## Pulse

## Campus

Student escapes harm in attempted mugging A male TCU student returning to his dorm after parking his car on Bellaire Drive North was approached by two men who told him to give up his wallet Tuesday night, according to Campus Police Det. Kelly Ham.

Ham said two other men got out of the blue Ford Thunderbird they were driving and pointed either a shotgun or a rifle at the student, who they can to his down

who then ran to his dorm.

The student did not give the men his wallet and was not injured during the incident.

Ham said the incident is not

thought to have any connection to the rape which occurred early Wednesday morning and it is probably a coincidence that the two events took place the same

Ham said there are currently no suspects in the attempt-

## Awards to be given at Greek banquet

Order of Omega will hold its annual Greek awards banquet at 7 p.m. today in the Student Center Ballroom.

Awards will be presented to chapters for scholarship and community service, and a male and female member from each class will be awarded for outstanding Greek member-

ship.

Some faculty and chapter advisors will also be recognized at the banquet.

Chancellor William E.

Tucker will present some awards, along with officers from Order of Omega, Panhellenic Council and Interfraternity Council.

Chapters can bring up to 20 members to the banquet. Admission and meal cost \$5 and can be charged to the meal

Students can contact the Fraternity and Sorority Affairs office at 921-7281 for more information.

## State

Boy's eyes gouged during school fight DALLAS (AP) — The fight had turned nasty and several high school boys had Jason Prickett pinned to the ground in a field behind Chuck E. Cheese's.

Then he saw the enraged face of one boy staring straight at him, Jason's friend Denton Inman said Wednesday.

"You better remember my face, because this is the last thing you're ever going to see," the boy said, before ripping into Jason's eyes with fingers stiffened into

Inman described the fight while waiting for Jason to get out of Parkland hospital, where he was taken after he was intentionally blinded early Sunday morning.

Iason, released

Wednesday, can distinguish light from dark, but is legalblind, his mother told The Dallas Morning News.

A hospital spokeswoman said Jason's doctor would not comment on the boy's

A 16-year-old high school varsity wrestler was arrested Monday and remained in juvenile custody Wednesday on a felony aggravated assault charge, Richardson police spokesman Steve Upchurch said.

According to police, Prickett, a junior high school dropout and reputed gang member, had gone to the field with a friend who had scheduled a showdown with another teen over the affec-

Inman and other youths waiting for Jason to leave the hospital said police have miscast them as gang mem-bers. They said they are members of a loose-knit group of about 120 people called "3P" that has parties but no gang characteristics but no gang characteristics like hand signs and identify-



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Did the Frogs strike out against UTA?

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Don Mills (left), vice chancellor for student affairs, addresses questions from local media at a Wednesday afternoon press conference regarding the sexual assault near campus.

## Rape near campus ncreases concerns

A 20-year-old Tarrant County Junior College student was sexually assaulted in her home at about 4 a.m. Wednesday by a man police believe raped two TCU students earlier this

The TCJC student, who lived with a TCU student in a one-story garage apartment on Cockrell Avenue, did not suffer injuries besides the rape.

In a press conference held Wednesday afternoon, Lt. Mark Krey, public information officer for the Fort Worth Police Department, said both roommates were home in separate rooms when the man entered their

He said the TCU student waited until the man left to call the police because she believed she would make the situation worse if he knew she was calling.

"The roommate knew that an assault was taking place, but she was fearful that if she made any moves or took action she would put her roommate in greater danger than she already was," he said.

Krey said police have reason to believe the suspect is the same person who attempted one rape and committed two in the TCU area in January

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## House members address problems

Lawlor says she's aware of dissatisfaction

By Aimée Courtice

In light of recent controversy surrounding parliamentary procedure and constitutionality issues during House of Student Representatives meetings, many House members agree the future effectiveness of House will require all House members to be more knowledgeable about

#### House of student representatives

House's rules and documents.

Diana Munro, a Jarvis Hall representative, said members' lack of understanding of House procedures cause House meetings to be disruptive and confusing.

"I would like to see all executive officers know parliamentary procedure," she said. "It's not only the parliamentarian's responsibility. Representatives should have a general understanding but the officers should know the details.'

Scott Taylor, a Clark Hall representative, said parliamentary procedure needs to be followed more closely and the job of the parliamentarian is to keep meetings running smoothly.

House President Shana Lawlor said she is aware of the dissatisfaction among House members and she said the situation will improve next

"(House members') concerns are important," she said. "I personally will do all I can to improve how House meetings run."

Chris Brooks, House parliamentarian, said parliamentary procedure this semester was not any worse than it has been in the past.

"House is just not as educated about parliamentary procedure as it

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## Residents gather to discuss safety

About 40 residents of Westcliff Manor apartments, 3481 South Hills Ave., met in their clubhouse Wednesday night for a crime prevention meeting to discuss the recent attacks in the TCU area and ways residents can protect themselves against

Fort Worth Police courtesy officer J.A. Jenson, who lives at Westcliff Manor and frequently patrols the premises, discussed with residents the latest information about the attack that occurred on Cockrell Avenue Wednesday morning and followed with general suggestions and time for questions about crime con-

An assault, believed to be unrelated to the incident Wednesday, occurred early in the morning on April 13 in the complex. Suspects were arrested and charged April 14 for unrelated offenses and were later released Jenson said.

A TCU student who was a resident of the complex was unharmed in the

Officer Dewayne Goings, a neighborhood police officer with the Fort Worth Police Department, joined of their surroundings and make an effort to get to know their neighbors.

"Students, whether living in the dorm or in an apartment, we just can't stress enough to be aware of your surroundings," Goings said. "(Attackers) can live in your dorm; they can be right next to you. I'm not saying to suspect everybody, just get to know

Jenson said the attacker in the incidents in January and February, who is also believed to have been the rapist in Wednesday's incident, is very brazen and careful in his attacks.

"This guy is very bold and very practiced at what he's doing," he said. "He has had successes, so there's no reason that he would stop."

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Members of Cantatierra, a musical group that plays dancing music on instruments representative of its native Colombia, practices in Ed Landreth Auditorium on Monday.

# striking a Cultural

By Robyn Ross

The TCU community will host the first Latin American Music Festival today and Friday, presenting performers and composers from Mexico, Peru, Brazil, Argentina, Panama and Colombia.

The event, which showcases types of Latin American music that are less well-known than popular music, is the result of work by Germán Gutiérrez, director of orchestral studies and of the Center for Latin American Music. The idea for the festival came from a similar event

Gutiérrez worked with in Colorado, but he said TCU's festival is much bigger. The events are free to students.

The festival begins at 8 a.m. Thursday with a keynote address about Latin American music by

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## **Today's events**

8 a.m.: Keynote address by Enrique Arias of Depaul University at the PepsiCo Recital Hall

8 a.m.: "Overview of Latin American Music" at the Mary D. and F. Howard Walsh Center for Perfoming Arts

10:40 a.m.: Harpischord recital featuring Lidia Guerberof Hahn from Mexico at the PepsiCo Recital Hall

11 a.m.: Faculty chamber recital at the PepsiCo Recital

American folk music will be performed at the PepsiCo Recital Hall

3:15 p.m.: Wind Symphony concert at Ed Landreth

6:45 p.m.: "Meet the composer" featuring Luis Jorge Gonzales from Argentina at the PepsiCo Recital Hall 7:30 p.m.: Fort Worth Chamber Orchestra concert featur-ing bandoneon soloist Daniel Binelli. Call (817) 926-8831 for ticket information.

## Changes to allow rushees more choices regarding time

## Fraternities to put more individual work into fall recruitment

## By Kristina Jorgenson

Fall Rush 1998 for fraternities will be less structured and will require more effort from individual chapters following several problems with Fall Rush 1997, said Kevin Seelman, vice president of Rush for Interfraternity

The IFC Executive Board began to develop changes to Rush in January

after evaluating complaints that Fall Rush was too rigid for the rushees,

said Seelman, a junior finance major.
"We had realized there were problems," he said. "(Rush) was really structured to the minute. We had problems with guys not being in the right place at the right time, making it impossible to keep every guy accounted for."

The major changes for this year's Fall Rush, which will take place Aug. 18-24, will include an open format that will allow rushees to decide how long they want to stay at each fraternity house when rushi

IFC President Chad Cóok, a junior finance and real estate major, said allowing rushees the freedom to

schedule their own time to visit fraternities will ensure they will spend enough time at the chapters they are most interested in, Cook said.

"Guvs who knew where they were going didn't even want to be (at some houses)," Cook said. "Now you don't have to be in certain places at certain

With the changes, the first round of Rush will require rushees to visit every fraternity house, but the rushees themselves can determine how much time to stay at each one, Seelman

After rushees receive invitations to the second round of Rush from specific fraternities, they can choose which ones to attend, how many to

attend and how long they will attend each one. Seelman said.

