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There are 20-year-old TCU students who plan their days around classes. Then, there is junior Spanish major Ian Keate who structures his days around soccer. **page 8**

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School of Music seeks interim director

Four candidates from TCU being considered

By Carey Hix
STAFF REPORTER

No official word has been issued about who will be the interim director of the School of Music after Kenneth Raessler's retirement, but the candidates have been narrowed to four.

David E. Whillock, interim dean of fine arts and communications,

said the decision is imminent.

John Burton, associate dean of the College of Fine Arts and Communication, and Blaise Ferrandino, John Owings and Curt Wilson, all music professors, are the nominees for the position. Candidates were unavailable for comment or declined an interview until after the final decision is made.

The search for an interim director began immediately after Raessler announced his plans to retire at the end of Spring 2000, Whillock said.

"We went to the School of Music and asked them for names of people they would accept as interim direc-

tor," he said. "These are names that came out of the faculty as a whole. Each of these names was basically given the approval by all the faculty members, both tenured and untenured."

The next step in selecting the interim director, Whillock said, is for William Koehler, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, to accept the nominee.

Each faculty member had a different reason for nominating the candidates, he said.

"We wanted someone that everyone would agree would be OK to serve for a year," Whillock said.

"What criteria they may have had as a faculty as a whole they did not share with us." A permanent director of music will be selected after a dean is chosen.

"It will be better to hire an interim for a year until we get a dean in place," he said. "It would be nice for the dean who's coming in to have a choice in helping to select a permanent director for music."

An offer for the interim director position has not yet been given, Whillock said.

"We don't like to say someone's

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CAMPUS LECTURE: MAYA ANGELOU



What: The Fogelson Honors Program will present "An Evening with Maya Angelou"

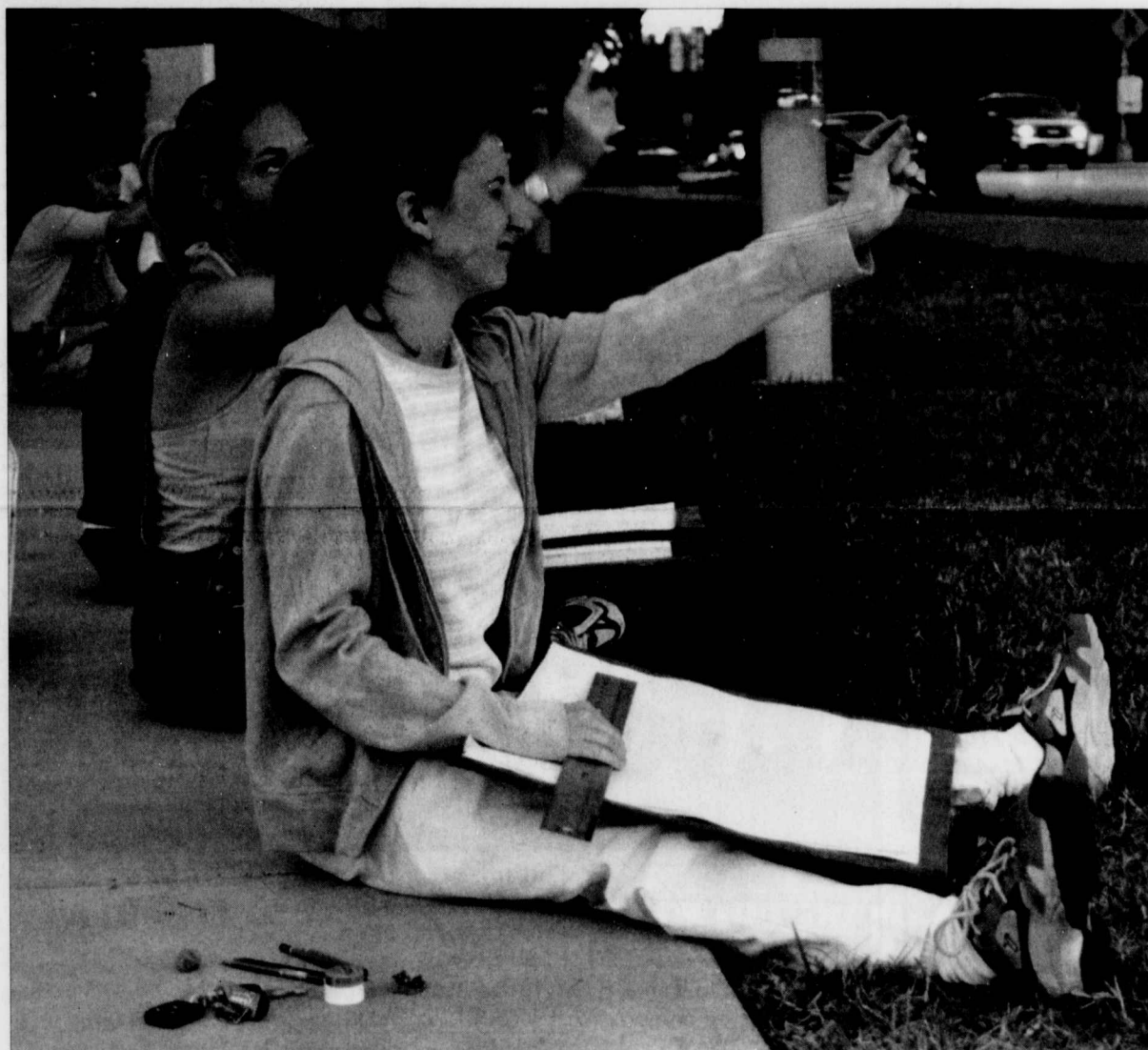
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A Pinch of Art



Krista Weckler, a junior art education major, practices 2-point perspective outside the Moudy Building Monday for her Drawing I class.

Firms propose renovations to old buildings

Recommendations for Rickel, Student Center to be considered

By Lori Eshelman
STAFF REPORTER

Student dissatisfaction with the Student Center and the Rickel Building may soon begin to dissipate.

Cannon Design Group of Los Angeles and WTW Architects of Pittsburgh, presented proposals for improvements to the facilities last week to Chancellor Michael R. Ferrari. Their recommendations are now being considered by the TCU administration, said Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs.

TCU selected these particular companies to assess the Student Center and the Rickel because both produced quality work on similar projects at other universities, Mills said. The two companies evaluated the buildings independently because the Rickel and Student Center will not be combined into one structure as was previously suggested, he said.

"Eighty percent of students said they wanted two separate facilities," Mills said. "So the plan is to do two buildings."

Of the two buildings, Mills said the Rickel meets the university's

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UNDER Construction

Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs, said possible recreational facility amenities will include:

- more workout space
- outdoor pool
- climbing wall
- indoor jogging trail
- multi-purpose rooms
- aerobic rooms
- fewer racquetball courts

The facility would also accommodate intercollegiate swimming and volleyball.

The construction company in charge of the Student Center is proposing:

- a bigger ballroom
- more meeting rooms
- a theater
- more retail space
- an expanded computer lab
- relocation of the post office

'Horned Frog' adviser recognized

Hamer named 1999 Distinguished Yearbook Adviser of the Year

By Mark E. Lewis
SKIFF STAFF

The catalysts were a professor in Oregon, a few letters from students and a national media adviser association. The result was national recognition of excellence given to TCU "Horned Frog" yearbook adviser Kathy Hamer.

After eight years at TCU, Hamer became the first TCU yearbook adviser to receive the Distinguished Yearbook Adviser for Four-year Colleges and Universities award which is given to one recipient annually by the Association of College Media Advisers.

"It's a surprise and it's very fulfilling," Hamer said. "I (first) came here and found the yearbook a heartbeat away from dead with no credibility. I've worked hard to raise its reputation."

Hamer was notified of the award by mail in early August. Frank Ragulsky, head of student media at Oregon State University, nominated Hamer for the CMA award. Then family members and Stephanie Hersley, editor in chief of the "Horned Frog," wrote recommendation letters.

Hamer will travel to Atlanta for the Fall National College Media Convention sponsored by the College Media Advisers Association and the Associated College Press on Oct. 27 through Oct. 31, where she will formally receive her award.

Julie Hamer, a sophomore art education major,

said she was proud to hear of her mother's award.

"It's a huge honor because she's worked so hard for close to eight years," Hamer said. "I think she turned the yearbook around and has done a great job. She's awesome."

Hersley said she thinks the award is appropriate because of Hamer's hard work. Outside of the yearbook office, Hamer works as a syndicated columnist for the Catholic Press. Her column appears in Catholic publications in 15 states.

"What is really amazing is her relationship with her students on staff," Hersley said. "She treats us as individuals and is like a second mother on campus."

Hamer said she thinks her relationship to the staff members is what is most important.

"The students are important to me," she said. "I want a place where kids have a place to belong, and I want them to be proud of their work. I want them to feel that they are a contributing force to the university."

Hamer said she tries to turn the yearbook office into a classroom.

"I try to teach them, and I like them to write creatively and develop writing skills," she said.

Hamer said she thinks her commitment to create a successful yearbook coincides with the improvement of the "Horned Frog."

Since the notification of the honor, Hamer said she has enjoyed more respect for what she and the yearbook staff does.

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Hamer

SPOTLIGHT



Nadia Lahutsky, an associate professor of religion, has been at TCU since 1981. Her students say she expects quality in her classroom, but at the same time, she is "cool" outside of it.

