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California faculty work without contract
SAN FRANCISCO (U-WIRE) — Faculty members at California State University are wearing bright orange "Working without a Contract" buttons to call attention to the breakdown of negotiations between the chancellor's office and the California Faculty Association.

The faculties at San Francisco State University and all CSU campuses have entered the school year without a working contract.

On June 30, faculty contracts ended. On Aug. 27, the faculty association signed an extension of the old 1995-1998 contract until the two parties could reach an agreement.

A mediator has been assigned by the Public Employee Relations Board to facilitate negotiations.

According to CSU officials, the sticking point in the negotiations has been the overall cost of the settlement. The faculty association is asking for an 8 percent to 9 percent salary increase, while the CSU is offering a total of 5 percent.

"The CSU is trying to reduce the faculties' concerns to the faculties' salary," said Margo Kasdan, president of the San Francisco State chapter of the faculty association. "Everything has been reduced to money."

—Golden Gater
San Francisco State University

Mother leads charge for warning system

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (U-WIRE) — As soon as she accepted her son's posthumous degree last May, Debbie Slepicka returned to her home in Memphis and started work on developing a tornado warning system for the city of Nashville.

Her son, Kevin Longinotti, a student at Vanderbilt University, died May 4 as a result of injuries suffered after being trapped under a tree during an April 16 tornado.

The graduating senior had fulfilled all requirements for degrees in education and math.

In response to those tornadoes, Vanderbilt is in the process of creating a campus storm warning system to notify students of when it is time to take shelter. The Metro City Council, though, cites financial constraints as the reason for turning down similar proposals for Nashville as a whole.

According to an article printed in the Aug. 27 issue of *The Tennessean*, Mayor Phil Bredesen recommended in a letter to the city council that Metro's weather radio transmitter be replaced at a cost of \$31,000. An outdoor warning system, including 87 sirens, would cost \$2.8 million.

Slepicka, who has spent much of the time since her son's death working to convince Nashville to set up such a system, has filed a lawsuit against the city claiming negligence and wrongful death.

—Vanderbilt Hustler
Vanderbilt University

Cornell student dies in his apartment

ITHACA, N.Y. (U-WIRE) — Around 2:30 p.m. Friday, Cornell University police found the body of third-year graduate student Hyun Joon "Brian" Cho, 25, in his apartment.

Cho, a student in the chemistry department, was found after officers responded to a report from a caller that Cho was unresponsive to attempts to contact him.

According to the Cornell News Service, the Tompkins County Medical Examiner was brought to the scene to begin an investigation of what is being labeled as an unattended death.

Although foul play is not suspected, the investigation continues. The autopsy report is expected as early as next week.

The cause of death is still unknown. However, investigators have ruled out any cause for alarm about public health and safety.

—Cornell Daily Sun
Cornell University

Lawsuit in 'discovery stage'

◆ **Case alleges university was negligent in student's 1997 suicide.**

By Rhonda Dickens
SKIFF STAFF

A civil suit filed by the mother of Chris Assman, a premed major who committed suicide April 17, 1997, has reached the discovery stage, the point where TCU questions the plaintiff.

Assman was a sophomore on a partial academic scholarship. He was a member of Alpha Epsilon Delta, the premed honor society, and the rugby team and was a resident of Clark Hall. He died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Dawn Assman, his mother, filed a civil suit in late April 1998 against the university, claiming they failed to inform her of her son's suicide plan.

The case alleges Assman told a

counselor at the TCU Counseling Center on April 16 that he had thoughts about committing suicide and he even told the counselor of a plan to commit suicide. In a response to the plaintiff's request for TCU to admit or deny the charges, the university said Assman never told the counselor of his actual plans.

The response to the plaintiff's request for admission also says that Susan Adams, assistant vice chan-

cellor of campus life, called Dawn Assman on April 16, the same day he visited the Counseling Center, to inform her there were "urgent concerns about Chris' safety and physical well-being." Adams requested Dawn Assman, a resident of Sun City, Ariz., come to TCU to meet with her son, according to the suit. Assman met with her son briefly on the same day he committed suicide, according to the suit, but was not informed that he was suicidal.

The suit intends to prove TCU's negligence in assessing his mental status, failing to treat him, neglecting to implement an intervention plan and failing to inform the mother that he was suicidal.

Dawn Assman is suing the school to recover "her damages from the loss of love, support, advice, counsel, companionship, parental relations and to recover funeral and bur-

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Manic for 'Titanic'



Jenny Margiotta, a sophomore graphic design major, picks out a copy of "Titanic" at Blockbuster Video early Tuesday morning. People crowded video stores at midnight to purchase the box-office giant.

Heather Graff/SKIFF STAFF

Elleven gets perfect 10 as director

By Sylvia Carrizales
STAFF REPORTER

It took six days for the new associate director for residence life to realize that the business world wasn't for him.

Russell Elleven was working at the University of North Texas in Denton in the housing department when he accepted a job at Texas Health Resources as a program coordinator this past February.

"I started the job on Feb. 9 and by Feb. 15 I had already started looking for another job," he said.

His former boss, Cindy Stride, associate director of housing at UNT, had predicted that Elleven would come back to working on a college campus.

Before he came to TCU, Elleven worked at UNT for almost seven years as an assistant hall director and later became the residence life coordinator.

"I think I was given many opportunities at UNT," Elleven said. "I progressed through the ranks."

As a hall director, Elleven said he realized that he enjoyed working

with college students.

"The positive experiences far outweigh the trying experiences," he said. "What's most exciting to me is watching someone come in as a freshman student and seeing the change that person goes through in four or five years."

Although Elleven has only been on the job officially since Aug. 13, he said he has no trouble finding his way around campus.

Nine years ago, Elleven graduated from TCU with a Bachelor of Arts degree in history and religious

studies.

"(Working at TCU) was a dream that I never thought would come true," he said. "My original goal was to come back and teach religion."

Raised in the small community of Joshua, south of Fort Worth, Elleven had many pets, including horses, cows, chickens and rabbits.

At age 13, Elleven had a form of bone cancer that spread throughout his left arm in six weeks and forced doctors to amputate his entire arm. This made farming and the work that goes along with it nearly impos-

sible. Nonetheless, Elleven chose to major in horse production and management at Tarleton State University.

He said he soon realized that he belonged elsewhere.

"I'm not built for hands-on type of labor," he said. "Some tasks on a farm require two hands."

After receiving a bachelor's degree from TCU in 1989, he went to Vanderbilt University, where he earned his master's degree in theo-

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Ex-student finds fat-free fry recipe

◆ **Egg whites, spices give baked french fries the taste without the fat.**

By Robyn Barthelemy
STAFF REPORTER

Never say "no" to french fries again.

In a growing health-conscious society, there is a constant battle to find good-tasting, low-fat food. Grocery stores are flooded with diet remedies, and food companies have tried every effort to gain consumer support by making healthy foods more appealing.

Although eating healthy has become, to a certain degree, trendy, it is seemingly apparent that when french fries are offered with a meal, few are able to turn them down. Now, thanks to a former TCU student, eating healthy doesn't have to include giving up our favorite foods and, in fact, can be quite tasteful.

