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CAMPUS

Golden Key Club requests funding from House

A bill requesting funding for an on-campus reception was submitted Tuesday to the House of Student Representatives by Golden Key Club, a national honor society that recognizes juniors and seniors with a 3.5 grade point average or higher.

Bill 99-18, which will be debated and voted on at Tuesday's meeting, was submitted by Joelle Martin, a senior economics major and member of Golden Key. The bill asks for \$465,000 of funding from the House special projects fund.

Golden Key President Molly McKnight said she hopes the House will pass the bill, mainly because the money would benefit several students.

"Typically, organizations submit a bill to House for a conference where only two or three members get to go, it's so expensive," McKnight said. "Our banquet will support 100 people as opposed to three."

COLLEGE

Topless employee's conviction overturned

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (U-WIRE) — Joining some 20 other women across the nation who have been victorious in their fight to appear topless in public, a University of Florida employee's disorderly conduct conviction was overturned almost four years after she was arrested for not wearing a shirt in the Osceola National Forest.

Kayla Sosnow said she took off her shirt while she was carrying water back to her campsite in 90-degree heat with other men who were also shirtless. Although there were no reported complaints, Sosnow said local police arrested her for disturbing the peace after she "refused to be oppressed."

Sosnow said the conviction, recently overturned by Florida's Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals, was one of a growing number of top-free cases filtering through the United States and Canada.

—Independent Florida Alligator University of Florida

Food service concerns under review

Marriott officials addressing heavy traffic, new hours in dining facilities

By Lori Eshelman
STAFF REPORTER

Recent changes made to campus dining facilities have left a bad taste in the mouths of many students.

Decreased hours of operation in The Main and long lines in the new Pizza Hut eatery are the two major complaints from students, said David Ripple, general manager of Sodexo Marriott.

Many students, such as senior finance major Charles Sizemore, said the lines in the new eatery are too long.

"The lines in this place are awful," he said. "It's like Disneyland

in here."

Ripple said preliminary numbers from the eatery's first week of operation indicate its opening has spread traffic out among the other on-campus eateries and decreased lines in those locations.

"It is definitely pulling lines out of The Main," he said. "The lines in the new store right now are long mainly because it's new, and anything new will die down after a little while."

The longer lines are also due to employees who have to learn new jobs at the eatery. It will take them a little while to figure out the most

efficient way to work in the new area, Ripple said.

He said the lines in the new store are being monitored, but nothing will be done until the eatery has been open for a while and has established a regular schedule.

Michael Watkins, chairman of the Student Government Association Dining Services Committee, said he does not think the long lines are a direct result of the decreased hours in The Main.

"Because The Main is closed, they have more employees working (in the eatery)," he said. "So the line may be long, but you go through it

quickly." Ripple said Marriott decided to close The Main earlier because there were very few food purchases made after 8 p.m.

"Between 8 p.m. and midnight in The Main, there were a lot of people in there, but there were not many food purchases," Ripple said. "So the new store should be able to handle those purchases that are made after 8 p.m."

By closing The Main from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. on weekdays, employees have time to restock, and the drink

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Hours of Operation

With the opening of the new **Pizza Hut eatery**, the Main has changed its hours of operation. The new hours are as follows:

Monday through Thursday:
7 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Friday:
7 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Saturday:
11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sunday:
11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Jock jams



Patrick Pannetti/PHOTO EDITOR

Milton Daniel Hall disc jockeys play music from the rooftop above participants in the annual Mammoth Open games, which were held Wednesday. Mini-golf and water balloon fights were among the events.

Internet offers a new era in SGA elections

Online ballots promise a faster, more convenient voting method

By Tealy Dippel
STAFF REPORTER

TCU students will be able to enter the voting booth without leaving their homes, residence hall rooms or computer labs beginning Oct. 25.

The opportunity to vote online will debut with the Mr. and Miss TCU competition, which will take place Oct. 25 through 29. Students will be able to log onto the voting Web site, enter their identification and pin numbers and vote. With the help of La Forge Digital Enterprises, a company based in Iowa City, Iowa, students will be able to vote anywhere there is a computer.

Jenni Jones, a sophomore business major and Homecoming co-chairwoman, said she is excited about the new technology.

"The voting turnout will increase because people will have a whole week to vote, not just a day," she said.

Student Government Association President Ben Alexander said House members have known for the past couple of years that there is a more efficient

way to vote.

"Now that we have a company, we are going ahead with things because it's such a good idea," he said.

Jason Cordova, chairman of Elections and Regulations Committee, said House members have been examining different voting methods since Spring 1998. La Forge, which specializes in online elections, contacted them first, he said.

"It can't be any worse than the system we have now," Cordova said. "With the current system, you can only vote (on campus), which makes it tough for commuters."

Alexander said the new system will be beneficial to both students and SGA.

"It will make the election process more accessible to students and increase voter turnout and student voting participation," he said.

Amy Mattice, a senior nutrition major, said voting online will be much more convenient.

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STARPOINT SCHOLARS

Local residents establish fund at TCU school for kids with learning disabilities

By Jaime Walker
SKIFF STAFF

Josh Stroud said he will always remember what the Starpoint School did for his family. Now, with his recent \$2,000 contribution, another Fort Worth family can create its own memories at Starpoint, he said.

Stroud became involved with the Starpoint School four years ago when he began researching educational alternatives for his son, Josh Stroud III.

Stroud said when his son was diagnosed with Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD), it became clear that he and his wife should find a school that would serve Josh's special needs.

"From the moment that we saw (the Starpoint School), we knew it was where our son should be," Stroud said.

The Starpoint School is a laboratory school for learning disabled students. It also serves as an on-campus training site for TCU School of Education students preparing to become teachers and as a setting for educational research opportunities for faculty and staff.

Stroud said his son made emotional and academic improvements quickly after entering Starpoint in the third grade.

ADD affects a child's ability to concentrate, and often, it takes a special,

patient teacher to take on the behavioral challenges associated with the disorder, Stroud said.

"The teachers at the Starpoint School turned our nightmare into a miracle in less than six months," he said.

Stroud went on to call the school "a blessing from God."

Now, Stroud's son is mainstreamed in public school and doing well.

"I am so proud of Josh, and I know that he would not be who he is without the guidance of the teachers and staff at Starpoint," he said. "Starpoint laid the foundation which is making my son so successful."

For those reasons, Stroud, who owns and operates a personal fitness center, decided to donate a portion of the proceeds from his annual Texas Natural All-Star Body Building Championship to fund a scholarship at Starpoint. Contributions were also made to several other individuals and local charities.

Stroud said he would not have been able to give back to the community the way he did without the help of John Goff, chief executive officer of Crescent Real Estate Equities Company, and his wife. The couple matched the total funds

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Josh Stroud, the owner and operator of a personal fitness center, donated \$2,000 to the Starpoint School from the proceeds of his annual Texas Natural All-Star Body Building Championship. Because of learning difficulties associated with Attention Deficit Disorder, Stroud's son, Josh III, attended the Starpoint School, a school for learning-disabled students. The on-campus facility also serves as a training site for TCU School of Education students.

Argentine leaders learn U.S. business with help from TCU

By Matt Stiver
STAFF REPORTER

Argentina and Texas. Both raise cattle as a part of the economy. Both also take advantage of TCU's resources to help train their business leaders.

A group of 25 Argentine businessmen and women and civic leaders have come to Fort Worth to learn American business practices and better understand American culture from the M.J. Neeley School of Business and the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce. The group consists of citizens from the Argentine state of San Luis.

Maria Inés della Croce, a representative of the Argentine Federal Investment Council and spokeswoman for the group, said they came to learn.

"We came here to look for technology and to obtain the similar capacities in information abilities," she said. "We want to make a partnership, as you say in English, because it is important for us to have a friendly relationship between (Argentina and America)."

Larry Adams, associate vice chancellor for academic affairs, who is coordinating the



Patrick Pannetti/PHOTO EDITOR

Maria Inés della Croce, a representative of the Argentine Federal Investment Council (Consejo Federal de Inversiones), was among a group of Argentines visiting Fort Worth to examine academic leaders and enterprises. TCU was one of the stops during the group's fifth mission to the United States.

Argentines' two week seminar, said the Argentines are learning aspects of creating businesses as they tour American corporations such as Alcon and Bell Helicopter-Textron.

"These leaders have come here and are learning about successful American businesses," Adams said. "They have looked at some businesses with 300 employees

that are very successful. The chief executive officers have spoken with them about how to start a successful (enterprise). Then they will go back home and implement (what they have learned).

"They will also learn about TCU, and in turn, we will establish good relationships with these

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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 Moody 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.

■ TCU Triangle will meet at 6:30 p.m. today in Sadler Hall, Room 210. It will be a brief meeting followed by a social gathering at a local restaurant. Bring money for the meal. For more information, call Matt Townsend at 257-8544 or e-mail questions to (tcutriangle@hotmail.com).

■ TCU London Centre applications for Spring 2000 are due Friday. Applications are available in the International Education Office in Sadler Hall, Room 16.

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

■ TCU Student Foundation will be accepting membership applications until Oct. 22. Activities include new student recruitment, alumni programming and general university advancement. Applications may be picked up in the Admissions Office or the Office of Alumni Relations and turned in to the Admissions Office. For more information, call the Alumni Office at 257-7803.

■ The ballet and modern dance department will hold a Brown Bag session at noon Monday in the Ballet Building. Donations of canned food items will be collected at the door. Don't forget your "Brown Bag." For more information, call Jenny Mendez at 257-8486.