Tough Love

Religion prof demands quality, but offers comfort to students

By Steven Baker
STAFF REPORTER

Associate professor of religion Nadia Lahutsky may have high expectations of her students in class, but outside she is one of the "coolest" teachers, said Joe Machemehl, a senior religion major.

"She is an extremely busy person, but she takes her teaching to another level that a lot of the professors don't," Machemehl said.

Ronald Flowers, professor of religion, said he is good friends with Lahutsky.

Flowers and Lahutsky take walks on the TCU campus almost every day. They might talk about Lahutsky's 10-year-old daughter's girl scout troop or about one of their religion courses.

Flowers said Lahutsky has great energy during her lectures in class. She spends a lot of time with students outside of the classroom discussing

class work, exams or personal problems, he said.

"She is a determined and enormously able teacher," he said. "She expects her students to work hard and really is quite remarkable for her accessibility. Some students think of her as intimidating, but she's not. She is outgoing and easy to know."

Dustin Griffith, a junior theater-TV major, said Lahutsky had all the answers in his world religion class.

"She was so knowledgeable," he said. "I'm glad I took the class. I wasn't worried that another professor would have a better answer. From that class, I gained an appreciation for other religions."

Jennifer Spaeth, a freshman computer science major, said she was not expecting her freshman world religion class to be so challenging.

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Pulse

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.

■ 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.

■ TCU London Center applications for spring 2000 are due Oct. 15. Applications are available in International Education, Sadler Hall, Room 16.

■ Golden Key National Honor Society will be in the Student Center to provide information to prospective members from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. today. For more information, call Molly McKnight at 924-0752 or Dina Mavridis at 927-0140.

■ Air Force ROTC Detachment 845 will host an open house from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Oct. 16 in the Air Force ROTC building on the corner of Lowden and Parmer streets.

■ The TCU Triangle will hold its meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the Bailey Building, Room 113. For more information, call Roscoe Compton at 926-1606.

■ Fort Worth Police Department officers will offer free vehicle identification number etchings on vehicle windshields from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. today in the parking lot by the Frog Fountain. The VIN etchings will not be offered during inclement weather. Each vehicle will take approximately 10 minutes.

■ Students planning to study abroad can visit with Michael Calo from Syracuse University from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday outside of the Main. All those planning to study abroad in spring 2000 can make an appointment if they have not already done so in International Education, Sadler Hall, Room 16.

■ RTVF will present a double feature, *The Hound of the Baskervilles* (1939) and *The Thin Man* (1934) at 7 p.m. Thursday in Moudy Building South, Room 164. For more information, call 257-6690.

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News

ROUNDUP

World

Mass flooding in Tabasco kills four, causes government to declare state of emergency

VILLAHERMOSA, Mexico — The Mexican government declared a state of emergency Tuesday in the Gulf coast state of Tabasco, where the worst flooding in 40 years has killed four people and forced the evacuation of 55,000 others.

The flooding has caused five rivers to overflow. In the state capital, Villahermosa, residents have been alarmed by reports of crocodiles up to 8 feet long roaming the flooded streets. Local officials said Tuesday that police shot one of the creatures as it moved toward a populated neighborhood.

Warning that water levels would rise further, state authorities urged people to evacuate from low-lying communities along several rivers.

More than 34,000 people have evacuated their homes in Villahermosa, where the Grijalva and Carrizal rivers have flooded due to nearly a week of rain. Thousands living along other rivers also have already fled their homes.

In addition to four flood-related deaths reported in Tabasco, at least two people have died in neighboring Veracruz state.

The army deployed troops to help refugees reach shelters. Tabasco schools were closed indefinitely in more than 140 communities along the Grijalva and Usumacinta rivers.

Though rains were weakening Tuesday, the National Water Commission maintained a red alert and warned that water releases from area dams could cause the state's rivers to rise by an additional foot.

The southeastern Gulf Coast states were being inundated by the season's 11th tropical depression, which was centered about 115 miles east-northeast of the port city of Veracruz, according to the U.S. National Weather Service in Miami.

The storm, which was expected to drift northwest toward land, was expected to dump between 10 inches and 15 inches of rain over southeastern Mexico. The weather center warned of the potential for flash floods and mudslides.

Russian military forces advance on Chechnya, take action against Muslim militants

GROZNY, Russia — The distant echo of crashing artillery rounds signaled the approach of the Russian military Tuesday — now only 15 miles outside Chechnya's gloomy capital.

Russian tanks and infantry, supported by daily airstrikes, have faced only scattered resistance since crossing into Chechnya a week ago with the aim of establishing a security zone along the rim of the renegade republic.

Russian forces have seized the northern third of Chechnya, and additional military operations are planned, Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin

said in Moscow.

In fighting Tuesday, Russian troops battled Chechen forces around the village of Chervlyonnaya, on the Terek River 15 miles north-east of Grozny, the Chechen capital.

Russia took military action after Muslim militants based in Chechnya invaded neighboring Dagestan in August and September, seeking to create an Islamic state in southern Russia. The militants also have been blamed for bombings in Russia that killed about 300 people.

The Russians showed no sign of making an immediate move on Grozny, which was flattened during the 1994-96 war that ended with a peace agreement and the withdrawal of Russian forces.

Nation

Nixon's Watergate tapes made public Tuesday by the National Archives

WASHINGTON — Determined to strike back at leakers, Richard Nixon is heard on newly released White House tapes ordering aides to conduct break-ins and to circulate damaging stories about his political foes.

"We have got to go after everyone who is a member of this conspiracy," Nixon said on July 2, 1971, two weeks after The New York Times and The Washington Post began publishing the Pentagon Papers, a 7,000-page study of American involvement in Vietnam.

The White House tapes, made public Tuesday by the National Archives, show a worried Nixon crafting a strategy to attack perceived enemies. Instead, the tapes ultimately revealed Nixon's role in the Watergate cover-up and led to his resignation on Aug. 9, 1974.

The recordings cover familiar ground but add details about Nixon's anger over the publication of the Pentagon Papers and his obsession with curbing leaks. Nixon's attempt to keep newspaper from publishing the Pentagon Papers was thwarted by the Supreme Court.

Republican support for ratification of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty disappearing

WASHINGTON — The Senate's top Democrat on foreign affairs issues said he told President Clinton Tuesday the votes aren't there to ratify an international ban on nuclear testing.

The immediate White House reaction was that Clinton would continue to fight. "The vote's still scheduled for Tuesday and the president is going to continue to make the case," National Security Council spokesman David Leavy said.

Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., said that, while all 45 Senate Democrats are prepared to support the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty Tuesday when a vote is scheduled, any Republican support that might have existed appears to be disappearing.

"Republicans have evaporated into the ether" on the treaty, he said. At least 22 Republican senators would have to join the 45 Democrats for the pact to be ratified.

Biden said his instinct was that Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., would withdraw the

treaty from the Senate calendar.

Lott said he would consider that.

A week from Tuesday the Senate is scheduled to vote on the treaty, a troubled Clinton administration initiative signed by 154 nations but ratified by only two of the seven acknowledged nuclear powers, Britain and France.

State

Couple pleads guilty to charges of endangering a child after chaining son to bed

HOUSTON — A Pasadena couple accused of keeping their malnourished 8-year-old son chained to a bed were sentenced to state jail terms after pleading guilty to charges of endangering a child.

Christopher Shawn Pope, 34, and Trina Pope, 36, who have eight children and one on the way, were already on deferred-adjudication probation for abandoning their children — then numbering seven — to go to a movie in May 1997.

District Judge Carol G. Davies found the couple guilty in the old cases, thus revoking their probation, and then sentenced them on the latest charge.

Prosecutors say Christopher Pope received 18 months in a state jail on the May 1997 case and 18 months for the new charge of chaining the boy. Those terms will run concurrently.

Trina Pope's time will also run together, Prosecutor James Alston said. She received nine months in a state jail for the old charge and one year in a state jail for the new charge.

Police in suburban Pasadena arrested the Pops July 9 after authorities found the boy chained to a bed. The couple told police the boy was being disciplined because he was a threat to the family and had tried to assault his brothers and sisters.

The boy was removed from the home and has since been placed in foster care, Alston said. His seven sibling are also in foster care.

Downtown Austin expects more than 200,000 at party to celebrate the millennium

AUSTIN — Hoping to celebrate the millennium in a signature way, Austin — known for its live music scene and parties — is doing what else? Throwing a bigger and brighter party.

Organizers say they expect 200,000 partygoers to usher in the new year by watching a large downtown light show and listening to Shawn Colvin, Robert Earl Keen, Lyle Lovett and Kelly Willis.

For people who don't want to spend the eve of the millennium looking for parking in Austin's perennially packed downtown or fighting the crowd, the city is selling 1,000 front-row seats and guaranteed parking spaces for \$100 to \$500.

Organizers admit their plans may be too big for downtown.

The city has closed Congress Avenue for other celebrations, but they expect problems with a gathering of this size.

Police officers will stay on duty and the city may hire private security guards to help handle the crowds.

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STAFF editorial

MORE THAN FOOD

Student Center should be social area

If you build it, they will come.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Don Mills said the university has received two renovation proposals for the Student Center and the Rickel Building.

At nearby universities, the student centers are truly the center of student activity. Students at the University of Texas at Dallas can play air hockey and pool at their student center, and the University of North Texas offers the One O'Clock Lounge for students to meet and watch TV. Northwestern State University in Louisiana offers a hair salon and The Alley, a night club-atmosphere in the basement.

Mills said TCU's Student Center is lacking in its attraction to students.

