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Students invited to Berry Street forum

Community members are invited to attend a neighborhood forum put on by the Berry Street Initiative at 5:30 p.m. today in the Fellowship Hall at the University United Methodist Church, 2416 W. Berry St.

Fernando Costa, planning director for the city, will speak on "Reinventing the Street: Revitalizing the City."

Costa will not just speak about Berry Street but all streets in general.

Linda Clark, chairwoman of the Berry Street Initiative, said students should attend to find out about the progress of Berry Street.

"It's the front door to the university, and they can have a huge economic impact on the street," Clark said. "They make up a significant market for the street."

Clark, a TCU alumna, said when she was in college, Berry Street was a popular shopping spot for students.

"It was the only place to shop when I went there," she said. "I want Berry Street to attract the retailers that meet the needs of students."

The forums aim to keep the community up to date on the changes Berry Street is undergoing.

Housing for Brite and graduate students and the cancellation of the Berry Street Dance will be discussed.

Colleges

Playboy reports rise in collegiate virgins

LOS ANGELES (U-WIRE) — Less sex, more virgins. This seems to be the trend in sexual attitudes among undergraduates on American college campuses, according to a recent survey conducted by Playboy magazine.

The editors announced a surprising increase in the percentage of virgins and students in monogamous relationships on Oct. 7 at a press conference in Playboy's New York headquarters.

According to 1995 statistics taken at the University of Southern California, about 33 percent of women on campus have been pregnant sometime in their lives. Only 23.2 percent of students at USC have never had sex. In comparison to other universities, Celina Gorre, a health educator at Health Promotion and Prevention Services, said that USC is "pretty on par."

"We're certainly not lower, but not much higher," she said. However, the number of people who have had sex is hard to say.

"People can define themselves as virgins, but what does that mean?" Gorre said. She said that some students may consider themselves virgins because they have never had sex while sober.

Since Playboy's 1996 survey, the percentage of students who are virgins has doubled. Of the students who identified themselves as virgins, men said they hadn't found the right person and women said they were saving themselves for marriage.

Playboy used the convenience sample method, surveying more than 2,000 students at seven large and small, public and private schools in California, Oklahoma, Mississippi, Louisiana, Pennsylvania, Michigan and New York. The names of the schools were not mentioned.

Students, unaware that these surveys were for Playboy, were asked 86 questions and 10 essay questions about their sexual activities.

Results of the biannual survey are featured in the November issue of Playboy, now on sale. Some of the notable figures include the percentage of students who have had sex with only one person in the past school year: 54 percent of men and 70 percent of women.

—Daily Trojan University of Southern California

House introduces election bill

By William Thomas Burdette
SKIFF REPORTER

The House of Student Representatives introduced a bill at its meeting Tuesday to revise the election code so that the president, vice president, treasurer and secretary would be elected as a four-person slate.

The authors of the bill — Carl Long, Student Government Association vice president for pro-

House of student representatives

gramming; Dina Mavridis, University Relations Committee chairwoman; and Will Leaverton, Academic Affairs Committee chairman — state "the procedures concerning elected officials need to meet the changing need of the

Student Body of Texas Christian University."

During the meeting, House Vice President Willy Pinnell said although the bill is being obligatorily tabled, he thinks it is one of the most important bills to come before the House and encouraged House members to think about it.

Because the bill was tabled, it will not be debated or voted on until next week. Some people said they think it

will spark some lively debate next week.

"It's going to be huge," Pinnell said. "It's going to be a pretty heated debate."

He said within the administrative cabinet it has already been debated.

"We agreed that it should be sent to the House to let the student body decide," he said.

Shana Lawlor, Student Government Association president,

said she too expects a lively debate because, thus far, no one really knows what to think about the idea of slates.

"We just thought that the conversation in exec (executive board) and ad-cab (administrative cabinet) was so interesting and people didn't know how to react," she said.

Lawlor said she, too, was uncertain.

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Jessica Reay, a senior deaf education major, checks out the opportunities Texas Tech's graduate school has to offer at Career and Professional School Day Tuesday in the Student Center Lounge.

Grad fair provides direction

By William Thomas Burdette
SKIFF REPORTER

Students meandered through rows of tables in the Student Center during Career and Professional School Day Tuesday. Some had freshman-like looks on their faces: Wide-eyed and excited, yet timid. Others took a senior-like, kamikaze approach.

No matter if the interest was fleeting or an eleventh-hour attempt to figure out what to do for the next few years, students who asked questions of the 33 representatives from graduate and professional schools from places such as Texas, Oklahoma and Mexico were met with smiles, free pens, stress balls, literature and answers to questions about graduate programs.

The event, sponsored by Career Services and Golden Key National Honor Society, was designed to bring students and representatives from graduate schools together so the students' questions could be answered, said Melissa White, assistant director of Career Services.

Jennifer Klein, '93 TCU alumna and a University of Texas representative, said the day presented the opportunity "to be accessible and to have a face behind the name."

The event wasn't only for graduate schools and students. The Princeton Review, a test preparation organization, also set up a table.

Jason Hoover, director of Fort Worth for The Princeton Review, said while events like this don't account for a majority of their business, it still offers a service to the students.

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First All-PC meeting to be held today

◆ Joint gathering will give members of different committees the chance to interact, expand diversity of programs.

By Joaquin Herrera
STAFF REPORTER

Programming Council is hosting its first All-PC meeting at 6 p.m. today in the Student Center Ballroom.

PC members and interested students will be able to attend and view first-hand what goes on during the planning stages of programs.

Student Government Association Vice President for Programming Carl Long, a junior history major, said the event is open to anyone on a PC committee and anyone interested in joining PC.

"It gives people in the different committees a feeling of how large we are and shows them how many facets there are in PC," he said. "A person on the Family Weekend Committee might not know that there are 50 people on Homecoming Committee. This will give them all a chance to interact."

Long said the idea to hold the All-PC meeting came from a brainstorming session between him and his executive board.

"We were looking for ways to get more people involved in programming," he said. "We're a large organization with a large budget."

He said bringing the groups together is also beneficial because of the diversity it offers PC.

"We try to touch basically every facet of the university," Long said. "We offer programs that allow people to grow, and we need a diversity of people in our own

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Making an impact

Student's active involvement motivates campus

Ben Alexander
HORNED FROG OF THE WEEK

By Wendy Meyer
SKIFF STAFF

Ben Alexander has collected a plethora of name tags.

Alexander has divided his time between classes, student government and many other student organizations. Alexander jokingly said his involvement is determined by one thing.

"It's all about getting the name tags," he said.

But Alexander said he knows he has collected more than just name tags through his experiences at TCU.

"The point is the friendships you make and the opportunity to give back to campus," said Alexander, a junior advertising/public relations major.

This semester, Alexander's name tag identifies him as the president of Uniting Campus Ministries.

UCM is a council of student representatives from on-campus Christian groups that works toward bringing the groups together. UCM is also responsible for planning the weekly chapel service.

Those who know Alexander say he has a knack for getting others to participate.

Nathan Digby, a Brite Divinity School student and intern in the University Ministries office, has worked closely with Alexander.

"One of his gifts is getting other peo-

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Junior advertising/public relations major Ben Alexander poses alongside TCU's founders during a break from campus activities.

Reagan Duplessis/PHOTO EDITOR

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.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE ORGANIZATION weekly meeting at 5:30 p.m. today in Student Center Room 214.

