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Man charged in death of 19-year-old student

CONROE, Texas — The man reportedly seen with a slain 19-year-old community college student shortly before she disappeared was charged with capital murder Tuesday.

Larry Ray Swearingen, 27, already was jailed on an unrelated aggravated kidnapping charge. He has been the prime suspect for more than a month in Melissa Trotter's Dec. 8 disappearance.

Her decomposed body was found Jan. 4 in a secluded area of Sam Houston National Forest. She had been strangled.

The Willis woman was last seen studying at Montgomery College, just north of The Woodlands, a north Houston suburb in Montgomery County. Swearingen has been the only suspect identified by authorities.

Defense attorney Steve Jackson said he wasn't surprised the grand jury came back with an indictment Tuesday morning, though the capital murder charge took him aback.

"That may surprise us a little bit," Jackson said. "But the fact of the matter is it just doesn't take a lot to get any indictment."

District Attorney Mike McDougal declined to discuss his evidence against Swearingen, adding that he thought the Willis man could get a fair trial, here despite heavy publicity about the case.

— Associated Press

Prof charged with misuse of resources

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (U-WIRE) — Robert Maggio, director of the Mapping Sciences Laboratory and a professor in the Forest Science Department, turned himself in to the University Police Department yesterday and pled no contest to charges of abuse of official capacity.

Bob Wiatt, director of UPD, said Maggio was audited last year as a result of accusations against him concerning the misuse of Texas A&M resources and employees.

Wiatt said Maggio's offense is a Class A misdemeanor and is punishable by up to one year in prison and a \$4,000 fine. Maggio was released yesterday on bond. Maggio said he turned himself in because he could no longer afford, financially, to defend himself against the allegations.

"I have, over the past seven or eight months, spent approximately \$23,000 trying to defend myself," he said.

Maggio said as director of the laboratory his position is to negotiate business contracts between the university and sponsor agencies. The contracts determine funding for research and mapping projects conducted at the laboratory. He said he does not have the authority to sign the contracts; he serves as a contract negotiator between A&M and the agencies.

He said the university has accused him of entering into a contract with an agency, rather than just fulfilling his negotiation duties.

Maggio said the audit began as a result of complaints by a former laboratory employee who alerted university officials to investigate his negotiating procedures. He said university officials evaluated his computer and accounting records to determine his operating procedures and questioned him.

— The Battalion
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Learning software taking time

By Jason Crane
CAMPUS EDITOR

While the country figures out how to face the looming Y2K problem, TCU is dealing with its own computer glitches.

PeopleSoft, the university's new software system, replaced the old IBM mainframe, which was not year

2000-compliant. While the new program will help TCU squash the millennium bug, the software is receiving mixed reviews from staff and faculty.

Ken Morgan, chairman of the geology department, said it is difficult to learn how to use the new software.

"I don't know what to make of PeopleSoft," he said. "It looks to be a

bit cumbersome right now."

Morgan said he is optimistic that PeopleSoft will work well after the software implementation is complete.

"Right now it's not in its most usable form," he said. "It needs to be more user-friendly."

Ron Flowers, chairman of the religion department, agreed.

"PeopleSoft has the potential to be a lot better," he said. "I have fond hopes."

But for the time being, some people are having difficulty making the transition to PeopleSoft.

David Edmondson, assistant provost for information services, said he has been conducting training ses-

sions for budget managers, but he added that training is only the beginning.

"You have to use it a little while before you can get accustomed to the system," he said. "Most people haven't had a chance to experiment with it yet."

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Patrick Pannett/PHOTO EDITOR

Two diners smoke cigarettes at a local restaurant unaffected by the public smoking ban passed by Fort Worth in 1997.

Smoking stamped out

By Mel Korte
STAFF REPORTER

Starting Dec. 31, 1999, TCU students who enjoy the occasional cigarette will no longer be able to do so in certain enclosed public places.

Public places include restrooms, retail stores and common areas of apartment complexes, though exceptions have been made for bars, retail tobacco stores and restaurants that seat less than 50 people. Buildings with separate heating, cooling and ventilation systems for smoking rooms are also exempt.

The Tobacco-Free Ordinance was approved in May 1997 by the

Fort Worth City Council. Other Texas cities with similar ordinances include Arlington, Austin and Wichita Falls.

The ordinance was sponsored by the Fort Worth Tobacco-Free Coalition.

Judy Lundgren, co-chairwoman of the coalition, said the ordinance was a collaboration of many different people.

"The coalition is community agencies and individuals who wanted to make an impact," she said. "The members of the coalition wanted to call attention to the fact that the former smoking ordinance did not mention issues involving

secondhand smoke or tobacco access to youth."

Lundgren said the ordinance passed with some resistance, but there have been relatively few problems.

"Area restaurants were given a grace period to make the changes," she said. "The health department provided a brochure and phone lines for questions and comments."

Pamela Smith, communication director of the American Cancer Society, said the decision to sponsor the ordinance was to help reduce the risk of cancer from second-

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MBA program plans to expand resources

By Lindy Hallford
STAFF REPORTER

The M.J. Neeley School of Business MBA program plans to pursue new corporate partners to add to the more than 300 they already have.

Kristin Chambers, director of MBA career services, said one of her goals is to add to the corporations that TCU has a relationship with, both within the Dallas/Fort Worth area and outside of it.

"Outside relationships would give students more possibilities and more opportunities for employment," she said. "There are a lot of great jobs in this area, but that does not mean that

there are not jobs elsewhere."

Chambers said she wants to give students who are from the Midwest or outside of Texas a chance to work somewhere outside of the metroplex.

"I would like to establish some sort of presence in a city like Chicago," she said. "I think it would be great to provide our students with that opportunity if it is what they are looking for."

She said corporate partners have different roles within the program. They come in as guest lecturers, help with guidance and recommendations and provide jobs.

