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Information session
today at Westcliff

Westcliff Manor Apartments, the site of the most recent sexual assault, will host an information session at 7 p.m. for residents of the complex.

Neighborhood Patrol Officer Matt Welch said this meeting is for those who might have felt intimidated by the television cameras at last Thursday's town hall meeting.

Welch, Fort Worth detective Don Hanlon and Neighborhood Patrol Officer Dwayne Goings will be among the Fort Worth police representatives at the meeting to answer residents' questions and concerns over the attack and their safety.

Westcliff Manor is located at 3481 South Hills Ave. For more information, call the complex at 927-2811.

College

Dorm life to be broadcast
on the Web

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (U-WIRE) — Eight students attending New England colleges will have their lives broadcasted in real time over the World Wide Web beginning Monday, and those launching the program plan to expand it to Florida and across the country.

The student-run company, CollegeWeb.com, hopes to provide a true-to-life picture of college life by capturing constant snapshots of students' activities and posting them on WebDorm, <http://www.webdorm.com>.

"It doesn't get any more accurate than this," said Alex Chriss, founder of CollegeWeb.com.

Photos will be captured every 30 seconds by QuickCam VC digital cameras located in the students' bedrooms.

The site will broadcast the pictures 24 hours a day, along with biographical information about the students. Company spokeswoman Allison Mahoney said WebDorm.com is a valuable resource for high school and college students.

"It will give prospective students an idea of what it's like to be in a college dorm," she said. "Current college students can use the site to see what college life is like elsewhere."

The pictures will flow unedited onto the Internet, capturing everything done by the "WebDormers" within the camera's view.

— Independent Florida
Alligator
University of Florida

Device found in dorm
room wasn't bomb

ITHACA, N.Y. (U-WIRE) — The bomb scare in North Baker last Friday proved to be nothing more than a false alarm.

After exploding the suspicious object "in a remote location," the Endicott Bomb Squad declared it "a hoax device not capable of an explosion," said Linda Grace-Kobas, director of the Cornell News Service.

The device, discovered in the dorm room of newly-arrived transfer student Trishuly Patel, was reported to the Cornell University Police Department by an unidentified student who alleged that Patel had "told someone he had a bomb," Grace-Kobas said.

Patel has been charged with two misdemeanors: criminal nuisance in the second degree and falsely reporting an incident in the third degree.

— Cornell Daily Sun
Cornell University

By Joel Anderson
STAFF REPORTER

A student-sponsored candlelight vigil will be held next month to reinforce the TCU community's stance against violent crime and to support the victims of sexual assaults that have hit the area during the last year.

A planning session for the vigil, open to all students, will be held at 9:30 p.m. Tuesday outside the Student Center Ballroom, and the vigil will be held at 8 p.m. Feb. 10 in the ballroom.

At the vigil students can show their support for the victims, three of whom were TCU students.

"This is a way to say we don't believe in this, that it's something we're not going to accept," said Marianne Graham, a senior speech

communications major who is organizing the event.

Graham said the idea for the vigil came to her as she saw reports of the most recent attack.

"I didn't want to go through a semester of sleepless nights again," Graham said.

Singer Katherine Barnes will perform at the vigil, and a speaker may be planned. Amnesty International, Programming Council, Panhellenic, Students Reaching Out, TCU peer counselors and Captain's Table, a group of student athletes, will help with the event's preparations.

Graham said anyone who wants to be involved with the event's planning should contact the Counseling Center at 257-7863 for more details.

The vigil will be a way of healing relations between all groups of students, including some black males who have voiced their concern that a vague description of the suspect may have led to alleged police harassment, she said.

"We don't want it to turn into a girl thing," Graham said. "We want guys involved in this so we can have equal representation. This can have a kind of healing effect for the division this caused."

Monica Kintigh, a licensed professional counselor who works in the Counseling Center, said the vigil can help put a positive spin on TCU's image.

"I think it's important that

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Preventative Measures

Rape Aggression Defense Class

This 12-hour course is offered to female students, faculty and staff. Advance registration is required. Call the TCU Police at 257-7930.

Dates: Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 13-14

Sunday-Tuesday, Feb. 21-23

Times: The first class is from 1-7 p.m.

Classes two and three are from 4-7 p.m.

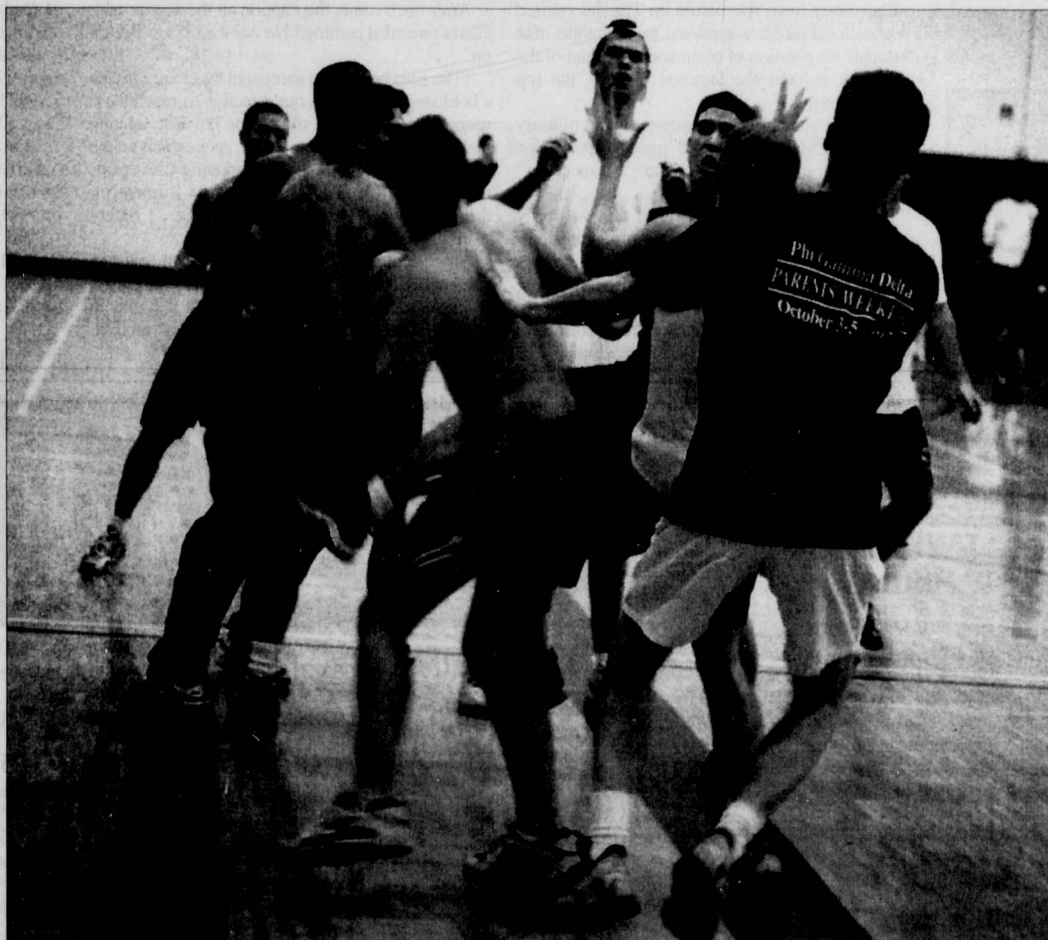
Place: Rickel Building, Room 318

TIP Hotline

The Fort Worth Police Department will administer a hotline to take information regarding the rapist. TCU will give a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and indictment of the suspected rapist. Call the FWPD at (817) 877-8316 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. After business hours or for anonymous tips, call Crimestoppers at (817) 469-TIPS.

SOURCE:TCU POLICE DEPARTMENT

On the court



John Shaw/SKIFF STAFF

Students participate in intramural referee training Wednesday in the Rickel Building. Please see the story on intramurals, page 5.

