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Campus

Student arrested for indecent exposure

A part-time TCU student has been arrested for indecent exposure.

Mark Krey, Fort Worth police public information officer, said that according to the police report, a TCU maintenance worker saw a suspicious man in a black Ford Probe behind Sherley Hall about 11 a.m. Monday in his car looking up at the residence hall. The TCU employee drove by in his van and could see the man masturbating, Krey said.

The employee then found a Campus Police officer and told him what he had seen, Krey said, adding that Campus Police began looking for the car and found the suspect in TCU's library parking lot.

Krey said the suspect was issued a criminal trespass warning and his vehicle was confiscated. The Fort Worth Police Department searched the vehicle for evidence, Krey said.

Campus Police Chief Steve McGee said: "The suspect was told over the phone that there was a warrant for his arrest and it would be best to turn himself in. A few hours later he turned himself in to Matt Welch at the Fort Worth Police Storefront on Berry Street."

Welch, a police officer at the storefront, said: "We had two anonymous tips about this guy about and his deviant behavior."

Krey said, "Indecent exposure is a Class B misdemeanor, and a first-time offender would most likely be punished with probation and a fine."

Radio talk show to feature Franchione

TCU head football coach Dennis Franchione will participate in "Frog Talk," a radio show hosted by Brian Estridge, the sideline reporter for Horned Frog football games.

"Frog Talk" will be broadcast live every Thursday for the remainder of the 1998 football season from 7 to 8 p.m. on KTCU-FM (88.7). Broadcasts will take place at Ninfa's Mexican Restaurant on South University Drive.

The "Frog Talk" broadcasts can also be heard outside the Dallas/Fort Worth area on KDOK-FM (92.1) of Longview-Tyler, Texas, on Fridays. KTCU will also broadcast all Horned Frog football games for the year with Bill Coates back as play-by-play announcer. Former TCU kicker John Denton will provide the color commentary.

TCU football games can also be heard outside the Dallas/Fort Worth area on KDOK, KKHT-FM (106.9) of Houston, KBOP-AM (1380) of San Antonio-Pleasanton, KRIL-AM (1410) of Midland-Odessa, Texas, and KMPC-AM (1560) and KYD-AM (1340) of Abilene, Texas.

The broadcast from Ninfa's will be open to the public.

Colleges

Grand jury reindicts Texas A&M professor

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (U-WIRE) — Texas A&M University computer science professor Dhiraj Pradhan was reindicted by a grand jury for abuse of official capacity Tuesday. The indictment charges Pradhan with misusing government property valued at more than \$25,000 and less than \$100,000.

An A&M audit accused Pradhan of misappropriating \$100,000 in relation to his two private businesses.

If found guilty at a Dec. 3 trial, Pradhan could face two to 10 years imprisonment and up to a \$10,000 fine.

State District Judge Carolyn Ruffino dismissed two official misconduct charges and two theft charges against Pradhan in early September after Pradhan's attorney, Travis Bryan III, complained the charges were vague.

Pradhan's tenure was reinstated at A&M in August after a year suspension.

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Gretchen Kliem (front), a senior environmental science major and president of TERRA, and Jackie Hernandez, a sophomore elementary education major, recycle newspapers in the lobby of Foster Hall.

Recycling program intended to help in campus cleanup

By Sylvia Carrizales
STAFF REPORTER

Campus-wide efforts to save the planet will begin Oct. 1.

The new all-campus recycling program will place plastic recycling bins in all of the dorms on main campus for paper and all other recyclables.

"It is going to renew the students' interest in recycling, and it's going to promote respect for one's surroundings and community," Student Government Association President Shana Lawlor said.

The recycling program had its beginnings two years ago when Lawlor was Student Concerns Committee chairwoman.

"(Recycling) had been an interest of House,

and it had been for a while," said Lawlor, a senior international communications major.

Lawlor and Greg Barron, a TCU graduate and former president of TERRA, the environmental society, researched other neighborhood recycling programs and devised a program for the campus, Lawlor said.

"We put together a plan for the university and presented it to Don Mills (vice chancellor for student affairs)," she said. "He saw it was a good idea, and it passed."

Mills and John Butler, university minister, planned a pilot program last year in Brachman and Sherley dormitories.

"The program showed that students are not going to be open to going out to put the

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Films Committee plans events with movies

By Joaquin Herrera
STAFF REPORTER

With a decrease of about \$1,500, the Films Committee budget was the only Programming Council committee budget to be cut back this year, said Adam Ryan, PC treasurer.

Although PC's total annual budget increased by \$12,000, to be dispersed within its nine committees,

the Films Committee proposed a lower budget this year than it had last year, Ryan said. Therefore, the number of films shown dropped from 13 last semester to eight.

"We decided we wanted to do more co-programming," said Brandi Collard, Films Committee chairwoman and a senior radio-TV-film and English major.

"We're not showing the usual romantic comedies anymore."

PC treasurer Adam Ryan, a sophomore business major, said the cut in the budget was proposed by the committee itself and not by the administrative cabinet.

"Brandi (Collard) decided that she wanted different kinds of films and not just blockbusters," he said.

"They want to do more films accompanied with lectures and events."

The committee has organized several events to complement the movies they are showing. On Sept. 19 with Student Development Services, they brought "The Chosen," a movie based on the book by Chaim Potok to prepare students for Potok's visit to the campus today.

"We're trying to get a different audience rather than the usual dateless coeds," Collard said. "We want more universal films with universal appeal."

On Sept. 25 with the Alcohol and Drug Education Center, the committee will present "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas."

"We talked about putting together a panel about alco-

hol and drug use," said Leanne Fondren of the Alcohol and Drug Education Center. "We don't want to promote this stuff."

Movies such as "Field of Dreams" (Oct. 9) and "Wag the Dog" (Nov. 19) will be showing in the ballroom and more events will take place with each of the movies.

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Video game contest zaps students



Matthew Berry, a freshman arts and sciences premajor, participates in the video game competition Wednesday afternoon in the Student Center Ballroom.

By Mike Roberts
STAFF REPORTER

Guns are blazing, bodies exploding and blood flying everywhere. Yet those doing the killing seem unfazed. In fact, they are smiling and sometimes laughing at the chaos they're creating.

Real people aren't actually dying. It's all part of the Roadkill '98 tour, a video game competition that hit TCU's Student Center on Wednesday.

The tour is sponsored by collegestudents.com and iDOT.com computers and features the video game Quake II. Tom Beardmore, online "evangelist" for iDOT.com, said this game is a good way for students to get out some of their aggression.

"It's basically shoot anything that's got legs," Beardmore said. Please see GAME, Page 4

Air Force recruiting for new program

By Blanca E. Rojo
STAFF REPORTER

Hearts pound and anxiety sets in as graduation day approaches, because for many, a future of joblessness awaits.

But for Air Force ROTC cadets, this is a fear they won't have to face.

The TCU Air Force ROTC will host an open-house mixer tonight to inform people of its new Students To Air Force ROTC program.

Under the temporary program, a student in his or her junior year can enroll in ROTC for only three semesters and receive a commission in the Air Force upon completion of the program, said Capt. José Aleman, an assistant professor of aerospace studies at TCU.

This differs from the existing four-year ROTC program, in which a cadet is enrolled for eight Please see AIR FORCE, Page 4

Art, music fest to let students show creativity

By Joaquin Herrera
STAFF REPORTER

Programming Council's Fine Arts Committee is sponsoring the annual Arts and Music Fest from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. today and Friday in the Student Center Lounge.

Students will be able to create sand art for \$1, make candles for \$2, paint on a graffiti wall and tie-dye coffee filters throughout the event.

Several bands will perform, including Fisherman's Ensemble at 11:30 a.m., Watusi at 2 p.m. and Buck Reem's Trio at 3:30 p.m. today.

Fuse will perform at 11:30 a.m. and Melanie Skybell, at 2 p.m. Friday.

The PC Concerts Committee is co-programming the event.

