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Student makes 'People' for painting

EVANSTON, Ill. (U-WIRE) — Ryan Du Val has joined the ranks of Gwyneth Paltrow and Jim Carrey — at least according to *People Magazine*.

People's Feb. 8 issue includes a 300-word profile of the Northwestern University sophomore music major, who replicated Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel mural on his Bobb Hall dorm room ceiling.

"I never would have expected it," Du Val said. "It goes to show how much support there is for student expression."

And some Associated Student Government members agree, although Northwestern administrators didn't appear to show their support when they planned to paint over Du Val's ceiling during Winter Break.

The senate will vote tonight on a proposal that asks the administration to allow student input in revising the room painting policy. The proposal suggests that students be permitted to paint their rooms as long as they repaint them at the end of the school year.

Du Val had to take NU to federal court in mid-December to salvage his work. In an out-of-court settlement, NU agreed to leave Du Val's ceiling untouched until the end of the school year.

"If a student would like to paint their room, they should have the right," said Jay Cohen, an ASG senator for Beta Theta Pi who co-wrote the painting proposal. "It should just be regulated by the university. That would seem fair to everyone involved."

If the proposal passes, ASG will bring its suggestions to the Undergraduate Housing Policy Advisory Committee, composed of students and administrators.

— *Daily Northwestern*
Northwestern University

Religion only reason for homeschooling

LINCOLN, Neb. (U-WIRE) — An amendment to a home-schooling bill failed in the Legislature today after spirited debate.

LB268, a bill introduced by Nebraska Sen. Ardyce Bohlke, passed the first round of debate on a 35-0 vote. The bill would allow parents to home-school their children for reasons other than religious objection. But an amendment to the bill drew sharp criticism from Omaha Sen. Ernie Chambers.

The amendment, added in committee, would have clarified parents' rights to exempt their children from state-required immunization if they had a religious objection. Bohlke said current statutes allow this exemption for children in public schools, and families who home-school their children already assume such rights. The amendment would merely clarify it.

In arguing against the amendment, Chambers said in this instance, the state's interest in children took precedence over religious interests.

"This bill is a session-stopper for me," he said. "I'm concerned about these children for real." Bohlke said the amendment was not necessary for the bill to advance.

Without the amendment, she said, parents who had a religious objection to immunizing their children would still assume the exemption right.

— *Daily Nebraskan*
University of Nebraska

Translation sparks opposition

By Jeri Petersen
STAFF REPORTER

A letter circulated to all TCU employees this week made some people look twice.

The letter from Provost William Koehler invited employees to Chancellor Michael Ferrari's inaugural ceremony on Feb. 26. What received the most attention, however, was a translation of the letter in Spanish.

Spanish-speaking employees seemed to appreciate a letter they could understand.

"No excuses now," said Teresa Balcazar, a facilities services worker who speaks minimal

English. "People who don't speak English sometimes don't understand directions to events on campus, so they don't go. Now we have no excuse."

Balcazar's co-worker, Maria Garcia, said the letter in Spanish was much easier for her to read than the English version.

"It makes me feel good to see this letter in Spanish," she said with a broad smile.

However, some people objected to the bilingual format.

"I got some e-mail messages regarding the letter," Koehler said. "Some said they appreciated it, and some said it was something

we shouldn't do."

One critic expressed the opinion that writing in Spanish discourages non-English speakers from learning the language of the American culture, thus doing them a great disservice, Koehler said.

Koehler said official TCU correspondence rarely appears in bilingual form.

"This is such a special occasion, we want to make sure language barriers don't exclude anyone from attending," he said. "Chancellor Ferrari is extremely sensitive and concerned about diversity and all-inclusiveness.

This (letter) was my decision, and I think he would approve of it."

In fact, certain aspects of the inaugural ceremony itself will be international in nature, and it will be quite obvious, Koehler said.

One aspect of TCU's effort to help employees succeed in American culture is an English as a Second Language class offered on campus.

"Employees and their families may enroll in this class, which is co-sponsored by the Fort Worth Independent School District," said teacher Betty Williams. "This program is a consortium of seven counties under the auspices of the

Texas Education Agency."

Williams said the FWISD, through state funding, provides an excellent curriculum and a teacher, and TCU provides classroom facilities.

"We have 18 enrolled at this site, and our average attendance is about 12," Williams said. "Students don't become fluent in one year, but the first year gives them a very good base to build on. And after the first year, students progress very rapidly."

Classes run September through May on Mondays and Wednesdays from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m.



Coach Dennis Franchione at a recent press conference.

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TRENDS IN TCU ATHLETICS

Fran's recruits signal progress

Joel Anderson
STAFF REPORTER

When Eric Hyman was hired away from Miami of Ohio last spring to be TCU's new athletic director, he said his goal was to improve the overall quality of the athletic department.

Hyman inherited an athletic program with a football team coming off an embarrassing 1-10 campaign. And after former head coach Pat Sullivan stepped down in October, TCU enlisted the services of New Mexico coach Dennis Franchione to lead the team into the millennium.

"The most important thing is that TCU football makes progress," Hyman said then. "Just give Fran the opportunity to recruit."

"I'd like to see all of our teams succeed, but there are some that receive more attention than others. The driving forces athletically are football and basketball."

If that is the case, then TCU has firmly settled in the driver's seat.

With a men's basketball team that has been nationally ranked for a majority of the season and a startling turnaround that culminated in a bowl victory, TCU has catapulted itself into the consciousness of Texas' surplus of blue-chip high school athletes.

Wednesday, known as national signing day to recruiting authorities, saw the football program collect what many analysts believe to be one of the country's top recruiting classes.

"TCU is probably number three in the state," said Jeremy Crabtree, the managing editor of the *National Recruiting Advisor*. "Their coaching staff has done a great job of getting guys to stay home (in Texas)."

Crabtree said the football team's prosperity in the recruiting wars can only help TCU's athletic

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Colloquia spotlights art professor's work

By Jimmy Nam
STAFF REPORTER

David Conn, professor of art and art history, was the feature artist at the first art faculty colloquia of this semester, which was attended by art faculty and students Wednesday.

The colloquia gives students an insight into their professors' life and background, said John Frost, a sculpture art graduate student.

Conn, who has had over 100 exhibitions in the United States, Japan and Europe, opened his lecture with his "Recent Work" slides and explained each of his pieces. He also told stories to accompany his drawings, etchings and printmaking.

In Conn's work, he uses three types of women's images: Eve, Helen and Mary. Conn said he wants to illustrate the world's myth, magic and wonder through his art.

"I am interested in bringing those differences together to create a unified composition," Frost said, "Same for the

ambiguity of the images. Usually one was very recognizable and the other one was more abstract. I like the kind of formal element of bringing those two abstract ideas together."

In his lecture, he told the story of how he became an artist. When he was young, he saw how people were affected by the world and he aims to express that experience in his work.

Conn said his works have their own story to tell. Most of them represent duality, which shows a sense of comfort, healing and life. He said duality shows better interaction between two objects and provides better sense of narratives.

Jim Woodson, associate professor of art and art history, said Conn's work is very different from his own.

"He probably has the finest sensibilities about putting things together," Woodson said. "This group of prints that he's done allows him to do that in a focused way. But he probably understands how things relate to each other in

a way that I'll never quite understand."

Conn said his work is narrative and is associated with feelings of beauty, grace, tension, pressure and meeting.

Frost said he enjoyed Conn's work because it made him think.

"The narratives were good because they left it open to interpretation," Frost said.

Woodson said Conn's work will give viewers a glimpse of the subtleties of everyday life.

"He brings those subtleties into a consciousness in a way that it sensitizes you into the world that you are in just by looking at them," Woodson said.

Woodson also said the artists get a chance to share their own particular area of art.

"Students hear how a particular artist makes their work in kind of sources that they draw upon," Woodson said. "That's different from when you are teaching a class when you are trying to present a more open kind of situation and let them make the connection."



