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Campus

Fraternity receives Chapter of Year award

Although Pi Kappa Phi fraternity was just chartered in March, it didn't take its members long to be recognized.

During the fraternity's national biennial conference in August, the TCU chapter of Pi Kapp was presented with the Associate Chapter of the Year Award, according to a press release from the national headquarters. The convention was held in Chicago with over 700 undergraduates and alumni of the fraternity.

"It was unexpected," said Kevin Nicoletti, Pi Kapp president and a senior marketing major.

The award was based on the fraternity's exceptional operations as a colony in the 1997-98 school year, according to the press release.

Nicoletti said the fraternity was judged on its academics, leadership involvement and national philanthropy of PUSH America, an organization for handicapped children and people with disabilities.

"The chapter, as a whole, has gone beyond expectations," said Kristen Kirst, director of fraternity and sorority affairs.

She said it was no surprise to her because she knew from the start that the members of Pi Kapp were a "fraternity of excellence."

"They have done an outstanding service on campus, and they are expected to be the very best at TCU," she said.

Colleges

UT student granted dying request

AUSTIN (U-WIRE) — Cynthia Wilson's dying wish was to graduate from the University of Texas.

That dream came true just weeks before she died at her home on Sept. 22.

Wilson, 25, had been battling cervical cancer since Oct. 30 when she was originally diagnosed. She went through extensive chemotherapy and was diagnosed as terminal on July 17.

Her graduation was made possible by a collaborative effort of the business school and the university. Only nine hours short of her degree, the university awarded her a bachelor's degree in business administration with a concentration in marketing.

"I'm very pleased to be associated with a university that would do so much for a student," said Susan White, assistant dean in the graduate school of business.

A special graduation ceremony was held in Wilson's Houston home on Sept. 3. Three UT officials — White, professor of business Linda Golden and assistant professor of marketing Tomasz Lenartowicz — flew to Houston for the ceremony.

She received the traditional UT graduation ceremony, which included the songs "Pomp and Circumstance" and "The Eyes of Texas." Wilson wore a cap and gown, which she was later buried in.

—The Daily Texan University of Texas at Austin

Two students escape kidnapper

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. (U-WIRE) — Two Western Kentucky University students were briefly kidnapped about 10:30 p.m. Friday outside their apartment by a man demanding money.

Students Virginia and Mary Booher were loading their car for a trip home when a man wearing a ski mask pointed a gun at them and demanded money, according to a police report.

"I thought he was going to kill me for \$22," said Virginia Booher, a junior.

The money the sisters had wasn't enough for the man. He demanded they drive him to an ATM and withdraw more. He told them he was running from "America's Most Wanted" and needed the money.

—College Heights Herald Western Kentucky University

Noteworthy



Megan Hinton/SKIFF STAFF

Lindsey Stortz, a freshman music performance major, practices her cello before the TCU Symphony Orchestra concert Tuesday night in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium. The concert featured Beethoven's "Symphony No. 7" and Willard Elliot's "Concerto for two Bassoons and Orchestra."

House approves a new chaplain

By William Thomas Burdette
STAFF REPORTER

Student Government Association President Shana Lawlor appointed a new chaplain and public relations representative in the House of Student Representatives meeting Tuesday night. The chaplain, Jennifer Jost, was approved by the House, but Kenny Oubre, the public relations representative nominee, was not approved because he was late to the meeting. Lawlor said the motion to approve

House of student representatives

him will be brought up next week. Jost said she applied for chaplain because she wanted to bring Christianity to the House. "It gives me the opportunity to tie in some Christianity with the House of Representatives, which I think is essential

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Major/minor fair is chance to learn, decorate creatively

◆ Departments to share information, compete for 'academic spirit' trophy.

By Joaquin Herrera
STAFF REPORTER

In the red corner — the math department.

In the blue corner and current decorations champion — the history department.

The bell will ring and the competition will begin at the major/minor fair from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. today in the Student Center Lounge, where various academic departments will join to both inform students about the majors they offer and compete for the coveted academic spirit trophy.

"It's kinda fun and it gets (academic departments) to decorate and participate," said Donna Jackson, academic adviser in

the Center for Academic Services. The center has been the host of the event for the past three years. It is intended to inform students about the variety of majors TCU offers.

"It gives students, especially premajors, a chance to talk to faculty on an informal basis," Jackson said. "They get to find out what they're really going into."

Jackson said the fair usually attracts 300 to 500 students because of its location in the Student Center and its timing during the day. Most students will stop by the fair during their lunch hour and browse the different tables, she said.

The history department won the decoration competition last year and hopes to continue its legacy.

"We featured both color and information on our table," said Sara Sohmer, chair-

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Law would inform parents of violations

By Melanie R. Rodriguez
SKIFF STAFF

The Higher Education Amendments of 1998 (Engrossed Senate Amendment) amends and adds many statutes to the Higher Education Act of 1965 that will affect college students across the nation soon, if signed by the president.

Among the new additions, the package of amendments would allow colleges and universities to inform parents about students' violation of any federal, state or local laws concerning the possession or use of alcohol or drugs. The law applies only if the student is under 21.

This amendment to the bill does

not say an institution must inform the parents, but it presents the option.

Many TCU students and community members said they have varying feelings about the issue and when it should be used.

Mike Russel, associate dean of campus life, said he didn't know if the office would use the policy but it would definitely give them more room to work with students who have a problem.

"We like to treat students as adults," Russel said. "We feel all students 18 and older are adults. We try to work out their problems individually first, but if we weren't able to work out the problem, this amendment gives us the option to

get the parents involved."

Russel also said the Office of Campus Life would be the one to contact the parents, or anybody with the authority, including the Alcohol and Drug Education Center.

Colleen Cunningham, a sophomore finance major, said she thinks college students should be mature enough not to break the law and so agreed with the legislation.

"You shouldn't be doing it in the first place," Cunningham said. "If you are in college, you should be responsible enough to take care of your own actions."

Angie Taylor, director of the TCU Alcohol and Drug Education Center, said the center hadn't reviewed the legislation because it had not yet

passed. The center currently follows a policy that after the second alcohol offense, parents are notified of their student's actions, she said.

Taylor also said they will probably continue to use that policy if the proposed legislation is passed.

"Right now, we are taking what is called an environmental management approach," Taylor said, "which is basically, we look at the messages the media sends out and how we counter them. We look at who is enforcing the laws and we also look at policy, whether it is legislation or TCU policy."

Taylor said the environmental management approach expands the boundaries of the university so they are not the only ones fighting binge

drinking on campus, but the entire community is, including bars and parents.

Sandra Tobias, associate director of the Office of Scholarships and Student Financial Aid, said all information concerning financial aid is addressed to the students.

"We always communicate directly with the student," Tobias said. "The newsletter sent out in December is the only thing not addressed to the student, and it is addressed to the family of the student."

When asked if parents would be notified of their student's loss of financial aid because of drug abuse,

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Rushees have mixed views

◆ Selection offers chance to be involved, but can be devastating.

By Erin Brinkman
COPY DESK CHIEF

At the beginning of each fall semester, one of the first things students see as they arrive on campus is groups of women parading to and from Worth Hills as they participate in Rush. For students who aren't a part of Rush, this image becomes the stereotype, and they often wonder why a woman would choose to Rush, especially if she might not get into a sorority at all.

"From the outside, Rush looks cheesy," said Celia Sarchet, a sophomore speech pathology major and member of Sigma Kappa. "But it really works well. I was surprised. It's a process of mutual selection between the Rushees and the sororities."

The summer before a woman plans to Rush, she must send forms,

including letters of recommendation and a picture, to TCU, Sarchet said, and then, once Rush begins, it lasts several days.

There are three rounds of selection where Rushees and each of the 10 sororities simultaneously eliminate one another. Each round is more formal and more in-depth and the women visit fewer houses each time, she said, as women and sororities figure out if they complement each other.

The next step of Rush is Preference Night, which is a semi-formal event when Rushees visit three houses, she said.

"Preference Night programming is all about your sorority," Sarchet said. "It's very personal. You tell the girls why your sorority means a lot to you."

After Preference Night, Rushees rank their top two sororities in order and on Bid Day they receive a bid from one of the two, which they can

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Flying high

Junior cadet sets a new standard for ROTC excellence

Mark Pasierb

HORNED FROG OF THE WEEK

By Bianca E. Rojo
STAFF REPORTER

Looking back at his life, Mark Pasierb admits his childhood was perhaps the hardest time of his life.

"When I was young, I used to have really bad teeth," said Pasierb, a junior math major at TCU. His lower jaw wasn't maturing, so it was farther back than his upper jaw, and his front teeth protruded about one centimeter, he said.

"Every time I met a new person, they'd make fun of me," Pasierb said.

