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Recital benefits Presbyterian shelter

John Owings, Herndon professor of music and chairman of the TCU piano department, will give a benefit recital with violinist Fritz Gearhart for the Presbyterian Night Shelter Saturday.

The program begins at 7:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 1000 Penn St., in Fort Worth.

Tax-deductible tickets cost \$15 and will benefit the Women's and Children's Building of the shelter.

Owings and Gearhart recently performed to a full house at Carnegie Hall. Today they will perform works from their recently-released CD, which features the music of Quincy Porter, at the Sonneck Society's National Convention at TCU.

For Saturday's benefit concert tickets, call 921-3313.

Upcoming PC events announced at meeting

Programming Council held an all-campus meeting Wednesday to inform students of upcoming events and to answer questions.

The Fine Arts Committee announced it will hold a three-day film festival during the last week in March. The last day of the festival will be a drive-in showing of "The Waterboy." All films will feature past "Saturday Night Live" cast members. In May, the multicultural committee will hold a Cinco de Mayo carnival and celebration.

Next fall, Homecoming will have the theme Broadway Lights and Horned Frog Nights. The committee is planning to have a parade of lights and fireworks at the pep rally. Also next semester, Family Weekend, held in October, will have the football-oriented theme: NFL-National Frog Lovers.

Adam Ryan, Student Government Association vice president for programming, said the meeting was an effort to get students involved in PC.

"This was a way for people to come and learn about Programming Council," he said. "The main point was to get a feel of how the community thinks we are doing and to hear comments and ideas."

A video of the meeting will be broadcast on the campus Channel 47 beginning today.

College

Grad student walkout to include undergrads

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (U-WIRE) — As many professors and graduate student instructors have canceled their lectures and discussion sections to support of the Graduate Employees Organization, one question resonates in the minds of many University members: How will undergraduates react to GEO's walkout?

Yesterday, less than 12 hours before GEO was scheduled to begin its walkout to demonstrate dissatisfaction with its current contract with the University, members of the organization met with undergraduates to discuss this and other concerns students had about their roles in the job action.

GEO Chief Negotiator Eric Odier-Fink said he hopes today's walkout will be powerful enough to make the University move from its current position in contract negotiations and prevent a more severe job action.

— Michigan Daily University of Michigan



Fire Department officials said the damage to the Ale House following a fire Wednesday was extensive, with a preliminary estimate of \$400,000. The Ale House is owned by TCU alumni Jeff Tucker and John Christensen.

Fire claims Ale House

Blaze sparked by hot embers causes \$400,000 in damages

By Jeri Petersen
STAFF REPORTER

The acrid smell of wet ashes hung in the air as the owners of The Ale House bar and grill, 3024 Merida Ave., sat outside their burned-out building, numbed by the disaster yesterday morning.

Fort Worth Fire Department spokesman Lt. Kent Worley said the two-alarm blaze started about 2:30 a.m. and took about 30 minutes to bring under control.

Worley said it after the restaurant closed about 2 a.m., ashtrays were dumped into trash sacks and the hot embers caught on fire and spread.

Jeff Tucker and John Christensen, active TCU alumni who purchased the Ale House last year, said yesterday they were too distraught to talk to reporters.

Worley said TCU Police officer Marvin McKinney reported the fire when he noticed smoke coming from The Ale House. The TCU Police

Department office is about a block away from the establishment.

Fire Department officials said the damage was extensive, with a preliminary estimate of \$400,000.

Worley said ashes that are not extinguished properly are not an uncommon source of fire.

"This is not the first time I've run into this," he said.

Worley said a quick glance often indicates the ashes are properly extinguished but one flicker of air can ignite the embers.

Based on evidence at the scene, there is no speculation of arson, Worley said.

Worley said if the building can be salvaged it will require major remodeling.

"The roof structure started to come down," he said. "Air conditioning units were sagging and tilting inward."

Scott Haro, a senior radio-TV-film

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Students, police discuss escort options

By Laura Head
STAFF REPORTER

Concerns about the Froggie 5-0 escort program and the five-month-old Frog Shuttle were the subjects of a meeting Wednesday between Campus Police officials and Nick Tedford, chairman of the House of Student Representatives' Student Concerns Committee.

Tedford, a freshman engineering major, said he planned the meeting to bring concerns and complaints to the Campus Police.

"I get all my information from the head representatives of all the dorms," he said. "They get all their concerns from their constituents and bring (the concerns) to me."

Tedford said some students were upset with the shuttle system because they have to wait at the Student Center while the buses sit in Worth Hills.

"Some people complain because they have to wait 30 to 40 minutes," Tedford said. "It doesn't help for (the buses) to be sitting at the Greek."

Campus Police Chief Steve McGee said one

of the reasons the shuttle buses sit in the Worth Hills parking lot is because the drivers do not have time to eat lunch.

"The drivers have to eat on the routes," he said. "We need to find the best time for them to eat, maybe during a dead time that not many students are riding the shuttle."

Tedford said the shuttle system is working well, but can improve with some minor adjustments in the planning.

"I think the shuttle system is a complicated issue, and they're doing a good job of handling it," he said. "The more I tell them and the more feedback I give them, the better they're going to make it."

Connie Villela, crime prevention sergeant and supervisor for the Froggie 5-0, said Campus Police provides escorts 24 hours a day, even though Froggie 5-0 only operates from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

"They can get an escort at 7 (p.m.)," she said. "The only difference is it's in the police car."

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Alex Mousoudakis, a sophomore graphic design major, talks with Sgt. Chris Drake on the TCU Frog Shuttle, which is now in its fifth month of operation.

Russian class to return Mladenka to teach introductory courses

By Jared Hooker
STAFF REPORTER

Before deciding what foreign language to take next semester, students may want to crack open the TCU Undergraduate Studies Bulletin and find the section marked Russian. Yes, Russian.

The AddRan College of Arts and Sciences has approved the reactivation of the Russian language program.

Two sections of Introductory Russian will be taught in the fall by Al Mladenka, retiring director of International Student Services, who also successfully reactivated the program at Idaho State University.