■ The Catholic Community will gather for Family Weekend Mass at 9 a.m. Sunday in the Student Center, Room 207. For more information, call University Ministries at 257-7830.

■ Yearbook will be taking pictures for the 1999-2000 issue from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday in the Student Center, Lounge. For more information, call 257-7606.

■ The 1998-1999 yearbooks will be handed out from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday in the Student Center in front of The Main. For more information, call 257-7606.

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ROUNDUP

World

NASA spacecraft returns home with data of Jupiter's moons and possibly other life forms

PADUA, Italy — Hundreds of cosmic scientists gathered in Galileo's homeland Wednesday, hoping to learn from a spacecraft named Galileo whether a heavenly body the Renaissance astronomer discovered four centuries ago might support life.

The NASA spacecraft Galileo, winding down a two-year, \$30 million probe of Jupiter, made its closest-ever flyby of the planet's moons earlier this week, passing within 380 miles of Io, Jupiter's innermost large moon.

But many of the scientists here are more interested in Jupiter's fourth largest moon, Europa, spotted by Galileo in 1610. Much of the NASA probe's data on Europa is still being analyzed.

In the world of planetary science, Europa is very hot these days. Not in terms of temperature — the surface is blindingly bright ice and the thermometer hovers around minus 260 degrees — but in terms of the search for life beyond Earth.

Some scientists here believe that Europa, the brightest object in our solar system other than the Sun, may have the elements needed for life: water, a heat source deep in the core and organic molecules.

They acknowledge that conditions are extreme, but say they are finding evidence that microbes can exist under the harshest conditions deep inside our own planet, in rocks from the bottom of the oceans.

Internal military coup in Pakistan further delays peace talks with India

NEW DELHI, India — A coup by Pakistan's army chief is likely to delay the resumption of talks between India and Pakistan, two longtime rivals whose antagonism heated into a bloody border showdown this spring.

The dialogue between the world's two newest nuclear powers was high on the agenda of recently re-elected Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee's new government.

But Gen. Pervez Musharraf, who ousted Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif on Tuesday, is perceived as a hard-liner on relations with India. As army leader, Musharraf led Pakistan into a bloody showdown with India near the town of Kargil in the disputed territory of Kashmir five months ago.

The acting foreign minister, Jaswant Singh, said he was not worried of an imminent attack by Pakistan, but that resumption of peace talks would have to wait. "Let the situation normalize there," he said.

Vajpayee, after taking his oath for a new term

in office, said India was concerned by the coup and "monitoring the situation," but underlined that he was open to new dialogue.

On Tuesday, Vajpayee met his closest advisers late into the night and put the army on heightened alert along the border. He met Wednesday with the 70 members of his new Council of Ministers and his national security adviser.

Nation

Clinton presses for preservation plan to protect nature from motorists, development

WASHINGTON — President Clinton hopes to preserve as many as 40 million acres of federally owned forest — an area the size of Virginia and West Virginia combined — as roadless areas protected from development.

The president was traveling to the George Washington National Forest Wednesday to announce details of the preservation plan, which is already under attack from Western Republican lawmakers.

The forest's Little River area, comprising 27,248 acres, is among those Clinton is seeking to protect. It has high ridges and knobs that offer stunning views of the Shenandoah Valley, and is home to hardwood trees such as oaks, hickories, poplar and mountain ash.

The White House hopes the forest plan will afford Clinton a permanent environmental legacy. Earlier this year, Clinton proposed a \$1 billion "land legacy" initiative to purchase open spaces, but that has been largely thwarted by Republicans in Congress who refused to fund it.

The forest protection plan would require no congressional action, relying on regulations to be issued by the U.S. Forest Service after a detailed environmental review and public comments, said government sources speaking on condition of not being further identified.

Besides the 40 million acres, Clinton also was including 15 million acres in smaller parcels on other pristine lands that have yet to be inventoried by the Forest Service, said White House spokesman Joe Lockhart.

Currently, about 18 percent of the 192 million acres of federal forest is protected as wilderness. About 60 million acres are without roads, or signs of logging, mining and other development.

Clinton's plan would cover isolated forest areas of 5,000 acres or more and would affect road-building and other development in 35 states, most of them in the West.

State

Man kills self after luring, gunning down three officers after false 911 call

PLEASANTON — A man told a 911 operator to "get somebody out here quick" before ducking into a thicket and gunning down three officers, including one who had arrested him for beating his wife.

Jeremiah Engleton, 21, shot himself after a

three-hour standoff with up to 75 officers Tuesday night.

He drew police to his mobile home with the bogus 911 call and picked off two sheriff's deputies and a state trooper as their cars arrived. At least one, the trooper, didn't even have a chance to unbuckle his seatbelt.

"There's no way to prepare for something like that," said Atascosa County Sheriff Tommy Williams. "If you had a half-dozen officers on the scene you would have had six dead officers."

The dead officers were deputies Mark Stephenson, 32, Thomas Monse, 31, and DPS trooper Terry Miller, 37.

Wounded in the shootout were Carl Fisher, a 60-year-old retired Border Patrol agent and Luis Tudyk, a 30-year-old Pleasanton police officer. Both were in good condition at a San Antonio hospital Wednesday.

Monse had arrested Engleton about 1 a.m. Tuesday on a charge of beating his wife, Violet Engleton, who had a 15-month-old daughter with Engleton, left her husband later that day on advice from a sheriff's department family violence officer. Officials wouldn't reveal Ms. Engleton's whereabouts.

Engleton was released from jail about midday Tuesday and dialed 911 just after 8 p.m.

Creator of TAAS defends exam in lawsuit alleging discrimination against minorities

SAN ANTONIO — The embattled exit exam for Texas high school students was defended again Tuesday by the former state official who championed its creation.

"This is about improbability for all children and improbability of educators in our system," Mike Moses testified in the federal court trial of a lawsuit alleging that the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills discriminates against minorities.

"The state has an interest in making sure that all students, from Amarillo to Beaumont, from Brownsville to El Paso, can meet a standard," Moses added.

Moses, who left the state's top education post last month to become deputy chancellor at Texas Tech University, was cross-examined by Javier Maldonado, an attorney for the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund which filed the lawsuit.

"Do you agree that high-stakes decisions or important decisions, such as denying a student his or her diploma, should be based on complete information of the students' knowledge of the state-mandated curriculum?" Maldonado asked.

"Well, in my opinion, I would define complete knowledge as a student being able to pass the exit-level test," Moses replied.

Using enrollment figures provided by TEA, Maldonado argued that only one in two black or Hispanic students enrolled in a Texas high school actually makes it to senior year, compared to three in four for whites.

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STAFF editorial

VOTING VEX?

Problem not accessibility but apathy

Student Government Association is enabling students to vote online making it easier for them to get involved in campus-wide elections.

The question is now whether students will respond.

SGA President Ben Alexander is optimistic about the new voting opportunity.

"It will make the election process more accessible to students and increase voter turnout and student voting participation," he said.

But when students were asked in the Purple Poll whether they would vote online in SGA elections, some students asked, "What is SGA?"

That is pathetic.

SGA has a responsibility to make itself visible on campus and it has done that. The SGA visibility on campus is strong with signs and e-mails announcing forums, speakers and opportunities for students to get involved. Students bear some responsibility for knowing what is going on.

Although the SGA has now made voting easily accessible to all students, that does not mean students will vote.

If students won't even update their address on FrogNet, will they log on to the SGA site and vote?

SGA is to be commended for trying to make voting easier. Voting now will only take a few minutes and will allow commuter students to vote from home.

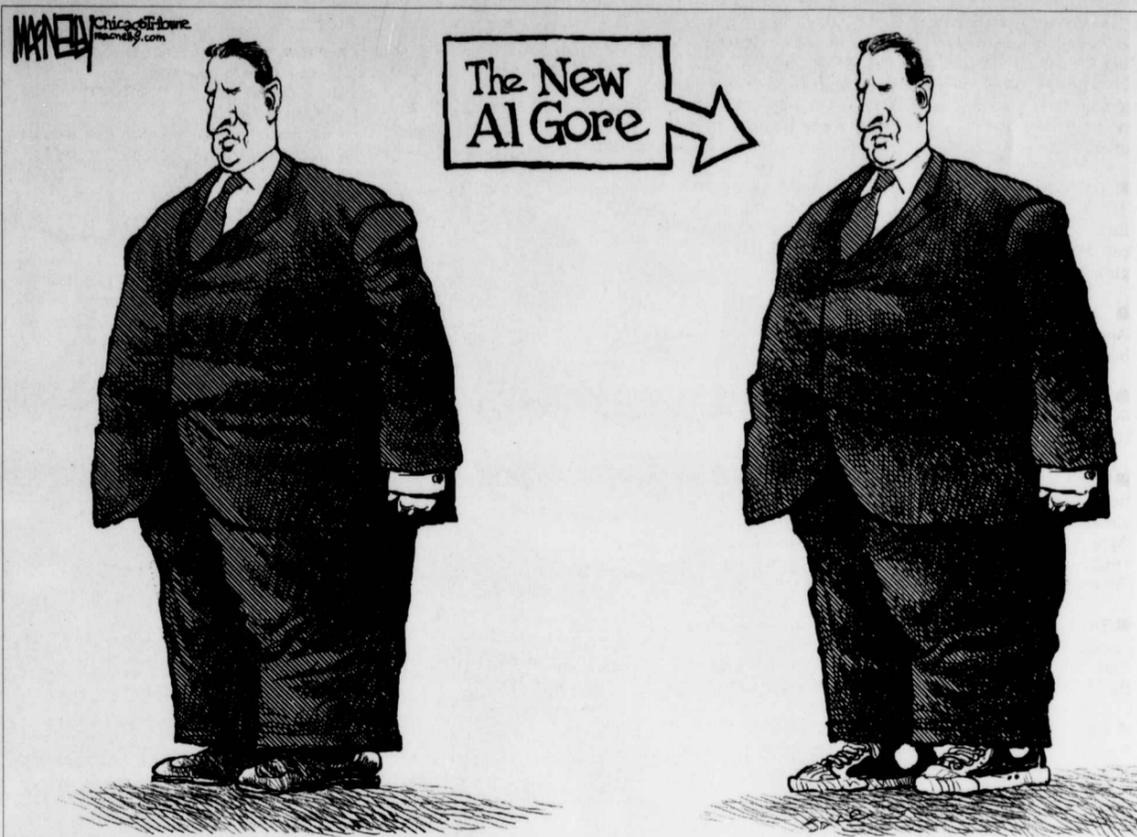
Making voting easier doesn't necessarily mean that more students will place their ballots, however. If the low voter turnout is due to problems in making it to the Student Center during the voting times, then online voting will increase participation.

