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Judge bans offender
from all campuses

STORRS, Conn. (U-WIRE)

A convicted sex offender who solicited female students on campus was banned from all college campuses in the United States, a Superior Court judge ruled on Tuesday.

John Urban, 38, of Billerica, Mass., is free after posting \$150,000 bail. Under the conditions of the bail, Urban was ordered to stay away from all female college undergraduates.

"The bond conditions are our efforts to assure the citizenry of UConn that they are safe, and that Mr. Urban is not a threat to them," said defense lawyer James Sulick.

Urban was arrested March 9 on weapons charges after a sock filled with rocks, a brown lockblade knife, handcuffs with a chain, rope and two condoms were found in his vehicle.

On March 18, Urban was charged by UConn police with three counts of stalking and two counts of disorderly conduct after he appeared at the police station to pick up his impounded vehicle.

According to police, 57 female students have come forward to say that Urban asked them to baby-sit his children or watch his dogs. Some of the women said they accepted rides from Urban.

Urban was convicted in 1982 of raping a child, stalking and kidnapping. He was sentenced to life in Bridgewater State Hospital, a psychiatric institution in Massachusetts, after he pleaded guilty to several incidents, including rape, attempted rape and assault of minors. Urban spent 15 years in Bridgewater and was released in 1998.

— The Daily Campus
University of Connecticut

Group opposes ROTC
anti-gay policy

MADISON, Wis. (U-WIRE) — In a meeting Tuesday, UW-Madison administrators and the Associated Students of Madison's Equal Rights Initiative agreed to fight against an alleged ROTC anti-gay discrimination policy.

The ERI released a report earlier this month that detailed an ROTC policy prohibiting ROTC students from "engaging in homosexual acts." It also suggested ways to ensure that gay students receive scholarship money and leadership training similar to what the ROTC provides.

Provost John Wiley called a meeting between UW-Madison administrators and the ERI to discuss its suggestions.

Wiley said the university will try to create a program that would teach the same leadership skills as the ROTC program; provide scholarships for the program; issue a statement against the ROTC discrimination policy; and add a footnote to all University of Wisconsin System anti-discrimination disclaimers that appear on UW-Madison documents.

The footnote will say the ROTC discriminates based on sexual orientation and UW-Madison encourages it to change its policy. The ERI's goal is to provide ROTC opportunities to all students, not abolish the program, ERI intern Adam Klaus said.

— The Daily Cardinal
University of Wisconsin

Sessions key to PeopleSoft puzzle

By Mel Korte
STAFF REPORTER

Informational Services has set up training sessions and e-mail to alleviate the communication problems caused by the implementation of PeopleSoft.

Sharon Hudson, the executive assistant to the Dean in the School of Business, the conversion to PeopleSoft is not as easy as she thought.

"In some respects, it seems we are taking two or three steps back in reconciling our budget," she said. "It is more time-consuming, but hopefully, as time goes on, a person can cue

on what they need and the process will go faster."

The method of instruction for the system began with teaching the department administrators and they would then teach their staffs. Hudson disagreed with the way PeopleSoft was taught in the School of Business.

"The staff that needs it has not been given hands-on training, and the information they need has not gone past the administration," she said. Marilyn Eudaly, an academic program specialist in the Psychology department, is the chairwoman of the Office Staff Personnel. The OSP Professional Development Com-

mittee hosts lunch hour programs to discuss topics such as PeopleSoft problems and computer theft deterrent.

"People were surprised to find that others were experiencing the same problems they were," Eudaly said.

Eudaly said the communication has been a source of frustration for the staff and the main problem, rather than the software.

"It has been confusing where a person can go to state their problem and how to get an answer back," she said. "There are more questions to be answered than any time to answer them."

An e-mail was sent by the OSP to staff and personnel to inform them where to direct suggestions, comments and complaints.

Three trained TCU staff members, one each for student records, human resources and accounting, will answer these questions. The Financial Aid Office began the conversion process in June 1998 and went online Feb. 26. Director of Financial Aid Michael Scott said the process was difficult but a four-person implementation team from the Financial Aid Office has worked full-time since June with a

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Forum focuses
on black issuesBy Kristen R. Naquin
STAFF REPORTER

Members of the TCU community can come together tonight to discuss how the black church is preparing for the new millennium. The discussion will take place at 7 p.m. at Robert Carr Chapel during a forum sponsored by Students for Social Solidarity at Brite Divinity School.

Church leaders, seminarians and theologians have been invited to attend the panel discussion, which is free and open to the public. Issues facing the black church — the role of women in ministry, how to provide ministry to gays and lesbians and traditional worship vs. contemporary worship — will be discussed.

However, coordinators of the event said these issues are not limited to black churches.

"All these trends are things the church universal has to face to get ready for the millennium," said Tonia Hatchett, a Brite student and vice president of Students for Social Solidarity. "If not, there will be just fragments of the church."

Daphne Wiggins, assistant professor of religion and one of the panelists, said these issues within the black church mirror issues within the Anglo and Hispanic churches.

"We have to consider the practices and theology of all religious tradi-

tions," she said.

Sherman Allen, pastor of Shiloh Institutional Church of God in Christ, said he hopes this diverse discussion will bring new insight into the issues.

"Whenever people come together to discuss any matter of diverse opinion, the convergence brings new light."

Marlon Smith, a Brite student and coordinator of the event, said there are many crucial issues that concern the black church in particular. He said he hopes the discussion will begin a dialogue that addresses those issues.

"As students of theology ... we are trying to make an impact on social ethics and ideas that affect us in society, whether in practice or in ideology."

In addition, he said he hopes the forum will build bridges between black churches in the community and black students studying at Brite.

Students for Social Solidarity is an organization composed of Brite students. It addresses issues involving minority and oppressed or marginalized students. Although the organization has sponsored worship services in the past, this is the first time it has sought community and campus involvement in an activity. Smith said he hopes tonight's discussion is the beginning of several such events.

Open
community

Jeff Maddaugh/MANAGING EDITOR

Amy McDurham, hall director for the Pete Wright/Tom Brown Residential Community, peers over the stairwell in the Commons Building, which opened Wednesday. The facility houses lounge areas, conference rooms and kitchens, in addition to a clock tower that will be completed within the next few weeks.



David Dunai/SKIFF STAFF

Catering to sports fans, KTCU 88.7 FM broadcasts its new SportsTalk show, which airs from 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesdays. The show will focus on TCU sports and takes on-air callers.

Let's talk about ...
SportsTalk provides forum for discussionBy Tom Sullivan
STAFF REPORTER

Are you a sports lover or a sports hater? Either way, KTCU's revamped show allows both to vent their excitement or hatred over the air.

SportsTalk, on KTCU 88.7 FM, is the forum for all things sports.

SportsTalk is on every Wednesday from 1-2 p.m. and is hosted by 1998 TCU graduate Marc Istook.

In the past SportsTalk used to be three days a week, but since former host Richard Durrett graduated, the show has moved to one day a week.

"Richard had the show over the last couple years and it was mainly his show," Istook said. "He asked me to co-host last year and he came back this year and asked me to do it with him. He is no longer able to do it and it is now my show."

According to station manager Andrew Haskett, SportsTalk originally aired on Sunday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon.

"A group of students had a desire to have a sports talk show on KTCU," Haskett said. "Most of our shows are student-driven and we try to air what our students want to talk about."

SportsTalk is a show that tries to focus mainly on TCU sports.

"We talk about TCU first and foremost," Istook said.

Jordan Scott, a senior radio-TV-film major and Istook's co-host, said SportsTalk allows people to voice opinions on their favorite sports.

"A lot of other shows make it hard to voice opinions on the air," he said. "We tell people they can get on the air at any given time and talk sports."

There are times when callers are few and far between. Istook

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Eating disorder
threatens a lifeBy Laura Head
STAFF REPORTER

The commode stands in front of her, its mouth wide open, waiting. Sarah will do what she has done time and time again, purging herself of the shame and the guilt and the pain.

Eating disorders, including anorexia, bulimia and bulimarexia, affect two to 10 percent of young American women. Anorexia Nervosa is a disease that involves self-starvation, while bulimia is associated with self-induced vomiting and laxatives. Bulimarexia is a combination of anorexia and bulimia.

"I had always been concerned with my weight," said Sarah, a sophomore. "I think it's a low self-esteem thing. You find some area of your life to focus on and to criticize. I put all my energy into criticizing my body."

Sarah, who asked that she not be identified, said she became bulimic when she was 15 and a freshman in high school.

"I still remember everything about that day," she said, calmly. "The first time I did it, I was scared because I had heard stories about

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College students
face workforce,
grad school optionsBy Karen Kassebeer
STAFF REPORTER

After four or more years of study, college graduates are faced with another decision: to go on to graduate school or to immediately get a job and take the workforce by storm.

TCU offers graduate education in more than 33 fields to suit students individual needs. There are five schools: AddRan College of Arts and Sciences, M.J. Neeley School of Business, School of Education, College of Fine Arts and Communication, and the Brite Divinity School.

Linda Starnes, administration assistant for institutional research, said this spring there are 813 graduate

students enrolled at TCU.

John Burton, associate dean and Director of Graduate Studies, said TCU offers six different areas of study in the College of Fine Arts and Communication.

Burton said there has been a modest increase during the last five years in the number of students that are working toward a graduate degree in Fine Arts and Communication.

This year about 100 students are enrolled in the college as either a full or part-time graduate student.

"We have a lot of interest," he said. "(There are) over 1,000 applicants

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Pulse

Announcements of campus events, public meetings and other general campus information should be brought to the TCU Daily Skiff office at Moudy Building South, Room 291, mailed to TCU Box 298050 or e-mailed to skiffletters@tcu.edu. Deadline for receiving announcements is 2 p.m. the day before they are to run. The Skiff reserves the right to edit submissions for style, taste and space available.

Sigma Gamma Epsilon, the earth sciences honor society, presents Robert Stern, chairman of geosciences at the University of Texas at Dallas, who will be speaking at 11 a.m. Friday in Sid Richardson, Lecture Hall 4. The presentation will include video footage of submarine studies of the Izu-Bonin-Mariana Arc.

Wesley Foundation invites United Methodist students and any others who are interested to meet for fellowship and dinner at 5:30 p.m. today in the Wesley Building at 2750 W. Lowden.