David Conn, professor of art and art history, discusses his art, which has been exhibited around the world, Wednesday in the Moody Building.

Museum celebrates 150 years of Fort Worth

By Pam Woodhead
STAFF REPORTER

Take a trip through history at the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History as Fort Worth celebrates its 150th year.

In honor of the city's Sesquicentennial anniversary, the museum is offering a special Celebrate Fort Worth! exhibit.

Melinda K. Mains, director of marketing at the museum, said the exhibit is hands-on oriented.

"The exhibit is so incredibly hands-on that people find themselves doing things they usually wouldn't do," she said. "The important thing to remember is that if you're having fun, it's a lot easier to learn."

The exhibit's six sections provide glimpses into daily life in Fort Worth from its founding in 1849 up to 1900.

Fort Worth was established June 6, 1849, by the U.S. Army's Company F, 2nd Dragoons. The new fort was located on the west fork of the Trinity River, about 35 miles west of a post office named "Dallas."

Visitors to the museum begin their journey through time by trying on uniforms worn by the Dragoons, and listening to the "voices" of soldiers stationed at the new fort.

The "voices" come from sound cones playing recorded sounds, Mains said.

Celebrate Fort Worth!

"You can position yourself near a sound cone to hear the voices of the soldiers and the Native Americans," she said.

Visitors may view a model of the original 1849 fort, and construct their own forts from toy logs.

The next station that visitors

reach provides information about the nomadic lives led by the Kiowa, Comanche and Apache tribes that once lived in Texas. Visitors may set up and move their own tipis, Native American shelters made of wooden poles and canvas. These tipis are slightly smaller than the ones used by the Native Americans, but one adult or up to three children may fit into them.

Frank Gaffney, a museum volunteer, said the tipi draws attention from all ages.

"Putting up the tipi seems to be a favorite of all the kids and the adults," Gaffney said. "Parents won't dare do it themselves, but they'll set it up if their kids are

watching."

As the next stop in the exhibit, visitors reach the section that takes Fort Worth from a fort to a community. After the army left the fort in March of 1853, the settlers built a community from the existing buildings. The army stable, for example, became the city's first hotel. At this station, visitors may design a quilt or scrub laundry with a washboard.

Visitors can also experience life as a cowboy on the Chisolm Trail, as they help prepare a chuckwagon "dinner," listen to tall tales around a simulated campfire, and bounce on a buckboard as they

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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.

Tickets for performances of "Stomp" and "Rent" at the Bass Performance Hall will be available Friday in the Student Center for \$15 from Programming Council. Due to a limited number of tickets, students are limited to purchasing two tickets each. The tickets for "Stomp" are for 8 p.m. Feb. 23 and 24. Tickets for "Rent" are for April 4.

A self-defense class will be offered in the Rickel Building from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday and Feb. 21. For more information, call Linda at (214) 943-7530.

Personal Growth Group will meet from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday for eight weeks starting Wednesday. The group will be led by Monica Kintigh and Sparkle Greenhaw. Call the Counseling Center at 257-7863 for more information.

Need a summer job? Summer Camp Day will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 11 in the Student Center Lounge. Twenty-nine camps and organizations from Texas and surrounding states will be interviewing TCU students for summer jobs. For more information, contact Career Services at 257-7860.

A sexual assault support group will meet from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays in the Counseling Center beginning Monday. Contact Monica Kintigh at 257-7863 for more information.

"Intersection," an undergraduate art show will run through Feb. 11 in the Moody North Vestibulum. A closing reception will be held 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Feb. 11.

TCU London Centre information sessions will be held at 4 p.m. Thursday and Feb. 11 in Student Center, Room 209. Students who studied at the center last fall will be available to answer questions. Application for Fall 1999 are due March 15.

News ROUNDUP

World

Yeltsin fires advisers, heads back to sanitarium

MOSCOW — President Boris Yeltsin was back at a government sanitarium recuperating from an ulcer on Wednesday, a day after his first visit to the Kremlin this year.

Yeltsin showed up at his office just long enough to dismiss several top officials on Tuesday.

Yeltsin accepted the resignation of Prosecutor General Yuri Skuratov and fired four advisers who had worked for him for years.

Skuratov said he was resigning for health reasons. But the president has criticized him harshly for failing to solve several high-profile murders and to control a tide of anti-Semitic and neo-Nazi sentiments.

Yeltsin gave no reason for the dismissal of his aides.

Back at the Barvikha sanitarium just west of Moscow, Yeltsin met Wednesday evening with chief of staff Nikolai Bordyuzha, the Interfax news agency said.

He did not leave the sanitarium on Wednesday, the ITAR-Tass news agency said.

Next week, Yeltsin is scheduled to meet with Italian Premier Massimo D'Alema, who arrives Monday in Moscow for a two-day visit, Interfax said.

Yeltsin checked into Barvikha on Saturday, following two weeks in the hospital with a stomach ulcer.

Doctors said he would have to spend at least as much time at the sanitarium.

It was the latest in a steady string of illnesses that have turned Yeltsin into a part-time president. Yet he insists he can serve out his term, which ends in mid-2000.

Despite Yeltsin's prolonged absence from the public eye, presidential aides portray him as active and in control.

AIDS kills 200 a day in Zimbabwe, 1.6 million have HIV virus

HARARE, Zimbabwe — The deadly AIDS pandemic is expected to kill about 70,000 Zimbabweans this year — nearly 200 people a day, the head of the nation's AIDS prevention program said Wednesday.

Dr. Evaristo Marowa blamed the spiraling death toll on the continuing refusal of young, sexually active adults to use protective measures.

"The crisis continues to deepen with little or no sign of behavioral changes in the young and

economically active age groups," he said.

By the end of 1999, Zimbabwe's death toll from AIDS-related illness since 1985, when the first AIDS case was reported, is expected to reach 400,000, said Marowa.

Marowa talked to reporters after a three-day visit from Sandra Thurman, director of President Clinton's White House Office on AIDS policy.

An estimated 1.6 million of the country's 12 million citizens are infected with the virus that causes AIDS.

In 1998, the disease killed about 100 people a day, Marowa said.

Zimbabwe has one of the highest rates of heterosexually transmitted Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome in southern Africa.

In Africa, where traditional polygamy and promiscuity persist, AIDS is spread mainly by heterosexual contact. Intravenous drug use and homosexuality are comparatively rare.

Health officials estimate that 25 percent of sexually active urban dwellers are infected with the AIDS virus, with a lower rate in rural communities.

A recent report by Harare maternity services said more than 30 percent of pregnant mothers tested positive for the AIDS virus and many of their babies, infected in the womb, would die before reaching four years of age.

Nation

Poll shows Americans disapprove of impeachment trial

WASHINGTON — A majority of Americans are critical of the Senate's handling of the impeachment trial and Republicans are taking most of the blame, according to a New York Times/CBS News poll out today.

The poll found that concerns are running deep that the continuing impeachment saga will hurt Republican prospects in the 2000 elections.

Half the conservative Republicans surveyed said the way House and Senate Republicans have handled the matter would make it harder for Republican candidates to win elections.

Overall, more than two-thirds of those polled said the Senate does not need to call witnesses to help senators decide how to vote on the articles of impeachment.

Nearly three quarters said the videotaped testimony of Monica Lewinsky, Vernon Jordan and Sidney Blumenthal should not be made public. More than three-quarters said they have not learned anything new about the situation from the Senate trial.

Fifty-six percent disapprove of the way the Senate is handling the trial, while 37 percent approved. Just three weeks ago, in a poll by CBS News, 46 percent said they approved of the Senate's handling of the trial and 41 percent disapproved.

Among those who identified themselves as conservative Republicans, almost a third said they didn't approve of how the Senate was conducting the trial.

While Republicans were viewed as the party most capable of upholding moral values, Democrats were considered most able to tackle issues like Social Security, education and health care.

Democrats were viewed at least as able as Republicans to handle issues like tax cuts and crime, normally considered the province of the GOP.

