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Campus

Alcohol screening in
Student Center today

National Alcohol Screening Day will be held from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. today in the Student Center Ballroom.

Organizers said the program's goal is to inform people about the symptoms of alcohol abuse.

Participants will be asked to complete a screening form, which will help determine if they would benefit from a complete evaluation. An educational presentation on alcohol-related problems and a question-and-answer period will also be held.

College

Students worried
about call to war

ATHENS, Ohio (U-WIRE) — With the United States' increasing military involvement in Kosovo, several Ohio University students serving in Reserve units are concerned about what would happen to them academically if they are called into action.

Reserve units are called into action on a situational basis, said Lt. Col. Paul Schwanberg, commander of OU's Army ROTC.

In the Vietnam War, the Reserve units were not called until the active forces were depleted, he said. But every situation will be different and will dictate the type of unit required, he said.

"I am very concerned about it and graduating at the end of the quarter," said Shannon Bibbee, vice president of OU's Student Senate and member of the Army Reserves.

Bibbee's concerns center on the question of financial aid.

If called into active duty and forced to withdraw for the spring quarter, Bibbee could not apply for financial aid for the fall quarter because it would be too late, which would cost him money he would need to use for taking classes necessary for graduation.

In that type of emergency situation, the financial aid office would try to work with the students affected, said Soni Williams, director of student financial aid.

He said several students who also are in the Reserves have approached him and mentioned concerns about being called into action and not knowing what would happen to them academically.

Because Reserve Units have 48-hours notice to report for duty, it would be more reassuring for those affected to know the university provides alternatives before the students are called into action, he said.

To aid this process, the senate made a new internal position, the director of veterans affairs, to communicate with military personnel on campus about these types of situations, Bibbee said. The position should be filled by the end of this week, he said.

During Desert Storm in 1991, a student called into active duty late in the quarter could talk to the professor and receive an incomplete, with the opportunity to make up the work, said Marge Mowery, assistant registrar.

However, this policy was strictly for Desert Storm, she said.

"OU is certainly not going to penalize any student called into active duty," Mowery said.

— The Post
Ohio University

Suicide policy to be evaluated

Negligence suit taken into consideration

By Joel D. Anderson
STAFF REPORTER

A year after a civil lawsuit was filed against TCU by the mother of Chris Assman, a sophomore premed major who committed suicide April 17, 1997, the university could make changes to its suicide intervention policy during its annual review of Counseling Center policies.

Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs, said TCU currently has no specific suicide policy, because each person's case has to be evaluated on an individual basis.

"Our policy on potential suicide cases is that they're handled on an individual basis, because each circumstance is different," he said. "We just want to make sure we do whatever is possible to assure that the student can't harm himself."

The lawsuit, filed by Dawn Assman, Chris' mother, alleges the university was negligent in its evaluation of her son's mental health, failed to properly treat him, did not use an intervention plan and did not tell her that he was suicidal.

The suit also claims that Chris Assman told a counselor at the Counseling Center on April 16 that he had thoughts of committing suicide and that he had told the counselor he already had a plan to do it. In a response to the lawsuit, the university denied that he told the counselor of his plans.

According to the suit, Susan Adams, assistant vice chancellor and dean of campus life, called Dawn

Assman on April 16 to tell her that there were "urgent concerns about Chris' safety and physical well-being" and urged her to come to TCU to visit her son.

Dawn Assman came to Fort Worth from her home in Sun City, Ariz., and briefly met with her son on April 17, but alleges she was not told of his recent suicide threats. Several hours later, Assman, 19, was found dead in his car from a self-inflicted gunshot wound in southwest Fort Worth.

Dawn Assman could not be reached for comment on the suicide policy. Her attorney, Brice Cottongame, declined to comment.

Mills said the university is hoping for an amicable end to the lawsuit.

"I don't think we're too far off (from a settlement)," he said. "We have been in conversations with them and we're hoping to find a mutually agreeable settlement that will help us avoid a trial."

Mills said that despite Dawn Assman's lawsuit, this year's evaluation process will be no different.

"(The Assman case) is not the primary factor that will go into the evaluation, but it will be one of many factors that will be considered," he said. "All things will be considered when we go into the evaluation and determination of what we want to do."

Mills said all concerns about the university's suicide intervention policies will be addressed during the

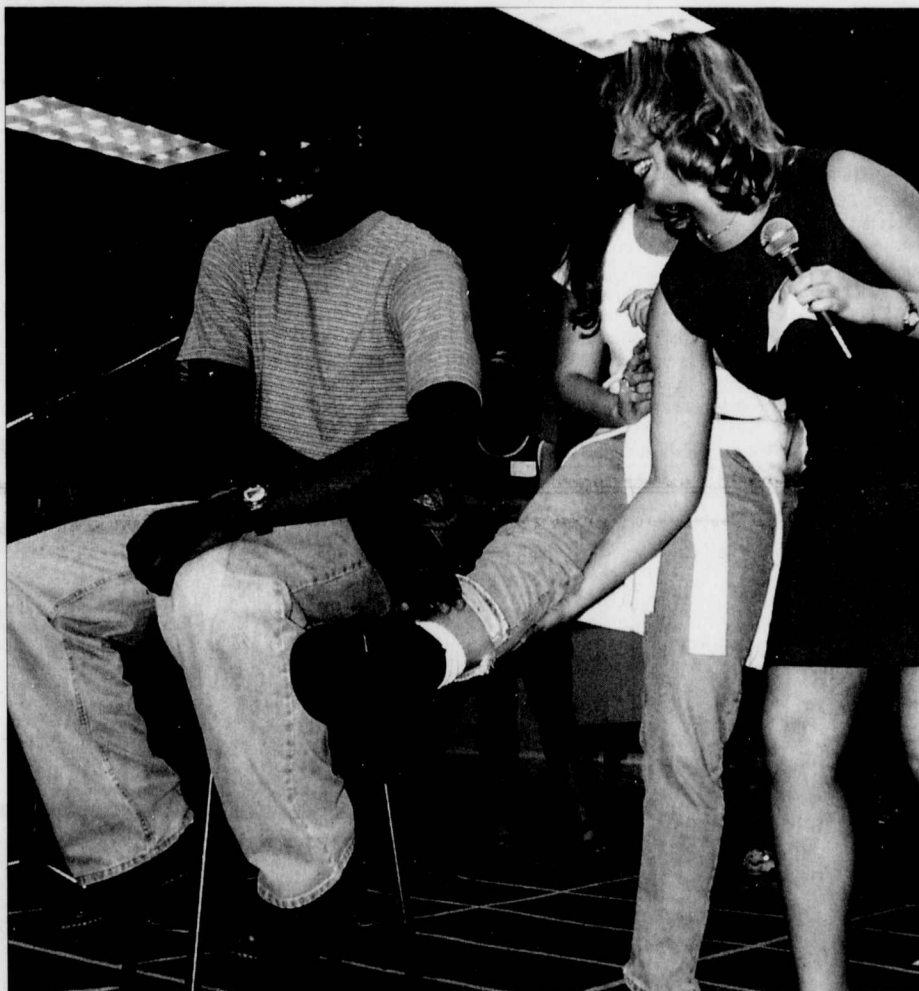
upcoming evaluation.

"I think we're very concerned about suicide here, because a student was successful in his attempt and other students have indicated they see suicide as an option," Mills said. "We need to be much more aggressive and proactive in our efforts to treat the symptoms of suicide when we discuss this issue among those in our student body."

"I wouldn't be surprised to see us give a strong talk and be more up front about suicide with students when they come back in the fall."

Mike Russel, associate dean of campus life, said TCU's current response to potential suicide cases is sufficient, but is due for a review.

"I think it's an adequate policy," Russel said. "But I believe all things need to be reassessed and reevaluated."



The University Relations Committee of the House of Student Representatives sponsored "TCU Singled Out," a spin-off of the MTV dating game, Wednesday in the Student Center Lounge. (Top) Host Aubrey Monk helps a contestant show her leg to Jared Hooker, a sophomore broadcast journalism major. (Right) Contestants make their way to the final round through elimination.

Singled Out
House-sponsored event brought
students together seeking loveBy Kristen R. Naquin
STAFF REPORTER

In the risqué spirit of MTV's "Singled Out," TCU students recently revealed whether they preferred Joe Boxers or speedos, room service or campfires, all tongue or a lotta lip and dates that end at 1 a.m. or 10 a.m.