We suspect that it isn't the voting times or places that are the problem but rather students not caring about what SGA is doing for them.

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Focus on future, not on follicles

In response to criticism from a significant (read: not from an entertainer) opinion, I will refrain this week from spiteful or vitriolic commentary.

"Gee, Steve, if you are cutting out spite, you can't possibly have anything to say, seeing as how you are so cranky and bilious all the time!" Well, dear friend, I'll try to manage. You see, I am not entirely mean-spirited. In fact, this week I am speaking out for the oppressed!

No, this isn't about dolphins or senior citizens or medicinal herb advocates. The causes I am supporting this week are the maligned pockets of the population who need to be recognized, respected and given hyphens to their ethnicity. Are you confused? Did you think you there couldn't possibly be any more oppressed and hyphenated interest groups? Read

oh, my brothers.

I noticed a flier advertising TCU's new Leftist Student Union. I read this flier with interest, as an organized protest organization has been a longtime coming to TCU, especially if it is ever to realize its goal of becoming the "Berkeley of the South." The gist of the flier was the same feminist stuff I've read in Cosmopolitan and Judy Blume's books, but my eyes halted as I encountered the line about women being judged by how they look.

"Gosh," I said, "Being judged by physical appearance really sucks!" Then it occurred to me that I have also experienced physically based judgments. You see, I am a Propecia-American — one who was cursed (or blessed) with the genetic predisposition for male-pattern baldness and excessive body hair. Though neither have actually happened to me yet, I suspect that the onset of middle-age may make my stock more apparent.

Propecia-Americans, a subset of the Uglo-American stock, are oppressed by the rest of the beautiful, properly furred populace,

which slings such slurs at us as, "Here comes that hairy bald guy," or "Hey, bald guy, shave your hairy back!" Yeah well, you've all been wrestling hairy bald guys for long enough. We are people, too, you know, and our beauty lies within, under all that hair, of course.

I think it is cosmically unjust to have hair on one's back and shoulders but none on one's head; we didn't ask to be this way, so lay off!

The other group I wish to champion is that of the Suve-Americans. Suve-Americans are those members of the populace who have the genetic predisposition to drive sport utility vehicles. Lately, Suve-Americans have been under fire for causing accidents, increasing pollution, eating up fossil fuels and destroying the classic aestheticism of Detroit-built automobiles.

These allegations are exaggerated and based upon the mistakes of a few. For instance, if those of us who drive regular cars compassionately avoided Suve-Americans, then perhaps many accidents could be averted and fewer cellular calls interrupted. As for their

poor mark in fuel economy, it is really not an issue for them. If they were born to drive these vehicles, then they can obviously afford the gas.

Detractors should also stop slinging Suve-Americans on the environmental issue, because bovine flatulence is nearly as offensive to the ozone layer as SUV-exhaust. Finally, Suve-Americans have not killed Detroit classicism. The Big Three quit building attractive automobiles in the mid 1970s, around the time the muscle car died. Suve-Americans didn't ask to drive these cars, so lay off!

We as a society need to be aware of other people's sensibilities and stop being so critical. Rather than tear each other down because of our foibles, follicles or Ford Expeditions, we should unite as one world and devote our energies to the real threat — the CIA/Nazi/Alien conspiracy of world domination.

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Commentary



STEVE STEWARD

Down with McDomination French standing up to American imperialism

Friends and comrades, hear the call. Down with McDomination. Let it ring through the valleys.

For years now, America has begun the systematic process of wiping out European traditions through commercial imperialism. Now in the French village of Millau, José Bové, a brave sheep farmer, has raised his hand in defiance, speaking out against a McDonald's in business there and against the high tariffs imposed on French foods like foie gras and Roquefort cheese. He has become a hero of sorts for the historically defiant French who don't want their villages turned into fast food lanes.

Even the prime minister of France has come out saying McDonald's food isn't that good. What's next — Le Super Wal-Mart?

Although the scene may be comical — a farmer tearing down the roof of a McDonald's under construction — the motivation is more than serious. In America we have already watered down our culture, and now we only have the rest of the world to infect. The sheep farmer's protests reflect the ideals of a people whose culture has been around much longer than ours and who don't feel the need for McDonald's or Starbucks or any other big company to prove progress.

The truth is, Americans have a double standard. While we wish to export our culture, we don't want other cultures affecting the way we do business or how we conduct our leisure time. It's a fact that Americans work longer hours than any other industrialized nation on Earth. We find ourselves huddling in corners of offices 70 hours a week, so when we come home, the sun has already

gone down and we are too tired to spend time with our families.

As a result, we love fast food. Our pallets don't know the difference between foie gras and a Big Mac. I don't believe in cultural relativism. It's a sad day when all Americans have to offer to other countries are poorly made cars and Quarter Pounders.

Culture is significant in that it defines not only who we are as individuals but identifies us in a community that stands for certain ideals. If these ideals are compromised, then our culture is bound to weaken or eventually fall. Like the Romans, Americans believe that progress can only be made by building out instead of building up. Look at our cities, where people have moved further from the skyline in hopes of establishing better schools, drink better water and breathe better air. These places will also commercialize and become overrun with chain stores, strip malls and McDonald's.

I admire Bové and the French people for taking a stand against this commercial imperialism. I am joining them in protest against McDonald's and a protest against the capitalists who mix business with cultural assimilation unknowingly. The French don't need our poorly made food. In fact, it's just the opposite. I'm going to the store the next chance I get to raise my fist and buy Foie Gras, however expensive it may be. I'm also officially boycotting McDonald's. Down with McDomination. I urge you to join me.

After all, France helped us win our independence, and in return France receives fish fillet sandwiches and hormone-injected beef. It seems French culture is superior after all. Let's not interfere.

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Commentary



MATTHEW COLGLAZIER

LETTERS to the editor

BSM 'reparative' speaker causes more harm than good

This letter is being written to comment on Monday's program on the concept of reparative therapy sponsored by Baptist Student Ministry.

The featured speaker, Randy Thomas, billed himself as a representative of the reparative therapy movement and as an "ex-gay" man. To this end, he spoke about his conversion from homosexuality to heterosexuality. As an openly gay alumni of TCU who attended the event Monday evening, this letter is our response.

1.) Thomas is totally non-representative of the national reparative therapy movement. On more than one occasion, he admitted his experience was subjective and that conversion may not be for everyone. This is a drastic deviation from the national position, which says, in essence, that not only can all homosexuals be cured, but that they all should be cured. This softer language is, I believe, simply a public relations stunt to make their intolerant position acceptable to the mainstream public.

2.) As the speaker readily admitted during the question-and-answer period, his position is less than consistent. Although he has obviously read the two or three isolated passages in the Old Testament that may be interpreted as sexual contact between men, Thomas conveniently disregards the multitude of other laws from the same books that are more inconvenient: laws regarding which animals may be eaten; laws regarding weaving of cloth, that it may be of only one kind and that tassels should be sewn on clothes; laws mandating that a woman who has just given birth must be isolated for a week from society and a month before she may return to church.

If you accept that the Old Testament books of law are true, then you must fol-

low all the laws and precepts, not just the ones that are convenient to you.

3.) Regardless of the words used, the underlying concept — that gay and lesbian individuals are sick, ill or defective (i.e. they can be cured) — fosters a climate which at best passively condones violence and discrimination against homosexuals and at worst actively advocates it. This last category includes the likes of Fred Phelps, Jerry Falwell, Pat Robertson, and presidential hopefuls Gary Bauer and Pat Buchanan to name a few.

It is in this climate that Matthew Shephard was beaten and left to die; that Billy Jack Jones was murdered and his body burned and that here, in our fair city of Fort Worth, local bar owner and openly gay man Jerry Jones was robbed and beaten to death. Only when all people love each other without regard, respect their unique strengths and value their diversity will bigotry-based violence against any group of people become a thing of the past.

Despite our obvious difference of opinion, we want to say thank you to BSM for providing a forum for this discussion and for making everyone feel welcome. We also want to give our most hearty congratulations to TCU Triangle and the Allies for standing up for gay and lesbian equality.