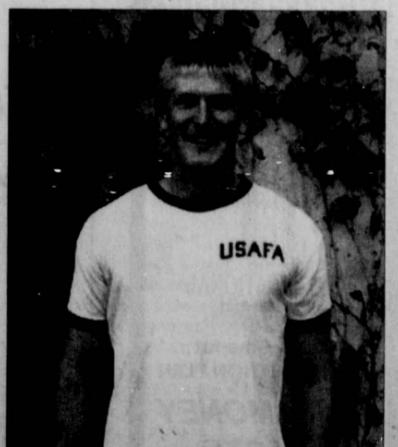
But now, this Air Force cadet gives a big smile, as he confidently lounges back on a blue sofa at the ROTC detachment.

Pasierb's embarrassing and awkward childhood experiences haven't stifled his ability to succeed.

Carrying a GPA of 3.7, Pasierb was honored with a superior performance award at field training at Westover Air Reserve Base in Massachusetts this summer. This award was given to only 10 percent of close to 300 participants, said Capt. Jose Aleman, assistant professor of aerospace studies.

He also got the marksmanship award for his accuracy in shooting 9-mm pistols into targets, said TCU grad-

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Beth Wilson/CAMPUS EDITOR

Air Force ROTC cadet Mark Pasierb was the recipient of a superior performance award and a marksmanship award during field training at Westover Air Reserve Base in Massachusetts this summer. Pasierb is also a member of Student Foundation.

Pulse

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SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISTS meets at 6 p.m. today in Moudy Building Room 280S.

HISTORY DEPARTMENT LECTURES by Sam W. Haynes, a history professor at University of Texas at Arlington, will be at 10 a.m. today in Reed Hall Room 313 and 2 p.m. today in Moudy Building Room 280S.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE ORGANIZATION weekly meeting is at 5:30 p.m. today in Student Center Room 214. Call Natalie at 922-9286.

ROCK THE VOTE Tarrant County voter registration drive will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in The Main until Oct. 2. Take two minutes and register to vote in the November election.

AMERICAN MARKETING ASSOCIATION meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. today in Dan Rogers Hall Room 134. Chancellor Ferrari will speak. Meeting and AMA membership are open to all TCU students.

TCU AD CLUB meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. Oct. 1 in Moudy Building Room 271S. Learn how to build effective résumés with Carolyn Celrickson from Career Services. Free food and drink available.

GOLDEN KEY NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY general meeting at 3:30 p.m. Oct. 5 in Student Center Room 207. It is crucial all current members attend.

DECEMBER DEGREE CANDIDATES should file their "Intent to Graduate" forms promptly in the office of their academic dean. All names of degree candidates must be submitted to the registrar by Oct. 9, but each academic dean's office has a deadline for filing and must process the intent.

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In The News...

World

Manila city council bans Claire Danes movies following insults

MANILA, Philippines — Manila's city council on Tuesday banned all movies of Claire Danes, saying it was insulted after the Hollywood actress reportedly called the metropolis smelly, rat-infested and weird.

"She is declared persona non grata. All her films will be banned," said councilor Kim Atienza, the principal sponsor of the resolution and a son of Manila's mayor.

"We are a very hospitable people, but we cannot accept irresponsible sweeping statements from irresponsible actresses," he said. The resolution passed 23-3.

Danes, who appeared in the movies "William Shakespeare's Romeo + Juliet," "Little Women" and "The Rainmaker," was in Manila for several weeks early this year to shoot scenes for the movie "Brokedown Palace." Most of the sequences shot in Manila were done inside a dilapidated psychiatric hospital.

Atienza had said the councilors were willing to forgive comments Danes made in *Vogue* magazine in April describing Manila as a "ghastly and weird city." He said those could be chalked up as "mere irresponsible statements of youth."

But he said the actress went "overboard" in a recent interview with *Premiere* magazine by saying Manila "smelled of cockroaches, with rats all over and that there is no sewerage system and the people do not have anything — no arms, no legs, no eyes."

"Definitely her statements insult us and make us lose visitors. That is unacceptable," Atienza said.

Antarctic ozone hole is growing, now larger than ever, scientists say

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand — The ozone hole over Antarctica that lets dangerous ultraviolet light reach the Earth is bigger than ever this year, scientists said today.

Preliminary satellite data from the U.S. National Aeronautic and Space Administration found the hole encompasses 10.4 million square miles, 5 percent larger than the previous record set in 1996, the government agency Antarctica New Zealand said.

The hole is actually an area of thinned ozone, where the gas is depleted by chemical reactions in air trapped over the South Pole during the Antarctic winter. The area covers most of Antarctica.

Ozone helps block damaging ultraviolet rays from the sun, and scientists have been concerned that, if it becomes depleted, there could be an increase in skin cancer and cataracts. Certain chemicals believed to damage the ozone have been banned, including chlorofluorocarbons that are widely used in aerosol propellants, refrigerators and air conditioners.

The area of reduced ozone expands at this time of year — spring in the Antarctic — as sunlight returns to that region.

Like the 1996 hole, this year it developed more rapidly in late August and early September than in previous years.

Measured in "Dobson Units," NASA satellites found the ozone cover fell below 100 units, close to the all-time low of 88 units measured in 1994, representatives from Antarctica New Zealand said.

"The ozone hole has probably reached its greatest area extent for this year, but the lowest amounts of ozone are likely to be seen in the next week," the agency said.

Ozone levels usually range from 250 units to more than 500 units over different parts of the world. The ozone hole was first observed in the 1980s.

Nation

Palestine and Israel's peace accord progresses

WASHINGTON — Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat accepted Israel's formula for turning over more land on the West Bank Tuesday and voiced hope that an agreement could be concluded at a White House summit in mid-October. "Peace is a Palestinian need, Israeli need, Arab need, international need," Arafat said.

With momentum toward an accord growing, President Clinton and Arafat were looking ahead to a time when the United States may be able to "engage formally" with the Palestinians, White House spokesman Mike McCurry said after the two leaders held hour-long talks.

McCurry said the two leaders "talked at some length about the arrangements that will exist when the United States can engage formally with the Palestinian Authority."

That, he said, may involve establishing a joint committee that "could actually, formally work on, in effect, bilateral relations."

The statement by McCurry suggested the Clinton administration could be preparing for Palestinian statehood, or at least upgrading U.S. dealings with the current Palestinian Authority that Arafat sees as a precursor to a state.

Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat said Arafat assured Clinton that he would try to counter terrorism against Israel. "He will exert every possible effort," Erekat said.

Georges loses momentum; Alabama and Florida drenched

PASCAGOULA, Miss. — The whirlwind that was Georges began to disappear from the weather map Tuesday, but its story was still being written: Rains drenched Alabama and the Florida Panhandle, and evacuees slowly returned to find out what happened to their homes.

"I had waterfront property, waterback property, waterside property, watereverywhere property," said 43-year-old postal worker Jayne Howell, who found her brick ranch house in Pascagoula awash in sewage, seaweed and branches.

Downgraded to a tropical depression, Georges and its downpours moved northeast into Georgia and South Carolina. The hurricane wind that ripped through the coast with gusts as high as 174 mph had dropped to 35 mph.

President Clinton declared the entire storm-damaged swath a disaster area and planned to visit as soon as recovery operations allowed. Power remained out to about 400,000 customers from Louisiana to Florida.

Rivers continued to overflow. The Pascagoula River at Merrill rose from 3.4 feet on Monday to 20.8 feet on Tuesday and was expected to swell to more than 26.5 feet later in the day, nearly 5 feet over flood stage.

White House proposes doctors could dispense methadone

NEW YORK — The White House's drug policy chief Tuesday proposed making methadone more readily available to drug addicts by allowing doctors for the first time to dispense the synthetic heroin substitute in their offices.

Currently, methadone is available only at special clinics, making it difficult for some addicts to hold down jobs and receive their daily dose of the liquid narcotic. Some states bar methadone altogether.

Gen. Barry McCaffrey, the White House national drug policy director, said study after study has shown that methadone not only eliminates the misery of heroin addiction but also makes it possible for addicts to lead productive lives and stay out of trouble.

"Methadone treatment is simply not available for Americans in all parts of the country in a manner called for by rational drug policy. We've got to do better," McCaffrey told the American Methadone Treatment Association in New York.

At the same time, McCaffrey announced no additional money for the policy and acknowledged that state and local governments must endorse the changes to make methadone more readily available.

"This is a local decision for city councils, county government and state legislatures," he said.

State

Alligator shows up at animal control office looking for food

VICTORIA, Texas — Animal control officers had their work show up for them Tuesday.

A hungry alligator was outside as workers arrived at the Victoria City/County Animal Control Center, officials said.

The rowdy 7-foot reptile apparently was aware of other animals inside and wanted a snack.

"It's kind of like being in McDonald's drive-thru, but you can't have the Big Mac," said shelter manager Roberta Fisher.

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editorial

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Test your current affairs knowledge

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Be sure to join us to tomorrow to check your answers. Good Luck!