"We want people to come sit down in the Student Center, eat lunch and enjoy the music," said Sunny Royall, a senior Spanish major and chairwoman of the Fine Arts Committee.

The committee will set up tables for students to play with Play-Doh and color during the event.

All the activities will be free to students except the sand and candle art. The sand art consists of a bottle with layers of colored sand. To make the candles, students will fill candle holders with beaded wax, place a wick in the middle of it and seal it with melted wax.

"It's a chance for people who aren't normally exposed to art to be artistic," Royall

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Ready to write Writing Center celebrates turning 10

By Jaime Walker
STAFF REPORTER

The staff and faculty of the Writing Center, as well as members of the English staff, joined speaker Diane George in commemorating the center's 10th anniversary Tuesday.

George, a professor at Michigan Technological University, lectured faculty about the importance of bringing teaching into the 21st century. Her presentation, titled "Mapping our Future in our Past: Teaching Composition in the 21st," was designed to provide TCU faculty with the incentive to modify their composition classes to address the ever-changing needs of today's students.

"As I was thinking about what I would discuss with you today, I want to make sure that you realize that holding on to the past is useful," George said. "We need to know who we were, and who we are, but we need to look at where we are going. Direction is the key to communication. We as professors must appreciate the compositions that take place outside the classroom."

George encouraged her colleagues to promote the "self-exploration needed to truly compose." She said much of today's writings are "grounded in activism." In her view, composition in the 21st century will evolve to include more community-based writings. Today, writing outside the classroom involves knowledge of the world outside the university.

"Composition is not just about standard English but requires an understanding of the culture that is reflected in writing," she said. "There needs to be a shift in classroom practice from essayist literacy to one in which the lessons translate into everyday use."

George cited universities where composition classes focused their writings on a campus-wide campaign for Habitat for Humanity. The students in the class assisted with public relations for the event, as well as wrote essays about how their work with Habitat families impacted their views of the underprivileged.

George stressed the importance of

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Pulse

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TCU LONDON CENTRE general information session will be held at 4 p.m. today in Student Center Room 207. The session will inform any interested people about internships and study at TCU's new international center.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY Mass and meal at 5 p.m. today in Reed Hall Room 214.

DISCIPLE STUDENT FELLOWSHIP meal and fellowship at 5:15 p.m. today at University Christian Church. Enter through the student entrance at the corner of Rogers and Cantey.

WESLEY FOUNDATION meal and fellowship at 5:30 p.m. today in the Wesley Building (2750 W. Lowden).

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION MEETING at 5 p.m. today in Student Center Room 222. Call Charles at 257-3670.

ON-CAMPUS INTERVIEWING ORIENTATION will be at 5 p.m. today. The hourlong workshop will explain the process, policies and procedures of on-campus interviews. Sign up at Career Services in the Student Center Annex or call 257-7860.

SKEE WEEK CELEBRATION final event for Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority is "Sisters Getting Their Groove Back" at 7 p.m. Sept. 25 on the Student Center steps.

TCU LECTURE SERIES features Dana Nelson from Duke University at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 28 in the Dee J. Kelly Alumni & Visitors Center Cox Banquet Room C.

EATING DISORDERS SUPPORT GROUP now forming at the TCU Counseling Center. For an initial screening appointment, call Dorothy M. Barra at 257-7836.

In The News . . .

World

Bodyguard Rees-Jones files suit against Ritz hotel and car service

PARIS — The sole survivor of the car crash that killed Princess Diana filed suit Wednesday against the Ritz Hotel and a car service, claiming they endangered the lives of others by failing to provide a licensed chauffeur.

Former bodyguard Trevor Rees-Jones claims in his lawsuit that the management of the Ritz and Etoile-Limousine failed to provide a licensed driver for the 280S Mercedes sedan in which the princess was riding.

The driver of the car, Henri Paul, did not have the type of license required by law to drive the Mercedes, which Etoile-Limousine had provided to the hotel.

The legal action marked the first time that the Ritz management and the car company have been legally targeted for responsibility in the crash in a traffic tunnel under the Place de l'Alma.

Rees-Jones' lawyer, Christian Curtill, specifically requested the lawsuit be added to the investigation into the accident, led by Judge Herve Stephan.

At the time of the Aug. 31, 1997 crash, Rees-Jones was an employee of Ritz owner Mohamed Al Fayed, the father of Dodi Fayed, Diana's companion, who died in the crash.

Paul, chief of security at the Ritz Hotel, was legally drunk and taking prescription drugs for depression at the time. He was also killed in the crash.

The Ritz maintains photographers chasing the couple precipitated the accident.

Eight people sent to hospital after cattle blood spills on highway

LONDON — Eight people were taken to a hospital today after a tanker carrying 22 tons of blood from cattle that were destroyed in an effort to eradicate mad cow disease spilled on a highway.

A tanker was on a highway near Birmingham in central England when it leaked, police said. Two of the highway's three lanes were closed while the blood was removed, causing long lines of traffic.

Police Inspector Clive Isherwood said authorities believe the blood came from older cows that were destroyed as part of the government's campaign to eradicate bovine spongiform encephalopathy, or BSE. The blood was also to be destroyed.

"It is not known if the blood is infected with BSE, but we are taking all precautions necessary to ensure the safety of the public," Isherwood said.

An official from the Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Ministry who spoke on condition of anonymity said chances were remote that the blood was infected since many cattle over 36 months old were destroyed as a preventative measure and did not actually carry the disease.

Police said eight people who had been splashed with blood — four firefighters, two police officers, the tanker driver and his wife — were taken to

Walsall Manor Hospital to be cleaned up.

The European Union banned British beef exports in March 1996 after Britain announced a possible link between BSE and the fatal, brain-wasting Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease that has killed 27 people in Britain since 1995.

Hundreds of thousands of cattle have been slaughtered and their carcasses destroyed since March 1996.

Nation

Republicans call for nothing less than impeachment for Clinton

WASHINGTON — Congressional Republicans are working to snuff out new talk of a punishment for President Clinton short of impeachment, an idea floated by Democrats as poll numbers show that most Americans don't want Clinton removed from office.

Both parties jockeyed for political advantage, as leaders of the House and its Judiciary Committee were to confront each other today over the political nastiness that clouded the opening days of an impeachment review.

Republicans intend to bring a formal inquiry of impeachment to the House floor within the next two weeks.

"The decision about cutting a deal is very, very premature," Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., chairman of the Judiciary Committee, told reporters Tuesday. "It makes an interesting story, but I don't know of any substance to it."

Renewed discussion of a lesser penalty — perhaps a congressional censure and a fine — came from Democrats, who believe it's possible to avoid an exhausting congressional inquiry into Clinton's affair with Monica Lewinsky.

"The president has to accept this problem is not going to go away and I think Republicans have to face the reality that an overwhelming majority of the American people do not want the Clinton presidency to end and are likely to resist, with vigor, attempts to impeach him," said Sen. Robert Torricelli, D-N.J.

Clinic allegedly paid children to undergo unneeded exams

LOS ANGELES — A medical clinic allegedly recruited poor city youngsters, paid them up to \$10 to undergo unnecessary exams, including gynecological tests, and then billed the state.

No arrests had been made, and an investigation was continuing Wednesday as detectives studied records seized from the clinic.

"If any of it is true, it's absolutely outrageous," Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe said.

Paramount Medical Center employees allegedly picked up children between the ages of 9 and 14 from housing projects in South Central Los Angeles, north Long Beach and Compton. They then took them to the clinic in the Paramount area of Los Angeles, authorities said.

Calls seeking comment from clinic officials went unanswered.

Each boy was reportedly paid \$5 and each girl \$10. Girls were paid more because gynecological exams could be performed on them, sheriff's Sgt. Mason Kenny said.

"To a kid, (it) seems like a lot of money," said Glenda Wining, spokeswoman for county Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke.