During the event, laughter erupted in response to such one-liners as "I'm a freshman, but that doesn't mean I don't know what's going on" and "I traveled 4,000 miles to take your pretty a** out."

In an attempt to increase viewership on Channel 47, the University Relations Committee of the House of Student Representatives sponsored "TCU Singled Out"

Wednesday night in the Student Center Lounge.

Committee Chairman Paul Kanitra said the campus television station is experimenting with different programming and hopes to sponsor an event similar to Wednesday's night game show each month starting next semester.

In the game, a female contestant chose one male out of a group of 20 by a process of elimination based on answers given to questions such as "Teddy bear or macho man?" If the female preferred sensitive men, for example, the males who considered themselves macho were eliminated. The same procedure was repeated

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Cautious steps
Funds to be used to develop
HIV education strategiesBy Tom Sullivan
STAFF REPORTER

Christmas came early for the Alcohol and Drug Education Center.

The center received a \$4,000 grant to be funded from Sept. 25, 1998 through Sept. 24, 1999 from the American College and Health Association.

The ACHA is working with 12 colleges and universities nationwide, including TCU, to sustain comprehensive human immunodeficiency virus prevention programs. They developed a prevention team of TCU faculty and staff which will present HIV programs to students.

HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, is the second leading cause of death for Americans between the ages of 25 and 44. According to the Center for Disease Control, it is estimated that half of all new HIV infections in the United States are among people under 25 and the majority of young people are infected through sexual contact.

Leanne Fondren, assistant director at the Alcohol and Drug Education Center, said the prevention project will try to build on past ACHA work in the field of HIV prevention.

"We want to put together campus and community representatives to take a look at current (HIV) programs we offer at TCU," Fondren said. "We want to put together people who are interested in HIV and present these programs to

students."

Mary Hoban, project director for health and higher education, said TCU's diversity played a role in receiving the grant.

"We felt like TCU would add some diversification because it has a religious affiliation," she said. "We don't have an existing project site with any kind of affiliation."

TCU and the University of Texas at El Paso are the only two Texas universities that received a grant.

"Geographically, our sites are pretty diverse," Hoban said. "We're looking for campuses that bring diversity and offer multi-level activities. We have those with these schools."

Michael McNeil, education coordinator for ACHA, developed a profile of TCU's HIV resources.

"That was one of the objectives of the grant - to develop a profile of our campus HIV preventions," Fondren said.

Russell Elleven, associate director of residential life, said the Prevention Team will meet today and Friday to determine some prevention strategies.

The goals of the meeting will focus on empowering students to change risk behaviors related to HIV, such as substance abuse and unprotected sexual activities.

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Dancers and audience
aid a worthy causeBy Jimmy Nam
STAFF REPORTER

Students, faculty and members of the TCU community filled the Ballet Building, Studio B, Wednesday to watch the Brown Bag Concert of eight student-choreographed ballet, jazz and modern dances.

The audience also had the chance to participate in the performance during an improvisation piece.

Chi Tau Epsilon, the dance honor society, held a service project in conjunction with the Brown Bag to raise money to donate to AIDS research.

Christi Weindorf, a senior ballet and modern dance major and a coordinator of the concert, said the concert will help AIDS research and give students the opportunity to see their friends' choreography.

Senior modern dance majors Lori Yuill, also a coordinator, and Jennifer Walters performed the improvisation "Simon Says," which relied entirely on the wishes of the audience.

Yuill and Walters decided to let the audience control their movement. The audience volunteered commands such as fast, slow, stop, go, open and close eyes, as the dancers moved accordingly.

"We didn't have a structure," she said.

Yuill and Walters said they wanted to show the contact, momentum, gravity and interaction with partners and the audience.

Yuill said their improvisation was "movement created in the moment."

Another ballet piece was performed and choreographed by Stephanie Hall, a junior ballet major.

The concert was both an Aids Benefit Concert and a Brown Bag Concert because the students did not have enough time to perform separate concerts, Weindorf said.

Weindorf said the dancers volunteered to choreograph their pieces and prepared in about a month.

She said the concert helped the dancers to gain performing experience.

"It's a neat opportunity, what we are doing here," said Bethany Farmer, a sophomore modern dance major.

She said it was chance to introduce dance to different audiences.

Hall wanted her choreography to encourage other people who are in stress. She chose the song, "You Are Never Out of My Hand," by Katherine Barnes.

"(Through my dance) I want to encourage others if they are having problems," she said.

The dance department holds a brown bag concert once every semester.

Pulse

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The Hal Galper Trio will be featured at the TCU Jazz Festival, an event which features high school jazz bands for workshops and competitions. The New York-based trio is considered to be one of the top jazz performance groups. They will play 7:30 p.m. Friday in the Pepco Recital Hall. Tickets are \$5.

A NASA Project Specialist for Lockheed Martin Space Systems will be speaking at 11 a.m. Friday in Sid Richardson, Lecture Hall 4. M. Justin Wilkinson will address "Global Change from the Shuttle Window."

Kappa Kappa Gamma will host a golf tournament April 10 at Lost Creek Golf Club to benefit the Bridge Emergency Youth Shelter. Check-in will begin at 1:30 p.m., and the tournament will start at 2 p.m. Event fees are \$100 for adults and \$65 for students. All the proceeds will go to the youth shelter. For more information, call Kristen Kirst at 257-7281.

Correction

A member of Faculty Senate was incorrectly identified in Tuesday's story, "Senate debates syllabi, increased involvement." The quotes attributed to Joe Laster should have been attributed to Joe Bobich, a professor of chemistry.

An information box on the Life page of Wednesday's issue misidentified types of vegetarianism. The box should have contained the following information:

- semi-vegetarian — eats dairy goods, eggs and chicken and fish, but no other animal flesh
- pesco-vegetarian — eats dairy foods, eggs and fish
- lacto-ovo-vegetarian — eats dairy foods and eggs
- ovo-vegetarian — eats eggs
- vegan — eats no animal or animal-produced foods of any type

We regret the errors.

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World

Arafat to decide whether to declare independence in a month

TOKYO — The Palestinians will decide around April 27 whether to declare an independent state next month, Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat reportedly told Japan's foreign minister Wednesday.

Japan joined a chorus of leading nations urging Arafat not to declare a state on May 4, the end of a five-year interim period of Palestinian self-rule under agreements with Israel.

With negotiations towards a final peace accord long bogged down, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has threatened to annex parts of the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip if Arafat unilaterally declares a state in the parts of the territories now under self-rule.

In their talks, Japanese Foreign Minister Masahiko Komura encouraged Arafat to seek a settlement by negotiations, saying a declaration would jeopardize the peace process, a Foreign Ministry official said on customary condition of anonymity.

Arafat responded by saying that his Palestine Liberation Organization's 125-member Central Committee will convene around April 27 to make a final decision, the official said.

Arafat's two-day visit to Japan is the latest stop in a tour to sound out support for statehood. So far he has visited Turkey and Russia and will continue on to China and possibly India and Malaysia.

Lava flow in Cameroon scorches rain forest, hundreds flee vicinity

YAOUNDE, Cameroon — A river of lava from Mount Cameroon seared virgin rain forest Wednesday as it streamed toward a coastal village, prompting the government to order hundreds of people to flee.

The lava flow, more than a mile wide and 100 feet thick, came within a mile and a half of the village of Bakingele on Wednesday, state-run Radio Cameroon reported.

Authorities say the molten, viscous rock will reach the village's mud-and-brick houses and nearby banana plantations within four days.

Cameroon's government is setting up a camp 25 miles from Bakingele to shelter its several hundred residents.

It is not clear whether the lava threatens other villages or if it will sizzle into the Atlantic Ocean farther west. Gas and ash spewing from the volcano have blackened the air and dirtied drinking water for 2,600 people in the shadow of Mount Cameroon, 185 miles west of the capital, Yaounde.

About 1,000 people have been evacuated since the volcano began erupting 11 days ago, accompanied by a series of tremors that have destroyed over 100 homes.

The 13,435-foot volcano, also known as Mount

Faka, is a major tourist attraction in this small Central African nation. A race up its black, rocky slopes attracts hundreds of runners every year.