Fraternities can use an off-campus facility in Fort Worth to host an alcohol-free party during the second round, Cook said.

Seelman said although IFC will still organize overall Rush plans, the changes place more responsibility on the chapters. In the past, IFC had specifically planned out and orga-

nized each day of Rush. "It shouldn't be IFC's responsibility to organize it to that level," Seelman said. "This is the best way

for the chapters that work the hardest to get the best members." Kappa Sigma President Trey Roberts, a junior marketing major,

said his chapter has already begun to plan for Fall Rush.

"In the past, it's been real struc-tured and real formal and put a lot of weight on IFC," Roberts said. "We're going to have to work harder.... Most of the time, we don't even think

about Rush by now."

Roberts said he is a little concerned the chapters may have to spend more money to hold a successful Rush since the second round events can be

held outside of the chapter houses. Fraternities will compete for the better facilities to rent out for the parties and may end up spending more, Roberts said.

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RAPE AGGRESSION DEFENSE classes will be held from 12-6 p.m. Saturday and 1-4 p.m. Sunday in the Waits Hall lobby. Call Kim at 920-4521 to register.

STUDENTS AND STAFF TRAVELING OVERSEAS this summer may buy international student identity cards at the ID card center, Student Center room 221.

TCU TRIANGLE will host a speaker from the Tarrant County Lesbian Gay Alliance at p.m. Sunday in the Wesley Foundation.



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Enrique Alberto Arias of DePaul University in the PepsiCo Recital

Harpist Lorenzo Gonzalez, who is from Paraguay, will play at lunchtime Thursday in the Student Center Lounge.

Thursday's final event will be a concert by the Fort Worth Chamber Orchestra at 7:30 p.m. in the Ed Landreth Auditorium. The program will feature music by Copland, Gonzalez, Revueltas, Piazzolla and

Ginastera. Students with IDs will be admitted free at the door on a space-available basis. Tickets for community members cost \$17 to

Gutiérrez said he is excited about the performances by Cantatierra, a folk group from his hometown in Colombia.

"They play dancing music on typical instruments and wear typical dress from Colombia," he said. "They're performing Friday afternoon and at the final concert, and it's going to be very beautiful."

Festival events on Friday begin at 8 a.m. with a lecture by David Appleby of Brazil, who will discuss "Music of Villa-Lobos, Bachianas Brasileras, Cellos and Others" in the PepsiCo Recital Hall. He will be followed by Alberto Arias, whose second lecture is about the music of Roque Cordero,

TCU's John Owings and Jose Feghali will give a live performance of "Duo for Two Pianos."

The TCU Symphony Orchestra will perform at 10 a.m. in Ed Landreth Auditorium.

The festival's grand finale will be a concert at 7:30 p.m. with the TCU Concert Chorale, Wind Symphony and Symphony Orchestra. The program includes world premieres by Válcarcel and work by Gonzalez, as well as performances by Raimi, a group that plays music from Peru and

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should have been," he said.

But Taylor also said representatives as well as executive cabinet members should shoulder some of the responsibility.

"Representatives need to take the initiative to learn about parliamentary procedure," he said.

Chris Frey, a Clark Hall representative, also said representatives should know more about how to conduct House business. "I feel that very few people knew

proper procedure, including myself," Taylor said the executive board

has been doing a better job with

keeping the representatives informed.

"There was a little tension with (Radovich's) resignation, but I think things are pretty much back to normal," he said.

Pete Radovich, former chairman of the Elections and Regulations Committee, resigned two weeks ago. He said his resignation was partially because Lawlor and other executive members did not adhere to the correct procedure during the April 7

Lawlor said she personally accepts responsibility for that meeting.

Lawlor said next semester she

wants to hold several orientation sessions for members to become comfortable with House's procedures.

Lawlor said a couple of orientations were planned for this semester. but due to time constraints, only one was held.

Brooks said he thinks only about one-fourth of all House members attended the orientation. He said he will advise Lawlor to make it mandatory next semester.

But Lawlor said the events in the latter part of the semester have unified executive and administrative cabinet members.

"We know where communication

is lacking and now that it is all out in the open and we're aware, we have a good place to start," she said.

Lawlor also said she thinks every administration faces obstacles, and her administration is no exception.

'I think every administration goes through hard times, and I think this was ours," she said.

Kenny Oubre, a Milton Daniel Hall representative, said Lawlor and other executive members are addressing miscommunication prob-

"All of exec is working hard," he said. "(Lawlor) is doing a pretty good job in dealing with the opposition.



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## TURN IT OFF

A week without TV would be catastrophic

OK, so there's this guy. He doesn't own a TV. He never has and doesn't ever want to. That's all fine and good.

But for the past four years, he has been trying to get the rest of us to give up our TV for a week. A whole WEEK. We would have to miss "The Simpsons" and "Jerry Springer" and all the rest of the quality programming that educates our youth and stimulates the mind of the entire nation.

The guy (whose name is Henry Labalme, by the way) says the reason he began "TV Turnoff Week" is because TV has replaced creativity, imagination and interaction with one's fellow human beings.

However, turning off the TV is definitely not the way to induce any of the aforementioned activities. In fact, TV does quite a lot in the way of increasing all those things.

Just think of all the ways "The Simpsons" quotes work themselves into our everyday lives. It takes some real creativity to get a Ralph Wiggum one-liner to apply to . . . a cheese sandwich, for instance. Every Sunday, families and groups of friends come together to watch the two hours of TV that begin with some of our favorite cartoon characters.

And Labalme would have us turn off our sets for seven days and miss this opportunity to bond with our loved ones!

And just think how much self-worth we all feel after finishing an episode of "Jerry Springer." Without show topics like "Surprise! I slept with your lesbian mother while attending a Nazi boot camp in Montana when I was still a man," students might not receive the self-assurance they need to continue with another day's studies.

And just think of all the great UPN and WB comedies like "The Tom Show" and "Smart Guy" that must be so sophisticated that we don't get the humor. Missing just one week of the tube may restrict our brains from developing the capacity to understand such broadcast genius.



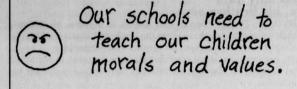
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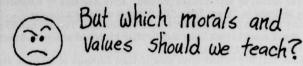
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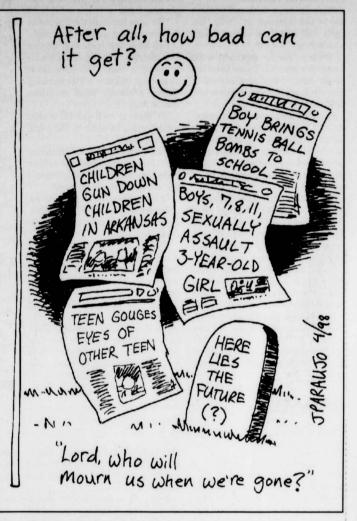
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## Improvement syllabus

## Summer homework assignment for new administration

et's not call this a farewell address, because next semester never knows

Spring is in full bloom. Sunny days are peeking around the corner. Summer will soon arrive with its circus of long, crazy-hot days and busy, sleepless nights.

Unfortunately, the fun doesn't stop

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summer's beginning. Most of us are leaving behind one semester to begin another, whether it be summer school, internships, "real"

iobs or a combination of all

Every summer, students waste their "vacations" working to save money for next semester's beer or taking classes in hopes of graduating within two years of the day they once naively planned. The lazy days of summer are no

If TCU students are working so

they can come back next fall, it's only fair that TCU be equally constructive. Before TCU starts implementing a fresh administration, it needs to address the complaints of the old one.

There are some things that need to be fixed up around here, and summer is the perfect time for belated spring cleaning. It's summer homework from the students to the school, and a great chance to start Michael Ferrari's chancellorship with a little pizazz. For Dr. Ferrari's convenience, I've included my entire syllabus:

•Parking improvement — This is one of the oldest (and loudest) complaints at TCU. There are two options: First, TCU could build a parking garage so more land doesn't have to be usurped for automotive rest-zones.

The second option is even easier: The TCU police should tear down all no parking signs within at least four blocks of school. It's not that TCU students can't find a place to park anymore. They just can't find a place to park that won't end up getting their car towed, booted or drowned in tick-

·Abolishment of classroom attendance requirements — This rule is too old-fashioned for an institute of higher learning. College is about prioritizing. If students can't figure out when they need to be in class and when they need to be doing better things, then ignorance should be their punish-

Docking points off students' final grades for absences is just like making younger students sit by the wall at recess for talking in class. Rules should serve a purpose, not a vendet-

•Revamping of Staples and TCU Bookstore format — At an institution like this, why not take being spoiled to a higher level? Students should be able to charge neglected necessities such as beer, cigarettes and good, oldfashioned pornography to gracious

 Scholarship expansion — Let's give a little back to those who give so much: TCU parents. With all the money that is allocated to fund cheezy club activities or House projects that never really pan out, it's obvious TCU loves to spend. Now let's invest in making TCU a little more affordable.

