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Princeton students to protest sweatshops

PRINCETON, N.J. (U-WIRE) — Students for Progressive Education and Action will sponsor a rally Tuesday to encourage the university to adopt a strong anti-sweatshop stance with the companies that manufacture its apparel. Groups at Harvard, Yale, Brown, Columbia and Cornell universities have planned similar protests for tomorrow — the day before Ivy League administrators are scheduled to meet to discuss measures their schools can take to oppose sweatshop labor.

"The primary goal of the rally is to demonstrate to the administration the depth of student commitment to achieving a strong code of conduct for Princeton," SPEAC president Amanda Fulmer '01 said.

Despite the recent success of anti-sweatshop sit-ins at schools such as Duke and Georgetown, Fulmer said SPEAC is unlikely to choose such a confrontational method.

"There are no plans for anything like that at this time," she said. "We would prefer to have our aims achieved in a less confrontational manner."

SPEAC member Dave Tannenbaum '00 said his organization has reached out to numerous groups on campus — including fraternities, a cappella groups, eating clubs and athletic teams — to promote the event.

With the exception of last year's rally in support of affirmative action, few issues have motivated Princeton students to protest in recent years. It remains to be seen, therefore, whether a flood of students will show up in Firestone Plaza tomorrow.

— Daily Princetonian
Princeton University

Rule tries to exempt students from taxes

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Students who work on-campus at Texas public colleges and universities would become exempt from Social Security taxes under a proposed new rule.

U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, said Monday that he expects the Social Security Administration to soon approve the state's request, allowing many student workers to shed the 7.5 percent tax before the end of the semester.

In 1972, the Social Security Administration allowed states to elect not to withhold Social Security taxes from undergraduate and graduate student employees' paychecks, an option exercised by all but three states — including Texas — before the eligibility window closed in 1974.

"Why should students in Texas pay taxes that students in other states don't pay," Gramm asked rhetorically during an appearance at A&M, where he once taught economics.

Don Engelage, executive director of Student Financial Aid at Texas A&M, estimated 12,000 Aggies would save about \$3 million in Social Security taxes over one year.

"Instituting the exemption now amounts to a de facto pay increase," he said.

Last October, Gramm pushed for the law that allowed Texas to finally exercise the option, 25 years after missing the first deadline.

— Associated Press

Mardi Gras

New Orleans celebrations beckon students to party

By Jaime Walker
STAFF REPORTER

Although some TCU students may have focused on classes and daily activities to realize that Mardi Gras celebrations started during the weekend, others escaped campus and partyed in New Orleans, La.

Kerri Haage, a junior marketing major, and her friends Elaina Chavez, and Jackie and Selena Hernandez left campus on Friday and flew to New Orleans to enjoy the famous festivities on Bourbon Street in the French Quarter.

"It was extremely spontaneous," she said. "We knew we wanted to go sometime and figured that if we did go now we would never go once we got out of college. We just decided to go and I am so glad that we did."

In the heart of the New Orleans French Quarter, Bourbon Street has become a recognizable symbol of the fun and partying that draws thousands of tourists and natives into the city each year at this time.

"The mass confusion and total chaos was exhilarating. The whole atmosphere of that area was too

much fun," Chavez said of the Quarter.

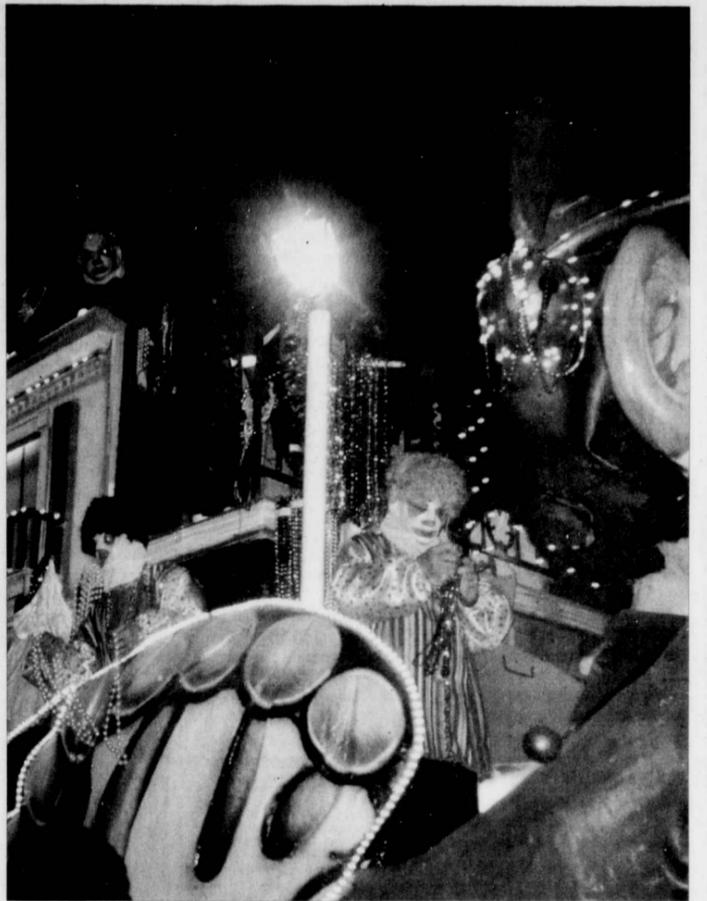
"Bourbon Street was insane after 10:30 p.m. We had to hold on to each other's jackets or we would have been lost in the sea of people," Jackie Hernandez said. "Try to imagine that you are trying to leave Daniel-Meyer Coliseum at the end of a game. Then multiply that number of people 10 fold or more, and you'll understand the feeling of being on the Quarter."

The friends said they did everything they could to have the most complete experience possible.

"Just because we could we went down on Bourbon at 11 p.m. on Saturday night," Jackie Hernandez said. "We had heard that the crowds were wall to wall, but we had to have the experience. The ladies went to two parades, enjoyed the atmosphere on Bourbon Street and enjoyed the food, drinks and entertainment that *Conte Nasté Traveler Magazine* calls, 'the reason to spend as much time in the Quarter as possible.'"

The Louisiana Council on Tourism describes French Quarter food as a

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Parades and parties littered the streets of New Orleans as part of the Mardi Gras festivities. Today celebrates Fat Tuesday, the end of the Mardi Gras celebrations.

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Community leaders teach students

By Karen Kassebeer
STAFF REPORTER

Leadership is a quality that must be developed and refined over the course of a lifetime.

Students who participated in last weekend's Leadership Institute were given an opportunity to expand those leadership skills.

Twenty-five community leaders, among them former Fort Worth Mayor Bob Bolen and former Speaker of the House Jim Wright, were at a Friday night dinner during which participants had the chance to speak with them

about their professions and their path to becoming a successful leader.