Ethnic clashes rage in Indonesia, security forces open fire on crowd

AKARTA, Indonesia — Outnumbered Indonesian security forces fired Wednesday on thousands of angry Borneo villagers, who rioted to demand the release of relatives jailed for earlier racial fighting.

Witnesses claimed more than a dozen people were killed in street battles outside of Singkawang, a town near the western coast.

The area has been wracked by savage ethnic fighting since mid-March, mainly attacks by Malay and Dayak against ethnic Madurese. Some 200 people have been killed and thousands of Madurese have fled their villages to seek shelter in government buildings.

The private television station SCTV reported three people were killed Wednesday when an angry mob stormed police barricades three miles from town.

The Antara news agency said the mob sought the release of 101 people arrested Monday while attacking Madurese and burning houses in the area.

Residents said police and troops fired warning shots but the crowd continued to surge forward. Some of the demonstrators fired back with homemade guns, or brandished swords and clubs.

Antara said 32 people were arrested in fighting that SCTV said continued after nightfall.

At least 90 people have been killed in a week of unrest in southeast Maluku, with at least 28 killed in and around the city of Tual on Monday and Tuesday, Antara reported.

On Wednesday in Tual, unidentified assailants stabbed a Christian man to death, the military said.

Bloodshed has also erupted in the disputed territory of East Timor, a former Portuguese colony invaded by Indonesia in 1975 and wracked ever since by guerrilla war and human rights abuses.

The Roman Catholic Church claimed at least 25 people were killed when anti-independence fighters attacked villagers on Tuesday.

Nation

Chinese Premier begins nine day visit, hopes to join WTO

WASHINGTON — With Chinese Premier Zhu Rongji already in the United States for the start of a nine-day visit, President Clinton was laying out his administration's China policy in a speech today.

Zhu's six-city tour, which began Tuesday in Los Angeles, comes at a time of particularly tense relations between Beijing and Washington.

China has called for an immediate halt to the NATO airstrikes and Chinese leaders even considered postponing Zhu's visit.

Still, Zhu hopes to close a deal with the Clinton administration to allow Beijing to join the World Trade Organization, which regulates international trade, after 13 years of trying.

U.S. and Chinese trade negotiators worked fur-

iously to try to strike a deal that could be announced during Zhu's visit to Washington on Thursday and Friday.

Zhu also will visit Denver, Chicago, New York and Boston, courting the political and business elite at each stop. He may observe financial markets, possibly the New York Stock Exchange and the Chicago Board of Trade.

China hopes to attract the foreign investment needed to help its slowing economy.

While in Washington, Zhu was to dine with Clinton on Thursday evening, hold meetings with officials of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund and meet on Friday with a handful of lawmakers back early from the two-week congressional recess.

"We hope that they will understand better the importance of China-U.S. relations," said Yu Shuning, a spokesman for the Chinese Embassy.

Criticism in Congress of China's human rights record is bipartisan and widespread.

Adding to the tensions are concerns — particularly among Republicans who see it as a good 2000 campaign issue — over alleged Chinese nuclear espionage, Pentagon reports of a missile buildup against Taiwan and alleged Chinese campaign contributions to Clinton's 1996 re-election campaign.

The Chinese, in turn, resent a U.S. initiative to provide a missile-defense shield for Japan and Taiwan.

China also strongly opposes U.S. sponsorship at the annual U.N. Human Rights Commission meeting in Geneva of a resolution condemning Beijing's human rights record — a step taken by the administration only after extensive prodding from Congress.

State

Police arrest suspect for allegedly vandalizing Kennedy memorial

DALLAS — Police have arrested a Rowlett man suspected of vandalizing the John F. Kennedy Memorial with spray paint.

Harold Russell Allen, 28, was arrested Tuesday night in Mount Pleasant. He was being held Wednesday in the Lew Sterrett Justice Center in Dallas on a charge of graffiti. Bond was set at \$10,000.

Investigators say someone spray-painted the downtown Dallas memorial late Friday or early Saturday. The red and black graffiti, which crews cleaned off this week, included a swastika and caused thousands of dollars in damage.

Mount Pleasant police received a call from Dallas police and then arrested Allen at a supermarket where he was working. Investigators believe Allen acted alone and has no connections to an organized group.

The monument, which was built in 1970, attracts about half million visitors annually. It consists of 50-foot high white concrete walls that surround a square black marble slab bearing the name of Kennedy, who was assassinated nearby in 1963.

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editorial

INSPIRED INPUT Legislative visit helps democracy

On Wednesday, seven TCU students went to Austin to support an issue that affects many college students: financial aid. They spent the day meeting with members of state legislature and discussed the need for continued funding of the Tuition Equalization Grant, which is awarded to Texas students who attend private universities in the state.

The students spoke with representatives who are TCU alumni or who serve areas that represent TCU. They talked about why the grant is important to them and why continued funding of the TEG is essential. The TCU contingent was also joined by students from other private universities around the state such as Southern Methodist University, Texas Wesleyan and Austin College.

Instead of waiting to see what legislators will decide about the TEG, these students went to Austin to tell lawmakers what they want the decision to be. They did not wait for our administrators to do it for them. They took responsibility for an issue that directly affects them.

The students' efforts were worthwhile because legislators were face-to-face with the students their decision will impact, helping lawmakers understand what the grant really means to students who need a financial boost.

The initiative demonstrated by these students is a welcome change from the usual apathy. We live in a democracy, but democracy doesn't work unless the citizens stand up and take charge — and one way to do that is for all people to let their representatives know how they feel, be it by letter, e-mail or a personal visit.

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While Americans are trying to find a good seat at the ballpark...

...Refugees in Kosovo are trying to find a place to lay their head.

Meaningless names don't get to the point

Language just ain't what it used to be. You'll understand if you live in an apartment off-campus. Is it the River Oaks? The Gables at the Ledge? Buttercup Fields?

There are, of course, no rivers. No oaks. No ledge. No ranch, no lake, no fish, no rain-bows. We live in a residence and even a world where names are chosen only for their connotations.

We never said we wanted to live in a place with a creek or a set of hunters running through it. The student apartments we live in are chosen for their availability, their price and maybe their washers and dryers. This is an apartment complex, not a state park.

Or wait; it's an apartment community. Which is, of course, qualitatively different from a complex. Community invokes a sense of kinship, togetherness, and of gathering around the barbecue grill with small children and eager smiles. Never mind that this doesn't take place at an apartment complex, where we, the disinterested students, live.

These names actually mean nothing. They are chosen for the images and sentiments they evoke, ostensibly,

from our childhood or from some urbanite dream of what it would be like to live by a real creek on a real ranch. If we are told frequently enough by our apartment sign that we live in a lusciously landscaped area with parks and hills, perhaps we will eventually forget what we really see out our window is the street.

Avoiding this deception might involve less marketable names like The Slag Heap at Asphalt Mound. "Move up to the Dump! Now leasing at the Caliche Pit!" Still, there's something to be said for honesty.

When we don't want to eat in the dining-type area of our pseudo-country club apartments, we might hit Applebee's Neighborhood Grill. Most of these types of places sit on the smooth plains of urban or suburban parking lots, facing the highway. Their marketing directors reminisce about the days of the real neighborhood grill, and we, with our wallets, play along.

The latest fad is the corporate housing hotels. Their names seem to be words chosen at random and stuck together with, again, heavy reliance on connotations. Homestead Village. HomeGate Suites. Country Inn and Suites. How many of the extended-stay corporate executives to whom these places are marketed are really fooled by this? At least the Town Place Suite embraces reality. It's definitely in town. And it's a place. Even child care centers succumb

to the same trend of adopting cute, yet somewhat meaningless names. Sure, they need to seem wholesome and appealing. But how much time do the kids really spend on the title feature at Children's Courtyard/Garden/Lighthouse? When parents ask to meet the manager at Mama Bear's Day Care, who comes out to greet them? I think the Training Depot has the right idea. No frills, no deceit.

An allergy medicine in my first aid kit is called Pseudo Plus; it's fake, but I can sure have more of it. A jigsaw puzzle at home announces on its box that it has 500 fully interlocking pieces. Fully interlocking?

Do we ever get to see inside Pappadeaux Seafood Kitchen? Where would you rather stay, StudioPlus or MicroTel? Will you have to make your name into one word to do so?

