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**Baptists to picket
Gay student's funeral**
FORT COLLINS, Colo. (U-WIRE) — Saying he "abhors the strength of the homosexual lobby," a reverend from Westboro Baptist Church in Topeka, Ks., will lead members of his congregation in a picket of Matthew Shepard's funeral, which will be Friday in Casper, Wyo.

"We're going to inject some sanity into the insane orgy of their homosexual lives," the Rev. Fred Phelps said from his Topeka office Tuesday.

Shepard, a 21-year-old openly gay student at the University of Wyoming, died early Monday morning at Poudre Valley Hospital in Fort Collins after being severely beaten and left to die outside of Laramie last week.

"We think there should be a little bit of God's side," Phelps said. "Homosexuality damns the soul and dooms the nation that tolerates it."

Phelps said he received seven death threats from Wyoming on Tuesday, more than he has received from anywhere except San Francisco. He petitioned the United States Attorney General and the Denver and Cheyenne, Wyo., bureaus of the FBI for protection Friday, saying they had a constitutional duty to protect him and his group.

Phelps, 67, said Westboro members picketed around 40 funerals of homosexuals a week and have picketed nearly 15,000 since he started the protests.

— Rocky Mountain
Collegian
Colorado State University

**Chinese professors plan
suit for discrimination**

MINNEAPOLIS (U-WIRE) — Two University of Minnesota Chinese professors plan to file suit against the University of Minnesota for alleged discrimination against them and the department of East Asian languages, literatures, & linguistics.

Professors Yu-Shih Chen and Stephen Wang claim the university did not provide enough educators to support the students in the program and that Wang gets paid less than the most junior person in the program, said Judy Schermer, the professors' attorney.

The program's problems came to a head last year when students staged a hunger strike outside of University President Mark Yudof's office to voice their displeasure with how the university allegedly was neglecting the program.

The suit, which was served to the university on Friday, asks for monetary damages in excess of \$100,000. It also seeks an injunction to force the University to remedy the alleged discrimination.

— Minnesota Daily
University of Minnesota

**Dog cloning project
faces legal problems**

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (U-WIRE) — Legal problems are slowing down efforts to clone the first dog at Texas A&M University, the Missyplicity project manager said Tuesday. Lou Hawthorne, project manager and the president of the Bio Arts Research Corp., said he hopes to meet with Texas A&M senior officials within the next two weeks to resolve the dispute over the contract he signed with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

"I am very optimistic that we can smooth things over," Hawthorne said. "We were called by a Texas A&M lawyer, who questioned the validity of the contract. The contracts were signed in good faith. My job is to find out what party was not included and what party needs to be included."

The Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, part of the Texas A&M University system, signed an agreement in July with the Bio Arts and Research Corp. of San Francisco to attempt to clone Missy, an 11-year-old border collie-husky mix.

—The Battalion
Texas A&M University



Dallas Hodge, a senior music education major, performs "Concerto for Bass Tuba" by R. Vaughan-Williams on Wednesday night in the Walsh Center for Performing Arts PepsiCo Recital Hall. The performance by the TCU Euphonium-Tuba Ensemble kicked off Octubafest 1998, the second year the festival has been celebrated at TCU.

Students prepare for University Retreat

◆ **House of Student
Representatives event
to draw high turnout.**

STAFF REPORTER

The House of Student Representatives has closed registration for this weekend's University Retreat due to an overwhelming student response, House Vice President Willy Pinnell said.

**House of
student representatives**

Buses bound for the retreat, which is sponsored by the House of Student Representatives, will leave the Student Center at 2 p.m. Friday, transporting students to the Clarion Hotel downtown for the event.

Shana Lawlor, Student Government Association president, said 132 people is the largest group who have attended the retreat in the past but so far this year more than 200 students have signed up. Registration was initially scheduled to last through today.

Pinnell, who organized the event, said the interest was a nice surprise. He said that in the past, most of the people who attended were freshmen but this year there was a more accurate representation of the campus

population.

"One of the biggest goals this year was not to target just freshman," Pinnell said. "We wanted to get a good representation of the campus."

Several campus groups, including Circle K, Hyperfrogs, International Student Association, Legacy, OLAS, Uniting Campus Ministries and United Asian Community, have registered representatives for the retreat. Attendance of different groups is important for the retreat because it will focus on different perceptions of TCU, Pinnell said.

"A lot of retreats focus on the individual, but this retreat is going to focus on the university as an institution," he said. "This retreat is going to be about bettering the university."

The retreat, the theme of which is "The Real World: Perceptions vs. Reality," is designed to get student feedback, Pinnell said.

"We've got several different goals, but one is to figure out what students like and dislike about TCU and then to talk about perceptions and misconceptions at TCU," he said.

Faculty facilitators, who will lead discussions and meet with students to talk about the university, include Chancellor Michael Ferrari and Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Don Mills.

Allison Holt, director of admissions marketing, will be the main facilitator for the retreat, Pinnell said.

Tuition rises faster than inflation

SKIFF STAFF

As the national economy's inflation rates have remained steady during the presidency of Bill Clinton, rising at a rate of roughly 2 percent a year over the last several years, the same cannot be said of the inflation of college tuition and fees.

According to a report released by The College Board on Oct. 7, the price of college grew at a slower rate in 1998, but the costs of attending college today are still

50 percent higher than the costs students in the late 1980s had to contend with.

TCU students have been directly affected by the recent string of tuition hikes.

The average tuition at private institutions in the United States for the 1997-98 school year was \$13,785. The figure has since jumped to \$14,508 for the 1998-99 school year. Room and board costs also rose at private schools from \$5,575 in 1997-98 to \$5,765 in 1998-99, a 3 percent increase,

according to the report.

Public schools saw tuition fees rise, on the average, from \$3,111 last year to \$3,243 this year. Room and board costs at public schools rose from \$4,358 in 1997-98 to \$4,530 in 1998-99.

In the category of four-year private universities, TCU falls in the middle of the road when tuition and room and board costs are assessed.