Rebecca Beasley, a professor of business, said partners such as Alcon

Laboratories have a substantial effect on the program. Ed Schollmaier, former chief executive officer of Alcon, is teaching a marketing elective called Strategic Competitiveness.

She said corporate partners help students with scholarships, internships, jobs and networking opportunities. She said expanding outside this geographical area would help students further broaden their horizons.

Chambers plans to pursue new partners by finding corporations that are good for the university and good for the students. She said she will use a strategic approach utilizing phone

calls and written letters to show companies what TCU has to offer.

"The only reason I can imagine someone not wanting to be a corporate partner is they just do not know about us yet," she said. "If we can get in there and do a good sales job, it should not be too difficult."

Students in the MBA program work as an intern the summer between their first and second year.

Paul Trulove, an MBA candidate, said the program led him to an internship and a job offer.

"TCU strives to have all their students placed in an internship so they can gain valuable work experience while they are in the pro-

gram," he said.

Trulove needed to stay in the Dallas/Fort Worth area so he completed his internship at Fort Worth-based SABRE. But he said extending outside this area could be helpful in catering to student's individual needs and their ability to move.

Chambers said that companies can benefit from this partnership as well.

"They will have a good internship pool and a stronger candidate pool to look from when trying to fill job vacancies," she said. "They have the opportunity to participate and direct the program in a way that is beneficial for the company and the university."

Jackson follows equality issues

By Kristen R. Naquin
STAFF REPORTER

Donald W. Jackson searched earnestly for the word that best describes himself. Finally, it came: dissatisfied.



Donald W. Jackson
HORNED FROG OF THE WEEK

"There are parts of the world I haven't seen, books I haven't read and ideas I haven't coped with," said Jackson, Herman Brown professor of political science and chairman of the department. "A person should never be satisfied. He or she should always be seeking."

Jackson has devoted much of his life to seeking knowledge, information and solutions. As an undergraduate student at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, where he grew up, Jackson took a constitutional law class that addressed civil rights and liberties. As a result, he became highly interested in human rights.

"The issue of human rights is never finished," he said. "It involves struggles in every generation."

Yet Jackson said he hopes his search for answers will eventually see the creation of a body of international law — as well as an international criminal court — that will be effective in protecting human rights.

Most recently, he has become interested in equality issues, specifically those involving gender and sexual orientation.

This intellectual curiosity is what led him to become

a professor, Jackson said.

"I am paid to study things I am personally interested in, and I am provided with the resources and time to make it possible," he said.

Therefore, teaching corresponds with many of his values, including personal and intellectual freedom, he said.

But Jackson has not always been a teacher. In 1962 he graduated from the SMU School of Law and began practicing business law, but he quit seven years later when he realized he did not want to spend the rest of his life as a lawyer.

Instead, he received his master's degree and doctorate in political science from the University of Wisconsin. Before joining TCU in the fall of 1975, Jackson was an assistant professor at Idaho State University and also spent a year as a judicial fellow at the U.S. Supreme Court.

Jackson served as a staff member to Chief Justice Warren Burger and wrote many of Burger's speeches and public statements. He also handled public relations for the office of the chief justice.

Members of the TCU faculty said Jackson has always been active, both on and off campus.

Michael Dodson, professor of political science who has known Jackson for 25 years, said his level of energy and involvement is extraordinary.

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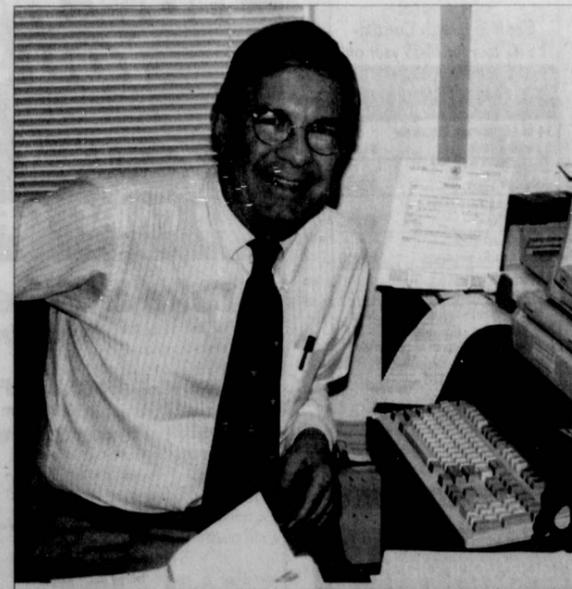


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Don Jackson, Herman Brown professor of political science, has followed his interest in equality issues from the courtroom to the classroom.

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.

Horned Frog Women's Basketball vs. Tulsa at 7 p.m. Thursday.

Graduating Seniors can still purchase a brick and become part of the Senior Appreciation Program. The deadline is Feb. 5. Call 257-5423 for more information.

Frog Camp facilitator applications are available in the Student Development Services office in Student Center, Room 139. Applications are due Feb. 8. For more information, call 257-7855.

Faculty art exhibition will be held in the Moody Building Exhibition Hall until Feb. 12.

Mortar Board Honor Society applications are now available for third-year students. Applications are due Feb. 15 and are available from the Student Development Services office in Student Center, Room 139.

May degree candidates should file their intent to graduate forms promptly in the offices of their academic dean. Each academic dean's office has a deadline for filing and requires time to process the intent. All names of degree candidates must be submitted to the Registrar by Feb. 22. Information concerning important dates can be found on the TCU Web page.

Glacier National Park in Montana is hiring college students for summer jobs. Call (602) 207-2620 for more information.

The Fort Worth Classic Guitar Society concert will feature the Brazilian quartet Quaternaglia at 8 p.m. Thursday in the PepsiCo Recital Hall. Admission is \$25.