1. What is the name of the hurricane beating up the Gulf Coast?

- a. Georgina
- b. George Foreman
- c. Georges

2. Who is not a student at South Park Elementary?

- a. Kenny
- b. Lyle
- c. Eric

3. What is TCU's new budget software program?

- a. IBGetting My Paycheck Late
- b. Microsoft
- c. PeopleSoft

4. Who is Viktor Chernomyrdin?

- a. A Russian assassin
- b. A former Russian prime

minister

c. A Russian astronaut joining the U.S. team

5. Salman Rushdie is:

- a. A dish best served cold and eaten quickly
- b. A biblical talking fish
- c. Writer of "The Satanic Verses"

6. Who is now the starting quarterback for the Dallas Cowboys?

- a. Jason Garrett
- b. Opie Taylor
- c. Troy Aikman

7. From what college did Chancellor Michael Ferrari last come?

- a. Drury
- b. Drake
- c. Colorado School of Mimes

8. Who came to the White House together to see Clinton this week?

- a. Monica Lewinsky and Hillary Clinton
- b. Benjamin Netanyahu and Yasser Arafat
- c. Marv Albert and Frank Gifford



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Clinton doesn't deserve pity

President Clinton hardly gets a respite from scrutiny overseas. Newspapers in Britain, tabloid and mainstream alike, are packed with updates on the Starr report and speculation about impeachment. Television and talk radio follow the same patterns. Often, all one needs to do to be bombarded with questions about sexual politics is reveal an American accent.

Commentary



ROBYN ROSS

The sentiments of most of the British people interviewed on the air or informally by TCU students on the street seem to be summed up in one lurid headline: "Don't Let a Randy Romp Spoil the Presidency." The official "everyday folks" opinion appears to be that Clinton's behavior with his intern, regardless of whether it was morally reprehensible or not, isn't really anyone's business; the important thing is that he lied. British journalists have speculated that people suffer from "scandal fatigue" — that the mind has reached its saturation point beyond which further coverage of a sordid event is simply overkill. Just as we come to dread the overplayed song, we grow to disdain further mention of the president's exploits. So he lied to us after all; so the Starr report is disgusting. So what?

When scandal fatigue sets in, the sympathies of the public tend to gravitate toward the object of media scrutiny, usually the perpetrator of the scandal itself. This is why so many people who didn't care about Clinton's escapades when the story broke, and even some who scorned him, are eager to take his side now. They're sick and tired of what they see as invasive, unnecessary coverage. They're partially right. Even in a foreign country, coverage of the president's conduct has been grandiose and gratuitous. The full text of the Starr report didn't need to be published in book form and displayed in major chain bookstores, and President Clinton's testimony to the grand jury didn't need to be made public over the airwaves. Leaders in France, Germany and other European

countries have expressed their disgust at the no-holds-barred approach to publicizing the details of the affair. But the media's over-vigilance of Clinton (to the detriment of balanced news coverage) does not change what he did. In no way do the annoying reporters, the personal questions or the steady stream of polls and speculations absolve Clinton of any guilt. They make us feel sympathy for him because we understand his reluctance to bare the details of his extramarital sex life. But they don't alter the fact that he lied to the country.

If our president were the focus of truly ridiculous, irrelevant media attention, like the coverage of Dan Quayle's numerous verbal stumbles, sympathy might be appropriate. In such a case, journalists would be misdirecting attention that should be focused on news that actually affects people. But the issue at present is whether the most powerful man in the world, as the British press continually calls our leader, can be trusted. That's an important question. Sure, people are tired of hearing of minuscule developments in the same old story. Although they watched part of the grand jury testimony when it came out, they were disappointed to

find it wasn't that shocking. Although they'll buy her book when it comes out, they no longer find Monica Lewinsky that alluring.

The entertainment value of Clinton's failings has waned, and public indignation is now directed toward the press rather than the president. Anyone so frequently and publicly accused of being up to no good deserves the nation's pity and support. Curiously enough, no one seems to be giving Kenneth Starr the sympathy vote.

We need to be able to separate the message from the messenger, the content from the medium. Some would call it impossible, but somehow the American people must learn to judge the actions of their president independent of how often they are asked by their television set to do so. The importance of President Clinton's lies should be decided separately from how tired people are of hearing about them.

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Media, restaurants, men encourage breast obsession

America's preoccupation with breasts is out of control. Lately, you can't escape their presence. Walk around campus and you'll encounter countless women wearing halter tops that leave nothing to the imagination, or turn on the television and you'll see the "Baywatch" babes' breasts bouncing up and down in slow-mo.

Even popular new-age cartoons and high-tech video games feature super-athletic vixens fighting the bad guys with enormous (but impossibly perky) chests. The media are among the worst culprits,

fostering the rapid growth of a nationwide epidemic I call "Breast Obsession." Popular culture has made it hip and trendy to show all the anatomy you possibly can.

I, and the rest of America, became way too familiar with Jennifer Love Hewitt's breasts while watching "Party of Five" last week, for example.

Boobs are big business nowadays — billboards and commercials promise bigger boobs will give you a new and improved life. Guaranteed.

There's no problem a little surgery can't fix right away. Plastic surgeons can give you smaller breasts if you're too big or larger breasts if yours are minuscule.

Then there's the booming Wonder Bra industry that helps women achieve at least the appearance of ample bosoms — for 40 bucks, that is.

Even restaurants like Hooters are taking

advantage of feminine appeal, cashing in on the big bucks breasts can bring in.

And unfortunately, it's not just men who are obsessed. Women have long and anguished conversations flipping through issues of *Vogue* and *Cosmopolitan* about why they don't have boobs like the airbrushed supermodels.

Sadly, the quest for perfect breasts is getting desperate. A flat-chested friend of mine has tried everything from pills to exercises to fill out her frame.

The problem is perplexing and troubling. And if it's up to me to bring the somewhat embarrassing topic to the forum of open dialogue, I accept the responsibility.

The dilemma really starts with the myths and misplaced intrigue that surround the breast, attitudes established and reinforced by magazines, television and movies starring flighty but unbelievably busty actresses.

So let me cut through the hype about breasts: They're really just lumps of fat and glands on your chest that generally get in the way and must be bound by restrictive and confining constructions called bras from adolescence until death.

What's worse, they serve absolutely no practical purpose until childbirth.

But for some mysterious reason, men seem to like them quite a bit, hence the proliferation of breast-oriented businesses and irrational, breast-obsessed women.

Today, women treat breasts like jewelry. During the summer, women practically advertise their bra size, unabashedly sporting stringy, skimpy tank tops. This new trend represents a definite shift from the more conservative oversized shirts and sweaters of the '80s, when showing a bare shoulder was considered sexy and risqué.

I'm all for women's liberation, freedom

from the confines of pinching undergarments. But c'mon, ladies. This has gone way too far. We need to pull in the reins, so to speak.

Maybe a solution is to shift our focus to some other body part, something more appropriate — like arms. Improvement wouldn't have to mean surgery — just a little weight lifting. That way, the burden of achieving perfection won't be placed solely on women.

If the raging breast obsession originates from men, we have the power to control this situation. Instead of encouraging this mammary worship, women should lead by example and minimize the importance of breast size.

There are far more worthy aspects of women to admire than the two mounds of flesh on our chests, like our brains for example. Trust me guys, they're far more interesting.

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

Public affection needs to be toned down from offensive forms

About a month into school, a peculiar phenomenon has already begun to repeat itself. People get together. Guys and gals suddenly realize that their high school or summer love is now comfortably in the back of their minds. They are ready to pursue new relationships, and the sea of companionship has just spawned all kinds of new fish. September, apparently not February,

is the month for love.

I am a proponent of love. Besides its blatant Epicurean appeal, when a person enters a new relationship, it propagates a bliss that is more productive to his or her frame of mind and therefore the society that operates around him or her.

There is one aspect of this bliss, however, that I loathe: Public displays of affection.

I know, I know. This isn't high school anymore, but just because the line of appropriateness is pushed back because we're in college doesn't mean it no longer exists. Pecks on the cheeks, a quick good-bye kiss, holding hands — even a girl with her hand in the back pocket of a guy's jeans (Where do we get these weird Southern mannerisms from, any-

way?) — are all OK by me.

We should be careful when those displays of affections cross over into the realm of sexuality, though.

I come from We-Ban-Books Burleson, where public displays of affection were big deals to the school administration. They also banned cheerleaders from wearing cheerleader outfits (even at games) and proposed other outrageous agendas of Baptist-Republican radicals gone mad.

Always, I was on the side of the student (as a reactionary), and I probably would have gone up against the school board to allow people to copulate in the hallways if I'd have had the chance to.

But I'm kind of disturbed by people making out in public.

Groping, squeezing, copping feels. If they don't make you disgusted because two people are doing it, it makes you disgusted because you aren't doing it. It's a no-win situation.

When the endorphins kick in, though, the thoughts of others who may be present hardly come into play. Besides, which would you rather focus your mind on — pleasure or politeness? The answer you should come up with explains why there isn't a book about sex written by Ms. Manners.

Maybe my loathing for public displays of affection also stems from when I went to a wedding as a little kid. The two people getting married gave each other a French kiss, and I thought it was the most disgusting

thing in the world. (Hey, I was 7.)

It is when the display of affection becomes a display of sexual urgency that makes me feel uncomfortable.

At a school of judgmental people like this, it's probably not going to make you any more popular to advertise the fact that you're sexually active. (I realize that a passionate kiss doesn't necessarily say that, but people tend to read between the lines before they investigate what's real.)