Clayton McCook, a leadership council facilitator, said he sat at Wright's table and learned leaders must work well with others and be able to stand up for themselves.

After the dinner, Leonard Roberts, president and CEO of Tandy Corporation, shared his insight on how to become an effective leader.

Roberts said when he became CEO of Tandy five years ago, he realized customers wanted answers. In addition, he found if

leaders do not care about what they are doing, it will be hard to motivate others, he said.

"The secret ingredient is to care," he said.

On Saturday, Sarena Winfrey, director of public relations at the Texas Motor Speedway, said all good leaders have one thing in common.

"They know how to build a team to support them," she said.

After Winfrey's lecture, students chose three workshops to attend which were presented by TCU faculty, staff, students as well as community leaders.

Sara Baron, bibliographic instruction librarian for the Mary Coats Burnett Library, gave a workshop on "Life-Long Learning = Life-Long Learning."

Baron said although any reading is good, it is vital to focus on reading that will help improve skills and keep people informed about what's going on in the world.

She said her goal for the workshop was to inspire people to take learning seriously on a daily basis.

Mike Sacken, professor of educational foundations and administration, said he focused on risk-

taking during his workshop, "Leadership and Followers: Perceptions and Expectations."

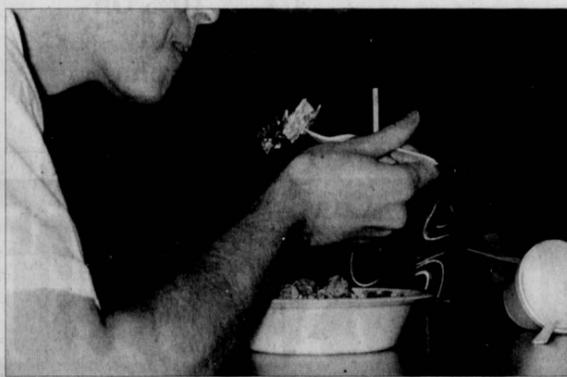
He said leaders must take risks, fail and be able to recover and learn from their mistakes. He also said a leader must be a master of service and humility.

"Leadership isn't about skills, it's about relationships," Sacken said.

Carol Davis, a freshman biology major, said the institute was a learning experience and she enjoyed Sacken's workshop the best.

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Marriott strives to meet nutrition needs



Louis Wood, a freshman business major, grabs a bite of some of the new healthy offerings now served at The Main.

By Kristen R. Naquin
STAFF REPORTER

Dining Services representatives said they constantly strive to provide more nutritious food for TCU students, but many students said they are unimpressed by these efforts, citing the overwhelming presence of fried foods and the long lines for the more nutritious foods.

Anne Jordan, a nutrition counselor with Marriott, said more variety allows students to eat the food they want.

"We have answered the cries of vegetarians and people who want to be more health conscious," she said.

But Brad Rogers, a junior fitness promotion major, said Dining Services does not offer enough items for health-conscious people.

"All they offer is fried," he said. "(The wok) always has huge lines with only one or two people working, so you have to eat fried."

Brooke Ballowe, a junior modern dance major, also said most of the food offered is unhealthy.

"They need to cook some things that are not greasy," she said. "They need more vegetables."

Some students, however, said the food selection is getting better.

Liz Joumaa, a senior nutrition major, said she has noticed improvements in the level of food nutrition on campus.

"Now when you get an omelet, they use Egg Beaters, the egg substitute, and spray Pam instead of butter," she said. "If you try to look for healthy things, you will find

them."

Healthy Choice and Lean Cuisine packaged meals, tofu and beverages such as V8 Splash are now available in Staples. The salad bar offers low-fat dressings and fresh fruit, and bagels are also available everyday. Many soups, including the three-bean soup, are popular among vegetarians, Jordan said.

NU Deli, the Sub Connection and Cyberwraps, all of which allow for a variety of condiments on bread or tortillas, let students decide how healthy they want their meals to be, she said. For example, students can decide whether or not to put less nutritious condiments such as mayonnaise or sour cream on their food.

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Delta Gammas give money for kids' eyeglasses

By Kristen R. Naquin
STAFF REPORTER

Delta Gamma members recently gave 86-year-old Catherine Alexander a gift that moved her to tears: 110 pairs of glasses.

But Alexander will not keep them for herself. Instead, she will distribute them to children from low-income families.

Jessica Karam, DG's former vice president of foundations, presented Alexander with a check for \$5,000 during the Hearts and Anchors reception, which was sponsored by Fort Worth DG alumnae and held Sunday at Cook Children's Medical Center.

"(This check) is in honor of Catherine for all her ongoing care for all the Fort Worth

children," she said.

Natalie Franks, DG public relations director, said the sorority normally donates half of the money it raises from its annual Anchorsplash, a weeklong fundraising event, to the Alexander Eye Clinic and gives the remaining portion to the national DG organization, which distributes the money to national agencies associated with the DG philanthropy, conservation for sight and aid to the blind.

This fall, however, DG raised an all-time high of \$7,300 and decided to give more than half of the money to Alexander's clinic, Franks said.

Alexander and her husband started the

clinic in 1973 with the help of the Southwest Lion's Club and Fort Worth DG alumnae.

Initially, DG alumnae drove a motor home the Alexanders purchased and gave free eye screenings. Now, the TCU DG chapter comes to the nonprofit clinic and performs the screenings. In fact, all new DG members are required to become certified in administering visual screenings by attending a five-hour course sponsored by the Texas Department of Health.

Cathie Read, director of the eye clinic, said about six to eight DG members also baby-sit during the monthly support meetings Alexander holds for parents of children

receiving the free eye care.

"We are so happy with what (the DGs) have done for us," Read said. "They're always willing to help and we enjoy having them so much."

Alexander began crying when discussing what the DGs mean to her and stopped talking, she said, fearing her tears would spoil the mood for about 100 people who attended the reception.

Alethea Harrington, a DG alumna and the current DG adviser, said the members have grown to love Alexander.

"(Alexander) comes and visits the chap-

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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 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.

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

Christian Science Organization will meet at 5:30 p.m. Thursday in Student Center, Room 214.

Catholic Community will have mass at 5 p.m. followed by a meal at 5:30 p.m. Thursday in Reed Hall Room 214. Sunday Mass will be held at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 21 in the Student Center Ballroom.

Free Legal Advice will be offered from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the House of Student Representatives office, located in the Student Center Annex.

Celebrate Superfrog's Birthday at a swing dance from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Thursday in the Student Center Ballroom. Music will be by Mr. Pink. Free lessons will be offered.

A free concert, featuring Tripping Daisy and The Custodians, will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Friday. The concert, hosted by the Programming Council, will have free food and games.