"The way it's designed makes it easier to go around it than in it," he said. "There is no real reason to go in except to eat."

But Mills said it is more likely that extensive renovations and additions will be done, even though WTW said the size needs to be increased by 75 percent. Rather than the construction of entirely new buildings, he said the locations of the Rickel Building and the Student Center are convenient to all students.

Regardless of location, these two buildings see high student traffic every day. It is imperative that these buildings remain modern and useful for students. If this means demolishing the current Student Center in favor of the construction of a bigger, better building, then it should be done. The Student Center should offer students more than a place to study, eat and make copies: It should be a place where students want to gather for fun.

While considering the options for improving these buildings, students' needs — both present and future — should be top priority before deciding on the exact renovations that will be made.

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Depression goes unnoticed

Catching disease's symptoms early improves overall well-being

About 18 million Americans are stricken by this horrible disease each year. Some get it only once. Others suffer relapses throughout their lives. This disease is not cancer, diabetes or AIDS.

We're talking about depression.

And, chances are, you or someone you know will one day become affected. The symptoms of this disease are as real as any other disease.

Symptoms may include feelings of sadness or irritability, loss of interest in activities once enjoyed, changes in weight, appetite or sleeping patterns and feelings of guilt, hopelessness or worthlessness. Others may be the inability to concentrate or make decisions, fatigue or loss of energy, restlessness or decreased activity and thoughts of death or suicide. If five or more of these symptoms have persisted for more than two weeks, it may indicate depression. Sufferers may think their prob-

lems are just in their head — something they can work through on their own. Many feel ashamed, as though this disease is a personal weakness. Depression has nothing to do with weakness or personal defect.

In fact, some of our best and brightest minds suffered from depression: Abraham Lincoln, Ernest Hemingway and Georgia O'Keeffe.

Depression can strike anyone at any age. Women are twice as likely as men to experience depression. The first onset of depression usually occurs between the ages of 22 and 44. People with a family history of depression, heart disease or alcoholism are more likely to experience it than others. Sometimes a stressful life event can trigger an episode, but normally, there is no particular cause.

Depression is serious and those affected need treatment. Help is available. Up to 80 percent of people who seek treatment show improvement in a matter of weeks.

Putting off diagnosis and treat-

ment only makes the situation worse. The leading cause of suicide in the United States is untreated depression.

These statistics are shocking and scary. If you recognize these symptoms in a friend or in yourself, you have a responsibility to offer or to seek help. I have been putting off that responsibility. I haven't wanted to face the fact that one of my best friends may be suffering from depression. But it's unavoidable because the signs are all there. She began to withdraw after her mother was diagnosed with cancer. This was quite a blow for her, considering her father died only a couple of years ago. She quit calling me, and when I would call she seemed very distant, almost cold. I assumed she just needed time to herself in order to deal with the situation.

Her mother died about two weeks ago. My friend is now an orphan at the age of 21. After almost two months without speaking, we finally talked at her mother's wake. Obviously, she was overwhelmed with grief, but it

seemed to be more than that.

Maybe it's just grief. Maybe it's not depression. But, then again, maybe it is. I have a responsibility to my friend to assist her in finding help. She might brush me off, or she might even become angry with me for suggesting she's depressed. I have to take that chance or risk her well-being.

The best time to do this is now. October 7 is National Depression Screening Day. TCU's Mental Health Services will have a table set up in the Student Center distributing information about depression. Depression screenings will be performed throughout the day in the Health Center. Take advantage of this if you suspect you might be suffering from depression. Encourage your friends to drop by if they exhibit symptoms. Seeking out help is taking the first step toward enjoying life again.

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Senior Frog advises casual attire for football games

With Fall Break rapidly approaching, the end of midterms not as close as we'd like and another home football game just around the corner, I put off studying (again) to sit in complete disbelief that my time at this school is almost over. As a senior, I have spent a lot of time lately asking myself the question, "Where did all the time go?" It seems that only yesterday the bookstore was in the Student Center, you couldn't tailgate before a football game and we had a different chancellor.

But there are definitely things that have not changed at TCU since I got here way

back in '96. I have found no real improvements in the food on campus, and you still can't get a parking place even with the bus system. But worst of all — much worse than any of the above — is that the students at TCU dress up way too much.

I understand that we are in a type of training for the real world. The world where we will get up and actually shower and put on a suit before going to sit for eight hours behind a desk. But I think we should take it easy while we can. It really is not necessary to look as if we are going to a cocktail party at a Horned Frog football game. I mean, it's football for Pete's sake. Black dresses and pearls are funeral attire, not something you wear to cheer on the home team.

I must say that I love football. I think using a game as a fashion show is an insult to the sport itself. You should wear things you don't mind spilling mustard,

relish and beer on. It gives you a sort of freedom.

One could see this lack of freedom at the Arizona game. I saw so many people leaving just because it was raining and God forbid their mascara would run or their Gucci loafers would get soggy.

Students actually left the game so they wouldn't get waterlogged. This is ridiculous.

Quite frankly, I wasn't winning any beauty contests at the game. It was liberating. I had a blast, rain and all. I cheered and yelled and screamed and generally made a fool of myself. I wasn't worried about my appearance; I was worried about winning the game.

The time has come, my friends, to start being comfortable and start having fun. I have dressed up for games before and all I do is worry that I will tumble down the bleachers in my heels. Granted, most of us haven't done the Riff-Ram cheer since Frog Camp, but I think we could at least

show some school spirit by being more worried about the boys out on the field than the boys that could be checking out our cute Prada skirt in the stands.

I am personally vowing not to dress up in anything more than jeans for a sporting event for the rest of my career at TCU. I will cheer with abandon when we get a touchdown, not when I make it through

the half without getting a run in my pantyhose. If it's raining, I'll wear a slicker, and if it's cold I'll wear a coat. I will not resign myself to watching the game on TV just because I won't look that good due to inclement weather or a bad hair day.

I certainly hope I don't offend anyone who feels the compulsive urge to don the latest couture and parade around Amon Carter. Let me tell you though, you can dress up any other time at TCU. It's expected. Just let the football games be the one time in your week that you are more worried about your school than your wardrobe ensemble. And if you absolutely, positively must be dashing at the games, at least wear something purple.

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Commentary



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Commentary



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Someone else I know is pregnant. And while I'm astonished, I'm not disturbed. As a matter of fact, when I first learned of her pregnancy, I offered the customary gasp of shock and then quite easily put it out of my mind. I didn't stop to wonder how a woman so intent on waiting until she was married to have sex could have

gotten herself into such a situation. I never wondered what caused her to momentarily abandon something she believed in with her whole heart. Instead, I casually went to the refrigerator, grabbed a Coke and sat down to watch reruns on TV. It seems premarital sex does not bother me anymore. My attitude about it, however, does.

In today's society, we've become very casual about premarital sex. Once seen as the physical expression of an inner commitment, sex has become a common pastime. We see thousands of teenagers with children, and instead of offering our reproach, we offer them condoms and a "better luck next time."

We watch our friends hop from bed to bed and pat them on the back for "scoring" twice as much this weekend as they did the last.

We are living in a time when kissing is not enough — when it's not enough to lie in his arms, and it's not enough to hold her hand. Her skirt must be above her head. His pants must be around his ankles.

This view of sex is commonly accepted and encouraged. We watch movies where people jump into bed with one another on the first date and call it romance. We watch television shows where characters commit adultery in the name of love and call it beautiful.

What we fail to realize, however, is that sex is powerful. It's powerful enough to bring down a presidency. It's powerful enough to make a person forget about their faith. It can wreck marriages. It can break up families. It can create life, and it can end it. Sex can emotionally bind people to one another or tear them apart.

Sadly, however, these consequences are mere afterthoughts. It isn't until after he contracts herpes that he reconsiders the one-night stand. And it isn't until she has to drop out of school to have the baby that she thinks there could have been another way to be intimate with her clothes on.

In short, we seem to look upon the act favorably while calling the product a mistake. When one engages in premarital sex without incident, it's passion. When one has sex and contracts a disease or becomes pregnant, it's profligate.

But the act cannot be separated from the consequences. Just as we do not praise the thief because he managed not to get caught, we should not condone promiscuous behavior because no ill has come of it.

I'm not condemning the act of sex, however. I'm quite sure that sex with the right person at the right time can be very beautiful. What I want to stress is that sex is

not something to enter into lightly. It should not be thought of as such. We must realize that sex matters and not only in the eyes of God. It matters because people are not conquests. It matters because babies are real. It matters because condoms don't always work.

Then again, I could be wrong. Maybe sex is worth sacrificing your health, lifestyle or moral beliefs. Being a 20-year-old virgin, I may just not realize that it's that good.

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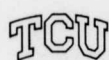


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INTERIM

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going to do it until they've signed the agreement," he said.

The job description for the interim director will focus primarily on the future, Whillock said.

"They'll be very involved with the future of TCU in fine arts and the selection of the dean of fine arts," he said. "They'll also be involved with some of the searches for new faculty that are going on right now in that department."

Raessler will continue to handle daily operations until he retires. "We still have a director of music and that person is still acting as director," he said. "Until Raessler steps down as director, the interim won't have anything to do with those day-to-day operations, that's still the director's job."

So there's very much a distinction between what the director's doing presently, and what we'd like this interim director to do."

John Alstrin, a senior music education major, said the most important quality the interim should have is the desire to get to know students.

