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TCU opened its weekend on the road, traveling to **Western Athletic** Conference foe UTEP to take its third crack at breaking the WAC win column.

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House approves partial funds for Golden Key Club A proposal to fund Golden

Club's annual reception Nov. 18 passed unanimously during the House of Student Representatives' regular meet-

ing Tuesday evening.
Although Golden Key originally requested \$465, Bill 99-18 allocated \$295 for printing and publicity costs. Finance Committee members decided not to fund the food for the reception.

"We never fund food," said Ben Jenkins, chairman of the Finance Committee. "It has been a precedent formed over the years. The money is better used toward things such as publicity."

Reps to answer questions at major/minor fair

Representatives from different academic departments will be available to answer questions during today's major/minor fair.

The annual event will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Student Center Lounge. For additional information, call 257-7486

COLLEGES

Texas joins suit against **Publishers Clearing House**

AUSTIN, Texas (U-WIRE) Texas became the ninth state to file a lawsuit against the mail order company Publishers Clearing House for using deceptive sales techniques, Texas Attorney General John Cornyn announced Monday.

The company violated 22 sections of the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act by misleading consumers — especially the elderly, according to the lawsuit filed in Travis County District Court Monday.

Publishers Clearing House leads people to believe they have a better chance of winning the company's sweep-stakes by purchasing merchandise, the lawsuit charged.

"By taking legal action, I hope to bring to an end the illegal practices Publishers Clearing House has engaged in," Cornyn said.

-Daily Texan The University of Texas

Kalamazoo Univ. student

kills former girlfriend, self ANN ARBOR, Mich. WIRE) - A murder-suicide at Kalamazoo College stunned students and staff at the small liberal arts institution Monday.

Police responded to a report that shots were fired at 12:15 a.m. Monday at Dewaters Residence Hall.

The Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety said that Neenef Odah, 20, of Seattle, shot his former girlfriend, Maragaret Wardle, 19, of Plainwell, Mich., before turning the gun on himself.

The shooting reportedly followed an argument between the two, both of whom were students at the college.

Classes were canceled Tuesday at the college of 1,400

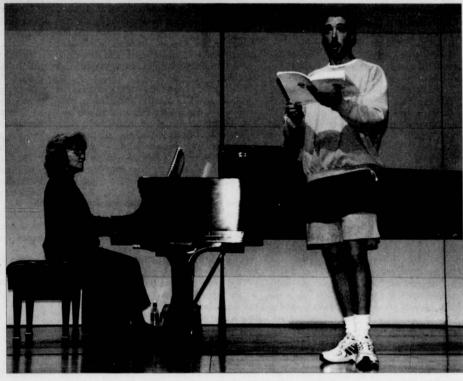
Odah and Wardle began dating last year but broke up about a month ago. Shortly following the break-up, Odah purchased the shotgun he used Monday.

Wardle was a golf player who friends described as friendly and outgoing.

Chris Wilson, a selfdescribed good friend of Odah's last year, said he often saw Wardle and Odah togeth-

-Michigan Daily The University of Michigan

In tune



Chris Yurasek, a senior music education major, sings at an audition Monday for a solo part in 'St. John's Passion' by J.S. Bach. The piece will be performed at St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church Nov. 21.

System still spurs debate

After 16 months, PeopleSoft continues to draw staff's concern

By Jeri Petersen and Stephen Suffron

Opinions still vary widely on the success of TCU's PeopleSoft implementation after 16 months of trial and error, consultants and spending.

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blesome software," according to a Sept. 24 article in The Chronicle of Higher Education.

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Assistant Provost for Information Services Dave Edmondson responded to the article in TCU's Information Services newsletter, saying TCU's "implementation has been hugely successful." TCU is one of only three universi-

ties in the United States that has installed all three components of PeopleSoft's "Enterprise System," including human resources, financials and student administration soft-

"We are pleased with where we are," Edmondson said, "but we still have a long way to go."

But TCU is not completely immune from the problems that come

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Police investigating missing Moudy art

15-foot outdoor sculpture taken during weekend

By Justin Roche

A modern art sculpture was noticed for something other than its looks this weekend: It was missing.

The sculpture, created by a former TCU student, was torn from its base and stolen from behind the Moudy Building either late Friday evening or early Saturday morning, TCU police officials

The piece, created two years ago by Charles Wells, was noticed missing by Thad Duhigg, a professor of sculpture.

"I came in on Saturday afternoon and found it had been ripped from the wagon, and I filed a report with the police," Duhigg said. "I'm surprised no one saw or heard anything."

Duhigg was Well's professor when the piece was created, and Duhigg said it dealt with how people have different outlooks of the world during different stages of life.

'(Wells) was observing children's drawings and was fascinated with what they would draw and how they perceived reality." Duhigg said. "He took the idea of a child's drawing and fused it with an adult perspective."

Wells was scheduled to pick the sculpture up this week, but the 15foot, 180-pound steel piece had not been found as of Tuesday evening. The sculpture's value has been estimated at \$6,000.

rently teaches sculpture at Baylor University and was unavailable for comment

TCU Detective Kelly Ham said there are no leads or suspects in the case. However, Ham said the nature of displaying art pieces increases their likelihood of theft or vandalism. "Anything that's left out is going to

have a potential to be vandalized," Ham said. "Art is going to be displayed, but how are you going to display it without security issues?'

Duhigg said the number of incidents concerning art pieces has increased over the last few years.

"I've been here 10 years, and it seems in the last three or four, thefts have gone up," he said.