FREE LEGAL ADVICE available from 6 to 7:30 p.m. today in the House of Student Representatives office.

TCU LONDON CENTRE applications available in the International Education Office (Rickel Building 109). Spring 1999 applications are due, and fall 1999 applications are also being accepted.

FROG FOLLIES tickets on sale at the Student Center Information Desk. Cost is \$3.

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.

STUDENT FOUNDATION APPLICATIONS available at the Student Center Information Desk. Deadline is Oct. 23.

LAW DAY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Oct. 30 in Towne Hall in Austin for those interested in attending law school. Contact Donald Jackson at 257-7395.

GRADUATE MANAGEMENT ADMISSIONS COUNCIL-sponsored visits with admissions professionals from 100 of the world's top MBA programs at the Dallas MBA Forum from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 31 at the Hotel Inter-Continental (15201 Dallas Parkway). Admissions is \$5.

In The News...

World

French students hold protests in search of better school environment

PARIS — Under the eye of police, high school students around France held their second major protest in less than a week today, demanding more teachers, better equipment and buildings, and a lighter course load.

Troublemakers, undaunted by at least 4,500 police, threw rocks and bottles in sporadic violence during a Paris protest, mimicking problems during Thursday's demonstrations.

Police said 85 people were lightly injured in Paris. At least 45 young people were arrested nationwide and dozens of others were detained and then released.

Students were hoping to maintain the momentum of last week's marches of a half-million students in nearly 350 cities, but it appeared they had failed.

Radio reports said a quarter-million demonstrated nationwide. Police said about 25,000 students marched in Paris.

Hooligans intermittently threw bottles and stones toward police flanking the marchers, who started at the Place d'Italie in the south and moved to a Left Bank intersection at the Boulevard Saint Germain.

Helmeted riot police made several charges, spraying tear gas canisters that sowed panic through the crowd.

Elsewhere, about 10,000 students turned out in the Norman town of Rennes, another 10,000 in Bordeaux in the southwest, 6,000 in Avignon in the south and more than 6,000 in Lyon, according to police reports. In nearby Aix-en-Provence, 2,500 youths blocked the A8 highway, officials said.

One protester from suburban Yerre, south of Paris, complained about conditions at her school.

"Our buildings are old, and our computers are terrible. We have too many kids in our classes. All we want is to be able to study properly," said 15-year-old Gwladys Dumot.

shows will air between 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. ET.

Latino children have historically been underserved by Spanish-language television, said Nely Galan, Telemundo's entertainment president, on Tuesday.

"We believe this partnership will be a first step toward addressing this void, providing positive moral statements for kids, and solidifying our commitment to the importance of Latino children," he said.

Nickelodeon said its focus group research indicates that many Hispanic parents want shows that expose their children to Spanish.

Telemundo currently broadcasts in 63 markets and representatives say it is available to an estimated 85 percent of Hispanic viewers in the United States.

Man convicted in killing that sent innocent man to prison for 16 years

SANTA ANA, Calif. — A man whose homicidal rape spree terrorized Orange County in the late 1970s and led to the 16-year imprisonment of an innocent man was convicted Tuesday on six counts of first-degree murder.

Gerald Parker, 43, could face the death penalty for killing five women aged 17 to 31 and attacking one who was pregnant in the "Bedroom Basher" assaults from 1978-79. The pregnant woman lost her full-term fetus.

The woman's then-husband, Kevin Green, was convicted and served more than 16 years in prison. Then, in 1996, DNA samples taken from Parker, a former Marine staff sergeant who was convicted of rape, were matched with traces from five unsolved crimes and the Green case.

Green was released in 1996. He now lives in Missouri.

Green's ex-wife, Dianne D'Aiello, said she still does not remember Parker. Police contend that after Green left her apartment, Parker broke in, rendered her unconscious with a wooden board, then sexually assaulted her.

D'Aiello went into shock and fell into a coma, during which oxygen stopped flowing to her 9-month-old fetus, which was stillborn.

The blows to the head robbed D'Aiello of her senses of smell and hearing, and some of her memory. She often has trouble writing and is unable to work.

Woman meets future husband, savior, in Internet chat room

YORK, Pa. — When Teresa Dravk logged onto an Internet chat room one day last year, she not only found the love of her life, she met the man

who could save her life.

After the initial correspondence, Dravk, 38, exchanged long e-mails with Ian Fleming, 28, of Manchester, England. Eventually the two met and on Sept. 19 they married.

That might have been enough of a happy ending, but Fleming turned out to be a perfect match in more ways than one.

Dravk has been suffering from kidney failure for more than 10 years following a transplant. On dialysis since 1992, she was in need of another transplant. When Fleming found out, he volunteered immediately.

"It was phenomenal odds that I'd be a suitable donor for her," said Fleming, a government worker and professional bicyclist in England.

The couple will undergo the transplant surgery in Philadelphia in November.

The offer seems to have endeared Fleming to the in-laws, particularly after the couple's short courtship.

"Our family wondered what was going on. It all was happening so fast," said Dravk's mother, Tricia Dravk. "They wondered if he just wanted to marry her to come to this country."

State

Houses torn from foundation as Guadalupe flood conditions worsen

CUERO, Texas — Texas State Guard Angie Navarro was helping control crowds at the edge of the rising Guadalupe River when she gasped.

"That's my house!" she cried, staring into the swift-flowing current. The blue-and-white wooden structure was floating down what used to be West Hamilton Street, a full two blocks from where she stood.

In one hand she clutched yellow plastic tape imprinted with "Caution." Her other hand went to her mouth to stifle a sob.

"I can tell by the roof," she said quietly as her husband, Richard, also a guardsman, tried to comfort her Monday. A few minutes later, another house torn from its foundation sped past amazed spectators.

Worse could be on the way.

This town of 7,000 people 90 miles southeast of San Antonio was preparing for the river to crest today. The Guadalupe is just one of many waterways swollen by weekend rains that swamped central and southern Texas.

At least 15 people were dead and three children are missing.

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LIFELONG LEARNING

No-credit classes can be most rewarding

Many students record their academic progress not in the number of credit hours they have earned but in the number of credit hours they still have to earn before graduation. In the meantime, complaints about college and classes flow as freely and effortlessly as resolutions from the House of Student Representatives.

This lack of enthusiasm about learning on the part of most TCU students is what makes the Office of Extended Education such a remarkable part of campus, despite many students' likely cries of "What? Attending classes for the fun of it?"

Learning is a lifetime endeavor, and just because you possess a diploma does not make you as educated as you should be. There is always more to learn, and just because you sat through a few professors' soporific lectures long enough to get a C on a test or two doesn't qualify you as smart.

Taking courses for no credit can also be more rewarding because you aren't so fixated on grades or tests. Benefits of such classes are not A's or B's, but the attainment of a new craft or fulfillment provided by new knowledge.

So once you leave college, don't resolve never to attend another class. Discover Native American history and culture; explore the basics of chemistry; learn how to make pottery; or take up a new language. Whatever you do, just don't think your education ends with your last final exam.

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The reason for the Pope's shaky left hand: REVEALED



Respect for pope is two-faced

Oct. 16 marked the 20th anniversary of Pope John Paul II's service as head of the Roman Catholic Church. It has been a long, interesting ride; one that the pope intends to take into the new millennium. His length of service as pope has been the longest this century.