Todd Camp
Class of 1988

Jim Elder
Class of 1996

Publication of 'artwork' treading on thin ice in light of shootings

When I viewed the pictures on the front page of Sept. 28's Skiff, I was even more surprised that they were even considered art.

In light of the recent shootings in Fort Worth and, earlier this year, in Colorado, I can't believe that anybody would consider these photos artwork. To publish them is treading on extremely thin ice as somebody, who was personally affected by these shootings, could be severely upset by them.

Think of it like this: If a close family member was shot to death, would you want to pick up a newspaper and see these pictures? Since a TCU alumna lost her life in the church shootings, I consider the publishing of these photos a slap in the face of her family, her friends and the school community as a whole.

Jason Mangham
graduate student

Statement about stance of Southern Baptists ignorant without research

I am appalled at the ignorant statements of the Skiff (Oct. 12) concerning the Baptist Student Ministry having their speaker on National Coming Out Day.

No one infringed on the rights or protested those who chose to participate in Coming Out Day, and in no way did the BSM or any other Christian organization oppose their rights. If anything, those who protested the BSM's speaker imposed THEIR views on an organization that has the right to feature any speaker they choose on any given day. Also, as a proud Southern Baptist, I find it completely idiotic and unfounded to say we hold "arrogant views." Though we may not condone homosexuality, it is not Christian practice to hate or discriminate against someone because of his or her lifestyle. Only THEN "will we be free to learn in an environment open to divergent beliefs and opinions."

Hilary Kennedy
junior radio-TV-film major

EATERY

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coolers have time to cool down, Ripple said. It also allows time to clean up the dining area for dinner.

He also said the major issue students have with The Main closing is that they miss having the space available to congregate.

Marriott did not intend to eliminate student gathering areas by closing The Main and moving The Grind out of Reed Hall, Ripple said. He said he hoped students would utilize other places in the Student

Center, such as the lounge. "We are using a holistic approach," he said. "We are trying to incorporate the lounge and other areas into the plan."

But Ed Hale, a senior management major, said there is no way the Student Center Lounge can capture the atmosphere of The Main or The Grind.

"We used to come study in The Grind or hang out in The Main," Hale said. "Now you've got all these

people in (the eatery) and no place to sit."

Marriott has ordered additional bar stools for the computer counter and tables for the eatery which should arrive in mid-November, Ripple said.

Watkins said the Dining Services Committee is talking with Marriott about re-opening The Main after 8 p.m. to give students a place to gather, but nothing has been decided yet.

But Martha Belden, a freshman

premajor, said the lack of variety in the eatery is also a problem for students in search of food after 8 p.m.

"It's going to encourage bad eating habits if all they have is hot dogs, pizza and pretzels," she said.

Watkins said he would like to see the eatery expanded to include things formerly offered late at night in The Main, such as chicken tenders and cyberwraps.

Ripple said the late-night display station has already moved to the

eatery and offers choices like cyberwraps, omelets and fajitas.

He said students should continue to give feedback about the changes because some adjustments will be made once the novelty of the new eatery wears off.

"We are trying to find a balance of when the best time to (close The Main) is," Ripple said. "It may be that the times we've selected are not the best times to do that."

Marriott is working with Don

Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs, and SGA to determine what adjustments need to be made for the Student Center to be as receptive to students as The Main and The Grind were, Ripple said.

"The closing of The Main will be our biggest work in progress," he said. "And (student) complaints are not falling on deaf ears."

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VOTING

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"I think it's a good idea because it's a lot easier to do from your home instead of having to go up to school," she said. "I think more people off campus will vote."

Brian Becker, a sophomore finance and accounting major and chairman pro-temp of the Elections and Regulations Committee, said with the new system, students won't have to go out of their way to vote.

"Voting online will become a normal occurrence and will become the wave of the future with the Internet," he said.

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ARGENTINA

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young people who will be the future leaders of Argentina."

Garry Bruton, an assistant professor of management, said the group is learning about one of the major issues in international business, understanding different cultures.

"They come from a region in Argentina where its big growth has

come from many American corporations relocating," Bruton said. "So learning about American culture helps them."

The members of the contingent said they are enjoying their stay in the United States.

Della Croce noted the hospitality of Texans.

"America is a wonderful country," she said.

Fabrisio Roche, who has visited the United States before, said he prefers Fort Worth to other American cities.

"I have been to Boston and to New York," he said. "And what surprised me here is that the people here are so friendly, especially the people from (TCU).

Sometimes that does not happen in New York and Washington, D.C."

Another visitor, Raul Calvo, said in the United States people respect public places. They do not crowd public streets by parking anywhere and keep them clean, he said.

Sandre Funes said the group members were thankful for the opportunity

to visit the United States and, especially, TCU.

"We want to thank TCU for this moment to learn," she said. "We hope TCU students can come and visit San Luis someday."

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STARPOINT

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raised at the event.

"Mr. Goff gave out of the goodness of his heart, and there is no way that I could ever express my thanks to him," Stroud said.

Stroud said he hopes his donation to the school makes the neighborhood more aware of the work that goes on there.

"My personal experience with

Starpoint was definitely rewarding, and I just want others to understand what a wonderful resource we have right here in Fort Worth," he said.

Kathy Cooter, principal of the

Starpoint School, said the Stroud family's donation is an example of its deep appreciation for the love and the services they received at the facility.

"They are a dear family, and the

donation means a lot coming from them," she said.

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Researchers discover 'Irish coffee' may treat stroke victims

ASSOCIATED PRESS

SEATTLE — Prescription: Irish coffee.

A mixture of alcohol and caffeine may be the next big thing for preventing brain damage after a stroke, a team of Texas researchers says.

"It's more effective than anything we've looked at in the lab," Dr. James Grotta said.

Grotta, Dr. Jarok Aronowski and lab technician Roger Strong discussed their findings Wednesday at the American Neurological Association meeting here.

In a study using rats, the

researchers at the University of Texas Medical School at Houston found that a mix of alcohol and caffeine dramatically minimized brain damage after a stroke.

Strokes occur when the blood flow in the brain is disrupted. They can cause paralysis, speech problems and memory lapses.

Neurologists at the Seattle conference expressed great interest in the findings.

"As you compare this to drugs in development, this effect is greater," said Dr. Dennis Landis, chairman of neurology at Case Western Reserve University. "This is really promising."

The bad news in the study is the healing effects disappeared when the rats were given alcohol and caffeine regularly before the stroke. That means everyday coffee and beer drinkers might not benefit from this treatment, if it ever translates to humans.

The only FDA-approved stroke

treatment is the drug TPA, which breaks up the blood clots that cause strokes. Administered soon enough, the clot-busters actually stop a stroke. The "Irish coffee" treatment works differently, by minimizing damage in the brain rather than stopping the stroke, so researchers shied away from comparisons.

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Flight to rescue physician in Antarctica delayed due to weather

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WELLINGTON, New Zealand — An American team planning a South Pole flight to rescue a physician with breast cancer symptoms delayed its departure Thursday as temperatures there plunged to nearly 70 below zero.

Rescuers had been hoping that the onset of the polar summer would quickly warm the coldest place on earth, allowing them to evacuate Jerri Nielsen, 47, who

reportedly has been treating herself with chemotherapy since a daring airdrop of medical supplies in July.

But the crews of two Air National Guard Hercules LC-130 cargo planes, who arrived Wednesday at McMurdo base on Antarctica's coast to wait for temperatures to rise enough for them to safely fly to the pole on Thursday decided against making the mercy dash, spokesman Capt. Victor Hines said.

They will look again Friday at

their chances of making the 840-mile roundtrip to the National Science Foundation's Amundsen-Scott South Pole research station.

The temperature at Amundsen-Scott must edge above minus 58 degrees before one of the Hercules can fly. The second plane will remain at McMurdo as a backup. But on Thursday the temperature dipped to minus 69 degrees, forcing the postponement.

"Aircraft really do not operate well" in extremely low tempera-

tures, Air National Guard spokesman Victor Heinz said. "Strange things start happening to them at a certain temperature."

At temperatures below minus 58, "the hydraulics tend to get very sluggish ... and hydraulics are critical to operate flaps, landing gear, all the things you need to land the aircraft," Heinz said.

When temperatures allow, one plane, with skis for landing gear, will fly to the pole to pick up Nielsen — the base's only doctor

— in an operation which must be executed at high speed to prevent the freezing temperatures from crippling the plane.

The Hercules will land on a runway carved out of polar ice, pick up Nielsen, drop off a replacement doctor and fly out again — all within 20 minutes and without turning off the plane's four propellers, Heinz said.

Once Nielsen, of Youngstown, Ohio, is aboard the plane, she will be cared for by a medivac doctor

and nurse while being flown to McMurdo on the Antarctic coast.

The U.S.-based National Science Foundation, which runs the Amundsen-Scott station, is refusing to disclose details of Nielsen's condition and said it would release no information about her movements after she leaves McMurdo. She is expected to be flown to the United States for treatment.

The 41 researchers at the station work on projects involving everything from ozone to paleontology.



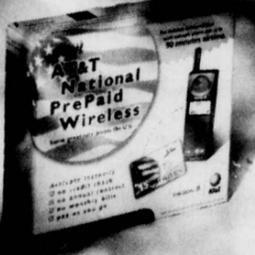
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No charges to be filed in JonBenet case

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BOULDER, Colo. — Nearly three years after the slaying of JonBenet Ramsey, a grand jury decided Wednesday there wasn't enough evidence to charge anyone in the 6-year-old beauty queen's strangulation.