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Artist Charles Wells (far left, middle row) and Thad Duhigg (far right, back row), a professor of sculpture, pose with Wells' 15-foot sculpture outside the Moudy Building. The modern art sculpture was taken from its base either late Friday evening or early Saturday morning, TCU police said. Anyone with information about the missing artwork can contact TCU police at 257-7777

SPOTLIGHT



Lisa Atkins, TCU London Centre director, has roots in both the United States and London and helps TCU students adjust to the initial culture shock of living and studying in a different country.

CROSSING THE CULTURAL POND

Atkins guides London students

By Reagan Duplisea

LONDON — When studying at the TCU London Centre, many students quickly find that the passage across the Atlantic is not the biggest gap they have to bridge. The gap in culture can be even wider and more intimidating, despite a common language.

However, TCU London Centre director Lisa Atkins, who has roots in both the United States and London, helps students bridge that gap. Atkins was born and raised in Florida but has lived in London the past 10

Atkins said she still continues to face a sort of culture shock.

"Sometimes there are too many people," Atkins said. "It can get very crowded and noisy, but in 45 minutes, you can board a train, go to the countryside and take a long walk to rejuvenate your soul."

Reagan Wilson, a senior management major and London Centre program assistant, said students have come to rely on Atkins for advice on the differences in

"It's really interesting because she's able to see things from British and American perspectives," Wilson said. "She's really good about helping us (assimilate) into the culture.

Atkins first came into contact with TCU when she met Larry Adams, assistant vice chancellor for academic affairs, and Delia Pitts, director of international education, several years ago when they were looking at the Florida State University London Centre building as a possible site for the program.

She had been working with FSU and was initially

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(Left to right) Beth Cooper, a junior business major, Tanya Raeidish, a junior business major, and Lindsey McCabe, a sophomore premajor, wait for food at the new Pizza Hut eatery Tuesday. Tonight dining services officials will host a breakfast buffet from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. in the

Marriott hopes students eat up

'Fill Your Plate' to return if popular

By Jessica Schambach

The Pizza Hut eatery will host a breakfast buffet Wednesday night to compensate for the lack of an oncampus facility that offers an allyou-can-eat meal option, dining services representatives said.

But instead of an all-you-can-eat deal, it will be a one-trip, "Fill Your Plate," said Ed Lube, food service

"Some of these specials might

help address some of the closure issues of Eden's North," Lube said.

The buffet — a \$2.99 breakfast spread from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. - is being coordinated with Sodexho-Marriott. If it is a hit, its return is more than plausible, Lube said. The buffet will be located in the displaycooking area in the Pizza Hut

"If it's popular, we'll certainly

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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 avail-

- TCU Student Foundation will be accepting membership applications until Friday. 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.
- Yearbook will be taking pictures for the 1999-2000 issue from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday and Friday in the Student Center Lounge. For more information, call 257-7606.
- RTVF Thursday Film Series will present Shane (1953) at 7 p.m. Thursday in Moudy Building South, Room 164.
- A reception and information session for students planning to study abroad will be at 4 p.m. today in the Student Center, Room 216.
- TCU Toastmasters will meet at noon Tuesday in the Student Center, Room 211. For more information, e-mail r.elleven@tcu.edu or go to http://gamma.is.tcu.e3du/~relleven/tm.html.
- Flu vaccinations will be given from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays in the Health Center. The cost is
- Delta Sigma Theta sorority will host Step to Success High School Step Show at 6 p.m. Saturday in the Moudy Building North, Room 141. The show will feature high school step teams from the Dallas/Fort Worth area. Admission is \$3.
- Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) will meet at 5:30 p.m. Thursday in Moudy Building South, Room 271. For more information, call Doug Newsom at 257-6552.
- Campus Crusade for Christ will be selling raffle tickets as part of their yearly fundraiser Thursday in the Student Center. Tickets are \$1. Prizes include a mini stereo, dinner for two at Red Hot & Blue and a \$50 gift certificate for Harold's Men's and Women's Apparel.



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World

Hurricane Jose hits Eastern Caribbean as

lews

Martinique, Puerto Rico prepare for impact

POINTE-A-PITRE, Guadeloupe — Hurricane Jose Tuesday veered onto a collision course with the line of islands strung along the Eastern Caribbean.

Residents on the French island of Martinique, where the storm is projected to pass overnight, began stockpiling water and food while Red Cross officials went on alert in Puerto Rico, where Jose could strike Thursday.

The 10th named storm of the season was about 115 miles east-southeast of the island of Dominica on Tuesday evening. Its winds had strengthened to 75 mph and it was moving west-northwest at 13

Hurricane-force winds extended 25 miles to the northeast of the center, with tropical storm force winds stretching another 115 miles.

In Pointe-a-Pitre, the capital of French Guadeloupe, residents lined up at supermarkets before 8 a.m. Tuesday and some stores ran out of bottled water and rice by midmorning. The island has not been hit by a hurricane since Hugo 10

Israeli public servants take crash course in

Christianity to handle millennium pilgrims

JERUSALEM — Customs inspector Nadav Shattel, a religious Jew, had never set foot in a

He looked around in wonder Tuesday as he and his colleagues were led around the cavernous, incense-filled Church of the Holy Sepulcher, the site of Jesus' burial — all in the line of duty.

The Israeli inspectors, along with taxi drivers, airport workers and police officers, are being taught the basics of Christianity in a course the Tourism Ministry hopes will help them handle the millions of millennium pilgrims with greater care.

In a day-long seminar, historian Doron Bar gently guided 15 inspectors through the life of Jesus. the teachings of Paul the Apostle and the maze of different denominations.

Using a slide projector, he flashed images of different types of crosses and showed a cross-section of pilgrims from around the world, commenting on their different religious customs.