State

Officials suspend 200 students after police raid on alcohol bash

DALLAS — School officials in the affluent Highland Park neighborhood suspended about 200 students from extracurricular activities Tuesday night following a police raid on an elaborately planned weekend beer bash that got out of hand.

Highland Park school Superintendent John Connolly said the district is eager to show students that such behavior "will not be tolerated."

"As a society we often look the other way rather than face tough issues head-on," Connolly said. "This school district will not look the other way."

The party was organized by students at Highland Park High School and held Saturday night at a downtown Dallas warehouse.

The students had rented the warehouse for \$1,000 and chartered city buses to transport partygoers who had paid from \$35 to \$55 each to attend the beer bash, authorities said.

Nearly 300 tickets were sold, and police said about 250 people ranging in age from 14 to 19 attended.

Police, acting on a tip, descended on the party about midnight and ticketed more than 150 unsuspecting teen-agers from the Park Cities, two wealthy enclaves north of downtown Dallas.

Anne Tasian, an 18-year-old Highland Park senior identified as a main party organizer, was arrested and charged with supplying alcohol to minors.

A 34-year-old man hired as a bouncer at the party also was arrested.

Highland Park school officials released a statement saying that all students involved in the party would be barred from extracurricular activities until further notice.

Immediately affected was the boys' varsity basketball team, which played rival West Mesquite for first place Tuesday night without 10 of its 14 players, including four starters. West Mesquite won, 32-30.

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Students should utilize campus resources

We go to school in a very student-friendly environment, and that is something we can all be proud of. However, we must make sure we take advantage of the services we are offered.

Many people at this university want to see all TCU graduates move into outstanding careers. No one here wants us to be jobless when we are done writing papers and taking mid-terms.

Generally, students work hard to get their degree. Of course, there are a few who coast along on charm, bull and good looks, but most of us are really here to learn. The ultimate goal is to succeed when we leave the TCU bubble for the much-touted, heart-stopping "real world" that awaits beyond the boundaries of graduation.

There are so many opportunities on campus that help students get ready for that real world lurking just around the corner, and they don't have to be seniors to get started.

Yesterday the English department had a career lunch. Two men from the corporate world, one from Pier 1 and one from Shakespeare in the Park, spoke about the way their organizations need good writers and good communicators — an English major's claim to fame — and free food was even offered to all who attended.

This type of informational, informal get-together is a great idea. Students can hear real stories from real professionals and also have the opportunity to ask them questions or talk to them afterwards to get important contacts for the future.

Other departments should do this as well, and attendance should continue to be encouraged. All it can do is help.

Another opportunity for TCU students is the Career Services office located in the Student Center Annex. The staff members in this office are available to counsel students on how to get a job, how to apply to graduate school and many other things. Also they offer services that help students improve their résumé, they put together informational events such as Graduate and Professional School Day and coach students for on-campus interviews.

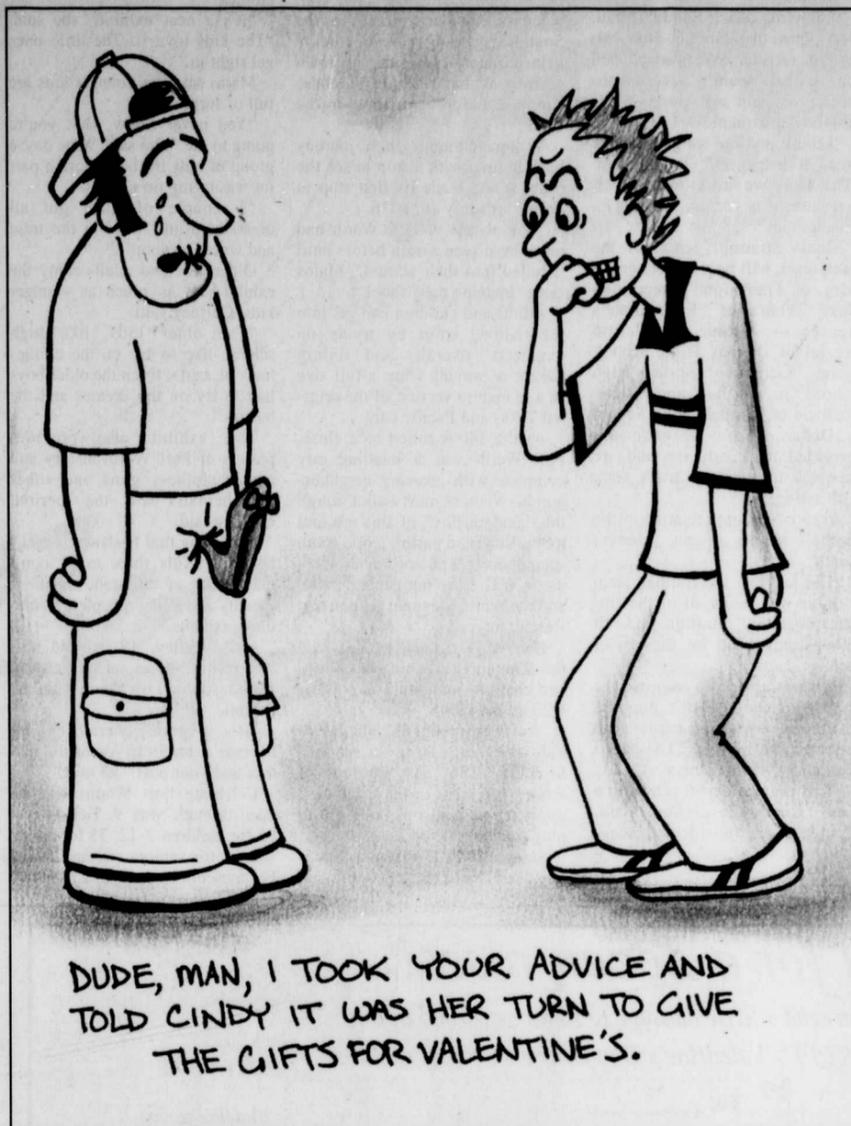
The staff also strongly encourages non-seniors to come in. And for those who do make use of the office's resources, there will be time to plan ahead instead of just being cut loose after graduation.

Departments should continue to provide resources for students as much as possible. In turn, students should take advantage of opportunities available to them.

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Valentine's Day not for the faint of heart

If you've drawn little pink hearts all over your calendar this month, don't read any further. But if you'd like to rehash some painful memories, do continue.

Yes, for those of you who have tried to bury this painful holiday in the depths of your knowledge-filled brain, Valentine's Day is next weekend. Many of you are already experiencing tremendous amounts of stress as you plan for that special day.

Legend says this holiday derived from a priest named Valentine. Supposedly he broke some of the emperor's rules in the name of love and was beheaded on the Feb. 14. He became a saint, and this day was set to honor him. So, how do sexy red dresses and boxes of chocolate fit in? I don't have the answers, but I do know that someone should have put Cupid out of his misery a long time ago.

Regardless of your relationship status, Valentine's Day gives you a headache that can't be healed by Russell Stover or a 10-foot-tall teddy bear.

If you are in a relationship, you face debt. An extraordinary amount of money is spent on an outfit, fancy dinner, entertainment, and don't forget the gifts. Since you've already been dating, Feb. 14 has to surpass the price and creativity of all other dates. At least, this is an idea that most people share.

There are also the long distance relationships. This can sometimes be more financially destructive than having your loved one close to home. You send gifts in order to make up for your absence and have one large phone bill from that weekend. Of course, it's still better than being single.

We've all been there. It's no fun to watch your roommate and friends get all dressed up for a night of excitement. You try and make yourself feel better by celebrating your independence and mocking all those hand-holding, slobbering people, but the pain is still there. Your evening usually turns out to be a deadly encounter with the refrigerator and a bonding moment with the VCR.