Anything that makes people uncomfortable is unacceptable public behavior. This stands as an unwritten law in any society. People even sue other people for invasions of their personal space.

It's impossible to control the minds of others, but it is possible to

control individual, everyday behavior. Even if you say it doesn't bother you, take a minute to think of what does. Cursing? Lesbians holding hands? It's not the behavior or act that's wrong, it's simply what it implies.

Some of those implications are fixable only by a change in our perceptions as a society, but the ultimate choice lies in what the person committing the act allows to be thought about him or her.

Besides, if you really need your tongue sucked on that much, I have a dentist friend who can loan you a spit vacuum.

Jeremy Hoekstra is a sophomore computer science and math major from Burleson.

Court to consider harassment

By Laurie Asseo
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court said Tuesday it will decide whether educators have a legal responsibility to stop students from sexually harassing their classmates, an issue of enormous importance to schools nationwide.

The justices will decide whether a Georgia school district can be sued over teachers' alleged failure to step in after a fifth-grader complained that another student was sexually harassing her.

A federal appeals court said a federal anti-discrimination law does not allow lawsuits involving student-on-student harassment, although children can sue over such misconduct by a teacher.

The case is not about ordinary teasing or school yard hazing. The girl says the boy, also a fifth-grader, repeatedly tried to touch her breasts and other body parts, rubbed against her in a suggestive way and made vulgar comments indicating he wanted to have sex with her.

In granting review to that case and 11 others that arrived during their summer recess, the justices got a head start on the 1998-99 term scheduled to begin Monday. The court also agreed to decide:

—How far police can go in searching the personal belongings of motor vehicle passengers when the officers suspect the driver committed a crime.

—Whether states violate poor people's right to travel when they limit the amount of welfare benefits paid to new residents. California's policy imposing such limits was blocked by lower courts.

—Whether the NCAA can be sued under a federal law banning sexual discrimination by any program or activity receiving federal financial aid.

—To what extent race can be considered in drawing election districts. The justices agreed to take a third look at a much-disputed congressional district in North Carolina.

The American Association of University Women Educational

Foundation said in 1993 that 85 percent of girls and 76 percent of boys had experienced sexual harassment in school. But Julie Underwood of the National School Boards Association said Tuesday that since then, many districts have drafted anti-harassment policies and sought to educate students and teachers about the problem.

In June, the Supreme Court made it harder for students to force school districts to pay financial damages over sexual harassment by a teacher. But the ruling said payment can be ordered when someone with authority to do something about the problem "has actual notice of or is deliberately indifferent" to the teacher's misconduct.

In the Georgia case, a federal appeals court ruled that a federal law known as Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 does not apply when students harass each other.

The Clinton administration urged the high court to overturn that ruling.

Government lawyers said the justices' ruling in June "makes clear that when a school district responds with deliberate indifference to known incidents of sexual harassment of a student, it discriminates against that student."

The 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals last year threw out a lawsuit against the Monroe County, Ga., school board and two officials.

Aurelia Davis sued over a five-month "barrage of sexual harassment and abuse" she said her daughter LaShonda endured at Hubbard Elementary School in Forsyth, Ga., in the 1992-93 year.

The lawsuit stated that LaShonda and her mother reported each incident to school officials but the boy was never disciplined. He pleaded guilty to sexual battery after Mrs. Davis complained to the county sheriff.

The lawsuit said the harassment caused LaShonda's grades to fall and harmed her mental and emotional well-being. In April 1993, her father found a suicide note she had written, the lawsuit said.

Campus builds Habitat house

By Talla S. Dancer
STAFF REPORTER

Rainy weather has kept them from doing their job on three occasions, but members of Habitat for Humanity, TCU Greeks and many others are still going strong in building TCU's first Habitat house.

Established in 1976, Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit organization committed to eliminating poverty housing worldwide. By building affordable housing, the organization allows families to purchase the homes with interest-free mortgages.

TCU's chapter of Habitat for Humanity is following in the footsteps of the international organization.

"Habitat for Humanity at TCU started in 1989, and it is a college chapter that provides volunteers to the city chapter to help organize projects," said Megan Stuebner, a sophomore biology major and president of TCU Habitat for Humanity. "This is the first time TCU has both funded a Habitat house and have the house built by its students, faculty and staff."

The negotiations for the TCU Habitat house started in November. Maxwell House teamed up with the international Habitat organization to fund a volunteer initiative called "Build a Home America." This initiative started near Boston in 1997 with a goal of building 100 homes to provide to 100 families in 100 weeks.

With the efforts of Stuebner; Chris Poland, a TCU graduate and former Order of Omega president; and Mike Rothwell, a junior finance major and member of Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity, the TCU Habitat chapter is currently taking part in the initiative.

"Maxwell House gave TCU \$19,000 to fund the Habitat house, and the Fort Worth Habitat for Humanity chapter planned the location," Stuebner said.

After several meetings, Frog Camp officials decided to get as many volunteers as possible to be involved with the project, she said.

Frog Camp worked on Habitat houses in the past, but in August, the students of Frog Camp started building the first Habitat house that was contributed by TCU, both financially and through manpower.

Stuebner said the success of this project would not be possible without the financial contribution and hard work of the TCU Greeks. She said the Greek organizations funded half of the house.

"All of the money is not yet in, but I think it is approximately around \$17,000," she said, adding that almost every chapter donated money for the project.

Fara Brown-Owen, a senior Spanish major and Order of Omega president, said this is a very positive project for the Greek chapters on campus.

"Each organization gave what they could, and each chapter is providing help to build the house," she said. "This is to let people know that we are not lazy and that we do get involved."

Ricky Paradise, president of Lambda Chi Alpha and a senior accounting major, said this was a community service project that he thoroughly enjoyed while working with other Greeks. He said he "actually had fun with the service."

Kristen Kirst, director of fraternity and sorority affairs, said, "The chapters did not make the financial or volunteer commitment based upon their image or what they would gain publicly." It's not about "writing a check," she said, but actually doing some hands-on work.

"One of the basic founding principles of national fraternities and sororities is that of service to the university and the community," she said. "This was a project for the chapters that they believed in and that had tangible results."

"Chapters are continually doing service that goes unrecognized and unnoticed, with the exception of those that it benefits," Kirst said. "I hope that the publicity of this project brings recognition to the continual service these chapters are doing throughout the year, not just for this project."

Kirst said that although she is one of many staff members who has been involved in the Habitat project, "the credit really should go to the students and the city chapter for getting the project on its feet."

Stuebner, as well as others, has made an on-going pledge to finish the first TCU-funded and -constructed Habitat house.

Stuebner said she hopes the Habitat house will be finished before Thanksgiving. She said rainy weather is the only thing that would delay the construction.

"I am proud of the students who are committed to this project, Greek or non-Greek," Kirst said. "I hope this project serves as an inspiration for students to continue their volunteer efforts throughout their life time."

DRUGS

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Tobias said the university might inform the parents but it would not be that office.

Ashley Almon, a freshman pre-major, said she was divided on the subject.

"If your parents are paying for college, then the law is fine because you could be wasting their money," Almon said.

MAJOR/MINOR

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woman of the undergraduate committee in the history department. "We featured books by people in our department because books are the tools of the trade. We also had a video playing. We thought we'd try the same thing again this year."

Members of the math department, which is fierce competitor in the competition, were reluctant to disclose many of the plans they have for their table but did offer a

"However, if they are not financially responsible for you, then it's none of their business."

The amendment package was passed by the House/Senate Conference Committee early last week. The Senate passed the bill early Tuesday afternoon with a 96-0 vote. The president is expected to sign the bill soon.

The amendment allowing information to be dispersed, proposed by Sen. John W. Warner, R-Va., is in direct conflict with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), which does not allow a post-secondary institution to disclose educational, health and/or safety records to the parents of students.

Russel said FERPA is constantly being revised.

The student newspaper of University of Virginia, *The Cavalier*, reported Jonathan Amacker, the deputy press secretary for Virginia Attorney General Mark L. Earley, said this amendment makes the FERPA "uniform and coherent."

"We'll have puzzles and paradoxes and rather ornamental decorations."

— Bob Doran, math department chairman

few secrets.

"We'll have puzzles and para-

doxes and rather ornamental decorations," said Bob Doran, chair-

man of the department. "There will also be a very enthusiastic group of mathematicians."

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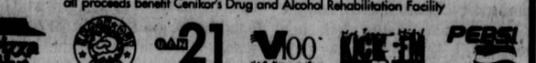
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RUSH

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accept or turn down, Sarchet said. Kristen Kirst, director of fraternity and sorority affairs, said if a woman gets all the way to Preference Night and plays by the rules — doesn't single preference and only picks one sorority — she is guaranteed a bid.

"The Panhellenic system's national average of women who get bids is between 76 percent and 80 percent," she said. "This year at TCU, 87 percent of the women who Rushed received one, and every year we try to improve. We are the only campus that guarantees a bid to those who get to Preference Night."

Of the 503 girls who began Rush on the first day, Kirst said, 442 received a bid, 40 dropped out of their own volition and 21 were released completely from Rush.