Tuition at Southern Methodist University rose to \$17,628 this year from \$16,790 last year.

Students at Baylor University watched their tuition rise from \$9,478 to \$10,366 in 1998-99.

TCU raised average tuition from \$10,990 in 1997-98 to \$11,590 for this school year.

College Board President Donald M. Stewart said in his report that American families need to prepare for the rising cost of attending college.

"I do not mean that it is inexpensive or easy," Stewart said in the report. "As with any investment, a college education requires

foresight, planning, prudent saving and perhaps some sacrifice.

"The truth is that the majority of Americans often overestimate the price of attending college and may be discouraged by those miscalculations."

During the last decade, when the price of going to college rose 50 percent, family income rose just 1.5 percent, adjusted for inflation, according to the report.

Although the amount of finan-

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Internet's realms far from safe

By Katherine Doughtie
STAFF REPORTER

Students who surf the Net, beware. Privacy can be invaded, and scams are eminent throughout the Internet.

Dick Rinewalt, chairman of the computer science department, said the more time people spend on the Internet, the more likely they are to be subjected to e-mail scams.

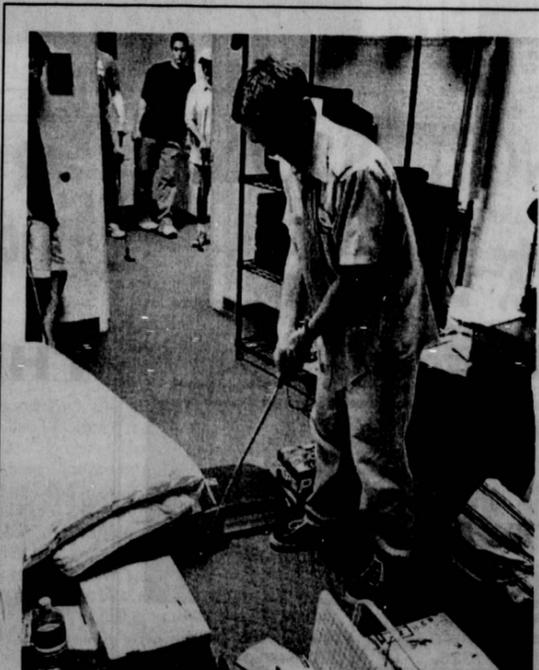
"It's important to apply the same skepticism with e-mail as you would with regular U.S. mail," Rinewalt said.

E-mail has become an inexpensive way of sending bulk messages offering false advertisements, he said. Nick Nicholas, Southwestern Bell Internet policy manager, said privacy on the Internet is a major concern for most World Wide Web users.

"People release personal information inadvertently," Nicholas said.

Nicholas said one case that Southwestern Bell is investigating concerns a Texas woman who set up a personal Web page with a picture of her 18-year-old daughter on the site. Someone who accessed the site used the e-mail address of the woman and the name

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Adam Petcher, a freshman premajor, steps up for a putt at the sixth hole of miniature golf around Milton Daniel Hall on Tuesday.

ROTC ready for action

◆ **Ranger Challenge Team aims for
top score as they prepare for physical
competition this weekend.**

By Blanca E. Rojo
STAFF REPORTER

Following up last year's first place win, the Army ROTC Ranger Challenge Team seeks to defend its title in this week's Ranger Challenge competition on Friday and Saturday.

The team will compete at Fort Hood, Texas, against 20 to 30 Army ROTC teams in the tri-state area of Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma.

Capt. Beaver Huh, Ranger Challenge coach and assistant professor of military science, said the team of six cadets will compete in seven categories. These include the assembly and disassembly of M-16 rifles, a physical fitness test, a hand grenade assault course and a 10-kilometer ruck run.

The Army physical fitness test will measure how many sit-ups and push-ups a cadet can do in a two-minute period, as well as a two-mile run, he said.

Ranger Challenge Team captain Reynaldo Rivera, a senior engineering major, said the team will try to average near 82 push-ups, 92 sit-ups, and an 11.56 minutes two-mile run.

"I think we'll definitely get one of the top scores in this event," he said.

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Pulse

Announcements of campus events, public meetings and other general campus information should be brought to the TCU Daily Skiff office at Moody Building South, Room 291, mailed to TCU Box 298050 or e-mailed to skiffletters@tcu.edu. Deadline for receiving announcements is 2 p.m. the day before they are to run. The Skiff reserves the right to edit submissions for style, taste and space available.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION weekly meeting at 5 p.m. today in Student Center Room 222.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY Mass at 5 p.m. and a meal at 5:30 p.m. today in Reed Hall Room 214.

DISCIPLE STUDENT FELLOWSHIP meal and fellowship at 5:15 p.m. today at University Christian Church.

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

GOSPELFEST (fourth annual) will be today through Oct. 17 to allow people to come together to praise God. Call Nicole Edwards of the Word of Truth Gospel Choir at 257-3805.

HOMECOMING — Organizations wishing to participate must contact the Programming Council office for information at 257-5233 or stop by the Student Center Information Desk to pick up a rule book.

ALL-CAMPUS SERVICE DAY — Organizations wanting to participate should contact the PC office at 257-5233. Service Day is the Homecoming Kickoff Event and will benefit many organizations in the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

WASHINGTON INTERNSHIPS for fall 1999 are available in the political science department for all majors.

DISCOUNT TICKETS AVAILABLE at the Student Center Information Desk for area activities including movie theaters, the zoo, bus passes and dining dollars. Call 257-7927.

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL DAY from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 20 in the Student Center Lounge. More than 30 graduate schools have signed up to participate in this event co-sponsored by Career Services and Golden Key National Honor Society.

In The News . . .

World

Students protest against Indonesian president in economic crisis

JAKARTA, Indonesia — About 300 student protesters marched through downtown Jakarta today, demanding that Indonesia's president lower skyrocketing food prices or resign.



Jakarta, Indonesia

Inflation has pushed up the prices of many basic foods as Indonesia endures its worst economic crisis in decades.

