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Campus

House to meet in SC Lounge today

The House of Representatives will debate bills to fund organizational trips and provide supplies for a residence hall at 5 p.m. today in the Student Center Lounge.

The TCU American Chemical Society is requesting additional funds to attend a trip to the National ACS Convention in Anaheim, Cal. March 21 to 25.

The TCU Nationals Cheerleading Squad is competing in the National Cheerleading Association Collegiate Nationals in Daytona Beach, Fl. April 1 to 4 and requested additional funds from the House.

Moncrief Hall requested additional funding for cooking supplies and recreational items.

The House moved from its regular location in Student Center, Room 222, so that more students can attend the meeting.

College

Voyeur charged with videotaping bather

STORRS, Conn. (U-WIRE) — Police charged a student with disorderly conduct after he was discovered videotaping a person showering inside a Hilltop dormitory restroom early Sunday morning.

Jeffrey L. Autrey, 21, of 281 Gardner Ave., New London, was found to be videotaping in an Ellsworth restroom and was placed under arrest.

He was released on a \$500 bond and is scheduled to appear in Superior Court March 16.

The arrest is the latest in a growing number of cases across the nation where states are proposing new legislation to deal with the issue of video voyeurism.

New laws have been proposed in Connecticut after a video voyeurism incident in Cheshire, when a high school prank coaxed several teenage girls to undress before a video camera as they slipped into bathing suits at a pool party. The video, taken in 1997, surfaced in November 1998, forcing Cheshire police to further investigate.

Police held off filing charges, conceding that it was unclear what criminal statutes the boys might have violated. But in January, a 16-year-old was charged with three counts of breach of peace in connection with playing and distributing copies of the videotape, the product of two pool parties.

The proposed laws call for voyeurism to be made a felony punishable by up to five years in prison.

Another 1996 case involved an Ohio high school principal, who secretly videotaped a group of cheerleaders changing at his pool party. There was no law that directly applied to this case, and prosecutors charged him with use of criminal tools and interception of oral communication.

In a Florida case last year, a newspaper publisher accused of hiding a camera in his office bathroom was not prosecuted because no laws could be found that deal with the case.

— The Daily Campus University of Connecticut

Diversity Council forms

Faculty, staff, students to explore personal perceptions

By Karen Kasseboer
STAFF REPORTER

The TCU Diversity Council will take its first step to provide students, faculty and staff an opportunity to come together and discuss their personal perceptions of diversity with meetings that begin today and run throughout the week.

Cornell Thomas, an associate professor of education, said through a series of focus groups led by faculty and students, the

Diversity Council will explore opinions about diversity at TCU.

"What we're trying to do is set benchmarks to find out about what people are thinking about the issue of diversity so we can talk about where we are right now," he said.

The focus group sessions are 90 minutes long. The first session begins at 5:15 p.m. today in Moncrief Hall. Wednesday's session begins at 5:15 p.m. in the Tom Brown/Pete Wright Residential

Community and also in Brachman Hall and on Thursday at 5:15 p.m. in Colby Hall.

Currently, not many people have reserved a spot for any of the sessions. Thomas, who is also serves as the special assistant to the chancellor for Diversity and Community, said that if there is a sense of apathy toward diversity, that attitude needs to be addressed.

Linda Nguyen, a junior environmental science major and facilitator

for a discussion, said the goal is to get input and find out how people feel about diversity so that TCU can continue to move forward.

"I hope to get a positive reaction toward promoting diversity on campus," she said.

Kirsten Bell, a junior political science major and facilitator, said she wants people to gain a greater understanding of diversity through

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Council on Diversity Discussion Groups

Today — Moncrief Hall
Wednesday, March 10 — Tom Brown/Pete Wright Residential Community and Brachman Hall
Thursday, March 11 — Colby Hall

Spots can be reserved by calling the Office of Educational Foundations and Administration at 257-7943. All sessions, which will run 90 minutes long, start at 5:15 p.m. All students are invited.



Photos by David Duna/SKIFF STAFF
International Week culminated with a banquet and talent show Saturday in the Student Center Ballroom.

(Above) Irene Bermudez, a freshman theater major from Panama, performs a modern dance routine to the accompaniment of Lecuna.

(Right) Members of the Japan Culture Club perform rokudan, a traditional Japanese dance.



culture catwalk

Attendees journey globe with banquet, fashion show

By Joaquin Herrera
DESIGN EDITOR

Members of the TCU community went on a trip around the world Saturday night without ever leaving the Student Center Ballroom.

The International banquet, fashion and talent show allowed audience members a chance to see, taste and experience a glimpse of life from several different cultures.

Sponsored by the International Student Association, the event began with dinner featuring dishes ranging from Bulgarian shopska salad to Venezuelan maracuja dessert. Dinner was followed by a fashion show highlighting different traditional costumes, and the talent portion showcased the talent of various TCU students.

Oisín O'Connell, president of ISA and a senior studio art major, said the event was a success.

"I've been here for four years now and this banquet, as well as the entire week, stands out in my mind as being a great success for both the international students and the TCU community," he said.

More than 300 people attended the sold-out show.

"(People come) partially because of tradition and partially because people are curious about different cultures," O'Connell said. "Also (they came) partially because of the enthusiasm of international students themselves. They're the ones who bring in people."

Every year, the ISA sponsors International Week which showcases the global community to the TCU community. The international banquet usually is the climax of the week.

"It's a series of opportunities

for international students or students from abroad to interact with students from the U.S.," O'Connell said. "It's important for students from abroad to feel like they can contribute to this community."

Several students showed off their talent during the talent portion of the show. Annuja Gangadaran, a junior psychology major from Malaysia, sang "Lagenda," a song dedicated to P. Ramlee, a Malaysian actor who set the standard for Malaysian acting in the 1940s.

"I got roped into singing just a few days before," Gangadaran said. "It was a last-minute thing but I'm glad I did it."

She said it was hard at first to get comfortable with the bright spotlight, but once she did, the performance went well. Along with performing, Gangadaran said she enjoyed watching the show from the audience.

"There was a lot of energy on stage," she said. "There were a lot of people that I knew performing, so every time I saw someone (on stage), I was, like, 'You go, girl!'"

At the end of the show, a presentation was made to all those who participated and a special presentation was made to Al Mladenka, who will retire from his 23 years as the director of international student services.

"It's sad that he's leaving but we tried to make our appreciation and recognition of him fun and festive," O'Connell said. "We also were able to get him to be a talent show participant."