Commentary



JOHN P. ARAUJO

Undoubtedly by now, you have heard many news reports or read newspaper articles about the pope's career and the impact he has had on recent world events. To my surprise, many of those reports have been positive. Not surprisingly, however, most of these same reports and articles still had to include two or three jabs. It is this obsessive need to jab that I wish to discuss here.

There is virtually no report or arti-

cle (at least in Catholic media) that can mention the pope, even in the most glowing terms, without working in comments and criticisms about the role of the papacy in general and him in particular.

Below are some of the more common jabs that are taken by the media while they are praising the pope:

Nearly without fail, the media mention the pope is old and frail. Yet how many people pushing 80 can work the kind of grueling schedule that he puts himself under to reach as many people as he does? His itinerary would wear on a person half his age, yet this is not mentioned nearly as much as his shaking left hand is.

Actually, mentioning his shaking hand (and more recently, his increasingly slurred speech) seems to subtly imply that perhaps he is becoming mentally feeble as well as physically feeble. This implication, however subtle, is rather insulting, and I would like to see some of the activist groups for the elderly challenge this implication.

Another term mentioned nearly

without fail is that he runs a divided flock. While it is true there are some who disagree with the pope and his views (which are actually the church's views, because the pope is only a defender and refiner — and not a creator — of church doctrine), there are many more who agree with him. But this is rarely mentioned in the media news reports.

The dissenters who get all the press are those who are more in line with popular, secular values than with the views of the Catholic Church. Such dissenters are popular because contemporary culture tends to value dissent, rebellion against authority (like the papacy) and self-gratification.

However, just because an angry few manage to grab hold of the microphone does not mean they represent the majority opinion of American Catholics. This was dramatically demonstrated by last year's failed "We Are Church" petition, which fell far, far short of the 1 million signatures goal.

The supreme irony of the dissenters is their histrionic outrage of

having the Church's views "shoved down their throats," and yet this is precisely what they want to do to others with their own dissenting views. I especially take offense at their attitudes that imply that loyalty to the Church's views is the equivalent of being "backward, narrow-minded and uninformed."

It is good to see the praises the pope has been getting on his anniversary, but it disappoints me that these jabs must obsessively be inserted while they praise him. This damning with the faint praise comes across like a spoiled child who is forced to apologize for bad behavior, and it is unbecoming conduct for professional journalists.

Pope John Paul II has done more to influence world events than any other world leader has in this last quarter century, so I think greater efforts should be made to give credit where credit is due without trying to stick a foot in the path.

John P. Araujo is a senior general studies major from Fort Worth.

Letters to the editor

Acceptance isn't politics; it's unconditional love

The tragedy of Matthew Shepard's horrific beating and death has affected an escalation of polarization of anyone who shows interest, into either "gay supporters" or "backwards homophobics prone to hate crimes and offensive discrimination."

I would like to suggest that among metropolitan, educated and rational people, very few of the former exist. There seems to be an unwillingness to listen to individuals who do not approve of homosexuality on moral grounds, but are very willing to befriend, love and respect openly homosexual individuals without making them feel guilty for being who they are.

This is the true face of unconditional love.

Any rational Christian can recognize that many characteristics of human nature go against what God wills for his followers. We all have a natural proclivity to sin — some also have a natural proclivity to homosexuality. Our human ability to temper behaviors that we deem to not be in accordance with our convictions is what separates us from other animals — in a word, reason.

A homosexual cannot change who he or she is. To claim they should is an absurdity. Christian homosexuals are called to temper their behavior by self-control, just as some heterosexual Christians are called into celibacy.

The church's ministry should be guidance and reconciliation for all who voluntarily submit themselves to Christ. Any Christian who can find justification for hate crimes and discrimination towards homosexuals in the Bible misrepresents Christianity to the world. It is the behavior which is seen as sinful, not the orientation.

Regardless of what "Sunday-afternoon headbashes" may

occur at the hands of the severely misled people, do not throw the proverbial baby out with the bath water.

It is unfortunate that religion and politics have to be so closely intermingled in our society, but those who focus only on the politics of hotly debated issues miss the point altogether. The meaning of unconditional love is this: Christians are called to love sinners because they realize that they are loved sinners.

Sheryl Yeomans
 junior studio art major

There is more to college than going to parties

I wanted to write a letter for three reasons. First, to state that I agree with Jason Oliver's letter ("Student opposes column, reprimands Skiff staff", Oct. 13). You would think that the writers of our "All-American Newspaper" would be able to see beyond the pettiness of drinking and parties.

We are all so incredibly blessed to be getting an education like this, whether we have scholarships; financial aid or good ol' Dad. We are here to learn about ourselves, our beliefs and try to live the glory of God by making a difference in other's lives.

On that note, I found no purpose in the article by University of Arizona student, Chris Ribas ("College is crucial to success, so party while you can," Oct. 7). It gave the impression that partying is all any college student cares about.

Like I said before, college is so much more than getting drunk every Friday night. I have learned that God is all; getting good grades isn't everything — understanding is more important — and forever really is a long time. Those who look at drinking as their number one pastime are missing the real party.

Finally, I would like to praise the article by David Becker ("Names don't tell the whole story," Oct. 13). This article sums up everything I have spent this whole letter trying to say. There are people out there who are striving to better their lives and those around them, who work for the Lord and not for men and money. We could all take a few lessons from Fidel Castro, the tree trimmer.

Rosie Birkedahl-Willard
 sophomore nursing major

Not Here wants to help students help each other

During the past academic year, there was a great deal of attention on issues concerning alcohol abuse and college students. This attention was a result of reports on binge drinking, alcohol poisoning deaths and riots over alcohol policies from across the nation.

TCU itself is no stranger to alcohol related tragedies. Think back to the fall semester of 1996 when Miss Tiffany Youngs passed away due to injuries sustained from an alcohol related accident.

Incidents such as these prompted the Bacchus & Gamma Peer Education Network, an international network of more than 800 campuses, to develop a campaign that called for campuses to unite against alcohol related deaths and tragedies.

The purpose of the Not Here campaign is to help each other out. It is not an attempt to ban or crack-down on drinking, nor is it an attempt to "make college seem less of a danger zone."

None of the activities that are part of the Not Here campaign are "down-playing the alcohol problem" as the Skiff suggested in its Oct. 20 editorial, "Sober Promise."

In fact, the activities have been

designed to make students more aware of the importance of responsible decision-making and to look out for each other. Also, I don't see how an open discussion on alcohol issues can be viewed as "down-playing the alcohol problem."

Too many people are hurt each year as a result of alcohol related incidents. We, as a university and more importantly as friends, need to come together to help each other out and to prevent alcohol related accidents from happening at TCU.

Jerel Parenton
 senior international marketing major

Society has no place judging homosexuals

It seems that recent letters to the editor have become a forum for Skiff-bashing. However, I would like to break this trend and write this letter in order to salute the Skiff's mature and open-minded treatment of the issues concerning the recent death of Matthew Shepard, as well as to interject my own opinions on the subject.

In my opinion, the treatment of the issue of homosexuality in our society, as well as within the Christian church, has been extremely non-Christian.

Congregations such as that of the Rev. Fred Phelps are out of line in their judgment of homosexuality. After all, Jesus, in his Sermon on the Mount, told us not to judge others, for we will be judged by the same measure. Is Phelps prepared to be judged?