"The Boulder County grand jury has completed its work and will not return," said District Attorney Alex Hunter. "No charges have been filed."

"I must report to you that I and my prosecutorial team believe we do not have sufficient evidence to warrant the filing of charges against anyone who has been investigated at this time."

The 12 jurors, who have met for more than 13 months, left the Boulder County Justice Center without comment. Hunter declined to answer questions and said he

would meet with the news media Thursday.

The brutal crime set off a drawn-out, controversial search for her killer.

The prominence of the family — the father, John Ramsey, the millionaire president of Access Graphics, the mother, Patsy Ramsey, a former Miss West Virginia — and the beauty of the little blond victim guaranteed worldwide attention for nearly three years.

It was before dawn on the day after Christmas in 1996 when Patsy Ramsey says she found a 2 1/2-page ransom note on the back staircase in the family's upscale home that demanded \$118,000 for the safe return of JonBenet.

"Listen Carefully!" the note begins. "We are a group of individuals that represent a small foreign faction. We respect your business

but not the country that it serves. At this time we have your daughter in our possession."

Eight hours later, Ramsey says he found his daughter's body in a basement room, wrapped in a white blanket. A rope was wrapped around her neck and a wrist and tied to a stick.

A red-ink heart was drawn on her left palm, and Ramsey told police he removed duct tape from the child's mouth before carrying her body upstairs.

An autopsy concluded JonBenet suffered a skull fracture, was strangled and beaten, and may have been sexually assaulted.

Critics claimed the investigation was compromised early when detectives, believing they were dealing with a kidnapping, allowed friends and family to roam through the Ramsey mansion. They also asked

Ramsey to conduct a search, which led to the discovery of the body.

The investigation also was fractured by infighting between police and prosecutors over the best way to proceed. Two investigators resigned; one accused prosecutors of protecting the Ramseys and blocking police efforts to solve the case, while the other contended his fellow officers were improperly targeting innocent people, including the Ramseys.

The two investigators embody the two theories about JonBenet's killer: one focused on the parents; the other on an intruder. The Ramseys, who now live in suburban Atlanta, have repeatedly denied any involvement in the crime. They offered a \$100,000 reward and mounted a newspaper campaign seeking JonBenet's killer.

Authorities amassed evidence that supported both theories.

World Trade bombers given new sentences

ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Four Islamic militants convicted of bombing the World Trade Center were each sentenced Wednesday to more than 108 years in prison, a reduction from the original terms of 240 years.

A federal appeals court had ruled that the original sentences were calculated incorrectly.

One of the defendants, Mohammed Salameh, 32, who allegedly played key roles in build-

ing the bomb used in the attack, was sentenced to 116 years, 11 months in prison.

He also got a lecture from U.S. District Judge Kevin Duffy when he criticized the United States and said it may someday splinter like the Soviet Union.

"If you had been convicted of this crime under those foreign governments, there would be no resentencing," Duffy said. "You don't resentence a dead person."

Duffy guaranteed a lifetime

behind bars for the four convicted of playing a role in the Feb. 26, 1993, bombing, which killed six people and injured more than 1,000 others.

He also ordered the defendants to pay a \$250,000 fine and \$250 million in restitution should they ever sell book or movie rights to their stories.

Nidal Ayyad, 32, a chemist who ordered materials for the Trade Center bomb, was sentenced to 117 years and a month in prison. Mahmud Abouhalima, 39, got 108 years and four months.

The fourth, Ahmad Ajaj, 34, told Duffy he was innocent and in frail health after his left lung was removed during a cancer operation in prison. Duffy said Ajaj's guilt was clear and gave him 114 years and 10 months.

Ramzi Yousef, the alleged mastermind of the bombing, who was captured in Pakistan in 1995 and convicted in the United States, is also serving a life sentence, as is a sixth Trade Center defendant, Eyad Ismoil.

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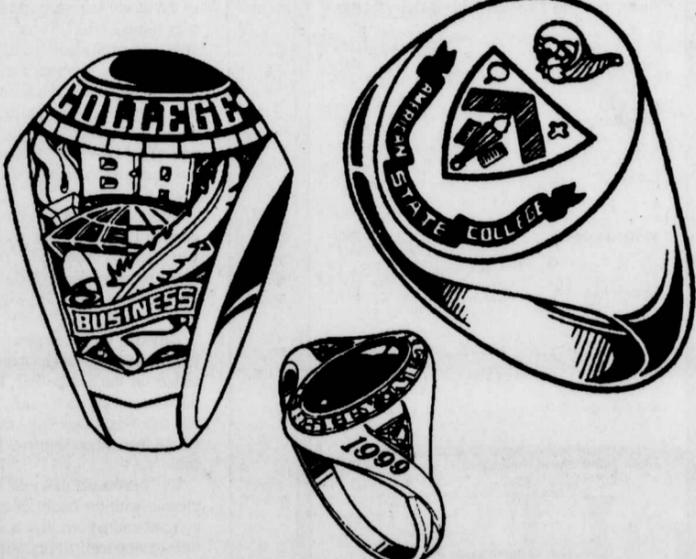
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World on alert after army rule in nuclear-armed Pakistan

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ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Pakistan's new military leader came under pressure to restore democracy Wednesday after his troops swept away the elected government, raising fears around the world at the prospect of army rule in a nuclear-armed nation.

Pakistan's nuclear rival, India, put its troops on alert and watched warily for the next step by Gen. Pervez Musharraf, a man Indians blame for months of bloody fighting this summer in disputed Kashmir.

Musharraf, head of Pakistan's army, gave no hint about his plans Wednesday, maintaining silence after announcing before dawn that his troops had ousted Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif.

Tuesday's lightning coup — sparked by Sharif's attempt to fire

Musharraf — capped months of growing army resentment against the premier for backing away from the fight over Kashmir. President Clinton pressured Sharif into convincing Islamic fighters to pull back, reportedly outraging and humiliating army leaders.

In Washington, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said the coup created a "level of uncertainty" in South Asia. She said U.S. officials had been in contact with Pakistan's military leaders, trying to persuade them to restore democratic government.

"A military takeover of this kind ... does make it difficult to continue business as usual," she said.

India and Pakistan, which conducted tit-for-tat nuclear tests last year, have fought three wars in 52 years, two of them over Kashmir.

Pentagon spokesman Kenneth

Bacon played down worries over Pakistan's nuclear weapons program, saying in Washington that the coup had not changed the situation since control of the weapons program had always been in the hands of the military.

Officials from both countries dismissed fears of a Pakistani attack on India. But India said efforts to revive their peace process would be delayed until the situation in Pakistan stabilized.

While Sharif remained under house arrest Wednesday, Musharraf met with a range of politicians, raising speculation that he may try to cobble together an administration of former politicians and technocrats to rule the country. Musharraf also met Wednesday with Pakistani President Rafiq Tarar.

Musharraf's troops moved swiftly in Pakistan's main cities only an hour

after Sharif announced the general's dismissal. The soldiers seized government buildings and airports and shut down state-run TV and radio for several hours.

Many Pakistanis danced in the streets, praising the army for getting rid of an elected leader who had become increasingly despised for his heavy-handed rule and economic mismanagement.

Before dawn, Musharraf went on the air to announce the military takeover. He said his forces had acted "as a last resort" to stop Sharif's government, which he accused of "systematically destroying" the state and driving the economy toward collapse.

The general urged calm and promised "very soon" to announce his plans for Pakistan's future. He did not elaborate.

Aside from setting up a provisional government, Musharraf could call

elections — a move required within three months under the constitution — or try to rule himself.

From around the world came demands that he hand power back to a democratic government.

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan urged the army to restore civilian rule quickly, and the International Monetary Fund said it was cutting off aid to Pakistan until democracy returned.

In another sign of growing isolation, the Commonwealth — a grouping of former British colonies — said it might suspend Pakistan's membership, a move last taken in 1995 against Nigeria. European Union also said it would postpone a new trade deal with Pakistan for the time being.

In India, Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee expressed concern about the coup and said India was willing to talk to any Pakistani regime. But his for-

eign minister, Jaswant Singh, said negotiations would have to wait until the situation normalizes.

Pakistan's army spokesman reacted angrily to India's military alert along the border.

"I think that India's actions are totally absurd putting its forces on alert ... as if Pakistan is going to try to precipitate a war," Brig. Rashid Quereshi said.

In an apparent warning to India, Musharraf said "no outside forces" should try to take advantage of the "prevailing situation in Pakistan ... We shall preserve the integrity and sovereignty of our country."

Many in both countries believe Musharraf orchestrated an incursion this spring by Islamic militants into Indian territory in the divided Himalayan region of Kashmir. That incursion led to months of bloody fighting with Indian troops.

Test ban treaty rejected

Defeated Clinton vows to rally for ratification

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Senate rejected a landmark treaty to ban nuclear testing Wednesday, handing President Clinton a humiliating foreign policy defeat.

"I assure you the fight is far from over," Clinton vowed afterwards.

The vote was 48 to 51, far short of the 67 votes — or two-thirds of the Senate — needed for ratification. As expected, the final vote closely followed party lines, with only four Republicans voting for it and Sen. Robert C. Byrd, D-W.Va., voting present.

Clinton said he would continue to urge other countries to ratify the treaty, and promised that the United States ultimately would join them. But he also expressed disappointment that the treaty fell victim to "politics, pure and simple."

"Never before has a serious treaty involving nuclear weapons been handled in such a reckless and ultimately partisan way," he said. "This was a political deal, and I hope it will get the treatment from the American people it richly deserves."

