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Faculty response still mixed over AddRan split

By Matt Stiver
STAFF REPORTER

The split of AddRan College of Arts and Sciences continues to prompt different reactions from faculty members.

Some faculty members in the sciences said the change is solely administrative, while others in the humanities said it has a more wide-ranging effect.

Ken Morgan, chairman of the geology department, said his initial reaction was positive.

"I wrote a letter to the chancellor and to the dean, and I said 'Hooray!'" Morgan said. "I think

Division of college may improve organization, some say

it's long overdue. (TCU is) still a liberal arts college. Nothing has changed."

But Bob Frye, a professor of English, said he had a sense of reservation about the split.

"I always have a little bit of a sense of misgiving about dividing the sciences off from the humanities," Frye said. "I like the sense of cross-disciplinary focus and union. I sort of regret that kind of split."

In mid-August, Chancellor Michael R. Ferrari announced the

reorganization of the college structure at TCU. The move splits the current College of Fine Arts and Communication into the College of Fine Arts and the College of Communication. A new College of Health Sciences and Human Services will be comprised of nursing and health-related fields.

Phil Hartman, a professor of biology and chairman of the Health Professions Advisory Committee, said the AddRan split will not affect interaction among faculty members.

"Just because faculty are in different colleges doesn't make them any more or less likely to interact with one another or collaborate and contribute to (a) broad-based liberal arts approach to course work," Hartman said. "A lot of things with individual faculty don't fall within the confines of AddRan."

"For example, the Honors Program. It really cuts across all colleges, and that's the cross-disciplinary interaction that I think is what liberal arts education is at its best.

Splitting up AddRan won't affect that."

Nadia Lahutsky, an associate professor of religion, said the science faculty will not see major changes as a result of the split.

"I am not surprised (the sciences) are happy," she said. "I'm not surprised that they don't foresee any changes. Nothing is going to change for them. They are going to relate to (McCracken) in the same way they related to McCracken before."

Several faculty members in the

sciences said the reorganization will have positive effects for them in terms of organization.

"This is just an organizational thing," Morgan said. "To me, it strengthens everyone's hands ... If the liberal arts side of campus does their job well, then nobody loses. I think this strengthens them. I think it lets liberal arts focus with common goals on their needs in terms of resources and how to manage their programs."

Hartman said the new structure will help with tenure and promotions.

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BRIEFS

COLLEGES

College students at high risk of contracting Meningitis
BINGHAMTON, N.Y. (U-WIRE) — There is a hidden killer among us. It strikes unexpectedly and progresses suddenly, with devastating consequences. It is a terribly frightening disease that infects thousands, and yet, Meningococcal Meningitis is preventable.

Meningococcal Meningitis is a bacterial disease characterized by the sudden onset of fever, intense headache, nausea, vomiting and a stiff neck.

A pink rash follows, appearing on the arms and legs, and delirium and coma, and eventually shock may set in, all within the period of a few days.

Not many students, nor their parents, have heard of this disease, which targets the human nervous system. It is theorized that college students, especially freshmen, are at an increased risk of contracting it.

Meningococcal Meningitis strikes 2,800 Americans each year, with the highest rates of the disease among children under the age of five, according to the Center for Disease Control.

Meningococcal Meningitis is highly contagious and transmitted person-to-person through the exchange of respiratory and throat secretions such as coughing, kissing, and sharing drinks or a cigarette.

—Pipe Dream
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Women at Texas A&M break stereotypes by handling guns

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (U-WIRE) — The first time Meggan Bradberry fired a gun, she was in awe of the power of the firearm she used.

"The power of the shotgun was amazing," Bradberry said. "When the shotgun shell explodes, it amazes me that the spread of the shell can go through something like that."

Women around campus are decimating the stereotype of women as the "weaker sex." One manifestation of these falling stereotypes is the ability of women to effectively handle a firearm. And these women do not fit the "manly" stereotype, either.

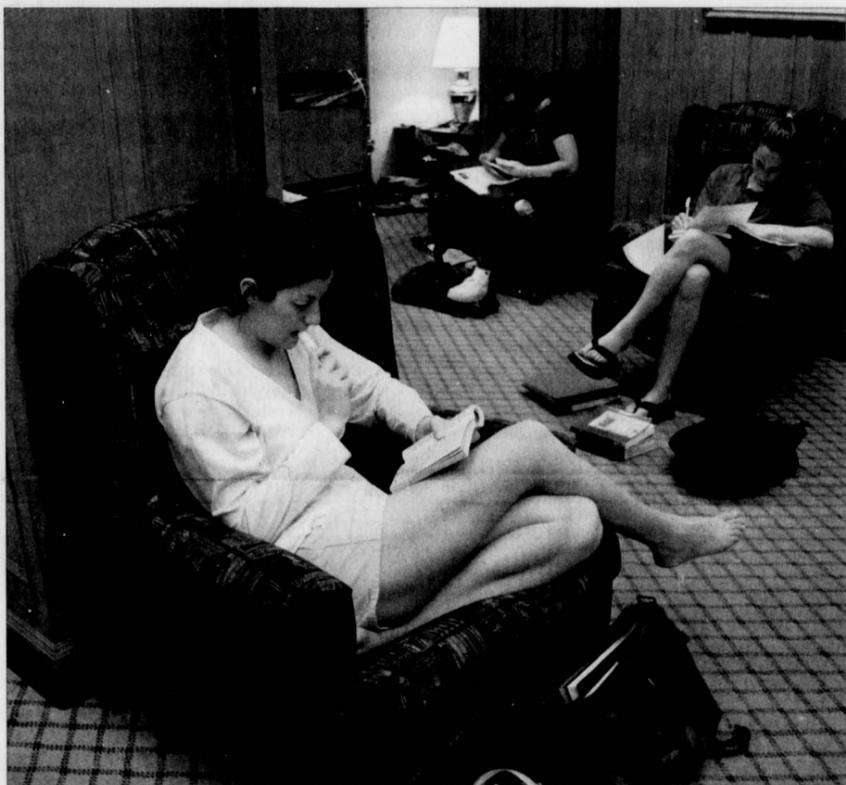
Bradberry, a junior animal science major, decided to learn how to shoot a handgun after a male friend suggested they go bird-hunting.

"I have my hunter's certificate, and after my friend suggested it, I called my parents and said I wanted to learn to shoot."

According to statistics from the Women's Shooting Sports Foundation (WSSF), the number of female hunters has increased 15 percent between 1989 and 1997.

—The Battalion
Texas A & M University

Library loungers



David Dunai/PHOTO EDITOR

Students packed the Mary Coats Burnett Library Tuesday evening to study for upcoming midterm exams.

Above: (front to back) Lindsey Stortz, a sophomore music performance and English major, Tiffany Finney, a freshman premajor and Angie Meland, a freshman pre-med major, bury their noses in their books in a library study room Tuesday evening.

Right: Katherine Bear, Kristen Petty and Zoli Kovacs, all senior marketing majors, work on a project for their class in the basement of the library.



Group to present plans for Berry Street project

By Alan Nelson
STAFF REPORTER

An initial master plan for the redevelopment of Berry Street will be presented at a public town hall meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the South Building at Travis Avenue Baptist Church.

The Berry Street Initiative will host the event, which will showcase the early proposals for the 20-year planned redevelopment of the Berry Street area. The Goodman Corporation, the firm hired by the city of Fort Worth to oversee the redevelopment, has produced plans that reflect the input of community members.

Linda Clark, president of the Initiative, said the meeting will begin with a PowerPoint presentation of the findings.

Clark said she is impressed with how Goodman has



What: Public town hall meeting to showcase the initial master plan for the 20-year redevelopment of the Berry Street area.

When: 6:30 p.m. Thursday

Where: The South Building at Travis Avenue Baptist Church, 3041 Travis Ave.