The students surprised him by making him sing and play one of his favorite songs, "Blowing in

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Power outage
Morning storm leaves some in the dark, stranded in elevator

By Joel Anderson
STAFF REPORTER

What seemed to be a normal elevator ride Monday morning, in the Moudy Building turned into several minutes of terror for two TCU students when a power outage left them stuck between the first and second floors.

Alecia French, a junior advertising/public relations major, and Suzanne Powell, a senior speech communications major, were stuck on the elevator for about 10 minutes.

"It was the scariest experience I've ever had," French said. "We were yelling, 'Help us! It's getting tight in here.' It was getting kind of stuffy. I had a cold and it was hard to breathe."

On a Monday morning when rainstorms and strong winds prevailed, the loss of power didn't just affect the Moudy Build-

ing, according to several people.

Aileen Stone, an administrative assistant at the Physical Plant, said the Moudy Building wasn't the only area on campus to suffer from a power loss. Stone said Facility Services, Beasley Hall, Brite Divinity School, the Mary Coats Burnett Library, the Office of Extended Education and the TCU Bookstore also suffered from power outages.

Many people said the lights and power were out for close to 10 minutes.

Jean Burnham, executive assistant to the dean at Brite, said the power was down for about 10 minutes at the Divinity School.

"We were a little scared, but there were no problems," Burnham said. "The computers and the lights just went out."

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Students schooled in 'Black Greek 101'

By Kristan R. Niquin
STAFF REPORTER

About 60 members of the TCU community gathered for class in the Student Center Ballroom Monday night. A pop quiz was given, and an hour later, the students had completed "Black Greek 101."

Walter M. Kimbrough, director of student activities and leadership at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Va., said historically black fraternities and sororities possess a rich history unique to those Greek organizations.

"Greeks are Greeks. From Alpha to Omega, Greeks are Greeks, but Greekdom has evolved into two subsets," said Kimbrough during a presentation in which he traced the history of black Greeks and black Greek pledging in the United States.

Kimbrough, who wrote his dissertation on this subject, said there is not much research on historically black fraternities and sororities, although they are prominent nationwide.

"I look at major leaders and find out they are a part of (these organizations)," he said. "In the 1960s, they were very, very integral in terms of civil rights. Martin Luther King Jr., Jesse Jackson ... and others were movers and shakers who really made civil rights happen."

The speech was sponsored by the TCU chapter of the National Pan-Hellenic Conference.

Nicole Edwards, NPHC interim president, said the Panhellenic Conference, Kappa Alpha Theta, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Residential Services and Student Development Services financially contributed to the event.

Yvonne Okupa, former president of NPHC, said Kimbrough's speech was relevant to all members of the TCU community, including non-Greeks.

"He (presented) information that people at TCU needed to know, not necessarily Greeks," she said. "It is information that most of the

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Pulse

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

PSI CHI, the National Honor Society in psychology, is now accepting applications for those interested in membership. Applications are due Wednesday and can be picked up in the psychology department office in Winton-Sccitt Hall, Room 242.

Improve your writing and boost your grades with a workshop held by English instructor and writing specialist Margaret Rose-Marek, who will review grammar and style. The workshop will be held from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday in the Rickel Building, Room 100.

Free legal advice will be available from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the House of Student Representatives office, which is located in the Student Center Annex.

The Christian Science Organization will have its weekly meeting at 5:30 p.m. today in Student Center, Room 214.

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

Caribbean summer internships are available through Orphanage Outreach, a non-profit organization, for university students interested in volunteering at its Touch the Future Summer Program in the Dominican Republic. The program will be conducted at the Hope of a Child Orphanage from June 12 through August 8, 1999. One-week, three-week and eight-week positions are available. The program consists of both an educational summer school and community health program. For additional information and an application, visit www.orphanageoutreach.org, or call Volunteer Director Paula Grebba at (602) 990-1100.

Come for free food and see how Programming Council works at its all-campus meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Student Center, Room 205.

News ROUNDUP

World

Finnish man kills self, injures seven with bomb

HELSINKI, Finland — A man set off a bomb in a Finnish courtroom today, killing himself and injuring seven other people, as the judge read a decision on a disputed will, police and news reports said.

The bomb exploded just before noon at a local court in Hamina, 90 miles east of Helsinki. Police declined to say whether the man, who was not identified, intended to commit suicide; nor was his relation to the court case immediately clear.

"In the middle of the judge's reading of the court's decision, the man exploded the bomb," Hamina Chief Superintendent Kimmo Pekkala said.

"We could not prepare for something like this beforehand. It's the first time that something like this has happened," Enestam said.

U.S. bombs Iraqi defense sites in no-fly zone

ANKARA, Turkey — U.S. warplanes Monday bombed several Iraqi air defense sites in the northern, no-fly zone of Iraq, a U.S. military statement said.

U.S. Air Force F-15s fired precision-guided bombs in self-defense at Iraqi anti-aircraft artillery sites around Saddam Lake near the northern Iraqi city of Mosul, the statement said.

All coalition planes returned safely to the southern Turkish base, said 1st Lt. David Westover from Incirlik, where the U.S. and British planes are stationed.

The allied aircraft patrol the no-fly zones to prevent the Iraqi air force from operating over northern and southern Iraq.

On Feb. 28 and March 1, the planes hit communication control centers of an oil pipeline, cutting the flow of oil through Turkey for a few days.

The United States said the sites were used for military purposes. Iraq denied that.

City in Okinawa allows U.S. to build military port

TOKYO — Urasoe, a small city on Okinawa, decided Monday to allow a U.S. naval port to relocate there in return for Japanese government aid to develop the city's waterfront.

Under a 1974 agreement, the United States agreed to return its military port in Naha, the capital of Okinawa prefecture, to Japan on condition that the facility be relocated elsewhere on Okinawa. Until Urasoe made an offer today, no city appeared to want the port.

The Naha port is one of the most important piers

handling goods for U.S. military bases on the southern island of Okinawa. About 20 freighters now use the port a year.

Two-thirds of the 47,000 U.S. troops in Japan are concentrated on Okinawa, which accounts for less than one percent of the nation's total land area.

The decision to welcome the port was approved with a 17-7 vote by the Urasoe assembly, with two abstentions, said Akitoshi Hanashiro, a spokesman for the assembly.

"We are hoping the central and prefectural governments will support our plan," Hanashiro said.