The showdown followed a bruising partisan battle. Democrats vowed to make the rejection a prime 2000 campaign issue, claiming polls show most Americans favor such a ban — first proposed by President Dwight Eisenhower in 1958.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., called the pact "fatally flawed."

The clock ran out after three days of debate and futile negotiations for a postponement among Senate Democrats, the White House and Republican Senate leaders.

Republicans who voted for the treaty were Sens. John Chafee of Rhode Island, James Jeffords of Vermont, Gordon Smith of Oregon and Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania.

The treaty has been signed by 154 nations, but must be ratified by all 44 of the world's nuclear-capable countries to take effect. Thus, the Senate vote was an enormous blow.

Supporters warned the price of outright rejection would be certain international condemnation — and could even increase pressure on emerging nuclear powers like Pakistan and India to conduct more tests.

Specter pointed to the military coup in Pakistan as one more reason why treaty is important. "The events of the past 24 hours in Pakistan show the undesirability of having Pakistan test," he said.

America's top European allies — Britain, France and Germany — had called on the Senate late last week not to reject the pact. And China earlier this week said U.S. ratification would lead other countries to follow suit.

But opponents claimed the compliance with the treaty could not be verified and argued that it would do little to stop terrorist organizations or dictators from developing nuclear weapons.

"It cannot accomplish its highly exaggerated stated goal of halting the spread of nuclear weapons," said Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Jesse Helms, R-N.C. He said the treaty also would undermine confidence in the safety and reliability of the U.S. nuclear arsenal.

Clinton had made ratification a top second-term priority and was the first world leader to sign the pact in September 1996.

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New players to lead Brahmas in season opener

By Matt Weinack
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The Fort Worth Brahmas players begin their third season in the Western Professional Hockey League Thursday evening against the Abilene Aviators, a top-seeded team the Brahmas swept in the second round of last year's playoffs.

The opening game features two teams that are comprised of mostly new players. Thanks to an aggressive off-season recruiting effort by coach Terry Menard, this year's team consists of 12 players who have not played with each other.

"We are a younger team and a faster team," Menard said. "We're a hungry team. We have a more tenacious team to work with this year. I think we are going to be more exciting to watch this year."

Menard said the first part of Thursday's contest will be spent feeling each other out.

"They have a lot of new players also," Menard said. "They don't know much about us and we don't know much about them. We'll wait and see."

Menard said despite having so many new players, he thinks with

time the team will grow to be a cohesive unit.

"I think we'll form some chemistry together," Menard said. "I don't think there will be a problem."

Some of the key players the Brahmas picked up during the off-season are center Martin Fillion, a rookie from Montreal, Quebec; right-winger Alex Kholomeyev from Bedford, Texas, and defenseman Jason Disher.

Center Cosmo Dupaul returns as the leading scorer for the Brahmas. He led the team in goals with 34 and game-winning goals with six.

Dupaul scored the game-winner in last season's opener against Central Texas.

All-star goalie Steve Plouffe comes back for his second season in the net. Plouffe won 27 games last season and tied his career-high in games played with 52.

Also returning are defenseman Murray Hogg and Jon Olofson, and Stephane Laroque, the team's point and assist leader.

"The guys that we brought back this year possess the ability to play well here, but also bring leadership to the club," Menard said. "I will be

relying on them heavily to help develop our younger guys."

Menard said because there are so few veterans returning, there is going to be more scrutiny on the play of the newcomers.

"I think there are some guys on this team that still need to prove themselves to me," Menard said. "Every game they play they have to prove to me they are quality hockey players and that they belong here."

Menard said a win Thursday would be a big step for this young team.

"Obviously we want to win (Thursday)," Menard said. "I think it

would be a big stepping stone, not only for the new players, but for everyone on the team because we are new. We need to get some confidence right away."

Although he is excited about this year's team, Menard said he is reserved to predict the team's success.

"It's too tough to tell right now," Menard said. "We want to try to excel and do better than last season. There can only be one winner and we want it to be us."

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Not all freshmen fresh from bench

By Paul Freelend
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What arrives fresh every year, is loaded with potential and fills people with hope and delight? Here's a hint: It is not the swallows that come back to San Juan Capistrano.

Instead, it is the freshman class, coming in fresh from summer vacation and full of energy to tackle the rigors of college life. Like their fellow freshmen, the newcomers on the TCU Volley Frogs have filled head coach Sandy Troutd with excitement.

"I am very excited about our program," Troutd said. "Our last couple of recruiting classes have been especially good. In this year's freshmen class we have a number of good players."

"Jennifer Cuca is a solid ball control player. It's a lot like playing basketball in that if you have the skills, you're going to play, and she has the skills that will allow her to play."

"Steph Watson brings a quick swing and a good vertical jump. She is a very bright player, and I can see her being a mainstay in our program for years to come."

"Katie Kieffer is an incredible blocker. In fact, she can be a good player no matter where she is on the court."

"Shannon Eurich is a small but powerful player with who we could have jump serving very soon. She is a good float server right now, and we are looking for her to be our defensive

specialist of the future."

The Volley Frogs' 1999 crop of freshmen started making their presence felt right at the beginning of the season with Watson starting TCU's opening match against North Texas. Since then, Watson has started 14 out of the Volley Frogs' 15 matches, with TCU's match at Hawai'i her only entry from the bench.

"Having a freshman start almost all of a team's matches is somewhat unusual," Troutd said. "That is partly due to our young program but also partly due to Steph. She is a great athlete and she worked hard all summer to get herself in shape for the upcoming season."

Troutd said freshmen usually do not make an immediate impact.

"That depends some on the team but it also depends on the freshman," Troutd said. "Typically they will get spot playing time their first year, more their second year and start playing a major role in their junior and senior years."

While the quartet of newcomers has each made their own impact, Watson said she feels that the group as a whole has raised the level of play both in and out of game situations.

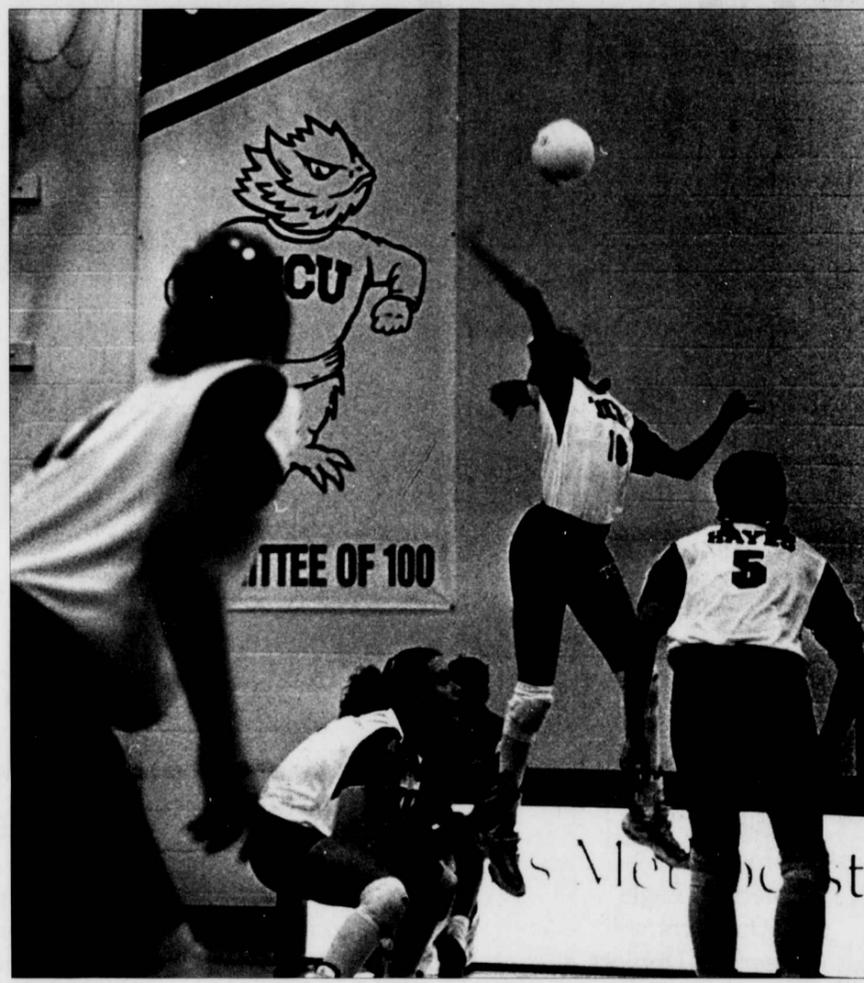
"Most of all, I think that we have affected the level of play in practice," Watson said. "We've let the practices become more difficult, and therefore, we have been able to do more high level things during our practices."

"We all just need to be solid and consistent contributors. All we need to do is try to not play like freshmen and just play our positions as well as we can."

With TCU volleyball riding the upswing that it currently is, Watson said she sees no reason the Volley Frogs cannot be among the nation's elite by the time this year's freshmen are contemplating graduation.

"I definitely think that we will be having winning seasons within four years," Watson said. "We can probably pull one out this year, too. We are striving to become a respected program and I think the switch to Conference USA will help us. We will be seeing some new teams and that will give us a chance to start over. At the rate we are going, I think we could make the NCAA tournament in four years."

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Freshman outside hitter Stephanie Watson extends for a kill attempt versus Southern Methodist Friday at the Rickel Building. Watson is one of four freshmen making an impact on the Volley Frogs.