Students seek
service creditBy Karen Kassebeer
STAFF REPORTER

Some TCU students are attempting to initiate a program that would offer academic credit in exchange for community service.

Larry Adams, associate vice chancellor for academic affairs, said TCU is currently looking at the possibility of giving students the option to perform community service work and receive academic credit. A formal proposal could be made as soon as this semester, he said.

Several universities, including Notre Dame and Syracuse, have similar programs that combine service work with academic credit options, he said.

Ben Wilkinson, a senior biology major who was the first to promote the idea on campus, proposed the idea after attending an exchange program at the Universidad de las Americas in Puebla, Mexico.

Soon after the exchange program Wilkinson began researching the idea in order to learn how to bring a similar program to TCU, he said.

To receive credit for community service, students would be required to attend a class to evaluate their experiences, Wilkinson said.

"It's unique to be able to discuss what they (students) learned or gained," he said. UDLA students must fulfill a service requirement in order to graduate, he said.

Ben Alexander, president of the Student Government Association, said he supports the proposal.

"I think a lot of students on campus see this as a need," he said.

Alexander said he feels that growth as an individual and a well-educated member of society, community outreach is a necessity.

Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs, said he thinks credit for community service is appropriate if students are able to learn from their experiences.

"The key is to assure that learning goes along with the community service," he said.

Mills said not all students learn best in a traditional curricular setting, though rigorous learning can still take place when students are provided with more options.

Stringing along
Brazilian quartet to play at Walsh CenterBy Jeri Petersen
STAFF REPORTER

The Fort Worth Classical Guitar Society and the School of Music are bringing a taste of South American music to campus.

The society, in cooperation with TCU, presents the second of five guitar concerts at 8 p.m. today in the PepsiCo Hall at the Walsh Center for Performing Arts.

Quaternaglia, a Brazilian quartet, will play the music of Sergio Assad, who is one of the famous guitar duo who played to a sold-out audience on Nov. 7 at the Bass Performance Hall.

They will also play a number written by Heitor Villa-lobos, transcribed for four guitars by Sergio Abreu. Abreu also crafted each of the guitars that the group plays.

Olga Molina, wife of group member Sidney Molina, said the group wanted a very special sound. Although four different people are playing together, the sound is special because all four guitars are made by the same person, she said.

The three other members of the quartet are Breno Chavez, Eduardo Fleury and Fabio Ramazzina.

Chip Christ, an adjunct professor of guitar, said Quaternaglia present-

ed a class on Wednesday in the PepsiCo Hall in conjunction with tonight's performance.

"The master class is a great opportunity for guitarists of all levels to be instructed by world-class artists and to see that these guys are just regular people," Christ said.

He said the concert series allows the Fort Worth community to see top-quality performers at the beginning of their careers at a fraction of the price audiences pay for big names.

"This is as good as anything you'd hear in New York, or any other major city," Christ said. "And the PepsiCo Hall is the perfect place for guitar music. Other music groups find the acoustics too lively, but it's perfect for this kind of music. Plus, the intimate setting is nice."

Society founder Chris McGuire said because the average listener finds classical guitar music somewhat unappealing, the society strives to feature music that most people find very beautiful.

Quaternaglia members live in Brazil and are currently on their second North American tour. Their performance stops include Fort Worth as well as New York and Los Angeles.

"The [Portuguese] name Quaternaglia is a fantasy name. It means 'everything with four voices,'" Olga Molina said. "More than its meaning, though, the players enjoy the sound of the name."

She said the concert will showcase music that will be on the group's upcoming CD. The Brazilian music they will perform features beautiful and interesting rhythms, she said.

"The Brazilian rhythms are different, but they are folk rhythms, meaning dance rhythms, so after the first few measures, the audience will find themselves getting into the beat," McGuire said.

The guitarists also teach music in Brazil. The Molinas own a music school, the Conservatorio Musical Mozart, where they offer classical music courses for many instruments.

Quaternaglia performs extensively in Brazil, but has also performed throughout Latin America.

Last year the group won first prize at the Ninth International Guitar Contest of Havana.

The performance is free to TCU students, faculty and staff. General admission tickets for the concert cost \$24 and are available at the door.

Alumnus garners
state-wide supportBy Mel Korte
STAFF REPORTER

Some alumni leave TCU on graduation day and never look back. Others utterly devote themselves to the school that gave them some of the greatest years of their life.

Roger Williams, who graduated from TCU in 1972, fits the second description to a tee.

Williams' dedication to TCU athletics began when he played for the TCU baseball team in the late 1960s. He was named to the TCU All-'60s Decade Team and was a member of the All-Southwest Conference team as well.

Williams' baseball career at TCU was interrupted between 1971 and 1974 while he played professionally for the Atlanta Braves, but he returned as an assistant head baseball coach in '74 and was head coach in '76.

In 1989 he was inducted into the TCU Athletic Hall of Fame.



Roger Williams

Williams was also chairman of the Committee of 100, a group of community business leaders that raised money and spirit for TCU and the athletic department.

"There were 400 members who raised over \$100 million dollars for TCU," he said. "I went out and made speeches all over the state to get people involved in TCU."

The Committee of 100 was disbanded in 1998. Williams said he regrets the missed opportunities.

"We got together Longhorns and Aggies and Bears for TCU," he said. "We went out to remind people that TCU is truly your home team."

Mick Ashworth, former president of the National Alumni Association and a 1962 TCU graduate, said Williams' efforts improved all aspects of TCU athletics.

"Because of his efforts, he gave TCU athletics visibility," Ashworth said. "There was an increase in attendance at football and basketball games because of his marketing practices."

Ashworth, who has known Williams for 20 years, said he appreciates Williams' efforts.

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Pulse

Announcements of campus events, public meetings and other general campus information should be brought to the TCU Daily Skiff office at Moudy 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.

The Horned Frog Women's Basketball team will play Tulsa at 7 p.m. today at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

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 now 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 Moudy 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.

The 1999 Creative Writing Contest is open to students who wish to enter essays, fiction and poetry. Nearly \$3,000 will be awarded. Rules and entry forms are available in the English department in Reed Hall, Room 314 or from the Writing Center in the Rickel Building, Room 100. Deadline for entries is Feb. 19.

A Personal Growth Group led by Monica Kintigh and Sparkle Greenhaw will be held from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Feb. 3. The group will meet once a week for eight weeks. Call the Counseling Center at 257-7863 for more information.

The Department of Social Work is hosting an Agency Information Sharing Day from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 2 in the Student Center Lounge. Representatives from various social service agencies will be on hand to share information with students looking for volunteer placements and field internships.

Senior Mixer will be held from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. Feb. 3 at Joe T's. Come for free food, music and lots of fun.

News ROUNDUP

World

Pilot error caused Nicaraguan plane crash that killed 29
MANAGUA, Nicaragua — Military investigators said Wednesday that pilot error caused last week's crash of a Nicaraguan air force plane that killed 29 people.

The four-man crew of the Antonov AN-26 plane apparently mishandled landing procedures during the plane's approach to the port city of Bluefields, 180 miles east of the capital, Managua.

"The crew did not stick to the approach pattern which had been planned and prepared the day before the flight," said Lt. Col. Jorge Miranda, president of the investigative commission.

All aboard — nine soldiers, 16 civilians and four crew members — were killed in the Jan. 21 crash.

Gen. Joaquin Cuadra, commander of the armed forces, confirmed that the body of an unidentified civilian had been found in the wreckage, increasing the death toll to 29.

The commission said "the causes of the crash were due exclusively to human error," despite the fact that some crew members had as much as 10 years of flying experience.

A radio altimeter which should have sounded a warning as the plane neared the ground was not connected at the time of the crash, and the investigative report also cited "a lack of cohesion in the crew's performance at the most critical stage of the flight."

Civilian government rules Honduras after 41 years of military rule

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras — Decades of military dominance formally ended Wednesday when the Honduran commander-in-chief tuned over control of the armed forces to a civilian president.