The Tourism Ministry said it simply hoped to cut down on misunderstandings and make tourism workers more sensitive to the needs of pilgrims.

A course for police commanders will include a section on how to identify and deal with possibly volatile pilgrims who come to the Holy Land expecting an apocalypse ushering in the Second Coming of Jesus.

Israel fears it could become a target for Christian doomsday groups and has set up a special police unit to prevent cultists from passing through border controls.

Nation

National Rifle Association commercial portrays minorities negatively WASHINGTON — A new TV commercial

from the National Rifle Association has angered some minority lawmakers because of its portrayal of blacks and Hispanics in a series of mugshot

The commercial, which asks Congress not to create new federal gun laws until current ones are enforced more aggressively, started airing Oct. 11. It shows dozens of mugshots of criminals prosecuted in Ohio.

While there are many whites in the mugshots, a large percentage are minorities.

One Hispanic lawmaker, Rep. Bob Menendez, D-N.J., said he thought the portrayal of Hispanics in the commercial was "repulsive."

"At the end of this century, one would think that Americans of African-American or Hispanic descent would not longer have to tolerate the kind of hate-mongering that this ad encourages," said Menendez.

Chief NRA lobbyist Jim Baker said critics are "grasping at straws trying to avoid the real message here — that prosecution on federal gun laws have dropped."

Rep. Charles Gonzales, D-Texas, said that while he disagrees with message of the commercial asking Congress not to pass new gun laws — the mugshot images were far more disturbing to him as a Hispanic.

Clinton urges students to help end violence spurred by prejudice and fear WASHINGTON — Six months after the shoot-

ing at Columbine High School, President Clinton asked 350 students Tuesday to help rid society of "old hatreds and old fears" that spur violent kids

"You live in the most modern of all worlds, and yet the biggest problem we've got is the oldest problem of human society: People being scared of people who are different from them. And you can help that," Clinton told the students, who were selected for the two-day conference by 130 members of Congress.

Clinton also asked the students to "speak up" in support of new civil rights protections for homosexuals. Sponsored by House Democrats, the "Voices Against Violence" conference was timed to coincide with the six-month anniversary of the Columbine massacre near Denver, in which two boys killed 12 fellow students and one teacher before killing themselves in the school library.

Spurred by those killings, the House and Senate passed competing versions of a bill designed to keep guns out of the hands of children and criminals, but a panel of lawmakers from both chambers has yet to strike a compromise.

Three GOP lawmakers sent students to the events - Reps, Jennifer Dunn of Washington, Sue Kelly of New York and Connie Morella of Maryland — but Republicans said that they had not been invited.

The students will have a chance during the conference to offer their views on why young people become violent and how to prevent school shooting sprees like those that have occurred in Colorado, Oregon, Arkansas, Georgia and Kentucky. They will present their findings to congressional leaders Wednesday.

State

Tourism becomes Texas' third largest

industry, state plans to increase campaign AUSTIN — With over 1 million visitors coming to the state and spending more than \$34 billion, tourism became the third largest industry in the state last year behind real estate and oil and gas, state officials said.

Tourism has been on the rise and has brought more than \$127 billion to the state since 1995. The tourism industry brings in \$2 billion more each

Hoping to lure more visitors to Texas, the state has started an advertising campaign which explains, "Texas. It's like a whole other country."

Between 1995 and 1999, the state is estimated to have spent \$47 million on television and print ads, which give the state's 800 number and the Internet address, TravelTex.com. The ads, which have run in all 50 states, show Old West images and more hidden aspects of Texas culture.

The state plans to unveil new ads that showcase wildlife, outdoor sports, such as hiking and whitewater rafting, golf, theme parks and beaches.

Historically, visitors from Mexico and Canada have been the most common, but the state will attempt to tap into strong tourism countries including Germany, Great Britain and Latin American countries with the new ad campaign.

Leaders from 22 countries meet, talk politics with Governor Bush

AUSTIN - Colombian President Andres Pastrana on Tuesday became the latest foreign dignitary to visit Texas to meet with Gov. George W. Bush, the front-runner for the Republican presidential nomination.

Leaders from 22 countries have come to Austin this year to talk with Bush.

Pastrana visited Bush to talk about the \$3.5 billion in aid he wants to boost his country's faltering

Some dignitaries would be interested in the governor anyway, regardless of who held the office. Others want to know more about the man who consistently leads the polls in the 2000 campaign.

Bush has met with officials from Australia, Brunei, Costa Rica, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Israel, Japan, South Korea, Laos, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Mexico, Myanmar, New Zealand, the Philippines, Slovenia, South Africa, Taiwan, the United Kingdom and Vietnam.

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STAFF editorial

SYSTEM CHANGE

Alternative needed to PeopleSoft

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That is, of course, if "hugely successful" means making it more difficult for some staff members to navigate within the new system.

It's great that administrators want to prepare TCU for Y2K. And it's certainly a good thing to want to improve the university's computer system. But when it costs both time and extra effort to do everyday work, a better solution must be found.

TCU has already committed a lot of money to PeopleSoft and making it work. When does it start working for the university and not against it?

It's been 16 months, and it's already taken too long.

TCU should come up with real solutions, not try to save face because they may have made a poor decision. When so many staff members grumble about PeopleSoft, that's a pretty clear indication that it's not working.

University officials should find another system that works both for and with the staff. There's no reason to settle for a system that, by so many appearances, isn't serving the uni-

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Behavior toward gays puzzling

Fear can replace valuable friendships if we listen to prejudice

lost two friends to homosexuality. I let two people I care about slip away because I could not handle what they revealed to me.