If you are a Christian, and you believe that homosexuality is sin, then by all means live your life according to your standards. However, do not castigate homosexuals because of your beliefs; let God be their judge.

Zachary Norris
 junior microbiology major

Trust is fleeting

Skepticism necessary to avoid abuse

In the past year, I have had the opportunity to witness the skewering of many different "dark" figures: Mike Tyson, Latrell Sprewell, Allen Iverson and many other lesser lights. I emphasize "dark" because I read it that way in several interviews and feature articles about these people (an interviewer in Playboy magazine said of Tyson, "Mike

Commentary



JOEL ANDERSON

Tyson is the darkest figure in sports that I have ever encountered."). Remember, in America "dark" is a mark of foulness.

The authors of these highly entertaining pieces of journalism will mention the subject's mistrust of people as if it were a blemish against his character.

Is it any wonder why these people have problems trusting others? Tyson has been drained of his financial resources, and Iverson has had his friendship abused several times — all by people whom they trusted.

As for "dark" people's mistrust of others, why is there any surprise there? From slavery to the Tuskegee study in the '40s to Jasper, Texas, is there really any doubt as to why mistrust is there?

You should wonder about people who trust all people by nature; they are a danger to you and most importantly, themselves. Why should someone trust someone else simply because the other person wants it?

Trust is circumstantial. Most people trust their parents, and if married, their husbands or wives. Other than those relationships, trust is a fleeting thing.

Let us switch positions for a moment. Many times I have been shopping in a store when out of the corner of my

eye I noticed employees who seem to be very interested in my shopping habits. On other occasions I have been driving, only to see a police car in my rear view mirror for an extended period of time. No doubt checking my license plates for some imagined crime.

My favorite example of this sort of mistrust occurred during the spring semester. I was in Worth Hills for what amounted to about five minutes. Obviously, I was lost. Why else would I be over there? I stopped to ask a young lady for help when she asked me, "Are you the rapist?" You know, the rapist that terrorized the TCU area last semester. I fit the profile — I was black.

I don't think my dismay at that remark can be related in words. Was that what people saw me as? A potential criminal? Obviously so.

Most of the time, "dark" people are judged on face value, meaning I am guilty until proven innocent. I'm a criminal act waiting to happen. I don't even think I look that imposing.

And so, why should I be expected to trust others in return? Everyone thinks they deserve to be trusted, but it can't be so. My trust in people is not dependent on race, class, intelligence, aesthetic qualities or any other way we tend to judge people. Like most people, trust is dependent on the individual.

Don't be offended if someone doesn't trust you merely because you want them to trust you. Most often, even love doesn't guarantee trust. All it takes is one circumstance to shatter even the strongest person's faith in another.

Wisdom has taught "dark" figures that only those people who are close to you can injure you the most efficiently and painfully. Expect to be hurt by others.

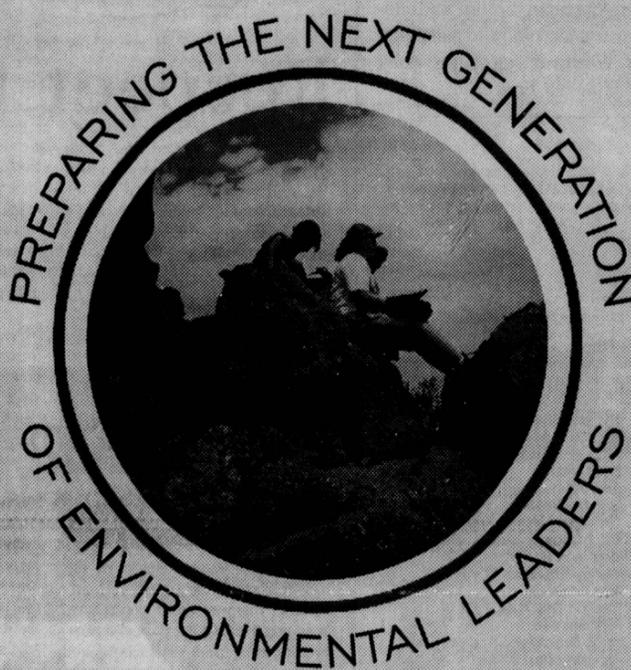
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Words' worth?

Costs impact students

By Jaime Walker
SKIFF STAFF

Each semester, students at TCU spend an average of \$300 to \$400 on textbooks for class. Although most students and parents are somewhat prepared for the costs associated with higher education, many are left wondering why textbooks are so expensive.

"My parents understand that I need the books for class. They feel that it is a worthwhile investment," said Heather Dauphinee, a sophomore speech pathology major.

What few students, professors or check-writing parents understand is the complexity of publishing and selling a textbook and how the system impacts students.

Part of a publishing company's job is to market books. Publishers contact professors with promotional offers, and also set up displays at many professional conferences.

Gene Smith, an associate professor of history, said there are many avenues by which professors can select textbooks.

"The challenge comes when selecting a book that not only stresses the issues that you want to bring up in class, but also is not overpriced," he said. "The problem for us is that the price of paper has increased, and publishers can't help but increase the cost of books."

Publishing a textbook is a much more complex issue than just the cost of printing, however. Publishing is about marketing.

Tom Urquhart, production manager for TCU's Student Publications and a former production manager for Harcourt-Brace College Publishers, said, "In order to produce a book, you have to consider what type of paper is used, whether the book has color pictures and how many permissions are in the book."

Urquhart said the thing to remember about college textbooks is students are a captive market.

"Economically, the interesting thing is that professors control the demand for textbooks," he said. "When you are buying any other type of book you (the student) make the choice to purchase it."

Urquhart said that in many cases, publishing companies offer free materials and teaching aids to professors in return for the use of a specific book.

Ralph Carter, a professor of political science, said he typically spends a few months selecting a textbook.

"As an instructor, I struggle to find readings and texts that meaningfully stress the things that I feel are fundamentally important," he said.

Like many professors around the country, Carter has turned to a textbook that he co-authored to provide the right perspective for his class.

"The great advantage to using a book which I helped write is that I generally agree with the way that the material is presented," he said.

High costs prohibit Smith from using his textbook in his class, he said.

"I would love to use it because it

stresses my personal ideology about particular subjects, but right now it is just too expensive for my students," he said. "There is a certain satisfaction in being able to type your name into the database and see that your book has significantly added to the wealth of knowledge, but I can't use it in class yet!"

The price of textbooks is the issue that impacts students the most. Whether a team of professors or an

individual author writes a textbook does not make a big difference in the cost of the book. Although the author, often a professor, does receive an advance and royalties from the book, the majority of the cost comes from the bookstore when the textbook reaches the students.

"Publishers and bookstores seem to be in constant conflict," Urquhart said. "Each blames costs on the other, but it still only costs about \$20 to pro-

duce a book. The students get hurt and end up paying way too much more than they should."

Freshman business major Stuart Harrison said he spent close to \$330 on books this semester.

"The thing that frustrates me is that I have a class where we don't even use the book, but it still was required," he said. "It would be nice if professors told us that we didn't need the book. I bought it at the TCU

Bookstore because I had no other reliable place to go, and I paid because as a student I did not have the choice. The problem is that the choice isn't ours."