This trend toward increasingly euphemistic names is more sad than anything else. It suggests that since we don't really have community, river-filled ranches, or child-centered homes anymore, we have to look for them in commercial settings. But let's not be fooled by thinking all our emotional needs can be met on Hulen Street, or that we must abandon our language to meaningless corporate titles.

With fully interlocking brains, we can find a way around it.

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

Commentary



ROBYN ROSS

Artists' capabilities not always appreciated

Once heard that when Dwight Eisenhower was president of our nation in the 1950s, he would occasionally gather his rather stagnant cabinet members and remind them of a fellow private he encountered during his early days in the Army.

Commentary



TIM SKAGGS

Eisenhower admitted that, like most of the others in his company, he often made cheap jokes at this poor guy's expense. After all, this odd man sat in the corner of the room, drawing pictures of little mice, while telling everyone how he planned to build a fantasy land that children and adults could use to escape their troubles.

Walter Disney obviously endured. He succeeded in a way that many artists fail.

Though this story may just be a

myth, it is a good illustration of the plight of the common people. Because of their inability to comprehend the gift of the artist, they often attempt to push him/her down, rather than elevate him/her to a rightful status.

I know first-hand because I'm a writer — an artist of language and words. Like most artists, I do not envision the world the same way as the common man. Furthermore, I'm tired — we're tired — of being punished for it.

We, the artists of the world, are the common man's greatest ally. We create what you fail to see. Yet, for some reason you discourage us. Frustrate us. Belittle us. Sometimes you even look down your nose at us, telling us to see reality.

We don't accept the present world's conditions. It isn't good enough. We see the world as it can potentially be, rather than accepting its cruelty.

We are visionaries. We see beyond the normal scope of life, into a world where everyone's needs are fulfilled and everyone has room to express themselves.

We know how hard it is for you, the common person, to see this possibility. So, often we disguise our message in the form of entertainment. A painting. A movie. A song. An essay.

Dr. Seuss confessed that he frequently liked to look through a tele-

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scope backwards, in order to see the world for its silly inconsistencies. An artist and a genius, he purposely wrote his stories so that children involved themselves in goofy characters, while the adult reading to the child gained some eclectic, profound wisdom from the tale.

Artists know that most people are realistically capable of accomplishing anything they truly desire. We are often forced to explore our

minds, even our self-identities, in pursuit of a craft. We know our potential, as well as mankind's, and our objective is not to push you down, but to lift you to our level of understanding.

It's tough being an artist — being different than the rest. We

find it difficult to capture love, to escape alienation and to be society's proverbial square-peg. Just the same, most of us wouldn't trade our gift for the chance to be a common number.

We are artists, making us far from perfect, but we know our special gifts are capable of changing the world. Somehow, the masses love the Disney's, Dr. Seuss', Paul Simon's and Andy Warhol's from

afar, but loathe them up close. And you don't listen to the message they want you to hear.

Pop/folk singer Don McLean's 1972 ballad "Starry, Starry Night" tells the story of Vincent Van Gogh, arguably the greatest painter of any era. Van Gogh, a gentle but misunderstood soul, suffered much more than Disney. Eventually, because of his pain, he committed suicide.

McLean, an artist of lyrics, sang: "Now I understand/ What you tried to say to me/ And how you suffered for your sanity/ How you tried to set them free. They did not listen/ They did not know how/ Perhaps they'll listen now."

Meantime, I remain an artist. I make no apologies, accept no excuses. I have much to teach you, the common man, with the genius of my spoken and written words. Now that I'm angry — we're angry — maybe you'll realize this fact.

Perhaps you'll listen now. It's too late, however, for Van Gogh.

Tim Skaggs is a senior speech communication major from Fort Worth.

Easter gives fresh hope

Spring is a time to rejuvenate the soul — somebody said that once, I think. If they didn't, I'm saying it now.

This time of year has been significant for me my whole life. When April came in elementary

school, the whole place seemed to look and smell different. Summer was in the air.

P.E. was filled with talk of Field Day. It was at this time that I would normally transform from the model of good behavior to a smart-aleck pop-off.

The energy of the season just made me itchy. There was no longer time for mundane things like school. It was time for important things. Like baseball.

By April, my own baseball season would be in full swing, and I was always just as interested in the baseball I would play with my older brother as the Major League season. I loved to watch baseball, play baseball, even think about baseball. The feel of the bat or ball in my hand, the smell of the glove and the sting of sweat in my eyes were simply magical.

These days, my brother and I are so old that we hurt ourselves every time we try to play, so all I'm left with is the Major League season, which started this week.

When I was little, my favorite team, the Kansas City Royals, was always one of the best teams in baseball. Each year, I would genuinely believe that George Brett could lead them to another World Series, like in 1985.

With George Brett securely in the Hall of Fame now, and the Royals firmly established as a financially strapped team without a clue, I've quit believing. It's hard to determine whether having your hopes crushed in mid-August or mid-January is worse, but having no hope from Day 1 is certainly more depressing.

But spring is a time for optimism, so look for any signs of success. The Royals had the best record in baseball during the exhibition season, so who knows? But there really is no hope.

Summer has lost some of its allure, too. Instead of endless days in the pool or in the backyard playing baseball, summer is now a time to do a cheesy teenage job to earn money. Hooray.

So if the thought of summer no longer energizes, and baseball season is now just a cruel tease, where is there to turn for that "rejuvenation of the soul?" The third great element of spring: Easter.

Easter came at just the right time. It's right when you settle back in after Spring Break and realize the school year is not over. Just when things start to feel bleak, it's time to dress up, go to church and sing, "Because He lives, I can face tomorrow."

I have that knowledge every day of my life. Resurrection Sunday is not the only time I reflect on what the Lord has done for me. But each year, the Easter celebration brings a whole new energy and fervor back to my life.

I try hard not to neglect this presence the rest of the year, but it often takes a celebration like Easter to bring joy to that victory and shed light on the hope we have for improvement.

So I know in August, when I have deposited another entire paycheck for tortuous, mindless work into my savings account, and the Royals have already lost close to 80 games, Jesus will still be alive. And that's enough to rejuvenate the soul any time of year.

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

Commentary



STEPHEN SUFFRON

AIDS

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"We will process the information and then see what strategies will be most effective on campus," he said. "The ACHA is going to help us see what the at-risk factors are for our campus and see what the other campuses are doing."

Hoban said TCU's prevention team will help move the project along quickly.

"The fact that TCU already has a multiple prevention team in place is an important thing," Hoban said. "They've asked us to help them with

HIV issues."

"TCU is in the smaller end of the middle-range, but the size is already diversified," she said.

Fondren said the center received the grant last year.

"We found out we were given the grant on Dec. 23," she said. "They asked if we would like to participate in the prevention program ... we said yes."

Campus Editor Sylvia Carrizales contributed to this report.

SINGLED

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with a male contestant choosing one female out of the group. The winner received a date with the contestant paid for by the committee.

Molly Manning, a freshman radio-TV-film major, eliminated all males except Patrick Pannett, a junior advertising/public relations major. And Jared Hooker, a sophomore broadcast journalism major, eliminated all females except Michelle Henry, a freshman deaf education major. These participants will receive tickets to a Texas Rangers baseball game and dinner at the Hard Rock Cafe.

Kanitra, a sophomore political science major, said he hopes the event increased inter-

est and involvement in Channel 47 programming.

"We are in the process of seeing what works and what doesn't work," he said. "We look forward to making (the program) an ongoing part of campus life and (helping students) loosen up and have a little fun."

Committee Member Aubrey Monk said many people who signed up to participate did not show up. However, she said she was pleased to see about 65 audience members.

"I honestly didn't think people would be here to watch," said Monk, a freshman pre-major. "I hope it got people interested in trying it

again next year."

Both contestants and spectators said they enjoyed the event.

"I wanted to get out there and goof it up," Manning said. "They needed people who would have fun with it and not worry about how they appeared. I knew it would be a lot of fun."

George Don-Arthur, a senior physics major, said the lighthearted event was a good way to alleviate tension associated with school.

"It is nice to have a little fun for an hour and a half before having to get back to studying," he said.

NATO rejects Milosevic's cease-fire declaration

By George Jahn
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — NATO stepped up its "surgical" airstrikes after rejecting President Slobodan Milosevic's cease-fire declaration, while a Cypriot official said today he was close to arranging the release of three U.S. soldiers captured by Yugoslav forces.