Urasoe, a city of about 100,000, is located immediately north of Naha, 1,000 miles southwest of Tokyo.

Hanashiro said the assembly followed a recommendation by the Urasoe Municipal Chamber of Commerce last year that the city's western seashore be developed at a cost of \$6.5 billion with the help of the central government.

The project calls for construction of a port, plants and recreation centers. The port will be used for both U.S. military and commercial purposes.

Nation

Justice Blackmun remembered, mourned by colleagues

WASHINGTON — Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist Monday noted "with sadness" the death last week of retired Justice Harry A. Blackmun and expressed the court's sympathy to his family.

"He will be missed by his friends throughout the judiciary and the country," Rehnquist said.

The chief justice said Blackmun's opinion in the Roe vs. Wade ruling that legalized abortion nationwide "may have obscured many other important decisions he authored." Blackmun wrote more than 350 majority decisions for the court.

Blackmun served for 24 years on the nation's highest court and retired in 1994.

McVeigh's sentence stays, Supreme Court says

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court today left intact Timothy McVeigh's conviction and death sentence for the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing that killed 168 people and injured hundreds more — the worst such attack on U.S. soil.

The court, without comment, rejected an appeal in which McVeigh argued his trial was tainted by jury misconduct and news reports that he confessed to his lawyers.

McVeigh was convicted of first-degree murder, conspiracy and weapons-related charges in the April 19, 1995, bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building.

The ruling by the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals sends a message that "the rules of law may be applied on a sliding scale when the crime is unspeakable and public outrage is great," McVeigh's Supreme Court appeal contended.

State

Court to clarify filing deadline in RICO case

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court Monday agreed to clarify the filing deadline for lawsuits that invoke a federal anti-racketeering law by studying the case of a Texas man who says he was illegally held in a psychiatric hospital by profit-greedy doctors.

The justices said they will consider reinstating Mark Rotella's lawsuit against two dozen doctors stemming from his 16-month stay at Brookhaven Psychiatric Pavilion in Dallas, which ended in 1986.

Rotella, now a Dallas-Fort Worth area resident, was 16 when in 1985 he was admitted to Brookhaven on the request of his mother.

The hospital closed down in 1992. Two years later, its parent company — Psychiatric Institutes of America — pleaded guilty to charges of fraud and conspiracy and to violations of the federal Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO).

Prosecutors said Psychiatric Institutes of America had provided financial incentives to doctors who unnecessarily admitted, treated and retained patients at its facilities across the country.

The doctors' lawyers said the four-year period began, at the latest, when Rotella was released from Brookhaven in 1986, 11 years before he sued.

But Rotella's lawyers contended that the deadline clock should not have begun ticking until 1994, when he discovered the facts that would lead him to suspect a pattern of racketeering activity.

Doctors believe injured Jones has chance for recovery

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — George Jones, critically injured from a traffic accident, has made significant improvement and may soon be able to breathe without a ventilator.

"He still has a life-threatening injury, but everyone is encouraged by how well he has done since his accident," Vanderbilt University Medical Center spokesman Wayne Wood said this morning.

The 67-year-old country music legend remained in critical condition.

Jones had a quiet night, two days after nearly dying when he smashed his sport-utility vehicle into a bridge near his home. He was talking on his cell phone at the time.

It took emergency workers about two hours to free him from the car. His liver was cut deeply, and his right lung was punctured.

As long as his liver doesn't bleed, the Saratoga, Texas-born singer has a good chance of recovery, Dr. Virginia Eddy said.

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Jennifer received a 4.0 last summer as a sophomore neuro-science/pre-med major. Although she is dedicated to her studies, Jennifer also finds time to waitress part-time and volunteer at Cook's Children Hospital. In addition to all this, she also is the Spirit Chair for Alpha Delta Pi.

Way to go, Jennifer!

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editorial

STAY TUNED

On-campus TV station could be asset

Getting a job after graduation is important to most college students. Real world experience is important to getting jobs. This experience can be found in the form of internships or university-sponsored programs — such as the *TCU Daily Skiff*, KTCU, TCU Theatre productions — and anything else that allows a hands-on experience and tangible results to show a potential employer. Therefore, providing students with this real world experience should be a priority of the administration of this university.

There have been many instances when a faculty member has pointed a student in the right direction to find his or her internship. And the university-sponsored programs we have are doing great jobs helping students get the hands-on experience they crave and need. A news-editorial journalism student can work for the *Skiff* as a reporter and learn how to cultivate sources and cover a beat. A theater student can audition for a part in a play, get a feel for the audition process and — if they get a part in said play — he or she gets real experience memorizing lines and working with castmates, crew and a director to produce a dazzling final product.

Though TCU has some programs that are working well, more are needed. One of the greatest needs is a campus television station with student-produced programs. Wouldn't it be great to turn on Channel 47 and see student news broadcasts, sitcoms, soap operas, documentaries or anything else rather than endless Power Point projections? We would have a station we could be proud to show non-Horned Frogs. And radio-TV-film and broadcast journalism students would get valuable, hands-on experience writing, directing, producing and acting in such programs.

Showing a would-be employer a clip of your starring role in "As TCU Spins" or "48 Hours at TCU" would be much more impressive than saying, "Well, I read a textbook on the subject in one of my classes. Actually, I only read the first sentence of every paragraph."

Of course, all radio-TV-film resources couldn't be conscripted for this dream. It would have to be a compromise. Classes could be developed to fill the needs of the station and a few experienced students, or outsiders, could be hired to take the more involved managerial roles.

It would cost the school money to start our own TV station, but it would be a cost well worth it in the long run. Let's talk to people. Let's get an estimate. Let's not just drop this under the rug and hope students forget about it.

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Big Bird prepares us for surfing Internet

Fast-paced Sesame Street precursor to Web

Big Bird fried our attention spans. But perhaps the big-beaked cultural icon was speeding up the firing of our synapses, rather than filling them with marshmallow brain candy. It is entirely possible that our fowl friend was preparing us for the interconnectivity and hyperactivity of the future.



WILLIAM THOMAS BURDETTE

"Sesame Street" drew a lot of flack in the late '80s and early '90s for the rapid-fire way in which it delivered information to an entire generation of kids whose attention span was diminishing. It has been charged with injecting kids with everything from ADD (attention deficit disorder) and hyperactivity to passivity and laziness.