The number of children involved could not be determined immediately, Kenny said. Los Angeles County supervisors have launched a campaign to notify parents in the areas where children may have been solicited.

Investigators who searched the clinic on Sept. 14 confiscated all records, billing documents and other evidence that indicated the clinic treated about 100 boys and 25 girls daily, authorities said.

The investigation was instigated by a parent of a child who was a patient at the clinic, Kenny said.

A task force was investigating whether clinic employees committed Medi-Cal fraud, solicited people to be fake patients and endangered children's lives, according to Burke's office.

Family planning clinics are allowed to perform certain medical procedures on children without obtaining parental consent, Wining said.

Sheriff's investigators plan to complete the investigation by the end of the week to turn it over to the district attorney's office for possible prosecution, Kenny said.

Logger could be charged with manslaughter, killing activist

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — The logger who felled the tree that struck and killed a 24-year-old environmental activist last week should be charged with manslaughter, a lawyer for Earth First! said Tuesday.

David Chain of Austin, Texas, was killed Thursday when the falling tree struck him in the head near Grizzly Creek, about 280 miles up the coast from San Francisco.

The Humboldt County Sheriff's Department said preliminary indications support Pacific Lumber Co.'s contention that Chain's death was an accident. The 53-year-old logger, who has not been identified, was deeply distressed over Chain's death, the company said.

But Earth First! members at the scene say the logger was deliberately chainsawing trees in their direction. The group claims a videotape made at the scene shows the logger threatening the activists shortly before Chain's death. That meets the negligence standard for manslaughter, said attorney Richard Jay Moller.

On the videotape supplied by Earth First! on Tuesday, a man identified by the environmental group as the logger screams, "Get outta here! Otherwise, I'll (expletive) make sure I got a tree coming this way."

"I wish I had my (expletive) pistol," he said. Activists brought the camera to document what they say was illegal logging by Pacific Lumber.

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DRIVING US WILD

Many students aren't safe behind wheel

The biggest exam of your collegiate life is coming up in 10 minutes. Legal parking is nowhere to be found. And to top it all off, Alice Carlson Applied Learning Center, the school on Cantey Street, has just let out and kids are running everywhere.

Before you take the "what pedestrian?" mentality so popular among TCU students and careen past the school, think about it for a second. Is your day going to be worse if you don't get to sit with your entourage of friends, or if you massacre a couple of 8-year-olds?

This scenario, while perhaps slightly exaggerated, can be applied all over campus. Reckless driving is not going to get you to class any sooner, and it significantly increases your chances of getting into real trouble. Again, an accident would damage you far more than walking into class late ever could.

Plus, those yellow slips that occasionally appear beneath your windshield wipers prove that a police presence does exist near campus. And while their hobby is ticket dispersion, their job is to monitor traffic in the area. If the Fort Worth police catch you speeding, especially in a school zone, they will pull you over. And they will issue you a ticket amounting to \$25 for every mile over the speed limit.

Counting court fees, 30 mph past Alice Carlson could cost you precisely \$124.75, according to the ticketing division of the Fort Worth Police Department.

Students risk their necks and bank balances in the traffic hell that is TCU on a daily basis. So think logically and just slow down!

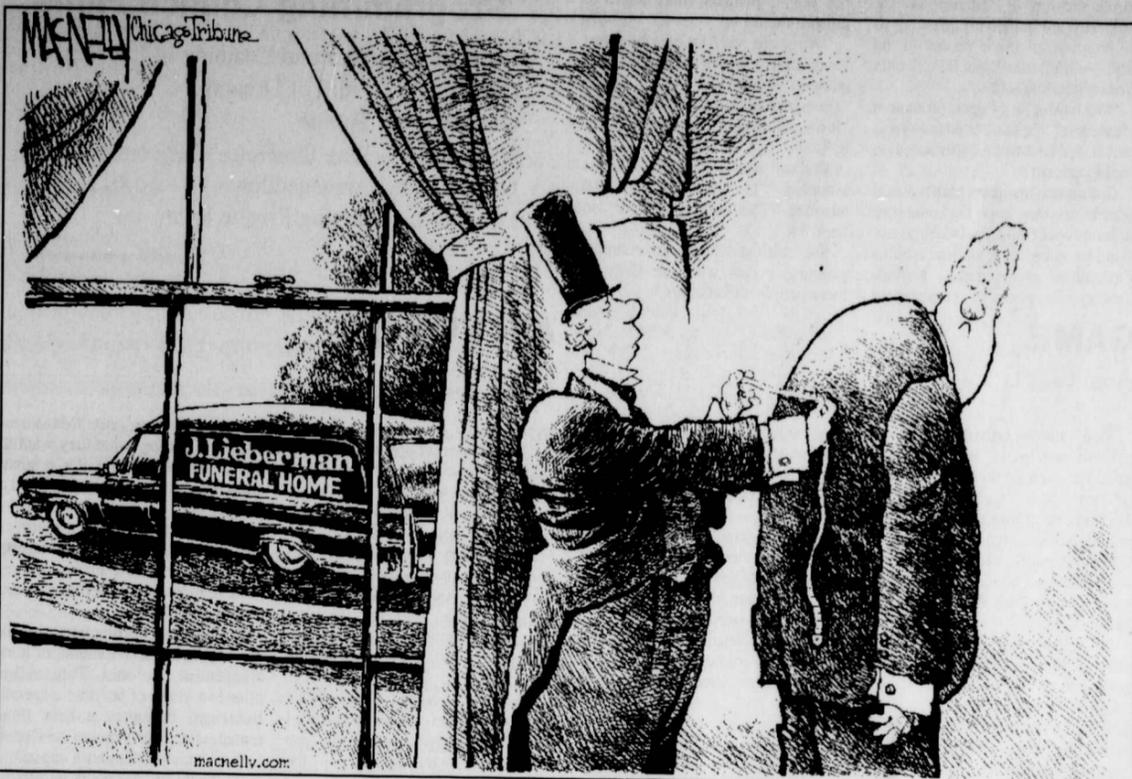
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In TV war, choose right 'Party'

I must say, for a while there I was really worried about my old buddy, Charlie. You see, Charlie has cancer and we weren't sure he was going to pull through.

And while Charlie struggled to survive, so did real-life counterpart Matthew Fox, as FOX (the network) debated whether to pull the show's plug. The Charlie to whom I refer to is not a real person, of course, but of course, the patriarchal brother of the fictitious Salinger family.

Fox plays Charlie, an orphaned 20-something-year-old who struggles with life's problems after his parents are killed by a drunken driver and he subsequently gains custody of his siblings in the TV program "Party of Five."

Television, as I see it, isn't really causing the breakdown of society. However, what we individually choose to watch goes a long way in reflecting our general lack of intellect. I believe today's typical Americans are unable to cope

with real life. To escape from mundane reality, they tune in to such shows as "Melrose Place" and "Beverly Hills, 90210."

Make no mistake about it. While "Party of Five" is a drama about everyday life (alcoholism, paying rent, relationship struggles), "Melrose Place" and "Beverly Hills, 90210" are merely cheap melodramas that insult the viewers' intelligence.

So why would FOX consider canceling such a poignant show featuring an excellent ensemble cast (Fox, Neve Campbell and Jennifer Love-Hewitt)? Why kill a show that challenges the viewer to profoundly examine the characters in depth?

Well, until last season, nobody was watching. "Party" struggled to average 8 million viewers an episode. Meanwhile, "Beverly Hills, 90210" and "Melrose Place" have not aired any single episode with fewer than 8 million viewers since their first season.

Once again, I have to question the intellectual value of our society. On "Beverly Hills, 90210," Brandon sleeps with Kelly, who slept with Dylan, who slept with Brandon's sister. Inadvertently, then, Brandon slept with his own sister.

"Melrose Place" is worse, as everyone sleeps with everyone.

So, the question is, why are people so loyal to these shows? The answer is, these melodramas don't really require much thinking and they don't require much commitment. I'll bet I could watch three episodes of "Beverly Hills, 90210" and be completely in-tune with its shallow story line. The same goes for "Baywatch" or "Melrose Place."