What's more, I felt no regrets about it. I felt nothing but relief

Commentary

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DORRIS

attempts at trying appear distant but not cold paid off, and I knew would never speak again. It didn't pain



we would only see each other in passing. As a matter of fact, it's never really bothered me until just recently.

In the wake of the controversial National Coming Out Day, I've begun to question my motives for abandoning two promising friend-

As a Christian, I've always thought I had an excuse for my utter disdain of homosexuals. I was taught very early that homosexuality is a sin and an abomination in God's eyes. I was told that it is perverse and that people who engage in homosexual acts are going to hell.

As a member of society, I've always thought I had an excuse for my outlook on homosexuality as well. Homosexuals are ridiculed in the media, in our homes and in the workplace. They are caricatured on television for our amusement. It's OK to tell gay jokes in many social spheres, as no one so much as cringes when the question is raised, "How many fairies does it take to screw in a light bulb?"

But from both the standpoint of a Christian and a member of society, the hypocrisy of our views on homosexuality are quite evident. For instance, Christians do not hold rallies protesting the lifestyles of liars and adulterers. And I have never turned away from close family members or friends who I've known to be liars.

And as far as society goes, if a television show grossly caricaturized Hispanics, we'd want it off the air. If a man was fired from a job after 20 years because his boss just realized that he was black, not only would there be great public outcry,

but we would say it was absolutely a curiosity to me than anything ridiculous.

So why is it acceptable to scorn, ridicule and ostracize homosexuals? The answer is clear. Fear.

It's not so much that we're afraid of the homosexuals as we are of the stigma associated with them. We feel uncomfortable around homosexuals not so much because we think they're attracted to us, but because we don't want anyone to think we're one of them. A man couldn't bear it if the girl in line in the cafeteria thought he was a hand-tipping, fashion-designing,

hair-cutting bonafide homosexual. Ironically, the very stigmas we are afraid of are those we perpetu-

Even more than the stigma. we're afraid of the mere idea of homosexuality. We erect walls of hatred or tell jokes about homosex uals to keep a safe distance. We fear that if we get too close, we'll think about homosexuality, as if thinking about the concept makes

Looking back, I realize I wasn't the sole destroyer of my relationships with my friends. I was only the catalyst. They became more of

else. I remember a conversation l had with one of them. It went something like this:

Me: So you really like women? Her: Yes

Me: Really?

Her: Really.

Me: All right. I'm OK with this. Let's talk about something else. Her: Fine.

Me: So are you dating anybody? I now realize they wanted to get away from me and my questions and disapproving looks as much as I wanted to get away from their sexual orientation. Instead of treating them as people, I treated them as sideshow entertainment. Instead of being their friend, I turned my back at a crucial time in their lives.

My behavior puzzles me. How could my sincere affection turn into contempt in a matter of minutes? It simply makes me sad. You see, anyway you cut it, I lost two friends. And those aren't easy to

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Protection of free expression necessary in the arts

CU is way too conservative. Fort Worth isn't much better. Those are the com-

plaints I sometimes hear from students chowing down in The Main or lounging out on the mall between Sadler and Reed Halls. Some students have now even started up a new organization, the Leftist Student Union, designed to draw in the "subversives" from around campus and unite them to fight the



ALAN MELSON

However, recent events at Kilgore College in Kilgore, Texas, have made me realize how progressive our community is in comparison. The theater department at Kilgore College

"one of the 10 best plays of the century" by London's Royal National Theatre. It is a play that received the Pulitzer Prize, two Tony play is "Angels in America," a two-part epic that is loosely based on the life of San Francisco lawyer Roy Cohn and his "red-baiting" activities of the 1950s.

The play has been controversial because Cohn was a known homosexual, and the script, set in the late 1980s, deals frankly with the themes of AIDS and the gay lifestyle. The script contains some explicit references and several displays of non-gratuitous nudity.

Ever since it became known that the college was going to produce the play, Kilgore church and community leaders have been working to keep it from happening. A recent article in the Dallas Morning News reported that petitions were circulating around town

opened a play last week that has been called asking the college to halt the production. A with elephant dung led to conflict in the comlocal businessman even bought more than half the tickets for opening night in an effort to keep them unavailable to people wanting to museum if the display was allowed to open.

> More recently, Gregg County commissioners have threatened to pull a \$50,000 grant if the production went ahead as planned. Kilgore mayor Joe Parker also threatened to cut city funds to the school, saying the production infringed upon his rights "as a Christian'

This type of public outcry is nothing new to the arts world. "Community standards" watchdogs and religious groups have often become involved when they feel something being presented can be offensive to members of a community. The recent controversial exhibit at the Brooklyn Museum of Art in New York City is a good example. There, Chris Ofili's depiction of the Virgin Mary.

munity, and New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani threatened to block all city funding to the

egg county officials are But the fact tha trying to halt the production of such a commended work is inexcusable. Public schools such as Kilgore College have a constitutional right to produce this kind of play, even if some people have a problem with its content.

Tony Kushner, who wrote "Angels in America," said in a 1995 interview that he hoped the play will make people think and strengthen their feelings about issues they believe in. The subject matter is something that may offend some people - the issue of homosexuality is something that is not often discussed here in Fort Worth, much less Kilgore — but the college has every right to present this subject matter before an audi-

The best way to present a value system to others is to live in a way that others can respect, which includes having a consistent respect for people of all backgrounds. ed hateful ignorant efforts to Narrow-minde block freedom of expression, such as this effort in Kilgore, seem quite contrary to the Judeo-Christian system of values that some of these protesting religious groups claim as

I applaud the president of Kilgore College for standing behind his theater department. but I think the people bashing this production need to ask themselves why they have chosen to focus their energies in this manner. Here in the United States, "one nation under God," do they really believe in equal freedoms for all Americans?