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Recruitment tops concerns at open forum

New schedule for final exams also addressed during session

By Tealy Dippel and Matt Stiver
STAFF REPORTERS

The topic of deferring Recruitment received the most response from faculty members and students during the "Speak your Mind" forum sponsored by the Faculty Senate and the House of Student Representatives Academic Affairs Committee Tuesday in the Student Center Ballroom.

People in attendance were allowed to step forward and voice opinions on whether Recruitment should occur during the spring, as opposed to shortly before the fall semester.

Academic Affairs chairwoman Sara Donaldson said the turnout surprised her.

"I am so proud of the student body," Donaldson said. "It was hard for independents to voice their opinions about deferred Recruitment because there were so many Greeks who attended."

Amy Hall, vice president of Recruitment at TCU, said she thinks delaying Recruitment has disadvantages.

"Delaying Recruitment would predetermine stereotypes and complicate scheduling adjustments made by those outside TCU," she said.

Although he said he has no set opinion, Student Government Association President Ben Alexander said he thinks delaying Recruitment would have an advantage. "It would create an opportunity for students to become Horned Frogs for a semester," Alexander said.

Roger Pfaffenberger, chairman of the Faculty Senate and professor of finance and decision sciences, said though the debate was strong, he still leans toward delaying Recruitment.

"I liked the argument for building relationships as Frogs first, but on the other side, delaying it for a semester would just prolong it," Pfaffenberger said. "And I recognize that the financial loss to the fraternities and sororities with not having Greeks in the houses in the fall is a substantial concern, but I still lean toward considering delaying Recruitment."

Reformatting the schedule for final exams was another topic which drew a range of opinions from faculty and students. The proposed schedule would move finals up a day and create an additional dead day on the Wednesday of finals week. The proposal, as it currently stands, would shorten the semester by one day.

Pfaffenberger said he favors the proposed final exam schedule.

"I'm very much in support of it," he said. "It moves the first final from the traditional finals week up to the previous week. I think it gives students the opportunity to spread things out and use their time more efficiently to study."

Chancellor Michael R. Ferrari said he had a positive reaction to the proposed finals schedule.

"I always felt as a professor, and certainly I felt as a student, when you ended up with (a final schedule) where you had two or three exams in one day, that was something that I did not particularly care for," Ferrari said. "And I think as a professor I felt the same way. To be able to have a break in the middle of that week, I thought made a lot of sense. So I am very inclined to that."

Some faculty members voiced

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Diversity focus of retreat

Speaker to address leadership in multicultural community

By Tealy Dippel
STAFF REPORTER

Diversity will be the topic of Friday and Saturday's annual University Retreat at Greene Family Camp in Waco, where almost 200 students are expected to attend.

This year's speaker, Laurence J. Payne, the Houston regional director of the National Conference for Community and Justice, was chosen by Sarah Burleson, vice president for the House of Student Representatives. Burleson said the discussion on diversity will apply to leadership in a multicultural community.

"We would like students to get a greater understanding of the community they belong to now and also get a new perspective on individuals

and people we interact with," Burleson said.

Payne has facilitated adult training in multicultural leadership in 37 states as well as in Mexico and Canada.

Although Payne's speech will address diversity, Burleson said the topic will go beyond racial issues. The topic is pertinent to everyone at TCU, she said.

"We want people to have an awareness of how many people there are on campus, and we want students to open their minds and question the things we do," Burleson said.

Student Government Association President Ben Alexander said this year's retreat is intended to further

Retreat

Students who have registered for this year's

University Retreat should note the following:

■ **Check-in** will begin at 1:45 p.m. Friday in the Student Center lounge.

■ **Buses** will leave from the front of the Student Center at 3 p.m.

■ **Students** are expected to return to campus around 3:30 p.m. Saturday.

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CAMPUS LINES

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.

■ Eating Disorder Support Group will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Thursdays beginning Thursday. To sign up or for more information, call Monica Kintigh at 257-7863.

■ TCU National Cheerleading Squad will hold an informational meeting and clinic for those interested in trying out for either the coed squad or the all-girl squad from 6 to 8 p.m. today and Thursday in the Varsity Club Room in the Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. For more information, call Glinda Clausen at 257-7969.

■ The TCU Heart Walk Team is looking for people to participate in the silver anniversary of the Fort Worth's American Heart Association Heart Walk Saturday. Registration will be from 7 to 8 a.m. at the Tandy Center parking lot downtown and the walk will begin at 8 a.m. For more information, call Hao Brown at 257-7778 or Sheryl Doll at 257-7115.

■ Speech Communication Honor Society will hold its first meeting at 5:30 p.m. Thursday in Moudy Building South, Room 312.

■ Volunteers are needed to deliver Meals on Wheels to the home-bound elderly in the TCU/Berry Street area from 10 a.m. to noon Thursday. For more information, call Bea Nealy at 257-7830.

■ A reception for English majors, minors and other students interested in the English field will be at 4 p.m. today in the Faculty Center in Reed Hall. Refreshments will be provided.

■ TCU Leadership Center and University Christian Church will sponsor Cindy Dougherty, president of the National Benevolent Association, who will speak at 4:30 p.m. Thursday in the Student Center Ballroom.

■ Lambda Kappa Kappa fraternity will hold an informational meeting for prospective members at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the Student Center basement, Room 9.

News

ROUNDUP

World

Iraqi scholars criticize proposed trip by Pope John Paul II to Ur, Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Seven Iraqi scholars on Tuesday sharply criticized a proposed trip by Pope John Paul II to Iraq, saying the pontiff should not expect Muslims to line the streets and cheer his visit.

The official Iraqi News Agency, quoting a letter by the group, accused the pope of using the trip as a means to acquit the West of crimes against Arabs.

Previously, Iraq said it would welcome the pope. INA's remarks were the first open criticism of the visit since the pontiff expressed a desire to make a pilgrimage to religious sites in the Middle East, including Ur, the biblical birthplace of Abraham, which is in Iraq. The proposed trip is linked to next year's celebrations of Christianity's third millennium.

If the visit takes place, the group said the pope should condemn U.N. trade sanctions imposed on Iraq for its 1990 invasion of Kuwait. The pope, it said, should make his stand clear regarding Iraqis' "suffering, hunger and disease."

The seven intellectuals are among the scholars whom President Saddam Hussein has recently met as part of efforts to rewrite the history of Iraq. One of them, Muayad Said, is adviser to the minister of culture and information. Behnam Abu-Sooif is a former head of the Antiquities Department. The rest are university professors.

The letter claimed John Paul's visit was intended to persuade Christians to forgive Jews for what it described as their "atrocities," including the killing of Jesus. Muslims recognize Jesus as a prophet.

Starr denies he was motivated by vendetta against Clinton, calls investigation wretched

LONDON — Prosecutor Kenneth Starr denied Tuesday that his five-year, \$40 million investigation of President Clinton was a crusade motivated by a vendetta.

"The appearance grew that I was personally on a vendetta against the president of the United States. Not so. I am a law officer who has served in various legal positions for many years," said Starr, speaking to an audience of about 500 at the University of London.

Signing autographs afterward, Starr denied he plans to retire soon, but told a group of university students that when his life story is told in film, he'd like Robert Duvall to portray him.

Starr's investigation of Clinton's affair with White House intern Monica Lewinsky led to the president's impeachment by the House of Representatives and his acquittal by the Senate.

Starr described his investigation into the president's sex life as "a wretched experience for us all" and said he regretted being portrayed as a "prosecutor on a zealous mission."

Nation

Lawmakers at odds over administration plan to give \$5.5 billion to farmers

WASHINGTON — Sen. Pat Roberts on Tuesday criticized Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman over Clinton administration plans to distribute \$5.5 billion in emergency funds to farmers.

"With all due respect, I don't think we should be in the business of changing horses after the stage left," Roberts, R-Kan., said in a speech on the Senate floor.