"The reason I like (Raessler) is that he would hang out with the students and get to know us," Alstrin said. "When you're that high on the ladder, it's tough to get to know students, but (Raessler) is really good at one-on-one personal interaction. The new person has to be able to come to concerts, shows and rehearsals and get to know the students as well as (Raessler) did," he said.

An extensive search for a permanent director will continue, Whillock said.

"(We want to) select the best possible candidates," he said. "I think we'll have a search that's pretty broad. Maybe international, but definitely national. There will be a search committee and the interim director will be a major part of that search committee."

Jeff Dazey, a freshman music major, said he thinks a well-rounded person would work best as interim director.

"If they have a well-rounded background in music, as far as jazz, classical and even some marching band experience, that's what TCU would benefit from," he said.

Past music experience is an important factor to consider, said Kim Lepine, a senior music education major. "Preferably college teaching (background) so they would know students' expectations," she said.

Karen Wimmer, a junior music education major, said someone highly familiar with TCU's music department should be considered.

"(The interim should be) someone who's been involved in all the different aspects of music ... whether it's choir or orchestra, all the bands and all the different organizations in the school of music," Wimmer said.

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LAHUTSKY

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"She has made a great effort to get to know her students," she said. "I wasn't expecting that on a college campus."

Lahutsky is a mother, wife, professor and a member of the Disciples of Christ church. But most of all, she said she is doing something that she loves — teaching.

"I love to read and think about things," she said. "For me to be able to do what I love to do and be compensated for it — it is a gift for which I am grateful. I have always wanted to be a teacher."

Lahutsky grew up in northeastern Ohio, where she worshipped in a Russian Orthodox church. Growing up in the 1950s, she was a girl scout until her senior year in high school.

When she began college, Lahutsky changed faiths and discovered what she wanted to teach.

Lahutsky received her bachelor's degree in Spanish and religion from Hiram College in Hiram, Ohio. There, a Spanish professor told her she should teach college courses.

"Pretty soon I discovered that I was more interested in the religion courses than the Spanish courses I was taking," she said. "I don't think anyone grows up wanting to teach religion."

Lahutsky received her master's in church history from Vanderbilt University, in Nashville, Tenn., in 1974. She completed her doctorate there in church history and theology in 1984.

At Vanderbilt, Lahutsky met her husband of 23 years, Ed McMahon, and found a Disciples of Christ church.

"What I found was a church full of people who were looking for answers," she said. "They didn't already have them. That is a good place for a scholar to be."

Lahutsky said one of the reasons she made a change in faiths was because some of the traditional religions like Russian Orthodox have some pretty old taboos that are unfair for women.

"They would tell women that they may not be in certain places of the sanctuary because as women they may be sources of pollution," she said. "I couldn't imagine holding all that together."

It was sufficient to cause me to think."

Lahutsky came to TCU in 1981. She has taught courses at TCU in Catholicism and Buddhism.

Lahutsky said she had an offer to go to another school in the late 1980s, but she made the decision with her husband to stay. One of the main reasons they decided to stay here was the quality of the TCU colleagues, she said.

"The one thing you can't find, no matter where you go, is colleagues," she said. "The whole department here does its best to work together. We don't agree on things, but we agree to respect each other."

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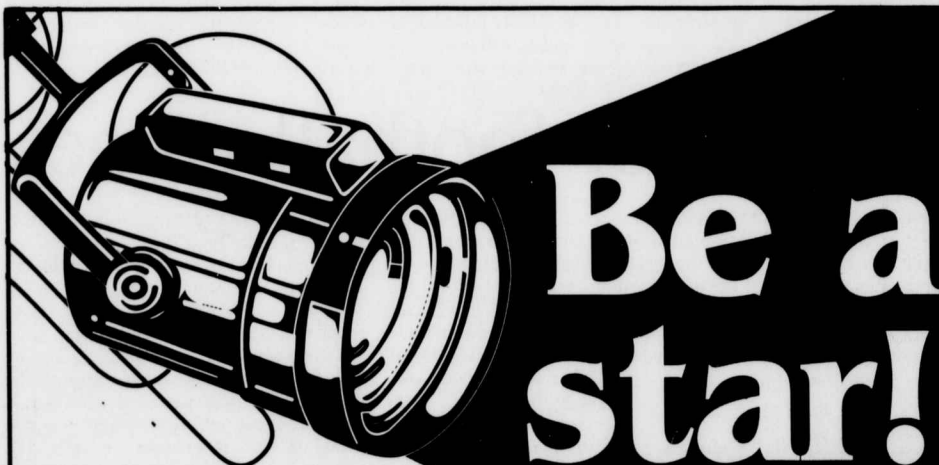
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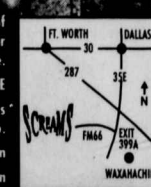
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CONSTRUCTION

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needs less than the Student Center because it was built more for classrooms and intercollegiate athletics than student recreational use.

Cannon, which has designed about 60 college recreational facilities, worked with a committee comprised of students and Rickel staff members during the analysis of the Rickel and proposed three improvement strategies, Mills said.

The first option, to tear down the existing building and start over, is the most expensive and would leave students without a recreational facility during construction, Mills said. The second alternative is to add a wing to the east where the tennis courts are currently located and the third is to add the east wing and rebuild the center section in the current building.

The third proposal is optimal because the addition of the east wing would allow the center section to be renovated without interrupting student use of the facility, Mills said. The center section could then be renovated after the completion of the east wing, and the west wing could continue to be used as classrooms for the kinesiology department, he said.

Stephenie Spain, a senior social work major and a member of the committee working with Cannon,

said she would like to see TCU construct a new building.

"If they have a choice between renovating the old building and starting over, they should do it the right way and start over," she said. "The Rickel is not designed well. It does not appeal to students walking in and wanting to be a part of what's going on because they can't see everything that is happening."

But Mills said it is not likely that the university will build a new facility.

"The overall goal for the Rickel is to be welcoming to both main campus students as well as Worth Hills students," Mills said. "The current location serves that need really well."

Student Center Director Larry Markley said WTW recommended adding either a 2-story or a 3-story wing to the west of the existing Student Center, and the proposals included amenities that students indicated they would like to have.

"WTW has done over 30 student centers in their lifetime, and the recommendations matched the results of student surveys," Markley said.

Overall, Markley said he likes the proposals.

"It will make life better for students, faculty, staff and the campus life in general," Markley said,

"But I would've liked to have seen a new building."

Mills said there is no reason to build a new student center — even though WTW said the size needs to be increased by 75 percent — because it is in the best possible location.

"We look at the Student Center as the crossroads of the university, and it is located perfectly right now," Mills said. "But the way it's designed makes it easier to go around it than in it. There is no real reason to go in except to eat."

Mills said WTW proposed making the existing facility a crossroads by creating pedestrian paths through the building. It would be possible to enter through the front and exit through Reed Hall and walk in from the north side by Foster Hall through to the south side by Sadler Hall, he said.

The main question concerning Student Center renovation is how far west to expand the building and how to incorporate Frog Fountain into the design.

Markley said the issue of Student Center parking was also discussed by WTW and both proposals incorporate a passenger drop-off area. However, the firm did not consider parking garages in its recommendations and ruled out the possibility of an underground parking lot after determining it would be too expensive to

construct.

Mills said the estimated cost of the renovations is \$20 million to \$40 million for the Rickel and \$30 million to \$40 million for the Student Center. It has not been decided if the money will come from donors, loans, current funds or student fees, nor has it been decided if enough funding will be available to renovate both buildings simultaneously, he said.

The analyses were done to get an idea of the options and estimated costs associated with updating the facilities, and there are no architectural designs or plans yet, Mills said.

"We are not at the point where we are saying this is exactly what we want to do," he said. "And these aren't the only needs the university has."

Mills said the administration will work with the TCU Board of Trustees to make the decision after final reports are completed by the companies in two to three weeks. Once the decision is made, it will take nine months to a year to do the architectural plans, then about another two and a half years to complete construction, he said.

"It is my hope that some time in the next year we will have made a commitment," Mills said.

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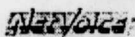
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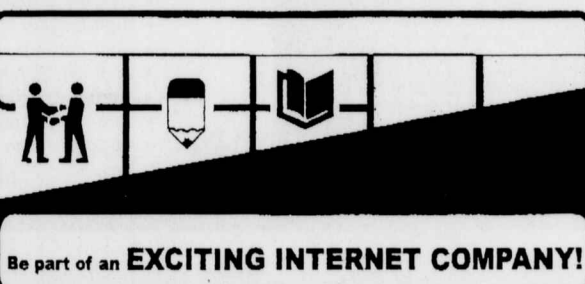
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Land link bridges West Bank, Gaza

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JERUSALEM — Ayman Lubedeh hasn't been home to the Gaza Strip to see his parents and siblings in six years.

Lubedeh, 29, lives with his wife and son in the West Bank, where he works at a hospital in Ramallah. Israel has refused to let him cross its territory to get to Gaza, citing security concerns, and Lubedeh has had to make do with frequent phone calls home. His family even missed his wedding two years ago.

That will soon change after Israel and the Palestinians agreed Tuesday to establish a land link between the West Bank and Gaza.

The 28-mile route through Israel will enable Palestinians for the first time to travel relatively freely between the two areas they control, boosting prospects for eventual statehood.

Israeli and Palestinian negotiators signed an agreement Tuesday on how to operate the so-called safe passage that is to open next week. Despite last-minute disputes and delays — the route was to have opened last week — both sides said the agreement helped improve rela-

tions after three years of deadlock.