TCU students are invited to enter their work in the 1999 Creative Writing Contests. Nearly \$3,000 will be awarded to students for essays, fiction and poetry. Rules and entry forms are available in the English Department office in Reed Hall, Room 314, or in the Writing Center in the Rickel Building, Room 100. Deadline for entries is Friday.

Disciple Student Fellowship will meet at 5:15 p.m. Thursday at University Christian Church for fellowship and meal.

Wesley Foundation will meet for fellowship and a meal at 5:30 p.m. Thursday in the Wesley Building located at 2750 W. Lowden. United Methodist students and any others who are interested are invited to attend.

News ROUNDUP

World

Hillary tightlipped about running for Senate, but has Bill's support

MERIDA, Mexico — Hillary Rodham Clinton would make a "terrific" senator from New York state, her husband said Monday, "but that's a decision that she'll have to make."

With that, President Clinton became the latest member of his administration to pump air into a Hillary Clinton-for-Senate boomlet.

On Sunday, Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, whose retirement next year will create the vacancy, said New York could use some of Mrs. Clinton's "magnificent, young, bright, able, Illinois-Arkansas enthusiasm."

"She'd be welcome and she'd win," Moynihan said.

Still to be heard from: the potential candidate. About all Mrs. Clinton has said about running for the Senate in 2000 is that she hasn't had time to think about it — and she said that through a spokesperson.

What did Mrs. Clinton have to say about her husband's early endorsement? "Nothing," said her spokeswoman, Marsha Berry.

Clinton, talking to reporters who accompanied him for a meeting with Mexican President Ernesto Zedillo, said the same thing.

"I think she would be terrific in the Senate. But that's a decision that she'll have to make," Clinton said. "And for reasons I'm sure you'll understand she hasn't had anything like adequate time to talk to the people who think she should do this — much less people who think perhaps she shouldn't. She just hasn't had time to deal with this."

Cuban cardinal criticizes political ideologies, preaches evangelization

HAVANA — Cuba's top church official criticized ideologies on both sides of the political spectrum as prelates from across the Americas gathered to discuss the church's role in the Western Hemisphere.

The death penalty, abortion, human rights and the U.S. embargo against Cuba all impoverish the people of the Americas, Cardinal Jaime Ortega declared during a Sunday evening homily in the Havana cathedral.

Christian love cannot be replaced by political ideologies, the Cuban prelate said.

Five cardinals, 25 bishops and one priest traveled to the Cuban capital for the Latin American Episcopal Conference, which will study how to implement Pope John Paul II's call during his visit to Mexico last month for more vigorous evangelization in the hemisphere.

Although the group includes 15 bishops from the United States and Canada, the focus appears to be more on the poorer nations to the south.

"Preserving the richness of our diverse traditions and cultures, the new evangelization should encourage an encounter with the living Jesus Christ," Ortega said and the prelates, dressed in white cassocks and miters, marched solemnly into Havana's cathedral.

The conference, the first of its kind in Cuba, comes shortly after the first anniversary of John Paul's historic visit to the island in January 1998.

Nation

Senators say they'll tell impeachment story to their grandchildren

Some are knee-high to a senator; others are yet to be born. But the next century's children will surely learn about the impeachment trial. A select few will hear about it from those who were there for the whole thing.

The Associated Press asked a group of senators to answer the question: "What do you suppose you will someday tell your grandchildren about the impeachment trial?"

Some answers: Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, who voted for conviction on both articles, has two grown sons, single.

"I hope I can tell my grandchildren this: Late in the last century, a popular leader committed perjury and obstructed justice, and in the course of it, he tried to trample the constitutional rights of one ordinary citizen. Sadly, this guilty man was acquitted. It was a troubling moment for America, but some good came out of it, too. The president undermined our country's system of justice, but in the end, it was preserved and has endured."

Sen. Judd Gregg, R-N.H., who voted for conviction on both articles, has two daughters in college and a son in high school:

"The impeachment trial was about right and wrong. Under our government, people have certain protections and they have those protections because everyone is treated the same under the law. Everyone, including the president, has an obligation to follow that law. The other thing is that this trial showed the resilience of our form of government. Our nation can endure an impeachment trial of a president and come out of it as a functioning, strong, prosperous and vital nation."

State

Oklahoma man indicted for drunk driving, dragging man to his death

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa — Police charged an Oklahoma man with vehicular homicide and drunken driving this weekend in the dragging

death of another man.

Charles F. Nelson, 23, of Council Bluffs died early Sunday at St. Joseph Hospital in Omaha, Neb., of injuries suffered when he was dragged under a truck driven by David K. Kennedy.

Council Bluffs Police Capt. Lindsay Andersen said the incident happened about 2 a.m. Sunday outside a Council Bluffs bar.

On Tuesday, an alleged white supremacist faces a seven-man, five-woman jury that will begin hearing evidence on whether the defendant instigated and carried out the kidnapping and gruesome dragging death of a black man in Jasper, Texas during the early morning hours of June 7.

In Iowa, witnesses told law officers that Nelson and Kennedy, 43, had been arguing about a game of pool before going outside.

When Kennedy got into the truck, Nelson allegedly punched the driver's side window of the vehicle and broke it, Andersen said.

"The third party apparently grabbed the victim and pulled him away as the truck began backing up," Andersen said. "Kennedy put it in reverse and struck both of them. The witness was thrown to the side, and Nelson was knocked down and apparently got stuck under the front tire."

Kennedy then put the truck in drive and peeled out of the parking lot with Nelson wedged under the passenger side of the vehicle. He traveled several hundred feet before Nelson became dislodged and was run over by the back passenger side tire, Andersen said.

Harris County juvenile correction center running low on funds

ATASCOCITA, Texas — Texas Lt. Gov. Rick Perry expressed confidence Monday that Harris County's juvenile boot camp, in danger of running out of money at year's end, will continue to be funded by the Legislature.

Perry, along with state Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston, Sheriff Tommy Thomas and more than a dozen judges, made his comments during a tour of the Harris County Community Supervision and Corrections Department facility northwest of Houston.

"It's a good program, and I've got confidence that if it's projected right in the Legislature, it will be funded," Perry said.

The facility was started in 1991 as a punishment alternative for first-time juvenile offenders. Of the 9,000 offenders who have gone through the program, officials say the recidivism rate is 25 percent.

However, current funding for the program will dry up in December. Officials want \$13 million over the next two years.

"It's cheaper in the long run than sending someone to the penitentiary," said County Criminal Court-at-Law Judge Jean Hughes.

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editorial

WORK IN PROGRESS

Students not yet professionals

The underlying goal of every student-produced item and event at TCU is to give students a chance to try their hands at their chosen craft.