Catholic Community will meet for mass and a dinner at 5:30 p.m. today in Reed Hall, Room 214. Sunday mass will be held 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 at the corner of Rogers and Cantey streets.

Come to the free screening of *Sunset Boulevard*, starring Gloria Swanson, at 7 p.m. today in Moudy Building South, Room 164. William Holden co-stars as the out-of-work writer recruited by former star Swanson to pen her return to the silver screen. The movie is free and open to the public.

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.

A golf tournament will be held by Air Force ROTC Cadet Wing April 11 at Carswell Golf Course. Proceeds from the event will go towards training for cadets. Golfers can match their game against the players from the TCU Golf team during the tournament. Deadline to enter is April 1. For more information contact Brant Nickell at 921-7461.

News ROUNDUP

World

Protests begin after slaughter of Malaysian pigs with killer virus

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia — Dozens of Malaysian farmers on Wednesday protested the government's failure to contain a viral outbreak that has killed 58 people and led to the extermination of tens of thousands of pigs in Southeast Asia's largest pig-breeding district.

Pig breeder Tan Teow Hua, who went to the Health Ministry with 30 farmers from the Bukit Pelanduk district 60 miles south of the capital, Kuala Lumpur, said she stands to lose \$58,000 once soldiers cull 1,200 of her pigs.

"They are my only source of livelihood," she sobbed, adding that her sister-in-law had been hospitalized after being stricken by the virus.

For the sixth day, soldiers continued to shoot thousands of pigs in the Bukit Pelanduk district to exterminate animals suspected of carrying Japanese encephalitis. The virus, which attacks the brain and causes high fever, vomiting and coma, is transmitted from pigs to humans by the Culex mosquito.

Pork prices have plummeted and the government has set up a fund to help devastated hog farmers.

Malaysia's Deputy Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi was appointed Wednesday to head a ministerial committee to tackle the outbreak.

Nearly 40 of the deaths have occurred since January among farm workers and residents in the Bukit Pelanduk area. While most of them were found to have Japanese encephalitis, doctors said they also found a virus called Hendra in some hospitalized patients.

Health authorities are still uncertain whether the viruses were related. Experts from the Atlanta-based Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have set up an office and laboratory here to investigate the virus.

Farmers also urged the government to speed up the slaughter to a further health disaster, saying the government task force assigned to cull all 320,000 pigs had killed fewer than 20,000 even though it was supposed to complete the slaughter within 10 days. Farmers fear that pigs left unfed would die and attract pests.

Train derails in Kenyan national park, 32 dead

NAIROBI, Kenya — A train carrying tourists derailed today while rounding a sharp bend inside a national park, killing at least 32 people, Kenyan officials said.

Police Commissioner Philemon Abongo said 32 people died.

A French Embassy spokesman said at least one French woman was killed, and that there were at least 86 French tourists on the train. The embassy official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said it was not known how many French passengers were injured.

Nairobi Hospital said nine French citizens, eight Britons and four Kenyans had been admitted, some in very serious condition.

The train carried 400 people, and there were initial reports that about 100 were trapped after the derailment. An Associated Press reporter who arrived at the scene eight hours after the accident saw no large-scale rescue operation under way for any trapped passengers.

The accident occurred on the edge of Tsavo National Park, 155 miles southeast of Nairobi, said Nicholas Simani, a Defense Department spokesman.

The train rolled over on the single-track railway at 4:15 a.m. on a sharp bend before a junction known as "Man-eaters" because of the dozens of Indian workers eaten by lions when the railway was built early in the century.

Michael Greenwood, 59, of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., who suffered only minor injuries, said he was riding in the last of the 13 passenger cars.

"All the doors were locked, and nobody had the keys to open them," he said at Nairobi Hospital.

Greenwood said some survivors had to climb out windows and walk about a mile to the main Nairobi-Mombasa highway, where they were helped by Chinese road workers.

Nation

Battery-powered vehicles recalled after pedal problems

WASHINGTON — Peg Perego USA Inc. is recalling 274,000 battery-powered children's vehicles for repair after receiving more than 300 reports of electrical components overheating or accelerator pedals getting stuck, the Consumer Product Safety Commission said Wednesday.

Electrical components in the vehicle can cause it to overheat, posing fire and injury hazards to children. According to the government and the Fort Wayne, Ind.-based company, 30 fires have been reported, resulting in one child suffering third-degree burns to his hand and at least \$55,000 in property damage.

One child suffered a concussion and six children received bruises when accelerate pedals stuck and the vehicle hit trees, fences, walls or parked automobiles.

The recalled vehicles run on two 6-volt batteries and were manufactured before December 1997. They are made of plastic and have been sold under the following names, which appear on the vehicle: Corral 270, Diablo, Dragon, Gaucho, Gaucho Grande, Gaucho High Torque, Gaucho Sport, Magica, Magnum, Ranger GT, Thunderbolt, Thundercat and Tornado.

The vehicles are intended for children 3 to 8 years old. Depending on the model, the vehicle speed ranges from 2.5 to 5 miles per hour.

Toy stores and retail catalogs sold the vehicles nationwide from 1990 through 1997 for about \$100 to \$550.

Consumers are advised to remove the batteries from the vehicles immediately and keep children away until the vehicle has been repaired. Consumers should contact Peg Perego at 1-888-893-

7903 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. EST Monday through Friday for a free repair kit. Consumers can also order a kit through the Web site at <http://www.perego.com>.

State

Catholic school not a historic landmark, Dallas city council says

DALLAS — Residents hoping to save a vacant Catholic school from the wrecking ball failed Wednesday to win historic landmark designation for the structure.

The Dallas City Council, in an 11-3 vote, declined to extend the designation for St. Ann's Catholic School. Twelve votes were needed for the measure.

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Dallas wants to sell the building to help pay a multi-million-dollar jury award stemming from the sexual abuse of several altar boys by former priest Rudolph Kos.

The diocese put St. Ann's and a handful of other North Texas properties — ranging in size from 12.8 acres to 109 acres — up for bid last summer. None of the other properties has generated such controversy.

St. Ann's supporters say the old school is an important landmark to the area known as the Little Mexico neighborhood. They fear a high bidder for the property will demolish the building.

About 200 people packed the council chambers for debate on the landmark designation.

Church leaders said landmark status would lower the value of the school and offered a compromise to grant the special status to just half the school — the part built in 1927.

Juveniles with guns face jail time for crimes

AUSTIN — Youths caught committing crimes with guns would be automatically jailed until a judge, magistrate or juvenile court officer decides to release them, according to a bill tentatively approved by the Texas House Wednesday.

Under the bill, the juveniles could be held until a detention hearing, usually about 48 hours.

Currently, youths may be held in some circumstances until a detention hearing, but that decision is made by a juvenile probation officer and not a judge, said Rep. Toby Goodman, R-Arlington, bill sponsor.

The legislation died in the House last week after some lawmakers complained about its possible impact on rural areas that might not have juvenile detention facilities.

To accommodate such situations, the bill was amended to allow more people — peace justices and magistrates among them — to decide whether to release juveniles. They could also make the decision over the phone, according to the bill.

The bill was supported by Gov. George W. Bush who said it "strengthens our state's justice laws and will make Texas safer."

The bill must get final approval in the House before heading to the Senate.

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editorial

No More Waiting Froggie 5-0 drivers should be serious

Froggie 5-0. The name itself is a study in contrasts. And so is the service. Some love it and others hate it.

But one person who hates it is one too many. Some students have expressed their frustration that Froggie 5-0 escorts take too long to pick them up. TCU police officials say they have been unable to determine if the problems are caused by dispatchers or by cart drivers.

But no matter where the problems are coming from, something must be done. The boy who cried wolf learned his lesson when the wolf finally did show up. Let's hope it doesn't take TCU police something like that to learn their lesson.

Dean of Campus Life Mike Russel said in an article on Page 6 that he hasn't heard any complaints about Froggie 5-0.

"I have talked to several parents of current students who are happy it exists," Russel said.

But parents won't be happy if their daughter tells them it took 10 minutes for an escort to pick her up from the fairly isolated freshman parking lot. And they certainly wouldn't be happy if their daughter calls to say she has been sexually assaulted.

One Froggie 5-0 driver said, "Some people don't take this job seriously." But it's not a laughing matter. If one driver isn't doing his or her job, he or she should no longer be working as a Froggie 5-0 driver. It's that simple.

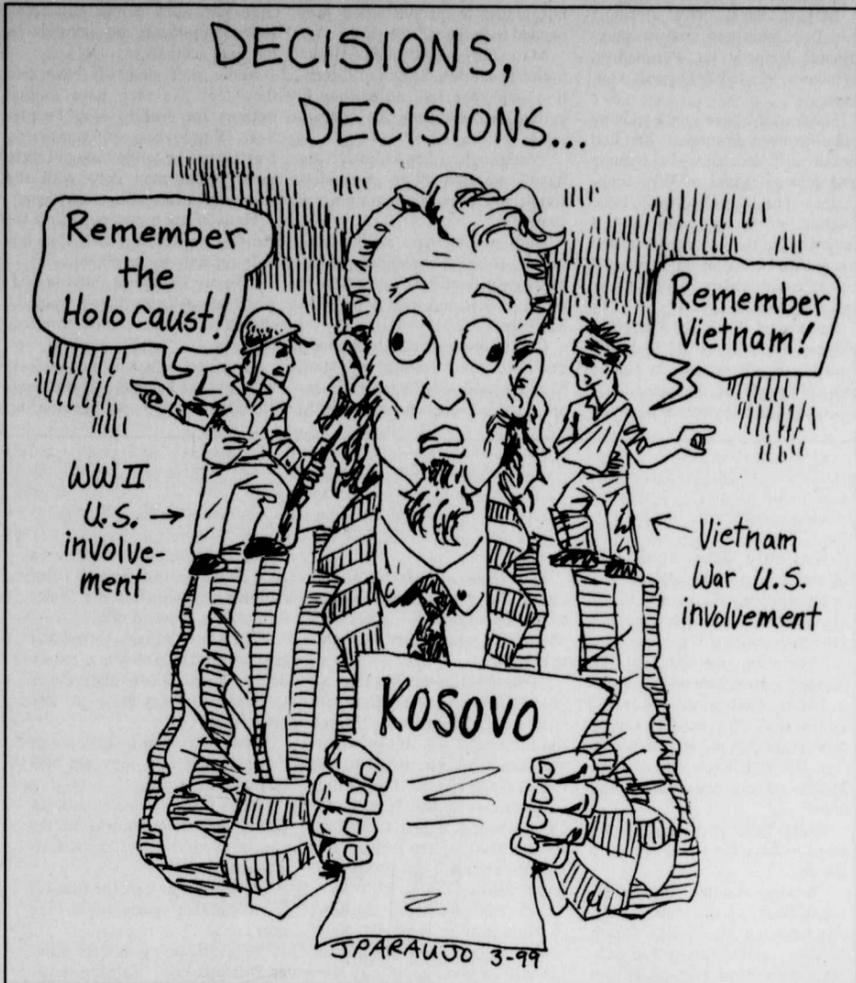
In the wake of the five sexual assaults since January 1998, student safety should be a primary concern. Though none of the assaults have occurred on campus, who's to say the next one won't? An effective Froggie 5-0 service would help ensure that one didn't.