Brig. Gen. Mario Hung Pacheco handed his baton of command to President Carlos Flores Facusse, one day after the Honduran legislature voted unanimously to end more than 41 years of military autonomy.

Legislators from five parties on Tuesday ratified constitutional reforms approved in September that eliminate the position of commander-in-chief of the army and disband the Superior Council, the top military body.

Stripping control from a once-powerful military that for decades had toppled governments "was necessary to strengthen our country's democracy," Flores said.

The defense minister, who until now had only nominal control over the military, replaces the commander-in-chief. A smaller council of commanders will replace the 54-member Superior Council.

Flores will soon name a new defense minister who is likely to be a civilian for the first time in modern Honduran history.

The military toppled governments in 1956, 1963 and 1972 before finally abandoning power in 1981. But even after ceding office, it remained a powerful force, largely beyond the control of civilian presidents.

The army has also long been accused of human rights abuses and corruption.

Nation

Cocaine worth \$240 million found in boxes of cauliflower

TOTOWA, N.J. — A 2,500-pound shipment of pure cocaine with a street value of \$240 million was seized from boxes of frozen cauliflower, state police said Wednesday.

Seven men arrested this week in New Jersey, New York and Texas remained in custody, said Col. Carl A. Williams, state police superintendent.

Law officers got information on Jan. 19 that a Texas man would be receiving a large shipment of cocaine and began 24-hour surveillance of him as he traveled between New Jersey and New York, Williams said.

Authorities believe the cocaine is from Colombia but would not speculate on the producing cartel.

The cauliflower was in a shipment of other frozen vegetables that was brought from a warehouse in Hidalgo, Texas, to Seacucus by an independent trucker who was not aware of what was in his cargo, Williams said.

Crash test dummies to be replaced by human actors in safety ads

WASHINGTON — The TV ads with Vince and Larry, the lovable-but-ill-fated crash test dummies, will be replaced next month with more shocking spots aimed at breaking through the recent plateau in seat belt usage.

Instead of seeing lifelike dummies dust themselves off after a crash, viewers will see human actors engaged in common moments that are cut short by an automobile accident.

In one spot, titled "Ice Cream," a husband out buying ice cream to satisfy his pregnant wife's midnight craving has his car hit as he backs out of the driveway. In a second ad, titled "Cruising," teenagers in two cars cruising down a street giggle until one of the cars is smashed by a speeding van.

After each scene, the caption on the screen asks, "Didn't see that coming? No one ever does. Buckle up."

"The idea behind the campaign was to really take a bold step and change our direction to reach those users who are taking short trips but not wearing their seat belts," said Ken Ulmer, spokesman for the Advertising Council. It is marketing the spots, made by the Chicago ad agency Leo Burnett, for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Vince and Larry have been successful seat belt salesmen for 15 years. With their gray jumpsuits and revolving heads, they have an appeal similar to that of the hapless but durable "Star Wars" tin man, C-3PO.

Beyond their public appeal, Vince and Larry have gotten results. In 1985, about 21 percent of the driving population wore seat belts; in 1996, the figure was up to 68 percent.

State

Boy who doused dog with gasoline sentenced to probation

SAN ANTONIO — A 13-year-old boy has been sentenced to nearly five years' probation and ordered to pay \$3,000 in restitution for dousing a dog with gasoline and setting it afire.

The boy also must spend at least six months in a residential treatment center and do community service work with the Animal Defense League.

State District Court Judge Carmen Kelsey handed down the sentence Tuesday, a day after the boy pleaded no contest in juvenile court.

"I'm very pleased with the results, because he's going to get help," the boy's aunt said. "Obviously, there is a reason he did this."

A day earlier, the woman told Kelsey her nephew lived in an unstable environment marked by an absentee mother. She asked that the boy get therapy and pleaded with the judge against incarcerating him.

The boy, who turns 14 in May, will remain on probation until his 18th birthday.

"You need to make sure your conduct is better," Judge Kelsey told the boy in court. She also ordered him to pay \$3,000 in restitution to cover most of the surgery required for Falcon, the black chow burned in the November incident.

The boy also must undergo anger management and family counseling and perform 100 hours of community service with the Animal Defense League.

Parks prohibited from mentioning alcohol, house bill says

AUSTIN — The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department would be prohibited from referring to or mentioning brand-name alcoholic beverages on agency documents, videos or live presentations under a bill filed in the House.

Rep. Leo Berman, R-Tyler, said the agency has a conflict of interest between its promotions against drinking while boating or hunting and its mention of Budweiser beer on campsite catalogs, Internet postings and brochures.

"If they're going to advertise on television against drinking while boating or hunting, then it's a double standard when they display Budweiser signs all over the place," Berman said.

The agency's bass program, annual fair and fisheries center in East Texas have benefited from \$4.8 million in donations from Anheuser-Busch Inc., which makes Budweiser, the agency said.

"We feel like the partnership with Anheuser-Busch has been a very good one for the state of Texas," said Parks and Wildlife spokeswoman Lydia Saldana.

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editorial

GIVE UNTO OTHERS Optional service would benefit students

If some TCU students have their way, the entire student body will soon be given the opportunity to exchange community service for academic credit.

But the proposed credit for service program will only work if it remains optional. Some students have expressed an interest in adding a community service class to the University Core Requirements, but community service is and should remain a primarily volunteer activity.

Sure it would be nice if all 7,300 TCU students were out supporting the Fort Worth community. But the fact of the matter is many students either don't have the time or don't have the heart.

Requiring students to do community service won't change that. It will only hurt those who need the help.

The essence of community service is volunteerism, but the words requirement and volunteerism are on opposite ends of the community service spectrum.

When prison inmates serve their community as part of their punishment, they hardly do it with a smile upon their face. And neither would TCU students who were being forced to pour bowls of vegetable soup at the local AIDS shelter be all too happy to help those less fortunate than themselves. Sad, but true.

An optional class that allows willing students to process what they learned from community service would benefit everyone involved. First and foremost, the volunteers will have a positive impact on the lives of those in need.

In addition, students would be able to share, learn and grow with others who feel the same as they do about the importance of community service. A classroom setting would provide a fantastic opportunity for the volunteers to do just that.

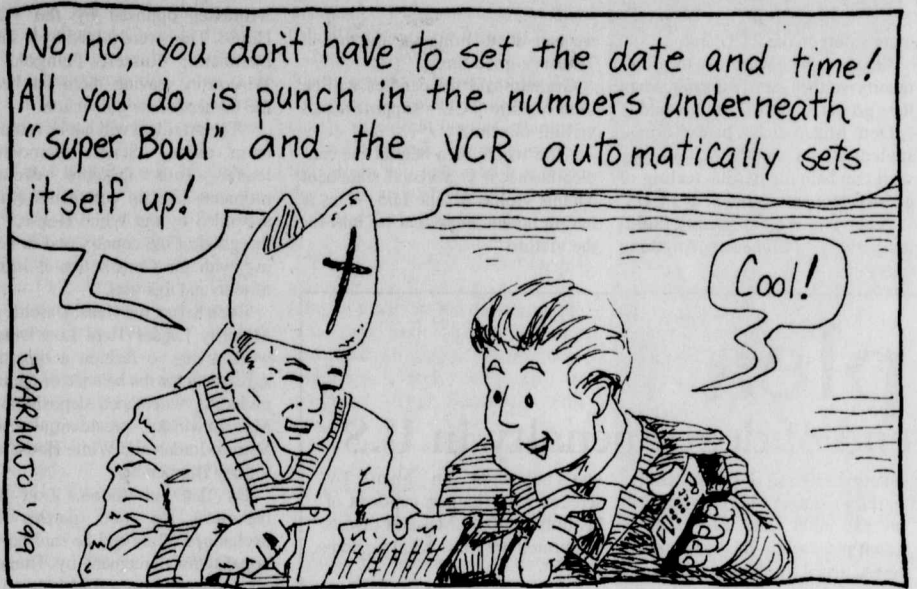
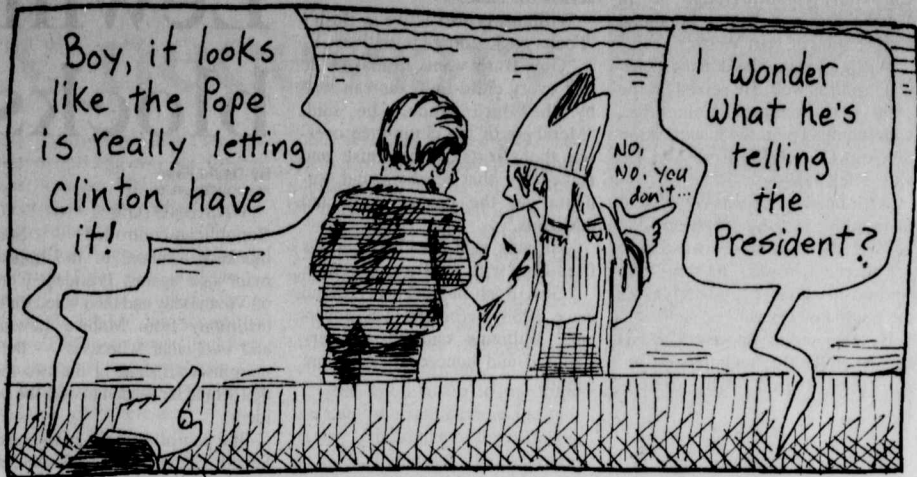
Community service opportunities at TCU are in no short supply. Alpha Phi Omega, TCU CAN and Circle K all provide their members with a variety of service opportunities. Greek organizations support a variety of philanthropies and the TCU Habitat for Humanity chapter recently saw the dedication of a home that they were instrumental in building.

