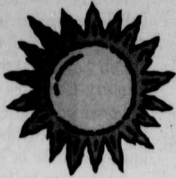


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Fifteen years after his first game with a YMCA team, junior Doak VanEnk can't even remember not playing soccer.

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Proposed \$233 million tollway sparks mixed opinions

By Alan Melson
STAFF REPORTER

A proposed \$233 million north-south tollway that would cross Fort Worth is being championed by some members of the Fort Worth City Council, but some community leaders said the plan will cause more harm than good for the city.

The proposed project would include an eight-mile toll road stretching from Interstate 30 and Forest Park Boulevard to Bryant-Irvin Road. The road would continue south from there as a free highway that would eventually reach Cleburne.

Southwest Parkway would ease city's traffic, some say

The Southwest Parkway Citizens Advisory Committee, a group of Fort Worth citizens assembled by the Fort Worth City Council to study the proposed tollway, went before the council last week and presented its plans, which include structural elements designed to keep the road from intruding too much on the areas it will affect.

The committee has asked officials to preserve as much green space as possible and keep the route from affecting existing roads. These pro-

posed changes include a plan to route the freeway underneath the Hulen Street bridge that runs over the railroad tracks leading to the Union Pacific rail yard.

Louise Appleman, chairwoman of the committee, said the road is greatly needed and will make life easier for people commuting from southwest Fort Worth.

"It will make it much easier to get from the Bryant-Irvin/Cityview area and beyond to downtown," Appleman said. "This road will also

relieve congestion from Hulen Street. It will make driving in this part of the city much easier."

Fort Worth City Council member Chuck Silcox, who has been a major proponent of what is being called the Southwest Parkway, said the road is necessary to help ease traffic congestion.

"The southwest part of Fort Worth is projected to grow by 80,000 to 120,000 people in the next 20 years," Silcox said. "One of the things that I have been expressing

very strongly is that I don't want to see us not update our roads to keep pace with the growth pattern. This project has been on the books since 1963, and finally something is being done about it."

Several TCU students who live in the Stonegate Villas apartments near the proposed route said they are not sure how it will affect them.

"I haven't really thought much about it, honestly," said Jennifer Pritchard, a junior music education major. "I'll probably be out of here

before it is finished, so it won't affect me directly, but if it helps ease congestion along Hulen, I guess it's a good thing. I do think it may make the Stonegate area a less desirable place to live, though."

The project's cost is projected to increase as property must be purchased for right-of-way. Dan Walsh, engineering manager for the City of Fort Worth Transportation and Public Works Department, said much of the right-of-way probably won't cost the city anything.

"I can tell you that the owners of

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Pulse

BRIEFS

COLLEGES

White supremacist seeks religious recognition

EVANSTON, Ill. (U-WIRE) — After the distribution of racist literature last week, the leader of The World Church of the Creator has taken another step to promote his views to Northwestern students.

Matt Hale sent a letter Tuesday morning to University Chaplain Tim Stevens asking for permission to become a NU religious group.

"We would like to have the same status that every group has on campus," Hale said. "We are interested in our people everywhere and spreading our religious beliefs."

The university said it will treat Hale the same as any other person seeking religious recognition on campus.

"We are going to respond the way we would to any other religious group that asks for recognition, explaining the university procedures and policies," said University Chaplain Tim Stevens, who said he will send a letter responding to Hale's fax like he would to anyone else. "I am going to explain what the policies are and what he does is up to him."

—Daily Northwestern
Northwestern University

Tech bookstore to send textbooks to Africa

BLACKSBURG, Va. (U-WIRE) — Tech Bookstore plans to send textbooks no longer used in Virginia Tech classes to a university in Nigeria, Africa.

The bookstore collects these books annually from students who can no longer exchange them for money.

"Every year we put textbooks that students can't sell back into storage," said Jerry Diffell, manager of Tech Bookstore, "then we send these books overseas."

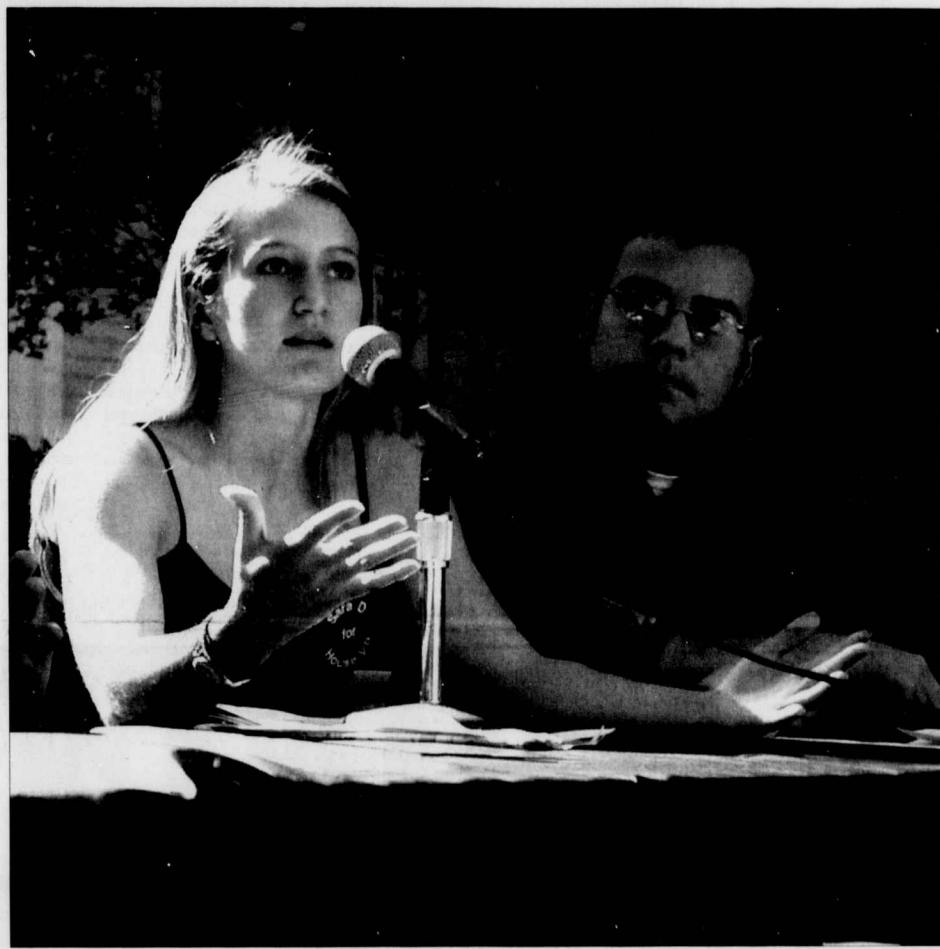
They are also including overstocked books, as well as books donated from other stores.

This shipment from the Tech Bookstore includes textbooks donated from the University of South Carolina and Virginia Commonwealth University, Diffell said.

The books are donated as a public service project. Later this week the books will be shipped to the University of Benin.

"We will send 75 to 80 cartons of textbooks to a university in Benin, Nigeria," Diffell said.

—The Collegiate Times
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Vice presidential candidates Sara Donaldson and Kenny Oubre participate in a presidential and vice presidential candidate forum Tuesday in Reed/Sadler Mall. The forum drew about 70 students and introduced issues pertaining to the campaign platforms of each of the candidates.