Of course, these items and events (including plays, concerts, *Image* magazine, the *Skiff*, art exhibits, KTCU broadcasts and more), and the students behind them, must do their best to maintain professional standards. However, some critics on campus have to face this fact: Students are not professionals.

We try hard to achieve perfection in our endeavors — be they literary, academic or otherwise — but sometimes it just doesn't happen. It's called *learning*.

College is here to teach students how to think and how to succeed in the "real world." Students are here to absorb that knowledge and to put it into practice. Sometimes, no matter how many times we proofread a story or rehearse those lines, we will flub up.

Now, that's not to say mistakes should be ignored. No one will learn that way. A happy medium must be achieved. Mistakes should be met with constructive criticism, not harassment. Calling up a fellow student to insult the work they put their heart and soul into is not just wrong, it's cruel. And it doesn't help the student improve his or her work, which defeats the purpose of working on the college level.

There is always room for improvement and constructive criticism, but there's never room for meanness. The next time you want to yell at someone because you didn't like their cartoon, painting, song, etc., just think of how you would feel if someone did that to you.

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Fear blocks love, healing

A week and a half ago, I was at the grocery store when I bumped into an acquaintance. He told me the news: The fiancée of an "old" friend of mine died in a car accident the night before.

When I say "old" friend, I mean "estranged." The terms of the estrangement are not clear to me now. It was over a girl, metaphysics, politics and beliefs. It was over pain, rejection and feelings I can't put my finger on. But the feeling I felt when I heard about the tragedy was sure: sorrow.

I wanted to send him a card. My girlfriend even bought one for me to send him.

I must admit, when I heard the news, I thought of her. I thought about how I would feel if it had been my girlfriend who died in a car accident.

I felt like I was having a dream in which I was falling off a cliff and, just before I am about to hit the ground, I wake up. She's shaking me and holding out a card for me to send to my estranged friend.

"I don't have his address," I said. What I meant was "I am too ashamed."

"You can find it," she said.

"I know," I said.

I knew. He found my address when he needed to drop me a letter during the period in which we didn't speak. As of now, that period is still growing. Although I guess this is an attempt to break the silence.

I am sorry, friend, for what happened. I am sorry that I don't have the balls to call you. I am sorry that my sympathy probably stings.

I don't know how he's dealing with this death. I don't know if he's saying it's a part of The Plan or if he's cursing the fact that bad things happen to good people.

He is good people. We are all good people. Sometimes we just can't communicate. We get in the middle of what the late Jim Corder called "colliding rhetorics," specialized vocabu-

laries and conflicting points of view. During this constant onslaught of (mis)communication we sometimes get bombarded with words and phrases that we don't know what to do with. So we duck and we hide. And maybe, when all's quiet, like cowards, we come creeping out from behind the walls we have built to protect ourselves from our own misconceptions. We creep out and find ourselves caught on the other side of a chasm with no sympathetic words for "old" friends who need them.

If this is beginning to sound like a "life's too short to harbor grudges, so go out and hug someone" column, then I am sorry. The last thing I want to do is to propagate clichés. Communication is hard enough without being mired in a bunch of greeting-card sympathies.

But think about it. Think about the people you love and the people who love you. Think about the people you have lost and the people you could lose. Think about the people you have pushed away for no reason other than miscommunication or misunderstanding or shame or fear.

In the wake of Valentine's Day a

thought came to me: Someone once told me that the opposite of love is fear. I always thought it was hate. But hate, he said, stems from fear. If that is true, does that mean we spend Valentine's Day acting out of love and the rest of the year acting out of fear? Maybe it's not that lopsided, but I know I spend a lot of time avoiding people, dodging questions, putting up emotional walls to keep others out and to keep myself safe within.

I'm not alone. I have people who love me and people whom I love. Do I tell them enough? Probably not. Do I show them enough? Probably even less. But there is another category: people I am afraid of. I'm afraid they were right and I was wrong. I am afraid of being hurt. I am afraid of having nothing to say or being misunderstood when I do.

But for all my fear — for all the walls I've built to protect myself — there is an "old" friend of mine in pain, and I still don't know what to say to him. Maybe this is a start. Maybe.

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

Commentary



WILLIAM THOMAS BURDETTE

TCU's must-see free amusing things to do

I recently read a well-written article in the *Skiff's Weekend* on things to do in Fort Worth.

One of the suggestions was to go to Fred's. Go to Fred's? I used to have a parakeet named Fred. May I make some other suggestion for any students on campus who are bored? (By the way, why aren't you studying?)

For many of us, our scholarship is predicated on keeping a satisfactory grade point average so we will be here next semester. I have classes that require a lot of reading and subsequently lots of writing to "reflect" on what I have read.

Because of this I try to find some (other) simple pleasures in life to keep my sanity.

Eating Jell-O

There is nothing that gives me a greater visceral pleasure than eating Jell-O. I could

make a three-course meal just by eating flavored gelatin. I have a very annoying habit of actually chewing Jell-O because it is such a pleasure to me.

Playing with Humbug

Actually, not everyone has a Humbug in their life. My humbug is my roommate's cat. A 22-pound Siamese with an extraordinary disposition, he accepts me unconditionally. Acceptance is something I definitely do not get from my computer.

Doing stuff for free

It is extraordinary the things we get to do on campus for free. I especially enjoy going to TCU basketball games. I soon forget that the coach is making \$20,000 for each game played and just enjoy being there. There is not a better people-watching place on campus. It is especially interesting to watch the alumni who return to re-live their youth and make complete fools of themselves. The recent graduates bring young families to save the cost of baby sitters. Sometimes the kids are incorrigible and it is fun to watch the parents cope.

Getting health care

I like going to the Brown-Lupton Health Center and talking to Wendell Geiger, the physician's assistant, about exercising and experiencing the joy of running. I have suffered a painful case of plantar fasciitis in my heel and Wendell is my walking coach. Plantar fasciitis is an inflammation of the arch and heel muscle and it is very uncomfortable.

The health center has a bunch of sick students so you might even pick up a strange disease. Actually, Wendell appears to be glad to see me. I am usually the first patient he has seen all day without signs of infectious mononucleosis.

Reading electronic newspapers in the library

Even though computers are esoteric to me, I love to go to the library and surf the Internet. I can read a half dozen newspapers from across the country without a single advertisement and never get my hands dirty. Reading newspapers helps me see what is going on in the world outside Fort Worth. It broadens my perspective enormously. The

librarians, however, are very intolerant when about students coming in with a big bowl of Jell-O

Going to Albertson's at 5 a.m.

Even though I trip over a hundred boxes from the overnight stockers, I like to go shopping in the middle of the night. At 5 a.m. the last of the great re-runs on Nick-at-Night are over and I have nothing better to do than study or go grocery shopping. At that time of day, you also encounter different kinds of interesting fellow shoppers. They are the hard workers of Fort Worth getting off some overnight job where they had no one to talk to, so they are ready to speak to you.