Someone must also speak up for the males. Valentine's Day is a girl's holiday. The man is usually the one buying all the gifts and making the plans. All the pressure is placed on him. Sure he might gain satisfaction from making the girl of his dreams smile, or get some "close cuddling" later on in the evening, but there

aren't many gifts for men that say Happy Valentine's Day. So, what does Romeo want? Whoa, let me rephrase that. What will amount to something thoughtful like flowers or compare to the value of jewelry that will win his heart? Maybe the real problem is that we place too much value on these items and then end up losing the sentimental thoughts.

People have gotten so caught up in the traditions that they don't think twice about their purchases or reservations. Why do boys get us candy? Sure we have a weakness for chocolate, but can you name one girl who doesn't complain about her weight? What about dinner for two in an Italian restaurant? These days it's more like dinner for 100 plus a waiting line. I guess those simple days of cutting and pasting Valentine's cards and going on picnics in the park are long gone.

Regardless of how your Valentine's Day turns out, let me recommend Ben and Jerry's latest flavor, Phish Food. Its rich and smooth chocolate ice cream with marshmallow nougat, a delightful caramel swirl and little fudge fish will ease your post-holiday depression.

Let the loving begin!

Stacy Stuart is a sophomore radio-TV-film major from Palmer, Alaska.

Commentary



STACY STUART

Help isn't a bad word

Once I went on a Random Acts of Kindness scavenger hunt. The goal was to do as many good deeds as possible in an hour. My group picked up litter in a park, sacked groceries for people at Sack-N-Save and corralled carts at the same grocery store.

Commentary



ERIN BRINKMAN

The surprising part of this experiment was how few people will actually let you help them. More than once our "Can we help you sack those groceries, Ma'am?" was met with raised eyebrows, wide eyes and a quick, "No!"

Then, last semester, people from my church went to the dorms on the day they opened and helped people move in. My group was stationed at Sherley Hall to help the incoming freshman girls. We were repeatedly rebuffed as we asked families if we could help them lug clothes, furniture, stuffed animals and other odds and ends up to the new rooms.

A few people let us help them, but they always wanted to know what we were getting out of it. Like we were getting paid or something. "No," we would say, "we just want to help. Really!"

There was one lady I will never forget. She and her two daughters were moving one of the daughters into the dorm. It was just the three of them, and they had tons of stuff to haul up to the third floor! After we got the girl ensconced in her new abode, her mother pulled some money out of her wallet and tried to give it to the guy in charge. Repeatedly, he told her no. This was a service we were doing of our own free will, he said, and the rest of us backed him up.

Why was she so reluctant to accept our help as a gesture of good will and kindness?

Today's society focuses on independence. If you can't do it yourself, you're a loser and a wimp. "Help" is the most dirty four-letter word.

In reality, this view of life is not correct. Humans weren't built to stand alone. If we only needed ourselves, friendship, marriage and families would not exist. We were made to stick together and help each other when we can.

It's scary to live in a society where no one trusts anyone else. The Bad Man — be it a thief, a con artist or the TCU rapist — is always lurking in the background, warning us not to trust anyone we meet.

It's true, caution is important. I'm sorry to say not everyone is trustworthy. But some people are. And maybe, if we all work together and try to be a little more kind and a little more helpful, some trust can be built back up within the bounds of our society.

Rebuilding this trust can start right now. Start at work, with your roommate or at your weekly meeting. Start by doing something nice, something small for people you see daily. Help people with that homework they don't understand, offer that person a ride if he or she doesn't have a car.

It doesn't even have to be something that big. Cutting a comic strip out of the paper and giving it to someone who would appreciate it can encourage a smile. A sincere expression and the willingness to really stop and listen to the answer when you ask, "How are you?" is worth the effort in the good feelings that result.

Of course, we all have bad days — those days when we won't remember to be nice. But if we sow the seeds of kindness now, perhaps on our next bad day we will reap the rewards when someone is nice to us ... just because.

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Visit home prompts questions of one's identity

Please, honey, could you come home this weekend? It may be your only chance to see a game, and we'd all really appreciate it. And, as your parents' dutiful older child, almost a college graduate, you go.

Your sister's in the drill team, or your brother plays basketball, or somebody's in the band, or it's Homecoming. You, now an official adult, are plunged back into the world you used to inhabit — the high school gym.

It smells the same, it looks the same and a butcher-paper sign that says, "Sophomores Rule," still hangs in the corner. You are torn between empathizing with this setting you used to know so well and feeling like the alien you are. The smell of the latex

paint, and the sight of Coach Cross instantly make you a teenager again. But these involuntary bouts of nostalgia battle with your current worldliness and the immense silent thanks you give for getting out of this town.

Yes, when you walk in front of the bleachers and look up to find a seat, you still have that sensation that everyone's looking at you. Really they're looking at the game, and you happen to be standing in their line of vision. But still, it brings up the question of security. Identity.

Do you radiate age, confidence and difference from the self of the past? Or are you just a kid in a college sweatshirt, holding under your skin an invisible other life everyone else thinks they understand?

Everyone has an agenda for how they will interact with you and the degree to which they will assume you're the same. Mrs. Hopper, your math teacher, is astounded that you're about to graduate. Your younger sibling's friend Tiffany asks if you miss whatever extracurricular activity you're there to watch.

Each person sees only a fraction of you, like the metaphorical blind men touching the elephant. No one from your past can accurately envision the whole by scratching only part of the surface.

Here in Tommy Hilfiger High, the surface is all that matters. Except for the kids who are self-confident enough to shop in thrift stores, the clothes make the man. A new generation of alternative skater kids line up against the wall to intimidate those who walk by. The teen mothers still cart around babies dressed in outfits that match their own, like little living accessories. The cheerleaders straighten their skirts, looking seductively bored.

More than anything you are surprised by the notion that this is all there is; that the world effectively stops, except on prom night, at the edge of this town. Yet when you, too, lived here, your vision was equally limited. Maybe talking of life outside this size high school is like explaining sight to the blind. You can never imagine it unless you've been there.

And so as an observer, you become in their minds, because you look it, just an advanced version of what you were four years ago as a senior. Your brain has changed shape, but your hair is the same color, and everyone can see the hair.

At last the game is over (your team lost), and you walk out into the cold, starry night. Near the main building, the flagpole — without flags because it is the weekend — stands silent and unprotected against the sky. The metal cable that helps raise the flags bangs against the pole, echoing what you decided in high school was the loneliest sound in the world. And tonight, after the dance, a bunch of kids will go home thinking they've experienced the most their lives have to offer.

You already live in a world that is more than one-dimensional. If only you could make it happen for them four years sooner.

Robyn Ross is a senior news-editorial and English major from Marble Falls, Texas.

Commentary



ROBYN ROSS

RECRUITS

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program reach new heights. "I compare TCU to what Kansas State has done," Crabtree said. "Their program was down in the dumps. But now their enrollment is up and they have increased financial support. "TCU is doing something along the same lines."

Hyman agreed. "The whole institution benefits," Hyman said. "This just builds on a lot of things that were already taking place. People see that the school is making a commitment to have a top-flight program."

While basking in the glow of his highly regarded recruiting class, Franchione reflected on what his successes might mean for the entire TCU athletic program.

"I think it adds to the vision and commitment of the program," Franchione said. "This has been the culmination of a lot of time preparation."

Franchione said a combination of factors has contributed to the sudden influx of blue-chip student-athletes: "The administration and their commitment to the athletic program, a successful (football) season, and being in a bowl game."

"We don't have a bad recruiter on our staff."

Casey Printers, a recruit from nearby Desoto High School, said the family-like atmosphere of TCU was an important factor in his decision to sign.

"Everyone was really nice, and it was just a good experience," Printers said. "That was just one of

the things I saw that made me want to commit."

Volleyball coach Sandy Troutt, who signed three sought-after volleyball recruits Wednesday, said the football team's accomplishments can help all sports in the athletic department.

"I think anytime we get positive press it helps us," Troutt said. "The better we are at every sport, the better it is for us. I say, 'Go, Coach Fran!'"