But the Big Bird Bashers (a camp to which I once belonged) forgot something: Technology often moves much faster than we do. Ludites the world over know the fear of a technological revolution that might pass them by. But while opponents of TV were preaching against the ills of short attention spans, and suggesting that this technology was rotting our brains, we were in training.

We were channel surfing. We were preparing ourselves for the most important informational invention since the printing press: the Internet. We have been trained to deal with the technological revo-

lution by technology.

If we look at technology in this light — if we assume that it moves faster than we do — then it makes the likes of Big Bird, Barney and even the Teletubbies, tutors, teaching us to watch, filter and digest at a much faster rate. Or, if we find nothing of interest, we learn to switch channels. Faster and faster. Further and further.

Our generation was born with a remote control in hand. We were trained at an early age to click past the prepackaged TV messages in search of the information, or infotainment, that we were looking for. And now, in a time when scrolling is bad and clicking is good, we are coming of age.

Call it a short attention span if

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you want. I'll call it the ability to filter faster.

The time has come. "Sesame Street" no longer has a monopoly on educational programming. TV teaches everything from how to reinflate yourself after being run over by a steamroller to how to design a beautiful garden. The remote control has become a neces-

sity. Many people would no sooner sit down to watch TV without the remote than they would sit down at a computer without a mouse.

The necessity of filtering information is nowhere more evident than on the Internet. Emerging hypertext theory, posited by the likes of Jakob Nielsen, SunSoft Distinguished Engineer, says that we read 25 percent slower on the screen and hypertext writers should write 50 percent less copy than they would in traditional print. This succinct text — what has been for years the hallmark of journalism, the inverted pyramid — allegedly will make it much easier to sort through information.

For those of us who are used to receiving information in bite-sized pieces — spoonfuls of knowledge being airplaned into our heads, complete with sound effects — this presents less of a problem than those who grew up with a more linearly focused stream of information and no remote control.

But one day, mouse and remote will become one. TV and the Internet will be extensions of each other. We will be prepared, thanks to Big Bird and his cohorts.

We have grown up with a latent knowledge of surfing. We own the waves now; the radio waves, the TV waves, the waves of information, are ours to catch and ride.

In a world where information is power, who better to surf deftly through the rhizomatic cyber-cosmos of the Internet than the "Sesame Street" generation.

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

No job? Make one

So what makes us think that the world owes us a job? Last Thursday night students from across campus came to the Student Center for the TCU campus job fair. These students looked awesome! Young people who were "dressed to the nines" had left the classrooms only an hour earlier dressed to the "threes."

Commentary



DAVID BECKER

It was an amazing transition.

Many of the students at the job fair did not look like they were comfortable in business clothes. They looked as if they dressed for a command performance that they did not wish to attend. The French have a phrase for taking such pains to prepare oneself: *Il faut souffrir pour être belle.* (You have to suffer to be beautiful.) Students may have suffered, but they looked great.

It is possible that when we dress as students, we are getting ourselves into the bad habit of not looking our best. If we think we really want to get a good job, it will be in our best interests to not look so sloppy in our classroom dress.

What is the big deal about getting a job after college? There are a ton of jobs available. Since 1980, one million people have moved into the Dallas-Fort Worth area. For each new person moving in, a new job has been created. It appears that there will always be jobs available for those who want to work. There was an announcement last week of another 1,000 jobs in Tarrant County alone.

One of the challenges of creating new employment opportunities is that taxpayer monies are being used as subsidies. Is it fair to tax the person who works to give incentives to other employers to create new jobs? It might be best to simply let private enterprise create new jobs. Here is a good example of how a community used great ingenuity to create jobs.

Trinidad is the county seat for Las Animas County, Colorado. The population is poor, and the unemployment rate is high. Even though Interstate-25 goes right through the middle of Trinidad, no one wanted to stop and create jobs.

One of the things Las Animas County could not afford was a hospital. A hospital was a luxury; there just were not enough paying customers to fill the beds. Sure, if someone got really sick they might die before they reached another hospital, but the citizens of Las Animas county considered it more a matter of dollars and cents.

Stanley Biber, a doctor and then Las Animas county commissioner, came up with a creative idea. Biber began performing sex change operations. In his career, Biber has performed over 3,500 gender reassignments. He has dedicated his life to the transgender community and saved the hospital from closure. Men and women from all over the world come to Trinidad to have this surgery. Many stay and work in the community as they adjust to their new lifestyles.

Is this a controversial way to create jobs and help a community prosper? Of course. Biber has become extremely wealthy, but has kept 400 full-time employees in Las Animas county.

I think the TCU job fair should have left students disappointed last week. It was full of recruiters for temporary agencies, stock and insurance salespeople and retail managers. But take heart. You can create your own job just like Stanley Biber did. However, if you are not going to be a medical doctor like Biber, you might start thinking about learning to sell something on the Internet.

David Becker is a graduate student from Pueblo, Colo.

Stereotyping puts fraternities under fire

Greek organizations emphasize scholarship, philanthropy, friendship

My name is Walker Moody, and I am a member of a Greek organization. I have never hit, struck, physically or verbally abused or forced myself upon any woman in my life. Ever. I have never beaten, thrown, pushed, hurt, forced alcohol upon, embarrassed or killed any new member of my fraternity. Ever.

Guest Commentary



WALKER MOODY

Surprised? You shouldn't be. I am the rule. I am not the exception, but these are the statements by which people judge me and the organization to which I belong. It is a sad state our world is in when stereotypes garner the attention of the national media and are produced by people from the outside whose purpose is to only enhance a negative stereotype.

William James said that stereotyping, "... is the fuel of ignorance that has no need nor

desire to find truth; for with truth the stereotype becomes moot and discredited." We are taught at a young age that stereotyping any group, in any instance, is wrong and unjust, but unfortunately the world in which we live is full of stereotypes ranging from what religion we practice, to what color our skin is, to what organization to which we belong. Do these false beliefs persist because columnists want to get a reaction in college newspapers, or are they truly that ignorant?

Let me take this opportunity to educate those out there that harbor these stereotypes about me, my friends, my brothers and my fraternity. An ignorant opinion cannot stand alone long against the truth.

Greek fraternal organizations give, on average, over 20,000 community service hours a year towards a variety of philanthropic organizations ranging from the Leukemia Society to Links to Literacy. Fraternity members from chapters across the nation organize events, plan fund raisers and personally give their time and money three times more than the average college student. And while some of the chari-

table events are publicized, most are not, and are done without want or need of attention.