Fundamentally, the battle over the expense of textbooks is a continuous challenge for both professors and publishers. Until the idea of publishing for specific needs becomes more of a reality, students will be forced to pay the price for learning.

Books for sale online

By Joaquin Herrera
STAFF REPORTER

Along with groceries and music, Internet enthusiasts can now purchase textbooks on the World Wide Web. Although the TCU Bookstore offers students the traditional way of purchasing books, some may find it more effective to purchase their books through the computer. Companies such as Bigwords.com now provide the option of purchasing books online.

John Bates, vice president of marketing at Bigwords.com, said buying books over the Internet is a convenient, inexpensive way for students to spend less time in long lines at bookstores and more time enjoying life.

"We're all recently graduated from college," he said. "We're very focused on making this better for students."

Bates said there is no surcharge for shipping books to students. All a student has to do is go to Bigwords.com, enter the ISBN number of the book and the order is placed. Then the student just enters his or her credit card number onto the screen. The books will be sent to students by mail in two to five days.

"It's a great opportunity to cut out a lot of time-wasting that goes into buying books at a traditional bookstore," Bates said. "This gives people a chance to do things they want to do with other people instead of what they don't want to do, like wait in long lines for books."

"Destinos," a Spanish book, costs \$47.90 at Bigwords.com, and at the TCU Bookstore, the same book costs \$56.70. The used version costs \$38.63 online, and at the bookstore costs \$42.55.

Students may opt to rent books from Bigwords.com. To rent the book "Destinos," a student sends in a deposit plus a fee of \$30.90 and they are sent the book. Once the student is finished with the book, he or she sends it in a box provided by Bigwords.com and is returned the deposit if the book is undamaged.

But not everyone looks at the monetary savings as a benefit.

Mike Carletti, a sophomore math major, said he'd rather walk to the bookstore than purchase his books online.

"I wouldn't use (the online service), but other people might," he said. "If you're doing it because you're lazy, then there's no point. You only have to walk over there once a semester to buy books."

Jason Brooks, assistant manager at the bookstore, said although many companies offer the online service to students, it won't be a source of competition for campus bookstores.

"A lot of people don't know what books they need until they go to class," he said. "If you buy the books here and you drop a class, then all you have to do is bring the book back."

Bates, however, said competition between online book sellers and traditional bookstores will grow as more and more people buy off of the Internet.

"There's room for both of us," he said. "Bookstores are nervous because they fear change."

Barnes & Noble, the company that runs the TCU Bookstore, is planning to add a division of student books to its home page that already sells regular books. Brooks said plans are still in the works for that, and he is not sure if it will be effective.



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Bill would classify many campus bookstores as monopolies

By Robyn Bartholemey
STAFF REPORTER

University bookstores across the nation are under scrutiny for possibly monopolizing student business, according to a report released from the Federal Information Systems Corporation.

Republican Sen. Lauch Faircloth of North Carolina introduced Bill S. 2490, which was discussed in the Senate Small Business Committee on Sept. 24. The bill would restrict institutions from forcing students to buy out of the university bookstores and open the market to individual businesses.

While the legislation would probably not affect TCU even if passed since TCU is a

private institution, the issue of a campus bookstore monopoly remains a concern.

The TCU Bookstore, run by Barnes & Noble, is the only store in the TCU area that supplies all of the books required by university professors because TCU does not release a book list to any alternative stores, said Liisa Lewis, manager of the bookstore.

"The book business is difficult because it involves a third party," Lewis said. "In many ways, the professors control what books we stock."

Jim Lacy, manager of Arlington Textbook Outlet, said the outlet carries texts year-round and is available to the public at discount prices.

"We don't get much business from TCU students," Lacy said. "The school is private and is not required to release a book list. I suppose it could be called a legalized monopoly, since the law does not require them to have alternatives."

Lewis said there is nothing stopping competition from moving in the area and offering an alternative to the campus store. She said it is not profitable for other bookstores in the area to carry texts year-round, creating little to no competition.

"Last semester, our ratio was 47 percent used books and 53 percent new books," Lewis said. "These are extremely high figures, which shows that we strive to serve the

students. We have the highest book buy-back in the nation for a college our size."

Prices for texts at the campus bookstore are based on the publishers' retail price, plus the cost of freight, Lewis said. Each professor knows the cost of the books before requiring students to buy them. The profit accumulated from the store is put into a general fund to help stabilize tuition, Lewis said.

"TCU made a large investment in this store," Lewis said. "We do not force business, but intend to do everything we can to better serve the students."

"It has never really bothered me that we only have one bookstore, because our cam-

pus is so small," said Angie Cooper, a junior social work major.

Trina Warren, director of community service relations for Borders Books, said not many university students utilize the store on Hulen Street.

"I haven't actually been over to the TCU Bookstore," Warren said, "but something must be keeping the students from going elsewhere."

The proposed bill, currently under discussion before the Senate, would also restrict public universities from issuing debit or campus cards for purchasing books, according to a report released from the Senate Small Business Committee.

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ple involved," Digby said. "And then he does a phenomenal job of keeping others involved."

Carolyn Rowell, administrative assistant for University Ministries, said Alexander is very valuable to the staff.

"He's really a good leader," she said. "He is very creative."

Alexander sends out an e-mail to at least 70 people every week just to keep them posted on what is going on, Digby said.

When his term is over in January, Alexander said he definitely plans to stay involved with UCM, though he does not wish to serve another term as president.

Alexander said he hopes to attend Leadership London, a study abroad course focusing on leadership, this summer. He said he is also thinking about being an Orientation Student Assistant again next summer.

"This summer was incredible," he said. "The best thing about it was the relationships I built I think will last a lifetime. That's the thing you have got to look for in college — friendships."

In spite of all of his current interests, Alexander said as a freshman, he had a hard time getting involved.

From Olney, Texas, only a few hours northwest of Fort Worth, Alexander returned

home for the first several weekends of college. He said that not communicating well with his roommate added to the complications of being a freshman. After becoming a Hyperfrog and bonding with his roommate, Alexander said he found TCU a place worth getting involved in.

And get involved he did. Since then, Alexander has been a part of the House of Student Representatives, Programming Council planning committees, Project PRISM and Student Foundation.

Reflecting on his experience at TCU, Alexander said, "Sure, classes are important, but friendships matter most."

John Breyer, a professor of geology, said Alexander is also a great student. Breyer, who had Alexander in both his freshman geology class and his Honors Intellectual Traditions class, said Alexander "did his typical job — outstanding" in both classes, though he did promote a little distraction when he brought his mother's homebaked cookies to class.

Whatever Alexander's name tag reads in the future, perhaps a corporate public relations job, he said he plans to stay active and involved. And there is no doubt that what he has accomplished here will help him thrive in what lies beyond TCU.

GRAD FAIR

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"This is just something where we go and offer stuff to the students," he said. "This is a graduate school day, and they are going to want to get into some of these schools, so we offer them test prep for that."

Hoover said the review course is a great way for students who plan to take the Graduate Record Examination or another graduate placement test to get acquainted with the test. He said it is especially good for those who feel they are not natural test-takers.

"If (students) want to get into a good grad school with really high test scores, it is a really good idea to take The Princeton Review," he said. "Not everyone needs it. Some people are natural test-takers — they've got a good, analytic, reasoning ability. They can answer the questions, and they don't fall for the tricks."

