

The men's swimming and diving team was narrowly defeated by the University of Texas on Friday 118-97 in the last dual meet of the season.

Head coach Richard Sybesma said he was pleased with the performance of the Horned Frogs, currently ranked 28th in the nation, against the second-ranked Longhorns.

With SuperFrog dancing and cheering for the team, the men captured second place in the first event, the 400-yard relay medley. The relay team consisted of freshman Mike Wills, sophomore Brent Hendrix and juniors Jason Flint and Mischa Sommerville.

Senior diver Adam Knippa placed second in both the 1-meter and 3-meter dive, while junior,

Kevin Saal earned fourth in the 1-meter and third in the 3-meter. Diving coach Wayne Chester said he was impressed with both Knippa and Saal.

"The divers did really well," he said. "They were a little tired from the week because they had had a meet against SMU, but overall they dove well."

First place honors were captured by senior Chuck Rogers in the 200-yard backstroke and Flint in the 200-yard breaststroke. Rogers, who had not competed in a backstroke event since his freshman year, said he was surprised at his win.

"It was the most memorable swim of my life," Rogers said. "I went in and didn't know what to expect. While it was happening, I couldn't tell how I was doing, so it was kind of a big shock when I realized I had won. I thought it was

a mistake at first."

Rogers also placed second in the 200-yard freestyle, and freshman Ryan Mammarella earned third in the same event. Mammarella also earned third in the 100-yard freestyle, and sophomore Adrian Velasquez was fourth.

Freshman Pat Tuohy finished second in the 500-yard freestyle, and freshman Julio Acevedo placed third in the same race. Sophomore Cedric Owens won second place in the 200-yard breaststroke and third in the 200-yard individual medley.

A team made up of Rogers, Velasquez, Mammarella and Sommerville earned first-place points in the 400-yard freestyle swim. Senior Rodrigo Segura finished third in the 200-yard butterfly, and sophomore Brian Kirkpatrick placed fourth.

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