"There is as much greatness of mind in acknowledging a good turn, as in doing it," said Roman philosopher Seneca.

Fraternities emphasize scholarship and academic excellence in a variety of ways. Through mandatory study hall hours, big brother and scholastic mentioning programs (which pair underclassmen with upperclassmen in the same areas of study) and minimum grade requirements, fraternities hold grades as their first priority. By holding scholarship banquets, inviting distinguished speakers, holding faculty appreciation events and rewarding outstanding high school seniors with scholarship opportunities, Greek fraternal organizations illustrate that not only do we have the desire to maintain scholastic excellence, but we also constantly strive to broaden our academic horizons.

With fraternity membership also comes the reward of having a commitment to friendship and brotherhood that lasts a lifetime. The journey to college is a traumatic time for all stu-

dents, and fraternities have offered a support base and a "home away from home" to a countless number of students for over a century. Our lives are filled with the eternal search to find common bonds with our fellow man, and fraternities offer us the chance to do just that during one of the most challenging times of our lives.

Fraternities have produced outstanding young leaders and introduced them to the world prepared and well-equipped to handle whatever life outside of university walls has in store for them. All but two of the U.S. presidents since 1825, over 85 percent of the Fortune 500 executives, over 80 percent of the Supreme Court Justices, as well as some of the most outstanding and gifted leaders at TCU have been and currently are members of Greek fraternal organizations. Don't you think that it is time to cast away your negative stereotypes and introduce yourself to a member of a fraternity?

Walker N. Moody is a junior psychology major from Midland.

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these discussions.

"Often with diversity, we only think of race, but we want to include all scopes of the issue because it's more than just race," she said.

Sharon Reynolds, an associate professor of education, said although the Diversity Council only began this fall, the idea has been around for a while.

Thomas said William Koehler, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, helped initiate the concept of a diversity council more than two years ago.

The Diversity Council has many goals, Reynolds said, one of which is for the campus to become more sensitive and understanding.

"The more diversity, the richer the experience,"

she said.

A retreat for the council members is planned so they can share results from the focus groups, and then the council can develop a mission statement, Thomas said.

By the beginning of next year, Thomas said the goal is to have a mission statement, priorities and a newsletter.

"I would hope that students begin to see diversity as different, as a vehicle for learning," he said.

The council will provide food and drink during the sessions. Students are asked to RSVP by calling the Office of Educational Foundations and Administration at 257-7943.

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Matthew Winfield, a part-time assistant at the TCU Bookstore, said the bookstore was also "in the dark."

"We had a power outage and the lights went out," Winfield said. "The computers went down, but that's about it. From what we know it happened all around the block."

TCU Police Chief Steve McGee confirmed that people in the neighborhood around the campus experienced problems, too.

"It's not like this was just a TCU problem; it was a neighborhood problem," McGee said.

McGee said TCU Police reported the electrical failures to Texas Utilities Electric shortly after they occurred.

"We reported it immediately," he said. "They restored the power rather quickly."

The offices at TCU Police also lost power briefly, but McGee said a backup generator kept dispatched officers from being affected. There was no such luck for those in the offices though, he said.

"To be honest, the assistant chief of police (J.C. Williams) and I were in the dark," McGee said. "We got out and drove around to see what was going on around campus."

He also said the main campus was largely unaffected by the outage, judging by the absence of reports of lost power.

"It hit a lot of buildings on the east side of the campus," Stone said. "It's a TU Electric problem."

Sandy, a customer service representative for TU Electric who refused to give her last name, said lightning or wind could have knocked down a power line or transformer.

"All of today's problems are pretty much due to the storm," she said.

Carol Peters, a spokesperson for TU Electric, said they had problems with power outages throughout most of the day due to the stormy weather.

"We had scattered outages all day," Peters said. "It's a weather-related problem. It was real sporadic today. The lightning and water getting into equipment are

usually the reasons for this."

Although most people on campus reported problems on the east side of campus, Peters said that TU Electric was only aware of power problems on the west side of campus.

"It was around the tennis courts and that area out there," Peters said.

She also said the area around TU Electric's substation on Horne Street reported an extended outage from 9:25 a.m. to 10:44 a.m., which was the result of a failed underground cable.

Accounts by people on the west side of campus dispute Peters' reports.

"We didn't, to my knowledge, have a power outage," said Sara Bartenz, associate director of the Bayard Friedman Tennis Center. "I was here at that time, and we had nothing. (TU Electric) didn't know what they were talking about."

Brachman Hall Director Wanda Olson said there were no problems with power at the residence hall, which is also located on the campus' west side.

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the Wind" as ISA members gathered around the stage. They also presented a mounted map of the world signed by ISA students and a crystal globe.

Liz Ruiz, a senior speech pathology major, said she enjoyed attending the event.

"It was really cool to see people of different nationalities perform and show us a little about their country," she said. "We need to open our eyes to the other world out there and not be

stuck in our own little bubble."

For many students such as Paul Blutt, a senior accounting major, the event was a new experience.

"I'm glad I went because it was an enjoyable event," he said. "It was great being able to meet different people from different countries."

ISA does not make a profit from the banquet, O'Connell said. All the money from ticket sales goes towards paying for International Week itself.

"We consider it a cultural and social investment for ISA and TCU," he said. "In order to offer students the option of paying by meal cards, we're not allowed to charge more than the cost for the food."

Now that the ISA is finished with International Week, O'Connell said the group will continue its weekly meetings and start planning events for next semester such as Homecoming and Family Weekend.

GREEK

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blacks do not know. There is also a great need for them to know that."

Kimbrough said hazing is a collegiate problem that could lead to the dissolution of many fraternities and sororities. However, he said he is committed to the idea that these organizations have value and is interested in creating a program that decreases alcohol abuse on college campuses.

"Over the next 20 years, fraternities are going to have to close or merge because of lawsuits," he said. "Within the next nine years, if NPHC doesn't change its policies, there will be another death of a magnitude that causes an organization to go out of business. I am promising that is going to happen."

Kimbrough said the solution to alcohol-related incidents is to work more closely with local chapters and with national organizations, which he said have not been responsible.

"(National organizations) do not know hazing is going on," he said. "They do not have field consultants. We expect them to step up to their level of service."

Hazing, which has been the recent subject of three highly publi-

cized NPHC cases, dates back to the 15th century and has always predated pledging, Kimbrough said.

"You cannot draw distinctions between hazing and pledging," he said. "What one person thinks is hazing, another thinks is pledging. Pledging was born out of a culture of hazing."