President B.J. Habibie, who took power in May after his predecessor Suharto resigned amid a wave of protests and riots, has promised to institute democratic reforms and fix the ailing economy. But many say he is not doing enough, and student protests against his presidency have become almost a daily event in Jakarta.

In a separate demonstration today, 30 students scuffled with security officers outside the Defense Ministry. The demonstrators were demanding the armed forces investigate a string of murders in eastern Java.

At least 153 people, many of them Muslim clerics or those accused of practicing black magic, have been killed by mobs or gangs in the past three months. Many complain the armed forces haven't done enough to quell the violence.

There were no reports of injuries or arrests during today's protests, which caused long traffic jams.

Yeltsin, suffering from respiratory infection, returns to work

MOSCOW — Boris Yeltsin returned to work in the Kremlin today, defying doctors' orders to stay home and recover from a respiratory infection.

The Russian president met with Prime Minister Yevgeny Primakov and Defense Minister Igor Sergeev, and planned other working meetings throughout the day, the presidential press service said.

It gave no other details. However, Primakov told parliament earlier that Yeltsin was in his office "despite a ban by doctors."

Yeltsin's press spokesman, Dmitry Yakushkin, said Tuesday that doctors ordered the president to stay in bed and he would not be in the office all week.

Doctors insisted Monday that Yeltsin fly home from a visit to Central Asia a day early because he was suffering from an upper respiratory infection, coughing and running a fever.

Yeltsin, 67, has a history of health problems, including multiple heart bypass surgery two years

ago. He insists he has no major illnesses and plans to serve out the remaining two years of his term.

But whenever Yeltsin gets sick, there is speculation about his ability to govern.

Yeltsin stumbled when he arrived Sunday in Tashkent, the capital of Uzbekistan, and had to be supported by the Uzbek president. He canceled public engagements, except for a state dinner at which he made rambling remarks.

On Monday, the Russian leader turned up late for talks with Uzbek officials, made incoherent remarks interrupted by a bad cough and abruptly cut short a news conference.

Several hours later, after arriving in neighboring Kazakhstan, doctors ordered him to return to Moscow.

Nation

Walter Cronkite to return from retirement to cover Glenn flight

NEW YORK — When CNN arranged to bring back Walter Cronkite to lead coverage of John Glenn's return to space later this month, it beat the anchorman's old employers at CBS to the punch.

Cronkite said Tuesday he prefers to cover Glenn's launch for CNN because the cable news network had more time to cover space flights more like the major television networks did in the 1960s.

The former "CBS Evening News" anchor comes out of retirement on Oct. 26 to anchor, with Miles O'Brien, CNN's coverage of Glenn's liftoff in the space shuttle. He'll participate in CNN's coverage off and on until the shuttle's planned landing on Nov. 7.

His return to the air, as much a throwback as Glenn's return to space, seemed to take CBS by surprise.

"Their reaction was 'Gosh, we wish we'd thought of it,'" he said.

"This is all giving me the chance to play the game again the way we used to play it at the networks," he said. But he said he couldn't criticize CBS for not spending as much time on the flight.

He won't be absent from CBS's airwaves, though. Cronkite, who anchored most of CBS's coverage of space flights in the 1960s, will be interviewed by Dan Rather for a special CBS report and participated, along with Ed Bradley, in an interview with Glenn that will be broadcast on "60 Minutes."

Man gets life without parole for killing girl in Las Vegas casino

LAS VEGAS — A young man who molested and strangled a 7-year-old girl in a casino toilet stall claimed he was in a "drunken and drugged haze" at the time and begged for forgiveness Wednesday before being sentenced to life in

prison with no parole.

"I am truly sorry. If I were given the opportunity to exchange my life for Sherrice's and bring her back, I would not hesitate, not even for a second," said Jeremy Strohmeyer, 20.

The former high school honor student from Long Beach, Calif., pleaded guilty to murder in the 1997 slaying of Sherrice Iverson, who had been left in a casino arcade with her older brother while their father gambled at what was then the Primadonna Casino.

As part of a plea bargain, Strohmeyer was sentenced to four life terms with no parole.

Strohmeyer read a statement in court in which he said he killed the girl after the sexual assault to "stop her pain." He apologized to her parents and said he didn't remember the attack.

State

Fort Hood soldier shot dead in live-fire training accident

WACO, Texas — A soldier has died after he was apparently shot during a live-fire training accident Tuesday night.

The Fort Hood soldier was taking part in an infantry exercise when he received an apparent gunshot wound, according to a faxed statement from the Central Texas army post. The soldier was flown to Darnall Army Community Hospital and pronounced dead around 10 p.m., the statement said.

The soldier is not being identified publicly until his family is notified.

The shooting is being investigated.

It's the third death of a Fort Hood soldier in the past month. On Oct. 7, a soldier died while he was training in a gym on post. On Sept. 25, one soldier died during a training hike.

Classes canceled after fire damages Houston high school

HOUSTON — An early Wednesday fire in a copier room at a Houston high school forced cancellation of classes for two days.

Investigators don't believe the overnight fire at Lamar High School was suspicious. An overheated copy machine is the suspected culprit for the blaze, which damaged offices and sent soot and the stench of burned wood, plastic and paper throughout the building.

The strong odor forced school officials to cancel classes Wednesday and Thursday. Lamar is projected to reopen Friday, the Houston Independent School District said.

Student Morgan Whitney said she awoke to the news "and I started crying, because I love Lamar so much. It was really shocking, because I feared the worst."

Other students and teachers said they were delighted about the unexpected holiday.

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editorial

ALCOHOL ATTRACTS

On-campus pub could be next step

True or false: Students drink.
False. Students drink a lot.

Regardless of your thoughts on alcohol and its role on a college campus, this fact is hard to overlook. And the recent "legalization" of alcohol at TCU football game tailgate parties and other campus events has renewed the debate.

The administration should be lauded for its attempts to respect people's abilities to drink responsibly.