SGA hopefuls discuss issues at forum

Candidates for president, VP address safety, diversity concerns

By Tealy Dippel
STAFF REPORTER

Tuesday's presidential and vice presidential candidate forum in Reed/Sadler Mall drew a crowd of about 70 students as candidates introduced issues pertaining to their campaign platforms.

The forum, organized by Student Government Association members, was an informal question-and-answer session. A more formal debate will be held at 12:30 p.m. today in the Reed/Sadler Mall.

The four out of five presidential candidates who attended the forum were the first group to begin the discussion. Some of the topics brought up by candidates were communication, safety, intramural field's lighting and diversity.

Although each candidate had a

different focal point, most discussed possible improvements to communication between individual students and organizations.

"Communication is key; a lot of people think we don't have enough," said Ben Jenkins, a presidential candidate.

Jenkins also said recent technology advances are steps in the right direction.

"We need technology to work for the students, not have the students work for technology," Jenkins said.

Since the passage of the student referendum containing changes to the SGA constitution, the duties of the vice president and president have been altered.

Walker Moody, a presidential candidate, said he thinks the changes have made the presidential duties more defined.

"Now the SGA president will be working equally with both branches, not just House," Moody said.

The idea of more communication carried on into the vice presidential discussion. Kenny Oubre, a vice presidential candidate, said students

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'Knowledge, self-esteem key to self-defense'

Rape Aggression Defense class helps to empower women to escape attack

By Justin Roche
STAFF REPORTER

A semester has passed without incident since Michelle Lessin took the Rape Aggression Defense class from TCU Police, but the lack of opportunity does not mean the lessons she learned were futile.

"I've been lucky enough not to have to use it," said Lessin, a junior psychology major. "But knowing what I learned, it makes me feel safer."

The RAD program, now in its third year, teaches women self-

defense techniques that enable them to escape from aggravated assault situations while building their level of confidence.

Provided by TCU Police for free, the RAD classes are 12-hour sessions in which women of all age groups learn how attacks usually occur and how to handle those situations. Participants also practice techniques in live scenarios against instructors in padded RAD suits.

Officer Mark McGuire co-coordinates the program with Sgt. John Pacheco. He said the entire program

is focused around equipping women to handle an assault situation if it arises.

"The purpose is to give you knowledge so if you get into certain situations, you'll have the weapons to get out," he said. "It does teach self-defense, but the main objective is for the female to get away."

Knowledge and self-esteem are the keys to self-defense, McGuire said.

"One goal for me is to build self-esteem into females so that if they got in a situation with an attacker,

they would be equipped to handle it," he said. "In some classes you can just see it. Their confidence is not as high because they don't have the knowledge. But when they're done with the program, you can see a whole 100 percent change in them."

This gain in self-assurance is the benefit Lessin said she felt was the most impacting.

"I would say (the greatest benefit is) the confidence that you can escape it and you don't just have to fall victim to it," she said.

McGuire said the physical appli-

cation stage is very realistic and the most effective way for the women to learn what the class is all about.

"When you go into simulation, it's 100 percent," McGuire said. "They punch, they kick. We want to put them into a situation they're uncomfortable in and make them get out. That's the main goal: to escape."

To increase the number of classes, three people were sent to Rice University last week for a three-day,

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Fall performance to showcase various dance styles

Concert will include ballet, modern and historical pieces

By Carey Hix
STAFF REPORTER

Audience members at the Fall Faculty Dance Concert will have the opportunity to see dance styles ranging from ballet to modern to historical.

The concerts — which are set for 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium — will feature the work of Fernando Bujones, choreographer-in-residence, and several faculty members, including Li-Chou Cheng, ballet master-in-residence, Kerry Kreiman,

lecturer in dance, Ellen Page Garrison, professor of ballet, and Keitha Manning, theoretician for ballet and modern dance. The works will be performed by dance students.

Bujones, who recently celebrated the 25th anniversary of his recognition as the first American male dancer to win the Gold Medal in dance at the VII International Ballet Competition in Varna, Bulgaria, said the event will be one everyone can enjoy.

"When the music is good or appealing, and the dance has energy, and the choreography has energy, you don't need to understand about dance to get excited and to get captivated by what is going on on that stage," he said. "The music and the dance itself blends and captivates you if

the energy is there on both sides."

Kelli Connelly, a senior ballet and modern dance major who will perform in the show, said it will benefit audience members as well as the dance department.

"It's an opportunity for students to be cultured and support one of the departments here on campus, and I think what you gain from it is just a good experience," she said. "I hope people will go to be enlightened and to appreciate and support the arts."

Kreiman said the diversity of the pieces will make the performance especially interesting.

"The show should be a lot of fun because the music is very diverse," she said. "There will be a live performance by the Amistad Chamber Players, a group

that performs classical Latin American music."

The show will appeal to the senses, said Manning, whose work, titled "A Passage of Time: From Clashing Swords to Powdered Wigs," will feature two historically accurate reconstructed dances with authentic costumes and three dances choreographed in the style of the Baroque period.

"It is a visual spectacle," she said. Cheng said he chose music from a French composer for his choreography.

"The first movement is very peaceful and very graceful," he said. "It is a slow, pleasant adagio, which (portrays) slow motion. The second movement is very

Who: Fernando Bujones, choreographer-in-residence, along with several ballet and modern dance faculty members and students
What: Fall Faculty Dance Concert
When: 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday
Where: Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium
Cost: Free

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CAMPUS LINES

Announcements of campus events, public meetings and other general campus information should be brought to the TCU Daily Skiff office at Moudy Building South, Room 291, mailed to TCU Box 298050 or e-mailed to skiffletters@tcu.edu. Deadline for receiving announcements is 2 p.m. the day before they are to run. The Skiff reserves the right to edit submissions for style, taste and space available.

■ 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 \$10.

■ RTVF Thursday Film Series will present "The Uninvited" (1944) at 7 p.m. today in Moudy Building South, Room 164.

■ The department of art and art history will sponsor guest lecturer Emily Umberger, an assistant professor of art history at Arizona State University, to speak on "Myth, Cosmos and Commemoration in Aztec Monuments" at noon Monday in Moudy Building North, Room 132.

■ The criminal justice department will host its annual career panel at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Student Center, Woodson Room. All students are welcome. Refreshments will be provided.

■ SHARE! High School Exchange Program needs families to host high school exchange students for the Spring semester of the 1999-2000 school year. Families are able to review student applications and select the student they feel will best match their own interests. For more information, call Sharon George at (915) 533-5808 or the Education Resource Development Trust Southwest Regional Office at 1-800-414-3738.

■ National Security Education Program (NSEP) scholarship for U.S. undergraduates to study abroad during Summer 2000 through Spring 2001 are available. The deadline is Feb. 7, 2000. For applications, call the NSEP office at 1-800-618-NSEP or e-mail (nsep@ie.org).

■ The department of Spanish and Latin American Studies will host a lecture, "Cultura indigena e improta femenina en dos loas de Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz" at 6 p.m. Wednesday in Moudy Building North, Room 141. The lecture will be delivered by Dr. Carmela Zanelli, an assistant professor from the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú. For more information, call Anabella Acevedo-Leal at 257-5402.

■ The University Christian Church will host its 11th annual Weekday School Holiday Bazaar from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 11, 12 and 13 at UCC in the Fellowship Hall. Admission is free and all proceeds from sales go toward projects and supplies for the classrooms and children. There will be vendors and a silent auction. Also there will be a bake sale, and a tearoom serving light lunches and refreshments.