Roberts' comments led to an acid response from Glickman, his friend and former colleague, over the push to overhaul Republican-authored farm policy.

Along with Farm Bureau and major commodity groups, Roberts wants payments calculated on the basis of farmers' "market transition" contracts with USDA that provide them with guaranteed annual subsidies. That is the best way to ensure quick delivery of checks from USDA, Roberts said.

"We should use the current system where producers and their lenders know exactly what their payments will be, and they can plan accordingly," Roberts said.

Republicans are seeking support for an \$8.7 billion bailout of the ailing farm economy. The bill is expected to include at least \$5.5 billion as compensation for depressed commodity prices.

Glickman, a Kansas Democrat who served with Roberts in the House, wants to set up a new system. Payments under the market transition contracts are based on outdated planting patterns, not what farmers grew this year, and Glickman says some of the money will go to producers who didn't even plant a crop.

Glickman bristled at the senator's contention that Democrats and their allies should not use the emergency farm aid legislation to overhaul the 1996 Freedom to Farm law.

The secretary testified during a Sept. 15 congressional hearing that the market-oriented farm law is failing and lawmakers should come up with a new way of subsidizing growers.

"As we have discussed, no farm bill is set in stone and none is perfect by any means," Roberts said. "That debate is and should be taking place, but not on an emergency bill."

Glickman fired back through a spokesman, saying that as a father himself he understands the senator's reluctance to change the farm bill, which Roberts wrote as chairman of the House Agriculture Committee.

"He can certainly sympathize with Sen. Roberts, when the senator is forced to watch his progeny fail miserably," said USDA spokesman Andy Solomon. "And this emergency assistance bill is proof that Freedom to Farm is an inadequate response to the problems facing American farmers."

The secretary has indicated support for a proposal by Rep. Charles Stenholm, D-Texas, to set up a new system of farm subsidies that would be tied to changes in crop yields and commodity prices.

The 1996 law that ended a Depression-era sys-

tem of crop subsidies has come under increasing criticism from Democrats and some farm groups after a second straight year of depressed commodity prices. Prices for corn and soybeans are at their lowest levels in more than a decade because of a worldwide glut of grain.

State

Charges dropped against motorist who killed girl while reaching for cell phone

HOUSTON — Charges have been dropped in Houston against a motorist who ran over and killed a 12-year old girl while reaching for a cell phone.

Jaquay Tennard had been charged with criminal negligent homicide. But a Harris County grand jury decided Monday that there wasn't probable cause to try him.

Valerie Garza was walking on July 7 when she was struck by Tennard's car.

Tennard told Houston police he saw the girl on the side of the road, but his cell phone rang and as he reached for it, his vehicle accidentally struck the girl.

One pleads guilty, three more prison guards to stand trial for assaulting Missouri inmates

GALVESTON — Three Brazoria County prison guards accused of assaulting Missouri inmates during a videotaped shakedown were in court Tuesday as a co-defendant agreed to assist in their prosecution.

David Cisneros, Wilton David Wallace and Robert Percival cast glances at each other as former co-worker Lester Arnold, 50, of Vanderpool, pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor civil rights violation as part of a bargain with prosecutors.

Arnold's plea came as trial began for the four men in front of U.S. District Judge Kenneth Hoyt, visiting from Houston. Like the others, Arnold was charged with one felony count of aiding and abetting the assault of Toby Hawthorne, a Missouri inmate housed at the Brazoria County Detention Center.

But Arnold also was charged with assaulting two other inmates during the 30-minute incident recorded Sept. 18, 1996. The former deputy is seen on the videotape wielding a stun gun.

The video, made for training purposes, also showed inmates being kicked by guards and bitten by a police dog. The Missouri inmates were held at the jail under a contract with the state of Missouri to relieve overcrowding.

They were returned to their home state after the tape became public.

Arnold now faces as much as a year in federal prison for the misdemeanor, although prosecutors have agreed not to fight a lesser sentence. His sentencing is set for Jan. 3.

"I feel sorry for him. I think he didn't have the proper faith in the jury system," said Percival's attorney, Guy Womack.

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STAFF editorial

CROWD CONTROL

Noon classes would thin masses

It's probably happened to all of us. You stand in line at The Main during the lunch-hour rush and all you want is an egg roll from the stir fry line. After you wait for 15 minutes, you find out they've been out of egg rolls since Friday.

Or, you wait patiently for The Main employees to finish their personal conversation, only to be told that they won't start serving the Caesar's salad for 10 more minutes. Never mind that all the food is already set out and waiting to be devoured by hungry students.

The Main seems to be notorious for bad food, according to students. But Chancellor Michael R. Ferrari is taking steps to improve one aspect of service in The Main: the long lines at noon.

After he met Sept. 22 with Faculty Senate chairman Roger Pfaffenberger and Sara Donaldson, House of Student Representatives Academic Affairs Committee chairwoman, Ferrari said he thinks it is a good idea to make a move that would increase the number of noon classes. This would supposedly decrease the congestion in The Main during the busy lunch hour.

Numbers taken from FrogNet indicate that close to 81 percent of the student body eats lunch on campus between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Donaldson said about 77 of 408 midday classes are noon classes.

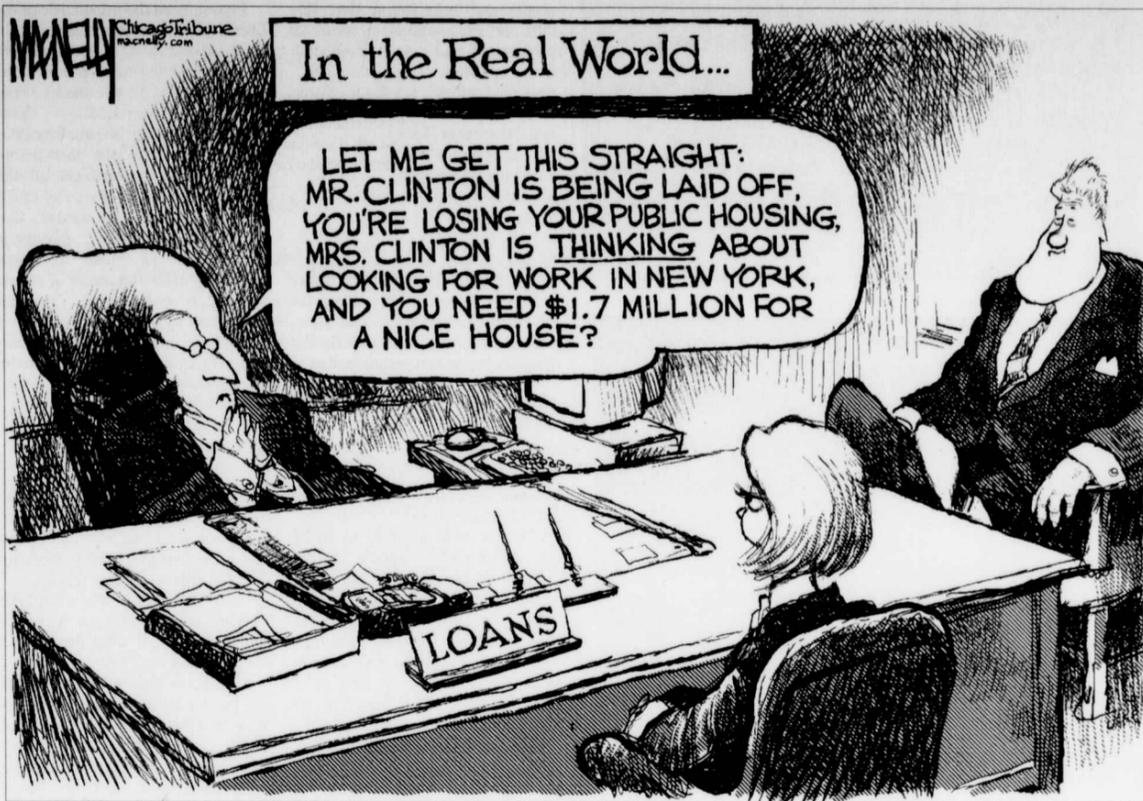
If these new noon classes were added, students could space out their schedules, which would make walking space possible at noon in The Main. Kudos to Ferrari for braving the lines (and the chicken strips) to see what we go through every day. And snaps to him for acknowledging the problem and for looking into possible changes.