Monte Stratton, coach of the track team, will be a direct beneficiary of Franchione's recruiting class. Four of Franchione's signees — Jerome and Jerrod Braziel of Dunbar High School, Tyrone Sanders of Spruce High School in Dallas and Ricky Madison of Kimball High School in Dallas — are all nationally respected track athletes and are expected to join the track team next spring.

Stratton was appreciative of the football team's recent achievements.

"The fact that the football team is doing well helps all of the athletic programs," Stratton said. "It reflects only good for the rest of us."

Hyman's efforts to improve the quality of the athletic program have come to fruition earlier than expected, but he said TCU hasn't been a hard sell to others.

"This is a wonderful school in a great location," Hyman said. "People on the outside are recognizing that TCU wants to have a big-time program."

CELEBRATE

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"drive" the wagon. Cattle drives began shortly after the Civil War, when Northerners turned to the South for meat. Fort Worth quickly gained importance as the last town where trail hands could purchase supplies before starting on the Trail.

Visitors continue their journey back in time with a stop to see the train, which made its first stop in Fort Worth July 19, 1876.

"The people of Fort Worth had never even seen a train before until it rolled into their station," Mains said. "Imagine their shock."

Adults and children can get into the railroad spirit by trying on engineers' overalls and selling tickets or waving from a full size or a miniature version of the original Texas and Pacific car.

As the 1800s rolled to a close, Fort Worth was a bustling city complete with growing neighborhoods. Visitors may walk through the "modern city" of this era and tour a Victorian parlor, a one-room schoolhouse, a photographer's studio, a W.C. Stripling general store, and the White Elephant Saloon and Restaurant.

Bob Avery, the gallery host, said the schoolhouse, which has slates and chalk to play with, is popular with all the kids.

"It was surprising the number of kids who went over to the school," he said. "They just got out of school and went to play school. I guess it was that somebody got to play teacher."

Susan Brady, a museum volunteer, said the kids enjoy playing

with the toys and trying on the clothes.

"It's a neat exhibit," she said. "The kids love it. The little ones get right in."

Mains said the younger kids are full of surprises.

"You never know what you're going to see," she said. "One day, a group of kids in the Victorian parlor was trying on clothes."

"A couple of them got all dressed up and went to the train and waved at people."

Older kids and adults enjoy the exhibit just as much as younger kids, Gaffney said.

"The older kids, like high school, like to try on the clothes too," he said. "Even the older boys like to try on the dresses and the bustles."

The exhibit also provides posters of Fort Worth history and actual clothes, guns and other paraphernalia of the period, Gaffney said.

"Anything that is shown is real," he said. "Kids three to 11 don't really look at the static displays. Parents and older people get into those exhibits."

Josh Wadley, 17-year-old student from Abilene, said he enjoyed learning about Fort Worth from the exhibit.

"It's a good overall exhibit because it reminds you of the history and your past," he said.

Celebrate Fort Worth! will be open through May 9. Tickets cost \$3 for children 3-12, \$5 for adults and \$4 for seniors (60 and over). For museum hours, call 255-9300.

New alcohol bill filed for Texas

By Stephanie Elizondo Griest
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — For the fifth time in his 10-year tenure in the House, state Rep. Fred Hill, R-Richardson, has filed a bill that would strengthen Texas' open container law and increase penalties for repeat drunken driving violations.

Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, has filed similar legislation in the Senate.

"Texans feel they have the right to finish up a day of working out in the hot sun and drive down the highway in their pick-up truck, down a bottle and toss it empty in the back," Hill said Wednesday.

His legislation has failed in previous sessions to emerge from committee scrutiny.

"Each time this bill fails to pass, more people die," Hill said. "We not only lead the US in alcohol-related fatalities, we probably lead the world."

Hill cited national statistics that 1,748 people perished in alcohol-related crashes in Texas in 1997, although the Texas Department of Public Safety, which has strict standards, said 1,066 people were killed. DPS officials said their statistic represented 30.4 percent of all traffic deaths in Texas that year.

Mrs. Nelson pointed out that lawmakers have an extra incentive to pass the legislation this session. This time, it is not only a matter of life, she said, but money.

If new federal standards for the penalties of both repeat drunken driving violations and open container laws are not in place by Oct. 1, 2000, Texas would be forced to divert about \$40 million in highway construction funds to other safety programs, she said.

That amount would then increase to about \$80 million in October 2002 if the federal provisions are not in place, she added.

David Laney, the chairman of the Texas Transportation Commission, said that could severely hamper construction, as only about 40 in every 100 projects can be funded under the state's current budget.

"We're already operating under a financial handicap," said Laney. "We cannot afford to have our other arm tied behind our back, too."

The proposed legislation would suspend the driver's license of a repeat drunken driving offender for a minimum of one year, in addition to providing jail time and fines. Violators currently receive a minimum six-month license suspension.

The second bill would ban open containers of alcohol from the driver and passenger compartments of motor vehicles.

Current law allows an arrest only if the driver is seen drinking from the container by a law enforcer, a system which has been called ineffective by activist groups such as Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

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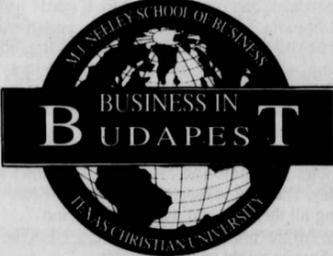
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Chip Adams, KTCU's program director, said KTCU listeners are everywhere, not just around campus.

"It seems that more University of North Texas and University of Texas - Arlington students listen to us than TCU students," he said.

Adams, a senior radio-TV-film major, said to look forward to more campus promotions to help increase student involvement.

"We're doing more campus things, such as giving away free CDs and putting advertisements in the *Skiff*," he said.

Adams said the station, which first broadcast as an FM carrier in 1964, is just like any other.

"We try to simulate the way a commercial radio station should run — like The Edge and Mix — and beat them (in ratings)," he said.

Andrew Haskett, station manager, said although KTCU may not outrank some of the larger area stations, it has won some impressive awards. He said KTCU has been voted best rock station by *FW Weekly* for the last three years.

KTCU's music formats include classical, soft rock and modern rock.

Adams said the station, which broadcasts at FM 88.7, is playing more popular music in an attempt to attract listeners who are driving to and from work.

"We are playing more of the popular bands like the (Smashing) Pumpkins and Tracy Chapman during our drive-time format," he said.

Drive time is from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Jared Blair, the station's modern rock director, said he determines what songs will be played when at KTCU.

"I pick the songs and put them in the computer and the computer sorts them out to be played," he said.

Adams and Blair both volun-

teered to work at the station their freshman year.

"I volunteered, and I guess I've worked my way up," said Adams. "I oversee the music directors; everything you hear is approved by me."

Anybody interested in becoming a deejay can do so, although most of the deejays, like Adams and Blair, are TCU students.

Haskett said the biggest challenge for the station is preparing new students to work at the station.

"We get new students every semester, and some have no experience at all," he said. "My job is to give the students experience and the ability to make decisions. I'm here to work with the students to help maximize our audience."

Erin Chandler, a sophomore radio-TV-film major, said she works as a deejay at KTCU for class credit.

"I started off taking the FM-Operations class last semester for three hours credit, and I'm taking it for one hour credit this semester," she said. "I like it a lot, and I'll continue to do this when I'm finished with the class."

Suzanne Wilemon, director of jazz programming, said she decided to work for KTCU after doing some freelance work with Haskett.

"I've been a deejay here for about a year and I'm in charge of the classical hour from 12 to 1 p.m.," Wilemon said. She also helps run the broadcasts of TCU sporting events.

All TCU football, men's and women's basketball and baseball games are broadcast on "The Choice," the station's call name.

Haskett said finding a call name for the station wasn't easy.

"Five years ago we all decided we needed a brand name," he said. "We invited the audience to submit names but we didn't like them."