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Search for knowledge begins at the University Pub

hen I was a freshman, Mom and Dad told me I had four years to have

fun before I graduated and entered the dreaded real world. They also told me that I had better make good grades and behave myself while I did. Now, with barely a



semester and a half left to go at

TCU, I have been doing some

reflecting on the whole college experience.

Education is central to a person's college experience. Although the knowledge you gain in the classroom is important, I don't think that is where you really learn how to live in the real world.

When I go out to live on my own and work for a living, it will not be some long-winded scientific theory or the underlying metaphors in an outdated novel that will ensure success. It's all the little things that go along with college life, such as getting along with people, living on a college budget and juggling your time between class, activities,

clubs and free time. There is a place where I have learned all of these things. Not in the library or a dorm room, but at the University Pub.

The place has taught me more about human nature than any psychology class, more about time management than any day planner and more about budgeting than a semester of accounting possibly could. You see, the Pub is to many 21-year-olds what Colby or Milton Hall are to many 18-year-olds. A home away from home.

This is a short list of the many invaluable lessons I have learned at the Pub:

■ Time Management — I've learned that it is imperative to have your studying and other work done before you go have fun. No matter

how long you intend to stay, one hour always turns into two.

■ Budgeting — I've learned that sitting at the Pub for five hours can get expensive. It is best to take cash and know how much you are going to spend before you walk in the door. Leave or quit drinking once that amount has been reached.

■ Socializing — I've learned that my friendships are the greatest thing I will leave college with. You meet new friends at the Pub, and you always see someone you know there. It's good practice for the real world where much of your business will be done at cocktail parties and on the golf course instead of in meetings and on conference calls.

■ Curbing Excessive Consumption - I've learned that it is not necessary to drink to have a good time. You can sit and socialize with friends and have a Coke. I've also learned that if you happen to imbibe too much, Dave, the owner, will give you a look of fatherly disapproval, and you know that it is time to stop with the

beer and start with the water. ■ Patience — I've learned that on those busy nights, it is near impossible to navigate from a table (if you are lucky enough to get one) to the bar. It takes self-control not to shove back when you get pushed along in the crowd. It can also be frustrating when the line

for the bathroom is longer than your bladder is big. I've also learned to take minor annoyances like these with a grain of salt.

I know the friendly bartenders. Lee, Beth and J.P., will take good care of me.

I hope that I have taken my parent's advice well. I have gotten an education both in and out of the classroom. And I have definitely had fun. So I guess Robert Fulghum had the right idea. Everything I need to know about life, I learned at the Pub.

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ART

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Duhigg said photos have been taken off walls, sculptures taken off display floors and one student's piece was taken out of a workroom before it had been graded.

"I think people liked them and wanted them in their homes," he said. "But this incident with the sculpture outside was just mali-

Duhigg said the theft of art pieces at TCU is more than simply stealing an object.

"It takes just as much time, effort and expense to make these pieces as any term paper or other project," he said. "It's like having your term paper stolen before you turn it in. It's devastating.'

Assistant Chief J.C. Williams said TCU police has been in the process of hiring additional security guards in order to increase visibility on campus and make buildings more secure.

Ham said the issue of security guards must be carefully examined in order to justify hiring them.

"A security guard would probably cut down a lot on incidents, but you've got to weigh the pros and cons," Ham said. "You've got to compare what you're protecting with the price of protecting it."

However, with or without security guards. Duhigg said pieces will continue to be displayed without fear of potential thieves or vandals.

"You're always going to come across mean-spirited people,' Duhigg said. "You don't stop doing something you want to do just because someone takes a shot at you.

Anyone with information about the missing sculpture can contact TCU police at 257-7777.

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BUFFET

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look at doing it more," he said.
Pancakes, biscuits and gravy, sausage and bacon will be served at the buffet.

Dining Services Committee Chairman Michael Watkins, a sophomore finance major, agreed with Lube.

'If it's a success and a lot of people like it, then we'll be doing it maybe on a weekly basis," he said. "But if there's not going to be anyone to attend, then we probably might make it once a month. It just depends on how many people want to go.'

Lube said feedback from the Dining Services Committee, in conjunction with the House of Student Representatives, is what prompted dining services representatives to offer the buffet.

Watkins said he spoke to students and conducted surveys to find out what kinds of dining facilities students want implemented on campus

"A lot of people from Eden's North missed the buffet," he said. "And a lot of people complained that there's a lot of fried food at night, so we came up with this

Watkins said questionnaires will most likebe distributed during or after the buffet on Wednesday night to get students' reactions.

Jessica Thompson, a junior biology major, said she would probably attend the buffet if she lived on-campus.

"Ten at night till two in the morning is a little ridiculous for me," she said.

Saustina Donkor, a senior neuroscience major, said she too thought the buffet was a great idea until she heard about the late hours of operation. She also lives off-campus.

Logan Battison, a junior theology and philosophy double-major, said he doesn't have a problem with the buffet being

offered late at night.
"For \$2.99?" he said. "Wow, that's a good deal. If it stays \$2.99 then that's a whole lot better than anything else I've ever gotten here."

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hired as a consultant to TCU for similar dilemma the creation of the London Centre program.

"I was in the right place at the right time," Atkins said. "They wanted an American who had lived in London.'

Atkins said she enjoys her position as London Centre director, but it is not without some challenges.

There are a lot of people who walk into your life and after three months, they're gone," Atkins said. "It's always changing. It affects you personally when you get so involved with people and then they're gone.