Visiting the Rickel Building

The recreation center on this campus has a health club to kill for. Students can swim, use the weight room or just exercise. I meet some interesting people and I get a chance to get my heart rate up to 200 beats a minute. There are folks all over Fort Worth who pay big bucks for the kind of facilities we have for free.

Writing letters

I write a letter to someone every day. Often it is nothing more significant than a page of encouragement to someone who I may or may not know. I can be a complainer, too. I have a lot of pet peeves. Lately I have tormented the local Tom Thumb manager, Randy Rambo, about my favorite cereal being out or about the outrageous prices they charge at the deli.

Mostly in my writing, I just like to acknowledge someone's achievements. I like electronic letters now that America Online has spell and grammar check so I don't come off as being illiterate. With e-mail, I can talk to an enormous number of people at the same time.

I figure that if I am going to be here in Fort Worth for the duration, I am going to enjoy the pleasures of the community. Being a student is a great time in my life.

Life is great and the very best things in life really are free.

David Becker is a Brite divinity student from Pueblo, Colo.

students speak

OUT

Should TCU focus more on job training or expanding the mind with a liberal arts education?

"I definitely think that it should be more emphasis on liberal arts because with today's society if you just focus on one thing then it's bound to change sometime. Most people go through 10 different jobs in their lifetime and so you need to go through more basic studies of everything than just one specific thing."



Laura Coffin
freshman
liberal arts major

"I think college should focus more on expanding students' minds with liberal arts because most of what we learn about our job we'll learn on the job. What college should be there for is to give us the skills and the knowledge we need to succeed in life in whatever job we end up in."



Donny Pinson
junior
music major

"TCU should provide and encourage students to follow a complete and borderless liberal arts program allowing them to study in different areas freely."



Carmen Quiros
sophomore
theater major

"In the beginning, they need to work on liberal arts because you can't decide what you want to do unless you have looked at everything. You've got to have a little bit of knowledge about everything ... And then later you can go into a specialized field and they'll work on training you for that specific job."



Devon Weir
freshman
premajor

"I believe job training is very important, especially in this time and age because a lot of people, students who go out there, aren't prepared for the world and what their responsibilities are. And you can get liberal arts anywhere, but you know, it is very important to get students prepared for the real world."



Cynthia Kames
senior
social work major

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"Loyalty is very important," she said. "You have to gain respect in order to lead."
Keynote speaker Joni Bicknese, a senior career counselor for Southwestern Company's Professional Service division, said extra-curricular activities serve as a

good foundation for leadership. She said the best leaders possess seven traits, including enthusiasm, responsibility and maintaining a positive attitude.
"You can get whatever you want in life by helping others get what they want," she said.

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In addition, nutritional information is placed on small cards in front of most items.
Jordan said she offers nutritional counseling to students free of charge. She also said she would like to go to each residence hall and offer classes and suggestions on how to cook more nutritious food.
Jordan said she wants feedback from the students so Dining Services can continue to try to meet the nutritional wants and needs of students.

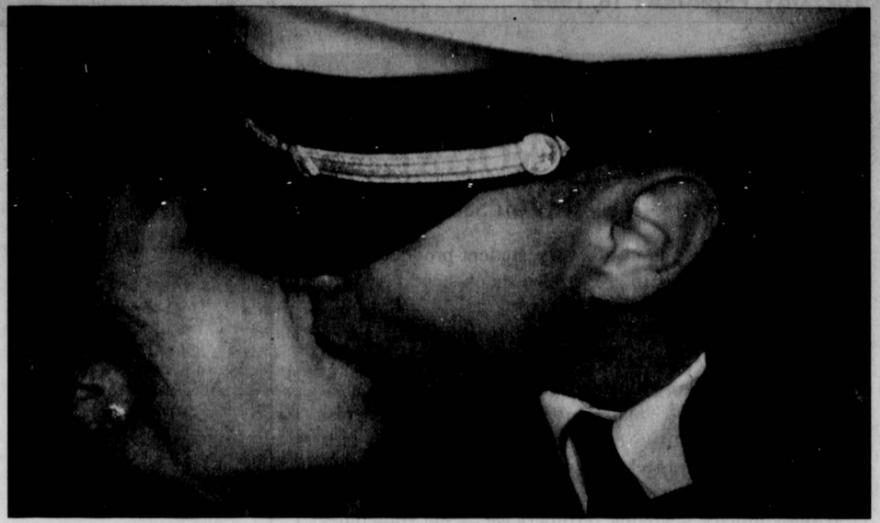
Dining Services encourages students to call with comments, suggestions and complaints, and comment cards for student feedback are also available, she said.
Jordan also said the House of Student Representatives Dining Services Committee serves as a liaison between Dining Services and students.
"There is something for everyone here," she said. "We are accommodating, but the communication has to be there."

MARDI GRAS

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great mix of Creole, traditional French and everything in between.
Haage said the food was one of the best parts of her Mardi Gras experience.
"The food was incredible," she said. "There is nothing else in the country like it. The benets were by far the most amazing thing that I have ever tasted."
In New Orleans, the festivities are both traditional and unconventional.
"I had no idea there was anything behind it," Haage said. "All I know is that people are vicious. They are crazy when it comes to the beads. They claw you and push and shove and will do anything for them."
The four ladies said that although they thought the parade was a key part of their experience, the crowd was wild.
"Not only did people beg," Jackie Hernandez said, "they were willing to do anything for the really wild beads."

The food, fun and festivity of the Mardi Gras stems from more than just an excuse for a good time. The holiday can be traced all the way back to similar pre-Christian festivals praising the Dionysus, the Greek god of wine and fertility. Traditionally, however, the holiday is recognized as a Catholic celebration that begins the Easter season of Lent.
Conte Nasté Traveler Magazine describes the holiday as the last days of merry-making before the fasts or other sacrifices associated with Lent.
Mardi Gras kicks off the 47 days of celebration before Easter. Each year the parties begin between Feb. 3 and Mar. 9, and the celebration ends on Ash Wednesday. Every



A couple kiss for the camera as part of the Mardi Gras celebrations this weekend. People celebrate the traditional New Orleans event in a wide variety of ways.

Mardi Gras someday, but I honestly had no idea that it was this week."
For those interested in traveling to New Orleans for future festivities, partygoers this weekend offer some advice.
"Plan ahead or plan to pay a lot," Jackie Hernandez said.
Haage added, "Be flexible. The crazy atmosphere demands it. You will see everyone there from small children to elderly people."
For someone from New Orleans, Mardi Gras is a totally different experience than that of a tourist.
Kristen Nygren, a senior radio-TV-film major from the city, said the celebration may not be as exciting.