·Construction of a bar and club district down Berry Street - So much for the revitalization attempt. If we can't make the street safer and cleaner, let's make it sexier and more fun.

·Construction of an adventure course — Crossing University Drive, though a challenge, is no longer much of a threat. We need more casualties. Let's build a full-length obstacle course from the Main to the Moudy Building. It would make just as much sense as a busy street splitting a university campus.

•Extension of winter break — Wait, this one's rumored to be in the works. Hallelujah! Hallalejuah! Finally the Christian college gets a vacation to celebrate Christmas as long as the public universities.

·Limiting the number of hot girls at TCU - I'm getting sick of drool stains, hot flashes and whiplash. Besides, I can't afford any more cold showers. Let's end this once and for

all. Hot girls suck. However, if Dr. Ferrari is absent when this last assignment is due, I'm not going to dock him. He has to decide for himself what will be important next fall.

Michael Kruse is a junior advertising/public relations major from Overland Park, Kan.





## Being a student has its perks Year's end a good time to take advantage of TCU's benefits

The end of yet another semester here at TCU is rapid- one held this week to honor Chancellor and Mrs. Tucker, ly approaching, and there is reason to celebrate. We bid farewell to our chancellor and some old residence halls, while we welcome new ones

The basketball team played a great season. The sun is

shining and flowers are blooming. The end of the semester is a great time to re-evaluate some of the simple ways to take full advantage of being a student here and enjoying it - instead of whining about

all the crap we have to put up with Here are eight of my favorites:

1. "Lose" your student ID card. Pay \$10 to have a replacement made. You now have a way to get into movies for student prices for the next five to 10 years (depending on how young you look) even if you have to turn in one of your IDs upon graduation from TCU. This "ID" will have paid for itself in just three

or four movie tickets. 2. Sit outside more. This campus is well-maintained and very nicely landscaped. If they are going to pay someone to blow off every leaf that dares to lay on the sidewalk, you might as well get out there and

enjoy it. 3. If you are having difficulty with a class, by all means visit with your professor in his or her office before it is too late. We are lucky that this is a small school and that most of the faculty is readily accessible to students and willing

4. If the weather is absolutely gorgeous and you don't have a test or something else mandating that you must attend a class, skip it. It would probably be wise not to do this more than once or twice, but God did not create cloud-

This is not Harvard. There is no class here that is so dif-

free, 75-degree days for us to be confined in overly air-conditioned classrooms.

ficult that it cannot be skipped just once. 5. When they have those receptions on the lawn, like the

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The end of the semester is a great time to re-evaluate some of the simple ways to take full advantage of being a student here and enjoying it

there is a lot of free food, including big, soft chocolate

6. You can check your e-mail from almost any building

7. Despite the fact that TCU has only one monopoly, I

chip cookies and plump strawberries.

— instead of whining about all the crap we have to put up with at TCU.

mean bookstore, book sellback can be quite profitable if you are taking the right classes and manage to get over

there during the first part of the week. Sell those puppies Then take your wad of cash straight to Pappadeaux and

have the shrimp dinner you've been earning all semester. 8. If you are female and live in the Worth Hills area of campus and choose to walk to school on sunny day, you should walk home by cutting between Moncrief and the

There is a sand volleyball court. Sometimes men play on it. Sometimes it is too hot for them to play with shirts on. I believe I have said enough.

Congratulations! As a TCU student, you are entitled to

take advantage of all of these little perks, plus a few I have not mentioned in the interest of not having my name con-

You have to wonder how many more of those Monday at TCU high school seniors would end up as students here if they knew about this cool stuff.

Rachael Smiley is a junior art history major from

## RUSH

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Some 1997 rushees agreed there were problems with Rush.

Mark Boone, a freshman business major and member of Delta Tau Delta, said Fall Rush seemed some-

"It was so long . . . especially at the houses that you didn't want to be at," Boone said. "Most people kind of have an idea where they'll go (before

Jason Wooden, a freshman marketing major and Lambda Chi Alpha associate, said not only did rushees have to stay too long at some houses, but also rushees couldn't spend more time at the ones they wanted to know more about.

"It was kind of tough - staying (at some houses) and if you really liked another fraternity having to leave after 15 minutes," Wooden said. "If a chapter does well in rushing, then they deserve to have more rushees."

Boone said some chapters could post high fraternity Rush numbers while others could only draw a few rushees back to the second round.

Roberts said the increased competition to recruit rushees will be more

"It's going to increase competition severely" Roberts said. "That's what

Cook said the new system will reward chapters that put time into planning Rush.

"We want to reward the fraternities that are working harder," Cook said.

Fall Rush will open with another new initiative by having each fraternity set up a booth with information about their chapters at Programming Council's Howdy Week Activities Fair on Aug. 28.

IFC plans to work with PC to offer a band and a barbecue at the event, Seelman said

Vice President for Programming Carl Long, a sophomore history major, said he is excited that fraternities will participate in the event.

"Any opportunity to increase the understanding about all the other organizations on campus is beneficial," Long said.

Cook said he hopes this event will draw students who may not know much about the fraternity system or may not have been interested in it in

Also, Rho Chis, or fraternity members who disassociate from their fraternity during Rush in order to assist rushees, will earn \$100 for their service, and there will no longer have to be a certain number of them from each chapter, Seelman said.

# World Report

#### Nation

Ray has only days to live, his brother says

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - James Earl Ray is in a coma, his kidneys have shut down and doctors have given the confessed assassin of Martin Luther King Jr. only days to live, his brother said Wednesday.

Ray, 70, has been in critical condition since being taken to Nashville Memorial Hospital on Monday, but officials there refuse to discuss his

"The doctor, he says it looks real bad," Jerry Ray said by telephone from his home in Smartt, Tenn. "He thinks it could be a few days."

Jerry Ray said his brother has been in a coma since Tuesday morning and that doctors haven't been able to raise his blood pressure enough with medication to put Ray on dialysis. James Earl Ray suffers most notably from cirrhosis of the liver. He

has been in and out of the hospital more than a dozen times since December 1996. James Earl Ray is serving a 99-year prison sentence for King's 1968

slaying. He confessed but has been trying ever since to recant and get a

#### Grand jury might hear JonBenet Ramsey case

BOULDER, Colo. - The grand jury that could hear the JonBenet Ramsey case was chosen Wednesday after members answered questions about the investigation and the media - even though the prosecutor hasn't publicly decided whether to present the case.

District Attorney Alex Hunter said it was the first time a questionnaire had been used to choose a grand jury in Boulder County.

His spokeswoman, Suzanne Laurion, said that shouldn't be taken as "an indication that a decision has been made to present the case to the

But one legal analyst in the courtroom said the questionnaire and jurors' individual closed-door interviews with the judge point to an effort to prepare the panel for the high-profile Ramsey case.

"I get the sense from everything I heard this morning that there is a greater likelihood that this grand jury will hear the Ramsey case before they're done," said the analyst, Andrew Cohen, a lawyer who monitored the Oklahoma bombing trials for various media outlets.

#### State

Five mentally retarded women drown after van sinks in pond

GIDDINGS, Texas — The residents of a home for mentally retarded women were on their way to a workshop to learn skills that would help them lead more independent lives.

They never made it.

The van they were riding in got in an accident Tuesday and ended up in a murky pond. Five of the women drowned. One resident and a staff member were pulled from the vehicle by a man who was working across

Andy Hart, an oil field roustabout, plunged into the 8-foot-deep pond, found a door latch and pulled the two women to safety.

"All I could think of is, 'What if that was my brother or sister?" he

Hart, 19, said he didn't know anyone else was in the van. Emergency workers didn't realize the five others had been trapped until the van was

One of the survivors, 22-year-old staffer Tomeka Kelly, was in critical condition Wednesday. The other, 23-year-old Kristen Lindy, was listed in serious condition

## **ASSAULT**

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and February.

The suspect in each incident is a black male in his early 20s, who stands about 5 feet 10 inches tall and weighs 180 to 200 pounds. Victims have said he wears all black clothing, including a stocking-style mask, and carries a handgun.