All it should take is one complaint to prompt a swift and serious evaluation of Froggie 5-0. Consider this to be that complaint. The safety of TCU students is at stake.

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Ads need improvement, TCU students can help

Isn't it amazing how a great new lipstick can make your day? Isn't that the most ridiculous thing you've ever heard? Every day, commercials bombard us with similarly inane questions, statements and images.

It's hard to believe people such as the advertising majors I share classes with produce this stuff. They seem normal. They even seem intelligent. It is my challenge to them to clean up the dung heap advertising has become after their graduation.

Maybe they should start with radio commercials. Commercials on the radio have always been bad, because some genius along the line came up with the idea that loud, echoing voices, laser sounds and screaming was the way to sell things on the radio. Fortunately, that sort of driving sale is becoming passé. Unfortunately, garbage of equal stench has taken its place.

Home equity loan commercials are among the worst, and one stands out from the pitiful group. It stars some redneck named Harlan Jordan. It sounds as if they copied a script

directly from a junior high textbook describing basic forms of propaganda. It actually begins, "I might just be a good ol' boy, but I do know this."

In the words of an obscure Saturday Night Live sketch, "Who was the ad wizard who came up with that one?"

But the worst of the sorry lot of radio commercials comes to us from Albertson's. They've been doing those asinine "customer letter" commercials with the typewriter pounding away in the background for years now. At first the letters, I assume, were from real people writing to tell why Albertson's was "their store." We loved them so much that now we have fake letters like, "Dear Albertson's, are all meat and seafood departments the same?" or "I love the excitement of an extra special sale."

Both letters sound plain dumb, and the latter is so bad it's comical. Needless to say, anyone who gets any sort of rise from a sale at a grocery store has some problems.

On second thought, maybe TCU's bright young advertising minds should start with television. And in the grand spectrum of really bad TV commercials, one group stands above all the others: technology commercials.

The reason technology commercials are so bad is that someone somewhere decided the people who

are most qualified to inform us about trends in computer and communications technology are Europeans. Did I miss the massive wave of Microsoft, AT&T, MCI and Intel to England?

One company goes a step further. They parade a series of children from Third World nations to tell us how we will communicate in the future. I'm sorry, but a 10-year-old from a country that doesn't yet have indoor toilets for half its people does not qualify as a credible source on the future of the Internet to me.

Then again, maybe TCU grads should start by explaining to professional ad agents that slogans such as "Why Buy Anywhere Else" need a question mark instead of a period.

Or maybe they should find out why Taco Bueno finds it impressive to point out its food is made "by hand." I realize it's a play on the hand with the Mexican accent, but think about it. Who *doesn't* make their food by hand? In fact, if Taco Bell had some sort of NachoMaker 2000, I might pay to see it work.

It's clear that our aspiring advertising minds have their work cut out for them. Maybe they should start close to home.

Berry Street Grill's "1-2 Hungry for food" poem has got to go.

Stephen Suffron is a senior broadcast journalism major from League City, Texas.

Commentary



STEPHEN SUFFRON

Commentary



SHAVAHN DORRIS

New millenium brings feelings of uneasiness Possibility of the end of the world in year 2000 leaves student with fear, yet a sense of peace

In grade school, I was sure that President Reagan would accidentally press the big red button by his bed and blow the planet into a million pieces. In middle school, I was positive a stray bullet from some senseless gang war would come flying through the window and kill me as I watched TV. In high school, I was afraid of radiation from dentist x-rays and my microwave, AIDS, anything that caused cancer in lab rats and, of course, the sun's rays.

All these fears seem justified to me. They were, and are, real threats. Recently, I've become afraid again. This new fear, however, has no real basis, but it's unsettling just the same. As the year 2000 approaches I grow more uneasy, and fear, once again, settles in.

It's not so much the computer crisis that scares me. The way I see it, we made the computers so, eventually, we'll fix the com-

puters. And although it bothers me greatly, it isn't even so much the fact that the next couple of decades will be referred to as the onesies or the teens.

What bothers me about the new millennium is harder to explain and rooted in my religious upbringing. I am threatened by the most unthreatening force that ever existed — God.

I've been going to church from the time I was born and as far back as I can remember I've been told that I'm living in the last days — the time right before Jesus comes back to rapture the church. In other words, I've known all my life that the world was going to end, and my pastor, my parents and my grandparents never let me forget it.

This fact didn't bother me when I was younger, but as it gets closer to the year 2000, with all of its predictions and prophecies, I find the rapture very unsettling.

Now while I know no man knows the time God will return, the new millennium troubles me. I find it upsetting when my grandmother warns me to be ready because "we're living in perilous times" and "the end is near." And my mother who tells me, "There will only be one bank in the last

days," has me jumping at every bank merger (coincidentally, my bank just merged with NationsBank).

I asked a friend how she would feel if God came back now, and she told me she'd be happy. She expressed joy at the prospect of leaving this life behind with all its pain

in love, publish a book and own my own home.

These conflicting feelings leave me torn and guilt-ridden. On one hand I know that God is the most important thing in my life and that heaven is my goal. But I also find myself saying it wouldn't be fair if I never

I find myself hoping that God will hold off long enough for me to get married, have some children and maybe even ride a horse. You see, to feel like the end is so near when I'm just beginning makes everything I'm doing now seem pointless.

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I, on the other hand, find myself hoping that God will hold off long enough for me to get married, have some children and maybe even ride a horse. You see, to feel like the end is so near when I'm just beginning makes everything I'm doing now seem pointless.

And while I'm sure heaven is an amazing place, and I'd really like to get there someday, I want to go to New York someday, too. I'd also like to know what it feels like to be

got the chance to fully experience life.

The fact is, however, I have no say in these matters. I can only try to be ready when God comes and hope the whole millennium scare is just that — a scare.

But should it all come to a close tomorrow, I know I'd rather be caught up to live with Jesus than to a ride horse any day. But, my, those horses sure are beautiful.

Shavahn Dorris is a sophomore English major from Joliet, Ill.

Blue moon brings change

It only happens once in a blue moon, but this month we're having a blue moon. A blue moon has two separate definitions: The first is when particles of a certain size in the atmosphere, such as those from a volcanic eruption or a forest fire, scatter light on the red end of the spectrum, leaving the remaining light enriched in blue. The moon actually appears blue, but it's very rare.

Commentary



LESLEY HILTON

The second definition describes the kind of blue moon we're about to have. Sometimes a full moon appears twice in one calendar month. Since the moon's cycle remains constant at 29.5 days (synodic) and the lengths of calendar months vary, this happens about once in 2.5 years on average.

The full moon can appear twice in January, then skip February altogether, then appear twice again in March. That's what has happened in 1999. The moon was full March 2, and you can look for it to be full again March 31.

The moon is always there for us, and I guess it's always in motion. We scarcely notice it, here in the Moudy Building, or in the building that you, reader, spend your time. They say the moon can give us clues about what's going on, and what foods to eat, in addition to being beautiful.

Our ancestors paid a lot of attention to the moon. They believed in its powers, and they looked to it for clues about how to behave. Also, they could see it. We can't see it from where we are, in the Moudy. The moon kept our ancestors in touch with its cycles, and with cycles in general. Maybe that's why we're not attuned to the cycles of our lives — maybe that's why we think our lives should be constantly improving, instead of going in cycles.

Our planet moves in cycles, and we recognize that, sometimes, when we think about it, or see one of those little Styrofoam models. And the Circle of Life we recognize, at times. But the cycle of confidence-excitement-hope-loss-of hope-boredom-despair-exhaustion, is harder to recognize. We might go through emotional cycles, but they're hard to recognize, and we have an unwillingness to see them.

A human tendency is to imagine our lives can improve on an ascending line, as in geometry. The patterns of our lives, in reality, seem like cycles. Like the moon.

Addiction therapists have long since recognized cyclical patterns of behavior — the cycle of abuse, the cycle of addiction, all the cycles one encounters on the road to recovery. When we wonder why we're doing the same thing we vowed not to do, or we're stuck in a pattern of behavior, we might be reminded of the cycles that we're inextricably bound to as humans. Cycles dictate the behavior of the moon, the earth, the tides and the functioning of our very own bodies.

Because today we are convinced the moon has no bearing on our lives, we spend time indoors, and it becomes a self-fulfilling prophesy. We remain unaware of the moon, lose touch with its cycles, and then it really does lose its power over us — and significance.

The moon can serve as a constant reminder that nothing is constant. It goes along, doing its thing, always changing, always the same.

Except during a blue moon.

Lesley Hilton is a senior theater major from Decatur, Texas.

PEOPLESOFT

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consultant from Cambridge Consulting Partners and an analyst from TCU Information Services to acclimate Financial Aid to PeopleSoft. A tiered approach was used to train the staff.

"We used more of a building block or a ladder approach than a trickle-down approach," he said.

David Edmondson, assistant provost for informational services, said more training was set up to meet other needs, and he did not consider lack of training to be a problem.

"We set up financial training sessions for budget managers and appropriate personnel they deemed necessary," he said. "The appropriate training may have not occurred."

In response to these training dif-

ficulties, TCU has created a new position for PeopleSoft training.

Barbara Savak, TCU Training and Documentation analyst, coordinates training for PeopleSoft, Windows 95 and Microsoft Outlook.