Now, let's see what he can do about those egg rolls.

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A Greek farewell to a mentor

Soon-to-depart adviser will leave behind legacy of caring

Once upon a time, you were a slacker who got by on enthusiasm, high spirits and the benevolence of your fairy godfather, Jupiter. But since March, when wicked taskmaster Saturn started cracking the whip in your work house, you've become as ambitious as we Capricorns.

Commentary



KIM HINKLE

After reading my horoscope in the October 1999 issue of "Mademoiselle," I have to admit I was shocked for two reasons. The first being that I was actually bored enough to read my horoscope, and secondly that it was entirely accurate.

I don't know much about the planets and stars that are supposed to guide my fate, but I will admit I have often relied on luck to get me through. And I have always been lucky. Not that I haven't worked at

things I've wanted, but I think many things have come a little too easy for me now and then.

It was early March when it seemed my luck was running out. A joke, a smile and a simple excuse were no longer getting the job done. I was definitely slacking. My many commitments on campus, in classes and even at home were taking a far second to sheer procrastination.

That's when my Saturn, actually Kristen Kirt, director of fraternity and sorority affairs, turned into my wicked taskmaster. She sat me down, looked me straight in the eye and informed me that I wasn't cutting it. My luck had run out.

I've had the opportunity to work with Kristen a lot, since she was my advisor for two positions I held on campus. We have a great working relationship and have become friends along the way. I think that's why I really took it to heart when she told me that it was time to get my butt in gear. She told me I was wasting my talent, and she was sick of making excuses for the results of my procrastination.

I'm not generally someone who takes authority overly well, but instead of being angry with her, she really made me open my eyes and see the error of my ways. You could say I had definitely been humbled. This impacted me more than a thousand insults or a million pats on the back. She helped me change the way I go about things.

It worked, though. I started getting up earlier, being more productive during my waking hours and getting things done ahead of schedule instead of late with a lame excuse.

Kristen has been many things to many people at TCU. She has been a friend, a confidante, a shoulder to cry on and sometimes even someone on which blame is placed. She has been all of these, but she was also someone who cared enough to lay it all on the line for me.

Her impact on the students at TCU has been phenomenal. She comes into people's lives, cares about them and makes a difference. She's one of those people who leaves things a little better than she found it.

She's leaving this week — going on to bigger and better things. For that I am happy, because she absolutely deserves the best. But there is a part of me who wonders who is going to be around when individuals need her to listen to their worries, to give them some great advice or, in my case, to tell them to shape up. She will certainly be missed at TCU, and her absence will be felt daily.

I don't know what Kristen's sign is, but if I were an astrologer for a day, I would offer Kristen the following horoscope:

You will have the same happiness you have brought into the lives of others. A guiding light will always burn bright in your path, and the sun will always shine on you. You will be given riches, not in gold, but in truth, loyalty and friendship, just as you have given those to so many people. And for all the rest of your days, your luck will never run out.

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In arms about gun control

Stiffer firearm safety laws should be enacted

In Washington, D.C., House negotiators neared an agreement Friday on stiffer gun control and safety laws. The delay in passing the new law became apparent when a disagreement started over the details related to background checks on buyers at gun shows. The number of days allowed for a check on a buyer's qualifications to have a firearm is under dispute.

Two hours of waiting can't compensate for a human being's life when the checks are performed incorrectly, happen to be inaccurate or are simply not done.

The procedures for background checks vary from state to state. Some states develop and update their own database, while other states hook into the national database to perform background checks. A law should be passed that requires all states to hook into the national database. If there is one database for the whole country, then a more complete and detailed database can be established, maintained, monitored and distributed that give results to the gun dealers in a quick and complete manner.

Of course, the easy way to solve the problem surrounding gun con-

trol would be to abolish all possession of firearms, but taking away guns is not possible because other countries have attempted this operation, and this resulted in civil wars.

Besides, our Constitution gives us the right to bear arms; but this statement is misunderstood. Looking at history, the purpose of the amendment was to allow militia men to have control of arms at all times so they could protect the United States from foreign enemies, not to kill fellow citizens.

Today, the right to own firearms is accepted as a given. But people take gun ownership and possession for granted. It's become a luxury when it should be a benefit that should be possible through trust and understanding. Owning a gun is a responsibility that can't be taken lightly.

We must not take away the great amenity of owning a gun, but we must change and take control of the current gun control situation, and take away people's rights who abuse the right. Citizens who act responsibly should be granted the gift of owning a gun. Consequently, citizens who are mentally ill or unstable should immediately have the right taken away.

From Arkansas to California and from Colorado to Texas, trepidation has spread across our nation. Now we must think of a different approach that will interweave safety into our society — a plan that will help exercise the correct, proper and legitimate

rights given to the people of our nation.

First, we must unite and join the many different state background databases into one national database.

Second, until a new background check procedure is presented and established in each state, a flat three-day waiting period — the amount of days approved by the Senate — should be activated. Third, all guns sold should require the purchase of a trigger lock and/or gun safety.

Because 750,000 guns are stolen each year, locking up guns would not only prevent immature and unwanted deaths, but it would ensure that mature gun owners could easily keep guns out of immature hands. To make our nation more safe against unsafe gun handling, a mandatory license should be issued to each gun owner after completing a class in firearms history, laws, purposes and ethics.

Being equipped with a gun must require an individual to be a firearms expert.

Careless and insensitive actions caused by poor decisions take away our freedom to live in a stable and secure area as our forefathers intended. The freedom of living in society without harm is far more important than having the freedom of owning a firearm.

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LETTERS to the editor

Columnist contributes to culture peddled by mainstream music

I was surprised by Steve Steward's article, "Progress lost to music rehash," in Thursday's edition. If MTV viewers are so disappointed by the lack of artistic innovation in current music, then why on earth do they "waste" their time (as Steward said) watching such commercial fluff?

MTV's sole purpose is to sell an image and that image's associated product. When selling advertising time is the top priority, the network cannot afford to take risks with "art" or anything "progressive."

Why is Steward so appalled by the very thing he's contributing to?

From a business perspective, this practice of "music entertainment" is right on track. However, if one is seeking music for a glimpse into artistic expression and emotional depth, don't expect anything revolutionary from MTV. For those who take music seriously, shouldn't music be about music, not the manipulative, flashy images creating a visual rhythm?

We're adults, right? We should not allow corporations to choose our personal tastes. They cater to people who follow, not lead. Instead of embracing this mindless culture, or feeling insulted by a corporation's peddling of their fabricated culture, why don't we think for ourselves and create a culture of our own? What a concept.

Ashlee Madeleine Burnette
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Those who do not like boy bands should opt for CDs

I am writing to you about the article written by Steve Steward Thursday titled, "Progress Lost To Music Rehash." I have to say that I am very disappointed in this article.

First of all, nobody is forcing you to watch MTV. It is totally your choice about what to watch. Secondly, MTV is focused toward the youth, ages 10-17, which is the biggest consumer group today. That would be why when you watch "Total Request Live," all you see are the cute boy bands and teenagers singing for their young fans.

Rock and roll is making a comeback with Limp Bizkit and Kid Rock, but pop is still number one. I think the reason why pop is doing so well these days is because it does not induce violence or sex. It is pure clean fun.