"Mardi Gras is not always the way the city is," Nygren said. "Yes, Bourbon Street is dirty, full of drunks and a 24-hour party, but the residents know better than to go there."
Perhaps Nygren, who participates in Mardi Gras every year, offers advice that only someone who has experienced the party can give.
"Try to stay off Bourbon," she said. "Don't show anything. Enjoy yourself, but take a nap occasionally."
After her experience this weekend, Chavez is ready to go again.
"It was so worth it," Chavez said. "I would do it again in a heartbeat. It was too much fun."

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Members of the Delta Gamma sorority executive committee present Catherine Alexander, co-founder of the Alexander Eye Clinic, with a check for \$5,000 this weekend.

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ter," she said. "She has developed a relationship with the women and that makes their involvement in the philanthropy more meaningful. They want to recognize more readily what she has done."
Barbara Chowning, another DG alumna, said the current members understand the importance of community service.
"Financially, these girls are so responsible," she said. "We are blessed with good officers and treasurers. They realize that extra money needs to go

into the philanthropy."
Karam said DG members were excited about the opportunity to honor Alexander and to help the children who visit her clinic.
"The more we can give to her, the more it helps the children of Fort Worth," she said.
Andrea Keeton, a DG sophomore marketing major, said it was also important to honor Alexander as a person.
"She has shown a lot of dedication for so many years," she said. "She is so unselfish."

Trial effective use of system

By Laurie Asseo
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — That was one strange trial.

No live witnesses. A presiding officer who could be overruled at any time. And jurors who were announcing their verdicts while the trial was still going on.

President Clinton's impeachment trial omitted many of the protections guaranteed to defendants in ordinary criminal trials. But the Senate also gave the defense a big boost by denying House prosecutors a chance to put on a full case.

Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., called it a "sham trial" because of the lack of live witnesses or full investigation of the evidence.

However, the Constitution's framers allowed this kind of trial when they handed the responsibility to the Senate as a political process rather than a criminal proceeding. And they built in a high threshold for

removing a president — 67 of the 100 senators must convict. In Clinton's case, the final tally fell well short.

"We shouldn't hang our heads because it was messy," said Charles Geyh, an Indiana University law professor. "It was meant to be inefficient. That was part of the genius of the framers" to ensure impeachment would not be used often.

"There's no comparison between this and anything else that's ever happened," said former Rep. John Bryant, D-Texas, who led the prosecution in then-federal judge Alcee Hastings' 1989 impeachment trial. That case was conducted as a "real trial," Bryant said.

During Clinton's trial:

—Senators swore to "do impartial justice," but unlike normal jurors they weren't screened for bias and were free to express their opinions in public. They also were allowed to interpret the law themselves; ordi-

nary trial jurors are instructed to follow the law as explained by the judge.

—Procedures were not worked out in advance, but were negotiated during the trial.

—Very little evidence was presented. Senators heard many days of arguments by prosecutors and defense lawyers but viewed only excerpts of videotaped sworn statements by Monica Lewinsky and two Clinton confidants. Some people were not called at all, including presidential secretary Betty Currie, even though they were involved in key events at issue in the trial.

—Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist had little authority as presiding officer, serving largely as a traffic cop to keep the proceedings moving. If senators had disagreed with any of his rulings, they could have voted to overturn them. In the end, they did not.

—There were no specific rules of

evidence and no legal standards governing the charges against Clinton. His lawyers argued the allegations were vague and would have been thrown out in a criminal court.

—Had the Senate's verdict gone against Clinton and he was removed from office, he would have had no right to appeal.

The impeachment process "differs markedly from the criminal justice system, and thank heaven it does," Miami defense lawyer Neal Sonnett said. "The criminal justice system would be teetering on its foundations if criminal cases were brought and decided in this way."

Criminal courts aim to ensure a truly impartial jury "rather than one that swears to impartiality, then races to the TV cameras," Northwestern University law professor Steven Lubet said. But he added, "This is a good way to handle impeachment because impeachment is a political question."

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Bishop says Canada may come before NFL
FORT WORTH (AP)—Kansas State quarterback Michael Bishop, winner of the Davey O'Brien National Quarterback Award, said Monday he would consider playing in Canada if it meant continuing his career at his chosen position.

Some NFL scouts have expressed reservations that the 6'1" Bishop is too short to be effective in the NFL. Bishop said he is committed to an NFL career but conceded he might need to take a detour through the Canadian Football League to convince the naysayers.

"Canada could turn into an option. But I'm going to go with the NFL first," said Bishop, who has been urged to switch positions by scouts from the Tennessee Oilers and the Arizona Cardinals. "I think I have what it takes to play in the NFL and prove people wrong. I think I'll be one of the greatest quarterbacks ever to come through the NFL."

Bishop threw for 2,844 yards and 23 touchdowns last season with only four interceptions. Kansas State finished 11-2 and was No. 10 in the final AP College Football Poll.

Ideally, Bishop said he would like to spend a couple of years learning from an established NFL veteran like Miami's Dan Marino, San Francisco's Steve Young or Dallas' Troy Aikman before taking control of an NFL team.

NHL

Stars defeat Oilers, 6-4

DALLAS (AP) — Brett Hull impressed his Hall of Fame father, Bobby, with two goals in the game's first 2:37 and the Dallas Stars went on to a 4-1 victory over the Edmonton Oilers on Monday night.

Bobby Hull was making his first visit to Dallas and watched from the press box. The elder Hull toasted his son with a cup of coffee after the first goal, and maintained a wide smile as his son celebrated the second goal on the ice.

Brett Hull notched his first goal of the night after only 50 seconds had been played, knocking in a loose puck when Oilers goalie Bob Essensa failed to maintain control following Mike Modano's shot.

Hull added his 23rd of the season 1:47 later on a power play, beating Essensa with a 40-foot blast to make it 2-0.

Grant Marshall and Joe Nieuwendyk also scored for the Stars, who are 6-1-1 in their last eight and have 74 points, tops in the Western Conference.

NBA

Mavericks lose fifth straight game

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Arvydas Sabonis had 16 points, 10 rebounds and nine assists as the Portland Trail Blazers beat the Dallas Mavericks 99-84 Monday night.

Gary Trent hit six straight points for the Mavericks to cut a 23-point lead to 85-78 with 3:11 left. But Brian Grant made a 3-point play and Walt Williams sank a 3-pointer and two free throws to put the game out of reach.

Rasheed Wallace added 15 points, while Damon Stoudamire and Isaiah Rider each had 14 points for the Blazers. Rider didn't play the last 17 minutes of the game after arguing with coach Mike Dunleavy as he went to the bench.