These students' dedication should be rewarded with the opportunity to receive academic credit. Community service should be a part of everyone's life; there is no reason why it shouldn't be part of TCU's curriculum as well.

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Why all of this hate?

What will we do with our anger? I wonder this as the fear of rape and violence becomes, again, a part of this college and this community's daily reality. As violence and rape once again strike fear in the members of this community, I can't help but wonder how we will handle our anger. As injustice destroys our peace, and we inevitably react, where will we put our anxiety and rage?

From the beginning, we must acknowledge

most people's inability to discuss rape with the complete array of emotions that accompany it. I don't know what it's like to be raped, to feel the ache of that violation or to be an intimate friend of one who has. Nor do I know what it is to be a black man on this campus and feel like I arouse misplaced suspicion by my mere presence. I can only imagine.

What I do know is what most of us know: How it feels to be a relatively powerless third party.

I hate being paralyzed by fear in my own home, no matter how irrational my behavior is. I hate having all sense of proportion destroyed, as I disregard out of practical necessity the statistics saying rape by a stranger is comparatively rare. I hate, with a blinding passion, the tension a single person has placed among races. I hate seeing people treat these targeted crimes as a piece of news somewhere beyond their backyard, as though they are a phenomena separate from the pain of real people. All of this blame falls on the head of one person.

Amid all this hate, I try to find the way we ought to react, as human beings bigger than our basic responses of violence and revenge. What is the God-fearing response? What attitude could actually move society beyond a polar opposition of the wholesome and the evil, the victims and the violent?

Throw that man away, my first instinct cries. Lock him up and destroy the key — that is, unless someone seeking revenge, including the State, doesn't get there first. I want this person to be as far away from me as possible. He should get what he deserves.

Yet I hesitate to cast this man out as the Other because I am conscious of my desire to do so. I know that if I define him solely as the criminal and the hated, my emotions are doing nothing to change the phenomenon of crime in our culture.

I think of the expression I heard somewhere: God's place is the world, but the world is not God's place. The rapes this man has committed, and the hatred, fear and racial tension they have caused, are not works of God or acts God ever intended for his earth, his children. But they are the present facts of this existence, the stains in our fallen world we can either cover up or try to clean.

What pain of his own motivates this man to inflict harm on an innocent person? Is there hope he can be fixed in the way he needs to be a fully-functioning member of society? Or is a rapist a lost cause, human garbage to be cast out in the quickest way possible? The voice of God and his infinite forgiveness struggles with the knowledge that if it happened to me, I would find it impossible to forgive.

When it's all over we can look back and say we banded together, we as the good united and formed a circle of wagons against the evil in our midst. But at the same time we became more fearful, more angry at what we couldn't relate to.

Perhaps true justice can only be done after this life is over. Yet the wait is painful, divisive and one that drags on without answers.

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Commentary



ROBYN ROSS

Minor details Small differences diminish cultural gap

Isn't it fun to start the new semester with the thoroughly recycled theme of diversity? I just thought I'd bring it up since Martin Luther King Jr.'s day passed almost in anonymity, to the surprise of many. Me among them.

Well, last year we heard plenty of opinions on diversity. So how could my column make the issue sink in a little deeper? I am an international student. I realize that doesn't automatically make me an expert on alternative views of life, but there are some things Americans are not aware of, and someone should tell them.

I don't believe if you don't belong to a minority, you are automatically ignorant of alternative views of life. I used to think so, but some of my American friends showed me that many of the views minorities have of the majority are mistaken, too. I just thought you'd like to hear that coming from a "minority representative."

Sometimes (OK, many times) we "diversees" are mistaken in our perceptions of the majority. The same goes for the "diversors." There are some things that you — and we — take for granted. We don't think they affect other people, but they do.

Do you know this is probably the only country in the world where constipation means that you "can't evacuate?" In the rest of the world, being constipated means to have nasal congestion. If you go to South America and say you are constipated they will give you Afrin or Sinutab, not a laxative.

What exactly are hash browns? The first time I saw them I thought they were burned rice from the night before. And rice, do you people ever eat rice? Not wild rice or Rice-A-Roni. Plain, white, good ol' rice cooked in water with salt? You don't. Do you know how weird that seems for some of us Hispanics and Asians?

If you never sat and thought about it, well, that is diversity for you. There are some things I can't under-

stand about you, and some things you can't understand about me. But at least I am trying, and you ought to try, too. I am doing it because I need to know what I'm having for breakfast. You should do it because some day you might have me over for dinner and try to offer me decaffeinated coffee. Please, don't ever offer decaffeinated coffee to a Colombian.

Oh, but there's more. Beer — which is from Germany, not Milwaukee — is served warm, not cold. Don't offer cold beer to a true German.

If you ask a Hispanic girl out on a date, the guy pays for everything. If you don't, you have a really slim chance.

The origin of Halloween has very little to do with the church's All Saints Eve, and a lot to do with the Irish and Celtic celebration of Samhain.

Most people outside the United States don't know and don't care what quarterbacks do. Ask us about football, and we'll give you a nice lesson in Pele or Valderrama or Ronaldo. And I am not even getting into the metric system.

I hope this has been a little bit enlightening as to what diversity really is. It's not totally about political correctness, global economy or consideration for the people in Third World countries. It's about constipation, hash browns and beer. If you really want to know about diversity, I suggest you take a peek into an International Students Association meeting. Maybe you'll discover some of the wonderful things I was able to learn last semester.

Learn the legal drinking age in South America is 18, but anyone will sell you drinks when you are ten. Drugs, the illegal kind, are provided by the government in Sweden. If you ask for a rubber in Ireland, they will give you an eraser, and never introduce yourself as Zack to a German guy.

Adios. See you in two weeks.

Raquel Torres is a freshman journalism major from Cali, Colombia.

Commentary RAQUEL TORRES

Lack of traditions makes college life forgettable

The other night — during one of those obligatory residence hall meetings — I saw something disheartening.

As I mounted the stairs, eager to be away from the young girls who were too happy to be alive at 10 p.m., I saw a girl in the crowd wearing a Texas A&M University T-shirt.

I wasn't disheartened because she was wearing the Aggie shirt. After all, how many things in your wardrobe really can go with purple? What bothered me was that on the back of the shirt, beneath a giant mound of flaming sticks pointed toward the clouds, was the simple word "Bonfire."