In the 1920s, universities began to address and abolish the crude pranks directed mainly toward freshmen, but the culture of hazing needed an outlet and permeated to black fraternities and sororities, he said.

In 1990, NPHC abolished its pledging process, said Kimbrough. Historically black fraternities and sororities now have a less formal membership intake process, which stresses service.

However, previous pledging rituals involved pledges' dressing alike, walking around campus in a single line according to height, having similar hairstyles and eating and studying together, Kimbrough said.

"The history of the pledge program is so rich it can serve as a course," Kimbrough said.

Kimbrough said the pledging process culminated with a probate show, or modified step show, in which new members participated in a form of self-expression that emphasized singing, dancing and, of course, stepping.

Stepping is a part of black Greeks' culture and tradition and was made popular in recent years by rap artists and visible by Black Entertainment Television and Music Television, Kimbrough said.

Some members of historically black fraternities and sororities said they were impressed by Kimbrough's speech.

Chanda Brown, a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha, said she enjoyed his relevant presentation of historical facts.

"There are things you think you know that you actually do not know," she said. "He clarified points I was hazy on."

George Don-Arthur, a Phi Beta Sigma member, said Kimbrough reiterated important historical facts.

"He definitely emphasized the need for a redefinition of pledging among historically black Greek organizations," he said.



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NBA

Mourning injured in Miami win

MIAMI (AP) — Dan Majerle scored with 1.1 seconds remaining as the Miami Heat overcame an injury to Alonzo Mourning to beat the Philadelphia 76ers, 91-89, Monday night.

Terry Porter paced foul-plagued Miami with 20 points, while Allen Iverson, the NBA's leading scorer, led Philadelphia with 28.

The Heat have won 12 of their last 14 games and seven in a row at home. They have beaten the 76ers nine straight times, including an 89-78 win Friday in Philadelphia.

Mourning injured his right ankle 36 seconds into the second half when he picked up his fourth foul while Theo Ratliff scored from close range.

Mourning's ankle was retaped on the bench, where he stayed until 9:19 remained in the game. Fourteen seconds later, he returned to the sidelines with his fifth foul.

The 76ers took advantage of Mourning's absence, launching a 13-1 burst that featured five points by Iverson, to take a 63-52 lead.

Mourning returned at 4:44, in the midst of six straight 76ers points on baskets by Matt Geiger and Eric Snow and Iverson's two free throws that put Philadelphia up 85-80 with 4:08 to play.

The Heat answered with baskets by P.J. Brown and Porter before two free throws by Hardaway put them back on top 86-85 with 1:44 remaining.

Ratliff connected on two free throws as Philadelphia regained the lead 87-86.

Porter responded 17 seconds later with a 3-pointer to put Miami up, 89-87. A 15-foot jumper by Snow tied the game at 89 with 54.2 seconds to play.

PGA Tour

Woods Fires Cowan as caddie

CLEVELAND (AP) — Tiger Woods fired caddie Mike "Fluff" Cowan on Monday, ending a highly successful 2 1/2-year partnership.

Woods hired Steve Williams, who has worked for Raymond Floyd the last 12 years, to replace Cowan.

"Fluff and I have discussed this over the past few weeks," Woods said in a statement released by International Management Group, which represents the world's top-ranked golfer. "We both feel it is in our best interest to part ways."

"I appreciate the support which Fluff has provided and recognize the contributions Fluff has made to my success as a professional. But it is time to move on and I feel confident we will remain friends."

Observers noticed a tension between Woods and Cowan in recent tournaments in which Cowan caddied. Woods apparently began questioning Cowan's work habits and dedication.

Cowan left Peter Jacobsen for Woods in 1996 when Woods turned pro. He gave Woods tour experience the 20-year-old lacked, knew all of the courses and was a steady influence.

But Woods has been taking stronger control over all aspects of his career. He fired agent Hughes Norton last year and now he has parted with Cowan.

With Cowan on his bag, Woods won the 1997 Masters and seven PGA Tour events, helping him reach the top ranking in the world.

Men's team accepts bid to NIT play

By David Quinlan
SKIFF REPORTER

There wasn't anything glamorous about TCU's basketball season, especially after Sunday's announcement of who did and didn't make the NCAA tournament.

Needless to say, TCU did not, but the Frogs and their 19-10 record still earned an invitation to the National Invitational Tournament which starts Wednesday.

"We blamed ourselves for not making the NCAA," TCU head coach Billy Tubbs said. "We didn't take care of business."

TCU, which lost six of its last 10 games, will travel to Manhattan, Kan., Wednesday to play Kansas State (20-12) in the first round of the NIT. Tip off is set for 8 p.m.

The loss that was most costly to the Frogs' chances for making the NCAA came last Tuesday in a first-round rout from Brigham Young, 90-74.

"I wasn't surprised," Tubbs said. "Probably if we had beat BYU we could have made the NCAA Tournament. Had we beat Tulsa at home, which is not too much to ask for, we would have probably made the tournament."

The Frogs were without their second leading scorer in the BYU game.

Junior forward Marquise Gainous suffered from a bruised hand and was not able to play though he was cleared by team officials.