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News

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World

Tribesmen in Yemen kidnap three Americans, demand release of 25 detained suspects

SAN'A, Yemen — Tribesmen in Yemen kidnaped three Americans and are demanding the release of 25 suspects detained in an attack on an oil pipeline, a security official said Wednesday.

The Americans — a teacher based in the Yemeni capital and her visiting parents — were abducted by gunmen as they returned to San'a from a trip to the south Tuesday, the official said. He spoke on customary condition of anonymity.

The government ordered troops and tanks to encircle the suspected hideout of the kidnapers, who belong to the Bani Jabr tribe of the Habab Valley in Marib province, east of San'a, the official said.

The woman, Marta R. Colburn, teaches at the American Institute for Yemeni Studies in San'a, said an institute employee who also spoke on condition of anonymity. Colburn is from Portland, Ore., where she was formerly deputy director Middle East studies at Portland State University.

The U.S. Embassy confirmed the hostages were Americans but refused to give their identities or other details.

The security official said the kidnapers were demanding the release of 25 fellow tribesmen who were detained in connection with the blowing up an oil pipeline Oct. 21.

The abductions came nine days after the government executed Zein Al-Abidine al-Mihdar, an Islamic leader who was convicted of abducting 16 Western tourists, four of whom died in a botched rescue attempt in December.

Beatification delayed as questions continue over Pope Pius XII's record

VATICAN CITY — Whether by circumstance or design, one thing has become clear in recent weeks: The most hotly contested beatification in memory won't take place next year.

New allegations about the record of Pope Pius XII — particularly a claim he was an anti-Semite — have fueled a long-standing debate about whether the World War II pope could have done more to spare Europe's Jews from Adolf Hitler's "final solution."

That he is a candidate for beatification, the penultimate step before sainthood, has angered Jewish groups and threatened to set back progress in Catholic-Jewish relations after years of hard work by the two sides.

There were persistent reports that Pius was on a fast track for sainthood, with Pope John Paul II eager to honor him — along with Pius' successor John XXIII — when the Vatican marks the start of Christianity's third millennium in 2000.

It now appears that John XXIII, the reform-minded pontiff who opened a new chapter in the church's relations with Jews, will be the lone pope to receive the honor next year.

John Paul has called Pius a "great pope."

Nation

Federal government has budget surplus of \$123 billion, still has \$5 trillion debt

WASHINGTON — The federal government ended the fiscal year with a budget surplus of \$123 billion, recording the first back-to-back surpluses since Dwight Eisenhower was president, the White House announced Wednesday.

The surplus for the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30 followed a \$69.2 billion surplus in 1998, the first time the government had finished in the black since 1969.

The two consecutive budget surpluses marked the first time the government has managed that feat since 1956 and 1957 during the Eisenhower administration.

Despite the surpluses, the government still has a \$5 trillion debt.

Presidential spokesman Joe Lockhart disclosed the figures in advance of a formal White House event where President Clinton was to talk about the administration's economic accomplishments later in the day.

Lockhart called the 1999 surplus the largest in U.S. history in total dollar terms. As a percentage of the total economy, it is the largest surplus since 1951, Lockhart said.

Sen. Jesse Helms orders police to remove congresswomen from Senate hearing

WASHINGTON — Sen. Jesse Helms ordered Capitol police to remove several congresswomen from a Senate hearing Wednesday after they disrupted the meeting by trying to present him a letter supporting an international treaty against sexual discrimination.

Helms, R-N.C., who chairs the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, has blocked a Senate vote on the 1979 United Nations treaty.

Rep. Lynn Woolsey, D-Calif., led the congresswomen and several female staff members to Helms' office and then to the Foreign Relations Committee, where he was chairing a hearing on China. They tried to present him a letter signed by more than 100 House members in support of the U.N. Convention to Eliminate All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.

After asking the women to "please act like ladies," Helms directed Capitol Police to escort them from the hearing room.

State

Texas needs more college-educated citizens to compete economically, officials say

AUSTIN — Texas will lose ground economically if more of its residents don't earn college degrees, Lt. Gov. Rick Perry said Wednesday.

Perry charged the Special Commission on 21st Century Colleges and Universities to find ways to boost college enrollment. According to 1990 Census figures, about one in five Texans earns an undergraduate or graduate degree.

According to University of Texas researchers, Internet-related businesses are expected to generate more than \$507 billion in revenues this year.

Those businesses, whose revenues were measured at \$301 billion last year, also directly account for 2.3 million jobs and growth is not expected to subside, the Texas researchers said.

A college graduate is projected to earn up to \$1 million more in their lifetime than a worker without one, Perry said, with the difference as large as \$2.7 million for a college graduate compared to a high school dropout.

Higher Education Commissioner Don Brown said 32 percent of Texas' 19-year-olds were enrolled in colleges and universities in fall 1996, well below the national average of 40 percent.

Judge dismisses student's suit concerning prayer at graduation ceremony

FORT WORTH — A federal judge Wednesday dismissed a Fort Worth-area high school graduate's lawsuit against her school district for allegedly infringing on her right to present a graduation-day prayer.

Katherine Hackleman, 18, sued the Aledo Independent School District in May after a school district lawyer deleted parts of a prayer she had written for graduation day.

When she and the Liberty Legal Institute threatened to sue, the school district relented and allowed her to present the unedited prayer. It contained phrases such as "Heavenly Father" and "Thank you for having a plan to prosper us."

Instead of delivering the speech, Hackleman sued, hoping the school's review policy would be declared unconstitutional.

On Wednesday, U.S. District Judge John McBride ruled that Hackleman failed to bring a valid claim.

He explained that the plaintiff did not take into account a February ruling by the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that upheld another school district's enforcement of nonsectarian and non-proselytizing prayer. That ruling came in a lawsuit against the Santa Fe Independent School District, near Galveston.

The American Civil Liberties Union tried to intervene in the case on behalf of an Aledo High student and his father. McBride's ruling made that point moot, but the group still hailed his decision.

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STAFF editorial

UNFULFILLED Lack of candidates hinders voice

The House of Student Representatives' Elections and Regulations Committee has extended the application deadline for the office of student body secretary to noon today after the only candidate running withdrew from the race Monday.

If no one submits an application by that time, the newly elected officers — who will be decided during primary elections Wednesday or during run-off elections Thursday — will appoint a new House secretary. Of the four other positions with candidates, two will go uncontested — vice president for programming and treasurer.

If the office of secretary goes unfilled, only two of the five student body offices will actually offer students choices.

That is pathetic.

A lack of candidates not only limits choices but creates a sense of apathy among voters. Students may wonder why it is even important to vote if they have no real voice in their student government.

Without choices, students have even less of a reason to turn out for elections.

Of the 7,000-plus students on campus, only 1,181 voted in the runoff for student government officers last fall. Of the five offices filled last year, only three of the five offices were contested.