Sandy Berger, President Clinton's national security adviser, said he was aware of former Cypriot President Spyros Kyprianou's efforts to free the Americans but urged caution about any imminent breakthrough.

"We certainly would welcome the release of the three American soldiers but I can't confirm that is going to take place," Berger said on NBC's "Today" show.

David Leavy, spokesman for the National Security Council, was similarly restrained: "We'll believe it when we see it."

In Athens, Foreign Ministry spokesman Panayiotis Beglitis said Greece will provide a plane to transport Kyprianou, who flew to the Greek capital today, to Belgrade. Beglitis said if the release was secured, the three Americans would be handed over in Cyprus to the U.S. ambassador there.

Kyprianou, the Cypriot parliament speaker, said he was likely to spend the night in Athens — "waiting for the green light from Belgrade" — before going to Yugoslavia on

Airstrikes continue, U.S. cautious about soldiers' release

Thursday.

Yugoslav authorities, meanwhile, today closed the main exit route where a quarter-million ethnic Albanians have fled Kosovo, forcing tens of thousands of people back toward the reported carnage that they left behind.

Shutting the Morini border post apparently marked a policy reversal by Serb officials, who had conducted a campaign of mass expulsions of ethnic Albanians after the NATO bombing started last month.

In Morini, the crossing point for Kosovo refugees into Albania, the flow of cars and tractors suddenly stopped at 3 a.m., witnesses said. By dawn, only a few refugees remained nearby. Debris from the exodus blew across the road.

Macedonia today emptied a border enclave at Blace where tens of thousands of Kosovo refugees had been trapped for days in squalid conditions, taking 25,000 to NATO tent camps and shipping 10,000 others off to Albania. The refugees were bused out so quickly that many families were separated.

"We talked to a girl this morning who found her father was in Turkey, her mother was in another transit center, her brother at

another crossing point," said Paul Stromberg of the U.N. refugee agency.

Macedonia, flooded with more than 130,000 refugees since the NATO bombing campaign against Yugoslavia began March 24, has sharply criticized the United States and its NATO allies for failing to stem the flood of refugees.

More than 35,000 Kosovo refugees living in a no man's land were cleared out of the area and moved to NATO-run "tent cities" where food and water as well as sanitary facilities were available, NATO spokesman Jamie Shea said today.

Aid workers, however, were sharply critical of the manner in which the evacuation was carried out and expressed concern that the refugees were not told where they were going and that families were separated.

Shea said in a briefing in Brussels, Belgium, that 42,000 refugees left Kosovo on Tuesday, raising the total number of ethnic Albanians driven from the country since March or homeless and displaced in the southern Serb province at 912,000.

He said NATO is "deeply preoccupied" by reports of atrocities being committed against civilians and that in Kosovo 50 villages reportedly have been burned since Sat-

urday. Shea also said, without elaborating, that three mass gravesites been identified based on refugee testimony.

Ethnic Albanians made up 90 percent of the 2 million prewar populace of Kosovo before the Yugoslav and Serbian crackdown began 13 months ago.

Putting the Yugoslav war machine "on notice" today, State Department spokesman James P. Rubin said nine Serb commanders have been identified, linked to atrocities in Kosovo, and could face war crime prosecutions before the war crimes tribunal at The Hague.

Airstrikes deep into Yugoslavia continued overnight, hitting dozens of military targets and what NATO called "fielded forces in and around Kosovo" with "surgical precision." All NATO aircraft returned safely, NATO Air Commodore David Wilby said.

He announced NATO's "first major breakthrough against armored forces in the field," saying "we were able to locate and attack several units." In one attack, the British air force officer said, allied planes dropped weapons on a column of seven to 12 vehicles.

At least 10 people were killed and eight seriously injured in a NATO airstrike on

administrative buildings in the center of the Kosovo capital of Pristina today, Serbia's state Tanjug news agency said.

There was no comment from NATO and no independent confirmation of the report.

Also today, the rebel Kosovo Liberation Army claimed Serb forces massacred at least 51 civilians, including 12 children, in a raid on the village of Celina, southwest of Pristina, after the NATO airstrikes began March 24.

The KLA news agency, Kosova Press, published the names of the victims and said more bodies could remain undiscovered in the village. The report could not be confirmed independently.

A NATO force of U.S. and British planes has been pounding Yugoslavia with bombs to force Milosevic to withdraw Serb special police and military units from Kosovo and accept a three-year interim autonomy agreement for the wartorn Yugoslav province to be policed by 28,000 NATO troops.

The three captured U.S. soldiers were part of a peacekeeping force in Macedonia, and not involved in the airstrike campaign.

Staff Sgt. Andrew A. Ramirez, 24, of Los Angeles; Spc. Steven M. Gonzales, 21, of Huntsville, Texas; and Staff Sgt. Christopher J. Stone, 25, of Smiths Creek, Mich., were captured last week near the Yugoslav-Macedonian border.

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The Panhellenic & Interfraternity Councils would like to recognize the following Chapters of the Month for excellence in March.

Alpha Chi Omega

Congratulations to the ladies of Alpha Chi Omega for their outstanding accomplishments. Alpha Chi raised \$14,050 through their hard work in their annual fashion show. All proceeds were donated to the Tarrant County Women's Center. They also collected over 200 bags of diapers in a state wide project assisting children of domestic violence. Alpha Chi Omega has even found time to support other chapters through participation in the Step Show, the Greek Bowl, and Greek Games.

Phi Kappa Sigma

The Beta Theta chapter of Phi Kappa Sigma has led by example through their contributions to service and philanthropy. Phi Kappa Sigma Greek Games raised \$4,000 for the Leukemia Society of America. Chapter members have participated in the Agape Feeding the Homeless program and have been involved with Adopt-A-Highway Litter Control. One of Phi Kappa Sigma's exceptional qualities has been their efforts to work with others. Phi Kap teamed up with Zeta to raise over \$1500 in a "Date Auction" and supported Alpha Chi Omega in their philanthropy. Way to go Phi Kappa Sigma!

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A truck turning west on to Cantey street was involved in an accident at University Church Tuesday, as the driver tried to avoid hitting an oncoming truck from the other direction. The driver received three tickets for not having Texas drive license, having expired inspection stickers and causing the accident.

Disappearance questioned

Atheist leader may have been murdered

By C. Bryson Hull
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS — The 1995 disappearance of atheist leader Madalyn Murray O'Hair is looking increasingly like a murder case, and the arrests of two former cellmates on firearms charges may unlock the mystery.

One of the men is David Waters, a convicted murderer who was the office manager for O'Hair's organization, American Atheists, before she, her son and granddaughter vanished along with \$500,000 in gold coins.

The other man, Gary Karr, has told investigators that he helped dispose of four bodies in Texas. One may be that of a man who disappeared after heading off to meet with Waters and discuss a deal with a lot of money.

The FBI and prosecutors have not publicly linked either Karr or Waters to the O'Hair case.

But Waters' lawyer, Patrick Ganne, said Waters has been accused of being involved somehow in the disappearance, something Waters denies. Ganne said a federal prosecutor told him: "Your client could get the death penalty. People are rolling over on your client and he better get right with God."

O'Hair gained fame in the 1960s, when she helped wage a Supreme Court battle that removed the Bible and prayer from public schools. She later tried to remove the phrase "In

God We Trust" from U.S. currency and stop potential jurors from saying "so help me God."

When O'Hair, her son Jon Murray and her granddaughter Robin Murray vanished, authorities wondered whether the family had been the victims of foul play or had merely run off with their organization's money. Others suggested that O'Hair, who was 77 and ailing at the time, had gone off to die quietly so Christians wouldn't pray over her.

Several tantalizing leads went nowhere, though.

Then, Karr and Waters were charged last month with violating a law barring felons from having weapons. Karr was arrested after two loaded guns were found in his suburban Detroit apartment. Waters was picked up in Austin after 119 rounds were found in his apartment.

The break could come through Karr, 50, of Novi, Mich. He has admitted to helping dispose of four homicide victims in Texas, including one with its head and hands hacked off, FBI agent Bill O'Leary testified last month at a bail hearing for Karr.

O'Leary did not identify the four victims or mention the O'Hairs when he testified.

A headless, handless body was found in a ditch near Dallas in 1995, and DNA testing identified it as that of con man Danny Ray Fry, a friend of Waters. Investigators and Fry's

family say he had planned to meet Waters in Texas to work on a deal involving a lot of money before he disappeared.