"Those 21 are not cut out of the system and forgotten," she said. "It's pretty devastating. Rush counselors, a group of women who've been on both sides of Rush, are available to the girls during Rush, and we give their names to Student Development Services."

Last semester, 33 sorority leaders were chosen to be Rush counselors,

said Elizabeth Ashby, a senior premed biology major and director of Rush counselors. The counselors go through intensive training sessions and completely disaffiliate from their sorority until Rush is over, she said.

"Rush counselors serve as friends, mentors and counselors during Rush," Ashby said. "They haven't had contact with their sorority sisters since the last day of last semester's finals, so the Rushees know they can talk to their counselors about good and bad points of any sorority."

When Rushees are released from Rush, Rush counselors come to their room to tell them privately or call them if they live off campus, she said. They also explain the situation to the woman's roommate and her resident assistant, she said.

"The counselors stress that there are so many other activities on campus, which helps to put things in perspective when the girl is focused on this one thing," Ashby said. "They are also completely trained. They know to expect anything. Some girls act like they expected it, and others get extremely upset."

Tracey Meyers, a senior advertising/public relations major, said her Rush counselor called to let her know when she was released after the third round of Rush.

"I already had an idea why," Meyers said. "We'd talked previously about different issues, like me being married and a senior. She reminded me that I could call her with any problems and that she would always be my Rho Chi (Rush counselor) whether I received a bid or not."

However, a sophomore Rushee said her experience with Rush counselors was different.

"They came into my room at 8 a.m., and one of them said, in the meanest way possible, 'We've come to let you know you've been released from Rush,'" said the Rushee, who asked to remain anonymous. "Then she said, 'We can sit here and talk to you about it for an hour if you want.'"

Ashby said this type of occurrence with the Rush counselors is a very rare occurrence but if it did happen, the Rushee deserves a huge apology. She also said she would like to talk

to the Rushee's counselors and hear their side of the story.

"I'm very shocked that this could happen," Ashby said. "It's highly unusual because of the personality traits we look for in Rho Chis. Part of the reason a Rho Chi is chosen is because they have an empathetic, sympathetic side to their personality."

The Rushee said she was excited when she began Rush — both to meet new people and because she had a legacy to one sorority — but now she sees Rush as superficial.

"It's not as heartfelt as I thought it would be," she said. "I thought the girls looked at who you are, not what you look like, but that's not true."

Though she said she was disappointed because she wanted to live out her legacy, the Rushee said being released from Rush would not totally affect her life.

"It (Rush) was a waste of my time," she said. "They say everyone will get a bid if you play by the rules, but that's not how it works — I played by the rules, but I didn't get anything."

Meyers said she was upset when

she was released from Rush but she's been able to see the positives in the situation.

"I was upset for a while. I think it's a natural reaction, but there are also reasons why not getting a bid was good," she said. "It might be different because I'm a senior. I'm finishing my last year, working part-time at an internship and focused on what will happen after graduation. It's completely different than what the average Rushee is going through."

Monica Kintigh, a licensed professional counselor at the TCU Counseling Center, said right now there are no formal programs to help women released from Rush but she would love to start one if students were interested.

"There are times when people are adjusting to school and feeling lonely," Kintigh said. "I've worked with individuals having those issues on how to fit in on campus if they aren't in a sorority."

Ashby said being in the Greek system promotes all the good things a college student should try to achieve, including leadership, schol-

arship and friendship, as well as giving students a built-in support system.

Sorority members are some of the most informed students on campus, Kirst said, and freshmen members can have doors opened for them by upperclassmen in their chapter. However, she said people have to keep in mind that everything, not just Greek organizations, has a selective nature.

"Even TCU has a selective nature," Kirst said. "There are students walking around right now who wanted to get into TCU and didn't. Rush gets knocked for its selective nature, but you have to compare it to other leadership positions on campus. Selection is a natural part of life, though it's unfair people get hurt."

Meyers said she didn't know what she expected when she started Rush but going through the process changed her ideas about the Greek system.

"It was a worthwhile experience," Meyers said. "I wanted to experience it, and I wanted to meet new people. Yes, I was upset, but I'm over it. I'm moving on."

HOUSE

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Texas Christian University," she said. There is room in government for God, Jost said.

"It gives the chance for some people to be more aware about God even though it's a governmental situation," she said.

Jost said she will attempt to make the Christian message palatable.

"My main goal is to make it fun," she said. "It is to get my message and my idea of Christianity across in a fun manner, in an enlightening manner and to make it more enjoyable."

Jost said Christianity is important because it is part of the ideals the United States was founded on.

Lawlor said the position is men-

tioned in the House Constitution and will "add a balance to the House." She said Jost is a good person for the job.

"I believe Jennifer is very well-qualified," she said. "She's been active throughout her own religious community."

Oubre said the public relations position is important as well so that the House will get credit for what it does.

"There are several things on campus that House has done in the past that they haven't gotten credit for," he said.

The public relations position is an ad hoc position, which means there is no provision for it in the Constitution.

Beyond recognition, Oubre said students will benefit from a public relations position because it will let them know where their student fees are going.

"Students like to know what their House funds do," he said. "It's important to me where my money goes, and I am sure it is important to everyone else."

In addition, Oubre said it is important for students and organizations to know that the House has money to support campus and student activities like conferences, fairs and clubs.

"Right now we have so much money sitting around and nobody to give it to," he said.

Lewinsky interview falls through

◆ Offer to talk with Oprah rescinded during money negotiations.

By David Bauder
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Daytime television queen Oprah Winfrey said Tuesday that negotiations to bring Monica Lewinsky on her syndicated show fell apart over money.

"I was told that I did have it and then the conversation moved in a direction that I did not want to go," Winfrey said. "I do not pay for interviews, no matter what the payment is called."

Lewinsky's spokeswoman, Judy

Smith, said she wouldn't comment on the aborted interview talks.

In a competitive television world, landing the first in-depth talk with the woman President Clinton had an affair with would be the year's biggest coup. After talking with Lewinsky's representatives, Winfrey said she was led to believe she was the one.

An hour later, they called back and started talking about who owned the rights to sell a tape of the interview in international markets, Winfrey said in an interview with *TV Guide*.

"My feeling was giving up the rights was just someone else paying the check," she told the magazine. "That was really the turning point."

Winfrey made the announcement of the non-interview on her show Tuesday.

The lurid stories outlined in the Starr report or in Clinton's videotaped grand jury testimony did nothing to change her mind about the worthiness of the interview, Winfrey said.

She said she was interested in talking to Lewinsky because she could relate to her predicament.

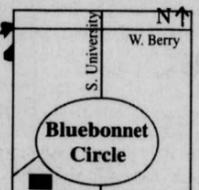
"I think Monica's gotten a really bad rap," she said. "I've been 21, and I know what it's like to be 21. And an intern. In a situation where the president of the company acts like he likes you. So already my first question to Monica would be, 'How did this happen?'"

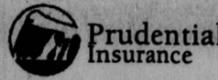
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Police jail man driving with herbs

By David Gram
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MONTPELIER, Vt. — George Singleton was driving from California, where he was working with inner-city gangs, back to his organic farm in Vermont when an Oklahoma state trooper pulled him over.

Trooper Alvin Lavender told him he was speeding and weaving, Singleton says. A bag of what looked like marijuana was seized. Singleton, 49, was jailed on suspicion of possession of a controlled substance.

But his blood tests for intoxicating substances came back negative. And the marijuana turned out to be organically grown rosemary and mullein, common herbs that Singleton said he uses to treat his tuberculosis.

He was never charged with speeding or a drug offense after the stop in February, though he still faces a court date Thursday in Oklahoma.

The charge: driving under the influence of an intoxicating substance. This despite the tests showing no intoxicating substance in his blood.

"He's not guilty of anything but being black and having butt-long dreadlocks and driving in Oklahoma," said his lawyer, Jim Hadley of Vinita, Okla.

Singleton said he is convinced he

was pulled over because he fit the "profile" of a drug suspect.

Gene Haynes, the district attorney in Craig County, Okla., acknowledged, "It is an unusual case because of the fact that we don't have proof of any illegal substance." But he told the *Tulsa World*, "We're continuing to pursue it because we feel he was under some type of influence that rendered him a danger on the roadway."

The trooper wrote in his report that Singleton was unsteady on his feet and had bloodshot eyes and slurred speech.

Singleton, 49, runs an organic farm in Dummerston. He helped found Hope-LA-USA in 1992, a national group that tries to get teenage gang members involved in organic gardening. He has set up an East Coast office.

After his arrest, Singleton spent 25 days in jail.

Singleton said he brews the rosemary into tea and smokes the mullein, a tall wildflower of the figwort family.

Singleton is also accused of failing to display current license tags.

Singleton's lawyer said the district attorney told him last week that the state was willing to reduce the charge to careless driving, impose a \$50 fine and court costs of less than \$100. Hadley said he and Singleton weren't buying.

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uate 2nd. Lt. Myers Gray.