Only 12 students will be admitted to each class, which will be offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Mladenka said the program did exist before, but ended with an unfortunate turn of events.

"TCU had offered a minor in Russian until four or five years ago when illness forced the retirement of the Russian professor, Dr. John Loud," Mladenka said. "It was then determined that there was not enough student enrollment to continue the program, so it was suspended."

The class will be structured for students to develop reading, grammar and listening skills and to learn

the cultural context of modern Russian through slides, photograph situations and simple conversation between students. The program will also require the students to use the language lab one hour per week.

The course and lab will satisfy the UCR foreign language requirement and will offer materials that will be helpful to learn Russian.

James Henley, associate dean of the AddRan college of Arts and Sciences, said he would like to see students take the class.

"I hope it will have enough student demand for a reasonable

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House reps to work toward more contact with residents

By Mel Korte
STAFF REPORTER

The House is attempting to make student government more accessible.

In an effort to increase contact between House of Representatives and the members of the residence halls, head representatives will utilize bulletin boards and a Constituent's Day.

Constituent's Day, March 27, is a designated day for representatives to talk to students in each hall.

House Vice President Sarah

Burleson said they hope to get more feedback on what students are concerned about.

"The students can fill out comment cards and talk to their representatives," she said. "It will be around lunch time, so people can get something to eat and voice their concerns."

The head representatives have office hours in their halls now, Burleson said.

"Each representative has one hour a week in their halls where they are available to the constituents to talk," she said. "The

time is chosen by the representatives."

Foster Head Representative Kristi Deans hosts "Felicity Night," a time each week when Foster residents can voice their concerns while watching the television program, "Felicity."

Deans said the position of head representative is important.

"We relate everything from the constituents to the House," she said. "They tell us problems, and we relate the information to the

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SafeBreak

Spring Break means rest and drinking responsibly

By Tom Sullivan
STAFF REPORTER

As Spring Break approaches, students will be heading off in all directions to have their own kinds of fun.

But sometimes having your own kind of fun can be dangerous.

Panama City, Fla., South Padre Island and Cancun are some of the typical college Spring Break destinations.

Angie Taylor, director of the Alcohol and Drug Education Center, said these hangouts force students to be sensible.

"We want our students to know they need to be responsible," Taylor said. "Looking out for each other and staying together with friends is important. We want our students to have a good time and that means being careful."

The Alcohol and Drug Center cited a study in *Rolling Stone* regarding underage drinking and disorderly conduct fines.

During Spring Break, South Padre Island's population jumps from 2,000 permanent residents to more than 140,000 and most of these are students. Most students go to South Padre because

of the warm Texas weather and its proximity to Mexico.

This year, according to the study, 30 additional police officers will be on duty during Spring Break and fines for underage drinking and disorderly conduct have increased.

A \$143.25 fine will be given to those drinking who are under 21 years of age. A fine for disorderly conduct will be well over \$200 — \$243.25.

Taylor said these fines can be a deterrent to serious accidents.

"These fines are good for some students and not for others, depending on financial situation," she said. "Overall, though, the fines won't stop students from drinking."

Jackie Rodriguez, a sophomore radio-TV-film major, went to South Padre last year and said she saw people of all ages.

"I'd say about half the people there were under 21," she said. "We also saw a lot of crazy drunk people."

Rodriguez also said some fights broke out.

"We saw some fights ... just some drunks getting out of

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Explore career options in nursing by attending the information session from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 22 in the Student Center Lounge. Free blood pressure screening will be offered. For more information call 257-7497.

London Centre applications for fall 1999 are due March 15. For applications call 257-7473 or go to the Rickel Building, Room 109.

A free screening of the 1949 film, *The Heiress*, will begin at 7 p.m. today in the Moudy Building, Room 164 South.

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

Catholic Community will meet for mass and meal at 5 p.m. today in Reed Hall, Room 214. Sunday mass will be held at 7:30 p.m. Sunday in the Student Center Ballroom.

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

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.

News ROUNDUP

World

Mexican states suffer blackout, mechanical failure suspected

MEXICO CITY — Three Mexican states — the entire Yucatan Peninsula — lost electric power for several hours today, a blackout officials blamed on a mechanical failure.

The states of Yucatan, Campeche and Quintana Roo — which include major cities like Merida and Cancun and are home to about 3 million people — suffered almost complete power failures.

Only Cozumel, a tourist island off the coast of Quintana Roo, was unaffected because it is supplied by generators, according to Arturo Escorza, superintendent of the Federal Electricity Commission for the Cancun area.

He said the power failure originated at a hydroelectric plant in Chiapas state, which supplies the Yucatan Peninsula. Commission spokesman Romeo Flores Caballero in Mexico City said the problem was a relay station failure.

Workers were gradually restoring power, Escorza said. By early afternoon, service was restored across most of the peninsula.

Floods in Mozambique affect crops, people, government requests aid

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Flooding in Mozambique has killed 12 people and stranded more than 200,000, officials said Wednesday as South Africa sent in military planes filled with emergency aid.

After three months of rain, flooding has blocked Mozambique's main highway, isolating the towns of Vilankulu and Inhassoro, about 240 miles north of the capital city of Maputo.

About 400,000 people across the country have been affected by the flooding in the southern African nation. At least 12 have died and an unspecified number are missing, said Francisco Massingue, administrator of the Inhambane District that was worst hit by the floods.

More than 123,500 acres of crops have been destroyed.

The Mozambican government has requested \$12.4 million from international agencies for disaster relief and bridge and road repairs.

leader Subcomandante Marcos.

William J. Ivey, the federal arts agency's head, canceled the \$7,500 subsidy for the English edition of the children's book after a New York Times reporter brought the title's author to his attention, an NEA spokeswoman said Wednesday.

"I determined that this was not an appropriate use of government money," Ivey said in a statement relayed by the spokeswoman, Cherie Simon.

Ivey's concern was based on the possibility that some of the money could find its way to Marcos, Simon said, although the publisher said Marcos would not.

Marcos leads the Zapatista guerrillas in the southern state of Chiapas.