1st swim meet a splash

By Gibbs Colgin
STAFF REPORTER

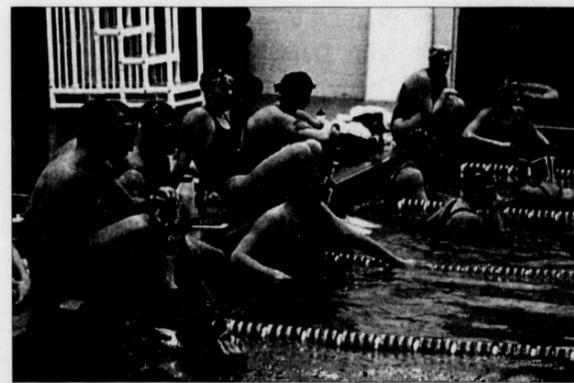
The sounds in the Rickel Building's pool were consistent all evening Wednesday. A horn buzzed before all 11 races, and the TCU faithful cheered the Horned Frog victor in all but two races.

The Horned Frog women defeated the University of North Texas with an overall score of 137-86 in their first swim meet of the season.

Head coach Richard Sybesma said this is early to be starting the season, which usually starts at the beginning of November, but because North Texas is so close it was convenient to schedule a meet.

Sophomore Jamie MacCurdy led the Horned Frogs with a win in two out of the three events she swam. MacCurdy placed first in the 1000-yard freestyle and the 200-yard breaststroke.

While Sybesma said he was pleased with MacCurdy's perform-



FILE PHOTO

The men's and women's swim teams come up for a breath of air after swimming laps at a practice last fall. The women's squad beat North Texas, 137-86, Wednesday at the Rickel Building.

ance, he was also happy with the team's performance as a whole.

"I am really pleased with how the team swam overall," Sybesma said. "This year's team is better than it has been over the past few years."

Sybesma also said many of the swimmers had the opportunity to swim different events because he did not use his "top program" against North Texas.

Other women who placed first in events were: freshman Cory Lukens, 200-yard freestyle; sophomore Marisa Schenke, 50-yard freestyle;

freshman Melissa Powell, 200-yard individual medley; freshmen Andrea Stevens, 100-yard freestyle and Kate Swearingen, 200-yard backstroke.

The TCU swim team will have to wait about three weeks before they hear the ambient sounds of the cheering crowd and the splash of the water.

The Frogs' first men and women's first meet is Nov. 4 in Chicago, Ill., against the University of Illinois and the University of Evansville.

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Golf moves to 5th in final round

By Chris Harrison
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The TCU men's golf team moved up three spots to finish in fifth place Tuesday in the final round of the Red River Classic in Dallas.

The Frogs shot an 11-under par in the final round to give them a team total of 840 (-24), with three players finishing in the top 25.

The Frogs, who entered the final day of the tournament 15 shots behind leader South Carolina, finished the tournament

27 strokes off the lead. TCU juniors Scott Volpitto and Aaron Hickman each shooting 70s in their first two rounds of the tournament. They mirrored each other again Tuesday when they each posted 68s, and they finished the tournament in a five-way tie for 17th place, with an eight-under (208).

Volpitto said he liked the course and the conditions at the Dallas Athletic Club.

"The course was really nice with great greens," said Volpitto.

"The weather was absolutely ideal for playing golf. There was little to no wind and it wasn't too hot."

"The course was fairly easy. If you hit the ball well, you can score really low. All of the par fours are very short and all of the par fives are reachable."

The men's team has six days off before it resumes practice and begins qualifications for the next tournament.

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Blame for Indians' loss should go to Hargrove

They were up 2-0. They lost 3-2. What kind of titanic idiocy can blow a two-game lead in a five-game series? To find out, just ask Cleveland Indians Manager Mike Hargrove. For it was he, and he alone, who allowed the Boston Red Sox to steal the 1999 American League Division Series from the Indians.

By running his starters out on three-days rest, Hargrove ensured the "Curse of Rocky Colavito" would reach at least 52 years. For in 1999, there will be no title in Tribetown.

They won Game 1 with, granted, a little help from the big Wahoo upstairs.

Boston starting pitcher Pedro Martinez, who in 1999 had the most dominating season by a pitcher since Bob Gibson in 1968, finished off the fourth inning and did not come out for the fifth. He left with a 2-0 lead. He owns a 5-0 career record against the Indians. The Indians won 3-2 in the ninth inning.

Indians Gold Glove shortstop Omar Vizquel knew what Martinez's leaving meant.

"There was a buzz in the stadium," Vizquel said. "I knew that now we could come back."

They were allowed to come back because Tribe starter Bartolo Colon clamped down on the Red Sox. Colon's final pitch screamed across home plate at 98 mph to record the final out of the eighth inning. He threw 117 pitches. Remember that. A fastball pitcher throwing 117 pitches.

In Game 2, the most prolific offense in 49 years provided starter Charles Nagy with nine runs. He needed only two. Nagy allowed one run in seven innings. Remember that. A 32-year-old sinkerball pitcher throwing seven innings.

When the Indians departed Cleveland Hopkins International Airport for Boston, they had an insurmountable lead. Perhaps they should have locked Hargrove in the airplane restroom. Perhaps the ghost of Harry Frazee (the guy who sold a pitcher named George Ruth for \$100,000) took over his body. The decisions he made in Games 3 and 4 rank among the boners all-time.

Through four innings of Game 3, things looked good for the Indians. They lead 1-0. Starter Dave Burba was pitching a shutout. Unbeknownst to the Indians, Burba had pulled a ligament in his elbow and was unable to continue.

Needing to send someone out to pitch the fifth, Hargrove turned to Game 4 scheduled starter Jaret Wright. A shell of the pitcher who went 4-0 in the 1997 playoffs, Wright began to melt down in the fifth.

Instead of turning to a bevy of well-rested relievers, Hargrove sent him out in the sixth. He got bombed, and the Tribe lost, 9-2. But the actions of that day ensured the Indians' 2-1 series lead would disappear.

Maybe Hargrove should have paid attention in science class, because for every action there is an equal and opposite reaction. He had no business sending his Game 4 starter into Game 3. Steve Karsay, who performed superbly in long relief during the season, had not pitched in days.

By pitching Wright, he screwed up his pitching rotation. HE HAD NO

ONE TO START GAME 4!!!! Colon was not due to pitch until Game 5, and Nagy was not scheduled to toe the rubber until Game 2 of the American League Championship Series. Because of his sheer idiocy, Hargrove had to deprive his two ace starters of a day's rest.

Colon, who had never pitched on three days rest in his career, was charged to last at least six or seven innings in Game 4. He did not get one out in the second, giving up seven earned runs. While many pitchers performed to Hargrove's mental level in a 23-7 loss, this one falls squarely on Hargrove's shoulders. A rested Wright would have been better than a tired Colon. Series tied, 2-2.

Returning to Jacobs Field for Game 5, Hargrove had no choice but to call on a tired Nagy. After allowing one run in seven innings in Game 2, Nagy allowed eight earned runs in 3 1/3 innings. With the game tied at eight, Martinez returned and pitched six scoreless innings of relief. Boston won, 12-8, and took the series.

There were many factors that caused this, one of the worst folds in the storied history of the great game. But none of those factors would have had the chance to occur had Hargrove not totally mishandled his starters.

As a life-long Indians fan who saw them lose 100 games three times, I recognize the invaluable contributions Mike Hargrove has made in shaping this organization into a contender. But after the blunders of this past week, maybe he can't help.

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Pulse
SIDELINES

Sharks take a bite out of Stars, Shields tallies shutout
DALLAS (AP) — Niklas Sundstrom scored early in the first period and goaltender Steve Shields made 35 saves as the San Jose Sharks beat the Dallas Stars 2-0 on Wednesday night.

Jeff Friesen added an empty-net goal with 23.2 seconds left to hand the defending Stanley Cup champions their first home loss of the season.

Shields got help from his penalty killers as the Stars went 0-for-4 on the power play. Goaltender Ed Belfour stopped 22 shots in a strong performance for the Stars.

Shields made tough saves on Joe Nieuwendyk and Jamie Langenbrunner with under three minutes to play to preserve his first shutout of the season and fifth of his career.

Dallas held a 20-6 shots advantage in the final period, lifting Belfour in favor of a sixth attacker with 1:17 left. Shields stopped Brett Hull from the left circle with 52 seconds remaining.

Yankees beat Red Sox in extra innings, Williams smacks homerun

NEW YORK (AP) - In the first postseason game ever between the traditional rivals, the Yankees won their 11th straight postseason game, and once again tortured their neighbors from New England.

Boston took a 2-0 lead just seven pitches into the game on a run-scoring throwing error by shortstop Derek Jeter and Brian Daubach's RBI single. Jose Offerman's RBI infield single made it a 3-0 lead in the second against Orlando "El Duque" Hernandez, who had allowed just one run in 20 career postseason innings coming in.

Brosius hit a two-run homer in the bottom half against surprise starter Kent Mercker, and Jeter tied it in the seventh with an RBI single off Derek Lowe.

Williams then opened the 11th by sending an 0-1 pitch to straightaway center field. At first, Darren Lewis thought he had a chance at it, but the ball kept sailing and went over the 408-foot sign.

"I was due," Williams said. "I was just able to get a good pitch and turn on it. I was just looking for a pitch out over the plate. I definitely didn't want to pull out on the ball."