If you watch "TRL," you will notice that guys are now voting for the Backstreet Boys.

So, turn off your MTV and turn up your CDs, and let me enjoy cute guys dancing around and singing their hearts out on "TRL" without having to read pathetic articles like this one in my spare time.

Kara Wiley
 sophomore marketing major

Kansas residents better off than columnist suggests

I was appalled by Zachary Norris' statement about Kansas having a disadvantage by just being from Kansas. Who is he, a Californian, to judge us Kansans? Has he been to Kansas and seen the educational sys-

tem? I highly doubt it.

Should he check the facts, the Kansas high school average on the ACT is consistently higher than the national average.

Norris says that teaching biology without mentioning evolution is like teaching United States government without mentioning the Constitution. Not quite. Evolution is just a theory; hence, the theory of evolution.

The Constitution is the entire basis of the United States government, not just a small part of it. The theory of evolution is just theory: It is not 100 percent fact. You cannot prove it entirely.

Just because the teaching of evolution isn't mandatory in Kansas schools does not mean that it will not be taught there. It only means that it is not mandatory to learn. The people of Kansas decided not to make it mandatory: It was not just the Christians.

Concerned parents are the ones who called or wrote their Kansas State Board of Education representatives. Their votes are the ones that matter. Their children are the ones it concerns. Parents should have some say in the education of their offspring.

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ADDRAN

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"Currently, AddRan is very heterogeneous with a broad spectrum of people, and those people have very different expectations in terms of publications and how publications are configured," Hartman said. "For example, if I were evaluating someone for tenure, it would be very difficult for me to evaluate an English professor for tenure because I know nothing about the field of English and what constitutes good publications in that discipline. Whereas to a much greater extent in

the sciences, I can be able to evaluate a chemist's publications." Frye stressed the importance of the liberal arts in a college education.

"(Adding a liberal arts core) is tremendously important. I think it's a drastic mistake if that's not the case."
—Phil Hartman, biology professor

Our program in pre-med is pre-med," Frye said. "This means, for example, that before you get all the specialized knowledge, that the pre-meds need to know something about the nature of suffering and of compassion. They can learn those by reading Shakespeare's 'King Lear' or from reading other literary works, but they also need to be

aware of the art that depicts suffering."

Both Morgan and Hartman also stressed the importance of the liberal arts in a TCU education.

"I think (a liberal arts core) is tremendously important," Hartman said. "I think it's a drastic mistake if that's not the case. Recognize that because I and other faculty favor splitting AddRan, that does not mean that we favor doing away with a broad-based liberal arts education."

Several faculty members in the humanities have expressed a concern over the deanship of the AddRan College of Humanities and Social Sciences. Michael McCracken, the current dean of AddRan, will become the dean of the College of Sciences

and Engineering.

McCracken is a faculty member in the biology department and taught biology before becoming dean.

Lahutsky said replacing McCracken would be difficult.

"McCracken has been a good dean," Lahutsky said. "A lot of how you fare at an institution is what kind of leader you have. I have every expectation that we are going to go out and hire 'the best person.'"

"But it's not like a number. It's like a chemical equation. Who will be the best person is hard to tell before they get here. So there's a bit of the unknown."

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BERRY

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included ideas from local residents and business owners.

"This is their response to all of the community input they've received in the previous two town hall meetings," she said. "In all, we've had about seven neighborhood meetings, and three meetings with business and property owners along Berry Street, as well as a meeting with the Chamber of Commerce and other city staff."

Clark said Goodman incorporated community ideas into the project and used those ideas to develop not only a proposed master plan but also plans for signage, redevelopment and landscaping.

Chris Peck, a representative of

Goodman and manager for the Berry Street project, will be present to answer questions, as well as Rich Flierl, the designer who is working with the redevelopment team.

Clark said people who attend the meeting are encouraged to speak their minds about what they would like to see on Berry Street.

"The main reason TCU students and faculty should attend this meeting is that their input is so important to this process," Clark said. "They are some of the main people we want to attract back to Berry Street."

Thursday's presentation will also be given to the Fort Worth City Council, who will authorize the

team to proceed to the next phase of the plan, Clark said.

"This is just the concept phase," she said. "Phase Two of the plan is the engineering and feasibility stage, which they should begin working on around November."

Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs, said students and faculty should attend the meeting to keep up with what is happening in the greater TCU community.

"I think students should be concerned about anything happening around the campus," Mills said. "We're not isolated, and what happens with Berry Street — new restaurants, shopping or other developments — will make a big

impact on the TCU community.

"Students should go and say what they want to see on Berry. Their opinion counts," he said.

Clark said she has seen some of the preliminary plans and was impressed with the redevelopment team's ideas. Their plans include a "way finding" system of signs that will help drivers and pedestrians find their way around the area.

"This system is absolutely wonderful," she said. "It gives you a sense of place, and the design and color scheme they have come up with is stunning."

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RETREAT

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Chancellor Michael Ferrari's emphasis on diversity.

"It's a great way for students to get involved and take part in all of the energy focused on TCU becoming a more diverse place," Alexander said.

Cornell Thomas, special assistant to the chancellor for diversity and community, said students will gain experience from this year's retreat.

"The primary purpose of the retreat is to expand horizons and widen perspectives of those who attend," Thomas said.

He said he hopes students will return to school with ideas about diversity.

Burleson said she wants students to question the reasons behind their actions but doesn't want to change their routines.

"We just want people to think a little harder before acting as (they) usually do," Burleson said.

Burleson and Alexander began preparations for this weekend's retreat last spring with Larry Markley, director of the Student Center and SGA adviser, and other

staff members.

Burleson said she would like people to have the opportunity to attend a social retreat.

"I think we will have a really diverse group," she said. "I expect good things and a lot of fun."

House Treasurer Ben Jenkins said Ferrari's speech last year was inspirational.

"I learned a lot about the university and what it offered," Jenkins said.

Nicholas Parks, a junior finance major, said last year's retreat was

fun and intense at the same time.

"It gave me a chance to focus on important issues," he said.

Parks said he hopes there will be a lot of interaction and debate at this year's retreat.

Zuberi Williams, House Parliamentarian, said students can learn a lot if they are willing to put forth some effort.

"What you get out of it is what you put into it," Williams said.

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concerns over the shortening of the semester.

Charles Becker, an associate professor of economics, said he did not support the proposed schedule because the semester schedule has been shortened enough.

"Since I have been at TCU, the number of weeks in the semester has been diluted from 18 weeks to 15 weeks," Becker said.

Pfaffenberger and Donaldson said the forum was productive.

"It is important to come together as a group," Donaldson said. "We don't do that enough."

Pfaffenberger agreed, saying the quality of the debates was "outstanding."

"The views expressed were articulate, both pro and con, and cogently stated," he said. "This was a great

experience. We should do this more often."

In other House news, Bill 99-16, which calls for changes to the Student Government Association constitution, passed during the House meeting Tuesday. The bill will now go before the student body.

A new bill, Bill 99-17, was introduced at Tuesday's meeting which would help fund the TCU yearbook's

trip to the 1999 National College Media Convention in Atlanta. The bill will be discussed at the House Finance Committee meeting at 3 p.m. Wednesday and then will be debated at the House meeting next Tuesday.

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Cancer patients to test experimental drug

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BOSTON — Nearly 1,400 cancer patients called special phone numbers Tuesday to sign up for the first human trials of endostatin, an experimental drug that has been shown to shrink tumors in mice.

Between 15 and 30 people will be selected.

"It is really a great breakthrough to begin the clinical trials," said Dr. David Rosenthal, spokesman for the American Cancer Society New England Division and a professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School.

"Cancer patients are always eager and hopeful for new news. This has been on the radar screen since

almost a year and a half ago as one of the new major ways of treating cancer."