Also, I think we live in a society that's been conditioned to believe a racier, more exciting lifestyle is just around the corner. In reality, much of everyday life is actually mundane and predictable. What makes life rich is overcoming challenges, facing fears and finding inner peace.

Now, that doesn't exactly happen on "Party of Five," either, and the show does have its critics. But it is a rare example of realism. Bailey, the second-oldest brother, is an alcoholic for life.

Meanwhile, on "Beverly Hills, 90210," Brandon has been addicted to gambling, alcohol and drugs in consecutive seasons, only to see the problems swept neatly under the rug. The fact that Americans continue to watch tells a lot about their attention span.

Detractors could easily say "Party of Five" is a bad example of quality television because it lacks morality, realistic plots and "nobody has that much bad luck." But still, I use it as an example of how short-term America's thinking process really is.

I admit that the show's original premise — five orphans and no parents — was unrealistic, but the idea is that these characters are representative of what we all struggle to overcome.

There is a part of me that has felt the fear that cancerous Charlie feels. There is a part of me that, like Julia, has unlimited potential but remains tentatively fearful of making a false move. And there is a part of me that feels the heart-break every time the family neglects Claudia to attend to Charlie's illness. I, too, was 15 years old when my father was diagnosed with cancer.

In short, I am emotionally invested in this family. To follow them week after week takes commitment and perspective. And I speak on behalf of 8 million other people when I say the Salingers could use your support as well.

Tim Skaggs in a speech communication major from Fort Worth.

Commentary



TIM SKAGGS

Yadda, yadda, yadda ...

The new season of television is starting this week, and NBC is no longer has "Seinfeld" to anchor its Thursday "Must See TV" lineup. So in a minor attempt to fill the void of meandering humor and quirky observations, consider this a "column about nothing."

I hope and pray that 20 years from now no one ever starts a coffee-table discussion with the phrase, "Do you remember where you were when you heard Ginger Spice left the Spice Girls?"

With each new revelation from the desk of Kenneth Starr, the connection between Bill Clinton, president of the United States, and George Clinton, president funkadelic, grows stronger and stronger.

Is it merely coincidence or cruel cosmic irony that "Wag the Dog," "Primary Colors," and Bill Clinton's grand jury testimony videotapes are all being released within a short time of one another?

Some statistics I need to throw around while I still can: The winning percentage of 1997 Division I collegiate football national champion Michigan is .333, the winning percentage of your hometown Division I collegiate football traditional doormat TCU is .500.

I was proud that our football team scuffled with the Sooners and their fans after the game. To let the opposing team steal a game from you in the closing minutes is heart-breaking enough, but to simply allow them to rush the field in celebration on our home field would have been tragic. Good sports fans don't rub in lucky wins. Good job to our team for defending our turf.

I hope football attendance will stay high even if the team doesn't win another game. It would be nice to show that we aren't all fair-weather fans.

I wish every other team at TCU could, at least once, feel the sort of crowd energy the football and basketball teams receive.

After so many weeks of seeing every other person wearing a name tag, the recent Monday at TCU seemed strangely comforting.

Whenever a professor said "Convocation" I heard "vacation." I'm sure I'm not alone.

Chancellor Ferrari said TCU is a "very special place with an uncommonly bright future." Wow. Perhaps I'm just overly cynical, but does anyone expect him to say, "I feel that this campus is a mediocre place with a dismal future. Coming here was a huge mistake. I must sit in a bathtub full of 100-dollar bills for several hours each evening in order to make it through the week?"

I have never actually met Chancellor Ferrari, but I have a feeling he isn't surprised and impressed by people who make up automobile metaphors when describing him or his actions.

It actually makes sense to call the House of Student Representatives the Student Government Association since to actually "represent" constituents, the representative has to find out what opinions he or she is supposed to be representing. In order to technically "represent," it also helps to show up.

If Shana Lawlor successfully fought off a coup of the Student Government Association in the middle of the woods, would it make a sound?

I wish someone would corral some of the band members of such TCU-affiliated bands as Fisherman's Ensemble and the jim squires band so they can wash off their chalk promotions. One such advertisement has been on the wall of the South Moudy Building for a year. Literally.

So is this a column "about nothing" or a "nothing column"? Eh, yadda, yadda, yadda.

Matt Shoemaker is a junior communications graphics major from Sunnyvale, Calif.



MATT SHOEMAKER

Letters to the editor

Student safety should be a priority to administration.

In light of the recent events concerning the safety of students on or around TCU's campus, I think it is reprehensible that the TCU administration has not done more to inform the students about safety concerns around the campus. In the past year, the TCU community has faced a rapist, multiple flashers, phone harassment and multiple drunken driving accidents.

How has the administration combated these dangers?

First, in the case of stalking and harassment, it has helped by continuing to flaunt students' intimate information. Home addresses and phone numbers are accessible over the Internet without any proof of identification and anybody can get access to your schedule during registration, which dictates where you will be and how long you'll be there.

The administration also continues making the most egregious error of all by using a student's social security number as their student ID. If someone finds your lost student ID card, what havoc can they wreak and what information can they find out?

Second, in the case of the rapist and flashers, I applaud the efforts made last year by the administration to make all people aware of the dangers faced around campus. I feel this year that the same efforts are needed.

Simply because the rapist has not attacked in the last few months does not ensure he will not again. And in the worst case scenario, if he is a student, then he has just returned to campus. I have not witnessed the administration make any notable effort to publicize these attacks. In fact, upon returning to campus, the first information I saw

was in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Third, in the case of the drunken driving accidents, by refusing to associate TCU's name with that of an alcoholic sponsor, the administration has stymied efforts to start a "Safe Ride" program for students. Most universities provide their students with a method of returning to campus after either they or the driver of a vehicle has been drinking.

I hold no disillusionment about the amount of drinking, both of age and underage, that goes on among the student body. I, however, see the creation of a "Safe Ride" program as a viable means of reducing fatalities and serious injuries to students and all those on the roads. I ask you, what is the cost of life of one student? If the "Safe Ride" cost \$100,000 and saves the life of one student, I see it as one of the best investments this university can make.

Chris Dobson
sophomore criminal justice and history major

Lariats a dying tradition; give Hyper Frogs a chance

According to a letter written by Ms. (Courtney) Eidman on Friday, Sept. 18, ("Replacement of Lariats sacrifices TCU traditions") TCU's first football game of the year was missing "a strong form of school spirit," due to the discontinuation of the Lariat program. She referred to the Lariats as a "diverse group of gentlemen" who "represented our student body in a respectable manner."

Diverse and representative? Since when is a group of all-white males dressed in cowboy outfits diverse and representative of TCU? Besides, from my understanding of the situation, the reason the Lariats were discontinued is

that there was a lack of interest on their part — not enough of these "diverse" men showed up for each game.

Ms. Eidman accused the Hyper Frogs of being "scantily dressed," mentioning in the next paragraph that entertainment should be left to the cheerleaders and Showgirls. Well, if she thinks the Hyper Frogs are scantily dressed in matching polo shirts and jeans, I would hate to find out what she thinks of the cheerleader and Showgirl outfits!

In addition, the Hyper Frogs do something a bit more useful than pass out candy to children at football games; they go to local elementary and high schools to teach about the dangers of alcohol and drug abuse, through the use of cheers, skits and lively music. And as for their "childish game of leap frog" — at least it's much more interesting to watch than the Lariats standing with their arms folded across their chests during the entire game.

I realize it's a bit disconcerting to have such a radical change in tradition so suddenly, and I admit that the Hyper Frogs were probably a bit rough around the edges during the first home game. But perhaps the replacement of the Lariats with the Hyper Frogs was not such a "hastily made decision," as Ms. Eidman assumed. Perhaps Lariat support had been waning. My guess is that TCU wanted something a bit more fresh.