The book, called "The Story of Colors," is a folk tale about Mexican gods, as told to Marcos by an Indian friend. It was originally published in Spanish in 1997 by a Mexican press with no financial help from the U.S. agency.

Inside the front cover of the English edition that had been slated to get the grant — is a photo of Marcos wearing a ski mask over his face and with ammunition belts slung across his chest.

The grant had been approved in the last few weeks by NEA panel that focused on the book's artistic merit, Simon said.

The NEA staff knew of Marcos' authorship, and that appeared in the summaries the panel approved, Simon said. The final grant needed Ivey's approval.

House banking panel votes for ATM surcharges to be displayed clearly

WASHINGTON — The House Banking Committee approved today a measure that would require ATM surcharges to be clearly disclosed at the teller machines.

The panel voted, 48-1, to attach the measure to sweeping legislation it was drafting that would lift the Depression-era barriers between banks, securities firms and insurance companies by allowing them to merge.

The sole dissenting vote came from Rep. Judy Biggert, R-Ill., who said she believed the banks could sufficiently police themselves in operating automated teller machines.

The ATM surcharge measure, sponsored by the committee's chairman, Rep. Jim Leach, R-Iowa, and its senior Democrat, Rep. John LaFalce of New York, was a compromise. It would require clear disclosure of the surcharges, which come on top of charges by customers' own banks for using a machine operated by another bank. In addition, consumers would have to be given the right to terminate their transaction before paying the double charge.

Many banks currently do those things voluntarily at the ATMs they operate.

An earlier attempt to ban the surcharges outright, pushed by Rep. Bernard Sanders of Vermont, the House's lone independent, gave way to the compromise.

The most common ATM surcharge was \$1.50 as of last fall, and 64 percent of the nation's banks

imposed them, according to a study by congressional investigators.

State

Texas Commission approves permit for burning of hazardous wastes

AUSTIN — A Texas agency on Wednesday approved a hazardous waste permit for the state's largest cement manufacturer to burn hazardous waste as fuel.

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission in Austin approved the permit for Dallas-based Texas Industries Inc. to burn the waste in its four cement kilns in Midlothian for the next 10 years.

Earlier in the day, environmental activists protested the burning outside the Governor's Mansion in Austin. Residents near the company's plant in Midlothian, 23 miles southwest of Dallas, have complained for several months about health and nuisance concerns.

TNRCC officials say they have monitored air quality extensively and studied the environmental impact in Midlothian to ensure emissions from TXI would not be hazardous to human health and the environment.

The permit limits the types of waste TXI may burn, and requires other safeguards. TXI must maintain 22 air quality monitors on its equipment continuously and check groundwater at the landfills it uses to dispose of ash.

Greek chemical tanker fined for dumping into Gulf of Mexico

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas — A Greek chemical tanker has been fined \$100,000 for dumping 30 barrels of oil waste into the Gulf of Mexico near Port Lavaca last summer.

Starting in mid-June 1998, nearly 200 barrels — some of which contained toxic and highly corrosive chemical waste — washed up on South Texas beaches from Matagorda Peninsula to San Jose Island. The Coast Guard determined most of the 55-gallon drums were empty.

Thirty barrels of used petroleum fuel were traced to Kriti Amethyst, a 600-foot oil tanker owned by Avin International Corp. of Greece, said Lt. j.g. Brian Falk, a spokesman for the Marine Safety Office.

"The labels were still intact where the bar codes could be read," Falk told the Corpus Christi Caller-Times for Wednesday's editions. "The contents were determined not harmful, but still had to be treated as harmful."

On Friday, Coast Guard and TNRCC officials assessed a civil fine of \$100,000 for discharging garbage into a highly specialized area — the Gulf of Mexico. The fine does not include the cost of testing and retrieving the drums from the 70-mile stretch of coastline. That cost could run as much as \$141,000, Falk said.

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ODE TO AN ALE HOUSE

Hang out lost to fire will be missed

It's possible that never again will members of the Fort Worth and TCU communities sit at familiar metal tables in familiar lawn chairs, play pool or test their mental capacity at trivia within the shadowy confines of the Ale House.

This restaurant and bar, owned by TCU alumni, was destroyed in a fire during the early morning hours Wednesday. It came as a complete surprise to all — many didn't catch wind of the tragedy until late in the day. A few didn't believe it happened. Some students smelled the smoke on Merida Avenue all the way over in Worth Hills as the Ale House burned.

The Ale House had a spotty history with Horned Frogs. Some discovered the place, fell in love with the good food, low prices and sports bar atmosphere. Some alumni found the place during their tenure at this university, and, if they remained in the area after graduation, kept the eatery on their "favorite places" list. And some people never even knew the place existed just a few blocks away from campus.

Either way, it's our community, which should be a source of pride and unity. Perhaps that means we should help a neighbor — be it a person, group or business.

Some might think it luck that the fire didn't spread, or occur on campus, but we should not ignore tragedy just because it happened to someone else. It is just these times — when someone is hurt or having a hard time — that we should pitch in and help them out.

The loss of a restaurant, or even a bar, may not seem like much in Fort Worth where there is somewhere to eat or drink on practically every corner and in almost every shopping center. But it is more than that.

For some, it is the loss of a livelihood. For others, it is the loss of a job. And for devotees, it is the loss of a favored hang out full of memories and traditions.

As a final gesture, we sing, "Ale all ale ... TCU."

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Bozo is not just a clown

Face paint is a facade, not the real person behind it

Somewhere in America, on the grounds of some special event or fair, Bozo is getting dunked.

He spent last weekend at the North Texas Irish Festival at Fair Park, where bagpipes and Renaissance characters paraded against the unlikely backdrop of Texas heat. He, like the jewelry maker or the petting zoo, was one of the attractions. His name was painted in red on a sign: *Dunk Bozo*, it said.

Commentary



ROBYN ROSS

A crowd gathered around the little red trailer propped up on its side, where the man playing Bozo sat on a collapsible bench waiting to get wet.