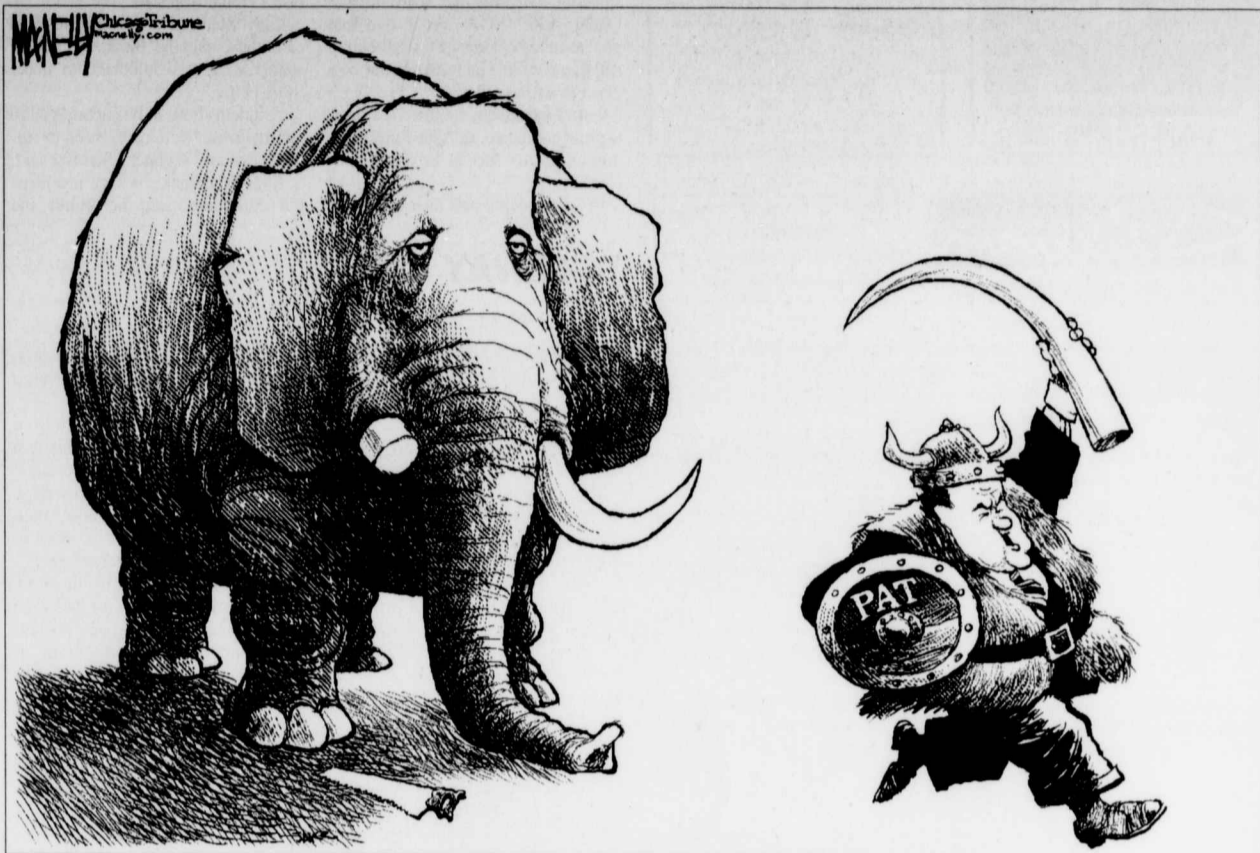
At the height of campaigning on campus, many candidates are making promises to end apathy and address the lack of communication on campus.

We find that an end to apathy is difficult to believe when offices are still unfilled and students body elections offer students very few choices in the voice of their government.

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Small feats for Mideast peace

'Safe passage' a compromise between Palestinians, Israelis

The photographs show smiling faces looming over outstretched arms that wave identification cards out taxi and bus windows to the checkpoint guards. The guards, in contrast, are serious and stone-faced, carefully checking the cards before waving the vehicles through. The exchange, though somewhat tense, is peaceful. The car accelerates as it leaves the checkpoint and speeds across Israel towards its destination, the West Bank.

Commentary



ALAN MELSON

This may sound like an uneventful exchange, but it represents a new era in the Middle Eastern peace process. Israel finally opened a "safe passage" route Monday that allows Palestinians from the crowded, unstable Gaza Strip to travel across Israel to the larger West Bank, a place where more opportunities abound.

Israelis carefully monitor the route, making sure no one strays from the road or takes too long to make the journey.

This exchange has become a common sight over the last few days at the border between Gaza and Israel, as hundreds of predominantly young Palestinians began the trek across Israel toward an ideal of a better life. Israeli officials, though cautious, are allowing the groups through as a way of contributing to stabilization efforts in the region, efforts that are trying to reduce the constant animosity between the two peoples.

Palestinian authorities hope the new passage will help to further unite its various "enclaves" of people and move closer to their goal of an independent state. The very fact that this has happened is a major boost to the Middle East region but still shows how far apart the two peoples are.

If you're having a hard time envisioning this scene, imagine something like this here in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. Let's say, for example, that Fort Worth citizens and Dallas citizens are two completely different groups of

people who each hold a specific ethnicity, religion and set of opinions about who is the rightful owner of the North Texas area.

Dallas won't allow Fort Worth citizens to cross through Dallas to get to anyone else they know in East Texas. You are in Fort Worth without a job and desperately want to find a way to improve your life. Suddenly, Dallas opens up a single road that, with special permission, can be used to get to the people you love and to chances for a new job or a new life in the growing towns of East Texas.

Wouldn't you want this opportunity? Many Palestinians do and have crossed over into the West Bank, and thousands more are expected to make the journey over the next few months.

However, there are still groups in Israel who don't want this to happen. A report in the *Los Angeles Times* told of a group of ultra-Orthodox Yeshiva students protesting along the route, waving banners proclaiming the road an "open passage for terrorists." Fighting still went on Tuesday in Bethlehem as Israeli soldiers wounded at least 16 Palestinian

youths rioting over the killing of a Palestinian by Israeli troops.

The Israelis do have a right to be worried about the new route, as this opens up their country to people from a group that has long been viewed as a potential threat to Israel's hard-fought independence.

If small compromises such as this cannot be reached, though, the threat of greater violence looms over the horizon. By making this move, Israel has shown that it is willing to take steps toward peace. The Palestinian authorities need to respect this by cracking down on so-called "right wing" groups that have been linked to terrorism and other mayhem in the region.

By working together to build up a relationship of toleration a guarded trust can be reached, and the violence that has plagued this area ever since the wars that resulted in the creation of the modern state of Israel can be halted. Now, Israel must prepare itself to take further steps toward this process.

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Athleticism hard to revisit

Commitment may not always come back easily

I had a rough week. Two midterms, a lost credit card, no money and a rumor that Metallica broke up all contributed to a fairly dismal week. When I have a rough week, I go to the pool because the water is more my element. It relaxes me. Thus, I went to the pool during cocoon time, when all the old people are there being fit and active seniors.

"Ho ho," laughed I, "look at Don Ameche float! Out of my lane, Mr. Pension Plan!" When I finished sneering, I dove in and swam for a whopping 200 yards before I was decidedly wiped out. Next to me, Wilford Brimley steamed his way into a turn like a big hoary manatee. At this point I acknowledged I was more out of shape than I had ever been, all because I gave up on aquatic sports.

I used to be a distance swimmer, and in water polo, I played two-meter guard, both of which are stamina-intensive. Unfortunately, due to slothfulness, generous libations, an unhealthy diet and overall unathleticism, I have turned into that which I formerly ridiculed.

Upon entering college, I chose to give up aquatics, for they had become a chore. I no longer felt the spark when I dove in or picked up a ball. I felt as though I had changed, and so I moved on and closed that chapter in my life.

This decision was one of the biggest mistakes of my college career. I gave up something that was difficult but ultimately rewarding. When I was down, the water was always there for me. She gave me a chance to prove myself. Everything I put into the water she returned

ten-fold.