O'Leary did say that Karr flew from Texas to New Jersey with one of the four homicide victims before money was wired from a Newark bank to Texas. The *San Antonio Express-News* reported that Jon Murray flew to Newark the week before he disappeared to expedite the wire transfer of \$600,000 in atheist funds from New Zealand to San Antonio, via New Jersey.

O'Leary did not say where the four bodies were buried.

But over the Easter weekend, the FBI and the Texas Department of Public Safety scoured a 5,000-acre ranch in Camp Wood, Texas, about 100 miles from San Antonio, in a search a DPS spokesman said was connected to the disappearance of the atheists and the gold coins.

Federal agents would not say what they found.

Karr's lawyer, David Helfrick, would not comment.

Waters was convicted of beating a 16-year-old boy to death with a fence post in Illinois in 1964. He served 11 years in prison.

He quit as the office manager of American Atheists in 1993, just before he admitted stealing \$54,000 from the group's accounts. Waters was given probation and ordered to repay the money.

Educators divided over push for Internet learning

By Anjette McQueen
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Farzad Naeim, an earthquake engineer from Los Angeles who decided to go to law school, didn't have time for campus meetings and classroom lectures. So when Kaplan's Concord Law School was launched last fall, Naeim enrolled to get his education through the Internet.

"I figure if I go to a standard school four nights a week, that eliminates the chance for me to see my kids grow up," said Naeim, 44. "I

get my assignments off the computer, and I can study after the kids go to bed."

Hundreds of universities are launching courses or degree programs online. But a pair of reports being released today question whether a seat in front of a computer is as good as a seat in a college classroom.

The reports' complaints range from whether the programs' effectiveness is evaluated properly and whether they cost too much to whether they are unfair to certain

students.

The College Board warns in its report that Internet courses could hinder the progress of poor and minority students who arrive at college with less exposure to computers than white or more-affluent students.

"There's this rush to get online and go virtual. ... Colleges, policy-makers and (Internet) providers who are driving this market need to think about broad access," Larry F. Gladieux, a senior College Board researcher, said Tuesday.

A second report, by the Institute for Higher Education Policy, says colleges still lack enough knowledge about Internet-based education to justify its rapid growth. For example, studies haven't explained a higher dropout rate for Internet-based learners — 32 percent compared with 4 percent for classroom students in one study — or looked at whether students do better from Internet instruction alone or from a mix of Internet and classroom learning.

"Many of the studies suggest the

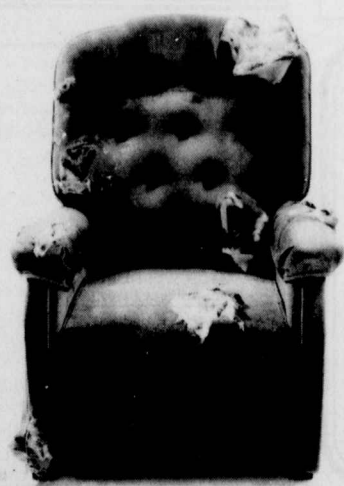
grades of distance learners are higher or comparable," said Jamie Merisotis, president of the institute, which did the study for two teachers' unions. "We don't know whether the poorer performers are dropping out at a higher rate."

Right now, 26,000 courses online teach roughly 750,000 students. They include the online law school and courses at Stanford University, the University of California, Los Angeles, and Duke.

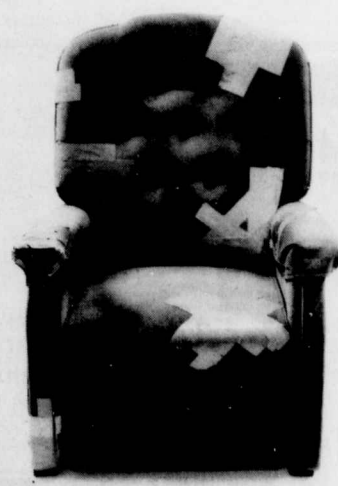
The most visible advance, supporters say, is the first-time accredi-

tation of a wholly online school: Students at Jones International University, operated out of Denver, now have such privileges as transferring credits and earning employer tuition reimbursements.

"I wondered if I was going to get a quality education," said Joan Crittenden, a Navy safety official from Waldorf, Md., who received her master's degree in business communications from Jones in December. "I actually think I did get a better education. More of the resources were at my fingertips."



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Clintons tout equal pay

Legislation would increase damages available to women

By Sonya Ross
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WASHINGTON — President Clinton renewed his call Wednesday for equal pay for working women, saying the country has "the opportunity of a generation" to correct the inequity during good economic times.

The president, along with first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and Labor Secretary Alexis Herman, played host to a roundtable discussion with four women who related their battles to address salary disputes with lawsuits as well as on-the-job diplomacy.

"There are still those who claim that this is a made-up problem, that any wage gap between men and women can be explained away by the choices women make," Mrs. Clinton said.

"There is still a sizable gap between men's and women's salaries that can best be explained by one phenomenon: the continuing presence and the persistent effect of discrimination, sometimes in very subtle ways," said the first lady, who practiced law in Arkansas while her husband pursued his public service career.

Clinton — who counted himself among "a small but vocal radical caucus" of husbands whose wives have out-earned them — said Congress should take advantage of the nation's low unemployment and booming economy and pass the Paycheck Fairness Act introduced last month.

The legislation would allow women to sue their employers for unlimited compensatory and punitive damages, in addition to the

limited damages and back-pay awards now available under federal law to remedy pay violations. That would bring women on par with other minorities in wage discrimination matters.

The president's Council of Economic Advisers reported last year that women earn about 75 cents for every dollar a man earns, a narrower gap than in 1963, when President Kennedy signed the original Equal Pay Act. Then, women workers earned 58 cents for every dollar paid to male workers.

As part of his fiscal 2000 budget, Clinton has requested \$14 million for efforts to close the wage gap between men and women.

He wants \$10 million for training Equal Employment Opportunity Commission employees to identify and respond to wage discrimination, and \$4 million for a Department of Labor program to help contractors hire and promote women in non-traditional jobs.

Sonya Tyler, women's basketball coach at Howard University, said the greatest degrees of bias often are found in nontraditional fields.

She filed a Title IX complaint against the school in 1991 when she learned that the newly hired men's basketball coach was being paid four times more than she, based on professional basketball experience.

A jury awarded Tyler \$2.39 million. She is still coaching at Howard. She said her case has improved conditions for women coaches elsewhere, in terms of contracts, practice hours and lower coach-to-athlete ratios.

Chavez wants expanded powers

Venezuelan leader threatens to dissolve Congress

By Steven Gutkin
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CARACAS, Venezuela — President Hugo Chavez has warned Congress may be dissolved and rejected a law giving him sweeping new powers, saying it doesn't go far enough. At the same time, his secret police chief arrested the son of a key opposition leader.

The former coup plotter turned president denies any political repression, but critics say Venezuela is descending into old-style Latin American authoritarianism.

Chavez, 44, called reporters to the presidential palace late Tuesday to announce he was vetoing a law that would have given him broad powers to revive Venezuela's flagging economy.

He warned that Congress would be "as good as dissolved" if it tries to "sabotage" his efforts to get the economy back on track. A constituent assembly rewriting the constitution would dissolve it, he added.

As the president spoke, Congress

convened an extraordinary session just blocks away to denounce the arrest this week of the son of Lewis Perez, secretary general of the Democratic Action Party.

"We are living with a government of persecution, of intimidation," Perez said a few hours before his 24-year-old son, Daniel, was released while authorities investigate what Chavez opponents say are trumped-up charges of illegal arms trafficking.

Chavez insisted he had nothing to do with Daniel Perez's arrest and that his calls for greater powers are merely an attempt to honor his campaign promise to bring a "social revolution" to Venezuela.

"Allow us to transform the coun-

try," he said. "Our intentions are good."

Chavez, who took office in February, isn't the first Venezuelan president to ask for fast-track legislative authority. But because of his coup attempt seven years ago, the world is watching him more closely.

Critics say the president, who enjoys widespread popularity among Venezuela's 23 million citizens, is sending ominous signals. The army is taking on a greater role in society, with tens of thousands of soldiers traveling around the country to repair roads and tend to the sick.