Off-campus students govern their lives and will drink in their apartments or at bars if they choose. It isn't TCU's responsibility to get them from a bar to their home. However, TCU has an opportunity to ensure some students get back to campus in one piece. Taxis are one way to accomplish this; an on-campus pub, for those over 21 of course, is another option. Students are either going to drink in their dorm rooms, in the parking lots (only before home football games, of course), or they are going to go to a bar.

Accordingly, the question of enforcement of underage drinking would be no different for an on-campus pub than it is for a tailgate party or a university-sponsored event with alcohol, both of which are permitted. You simply card students, they show an ID, and you let them in.

Other universities have pubs on campus. Some of the pubs have drink limits, and others let students put the booze on their student meal accounts. There are several variables that could be considered, but the main point is that TCU should allow students to make the same choices that society does. After all, this is part of the socialization process for entering the "real world;" why not offer students the same options to unwind after a long day?

TCU should be considered a microcosm of society. Society allows those who are 21 a place for camaraderie, celebration, relaxation and fun. Why shouldn't TCU? Hey, maybe it will even entice older students to live on campus longer, which could be lucrative for the university when it comes to filling those new apartments.



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Focus on humanity, not lifestyle

Homosexuality. Is it right? Is it wrong? I've got an opinion, but that is not the focus of this article.

The issue at hand is the attitudes and actions of the general population toward the gay community and the specific individuals within that community. Included in this group are the students of TCU, namely those who speak, act and think in a way which dehumanizes those who practice a lifestyle of homosexuality.

Commentary



TANNER MEZEL

Just over one week ago, Matthew Shepard, a gay college student from the University of Wyoming, was kidnapped, robbed, beaten, burned and left to die, and two college-age individuals, Russell Henderson and Aaron McKinney, are charged with the horrid crimes after luring Shepard from a bar Oct. 7 on the pretense that they were gay as well.

Following the primary attack, Shepard was tied to a fence, pistol-whipped one last time and then abandoned. Chastity Pasley and Kristin Price, the attackers' girlfriends, are being charged as accessories. The original charge for Henderson and McKinney was

attempted murder. Attempted murder, that is, before Matthew Shepard died Monday morning at a hospital in Fort Collins, Colo.

As I read the original reports of the incident, I was filled with emotions ranging from sorrow to pure anger. I imagined this college student the same age as me, 21, being kidnapped from a campus hangout and driven far away from campus. Far enough, that is, that no one could hear him pleading for mercy.

It makes me sick to think of the possibility of Henderson and McKinney standing over this kid, possibly yelling things that revealed their anti-gay sentiments, and then allegedly tying him to a fence to die alone. Those two men and their "cover-up" girlfriends deserve exactly what they are served from the judicial system. There are consequences to every action, and they should be no exception.

I cannot help but consider my friends on this campus who are gay. What if it had been one of them? How would we have reacted as a student body? Would we have cared? You see, authorities believe Shepard was killed for his lifestyle and his beliefs.

What if a student were killed for the sole reason that he or she was a devout, heterosexual Christian? That person would be seen as a martyr by the entire community. My bet is that an uproar would ensue and the martyr made into a hero.

But herein lies the hidden truth

of our campus attitude toward gays. I believe our reaction to this hypothetical death would be different from our reaction to the actual death of Matthew Shepard. Different, because we have a dehumanizing view of a gay person that treats that person as incurably different.

I have observed signs of this perspective since I began my freshman year. For instance, are you one of those comics who enjoy telling the "good" gay jokes? I mean the jokes where everybody laughs hysterically when you're done telling them. I guess you're probably a real hit with your friends. One thing I'm curious about though: Have you ever had a friend who was gay? Have you used their name in the joke and imagined their face behind the characters in your story? I doubt it. You probably don't even know anyone who is gay.

More specifically, are you the one who made that comment while standing in line at The Main on Monday? You know, the comment about how you couldn't believe they would allow such a thing at a private institution. You were referencing the National Coming Out Day event in the lobby. I would like to remind you that there are human beings behind the invisible faces you avoid at all costs.

Or how about those fraternities that are so proud of their brotherhood? Would you believe there are

certain fraternities whose members act as if they were gay just to make everyone laugh? I don't know the motives behind the actions, but I know one thing for sure — it is a false sense of brotherhood when the brothers prove their lack of heart and character by their actions and attitude of superiority.

I would like to publicly apologize for the times in my past when I was so indecent and un-Christian that I was among those who would laugh at the caustic jokes and sad attempts at humor. I'm sorry for the attitude I have sometimes carried that I was somehow better than the gay person I never even knew.

It's time to feel convicted and ashamed for our deviance from the 200-year-old declaration that "all men are created equal." The next step is to put a face behind the individual you commonly refer to as "one of the gay people." Make some apologies and initiate some relationships. You may feel uneasy about it, and that's OK. Listening, understanding and forging relationships do not equal agreement. There may be actions and beliefs I will never agree with based on God's Word, but that does not change the fact I am surrounded by friends, acquaintances and unknown students who were created by God and in his image.

Tanner Mezel is a senior business major from Amarillo.

Pay attention to life's milestones

Milestones. They're what humans use to measure the passage of time.

Painted lines and milestones used to get me through those long car trips I always had to endure as a child. I can remember when I was about 7, I would stare out the window, allowing my philosophical mind to wander off to a far-away place. Did you ever do this?

Mostly, I would stare at the painted line on the side of the road, which seemed always to be standing still. Suddenly, it would curve away onto some side road, momentarily jarring me back into reality. Then, I'd pick up the next painted line and drift off into some other strange thought.

Sometimes I would think about the person who painted the line, or who erected the thin, green metal signs that sit just outside the painted line. Sounds weird, but when you have three older brothers, it's wise not to cause a commotion in a cramped space.

So instead, I would ponder what these milestones represented. Fate now marked an otherwise insignificant place in the desert.

Milestones. They're what humans use to measure the passage of time.

"Hey, Dad, what's that?" I asked.

"It's a milestone," he said. "Its used to

Milestones. They're what humans use to measure the passage of time.

measure the distance of the highway."

For a while, every 60 seconds I could check out the next milestone. Marker 604, 605, 606. I'd watch one disappear in the distance and anticipate the next one.