Candace Vanice invented 8th Wonder Fat Free Fries as a result of

experimenting for two years in the kitchen of her college apartment. At only 26 years old, she has marketed the first known product of its kind.

"Basically, when I was in college I started eating healthy and watching my weight. I love french fries but could never eat them because of all the fat. I decided to invent a way to make french fries healthy so I wouldn't have to give them up," Vanice said.

Experimenting with everything from mayonnaise to vinegar, Vanice finally discovered the secret to making fat-free french fries. She patented her process in 1994 using egg whites, spices and Yukon Gold potatoes.

"After many trials, one day I remembered that when I used to bake bread with my grandmother, we would use egg whites to make the outside crispy," Vanice said. "It seemed obvious that this might be the solution to my ingredients."

Vanice's recipe includes all-nat-

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Top of her field

Bond to serve as president of national nursing association

Kathleen Bond

HORNED FROG OF THE WEEK

By Deana Snow
STAFF REPORTER

The dean of Harris College of Nursing will take on added responsibilities when she steps into a new role for upcoming years.

Last semester, Kathleen Bond, who is also a nursing professor, was named president-elect of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, a national association for undergraduate and higher-degree nursing education programs.

Bond has been the dean of Harris College for the past two years. She was dean of three nursing colleges before she came to TCU. In 1981, Bond was one of the founding deans of the College of Nursing at the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

Bond's major project for TCU has been developing a master's degree program in nursing. She said the college is hoping to offer the program in fall 1999.

"Nursing will become more involved in distance education on the graduate level," Bond said.

Bond has served on 12 different boards in professional nursing associations. She has also given more than 100 presentations on different causes.

Bond has been a member of the American

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Heather Graff/SKIFF STAFF

Kathleen Bond, dean of the Harris College of Nursing, has been named president of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing. Bond has been an AACN member for 17 years.

Pulse

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STUDENT HEALTH WAIVERS must be signed today — not Sept. 12.

PRESBYTERIAN STUDENT FELLOWSHIP will have a dinner and fellowship from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Ann Bass Living Room. If you have questions, call Becca at 927-5574.

ON CAMPUS INTERVIEWING ORIENTATION will be held at 7 p.m. on Sept. 8. The hour-long workshop will explain the on-campus interviewing process, policies and procedures. To sign up, stop by Career Services in the Student Center Annex or call Ext. 7860. Orientation will be canceled if fewer than five people register.

STUDENT TEACHER MEETING from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Sept. 17 in Student Center Room 222 — mandatory for all spring 1999 student teachers.

PEER EDUCATION THEATRE GROUP now forming. Training will begin in September and the group will perform on and off campus using improvisation, movement and music techniques to encourage positive decisions about alcohol, drugs, eating disorders and other community issues. If interested, contact Monica Kintigh at the Counseling Center, Ext. 7836.

COLLEGE BANDS WANTED to compete for \$5,000 worth of Fender musical equipment and more in the *Entertainment Weekly* Battle of the Bands on Oct. 26 at the University of North Texas. Local bands may send a cassette tape to *Entertainment Weekly* Battle of the Bands, ACM, 26 Castilian Dr., Santa Barbara, Calif. 93117 — include the contact's name, band name, school affiliation, address and phone number on the tape. Six local bands will be chosen from submissions, and students will be able to vote for their favorite band via the Internet at www.allcampus.com/bands. The three area bands with the most votes will compete in the Battle of the Bands, and the winner will be chosen by applause level. Local winners across the country will have their tapes submitted to an *Entertainment Weekly* A&R panel of record industry executives for review. For additional information log onto the web page listed above.

In The News . . .

Nation

Reno starts perjury investigation into former White House aide

WASHINGTON — Attorney General Janet Reno has begun an investigation to determine whether Harold Ickes, a former top White House aide, committed perjury before a Senate committee, it was disclosed Tuesday.

Reno notified a special federal panel of judges that she had begun a 90-day investigation of Ickes — an inquiry that could lead to the appointment of an independent counsel to investigate allegations of campaign finance abuses in 1996. Republicans have been demanding such a sweeping probe.

Reno's announcement came on the eve of a briefing she is scheduled to give leaders of the House and Senate judiciary committees today.

The Senate investigative report last year suggested that Ickes provided less than candid testimony on what the Clinton administration may have done to assist the International Brotherhood of Teamsters in the union's strike against Diamond Walnut Co.

Ickes, a former deputy White House chief of staff closely involved in managing President Clinton's re-election fund-raising efforts two years ago, said: "I've testified over 20 times to investigative bodies since joining the White House staff in January 1994. I've testified truthfully each time, and I've testified truthfully this time. There is no reason whatsoever to open up a 90-day inquiry, and there's certainly no reason to appoint an independent counsel."

Mother finds son's corpse after being told he survived wreck

REMINGTON, Va. — Police told Joyce Young that her 19-year-old son had walked away from a car wreck. But when he had not come home 11 hours later, she went to the crash site, and there she found his body in the high grass.

Jay Young was killed when the car he was driving flipped Friday night in what investigators said may have been an alcohol-related accident.

Police had searched in the darkness but did not find him and figured he and another young man who had been in the car had fled.

Young's mother went to the scene in the morning and quickly found the corpse in waist-high grass 50 feet away.

An autopsy found Young died almost instantly, sheriff's Capt. Fred Pfeiff said. "I know this isn't any consolation to anybody, but it wasn't a matter that he laid out there and suffered," Pfeiff said.

Witnesses said two others in the car might have fled, Pfeiff said. Sheriff's deputies searched for Young and the other boy at popular teen nightspots to charge them with leaving the scene of an accident.

Pfeiff said, "In hindsight, obviously we would have preferred to do a more thorough examination of the scene. But at the time, we were going with the information we had. What we did was appropriate."

private."

The other missing teen turned up five hours later several miles from the crash site with minor injuries.

Record-setting 'Titanic' craze turns from big screen to video stores

LOS ANGELES — They all knew the ship sinks and that one of the stars dies in the icy water. They all knew that if they just waited a few hours they could have bought the same video for the same price without waiting in line and losing any sleep.

And yet they all came, just after midnight Monday, and by the time weary merchants closed the doors a few hours later Tuesday morning, "Titanic" was well on its way toward becoming the biggest-selling live-action video in Hollywood history.

Across the country, people lined up at video and music stores to purchase the two-tape set of the \$600 million box office blockbuster at the earliest possible moment it was available: 12:01 a.m. Stores stayed open late or reopened their doors to accommodate the crowds.

Sales information was sketchy at best on the first day of the second wave of the "Titanic" craze. Blockbuster Video announced it had pre-sold 1 million copies, though it wasn't known how many of those were picked up. Best Buy said it sold 50,000 copies between midnight and 2 a.m.

Video Store Magazine, a trade publication, estimated Paramount had shipped out 24 million "Titanic" sets, which the magazine called a record for a live-action video, beating the previous leader, "Jurassic Park."

Nobody reported they had sold out their stock of the sets, which retailed for an average of \$25, though commonly as low as \$19.99.

In San Francisco, the rush for the video turned violent when a man was beaten for his coveted copy of the movie. The assailant knocked the victim down and kicked him several times in the head outside a Blockbuster Video store, police said.