Texas and Oklahoma weren't the only places represented. Alice Menchaca, from Universidad Autonoma de Guadalajara in Mexico, said events like Tuesday's are especially important to foreign schools in order to dispel myths.

"It gives us exposure," she said. "The students get to see pictures, and we get to talk to them and explain programs, because foreign schools tend to develop a bad reputation. So by us being here we explain the difference between our school and other foreign schools."

Menchaca said Graduate and Professional School Day at TCU is a wonderful opportunity because students here are driven and focused.

"What I like about this school is that the students are very certain about what they want," she said. "They're very serious."

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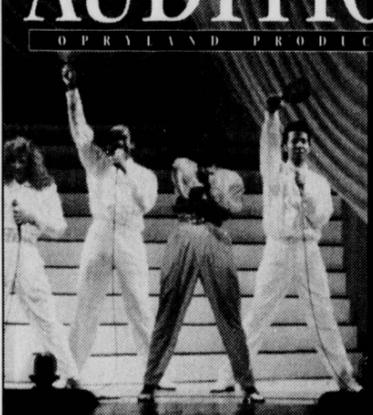
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tain as to how the slate elections would work.

Pinnell said he wasn't sure which or how many schools use this procedure but said "a lot of schools do slates." He also said he expects that representatives will do their homework on the subject.

"I think within the next week, you'll see a lot of research being done," he said.

Lawlor too said she thinks representatives will take the debate seriously.

"I think it is going to be something that is going to really make the representatives debate and really express their views on the whole issue," she said. "It is kind of a controversial topic, and I think exec and ad-cab recognized that."

But Lawlor said if a lively debate is to

happen, there is no place like the House. "The House is the perfect place for a debate like that," she said.

Three bills passed Tuesday: One makes the Technology Advancement Committee a permanent committee; one changes the wording of House homecoming procedures to recognize Mr. and Miss TCU instead of Homecoming King and Queen; and the third contributes \$1,367.50 to Design Focus' trip to the Creative Summit in San Marcos, Texas.

Another new bill was introduced to purchase 40 brass study lamps, which would cost \$1,598, for the library.

A resolution to move the chancellor's parking space was voted on after much debate, but was tabled for a week in order for more research to be conducted about the location of the parking lots and the wording of the resolution.

House of Reps Votes

Bill 98-24 Technology Advancement Committee.

For - 55
Against - 0
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Bill 98-25 Homecoming Elections.

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Abstain - 0

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Herpes virus may be the cause of MS

◆ **Further research needed before findings can be confirmed.**

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MILWAUKEE — Researchers have found a form of the herpes virus in people with multiple sclerosis, circumstantial evidence that it may cause the debilitating disease.

Human herpes virus-6 was found in the brains of eight out of 11 MS patients studied by scientists at the Institute for Viral Pathogenesis in Milwaukee. The virus was also found in the blood of 14 out of 25

patients. The findings confirm a study published last December.

Scientists have long suspected a virus triggers MS, which prompts the immune system to attack nerve fibers, causing paralysis and death.

If further study confirms the virus as the cause, the finding could lead to new treatments for a disease that affects more than 300,000 people in the United States.

Dr. Robert Lisak, co-director of the Multiple Sclerosis Clinical and Research Center at the Detroit Medical Center, said people often carry the herpes virus-6 and many other types of viruses and bacteria, and MS may have multiple causes.

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Learning opportunities abound

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By Matt Jones
SKIFF STAFF

From darkroom photography to fiction writing, the Office of Extended Education offers a variety of educational opportunities to the TCU community.

"Extended education is a department of TCU that strives to offer high-quality, lifelong educational opportunities for the community," said David Grebel, director of the Office of Extended Education. "In a sense, it is like an outreach program to members of this community."

Grebel said extended education provides learning opportunities for the community, utilizes faculty resources and provides support to area teachers.

"We strive to educate individuals and offer personal enrichment for all of those who are involved," Grebel said.

For the fall semester, the Office of Extended Education offered 54 classes to over 700 students in the non-credit continuing education program. Courses in the program are offered in 11 areas of study ranging from art and music to history and writing. These courses are open to any student, faculty or member of the community.

"The non-credit course studies serve as the backbone of the contin-

"Continuing education cultivates the idea of lifelong learning."

— David Grebel,
director of the Office of Extended Education

uing education program," Grebel said. "The majority of the people pursue our program because of an interest in one of our related fields. It gives them a chance to sample various courses, hobbies and activities."

The program also offers continuing education units for teachers, engineers, architects and physicians, who are required to continue education because of their profession. One example of this is the Advanced Placement Summer Institute held on campus each summer. Last summer, 760 teachers took advantage of the 24 areas of study fulfilling continuing education requirements.

The program also oversees all non-degree admissions for TCU. Grebel said students admitted on the non-degree plan include older adults and post-graduate students who have already received a bachelor's degree.

"Many people just enjoy learning and they come because they want to

increase their knowledge in various fields," Grebel said.

This was the case for Sylvia Stevens, an instructor and student in the program.

"I got involved in the program through a reading course that I was interested in," Stevens said. "Now, I not only continue to take courses, but I teach one on art appreciation as well."

Stevens said she believes the secret behind the program lies in the enjoyment she receives from both attending and teaching.

"The teachers who are here are here because they enjoy teaching," Stevens said. "The students who attend enjoy attending."

Grebel said he believes many people only associate extended education with older adults. However, Stevens said this is not the case.

"There is a wide range of students," Stevens said. "There are people of all ages and backgrounds."

Grebel also said the program is

very affordable. Ranging in price from \$20-120 a class, the program offers a 50 percent discount to TCU students, faculty and staff. A few classes are exceptions to the discount.

"We are not trying to make a profit off of these people," Grebel said. "We are merely trying to provide people with additional educational opportunities."

The cost of each class covers the materials needed and the cost of an instructor.

Grebel said the program has expanded its services to the community by providing four online courses and offering courses at Trinity Terrace, a retirement facility in downtown Fort Worth.

"It is a mission of sorts," Grebel said. "We are trying to create opportunities for as many different people as possible."

Grebel said participation in extended education has many advantages to TCU students.

"The real benefits to students is that they are able to study an area of interest that may not be offered on the credit side," Grebel said.

"Continuing education cultivates the idea of lifelong learning. This will benefit students culturally, emotionally and spiritually — making them better people."

group to offer that."

Diana Munro, Forums Committee chairwoman and a junior marketing major, said the meeting will benefit all who attend.

"It's a good opportunity to learn more about PC," she said. "It helps people in PC to know what's going on, and it offers other people a chance — if they're not sure what they want to do — to see what's available."

The committee chairmen and chairwomen will be at the meeting to

give their report for the week. Then each will offer a brief description of what his or her committee does.

"It's also a great chance for people to find out what we're planning," Munro said.

Long said he hopes students will get a chance afterward to interact with the committee leaders. Students are encouraged to voice any concerns or ideas they have for Programming Council.

Refreshments will be served at the meeting.

German airplane crashes, kills two

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHINA LAKE, Calif. — A German Air Force plane crashed during a flight over the sprawling China Lake Naval Air Weapons Station, killing both people aboard and injuring several on the ground.

A Defense Ministry spokesman in Bonn, Germany, said both of the dead crew members were German military men.

The two-seat Tornado aircraft crashed at about 10 a.m., Navy offi-

cials said. Several structures and vehicles were damaged or destroyed in the crash.