TCU London Centre coordinator Susan Layne said she faces a

"Lisa and I share a family," said Layne, who works as coordinator from the TCU campus. "I see the anticipation of them (going) and when they come back, and she has them while they're in London."

Atkins first began to reside in London for months at a time when her husband, an FSU employee, started research into London courts.

"We did whatever we could figure out to spend time in London, Atkins said.

It was in London where Atkins developed a seriousness about art. She has a master's of criminology and political science from FSU but obtained a master's of postwar and contemporary art from

Sotheby's University in London. "I was always interested in art

but never had the opportunity," Atkins said. Atkins said the art and cultural

resources in London are what she likes best about the city.
"In some respects, I'm a self-taught art historian," Atkins said.

She currently teaches art histowith American university study-abroad programs.

In her spare time, Atkins enjoys painting, print making, photography and working with textiles. She has exhibited some of her work in London.

Layne said she admires Atkins for her ability to balance her art with other parts of her life.

"It surprises me that she keeps everything going at the same time art, class, being a den mother, administrative duties," Layne

Philip Hawkins, a junior history major, said he has found Atkins to be helpful.

"She's approachable and always willing to help you through the little problems, which is unusual for someone in an administration position," Hawkins said. "She'll help you with the everyday, not just problems with classes.'

In addition to her art, Atkins has traveled extensively throughout Europe and has been to China, Tibet, Russia and Mexico.

Atkins still travels to the United

States to visit her mother and her husband, who was recently reassigned to FSU.

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"It's a constant adjustment and readjustment," Atkins said. 'We're apart seven months out of the year.'

Layne said Atkins' ties to the United States and to United Kingdom are an asset.

"She knows London so well but she's been associated with American colleges, too, and she puts those two things together really well," Layne said. "We're really lucky we found someone like that."

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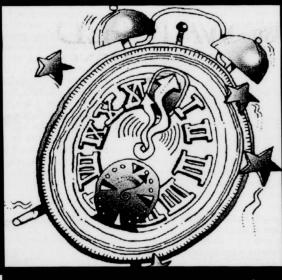
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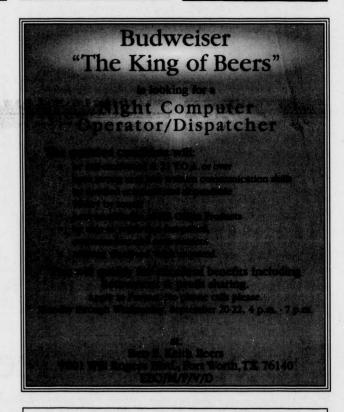
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Russian army moves in closer to Grozny

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GROZNY, Russia — Russian warplanes and heavy artillery moved to draw a tighter circle around the Chechen capital Tuesday and Chechen fighters retreated from the northern front-line to

reinforce positions around Grozny.
Russia has said it is planning the second phase of its campaign to wipe out Islamic militants but has not said whether it intends to send its forces

The capital saw the heaviest fighting in a 1994-96 war in the separatist republic, with the outnumbered guerrillas frequently inflicting major losses on the Russian army, and the current conflict has raised fears that the army is about to be drawn into another bloodbath.

Russian troops are as close as 10 miles to Grozny, with units perched on a ridge overlooking the city, which spreads across several valleys.

Artillery and warplanes reportedly attacked militants' bases in at least four locations Tuesday, including Alkan-Yurt, six miles southwest of Grozny. They also destroyed a radio relay station in Pervomaiskoye, 12 miles northwest of the capital, the news agency ITAR-Tass reported, citing the Russian Defense Ministry.

The agency said the Russians destroyed a key bridge south of Grozny and bombed roads leading out of the mountains that form Chechnya's border with the former Soviet republic of Georgia.

Chechen fighters repelled a Russian offensive against Gudermes, 22 miles east of Grozny, killing 25 soldiers, Magomed Chupolayev of Chechnya's eastern front command said. Russia countered that it had not launched any infantry combat operations in the past 24 hours, ITAR-Tass said.

Chechen northern front commander Baudin Bakuyev said fighters had retreated from the open fields of the northern third of Chechnya, where Russian troops have solid control. They were heading to Grozny to reinforce positions in anticipation of a Russian attack and to the key town of Bamut, about 30 miles southwest of Grozny

Bakuyev also said Russian planes pounded the Sunzhi Mountains west of Grozny Tuesday.

Russia claimed to have killed 40 rebels in overnight attacks. Chechen military commanders said Tuesday that seven civilians were killed overnight in Gekhi, one of several southern vil-lages that Russian forces shelled. As it has done throughout the latest conflict, Russia denied that its bombs were hitting civilians.

Also Tuesday, the Russian Committee of Soldiers' Mothers, which highlighted public opposition to the last war, weighed in against Russia's current offensive, saying in a statement that the government was again sending inexperienced soldiers into Chechnya.

Yeltsin has issued a decree that soldiers don't have to take part in military action during peacetime unless they have more than a year's experience and volunteer. So far, the Russian government has not formally declared war in Chechnya.

The military has denied that young soldiers have been sent to the region unlawfully

The White House also has expressed concern about the military campaign. Yeltsin sent a message explaining Russia's intentions to President Clinton, according to a statement issued by the Russian presidential press service.

Yeltsin said his primary task was "to suppress the nest of terrorism and violence developing in the Chechen republic, to not allow new victims among the peaceful population," according to the

Russian forces entered Chechnya Sept. 30, seizing the northern third of the breakaway region, and have been digging into positions north and west of the capital since the weekend. The militants are said to be concentrated in Grozny and in the south.

The Chechen militants orchestrated two raids on the neighboring republic of Dagestan this summer. Moscow claims they were also behind four apartment bomb blasts in Russia that killed some 300 people last month. Chechen political leaders and warlords have denied involvement in the bombings.