Tropical Storm Earl strengthens as Gulf Coast states prepare

MIAMI — Tropical Storm Earl strengthened rapidly Tuesday and was expected to become the season's third hurricane as it moved on a track toward the U.S. Gulf Coast.

The storm's clouds nearly filled the gulf, and one computer model projected "explosive intensification," the National Hurricane Center said.

"It's getting better organized per minute," said forecaster Lixion Avila at the hurricane center in Miami. "How intense it's going to be, I don't know. . . . This is in the developing stage at the present time."

By late morning Tuesday, the storm's highest sustained wind was blowing at 60 mph, up from 40 mph late Monday. Its center was about 350 miles south-southwest of New Orleans and was moving north at 6 mph.

Earl was expected to build into a hurricane by

late Tuesday or today and could come ashore Friday with 90 mph wind. It was expected to hit land somewhere from Texas to the Florida panhandle, with the likeliest striking point near New Iberia, La., meteorologists said. But no watches or warnings were immediately posted.

State

Social worker says demotion came after she took child from gay couple

DALLAS — A social worker sued the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services on Tuesday, saying she was demoted for taking a foster child from a lesbian couple's home.

"My professional view is that putting a child in any situation where there is admitted criminal activity of a sexual nature is wrong," Rebecca Bledsoe, a 12-year employee of the state agency's Child Protective Services division, said in a statement. "I regret that I had to sue to protect children from these situations, but this is an action that has to be taken."

A spokesman for Child Protective Services said the agency does not specifically consider sexual orientation when placing children.

"We look at individuals' ability to parent, protect and nurture abused and neglected children," said Marleigh Meisner. "We go into the home and interview everyone. . . . We certainly talk about significant relationships they have. But our policy doesn't address sexual orientation."

Bledsoe was demoted from supervisor to a case worker position, Meisner said, but declined to give specifics. Meisner said Bledsoe continued to receive the higher pay of a supervisor after the demotion, which she said was an unusual step.

More Texas drivers say exceeding speed limit isn't really speeding

AUSTIN — Texas drivers seem to have a loose interpretation of speed limits.

According to a poll released Tuesday by the Texas Department of Transportation, only 10 percent say they are speeding when they drive 10 miles over the speed limit. That goes up to 20 percent when talking to men between 16 and 24 years old.

"This means that it's important for us to set speed limits that people will obey and will get in the habit of obeying," said Phyllis Chandler, a department spokeswoman.

The study, conducted by the Savitz Research Center, included a poll of 500 licensed Texas drivers. Of those drivers, only half felt they were speeding when they exceeded posted speed limits. And 55 percent admitted speeding "most or all" of the time.

A separate report showed that since the speed limit on some Texas highways was raised to 70 mph, the number of injury crashes has increased up to 33 percent in some places, although there was no "significant increase" in fatalities.

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editorial

THE BAND PLAYS ON Extreme heat needs to be taken seriously

The show must go on.
The TCU Marching Band personified this adage Friday, despite four students passing out during and after practice, requiring medical attention.

Fred Velez, director of the marching band, said he is looking into ways to alleviate heat-related medical situations. More water will be made available, and a shade tent and water mist machines are a possibility. Effective next week, a football trainer will be available to assist in any medical emergencies.

Velez said it is the students' responsibility to prepare for practices.

"Students have to be responsible, pre-hydrate, keep the fluids coming," he said. "Drink water all day, not just when they get there."

Band members don't have to ask to take a break if they are affected by the heat, Velez said.

But college students don't always do what is best for them. Breaks should be given more frequently and, in cases such as the one on Friday, cancellation of practice should be considered.

Ross Bailey, head athletic trainer, said one way to gauge the intensity of the heat is to add the Fahrenheit degrees to the amount of humidity. If the resulting number tops 150, there is a much greater chance of experiencing heat stress.

Although such action should have been pre-emptive, cheers still go to band leaders for initiating change.

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Breaking the mold Diverse students will help campus shed stereotype

It began as a hunch; just a feeling. When I arrived on campus this year, TCU seemed different. It's not the new chancellor, the construction of the new track around Worth Hills, but the students who have altered the atmosphere around campus.

Beyond the familiar presence of Greek and khaki-clad students, there are people with yellow hair and dreadlocks. Students are walking to class in disheveled clothes and driving cars with old Clinton/Gore bumper stickers. A friend of mine even spotted a skater.

Sandy Ware, dean of admissions, said the change is no accident. TCU is deliberately trying to diversify the campus. And not just racial diversity, although thankfully that seems to have increased as well. The break in TCU's standard homogeneity can be attributed to the increasing amount of high school graduates and transfer students applying in recent years.

Ware said the surge in applicants allows admissions to be more selective when reviewing candidates. Last year, TCU admitted its largest freshman class ever and is now working to reduce its acceptance rate. The goal is to admit a smaller but more diverse student body.

To do that, admissions is paying less attention to SAT scores and GPAs and focusing on candidates' extracurricular activities and personal characteristics.

Whatever admissions is doing to diversify the student body, it's working. I walk around campus like a freshman, my mouth agape and my eyes wide with amazement. After three years, I've grown content to wallow in my contempt of TCU's Stepford-like environment, but now, there's a subtle yet undeniable change.

Individualism has quietly crept its way into the well-established fabric of TCU. It's not obvious, but the observant student will notice the difference.

It's more about the way things feel than how they look. The acceptance of the newfound diversity by the students is just as shocking as the diversity itself. Virtually gone are the snide remarks and disapproving glances



Aaron Brown SKIFF STAFF

usually reserved for those who dare to reject TCU's cookie-cutter mentality.

Teaching tolerance and acceptance of foreign cultures and ideas is one of the greatest functions of higher education. A true college experience allows graduates to walk away a little less sheltered and narrow-minded and more prepared to cope with a heterogeneous society. It's an aspect of our education TCU has ignored for too long.

Perhaps this trend toward a multifaceted student body will help TCU shed its rich, white and ultra-conservative reputation. Such notoriety won't be easy to escape, especially since the stereotypes are often well-founded.

For instance, last week's satirical article in *FW Weekly* that compared the average TCU student with the typical University of Texas at Arlington student was as offensive as it was true.

In fact, it was hard not to cringe with embarrassment while reading it. The article described TCU students as upper-class brats "with a new-money elitist attitude manifested as esoteric

snobbery." Ouch.

The piece made me angry, but only because deep down, I know most of its basic assumptions about the students here are all too accurate.

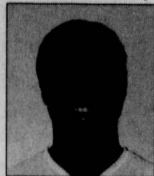
However offensive, the article isn't a complete surprise. For now, the slight change in TCU's population will most likely go unnoticed by those outside of the university. Clearly, TCU doesn't yet look like UTA, but it has certainly made significant progress.

When I was a freshman, membership in the TCU Democrats was dismal, TCU Triangle fliers were ripped from the walls and you could literally count the number of black students — most of them lived in Moncrief.

Today, a look around campus proves TCU finally isn't just spewing rhetoric about the virtues of diversity but is actually taking the steps to achieve that goal. That's worth a little applause.