This insignificant spot in the road now had meaning to everyone who passed it, whether they knew it or not. And every 60 seconds I was once again acutely aware of this fact.

Milestones. They're what humans use to measure the passage of time.

See, I've been thinking a lot about milestones lately. On Oct. 12, like the little boy in the car, I again became acutely aware of a 30-year-old milestone:

Saturday, Oct. 12, 1968. It had some significance, I guess. It was Columbus Day, and the Beatles' "Hey, Jude" was the No. 1 pop single. Mostly though, it was the morning I woke my mother up so early to tell her I was ready to enter this strange and crazy world. A milestone in her life.

Milestones. They're what humans use to measure the passage of time.

It seems like just the other day, I was a 21 year-old. But alas, I made a fatal mistake. I took a nap and when I awoke, I was 27.

One morning, disc jockey Kidd Craddock was talking about the exact

moment you realize you're really an adult. I remember the episode distinctly.

I had taken my sister to Six Flags on her birthday, mostly because Mom paid for my ticket, too. Well, it sounded like a good deal until the seventh hour of a humid, muggy day. I had just gotten off the Spinaker, and my 20-year-old head was still Spinkering, if you know what I mean.

As I looked for a place to sit down, my sister suddenly shouted a phrase I had used so many times as a youngster: "If we run to the line, we can ride again without waiting." It was about that time that I leaned over to my girlfriend and said, "Do you get to tell them we're going home now, or shall I?"

Milestones. They're what humans use to measure the passage of time.

And this is how I view turning 30. Milestones shouldn't be marked by the time, but by the passage of special events in a person's life. I'm sure I'll remember the day I graduate from college a lot longer than I'll remember my 30th birthday. Nothing changed but my age.

The other day, I was rolling down the highway, thinking about birthdays. I looked over at the next car and saw a young boy staring out the window. In my rearview mirror, I spotted a mile marker. I watched, transfixed as it disappeared in the distance. I had just one thought:

Milestones. They're what humans use to measure the passage of time.

Tim Skaggs is senior speech communications major from Fort Worth.

letter to the editor

Parking resolution meant to point out violation in trust

In response to the Skiff's editorial on the parking resolution passed in the House of Student Representatives last week ("Quit Your Whining," Tuesday), and as one of the authors of the resolution, I offer these remarks:

The resolution was not intended solely to reimburse Worth Hills residents for parking expenses. It was intended to bring to the attention of the students and administration the fact that the university has wronged these residents.

At the beginning of the semester, every parking-sticker owner at TCU entered into a contract with the university; these contracts specify where, when and how much it costs for students to park on campus.

The contracts do not state the university can change parking policy at any time; in fact, the contracts set all parking rules for the extent of one year.

When the bus system was enacted, the university removed the parking privileges on the east side of campus from Worth Hills residents — privileges that were specified in the contract.

Though the impact of this violation may be minimal to any one Worth Hills resident, when spread over the 600-700 Worth Hills residents who own parking stickers, the impact of this violation is very great.

Even if there was no monetary significance to this violation, the fact remains that the university blatantly violated a contract of trust and has chosen to ignore the matter and the student body.

If the students do not draw the line here, where will they draw the line? By letting the university wrong us, even on a matter as simple as this, we are setting a precedent as a weak student body that is unwilling to stand up for its own rights, even when plainly wronged.

Frequently, our student government is accused of being a weak, meaningless entity whose opinions and actions are ineffective and bland. Representatives, because they are elected by the students, have to fight for and along with the students.

Their first loyalty has to be their constituents, regardless of what the administration may say. If this university wants to have a strong student body, if the students, faculty and administration want a strong, unified student body and a strong student government (as I would hope all do), there will be times when the students must stand up to the administration and define their rights.

To have a unified student body and a student voice that can be heard by the administration and faculty, the students must demand that they are heard; they must speak when they feel they have been wronged.

Nicholas Parks
sophomore finance major

COST

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cial aid being received by college students reached a record level this year at \$60 billion, a 6 percent increase over last year, the real value of the federal government's Pell Grant has decreased.

Stewart said more financial support needs to be given to the Pell Grant.

"We must continue to support restoring the purchasing of the Pell Grant," he said. "Those grants have lost significant ground both to inflation and the rising price of attending college."

"A substantial investment is needed to restore this lost value and fulfill the Pell Grant's promise of providing a consistent, substantial federal scholarship for low-income students."

Some TCU students say they have noticed the tuition increases but don't mind.

Michael Hockridge, a freshman business major, said the cost of TCU "isn't that bad, compared to other private schools."

"I applied to SMU, the University of Richmond and Trinity, and they all cost more than TCU," Hockridge said. "I think I'm getting a good value at TCU because of the class sizes and the

quality of professors."

Jason Byrd, a sophomore finance major, said, "I'm indifferent to rising tuition costs because I feel my education at TCU will benefit me by getting a good job after graduation."

Assistant to the Dean of Admissions James Atwood emphasized TCU's value compared to that of Baylor and SMU.

"Baylor's a larger school, so they can charge less," Atwood said. "Twenty-five years ago when I was at SMU, TCU and SMU were close in price. TCU has done a good job of development and managing the school's portfolio. That helps underwrite the cost of tuition."

John Joyce, manager of communications and training services for the College Scholarship Service, said families need to form a partnership to properly prepare for the costs of college.

"Families should approach the process of planning and paying for college as a partnership that begins with parent, but also includes federal and state governments, private scholarship agencies and colleges and universities," Joyce said.

INTERNET

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of her daughter. This person then posted the name and e-mail address onto another site saying the daughter was interested in interracial relationships. The mother has since received unwanted e-mail and shut down her Web page.

"Anything you put out there can be used against you," Nicholas said. "To really protect yourself, don't have the information out there."

"It is important to ask yourself when creating a Web page, 'What are the risks in doing this?' and 'Am I ready to deal with what can happen?'" he said. "The best plan for risk assessment is to ask yourself if what you are putting on this Web page is something you would want your boss, mother, child, spouse, boyfriend or girlfriend to see."