Savak said a three-phase training plan has been developed. The first phase will specialize in training and demonstrations of Web applications. The second phase is basic instruction on accessing student records. The third phase is directed toward the offices of the deans and covers more student record access and class availability.

Savak said phases one and two will begin in May, as CICS, the old student records system, is phased out and PeopleSoft is phased in.

Eudaly said the communication

problems have been addressed. "The training information had not gotten to people when they needed to know it," she said.

Mary Lane, executive assistant to the dean in the School of Education, said there are difficulties in getting answers from the instructors.

"The people trying to teach it are busy," she said. "I try to understand, and now, more training is available."

Hudson said there are a lot of pieces of the PeopleSoft puzzle. Employees dedicate a lot of time to the university and want to be treated fairly.

Confusions with paychecks have disturbed some faculty and staff. Vacation and sick leave balances are recorded on each paycheck. At

the termination of employment, TCU pays the employee for the time not used. Some paychecks sent to employees are incorrect on the time accruals.

Some staff members have said they feel like they have limited options for dealing with PeopleSoft. Employees are expressing frustrations by talking about retirement rather than deal with the stress and strain of a new system.

Hudson has used PeopleSoft for the last year and a half, but has only recently been trained.

"We are 10 months into our budget year and now being trained," she said. "It has hampered effectiveness."

Changes between the systems have put the business school occasionally behind in reconciling

accounts, Hudson said. "In the old system, we received monthly finance reports and that was phased out in June 1998. They were restarted under PeopleSoft in January," she said. "I could not access and use those reports until February."

Director of Career Services Carolyn Ulrickson is a member of a TCU steering committee on PeopleSoft. This committee, comprised of TCU staff and administrators, oversees the implementation of the software through weekly progress meetings.

Three years ago, an Information Technology Committee was set up to address the Year 2000 computer problem and chose PeopleSoft.

"TCU was looking to turn to an enterprise-wide system that

encompassed most aspects of the university and would solve Y2K problems," she said.

Ulrickson said the implementation of PeopleSoft has put TCU in the forefront of other universities.

"We are one of the first universities in the country that will put Student Administration Records on PeopleSoft," she said. "Everything that needs to be running will be online by December of this year."

Ulrickson said this is an ongoing project and extra services will be added to PeopleSoft.

"Students will notice real changes in the fall," she said. "In the upcoming years, registration will be online."

Edmondson said the target for all systems to be online in PeopleSoft is June.

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said doing a show without callers is part of the job.

"It is always more fun to have callers and makes it more rewarding," he said. "But no matter what, you are always going to learn something — and that is talking for an hour by yourselves and learning how to handle it."

Scott has only been doing the show for two months and said he has already experienced a mass number of callers.

"The first day I did the show we got nine calls," he said. "But other days we won't get any ..."

"We need to get rid of those people who mess around on the air," Scott said. "This is a serious show and a time to talk sports. We want people to respect us and respect the show."

Not only does SportsTalk allow Istook and Scott the opportunity to talk on the air, it also serves as a practice tool for job opportunities.

"Anything you can do like hosting a sports show gives you a better chance to succeed," Istook said. "It is understanding how tough it is in the real world. You have to know your stats, handle callers and control the show."

SportsTalk also allows the hosts to have fun while being on the air.

"Talking nothing but sports for an hour is great," Istook said. "And having guests like Coach Tubbs ... talking about the awesome Sun Bowl victory. If you like sports I don't see how you can't have fun talking sports for

an entire hour."

SportsTalk also features talk about the area's major sports teams and athletes — especially when TCU sports aren't a dominant topic.

"This is really the first time all year TCU sports aren't dominant right now," Istook said. "March Madness (NCAA tournament) and Major League Baseball are two of the things we'll focus on."

"There is a 60-40 split for TCU when it comes to talking sports. Most of the (other) talk has to do with local sports," Istook said.

"We can talk about anything ... from golf to football," Scott said. "It's just a time for anyone to talk about anything they want."

SportsTalk airs when other

major radio stations in the area are also talking sports. But Istook said SportsTalk has something those shows don't.

"There aren't many shows that talk about TCU as much as we do," he said. "Most other shows talk about everything at any given time."

When Istook and Scott aren't doing SportsTalk, they are still involved in sports.

Istook does freelance work for ESPN and Scott interns in the sports department at KXAS Channel 5.

Istook said he can see himself involved with sports for a long time.

"I'd enjoy doing this for a living," Istook said. "Talking sports is so much fun ... we'll just wait and see what happens."

NATO attacks Yugoslavia

By Robert H. Reid
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — Wave after wave of NATO warplanes and missiles struck Yugoslavia on Wednesday, pummeling army barracks, power plants and air defense batteries in an effort to force the country's defiant leader to cease his onslaught against Kosovo Albanians.

The NATO attack came after months of diplomacy failed to end a year of fighting between Yugoslav forces and ethnic Albanian separatists that has killed more than 2,000 people and left over 400,000 homeless in Kosovo, a Yugoslav province.

"We act to prevent a wider war," President Clinton said. "By acting

now, we are upholding our values, protecting our interests and advancing the cause of peace."

Yugoslavia declared a state of war shortly after the first attacks, increasing the mobilization of troops. Lt. Gen. Nebojsa Pavkovic, commander of Yugoslav troops in Kosovo, said 40 targets were hit in the first waves, but he claimed that damage was "minimal."

Explosions resounded in Kosovo's capital of Pristina starting at 7:55 p.m. (12:55 p.m. EST), and the city of 280,000 was plunged into darkness when the electricity failed.

More than a dozen explosions were heard around Belgrade, the Yugoslav capital, including some near Batujnica military airport and one near a power plant.



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BULIMIA

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how it kills people." Afterwards, Sarah said she felt like she had won control over herself and her eating.

"My first thought was how easy it was," she said. "My second thought was how much better I felt, not thinner — it's not about being thin — but like I had just achieved something."

Sarah said that after that day, she switched between anorexia and bulimia throughout high school.

"My junior year (in high school), I was throwing up three times a day," Sarah said. "The worst was last year, my freshman year in college. I was throwing up seven and eight times a day. I was throwing up blood."

"I felt like a slave to it," she said. "It wasn't about the weight; it was just that I didn't have a choice."

Sarah said that her friends at the college in Kansas City, Mo., that she attended prior to transferring to TCU began to notice that she had a problem. Her best friend, who was also bulimic, warned her that her friends suspected she had an eating disorder.

"They started watching me a lot and hounding me about it," Sarah said. "I was losing my boyfriend at the time, so it was causing me a lot of stress."

She said she was on a liquid diet called Herbalife and also takes dozens of pills each day to control metabolism and reduce fat.

"It was kind of a fad at my old school," she said. "It was awful. It cost about \$200 a month — I did it

for about two months — and it wasn't doing anything. I just got so fed up because it seemed like nothing was working."

Within two weeks, she lost 22 pounds and started exercising excessively. Then, she said, one of her friends took action.

"One of my best guy friends called a counselor," Sarah said. "He told her he was worried about me and he gave her my phone number. I was really mad at him because he told her everything about me. After she called me, I asked him if he knew anything about it, and he told me that he had called her."

Sarah said that soon after that, she told her mother about her eating disorder in a shopping mall.

"I had just eaten lunch with her and I felt guilty," she said. "At that point I knew I wanted to stop this liquid diet. I knew I couldn't do it alone."

"I just blurted it out: 'Mom, I think I'm bulimic,'" Sarah said. "We just happened to be standing there next to a bench. She fell down on the bench, and sat there, stunned."

Sarah said her mother handled the news calmly, but threatened to take her out of school if she did not seek help. Sarah started going to counseling in Kansas City.

She said that one night while she was home, she was looking through the kitchen for something that was acceptable to eat in her opinion.

When her mother suggested they get Chinese food, Sarah said she got

mad at her mom for tempting her.

"A few minutes later, she came back up with a bowl of pasta," Sarah said. "My mom literally tried to shove food down my throat. I pushed her away — literally pushed — her and the bowl away."

"That was the day I knew," Sarah said. "The day I pushed my mom was the day I knew. We were both crying and we didn't know what to do."

Sarah said she went to Omaha for an in-patient treatment program. She only stayed for two weeks of the three-week program because at that time, her insurance did not recognize eating disorders as a medical problem.

By this point, she had several medical problems, including low blood sugar, low heart rate, low blood pressure and gastro-esophageal reflux.

"When I got out, it was summer, and I was doing well," she said. "I was following the meal plan they gave me."

"I transferred here to TCU (in fall 1998) and something inside of me clicked and I started it all again," Sarah said. "I wouldn't eat. A typical day consisted of coffee for breakfast, popcorn for lunch, oatmeal for dinner and Diet Cokes throughout the day."

She said two friends took her to All Saints Episcopal Hospital one night last semester after she passed out.

"(The hospital staff) wanted to keep me overnight, but they couldn't legally keep me," Sarah said. "My

family was really, really worried and angry."

Sarah said that she reached her lowest weight — 95 pounds — over Christmas Break.

"The first night back home for Christmas, I woke up and had bruises all over my hips because my mattress was hard," Sarah said. "My mom and I were shopping and she saw me, and she saw the bruises in the dressing room. She started crying."

"My doctor tried to get a court order to declare me incompetent so they could force me to get treatment," she said. "I went on my own free will, but I didn't follow any of the rules. I told the nurses I would rather die than get better."

Sarah said the doctors told her she only had a month to live when she began treatment, and she was asked to sign an after-life planning book. She said she was told only 10 percent of the patients — the ones who are not expected to survive — are asked to sign this, which is similar to a living will.

"My mom cried and cried and said she didn't think she would ever have to discuss the mortality of her child," Sarah said. "The nurse said I was knocking on death's door."

She said the nutrition team told her she would be put on a feeding tube if she did not eat breakfast the next day.

"That night — thank God — it was a sign or something," she said. "There was a 20/20 special on

anorexia. They talked about a girl who was 5'3" and weighed 93 pounds. I'm 5'7" and I weighed 95."

Sarah said that the next day she told her two friends at the treatment clinic that she was going to eat.

"But when the tray was in front of me, I bawled," she said. "I just bawled, because that meant I was losing control."