The Organization of Latin American Students (OLAS) will meet every Wednesday at 5 p.m. in Room 209 this semester. All students are welcome. The first meeting is today. For more information about joining the organization call President Sylvia Carrizales at 257-8558.

News ROUNDUP

World

Upper Indian caste attacks another, kills 21

SHANKARBIGHA, India — Armed men believed to be members of an upper caste militia stormed into the houses of poor villagers in northern India, killing 21 people and wounding 12 others in a revenge massacre, police said Tuesday.

The killing in a rural district of Bihar, India's most undeveloped state, was part of a series of fatal clashes between gunmen working for the landowning class and communist-backed militias supporting landless workers.

"They surrounded the village and started forcing their way into several houses, just shooting blindly," said Joginder Paswan in Shankarbigha, a cluster of mud-and-thatch houses south of Patna, the state capital of Bihar. The village is in a remote area 420 miles east of New Delhi.

Some people died in their sleep; others were dragged out of their houses and shot at close range, police official S.K. Bharadwaj said.

"We were all having dinner and I ran to hide when six or seven men rushed in," said Malti Devi, who had four family members killed in the attack.

"I am the only one left," she said. The attack was seen as a retaliation for the killing of two people last week in a nearby village and for seven more who were killed last November.

The conflict pits the Ranvir Sena, a strike force of upper caste families, against members of the Maoist Communist Center, the most extreme of the leftist groups working with low-caste laborers.

Chief Minister Rabri Devi, who heads the state government of Bihar, denounced the killings and vowed to catch the killers. She offered \$2,325 compensation to the family of each victim.

Archaeologists discover Neanderthal bones

DUESSELDORF, Germany — Archaeologists say they have unearthed new Neanderthal remains at the site where the first such skeleton was found in 1856.

Some 20 bone fragments belonging to the human-like species were recently found in a cave in the Neander Valley, 10 miles east of Duesseldorf, Gerd-Christian Weniger, head of the Neanderthal Museum, said Tuesday.

Experts estimate the remains are about 40,000 years old, he said.

The remains will be part of a planned exhibit at the museum in March showing all Neanderthal remains found in Germany, Weniger said.

Nation

Children with high lead levels in blood weren't tested

WASHINGTON — An estimated 400,000 poor children with elevated lead levels in their blood were not screened under Medicaid and other federal health programs despite federal law that requires such testing, congressional investigators say.

Nationally, about 890,000 children have elevated lead levels, and most do not know it, the General Accounting Office concluded in a report Tuesday.

"This is a health tragedy. Lead poisoning is a preventable disease," said Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., who requested the report.

It found that 82 percent of children ages 1 to 5 in federal programs were not screened for lead.

High blood levels were five times as common for children served by Medicaid, federally supported health centers and the Women, Infants and Children program. Lower-income children have a greater risk of lead poisoning.

The report from the research arm of Congress echoes a similar GAO study a year ago.

At high levels, lead can cause a variety of debilitating health problems, including seizure, coma and even death. At lower levels, lead can affect a child's intelligence and ability to learn.

Screening is a critical element in eliminating childhood lead poisoning because in most cases there are no obvious symptoms.

Screening rates ranged from less than 1 percent of Medicaid children in Washington state to about 46 percent in Alabama.

In 1989, Congress passed legislation requiring lead screening as part of Medicaid's special preventive health program for poor children.

Sen. Robert Torricelli, D-N.J., said Tuesday he would reintroduce legislation requiring states to provide a minimum number of screenings and establishing penalties for failure.

State

Texas killer who married victim's wife is executed

HUNTSVILLE, Texas — A three-time loser convicted of killing a man so he could collect a life insurance benefit and then marry the dead man's wife was executed Tuesday evening.

Martin Vega, 52, of Luling, was pronounced

dead at 6:22 p.m., seven minutes after the lethal drugs began flowing into his arms.

In a long and rambling final statement, Vega twice proclaimed his innocence, complained about witnesses who testified against him and blasted the criminal justice system.

He described the legal system as a "very high-priced prostitute that sells justice to the highest bidder."

"I am innocent of this," he said. "Now all you all are seeing in the process is a perfect example of ole' freaky-deaky Bill Clinton when he signed that anti-terrorism law to shorten the appeals. This is a conspiracy."

"This is great American justice," Vega said bitterly. "Ain't no telling who gonna be next."

He finished the statement by blurting out, "Bye."

Vega coughed and gasped as the drugs took effect, then he stopped breathing.

Two teenage suspects arrested in murder of single mother

DALLAS — Latausha Curry left home for a blind date last week and never came back. Now, Dallas police have arrested two teenagers suspected in her death and a string of other crimes.

Investigators found Ms. Curry's body Monday night in a wooded section of a south Dallas park. They believe the 25-year-old security guard may have been targeted for her car.

The two suspects have been charged in an unrelated sexual assault, but have not been charged in Ms. Curry's death, Dallas police Sr. Cpl. Chris Gilliam said Tuesday.

He identified the suspects as 18-year-old Derrick Lavone Johnson and a 15-year-old boy, whose name was not released because he is a juvenile.

Ms. Curry, the single mother of a 4-year-old boy, last was seen around 8 p.m. Thursday as she left for a blind date that a singles service had arranged. Police say they don't know whether she ever made it to her date.

Around 2 a.m. Friday, DeSoto police found Ms. Curry's car after it was involved in a chase. The two men inside the car ran off but later told officers Ms. Curry was not with them.

An autopsy Tuesday showed Ms. Curry had been suffocated and beaten.

Johnson and the other teen are charged with aggravated sexual assault in a Jan. 15 attack on a Dallas woman, Gilliam said. That victim's car was found two days later.

Police are looking into how the suspects may have known Ms. Curry. They're releasing little information about Johnson and the boy because they suspect the two in a series of car-jacking robberies in the area, police Sgt. Jim Chandler said.