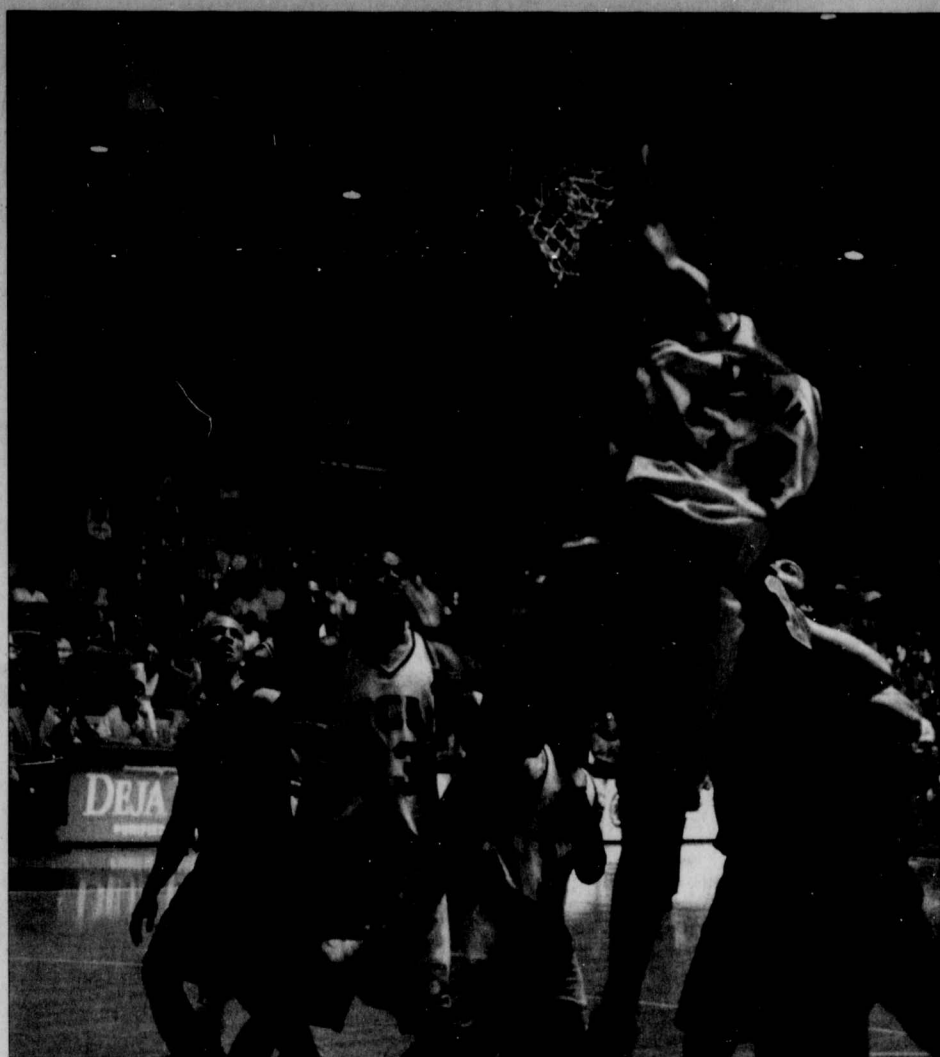
"He's fine now. He played today, but you won't see him dunk with his left hand," Tubbs said. "A lot of people got mad at him (for not playing), including me. But I've never seen a player in so much pain."

Qualifying for the NCAA are two teams TCU defeated earlier in the season, Gonzaga and Southwest Missouri State. On top of that, TCU's Ratings Percentage Index of 41 was better than two other bubble teams, Mississippi (19-12) and New Mexico (24-8).

The RPI is a system which measures schedule strength and opponents' schedule strength.

"We are disappointed with the season, but that's a good thing," Tubbs said. "TCU's expectations have risen. We expected more than what we delivered."

The Frogs' Wildcat opponent on Wednesday will not be an easy one. Kansas State lost to Kansas in the semifinals of the Big 12 Tournament. A first-round win in the NIT could mean a second-round game at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum with TCU playing the winner of the Nebraska and Nevada-Las Vegas game.



The men's basketball team, led by senior forward Lee Nailon, has accepted a bid to play in the National Invitation Tournament. The Frogs travel to Manhattan, Kan., to face Kansas State Wednesday night.

Howard, Williams named All-Americans

By Jared Hooker
STAFF REPORTER

Five Flyin' Frog tracksters went to the NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships in Indianapolis last weekend with high hopes, but they unexpectedly ended their season Friday. Sophomore Jason Howard and junior Ricardo "Flash" Williams earned All-American honors.

Howard, who won the high jump competition two weeks ago at the WAC Championships, became TCU's first field event athlete to get NCAA Indoor All-America honors and finished fourth in the high jump. He cleared his first two heights and then missed his next three attempts at 7 feet 4 inches.

Howard said his mechanics affected his performance more than anything.

"I wasn't working over the bar," he said. "I haven't spent much time working on my technique."

Track head coach Monte Stratton said Howard is going to be big in the future.

"We are looking for bigger and better things from him," he said. "He is very talented."

Williams wasn't among the favorites in the 200-meter dash, but he qualified with a time of 21.28 seconds in his heat. He finished eighth in the final, clocking a time of 21.25 seconds and received All-America Honors.

Senior Bryan Howard (60- and 200-

meter), senior Jarmiene Holloway (60- and 200-meter) and freshman Lindel Frater (60-meter) didn't make the finals in either of their events.

Bryan Howard, who was a favorite to place high, missed the cut to qualify in both of his events. In his heat of the 60-meter race, he finished ninth with a time of 6.693. He missed qualifying by .003 of a second. In his 200-meter dash heat, his time of 21.32 seconds held him back from the final by just .01 of a second.

Holloway finished eighth in his 60-meter heat with a time of 6.84 seconds and was third in his 200-meter heat, clocking a time of 21.44 seconds, neither of which was fast

enough to qualify him for the finals.

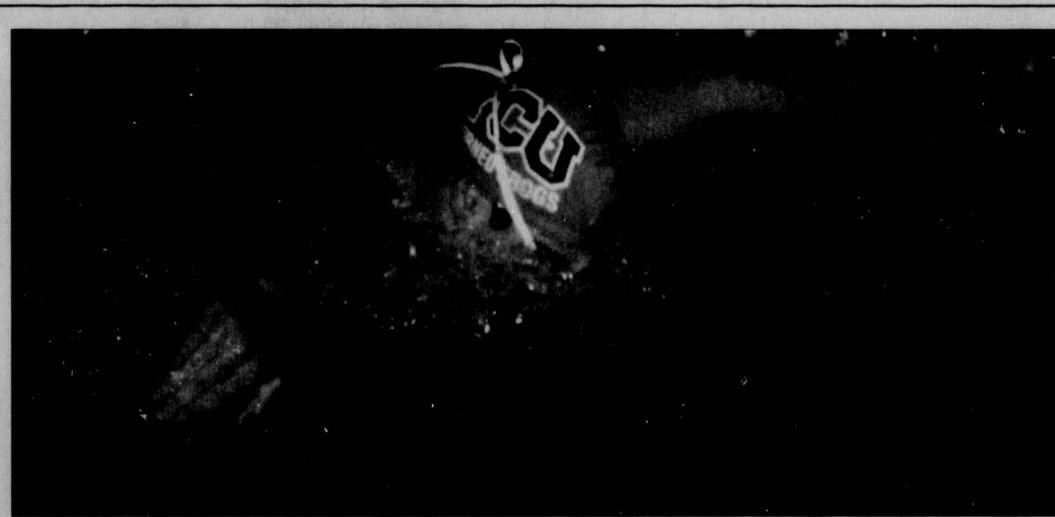
Holloway said he is happy to have competed in the NCAA Championship, but he was disappointed with his performance.