One base employee suffered a broken ankle and arm when the plane struck a control van on the ground and others were treated for minor injuries or smoke inhalation and released, the statement said.

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Rams linebacker in deadly accident

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Rams rookie linebacker Leonard Little was driving a sport utility vehicle that crashed into another car, killing a 47-year-old woman.

Susan Gutweiler died Tuesday about 12 hours after her car was hit broadside by Little's vehicle at a downtown St. Louis intersection that has stop lights. Authorities said it was too early to determine who was at fault.

Little declined medical attention at the scene. Police said he submitted to blood and alcohol tests and was not arrested or ticketed.

Rams president John Shaw said he and coach Dick Vermeil went to see Little on Tuesday morning before learning that the woman had died. He said Little was very distraught about the accident, which happened Monday, Little's 24th birthday.

Little, a third-round draft pick out of Tennessee, has been used as a reserve linebacker and has played in all of the Rams' games this season. He has eight special teams tackles.

Former New York Jet accepts plea bargain

NEW YORK (AP) — Mark Gastineau, former star defensive end for the New York Jets, has accepted a plea deal that will get him out of jail and put him into drug, alcohol and violence counseling, his lawyers said Tuesday.

Lawyer Amelio Marino said Gastineau will be released today after he pleads guilty to a misdemeanor charge of assault or contempt for violating an order of protection and for failing to show up for a court date.

Gastineau surrendered to police Monday after a judge issued a warrant for his arrest. He had failed to appear in Manhattan Criminal Court on charges of assaulting Patricia Schorr, then his girlfriend, now his wife.

"I'm ecstatic," said Schorr, who said she had no intention of pressing charges against Gastineau. "I'm very happy."

Gastineau, 41, was arrested Sept. 2 on charges of hitting Schorr in her apartment on Aug. 25. A court complaint said he slapped her face four or five times, threw her against a wall and choked her while threatening to kill her.

Gastineau was charged with misdemeanor assault, menacing and criminal possession of a weapon. The court complaint said the weapon was a glass cocktail table with which he threatened to hit Schorr.

Assistant District Attorney Amy Belger asked Judge Troy K. Webber to sentence Gastineau to four months. She said he had been violent with the last four women he was involved with, including actress Brigitte Nielsen.

Soccer bombs in WAC play

Women split snow games

By Rusty Simmons
SKIFF STAFF

A weekend doubleheader illustrated firsthand to the TCU women's soccer team one of the many reasons why the Western Athletic Conference is on the verge of extinction. The main problem is not just the number of teams in the conference; it is that no rivalries can be developed between teams that play sports in such different environments.

The Lady Frogs played away at Wyoming and Air Force last weekend. The 30-degree weather with snow and sleet conditions resulted in a much different brand of soccer than TCU is accustomed to.

"It didn't even feel like soccer," sophomore defender Jackie Rodriguez said. "It was so cold everything turned numb, and the game was very slow because the ball kept dying in the snow."

Despite the weather conditions, TCU managed to split the two games over the weekend. The win came against Air Force on Sunday. While the snow did let up for the game, the chilling temperatures were still present. TCU fell behind 2-0 in the first half. Rodriguez said they were in shock at halftime but everybody was ready to get back into the game after the half.

"Everyone on the team stepped up individually after the half, and our play meshed together to play as a team," she said.

The result of this play was three unanswered goals by TCU in a matter of 18 minutes. The first was a pile-up in front of the Air Force goal. Junior midfielder Allison Calleri emerged from the pile with a shot that slid under the Air Force keeper.

Ten minutes later the Lady Frogs tied the game at 2-2 behind a goal by freshman midfielder Tiffany Goetz. Rodriguez pushed a ball up from midfield and found Goetz streaking up the right side. Goetz fired a shot from outside that found the far post of the net.



Freshman defender Denise Santos charges upfield in the Frogs' match against New Mexico on Oct. 11. TCU dropped two road games to Wyoming and Air Force last weekend.

What proved to be the game-winning goal for TCU was scored by Calleri, and once again, Rodriguez recorded the assist. In a play similar to one that led to the second goal, Rodriguez found Calleri on the left side. Instead of shooting from the outside, Calleri took the keeper on and finished with a shot into the back of the net.

Especially since the win came only two days after TCU was beaten by Wyoming 4-1 in what Texas might consider a blizzard. The Lady Frogs fell behind 3-0 in the first half as snow and sleet continued to swamp the field.

"I had seen snow before, but nothing like that," freshman forward Crystal Pratz said. "It was impossible to play soccer in that kind of weather."

Pratz did find it possible to score TCU's only goal in the second half. She placed a Goetz cross into the back of the net early in the second half. Wyoming answered with a goal of its own to wrap up the game in the closing minutes.

The weekend action brought TCU's overall record to 8-6 and the team's WAC record to 2-2. With only two conference games left, Southern Methodist University at home today and Tulsa at home on Sunday, the Lady Frogs will have to push to be one of the four teams from the WAC's Mountain Division to advance to the WAC Championships for the year-ending finale.

Men's team loses magic

By Kevin Dunleavy
SKIFF STAFF

Despite a recent hard-fought Western Athletic Conference victory over Tulsa on Oct. 9 and a five-game winning streak at home, the TCU men's soccer team failed to take along its winning magic on the road this past weekend. The Frogs lost to both the Air Force Falcons and the University of New Mexico Lobos and dropped their WAC record to 1-2.

Last Friday, TCU matched up against Air Force and took the field aggressively, but despite their offensive efforts, the Frogs managed to produce only one shot on goal for the entire game.

Almost 40 minutes into the first half, a Falcon forward wove through three TCU defenders and knocked the ball into the net for the first goal. Shortly after the start of the second half, another Falcons forward headed a cross past the posts to increase Air Force's lead. TCU kept the ball on Air Force's side of the field and sophomore goalkeeper Ian Keate recorded three saves, but failed to score and lost the game 2-0.

"We were really off on Friday and were definitely not playing like the same team that had just played Tulsa," freshman forward Nick Baker said. "We should have won, but we couldn't finish the ball and offensively we couldn't get together. We let those two games slip away."

Although they played stronger Sunday, they once again could not manage to get any points on the board.

Both teams fought hard for the ball during the game, but three minutes before the final buzzer sounded, the Lobos capitalized on a scoring opportunity. A rebound off of a corner kick gave a Lobos midfielder the chance to rocket the ball into the TCU goal. After the few remaining minutes ticked away, the Frogs left the field in a 1-0 loss.

"It was very disappointing because we could've won," freshman midfielder Josh Rife said. "In Air Force we just came out flat and made a poor showing. With New Mexico, we didn't play to our capabilities and didn't put the ball into the net, so it came back to haunt us."

At 3 p.m. Friday at the TCU soccer field, the Frogs play host to Fresno State in their fourth WAC game of the season. At noon Sunday they will play San Jose State.

Rainy running Teams battle despite bad weather

By Mike Roberts
STAFF REPORTER

The TCU men's and women's cross country teams geared up for their conference meets on Saturday, and continued to battle muddy conditions and rainy weather to finish fifth and third, respectively, at the Texas A&M Invitational in College Station.

Assistant cross country coach Dan Waters said the teams performed well, but the best is yet to come.

"We've yet to have a day when all of our runners run their best on the same day," Waters said.