Venezuelan Jewish leaders have expressed concern over Chavez's friendship with Norberto Ceresole, an Argentine writer who says the Holocaust never happened and espouses a "leader-army-masses" troika that excludes political parties.

Chavez may have already bought into that idea, distancing himself even from his own party.

Time is running short for Chavez because of Venezuela's acute economic crisis, caused by a drop in world oil prices, the country's main export. This year's budget deficit is estimated at \$8 billion, and hundreds of businesses have gone bankrupt, exacerbating unemployment.

Chavez says his proposal to rewrite the constitution — to be voted on in a referendum later this month — will go a long way toward improving economic conditions.

In the meantime, he says, he needs far greater powers. The law approved by Congress 10 days ago was insufficient, he argues, because it failed to give him a mandate to renegotiate Venezuela's \$22 billion foreign debt and to trim the bureaucracy.

"We are living with a government of persecution, of intimidation."

— Lewis Perez, secretary general of the Democratic Action Party

Bill would help cities in Olympic bid

By Jim Vertuno
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AUSTIN — Texas cities bidding to host the Olympic or Pan-American games would get support from the state and a special sales-tax revenue fund to help with preparations if they are awarded the games, under a bill given preliminary approval Wednesday by the Senate.

San Antonio officials are bidding to host the 2007 Pan-Am Games. Dallas and Houston are bidding on the 2012 Olympics.

"If the cities don't get backing from the state, it's not going to happen," said Sen. Frank Madla, D-San Antonio, sponsor of the bill.

If ultimately approved, the sales-tax fund would be created once the games are awarded to a Texas city. The state comptroller would estimate the average annual sales tax in the host city and how much extra revenue can be expected to be generated by event preparation, such as facility construction.

The extra tax money would be set aside in the special fund to help guarantee preparations are completed in time for competition. For example, cities could borrow from the fund to meet costs or speed up facilities construction.

The games typically are awarded five years before they are held.

Senate Finance Chairman Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, opposed the bill, saying the state should be able to use the extra tax revenue for other reasons if necessary.

"It's a dangerous precedent ... no matter how worthy the cause of hosting the Olympic in Texas is," Ratliff said.

"I'd love to have the Olympics in Texas, too, but if we're going to do that we ought to belly up and fund it up front," he said.

Madla countered that the state won't get the extra money at all if the games do not come to Texas.

"Yes we could lose some revenue, but it's not

revenue that would have normally been there," Madla said.

"It would be good public policy to give those cities that are wanting to bid on those games the opportunity to bring the games to Texas," he said. "The dollars generated would far exceed the risks."

The Pan-American games can be expected to generate about \$693 million and the Olympics about \$3.5 billion, Madla said.

The state stands to lose the sales tax money only if the games do not make money, according to Madla's staff.

If the games are profitable, the money in the fund would be turned over to the state's general budget. And if any city borrows from the fund and then later profits on the games, it must repay the loan right away.

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Women's basketball announces signings

TCU women's head basketball coach Mike Petersen has announced the signing of Lyndsay Clarkson and Janice Thomas to national letters of intent.

Clarkson, a 6-foot wing, averaged 21.7 points per game this past season at North Arkansas College in Harrison, Ark. Named to all-state and all-region honor squads, she connected on 54 percent of her field goal tries and was a 71 percent free throw shooter.

Thomas, a 5-foot-11-inch guard, finished as runner-up in balloting for the Southern California Junior College player-of-the-year award after scoring 20 points and grabbing 11 rebounds per game this season at West Los Angeles College in Culver City, Calif. Thomas was a first-team all-state and all-conference performer.

NHL

Stars defeat Mighty Ducks, 5-1

DALLAS (AP) — Brett Hull scored his 30th and 31st goals, and Mike Keane broke a 34-game drought without a goal as the Dallas Stars moved within one point of matching their franchise record point total with a 5-1 victory over the Anaheim Mighty Ducks on Wednesday night.

Hull's power-play goal 23 seconds into the second period snapped a 1-1 tie to trigger Dallas' four-goal period.

The Stars went on to end a two-game losing streak and post their 26th home win, equaling the club record set in 1972-73, 1989-90 and 1997-98.

Later in the second period Keane added his fourth goal, his first since Jan. 15 against Anaheim, and Guy Carbonneau scored his fourth to extend Dallas' lead to 4-1.

NBA

Heat burn Mavericks by six

MIAMI (AP) — The Miami Heat held Dallas without a field goal for 6:34 of the third quarter, and P.J. Brown scored the last of his 23 points on two free throws with 24.2 seconds left to hold off the Mavericks, 93-87, Wednesday night.

Alonzo Mourning added 10 points and 12 rebounds, his 22nd double-double in 33 games, and the Heat overcame a rally by the Mavericks over the final 7 1/2 minutes.

Miami notched its third straight victory after four consecutive losses that dropped the Heat out of the Eastern Conference lead. Miami now trails Orlando by 2 1/2 games.

The win was the 936th of coach Pat Riley's career, moving him into sole possession of fourth place on the NBA's all-time list. He entered the game tied with Dick Motta with 935 and now is two behind Hall of Famer Red Auerbach for third.

Gary Trent scored 27 points and grabbed 13 rebounds to lead Dallas, which lost its second straight game and fifth in its last six outings. The Mavericks have dropped their last 10 road games since beating the Los Angeles Clippers on Feb. 20.

Michael Finley added 26 points for the Mavericks and Shawn Bradley scored all of his 16 before halftime. Bradley was 7-for-10 from the field in the first half, most on medium-range jumpers, but did not attempt a shot after halftime.



A TCU baseball player slides into home base in Tuesday's loss to Texas Tech. The Frogs defeated the University of Texas at Arlington Wednesday in Arlington.

Hard-fought win takes 11 innings

By Rusty Simmons
SKIFF STAFF

It didn't matter that the weather was muggy and there was a constant threat of rain.

It didn't matter that the University of Texas at Arlington's Ian Gutierrez hit for the cycle.

It didn't matter that the game went 11 innings.

All that mattered to the TCU baseball team on Wednesday was to leave UTA's baseball field with a victory.

"We've played a lot of heart breakers this season," junior second baseman Eric McLamore said. "We thought we played well enough to win yesterday, so to come out of here with any kind of a win is huge."

Instead of the 10-8 victory, the Frogs almost added another game to their list of losses. The lead changed hands five times beginning in the top of the second inning.

After UTA got on the scoreboard in its first at bat, TCU quickly answered back. Senior

first baseman David Wallace led off the top of the second inning with a double to left-center field, but had to stay there when freshman catcher Dane Phillips grounded out to short for the first out of the inning. Sophomore designated hitter Cade Harris brought Wallace around to score on his single to right, and senior shortstop Jimmy Mousoudakis followed Harris with a two-run homer to left.

The Frogs' first lead lasted as long as UTA's first lead — half an inning. UTA plated three runs in the bottom of the fourth, but left two runners in scoring position.

TCU took advantage of UTA's missed opportunities when junior left fielder Brad Rogers drove in Harris in the top of the fourth inning. Harris had doubled to right center, and one batter later, Rogers' single to center knotted the game 4-4.

The Frogs continued to put runs on the board in the top of the fifth inning. Sophomore center fielder Marshall Wilson, who

had led the inning off with a single, scored on a Wallace sacrifice fly to left field, and for the first time since the second inning, TCU had the lead.

The TCU lead couldn't be enjoyed for long. The second batter in the bottom of the fifth inning, Gutierrez, hit a two-run home run to right center field. Although sophomore pitcher Chris Frazier struck out the final two batters of the inning, UTA had gained the lead back.

Senior third baseman Royce Huffman gave the Frogs the lead once again in the top of the seventh inning. He hit a two-run homer to right-center field to put TCU up 7-6.

Wallace gave the Frogs some breathing room in the ninth inning when he hit a solo home run to center field, but the two-run lead was not enough. Junior pitcher Shaun Wooley, who had pitched a scoreless eighth inning, allowed two runs in the ninth.

Gutierrez's ninth inning triple completed the cycle and scored two UTA base runners.

Gutierrez was able to advance to third base, but could get no further as Wooley struck out a hitter and Huffman made a spectacular play on a bunt for the third out of the inning.