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editorial

Co-Ed Quarters

New apartments are taste of real world

Look back three years into TCU's history: Everything north of the Student Center was female territory. Everything south was male territory.

But with the construction of the Tom Brown-Pete Wright Residential Community, the university is moving in the right direction. The community, which allows males and females to live side by side, is a step up from the traditional, segregated TCU setting.

It's about time somebody realized that some college students don't need the old system.

Co-ed living, which is alive and well in Brachman and Moncrief halls, helps communication between genders; and we all know we don't know everything about each other. It also gives students a taste of what it's like in the real world.

The environment of the new apartments are more laid back than a traditional residence hall. Students don't rush guests out by midnight, and they enjoy their rooms more.

Resident assistants will treat their residents as adults and will not have to play the part of baby-sitter by making sure someone of the opposite sex is not in the building past midnight. Their time will be better spent on facilitating interaction between the residents.

Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs, said he hopes by the time all the residence halls are renovated they will all be co-ed. Some students will refuse this lifestyle, so he said options will be available, such as single-sex floors.

Giving students the option to live in a co-ed residence hall allows them to learn how to handle more independence. College should be about taking steps towards adulthood, which can be fostered by co-ed living.

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Giving should continue

In the tired-eyed, yawn-filled morning of the first day of classes, I rolled out of bed, still sleeping, and it was official: Second semester had begun. Stepping into the shower, I smiled to find an Albertson's shopping cart sitting in my usual shower. Odd as it may seem to any normal person, this was not an unusual occurrence in the dorm. The cart was a nice change from the shaving cream and water wars that tend to grace the halls of the first floor of Clark Hall. Pushing the cart aside, I went about my business and got ready for my day.

It was good to be back and to hear the old standards: How was your break? What did you get for

Christmas? Did you get a hair cut? We return to a relaxed student body fresh from break and find it just a little easier to smile at one another in passing. A wrecking ball brought endless entertainment and the end to Tom Brown. And The Main's old standards were once again tolerable. Aside from my 8 a.m. classes, all seemed right at TCU.

This weekend I went downtown to forget in about two hours all I had learned in 15 hours of classes, with a little help from my friends, of course. Yet, on my way down, I passed by the Ultimate Paintball Warehouse where I was shot — but not by any balls of paint.

I was shot — hit with reality — as I looked from the warehouse to the homes that house between six to 11 people on any given day. There, I gazed upon a shopping cart — just like the one that once was the subject of my sleepy laughter — that now held all of someone's worldly possessions. I was awake then.

The holiday season has ended. A

federally implemented time when we are told, "It is better to give than to receive," is over. Yet, that does not mean that the time to give or to address people's needs has ended. Just as you would not tell a person you love them only on Valentine's Day, the Christmas holiday are not the only time to give of yourself.

Each year thousands of people make New Year's resolutions to lose weight, quit smoking, be kind to animals and all sorts of other half-hearted promises that fall by the wayside two weeks into the new year. We fight ourselves day after day to keep our slate clean until our new 365 days wears thin. People often start the new year feeling defeated. Why not make the promise to help others? There is a joy rarely felt when we lend a hand to someone in need.

In my home town, the holidays bring blankets of white snow that cover the ground, warming the hearts of small children with its cold touch. And growing up, this was the true spirit of the holidays to me: warm

feelings and cold noses. Not until I realized there are people who don't have a warm house to run into when it gets to cold did I understand the true meaning of the season.

The holidays come at the end of the year to remind us, in case we had forgotten, that there is still time to help. Yet I ask, why we must be reminded? Why not spend the holiday season reflecting upon all the good we did throughout the year instead of trying to catch up? No resolution that can be forgotten, but a life creed.

TCU has many programs — both Greek and non-Greek affiliated — in which we can participate. I encourage and challenge you to do whatever you can. Help others, and you will help yourself.

For more information, visit the student ministries office in the Student Center or its website at: <http://GAMMA.IS.TCU.EDU/min/SERVICE/Service.htm>.

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Commentary



J. BO DAWSON

Gen X regards trial with eyes wide open

John Steinbeck warned, in "Travels With Charley," against discussing politics with family. When I first read this I found it odd. Family should be a haven for free speech. The backdrop of unconditional love within the family should act as a cushion against which opinions, however unpopular, can be bounced. But Bill Clinton's presidency proved my naiveté about the combustible nature of political opinion and family discussions.

I was reminded of this when my parents came to Texas for my girlfriend's graduation. On the way to the TCU graduation, they asked me if I had been listening to the impeachment hearings. I admitted that, because of finals and all the hoopla surrounding graduation, I didn't have

a chance to follow the hearings. But, I added, up until a couple of days before, I had been following it pretty closely.

"Bob Livingston resigned," my mom said. "Bob Livingston..." I knew he was in the House of Representatives, and I knew he was a Republican.

"The Speaker of the House!" my mom said, perturbed that I had to stop to think.

"But that's not all," she said. "They impeached Clinton."

"Really?" I said. I was not shocked. "So why the whole Livingston thing?"

My mom answered, "That creep, Larry Flynt, offered a reward for anyone who could dig up dirt on any of the Republicans."

I chuckled. Flynt's title as the publisher of *Hustler* magazine came to me much more quickly than Livingston's. I thought Flynt's tactic was dirty and shameful, but who can't you find dirt on if you offer enough money?

"All politicians are corrupt anyway," I said, thinking my parents would understand where I was coming from.

"This is nothing new," I said. "Power cor-

rupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely." Big deal. Machiavelli, Huey P. Long, Nixon — they have all shown us the fall of the demagogue in one way or another.

My mom didn't understand my exaggeration or my callousness. She got patriotic and went on about how this nation was the best and how I should appreciate it or get out. It is a big deal, she contended, when the man who holds the most respected office in the country and, perhaps the world, is ousted.