Adria Johnson is a senior broadcast journalism major from Spring, Texas.

Commentary



ADRIA JOHNSON

Ruble will falter without U.S. aid

The state and health of America's economy is very unstable as the Dow industrials dropped more than 500 points Monday and gained almost 300 of those points back Tuesday.

Subsequently, there are serious questions from recent global economic problems.

We cannot ignore the global economy because we are so dependent on foreign trade and are so

heavily invested in the health of foreign economies. Some U.S. companies conduct more than 50 percent of their business overseas. The political ramifications of these events are also raising serious concerns.

The devaluation of the Russian ruble has caused investors and banks to lose billions of dollars. The lower foreign currencies fall compared with the dollar, the higher the relative prices of American goods will be in those foreign countries. Last week, Russia's central bank stopped all foreign currency trade on the main exchange to prevent even more losses to investors and prevent the ruble from free-falling. The ruble dropped a striking 40 percent against the German mark last Wednesday alone.

Russians are turning their rubles into stable currencies as soon as they can, showing no confidence that the economy will bounce back anytime soon. Experts also indicate Russia will continue to have problems. They question as to how long these problems will remain, as there are no clear resolutions on the table. This snowball effect will continue until our government intervenes with any aid necessary to resolve the situation.

Russia's government intervention is a serious concern because they are attempting to create a democratic system, but the current economic crisis demands the Russian government intervene to prevent disastrous results. The government's intervention could be seen as a socialist move and will certainly be taken advantage of by the Communist Party.

Russian President Boris Yeltsin has not indicated what he plans to do in order to end the crisis and stabilize the Russian economy. That is causing serious concerns for investors and banks. Yeltsin also is attempting to reinstate his old ally and prime minister, Viktor Chernomyrdin. This political move arrives alongside pressure within Russia for the aging Yeltsin's resignation, and concerns are rising about the political stability of the Russian government. The Communist Party may be attempting to use this crisis to gain more power from Yeltsin. They are a serious threat as Yeltsin is weakened by a hostile political environment. Yeltsin is in a precarious position and in danger of losing his office.

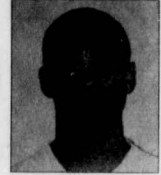
These political concerns are not only Russia's but also the entire world's, having an impact on the economy and international politics in every major country. The threat of a radical nationalist or a resurgence of popularity for the Communist Party is real. We have no certainty as to who will succeed the aging Yeltsin as leader and what impact Yeltsin's current and future political moves will have.

Will the great democratic experiment attempted by the Russian people fail? The world is not prepared to deal with a fallen Russian government as there are current economic problems and the threat of a global economic recession.

The snowball of economic crisis will have a political impact, and I desperately hope the political changes will be for the benefit and not the detriment of the world community. We must therefore aid the Russian economy in both monetary and advisory capacities despite any costs or losses. The benefits for our economy and well-being will be evident in a future of peace and economic prosperity.

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Commentary



PAUL BLUTT

Don't feel guilty; use learning to help the world

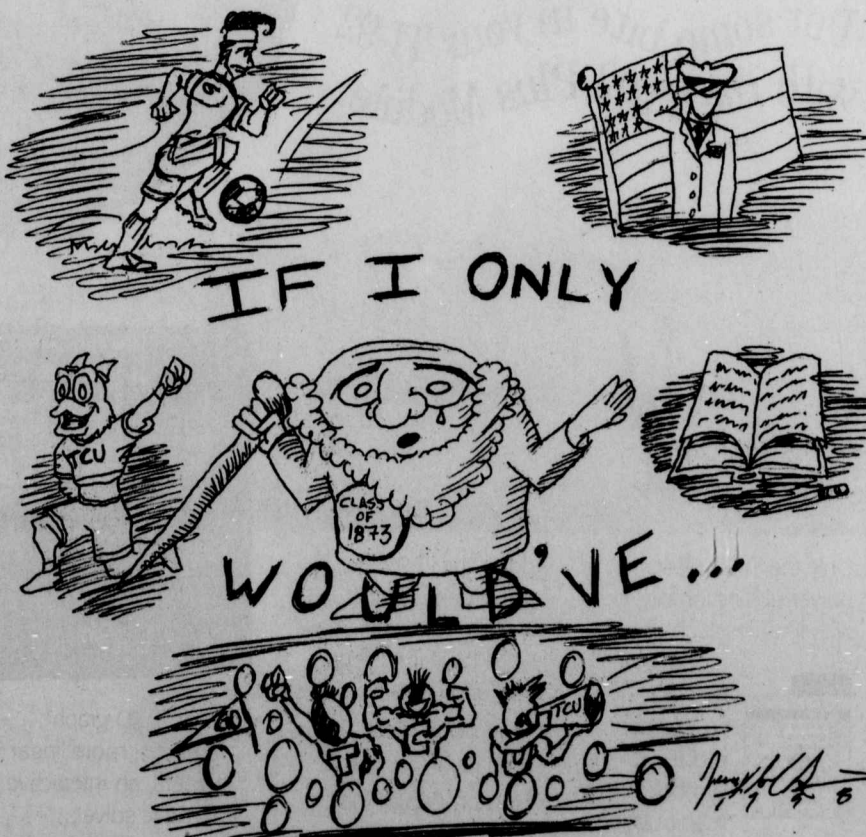
Before you turn to the crossword puzzle, I have an idea I urgently want you to consider.

I recognize that the point I want to make cannot be aptly summed up in a 600-word column called "College: a chance to expand your mind" or something similar. I also recognize what I'm saying may appear to be worn-out truth that is only passed down once a year as a matter of habit. Please let me distance myself from these clichés and speak honestly for the space of these paragraphs.

We all know college is a span of time unprecedented by any experience before it and likely unequalled by any situation after it. Few of us will ever again have such unrestricted access to people of similar ages and interests, and even fewer will find out later in life that their principal job is to learn.

What I want to ask you now is, what are you doing with your college years? Are you soaking up knowledge to form your personal philosophy and somehow assist the vast numbers of people who will never have the chance to have this experience themselves? Are you looking under each truth you're taught to see if it matches the realities of the world you know? Are you happy?

Let's be honest. How many of us really think the major trends of political and social problems we face today, as a nation



Jeremy Roman SKIFF STAFF

and world, are going to be reversed? It's hard to imagine any parent-as-historian relating, "And 1999, that was the year that teen-age pregnancy declined heavily all over the country, and by about 2003 we had it just about wiped out."

The same idea can be illustrated with

hunger, poverty, illiteracy or any of the other hardships that hold any one segment of the society prisoner to another. Realistically, a force of entropy keeps our society and our earth sliding deeper into a darkness of self-created distress.

Out of this comes the question: What do

we do about it? The previous paragraph could lead one to throw hands in the air, shrug to the world at large and sit down for a nice, cold beer. But these words are meant to do the opposite. Think about it this way: When you turn on the news and really absorb it — when the story of the woman who can't move out of her roach-infested Dallas apartment because she doesn't have enough money since she quit dealing dope, or the coverage of the almost equal number of starving pigs and people in Romania, really sinks in, it can't be anything but a call to action.