Don't try to hang on to what I consider to be a dying tradition, Ms. Eidman. Fan support has decreased in the stands over the past several years and has just begun to come back up. Let's move on from the Lariats and embrace a new tradition.

Give the Hyper Frogs a chance!
Carrie E. Finegan
junior English major

FILM

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Collard said she is looking forward to the showing of "Titanic" on Oct. 16. They are tentatively planning to co-program an event related to the film with the Special Events Committee, she said.

"We have a lot of good promotion ideas for it," she said. "And it's a great movie. It's best when experienced on the big screen."

Committee members both past and present say they hope the committee is more successful in bringing students to its events. Last year's Films Committee chairwoman, Melissa Yeatts, now a senior management

major, said she is glad the committee this year is planning more events to go with the films.

"We were very successful when we hosted a panel of former drug addicts with the movie 'Trainspotting' last year," Yeatts said. "It was interesting to see the reality of it."

Collard said about 30 students attended "The Chosen" and 60 attended "The Wedding Singer" on Sept. 18.

She said she hopes to continue planning events with the films so more people will attend.

Programming Council Films

- Sept. 25 Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas
- Oct. 9 Field of Dreams
- Oct. 16 Titanic
- Nov. 19 Wag the Dog
- Nov. 20 Armageddon
- Dec. 4 Saving Private Ryan

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GAME

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That's not the only thing the competition was good for. The grand prize for winning the Quake II competition was a state-of-the-art Voodoo two graphics system for use on a personal computer system, won by John Horacek. Second prize was a state-of-the-art computer sound system, won by Shea Branch, a junior business major.

Beardmore said the winners from each of the six stops on the Texas college tour will meet in a "Grand Melee" for the Texas state championship. The prize has yet to be determined, Beardmore said, but an entire computer system was not out of the question. The six schools on the tour are TCU, Southern Methodist University, Rice University, University of Houston, University of Texas at Austin and Texas A&M University.

Quake II was chosen because of its wide appeal across the globe, Beardmore said.

"This has one of the largest gaming communities around the world who play," he said.

Freshman English major Matt Berry won one of the earlier rounds. He said the three-dimensional game has been among his favorites for six years.

"Even I sometimes jerk my head

back and start my legs moving," Berry said. "I feel like a true athlete, a well-oiled machine. People like this game because they miss Mike Tyson."

While students such as Berry were there to test their skills, others came to check it out and get out of the massive downpour of rain outside and grab a free T-shirt.

Bethany Allee, director of marketing at collegestudents.com, said it didn't matter why students were coming in.

"It's fun, it's free and it's a good way to check out great computers," Allee said. "As for people coming in and not playing, that's the name of the game. College students want free stuff."

Collegestudents.com is a free Web site set up for college students. The site includes TCU-specific information such as local housing, restaurants, course descriptions and class advice.

Beardmore said he wanted to get the iDOT.com name out to students because he believes these systems are more affordable to college students.

For some lucky winners, the downpour of rain and wet shirts can't dampen the sound and spirit of exploding bodies.

AIR FORCE

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semesters.

"This is a great opportunity for a student to become a commissioned officer in the Air Force in less than half the time it takes a normal four-year cadet," he said.

The primary goal of STAR is to commission many officers into the Air Force by the year 2000 through ROTC, Aleman said. For this reason, the effective date runs only through the end of this semester, he said.

Students visiting Air Force detachment 845 will be introduced to STAR, shown videos on job opportunities and briefed on the benefits of Air Force life, Aleman said.

The prospect for students to become pilots and navigators looks bright, Aleman said, as the number of slots for these jobs has been increased by the Air Force.

These jobs are open to everybody who qualifies, and for every 10 cadets who apply, seven are selected for these jobs, Aleman said.

There are over 100 jobs in the Air Force, including those in accounting, business, computer programming, nursing, management and other fields, he said.

Second Lt. Myers Gray, a former ROTC cadet at TCU who is await-

ing pilot training, said, "Many students don't know what they want to do after college, and it's a great chance to get experience and build a résumé."

Aleman said starting salary is about \$29,000, including housing and food subsidies. Free, comprehensive medical and dental care are also provided.

The first two promotion rates in the Air Force are automatic, or non-competitive, he said. This means after two years of service, a second lieutenant becomes a first lieutenant; after four years of service, a first lieutenant becomes a captain.

At the three-year point, an officer receives a pay raise, he said. At the four-year point, an officer's pay earns him or her about \$47,000.

Aleman also said the Air Force pays for 30 days of vacation and 75 percent of tuition for master's and doctoral degrees.

Second Lt. Andy Braxton, a former TCU ROTC cadet who is awaiting pilot training, said, "We offer such a great opportunity, and this is our chance to tell people about that."

The open house will offer students free food and drinks and will be at 6 p.m. today at 2800 W. Lowden St.

RECYCLE

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recyclable materials in the proper place," Butler said. "An educational program is essential."

The Student Concerns Committee will hang posters, place flyers under doors in dorms and post signs to publicize the program and educate students about recycling.

Recycling bins will be placed in dorms on main campus, and the housekeepers will move the bins out to the curb for pick-up.

The Residential Services Department has worked with the housekeeping staff to plan for the program.

"We've asked our housekeepers to identify the availability of (recycling) containers and

the likely areas that would be of least inconvenience to residents yet still be visible," said Karen Baker, coordinator of residential housekeeping. "We're more than willing to help facilitate the effort."

Then the service fraternity Alpha Phi Omega will take on the task of delivering the recyclables to the Eco-bin located behind the Rockefeller Building for Ranch Management.

The first pick-up is scheduled for Oct. 7, Butler said.

Sarah Edwards, president of the fraternity, said Alpha Phi Omega has always done recycling programs but was asked to assist in the widespread program.

"We make sure that the recyclables are taken down to the bins, and we organize it," Edwards, a junior social work major, said.

"After we have it running smoothly, we'll start contacting other groups on campus."

Edwards said the program is needed to eliminate excess waste.

"There are huge amounts of trash that come out of the residence halls, and this will cut it down," Edwards said.

Bridget Epperson, service vice president of Alpha Phi Omega, is in charge of the fraternity's role in

the program. "The program serves) to cut down on the regular amount of trash that a campus produces every day," Epperson said.

John Leuck, a senior social work

major and pledge trainer for Alpha Phi Omega, said the program is needed on campus.

"It's important because it will help raise awareness for recycling," Leuck said. "Recycling is important because we should learn to use our resources wisely and reuse them when we can."

The money received from the recycled items will support Hunger Week, a program to combat world hunger that distributes funds to local and international relief agencies.

"We wanted it to be for something that would be helpful to the world," Butler said.

Butler said the program may expand to the Worth Hills campus.

"We're going to start with the main campus and hopefully work out the bugs and expose it to the whole campus," Butler said.

"There are huge amounts of trash that come out of the residence halls, and this will cut it down."

— Sarah Edwards, president of Alpha Phi Omega

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International experiences enhance résumé

◆ Study abroad options can help graduates compete in job market.

By Jeff Meddaugh
SKIFF LONDON CORRESPONDENT

LONDON - Belinda Roman knew it was a small world when she earned her bachelor's degree in economics in 1985.

Her involvement in the Latin American student organization and international business program at TCU taught her of a growing interdependent society that would shape — and shake — the patterns of daily life.

"Interacting with (those groups) was a very good start," said Roman, manager of information and communications at the American Chamber of Commerce in London. "Then the chance to study abroad is a real life experience that definitely tests your knowledge. It allows you to go to places that you've only read about."

These days, the world may seem even smaller.

Like Roman, who obtained a Ph.D. at the London School of Economics in 1991, many students are seeking to expand their horizons and enhance their résumés on foreign soil. Spurred by this trend, more American universities are preparing their students for the global scene by stocking up on study-abroad opportunities and establishing satellite campuses in other countries.