My mom is an intelligent businesswoman. But she grew up in a different time than I did. When she grew up, John F. Kennedy seemed to be loved by all. But my generation has a different take on things. We were never so naive about politics that we could have looked past Kennedy's womanizing and mafia ties.

So there is a generation gap between my mother and I. That is nothing new. But I couldn't understand why she took my comments so personally. For me and many of my friends, politics are less personal. Most of us don't get personally offended when a presi-

dent gets caught with his pants down.

I thought I was making a comment on the fact that almost every president in my lifetime has been involved in some scandal.

My life began in the wake of the Nixon ordeal. Bush was involved in the war with Iraq and was chastised from every side. Add people like Gary Hart and Oliver North to the mix, and there are plenty of targets for the scandal patrol.

Couple the scandals with the fact that actors like Sonny Bono and Jesse Ventura (yeah, I know he's a pro-wrestler, but acting is acting) can get into politics as easily as the good ol' boys, and you can see why my generation doesn't have a romanticized view of politics.

Don't get me wrong. I think it is great that Jesse Ventura is a governor. I hope Hulk Hogan runs for president. I'll vote for him if he does. To me, that is what democracy is all about: the common man stepping up and helping to run the country.

I don't think they envisioned a country run by squabbling, partisan, skirt-chasing,

power-abusing career politicians who just want on the gravy train.

You can call me jaded or cynical. You can lump me together in the Generation X stereotype and assume that I am uninformed. But please, just don't make me swallow this idea that politicians are supposed to be role models, and we are supposed to respect them because they hold office.

I don't respect Clinton any more than I respect Dennis Rodman; they both have roles in their games, and they both give the papers something to write about. But, if you are a politician, simply holding office doesn't mean my generation will kiss your ring.

If politicians want our respect then they can get it the old fashioned way: They can earn it. Until then, we'll just keep putting pro-wrestlers and actors in politics, and we'll watch it with the enthusiasm that we watch a Bulls' game or a Hollywood feature.

William Thomas Burdette is a senior English major from Fort Worth.

Commentary



WILLIAM THOMAS BURDETTE

Let somebody else eat hotdogs and talk to Tweetie

Dear Michael Jordan (or the respective person who gets \$2.8 million a year to read his letters),

I am writing to congratulate you on your retirement. You've done the right thing. I know I am just one small person among the many hundreds of millions who would give up things like free speech and Internet access to have your fame, fortune and athletic prowess. I also know you couldn't give a flip about what I have to say. But hear me out.

Michael Jordan's retirement gives others golden opportunity

First of all, anyone with as much money and free time as you have should be playing a much more competitive game of golf. Just kidding. But really, you do have a lot of time now, and you've had a lot of money for quite a while, so these are the things I would like to talk to you about.

Let's start with the money. During the 1997-98 season, you made more than the entire roster of the Utah Jazz. You've made over \$40 million in endorsements alone. You have been in advertisements for everything from underwear to hot dogs. You were in a really stupid movie with a bunch of cartoon characters. *Do you really need all this money?*

I need it. Bad. But you don't see

me in a Ball Park Franks commercial or telling Tweetie Bird to switch to MCI. If I were an actor and interested in being in commercials to make a living, then you probably would. But I'm not an actor and neither are you. I understand that every great basketball player needs a shoe deal and a soft drink deal, but let's share the wealth a little. Plenty of waiters in L.A. are way more excited about appearing in hot dog commercials than you are, and they actually need the money. So why don't you turn down just a few of those endorsement offers, OK?

While we're on the subject of me telling you what I think, let's not forget that the big black cloud — known as the NBA lockout — has finally lifted. I realize this was not your doing.

But you were a very big part of the decisions that were made. The NBA made two shortened schedules: One for if you decided to play another season so that the Bulls could play in every city and sell out arenas around the nation, and another if you decided to go ahead and join the PGA.

You've known you were going to choose life in your air-conditioned golf cart ever since you hugged trophy number six, but you decided to be vague. You let them bob like fly-fishing lure. Will he or won't he retire? The fate of everyone from Scottie Pippen to the guy selling vintage lunchboxes with your picture on them hangs in the air.

It sure is fun to be the center of attention, isn't it, Michael? I think it's

fun too, but fortunately I got over it after my eighth birthday party. Just sit back and let them decide the fate of a billion-dollar industry that provides livelihood for thousands and entertainment for millions based on how long it takes you to nod your head.

This brings us to the power issue. You sure do like power, don't you, Michael? Come to think of it, you sure do have a lot of it. I realize you have worked very hard to get where you are and that you are extremely competitive. But so am I, and so are a lot of other people.

The point is that most of us competitive hard workers are not as talented as you are. You are so talented and successful that it almost seems like a great cosmic unfairness that the

hand of God has not come down on you at some point and bestowed you with just a little of the failure we average human beings confront every day in our lives.

But you don't fail (at least not that I've seen) and this gives you a lot of power to do whatever the hell you feel like, because you're Michael Jordan.

This is why it's good that you are retiring. One person needs only so much power over industry and the lives of others. Go and do your thing quietly. You've had a career that will be nearly impossible to equal in the near future. Be satisfied. Cease making commercials and controlling the NBA.

In fact, why don't you go hit some golf balls?

Rachael Smiley is a senior art history major from Tulsa, Okla.

Commentary



RACHAEL SMILEY

FROG

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"Most people are winding down at 60, but Don seems to be as active and involved in as many, if not more, diverse activities than he was at 40," he said.

Jackson serves as president of the Fort Worth chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union and is an adviser with Planned Parenthood.

On campus, Jackson serves as the internship coordinator for the recently created TCU London Centre. He said he became involved after he witnessed the

success of the Washington internship program, which he was also instrumental in starting.

"I watched the before and after on students who went to Washington," he said. "It changed the way they presented themselves, as well as their overall self concepts."