The search is being conducted by Dana-Farber/Partners Cancer Care, a collaboration of the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Massachusetts General Hospital, Brigham and Women's Hospital and the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. The phone lines will be open through Friday and then again Monday.

Researchers were looking for volunteers over age 17 with solid tumors who have not benefited from other treatment. Patients with leukemia, lymphoma, myeloma or primary brain tumors are not eligible.

The lead researcher, Dr. Donald Kufe, cautioned that this is only the first phase — to check for adverse side effects. However, researchers also will look for signs that the drug is halting progress of tumors.

"It may take up to a year before we complete the study, and even then, only future studies can determine the effectiveness of the drug," Kufe said.

Endostatin and a sister protein, angiostatin, work by destroying a tumor's ability to sprout new blood vessels. In research done by Dr. Judah Folkman at Children's Hospital, cancer went dormant or disappeared altogether in animals treated with the drug.

Doubts cropped up last fall when

it was reported that scientists from the National Cancer Institute had not been able to reproduce Folkman's results.

Then in February, an NCI team said it had at least duplicated Folkman's work by conducting the experiments at Folkman's laboratory.

The initial tests are being sponsored by EntreMed Inc., a Maryland-based company that licensed the right to develop endostatin.

Other trials will be conducted at the University of Texas M.D. Cancer Center in Houston and the University of Wisconsin Comprehensive Cancer Center. Fewer than 100 people are expected to receive the drug at the three locations.

Investigations to focus less on Waco standoff

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WASHINGTON — The senator leading an inquiry into the Justice Department's handling of high-profile cases said Tuesday he will focus more on the investigation into Chinese espionage than on the renewed furor over the fiery end of the Waco standoff.

"There's nothing we can do about Waco except correct procedures for the future," Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., said in an interview. "Espionage, I think, is the number one priority. ... That's an issue of America at risk."

New revelations last month about the government's use of force during the 1993 Texas standoff with the Branch Davidians sparked calls

from congressional Republicans for renewed investigations of the Justice Department. Republicans fired off subpoenas and demanded that Attorney General Janet Reno resign.

In light of the outcry over Waco, Senate Republicans chose Specter to lead a task force investigation of several Justice Department activities that have raised the GOP's ire.

Specter is making clear early on that he's more interested in using the panel's resources to examine the FBI's investigation into how U.S. nuclear secrets were leaked to China than in Waco. He also plans to look into how Justice prosecutors deal with political fund-raising abuse.

His approach won a vote of confidence

Tuesday from a fellow Republican senator who also is serving on the task force and has been vocal about Waco.

"Waco's history, regardless of what we find out," Sen. Charles Grassley of Iowa said. "In the case of the Chinese espionage and campaign contributions, there are still things you can do about it."

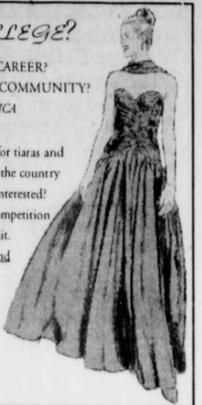
The public furor over the 1993 siege was reignited this summer when it was disclosed belatedly that the FBI fired potentially incendiary tear gas canisters at the Branch Davidian compound on the day the siege ended in a spectacular fire. The FBI and Justice Department denied for years the use of such canisters despite the existence of reports that hinted at it.

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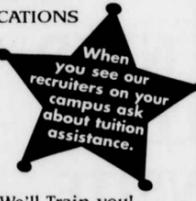
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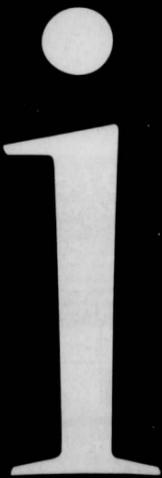
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New museum to join Smithsonian family

Building to commemorate past 500 years of American Indian struggle, officials say

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WASHINGTON — With honoring songs and offerings of water, tobacco and earth, tribal leaders from across the Americas joined Smithsonian Institution officials Tuesday in a long-delayed groundbreaking for the National Museum of the American Indian.

Construction of the \$110 million-plus museum, first proposed in the 1980s, had been stalled by squabbles over what should be in it, how much it should cost and what it should look like. Current plans call for the five-story limestone structure to be opened on the summer solstice in 2002, taking its place as the last Smithsonian museum on the National Mall, which stretches from the Capitol to the Lincoln Memorial.

The museum's goal will be "to show and tell the world who and what we really are and to use our own voices in the telling," said museum director Rick West, a Southern Cheyenne.

The Canadian architect who drafted the museum's original

design refused an invitation to the groundbreaking, calling the modified design now being used "an artistic forgery."

"The building, instead of being a monument to the future of our peoples working together, is a monument to the past 500 years because it's just exploiting this native American," Douglas Cardinal, who is of Blackfeet descent, said in a telephone interview from his office in Ottawa. "Being the best-known architect in Canada doesn't matter. To them, I'm just another native American to be exploited."

The Smithsonian fired Cardinal as the project's architect in 1998 in a dispute over deadlines and money. Cardinal said he was owed more than \$300,000 in overtime to complete the design. Smithsonian officials said the architect missed deadlines and refused to hand over completed plans for the structure.

Final plans for the museum, based on Cardinal's original idea, were developed by a panel of Indian and non-Indian architects Cardinal derisively calls "the

committee." The federal Commission on Fine Arts delayed the groundbreaking even longer earlier this year by rejecting the panel's design, which would have used a central column to hold up a curved, overhanging roof from Cardinal's original design.

The commission later approved a revision that kept the overhanging roof but deleted the column.

Indians attending Tuesday's ceremony said they were glad to have an Indian museum as part of the Smithsonian and even more heartened that Indians are to be heavily involved in crafting exhibits and programs.

"A lot of people have the misconception that Indian people are all alike, but we're not," said Hankie Poafpybitty, a Kiowa attorney who came dressed in the traditional beaded buckskins of her southern Plains tribe. "It'll add something here that's been missing."

Others, such as Colorado Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell, a Northern Cheyenne, said the new museum would help the Smithsonian Institution move on

from its legacy of collecting, studying and exhibiting Indian remains and religious objects.

"We battled them for years for putting our bones on display," said American Indian Movement leader Clyde Bellecourt, a member of the White Earth Band of Chippewa. "If it's presented right, maybe now they can tell the beautiful way of life that existed here for thousands of years."

Ron Martinez, an Isleta/Taos Pueblo artist, was more sanguine.

"If we hadn't had the Smithsonian and its past, we wouldn't have this museum today," Martinez said.

One of the tribal leaders who blessed the site was Chief Billy Redwing Tayac of the Piscataway, a tribe that is among the original inhabitants of the Washington area. Tayac sprinkled tobacco, water, and soil from a Piscataway burial ground on the grass.

"The water's still here. The earth is still here. And we are still here," Tayac said to cheers. "We're very proud that Indian people today have a place to remember our ancestors."

Serbs demand better security after grenade

ASSOCIATED PRESS

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia — Two rifle-propelled grenades exploded Tuesday in an outdoor suburban market packed with Serbs, killing two people and injuring dozens of others, NATO said.

In response, Serbs blocked Kosovo's main highway and demanded better security. Hundreds of vehicles were backed up for miles on the road from Pristina to Pec, while British soldiers prevented traffic from reaching the roadblock.

NATO said 39 people were injured in the explosions, which occurred at about 10 a.m. in the

outdoor market in Kosovo Polje, just west of the provincial capital, Pristina. But head nurse Jasmina Brosic at Kosovo Polje hospital said 47 were injured, five of them seriously. She said the two dead were middle-aged men.

Peacekeepers arrested four people, two of them ethnic Albanians and the others unidentified, NATO spokesman Maj. Ole Irgens said.

Also Tuesday, French peacekeepers were searching for three U.N. employees who disappeared Monday night in a Serb-populated part of northern Kosovo, French military spokesman Capt. Olivier St. Leger said Tuesday. He had no further details.