World View

An estimated 100,000 American students study abroad each year. TCU annually sends hundreds of its own overseas — to London, Angers, France, and Budapest, Hungary, among other cities — during summer programs.

Increasingly, TCU has put its own spin on the concept of globalization. The fruit of its efforts:

About a quarter of graduates each year have had some sort of international experience.

"We try to give students the experiences of other cultures, professions and our own best professors ... in another setting," said Delia Pitts, director of international education at TCU.

With the opening of the TCU London Centre in August, officials hope to send even more students into the real world with both a diploma and a world perspective.

The semester-long program stems from years of TCU activity in the British capital. Two years ago, officials opted for a permanent location in Florida State University-owned facilities in central London.

But TCU wasn't the only one.

'Growing entity'

Eleven other universities operate programs in the facility, indicating a high demand for precious space that would allow student exposure to foreign culture, people and language.

Other numbers suggest an infiltration of the United Kingdom as a whole by U.S. educators.

The Association of American Study Abroad Programmes in the United Kingdom, a network in which TCU is represented, counts about 70 U.S. institutions that run programs throughout England, Scotland and Ireland. This is about seven times the number registered since the group's inception in 1991.

Louisa Ellis, acting chairwoman of the association, said the number could even be as high as 300.

Worldwide travel is steadily rising, and once students realize this, they couple it with studying, Ellis said.

"Study abroad as an entity is growing," she said. "As the world becomes more accessible, an international education becomes

more important as part of a CV (curriculum vitae), résumé or professional experience."

International urgency

More and more students seem to understand the urgency to gain

Worldly workforce

Students with majors of all kinds seek the assistance of TCU Career Services each semester when looking for international jobs.

Director Carolyn Ulrickson said

"In addition to gaining and understanding a different culture, it allows the students to step outside their box."

— Louisa Ellis,

acting chairwoman of the Association of American Study Abroad Programmes in the United Kingdom

international experience.

TCU sent 90 students — its highest numbers so far for any single program — to London in monthlong sessions during June and July, Pitts said. In the past, the program drew fewer students.

In the academic year ending in May 1998, 287 TCU students had studied abroad, a drop of three students since the previous year.

But this slight decrease was "negligible," said Pitts, who added that the 210 TCU students who studied abroad in the summer of 1997 gives more support to the overall rise in international education numbers.

Students in business and communications comprise the majority of those who are studying abroad, she said.

The nature of jobs in those two areas may explain the numbers, but an increasing number of liberal arts-based majors are following the lead.

"It seemed to me that students who have history, political science or religion majors ought to form the core of people who study abroad," Pitts said.

The majority of programs TCU offers overseas have a liberal arts course base.

she's seen a steady rise of students who want a place in the world's workforce.

"Every semester we have a few more students who are wanting to do that," Ulrickson said. "Perhaps TCU's new emphasis on the global scene is in response to that."

More employers are advising students to gain an international experience through study, work and residence abroad.

"I encourage students to study abroad ... and have an international internship, which would speed up the process of getting a job in a global arena after graduation," she said.

On an individual basis, Career Services conducts searches for companies that do international business and tries to establish contacts.

Work in a foreign entry-level job is rare, Ulrickson said, but most employers offer training programs that will lead to those positions.

Acquiring a foreign language isn't a bad idea either. Sometimes if employers don't hire a student in an English-speaking position, they'll hire the student for a position that requires a foreign fluency, she said.

Foreign fluency

Adding Chinese to its foreign language repertoire last year, TCU brought the number of languages it offers to six. French, German, Japanese, Spanish and Greek are also available.

Whether it's due to the fulfillment of university curriculum requirements or the desire to learn another language, more students are enrolling in language and culture courses than ever before, officials said.

The department of modern languages and literatures has 476 students enrolled in the 13 different proficiency levels offered this semester, with beginning and intermediate levels more attended than the advanced.

The department of Spanish and Latin American studies has experienced so much growth that it became its own department three years ago. The department boasts 1,275 students this semester, the highest number yet.

Spanish, overwhelmingly, is the most studied language at TCU.

With the United States having the world's fourth-largest Spanish-speaking population, "the need to know Spanish is practical, as is learning other cultures and languages to compare it to another," said Lee Daniel, chairman of the Spanish and Latin American studies department.

'Outside the box'

Regardless of their background, students come back to the States with souvenirs, memories and a new outlook.

"Students are forced to consider another perspective," Ellis said. "In addition to gaining and understanding a different culture, it allows the students to step outside their box."

Pitts said she has also noted the conversions.

"Students come back transformed," Pitts said, "and we're trying harder to document that

transformation."

This change includes greater confidence, self-awareness and management, she said. Also, upon their return, students may also find a new crowd of friends.

"Students who have returned from studying abroad may find they have more in common with international students than with others who haven't studied abroad," Pitts said. "(Returning students) may feel out of place, and that could create common feelings and camaraderie (with international students)."

Destination TCU

While many students leave campus every year for foreign destinations, TCU welcomes its own share of students coming from the same places.

According to the Office of International Education, 414 international students are enrolled at TCU from places such as Mexico, Germany, Zambia and the former Russian states.

International students comprise about 5 percent of TCU students, Pitts said. Many of them are recruited by university recruiters, but a large proportion discover TCU through the Internet and college publications.

Future frontiers

As the world seems to make itself more visible from TCU's back porch, officials hope to continue to push the edges of the frontier in all directions for the benefit of students.

Next summer, TCU will offer 11 courses worldwide, including social work in Guanajuato, Mexico, business in Hungary and French language and culture in Angers, France.

"This has been a long time coming," Roman said. "If students get the chance, they should study abroad because living outside the U.S. tells how the world sees us."

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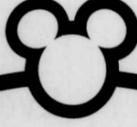


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ART FEST

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said. "Take a study break, come down to the Lounge and return back to your childhood."

The committee will provide Sn-Cones, cotton candy, soft drinks and pizza to students who wish to join in the activities.

"People expect this because it comes every fall," Royall said. "They know they can make crafts and get free food at the same time."

She said this is the fifth year the event has taken place.

"By being a part of this event for the past three years, I've seen how it can improve year after year," she said.

The Arts and Music Fest is the biggest event for the Fine Arts Committee. Royall said she hopes students will come by and take advantage of the artistic opportunities her committee is offering.

By Jim Fitzgerald
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y.— John J. Gotti, the imprisoned-for-life Mafia boss, has throat cancer and will have surgery this week, his lawyers said Wednesday.

"The doctors say it's treatable, and we're optimistic," attorney Bruce Cutler said. "I'm not saying it's going to be a cakewalk, but you know him. He can lick anything."

Mark Munson, spokesman for the federal prison in Marion, Ill., where Gotti, 57, has spent the last six years, said the "dapper don" was transferred Sept. 1 to a prison hospital in Springfield, Mo., after persistent complaints about a sore throat.

Cutler said a biopsy was done and the cancer was detected a few days ago. An operation is scheduled for "any day now, this week,"

he said, when he showed up in court for a hearing involving Gotti's son.

Though Cutler said Gotti went untreated for eight to 12 weeks after first complaining about pain and a visible swelling, he refused to say that aggravated the condition.

Another Gotti attorney, Gerald Shargel, said, "One thing is clear. The United States prison system is

not a good place to get sick."

Gotti was convicted in 1992 of five murders, including the 1985 hit on Paul Castellano, his predecessor as Gambino family crime boss.

Gotti's son, also named John and known as "Junior," is scheduled to go on trial in January on charges including the extortion of a nightclub and a fraud involving phone cards.

Heiress donates millions for center

By Paula Story
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN DIEGO— McDonald's heiress Joan Kroc served up \$80 million to the Salvation Army on Wednesday. It is the biggest donation in the agency's 118-year history.

The donation, including 12 acres, will be used for a community center in San Diego named after Kroc and her late husband, Ray, who created the fast-food hamburger empire.

"I think he'll always be remembered for McDonald's, and that's the way it should be, because I loved that company," said Kroc, 70. "But I think I'd like both of us to be remembered for giving, because that's what Ray would want."