"Viewed from the experience of these talks, I see that we can rapidly get back to business, and resume the spirit of mutual trust," said Israeli negotiator Shlomo Ben-Ami. "This is exactly what Chairman Arafat told me yesterday."

The land route is part of the latest interim peace accord reached in September under which Israel must hand over 11 percent of the West Bank to Palestinian rule and release 350 security prisoners, in exchange for Palestinian security measures.

Israel's Prisons Authority said Tuesday it was set to release the second group of prisoners — a total of 151 inmates — by Thursday, a day ahead of schedule.

The safe passage gives the Palestinians, especially the 1 million residents of fenced-in Gaza, greater freedom of movement.

Until now, permits to travel through Israel were difficult to obtain and were usually valid for only a few days. Large groups of people were ineligible, including young single men and those once held on suspicion of anti-Israeli activity.

Under the new arrangement,

everyone is eligible in principle, though Israel reserves the right to turn down applicants. Former Palestinian security detainees, who in the past would have been unable to make the trip, can now travel twice a week in special buses, under Israeli police escort.

Palestinians will also be allowed to use their own cars for the first time.

The route, extending from the West Bank village of Tarkoumiya to Gaza's Erez Crossing, will be open every day from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Palestinians will apply for permits to the Palestinian Authority, which will present the names to Israel for final approval. The permits are valid for a year, a Palestinian official said.

During the talks on the safe passage agreement, the Palestinians raised concerns that Israel would seize wanted Palestinians along the route. Israel assured the Palestinians that while it would not compromise on its sovereignty, it would not try to trap Palestinians, said Palestinian negotiator Jamil Tarifi.

But Lubedeh, who works as a hospital nurse in the West Bank town of Ramallah, said he wanted to

see how others fared before he applied for a travel permit.

Lubedeh last visited his parents and six brothers and sisters in Gaza in 1993 and then had difficulties getting a return permit to the West Bank.

Since then, Israel has denied him travel permits, apparently because he was detained several times during 1987-1993 uprising against Israeli occupation.

Lubedeh said he fears he could get held up in Gaza again.

"I won't risk my job and separation from my wife and son if Israel decides not to allow me to return to the West Bank," Lubedeh said.

Still, his parents are excited about a reunion and are already planning to throw another wedding party for him since they missed the West Bank ceremony.

In the town of Hebron, close to Tarkoumiya, 29-year-old shoe factory worker Mohammed Sharabati said he feared the safe passage would take away his livelihood.

Sharabati said he expected Gazans to flood the West Bank looking for work. Gazans are willing to work for less than West Bankers, he said.

East Timorese receive long-awaited food aid

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Aid workers said the rice was enough to feed 60,000 people for a month. But, they said, several hundred thousand other East Timorese who also need food wouldn't get it as long as supplies remained hidden in the devastated territory's hills and jungles.

A helicopter flight over of regions bordering West Timor and the central highlands showed little sign of the half of East Timor's 850,000 people believed to be hiding from militia gangs. The refugees fled in early September after militias and Indonesian army troops launched a rampage following East Timor's Aug. 30 vote for independence from Indonesia.

Michel Burton, a U.N. relief aid coordinator, said a team of U.N. officials had found 30,000 hungry people around Liquica, some 30 miles west of the provincial capital, Dili. International relief agencies were assembling a convoy that

would bring food and other aid to the region on Wednesday or Thursday.

But Burton expressed concern about the thousands of exiled East Timorese with the rainy season approaching. Although international relief agencies had secured enough corn seed to plant in November, he said, it would remain unused if most people did not return soon.

As the aid workers waited for residents to return, those who had were waiting for international troops and food aid to arrive.

A 7,500-strong peace force has been pushing its way across East Timor, securing outposts and then fanning out from them. Aid workers have followed as territory was deemed safe. But while the mission's leaders said they have set up quickly and without conflict so far, the pace was still slow for those waiting for help.

In Ainaro, a town in west-central East Timor, Dr. Jose Antonio has been tending to injured residents though he has run out of medicine.

Locals, impatient to get aid for the injured and food for the hungry, have tried frantically to flag down passing helicopters.

"I think the international force is pretty late," Antonio said. "I don't know their strategy, but I think they are pretty late."

Elsewhere, commanders of the Australian-led peacekeeping force were trying to get both the militias and pro-independence forces to hand in weapons.

Col. Mark Kelly, the peacekeepers' chief of

staff, said he met Monday with leaders from the pro-independence rebels, who have fought Indonesian rule since the former Portuguese colony was invaded in 1975. The two sides agreed the rebels could keep their weapons for now, but would not be allowed to take them outside designated base camps.

U.S. Defense Secretary William Cohen said Tuesday that, during a recent trip to Indonesia, he had the Indonesians to participate in the peace-keeping process in East Timor.

Speaking on "The News Hour" on PBS, Cohen said he told top Indonesian officials, including President B.J. Habibie, that they were obligated to help resolve the East Timor issue, including the safe resettlement of East Timorese refugees in West Timor, which is still under Indonesian control.

"If Indonesia is not seen as cooperating and helping to resolve that issue peacefully, then there will be consequences ... in terms of investors holding back," he said. "I'm sure there will be some diplomatic isolation as well."

Also Tuesday, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan recommended that a 9,000-strong U.N. peacekeeping force replace Australian-led troops in East Timor once the territory reverts to U.N. transitional control in a few weeks.

Annan made the recommendation in a wide-ranging report to the Security Council outlining his plans for the U.N. administration of East Timor.

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SUVs lower fuel economy, EPA says

By H. Josef Hebert
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WASHINGTON — The popularity of gas-guzzling sport utility vehicles has pushed down the average overall automobile fuel economy to its lowest level in nearly 20 years, the Environmental Protection Agency says.

An EPA report said 1999 model cars and light trucks, including SUVs, averaged 23.8 miles per gallon in government tests, compared with 25.9 mpg in 1987-88, when fuel economy fleetwide reached its peak.

Fuel economy for motor vehicles "has been consistently falling since the late 1980s" because of the growing number of light trucks, and for 1999 models, it declined to about where it was in 1980, the report said.

Light trucks, which include most SUVs, minivans and pickups, are subject to less stringent fleetwide fuel economy government requirements than passenger sedans.

The report comes amid a growing controversy over whether the government should raise its fuel economy requirements for new cars and, particular-

ly, for light trucks.

Leaders of eight major environmental groups released a letter Tuesday to President Clinton, questioning why he plans to sign a \$50 billion transportation spending bill that specifically bars changes in federal fuel economy requirements, or even studying such changes.

The ban "is the clearest example of a rider (on a spending bill) that strangles a program that promotes energy efficiency," the environmentalists complained.

A White House official, who spoke on condition of not being further identified, said Clinton will sign the bill, which Congress completed late Monday, because "we don't have anywhere near the votes" to sustain a veto.

Three weeks ago, 40 senators voted for a non-binding resolution calling for a study on how best to improve the fuel economy standards, but the official said many of those senators would not support a veto of a bill that provides billions of dollars in highway funds.

The letter to Clinton was sent by leaders of the Sierra Club, U.S.PIRG, National Environmental

Trust, Environmental Defense Fund, National Wildlife Federation, Natural Resources Defense Council, Union of Concerned Scientists, and Physicians for Social Responsibility.

Some environmentalists also complained that the EPA should have released its report sooner so it could have been used in congressional debate.

EPA spokesman David Cohen said the report, put on the EPA's Web site last Friday but not otherwise publicized, was made public as soon as it was completed.

It said the average fuel economy for new 1999 passenger cars was 28.1 mpg, but the average for light trucks, including SUVs and minivans, was 20.3 mpg. As a result, overall fuel economy for passenger vehicles was 23.8 mpg, the lowest since 1980 and six-tenths of a mile per gallon lower than in 1998.

The increased market share of light trucks, which now account for 46 percent of all new vehicles sold, "is the primary reason for the decline in fuel economy," said the EPA report.

Gloria Bergquist of the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers, said the decline in fleetwide fuel economy is understandable.

Defense bill includes big military pay raise

By Robert Burns
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The fiscal 2000 defense bill signed into law by President Clinton includes a host of financial incentives — including the biggest military pay raise in 18 years — that the Pentagon is counting on to boost recruiting and persuade more troops to make a career of their service.

"The excellence of our military is the direct product of the excellence of our men and women in uniform," Clinton said Tuesday in a bill-signing ceremony at the Pentagon. "This bill invests in that excellence."

The pay package, including a 4.8 percent across-the-board raise effective

Jan. 1 and a change in pay scales effective next July, represents the biggest increase in compensation in a generation, he said.

Defense Secretary William Cohen, who joined Clinton on the Pentagon steps to thank Congress for forging the legislation, said service members deserve better pay and working conditions.

"We have to recruit and retain the best people and provide them with a sound quality of life if we're going to remain a dominant force for good for the future," Cohen said.

The \$289 billion defense bill represents an \$18 billion increase over fiscal 1999, which ended Sept. 30. Republicans in Congress were

quick to point out it is also \$8 billion more than Clinton had requested.

"While this bill does not fully address all of the Joint Chiefs' critical requirements, ... it does provide short-term fixes necessary to ensure an improved quality of military life for our service members and their families," said Rep. Floyd Spence, R-S.C., chairman of the House Armed Services Committee.

The 4.8 percent pay raise is the highest since a 14.3 percent boost in 1981.