Finally in the top of the eleventh inning, the Frogs went ahead for good. McLamore scored the go-ahead run on an error by UTA's Cory Ruiz, and junior shortstop Mike Hamilton drove in another with a single.

"It usually takes something like that to give a team a jump," Brown said. "It just didn't happen for us until late in the game."

The runs were just the jump the Frogs needed, and Wooley didn't miss his second chance to close out the TCU victory. He struck out the lead-off man and, after hitting Gutierrez, got UTA's Adam Bush to ground into a game-ending double play.

TCU got back on the winning track just in time to host Utah this weekend. Utah comes to town for a three-game series where they will try to dethrone the Western Athletic Conference-topping Frogs.

Intramurals meet need for competition

By Jeri Peterson
STAFF REPORTER

Caffeine addicts have Starbucks, and chocolate addicts have Godiva. Luckily, exercise and competition addicts have TCU intramural sports.

Students who participate in intramural sports say it fills a real need in their lives at college.

Some, such as Mateo Marquez, a junior international communications major, said intramural competition satisfies his craving for intense competition.

"We're high school gym rats who are ego-starved during college," Marquez said. "A lot of intense people play intramurals. We've had some pretty good games going, especially in basketball. It's good to know we can still compete and have fun."

Lauren Wylie, a freshman business major, said sports have always been part of her routine.

"When you play on high school teams and in club sports, it's like a part of you is missing when you go away to college," she said. "The great thing about intramural sports is that you can participate in a variety of sports instead of putting all your effort into one."

Wylie said playing intramural soccer and volleyball has been a good way to meet people on campus.

"I was in the Rickel working out one day, and some guys on a coed volleyball team came by and said they needed some more girls," Wylie said. "My friends and I didn't even know them, but we said we'd play. Our team ended up winning the coed bracket, and we had so much fun, we're planning on playing together again next year."

Players generally agreed that playing on intramural teams gives them a good opportunity to get to know students outside of class.

James Roberts, a junior chemistry and speech communications major, said people at TCU take a lot of pride in their teams.

Marquez said some serious team rivalries have grown out of that pride.

"When we see some of our rivals on campus, we do a lot of trash talking," he said. "We joke about beating each other the next time around."

Roberts said it's tough for newcomers to get on established teams with good records, but new teams then have the opportunity to start records of their own.

"This year we had some pretty good freshman teams, so we have some good competitors coming up," he said.

Keri McNew, a sophomore biology major, said besides competition, she enjoys having a variety of ways to stay fit.

These student athletes said they take school seriously, but physical activity is as important to them as their studies.

"If something is important, you make time for it," Roberts said.

Wylie said intramural sports doesn't take a large chunk of time, so it's easy to fit playing into her schedule.

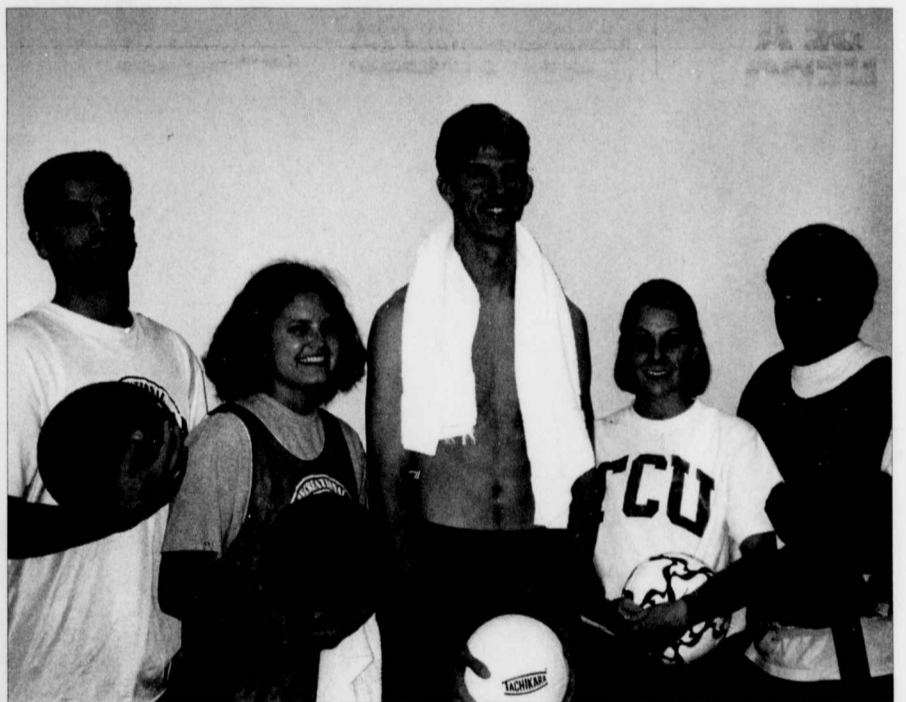
"Besides, it's a great study break," McNew said.

Zuberi Williams, a junior international marketing major, said he has seen a real change in attitude this year.

"More people are coming out to the games, and the whole mentality of intramural sports has changed," he said.

Students credit intramural sports director Lance Steffen with initiating changes in the program that have led to greater participation, both by players and spectators.

"This is the first year I've felt like I have an active say in the program," Roberts said. "We have mandatory captain's meetings before the major sports begin where we get the rules and schedules for the games. Lance has always been there when we needed anything."



Many students, such as those pictured above, say they find intramural sports to fill a number of needs in their lives.

Steffen said he has an open-door policy and has turned the operation of the program over to the students themselves.

Steffen initiated the formation of a student supervisor staff and an intramural sports council to get students more directly involved in running the program.

The sports council is made up of representatives from groups on campus who participate in intramural sports. Supervisors are student employees who market the program on campus, and who schedule and run the games.

"Lance set the stage by structuring the program, and his effort is reflected in the quality of play," Mateo said. "With good structure in place, the participants have been able to make this a great program."

Wylie said Steffen has also been supportive when students approach him about philanthropic activities.

"I asked Lance about getting support from intramural sports for a fundraiser I'm doing for the Leukemia Society of America," Wylie said. "He said we could have a two-on-two volleyball tournament and he would donate a portion of the money to my effort."

Students said Steffen backed Delta Delta Delta in their Delta Dunkfest to benefit Camp Sanguinity, a children's cancer camp. The three-on-three basketball competition will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday in the Amon Carter Stadium parking lot.

Students said they believe it's important to reach outside their own circle of friends to help others in the community, and they appreciate Steffen's assistance in their efforts.

Wylie said she thinks intramural sports is taken more seriously at TCU than at other schools.

"When people know the program is well-run, they show up for games," she said. "Of course, it helps that Lance has the supervisors call before each game to remind us we're playing."

Steffen said the number of forfeitures for all sports was about 9 percent for the fall semester, as compared to an average of nearly 30 percent over the previous six to eight fall semesters.

"Since this semester isn't over yet, I don't have forfeiture figures for spring, but I would guess it's about 7 percent," he said. "Previous spring semesters have averaged about 36 percent."

Rec Sports Update

Intramural Play

The winner of the Ultimate Frisbee tournament was Sigma Phi Epsilon, with Pi Kappa Alpha taking second place in tournament final played March 31.

Club Sports

The women's lacrosse club will play their next game Saturday at Rice University in Houston.

Tracy Glasheen, club co-captain, said the club is ranked No. 4 in their league.

"We didn't get knocked down as far as we thought by losing two weeks ago, so we'll still be in the playoffs," she said.

The women's championship will be April 17 at Texas A&M University.

The men's lacrosse club will play Trinity University Saturday in San Antonio.

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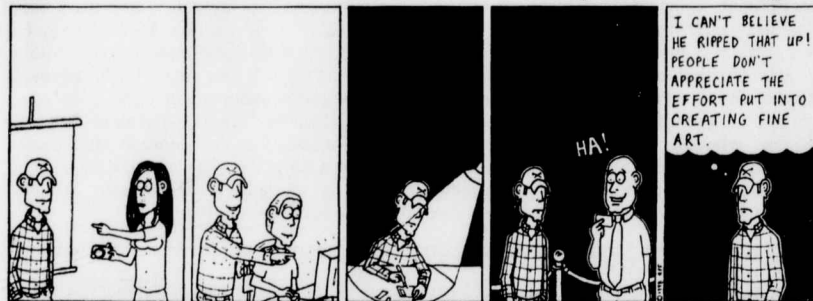
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