Many Web sites claim to be secure, meaning information given on the Web site cannot be accessed by a third party.

Nicholas said problems arise when sites claim security but have no icon showing they are secure. For example, the key (the symbol for a secure Web site) remains broken in the bottom corner of Netscape but the site claims in writing to be secure.

"Don't gamble with (the Web sites)," he said. "Contact the Web server immediately because usually it is just a glitch in the system and can easily be fixed."

Web site security is relatively good but there are breaches in the system, Nicholas said. "Cookies" are a concern with Web users today.

"With 'cookies,' people can access any Web site which you have pulled up on your comput-

er and also access your hard drive," Nicholas said. "The best way to protect yourself from this happening is to disable Java script, since most of these programs are run through Java."

The Federal Trade Commission deals with many cases of Internet frauds, Nicholas said.

"The FTC has so much to deal with concerning the Internet that it issues press releases, which can be accessed on its Web page, on current popular Internet scams," Nicholas said.

The FTC also sets up bogus Web pages to demonstrate to Internet users how easily a false company can be formed on the Web.

Many students are aware of the dangers of the Internet but continue to use it just as much.

Heather Hedges, a freshman business major, said she uses AOL often and has a profile, but it is very general.

"My profile is so general that I'm not worried about getting scammed or stalked from the Internet, but you can never be too careful," she said.

Emily Fernandez, a freshman premajor, said she never thought about safety on the Internet until her friend showed her a Web site that accessed personal information on a person.

"My friend showed me a site once that, with just a name, you could access everything from a phone number to a map to where the person lived," Fernandez said.

Rinewalt warns students to be wary of anyone who asks for personal information since they don't know who is at the other end of the message.

ROTC

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Huh said another challenging event is the 10-kilometer ruck run, which consists of running with a 30- to 50-pound ruck, or a framed backpack, for 10 kilometers.

In preparation for the competition, the cadets get up at 6 a.m. and run seven or eight miles.

"It's really hard on the body," Rivera said. "I guarantee there's not many people on campus that can go through half the stuff we go through."

He said the Ranger Challenge Team has to run 6.2 miles in less than an hour, with twenty pounds on their back, wearing a kevlar (army helmet) and carrying an M-16 while wearing boots.

"Some people can't even run in tennis shoes," Rivera said.

Huh said 13 people tried out for the team, but only six could be chosen. Among them is Matt Hope, a freshman mechanical engineering major.

"I think he's made an impression on all of us," Rivera said. "He beat out other seniors and juniors."

Chris Foster, a junior biology and pre-med major, said he didn't make the team last year but qualified this year.

"It's an organization that only the elite can be a part of," Foster said. "Being able to be on the team and compete is a big honor."

"By themselves, they're good," said Major Arthur Powell, assistant professor of military science. "But as a team, they're great."

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State

Groups compete for new Houston stadium
HOUSTON (AP) — A dispute is brewing between competing Houston groups trying to lure a new NFL team and the 2012 Olympics, because both would hope to use the same stadium now under consideration.

Steve Patterson, the executive vice president of Houston NFL Holdings, the company trying to bring the football league back to Houston, said the insistence of the local Olympics group to use the stadium proposed as replacement for the Astrodome could prompt the NFL to veto Houston's bid for an expansion NFL franchise.

"If anybody is saying this plan put forward does not inconvenience the potential NFL team, they're misrepresenting what the facts are," Patterson told Houston television station KRIV on Tuesday night.

"In order to get this facility up to 70,000 seats, the NFL team would have to be out of the building and its office for a year and a half and we'd have to be out of the playing conditions of the facility for virtually half the season, which would eliminate the ability to play the 2012 season.

"I talked to the NFL today and they were very clear in saying they're not going to grant a franchise to a city that doesn't have a home field during some future year."

Houston businessman George DeMontroind, who is heading an effort to attract the 2012 Olympics, denied the possibility of a conflict and said it was being addressed, although renovations in the design could cost from \$5 million to \$7 million to accommodate other seating demands and the inclusion of a running track.

"That's still under the design parameters right now," DeMontroind said. "The construction people are working on that. We should not have a problem being able to play football in that stadium after the Olympics in 2012."

NFL

Carolina ends era by waiving Collins

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Kerry Collins apparently will land on his feet after being cut by the Carolina Panthers. Whether the same thing can be said for his former team remains to be seen.

Collins, drafted in the first round in 1995 to be the Panthers' cornerstone, was waived Tuesday, six days after he said his heart was no longer into being the quarterback.

Less than an hour after he was cut, two other teams had called to inquire about his services, said Leigh Steinberg, the quarterback's agent.

The Panthers' decision to waive their first-ever draft choice leaves them without much proven depth at Collins' position. The only two quarterbacks on Carolina's active roster are Steve Beuerlein, a 33-year-old playing with his fifth NFL team, and Shane Matthews, who has played in two games in five pro seasons.

Further clouding the picture is the fact that Carolina, which has lost a franchise-worst seven consecutive games, including five this season, is not scheduled to get a first-round pick in next year's draft.

Frosh impact cross country

By Mike Roberts
STAFF REPORTER

The freshmen members of the women's cross country team may not have been on campus long, but they're already making their presence known.

Freshmen Katie Singleton, Georgeanne Biancardi, Robin Schacht and Gladys Keitany are all running strong this season and are one reason the Frogs are a factor in every race they run. While the women come from very different backgrounds, they have come together for one purpose — to win.

The women's team captain, senior Karly Reichenstein, practices with the freshmen every day. She said they all work hard and show a competitive nature.

"Katie is the most outspoken of them," Reichenstein said.

Singleton is a psychology major from Rolla, Mo., and is the middle of three children. She said psychology probably helps her deal with adjusting to college and keeps her focused while running.

"It helps to be mentally tough," Singleton said.

She said one thing she has had to adjust to as a freshman this year is life without her older brother and younger sister. Both are athletes; her brother plays football and her sister is a runner.

She said there isn't competition between sisters to be better than one another but they do support each other.