Bozo is a carnny. He travels from

festival to fair to small-town mid-way, where people pay for three balls to throw at a baseball-size target. In each town he spends his day dressed in a clown suit, being dropped into the water at the whim of people whose only connection to him are his taunts.

He has to taunt the crowd, or no one wants to pay money to try to dunk him. He's not the hated principal, the loathed football coach or anyone else who inspires vengeful behavior by his mere existence, so he has to create that anger.

"Hey, Fatso, you think you scare me with that windup? You throw like a girl."

Of course, Bozo's not really his name. It's really Mark, Joe or Abram — as his mother calls him — not Bozo. She answers the question of what her son does by telling people, "He's a clown."

Does she mention that he makes fun of people instead of making them laugh? His mouth is painted

on so his cheeks don't get tired of being pulled, hour after hour, into a mocking grin.

"I'm up here, high and dry. Try and hit me again, sucker."

Dumb old Bozo. So someone tries again.

Different crowds. Different cities. But there's always the same guy with the tight shirt designed to show his muscles who is trying to dunk Bozo to impress his girlfriend. There's the guy who hates something or someone and takes it out on the anonymous clown by throwing the balls so hard they rebound off the dunking target and roll away. Then there are the little kids who can't even throw high enough to have a chance.

To Bozo, they are all the same; a big flood of humanity out for a good time on the weekend. It doesn't matter what holds the crowd together — Irish ancestry, a love of Harley-Davidson motorcycles, the PTA — he still only sees them once and they only see his

costume. The kid whose proudest achievement of the day is dunking a grown man in a tub of water doesn't know that the next day in another town someone else will take his place.

"Hey kid, you think that's a good shot? You think I care?"

What I wouldn't give to get behind the waterproof whiteface and cracked red paint of his smile. Something goes through Bozo's head all day as he looks at those anonymous faces and manufactures new sarcasm, and no kid who steps up to pay his dollar knows what it is. Bozo has a name and an identity outside his caustic clown exterior, but it's as hidden as his ordinary man's soul.

"I'm back up here, high and dry." And again, and again, and again — and tomorrow he'll be gone.

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

Inability to empathize hurts student-professor relations

I am getting just a bit tired of some TCU professors. Not all of them, but some particular breeds of teachers that are starting to really get to me. I think you should all be aware I am probably committing academic suicide by writing this column. I have this nagging feeling that when my teachers read this article they are all going to think I am talking about them even if I am not, and then they are subconsciously going to like me less even if they don't intend to.

As I said before, not all TCU professors are getting on my nerves, it's some particular breeds that roam about campus. Some of them I've had to endure myself. Some others have been described to me by fellow students. I understand that some student's views about professors will be somewhat biased, but when a whole class seems to share the opinion then there's something fishy going on.

I think you all know what I am talking about now. First there are those teachers who make you feel like you are just another Joe or Jane. I have come to the conclusion that the longer a professor has been teaching, the more he or she has forgotten what it feels like to be a student. It is those professors who make me feel nothing I do will ever impress them because in all their years of teaching they've seen so many bright students

I am just another Jane. Those are usually the professors who think their subject is the axis of your world and assign work like theirs is your only class. They have complete disregard for other classes and the fact that you have other loads of work of equal or even superior proportions.

Then there are those professors who make me feel discouraged to even attempt to be successful. It's those who insist that a 'B' is a good grade and they don't understand why I am so inclined towards getting an 'A.' I mean, what is wrong with being an 'A' student? Aren't those the ones TCU is always exhibiting, while proclaiming how worthy of recognition their efforts are? I get tired of stumbling into teachers who insist that being grade-oriented is something bad. I think I am old enough to know that what I get out of class is more important than the grade a teacher gives me. I know what I am learning from my classes in spite of what grade I get. Thus, the only thing I have left to worry about is to make sure the teacher knows I know so I can get my happy grade.

Besides, no lecture is going to convince me grades are not important. It is because of grades that I was able to come to TCU; it is grades that pay my tuition every month; it is grades that allow me to claim myself as worthy of scholarships and honor societies. Nevertheless, I have a bunch of professors telling me to chill out and settle for a 'B.' Sorry, it ain't gonna happen.

Some other teachers seem to live in another era, where they dwell happily disconnected of every event that has happened since the invention of

the computer. Yes, it's those who view pop culture as some decaying manifestation of life, who struggle to open the attachments we send them through e-mail and who are reluctant to use wonderful tools like the Internet to enhance their classes. It is those who dwell in rusty old books, thinking, "I was born too late", and wishing that they had been some rhapsodist during the fourth century. Well, I like my era. I like the '90s, MTV, e-mail junk and all those things that make the end of the 20th century great.

Then there are those professors who are geniuses in their field and they don't understand other people are not as bright as they are. They rush through their lectures at the speed of light and are so fascinated by the subject they are unaware half of the class is staring blankly, mumbling "Say what?"

I can't even explain how some others make me feel, except that it involves a deep feeling of apathy and even sorrow. It's then when I remember all those wonderful numbers TCU once gave me, assuring me the student ratio was 1:14, professors would know my name, and it was about me. In my lifetime at TCU, I recall only two classes with less than 40 people. Some of the professors learned my name. However, I never expected them to know my name while I was in their class, I expected them to remember it when I was gone.

I was just wondering ... Is it just me?

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

Letters to the editor

Everybody pays for student theft

I have been at TCU a couple of years now, as both a graduate student and as university staff. My current position involves taking care of the various computer labs on campus. I have had reports of printing problems in the Student Center Reading Room lab many times over the past several months.

The most common problem I find with the printers is what I am writing this letter about. I find it very bothersome to walk over to the Reading Room and find that the printing problems are always the same. People keep stealing the print cartridges in the labs. The last time I went over, 10 of the 12 printer cartridges had been removed from the printers.

I find it disappointing that, at a university as prestigious as ours, we cannot maintain an unsupervised computer lab without frequent thefts. It is our student fees that pay for these printer cartridges. When someone steals from a lab, they are stealing from all of us. In the long run, behavior like this is going to hurt us all.