The last assault occurred in the early morning hours of April 13, when another TCU student, was assaulted as she returned home to the Westcliff Manor Apartments on South Hills Avenue. The student was unable to determine the skin color of her attacker but said he wore a gray ski mask and carried a handgun. Krey said police do not think the man who attacked the student at Westcliff is the

man responsible for the latest assault. Krey said the victim in Wednesday's assault said she did not see a gun but felt a hard, cold object

pressed to her neck. Krey said none of the women who have been attacked have been able to get a good description of the attacker and no one has been identified as a suspect.

Krey said in each incident except the one at Westcliff Manor, the suspect was dressed in black, struck between midnight and 6 a.m., spoke to the victim in a conversational tone and left the scene on foot. He has entered the victims' residences through doors or through windows he has been able to open without breaking.

Thus far he has had to raise windows but not force locks," Krey said.

Krey said the rapist was probably not involved in an attempted mugging of a male TCU student that occurred on Bellaire Drive North on Tuesday

"If it is the same person, that would be dramatically different from how he normally operates," he said. "Normally he is very non-confrontational; he doesn't use a dramatic

amount of physical force. He uses more implied threats and a strong

On Wednesday evening, neighborhood police officer T.J. Chromaster visited houses across from Worth Hills to inform people of the assault and ask if they had seen any suspicious activity. He also distributed pamphlets about self-protection.

He said the door-to-door visits are part of an effort by Fort Worth police officers to heighten the safety awareness of residents in the TCU area.

"We're canvassing the area," Chromaster said. "If someone's not home tonight, we're going to come back tomorrow."

Aela Zamecki and Thomas Davenport, who both live on Cockrell Avenue near the victim's apartment, said they were awakened early Wednesday morning by a helicopter overhead and by police officers running through their yard.

"That's a good thing," Davenport said. "There was a police officer talking to our neighbors, and it feels nice to me that they're around. It seems like the community is coming together to protect each other."

Bart Gilley, who lives in the house immediately in front of the victim's garage apartment, said he talked to police officers sometime after the incident.

Gilley said police told him and his roommate, Jeff Detrich, that the attacker had used a screwdriver or similar instrument to pry open a window that had been painted shut but did not have a lock. Gilley said he thought prying a window open would have made a lot of noise.

"I know the girls slept with their windows open a lot," he said. "Whoever this was had to have known they were there. He knew their routine and that there was not much danger (for him)."

Cara Adams, who lives next door to the victim's apartment, said she heard only the helicopter hovering overhead.

"I'm not frightened, but I feel awful that this happened," she said. "It's traumatic: it's awful. I feel like I haven't been as good a neighbor as I should have."

Adams, Gilley and Detrich said they saw people moving the women's belongings out of the garage apartment Wednesday morning.

A TCU faculty member who lives on Cockrell Avenue said she found out about the rape as she was preparing to leave for work Wednesday morning.

She said she normally considers her neighborhood a safe one.

"We have a Citizens on Patrol group, and our neighborhood police officer comes to the meetings," she said. "It's not unusual to see a Fort Worth police car drive down the street.

"What's unnerving is that the vic-

tims all seem to be sought out," she said. "It doesn't seem to be a random accident, and the man seems to know escape routes.'

Krey said there is no way to determine whether the rape victim was stalked before the incident.

Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs, said while students need to be aware of safety concerns, there will probably not be another safety meeting on campus this semester.

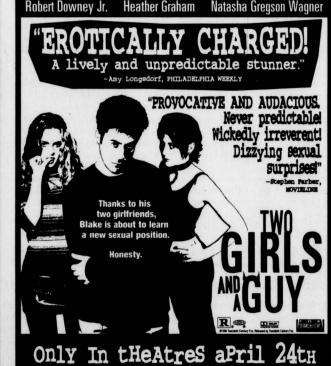
"We don't see a need because we don't have anything new to say," he said.

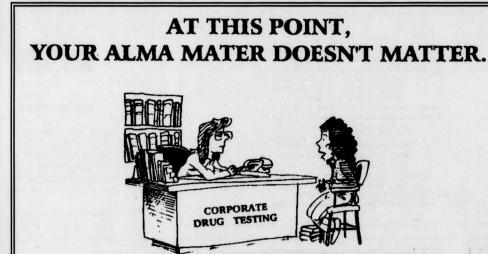
Campus Police Chief Steve McGee said warning fliers will be distributed to students and posted on campus. He said while TCU police do not regularly patrol the area where the rape occurred, officers regularly escort students to homes in the neighborhood.

Skiff Campus Editor Jeff Meddaugh contributed to this report.



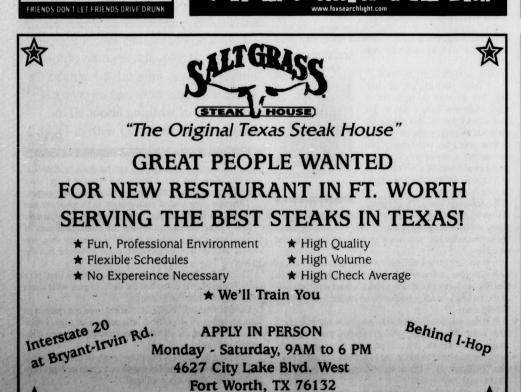
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## Greeks re-evaluate policies after recent alcohol-related deaths

By Kristina Jorgenson

This is the second of a two-part story examining the Greek system at TCU and nationally.

After two fraternity members died in 1997 in incidents involving alcohol and hazing at Louisiana and the University Massachusetts Institute Technology, universities across the nation have begun to examine whether the negatives of the Greek system outweigh the benefits.

Jonathan Brant, executive vice president of the National Interfraternity Conference, the governing body for 66 international men's fraternities, said the Greek system offers four clearly defined benefits: a lifelong commitment to service, academic achievement, leadership development and social ties.

Tom Harshman, University Ministries community service assistant, said the important part of service hours is that the organizations provide consistent donations and time each year, since the chapters each have annual philanthropy projects benefiting certain chari-

"It's frequently not a hit-in-thedark kind of volunteer work," he said. "It's an ongoing relationship that an agency can count on."

TCU fraternity and sorority members log a total of well over 10,000 service hours each semester, Harshman said.

Though many other TCU organizations also log that amount of hours or more, Greek organizations are unique in that they expose people to service who would not necessarily show inter-

Academics are also an important part of Greek life. Students who join a fraternity or sorority are more likely to stay in school, according to a 1998 study by the Center for Advanced Social Research at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Kristen Kirst, director of fraternity and sorority affairs, said Greek members focus on offering incoming freshmen a positive first-year experience through peer support and role models.

(Greek organizations) take a student, and they give them a . . niche in a community," Kirst said

Members of Greek organizations also said they obtain significant leadership experience through their roles in a fraternity or sorority.

Lambda Chi Alpha President Ricky Paradise, a senior accounting major, said joining a fraternity has enhanced his college experi-

"The fraternity has done so much more for me than I could ever do for it," Paradise said.

Christian Nascimento, assistant district grand master for the Kappa Sigma fraternity, said the formation of strong friendships is another benefit of Greek organizations.

"Besides gaining leadership within and outside the fraternity, I gained friends that will last me a lifetime," Nascimento said.

Jeff Moles, Interfraternity Council scholarship chairman and a sophomore math major, said he has gained common bonds since joining the Pi Kappa Phi fraterni-

"There are so many more posiest in community work, Harshman tives than there are negatives,"

Moles said. "(It is) a chance to fraternity system is an answer to letters than I was for my personalshare brotherhood with a lot of . working toward the same

Universities receive additional benefits from Greek organizations. as the Missouri study showed that Greek alumni tend to donate more money to their schools.

But critics of the Greek system say the organizations can be a divisive force on a campus and Greek problems, there definitely are issues that must be addressed.

'While living in the (fraternity) house, I witnessed overconsumption and harsh attitudes toward females, mostly, and at times, non-Greek students," Doherty wrote.

Jeanine Bartel, a senior theater/television major at TCU, who joined the Chi Omega sorority at

66 T was identified more by my letters than I was for my personality, and I didn't appreciate

> — Jeanine Bartel senior theater/television major

seem to be elitist, and continuing problems with hazing and alcohol abuse issues are cause for concern.

Jennifer Kornreich, a junior English major at Clark University in Massachusetts, which has no recognized fraternities, said Clark would probably be less laid back with a Greek system.

"My school is really too small for fraternities and sororities (about 2,100 undergraduates). For a school like Clark whose whole philosophy is to be an individual and not cliquey . . . a Greek system here would defeat the whole purpose," Kornreich said.

Mark Doherty, a past house director and honorary member of Lambda Chi Alpha at Ohio University, wrote in a Web discussion on fraternities that although he does not think disbanding the

Gettysburg College Pennsylvania, said she decided not to join the Chi-Os at TCU after she transferred here because of her experience in Pennsylvania.

On that campus of about 2,400 people, the Greek system composes a major role in whether a student has a social life, Bartel said.