She said she only ate enough to be able to say that she ate, but the nutrition team continued to threaten to insert a feeding tube if she did not finish every meal. Sarah said they would not let her return to TCU if she did not reach a certain weight and stabilize her eating.

"I started to see things for the way they really were, instead of my distorted image of everything," Sarah said. "I got a healthier mindset about myself."

Sarah's health will always be a reminder of her eating disorder.

"I have — I don't know how severe it is — some degree of osteoporosis," she said. "They also told me I may never be able to have kids, which was kind of hard because I've always wanted to have children."

She also said she has temporomandibular joint, kidney stones and an irregular heartbeat.

Sarah is just one of many people that face this problem today.

Dorothy Barra, a licensed professional counselor for the TCU Counseling Center, said the pressure comes from several sources, includ-

These are several, but not all, physical and psychological symptoms of an eating disorder.

- ◆ Emaciated appearance
- ◆ Fatigue
- ◆ Increased facial and body hair
- ◆ Decreased scalp hair
- ◆ Chronic sore throat
- ◆ Electrolyte imbalance
- ◆ Joint pain
- ◆ Dehydration
- ◆ Amenorrhea (menstrual cycle stops)
- ◆ Sensitivity to cold
- ◆ Mood swings
- ◆ Low self-esteem
- ◆ Apathy

If you or someone you know has an eating disorder, please call the TCU Counseling Center at 257-7863.

ing fashion magazines and society in general.

"Our society teaches that if you're not happy, you just need to change something," she said. "It tells us that losing a couple of pounds will make us feel better."

Barra said she thinks the environment at private schools puts more pressure on young women to be thin.

"A lot of my clients here were homecoming queens," she said. "They were really popular, and then they came to TCU, where they were just one of many stunning girls."

GRADUATE

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yearly."

Communication Science and Disorders has the most enrollment this year, he said. The normal deadlines for applying to graduate school are generally between February 15 to March 1. However, sometimes there are different deadlines depending on the particular department. But students should research the schools they are interested in for specific deadlines and financial aid, he said.

Burton said it is vital for students interested in attending graduate school to prepare early. Many students begin the process too late and don't know the additional requirements for entrance exams such as the GRE, MCAT, LSAT or GMAT.

"Start as early as possible and know what is expected to put your best foot forward," he said.

Career Services, the Internet and the Mary Couts Burnett Library are two places for students to begin a search for the graduate school that best suits them, he said.

Carolyn Ulrickson, Career Services director, said the center gives students assistance to help them decide if they should go on to graduate school immediately after obtaining their undergraduate degree.

If students are not sure if they want to go to graduate school, a career counselor can help a student work on exploration and help them decide if they should get real world experience first, she said.

"Discover" is a computer program that students can use at the career center to find a listing of graduate schools and data, she said.

The Career Center also helps students with their interviewing in taped mock interview sessions, and several workshops are offered for

junior and senior students, she said.

Ulrickson said the Career Center also hosts an annual Graduate and Professional School Day in the fall when students can meet with recruiters from graduate and professional schools.

Some students who will graduate this semester plan to continue on with their education.

Russ Pevoto, a senior English major, said he wants to go to graduate school next fall after he receives his undergraduate degree in May.

"I really don't want to lose that momentum and go back later and find that it's hard to get back in," he said.

Pevoto said going to graduate school was his own idea and he didn't feel pressured by family or friends.

"It's something I always wanted to do," he said.

Presently, Pevoto is looking into Pepperdine University in Malibu, Calif., although he hasn't taken the GRE yet, he said.

Pevoto plans to obtain a master's and doctorate degree in theology, he said.

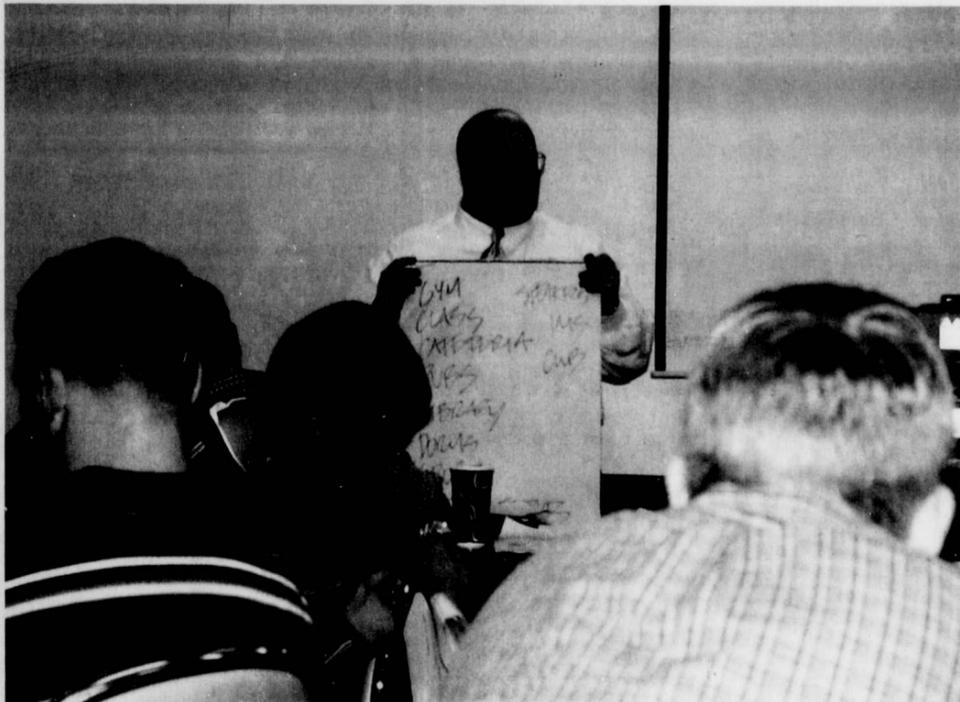
Other students want to jump right into the professional world. Erik Bugen, a senior psychology major said after he graduates he plans to work in sales for three to four years and then return to school.

"I want to go out in the world for a little while," he said. "I'm tired of school. I want to take a break and make some cash."

Brad Parker, a senior nursing major, said he also plans to get experience in nursing for a couple of years and then go back for a graduate degree, he said.

Parker said he would eventually want to work as a clinical nurse specialist or a nurse practitioner.

Rush workshop



Mike McRee, a Greek Advisor with the University of Oregon, held a workshop Wednesday for members of the fraternity community about improving relationships and recruitment on campus.

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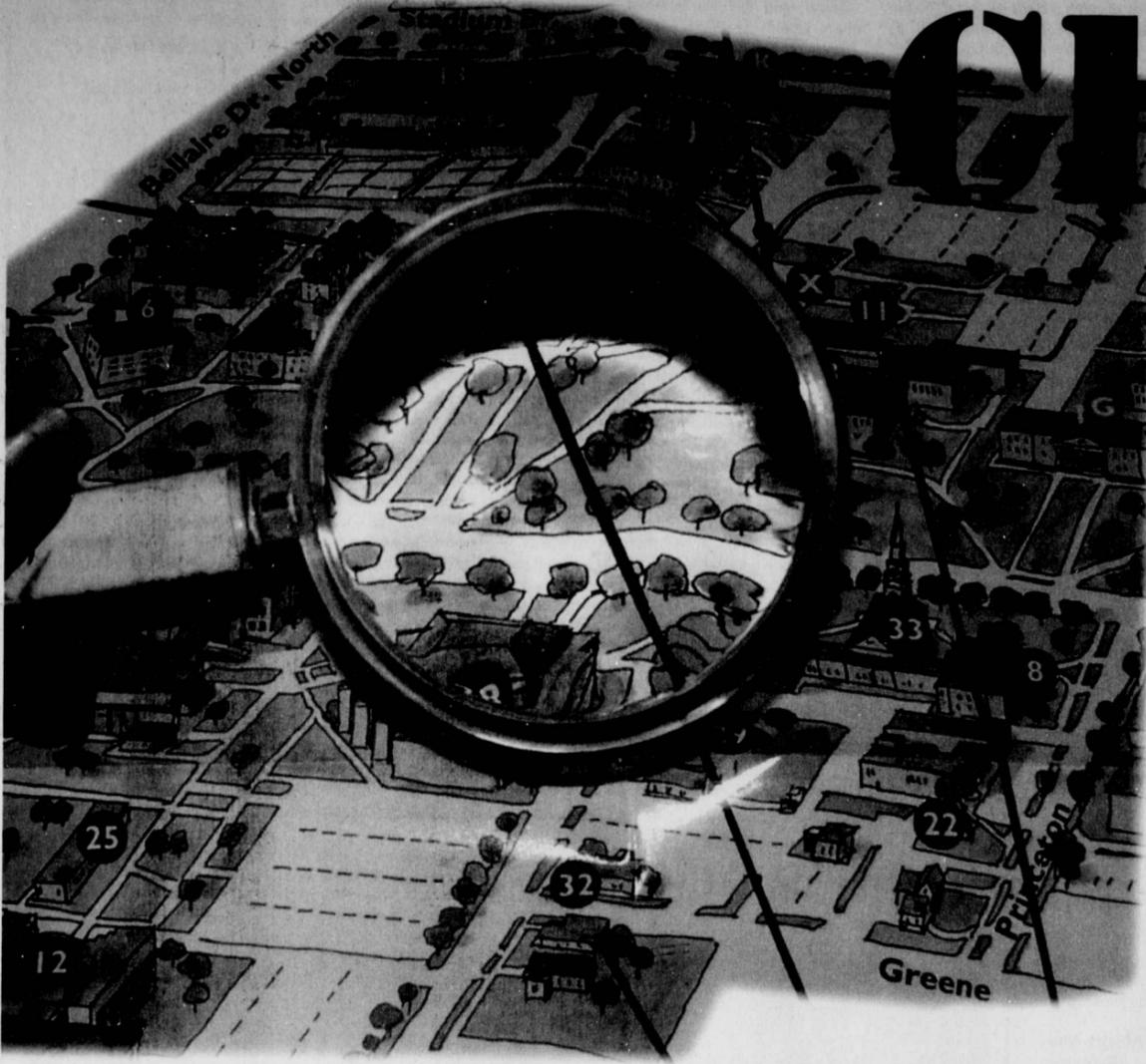
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CRIME

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Focusing on campus security

By Almée Courtice
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Car stereos, cellular phones and CD collections have become as essential to a college student's car as the steering wheel and the gas tank.