Rain or shine, happy or sad, the rippled blue of a pool was ready to take me into her arms and comfort me; if I needed to be pushed, she challenged me. The water and the sports I played helped keep me fit, both mentally and physically, yet still I abandoned her because I assumed that she would always be there if I changed my mind.

Of course, the water is still there, and she always will be, except that now she is not so forgiving. Since we have been estranged, I have had a difficult time swimming. When I listen to the water, she says nothing, as if she were snubbing me the way I rejected her. I miss her, and I would love for her to take me back, but I know our relationship won't be possible for months, maybe years, unless I make a concerted and dedicated effort to mend the broken bond.

Commentary



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I gave up the water because I thought the spark was gone. I moved on because I felt that maintaining the relationship was too much work, but that she would be there if I really needed her. I think she wants to forgive me and take me back, but she cannot allow me to hurt her again.

Until I commit, until I mature, until I realize what I had in the water, she cannot be a part of my life. So for those of you who have given something up because you feel as though you have closed that chapter in your life or outgrown a particular interest, re-examine your motives and look at the future, because some things don't come back so easily, if they do at all.

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Dangerous sex education

Abstinence-only lessons leave youth unprotected

Hugh Downs of "20/20" said it best a few weeks ago on his last episode of the show. Without much of the world noticing, the longtime host of the hour-long news program retired. As he was sitting across from his co-host Barbara Walters, who was interviewing him for the first time, she asked him what he thought the most overrated virtue was. Without hesitation, Downs replied, "Chastity."

It was an answer that deserved much more attention than it got from Walters, who simply smiled and moved on to the next question.

Saying that chastity is the most overrated virtue is a bold statement considering that right now, all over the country as part of Republican welfare-reform, high school students are being enrolled in sex-education programs that essentially teach only abstinence. These programs, which use numerous scare tactics to convince teenagers that sex is a bad thing that somehow becomes OK only after marriage, are perhaps the dumbest education plans to come along since Ebonics.

Not only do they encourage the damn near-impossible goal of waiting until marriage to enjoy the opposite sex, but they also deny students access to important life-saving knowledge.

Two years ago, Republicans set aside \$50 million to be distributed over the next five years to states that encourage students to save sex until marriage. Five states that have received the funds have even gone far enough to mandate abstinence-only education programs in their schools.

One of these states is Texas. According to *Time* magazine, in McLennan County, Texas, an abstinence-only program is already in place. The county is being watched very closely by other states and counties considering incorporating the program into their public school systems.

The way the program works is that rather than learning about the joys of sex and the beauty of sharing yourself with one person (or several, depending on what you're into), and methods of protection, students are taught only the negative effects of premarital intercourse and are basically scared into never wanting to do it.

For example, federal funds require that students are taught only the harmful psychological and physical effects of premarital sex. If contraceptives are used, they must be cast as useless in preventing pregnancy and disease. Students in McLennan County even get to view a uterus before and after the onset of pelvic inflammatory disease.

But the worst thing about these programs is that they only encourage students to control their adrenaline flow rather than telling them what to do in the very likely instance that they are unable to. All of this is an attempt to promote

chastity in the public school system.

The *Time* article goes on to say there is no evidence that the abstinence message is working. Since 1990, there has been a 17 percent decrease in teen pregnancies nationwide and even though abstinence-only program advocates have tried to take credit for this trend, there is no evidence to support the claim. No current study of any of the programs already in place have found that they are helpful in delaying the onset of sexual activity.

So rather than learning about condoms for both males and females, students in the abstinence-only education programs are being told to not worry about such things, because when they feel the urge they should simply ignore it.

But what proponents do not seem to understand is that sex is an inevitable part of being human and growing up. It may not happen when students are in their teens and for many it may actually not happen until they are married. Regardless of when one chooses to partake in the pleasures of the flesh, legislators should at least be willing to see to it that when young people are ready, they are equipped with the knowledge of how to protect themselves in the process.

Encouraging chastity rather than protection against the imminent seems likely to contribute to the main problem Republicans are attempting to counteract.

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at TCU have a lack of unity. "I would like to have a place for students to come and share ideas," Oubre said. "SGA has a two-fold goal to help students get an education and to have fun, so House should be a place to express views." Sara Donaldson, another vice presidential candidate, said she thinks student concerns should be SGA concerns. "I want people and their organiza-

tions to feel good about themselves so they can reach out to everyone else," Donaldson said. Clay Stauffer, a vice presidential candidate, said he thinks he understands what it would take to make SGA better. "Students have to be encouraged to get involved, we need to listen to students first and act later," Stauffer said. Ryan Shoemaker, a vice presidential candidate, said he thinks the

answer is unity without boundaries. "Students need at least a semester to be TCU students before they become anything else, for instance, Greek students," he said. University Relations Committee Chairman Paul Kanitra said he thinks the decision to hold the forum outside was a better decision than having it indoors because he said more people attended. "I think the forum ran smoothly,

but I hope people paid attention," Kanitra said. Kanitra said although several topics were discussed at the forum, there was no open debate among the candidates. "Thursday's debate will be set up to allow more debate and back-and-forth answers," Kanitra said.

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the large properties along the route south of Hulen Street will probably dedicate (donate) the right-of-way because they own the property on both sides of the proposed road," Walsh said. The city is working with the Texas Department of Transportation and the North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA) to plan the tollway. Jerry Hiebert, executive director of the NTTA, said the majority of property purchases will be at the northern end of the roadway, near Vickery Boulevard and Forest Park Avenue, where most of the right-of-way cuts across pieces of private property. Proponents of the Southwest Parkway agree that the necessity outweighs the large price tag. However, leaders of the renewal movement in the central part of the city have criticized the planned tollway, saying the growing cost will take money away from the efforts to revitalize older areas such as Berry Street. Carol Misfeldt, co-chairwoman of the Hemphill Corridor Redevelopment Effort, said this pro-

ject has been "railroaded" through without many citizens knowing about it. "There's a fairly sizable group in this community that thinks this is a really bad idea," she said. "So many people think it's already a done deal, but it isn't. Few people know about this now, but if those people were to see statistics, they'd be shocked. It's going to have a really negative impact on the way the city looks, on the air quality and on our pocket-books and will probably drain so much money out of the city budget that if we think we have potholes now, we haven't seen anything yet." Greg Hughes, vice chairman of the University West Neighborhood Association, which represents the residential area directly northwest of the TCU campus, said he also is concerned about how the road will affect the area. "By building that freeway so that it runs just south of I-30 in this part of town, it will create basically a solid roof of overpasses over University Drive from the interstate

to the railroad bridge," Hughes said. "That intersection is a major gateway to the TCU campus ... It needs help already, and I think this added overpass would make it even worse." Linda Clark, president of the Berry Street Initiative, the group that helped plan the Berry Street redevelopment, said the group expressed concerns about the tollway's impact on the city at a City Council meeting last year, but she said those concerns have not been addressed as far as she is aware. Silcox said critics of the plan simply need to check the facts. "This roadway and the businesses it will generate will help create property and sales taxes that will help the city pay for other activities," Silcox said. "I have told the critics of Highway 121 that I could easily work to kill the revitalization projects they want so badly to happen, but I believe they are needed, too. Instead of fighting as 'yours vs. mine,' why don't we fight for both of ours together? That's what ought to be done."