While there was plenty of mud and a light drizzle, Waters said it didn't bother the teams. "We just did what we had to do," Waters said.

Ryan Womack, a sophomore on the men's team, said this race featured the toughest competition the Frogs have run against this year. With teams like top 10-ranked Michigan State University and the University of Texas at Austin, which has received top 25 votes, in the race it would be difficult to argue with him.

"This was only disappointing to not have the whole team healthy," Womack said.

Senior captain Jason Kennedy was ill but still competed in the race.

The men finished fifth behind Michigan State, which had 76 points; UT, 79; South Plains University, 85; and Southern Methodist

University, 148. TCU finished with 160 points, ahead of several other schools, including Rice University, Texas A&M, Baylor University, the University of Houston and Texas Tech University.

The only individual men's runner to finish in the top 10 was junior David Lagat, who placed fifth in a time of 25 minutes, 51 seconds.

The women's team finished third overall. Waters said the high finish didn't surprise him. "We knew we had the talent," Waters said. "I think we surprised everybody else. We've earned some respect from the other teams."

Baylor's 34 points and UT's 45 placed them ahead of the Horned Frogs. TCU had 118 points, ahead of several other Texas schools, including Houston, Texas A&M, North Texas, Texas Tech and Sam Houston State University.

The only runner on the women's team to crack into the top 10 was freshman Gladys Keitany, whose time of 17:51 gave her a second place finish.

Waters said the teams' sole focus now becomes the Western Athletic Conference meet on Halloween. He said he's optimistic about the teams' chances but it's hard to gauge the competitiveness of the WAC because they haven't run against many of those teams this year.

"The most important thing is conference," he said. "We're not looking past conference at all."

Volleyfrogs lose two

◆ Team loses WAC matches over the weekend but vows to come back starting Friday.

By Jan Ove Vadov
SKIFF STAFF

Last week the TCU Volleyfrogs went on a two-game road trip to play the Air Force Academy and the University of Nevada-Las Vegas, hoping to win their first Western Athletic Conference game of the season and improve on their 3-15 record; instead, they suffered losses in both games.

The Volleyfrogs went to Colorado Springs, Colo., on Thursday to face Air Force, another team win in conference play.

The Falcons (7-8, 0-2 in WAC) jumped to an early 7-3 lead in the first game, but TCU fought back to even the score twice at 8-8 and 13-13. However, the Volleyfrogs were not able to defend against Air Force freshman setter Kylie Adams' serving skills as she secured the game for the Falcons, 15-13.

Led by freshman outside hitter Marci King, who recorded a game-high 15 kills and 14 defensive digs for the night, the Volleyfrogs grabbed a 3-0 lead in the second game. The Falcons came back shortly thereafter, and the teams changed leads until the score was knotted at 9-9. With six unanswered points on serves, Air Force leading hitter Robyn Duncan closed out the game for the Falcons, helping the Falcons win 15-9.

In the third and final game of the night, the Falcons rushed to an early 9-3 lead. Despite being down by six points, the Volleyfrogs were able to

come back once again and even the score at 10-10.

Both teams played hard to finish strong in the game, until the Falcons were leading 13-12. Once again, it was Duncan's turn to serve, and she helped the Falcons win the game 15-12, and the match 3-0.

The University of Nevada-Las Vegas played host to the Volleyfrogs for another WAC match on Saturday. The Rebels had compiled a 15-3 record overall, a 4-0 WAC record and had won nine consecutive matches coming into the match against TCU. The Volleyfrogs, who after Thursday night's loss to the Falcons fell to 3-16, and 0-4 in the WAC, wanted to get their first win since the TCU Invitational Tournament in mid-September.

The match started out in the worst possible way for the Volleyfrogs, as they lost the first game 15-4.

However, TCU made a turnaround in the next two games. Led by junior outside hitter Jill Pape, who had a team-high 12 kills for the night, the Volleyfrogs were able to fight their way back into the match. TCU played hard and took the next two games from the seemingly stronger opponent by scores of 15-13 and 16-14.

In the last two games of the match, the Volleyfrogs returned to former mistake-filled play and bad habits, losing 15-7 and 15-8, and the match 3-2.

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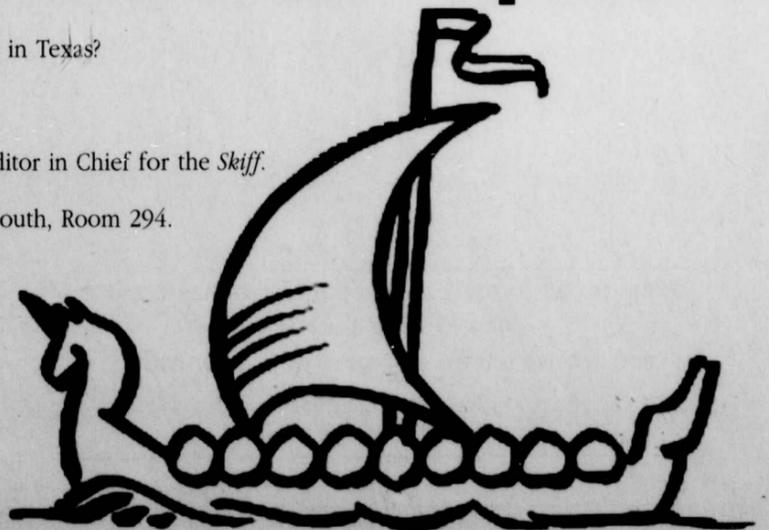
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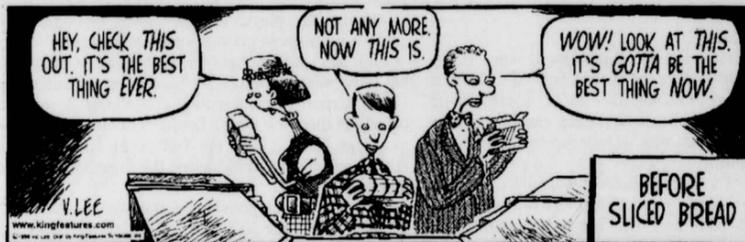
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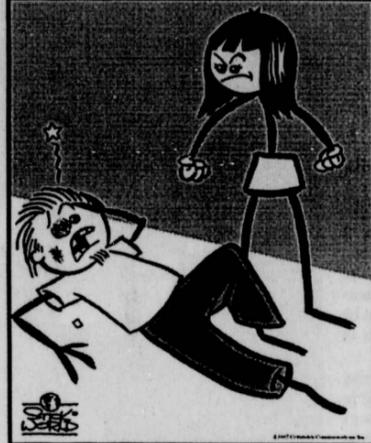
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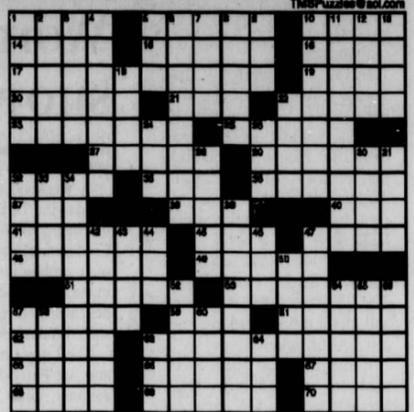


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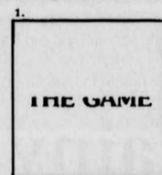
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