Along with excelling at field training, Pasierb has racked up 15 ROTC awards in his career. These include the American Legion Military Excellence Award and the American Legion Scholastic Award, Gray said.

"He was my top guy," said Gray, his former flight commander. "He was the best in my flight."

Pasierb's awards reflect his leadership abilities, which why he currently holds one of the most prestigious positions as commander of Charlie flight, Gray said. His job is to train freshmen and sophomores.

Pasierb, who is an Air Force scholarship winner, is also a pledge trainer for the Arnold Air Society. As trainer, his job is to train new members and prepare them to perform service projects and fund-raisers, Gray said.

Pasierb said he's also proud to be involved in TCU's Student Foundation, which is made up of the university's top two percent of campus leaders.

He recalls that a family he'd shown around TCU recognized him at a TCU football game. The family greeted him and thanked him for convincing them to send their daughter to TCU.

"I've at least brought one more student to TCU," he said.

Faculty and peers say they admire Pasierb not just for his accomplishments at the university, but also for his character and an almost magical quality they have a hard time explaining.

"He's very charismatic and a natural leader," Gray said. "People want to be around him. He has a great attitude and is just a funny guy."

Ryan True, a sophomore computer science major, said he has noticed Pasierb, his flight commander, has a way of delegating authority.

"Instead of being like a drill sergeant, he's more of a leader," said True. "He doesn't put us down and step all over us."

Cadet Capt. Tressa Battee said Pasierb's successes reflect his commitment and great

attitude. "He's an example of the whole-person concept," she said.

She said he is physically fit and has great leadership abilities.

Pasierb's physical fitness reveals his condition. Out of a possible 500 points, he's scored 424 points and has run 1.5 miles in 8.57 minutes in a ROTC physical fitness test.

Pasierb said he dreams of flying the skies by serving his country as a pilot. He said he has fond memories of his father flying army helicopters.

In July of 1997, TCU's ROTC sent him to the Air Force Academy for two weeks. It was there he had the opportunity to fly gliders.

"It was exhilarating to realize you're flying an aircraft all by yourself," he said. "It's nothing like driving a car."

Because Pasierb is very involved in the corps, has an excellent GPA, did very well in field training and has outstanding physical fitness, "he has an excellent chance of getting a pilot slot," Gray said.

Pasierb said becoming an astronaut would be the pinnacle of his career, but he wouldn't be overly upset if he couldn't be one.

"I like to think I steered him on the path," Gray said. "I look at him and I say, 'my product'. I feel like I'm his mentor."

But the truth is, Gray said, that Pasierb has had an effect on him.

"It wasn't my teachings; it's that he's an excellent cadet," he said.

Pasierb grins at hearing such a comment from his former commander.

"Lt. Gray is most responsible for my success at ROTC," he said. "He took me under his wing when I was a little tyke."

Pasierb gives credit where it's due, and with a smile of appreciation, he said he owes who he is to his parents, his sister and friends.

Braces, and comments from TCU alumni like, "you have such great teeth," give Pasierb reason to not be ashamed to smile anymore.

He confidently said about his teeth, "yeah, I love 'em. They're straight as an arrow."

Embryos caught in legal battle

By Melanie Burney
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CAMDEN, N.J. — A woman has won the first round in a legal battle with her ex-husband over custody of seven frozen human embryos the couple fertilized while still married.

Superior Court Family Judge Lee B. Laskin sided Monday with the ex-wife, who wants to have the embryos destroyed. The judge immediately stayed his order, however, pending an appeal by the woman's ex-husband.

Laskin said although the couple had entered into an agreement to have a child, such an understanding ended when the marriage ceased.

"We're obviously disappointed," said attorney Eric Spevak, who represents the ex-husband. "We believe this case has more to do with a father's rights to adopt his own embryos."

"This case has always been a case about a person's right not to procreate," said attorney Amy Goldstein, who represents the ex-wife. "My client wants them destroyed because she's no longer interested in having children with her former husband."

By court order, the identity of the Camden County couple has not been revealed. The husband, a devout Catholic, wants the embryos preserved to use with another woman or to donate to an infertile couple.

Laskin said the couple underwent fertility treatment for the sole purpose of conceiving a child together.

"They did not go through the ... process with the idea in mind to begin an enterprise of selling or donating embryos to other couples," he said.

The couple had the embryos created in 1995 because the wife was unable to conceive due to a blockage in a fallopian tube. She then conceived naturally, and a daughter was born in March 1996.

A bill introduced Monday in the state legislature would require couples to enter into binding agreements about the fate of frozen embryos.

Formula discrepancies cause 'best value' mix-up

By Michael Bryant
EDITOR IN CHIEF

A change in how numbers were compiled for the *U.S. News & World Report* best value rankings kept TCU off the 1999 list, and a difference in interpretation might have been the reason the university made the 1998 list, said Bob Morse, deputy director of data research for *U.S. News*.

Had TCU used the formula *U.S. News* intended for the 1998 rankings, he said, the list might have been much different.

"If that number (method) had been used in 1997, TCU wouldn't have been as high in the best values list or maybe not made the list at all," Morse said.

For the 1998 rankings, released in August 1997, universities provided their own numbers for financial aid information, including the percentage of students who received grants based on a demonstrated need, said Michael Scott, director of the TCU Office of Scholarships and Student Financial Aid.

For the 1999 rankings, however, schools provided raw data and the final figures were compiled by *U.S. News*, he said.

The discrepancy comes in what denominator is used to compute the percentage, Scott said. While *U.S. News* intended the percentage to be figured based on total undergraduate student population, TCU figured the percentage based on the number of undergraduate students who applied for financial aid, Scott said.

According to numbers provided by TCU for the 1999 *U.S. News* rankings, TCU's percentage of students receiving need-based grants would have been 64 percent if based on the number of applicants and not the entire student body. That's still a decrease of 3 percent from the 1998 list, but a number 121 percent higher than that computed by *U.S. News*. As a result, TCU

dropped from a No. 26 ranking out of the top 50 national universities on the best values list in 1998 to off the list entirely in 1999.

Scott said figuring the percentage based on the entire student body is misleading and "to (TCU) is a totally meaningless number" because it doesn't reflect a school's performance in providing students who have need with grant money.

"We were giving away more money than we had the year before; they just changed the formula," Scott said.

But according to Morse, *U.S. News* did not change the meaning of the statistic, only the way in which it was obtained.

"We thought our question meant the same thing in both years," he said. "To me, it wasn't ambiguous."

Scott said the number of students receiving need-based grants out of the entire TCU student body may not seem impressive because good scholarship programs distort the accuracy of the numbers.

"Since we have such a large academic scholarship program, many of those students might not have counted in the way *U.S. News* calculated the percentage but were nonetheless receiving substantial amounts of money from TCU," he said.

Morse said *U.S. News* has received several questions and complaints about financial aid issues, but TCU was the only school to approach them about how the percentage was compiled.

TCU's annual report to *U.S. News* is filled out after the survey is sent to campus in late January. Scott said the information is placed on the form by Information Services Manager Ruben Chanlatte, who brings any questions to Scott and Susan Campbell, director of Institutional Research.

Once the survey is completed, it is

reviewed by William Koehler, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, and Leo Munson, assistant vice chancellor for academic affairs, Scott said.

Scott said that to the best of his recollection, no questions were raised regarding the percentage that varied so much between the two rankings.

He said he had talked with colleagues at other schools, including those at Baylor University, who expressed similar concerns about the meaning of the number and the frustration it has caused.

Baylor and TCU were among 14 schools that dropped from the 50-member best values list in 1999.

The only schools ranked higher than TCU in the list that dropped out were Dartmouth College (eighth in 1998), Yale University (13th) and Harvard University (16th). Among the group that dropped out, TCU had the lowest academic reputation score, a number put together by *U.S. News* that reflects how people at peer universities rank a school's reputation on a scale of 1 to 5. TCU scored a 2.7 on the 1999 list.

In addition, TCU failed to make *Money* magazine's college value list of the 150 most affordable American colleges in relation to educational value.

However, TCU was named in the most recent edition of *Barron's Best Buys in College Education*, which lists 300 schools in no particular order, marking the first time the university has received that recognition.

Scott said TCU knows there is inaccuracy in any college ranking but prospective students and their parents take such rankings seriously.

Very seriously, in fact. According to an April 4, 1997, article in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, a survey found that although only 11 percent of those surveyed

Survey information	
TCU's financial aid numbers in the <i>U.S. News & World Report</i> rankings varied considerably between the 1998 and 1999 rankings:	
1998 (compiled by TCU)	1999 (compiled by U.S. News)
Percentage of students receiving need-based grant aid	
67 percent	29 percent
Average annual cost after need-based grant aid	
\$11,293	\$14,192
Average discount financial gift aid provides to total cost	
34 percent	22 percent
The following is an excerpt from <i>U.S. News & World Report's</i> query to U.S. universities for its 1998 best value rankings:	
Heading:	Percentages of entering first-year students and undergraduates receiving aid in fall 1998
Question:	Percent receiving need-based grant aid (meeting need)
Response from TCU:	67 percent
1999 figure compiled by U.S. News:	29 percent

U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT

said rankings were a "very important" factor in college choice, those 11 percent "were more likely than other students to be from high-income families, to have parents who attended college, to have earned A's in high school, and to have plans for pursuing professional degrees."