But unfortunately, these often high-price accessories are falling into the hands of fast-working, elusive car burglars.

These burglaries are happening at your nearest residence hall parking lot, and the culprits are getting away with it.

According to TCU Police reports, almost 60 cars in the last two years in parking lots across campus have been burglarized, with some cases reporting damages nearing \$1,400.

Officer Matt Welch, neighborhood patrol officer for the Fort Worth Police Department, said car burglary is a problem around TCU.

"It's a definite problem," he said. "There are a lot of nice cars and they are easy targets."

According to Campus Police, a reported 27 car burglaries occurred on campus from March 1, 1997, through February 28, 1998. The number for that same period between 1998 and 1999 increased to 29. The combined loss for all the on-campus burglaries for the 1997-1998 period was almost \$12,000 and the total for the 1998-1999 period was almost \$11,000.

TCU Police Det. Kelly Ham said there is no one area on campus where cars are more likely to be burglarized.

He said the freshmen parking lot adjacent to Ranch Management used to be the worst area on campus, but steps have been taken to improve security.

"We've added surveillance cameras and a dummy in a car," he said. "Since February 1 there have not been any burglaries in that lot."

Ham said the value of the actual vehicle won't determine whether or not someone will break into it.

"The value (of the car) doesn't matter," he said. "It's just someone who has something they want."

He also said burglars look for things in cars which are easy to liquidate.

"It all depends on what the market demand is for certain things."

Ham said cellular phones laying out in view are attracting car burglars.

"Car phones are starting to become a hot item," he said.

Ham said that there are ways for burglars to get non-billable numbers for the car phones they steal.

"They usually go after things

they can turn over real quick," he said. "Stuff that can be converted into cash or drugs."

Welch also said burglars are difficult to catch.

"A lot of it we don't have any control of. It's hard to target," he said. "A few people get caught, but every time you catch someone, there seems to be someone else to fill their shoes."

Welch also said there is a drop-off in burglaries during the summer, when less students are around.

Ham agreed that car burglars can be elusive.

"It's really hard to catch someone," he said. "Unless you're waiting on someone or unless a witness calls it in."

He said it is important for a witness to a car burglary on campus to call campus police right away. He said a lot of time witnesses will call TCU police several hours after a break-in.

Ham also said the campus police officers are now better equipped to serve the TCU campus.

"There was a period when campus police were more like security patrol officers, just responding when something happened," he said. "But police should be proactive."

"We have put a lot of money into education and equipment. We investigate our own cases. We're a proactive police force. It wasn't our officers' fault, we just didn't have the tools."

Welch said crime in Fort Worth has gone down in recent years and community policing efforts and citizen involvement have helped. He also said that in the immediate TCU area the patrol program and prevention efforts such as car etchings and neighborhood watch programs have helped. But Welch also said that despite the decline, car burglaries are still a big problem.

"Our two biggest problems are still theft and burglary of motor vehicles," said.

Ham said the best way to prevent a car from being burglarized is to lock all valuable items in the trunk of the vehicle.

Locking a car helps, but most will just break a window to break in," he said. "If they don't see valuables, they won't go digging for them."

Welch said the Fort Worth police which patrol the TCU area have tried to warn people about the potential of car break-ins. He said they have had officers place warning cards on windshields of vehicles which have valuable items in plain view.

Froggie 5-0 service in question

By Pam Woodhead
STAFF REPORTER

Shivering in the late March air, she clutches her coat closely to her and looks again around the deserted parking lot.

It's midnight, and she wants to be crawling into bed in her dorm room; instead, she is waiting for a Froggie 5-0 cart which never arrives.

It's a scenario all too familiar to some TCU students.

Ajiri Aki, a freshman fashion promotion major, said she has called from freshman parking many times and had to wait 10 or more minutes.

"While I'm waiting, I'm watching two Froggie 5-0 guys over in front of the Main playing around," she said.

Aki also said it took the dispatcher a long time to answer the phone when she called.

Ceci Burton, a freshman international business major, said she had experienced difficulties with the dispatchers as well.

"When you called, they were really short with you," she said. "I guess because it was late or something."

Connie Villela, crime prevention officer of TCU Police, said students should call back immediately and ask for a supervisor if they experience a problem with the dispatcher. She said there is no reason for the dispatcher to be rude to a caller.

"The person out there does deserve the service," she said.

Froggie 5-0, the campus escort service, consists of 30 students who take turns driving the four golf carts each night from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Villela said the drivers complete a week of training where they learn where the access ramps are, how to use the radio and other driving rules.

"They have to train for a week with an experienced driver," she said. "They learn more about being the eyes and ears."

Manuel Rodriguez, a sophomore premajor, is a driver about three nights per week.

Rodriguez said he was not surprised to hear of incidents of students having to wait long periods of time, especially on certain nights.

"Some people don't take this job seriously," he said. "We try to weed and seed those people out."

"Rodriguez said it should take Froggie 5-0 drivers one to two minutes to respond if the caller is a short distance away, and only a little longer if they are not as close.

Rodriguez said there are many reasons why it may take a driver longer to get to the caller.

"If you're having to cross major streets like Bellaire or University, you have to wait at lights," he said. "That consumes some of your time."

Carolyn Craig, a junior psychology major, also drives the Froggie 5-0 carts. She said escorts may take a while because of the human element.

"Sometimes people have another escort or are doing something else," she said. "And sometimes they're just goofing off."

Villela said Froggie 5-0 drivers escort many more people than just those who call in. The dispatcher may get around 50 calls per night, not counting the people the escorts pick up who are walking.

"They may only get 50 calls, but they may escort 100 people," she said. "We figure about 100 to 250 people a night."

Pat Henry, a dispatcher who works Monday through Wednesday afternoon shifts, said she gets at least 75 calls per night.

"By nightfall, the calls come in fairly regularly," she said. "When my relief is coming on, they're still calling us."

Villela said the busiest days are Tuesday through Thursday, and the flow of calls is nearly constant.

"The busiest time is from about 8 p.m. to midnight," she said. "After midnight, it dies down a bit."

Villela said that while she is concerned about the problem of students not getting picked up, she is not completely surprised.

"Somebody is supposed to go, but we do have mix-ups," she said.

Villela said she was not sure whether the problem was with the dispatchers not getting the message to the drivers, or with the drivers not responding.

Villela said students need to call to complain immediately if they are not picked up by Froggie 5-0.

"We have the resources [to correct any problem], we just need to know the time and date," she said. "We can't correct it if we don't know where the problem happened."

J.C. Williams, assistant chief of Campus Police, said the Froggie 5-0 is a serious service and any problems should be fixed as soon as possible.

"We need to see if it's a person we have escorting," Williams said. "We want to give the best possible service we can provide."

Though some students have complained of poor service, others around the campus find no problems with the escort service.

Mike Russel, associate dean of campus life, said he has never heard any complaints about Froggie 5-0.

"I have talked to several parents of current students who are happy it exists," he said.

Pamela Hughes, executive assistant to the vice chancellor of student affairs, said she had never heard any complaints, and recommended that students tell the police department as soon as they can if they have a problem.

"They can't address the issue if they don't know there's a problem," she said.

Mary Ruth Jones, an administra-

tive assistant at residential services, said no one at her office could remember hearing any complaints.

The administration is not alone in its praise of the escort service.

Bridget Kemper, a junior environmental science major, said that both times she has called for an escort, the dispatcher told her exactly where to go to meet the cart.

"I've never had a problem with them forgetting me," she said. "Both times, they were there within 30 seconds, even faster at the library."

Kemper did say she felt some improvements are needed in the safety features of the vehicles.

"They need to have headlights, so people can see them," she said.

At least one of the carts has headlights that do not work, and another has a broken horn.

Steve McGee, chief of Campus Police, said the department doesn't have the money to buy any more carts, which cost about \$7,500 each, this fiscal year.

"We've just done this year's budget and money has to go to other programs," he said. "I hope next year we can get an additional 6-seat gas cart."

Rodriguez said that in addition to problems with the carts, he also has difficulties caused by cars parked near the sidewalks.

"One of the biggest problems is people parking their SUVs over the sidewalk," he said. "People don't realize we're not supposed to drive on the grass."

In addition to not being allowed on the grass, the escort carts are not street-legal, either.

Villela said students who need an escort off-campus will be picked up by a regular police vehicle rather than a Froggie 5-0 cart. The police cars also provide escorts during the hours that Froggie 5-0 is not in service.

Officials promise not to leave students in the dark about campus lighting issues

By Mel Korte
STAFF REPORTER

The sidewalk from the Mary Coats Burnett Library toward University Drive is bathed in a dim light that will be remedied this summer by campus police and the House of Student Representatives.

Late at night, students walk from class accompanied by the moon. On the other side of campus, the jogging track that circles the intramural and soccer fields in Worth Hills is poorly lit in some areas.

House Permanent Improvements Chairman Carl Jones said the House is taking steps to correct the

absence of lighting on campus.

"We are going to have lighting walk on campus," he said. "Groups of people are going to walk around at night and determine which areas need to be addressed."

Lighting walks are scheduled each semester by TCU to determine which areas of campus need lighting improvement. The next upcoming walk is scheduled in April.

Capua said students have asked him about changing lighting.

"Some people have asked me what is going to be done," he said. "We are going to include students on campus, administrators and hopefully some

people not from TCU for an new opinion."

Capua said the concerns will be written up and made into a resolution before the conclusion of the spring semester.

"I feel this is something TCU needs to take care of, and not the House," he said.

Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Don Mills said TCU is aware of student concerns and is addressing lighting issues.

"In the upcoming weeks, we are going to have a survey consisting of people from the House of Representatives, Campus Police and Physical

Plant employees," he said. "We will see what needs to be done, and work will be completed during the summer."

Mills said the survey will encompass many lighting aspects.

"The survey will take place with a full moon, without a moon and all over campus to determine what needs to be done," he said.

The lighting for the Worth Hills track is a part of the athletic facilities improvements, Mills said.

"We have no specific plans for improvements to the track now," he said. "Lighting will be included in the latter parts of the construction of the

new athletic conference."

The walk to main campus is a frightening situation for some students.