Russia's ITAR-Tass news agency said the three — an Australian, a Portuguese and a Kosovo Serb — had been traveling north of Kosovska Mitrovica on a main road to southern Serbia.

NATO peacekeepers have been hard-pressed to control ethnic tensions between Kosovo's minority Serbs and majority ethnic Albanians.

Dusan Ristic, a Serb official in Kosovo, told Yugoslavia's independent Beta news agency that Kosovo Polje and surrounding Serb villages had been under constant attacks by ethnic Albanians in the past days, and blamed ethnic Albanian extremists for the

grenade attack Tuesday.

At the United Nations headquarters in New York, Yugoslavia's Foreign Minister Zivadin Jovanovic criticized NATO and the U.N. operation in Kosovo, saying ethnic Albanians have been allowed to drive Serbs from the province and destroy Orthodox religious sites.

He called on the Security Council to take a more active role in Kosovo and to protect Yugoslavia's sovereignty over the province.

"We expect a more clear-cut and objective engagement of the Security Council to protect its own credibility," he said.

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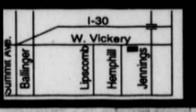
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New recruits set to make big splash for TCU swim team

The TCU men and women's 1999-2000 swim team recruits have the most potential of any class that has ever come through the program, said TCU head swimming coach Richard Sybesma.

The swim team acquired 16 new members this year, and all of the recruits have competed in the National Junior Olympics.

The freshman women are led by Katie Peterson, as well as Melissa Powell and Andrea Stevens. Peterson and Powell were both All-Americans, and Peterson had the top time in Texas in the 200-yard freestyle.

The other women recruits include Cory Lukens, Kimberly Miller, Nicole Pacquette and Kate Swearingen.

The freshman men are led by Aaron Ewert, K.C. Attaya and Nick Ostermann. Ewert swims freestyle and backstroke. He placed seventh in the 100-meter backstroke in the National Junior Olympics.

The other men recruits are Clint Barghi, Scott Cessac, Andy Gardner, Dana Kizer, Jeff Parkinson and Michael McKeller.

"We feel like we have a lot of talent as well as depth in both classes," Sybesma said. "We feel really good about how the recruits will fit into the team picture. They filled a lot of the holes."

The women start their season on at 7 p.m. Oct. 13 against the University of North Texas in the Rickel Building.

The first men and women's combined meet is at 5 p.m. Nov. 4 against the University of Illinois and the University of Evansville in Chicago.

Tomlinson honored for his performance Saturday

Junior tailback LaDainian Tomlinson was named Western Athletic Conference offensive player of the week for his efforts against Arkansas State University on Saturday.

Tomlinson tied a school record and set two career marks en route to leading the Frogs to their first win of the season.

He rushed for a career-high 269 yards, including a career-best 79-yard dash on his first carry of the contest. Tomlinson's 40 carries against ASU tie him with Mike Luttrell for the school record.

Rangers win fifth straight with 1-0 victory

ARLINGTON (AP) — Rafael Palmeiro hit his 47th homer to tie a team record and the Texas Rangers trounced the Seattle Mariners 10-0 Tuesday night for their fifth straight victory.

The AL West champions won their 94th game, matching the club mark set in 1977. Texas trails New York by one game and Cleveland by two in the race for the best record in the league.

Jeff Fassero, Mike Morgan, Danny Patterson and Danny Kolb combined on a five-hitter. Morgan (13-8) threw three innings of three-hit relief.

Palmeiro hit a solo home run in the fourth, tying Juan Gonzalez's total in 1996.

Royce Clayton, who had three hits, also homered for Texas. Clayton, Gonzalez and Rusty Greer each drove in two runs.

Greer reached 100 RBIs, giving Texas four players with at least 100 for the first time in team history. Palmeiro, Gonzalez and Ivan Rodriguez also have hit the mark.

Fassero got his third start for the Rangers and allowed only one hit in four innings against his former teammates. But he struggled with his control and was replaced by Morgan to start the fifth despite the 3-0 lead.

Left in the dark

Lighting issues stifle club sports growth

By Courtney Wheelless
STAFF REPORTER

The losses of a field and lights bring challenges to the future of intramural and club sports.

Student participants and supervisors are disappointed at the Board of Trustees' decision to turn the old track and intramural field into a practice field for the football team. The lights on the field were removed in the process.

Chancellor Michael R. Ferrari said the relocation of the football practice field was part of a long-term master plan to improve and strengthen several athletic facilities.

While the football team received the benefits of a new practice field, Lance Steffen, director of intramural sports, said he has had to alter many areas of the intramural program.

He said the Intramural Council was forced to shorten the lengths of games, schedule fewer games for each team and remove the ultimate frisbee competition from the calendar.

Steffen said communication could have been better for them to be able to plan in advance.

Ferrari said university officials have begun exploring alternate sites

for the current year for intramurals.

"All of us recognize that this situation has affected, adversely, night intramural and club sports activities," Ferrari said. "It is my hope that we can secure funding in the near future to solve this problem."

More than 3,000 students participated in intramural and club sports last year, and Steffen said the registration rates have already risen this year.

"Last year's participation went up 50 to 100 percent in every sport, and we're already going up another 30 percent this year," Steffen said. "Our program is continuing to grow, that's the most difficult part of seeing the lights disappear because we were on such an upwards swing."

Participants also see trouble in the continued rise of intramural competition without lights for night games.

"We want high participation, but it makes it really difficult without lights," said James Roberts, a senior biochemistry and speech communication major. "TCU has taken good steps to improve the program, but they need to take the next step to improve the facilities to have the best opportunities for everyone."

Steffen said adding lights to the

regular intramural field would solve all the problems.

Ferrari said they have been exploring lighting for the current location, but the estimated cost of installing lights would be about \$500,000.

"This is considerably more than anyone had anticipated, and currently there are no funds available to cover the expense," Ferrari said.

Pete Hoffman, captain of the men's lacrosse team, said the team is without a field with lights. He said the team has only one month to find a place to practice and play games before its fall season begins, but most off-campus quality fields were booked before the team was aware of the problem.

Hoffman said the men's lacrosse team was probably going to be favored to go to the national championships this year, but without a field to practice and host games, that may not be possible.

"I think nothing good can come out of this situation," Hoffman said. "They're losing serious intramural student participation."

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The women's lacrosse players compete at recent practice. They are one team effected by the lack of lights on the practice fields.

Frogs on the right track, sprinting forward

New facility helps to increase field events, put program on right track

By Steven Baker
STAFF REPORTER

With the gift of a new facility, head track and field coach Monte Stratton has added some new events and a coach to the team.

When construction of the Robert and Maria Lowdon Track and Field Complex is completed in the next few weeks, both the cross-country and track and field teams will have a permanent place to practice. The old track was replaced with the football practice field. The new facility has a flat surface for field events and nine wide lanes for sprinters.

Stratton hired assistant coach Sam Hume this summer to coach the field events — long, triple and high jumps — made possible by the new facility.

"Before we did not really have a facility or a coach to add those events," he said. "We have expanded our repertoire."

Stratton said the new track itself will help improve the team's performance and image.

"Anytime the sports here at TCU have a nice state-of-the-art facility, it raises our image," he said.

Stratton said when he was recruiting sprinter Anthony Amantine, just driving by the new facility made a difference. Amantine was impressed, he said.

"This nice and beautiful facility allows us to attract a higher-quality recruit or at least attention from more of the higher-quality recruits," he said.

The Lowdons originally gave a \$1 million gift to TCU for officials to use at their discretion. Their money was combined with other gifts to fund the building of the

new complex.

Robert Lowdon said he and his wife agreed with the use of this money because they enjoy TCU athletics.

"We admire what TCU has done and what a good job they are doing," he said.