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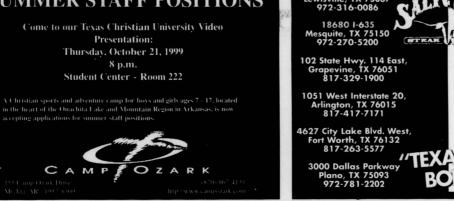
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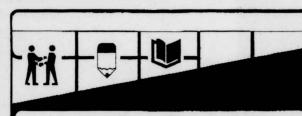
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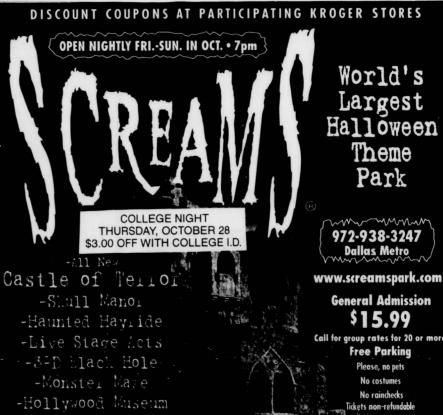
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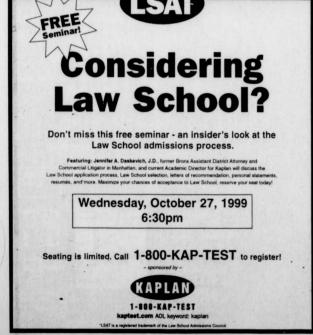
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PEOPLE SOFT

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with implementing such an allencompassing computer system. Sandra Fangman, TCU's accounts payable supervisor, said the sudden transition from the old system to the new was difficult.

"When we first got up on this system in June of '98, we were ready to pull our hair out and jump out our windows," she said.

James R. Henley, associate dean of AddRan College of Arts and Sciences, said the current PeopleSoft system lacks such features as designating which courses on a student's transcript fill University Curriculum Requirements, making him spend more time on each student's record.

"You're going to be slower working on any new system than one you're fairly familiar with," he said. "But I think it's more than that."

Armida Guzman, executive assistant to the dean of AddRan, said the new system forces her to retype student ID numbers to pull up certain types of information simultaneously.

"Everything just takes longer," she

Debbie Forrester, who handles reenrollment in the registrar's office, said navigation difficulties within the new system proved time-consuming for her department as well.

"It took a month after I was hired to get security (for computer) screens I needed to do my job," she said. "Counseling and financial aid couldn't see my re-enrollment panel, so I was constantly being asked about students' enrollments, and I had to find it manually."

The registrar's office is still in the process of transferring student transcripts to the PeopleSoft version from the old mainframe, a process that must be completed by year's end because the mainframe is not Y2K compliant.

Henley said Edmondson's enthusiasm about PeopleSoft's capabilities has kept him from understanding the problems users are still having.

"Dave seems to have a bit of salesmanship to him," Henley said. "I

don't know that he's fully appreciating what we're facing in this office."

But others agree with Edmondson's assertion that PeopleSoft has allowed TCU to run "much more efficiently

Wendy Crowley, assistant director of financial services and student services, said the system has allowed student records to be updated much more quickly by integrating the financial services and financial aid offices.

"We're now in a real-time environment," she said.

Online registration and recruitment are also significant accomplishments of the new system, Edmondson said.

But the transition has not been without its cost. A source in financial services, who asked not to be identified, estimated that TCU has spent around \$16 million on the project thus far.

The source said much of that the cost spent on PeopleSoft comes from the numerous consultants that have been on hand since the fall of 1997.

and they're all from out of town," the source said. "So there's all the travel

expense, hotel expense, food expense Edmondson said up to 27 consultants have been on-site, but the number is being reduced gradually. The

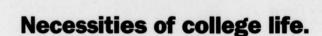
consultants are expected to be phased out by March. Henley said although the transition has been rough at times, it should be

worth it in the end. "The PeopleSoft of today would be more of a problem for us," he said. But if they do what they intend to do

and if I survive the transition then we'll have a better system in the future. But there's a price to pay to get onto a new system that hasn't been fully designed vet to meet the needs of all the offices using it."

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WAC expands as Boise State, Louisiana Tech join

DALLAS (AP) - A week after losing Texas Christian to Conference USA, the Western Athletic Conference has announced that Boise State and Louisiana Tech will join the league in 2001.

TCU's departure came just months after eight of the WAC's 16 teams left to form the Mountain West.

School presidents of the remaining seven schools plus Nevada, which joins the WAC next summer — met over the weekend and debated whether the league should have eight, 10 or 12 schools.

They chose 10 because it would allow the WAC to remain one division.

"We believe this configuration gives us the best chance to have stability," Hawaii president Ken Mortimer, the chairman of the league's board of directors, said Monday in a conference call. "In my opinion, the WAC most needs stability so it can get on with life."

Cowboys searching for answers after Monday loss

IRVING, Texas (AP) - One week they can't pass, the next week they can't run. At least the Dallas Cowboys are running out of things that can go

"I'm surprised at our inefficiency, regardless of the area," said quarterback Troy Aikman, who has led Dallas to just two touchdowns in the last 10 quarters. "We have a good group of players. To have the outings we've had the last couple of weeks is disappointing."

Coach Chan Gailey sees the pattern and doesn't like it. But he doesn't think the big picture is as bad as the short-term.