The Pentagon announced Tuesday that the Air Force ended the 1999 fiscal year with a manpower shortage of about 10,000 — a

combination of too few recruits and too many people leaving the service for commercial aviation jobs.

The Army, Navy and Marine Corps reached troop strength levels set by Congress, although only the Marines — the smallest of the major services with 172,500 people — met their goals in both recruiting and retention.

The Air Force, which for years didn't need to bother with TV advertising, fell short in both recruiting and retention, whereas the Army overcame a recruiting shortfall by exceeding its retention goal. The Navy, which was nearly 7,000 recruits short in 1998, met its goal this year.

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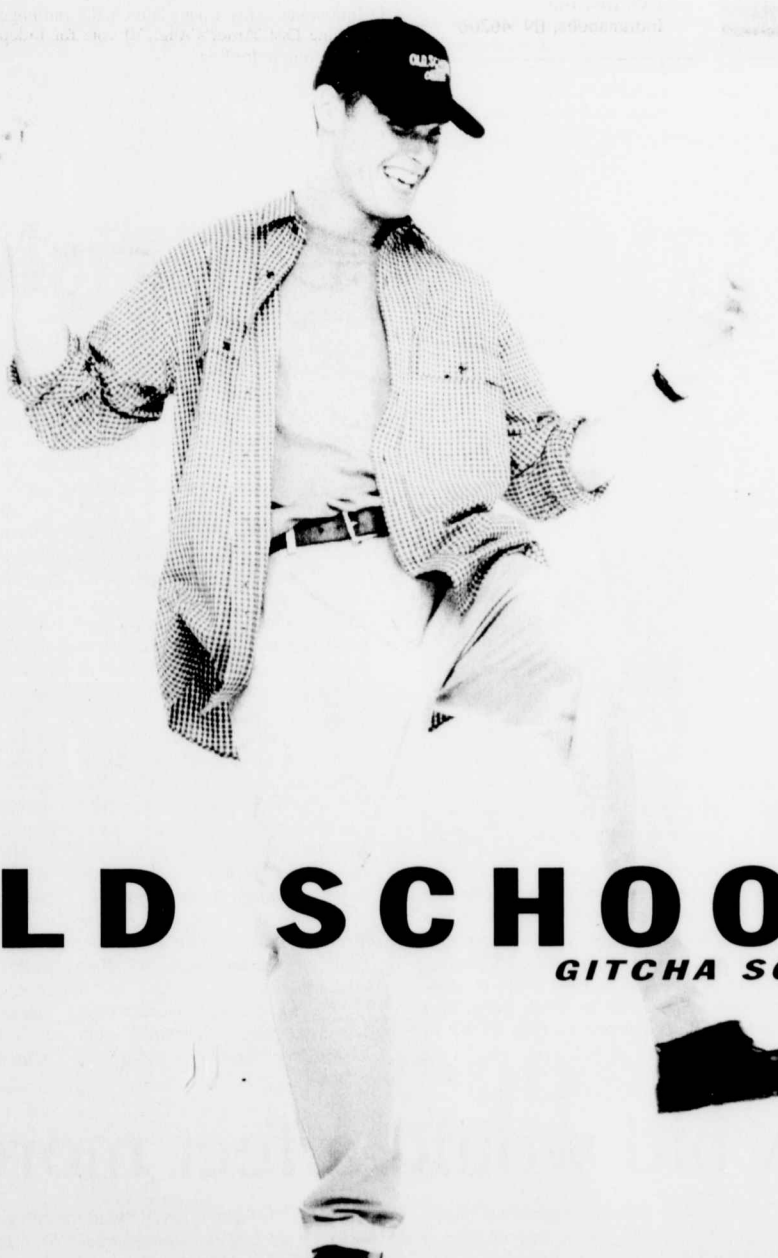
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Keate enjoys soccer way of life

Team leader has winning attitude

By James Zwilling
SKIFF STAFF

There are 20-year-old TCU students who plan their days around classes. Then, there is junior Spanish major Ian Keate who structures his days around soccer.

"Soccer is a way of life," Keate said. "Everything I do revolves around soccer. I plan my days according to soccer."

Keate, who has played soccer as a goal keeper for more than 15 years, said he enjoys being a leader on the TCU men's soccer team, but he enjoys the team-oriented aspect of the game most.

"Soccer is about all 11 guys on each team all trying to win," Keate said. "The fact that it is not set in stone on any one day which team will win is exciting. In soccer, the fastest team doesn't always win."

Some of Keate's accomplishments include being named captain of his high school team, Most Valuable Player of his National Champion U-19 team, Second Team All-WAC (1998) and two All-Tournament team selections so far this season.

"I started realizing my soccer abilities when I quit all the other sports in high school," Keate said.

Keate played basketball, tennis and golf at Brophy Prep in Phoenix, Ariz., before quitting to concentrate on soccer.

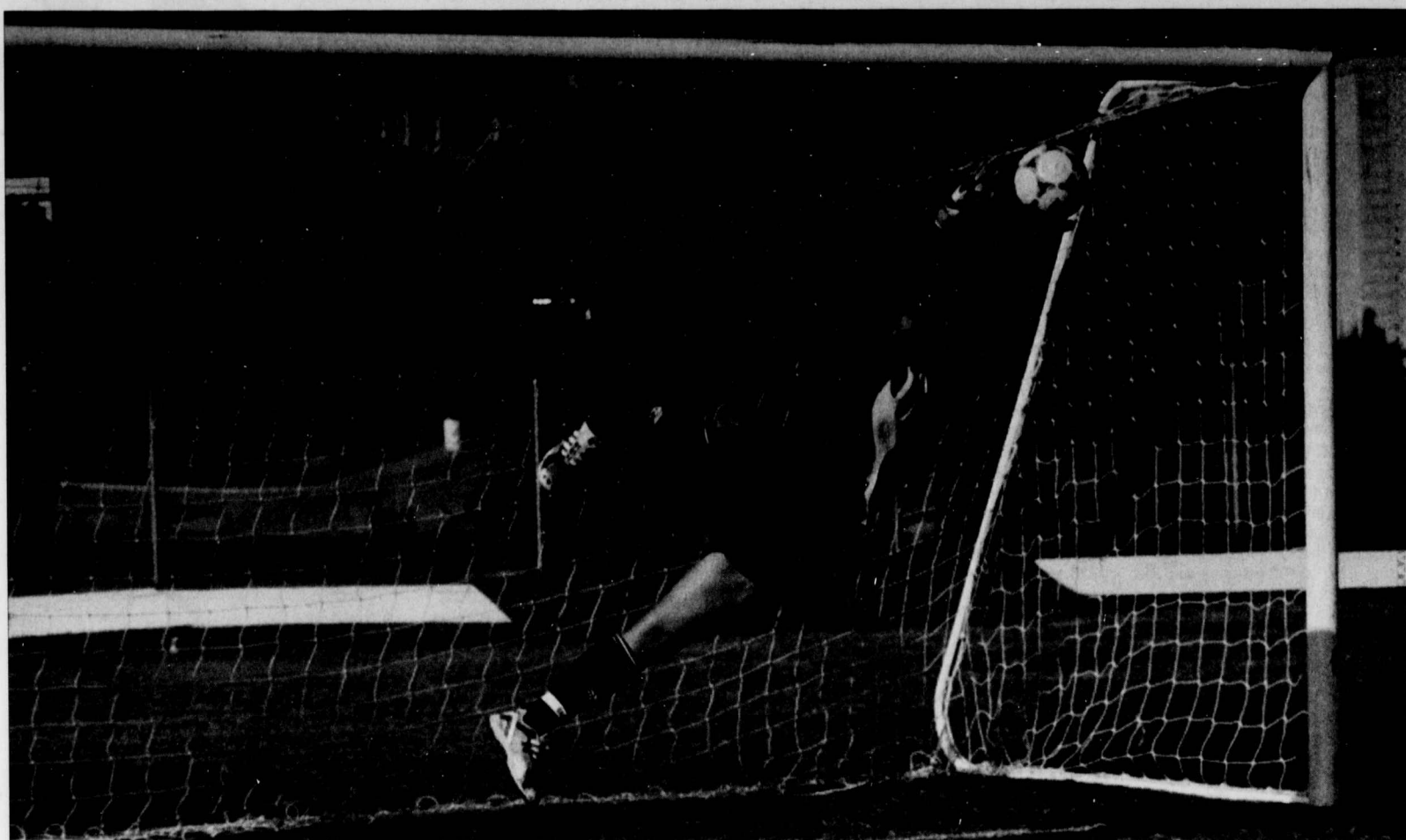
"The best thing about soccer is that it is a non-stop team sport," Keate said. "That's what attracted me to it."

When choosing a college, Keate looked at other schools including SMU and Fresno State, but he felt that he would fit in best at TCU.

"I agreed well with the team," he said. "They gave me the opportunity to start and become a big-impact player immediately."

Choosing to play soccer at TCU is a big decision for any player because athletic scholarships are not offered for the sport, but Keate said it is worth it.

"It is not frustrating that we don't



David Dunai/PHOTO EDITOR

Junior goal keeper Ian Keate flies through the air in an attempt to block a powerful shot by an Oral Roberts University forward Tuesday afternoon at the TCU Soccer Complex. Keate led his team to a 3-0 victory over ORU in the team's third straight victory extending their season record to 5-3-1. Keate recorded three saves on the day.

have scholarships when we are beating teams that do," he said.

Keate hopes to one day play professionally and after spending the past summer with the Motherwell Futbol Club in Scotland, he believes he may one day have the chance.