Hiebert said public hearings about the final plan for the tollway will be held early next year before it is submitted to federal officials for approval. In the meantime, residents of the older neighborhoods in central Fort Worth said all they can do is continue to let people know they think the plan is not in the best interests of the city. "I've heard a lot of people who have a lot of knowledge about city development and growth patterns say that if this tollway is built, it will be the death knell for the older, central part of Fort Worth," Misfeldt said. "People will just bypass all of it to get to the new developments in southwest Fort Worth. They try to justify the road by saying it's been on the books for 30 years, but the world's a very different place than it was 30 years ago. "There's got to be a smarter, more cost-effective solution to the problem."

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30-hour training RAD conference. The addition of these instructors gives the program five officially trained instructors capable of teaching the class. Gary Payton, assistant safety director of risk management, was one of the three trained and said the personal experience he gained will help him better understand and help the women in the program. "I think they tried to make (the men) feel how a female does in those situations," Payton said. "We were attacked by these huge guys. I don't even know where they found them. They were huge. "They wanted to show us what it feels like to be intimidated, and they did a great job. I was scared, but I got out." Payton said the confidence and

hope he gained is what the program is trying to give the women who participate. "I will survive" — that's the attitude they're trying to instill in the females," he said. "They feel like they can do something." Payton said he wants to see more female faculty and staff members take advantage of the classes. "We have safety training for employees on almost everything," he said. "We want to implement more programs that people don't have to do but want to do." Along with Payton, Officer Walker Johnson and Hoa Brown, workers' compensation coordinator, were also trained for the RAD program. Brown is the only female instructor. With more instructors, McGuire said he hopes more students will

take the course but warns the class does not have an assurance that nothing will ever happen. "It builds up self-esteem, but the class is not going to guarantee your safety," he said. Lessin said the knowledge she gained helped her feel more secure, but she is content with never trying out her skills in real life. "I don't know how effective I'd be if I had to use it, but I hope I never have to find out," she said. McGuire said there will be a RAD program within the next two weeks. Anyone interested can contact TCU Police at 257-7777 or McGuire via e-mail at (macnavy@yahoo.com).

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passionate, fast and warm." Bujones will end the show with his Arabian classical-style ballet performed to Alexander Borodin's music of the "Polovtzi Dances" from the opera "Prince Igor." The musical composition for Bujones' piece is from a famous opera, he said. "It's known worldwide, so when people hear it they identify immediately with the music," he said. "That's one of the reasons that I chose the music ... It's a very appealing and very energetic music." Audience members need to understand the hard work and effort put forth by the dancers to make this a special event, Bujones said.

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Gunmen kill Armenian PM, 6 top officials

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YEREVAN, Armenia — Gunmen assassinated Armenia's prime minister and six other top officials and lawmakers Wednesday, spraying Parliament with automatic weapons fire during a debate and saying they were staging a coup in the former Soviet republic.

Hours after they burst into the chamber and shot Prime Minister Vazgen Sarkisian, the attackers remained in control of the building and were holding dozens of

hostages, police said. Hundreds of police and army soldiers ringed the building in central Yerevan as officials negotiated with the assailants.

One of the attackers approached Sarkisian and said "Enough of drinking our blood," according to reporters in the chamber at the time of the attack. The premier calmly responded, "Everything is being done for you and the future of your children."

The attacker — identified by reporters as Nairi Unanian, an extreme nationalist and former jour-

nalist — opened fire. Armenia became an independent republic following the Soviet collapse in 1991, has endured years of political and economic turmoil.

Kocharian was personally directing the security forces around the building.

In addition to Sarkisian, the gunmen killed parliament speaker Karen Demirchian, deputy speaker Yuri Bakhshian, Energy Minister Leonard Petrosian and senior economic official Mikhail Kotanian, according to Ararat Zurabian, a city

spokesman. Ruben Miroian, another deputy speaker, and Genrikh Abramian, another member of parliament, were also killed, said lawmaker Agvan Vardanian. He was being held hostage inside the parliament, and spoke to a local television network over his cell phone.

There was tremendous confusion about what was happening inside the parliament building, with officials giving wildly contradictory reports on casualties and other details.

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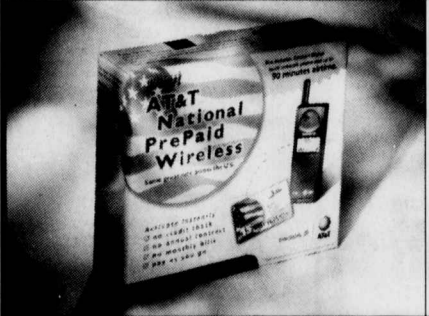
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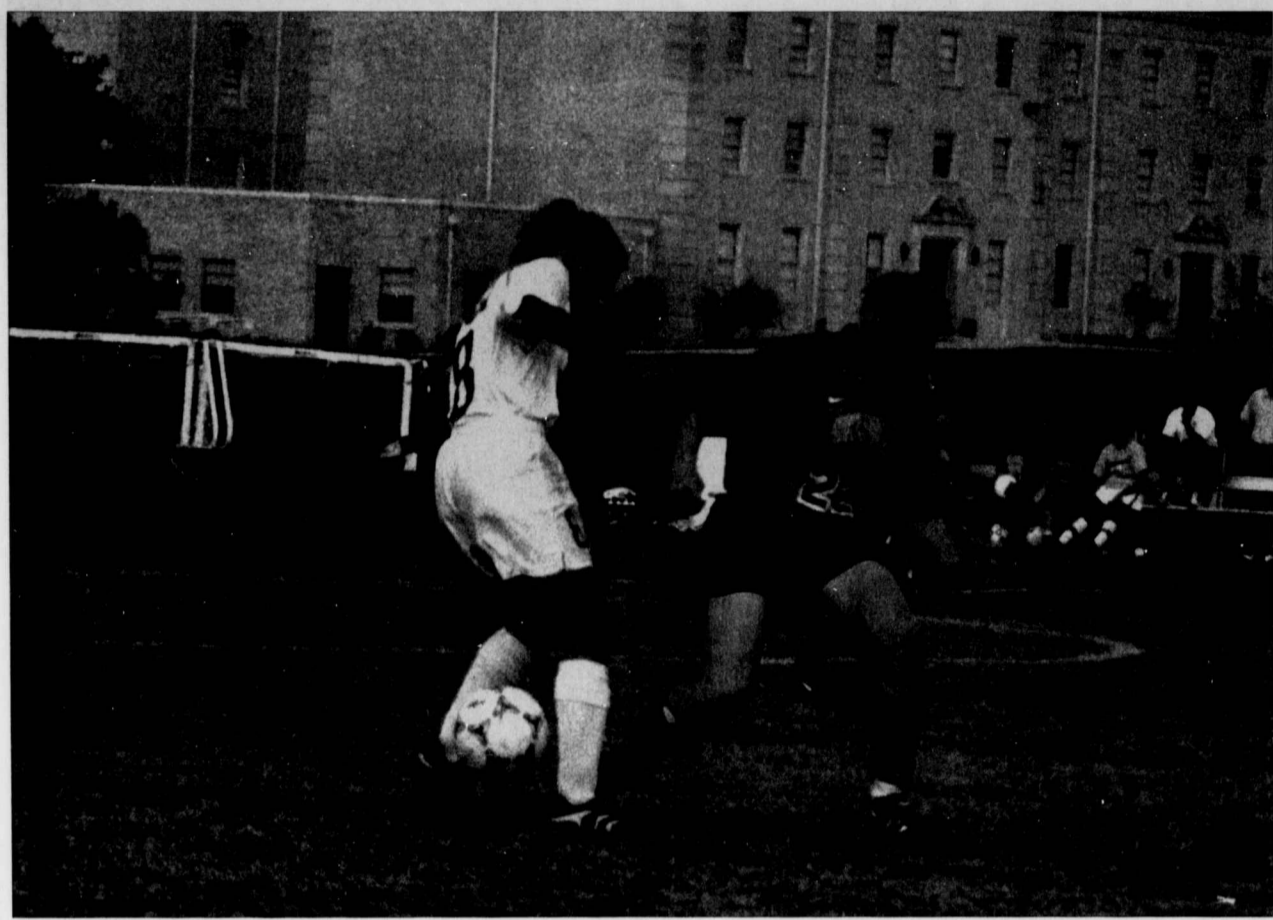
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Women's soccer falls to Oklahoma State, 2-1