That was all that was needed to let anyone know the T-shirt commemorated a sacred college tradition for those Aggies. If you were to drive down to Texas A&M, you would see the words "Gig'em" on the tops of barns you'd pass, and once you arrived, they would gladly tell tales about a loyal pet and mascot named Reveille and why her grave sits where it does.

You would hear about a 12th Man. And you would watch as student fans stood throughout an entire football game and Aggie girls were offered a smooch after each touchdown.

These wonderful little phrases, actions and stories are the traditions prospective students and alumni remember long after matriculation and graduation.

Let them come to TCU and what wonderful stories and traditions will they hear? Well there's this "Rif Ram" thing and a hand signal that, though it looks cool in a packed coliseum, really looks more like a crooked peace sign. And then there's ... well, that's about it.

Where are our sacred traditions that folks will want to come here for? And no, that Christmas Tree Lighting thing doesn't count. (We didn't invent Christmas.)

This week, while the semester is still new and since this is the last spring before 2000, I propose that we start some new traditions at this place of higher learning and hopefully higher thinking. Instead of expecting the exceptional quality of the education and the constant tuition hikes to attract new frogs, let's make school as cool as our football team has suddenly become. Let's bend the rules. Break the rules. Have a little fun.

For example, this may be the last year Princeton University gets to have its Annual Nude Olympics because school officials are concerned about the excessive drinking that takes place. Instead of letting this tradition of sophomores running naked through a square on campus die, why not just do things the American way and steal it outright?

Let's start our very own Annual Nude Marathon around the perimeter of the school, wherein the first naked person to finish gets to run over to the bookstore and pile on as much TCU clothing as possible in 18.73 seconds. Whatever they pile on, they, for obvious reasons, get to keep!

Too wild for you? Well, let's just borrow from those Aggies then. Since this is the south, and none of us like to have a bunch of useless books lying around, let's just create The Annual Burn-Your-Book-That-The-Bookstore-Won't-Buy-Back-And-You-Never-Read-Nor-Will-Ever-Read-Anyway Day. Who knows, we might even get on the evening news again!

How about during spring finals the entire campus could have one giant studyfest on all the open lawns each night with free food catered by Red Lobster or the Olive Garden.

It's not exactly cool, but people driving by will wonder why all these students in TCU garb are trying to read in the dark. And it might even get the university to increase the lighting on campus, and therefore our safety.

After every convocation we ought to release purple painted frogs at the Botanic Gardens and then see how many we can catch before they're all trampled to death or the police escort us away from the place.

Finally, since we all love missing class so much, how about inventing The Annual Miss-Your-Classes-For-A-Week week. They can't flunk us all, right? (Well maybe they can, but who cares? That just means another semester to come back and celebrate more traditions.)

This semester is so full of opportunity for decent grades, friendships, relationships and change. Why not take advantage of the opportunity and start something new at TCU?

Besides, 25 years from now, are you even going to remember the words to "Rif Ram?" And what the hell is a Bah Zoo anyway?

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Commentary



SHERIANN SPICER

ALUMNI

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"He's given generously of his time and money for the university and the athletic programs," Ashworth said.

Although the Committee of 100 disbanded, Williams is still involved and interested in TCU.

"I've been a coach, a National Reunion chair and I'll do whatever TCU needs me to do," he said.

Williams was awarded the 1998 Royal Purple Award, given to alumni for service and philanthropy.

He is also active outside of the TCU community. From 1974 to 1995, Williams was president and CEO of Jack Williams Automall, a line of dealerships founded by his father.

He is now chairman of Roger Williams Chrysler/Plymouth/Dodge in Weatherford and Vestry Financial Corporation of Fort Worth.

Williams is involved in the political arena as well. He served on the 1999 Texas Inaugural Committee, which helped plan the inauguration of Gov. George W. Bush and Lt. Gov. Rick Perry.

Williams said he was honored to be involved in the celebration.

"We, the committee, wanted to get people involved," he said. "We wanted to make it memorable for the people of Texas."

He also serves on several committees in the Bush administration. As the Region III Finance

Chairman for Gov. Bush, he raises money and represents the governor across the state.

Williams is also active in Bush's "Focus on Reading" initiative.

"Gov. Bush wants to make sure that every child in Texas can read by the third grade," he said. "Members of the committee oversee the efforts to fundraise and make sure that teachers and students get the proper texts and materials."

Williams said he cherishes his friendship with the Texas governor.

"Gov. Bush has been my friend since 1988, before he was governor," Williams said. "I am very flattered and honored that we are friends."

VIGIL

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instead of hearing about the negative, it emphasizes the positive aspects of TCU," Kintigh said. "It says that we want a better world and that we're willing to make a stand."

Diana Munro, a junior marketing major, attended a preliminary planning meeting for the vigil and said she believes the event could pro-

mote safety in the TCU area.

"This can help people in the community so they can feel safer when they go out at night," Munro said.

Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs, said he believes the vigil can help further the feeling of a close-knit environment at TCU.

"I see this as a community-building activity," Mills said. "Anything

we can do to bring us together at TCU is a good thing."

Graham said the candles will be used to show TCU's support for all victims of crime.

"The whole idea behind the candles is that it is a visual statement against violence," she said. "This is letting others know that we hurt for the victims."

Papal plea
Pope calls for end of death penalty in U.S.

By Julia Lieblich
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ST. LOUIS — Winding up his six-day journey to the Americas, Pope John Paul II condemned capital punishment Wednesday in some of the strongest terms yet and told the United States that with power comes moral responsibility.

"Radical changes in world politics leave America with a heightened responsibility to be for the world an example of a genuinely free, democratic, just and humane society," he said at a prayer service at the Cathedral Basilica before leaving for Rome.

Power is "service, not privilege. Its exercise is morally justifiable when it is used for the good of all, when it is sensitive to the needs of the poor and defenseless."

A tired-looking pope walked hand-in-hand with Vice President Al Gore on the tarmac at Lambert Airport before the pontiff boarded his plane for the trip home.

Earlier in the day, he urged 100,000 worshippers at a Mass in this death-penalty state to spare even those who have "done great evil."

"Modern society has the means of protecting itself without definitively denying criminals the chance to reform," he said at the Trans World Dome, addressing the biggest crowd of his 30-hour visit to the United States.

"I renew the appeal I made most recently at Christmas for a consensus to end the death penalty, which is both cruel and unnecessary."

The message may have had particular relevance in Missouri,

where the state Supreme Court, without explanation, postponed an execution that was to have taken place while the pope was in town. Papal spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls called the delay "a mockery." On Jan. 13, a killer was executed by injection in Missouri.

John Paul, making his fifth trip to the U.S. mainland, also called on his flock to end racism. Racism is "a plague which your bishops have called one of the most persistent and destructive evils of the nation," the stooped, 78-year-old pontiff said, his voice hoarse and his words slurred.

Late Wednesday, he met briefly with 85-year-old civil rights pioneer Rosa Parks, the black seamstress whose refusal to give up her seat on a segregated bus in 1955 led to the Montgomery, Ala., bus boycott.

During the evening prayer service, the pope welcomed Muslims and Jews who joined him in the Romanesque cathedral that houses the world's largest collection of mosaics. For the first time, a rabbi, Robert P. Jacobs, participated in a Roman Catholic papal prayer service.

"May this prayer signify our shared commitment to ever greater understanding and cooperation," the pope told the crowd of 2,000.

At the Trans World Dome, the faithful came for blessings, cures or just a glimpse of the man credited with hastening the fall of Communism and lessening religious restrictions in Cuba.

More than 100,000 people filled the seats of the football stadium and an adjacent convention center, where the pope's image

was projected on giant TV screens with running captions of his homily. One thousand priests celebrated the Mass with the pontiff.

Ida Costa, a cancer-stricken 77-year-old woman from Little Rock, Ark., looked for a miracle cure from the pope: "I'll get the blessings God wants to shower upon me in his presence."