TCU London Centre Coordinator Susan Layne said there probably would not be a London Centre if it was not for Jackson. "He was responsible for the idea, and

he gives a lot of himself to the London Centre because he really thinks it's valuable," she said. "We realized how much we needed him when he got sick."

On Nov. 21, Jackson suffered a brain hemorrhage that left him in the intensive care unit for one week and in the hospital for two. He said the hemorrhage healed itself and left no damage, although there was a 60 percent chance he would not survive and an additional 20 percent chance of serious brain damage.

"It was more frightening for my wife than it was for me because I was unconscious the whole time," he said, laughing.

Jeremy Moore, a sophomore religion and sociology major, said Jackson returned to teach the final class of the semester and to administer the final exam.

Other students spoke highly of Jackson, both as a professor and a person.

Lindsey Williams, a junior political science major, said that taking a class with Jackson is a special experience.

"He really cares about his students," she said. "He brings real world experience into the classroom."

In addition, Shannon Craig, a junior speech pathology major who spent the fall of 1998 studying at the London Centre, said Jackson is a positive person.

"He is so intelligent and well-known throughout his field, but he gets down to our level and doesn't act superior," she said. "He is not intimidating for someone who has every right to be intimidating."

SMOKE

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hand smoke.

"The danger of second-hand smoke has been proven," she said. "This is for health reasons. No one wants to make things uncomfortable for smokers."

Chad Lochner, a freshman biology and philosophy major, said the ordinance causes problems for smokers.

"It's a repressive law reminiscent of George Orwell's novel '1984,'" he said.

Andrew Schneebeck, a freshman finance major, said he did not care for the new regulations either.

"It takes away the convenience of smoking," he said.

Area restaurants have had a grace period to come into compliance with the ordinance.

Herman Herrera, general manager of Tia's Tex Mex, 4720 S.W. Loop 820, said several things need to be accomplished before the restaurant is in compliance with the ordinance.

"Our smoking section is quite large, and we will need to change the sections around," he said.

"Regulations for our restaurant are now being set, and it will be awhile before they are in place."

Herrera said he anticipates a drop in business because of the new ordinance.

"All businesses with a smoking clientele will suffer a drop in business, especially the less-established businesses," he said. "In a few months, as people get used to the new policy, they will return to the restaurants, and business will come back."

Tia's Tex-Mex is anticipating the clients will not be used to the idea of a non-smoking environment, Herrera said.

"The store in Arlington suffered a slight setback when Arlington passed a similar ordinance, but people return to the restaurant," he said.

Linda Lopez, shift manager at Ol' South Pancake House and Family Restaurant, 1509 University Dr., said Ol' South currently does not have any plans to change its smoking arrangement.

"We have a smoking room in the

back of the restaurant," she said. "We have lots of requests for the smoking section, and we don't feel the need to change it now."

TCU is in compliance with the ordinance. All buildings on campus are smoke-free, including the residence halls.

Nancy Grieser, coordinator of housing assignments, said the change to smoke-free residence halls was based on the request of students.

"A non-smoking environment was overwhelmingly requested by the students," she said. "We had no problems when the halls went smoke-free after the spring 1998 semester."

Grieser said the hall directors originally decided which areas of the hall would be smoking areas.

"Each hall director designated certain wings or floors for smokers," she said. "Some residence halls elected to be smoke-free."

Grieser said ash urns were placed outside of every residence hall.

"We try to accommodate every student," she said.

SOFTWARE

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Kenneth Raessler, director of the School of Music, said he has attended multiple training sessions but that he still doesn't know how to work with his budget.

"It's safe to say there is still a great deal of confusion surrounding the whole process," he said.

Flowers said he hasn't gotten much help from the training sessions either.

"They are just not sufficient to help us utilize all the features of PeopleSoft," he said.

Flowers also said the monthly budget reports which department chairpersons received last semester were not helpful enough.

"It was very difficult to make sense of them," he said. "They were vague in the sense that we didn't know which numbers were right."

Edmondson said one milestone was reached last week which he hopes will ease some of that confusion.

He said a new reporting tool was added to PeopleSoft which allows

budget managers to create their own reports and look at the numbers "from different angles."

Flowers said the new component allowed him to run a budget report earlier this week.

"The software seemed to work OK, but the data still doesn't seem to be exactly right," he said.

Edmondson attributed the incorrect numbers on budget reports to the fact that the finance module is running on an earlier version of PeopleSoft than the others. He said they should be upgrading by May.

TCU is one of dozens of educational institutions trying to adapt to the PeopleSoft program. Some colleges, however, have dropped PeopleSoft altogether in favor of similar software packages. Roger Mourad, executive associate to the president at Washtenaw Community College in Michigan, said Washtenaw switched to a software program called Banner after initially trying to implement PeopleSoft.

"We got no guarantee that it was

going to work," he said. "While I think each school should come to their own judgment, it is important to have technical people review the software against other products."

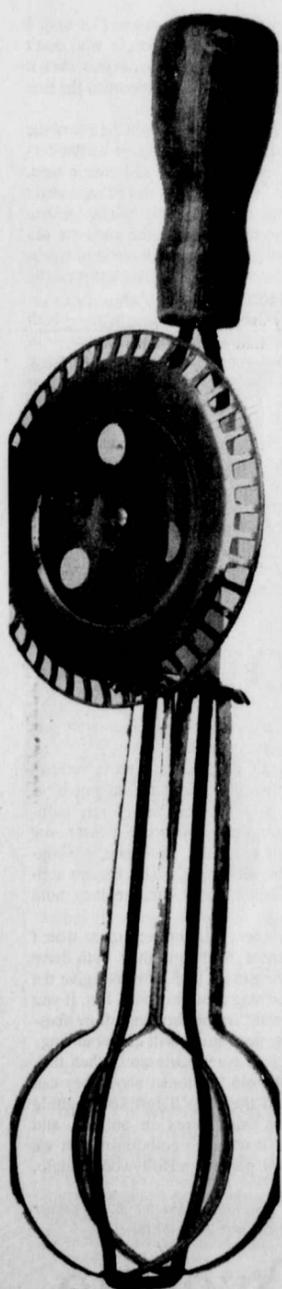
The PeopleSoft software system consists of three modules: finance, human resources and student administration.