"Playing abroad showed me what it takes to win and take soccer to another level," Keate said. "Soccer is a lot different abroad."

Keate said he believes Americans have the ability to play competitively with players abroad.

"Soccer abroad is like any big sport like football or basketball here in the states," Keate said. "Kids know the players, the media is around, everyone knows soccer. I think American athletes have the ability to be better, [Europeans] just have a better knowledge of the game."

Keate said he would seriously consider putting his college career on hold if a professional offer came in.

"If an offer comes along, with

some money, I would definitely have to consider it," he said. "The pursuits of my mind will not go away, but I know that my soccer ability will. I don't want to take that for granted."

Keate believes that inspirations both on and off the field have led him to where he is today.

"When I play soccer I always look up to the older guys on the team," Keate said. "I know I can learn from them."

Off the field however, Keate said his mom is the one who gives him

inspiration.

"My mom is my biggest inspiration," Keate said. "She loves sports and she came to all of my games growing up. She loved them. Even now, living in Scottsdale (Ariz.) she tries to make it to as many games as possible."

Keate said that moving around several times as a kid has helped his soccer career.

"I moved around a lot as a kid which gave me the opportunity to play for a lot of different coaches,"

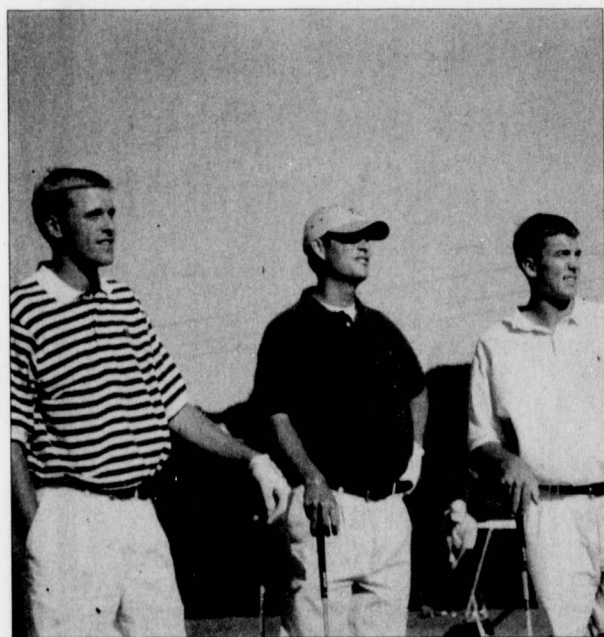
he said.

This opportunity, he said, has instilled in him a strong winning attitude which he hopes he brings to every team.

"I always want to win," Keate said. "Whether it is pingpong or a game in practice, I never want to lose. Some people think that is crazy, but that's the winning attitude I contribute to every team."

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Sophomore Andy Doeden, left; junior Sal Spallone, center; and sophomore Bret Guetz study a teammate's swing at a practice at the Westchase Golf course. The trio, along with the rest of the men's golf team, participated in the William H. Tucker Intercollegiate in Albuquerque, N.M. last weekend. Doeden was TCU's top finisher, as his 220 total points placed him in 18th place overall. Spallone's 221-shot tournament helped him to finish 26th. The Frogs next tournament is the Red River Classic on Oct. 11-12 in Dallas.

TCU fishes in Alamo city pool

By Gibbs Colgin
STAFF REPORTER

Seven members of head coach Richard Sybesma's swim team are from San Antonio, and his efforts to recruit from the city started 21 years ago when he began making trips there.

"No one (from San Antonio) came (to TCU) at first, but then one signed and others followed," Sybesma said.

San Antonio has always had good swimmers mainly because of the swimming programs in the high schools and in the club system, he said.

A top swimmer will swim on both the high school team and the club team, he said. The San Antonio club system, Alamo Area Aquatics, is one of the top clubs in the nation, and every TCU swimmer from San Antonio was a part of a club team, as well as a high school team.

Sybesma also said once swimmers come from an area, like San Antonio, and are successful, then others follow.

"We've had a lot of success from San Antonio," Sybesma said. "Since I've been here, we've had

around 25 to 30 swimmers come from there. If they didn't like it, they wouldn't keep coming."

Many of the swimmers said they feel like Sybesma is the reason so many recruits choose TCU over other schools.

"Richard is really good at recruiting," said freshman Clint Barghi. "He is very persistent and no other coach is like that."

Team members from San Antonio said they thought TCU offered a well-balanced atmosphere athletically, academically and socially.

Freshman Katie Peterson and junior Ryan Mammarella both said, out of all of their options, TCU was the best all-around choice and they heard good things about the school.

Many swimmers said they were influenced to come to TCU by other San Antonio team members.

"Part of the reason I chose TCU is because I swam with (Charlie Fell) in high school and Mammarella from club who were already on the team," sophomore Josh Pipes said. "Knowing them helped me to adjust. I also talked to

a couple of people that I had trained with already at TCU about the atmosphere in and out of the water."

Fell, a senior, chose to swim for TCU because his older brother Trip had four years before.

"My brother was a big influence," Fell said. "I guess I followed in his footsteps."

Walter Soza was a TCU swimmer to come out of the San Antonio system. While at TCU, he was an All-American and still holds three school records, the 200-meter butterfly, the 200-meter individual medley and the 400-meter individual medley. Soza finished his career in the 1996 Atlanta Olympics, competing for Nicaragua.

Soza was the only swimmer from his country to go to the Olympics that year and he swam his career best in two out of the three meets he competed in. Sybesma accompanied him as his coach.

This year the Western Athletic Conference championship will be held in San Antonio at Palo Alto College.

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Where are you from?

Many TCU swimmers have come from San Antonio over the years. The following are the current swimmers from San Antonio:

- Clint Barghi, freshman, Marshall High
- Katie Peterson, freshman, Churchill High
- Bridget Nelson, junior, Churchill High
- Ryan Mammarella, junior, Churchill High
- Josh Pipes, sophomore, MacArthur High
- Charlie Fell, senior, MacArthur High
- Robyn King, senior, Clark High

C-USA bid would affect more than football, basketball

By Matt Stiver
STAFF REPORTER

Conference USA and TCU Athletics — currently, rampant speculation exists that the latter will join the former.

When C-USA presidents gave commissioner Mike Slive authorization to explore expansion possibilities in August, TCU was one of the schools whose name was mentioned. There are several reasons why most of the media coverage has revolved around how a potential conference change would affect men's basketball and football.

The Western Athletic Conference lacks an automatic NCAA tournament bid in men's basketball; C-USA has one. The WAC does not have a stake in the multi-million dollar Bowl Championship Series in football; C-USA does, if it has a team ranked No. 6 or

higher in the BCS poll.

Those two revenue sports might get all the headlines, but all TCU sports teams will be affected if Athletic Director Eric Hyman accepts a potential bid from C-USA.

Several coaches said conference affiliation will not greatly affect their chances for NCAA championship berths.

Women's golf coach Angie Ravaioli-Larkin said the team's play in all of its meets determines NCAA qualifications.

"We just have a conference championship, which is one tournament," Larkin said. "We'll still play our same schedule regardless of what conference we're in."

Track coach Monte Stratton said track operates in the same manner.

"Track is a little different animal than baseball, football and basketball in that we

don't have round-robin conference contests," Stratton said. "We'll have five or six cross country meets, four to six indoor meets and eight to 10 outdoor."

Head soccer coach Dave Robinson said his teams will still have to go out and play well. Unlike golf and track, soccer teams do play games within the conference.

"(Conference affiliation) doesn't have any affect either way, I don't think," Robinson said. "What I would hope for is it would have the champion make the NCAA tournament (automatically)."

Men's tennis coach Michael Center said his team should not need an automatic bid.

Center said if his team (currently ranked No. 22 in the nation) had to rely on an automatic bid to make the NCAA championships, then they are not where he would

want them to be.

Switching from the WAC to C-USA would also mean different competition. Larkin and Stratton said their respective teams would stack up well.

Larkin said the women's golf team would be the favorite and could help the conference grow stronger.

"(C-USA) is very weak," Larkin said. "We would, I think, hands down be the strongest team. They may be strong in a couple of years, but right now it isn't a great women's golf conference."

"If golf isn't competitive, then (C-USA) should make it competitive."

Stratton said he feels confident about the track team.

"I think we can compete at the highest level in any conference in the nation,"

Stratton said.

Several coaches said if Hyman walked into their offices and announced a conference switch, they would support it.

Larkin said she would support a move. "My initial reaction would be to look at all the positives (changing conferences, would bring)," Larkin said. "People are trying to look for the negatives and trying to bring it down, but I feel like the WAC is in some turmoil right now."

Stratton said he has confidence in Hyman. "I would trust the leadership of the university to make the decision that was best for TCU," Stratton said. "I wouldn't have a doubt either way."

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Golfer's winning way is 'one shot at a time'

By Chris Harrison
STAFF REPORTER

Angela Stanford's love for the women's golf team goes beyond the golf course. She loves the players on the team so much that she can't wait to buy them dinner.

"If they shoot 294 or under I am going to buy them dinner," Stanford said. "Last week they shot 295. They're just knocking at the door."

The senior speech communication major from Saginaw is the one of the top women's collegiate golfers in the country. She started the season by defending her championship at the Dick McGuire Invitational Tournament.

"Defending a title in golf is really hard to do," Stanford said. "It was a very special opportunity."