Sophomore midfielder Ali Schloegel battles for the ball with an Oklahoma State midfielder Wednesday at the TCU Soccer Complex. The Frogs lost to the Cowboys, 2-1, pushing their losing streak to four games.

Team struggles offensively, shifts focus to Friday's game

By Victor Drabicky
STAFF REPORTER

The TCU women's soccer team extended their losing streak to four games on Wednesday by losing 2-1 to Oklahoma State at the TCU Soccer Complex.

Oklahoma State scored the first of their two first-half goals only five minutes into the game when forward Missy Moss put the ball through goalkeeper Danielle Reitnouer's hands.

Junior defender Christy Filice said the goal is characteristic of the Frogs as of late.

"We have been dominating the games, but letting in easy goals," Filice said. "It makes it tough to win games when you give goals away, but can't score any."

The Frogs did manage to score one goal in the second half, but continued to struggle offensively taking only five shots in the game.

Senior forward Allison Calleri said the Frogs had trouble keeping their shots on target.

"We shot to the left of the goal, above the goal, we even had a shot hit the crossbar," Calleri said. "We'll never score if we don't get our shots on goal."

Head coach David Rubinson said the Frogs played well, but continued to have problems offensively.

"It's the same song, different verse," Rubinson said. "We played

well enough to win the game, but couldn't capitalize on our opportunities."

Filice said some of the Frogs' offensive struggles stemmed from poor play as a team.

"We didn't work together," said Filice. "We can't expect to win games if we can't play well together."

Rubinson said despite losing the game and struggling offensively, the team played well.

"We owned the ball for most of the game," Rubinson said. "We played well, and we created chances. We just had a few mental lapses that cost us some goals."

Calleri said it is important for the team to forget about the game and focus on Friday's match against the University of Texas.

"We want to end the season on a winning note," Calleri said. "The University of Texas has a good team. If we could go out and beat them, it would be a good win for us and a good way to end the season."

The Frogs finish up their season at 4 p.m. on Friday at the TCU Soccer Complex when they play host to the University of Texas.

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Teammates step up play in absence of injured runner

By Steven Baker
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Although sophomores Gladys Keitany and Katie Singleton have led the cross country team this year with a combined nine top 10 finishes, they both said the team drives them to compete at their best.

Singleton said the team aspect is what keeps her going.

"I try and make sure that I am focused on the race and the task at hand," she said. "When the team does better, you can pull off of what they are accomplishing. When you pass a runner, that can be a two point swing in a race. There is so much more at stake when you are running for the team."

When sophomore Robin Schacht went out earlier in the season with a hip injury, the Western Athletic Conference pre-season pole that predicted the TCU women to finish first, seemed a little premature. But Keitany and Singleton have improved on their freshman sea-

sons to help the team through this teammate's injury. Keitany has led the team this year with five individual top 10 finishes, while Singleton finished the regular season with four top 10 times in five races.

Keitany said she has to be more positive in the last half of the race to do her part for the team.

"I know what my own challenges are, but the whole team has to be thinking that they can win this race," he said. "Coach Waters has been trying to help us think as a team all season. We warm-up together, run with each other and cool down together."

Head cross country coach Dan Waters said having Singleton and Keitany up front really sets the

pace for the rest of the team.

"Their talent drives them further in the race, but there is really no separation between them and the rest of the team besides their times," he said. "They do the little things that we talk so much about in practice. The right diet, running hard in practice and sleeping right are all a part of this."

Waters said when Schacht went out, Keitany and Singleton really stepped up their performances.

"They want Robin out there even more than I do," he said. "But when she went out with an injury, they didn't blink an eye. They just kept getting stronger and running faster at the meets."

In 1998 WAC Championships,

Schacht finished 16th, Keitany 4th and Singleton 17th. Keitany received WAC freshman of the year after the leading the women to a third place finish overall.

Singleton said having her college cross country experience last year is what has helped her step up her performance.

"This year I have been lucky and not gotten injured," she said. "But a year of experience, knowing the competition and courses, does help."

Waters said the Singleton and Keitany just need to keep running like they have been for the women to have a chance at the WAC Championships.

"There is no other team out there right now that has the group of sophomores like ours," he said. "If Keitany and Singleton keep improving, then they will be two of the top runners in our region and All-Americans by their junior and senior year."

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Sophomore cross country runners Gladys Keitany and Katie Singleton keep pace with the competition at the University North Texas Invitational.

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Frogs' starting midfielder takes experience to field

By James Zwilling
SKIFF STAFF

Fifteen years after his first game with a YMCA team, junior Doak VanEnk can't even remember not playing soccer.

"I don't really know what got me started in the sport," VanEnk said. "Nobody in my family has ever played the sport. My mom said I just asked to be on a team, and that is how it all began."

Today, VanEnk is a starting midfielder for the Horned Frogs on the heels of being named to *Soccer America's* Men's College Team of the Week from Oct. 11-17.

VanEnk received the honor after scoring the game-winning goal versus Southern Methodist University Oct. 17 in TCU's first-ever victory over the long-time rival.

VanEnk said the game was very important to the entire team.

"We really needed the SMU game," he said. "It really boosted our confidence and gave us the confidence to know that we can win the Western Athletic Conference."

VanEnk said he is just one member of the team which was responsible for the win and didn't expect the honor.

"It was really a surprise to receive the award," VanEnk said. "It was unexpected, but I was happy to find out."

VanEnk's road to recognition has not been as smooth as the business major would have liked after transferring from the Naval Academy following his freshmen year.

Due to NCAA regulations, VanEnk was forced to sit out all of last year.

"It was tough at first to sit out a year," VanEnk said. "It was really tough not being able to play - I even missed going to practice every day."

However, VanEnk said he feels he has adjusted well to the program at TCU.

"At Navy, the military stuff really conflicted with soccer," he said. "It made it difficult for the coaches and the players."

Although VanEnk received a varsity letter as a freshmen at Navy, he said transferring to TCU was not a hard decision.

"Growing up in Dallas, I had played with several of these players before, and I really liked the coaches, other players and the university itself," he said.

The coaching staff was not entirely new to VanEnk who played with assistant coach Blake Amos in the Olympic Training Program.

The program consisted of district, regional, state and national teams.

"The Olympic Training Program was a wonderful experience,"

VanEnk said. "I was playing with great coaches and great players. I was exposed to a different level of play."

VanEnk said several of these individuals have made an impact on his soccer career.

"I have had several really good coaches who have been my role models on the field," he said. "I also look to all of my teammates at TCU as role models."