There's no question that our college is full of lucky people and people who have worked hard. The fact that we are attending school while some can only dream about it is not something to feel guilty about. Guilt won't do any good, nor is it an appropriate reaction to one's lot in life. What will benefit both the world and us is recognizing and acting on the opportunity to improve the world with what we've gleaned from higher education.

So, this is my plea, my advice, my mantra and my hope for the students of TCU (or any college): Realize that life is short and there's a lot going down around us. Our job is not to sacrifice ourselves and our own goals for the betterment of others, but to be aware of and reach out to a dangerously unloving world with the gift of an educated mind.

Remember this as you turn to the crossword puzzle.

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LAWSUIT

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ial expenses," according to the suit.

Assman's mother told the *Skiff* in April that her son had been upset about some difficulties he had been having with his grades.

Brice Cottongame, the Fort Worth attorney representing Dawn Assman, could not be reached for comment on the case.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Don Mills said the case is still in "what is known as discovery" and that so far they have only answered the plaintiff's questions and provided materials to them.

"So we are many, many months away from resolution on the case," he said.

When asked about questions

raised by the plaintiff about the current suicide intervention policy, Mills said the university has made no changes and feels comfortable with it in its current state. He said if university officials think a student may be suicidal, the appropriate staff are notified and staff members do "what they can" to get help for the student.

Mills said changes may be made after the new director of the Counseling Center, Denis Atkinson, has an opportunity to review it. Atkinson declined to comment.

"Any time there is an event like this, we review our policies," Mills said, "but it is unrelated to whether or not there is a lawsuit."

Lightning in West sparks wildfires

Blazes in California threaten napalm depot at Marines' Camp Pendleton

By Minerva Canto
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NUEVO, Calif. — Lightning touched off dozens of wildfires across Southern California, destroying 26 homes, burning 30,000 acres and sending flames advancing on an Indian casino and a napalm storage depot Tuesday.

Heat, humidity, erratic winds, El Niño-thickened vegetation, bugs and snakes worked against the nearly 6,000 firefighters on the fire lines across the state. Forecasters said more lightning storms were on the way.

Firefighters also battled blazes in other Western states, including Washington, Montana, Nevada and Idaho.

The most destructive blaze was in Riverside County's Juniper Flats, an area of dry, dense brush 85 miles southeast of downtown Los Angeles, where the wind-whipped flames destroyed 26 houses and mobile homes and 74 other structures Monday night.

Residents raced from their homes, grabbing what they could as they fled just steps ahead of the flames and smoke.

"We could just look out our front door and see the fire. All of the bushes near us were on fire," Ethel Mie said, grasping her husband's hand at a school emergency shelter.

At Camp Pendleton, 70 miles southeast of Los Angeles, the fire burned 2,000 acres and appeared to have stopped about one mile short of a napalm storage installation at the Marine base.

An inmate firefighter was killed Monday when a truck carrying prisoners on firefighting duty flipped. Eleven others on the truck were injured.

At the Nuevo school shelter, about 100 people waited for news of their Juniper Flats homes. The area is dotted with a range of homes, from fairly large houses to trailers. By midday, the fire was only 20 percent contained and the heat was rising.

Stock market soars

Dow, Nasdaq increase; foreign markets continue to fall

By Bruce Meyerson
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Wall Street came roaring back today, with the Dow industrials recording its second-biggest point gain ever, a surge of 288, in response to a 512-point rout Monday.

In another day of wide swings, the Dow Jones industrial average jumped 143.41 as trading began, soon retreated to a loss of 138.77, then shot up in spurts, with the buying picking up in the closing hour. The Dow, which had plummeted nearly 1,000 points in the past three sessions alone, finished up 288.36 at 7,827.43, a 3.8 percent gain, in extremely heavy trading, according to preliminary figures.

At its high for the day in the final half hour of trading, the Dow was up 358.90 at 7,897.97.

Broader indicators also shot higher, including the technology-heavy Nasdaq composite index, which was regaining about half Monday's record plunge of 140.43 points.

At least two prominent strategists seized upon Monday's decline as a buying opportunity.

Abby Joseph Cohen, chief market strategist at Goldman Sachs & Co. and the most noted "bull" on Wall Street, recommended that investors shift available cash into stocks.

Monday's 6.4 percent plunge by the Dow was the second-biggest point drop ever for Wall Street's best-known indicator. Only the Oct. 27, 1997, plunge of 554 points was larger. But it was only the 25th largest percentage drop and well behind the 22.6 percent collapse of "Black Monday," when it fell 508 points on Oct. 19, 1987.

Today's rebound was second only to the 337.17-point gain of last Oct. 28, the day after the record fall. The percentage gain, while large, was not a record.

The selloff Monday, a drop of 512.61 to 7,539.07, left the Dow down 19.3 percent from its July 17 record high of 9,337.97 and 4.7 percent below where it began the year. The selling spree, which accelerated in the final hour of Monday's session, brought Wall Street plunging

toward its first bear market since 1990. A bear market is defined as a drop of 20 percent from the high.

With today's gain, the Dow was just 81 points below the level at the end of last year, 7,908.25 — but it still was 16.2 percent below the July record.

President Clinton today added his voice to efforts to restore calm to shaken markets. "We believe our fundamental economic policy is sound," he said, echoing comments Monday by Treasury Secretary

percent after shaking off early losses of about 3.3 percent. In Paris, the CAC 40 closed with little change, down 0.15 percent, after overcoming early losses of about 3.7 percent. In London, Europe's largest market, the Financial Times-Stock Exchange 100-share index closed with a loss of 1.5 percent after being down nearly 3.3 percent.

Analysts said they were concerned further declines may scare away investors — and drive share prices down even further over the

year low.

But Japan's main index gained 1.86 percent, continuing to recover from Friday's swoon to a 12-year low. Many analysts dismissed this week's recovery as a short technical rebound, pointing out that many of the major problems weighing on Japan's economy and stocks remained in place.

Even in Asia — where financial crisis has become commonplace for more than a year — Wall Street's tumble, Russia's political and economic crisis and the shakiness of some Latin American markets seem to be heightening the sense of panic.

"There is a feeling that there is no easy way out of this mess because it has deepened and broadened to the point that authorities have been overwhelmed by the markets, not just in Asia but in the West," said Cameron Umetsu, a senior currency strategist at Warburg Dillon Read in Tokyo.

To make matters worse, more bad news surfaced in Asia.

In Japan, the government sharply criticized communist North Korea for firing a long-range ballistic missile over Japan's main island and into the Pacific Ocean on Monday.

Like U.S. officials, the Japanese government sees the test as a dangerous development for the region's security.

In Hong Kong, investors found out that Standard and Poor's in New York had just lowered the credit rating of the territory's ability to repay its debt, both in local and foreign currency.

Standard and Poor's cited the severity of Hong Kong's recession and the government's recent round of intervention in the stock and stock futures markets, which it called "an increasingly complex and risky strategy" to defend the territory's currency.

The government spent an estimated 15 percent of its \$96 billion in foreign reserves to prop up the stock market in a two-week battle with speculators. On Monday, when the government stopped its buying, the stock index plunged 7.1 percent.