Michael Finley led Dallas with 21 points and Steve Nash added 19 points.

Nailon's 40 lead to win

By David Quinlan
 STAFF REPORTER

The Frogs picked up more ground in the Western Athletic Conference Saturday night as preseason All-American Lee Nailon scored a game high 40 points in TCU's 84-79 win over Colorado State at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

Nailon's performance made him the No. 7 all-time leading scorer among Frog players with 1,325 points.

"You could he see was upbeat and excited," senior guard Prince Fowler said. "He didn't drift like he normally drifts. He was more active. He wanted the ball."

And TCU gave him the ball. The 6-foot-9 senior was vital down the stretch, eliminating any threat of a Ram comeback. The Rams came within two points of the Frogs before Nailon hit a jumper with 1:07 left in the game, securing a TCU win.

"I knew at some point this week I could see (Nailon) having a 40-point game," TCU head coach Billy Tubbs said. "I felt like it would be very soon."

Nailon, who was nursing an ankle sprain from last week's game against Southern Methodist, found his usual rhythm for the first time since his ejection against Nevada-Las Vegas three weeks ago. The Indiana native was 16 of 23 from the field and eight of 14 from the line.

Saturday's win put TCU (17-7, 5-5) back into the WAC picture. The Frogs jump up to a fourth-place tie with SMU in the Mountain Division, surpassing both Colorado State and Wyoming.

"I think we picked up some

ground," Tubbs said. "We really need to take care of business. The next two games are going to be big."

Only the top six teams from each of the WAC divisions are invited to the WAC Championship in Las Vegas on March 2-6. A TCU appearance in the WAC Championship game could mean an invite to the NCAA Tournament.

TCU goes on the road again, stopping first in Colorado Springs, Colo., to play Air Force on Saturday and then travel to Las Vegas to try and avenge their previous loss UNLV on Feb. 22.

The Frogs, who trail UNLV by 2.5 games in the Mountain, dropped to the Rebels in overtime three weeks ago at Daniel-Meyer. The Rebels (14-8, 7-2), have nearly secured the Mountain Division, but with WAC teams playing four final conference games anything is possible.

"It's very equal," Colorado State coach Ritchie McKay said about the conference race. "It depends who plays at home. Not many teams are getting road wins. If TCU can prove they can win on the road, they could win the division."

McKay, who exchanged unfriendly words with Tubbs when the team last met in Fort Collins, chased after Tubbs following Saturday's game when Tubbs walked off the court without shaking his hand.

"Last time I went to shake his hand, it caused a problem," Tubbs said. "I didn't want to cause any problems."

TCU wraps up the regular season with two final home games, beginning with Rice on Feb. 25 and Tulsa on Feb. 27. Tip-off against Rice will be at 7:05 p.m.



Senior forward Lee Nailon is fouled by a Colorado State player in Saturday night's 84-79 victory.

Fast-paced Lady Frogs win 1, lose 1

By Rusty Simmons
 SKIFF STAFF

An up-tempo style of basketball can excite crowds. Last week, the TCU women's basketball team witnessed the effects it has on the court as well.

The Frogs have no qualms about their desire to play at a fast pace. They pressure the ball constantly on defense and head coach Mike Petersen can often be heard shouting, "Go" repeatedly when one of the TCU guards receives the outlet pass after a defensive rebound.

This pace creates points off of turnovers and transition buckets, but the Frogs found out against Wyoming on Saturday that it can do the same thing for their opponents.

In an evenly-played first half, only one point separated TCU and Wyoming. But as the pace of the second half accelerated, the Cowboys went on an 8-0 run and took the lead by seven.

"The tempo that we want to play at creates

a possibility for big scoring swings," Petersen said. "Part of playing at an increased tempo is making the most of our momentum."

Fortunately for the Frogs, they did just that against Wyoming. They matched the Cowboys run with a 13-2 run of their own and never looked back.

"We did a great job of battling back and staying focused after their early run," Petersen said. "We were able to score 53 points in the second half because we shot well."

Sophomores Amy and Jill Sutton combined for 48 points on 45-percent shooting while junior Diamond Jackson added 13. A. Sutton also grabbed a team-high 12 rebounds to help the Frogs capture the 88-73 victory.

"It was a very good win for us," Petersen said. "It was the second night of a road trip, and it came after getting beat pretty bad."

Two nights before they beat Wyoming, the Frogs lost at No. 5 Colorado State 89-66.

"They are the fifth best team in the nation,

and they played like it," Petersen said.

Colorado State's Becky Hammon showed why her team is ranked high. She scored 18 points by the half without missing a shot. The outpouring of baskets came after TCU had held her scoreless for the first half in their last meeting.

"We did an OK job of defending her, she just hit a lot of shots," Petersen said.

Every one for Colorado State hit a lot of first-half shots. The Rams jumped out to a 52-27 first half lead, but TCU did not let down.

"It would have been easy to fold up the tent and look ahead to the next game, but we kept battling," Petersen said.

The Frogs did more than just battle in the second half. They actually outscored Colorado State 39-37 in the final period.

Colorado State continued to press the entire game, but TCU handled it much better in the second half. Amy Sutton scored a team-high 24 points, including 9-11 from the

free-throw line.

"We really got pushed out onto the perimeter in the first half," Petersen said. "Amy did a good job of punching it into the lane and drawing fouls in the second half."

Jackson scored 14 and freshman Tricia Payne added 11. While Colorado State out-rebounded the Frogs 42-29, junior Shonda Mack found a way to pull down nine boards.

Despite the competitive second half, TCU could not overcome the 25-point first half deficit.

After last week's road trip, the Frogs stay even in Western Athletic Conference play at 5-5 and move to 13-9 overall.

Two games remain on the schedule for TCU before the WAC tournament commences. The Frogs host Nevada-Las Vegas on Thursday and Air Force on Saturday.

The Air Force game marks the last home game for seniors Misty Meadows and Ginger Usher, who will be the focus of Senior Night on Saturday.

Women's tennis team defeats Houston, 5-4

By Matt Stiver
 SKIFF STAFF

TCU women's tennis coach Roland Ingram took a final look over the Bernard "Tut" Bartzten Varsity Tennis Courts on Sunday afternoon. The Horned Frogs had just defeated the University of Houston, 5-4.

Ingram grinned. "This is why tennis coaches have grey hair," he said.

The women split the six singles matches as well as the first two doubles. The meet hinged on the final doubles pairing. Junior Jessika Kjellgren and freshman Leoni Weirich, trailing most of the match, held their serve and tied the score at 7-7. Then Joanna Cunliffe and Sarah Bulle of Houston hit what Ingram called "three great overheads."

The Cougars appeared to hit another one. Had TCU not returned the ball, Houston would have taken an 8-7 advantage.