Linda Mary DeLona of Springfield, Ill., was a forest ranger when she saw the pope in Denver in 1993. "Part of the pope's final blessing was a prayer for vocations," she recalled. She has since become a nun.

The pope's condemnation of the death penalty brought mixed reactions from those at the Mass.

"I don't know. I guess we've all got a right to live, but I don't know, especially when they take someone else's life," said William Walker of Alton, Ill.

"As a Catholic, it's easy to be against abortion," said Douglas Marshall of St. Louis. But as for sparing the life of an evil person, "that's the thing. It all boils down to a matter of forgiveness. Are you willing to forgive an evil person?"

The pope arrived in St. Louis on Tuesday after five triumphant days in Mexico. He met with President Clinton and attended a youth rally where he got rock-star treatment from the crowd of 20,000. His message: that Americans should use their freedoms responsibly and strive for a higher moral standard.

"It was exciting for the pope to go back and start his pilgrimage in Mexico, to close the gap between Mexico and the United States," Rosalia Vazquez, 21, said in St. Louis.

Senate votes for Lewinsky testimony, blocks dismissal

By David Espo
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Republican-controlled Senate blocked dismissal of the impeachment case against President Clinton on Wednesday and then voted for new testimony from Monica Lewinsky and two other witnesses — but by margins well short of the two-thirds that would be needed to oust the president.

In a pair of roll calls in the hushed Senate chamber, all 55 Republicans voted against dismissal and for the witnesses opposed by the White House. They were joined by a single Democrat, Russell Feingold of Wisconsin, leaving them far below the 67 needed for conviction.

"The president will not be removed from office," Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle declared moments later in comments swiftly seconded by the White House. "For the good of the country and in keeping with the Constitution it is now time to end this trial."

Even before the votes, Daschle and Majority Leader Trent Lott were at work trying to fashion a bipartisan agreement for the balance of the trial, including videotaped depositions of Ms. Lewinsky, presidential friend Vernon Jordan and White House aide Sidney Blumenthal.

By late afternoon, Lott told reporters the two parties had exchanged offers and he said he was hopeful for agreement by Thursday on a timetable for a final vote on the articles of impeachment by mid-February. He suggested the witness depositions — possibly videotaped — could take place over the weekend or Monday, and left open the question of whether the White House might then decide it wanted witnesses of its own.

Daschle, too, said he was hopeful of an agreement within 24 hours.

There was no debate on the Senate floor before Wednesday's two votes,

but numerous senators issued written statements afterward.

"I believe it is premature to dismiss this case at the present time," said Richard Shelby, an Alabama Republican who had previously expressed misgivings about witnesses. He said he believed the prosecution "should be allowed the opportunity to demonstrate whether there is new and significant information that would justify live testimony."

Apart from Feingold, Democrats were unanimous that whatever Clinton's wrongs, they weren't impeachable offenses. "However reprehensible that conduct was, I do not believe it is constitutional grounds for removing from office a president elected by the people," said North Dakota's Byron Dorgan.

White House lawyers have warned repeatedly that calling any witnesses would mean protracted delays to allow for time for a review of documents thus far withheld from the president's team. But in a prepared statement he read to reporters in a Senate corridor, Special Counsel Gregory Craig omitted any mention of a drawn out process consuming many months.

"Today's events made clear that the votes are not there to convict and remove the president from office," he said. Sixty-seven votes would be needed. Any further proceedings, "run counter to the best interests of the Congress, the presidency and the American people," Craig said.

Democratic sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the White House would not seek to delay the depositions with a demand for extensive preparation time. Only if one of the witnesses made a new disclosure that was potentially harmful to the president's case would they insist on a review of evidence thus far kept from them, these sources said.

Wednesday's trial proceedings, with Chief Justice William Rehnquist presiding, began with the customary

prayer from the chaplain, Rev. Lloyd Ogilvie. "Leadership has its defining days in which critical decisions must be made," he said.

The roll calls that followed within moments were somber — if utterly lacking in suspense — as 100 senators sat quietly at their seats until called on alphabetically to announce their votes. There was one light moment, when Democratic Sen. Barbara Mikulski of Maryland mistakenly sided with the Republicans against dismissal, then swiftly won permission from Rehnquist to correct herself.

Feingold was the only lawmaker of either side to cross party lines. He swiftly left the chamber when the proceedings were over, and issued a statement saying his vote against dismissal "should not be interpreted as a signal that I intend to vote to convict the president."

In fact, several Democrats predicted that on the final vote some Republicans would reject one or both of the articles of impeachment, which allege perjury and obstruction of justice.

The votes on Wednesday capped days of maneuvering over the volatile witness issue. House prosecutors, who originally had hoped to depose a dozen or more key figures in the sex and cover-up scandal reduced their list to a "pitiful three," in the words of their leader, Rep. Henry Hyde. That was to allow Lott to hold Republicans in line at a time when many are eager to end a trial that remains unpopular with the public.

On the Democratic side of the aisle, Daschle and numerous other lawmakers resurrected their calls for censure of Clinton instead of impeachment conviction. "The president should and will receive sanctions and rebuke. I will strongly support a resolution of censure," he said.

But like everything else in the trial, agreement on censure could be difficult to achieve.

Paparazzi in Diana case called before judge

By Pierre-Antoine Souchard
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PARIS — The judge in the Princess Diana investigation has summoned all the paparazzi implicated in the fatal crash to appear before him on Friday, indicating the case may be nearing an end, a judicial source said Wednesday.

It wasn't clear whether Judge Herve Stephan had some final questions or if he was planning to drop charges against some of the parties. But an end to the investigation has been widely expected to be announced within days.

Still, the case wouldn't be completely over. The defendants would have several weeks to demand further tests or questioning before Stephan draws his conclusions.

The judicial source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, had no further details.

Diana, her boyfriend Dodi Fayed and their driver, Henri Paul, were killed in the Aug. 31, 1997 crash in a Paris traffic tunnel. Paul was drunk at the time.

Nine photographers and a press motorcyclist who were tailing the Mercedes have been placed under investigation on charges of manslaughter and failing to aid people in danger. The manslaughter charges are expected to be dropped.

The judicial source also said phone records may help bodyguard Trevor Rees-Jones, the sole survivor of the crash, in his attempt to recover damages from the Etoile Limousine company. He has accused the company, along with the Ritz Hotel, of putting the occupants of the Mercedes in danger. Etoile's only client is the Ritz.

According to the source, phone records show that the company's owner, Nils Siegel, had telephone contact three times on the day of the crash with an independent photographer implicated in the case, Fabrice Chassery.

When questioned earlier by Judge Stephan, Siegel denied any contact with the photographer. Later he admitted receiving three calls, without revealing their content. Stephan is expected to question the two men together, the source added.

The development, while likely not a major one, might bolster Rees-Jones' case against Etoile and against his former boss, Ritz owner Mohamed Al Fayed — Dodi's father.

Rees-Jones says that, among other things, Etoile shouldn't have let driver Paul take the wheel without the proper license for the Mercedes 280-S. He also says the Ritz either knew or should have known that Paul was drunk.

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Mavs sign Ceballos to one-year deal

DALLAS (AP) — Forward Cedric Ceballos, who failed to land a big-money contract in the free-agent market, returned to the Dallas Mavericks with a one-year contract Wednesday.

Ceballos had said after last season he wanted to test the market. But the flurry of free-agent signings last week did not leave much open for him.

"As the market spoke and he didn't receive first of all one of the big free-agent contracts ... pretty soon we were back in the ball game," said Mavericks coach-general manager Don Nelson, who only last week rejected the notion of Ceballos returning to Dallas.

Terms of Ceballos' one-year contract weren't released.

Ceballos, 29, was acquired in a trade with Phoenix last season. He averaged 16.9 points and 6 rebounds in 12 games with Dallas before suffering a season-ending knee injury.

Ceballos has averaged 14.6 points per game and 51.5 percent shooting for his career. He was an All-Star in 1992 and was a reserve in 1995.