Edmondson said the finance and human resources modules are already up and running, and the student administration module is in the works.

He said financial aid should be running by early March, and student finances and student records will be up by May. All three of those systems fall under the student administration umbrella.

Edmondson also said, however, that PeopleSoft's nature doesn't allow it to ever be completely implemented.

"We will have to continue to upgrade the system as newer versions of the software are released," he said.



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NFL

Parcells will not coach in Pro Bowl

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. (AP) — New York Jets coach Bill Parcells has been excused from coaching the AFC team in the Pro Bowl for medical reasons.

Parcells received permission from NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue on Tuesday to skip the all-star game on Feb. 7 in Honolulu. Parcells underwent a series of medical tests last week and two doctors who examined him said he should not work the game.

"Coach Parcells was examined by his cardiologist, as well as by me," Jets medical director Elliott Pellman said. "He clearly was showing the physical effects of the long season. Given his medical history, I told him that he should not travel to Hawaii and participate in the Pro Bowl."

Parcells said. "I feel it would be a big mistake on my part not to listen to the doctors.

"I have nothing but respect for the Pro Bowl and the great players who are in it. Frankly, I'll miss being around them."

Assistant head coach Bill Belichick will run the AFC team, along with the entire Jets coaching staff.

OLYMPICS

IOC president rejects calls to resign

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP) — IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch went on the attack, angrily firing back at his critics, praising his record and dismissing renewed calls for his resignation.

A day after expelling six members in the biggest corruption scandal in Olympic history, Samaranch took the offensive, giving a series of interviews to show he is still in charge.

Newspapers around the world continued to criticize the IOC and called on Samaranch to step down in the wake of the bribery scandal that has engulfed the Salt Lake City Winter Games of 2002. But the 78-year-old Spaniard said the IOC needs him more than ever.

Samaranch announced Sunday he would put his leadership to a vote of confidence at a special IOC session in March. Only if he fails to get the members' endorsement will he resign. Elected in 1980, Samaranch intends to retire in 2001.

Swim teams satisfied with meets

By Tom Sullivan
STAFF REPORTER

The TCU men's swimming and diving team fell to fifth-ranked Tennessee 127-110 on Saturday at the Rickel, though the Horned Frogs did record victories in four events.

Senior Pat Tuohy edged out teammate Michael Wills by three-hundredths-of-a second in the 200 individual medley with a time of 1:57.21.

Freshman Josh Pipes also racked up a victory for the Frogs when he finished the 200-yard butterfly in 1:56.53.

Senior Jason Flint, who has the third-fastest 200-yard breaststroke time in the nation, continued his success with another win in the event. Flint scorched the rest of the field by four seconds, completing the breaststroke in 2:02.87.

Senior Kevin Saal captured first in the three-meter diving competition with a total score of 274.35.

Flint said he liked the way the team swam against Tennessee.

"As a team we're satisfied," he said. "It was a close meet, and it came down to the end. We need to continue this with conference meets coming up."

Swimming and diving head coach Richard Sybesma said he was pleased with his team's effort over the weekend, especially against a team like Tennessee.

"Tennessee has a very good pro-



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gram and finished third in the country last year," Sybesma said. "We thrive on competing against the best."

Sybesma also said the Frogs came very close to upsetting the Volunteers. "We swam very well," he said. "The meet really came down to the last event (an 11-point relay). If we would've won that relay, we would've won the meet."

Flint agreed, and added that a disqualification in the 500-yard freestyle may have also affected the outcome.

"If we didn't have that disqualification at the end ... things may have turned out differently."

The meet against the Volunteers is one of six meets against ranked teams this year for the Frogs. The Frogs have already competed against

Southern Methodist, Brigham Young and Nebraska. Texas and Texas A&M follow later this year.

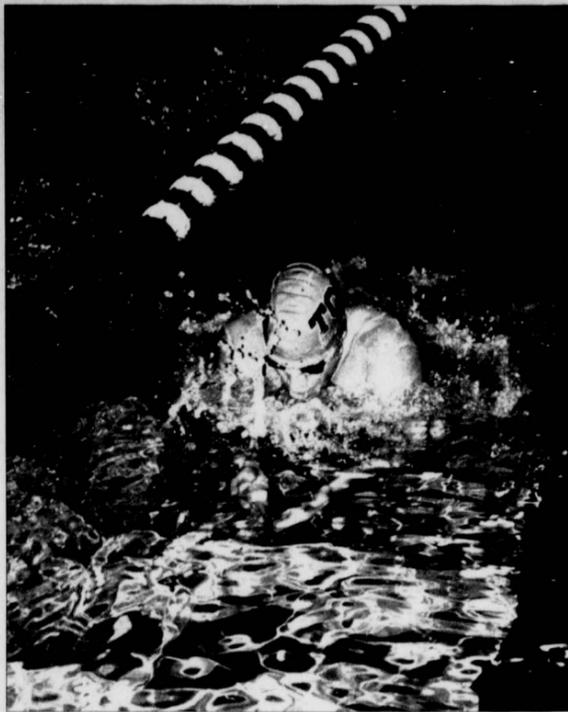
The women's team also had a home meet last weekend against North Texas, as it whipped the Eagles 103-73 Friday night at the Rickel.

Sybesma said the team looked impressive.

"UNT is a very young program," he said. "We did very well in the sense we didn't have to swim our strongest line-up. The kids competed well."

The men's and women's swim teams will end their home-meet schedule this weekend.

The women will face Houston Friday night, and both squads will host Rice Saturday afternoon.