Students remain active in intramural sports

By Courtney Wheelless
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Intramural table tennis results

The intramural sports program staged the table tennis tournament Oct. 4 in the Rickel Building.

In the men's singles competition, first-place honors went to sophomore Michael Watkins, of Pi Kappa Phi; second place to sophomore Hernan Bermudez of the International Students Association; and third place to sophomore Ashish Bansal, an independent participant.

In the men's doubles competition, first-place honors were awarded to freshman Kendall Hartung and freshman Jason Deffenbaugh of Brachman Hall. Second-place finishers were seniors Kelly Taylor and Carew Rhode of EMT and grabbing third-place honors were junior Jeff Woodward and senior Peter England of Pi Kappa Phi.

In the women's singles competition, the first-place winner was Colby Hall Director Kara Steffen, and the second-place finisher was freshman Laura Schade of Sigma Kappa.

In the women's doubles competition, first-place winners were juniors Christina Thompson and Denise Santos, of Delta Gamma. Second-place finishers were sophomores Jill Archibald and Heidi Ohl, also of Delta Gamma.



Sophomore Heidi Ohl, junior Denise Santos, junior Christina Thompson and sophomore Jill Archibald (left to right) matched up in the intramural women's doubles finals. The team of Santos and Thompson took home the championship.

SPECIAL TO SKIFF

End-of-season sand volleyball tournament in progress

The intramural sand volleyball competition is coming to an end this week with a three-day tournament.

The final rounds of the two-week competition are underway with 29 men's teams, 14 women's teams and 15 co-ed teams, which advanced to the end-of-season play.

The championship games will be held Sunday at the Rickel Building's sand volleyball courts. The women's championship game will be held at 7 p.m., the co-ed championship at 8 p.m. and the men's championship at 9 p.m.

Registration underway for homecoming volleyball competition

As an event in the week-long spirit activities for the homecoming game versus the University of North Texas, the intramural sports program will host a two-day volleyball tournament open to all students.

The single-elimination volleyball tournament will be held Nov. 9 and Nov. 11 and will make use of both of the Rickel Building gymnasiums.

Competition will be held in women's, men's and co-ed divisions.

The registration deadline is Nov. 3.

Applications for intramural sports program available

The intramural sports program is always accepting applications for intramural sports officials for the current season.

Anyone interested in a job with flexible hours, competitive wages in a sports-associated environment may fill out an application in the Rickel Building, Room 229.

All current officials who are interested in field crew and equipment crew positions can also fill out an application.

Lack of lights a constant problem for intramural program

The intramural program is still working to gain lighting for the outdoor fields used for nightly flag football competitions in the fall.

When the football team and the track squad changed venues this summer, intramurals was left without a place to play night games.

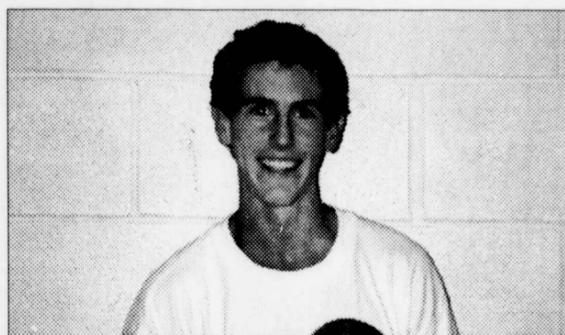
Registration in progress for third annual 5K run/walk

The third annual Kappa Alpha Theta "Fall Breakaway" 5K run/walk will be held Saturday.

Individuals may register for the event through Kappa Alpha Theta or the intramural sports office in Rickel Building, Room 229.

The registration fee is \$12 before Oct. 24 and after the fee will be increased to \$15 until the day of the race.

The top three men's and women's finishers will receive awards.



Sophomore Michael Watkins won the intramural men's singles title.

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Mandatory meeting for flag football captains set for Monday

All flag football team captains are required to attend a preseason meeting at 4:30 p.m. Monday in the Rickel Building, Room 105.

League format, rules that will be enforced and concentrated on and regulation modifications will be discussed. Captains will also receive team schedules at the meeting.

Flag football competition begins Tuesday

Nine registered co-ed teams will participate in a pre-season tournament Thursday. The finals of the tournament will be held Sunday.

Massage therapy program to begin in November

The recreational sports program is currently in the process of transforming Rickel Building, room 106,

into a place where students, staff and faculty can make daily appointments for a professional massage or therapy.

Licensed massage therapist Karen Parker will run the massage therapy program.

Appointments for massages will be available from 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. The student rate for massages is \$25 an hour. The faculty rate is \$35 an hour.

Registration for the dominoes and spades tournament begins

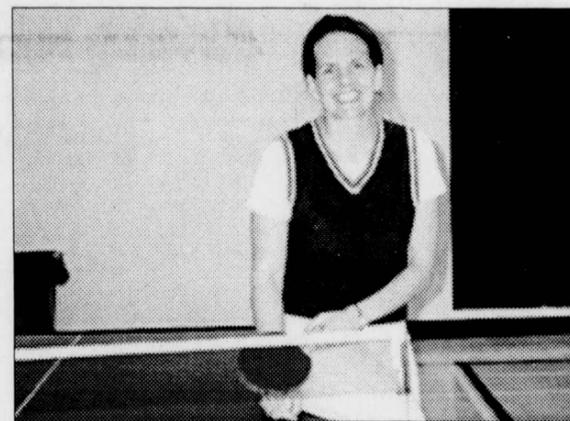
Registration is underway for the dominoes and spades tournaments Oct. 25 in the Rickel Building.

The tournament will be conducted in a single-elimination format.

Champions in the spades competition will be invited to the Collegiate Championship in March of 2000 at the Walt Disney World Contemporary Resort. Participants will have all airfare and lodging paid for by the United States Playing Card Company, which is sponsoring the tournament.

Championship participants will have complimentary access to the theme parks when not in competition.

The champion will be awarded a \$25,000 donation to his or her school scholarship fund.



Colby Hall Director Kara Hall won the intramural women's singles ping pong championship.

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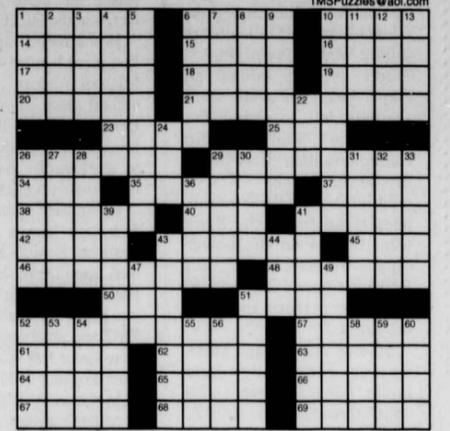
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Spiral pin
 - 6 Fossil fuel
 - 10 Knife thrust
 - 14 Cooking smell
 - 15 Alan or Robert
 - 16 Suspended consciousness
 - 17 Song for nine voices
 - 18 Enlarge a hole
 - 19 Poetic works
 - 20 Bowler's conversion
 - 21 Wyatt Earp's town
 - 23 Mardi
 - 25 Booze, butts and bullets
 - 26 Colin Luther or Adam Clayton
 - 29 Stated with conviction
 - 34 Coach
 - 35 Overused
 - 37 "The Ring of the Nibelung" character
 - 38 Pound poem
 - 40 Gas: prof.
 - 41 Bank job
 - 42 R&B pioneer, James
 - 43 Premium quality
 - 45 Born in Bordeaux
 - 46 Put back
 - 48 Slow-movers
 - 50 Cycle starter?
 - 51 "It a Pity"
 - 52 The Beatles' city
 - 57 Writer Calvino
 - 61 Smell
 - 62 Actor Jannings
 - 63 Foundation
 - 64 Lug
 - 65 Upslope
 - 66 Corrosive substances
 - 67 Winter vehicle
 - 68 End of a spin?
 - 69 apso
- DOWN**
- 1 Without: Fr.
 - 2 Rider's whip
 - 3 Novelist Jaffe
 - 4 Come forth
 - 5 Site of Napoleon's last defeat
 - 6 Golfers' rides
 - 7 Imitation butter
 - 8 First person?
 - 9 Clobber
 - 10 Without punishment
 - 11 Hubbub
 - 12 Prayer conclusion
 - 13 Starting place
 - 22 Sault Marie
 - 24 The works
 - 26 Mechanical rabbit, e.g.
 - 27 Spout off
 - 28 Desires
 - 29 To come
 - 30 Deep-orange chalcidony
 - 31 Singer Lopez
 - 32 One of the Fords
 - 33 Goes out with
 - 36 Truth or
 - 39 In shreds
 - 41 Soap opera
 - 42 Hemlock
 - 43 Clasp
 - 44 Mouse
 - 45 Atom
 - 46 SnaFU
 - 47 Lackey
 - 48 Chet
 - 49 Mrs.
 - 50 Unlit
 - 51 Moore
 - 52 Tee
 - 53 Lien
 - 54 Santo
 - 55 Tube
 - 56 Uta
 - 57 Hires
 - 58 Cubed
 - 59 San
 - 60 Uris
 - 61 Rarely
 - 62 Steep
 - 63 Self
 - 64 Rowel
 - 65 Outre
 - 66 Two
 - 67 Irene
 - 68 Scrub
 - 69 Team
 - 70 Meets
 - 71 Alan
 - 72 Were
 - 73 Sophs
 - 74 Saps
 - 75 Amen



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