"We're five games into the season," Gailey said Tuesday.
"I'd rather be 5-0, but we're not. We're 3-2. I've been with teams that have been a lot worse off and went to the Super

Weekend serves v-ball team 2 losses



Junior outside hitter Bethany Toce jumps to play a ball over the net against Southern Methodist Friday in the Rickel Building. The Volley Frogs will take on San Jose State at 7 p.m. Friday at the

By Paul Freelend

No offense to the Volley Frogs' dancing skills, but they may want to work on their Texas two-step a little more. TCU was the victim of defeats at the hands of two Texas schools, Texas-El Paso and Texas Tech, last

TCU opened its weekend on the road, traveling to Western Athletic Conference foe UTEP to take its third crack at breaking the WAC win column. UTEP was coming off consecutive losses in sweeps to Tulsa and New Mexico State. The Volley Frogs entered the match on a losing streak of their own, dropping matches to Sam Houston State, Hawaii and Southern Methodist.

"UTEP was a real frustrating match to me as a coach," head coach Sandy Troudt said. "The staff felt that the team was prepared and ready to play. It wasn't that we played badly but it was just one of those momentum games.

Late in the match, the Miners took advantage of an official's nocall and finished out the game by hitting the final point off of the Volley Frogs' block.

'After that incident, we came out playing really tentative in the second game," Troudt said. "UTEP was up 7-1 before we ever really got started.

"After half-time we came back playing really well. I think that both sides played solid matches, but UTEP played as well as we have ever seen them play."

The Miners improved to 5-13 (3-2 WAC) with the 15-13, 15-7, 15-13 win while the Volley Frogs fell to 611 (0-3 WAC).

Sophomore middle blocker Allison Lynch led TCU's offensive assault with nine kills while fellow sophomore middle blocker Jennifer Sebastian put down eight kills while setting a personal record with 22 total attacks.

Though senior outside hitter Jill Pape was held to only three kills, she found another way to make a difference, digging a team high of 14 balls. Sophomore setter Lindsay Hayes set up 29 set assists and assisted seven blocks while Lynch assisted on six

The Volley Frogs' next match up of the weekend was against the Big 12's Texas Tech Red Raiders. The match was TCU's fourth run-in with the Big 12 after matches with Baylor, Missouri and Kansas.

"Tech is really playing well right now," Troudt said. "They have been somewhat up and down this season, though. Tech was coming off of a big loss against Baylor last Wednesday, and we felt confident we could play

Tech dispatched Oklahoma in a three-game match that took only 47 minutes. The Red Raiders then took that same approach with the Volley Frogs 24 hours later, sweeping TCU 15-6, 15-6, 15-5. TCU put up more resistance than Oklahoma, though, stringing the sweep out to 57 min-

"Tech has a big lineup," Troudt said. "They have a 6-foot-8-inch outside hitter and two 6-foot-3-inch middle blockers and we just struggled handling such a big block."

Tech used a number of streaks to

distance itself from the Volley Frogs Tech topped its first game feat by reeling off the first 12 points of the third and final game.

Lynch led the Volley Frogs' offensive efforts again with six kills as well as five assisted blocks while sophomore outside hitter Marci King contributed four kills. Junior outside hitter Amy Atamanczuk dug seven balls and had two block assists.

Despite dropping both matches this weekend, Troudt said she was still able to find positives in the team's play this past weekend.

'Jennifer Sebastian gave us the best performance she's ever had for us against UTEP," Troudt said. "Bethany Toce traveled with us this weekend, and she gave us a lot of emotional leadership.

'That's something that is very important to us. Jessica Rangel (senior middle blocker) had a good weekend as well. She is passing better and digging more balls. We are still young at outside hitter. Both Steph Watson (outside hitter) and Marci King have had moments of brilliance but they also sometimes just launch the ball out of bounds."

The Volley Frogs will return home this weekend to play two home conference matches against the WAC's two California representatives. They will play San Jose State (18-1, 4-0 WAC) at 7 p.m. Friday. The Sunday tilt against Fresno State (8-9, 2-2 WAC) will be played at 7 p.m. Saturday. Both matches will be held in the Rickel Building.

Women's soccer hoping for win after 14 years of losing

By Victor Drabicky

Less than a month ago, the women's soccer team lost leading goal-scorer Sherry Dick and the team's assists leader Tiffany Goetz to

Two weekends ago, TCU was outshot 45-5 by California-Los Angeles and San Diego

This weekend, the chances of the Horned Frogs making the Western Athletic Conference tournament have been diminished by a recent loss to Fresno State.

But when the Southern Methodist Mustangs strut onto the field at 4 p.m. Wednesday at the TCU Soccer Complex, the Frogs' minds will not think of recent bad luck. Instead, the TCU soccer players will think solely about 14 years of losing to SMU.

"The entire team is excited," freshman defender Brenda DeRose said. "It's a very important game for us.'

In recent WAC play, the team has experienced organizational problems defensively that have caused problems for the Frogs.

"Our coaches have emphasized organization all week long," junior defender Jackie Rodriguez said. "If we don't play organized, we are going to have problems."

Head coach David Rubinson said the importance of being in the right mental state will play a major role in Wednesday's game.

"The women have to know they can win,"

Rubinson said. "If they don't know they can win, they will struggle." DeRose said previous upsets, such as the

victory over SMU by the men's team earlier in the week, have acted as a sense of inspiration for the team. "Anyone can be beaten," DeRose said, "We

just need to convince ourselves that it can happen. Rodriguez said she already knows the out-

come of the game "We will win the game," Rodriguez said.

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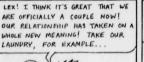
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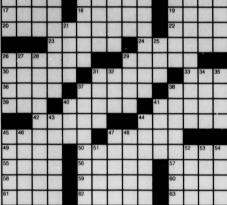
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