Scott said TCU has reacted well to dropping from the rankings by investigating why the drop happened and planning for the future.

When the 1998 rankings were released, TCU used the best value listing in its marketing in several ways.

Rick L'Amie, director of the TCU Office of Communications, said a "best value" badge was placed on the TCU Web site and remained there until the new rankings were

released.

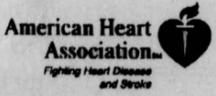
In addition, a news release was sent to media, university donors and alumni leaders as a source of communication, he said. The listing was also mentioned in TCU's advertising campaign in *Texas Monthly* and other local publications.

Allison Holt, director of admissions marketing for TCU, said the ranking was a good tool to mention in letters and other admissions materials but it's not something to build an entire campaign around.

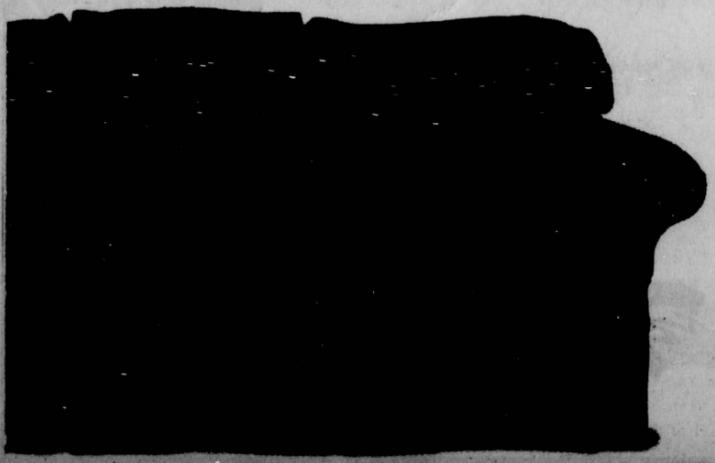
She said TCU makes a bigger deal of rankings than prospective students do and that more than anything, the 1998 ranking reinforced how the school was a good buy.

Such reinforcement from *U.S. News* may be more difficult to come by in the future.

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Volleyfrogs suffer 4th straight loss

◆ TCU continues slide, losing to UTA Tuesday after 0-2 weekend.

By Jan Ove Vadoy
SKIFF STAFF

The Volleyfrogs were handed their fourth straight loss as the University of Texas at Arlington Mavericks defeated TCU 3-1 on Tuesday night.

Supported by a very enthusiastic group of fans, UTA had a good start, taking the first two points of the first game, but the Volleyfrogs came back with a 6-0 run to take the lead 6-2. The lead continued to change hands until the score was even 15-15. Then the referee came in focus as he made a call on a kill by freshman outside hitter Marci King that angered TCU fans. With the help of this side-out, UTA was able to grab the lead and take the game 17-15.

In the second game, the referee once again drew attention by giving yellow cards to both TCU coach Sandy Trout and captain Jill Pape for arguing about the recall of a TCU point because the game crew interfered with the play.

However, TCU managed to stay in the game, and the teams battled until they were even at 12-12. The Volleyfrogs eventually came out on top, pulling away and taking the game by a score of 15-12.

In the third game, UTA once again took an early lead. The Volleyfrogs improved as the game went on but weren't able to get even with the

Mavericks. UTA showed their team strength, winning the game 15-10.

UTA jumped on the Frogs early in the fourth game, making the score 0-8 before TCU started to collect points. The Volleyfrogs fought hard as they were able to battle back to even the score 11-11. But the Mavericks scored the last four points of the game, winning 15-11.

In Tuesday's game TCU continued its losing tendency from this past weekend, dropping matches to both the University of Texas at San Antonio and Southwest Texas State University.

The Volleyfrogs wanted to continue the progress they showed in the previous weekend's TCU Invitational, and the team played in two close games but lost both.

Trout said the Volleyfrogs' opponents this weekend were much stronger than those in the TCU Invitational.

"We're playing in one of the best districts in the country, probably top two, and this weekend proved that," Trout said.

On Friday, TCU faced off against UTSA. The match was the Volleyfrogs' second attempt of the season to beat the Roadrunners. Their first meeting was in the University of Houston tournament two weeks ago, when the Volleyfrogs lost 3-0.

In San Antonio's Convocation Center, the Volleyfrogs dropped the first game to the Roadrunners 15-8, but led by King, who tallied 19 kills and carried an attack percentage of

.302, TCU came back in the second game to win 15-12.

"Marci is a phenomenal player," Trout said. "She is still young, but with some more time I'm confident she has a big future."

The Volleyfrogs suffered a letdown in the two next games, losing both 15-9, with UTSA winning the match by a score of 3-1.

Trout said there still are some problems with the Frogs' offensive side-outs and service errors.

"Against UTSA we gave away 13 points on side-outs, and our serving is not where we want it, either. We have to improve this part of our game in order to win more games."

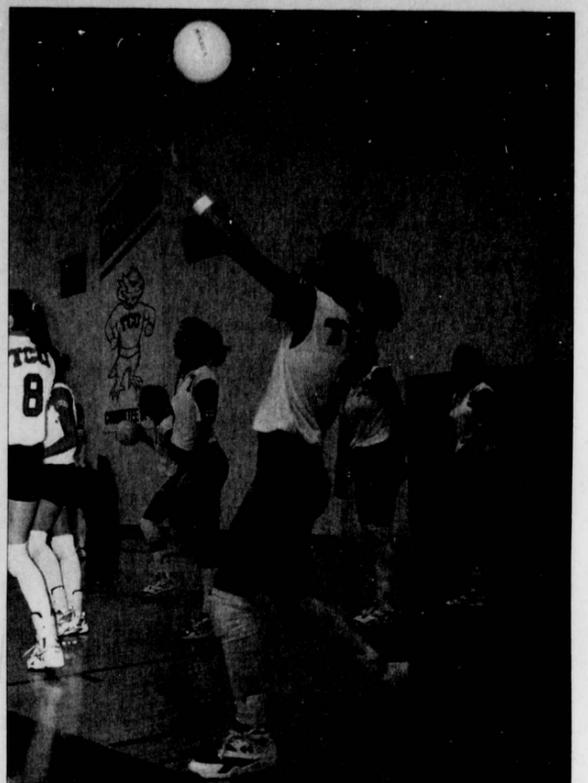
On Saturday, the Volleyfrogs went to San Marcos to play Southwest Texas State. In front of an audience of more than 400 people, the Volleyfrogs tried to even their weekend record.

Southwest Texas started the match by winning the first game 15-7. TCU improved in the second and third games, but still lost 15-11 and 15-10. The Bobcats defeated the Frogs in the match by a score of 3-0.

"I was especially impressed by Southwest Texas," Trout said. "They have a really good team."

Once again, King was the Volleyfrogs' leading player, notching 10 kills and 13 digs, but it wasn't enough to give TCU the win.

The Volleyfrogs will return to the Rickel Building at 4 p.m. Saturday to play the Southern Methodist University Mustangs for their first WAC match of the season.



Freshman outside hitter Marci King prepares for the Volleyfrogs' match against the University of Texas at Arlington on Tuesday night in the Rickel Building. TCU lost to the Mavericks 3-1.

Wells' strong effort leads to Yankees win

NEW YORK (AP) — David Wells delivered a perfect post-season start for the New York Yankees.

Playing their most important game in nearly six months, the Yankees looked every bit like the winningest team in AL history, beating the Texas Rangers 2-0 Tuesday night in Game 1 of their division series.

Wells pitched eight strong innings as the Yankees, who won their final seven games to finish with 114 victories, picked up exactly where they left off.

The left-hander gave up five hits and struck out nine. He kept Juan Gonzalez from hitting a ball out of the infield and escaped his only real jam by fanning Mike Simms to end the seventh with runners on first and second.

Todd Stottlemyre nearly matched Wells, allowing just six hits and striking out eight for a complete game in front of his father, Mel, New York's pitching coach.

Wells shut down the AL's top-hitting team, permitting just one runner past first base until the seventh Texas did not get a hit until Rusty Greer singled off shortstop Derek Jeter's glove with one out in the fourth.

In other AL playoff action, Boston defeated Cleveland 11-3 to take a 1-0 series lead.

Brown shines in victory over Astros

HOUSTON (AP) — The Big Unit finally met his match in the Astrodome.

In a brilliant performance that would be expected more from 6-foot-10 Randy Johnson, San Diego's Kevin Brown struck out 16 and allowed just two hits in eight innings Tuesday, leading the Padres to a 2-1 victory over the Houston Astros in the opener of the best-of-five division series.

Brown's strikeouts were the most ever in division series play and just one short of Bob Gibson's postseason record 17 in the 1968 World Series.

Johnson had been practically untouchable at home, going 5-0. The first four wins were shutouts, since the Astros acquired him from the Seattle Mariners on July 31.