"I liked my sisters . . . but I didn't like that just because I picked one (sorority), the others couldn't be my friends anymore," Bartel

Alcohol played a large role in sorority life at Gettysburg, Bartel said, and groups were so closed that members could not wear clothing that portrayed any other Greek organization's letters, even if the different groups had joint parties.

"I was identified more by my

ity, and I didn't appreciate that," Bartel said.

TCU seems to have a less strict system, Bartel said.

"I think it would be different here; alcohol doesn't seem to be the only factor," Bartel said. "It doesn't seem as cliquey.'

Studies show most Greek members have witnessed some type of alcohol abuse or hazing instance at some point in their involvement in a fraternity or sorority.

A Harvard study of almost 18,000 undergraduates on 140 campuses showed that 44 percent of college students binge drink.

Binge drinking is defined as five or more drinks by a male or four or more drinks by a female at one sitting, according to the study.

The study showed that fraternity men and women are more likely to binge drink — 75 percent and 62 percent respectively — than non-fraternity men and women 45 percent and 35 percent.

A study of new students at the University of Virginia reported that students who join fraternities and sororities already had established frequent drinking patterns in high school more than students who decided not to join.

At MIT last year, Scott Krueger, an 18-year-old past president of Students Against Drunk Driving in his high school and a National Merit Scholar, was told by his fraternity brothers at a party during his third week in college that he had to drink until he vomited, said Judge Mitch Crane in an April 14 speech to members of TCU Greek organizations as part of a Sigma Phi Epsilon-sponsored

"He was told he had to show he trusted his brothers, and he did," Crane said.

By 10:45 p.m., he had to be taken to a hospital, and he fell into a coma; three days later his parents took him off life support, Crane said.

Since that incident, three other Greeks have been hospitalized for alcohol poisoning at MIT, Crane

Benjamin Wynne, a 20-year-old junior at LSU, died in the hospital following a night of drinking with his brothers at a bid night party. He had a .488 blood-alcohol level.

"He wasn't about to be different on his first night of being a Sigma Alpha Epsilon," Crane said.

Brant said fraternities must continue to work toward ending hazing and controlling alcohol use.

'The potential for hazing behavior is possible on any campus in any chapter. . . . We can never let up," Brant said. "We find that hazing activity is highly correlated with alcohol use.

Kirst said Greek leadership must take a proactive step to combat these issues and return to the basics of the Greek system.

'Now we're going back to the old way" by having alcohol-free fraternity houses and focusing on Greek organizations' founding principles, Kirst said.

Fraternities and sororities have the potential to offer something for every individual, and they still offer opportunities that far outweigh the negatives, Kirst said.

"(The Greek system) hasn't come to the point, and nor will any of us let it come to the point, where it overshadows the good things," Kirst said.

# College News Digest

University of Nebraska department tolerates harassment, professor says

LINCOLN, Neb. — The University of Nebraska political science department has an environment that tolerates sexual harassment, according to a report issued by a faculty committee last week.

The report, obtained exclusively by the Daily Nebraskan, details political science professor Valerie Schwebach's allegations of sexual harassment against the department and also contains several political science graduate students' complaints.

Schwebach said she has experienced the department's sometimes-unsafe environment since soon after she arrived at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln four years ago. "I have never set foot on this campus after hours, since 1995, without

either my husband or my very large dogs," Schwebach said. "I don't feel safe on this campus.'

The problems have not limited themselves to just Schwebach — other people in the department have reported harassment. Three graduate students have left possibly because of such an atmosphere, the report states.

-Daily Nebraskan University of Nebraska

Student government leader found liable for defaming graduate student

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — In a matter of two hours, the elected leader of the University of Florida's more than 41,000 students was called everything from "upstanding and ethical" to a "liar" and a "disgusting man" whose political situation is reminiscent of President Richard Nixon's

About 200 students filled the Reitz Union auditorium for the second Student Senate meeting since the March 24 and 25 student body elections, but their presence had little to do with passing bills.

Instead, the senators sat, stood up and fought vocally for and against the political future of John McGovern, who last week was found liable of defaming 32-year-old graduate student Charles Grapski.

The heated debate began after McGovern, amid a few hisses, went to the podium and proclaimed his innocence.

"I did not do this," said McGovern, who was found liable of adding child molestation charges to Grapski's criminal record and posting it on campaign fliers during the Spring 1995 elections. "I do not know who did. I join Charlie in condemning the act, but I have been wrongly accused. I am sorry that my name is associated with an act that lacks moral character."

—Independent Florida Alligator University of Florida

Shower assaults scare University of Maryland students

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Some female University of Maryland students bring pepper spray with them to the shower. Others stand guard at the bathroom door while their friends bathe. Most say they are scared in their own dorm, after two recent sexual offenses and three peeping tom incidents.

All of the incidents happened in the showers of Centreville Hall. 'We're all scared," said Centreville resident Sara Tenenbaum, a freshman government and politics major. "There's people in the showers who really shouldn't be there. . . . The dorm is our home and we should be safe in our

A disability access door to Centreville, which previously could be used by anyone during daytime hours, now requires a key tag to be opened, Centreville Resident Director Mike Wadsworth said. This is one step in making the building more secure.

University Police continue their investigation into a Monday assault on the sixth floor. An unknown man reached into a shower and grabbed a woman's breast at 10:46 a.m. The woman chased him, but he escaped.

Another woman was touched while she showered at 8 a.m. April 14 on the sixth floor. The description of the suspects was similar in both of the recent assaults, said University Police spokeswoman Cpl. Mary Brock. -The Diamondback

University of Maryland

## WESTCLIFF

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Tania Wilder, a junior English and political science major, said she is worried because the attacker is breaking into the apartments.

'I'm inside my apartment and I still don't feel safe," she said.

Goings and Jenson, as well as apartment managers and a representative from the Women's Center, advised the Westcliff residents about safety measures they should take at all times, but especially with the attacker at large. Incidents like these often bring copycat attacks, Goings said.

Kasondra McIntosh, assistant manager at Westcliff Manor apartments, said college students often put themselves into vulnerable positions because they do not realize that apartment or rental housing is not as safe as their parents' home or even the dorms.

Goings said people should travel in pairs and communicate to others what they are doing and where

they're going. "Most actors don't take on two people at one time," Goings said.

Both officers encouraged residents of any community to be extremely aware of their environment, especially shadows and dark areas. If anything is out of the ordinary, stop and

look. have time to react," Goings said.

Goings said residents of a community should not rely on the police to catch suspicious activity in their envi-"As officers, we . . . don't have that

feel for the environment," he said. 'You've got to take care of each other? The representative from the

of assault ignore their natural self defense - instinct. "If your instincts kick in, some-

Women's Center said many victims

thing seems out of the ordinary, listen to them," she said. She said people should not only

listen for something strange, but also pay attention to smells. If a musky alcoholic smell or cigarette smoke is coming from around a corner, people should be alerted, she said.

"Anything you can do to survive the rape is the right thing to do," she said.

The officers also said personal safety devices, such as whistles, personal alarms and pepper spray are effective means to avoid being attacked.

Jenson said anyone who purchases pepper spray, however, should be sure to know how to use it. He suggested that residents buy two containers, one to carry and one to use to become familiar with the device.

## Senior aims to succeed with three majors, flawless GPA

When he was 8 years old, Roderick Branch and his family immigrated from Mexico City to Arlington, where he was placed in the lowest class level at school.

From that moment on, Branch said he was determined to prove he was capable of much more than his teachers thought at the time. "That first experience made me

want to show people that I could handle it and that I could succeed and excel," he said. Branch advanced to the highest level group by the following year. Now, 14 years later, he expects to graduate from TCU in May with a

English. French and music, all of which he has achieved in four years. Branch was named senior scholar this year by the faculty in both the English and modern languages and

4.0 GPA and three majors

literature departments. Bob Frye, a professor of English and supervising professor for Branch's departmental honors project in English, said Branch's curios-

ity for knowledge seems insatiable. "I consider him one of the top five honors students out of the hundreds of honors students I have taught in my almost 30 years of participation in the Honors Program," Frye said. "I consider it a privilege to be a teacher, and when a student like Roderick comes along who is just a delight to know

and a joy to teach, it reminds me of

Branch graduated from Martin High School in 1994 and began at TCU that fall as an English major and music minor. He said his main interest has always been literature.

"Literature is such a complex field, and you can't make any generalizations," he said. "It also forces you to ask questions about yourself."

Branch decided later that school year to add music as a major.