His return to Dallas rounds out the Mavericks' roster. Also this week, center Hot Rod Williams agreed to a three-year deal, forward Gary Trent signed a one-year deal and guard Steve Nash agreed to extend his contract for six years.

Sprewell has successful debut

NEW YORK (AP) — The greeting for Spreewell was one of unabashed glee, and it only got louder after he was something to see.

Latrell Sprewell, after receiving a roar of approval in pre-game introductions, sank his final nine shots and scored 21 of his 27 points in a 12-minute outburst to lead the New York Knicks past the New Jersey Nets 88-87 Wednesday night.

Not only was it the exhibition opener for both teams, it also was Sprewell's first NBA game in 14 months. But rather than showing the rust that would be expected, Sprewell performed like the best player on the court.

Sprewell scored 17 points in the third quarter alone, going 7-for-7 from the field on a mix of jumpers and drives to the hoop. He added a corner jumper and a steal and layup in the first 80 seconds of the fourth quarter, then left to a standing ovation from the Madison Square Garden crowd.

He finished 11-for-14 from the field and 4-for-4 from the line in 30 minutes.

If the fans haven't forgiven him for his attack on Golden State coach P.J. Carlesimo, they didn't show it.

Sprewell, introduced fourth among the Knicks' five starters, received the warmest response of them all.

In fact, there were more boos for Patrick Ewing, the president of the players' union, than there were for the league's so-called poster child for bad behavior.

Sprewell started for New York in a three-guard alignment alongside Charlie Ward and Allan Houston. Houston added 17 points, while Ward had eight points and nine assists.

Ewing scored just six points on 3-for-9 shooting, and new acquisitions Marcus Camby and Kurt Thomas had poor debuts. Camby had only two points and one rebound in 17 minutes and Thomas committed two turnovers in the final minute of regulation that allowed New Jersey to tie the game 87-87.

Thomas rebounded himself somewhat by making a final shot with 3.3 seconds left to give the Knicks the win.

Integrity necessary

Coaches often talk about having a sense of urgency. It's like playing with your back against the wall even when you are up by 20 points in the first game of the season. Teams that are on winning streaks usually play with a reckless abandon while losing teams just go through the motions.

What I saw on Saturday night against Nevada-Las Vegas was the play of a losing team. And it started with 19:26 minutes left in the first half.

As we all know by now, pre-season All-American center Lee Nailon was tossed out of the game for fighting with UNLV point guard Mark Dickel. Nailon stepped out of bounds on a baseline drive, but he held on to the ball after the whistle blew. Dickel went to grab the ball from Nailon to throw it in, but Nailon wasn't quite ready to let go. Instead, Nailon hit Dickel across the face.

Now, Dickel could have shown a little maturity and waited for the official to get the ball. Of course, Nailon could have shown the same maturity by not acting like a little kid who doesn't get his way.

Naturally, the team is going to be affected with the loss of their leading scorer. But winning teams learn how

to deal with adversity. I didn't see that Saturday night. The only one to step up was forward Marquis Gainous who scored 41 points before fouling out in overtime.

The aggressiveness usually associated with Billy Ball was pretty much non-existent. Turnovers were plenty while UNLV dominated the boards. Defense was lacking, which posed a huge problem for TCU because the Frogs' scoring depends on good defense.

The Frogs finally got their sense of urgency back when the clock was ticking down, and they went on a 10-0 run to tie the game. Forward Shannon Long finally made an appearance in the game. Up until the stretch run, Long was timid with the ball, often passing the ball off instead of attacking the basket.

But that urgency was lost when the clock started to count down the five minutes of overtime. It became the same story as regulation — lackadaisical defense and timid offense. It didn't help that TCU's two leading scorers — Gainous and guard Ryan Carroll — fouled out.

What I saw was a team that didn't want to play in the NCAA Tournament. I saw a team that was too devastated with the loss of Nailon that at times the players looked like they had given up.

One person that didn't give up, however, was TCU head coach Billy Tubbs. Throughout the game Tubbs was in the ear of any official within shouting distance. Maybe

Tubbs was still peeved about the ejection or other shoddy calls during the game, but his actions after the game were uncalled for.

A statement from Director of Athletics Eric Hyman confirmed what referee Bill Gracey told the Western Athletic Conference office. Tubbs went to the referees locker room after the game and confronted the officials.

"I did not live up to my standards and the standards of the university. I apologize to the officials, the WAC, the university community and our fans," Tubbs said in the statement. "I hope we can put this behind us and move forward."

Tubbs also tried to defend Nailon's actions by saying he didn't swing at Dickel. But, replays clearly show that Nailon swung at the point guard. There comes a time when you just need to accept that your star player screwed up and have the integrity to deal with it.

The fiery coach is known for his antics on and off the court. He offends many people while at the same time puts together winning basketball programs. What's more important here? Winning or integrity? Try winning with integrity.

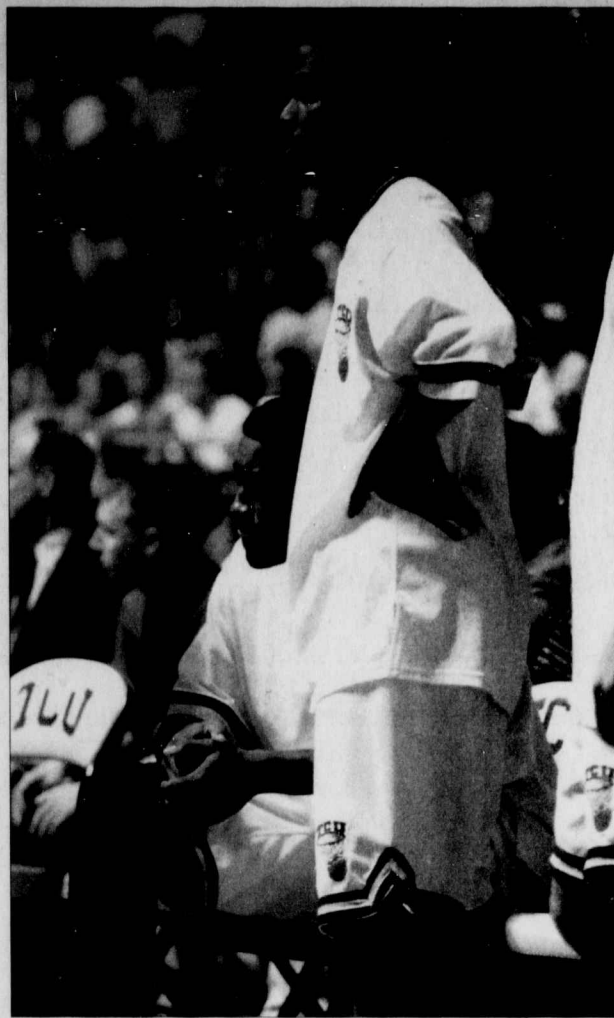
The Frogs need to regain their sense of urgency and poise if they are going to get back to the tourney and advance past the first round.

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Commentary



MATT WELNICK



With sophomore point guard Thomas McTyer standing by, senior center Lee Nailon watches Saturday night's loss to Nevada-Las Vegas from the sidelines after he was ejected for fighting.

Teams approach Bowl differently

By Barry Wilner
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIAMI — For more than three decades, Super Bowl Sunday meant little to the Atlanta Falcons. It was a day to spend almost anywhere but in front of a television set, watching two other teams vie for the NFL title.

For more than two decades, Super Bowl Sunday was downright painful for the Denver Broncos. It was a day for fans to stay away from their TV sets to avoid the carnage.

When they meet at Pro Player Stadium on Sunday, both teams might spend a moment reflecting on just how far they've come in the past year.

For the Broncos, their sixth Super Bowl is entirely unlike all the others. They've come here as champions, carrying a self-confidence and, yes, a swagger that they gained by finally winning the big game.

The Falcons, never before a championship factor, finished 7-9 in 1997. Yet now they've come to Miami with the highest of expectations, a slight sense of awe mixed in with a heavy dose of innocence, and the recognition

of how different things are this January.