San Diego's offense had struggled all September but had nine hits in eight innings off the powerful left-hander to give Brown his first victory in five starts. And with the NL Central champion Astros flailing at Brown's hard, moving pitches, the Padres won a postseason game for the first time since 1984.

These teams had played five one-run games in the regular season, and the marquee match-up of two of baseball's most dominant pitchers was close and tense.

Boxing

Tyson misses deadline for re-licensing hearing

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Mike Tyson's re-licensing hearing has been delayed because he missed a deadline for submitting psychological reports to Nevada boxing authorities.

The hearing had been scheduled for Saturday, and no new date has been set.

The former heavyweight champion's advisers said the tests at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston took too long and doctors were unable to get the reports together in time for the commission's 5 p.m. Monday deadline.

Ronald Schouten, head of the team that examined Tyson, sent a letter to commission chairman Elias Ghanem saying the reports would be completed today.

"Unfortunately, due to the length of the evaluation process, the scoring on the psychological and neuropsychological testing have not been completed," Schouten wrote.

Schouten said he was disappointed all reports were not ready. The commission is to determine whether Tyson could regain the boxing license stripped from him for biting opponent Michael Duda's ear.



Junior midfielder Tyler Krueger (left) moves the ball upfield during the Frogs' 2-1 victory over Texas Wesleyan University on Sunday.

Cross country finishes first

◆ Cross-country team attributes teamwork, training to confidence-building first-place invitational finish.

By Mike Roberts
STAFF REPORTER

Lafayette, La., became a home away from home for the TCU women's cross-country team as they ran away with first place in the University of Southwestern Louisiana's Ragin' Cajun Invitational on Saturday.

Assistant cross-country coach Dan Waters said the win, coupled with last week's second-place finish, has the team's confidence soaring.

"We're only going to get better," Waters said. "This is a good confidence builder. We're starting to turn the corner."

The team was aided by the return of two runners from injuries. Freshmen Gladys Keitany and Robin Schacht ran for the first time this year and finished second and seventh, respectively. Keitany was TCU's top finisher at 17 minutes, 49 seconds. Freshman Katie Singleton was third overall in a time of 18:13. Schacht was the third Frog finishing with a time of 18:51. Freshman Georgeanne Biancardi was eighth overall in 18:52. Junior Alison Harvey finished 13th overall in 19:30.

TCU finished first with 33 points, followed by Tulane University with 54, University of Southeastern Louisiana with 56, University of Southwestern Louisiana with 97 and University of New Orleans with 125.

Schacht said the team had fun and working together is

the key for every victory.

"The team came together well to pull off this win," she said. "There's still room to improve. People run harder when it's for the team."

The Ragin' Cajun Invitational was run on a three-mile course, while two of the women's previous races had been run on two-mile courses, but the distance change didn't seem to bother the team.

"We're a better team on long-distance courses," Waters said. "We've got girls with a lot of strength; long plays right into our hands."

Biancardi said the team is steadily improving. She said a tough week of training prepared the team for the win and confidence is on the rise.

"A lot of people are excited," Biancardi said. "The team is competing at a higher level. We've been working better as a team."

Senior captain Karly Reichenstein said the race was fun and the team didn't know what to expect in the meet because none of the runners had ever been there.

"We are running as a team this year," Reichenstein said. "We all want to win. The attitude has come full-circle, we have high hopes and a lot of confidence."

The men's and women's cross-country teams will run Friday night at the University of North Texas Invitational in Denton.

Waters said the meet should be a good test for the teams.

"We did prove some things," he said. "People are starting to take notice of us."

Men's soccer wins despite miscues

By Kevin Dunleavy
SKIFF STAFF

The TCU men's soccer team on Sunday continued its winning streak at home after defeating the Texas Wesleyan University Rams for its third victory in a row. The Frogs' latest triumph brings their season record to 5-2-1, an immediate improvement from last year's total of four wins.

Eight minutes into the first half, senior forward Chad Blanton scored the first goal for TCU with an assist from senior midfielder Mark Papini. It appeared as if the Frogs would quickly dominate the game, but instead they were unable to gain any more ground for more than 30 minutes. Meanwhile, the Rams put a point on the board to tie the game when a TCU defensive miscue led to an "own goal." The Frogs answered back two minutes later with a shot by sophomore midfielder Charlie Schulz who was assisted by freshman midfielder Nick Baker.

Although the second half proved to be more uneventful than the first, a more aggressive effort by TCU prevented the Rams from gaining any scoring opportunities. The Frogs failed to score any more goals, but a sturdy defense boosted by the return of sophomore goalkeeper Ian Keate gave no leniency and led to fewer mistakes on the field. As the final seconds ticked away, a frantic free kick yielded nothing for the Rams, and the buzzer sounded for TCU's 2-1 win.

But even though the Frogs had won their fifth game, most of the players said they were disappointed

with their performance.

"We definitely didn't play well; it was just flat the whole game," senior midfielder Darin Hogue said. "The score should have been like 10-0. We played better than their team but not as well as we're used to, and we missed easy shots."

Errors and an apathetic attitude left some players thinking the Frogs didn't play up to their ability despite being a stronger team than the Rams.

"This year we're working harder and playing better, we have a grown-up core unit of players," Papini said. "We were so lethargic during the first half, but we proved we were the better team in the second half."

Head coach David Rubinson said the victory was two-sided but also expressed confidence that the team would step up for future games.

"It was ugly," Rubinson said. "We played down to their level, and I thought we were better than that. I was disappointed that no one took charge, stepped up and got in their teammates' faces and demanded more. They know that they play better than they did today."

Despite the lackadaisical effort, Rubinson put the game behind and looks toward the end of the season.

"This is the year for us in the Western Athletic Conference, and we're gearing toward the tournament. I know we will come back and play on another level next week," he said.

The Frogs will play host to DePaul University at 1 p.m. Sunday at the TCU Soccer Field for their ninth game of the year.

Tomlinson named WAC player of week

By Matt Weinek
SKIFF STAFF

TCU running back LaDainian Tomlinson was named Western

Athletic Conference Mountain Division offensive player of the week Monday for his performance in TCU's 35-34 win over Air Force.

Tomlinson rushed for 99 yards on 21 carries and two touchdowns, leading a Horned Frog running attack that gained 256 yards. Tomlinson gained 61 yards and scored a touchdown in the crucial second half for the Frogs. He also had three kickoff returns for 102



LaDainian Tomlinson

yards and caught two passes for five yards. Tomlinson finished the game with 206 all-purpose yards.

For the first two games of the season, Tomlinson started at fullback, but now he plays tailback alongside Basil Mitchell. Tomlinson made the move back to tailback against Air Force to split time with Mitchell. He stepped in for the injured Mitchell to lead the Frogs in the second half.

This is the second week this season a Horned Frog tailback has been named WAC Mountain Division offensive player of the week. Mitchell was honored after rushing for 186 yards and three touchdowns in the Frogs' 31-21 victory over Iowa State on Sept. 5.

Tomlinson was the second leading rusher for the Horned Frogs last year as a true freshman, rushing for 570 yards in 11 games and led the team in touchdowns with six.

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ACROSS

- Design
- Hilo hello
- Cut into cubes
- Mauna Loa flow
- Relocation expert
- Composer Stravinsky
- Took advantage of
- Turn inside out
- Part of A.D.
- Carrot-top's cousin?
- Auditory organ
- Eagle's residence
- Difficulty
- SFO crowd
- Concepts
- Bangkok resident
- Comely complexion
- Gulleys
- la vista, baby!
- Spa employees
- Fidget
- Fall flower
- Chewy treat
- Quahog
- Thomas Edison
- Cake cover
- Verdi opera heroine
- Bawl
- Jury
- Poetic meadows
- *Auld Lang
- Dazed look
- the word!

DOWN

- Extra
- Endure
- Declare
- Nothing in Granada
- One-celled animals: var.
- Sweetheart
- Done
- Frankfort mister
- Pretentiously creative
- Touch-toned?
- Neglect
- Mack or Francis
- Becomes a gully
- corgi
- Prohibit
- Cool or groovy
- Summertime drink
- of Cortez
- Cul-de-
- Inwin and George Bernard
- Processes leather
- Help out
- Peter the Great's title
- Rhea's relative
- Ring the time
- Squeal
- Cornerstone abbr.
- Consumed
- Flaw
- Colorful parrots
- Writer Montagu
- Director Spielberg
- Mexican wrap
- Goof up
- It's a out there
- Doomed one
- Little woofs
- Scram
- Louise of "Gilligan's Island"
- Quiet
- Stead
- Arkin or Sandler
- Catholic service

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Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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ALIT	LOUSE	RHEA
SLEEPEI	GH	HOURS
TIN	REFS	ETHOS
SESTETS	PLAT	
ASS	TRITONES	
ADOPT	RIOT	ALE
GETSOME	E	XERCISE
ELI	AIRY	ALLEN
DISCERN	S	BRA
USES	RAIN	HAT
OPERA	WEST	OBI
GIVEUP	F	ATTY
LEER	ARNIE	ADUE
ERRS	SIDED	SSTS

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