"One day Jennifer Norton (a former TCU student) walks into the station and said she has the perfect name — and that was 'The Choice,'" Haskett said. "We all loved it; anything is better than 'The Frog.'"

Story by Tom Sullivan
Staff Reporter

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Amy Harris, a senior radio-TV-film major, (above) broadcasts her drivetime show from the KTCU station in the North Moudy Building.

Christine Ward, a junior broadcast journalism major, (right) helps Marianne Graham, a junior speech communication major to make a PSA.



COMPETING ASSETS

WILL PUMPING MORE MONEY INTO SPORTS MAKE TCU BETTER?

A Sun Bowl win, a million-dollar coaching contract and a new athletic complex are all demonstrative of TCU's commitment to athletics and national recognition.

Eric Hyman, athletic director, said national prominence is a goal that won't happen overnight.

The visibility of athletics presents TCU the opportunity to showcase its values and standards. Hyman said the cost of the athletic program is a worthwhile investment.

From June 1997 to May 1998, TCU spent \$133,852,022 for the athletic program as reported to the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

This is an increase of \$121,549,795 from the 1996-97 figures of \$12,302,227.

William Koehler, provost and vice chancellor of academic affairs, said he has noticed a shift in athletic spending in the last five years. Expenditures in women's sports and faculty salaries have increased dramatically.

Koehler said among all division I A schools, there may be several differing factors but what remains common is that they all must compete against each other on the playing field.

"If you want to be successful, it costs you what it costs them," Koehler said.

High profile athletics can get people asking questions about other areas of TCU.

"There is no more cost effective

way to do that than athletics, whatever the cost," Koehler said.

The recent approval of the athletic complex was the beginning step in gaining a successful and marketable program, Hyman said.

The board of trustees approved the complex without garnering all the needed funds. A sense of urgency was conveyed to the board and the board was confident the money could be raised.

Malcolm Loudon, a member of the intercollegiate athletic committee of the board of trustees said his interest is in all areas of the school, from history to accounting and athletics.

"As a trustee, I have to look at the whole university," Loudon said. "Athletics is one area of the school where we have excellence. We must

maintain that excellence."

Hyman agreed.

"To have a level of excellence ... there is a cost to it," Hyman said.

With all the money invested into athletic programs, Hyman said he wants students to be proud.

"I hope they see the dividends and benefits of the investment," Hyman said.

Other universities have plans to drastically expand their athletic programs, too.

Vanderbilt University in Tennessee

is in the midst of a large scale renovation project. Jeff Compher, senior associate athletic director for external relations, said the university is to get high quality facilities to attract the best athletes.

Compher said the progress can't be rushed.

"You have to start from the beginning with facilities, then recruiting, then project it onto the field," Compher said.

Southern Methodist University is working on a sports center project which is scheduled for completion in 2000, said Jon Jackson, sports information director.

Jackson said the \$51 million project, which will include a new stadium, hasn't caused a dramatic shift in the budget.

He said there are many parallels between the athletic renovations of TCU and SMU. Jackson said it is important to have the same kind of competitive advantages as other schools who recruit from the same areas.

With all the hype surrounding the Horned Frog athletic teams, it could be perceived that academic excellence is a second priority. Chancellor Michael Ferrari said this isn't the

	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
Football	\$2,862,584	\$3,843,304	\$2,537,275
Men's basketball	803,298	1,099,699	763,002
Women's basketball	447,899	699,035	799,442
Other men's sports	690,996	1,655,441	1,292,850
Other women's sports	365,340	1,554,039	1,558,027
Not allocated by gender	3,185,557	3,450,709	4,105,120

School	athletes (%)		operating expenses (000)		total budget net (000)	
	male	female	male	female	male	female
Texas Christian University	67	33	\$633	\$408	-\$4,416	-\$2,136
Baylor University	64	36	\$1,159	\$627	-\$1,238	-\$2,203
Rice University	68	32	\$1,341	\$408	\$1,994	-\$357
Southern Methodist University	69	31	\$7,183	\$3,111	\$580	-\$364

case. "Academic strengthening is still where the heart is ... the future of the university," he said.

The recent developments in the area of athletics will not deter Ferrari from focusing on the academic development.

"It is the real core, what the reputation will be built on, where the attention must be given," he said.

Through attracting more applicants, a higher student retention rate and more alumni donations, athletics can bring the public attention to TCU.

"Other universities use athletics to promote visibility in academics," Koehler said. "The two need not be in conflict."

Story by Beth Wilson
Senior Reporter



New facilities needed for national visibility

By Brenda Schulte
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Students could offer a long list of campus facilities that need upgrades or replacement in the near future. But at the Board of Trustees meeting this fall, \$8.05 million was approved for improvements, not to the Student Center or Rickel Building, but to Phase I of a new athletic complex.

Although students were surprised by the move, administrators say the project is overdue and important for reasons that go beyond the Sun Bowl or NCAA tournament.

Poss Bailey, chairman of the athletic department facilities committee, said in planning the project, the committee has given a lot of thought to the needs of TCU's athletic department.

"As we continue to grow and emphasize that we have a desire to be a player in Division I athletics, facilities play a role in that," Bailey said. "We're not doing this for fluff reasons. There are program needs that need to be met."

Bailey said the estimated cost of Phase I is \$8 to \$10 million. Overall, he said, the project will probably be \$30 to \$40 million.

Chancellor Michael Ferrari said the complex moves TCU to a new level of visibility.

"Athletic strength will never replace academic strength ... but we want to be

competitive," he said. "The question is: Who do we want to be in league with?"

Athletic Director Eric Hyman said in the initial planning process, other schools were considered as examples, such as the University of Oklahoma and the University of Kansas, but architectural firms were chosen with TCU's specific needs in mind.

Leo A. Daly has more expertise with athletic facilities and has worked with Texas A&M University and Baylor University. Hahnfeld and Associates is familiar with the Fort Worth area and has worked on renovations to the Will Rogers complex, Bailey said.

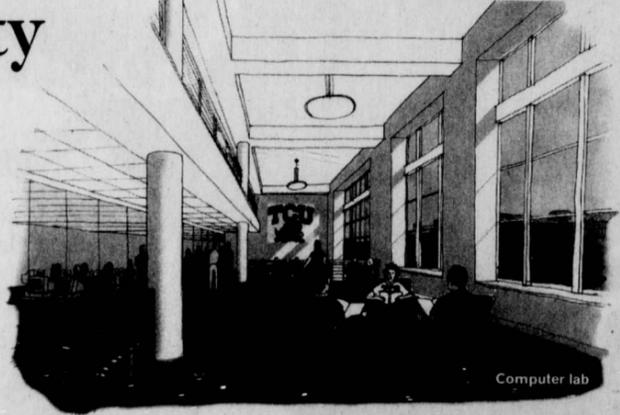
"When you really want to build a building right, you sit down initially with the group involved and go through a planning, programming and justifying process," Bailey said. "You try to decide what's happening, who it's going to serve and what its overall function is going to be."

"That way it's harder to make a mistake or miss something," he said.

Coordinators of the project describe it as having a domino effect. One step cannot be started until the one before it is complete, said Bailey.

"It requires a lot of timing so we have as little disruption of playing seasons as possible," he said.

Bailey said he anticipates a groundbreaking before March 1, although a date



has not been established.

The new track, on the site of the present soccer field, will start the project. Track is in season and needs a facility until May 20.

Soccer will be moved to the existing football practice field in the next month or so and the practice fields will be moved to the location of the present track, he said.

The Athletic Academic Center will be built in the area between Daniel-Meyer Coliseum and Amon Carter Stadium. The building will hold administrative offices, football offices, the compliance office, a video lab and a heritage center aside from the academic center.

Bailey said the heritage center will be used to highlight current TCU athletics

as well as history and traditions. He said he envisions it as a combination of the Letterman's Lounge in Daniel-Meyer and the foyer in Sadler Hall.