Maj. Donald C. Bell, division

commander for the Salvation Army, said the agency was "deeply moved and inspired by Mrs. Kroc's generosity and caring."

In March, Kroc donated \$25 million to the University of San Diego for a peace studies center.

In February, *Fortune* magazine ranked Kroc 36th among the nation's top philanthropists, estimating her donations at \$15 million to causes ranging from local theater to cancer research. The magazine put her net worth in 1997 at \$2.1 billion, making her the 68th richest person in the United States.

Ray Kroc died in 1984, leaving his wife his share of the restaurant chain and the San Diego Padres baseball team. She sold the team in 1990.

WRITING

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writing centers and various academic departments working together to reach out.

"When a university extends beyond its borders and offers students an opportunity to see firsthand what it takes to run a community project, everyone benefits," she said. "When composition classes are included in that mix, it is easy to see that the work which takes place validates language usage."

George said in such inclusive programs, "the first step is to initiate communication between all of the groups that it takes to make community involvement possible. Professors need encouragement that this is a meaningful movement in writing."

Amy Rupiper, a graduate student who teaches sophomore composition, said she found the lecture particularly informative, because she is trying to design her class so that students gain a greater understanding about Fort Worth while they improve their writing skills.

"I want them to talk to people in the community," she said. "I hope that eventually one of the long-range goals will be to work directly with community projects in the area."

Following the lecture, faculty and staff moved to the Writing Center, located in Rickel Building Room 100, for refreshments in honor of the anniversary.

Margaret Rose Marek, tech-

nology coordinator for the center, said she has been pleased with the Writing Center's progress.

"We are very proud of our development," she said. "When we started out we didn't even have any furniture. Now, we have a state-of-the-art computer lab, and we help a lot of students."

In 1988, William L. Adams provided TCU with the generous endowment that started the Writing Center, which now bears his name. Initially the program began with only four paid staff members, a few tables and chairs, and the goal of providing quality assistance to students in all areas of their writing.

Andie Piehl, a TCU alumna and writing tutor at Tarrant County Junior College, said, "the Writing Center is very helpful. I recommend that students use it at every opportunity. The one-on-one instruction is valuable."

Provost William E. Koehler said the Writing Center is unique.

"TCU was one of the first universities in the country to have an evaluation center like this one," he said. "Their services benefit all students. Students build their confidence here, and we are proud to be well known across the country. We have developed a program which other universities model their writing centers after."

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MLB

Sosa hits home runs
Nos. 64, 65

MILWAUKEE (AP) — A day after he conceded the home run race, Sammy Sosa struck back.

He hit home runs Nos. 64 and 65 on Wednesday, tying Mark McGwire for the record and breaking an 0-for-21 slump in the Chicago Cubs' 8-7 loss to the Milwaukee Brewers.

The Cubs slugger, picking on his favorite pitching staff, homered against Milwaukee in the fifth and sixth innings, giving him 12 against the Brewers this season.

Sosa's No. 65 gave him 11 multi-homer games this season, tying the major league record set by Detroit's Hank Greenberg in 1938.

Sosa hit a solo shot to right field with one out in the fifth off rookie left-hander Rafael Roque, who also gave up McGwire's 64th homer. With two out in the sixth, he hit a 2-2 fastball 410 feet to straight-away center off rookie right-hander Rod Henderson.

Restraining order
restraining order denied for Belle

CHICAGO (AP) — A judge has denied Albert Belle's request for a restraining order against the former girlfriend who accused the White Sox player of hitting her. Belle contends the woman has been harassing him by telephone.

Belle says Stephanie Bugusky, 24, of Alsip, called him more than 20 times between 2:20 and 3:40 a.m. on Sept. 5, a day after a judge extended a court order protecting her from the outfielder.

Belle is charged with domestic battery, criminal damage to property and interfering with a report of domestic battery. The charges are Class A misdemeanors with penalties of up to a year in jail and a \$2,500 fine for each count.

On Monday, during a hearing in Belle's criminal case, White refused to grant a temporary restraining order that would prevent Bugusky from contacting Belle. White ruled a restraining order is a civil petition that cannot be granted in a criminal case unless it deals with property rights.

Belle's attorneys said they might seek a restraining order in a civil action or appeal White's decision to the Illinois Appellate Court.

NCAA

Williams needs big
games to break record

AUSTIN (AP) — Running back Ricky Williams, the Heisman Trophy hopeful Texas fans call "Little Earl," is looking at some long yards if he hopes to claim the NCAA career rushing record.

With eight games to play, Williams is 18th on the career list — 1,509 yards short of Tony Dorsett's 6,082. Dorsett, a former Dallas Cowboy, set the record while at the University of Pittsburgh from 1973 to 1976.

After being held to just 43 yards against Kansas State last week, Williams now must average about 189 yards over the final eight games of the season.

Last year's Rice game started Williams on a tear in which he ran for 200 or more yards in six games. The 6-foot, 220-pound senior also had scored touchdowns in 11 straight games before the Longhorns' loss at Kansas State.

Williams won the hearts of Texas fans when he opted to return for his senior season.

He opened in grand fashion, setting a school record with six touchdowns and 215 yards in the Longhorns' 66-36 victory over New Mexico State.

The next week against UCLA, Williams broke Earl Campbell's school rushing record with 160 yards on 29 carries.

Williams' job isn't being made any easier by Texas' schedule.

The Longhorns still must face four of the nation's top 25 rushing defenses — Nebraska, Texas Tech, Texas A&M and Baylor — all of which are allowing under 100 rushing yards a game.

Men's soccer
wins 4th gameBy Kevin Dunleavy
SKIFF STAFF

Despite the sudden deluge that drenched the campus Wednesday, the TCU men's soccer team took the field to battle the Midwestern State University Indians. In the aggressive fight that ensued, the Frogs walked away victorious by a score of 2-0 and improved their overall season record to 4-2-1.

"The Indians have beaten us in the past three years, so we came out today and made sure we'd win," said junior midfielder Tyler Krueger. "We controlled the ball at least 70 percent of the game. We possessed it well and finished our crosses well too."

A relatively quiet first half left both teams scoreless and more determined to put the ball into the net. Ten minutes into the second half, freshman midfielder Josh Rife headed the ball into the upper net amid the confusion from a throw-in by sophomore defender Michael Martin.

Less than two minutes later, senior midfielder Mark Papini lined a shot past the posts with an assist

from senior midfielder Darin Hogue. The quick succession of goals put TCU up by two and left the Indians frantically struggling to gain ground.

But the Frogs refused to relent by putting forth a solid defensive effort that prevented the Indians from scoring. Sophomore goalkeeper Ian Keate, who was red-carded in Sunday's game, was replaced by sophomore Tony Stafford, who recorded two saves. Martin, sophomore forward Brad Johnson and freshman midfielder Nick Baker also contributed to the shutout.

The aggressive playing style of both teams also drew a lot more fouls during the course of the game, with TCU amassing 18 and Midwestern earning 14. However, head coach David Rubinson said he was pleased with the team and how well everyone played together.

"It was a good win, the players are happy and they're all working hard," Rubinson said. "This is the best fitness level I've seen, and that shows from few injuries and a better work



Freshman midfielder Josh Rife (left) brings the ball upfield Wednesday in the Frogs' 2-0 victory over Midwestern State University. Rife scored the first goal in the game.

ethic. This is a better soccer team, and results are showing."

He also said it was good to see the newer players getting the job done when other players were down but there was still work to do on the

team. "We took the wind out of their sails when we scored those two goals, but I think we could always get better," he said. "Defensively, we were pretty good, but I think we were

a little impatient and could create more scoring opportunities."

At 4 p.m. Sunday, the Frogs play host to Texas Wesleyan University at the TCU soccer field in their eighth game of the season.