"Playing cello in orchestra is one of my favorite things I do on campus every day," Branch said. "But I really enjoy studying music, not only play-

Besides studying music and playing cello in the TCU Orchestra. Branch teaches private cello lessons to high school students. During his sophomore year,

Branch decided since he had already earned 12 hours of advanced placement credit in French, he may as well pick up that major too. "French has been much easier for

me since I already speak Spanish," he said. "Grammatically and structurally, French and Spanish are identical." Stephen Infantino, an associate professor of modern languages, said

and interest in his studies. "He leaves no doubt that he is here for one reason: He wants to learn, Infantino said. "He is one of the best I have seen in 20 years in the class-

Branch shows a genuine enthusiasm

room. Indeed, I have learned from him."

Branch's outstanding academic achievement in all three areas of study helped him win the Phi Beta Kappa award for the Outstanding Senior in Liberal Studies April 16 at the Honors Banquet. Phi Beta Kappa is an honors society in which a 3.9 GPA is required for membership

after a student's junior year. Rhonda Hatcher, an associate professor of mathematics and president of TCU's chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, said the annual award is given to a Phi Beta Kappa senior with a high GPA and a strong overall record.

Hatcher said there were many strong candidates this year, but Branch stood out among the others. "He's just an unusually spectacu-

lar student," she said. "He really distinguished himself in all the categories we looked at. His record doesn't begin to indicate what a wellrounded person he is."

At the Honors Banquet, Branch was also awarded the Wassenich Founder's Medal. This award is given annually to an honors student who submits the best essay that addresses an ethical or moral issue. The essay also must have a personal component to it. Branch's paper was titled, "The Religion of Love in Hemingway's 'A Farewell to Arms."

Kathryne McDorman, director of the Honors Program, said she is amazed at how beautifully Branch writes in English, even though Spanish is his first language.

"Roderick's essay was splendidly done," she said. "If most of us were as articulate in writing in our first language as he is in his second, the quality of faculty and student writing would be sparkling around here."

Branch said he began learning English before he moved to Texas because he attended a private British

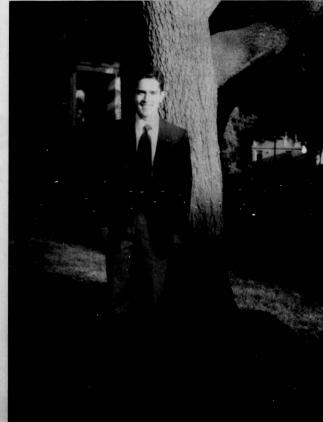
school in Mexico City.
"We were taught both in English and Spanish, so when I came here, it wasn't like I was completely thrown into a situation where I didn't speak a word of English," he said. "I had already been exposed to a lot of American culture before I moved

Branch said he and his family visit Mexico frequently, but he doesn't think he will ever move back.

"I've become established here," he said. "Even though we still speak Spanish at home, English has become the language in which I write

and speak most easily." Branch plans to attend law school next year, although he has not yet decided where he will go. He said he either wants to practice or teach law and is interested in legal ethics, immigration and international law.

"I may be able to help immigrants who are in the same position that I was in when I first arrived



Roderick Branch, a senior English, French and music major, plays the cello for the TCU Orchestra.

# On-campus child care helps teen parents stay in school

## Higher graduation rate attributed to affordable care in high schools

By Jill Taylor

Marquette English opens the door to the New Beginnings child care center on her lunch break and tiptoes between cribs of napping infants. She makes her way to the rear of the building, where her brighteyed daughter, Brittany, is blissfully asleep for the moment.

She will check in with the child care aide for the midday update, leave a lunch for Brittany if the 2-year-old's nap runs long, and tiptoe back out in time to grab a bite to eat before returning to her daily responsibilities.

But Marquette won't be returning to a job in a bank or an office building. Marquette, 18, will be rejoining her fellow high school seniors in afternoon classes this April day at Polytechnic High School in Fort Worth

Marquette English is one of a number of teenagers whose lives have taken a very adult path with the onset of parenthood. But unlike many of her peers, who must drop out to find full-time work, she has found a way to ensure her child is nearby and well cared-for while she completes her high school education and prepares for college.

#### Answering a need

The Fort Worth Independent School District currently coordinates two oncampus child care facilities: the New Beginnings center on the Polytechnic High School campus and the New Lives center at the New Lives alternative school for pregnant and parenting teenagers.

Nina Jackson, coordinator of adolescent pregnancy services for the Fort Worth Independent School District, said both child care centers were established in 1985. Though the need for the service was apparent, Jackson said, the introduction of the program was met with criticism from education professionals and community members.

There was some pretty strong criti-

cism that we were making it too easy or coddling the teen parents," Jackson said.

She said her Adolescent Pregnancy Services office did an extensive survey each year and tracked the participants of the inaugural program for five or six

"We found after some heavy evaluation that the reason why teens had been dropping out of school in such numbers was the lack of affordable and accessible infant care," Jackson said.

Prior to 1985, only 30 to 35 percent of pregnant or parenting teens stayed in school through graduation. That number has increased steadily since the program's inception. Today, almost 70 percent of teenage parents graduate, according to Fort Worth Independent School District figures, and Jackson attributes that number to the services provided by on-campus child care.

#### Money matters

At both child care centers, teen parents pay \$10 per week for care for one child or \$15 per week for two children, a price Jackson said young parents are nonetheless challenged to come up with.

'That can be a lot of money for teen parents who don't work or who don't live with their parents, but we try to drive home the point that you've got to pay for services," Jackson said.

For students who do not use the schoolbased programs, the school district subsidizes care from child-care vendors in the community with federal and district money, including community development and block grants, Jackson said.

All students qualify for the low-cost on-campus child care and off-campus care subsidies, Jackson said, regardless of the students' financial circumstances.

Marquette English said she relies on the subsidized child care to make it from day to day, though her work schedule, added to her parental duties and class load, would make many full-time working parents feel lazy.

Marquette works 15 hours each week at the New Beginnings center and over 31 hours at a telemarketing job. She said her mother helps pay for groceries, but she is the primary financial provider for her and

"All the people here (at the New she said. Beginnings center) have been such a big help," Marquette said, shrugging off a comment about her formidable workload. She said she has found valuable services and financial advice through the school district's Pregnancy, Education and Parenting programs.

"The (parenting classes) teach about sexually transmitted diseases, help for children, the financial help that's available to us," she said. "It's cheaper for us (who have kids in the program) because we have help and don't have to pay too much for child care.'

Marquette English stresses that she is not on public assistance of any sort.

"I don't want to get AFDC at all, and I used to get WIC, but I stopped that because I didn't want to miss school for appointments," she said. "Getting my schoolwork done is more important to me than that."

#### Community partnership

Nina Jackson said both child care centers' affiliation with the school district is minimal; both are directed and staffed by the YMCA with financial help from the United Way.

"That has been a big help, and the YMCA sees it as part of their mission," Jackson said.

The New Beginnings child care center serves 32 children from age 2 weeks to 4 years. The New Lives School has about 40 slots for infants up to 1 year old.

"With the number of slots we have available, it doesn't nearly address our needs, but it begins it," Jackson said.

Students from other high schools in the district have access to the New Beginnings child care center, but only if they can provide their own transportation and still be to classes on time, Jackson

The students who use the on-campus child care can't leave classes to go check on their children.

"But just like any parents have to do, if the child is sick, the student will have to leave to take care of the sick child," Jackson said. Students are required to come to the center on their lunch breaks

At different times since 1985, the Polytechnic and New Lives child care centers have been run by the YWCA and by the school district itself. Jackson said the school district learned a lesson about the importance of community involvement in the program from that experience.

"We found that we were educators, not child care providers," she said.

#### The price of giving

Jackson said although she sees the numbers that prove the effectiveness of the program, it might be a difficult task to find a student who can articulate how oncampus child care has helped them in their educational goals and parenting

"We bend over backwards to eliminate the obstacles that would keep them from staying in school," Jackson said. "Unfortunately, to some of the kids, they haven't had it any differently. To them this is routine, and they take it for granted that we owe them this service," she said.

Yvette Horton, the lead child care aide at the New Beginnings child care center, is in her sixth year with the program. She said while most students do realize the value of the opportunity on-campus child care provides them, there are always a handful who take it for granted.

"Some want to leave their babies and then skip school, or some want to say whatever they want to us, but then you have some who are just so grateful and appreciative," Horton said.

#### Affecting lives

Horton said she sees daily the effects the program has on the lives of parenting

"If we can get one girl through high school, then we've done a successful job. Horton said.

Part of her job involves establishing trust and respect with the teen parents, which is sometimes no easy task with students who face many hardships, she said.

"I can say that I have a great rapport with the young ladies," Jackson said. "They don't just cling to anyone, but if you can get them to come to you and lay to feed and interact with their children, some of those problems down, you may

be able to say something that will affect them positively.