"We need to get our Heisman Trophy out where people can see it," he said. "It's a place to showcase championship 4x100 track teams and football players like Jason Illian."

Phase II of the complex will go before the trustees for approval at this semester's board meeting.

Bailey said the proposal includes the relocation of baseball to the Worth Hills area of campus along with a building to support it with offices, locker rooms and sports medicine. Another indoor facility, with an indoor basketball practice court and a volleyball venue, is in the plan.

Students cash in on athletic talent

By Joel Anderson
STAFF REPORTER

Athletes being paid to showcase their talent doesn't only happen in the pros.

High school athletes can head towards college with not only the guarantee of more education, but also of a spot on a team.

It shows that people feel you're worthy of investing money in," said Chris Kaylakie, a junior finance major and placekicker for the TCU football team.

Kaylakie was one of college football's feel-good stories this past season. After coming to TCU sans grant-in-aid as a freshman in the fall of 1996, Kaylakie apprenticed under former All-American kicker Michael Reeder. After Reeder's graduation, Kaylakie stepped into Reeder's shoes. He earned All-Western Athletic Conference honors this season, as well as something more valuable and tangible — a full scholarship.

"From the time you get to school you're always trying to earn one (a scholarship)," Kaylakie said. "It really helps out a lot."

It's the sort of help that translates into the most valuable word in a college student's vocabulary: free. Free books, room and board, tuition, and no student fees. In addition to the full scholarship, student-athletes benefit from free tutorial services.

At a small, private school like TCU, the value of "free" can't be underestimated. The average annual cost of attending TCU is \$15,900, according to a pamphlet from the admissions office. This can be a very expensive investment for most people. As a result, high school senior student-athletes around the country clamor for a free college education.

"It's really competitive," said women's tennis coach Ronald Ingram. "It's a free education. It's rare that you get an athlete who's good enough to play on a college team who's not on full scholarship."

Not all athletes at TCU are on full scholarship. According to Michael Scott, director of scholarships and student financial aid, sports that participate in NCAA-sanctioned competition are divided into two categories: head count and equivalency.

Head-count sports like football, basketball and volleyball are required to extend full scholarships to a NCAA-mandated number of athletes.

Equivalency sports (baseball, golf, soccer, swimming, tennis, track and field) are given a pre-set amount of scholarships to distribute among its athletes. Some athletes are given full scholarships in equivalency sports, but often the money is distributed equally among the athletes.

Bill Montigel, coach of men's golf, said that sometimes being unable to give full scholarship to blue-chip prospective athletes can hurt in the national recruiting battle. The men's golf team is given 4.5 scholarships to distribute among its five athletes.

"It's at each coach's discretion (how to award the scholarships)," Montigel said. "You get what you pay for. The money can be a hindrance a lot of the time. If a kid is pretty good, they're going to want a full scholarship."

Ashley Boothe, a sophomore pre-major and member of the track and cross-country teams is a partial-scholarship athlete. She said that the importance of a scholarship extends into post-college life.

"If you're on full scholarship, you don't have to worry about loans and paying back a lot of money after school," Boothe said.

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The football team wasn't the only TCU sports team to receive letters of intent from recruits. The volleyball and women's soccer team also signed new team members Monday.

Volleyball

Volleyball head coach Sandy Trout announced three signees: Jill Franz of Fresno, Calif.; Katie Kieffer of Frontenac, Mo.; and Stephanie Watson of Denton, Texas.

Franz is a 6-foot-1 middle blocker and was named first-team all league and second-team all section in both her junior and senior years.

Kieffer helped lead her high school team to a state championship in 1998 and was named MVP of the Missouri High School State Tournament.

The 6-foot-3 middle blocker was also named Player of the Year for Missouri and eastern Illinois following her senior season. In both her junior and senior seasons she was named first-team all-conference, first-team all-district, first-team all-region and first-team all-state.

Watson, a 5-foot-11 outside hitter from Denton High School, set school records for career kills, career digs, kills in a season and attack percentage in a season. She was both team and district MVP following both her junior and senior seasons.

Soccer

Women's soccer head coach David Rubinson announced the signing of five women Monday: Sherry Dick and Lori Robbins of Sam Houston High School in Arlington; Nicole Carman from Arlington's Martin High School; Alecia Grieshaber from Richland High School in North Richland Hills, Texas, and Brenda DeRose from Norman High School in Norman, Okla.

Dick, a forward, was the leading scorer and earned all-district honors for two of her high school years.

Robbins, a midfielder also earned all-district honors in high school.

Carman, another forward, was a member of Martin's 1998 State Championship team.

Grieshaber has earned numerous all-district and all-region honors and will be joining her brother, Aaron, a forward on TCU's men's soccer team.

DeRose has played on two State Championship teams and has earned all-district and all-state honors each year.

Recruits join football 'family'

By Wendy Bogema
SPORTS EDITOR

Many teams consider their members to be like a family. It's an old sports cliché, but after looking at the 1999 football recruiting class it seems to be true.

Among this year's recruits is another set of twins who will join two sets already on the team and a cousin of two members of the current Horned Frogs.

"We continued the family tradition of TCU with some twins and a third Schobel to join the team," head coach Dennis Franchione said.

The third Schobel is Bo, a 6-foot-5, 235-pound defensive end from Columbus, Texas, who will join cousins Aaron and Matt. The twin signees are Jerome and Jerrod Braziel, a pair of cornerbacks at 5-foot-11 and 170 pounds. They become the third set of Horned Frog twins, joining Terrance and Timothy Maiden and Adrian and Allen Lewis.

These three signees were some of the most highly recruited in the state and made both the *Dallas Morning News* and the *Houston Chronicle* State Top-100 lists.

Franchione said he was pleased by the number of local recruits this year.

"I think this class reflects that we are strong in the area that's important for us to be strong in, and that's the Metroplex," Franchione said. "... We have targeted this, it's been an important area to us, I felt like we did well."

"We're especially excited about the Fort Worth area kids we were able to keep here."

The Braziel twins are two of three Fort Worth signees coming from Dunbar High School. Donald Burrell of O.D. Wyatt, a 6-foot-2, 245-pound defensive end, rounds out the Funky-Town trio.

Other area recruits are running back Ricky Madison (5-10, 180) of Dallas Kimball, offensive linemen Jonathan Morgan (6-5, 315) of Waxahachie and Matt Orlovsky (6-5, 295) of Dallas' Bishop Lynch, quarterback Casey Printers (6-3, 190) of DeSoto, defensive lineman Chad Pugh (6-5, 280) of Boswell High School, cornerback Tyrone Sanders (5-11, 170) of Dallas Spruce and running back Tommicus Walker (5-11, 185) of Arlington Lamar.

Printers said staying close to home was a factor in his decision.

"I wanted my mother to see me play," Printers said. "I've got to admit that."

In terms of position the Frogs have signed

one quarterback, two tailbacks, one fullback, two wide receivers, one tight end, four offensive linemen, three defensive linemen, three linebackers and three defensive backs.

Franchione said he thought the group fits the needs the staff sought. He said Printers fits TCU's style of offense as a quarterback, and that with four seniors on the defensive line next season the incoming linemen will add depth at that position. He said he was also pleased with the speed among the defensive backs and running backs.

"Our receivers are tall and athletic; we were looking for some height and size at that position," Franchione said. "... We got four more big strong linemen in this class to go with the four big strong linemen that we got last year. ... I felt like as far as our needs we did a pretty good job."

Besides recruits from the Dallas-Fort Worth area, the Frogs signed three from the Waco area: offensive lineman John Glud (6-6, 305) from Waco's Robinson High School; linebacker LaMarcus McDonald (6-2, 210) from Waco High School and Bruce Galbert (6-5, 190) a wide receiver from Riesel High School.