Off the field, VanEnk looks a little closer to home for inspiration.

"My parents have done so much for me off the field," he said. "They have supported everything I have done in life and in soccer."

As for the future, VanEnk said he doesn't know where soccer will lead him.

"I'd like to play professionally after college, but right now I just can't tell what will happen," he said.

For now, VanEnk said he will concentrate on helping his team make it to the NCAA tournament and be thankful for the things that soccer has already given him.

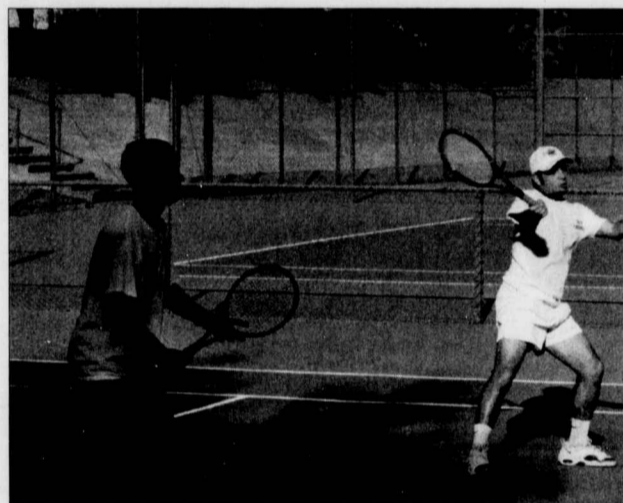
"The competitiveness that soccer has taught me I will carry with me in everything I do, and I know some of the friendships I have made will last a lifetime."

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Junior midfielder Doak VanEnk plays a bounding ball away from a Southern Methodist defender in the Frogs' match against the Mustangs Oct. 17. VanEnk's goal in the SMU game gave TCU its first victory over the Mustangs in 18 years.

Luck, mystery at heart of tennis partners' teamwork



Junior Justin Gagnon, left, and freshman Jose "Pepe" Mendoza, right, practice doubles play in a workout last week. Both the men's and the women's tennis teams devote practice time to develop successful teamwork.

By Matt Stiver
STAFF REPORTER

Some things are a mystery.

When forming a doubles team, TCU women's tennis coach Roland Ingram and men's coach Michael Center must get several key components to line up. They also need a little luck.

Ingram said he looks for the style of play and rapport the players have when forming a doubles team. The rapport is vital, he said.

"It's hard," he said. "You think you can say, 'These girls would be a great doubles team.' But if they don't think alike, it will be very difficult for them to gel. You just keep trying and trying. The girls I usually say can never be a good doubles team are usually the best."

Center said the men's team has a ritual during doubles play.

"After every point when you're playing doubles, something needs to be said to your partner," Center said. "Whether it's look for this guy to serve to your forehand or let's serve

the ball up the line, something has to be said so (they) are really and truly working as a team.

Junior Martin Jirak, who teams with fellow junior Esteban Carril to form the No. 10 doubles team in the nation, said he and Carril discuss strategy.

"Basically, when we serve, we decide (what to do)," Jirak said. "So if I serve, he'll tell me where to serve and I'll say, 'Okay' or 'No I don't think that's a good idea.' (Sometimes we say) lets take it down the line, or lets find out which (opponent) is weaker on volleys and which is weaker on the baseline."

The women's team does things differently, Ingram said.

"We have to give high-fives, whether good shot or bad shot, and smile," Ingram said. "In women's tennis, it's more what you don't say than what you say. If (one player) is frowning or grumpy, (the other) will think, 'Uh oh. She's mad.' In men's tennis they don't care how you look as long

as you do what you're supposed to do."

Center said playing doubles is completely different than playing singles.

"The strategies are different, and the movement is different," Center said. "Obviously, you're trying to get to the net all the time. It really has to be two guys in sync: You have to be conscious of your partner and what he's doing all the time."

When reflecting on his career at TCU, Ingram said his best doubles team did not start that way.

"(That would be) Tory Plunkett and Rene Simpson," Ingram said. "(These were) two girls that at the beginning liked each other like a cat and a dog, had exactly opposite games, would not talk to each other and I made them play together. I made them play together, the chemistry was there and they made All-American. Why? It's a mystery."

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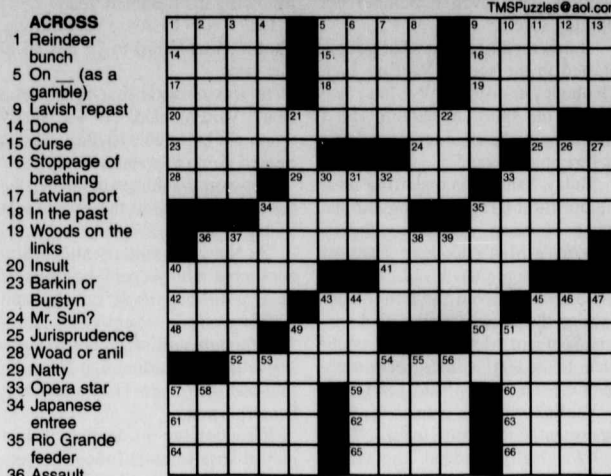
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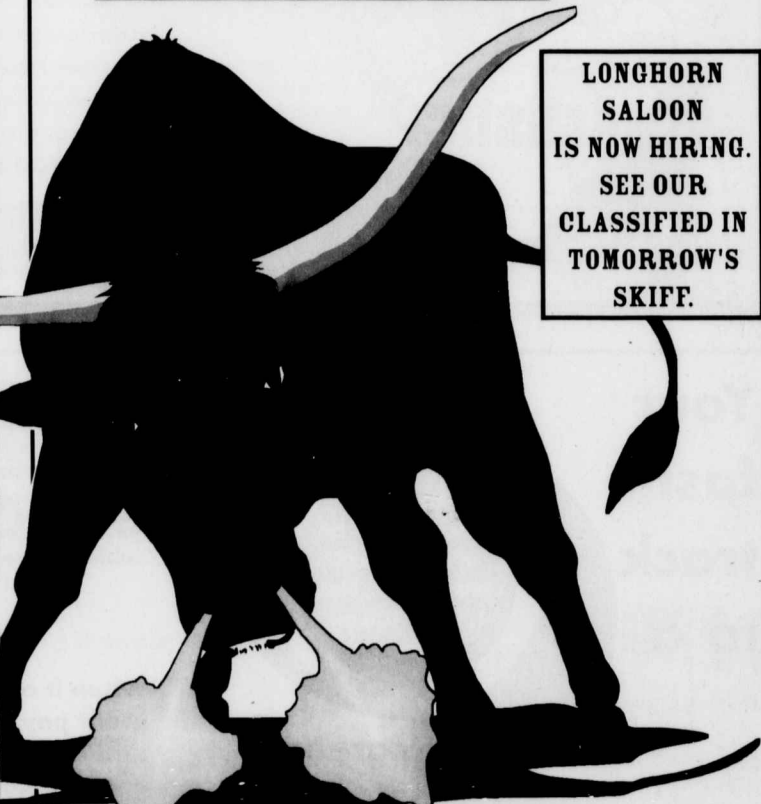
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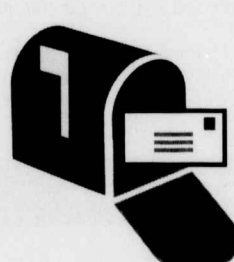


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