Horton said she gets involved in the academic lives of the students in the program, and she's found particular satisfac-tion in the success of "borderline" students, those who defy the odds to achieve.

This year 12 students who are involved in the program will graduate. Horton said that is a testament to the progress the program is making among parenting

"I think the most we have had in my other years here is six," Horton said, with a nod of satisfaction.

#### Success story

Marquette English is clearly not one of the students who expects the system to perform miracles for her, and she speaks in appreciative tones of the opportunities that have opened up since Brittany's birth.

Marquette lives with her grandmother, Cassie English, who also takes care of Marquette's baby cousin. Marquette knew about the New Beginnings program at Polytechnic because her mother used to work there, and she said because of the program, dropping out of school was never an option.

She said it is a challenge every day "trying to get Brittany up and prepared for school, then trying to get myself there

After graduation from Polytechnic, Marquette is determined to attend Tarrant County Junior College for two years, then finish a degree in computer information systems management at the University of Texas-Arlington.

"Computers are my thing, and plus they're what's going to be the most important in the future," she said.

Marquette acknowledged that future is part of a New Beginnings success story, one that could have turned out quite dif-

'The majority of teenage parents that I know do graduate, but then some have another child, and they sometimes have to leave school for a while, and that slows them down," she said. "I never stayed out. I have no choice. I never thought about dropping out because then what would I do when Brittany gets older and wants me to help her with her homework?"

## Texas death row inmate executed on second lethal injection attempt

By Michael Graczyk

HUNTSVILLE, Texas — Joseph Cannon, condemned to die when he was 17, was executed Wednesday for the murder of a San Antonio attorney, who was the mother of eight.

Cannon, 38, was pronounced dead at 7:28 p.m., after a second dosage of lethal drugs was pumped into his

The first failed when a vein in Cannon's arm collapsed, requiring the lethal needle to be removed and then restarted, prison officials said.

Cannon had already made his final statement and goodbyes when the first injection began. After closing his eyes momentarily, he turned toward a window where witnesses were standing. Several moments later, prison officials shut a drape that blocked him

"His blood vein blew. He's doing fine. They're just going to restart it," a prison chaplain, Jim Brazel, told witnesses in the chamber.

Witnesses were then led outside, where they waited for 15 minutes while prison officials worked to establish another injection. "I kind of lost my cool a while

ago," a smiling Cannon said, greeting witnesses as they entered a second time.

During a second round of final statements, witnesses for Cannon cried and prayed together.

"I'm sorry for what I did to your mom," he said to five sons of victim Anne Walsh, all of whom attended the execution. "I am sorry for all of you. I love you all. I thank you all for being kind to me when I was small."

Cannon was pronounced dead 70 minutes after he originally was taken from his holding cell to the death house.

Outside the prison, Cannon's mother fainted as witnesses emerged. She was taken to a Huntsville hospital by emergency technicians to be examined.

It was the second time in 148 lethal injections in Texas that officials experienced difficulty with the needle. Nearly 10 years ago, in December 1988, a similar "blow out" occurred during the execution of Raymond Landry.

Cannon, who spent more than half his life on death row, admitted he was a dangerous person when he killed Walsh more than 20 years but

Man put to death for 1977 murder of San Antonio attorney and mother of eight didn't believe he should be put to death for something he did when he was 17.

"I don't know if something changed in my brain or the fact I've grown up and can appreciate the value of my wrongs," Cannon said last week. "I just want people to know that I'm sorry."

Walsh's brother, also an attorney, had represented Cannon in a burglary case and convinced her to let him live at her home in September 1977 so he could remain on probation and avoid jail.

A week later, on Sept. 30, Anne Walsh was shot repeatedly by Cannon after she came home for lunch. High on alcohol and drugs, he also tried to rape the 45-year-old woman and then drove away in one

of the family's cars.

"The Good Samaritan story was turned upside down by him," Paul Canales, the assistant district attorney in Bexar County who prosecuted Cannon, said. "He's the type of guy that makes you want to lock your doors and not pick up hitchhikers."

Cannon blamed his behavior on mental problems that started at age 4 when he was hit by a car. He was kicked out of the first grade and never attended school.

Repeatedly in trouble as a juvenile, he learned to read and write on death row, where he picked up the nickname "Electrode," because of his skill repairing electrical devices like fans and radios for fellow

Cannon was the fifth Texas inmate

convicted of a murder committed at age 17 to be executed since the state resumed capital punishment in 1982. He is one of at least 27 condemned inmates in Texas who were 17 when they committed murders that earned them a trip to death row.

His attorneys argued before the U.S. Supreme Court he should be spared because international law sets 18 as the minimum age for executions. The high court Wednesday morning rejected the appeal without

A final appeal for a 30-day stay was appealed just before 6 p.m.

The execution attracted international attention, including a plea from the pope, who requested clemency for the inmate.

Two other condemned killers preceded Cannon to death chambers Wednesday in Arizona and Missouri.







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The TCU track relay teams
had a field day at the Michael
Johnson Invitational at Baylor last weekend. Both the men's and women's 4X100 meter relay teams won first place and the men's 4X440 yard team won second place, only three-hundredths of a second behind first place Baylor. Senior Khadevis Robinson

won the 800-meter run with a time of 1:47.12, while junior Jarmiene Holloway took sec-ond place in the 100-meter dash with a time of 10.30 seconds, five-hundredths of a sec ond behind former TCU standout Raymond Stewart.

In the women's 100-meter dash final, senior Tinesha Hackney finished fifth, while sophomore Dywana Crudup placed sixth in the 400-meter dash invitational. In the men's 5,000-meter run, sophomore Adrian Martinez came in second with a time of 14:59.15. Senior Dan Shaw won second place in the 3,000-meter run coming in at 9:37.14.

Sophomore Stephanie Jones finished fifth in the 400-meter intermediate hurdles, and sophomore Johnny Collins finished fifth in the 400-meter dash.

The team will be in Philadelphia competing in the Penn Relays until Saturday.

#### PGA

Norman to sit out **PGA** Tour season

Greg Norman will miss the next three major championships this year and the rest of the PGA Tour season, after arthroscopic surgery today on his left shoulder.

The 43-year-old Australian, who has missed only five majors since 1980, withdrew The Players Championship in late March because of shoulder pain and missed the cut two weeks later at the Masters.

"The procedure itself was a success," Norman's business manager Bart Collins said Wednesday. "His arm will be in a sling for the next 10 days, and after that he will be able to take it off from time to time to

get some range of motion." Collins said significant rehabilitation will not begin for four weeks and the entire rehab period could last six months. He said a tentative timetable for Norman's return to competition would be at the Shark Shootout in Thousand Oaks, Calif., Nov. 9-15.

"I knew if I wanted to make a complete recovery, this surgery was necessary," Norman said. "While the recuperative program will present certain challenges, I look forschedule and playing my best

## NBA

Jazz-Rockets playoffs begin Thursday

The team with the best record in the NBA opens the playoffs Thursday night, and it's not the champion Chicago

Utah quietly beat out the Bulls for the best regular-season record, meaning the Jazz will have the homecourt advantage for every playoff series, including the opener against the Houston Rockets.

This will be the fourth time in the last five seasons the Rockets and Jazz have gone against each other in the play-offs, and it could be the last hurrah for Houston. Clyde Drexler will be coaching the University of Houston next year. Hakeem Olajuwon, who issed 35 games because of injuries, is playing on aching knees, and Charles Barkley is trying to play through a hernia.

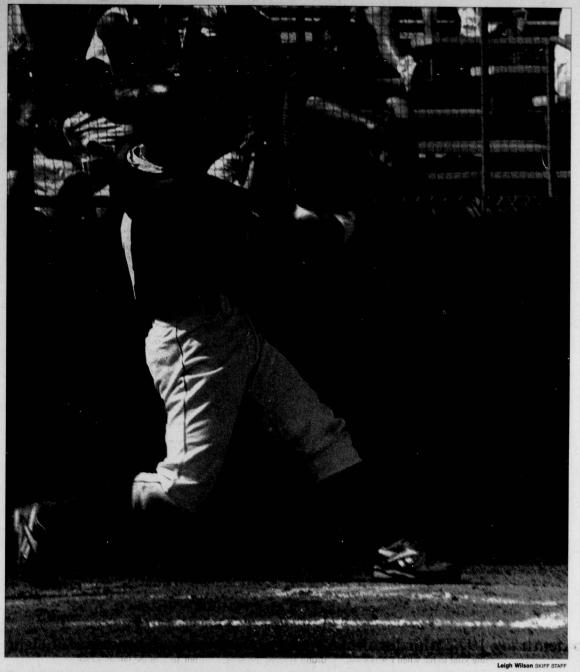
The Rockets struggled through a tough season, finishing at .500, 21 games behind Utah in the Midwest Division.