Mike Snook
User Services Consultant

Embrace individuality to appreciate diversity

Bravo to Tim Skaggs ("Racism rooted in ignorance," March 4) on his insightful, well-reasoned response to a very pervasive problem in our country. It is not often that someone so young is able to see things so clearly.

I believe most people know in their hearts that the "Golden Rule" is the best way to combat racism,

sexism and homophobia. Too often we don't recognize our commonalities and choose to focus on our differences.

This is especially important now that we are about to embark on a university-wide diversity initiative. Let's all pledge to not seek merely tolerance of others, and to reject assimilation into, or conformity with the "majority culture." But let us instead embrace the uniqueness of each individual. Only through the strengths of the individual can the whole thrive.

Correlia Allen
Assistant Director of Communications and Media Planning

Bad decisions rooted in stereotypes

I am writing in response to Walker Moody's guest commentary concerning the practice of stereotyping Greek organizations. I agree with Mr. Moody's comments to some extent, but I am confused about the arguments that he uses to support his views. Should he be commended for never abusing or taking advantage of a woman? Or for never killing a new member of his fraternity? Whether this was written with sarcasm or not, I feel that as a member of the human race, we should regard these actions as the norm and not the results of being involved with a Greek organization.

Furthermore, the reference concerning the tragic deaths of the students in San Marcos is also disconcerting. Since I was not a participant, nor related to any involved parties regarding the incidents at Southwest Texas State, I cannot speak of those events with first- or

second-hand experience. But I will say that the young men that died, died because of stupid decisions. These decisions are founded in the same logic that creates stereotypes and the attitudes surrounding them. This being said, the fact is that the subtitle of his article against stereotyping is a stereotype itself!

Barrett Ship
freshman political science major

Some lounge activities distracting

I would like to call attention to a problem on campus. It may not seem like a big deal, but it affects a lot of people. It involves the Student Center Lounge. Too often, students go to the lounge to study, eat meals or hang out with their friends and are unable to because there is a display, concert or fair there. While these are worthwhile and interesting events, the ballroom — which has a stage that would be quite suitable for concerts or debates — or the newly renovated area on the other end of the Student Center would be better locations for these events.

Recently, an organization that holds meetings in the lounge arrived at 9 p.m., a full three hours before the Student Center closes, to find the lights out and the couches relocated. To call it a lounge and use it as an exposition center is a contradiction in terms. If the lounge were bigger, or space was maximized so that it could be used for both, there would be no problem. As it stands, something needs to be done. These events are wonderful, but they are an intrusion on our space.

Cori Troxel
freshman history major

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BREAK

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hand," she said. Taylor said she hasn't heard of any TCU students who have had trouble with the law.

"I haven't heard of any of our students with serious run-ins, but it doesn't mean it hasn't happened," she said. "But it wouldn't surprise me if it has happened — especially those in Mexico."

Panama City has a resident population of 4,710 which increases to about 550,000 with Spring Break visitors.

Jeff Ferguson, a junior marketing and finance major, said he is going to Panama City for the first time and is looking forward to it.

"We heard it is a fun place to spend a week away from school," he said.

The Florida town offers many

popular hangouts among college students and most restaurants and clubs are open 24 hours a day.

"We're going to hit the beach at day and the clubs at night," Ferguson said.

The town has hired 35 additional police officers during Spring Break and fines for underage drinking and disorderly conduct are both \$175.

Taylor said the beach towns are typical alcohol environments.

"They are such big party places and the (alcohol) industries know that is where students go," she said. "The advertisements lure students in to buy their product and that is alcohol."

Taylor said there is a high increase in emergency room visits among college students during Spring Break.

"There is an increase with things such as alcohol and other typical poisonings," she said. Taylor said actual statistics are not known.

Justin Williams, a junior finance major, said he has been to Cancun and the environment is crazy.

"We knew if we got caught in Mexico, we'd be in trouble," he said. "If you do drink, be careful ... don't binge drink."

Taylor said the beach resorts also lure potential predators.

"They know that thousands of people will be wasted and it is a perfect situation," she said. "Students don't think there are predators out there because (the students) are impaired. That's why we insist on students staying together and being careful."

Alcohol isn't the only problem

students will face during Spring Break. Predatory drugs, such as Rohypnol and GHB, and unsafe sex are also problems.

"We do see an increase in the use of predatory drugs over Spring Break," Taylor said. "Guys may slip them into girls' drinks or things like that. There is also a lot of sex that occurs. Take precautions and don't sleep with anyone you don't know."

Taylor said she understands Spring Break is a time for students to get their minds off school.

"We know it is a time to release stress and have fun," she said. "But if you get hurt or arrested, the vacation won't be fun anymore."

"Our biggest concern is not having a student come back to Fort Worth or dying in an alcohol-related incident."

FIRE

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major, is an assistant manager at The Ale House.

"The owners and staff are trying to be optimistic," he said. "We're a tight-knit staff, and we've been down there today cleaning up a little bit."

Somber friends came by during the day to offer support against the backdrop of the silent, heavy scene.

Haro said the owners are trying to find the light in a dark situation.

"They both had a real passion for the place and it was a lifetime investment for them," Haro said. "It's hard to tell before the damage is assessed whether they will rebuild the structure or demolish it and start over, but they definitely want to reopen."

Haro said The Ale House was a unique spot in Fort Worth.

"There aren't many places around town like this. It was a small, smoky

hole where there was always a seat and a TV for you," Haro said. "A truly eclectic place is lost."

Some of the regulars came by for Happy Hour yesterday, unaware that their gathering spot had been destroyed hours earlier.

"There was a whole range of emotions when they came," Haro said. "Some were in shock, some were crying. Their meeting place, their social scene was erased. This was a place where people who had nothing in common found something in common."

Barbara Goodman, TCU Police administrative assistant, said the doors of the building were wide open when she arrived at work yesterday morning.

"The smell of smoke was really strong. We've had doors open all day, but it still smells," she said yesterday.

Becka Meier, Moody Hall fraternity director, said some girls called her around 3:30 a.m., concerned about a strong smell of smoke in the residence hall.