"I wasn't into it mentally," he said. "I really don't know what happened."

Frater was eighth in his 60-meter dash heat, but his time of 6.81 seconds didn't give him a bid to the final. Stratton said he was also disappointed with the Frogs' performances, but they weren't disastrous.

"I felt that the sprinters should have been sharper, but they were flat," Stratton said.

The Flyin' Frogs will open their outdoor season Saturday at the University of Texas at Arlington Outdoor Opener.



The men's swimming and diving team competed in the Western Athletic Conference Championships last weekend. Though the team was disappointed with its overall performance, several individuals swam well.

Swimmers disappointed with WAC performances

By Tom Sullivan
STAFF REPORTER

The men's swim team faced some difficult competition in the Western Athletic Conference Championships in Federal Way, Wash., last weekend. The Frogs finished in eighth place out of 10 teams.

Southern Methodist University captured the conference championship with a score of 657.5. The Mustangs were followed by Brigham Young University, the University of Hawaii, the University of Utah and Air Force.

Head coach Richard Sybesma said Hawaii had an outstanding meet and was the surprise team at the championships.

From an individual standpoint, the Frogs had some strong swimmers.

Senior swimmer Jason Flint, who appears in this week's issue of *Sports Illustrated* in "Faces in the Crowd," has already qualified for the NCAA champi-

onships at Indianapolis in three weeks. Flint came in sixth place in the 200-yard breaststroke and 15th in the 100-yard breaststroke.

"Jason wasn't peaked for this meet and swam against some great swimmers," Sybesma said. "But he will be ready for the NCAA championships."

Senior diver Kevin Saal came in third place in the three-meter spring board competition. He also captured fourth place in the tower and seventh place in the one-meter.

Sybesma said Saal's performance was impressive.

"Kevin had a great meet and performed well on all his dives," he said.

In the tower dive, Saal seemed to have a scary moment. Saal fell on his back on one dive and, according to Sybesma, appeared to be injured.

"He looked hurt but he was OK and still performed well after that," Sybesma said.

Sybesma said the best performances of the meet came from sophomore Mike Wills, Flint, junior Brent Hendrix and junior Adrian Velasquez in the 200-yard individual medley relay.

"These four really swam great, and it was probably our best relay," Sybesma said.

Sybesma also said junior Charlie Fell and sophomore Pat Tuohy did a great job in their events — Fell in the 50-yard freestyle and Tuohy in the 200-individual medley.

Flint said the team expected to do better at the championships.

"It is real disappointing, and we should've done better," he said.

Sybesma agreed.

"We have a better team than what we showed in Washington," he said. "We must learn from this and make sure it (a flat performance) doesn't happen again."

Joe DiMaggio dies at 84

By Merv Schneider
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Joe DiMaggio, the elegant Yankee Clipper whose 56-game hitting streak endures as one of the most remarkable records in baseball or any sport, died Monday at his home in Hollywood, Fla. He was 84.

DiMaggio, who underwent lung cancer surgery in October and battled a series of complications for weeks afterward, died shortly after midnight, said Morris Engelberg, his long-time friend and attorney.

DiMaggio's body will be flown to Northern California for burial in his home town of San Francisco, Engelberg said.

"DiMaggio, the consummate gentleman on and off the field, fought his illness as hard as he played the game of baseball and with the same dignity, style and grace with which he lived his life," said Engelberg, DiMaggio's next-door neighbor.

When DiMaggio left the hospital on Jan. 19, he was invited by New York Yankees owner George Steinbrenner to throw out the ceremonial first ball at the Yankees' home opener April 9. After DiMaggio came home from the hospital, a sign was placed on his bed saying "April 9 Yankee Stadium or Bust."

The New York Yankees' center fielder roamed the basepaths for 13 years through 1951, missing three seasons to serve in World War II. During that time he played for 10 pennant winners and nine World Series champions, batted .325 and hit 361 home runs.

More than anything it was The Streak, during the magical summer of '41, that riveted a country fresh from the Depression and elevated him from baseball star to national celebrity.

He ascended even higher atop the rank of popular culture in 1954 when he wed Marilyn Monroe, a storied marriage that failed all too quickly and left him brokenhearted. For years after she died in 1962, DiMaggio sent roses for her grave but refused to talk about her.

His legend stands — shoulder-to-shoulder with the likes of Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig and very few others who could measure up to them on the sports scene this century.

He batted .325 lifetime, with 361 home runs, won three American League Most Valuable Player awards, appeared in 11 All-Star games and entered the Hall of Fame in 1955. He played for 10 pennant winners and nine World Series champions. For half a century, he was introduced as "the greatest living player."

RUDY

by Aaron Brown Chaos

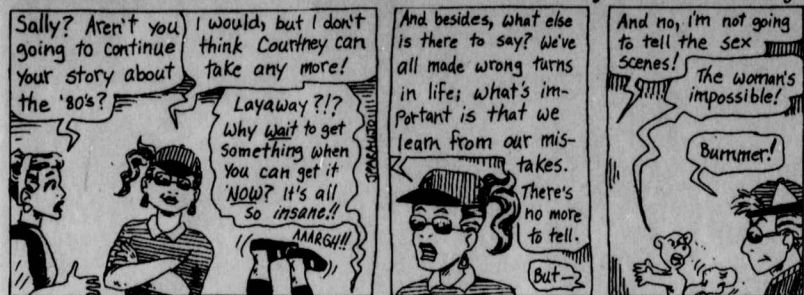
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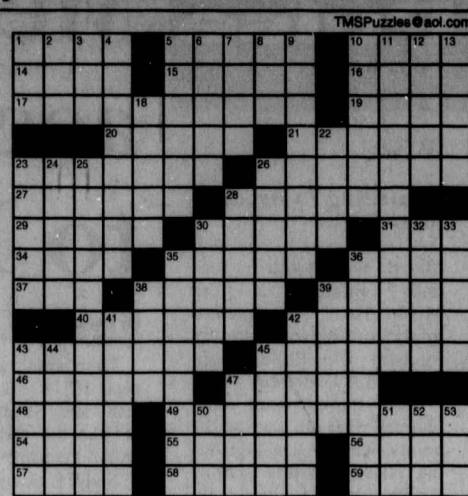
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