"I ran the same courses and had the same coaches that she has," Singleton said.

Reichenstein said Singleton has figured out how to be competitive without being unpleasant. All she has to do is talk, which she does.

"She has got a story about everything," Reichenstein said.

Biancardi and Schacht are roommates. They said rooming together has helped them adjust to college life and running because they can talk to each other about it.

"I've adjusted pretty well," Schacht said. "I'm a self-disciplined person."

Reichenstein said Schacht is very competitive and shows her edge every time she competes.

"Robin is intense," Reichenstein said. "Everything is 120 percent. She has a strong drive, even more at the end of a race than at the beginning."

Schacht came to TCU from Irving to study biology and become a veterinarian. Being a veterinarian is something she said she's always wanted to do.

"Sure, there were flings of 'I want to be an astronaut,'" Schacht said, "but since I was little I've known I wanted to be a vet."

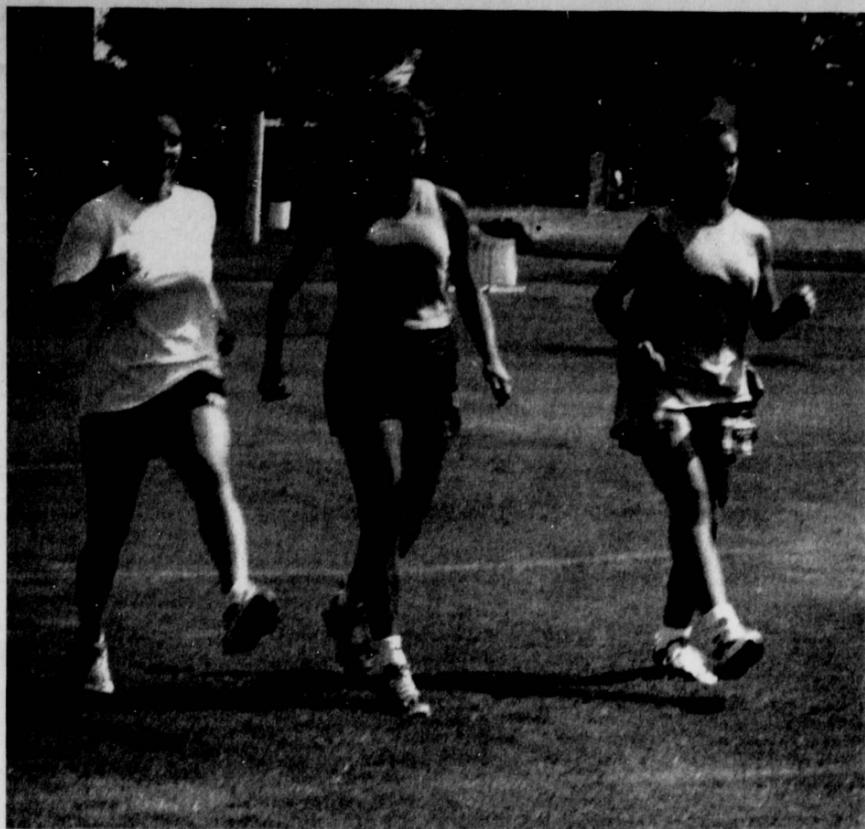
Her roommate, Biancardi, said she hasn't always known what she wanted to do. In fact, like many freshmen, she still doesn't know. She said she would like to do something in the business field, though.

Biancardi said she just wants to see the team pull together and work together for a successful season.

Reichenstein said Biancardi came from a competitive high school, which has helped her adjust to college running.

"Georgeanne and I talk to each other while we run," Reichenstein said. "A lot of girls don't do that."

While Biancardi has learned from teammates about some aspects of college, when it comes to racing she likes to find out about



The women's cross country team has benefited from the addition of several talented freshmen this year.

things the old-fashioned way.

"It just takes running," Biancardi said. "I'm learning it the hard way."

The team has finished in the top three in every race it has competed in. The team has its sights set on making the national meet. If it does, one runner who will be used to the pressure of a high-profile meet will be Keitany.

Keitany is a native of Eldoret, Kenya, and has run for the Kenyan national team on several occasions, including a second-place finish in the 1995 World Junior champi-

onships.

The third of 10 children, Keitany said she has found it hard to adjust without being able to communicate with her family.

"My family lives on a farm," Keitany said. "We don't have a phone."

Keitany said she hasn't spoken to her parents since she came to TCU last spring. She has spoken to one of her brothers, who is away at college. He just finished a race as one of the top 20 runners in the world.

"He started running after watch-

ing me," Keitany said. "Now I think he's better than me."

Reichenstein said Keitany is very smart and can be shy, but when she talks, she usually cracks jokes. She said Keitany is a very hard worker.

"She goes out and gives it her all in every race," Reichenstein said.

While success has come quickly to these freshmen, egos have not. All were quick to deflect the focus away from themselves and onto teammates.

"Every runner is very important to this team," Singleton said.

Canceling NBA: A bad idea

Another game, another Horned Frog victory. This stuff is becoming old-hat to us now. Kinda funny, huh? We almost expect TCU to win. With four wins this season, the Frogs are already a success.

With that said, I would like to devote this weekly installment to a topic with more national implications.

Dating back to the end of June, the National Basketball Association locked out its players so the owners and the Player's Association could reach a new collective bargaining agreement.

The major point of disagreement is the NBA salary cap. The owners want to put a limit on player salaries, which have climbed to the point of 60 percent of league revenues. The players, naturally, would like to do without the ceiling on salaries.

Progress has been slow and agonizing at best. The recent decision came in only the third meeting between the two sides since the lockout.

The NBA, in all its wisdom and power, decided to cancel two weeks' worth of regular-season games. This comes after the league cut the preseason out. The possibility of not having a regular season at all is very real.

I could handle not having preseason games because they really aren't that exciting anyway. But not having regular season games really hurts. Basketball has now joined the infamous ranks of leagues

that have canceled games over labor disputes. Everybody knows about the baseball strike of 1994. The National Football League canceled some of its games twice in the '80s.