"We checked out the building, but didn't find a source of smoke here, so I called the TCU Police just to have them come verify there was no fire," Meier said. "The TCU Police told me about the Ale House fire, and that was probably what we could smell."

Some students didn't know about the fire, but as more and more of them learned about it, reactions were mixed.

Rhonda Nesheiwat, a sophomore studio art major, said, "I'm really bummed because this is my first semester here, and the first party I ever went to was at The Ale House, so I won't have that to go to any more." Jeff McAvoy, a freshman bio-

logy major, and Charlie Cramer, a freshman premajor, said they often hung out at The Ale House with their fraternity brothers.

McAvoy said, "A lot of our functions happen at the Ale House. I guess we'll have to find another place to have them."

Cramer said, "I'm sad The Ale House burned down because the service was pretty decent and the food was always good and hot. All the people around there were always in a good mood, with nice smiling faces."

The Ale House Staff is throwing a parking lot party at 7:30 p.m. today. They will have kegs and live music and will collect donations to benefit The Ale House employees.

Skiff staff members Beth Wilson, Jared Hooker and Michael Kruse contributed to this report.

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amount of enrollment," he said.

Mladenka said small numbers in the class can help the students learn more easily.

"The fact that there is a limited number of students says that (the department) wants students to have a good experience with learning the language," he said.

Students have mixed thoughts about taking this new language.

Erin Anderson, a freshman premajor, said she would have taken Russian if it was already offered.

"I would be interested in it because I've been to Russia before," she said. "If they offered it at the beginning of the year, I would have taken it."

Aubrey Monk, a freshman premajor, said it would be a nice course to take, but many Americans don't have ties to the Russian language.

"I would not take it because Russian isn't a language that (Americans) have a background in," she said. "Spanish, French and Italian are all romance languages, and if you learn one it is easy to learn the others, so I wouldn't spend my time on a language that would take twice as long to learn."

Though the alphabet may seem confusing, Mladenka said it won't be a factor as students progress in the class.

"The alphabet is a little bit of a deterrent at the beginning, but from my experience, beginning students have not had a problem learning the Russian alphabet," he said. "Students find (the language) to be very interesting and challenging because it is new and different."

Brian Ellis, a sophomore engineering major, said he would take Russian because of its complexity.

"I would like to take Russian because I think it would be an interesting language to learn," he said. "I think it is a complicated and hard language, and there are a lot of Russians in the world and it would be nice to talk to them."

Jeff Bradley, a sophomore math education major, said he thinks it will bring culture to the campus.

"I think it would educate people not only on how to speak, but it would educate the students on the culture of the Russians," Bradley said.

Eileen Trilli, a sophomore speech major, said she wouldn't take Russian because she may not use it in the future.

"I see a language like Spanish being more practical for me," she said.

Though many students disagree in their interests and the language may not be appealing to some, all students are encouraged to try it, Mladenka said.

Mladenka said he thinks the language may have as much value as the other languages TCU offers because Russia is still a factor in international business.

"Depending on what students will be doing down the road, I think Russia is still a sleeping giant in the world of business and trade so there is great potential," he said.

For more information about the Russian language program, call the modern languages and literatures department at 257-7355.

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rest of the House."

Head representatives are intermediaries between other representatives, Deans said.

Each residence hall has bulletin boards placed in the front entrance hallways to update on-campus students on House activities, bills and events.

Deans said the head representatives had requested bulletin boards for the last year and a half.

"The boards help relay information about what the House has done the last week," she said. "I can post bills,

and the constituents can vote on the issue."

Deans said she looks at the results before House meetings to see how representatives voted.

"I can visually see how people voted," she said. "This way, I can vote at the House meeting with their best interests in mind."

Burleson said the head representatives have their own systems for giving a voice to student concerns.

Student Concerns Chairman Nick Tedford said he meets with the head representatives for improved commu-

nication.

"They can come to the Student Concerns committee with problems from the residents," he said. "We then usually contact the police department or residential services, which are in charge of most things that affect people on-campus, and try to get them changed."

Burleson said the head representatives offer feedback and detail on what is going on in residential life.

"They field the complaints about quality of life in residential halls," she said. "At each weekly head represen-

tative meeting, they fill out forms about contact with constituents, issues that need to be addressed, actions to be taken and plans to be made."

Adrienne Hawkins, a sophomore social work major, said the House has improved communication by sending information on the budget to organizations on campus.

"They sent a breakdown of how to request money to the National Association of Social Workers," she said. "We can use the information when we plan activities."

SHUTTLE

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McGee said the Froggie 5-0 was originally scheduled to end at midnight, but it was extended to accommodate those students studying at the library until 1 a.m.

"They're patrolling the campus when they're not escorting," he said.

J.C. Williams, assistant chief of Campus Police, said all students are encouraged to take advantage of the escort program.

"We want the students, especially the female students, to

know that after 1 a.m., we'd like them to call the Campus Police," he said.

McGee said hours for the Froggie 5-0 service might be adjusted to start at 7 p.m., providing escorts when it gets dark earlier in the evening.

"Next year maybe we can get half of the shift to come in from seven to midnight and the other half come in from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.," he said. "We're here all night long, so we'd be glad to help (students) at any time."

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Spurs slip past Magic by two

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — David Robinson hit two free throws in the final 18.5 seconds — his only points of the second half — to lift the San Antonio Spurs to an 81-79 victory over the Orlando Magic Wednesday night.

It was a battle of futility as neither team scored in the final 4:47 — after Tim Duncan's three-point play tied the game at 79 — until Robinson's two free throws.

Robinson led the Spurs with 19 points as San Antonio (11-8) won its fifth straight game.

Penny Hardaway led the Magic with 22 points as Orlando (14-6) lost consecutive games for the first time this season and dropped behind Miami (14-5) in the Atlantic Division race.

Heat win eighth straight at home

MIAMI (AP) — Tim Hardaway scored six of his 21 points during a decisive 16-2 run at the beginning of the third quarter Wednesday to carry the Heat to an 88-78 victory over Atlanta for Miami's eighth consecutive win at home.