Jill Majors, a senior environmental science major, said she is careful when on campus at night.

"I walk with a friend or talk on the phone if I am alone at night for safety," she said. "It gets dark around the library and the business building."

Donna Almy, a senior nursing major, said the Bass Building is unsafe at night.

"It is dark near the nursing building," she said. "There are a lot of spaces where people can hide."

Almy said she walks with someone if it is late at night.

"When I go to the library at night, there is always people out and about," she said. "I do not stay late, though."

Froggie 5-0 is available for students to call for escorts at night. The service is available from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Students can call before or after the times to get a TCU Police escort.

Mills said students have options to avoid walking in the dark.

"They are free to call Froggie 5-0 for any concerns," he said. "They can also call Campus Police. It is the job of Campus Police to fix any burned out lights."

Reported car burglaries on campus	
March 1, 1997 - Feb. 27, 1998	March 1, 1998 - Feb. 28, 1999
Total reported burglaries: 27	Total reported burglaries: 29
Total loss: \$11,819	Total loss: \$10,973

SOURCE: TCU POLICE

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Mavericks lose to Rockets by 10

DALLAS (AP) — Hakeem Olajuwon scored 24 points and rookie Cuttino Mobley added 16 on sharp outside shooting Wednesday night as the Houston Rockets rolled to an 88-78 victory over the Dallas Mavericks.

It was Houston's third consecutive victory and seventh in nine games. The Rockets also beat the Mavs for the 11th straight time.

Olajuwon did most of his damage in the first half while Mobley, who starred at Rhode Island, hurt the Mavericks in the second half.

Mourning has 21 rebounds in Heat win

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Alonzo Mourning's two free throws snapped a tie and began an 8-0 Miami run to give the Heat an 84-76 victory Wednesday night over the Milwaukee Bucks.

Mourning finished with 19 points, a season-high 21 rebounds and five blocked shots as Miami beat the Bucks for the 21st time in their last 22 meetings.

After Glenn Robinson scored five straight points to tie the game at 74, Mourning gave the Heat the lead for good. Dan Majerle hit a 3-point basket and Tim Hardaway completed the spurt with a field goal and free throw for an 82-74 lead.

Hardaway scored 15 of his 22 points in the second half as Miami ran their victory string at the Bradley Center to 12 in a row.

Hornets win sixth straight home game

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Free-agent rookie Brad Miller led a strong showing by Charlotte's bench and the Hornets capitalized on the absence of Toni Kukoc for a 110-81 victory over the Chicago Bulls on Wednesday night.

Miller scored 12 of his season-high 25 points in a second-quarter run that put the Hornets in control on the way to their sixth victory in 10 games under new coach Paul Silas.

Kukoc stayed in Chicago to rest a sore back.

Charlotte, winning its sixth consecutive home game, also got 16 points from David Wesley and 14 apiece from Eddie Jones and rookie Ricky Davis.

Dickey Simpkins had 20 points for the Bulls, who lost for the fifth time in six road games.

Minnesota hands Celtics 19-point loss

BOSTON (AP) — Kevin Garnett scored 22 points and grabbed 14 rebounds, while Dennis Scott had 22 points as the Minnesota Timberwolves continued Boston's slide Wednesday with a 87-68 victory over the Celtics.

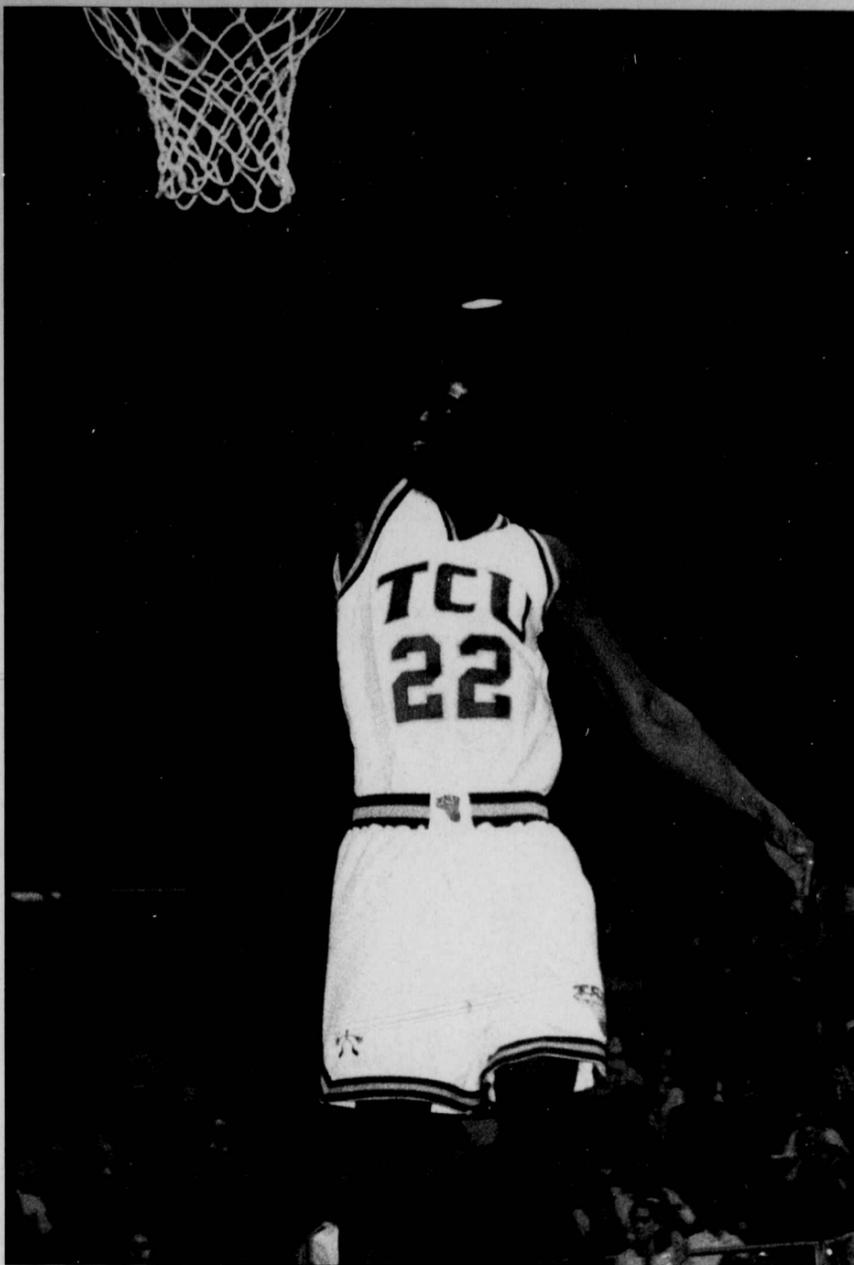
The loss was the 10th in their last 11 games for the Celtics, with their only win coming against the Los Angeles Clippers last Wednesday.

It was just Minnesota's second win in seven games.

Hawks beat Pacers at the buzzer

ATLANTA (AP) — Mookie Blaylock hit a 10-footer in the lane with 1.9 seconds remaining and Atlanta defeated the Indiana Pacers 103-102 Wednesday night, the Hawks' second victory in eight days over the top team in the Central Division.

Steve Smith led the Hawks with 25 points and Reggie Miller scored 26 for the Pacers as Atlanta followed up its March 16 triumph at Market Square Arena with a thrilling finish at the Georgia Dome.



Junior guard Derale Wilson goes for a layup in a game last season at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

Fans must keep faith

By David Quinlan
STAFF REPORTER

There's a sense of hunger that still lingers inside Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. Stomachs — once filled with anticipation of a hopeful pre-season — feel empty and unfulfilled.

Now that the TCU basketball season is officially over, some can't help but ask themselves: What happened?

"We kind of ended our season in disappointment," TCU head basketball coach Billy Tubbs said. "After the dust has cleared, we didn't end the season as good as we had wanted to."

"But TCU basketball has raised its level of expectations."

And it's those high expectations that leaves an unsatisfied feeling about the 1998-99 season. Horned Frog fans were used to a TCU team that blew out opponents by 30 points and left opposing coaches fuming. They were used to a team that would go undefeated in the WAC and roll over clubs like Air Force and Brigham Young. And most of all, they were used to a nationally ranked team making the NCAA tournament.

"We put (the pressure) on ourselves," Tubbs said. "Our expectations are high. If we don't make the NCAA or the finals of the NIT then we aren't going to be satisfied."

TCU was within two games of reaching the finals of the National Invitational Tournament before dropping to Oregon, 77-68, in the quarterfinals at Daniel-Meyer. But Tubbs said last Wednesday's loss was not the worst thing.

"I feel more disappointed in letting the fans down. That's the worst part," Tubbs said.

Two years ago fans were ecstatic about making the NIT, let alone winning the first game. They seem to have become spoiled by having

forward Lee Nailon return for his senior season. And what people really seem to forget is that TCU won over 20 games this year, a remarkable difference from seasons past.

TCU basketball has become an addictive drug to Frog fans. After reaching a high from last season, it's hard for anyone to accept anything less.

Tubbs said, "We had bright spots and we had low spots, but the low spots outshined the good spots."

The darkest spot for TCU this year was the two-game suspension of Nailon. This season-turning incident occurred when Nailon hit a Nevada-Las Vegas player in the first minute of the game. TCU dropped to UNLV then lost the next three games, which arguably cost the Frogs an invitation to the NCAA.

Then came the surprise injury to junior forward Marquise Gainous in the first round game of the Western Athletic Conference. Without Gainous, TCU seemed harmless against BYU as the Cougars sent TCU packing — destroying any hope of an NCAA bid.

Unfortunately, these dark spots outshined the good ones: the game in which Fowler led the team with rebounds, Nailon's and Gainous' 40 point games and the huge win over UNLV in Las Vegas at the end of the season.

"We had terrific wins and our players played well," Tubbs said. "When we shoot the ball we look good and when we miss we look bad."

The only thing to do now is to respond. Forgetting the frustration of the last few months watching TCU basketball, fans should continue to have high standards and expect the best out of our players. But most of all, look at the season for what it was rather than what it was expected to be.

Race officials hope third time's the charm

By Jaime Aron
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FORT WORTH, Texas — They've tried and tried and tried again. This time, Texas Motor Speedway appears finally ready to host a Winston Cup race with attention focused on what happens on the track instead of on the track itself.