Going, going, recovered
Baseball recaptures America's attention

In the past few years, October has meant the start of both college and professional football and the end of baseball's regular season. Nobody has paid much attention to postseason baseball because there have been more exciting things to watch. But this year hasn't been your typical baseball season.

Where do I begin? In the past, baseball hasn't provided much drama to keep the fans and the TV viewers interested. After the 1994 strike, baseball interest fell to its lowest point. Owners and players alike were to blame, and baseball suffered for it. Renovation projects began to bring back the fans of America's national pastime.

Some people thought baseball was dead and was going to take a back seat to the NFL and the NBA. But baseball has staged a comeback worthy of respect.

Starting with last year's Cinderella expansion team, the Florida Marlins, winning the World Series and this year's National League Wild Card race between the Chicago Cubs and New York Mets, baseball is announcing its authority in a big way.

No sport has as much tradition and nostalgia as baseball. It's that tradition that is fueling the fire of this comeback trail. There are numerous records that are on the verge of being, or have already been, broken.

St. Louis Cardinals' first baseman Mark McGwire and Chicago Cubs' right fielder Sammy Sosa have done more for baseball than any publicity stunt could ever do. Both have already eclipsed Roger Maris' mark of 61 home runs, and now they are in a race with each other to set a record to last the next 50 years.

Sosa holds the record for most home runs in a month, with 20 in June and has single-handedly set the town of Chicago on fire (again) with baseball fever. The Cubs are in the playoff hunt for the first time in nearly 10 years, and it all started with Sosa's heroics.

The New York Yankees are closing in on the all-time mark for wins in a season, 111 by the 1954 Cleveland

Indians. The Yankees, who won the World Series in 1996, are playing with deadly efficiency this season and are making a serious run at another crown this year.

The New York Mets, who are battling the Cubs for the Wild Card spot, have also made some waves this season. After trading for All-Star catcher Mike Piazza, the Mets made themselves contenders. Most recently, first baseman John Olerud tied the National League record for reaching base consecutive times with 15 but fell short in his next at-bat, leaving him tied with Ted Williams.

Seattle Mariners young shortstop Alex Rodriguez made history when he hit his 40th home run to go along with his 40 stolen bases. He is only the third player in baseball history to reach the 40-40 plateau in a season, joining Jose Canseco and Barry Bonds. Bonds also reached a milestone in his career when he hit his 400th home run in August.

We even have some hot baseball action happening right here in Texas. The Texas Rangers, who were struggling earlier this month, have picked themselves up for the stretch run and are currently leading the Anaheim Angels for the American League West crown.

The Houston Astros have already clinched the NL Central title and are poised to make the postseason interesting. The Astros went out and made the deal of the season by acquiring power-lefty Randy Johnson to bolster a pitching staff without a clear-cut leader. Add that to a multitude of All-Star talent and you have a formula for success.

I could keep going with all the personal success stories this season in baseball, such as pitcher Roger Clemens winning his 15th game in a row, but that would take more space than I have. The point is baseball players have gone out and done what they are supposed to do — they play the game they love and worry about the other things later. That's what baseball needed, not publicity stunts and giveaways.

So, when you're sitting there watching all of those backup quarterbacks starting on Sundays, remember there's a success story in progress on that famous ol' diamond.

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Commentary



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Freshman Kina Clark plays women's intramural sand volleyball Sunday outside the Rickett Building.

Lady Frog displays
intensity, strengthBy Rusty Simmons
SKIFF STAFF

Two years ago, the TCU women's soccer team had to learn what would take to play in the Western Athletic Conference. Last year, they had to learn what it would take to play with senior Jill Cook.

Junior Charlia Owens recalled an episode from one of the two-a-day practices last year. During an intrasquad scrimmage late in the second practice, the Lady Frogs were dragging. Cook, who had just transferred from the University of Texas, was still sprinting around, demanding the same effort from her new teammates.

"She's so intense and is always going full speed," Owens said. "I admire her for that and wish I had the same quality."

Cook said the intensity she displays today can be attributed to many different things in her life. As a 3-year-old, Cook said, she played in a boys' league because no girls' league existed. In high school, she had to prove she could play multiple sports without losing her concentration on soccer. Once in high school, and again last season, Cook had knee surgery. In her two years at UT, Cook played under strict scrutiny.

"Things always happen for a reason," Cook said. "I love soccer so much because you can escape from everything when you're on the field."

Last year, when Cook transferred, she ran into a familiar friend. Cook said TCU head coach Dave Rubinson has been a lifelong friend. He coached her brother and sister at TCU and developed a club team in Fort Worth when Cook had previously been forced to travel to Dallas just to play.

"I baby-sat his kids," Cook said. "He has been a father figure to me and always cared for me."

That is why it was so tough for Cook to choose UT over TCU after high school. She said TCU did not have soccer scholarships yet and Texas was just at a higher level of play.

After two seasons at UT, Cook took a year off. Then Rubinson came through again. Now Cook has a scholarship at TCU and is looking to take the Lady Frogs to the next level.

"I'll take pride in looking back at TCU in the future as they continue to get better and better," she said.

Owens said Cook is a good leader and makes everyone around her better.

"She drives herself really hard, and it rubs off on other people," Owens said.

Had she stayed at Texas, Cook could have graduated last year. With only five upperclassmen on the current roster, Cook can rub off her intensity on 12 freshman this year.

To steal a quote from Cook, "things happen for a reason."

Intramurals, club sports continue

By Robyn Barthelemy
STAFF REPORTER

Many students across campus have had busy schedules recently. Along with the arrival of first-round tests, intramural and sports club games have begun.

Intramurals

Within the intramural program division, both sand volleyball and table tennis have had good participation. Lance Steffan, director of the intramural program, said the program has grown significantly.

"We intend to increase all sport, special event and tournament numbers from that of previous years," Steffan said.

There are now 53 teams scheduled and playing in the sand volleyball competition. This includes both men's and women's teams, doubling the number of teams from the past five years. Sand volleyball games are played on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights as well as Sunday afternoons.

More than 50 participants took part in the men's and women's table tennis tournament Monday night in the Rickett Building. Results from the women's division were: Amy Thompson, first place; Elizabeth Pierce, second place; and Kara Steffen, third place. In the men's competition, Herman

Bermudaz took first place while Joe Sabino and Michael Watkins placed second and third, respectively. Patrick Maloney and Drew Jamison paired up to claim first place in the men's doubles competition with Ron Groat and Garrison Doleval coming in second.

Anyone interested in signing up for flag football and billiards can contact the intramural office in Rickett Building Room 229.

Club sports

In addition to the intramural program, there are a number of other activities happening through various sports clubs on campus.

Three members from the Tae Kwon Do club recently competed in a tournament in Lubbock, said Greg Parker, co-president of the club.

Gerardo Franco placed first in the black belt division along with Raymond Colston, who placed first in the white belt division. Missie Korte, the third member to participate, placed second in the blue belt, red tip fighting division.

"We are very proud of every one of them," Parker said. "We wish everyone luck in our next competition."

The Tae Kwon Do club will compete again in October in Oklahoma. The rugby team also played last

weekend in a 10-team Fort Worth tournament at Gateway Park. The team lost to both Louisiana Tech and the University of Texas at Austin, said Robbie Yellot, club president.

"We played extremely well considering we are a very young team," Yellot said. "This semester is basically a learning season because we have a lot of new players."

The rugby team will start its conference season on Oct. 17 with a game against Louisiana Tech.

The high-adventure club, a self-competitive outdoors group, went rock climbing at Stone Works in Carrollton, Texas, over the weekend. About 18 people participated in the excursion Saturday, said club president Matt Truitt. He also said the club is planning other events for the fall.

"We are tentatively planning a white-water rafting trip in Guadalupe for a weekend in October," Truitt said.

The club has weekly meetings at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays in Student Center Room 222. No past outdoor experience is necessary to join the group, and there is still room for anyone interested.

"We are open to anyone and everyone," Truitt said. "We aim to have a good time using the outdoors."