Alonzo Mourning dominated the center matchup with Dikembe Mutombo, scoring 16 points with 12 rebounds and five blocked shots.

Mutombo and Mookie Blaylock scored four points apiece on a combined 2-of-19 from the field.

Blaylock's lone field goal was a 3-pointer with 2:05 remaining.

Nets lose to Pacers by 11

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Rik Smits led Indiana with 20 points and New Jersey went nearly eight minutes in the second half without a field goal as the Pacers defeated the Nets 83-82 Wednesday night.

It was the fifth straight loss for the Nets and their 11th setback in 12 games.

Chris Mullin added 17 for the Pacers.

Kendall Gill had a season-high 25 points to lead the Nets and Keith Van Horn had 20 despite getting into early foul trouble that kept him on the bench for 15 minutes of the first half.

Sixers snap three-game losing streak

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Allen Iverson had 25 points, seven assists and five steals as the Philadelphia Sixers beat the Charlotte Hornets 85-70 on Wednesday night, hours after the Hornets acquired Eddie Jones and Elden Campbell from the Lakers.

Jones and Campbell didn't join the team in time for the game, leaving the Hornets with only nine players. For the better part of three quarters, it didn't matter. Left with a makeshift lineup after trading Glen Rice, J.R. Reid and B.J. Armstrong, interim coach Paul Silas' team gave the Sixers fits for a while.

The Sixers snapped their three-game losing streak despite committing a season-high 23 turnovers.

Wizards win by 10 over Detroit

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Detroit Pistons scored just 12 points — six off dunks — in the second period and Juwan Howard had 22 points and 11 rebounds as the Washington Wizards won 97-87 Wednesday night.

Howard scored an inside basket, hit his classic turnaround baseline jumper and had a 3-point play in an 19-2 run later in the first half as the Wizards took a 50-32 lead. The Pistons didn't close the gap to single digits in the second half.

Frogs battle the odds — and win



The TCU baseball team played four away games in five days, winning two. The Frogs return to the TCU Diamond for three games this weekend.

By Rusty Simmons
SKIFF STAFF

Winning two out of four games in five days may not seem to be much of a success, but for the TCU baseball team it was, considering the odds stacked against it.

The Frogs arrived in Fresno, Calif., too late last Thursday night to work out under the Bulldogs' lights, so they knew they would have a difficult time in the next day's night game. Then, after a three-game series with Fresno State, and with little sleep, TCU traveled to Lubbock to take on the No. 17 Texas Tech Red Raiders.

Tired, and missing several players due to injury, the Frogs arrived at Dan Law Field to play against Texas Tech on Tuesday. The Red Raiders took advantage of the weakened TCU team early. They scored two runs in the initial two innings, and added four more in the fifth.

The Frogs battled back by scattering two runs in the first six innings and putting a two-spot on the board in the top of the eighth. Shaun Wooley, junior designated hitter, doubled home Royce Huffman, senior third baseman. Freshman center fielder Erick Macha's ground out brought home senior right fielder David Wallace.

The two-run inning closed the Texas Tech lead to a single run, but TCU could get no closer in the final inning. With the tying run only 90 feet away, Wallace grounded out to the pitcher and ended the Frogs' threat.

"I wouldn't say we played well, but we played hard considering the stand point we were in," head coach Lance Brown said.

The loss to Texas Tech came after TCU took two of a three-game series in Fresno.

The lone loss of the series came in the opener last Friday. The Frogs struggled at the plate against Fresno State's Tom Graham while scoring only one run and leaving five runners on base.

"(Graham) did a great job," Brown said. "We haven't gotten a chance to play under the lights this year, and you just don't see the

ball nearly as well."

Fresno State utilized its home field advantage well in the first game. It ran away with a 7-1 victory, but TCU made Brown's "light theory" believable in the next two games.

In the second game of the series, the Frogs fell behind again. This time, they adjusted to the lights. Down 4-1 heading into the top of the fourth, TCU busted out five runs in two innings.

Wooley hit a two-run homer in the fourth and matched his own feat in the fifth. His two blasts and a Macha RBI gave TCU a 6-4 lead.

Fresno State plated two runners in the final two innings, but a Frogs' insurance run in the ninth helped stage off the late Bulldog rally. Macha's sacrifice bunt moved junior second baseman Levi Groomer to third. Huffman's fielder's choice scored Groomer, and gave TCU the 7-6 win.

In the final contest of the series, the Frogs showed even further adjustments to playing under the lights. They pummeled Fresno State's starter Hans Smith with seven first-inning runs. The Bulldogs battled back with four of their own in the bottom halves of the first two innings.

TCU went on to score seven more runs in the game, but the Horned Frog relievers shut down the Fresno State offense. Sophomores Chris Bradshaw and Stan Newton pitched the final 7 2/3 innings and gave up only four runs.

"We've had quite a few freshman from last year that have thrown well," Brown said. "They've pitched enough to be fairly confident."

Bradshaw picked up the win in relief as the Frogs finished the series with a 14-8 victory.

The 2-2 record over this last week moves the TCU overall record to 11-10. More importantly, the Frogs' Western Athletic Conference record is upped to 5-1 on the year.

Brown said the team will rest and fine-tune some things over the next week. They will be preparing for their next WAC match up against New Mexico on March 19-20 in Albuquerque, N.M.

NFL ready for instant replay

By Dave Goldberg
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NEW YORK — After a season of officiating problems, the NFL is set to bring back instant replay at its spring meetings, which begin Sunday in Phoenix.

The new format is what the NFL calls a "two plus two" system, giving coaches two challenges per game and extra challenges in the final two minutes of each half.

The new plan, which has been recommended by the competition committee, will combine elements of the replay system that was in effect from 1986-91.

League spokesman Joe Browne said Wednesday he thinks replay has the best chance for approval this year since it was removed seven years ago.

Replay was approved 7-1 by the league's competition committee this week with Cincinnati's Mike Brown, a longtime dissenter, the only "no" vote. It still must get 24 votes from the 31 teams to be approved.

The new element is the challenge, which will give coaches the right to challenge what they think is a bad call. The referee would make the final decision from a monitor on the field.