When NASCAR returns to the three-year-old superspeedway this weekend for the Primstar 500, drivers should be pleased to see a 1 1/2-mile trioval that's been remodeled to their liking with wider turns and smoother transitions into and out of straightaways.

"This is like a new speedway," Sterling Marlin said following two days of testing earlier this month. "If we can get a good groove worked into the track, we're going to have some real good racing here."

There were high hopes for the gargantuan \$130 million facility when it opened with the Interstate Batteries 500 in 1997, only to have drivers complain all week about tight turns with rough exits. Speedway officials said drivers were overreacting to a track that was difficult, not dangerous. Then a wreck on the first turn of the first lap set the tone for a

crash-filled, caution-slowed race won by Jeff Burton.

More than \$517,000 was spent touching up the track, but drivers weren't convinced the changes had made a difference when they arrived for last year's Texas 500. Then up sprang another, more bizarre problem: a wet track on a perfectly sunny afternoon. It happened Friday and Saturday, forcing qualifying to be delayed and some practices to be canceled.

Track officials insisted everything would be fine on race day and even wore T-shirts that said, "Shut Up and Drive!" Drivers didn't like that attitude and continued grumbling about the track, especially after a huge early wreck took 10 drivers out of contention, including Jeff Gordon and Dale Earnhardt. The track at least stayed dry as Mark Martin cruised to victory.

The next day, track owner Bruton Smith announced plans to tear up the surface and start over. About \$4 million went into a new drainage system and other track modifications.

Although early reviews have been very positive, speedway general manager Eddie Gossage and staff are taking a contrite, wait-and-

see approach.

"I think all you're probably going to get from us is, 'We hope they like it,'" Gossage said. "We're going to let the racetrack talk for itself and let the drivers be the voice."

"But I think the proof is in the effort. We addressed what they asked us to address. I know there is universal appreciation for us stepping up and doing this so quickly last year."

But Gossage is warning drivers to be careful about getting what they wished for because it has made the track faster. Recent test speeds approached 188 mph, about 2 1/2 mph above Jeremy Mayfield's pole-winning speed last year.

"We're already running fast times, and we haven't even started testing with the qualifying engines yet," Joe Nemecek, the second-fastest qualifier last year, said after testing with Marlin. "That's when you'll really see some fast times."

The problems with the track itself have overshadowed the fact that the speedway has otherwise been a tremendous success.

The first two Winston Cup races were among the best attended events of each season

with around 190,000 fans, helping make Texas one of the top paydays on the circuit. Television ratings also have been strong — locally, only Dallas Cowboys games do better among area sports events.

"We knew we'd have success, but we thought we'd have to work our way up to it," Gossage said. "We've set records every time we've opened the gates out here. It's just unbelievable."

This year's race will boast even more fans and a larger payday.

About 17,000 temporary seats have been brought in and several thousand permanent seats have been added, hiking crowd estimates to around 220,000. Some of the money generated by the extra seats will be going to the drivers through a purse of more than \$4 million, third only to the Daytona 500 and the Brickyard 400.

The Busch Grand National Coca-Cola 300 on Saturday should set season-highs for attendance and prize money. Dale Earnhardt Jr. won his first NASCAR-sanctioned title in last year's Coca-Cola race and will be back to defend his title. Gordon also will be in the field for just the second time this year.

Clubs ready for challenges

By Jeri Peterson
STAFF REPORTER

Club Sports

Most clubs rested up over Spring Break but are back in action this week.

Men's lacrosse President Pete Hoffman said Saturday's game against Texas Tech University in Lubbock should be a great contest because the two rivals are so evenly matched.

"Last year we beat them in the last 23 seconds of the game. We were behind 8-3 in a driving rain," he said. "It was a great win, and they haven't forgotten it. They beat us once this year, so it's a back and forth thing."

Women's lacrosse members will travel to play Baylor University and the University of Texas this weekend.

The water polo team will also travel to Waco Saturday to play a mini-tournament against Baylor and Southern Methodist University starting at 11 a.m.

The club lost to SMU earlier this season, but club President Adria Newberry said she is optimistic

about the club's first face-off with Baylor.

"We've never played Baylor before, but they're pretty new, too, so we hope we can beat them," she said.

The water polo club was organized this semester and began competition just a few weeks ago.

On Sunday, Newberry will trade her swimsuit for climbing gear, as she and other members of the High Adventure Club participate in a challenge course.

The TCU Challenge Course consists of a series of obstacles and is often used by corporations and teams for team-building exercises, said club President Matt Truitt.

Truitt said Sunday's activity is a self-challenge course in which participants choose obstacles to challenge their individual abilities.

"(TCU has) a four-sided climbing tower behind the football stadium where we'll practice climbing and rappelling," Truitt said.

"The bar is about six feet from the platform, but it looks a lot further when you're up there," Truitt said. "It's officially called the Power Pull, but a lot of people call it the Pamper Pull because when you get scared up there you look like a baby."

Newberry said participants are in a harness, so they don't fall far if they miss the bar.

The activity starts at 10:30 a.m. and will last until at least 2 p.m., Truitt said. He also said non-club members who want to participate can meet behind stadium at 10:30 a.m. and pay club dues at that time.

Intramural Sports

The intramural soccer season began with three games Tuesday. The International Student Association beat the Chelsea Headhunters, 4-0. Pi Kappa Alpha lost to the Screaming Fleas 2-0 and Not Delta Tau Delta beat Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 4-2.

Teams play from 3 to 11 p.m. Sundays, from 5 to 10 p.m. Tuesdays and from 5 p.m. to midnight Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Games will be played on the



The water polo team, shown here practicing, heads to Waco for a tournament this weekend.

Intramural Fields until 6 p.m. Games after that time will be played under the lights on the track.

Ultimate Frisbee enthusiasts will compete in a tournament on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at the Intramural Fields.

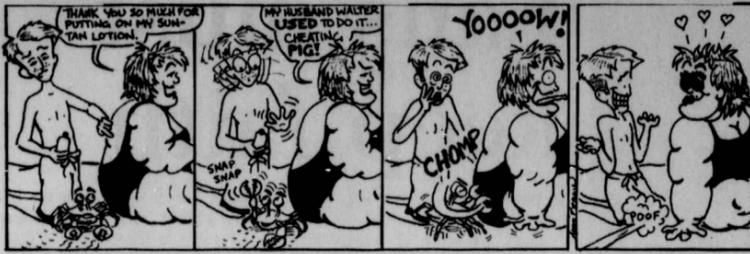
Registration has begun for Delta Dunkfest 1999, a three-on-three tournament hosted by Delta Delta Delta. Sign-ups will continue through April 7 in the Rickel Building, Room 229, for men's, women's and coed divisions.

Registration is also underway for a men's, women's and coed softball tournament to be played April 11-15.

Team captains must attend a captain's meeting at 4:30 a.m. April 8 or 9 in the Rickel Building, Room 105, to pick up brackets.

For information on recreational sports activities, call 257-7945.

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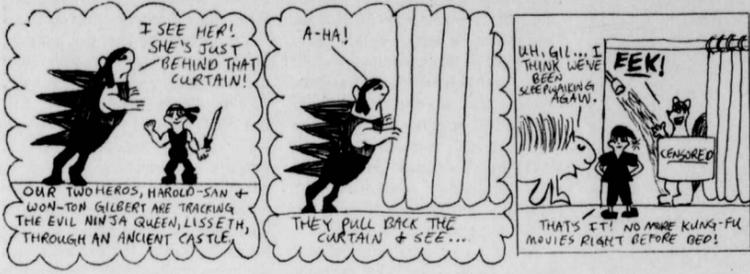


What started as a barnyard joke would soon lead to old Betsy on Capitol Hill

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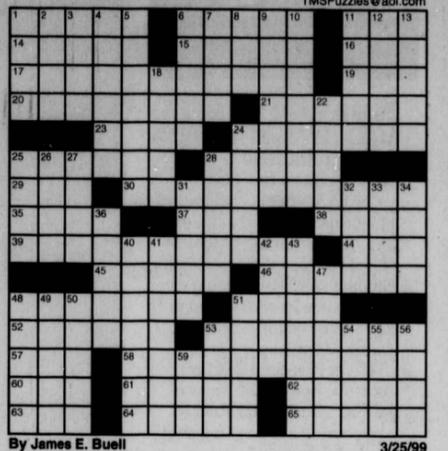


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By James E. Bueli Fort Washington, MD 3/25/99

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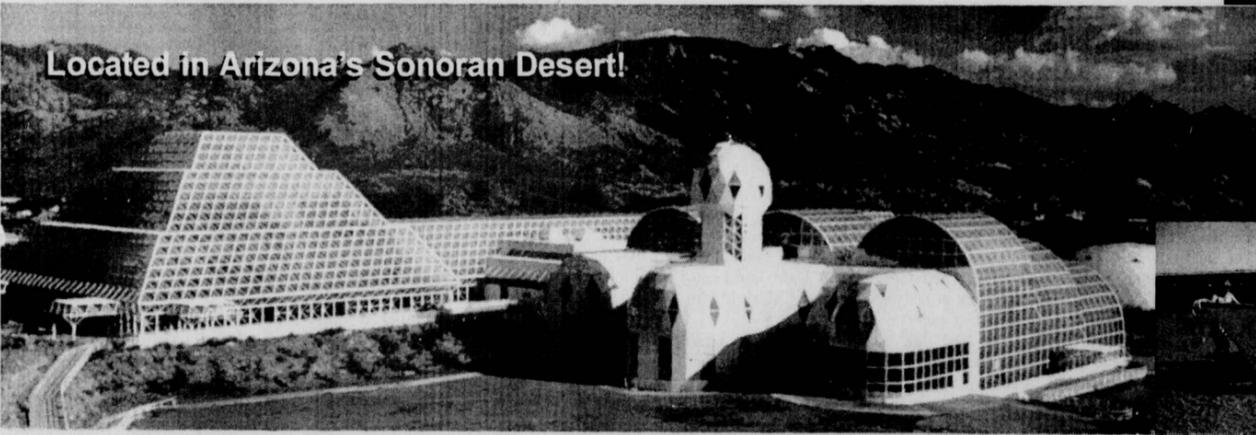
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