Basketball is fun. Plain and simple. It's high scoring, and the fans get to be closer to the action (sometimes they even get involved). The game is played fast, and at any moment something amazing can happen. No NBA regular season means a pretty boring winter and spring.

But there are more pressing issues at hand. This whole ordeal goes deeper than you realize.

As I was sitting here fuming and sulking (a little over-dramatization for effect) over the cancellation, my editor and I realized the greater implications of a canceled season.

Being an avid Playstation competitor and a devout fan of EA Sports, I look forward to the annual release of NBA Live. In my mind, it is by far the best basketball game ever created. Every year, the game gets more in-depth and more involved. It's a video game player's heaven.

Well, no NBA season means no NBA Live '99. What then? NBA Lockout '99? Instead of fast-paced action on the hardwood, you'll get the exciting life of a negotiator in a boardroom. Maybe the game designer will let you pick whether you want to be a player representative or one of the owners.

The high-flying dunks, fast breaks and the ever-popular halftime show will be replaced with paper-pushing, the occasional insult hurled at the other side and lunch breaks.

Even worse is the thought of the NBA following Major League Baseball's actions by hiring replacement players to

continue the season. What would NBA Live be like with players such as Joe the construction worker trying a one-handed dunk off an alley-oop pass from Fred, the local Stop-n-Go owner?

What is this world coming to? Not only can I not watch basketball on television, but also the possibility of not being able to play it on a video game is very disheartening. My alternative would be to play NBA Live '98 or even '97, but it won't have the updated rosters and stats, something that every gamer needs to have when trying to create the alternate reality that is the video game.

I guess I am making light of the whole situation to take my frustrations out on professional sports. It's just a game. Greediness and stubbornness have no place in sports. The fans are the ones who are hurt the most. Respect and adoration is lost when players go on strike or owners lock out their own players.

Just look at baseball. After their strike, fans just stopped going to the stadium. It took personal heroics, courtesy of Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa, to bring the game back to life.

What's basketball going to do if Michael Jordan decides to retire? It seems that nowadays the NBA has more drug users and morally defunct players than players with actual talent. Loyalty and respect for peers is almost non-existent.

I never thought the NBA would stoop this low to cancel games, possibly the whole season. But I always have my video games ... or do I?

Matt Welack is a sophomore news-editorial journalism major from San Antonio.



Commentary

MATT WELACK

Competitions in full swing

By Robyn Barthelemy
STAFF REPORTER

Intramurals

The sand volleyball championship tournament will begin at 6 p.m. today on the sand courts adjacent to the Rickel Building.

The Old School team beat the Sig Ep Fresh on Tuesday night to remain undefeated.

"We are really excited about the tournament," said Ross Parkin, a member of the Old School team. "We are expecting to make the finals."

Flag football competition began on Sunday. There is a total of 69 teams competing. Games are played on from 1 p.m. to 1 a.m. Sundays and from 4 p.m. to 1 a.m. Monday through Thursday on the track-area field, Steffen said.

The tennis singles competition will take place on Monday night at the Rickel.

Club Sports

The Tae Kwon Do club is now training for a tournament in Edmond, Okla., which will take place the weekend of Oct. 24.

"The club is very proud of every member," said Greg Parker, co-president of the club. "We are still accepting new members."

The men's lacrosse team will be the host at the annual Texas tournament this weekend. Ten teams from across the state will compete in the tournament. Among those competing are last year's finalists from the University of Texas at Austin and Trinity University.

"We are interested to see how a lot of the teams are this year," said Pete Hoffman, president of the club. "We made it to the playoffs last year with a lot of these same teams."

The rugby team will travel to Louisiana Tech to compete in its first cup match. The game will start at 2 p.m. Saturday.

"I think we will go out and give them a show," said Robbie Yellot, a member of the team. "I want to give them a run for their money."

The TCU rifle club team placed eighth in the Horned Frog Invitational Match this weekend. The team had a total of 2,608 points out of a possible 4,800.

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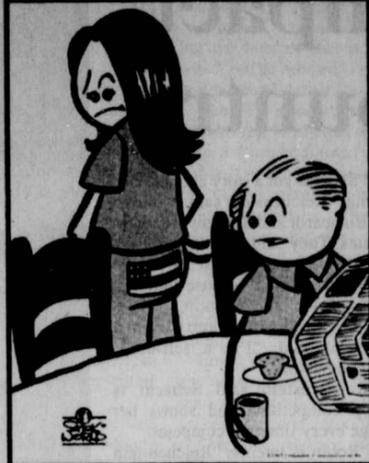
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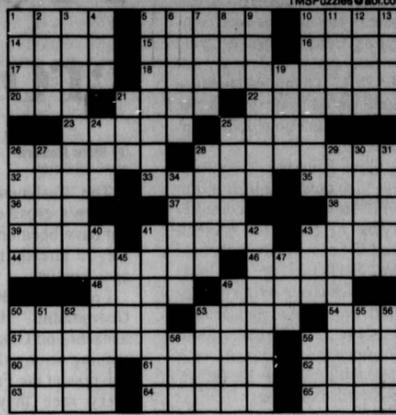
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 - 9 Chapel Hill sch.
 - 10 Maine college
 - 11 Spot
 - 12 British gun
 - 13 Father of France
 - 19 -avis
 - 21 Imitate
 - 24 Caps or glob ending?
 - 25 Packing case
 - 26 1990-92 French Open champion
 - 27 Roman fountain of song
 - 28 Prevailing force
 - 29 Homer
 - 30 Angry
 - 31 Reef builder
 - 34 False name
 - 40 Thumbs down on both
 - 41 Sweetened
 - 42 Volleyball players, at times
 - 43 Upper limb
 - 45 Sound defeat
 - 47 Pub pint
 - 49 Rouse
 - 50 Pollution woe
 - 51 Buster Brown's dog
 - 52 Taj Mahal site
 - 53 Concluding musical section
 - 55 Highland valley
 - 56 Alan or Robert
 - 58 Easy dessert?
 - 59 Expected



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