If the protest is turned down, the team will lose a timeout. If it's

upheld, it will not.

The old element will come in the final two minutes, when a replay official in the press box can halt play any time he sees a questionable call even if a team has used both its challenges. But the referee will still make the final decision.

Replay has been voted down each year since it was voted out in 1992, in part because the coaches haven't been able to agree on a system.

However, Pittsburgh coach Bill Cowher, a member of the competition committee, said he believes it will get the 24 votes necessary for approval.

Several teams that have voted

against it in the past, including the New York Giants — who have never voted for it — have said they might reconsider their position.

Another major item likely to come up during the meetings is a decision on whether to award the 32nd franchise to Houston or Los Angeles, two cities which lost teams this decade.

The owners are believed to be leaning toward Los Angeles, the larger market, but are unlikely to award a franchise to either of the two competing groups. However, Browne said things are still up in the air.

"It will be one word or two — 'Houston' or 'Los Angeles,'" he said.

Intramurals wraps up basketball

By Jeri Peterson
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Intramurals

Intramural basketball wrapped up Sunday with a tournament at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

The winning men's league team was El Banditos, women's winner was En Fuego and the coed champion team was Bad Stuff. In the 6-foot-and-under league, the Otterpops emerged victorious.

In the three-point tournament, Grant Weitzel, playing for Pi Kappa Alpha, took first place in men's play, and Candice Watkins won in the women's division.

From among 30 free-throw shooters, Mark Lankowski, playing for EMT, won in the men's division, and Angela Stanford, playing for Sigma Kappa, took first place in women's shooting.

In the racquetball doubles tournament Monday, the women's champions were Lucio and Newberry, and the coed champs were Smith and Kramer. The men's winners will be determined in a match between Capua and Finn later this week.

Thirty-five teams participated in the tournament.

Club Sports

Lacrosse president Pete Hoff-

man said the team came close to upsetting No. 10 Texas A&M Saturday at home.

"We lost it right at the end, 13-9," Hoffman said. "Considering (A&M was) ranked higher than Texas, who drilled us before, shows how much we've improved."

"We knew we could have beaten them, and I'm sure we'll see them in the playoffs."

The Frogs beat Southwestern University, 10-6, on Sunday, clinching a playoff position.

The club's record for the season is 6-4.

Women's lacrosse suffered a 6-9 loss to Texas Tech in Lubbock Saturday.

"We had a substitute goalie who has never played the position before, and she just jumped right in and did a great job," club president Kelly Coulson said.

The women will take off Spring Break and will gear up to play Baylor and UT the following weekend.

The roller hockey team won't be taking Spring Break off. The team's final tournament will be March 20.

The water polo club will face Baylor University in Waco on March 27. Club president Adria Newberry said Southern Methodist University and possibly



The men's lacrosse team, shown here in Saturday's game against Texas A&M, lost the game, 13-9. They defeated Southwestern University, 10-6, on Sunday.

Texas A&M will also be there.

The club members have a meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Rickel pool. Anyone interested in joining the water polo club is welcome to attend as well.

Three members of the High Adventure club attended an outdoor leadership conference in San Marcos, Texas, last weekend.

Club President Matt Truitt said members attended several seminars on leadership training. One seminar on adaptive paddling skills taught leaders how to outfit paddling boats for people with

disabilities.

Truitt said kayaks and other small boats can be equipped with special seats that allow people with disabilities to enjoy paddling.

Other seminars included training in swift water rescues and trip planning.

A new principle in recreational sports called "Leave No Trace" was stressed at the conference. The principle is becoming a big issue in national and state parks and forests, Truitt said.

Backpackers and others who

enjoy recreation in remote areas should leave should leave no evidence of human occupation because of the effect it has on the ecosystem, he said.

Truitt also said parks are pushing the principle because of the impact increased usage is having on wilderness areas.

"Already some national parks won't let you in without a permit showing that a member of the group is certified in 'Leave No Trace' philosophy," Truitt said.

The club's next trip will be its annual Easter trip.

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Round one:
TCU 72,
Kansas State, 71

Round two:
TCU vs. Nebraska
Time, date and
place TBA

See the full story in
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ACROSS

- 1 Ill-gotten riches
- 5 Monastery VIP
- 10 Philippines island
- 14 Heavily spiced stew
- 15 Pine tree
- 16 Of the ear
- 17 Russian despot
- 18 Picture-window element
- 20 Small bell sound
- 22 Gave an account
- 23 Auk or murre, e.g.
- 25 Island garland
- 26 "The Maltese Falcon" co-star Mary
- 28 Tarsal bangle
- 33 Skin of a noodle?
- 36 Departed
- 38 Alaska town
- 39 British peers
- 40 Corrida shout
- 41 Permitted by law
- 42 Family or shoe follower
- 43 Crisscross framework
- 44 Blazing
- 45 Listener
- 47 Blaspheme
- 49 Bill
- 51 Nobility
- 55 Places for rings
- 60 Up for the day
- 61 Cornmeal dish
- 63 Brief biography
- 64 Flat-topped hill
- 65 Make happy
- 66 Revise for print
- 67 Quiz
- 68 Discourage
- 69 Auberjonois of "Star Trek: Deep Space Nine"

DOWN

- 1 Annie of "Designing Women"
- 2 Borden's spokesperson
- 3 Tropical creeper
- 4 Pitcher with a trick pitch
- 5 Trumpeter Herb
- 6 Dance in France
- 7 Husk of grain
- 8 Based on eight
- 9 In that place
- 10 Soft drink
- 11 State: Fr.
- 12 North wind of the Alps
- 13 Tritons' sch.
- 19 Tooth display
- 21 Speech defects
- 24 Grief
- 27 Piece of history
- 29 Missouri feeder
- 30 Focal points
- 31 Arabian prince
- 32 French head
- 33 Adam's youngest son
- 34 Close attention
- 35 Location
- 37 Disgusted
- 41 Light weapon
- 43 Snatched

By Stanley B. Whitten Northbrook, IL 3/11/99

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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