The Rockets get no sympa-

thy from the Jazz. "They were the champions just a couple of seasons ago, and that (aura) isn't something that you lose," Utah guard Jeff Hornacek said.

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# rogs start difficult week with win



Senior shortstop Jef Yarbrough takes a swing in Wednesday's 7-5 victory over the University of Texas-Arlington Mavericks.

## The stadium is silent—

athletes to work The sounds of pads, helmets and coaches have quieted down in Amon Carter Stadium. Spring practice has ended, but the work of TCU head coach

Commentary

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Dennis Franchione has just begun.

An Iowa State spring prospectus, a media guide which provides the latest information about the team, sits on his desk. It's time to look ahead to the opening of the football season.

"We had a good spring." Franchione said, as he arrived to

work early Wednesday morning. "The players adjusted and met the challenges of

The players weren't the only ones challenged. Franchione and his coaching staff had 15 practices to try to implement a new offensive system and different defensive schemes

"The defense is further along than the . offense." Franchione said, "but that's to be expected because the change has been more dramatic in the offense.

That change begins with the quarterback position. Patrick Batteaux, Kevin Colon and Jeff Dover are all fighting it out with nothing decided.

"Quarterback hasn't been solidified," Franchione said. "There's not a lot of separation between Dover, Batteaux and Colon.

Franchione had discussed moving Batteaux back to receiver, but with his improved play at the quarterback position he will be given the same opportunity as Dover and Colon to earn the spot in the

Quarterback isn't the only roster position up for grabs - most of the team doesn't have specific starting roles yet.

"Most starting spots haven't been determined," Franchione said. "We'll have to evaluate in the fall."

Franchione discussed what his team must do now to prepare for the fall and the opening football game against Iowa State

"I think the first thing we have to do is have a good summer," Franchione said. "We need to get stronger and bigger so we are in excellent shape for the fall and two-Ah ves, those dreaded two-a-days, I've

never met a player who likes them, but, for Franchione's first fall, those practices should decide who will get playing time and who will take up space on the bench. "We have to next solidify our top 22 and

44," Franchione said, meaning the starters on offense and defense (22) and the backups on both sides of the football (44).

Then we have to concentrate on what

## with 206 games played By Kevin Dunleavy The TCU baseball team took a break from its Western

Lunsford sets record

Athletic Conference schedule and battled the University of Texas-Arlington Mavericks in a non-conference game Wednesday at the TCU Diamond.

The Frogs had a 1-3 record against the Mavericks heading into this game, but they evened the score this time around with a 7-5 victory. The win puts their season record at 27-17.

The Mavericks started the game by scoring a run off two hits, but the Frogs countered quickly with a home run over the right field wall by junior third baseman Royce Huffman.

The Mavericks persisted in the third by working their way around the bases for two more runs, but TCU answered in the bottom of the fourth.

Junior catcher Mark Silva singled to center field and was followed by a pair of singles from junior right fielder Matt Howe and junior center fielder Mike Scarborough, whose hit brought Silva in. Senior second baseman Sam Lunsford then knocked Scarborough and Howe in with a triple down the right field line. The Frogs

TCU continued to play strongly in the fifth. Huffman began the inning by doubling to center field but was caught at home trying to score on a passed ball. That distraction gave senior left fielder Chris Connally the chance to reach second base. He then reached third after junior first baseman David Wallace singled. Both runners came home when Howe stepped up and doubled to center field.

Meanwhile, UTA managed to produce a run in the seventh on a hit and an error. The Frogs scored again in the bottom of the eighth when senior shortstop Jef Yarbrough doubled to left field and scored after Lunsford grounded out to short.

The Mavericks tried to rally in the ninth when a double brought a runner home, but they couldn't come back. This game earned Lunsford another spot in the record books as he now owns the school record for games played with

Huffman said the win was important to keep the team's post-season chances in good standing.

"It's important not to lose the midweek games, but this weekend we have four tough games," he said. "We're playing well, our hitting and pitching are very strong.

'We're in the driver's seat. We can't afford any letdowns on the road."

The Frogs get back to their WAC schedule Friday when they travel to New Mexico to meet the Lobos in a four-

we're going to do so that we are prepared

for the first football game," he said.

Maybe the most difficult game to prepare for is the first one on the schedule because neither team has video coverage of

the other. "You have to go off what you've seen from last year," Franchione said. "Iowa

State signed 18 junior college players -16 of them weren't at spring practice." Franchione has done the research on

Iowa State, but he said he thinks the Cyclones have probably looked at New Mexico tapes from last year to help their staff deal with Frachione's schemes.

Franchione said he was very encouraged by the team's attitude during spring prac-

"Attitude of the team was great," Franchione said. "This has been the most pleasant group of players of all my stops during the first practices.'

Attitude will be important come fall when the Horned Frogs look to get back to winning. That starts with Iowa State and, as the coaching staff knows, that game is just under five months away.

Before you know it, the sounds of pads will be heard at Amon Carter Stadium. Franchione and the 1998 Frogs also hope to hear the fans after an opening game vic-

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

## Weekend victory sends men's lacrosse team to post-season play

By Nicole Edwards

Tom Asbury said.

The TCU men's lacrosse team will take part in the Southwest Lacrosse Association playoffs this weekend.

NCAA to allow

OVERLAND PARK, Kan. (AP) - NCAA athletes have

won the right to hold part-time jobs. The Wednesday ruling

might signal a new relationship between big-time college

programs and the players who generate millions of dollars

Many coaches and administrators worry the decision will

Final approval for the measure, adopted during the

NCAA's 1997 convention but suspended for a year, was

made by the NCAA's board of directors, a group of college

Starting this August, Division I athletes who have been

Another concern is that highly sought recruits will expect

"It's going to be a disaster," Kansas State basketball coach

David Berst, head of the NCAA's enforcement depart-

ment, said he was not bracing for a repeat of the widespread

cheating that occurred before boosters were barred from

es," he said. "And the abuses that we all remember were

often the result of the coaches and others who winked at the

notion that the boosters should avoid violations.'

Boosters are willing to follow the instructions of coach-

coaches to guarantee jobs. And still another is that athletes

may spend time working instead of studying and let their

enrolled for one year will be able to earn up to \$2,000 a year.

They can work while their sport is in season, and the jobs can

be arranged by the athletic department or boosters.

encourage booster groups and possibly bring a new wave of

cheating — athletes being paid for work they never did.

presidents, during a meeting in Indianapolis.

The lacrosse team defeated Southwestern University Saturday, 10-9, and then lost to Trinity University Sunday, 12-5.

Mary Ellen Milam, associate director of Recreational Sports, said the team had to win Saturday's game to go to the playoffs, which will be held in Georgetown, Texas.

"The game they played on Sunday determines which seed they will hold

in the playoffs," she said. Team president Scott Sheehan, a junior accounting major, said the playoffs start Saturday, and the team

will play the University of Texas.
"Hopefully, we'll be able to win and move to competition on Sunday,"

If the lacrosse team wins the first game against the Longhorns, they will play the winner of the Trinity and Texas A&M game.

The TCU women's lacrosse team hosted a tournament Saturday and Sunday at the TCU intramural field.

TCU defeated the University of Texas 11-7 Saturday to claim the championship. Other teams in the tournament were Texas Tech, Rice University and Baylor University.

Tracy Glasheen, a sophomore business major and the team's co-captain, said winning the tournament was a nice way to end this semester.

"We did really well this weekend. and I'm really proud that we could pull this off since we've had some difficult times this semester," she said.

Glasheen said this year's championship will inspire a more active season next spring. Although the team's regular season begins in the spring, a mini-season in the fall will allow the team to participate in occasional practices and special tournaments.

"We really look forward to next year, and we should have some stronger players and more competitive components for next spring," she said.

On the intramural scene, sand volleyball and softball championship games are scheduled throughout this week. Also, the TCU intramural program will represent the university at a



The TCU lacrosse team is headed to post-season play at the Southwest Lacrosse Association playoffs this weekend.

softball tournament at Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas.

Lance Steffen, director of intramural sports, said this semester has been very active and he encourages students and TCU sports enthusiasts

to be prepared for an exciting program in the fall.
"Just be ready for a new and

improved intramural sports program up and running next semester," he said.

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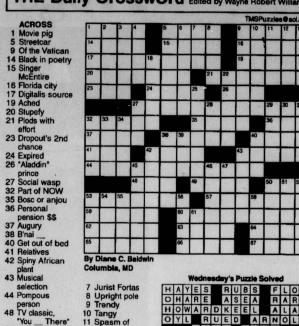


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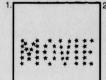
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