While both are playing for the same reward, they are approaching the chance to be atop their profession from entirely different perspectives.

Happily for Denver, that means not having to answer all those "Why did you lose?" questions.

"It's a lot more pleasant, the fact you're not talking about past Super Bowl failures all the time," John Elway said. "It's a heck of a lot more positive. From 1988 until last year, I answered the question whether my career would be complete without a Super Bowl victory. I haven't had to answer that question since."

Now the questions are about repeats and dynasties. The Broncos are so self-assured that they have no problem dealing with those topics. In the past, they merely hoped they could win a Super Bowl. Now, they know they can.

"Whenever you get into a game of this magnitude and lose four in a row, it definitely takes some wind out of your sails," said Mike

Lodish, who went through his own personal Super Bowl trauma (0-4) with Buffalo before joining Denver and getting that first title 12 months ago. He wasn't even in the league when the Broncos lost their fourth Super Bowl in as many tries in 1990.

"To win it is something you can't measure, the feeling you get is so great."

That feeling has bred a boldness and created a confidence in the Broncos that is immediately noticeable. Where previous AFC champs from Denver seemed to fear what might happen in the Super Bowl, these guys can't wait to prove their mettle once more.

"Last year, we had all the questions about never having won a Super Bowl," place-kicker Jason Elam said. "We were big underdogs to the Packers and no one gave us a chance against them. I think there was more pressure on us in that game."

"This season, we came in expecting to go back. We're playing with a lot of confidence, but at the same time, we're not complacent. We're not taking the Falcons for granted."

But just about everyone else took them for

granted for nearly as long as the Super Bowl has existed.

It has been clear all week that the Falcons — with the rare exceptions of Cornelius Bennett, Eugene Robinson and coach Dan Reeves — feel privileged to be here. They might not be in over their heads, but they aren't exactly old hands at this Super Bowl stuff, either.

"I've been through 12 hard years of blood, sweat and tears," Jessie Tuggle said, "and to finally get here, how much sweeter can it be than that? I wanted to be a part of the solution for the Atlanta Falcons after so many years of losing. It's a long time coming for me, us, the organization and the whole city. Nobody at the beginning of the season thought the Atlanta Falcons would be here in Super Bowl 33."

But here they are, 14 1/2 months removed from a 1-7 record.

"It has a lot to do with how do you respond when you are not in the playoffs and the organization is struggling," Chuck Smith said. "How do you respond? We've shown how we respond."

Manning makes third comeback

By Bob Baum
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHOENIX — One severe knee injury can endanger a career. A second one and you're almost certainly through.

Danny Manning is coming back from his third torn anterior cruciate ligament, his third reconstructive surgery, his third excruciating rehabilitation.

"I've never heard of anyone that's still playing who's done two, let alone three," Phoenix Suns coach Danny Ainge said.

Manning was college basketball's player of the year while leading Kansas to the 1988 national championship and was the No. 1 pick in the NBA draft. Then, in his rookie season with the Los Angeles Clippers, the first serious knee injury occurred, followed by another in 1995 and a third last April.

Yet Manning, 32, and entering his 11th NBA season, refuses to feel sorry for himself.

"I'm not jinxed," he said. "If anything, I think I'm paving the way for other athletes who blow their knees out one or two or three times, showing it can be done."

He tore his right ACL in a game against Milwaukee in 1989 and missed 56 games.

In February of 1995, his first season with Phoenix, he tore his left ACL in practice. He played in just 46 games that year and 33 the next.

Relegated to a reserve role in 1996-97, Manning averaged 13.5 points a game. Last year, he averaged 13.5

points and 5.6 rebounds off the bench before his right ACL snapped in a game against Sacramento on April 7.

He won the Sixth Man Award as the league's top reserve, and one day after receiving the trophy underwent surgery again.

Through the summer and fall, there were long hours in Manning's weight room at home. By late fall, he was back on the basketball court, but the NBA wasn't.

"The lockout worked wonders for me," he said. "It allowed me to do a lot of extra work in the weight room and come out on the court and get a feel for it again. I played last season. I missed the playoffs, but I'm back for training camp. It just seems like a regular season."

So far, Manning has looked as good as ever.

"Danny looks wonderful," teammate Jason Kidd said. "Danny looks like someone who hasn't had a knee injury. He's running up and down the floor, dunking the ball. He's doing everything Danny has done in the past."

Manning said he expects to play as many minutes as he did a year ago, and he takes quiet pride in yet another comeback.

"The first time I blew my knee out, it was career-threatening. The second time there was no way someone could come back from two. The third time it's 'He doesn't have a chance,'" Manning said. "Every time I've proven people wrong. Hopefully, I won't have to do it again, but it's the hand I've been dealt, and I just have to play it."

Club participation growing

By Jeri Peterson
STAFF REPORTER

Not all Horned Frog athletes taking a road trip this weekend are basketball players. Several others are recreational athletes, and although they play to win, they really play for fun.

That's the whole idea behind recreational sports.

The men's rugby club will face the University of Houston Saturday in Houston, and the men's volleyball club will be on the road for the next six weekends. These clubs represent just two of the sport clubs at TCU.

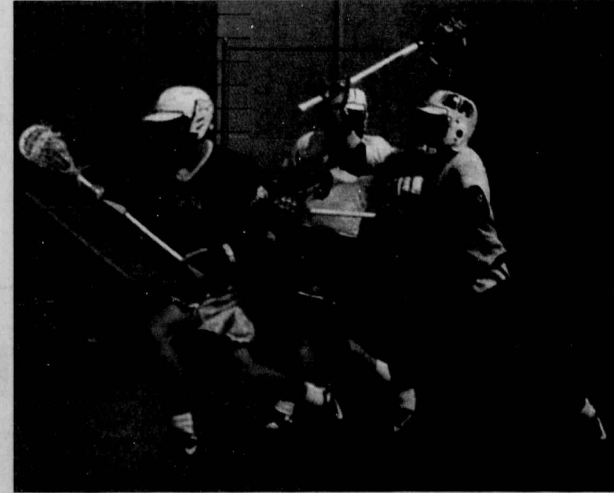
The recreational sports department encompasses a wide array of sports and fitness programs. Intramural sports offer competition between teams of students, faculty and staff on campus. Sport clubs, on the other hand, are student organizations with elected officers. They schedule their own tournaments and arrange travel to other schools.

Steve Kintigh, director of recreational sports, said participation in university recreational sports typically ebbs and flows. Right now, TCU is enjoying high participation levels, he said.

Lance Steffen, assistant director of recreational sports, said registration and participation for recreational sports has increased 75 percent since he came on board last January.

Based on that trend, Steffen said he expects participation this spring to be at least equivalent to last semester.

Spring club sports include rugby, Tae Kwon Do, men's and women's



Both intramural sports and club teams such as lacrosse are getting ready for spring competition.

lacrosse, men's volleyball, high adventure, roller hockey and rifle club.

Rugby Club President Robbie Yellott said, "We're looking for players — no experience required. Fifteen team members are on the field at once, and we have about 17 players now. We could use a few more."

Justin Williams, a men's volleyball club member, said players can join by coming to practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 8 p.m. at Rickel Gym I.

To get a taste of men's volleyball, students can attend the next home tournament on March 6 at the Rickel Building.

"Teams from all over the northern region of Texas will be here, and we'd love for students to come

watch," Williams said.

Play begins at 9 a.m. and lasts until about 10 p.m.

Spring intramural sports include major team sports, tournaments and special events. Some competitions have registration deadlines coming up soon: for chess, Jan. 29; for bowling, Feb. 3; and for floor hockey, Feb. 3.

In addition to intramural and club sports, the department also offers Frog Fit aerobics classes, exercise facilities and a Challenge Course for innovative outdoor activities.

Contact Steffen or Mary Ellen Milam at 257-7945 for more information. The recreational sports department is located in the Rickel Building, Room 229.

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