"The more money is withdrawn and the more the indices fall, then the worse the problem becomes, and it's difficult to see where the floor is going to be in that sort of situation."

— Richard Jeffrey
Chief economist, Charterhouse Tilney

Robert Rubin.

There were mixed signs of economic strength in two private reports today. A private research group, the Conference Board, reported the Index of Leading Economic Indicators rose in July, halting a two-month decline and signaling the nation's economy will continue expanding at a moderate clip.

Separately, a manufacturing group said its closely followed index of industrial activity pointed to slower growth for a third straight month, even though the index was higher in August than in July. The survey by the National Association of Purchasing Management also said, however, that the overall economy grew in August for the 88th straight month.

Stock markets in Asia and Europe gave more ground today in the aftermath of Monday's slide on Wall Street. But Japan's stock market closed sharply higher, and European markets cut their losses late in the day.

The main index in Frankfurt, Germany, closed with a gain of 0.9

short term.

"The more money is withdrawn and the more the indices fall, then the worse the problem becomes, and it's difficult to see where the floor is going to be in that sort of situation," said Richard Jeffrey, chief economist at the London brokerage Charterhouse Tilney.

In Russia, where the most recent round of selling began, trading in the ruble was suspended for a fifth day, helping drive Russian stocks even further down amid continuing political uncertainty.

Despite the second straight Japanese stock rise, many analysts saw no sign of an extended recovery — given how wildly the stocks gyrated — and some pointed to a temporary intervention by government-linked pension funds.

At the same time, Japan's chief economic planner sounded far shakier than Clinton.

Japan's economy is "now going through one of its darkest stages," said Taichi Sakaiya.

Key indicators fell 2.9 percent in Hong Kong and 3.8 percent in Singapore, which dropped to a 12-

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DIRECTOR

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logical studies in 1991.

He received his doctorate in higher education and counseling from UNT in 1996 and earned another master's from UNT in training and development.

During his first few months here, Elleven said, he wants to become more familiar with the system and then plans to involve his staff with professional organizations like the Southwest Association of College and University Residence Halls.

"I think we're doing so many good things at TCU that the region doesn't know about," he said.

Elleven attended the training sessions for the resident assistants and said he was impressed by the intensity of the training.

He said he also has a task force looking at ways to lighten the heavy loads of hall directors.

"When you live and work in the same building and are up until three or four in the morning dealing with situations that occur in the hall, you get very little down time," Elleven said.

The housing department staff agrees that Elleven has the skills for the job and cares for his co-workers.

"He's a very positive individual," said Roger Fisher, director of residential services. "He brings a lot of experience to the residential services department. We look forward to establishing a long-term relationship with him."

Dottie Long, Foster hall director,

said Elleven is committed to the professional development of his hall directors and has creative, fresh ideas for residence life.

"What really impressed me about Russell was his genuine caring concern for students," Long said. "He's already having a really positive impact on the residence hall staff, which in turn I think is going to trickle down to the students."

Wanda Olson, Brachman hall director, was the associate director of residential services for 13 years. She said she did not take the position again because she felt she could have more one-on-one contact with students as a hall director.

"(Russell's) experience working on a different college campus and in the

business world will be beneficial to our department," Olson said.

Students who worked with Olson said they were saddened to hear of her departure but are pleased with Elleven's performance so far.

"Last semester, when Wanda told us that she wouldn't be returning as our director, it was impossible to imagine anyone who could possibly replace her," said Selena Hernandez, a senior broadcast journalism major and head resident assistant of Foster Hall, "but Russell stepped in without even missing a beat."

Elleven said he enjoys the "electric" atmosphere of TCU.

"As soon as I got the job, I put in an order for those TCU license plates," he said.

Summit begins amid turmoil

◆ **President's seventh meeting with Yeltsin targets economic reforms.**

By Terence Hunt
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MOSCOW — At a Kremlin summit darkened by economic and political upheaval, President Clinton on Tuesday offered Boris Yeltsin a prescription of tough reforms to lift Russia from crisis. "You have to play by the rules" of international economics, Clinton said.

Yeltsin, despite pressure from the Communist-dominated parliament, pledged not to abandon the free-market course on which Russia embarked seven years ago.

"The past two years in Russia's life have been full of stormy political events, great laborious work on reforming the economy," Yeltsin said. "Soon there were disappointments, too, and unfulfilled hopes, but we've never lost the conviction in the necessity of the transformations we're carrying out."

U.S. officials said Yeltsin and his acting prime minister, Viktor Chernomyrdin, indicated there were areas requiring more government involvement, such as social safety nets and steps to pay back wages.

Striding into the Russian leader's presidential study from separate doors, Clinton and Yeltsin met in the middle of the room with big smiles, a handshake and a bear hug at the opening of two days of talks.

They signed off on preset deals to reduce their arsenals of military-grade plutonium from dismantled nuclear weapons and to share information on missile launch tests. The agreements will be formally sealed at a concluding news conference today.

The summit, their seventh, comes at a troublesome time for both leaders. Humiliated by his admission of an extramarital

affair, Clinton is struggling to recapture his political credibility. Yeltsin, discredited by broken promises and policy changes, has devalued the Russian currency, stopped repaying foreign loans and watched the stock market crumble.

In an afternoon speech to university students after talking with Yeltsin, Clinton said he came to Russia "because I believe someone has to tell the truth to the people, so that you're not skeptical when your political leaders tell you things that are hard to hear."

He warned that "special bailouts for a privileged few come at the expense of the whole nation." And he said that investors will not return to Russia unless there is "fair, equitable treatment of creditors."

Again and again, Clinton stressed the theme that Russia must play by the rules of international economics and not slide backwards to its old ways. He said Russia must restore investor confidence to reverse the flight of money out of the country.

Yeltsin said: "I'm far from the assertions that all the difficulties are already behind us. The great social costs of reform and time is necessary for the government's stabilization program to bring results. But as the president declared: Russia's strategic course of reform is inevitable."

At a U.S. briefing, Treasury Deputy Secretary Larry Summers refused to rule out the possibility that Yeltsin would make a deal with Communists that undercuts economic reforms.

"I think that things are very much in flux," Summers said. "It's clear that there is a lot of discussion back and forth about the course that will be followed and I think it's clear that there are enormous stakes both for Russia and the United States in the outcome. But I wouldn't want to be in the position of hazarding a prediction at this point."

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Association of Colleges of Nursing since 1981 and said she has always wanted to be president of the association. After years of preparing and serving on the board twice, she has accomplished her goal. For two years she will serve on the executive council of the AACN as the president-elect. In March 2000 she will begin her two-year term as president.

Although Bond said she prides herself on educating others, she was also a practicing nurse for seven years.

She said she is excited for the publicity TCU will receive because of her position. Anytime she is quoted or her title is mentioned, Texas Christian University will follow, she said.

Bond said that although being president of the AACN will be time consuming, TCU remains her first responsibility and that she will not be leaving her position as dean. She said she will conduct business mostly by conference calls and e-mail, leaving her busy traveling schedule mostly to

the weekends.

In addition to her work travel schedule, Bond said she travels to visit family frequently. She has four daughters and two grandchildren. Her daughters live all across the country, from California to New York.