"I preach to our girls, make them hit one more ball," Ingram said. "We barely got [the fourth] ball over the net. Houston missed. That was big because the pressure would have been on us."

Inspired, Kjellgren and Weirich rebounded from 40-love down and took that set for an 8-7 lead. They then held serve for a 9-7 win. The victory improved the women's season mark to 2-1.

"I can honestly say that all the women played well [against Houston]," Ingram said.

The victory was a big one because the women lost 6-3 to the Tulane Green Wave on Saturday.

"We could have won three matches that we didn't," Ingram said. "Tulane fought very hard, and we didn't. It was a valuable experience."



Senior Rachel Niwa hits a shot in Saturday's match against Tulane.

Junior Stacey Sabala was defeated by Molly Rallauer 6-1, 7-6.

"Stacey played her first true match under fire against a good opponent," Ingram said. "I thought she came through. She will get better."

Kjellgren notched the only singles victory for the Horned Frogs, a 6-3, 6-4 victory over Jennie Ligator.

"Jessika played well," Ingram said. "She can put the ball away, and that's why she beat this girl."

The women will play Oklahoma State at noon Saturday at home.

Frogs fly steady to qualify for NCAA

By Jared Hooker
 STAFF REPORTER

The Flyin' Frogs continued a strong 1999 track season with solid performances at the US WEST Dex Invitational in Colorado Springs, Colo. This was the final meet of the season before the Western Athletic Conference Indoor Championships.

The men's team fared well in the 60-meter dash, in which all provisionally qualified for the NCAA Indoor Championships. Senior Bryan Howard placed third (6.59), while freshman Lindel Frater and senior Jarneine Holloway clocked times of 6.61 and 6.6 finished fourth and fifth respectively.

Howard said there was serious competition at the meet, but he will do better this weekend at the WAC Championships.

"I'm getting better every week," he said. "I want to end my senior season with a bang."

The women's 60-meter dash team also had nice showings with senior Catoshia Lewis placing 10th (7.53) and junior Dywana Crudup placing 15th with a time of 7.59 seconds.

Lewis, who ran her personal best of the season, said she hopes to dominate in the 200 and 60-meter races at the WAC Championships.

"I usually run best at conference (WAC Championships)," Lewis said. "I plan to qualify for nationals this weekend."

Track coach Monte Stratton said the team's performance was good, and he noted the continued progress with the team's newcomers.

Stratton said Frater improved and that freshman "Flash" (Ricardo) Williams will be a force to deal with in the coming weeks.

The men's mile relay team finished third (3:14.37), and junior Johnny Collins had an exceptional anchor performance.

The women's 400-meter team ran well with notable times. Freshman Tarieka Paige finished 12th (59.35) and junior Stephanie Jones placed 14th.

More standouts from the weekend were: freshman Mark Hill, who finished 12th in the 60-meter high hurdles (8.22); senior Chessna Davis, who placed 13th in the 60-meter hurdles (8.87); sophomore Roy Williams, who placed eighth in the 400-meter dash (48.83); freshman Heather Hanchak, who placed 17th in the 200-meter race (25.13); Ricardo Williams, who placed eighth in the 200-meter race (21.28); freshman Antwaine Williams, who placed 11th (49.13) and junior Ricardo Foster who placed 13th (49.32), both in the 400-meter dash.

This weekend, at the WAC Indoor Championships, also in Colorado Springs, is the team's last opportunity to qualify for the NCAA Indoor Championships.

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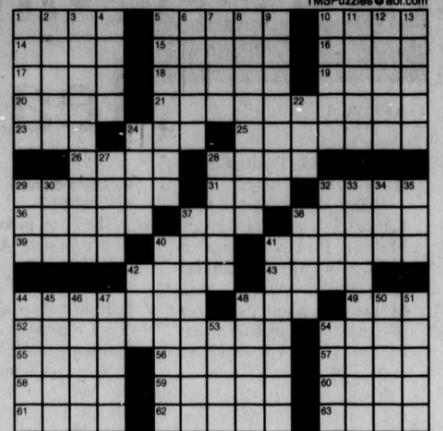
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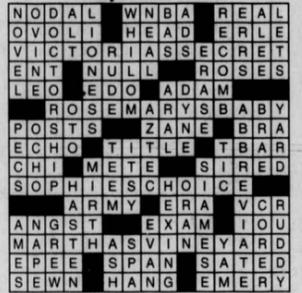
- ACROSS**
- Blatf.ers
 - Break out of one's shell?
 - Fraud
 - Waikiki dance
 - City on the Missouri
 - Surrender formally
 - Culture medium
 - acid (antiseptic)
 - Auto pioneer
 - Narrow part of a bottle
 - Universe singularities
 - Noah's boat
 - Pub offering
 - Of love
 - Fancy fabric
 - Hidden obstacle
 - Groups of clans
 - Writer Deighton
 - Ski lift
 - Misplaces
 - Plaines, IL
 - Model airplane wood
 - Camp beds
 - Steno book
 - Stir up
 - Basks
 - Court action
 - Starlet
 - IBM units
 - Prohibit
 - Kind of salad dressing
 - Branch of the Amazon
 - Top-drawer
 - Whimpered
 - Affirmative votes
 - Took to court
 - Point of contention
 - Jot
 - Form a vortex
 - Requires
 - Fight for honor
- DOWN**
- Lake Volta location
 - Boring tool
 - Exclude
 - English Channel island
 - Limps
 - Soap plant
 - Scarlett's place
 - No-trump bridge hands
 - Gene of "The French Connection"
 - Hurry
 - Dolly's greeting?
 - Old World snake
 - Disorderly
 - Old crone
 - Surefire shots
 - Vigoda and Lincoln
 - Luges
 - RN's niceness
 - Aussie hopper
 - New Mexico art colony
 - Ronstadt hit
 - Donkey
 - "Norma" new?
 - Ballerina
 - Lingerie buys
 - Item akin to a thumbtack
 - Gives one's consent
 - NYSE watchdog
 - Humiliate
 - Smoke mass
 - Put into proper pitch
 - Thin-voiced
 - Sham: pref.
 - Mountain ridge
 - Twangy new?
 - So what is new?
 - Bill stamp



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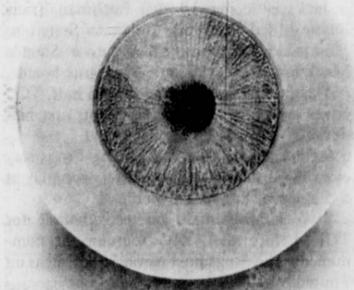
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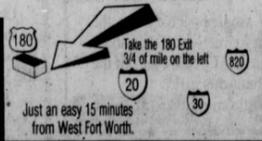
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