"The last day of the tournament I pulled out my three wood and left the driver in the bag. It was uncharacteristic of me because I don't usually stray away from my game plan. I only hit my three wood badly twice, and everything else fell into place. It wasn't until I was on the plane home did I realize how awesome the win really was."

Stanford picked up her first golf club when she was 10 years old. She said she really doesn't recall swinging a club for the very first time, but she remembers she was with her dad.

"We were at Rockwood golf course, and I remember my dad handing me a club and saying 'give this a try and see if you like it' and from there it just stuck," said Stanford.

After high school, Stanford decided to continue her career at TCU.

"Being from the area, I knew that TCU would work perfectly for me," Stanford said. "I'm close to home and only 15 minutes away from my hitting instructor. I enjoy the state and didn't want to leave. Being close to home is great, and I love the Metroplex."

Coach Angie Ravioli-Larkin said she is glad Stanford stuck around home also.

"Last year's seniors built the foundation

for this program," Ravioli-Larkin said. "Angela built the house. She is just awesome. She can do whatever she wants. She is that good. She is a three-time All-American that loves the game and her team."

"As a leader this year she has already proven herself. She demands a lot from the team, but at the same time, she is constantly encouraging them. Last year she was Western Athletic Conference Player of the Year and the TCU female athlete of the year. Her record and awards speak for themselves."

Stanford said she has learned from her coach that there is more to golf than her

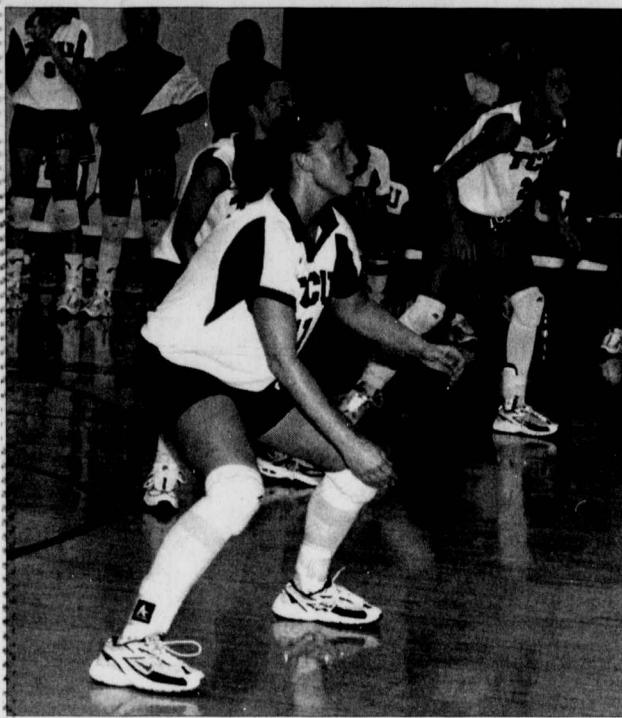
physical game.

"Before I came to TCU, my mental game was nonexistent," Stanford said. "I didn't even know that there was a mental game in golf. Coach Angie has really helped me learn about the mental game."

"She has taught me that I need to make one shot at a time. It really carries into all aspects of life. Take life just one shot at a time."

Now Stanford hopes to buy her team one dinner at a time throughout the rest of the season.

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Senior outside hitter Jill Pape prepares to return a serve against Baylor in a non-conference match up earlier in the season. Her stats are leading, or nearing the top, in almost every category in TCU's volleyball history.

Pape leads team both on, off court

Co-captain's commitment, support of others key to leadership

By Paul Freeland
SKIFF STAFF

While there are many aspects to senior outside hitter Jill Pape's persona, the wide range of her personality might best be described by her focus on impacting those she comes into contact with.

Pape is one of the co-captains of the Volley Frogs, a part of the team's H.A.L.T. (Help Alleviate Little Troubles) program and ninth on the Western Athletic Conference's all-time kills list.

With the title of co-captain, Pape feels an added sense of responsibility to the team.

"Being a captain means a lot of leadership, especially with a young team like this," Pape said. "Captains need to be positive role models for the team. Also, they need to lead by example because the young players tend to do what we do and act how we act."

Even with her dominance on the court, Pape's presence has been felt all around not just in the volleyball arena.

"Jill has meant everything to this team," senior co-captain and defensive specialist Stacy Olson said. "She is definitely our most dynamic and outspoken leader. On the court, she has produced the most these past four years, and off of the court, she supports everyone. She wants everyone to be comfortable and to fit in and she will do everything in her power to get that."

"She is a very caring person. She's also very observant and considerate of other people, both those on the volleyball team and those who aren't. Jill is also a creative person. She always thinks of new and different ways to solve problems."

Pape is a part of TCU volleyball's first senior class that played at TCU as freshmen along with Olson and senior middle blocker Jessica Rangel. Her career statistics to date stand at 1,512 kills, 171 set assists, 121 service aces, 1,046 digs and 178 total blocks.

Before Pape became known for her volleyball skills her athletic career started in a different game.

"I started playing CYO [Catholic

Youth Organization] soccer when I was four years old," Pape said. "I was the only girl on our team. When I hit 10, though, the league wouldn't let girls play anymore. There were no other fall sports so my parents started a CYO volleyball team. I played on that team until I was 13, when I started playing in middle school. I also started playing club volleyball and (participated in) Junior Olympics in eighth grade."

When it came time to make a commitment toward a college, Pape decided to follow the lead of a teammate and a familiar adversary.

"Jessica [Rangel] and I had been playing club ball together for a while and we played against this girl named Annie a lot," Pape said. "TCU offered Annie a scholarship so we went on a campus visit with her. Jessica committed first, and I followed suit."

Pape knew that she was entering a changing program, and she has seen the program flourish the past four years.

"One of the biggest changes I have seen in the program is the growth of

the relationships between players and coaches," Pape said. "There used to be a big rift between us. We work together more now whereas it used to be us versus them."

Pape plans to graduate in the winter of 2000.

"What I really want to do is go to Europe and travel for a while," Pape said. "It's somewhere I've never been to and something I have wanted to do for quite some time. There is a lot of stuff to see over there."

Pape said she hopes to leave a legacy with the program she has come so far with.

"I want to leave each player with something different when I leave," Pape said. "Most of all, I would hope to tell them to make the best out of the time that they are here and continue to work hard. I hope to be remembered as someone who was a really hard worker, who was fun to watch and who took advantage of all the opportunities given to her."

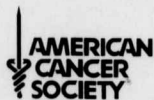
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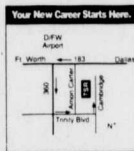
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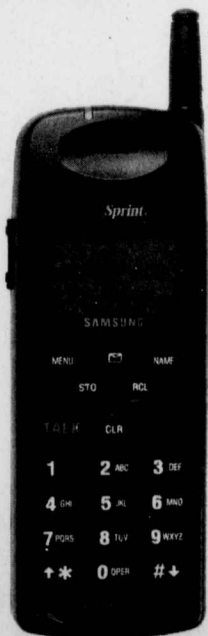
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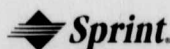
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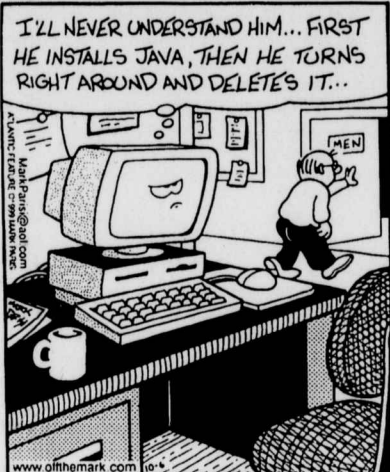
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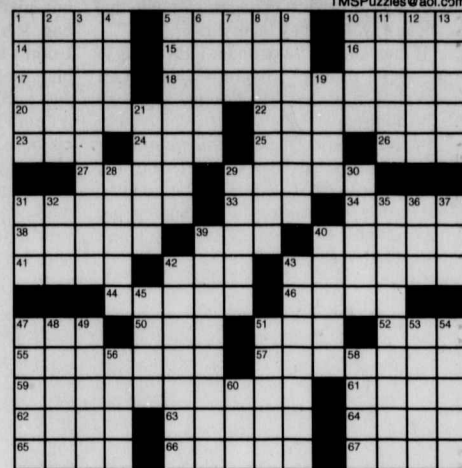


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22 Philadelphia heroes
23 Waikiki wreath
24 Spanish article
25 Russ. jetfighter
26 NYC summer hrs.
27 Islands off Galway
29 Esteem
31 Puts in new turf
33 H.S. subj.
34 Fencing foil
38 Vibrant
39 Make an offer
40 Boobs
41 Informed
42 Operate
43 Customer
44 Stone tablet
46 Japanese aborigine
47 Mandela's org.
50 Everything
51 Exist
52 Pat
55 North Star
57 Venetian transport
59 Beatles' hit
61 Colonial black cuckoos
62 Home of song
63 Ogles
64 Force unit
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66 Bristles
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6 Expenses
7 Some
8 Confederate capital
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10 Smelter's residue
11 "The Sons of Elder"
12 Made public
13 Rendezvous
19 Villain in "Othello"
21 Clearing
28 Wanders about
29 German poet
30 Spruce juice
31 Crude
32 Samuel's teacher
35 O. Henry or Ouida, e.g.
36 Hallow ending?
37 NYC hours
39 Center of a target
40 Unfamiliar
42 Experiences anew
43 Go on a spree
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