One of the main features of this athletic complex is the Rekortan track surface.

Stratton said Rekortan is an Olympic-quality surface that he suggested to the university after seeing other state-of-the-art facilities that used the same type of surface.

"The durability, workmanship and the fact that it is a fast surface allows athletes some give so you are not just tearing up your legs and knees," he said.

Ross Bailey, TCU head trainer, said tracks are judged on density, rebound and wear. Rekortan is the best surface for TCU program because of the consistent rubber throughout, he said.

"Sprinters don't want a surface that is too soft, because firmer surfaces are faster," he said. "Distance people would prefer a softer surface. This is kind of a middle of the road."

Bailey said NCAA competitions may be hosted at TCU in the future because the complex is compliant with the rules.

"Track has support from the top down," he said. "TCU has made a commitment to upgrade its athletic facilities. And as funding becomes available, I think you are going to see a steady increase in venues."

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Lowdon Track

Construction of the Robert and Maria Lowdon Track facility began before any of the money was raised, but much of the needed funds have hence come from community gifts.

Here is an approximate breakdown of the track's cost:

- Total cost of new track facility: \$1.8 million
- Robert and Maria Lowdon gift: \$1 million
- Dick Williams gift: \$300,000
- Ken Huffman gift: \$500,000



The construction crew puts finishing touches on the Robert and Maria Lowdon Track facility. The building project is estimated to be completed by the end of the week.

Martinez humbled by recent cross-country honor

By Steven Baker
STAFF REPORTER

Senior cross-country runner Adrian Martinez laughs when he talks about his athletic title at TCU.

Martinez is the men's team captain, but he doesn't like talking about himself.

"You have to be passionate about things," he said. "You really have to love what you are doing. Everyone does the same training. So, in a competition, it comes down to who wants to win the most."

Head cross-country coach Dan Waters said Martinez is not a vocal leader. He leads by example, he said.

"In nearly every race that Adrian has run in, there has never been a time where I could say that he didn't give 110 percent," Waters said. "He is a positive guy that works hard. I really can't say enough good things about him."

However, senior David Lagat is usually the first TCU runner to cross the finish line. Lagat has finished ahead of Martinez in both meets this season.

Waters said Lagat may be the star of the team, but Martinez has the best work ethic.

"David has been good ever since he's been here," he said. "Adrian may be left in David's shadows a little bit, but every year Adrian is getting a little closer to running right with David until he has kind of developed himself into a national-caliber runner."

Martinez started running when he was in fifth grade. And by the seventh grade, he had faster long distance times than the ninth graders. Rollerblading and soccer helped him with his endurance, but he stopped all that by his sophomore year in high school — when he became a full-time cross country runner.

In his four years at McKinney High School, Martinez was All-state runner in 1993, 1994 and 1995, and he won the Texas State 4A cross country title as a senior in 1995.

"In one high school race, I actually stopped for a minute while I was in third place. But I made sure no one was looking. College cross-country is completely different from high school," he said.

He said at the college meets it is all about concentration. You can't run your first mile too fast, he said.

"The key is to go as fast as you can, but be in control," Martinez said.

"You want to feel like you are running easy, smooth and relaxed."

In men's practices Martinez always leads his teammates in the five-mile intervals exercise. The team runs one mile at a time, rests, then shortly thereafter, begins again.

"In practice it is really important to kick it in at the last, so you will have that feeling in the races," he said.

Junior runner Ryan Womack said Martinez does everything the coaches ask him to do in practice and also the little things.

"It's nice to have someone like that who goes out all day in practice," he said. "He never eases up."

In a preseason pole, the coaches of the Western Athletic Conference predicted that the TCU men's team would finish second in the conference.

Martinez said the TCU men have the talent to finish first.

"I think the way coach Waters has trained us, we will peak at the end of the season," he said.

Martinez wasn't laughing when he said that.

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to kickoff

Team implements new plan for Fresno game

After having the day off from practice Monday, players returned to the field Tuesday to prepare for their Western Athletic Conference opener against Fresno State Saturday.

Tuesday was the first day to practice the new game plan for the upcoming contest. The team started practice with kicking game meetings and then position meetings. Coach Dennis Franchione met with the team as whole afterward.

Franchione said the objective of the practice



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was to implement a foundation for the Fresno State game plan. He said players will have to adjust to a whole new offense and defense for this weekend.

He said the Frogs will have to prepare themselves for an experienced quarterback in senior Billy Volek. Franchione said Fresno State will be the defense's biggest challenge since the



season opener against the Arizona Wildcats.

Franchione said this weekend's match-up should be a good one because Fresno State has one of the best offenses in the WAC and TCU has one of the best defenses in the conference.

Both teams are considered to be favorites to win the WAC. However, Franchione said he thinks that there is no considerable or discernible difference between the eight teams in the conference.

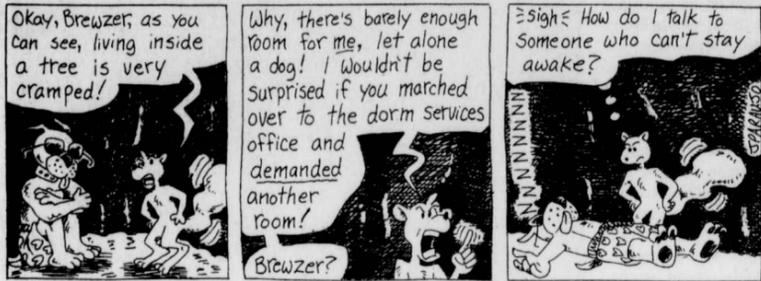
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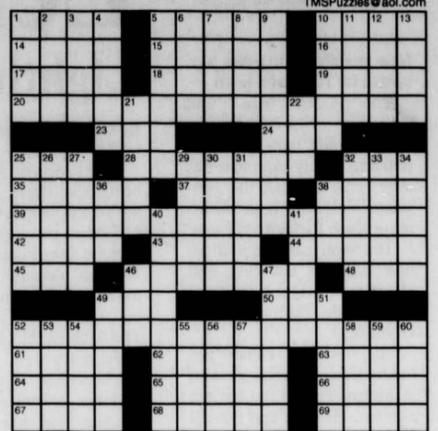
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- Thick piece
 - Like Dylan Thomas
 - Slender
 - Verdi opera
 - Make amends
 - Helper
 - Dross
 - "Sartre"
 - City in Spain
 - Overlapping actors?
 - Invent facts
 - Flowed
 - Sternward
 - Speech rules
 - Doctors' org.
 - Second airing
 - Kin of raspberries
 - On ___ (as a gamble)
 - Overlapping singer and actor?
 - "My Friend ___"
 - On the briny
 - 43 Sister's daughter
 - Mind-reading letters
 - Fought one-on-one
 - Unhappy
 - Long, long time
 - Unaccounted-for G.I.
 - Overlapping Globetrotter and actress?
 - Yodeler's range
 - Enraged
 - Knight's lady
 - Poet Dove
 - White heron
 - Ms. Bombeck
 - Chipper
 - Facetious tribute
 - Feed, as hogs
- DOWN**
- Back talk
 - Kedrova of "Zorba the Greek"
 - Economist Smith
 - Breakfast ring
 - Singer-pianist
 - Fats
 - Needle case
 - Wacky
 - Tizzy
 - Prickly inflammation
 - Beauty parlor
 - Stead
 - Heartthrob
 - Repair
 - Wood: pref.
 - Fish with a long snout
 - Golfer Palmer
 - Dreads
 - Walk heavily
 - Ill-treatment
 - Pose
 - Of the mood of a verb
 - Vaulted recesses
 - Mohammed's birthplace
 - Was sore
 - Thurman of "Pulp Fiction"
 - Lanka
 - More chipper
 - Miscellany
 - Makes a choice
 - Jason's ship
 - Scarlett's plantation
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