The Frogs also signed two Houston-area players: tight end Stanley Moss (6-3, 230)

from Spring High School and Robert Pollard (6-3, 230) a linebacker/full back from Beaumont's West Brook High School. Other state recruits are Jock Beddingfield (6-3, 300) an offensive lineman from Robert E. Lee High School in Tyler, Tremaine Butler (6-0, 185) from San Antonio's Brackenridge High School and linebacker Josh Goolsby (6-2, 220) from Bridgeport High School. Fullback Chad Purcell (6-0, 232) is the only out-of-state signee for the Frogs and is also the only junior college recruit. The Californian comes to Fort Worth from West Valley Junior College.

Many recruiting analysts have placed TCU's '99 recruiting class as the third best in the state behind the University of Texas and Texas A&M and some even consider it to be in the top-50 in the country. While Franchione said national recognition is rewarding, it isn't something he thinks about. He said he is more concerned with how his staff evaluates players.

"I put much more stock in our evaluation than in anybody else's," Franchione said. "... But the success of this class isn't going to be based on what they've done, but what they'll do. That will be the proof."

Intramurals kick off

By Jeri Peterson
STAFF REPORTER

Intramural sports competition began this week, starting with a chess tournament Monday and men's basketball Tuesday.

Chess participants competed in a single-elimination tournament for about five hours Monday night.

The men's champion was freshman pre-major Abhijit Singh. Babette Bouw, a sophomore biology major, was the women's champion.

In basketball games Tuesday night, the men's Fiji team won over Sigma Chi 55-43; women's En Fuego beat Theta 33-26; co-ed Wind Blasters defeated Wesley Wahoo 53-31; and in the 6-foot-and-under league, Otterpops topped the Clark Hicks 60-35.

The basketball game schedule is: 5 to 11 p.m. on Sundays, 6 to 11 p.m. Tuesdays, 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Wednesdays and 10 p.m. to midnight Thursdays. Regular season play continues until Feb. 28.

The next special event will be the bowling tournament at 8:45 p.m. Monday at Don Carter's All-Star Lanes, 6601 Oakmont Blvd.

The registration deadline has passed, but spectators are admit-

ted free and are welcome to cheer for their favorite team, said Lance Steffen, assistant director of Recreational Sports.

Intramurals special events are one-day competitions held on Monday nights. Major team sports and tournaments play Tuesday through Thursday nights.

This schedule allows students on teams to participate in occasional special events as well.

Registration is now open for the special event bench press competition on Feb. 22.

Registration is also open for the men's and women's floor hockey tournament which will be held Feb. 14 through 18.

The registration deadline is Wednesday.

Club Sports

The men's and women's lacrosse teams will travel to New Orleans this weekend to compete in the 18th annual Mardi Gras lacrosse tournament.

Men's lacrosse president Pete Hoffman said, "Club teams from all over the nation go to this tournament. The University of Texas at Austin, Texas A&M University and TCU are the only Texas schools going, and this is our first

time." The men's club is currently 2-0 for the spring season.

Hoffman and women's club president Kelly Coulson both said the strongest teams are those from the East Coast.

"By playing some of the best competitors in the nation, we will learn a lot," Hoffman said. "We have a very young team, consisting mostly of freshmen and sophomores, and they really grow from these kinds of competitions."

"We don't expect to do that well against such strong clubs, but this is an exceptional learning opportunity for us," Coulson said.

"We are always recruiting new players," she said. "People in this area don't know much about lacrosse, but when they come play they really like it."

The women's team's next tournament is Feb. 13 against A&M.

The Ultimate Frisbee club is also competing in a Mardi Gras tournament Feb. 13 and 14 in Baton Rouge.

The Tae Kwon Do club will compete in its first tournament this weekend in Austin. The club will then travel to Dallas for a competition the following weekend.



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Chris Maynes, a senior political science major (above, left), Abhijit Singh, a freshman pre-major (above, right) and others compete in the intramural chess tournament Monday night. Singh won the tournament.



The roller hockey team has some victories already this spring. Last weekend the club scored wins over Texas and the University of Southwest Louisiana and tied the University of Texas at Arlington.

The team's next tournament will be Feb. 13 in Dallas against Southern Methodist University, Texas Tech and A&M.

The rugby club was defeated in Houston on Jan. 30, but they

played well for a young team, club president Jon Marriott said. The club is still looking for new members, he said.

Men's volleyball club president Justin Williams said his team had moments of greatness last weekend, but didn't do well overall. The club plays again Saturday in Denton at the University of North Texas.

For more information about recreational sports, call 257-7945.

NBA season opens with many changes

The past few weeks in pro basketball will finally come to mean something Friday night.

You see, tomorrow night is opening night for the National Basketball Association in probably the craziest basketball season ever.

The pre-season alone is enough to make your

head spin.

There have been so many roster changes that it would take a whole day to untangle the web of free agent signings. There were more headline moves in the past few weeks than in the last few years. Just a few moves that will affect the championship picture: Scottie Pippen to Houston, Latrell Sprewell to the Knicks, Antonio McDyess and Nick Van Exel to the lowly Nuggets and Steve Kerr to the Spurs.

We even have name changes. Detroit Pistons center Brian Williams is now known as Bison Dele. I won't even try to explain or understand it. With the Bulls all but out of the pic-

ture, the balance of superiority has dramatically shifted in the NBA. To where, though, is as of yet unanswered. The talent is more or less balanced out among eight or nine teams that are considered contenders.

The big difference this season, however, will be the concerted effort by the NBA and its players to regain the fans' support. Free scrimmages are a good start, but it will take a lot more than that to regain popularity.

Here are a few suggestions for the NBA to get back its fans:

- First of all, stop trying to promote somebody to take Jordan's place as ambassador of the NBA. Let the player's performance on and off the court

decide who is worthy. Besides, shouldn't that decision be up to the fans?

- Have more interaction with fans. Since the All-Star game was canceled, at least schedule a Fan Appreciation Weekend in each NBA city.

- Free concessions in the second half, excluding the beer of course. This way, fans will be more likely to stay to watch the entire game.

- More half-price ticket nights.

- More public appearances and community service. Get the players and the owners involved in the community. It will benefit both the public and the teams.

- Offer a public apology. The fans need to know straight out from the players and the owners that they still care about the fans. The fans are the ones who ultimately pay their salaries, so I think we deserve at least an apology.

The NBA is in tough times right now. But, it is also resilient. It bounced back when Larry Bird and Magic Johnson retired and it will bounce back this time. The question is when and how? I guess we'll just have to wait and see.

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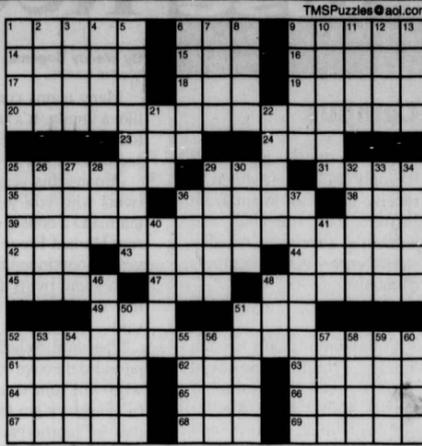
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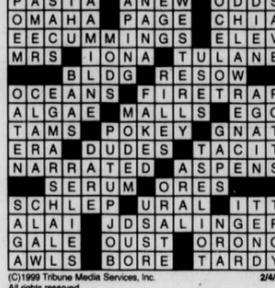
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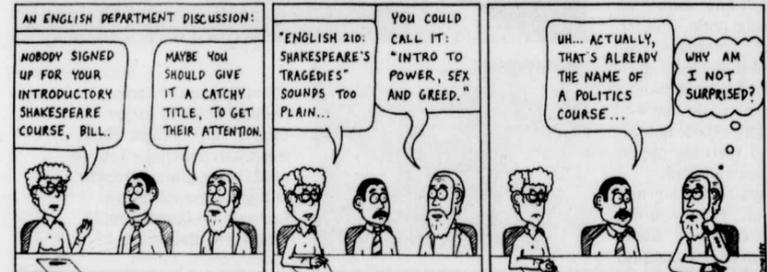
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