Students of Bond said they were excited by her new position.

"I think it's great to have our dean and TCU recognized on the national level," said Amy Snyder, a senior nursing major.

"It will be great for future students to be aware of all the latest information in the nursing world."

Bond said she is excited to pass along the latest information from the professional nursing associations. She said she will be on the cutting edge of nursing information on both the national and international level.

"I am excited to be the first to know and be able to pass information along to my faculty and students," Bond said.

"Nursing will become more involved in distance education on the graduate level."

— Kathleen Bond, dean, Harris College of Nursing

FRIES

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ural ingredients with no added preservatives or Olestra fat substitute. 8th Wonder fries have half the calories of other products on the market. The baked potato snacks have only 70 calories a serving, no cholesterol and no fat. The product also meets American Heart Association criteria for cholesterol and saturated fat for healthy people over the age of 2.

"What most people don't realize is that potatoes have no fat naturally," Vanice said. "It is what you add to them that makes them unhealthy. So, logically, I went about my experimenting by adding as little as possible to the potatoes."

Vanice discovered Yukon Gold potatoes have a natural yellow color and buttery taste, avoiding the need for added preservatives and artificial flavoring. The fries are available in more than 1,000 supermarkets and 45 cities, including Fort Worth, Vanice said. By the year 1999, Vanice said the

product will be available nationwide.

Vanice now markets her product by doing personal appearances at city events and conventions, but as her line expands nationally, she said she hopes to use television and radio as a means of advertisement.

"The news about my product has been spreading mainly from word of mouth," Vanice said.

Vanice said her goal is to create healthy alternatives to foods that usually are not allowed in a strict diet. She said she has plans to expand her line with a few ideas and projects under way.

Vanice attended TCU in 1991 and received her degree in mathematics from the University of Kansas. She resides in Kansas City. For more information on recipes or ingredients, you can visit Vanice's Web site at www.fatfreefries.com or call (888) 333-2173.

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Tentative basketball schedule released

A tentative schedule for the men's basketball team was released Monday. The Frogs begin play at the CoSIDA Classic tournament Nov. 9-10 in Providence, R.I. The team's first home game will be Nov. 14 against Oral Roberts University.

Western Athletic Conference play begins with an ESPN-televized game Jan. 11 against Southern Methodist University in Dallas. One anticipated WAC matchup will be Feb. 11 when former TCU assistant coach Steve McClain brings his new team, the Wyoming Cowboys, to Fort Worth.

Two other games will be televised — the Feb. 22 contest with Nevada-Las Vegas on ESPN and the Feb. 27 game against Tulsa on ESPN2. The WAC Tournament begins March 2 in Las Vegas.

Games against Oklahoma State and Central Oklahoma will likely be added, pending finalized contracts.

NCAA

N.M. center apologizes for drunken driving

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (U-WIRE) — In a short news conference Monday, University of New Mexico center Kenny Thomas apologized for driving under the influence of alcohol this spring. He then went to join his teammates at basketball practice.

Thomas, who turned 21 in July, pleaded guilty Friday to aggravated driving while intoxicated.

Police arrested Thomas on April 4 after he was driving a car that rear-ended another car. Thomas' blood-alcohol level was twice the legal limit.

He spent this past weekend in the Bernalillo County Detention Center.

As part of his punishment — along with a year's probation — Thomas will work with Mothers Against Drunk Driving to educate young people about the dangers of drinking and driving.

—Daily Lobo

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WNBA

Cooper leads Comets to second-half win

HOUSTON (AP) — Two-time WNBA MVP Cynthia Cooper scored 23 points and Sheryl Swoopes led a late second-half charge as the Houston Comets beat the Phoenix Mercury 80-71 Tuesday night to win their second league championship.

Houston, which beat New York for the league's inaugural title last season, beat Phoenix in the best-of-3 series after dropping the opener on the road.

The Mercury led only once in the final game, but they cut Houston's lead to 62-61 with 7:40 to play. Swoopes then made two free throws for a 64-61 lead.

Over a 32-second span, Swoopes fed Janeth Arcain for a layup then blocked a shot that led to her own basket at the other end. The lead was 68-61, and the Mercury never got closer than four points the rest of the way.

Tyson needs compassion, not crucifixion

America says that it loves underdogs, but its actions have proved otherwise throughout its long, ugly past.

Minorities, women, the disabled, poor and other victims of America's superiority complex have withstood the brunt of verbal, and often times, physical abuse.

But you might say, "What about Rudy, Joe Willie Namath, Rocky and the Karate Kid? America was built on the blood and sweat of underdogs."

To which I offer you America's favorite whipping boy: Mike Tyson.

Yes, the Tyson who was a former heavyweight boxing champion of the world, a convicted rapist and the man who bit the ears of current champ, Evander Holyfield.

From the way people talk about him, you would think he had murdered someone. In conversation with someone I consider to be a friend, anger crept over his face, and permeated his voice as he exclaimed "I hate

Mike Tyson. He's not a man. He's less than a man."

A similar conversation with another friend brought forth this comment, "I don't like him. Everything I've ever read or seen about him has been bad."

These were people that I had previously believed to be sympathetic and understanding. Not that they aren't, but it appears if they have let the newspapers and television do their thinking for them. Maybe like Charlie Sheen and Robert Downey Jr., Tyson only needs a good publicist. Tyson is not the first person to have spent time in prison or lost his temper, but it seems as if he is the only one to be publicly crucified for it.

Recently, Tyson was in New Jersey reapplying for his boxing license, which was revoked when his teeth found Holyfield's ears. During the hearing, Tyson was questioned for 43 minutes about his sordid past: the rape, the bite, the life. Was he sorry? Would he do it again? Understandably, Tyson became frustrated and cursed, almost breaking into tears.

It was then that I was struck with deep sympathy for the man once nicknamed "Iron Mike" and "The Baddest Man on the Planet." The man who once proposed to make heavyweight contender Donovan "Razor" Ruddock his "girlfriend" and dis-

posed of one-time heavyweight champion Michael Spinks in a ghastly efficient 91 seconds. As he struggled to regain his composure, I knew what was troubling him: he was being denied his humanity.

I sometimes wonder what people see when they look at Tyson. What is it about him that causes people to speak of him with such venom and distaste? Is he not someone's son, someone's husband, someone's friend? Is he such a "beast" that he can't be forgiven? Haven't all of us sinned, and wanted to be forgiven, only to be forgiven and sin again?

To say that I support Tyson is inaccurate. I know that he has committed wrongs, but I also know that all black people have a point in their lives when they realize that they are not loved by everyone. When hatred for the color of their skin and the prejudice that stems from that feeling can shock them at the most inopportune time. When you realize the playing field is not level, and the world is not color-blind. Heaven forbid, you are not perfect. Ask Allen Iverson, Albert Belle, Bob Hayes, Marion Barry or any black man over the age of 18.

Tyson is a boxer. Even though people don't like him, they pour in by the thousands to see him sacrifice himself and another man for a living. Boxers,

and the people that watch it, provide an interesting view into how America functions. We say we don't like brutality, but put two well-muscled men (or Larry Holmes and George Foreman) into the ring, and watch what happens. People scream for blood with such passion, you would think you were seeing Christians being fed to the lions. Perhaps, it was put best by someone whom I sought out to explain the phenomenon, "You know why people like Tyson? People like train wrecks."