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Both the TCU men (above) and women (above, left) had successful swims over the weekend. The women defeated North Texas, and the men barely lost their meet with fifth-ranked Tennessee.

Iverson signs contract with 76ers

By Ken Berger
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — No matter where Allen Iverson goes or how many defenders he baffles, the critics are always in close pursuit. They say he's cocky, selfish, too enamored with old friends from a troubled past.

Ready or not, Iverson signed a \$70.9 million contract extension with the Philadelphia 76ers on Tuesday that gave him much more than a raise. Flashing a smile to team president Pat Croce, this enigmatic 23-year-old took on the pressure of becoming one of the top young stars in the NBA's post-Jordan era.

"I want to win the most championships," Iverson said. "And I want to be the best player."

The job began as soon as Iverson finished signing his name. Iverson will get the maximum for a player entering his third season in the league, Croce said. He will get \$9 million next season with annual raises of \$1.1 million that add up to \$14.6 million in the final year of the contract.

"I didn't want to wait until the end of the year and then decide whether to play for a contender," Iverson said. "I never wanted to take the easy way out. I've been here through the bad times, I want to be here through the good. I pretty much knew what time it was."

It is the largest contract ever guaranteed by the Sixers, hurtling Iverson past the likes of Julius Erving, Wilt Chamberlain and Charles Barkley.

"There were no snags on our part," Croce said. "I know Allen, and I know he's a winner. I know he's a good guy. That smile can break you down like his crossover."

Iverson's chance to strike it super-rich with a \$100 million contract — like those signed by Kevin Garnett, Antonio McDyess and Shawn Kemp — was wiped out by the lockout. According to the NBA's new collective bargaining agreement, a player with up to six years experience can receive as much as 25 percent of his team's salary cap, beginning at a maximum of \$9 million.

His 1998-99 salary of \$3.5 million is

prorated for a 50-game schedule, reducing it to \$2.2 million — a loss of more than \$1.3 million due to the lockout.

"I just wanted to make enough money to take care of my family," Iverson said. "The money that's out there for me right now is enough for me to do so. If the Sixers were going to give me \$100 million, I would be a fool not to take it. I have a family and I want to know how my future's going to look financially. But it's not all about money all the time."

Iverson is feared for his speed and crossover dribble, yet criticized for ongoing legal problems and judged on his appearance and choice of friends. Along with incredible skill and competitiveness, he brings a street-kid look to the court with his braids, jewelry and tattoos running up and down each arm. Barkley once called him Allen "Me, Myself and Iverson."

Two weeks ago, legal problems haunted Iverson again. Mercedes-Benz Credit Corp. sued Iverson for more than \$28,500 in unpaid lease payments on three late-model cars. The suit also asks for the return of the

cars and for the total buyout amount, about \$300,000, on the 24-month lease vehicles.

"I didn't know until the article came out," Iverson said. "It was something that my accountant was supposed to handle."

Though Croce was willing to let his championship hopes rest with Iverson, he still worries about him.

"He's young, and I know he's giving of himself and of his riches to his friends and family to a fault," Croce said. "So I always worry about him, because he's not someone who will say no."

If Iverson had waited until July 1, he could have negotiated with any team for a seven-year contract worth more than \$86 million. But he said he wants to stay in Philadelphia, despite his past grievances with coach Larry Brown.

"I just had to mature," Iverson said. "I realized that he was a great coach when I looked at his resume. It was important for me to put my pride aside and listen to what was said to me as a positive."

"I was just young, I had to do a lot of growing up."

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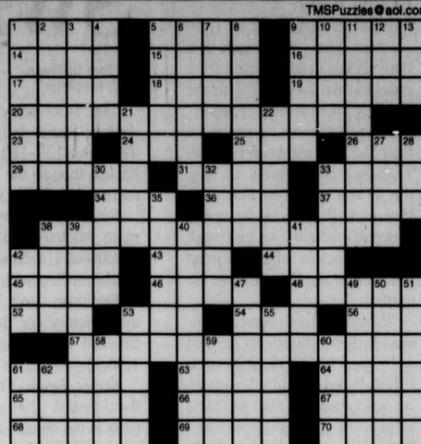
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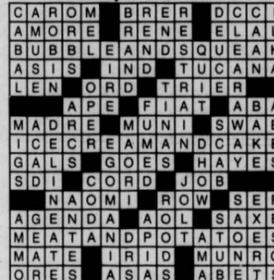
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 - 56 Three, in Italy
 - 57 When dressmakers meet, ___
 - 61 Effective use
 - 63 Simon or Diamond
 - 64 Score
 - 65 Barest hint
 - 66 Angry states
 - 67 Gets an A
 - 68 English school subj.
 - 69 Flat-bottomed rowboat
 - 70 Sail support
- DOWN**
- 1 Segregated housing
 - 2 Snacks
 - 3 Request another hearing
 - 4 Barely perceptible
 - 5 Shoulder warmer
 - 6 Flood barriers
 - 7 French friend
 - 8 Competition follow-up
 - 9 Dwight's opponent
 - 10 Repast
 - 11 Extra rations
 - 12 Arctic surface
 - 13 Politician Kennedy
 - 21 Beachlike
 - 22 Tossed
 - 27 Train units
 - 28 Altar sentence
 - 30 That is (to say): Latin
 - 32 Occupied
 - 33 Relish
 - 35 Use location
 - 38 Melt
 - 39 Reluctant
 - 40 Spider or tick
 - 41 Future oak
 - 42 Turf
 - 47 More ill-smelling
 - 49 Cornell's location
 - 50 Uses a soapbox
 - 51 Latest
 - 53 Removes from text
 - 55 ___-walsy
 - 58 Lofty
 - 59 Younger Saarienen
 - 60 Scotch shot
 - 61 \$ dispenser
 - 62 By way of



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