Tyson's body and mental functions are on the line every time he steps through the ropes. Kind of like playing helmetless football for 36 minutes straight. Muhammad Ali, once one of the brightest men the world has seen, has been transformed into a shell of his formerly brilliant self after suffering through nearly two decades of taking punches to the head.

Tyson has been convicted of rape. That much is true. That is, however, something different from being guilty of rape. I don't mean to minimize this rape case, but Tyson's story is not much different from Michael Irvin's or more recently, Larry Allen's. This was a case of he said, she said. She was a beauty contest participant from the Northeast, and supposedly a "God-fearing girl." Mike Tyson was

raised on the streets of Brownsville, New York. Fatherless, penniless, in and out of youth detention centers, without guidance and vicious in the ring. It wasn't a fair fight.

Maybe somebody like William Kennedy Smith could have gotten off, but Mike Tyson doesn't have Smith's prestige or relatives. Therefore he languished away in prison for years.

"Iron Mike" is now nursing the wounds of his latest incident, a supposed altercation with a motorist, which could be a violation of his probation and could kill his chances for stepping into the ring again. I have a feeling that he will still survive. He is a strong man, and has proven that he can fight back in the face of adversity. He has survived Don King, Robin Givens and other leeches.

For those of you that applaud Downey's frequent comebacks, Smith's innocence, and Sheen's irrepressibility, see if you can spare some sympathy for Tyson. If you can't, ask yourself why not?

Are you so infallible and different from Tyson that you too don't need forgiveness at times? I know I do, I'm human. What are you?

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Former defensive end Bubba Smith took cue from 'Wild Kingdom'

By KENTON BROOKS
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BEAUMONT, Texas — It used to be that defensive ends were known as the large, hulking and slow-footed players on the football field.

Bubba Smith changed all of that. When he arrived on the scene at Charlton-Pollard High School, he almost grew overnight from 5-foot-10 and 205 pounds in ninth grade to 6-7 and 244 pounds as a sophomore. Smith knew he couldn't depend on his size alone to be effective.

"I had to keep my coordination," he said about his days at Charlton-Pollard. "I played basketball and ran track. Then there was spring football practice."

Smith, who played nine seasons of pro football after an All-America career at Michigan State, got his inspiration to be a cat-quick lineman from watching the Olympics and "Wild Kingdom" on television when he was young.

"I saw the 100-yard dash in the Olympics and noticed when everybody got in their blocks," he said, "and they would step to their right when they came out and then regain their balance with left leg."

"I said, 'Wow, I'm a left defensive end and that's my stance. If I make a step inside, the tackle has to move or take the inside move first.' I worked on it all summer until it was natural for me."

Smith watched a "Wild Kingdom" show where a cheetah chased down a gazelle. He drew another parallel to football.

"It was no different than watching a defensive lineman chasing a back," he said, "and how the lineman makes his cuts with the back. When that cheetah got to the gazelle, he reached out one paw. It was the same element and same mentality in football."

While Smith, voted as the all-time best high school player in Southeast Texas by Beaumont

Enterprise readers, made football look easy, it was anything but for him in high school.

His father, Willie Ray, Sr., also was his head coach who made it rough on him and there was a reason for that.

"The hardest time I had making the team was in high school," said Bubba. "I thought with Daddy being the coach, I was a shoo-in. He let me know I had to be twice as good at my position because he didn't want people to think he was playing favorites."

Charlton-Pollard won and won big. Smith's high school football memories are not confined to Friday nights. He sits in his mother's house and vividly remembers watching game films for hours on end with his father.

Bubba would point out plays or make suggestions to his father about this week's opponent. Willie Ray, Sr. would listen.

A particular Friday night in 1963 stands out in Bubba Smith's memory. It was a game against Hebert.

Charlton-Pollard trailed 20-0 at halftime. Willie Ray, Sr. came into the locker room and he was mad.

"We had all of our shoes taped up and he told us to take that tape off and he wanted all of the assistant coaches out of the room," recalled Bubba. "He told us if we planned on winning the game, we have to score and hold them."

Charlton-Pollard scored its first touchdown with 50 seconds left in the third quarter. It held Hebert and eventually scored the game winning touchdown as the clock ran out for a 21-20 victory.

"I learned from football how to deal with crisis and be a calming force on the field," said Smith. "I also had to have that fire."

"I started dreaming about football when I was a young. I would watch the older guys. They had one thing in their game I liked and I worked on that."

Loosening up



Members of the Horned Frog football team stretch in preparation for a workout. The Frogs, under new head coach Dennis Franchione, will face a challenging lineup of teams in the piecemeal Western Athletic Conference.

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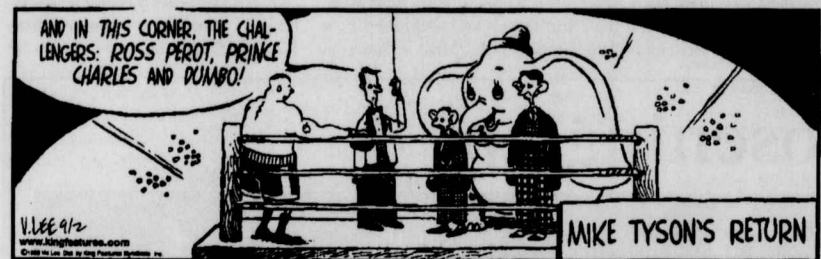
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Weekend

Friday, September 4, 1998

Pulse NEWS BRIEFS

What are you doing this weekend?
The TCU Daily Skiff will officially change its Weekend section format from a two-page spread to an eight-page tabloid insert Friday.
The decision to switch formats was made at the behest of the entertainment staff, who have been groaning for the past few semesters about not having enough space to run all the entertainment-related information they wanted.
The additional pages will allow the Skiff staff to provide more comprehensive and in-depth reporting on the world of entertainment, from movies to theater and ballet. Our reviewers will work tirelessly to bring not only the highlights but also the full stories presenting all the information about the subject.

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Start spreading the news

◆ **Weekend section to make its debut in this Friday's TCU Daily Skiff.**
The new design of the TCU Daily Skiff Weekend section allows deeper coverage of movies and theater performances, and the extra pages let us feature a lengthy centerpiece story with a different topic each week.
Each Weekend will have an in-depth article focusing on one aspect of the Dallas/Fort Worth area and what it means to TCU students, faculty and staff. The first story in this series, to run Friday, is on downtown Fort Worth's Sundance Square and what it has to offer to people looking for a fun time.
Next week's planned centerpiece is a historical look at why Fort Worth is referred to as "Cowtown." Other planned features for the new section are more interviews with celebrities and musicians, as well as a "book of the week" instead of one each month. The increase in pages has caused us to increase the size of our entertainment staff. As of now, there isn't a need for a large writing staff but if readers are interested, the Skiff urges you to sign up. The section will need all interested writers to make it as informative as possible.



Inside
Moonlighting on Sundance Square.
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