



Although the average age of marriage in the United States has been steadily increasing in recent years, one in 13 TCU students is married during his or her time at the university.

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Search ends as Ferrari appoints new VC

By Lori Eshelman
STAFF REPORTER

Carol N. Campbell, vice president and treasurer of Carleton College in Northfield, Minn., has been appointed vice chancellor for finance and business at TCU.

Chancellor Michael R. Ferrari announced Campbell's appointment Wednesday after a six-month-long search process which included 109 nominees and applicants.

Campbell will take over for

Carleton College treasurer to fill chief financial officer position

Ronald Clinkscale in late February or early March and will also serve as treasurer of TCU. Clinkscale has been serving as interim chief financial officer since the position was vacated by James McGowan in June 1999.

"Our goal was to attract the top chief financial officer in the country to come to TCU, and (Campbell) was an outstanding fit for TCU," Ferrari said.

He said Campbell has the skills from the accounting and management perspective as well as excellent communication and personal skills.

"She brings experience from both a major public institution as well as a small, leading private institution," he said. "That will be invaluable in the development of TCU's future."

Campbell said she looks forward to working with Ferrari and the rest of the TCU community, as well as the Commission on the Future of TCU.

"I am anxious to play as much of a role as I can in furthering the planning effort at TCU," she said.

Campbell has served as Carleton's vice president for the past 10 years, where she completed over \$60 million in construction and renovation and oversaw

growth in Carleton's endowment from \$175 million to \$550 million, Ferrari said.

Campbell has also been involved with several national organizations and served as chairwoman of the board of directors of the National Association of College and University Business Officers.

After earning a bachelor's degree in business from the

University of Minnesota, Campbell worked as a general practice manager at Coopers and Lybrand, a McLean, Va.-based company specializing in financial advising and consulting. Campbell then worked at the University of Minnesota for six years where she served in various positions, including treasurer and acting senior vice president for finance and operations.

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BRIEFS

COLLEGES

Former Rutgers players sue school for stripping incident

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. (U-WIRE) — Two former Rutgers basketball players and a student manager were not only stripped of their clothes but also their dignity, a lawsuit filed Tuesday charges.

The lawsuit stems from a December 1997 incident where men's basketball head coach Kevin Bannon ordered them to strip nude and run sprints after participating in a free throw shooting contest.

Bannon reportedly had team members remove articles of clothing for each free throw they missed.

Lawyers for former players Earl Johnson and Josh Sankes and former student manager Juan Pla, filed a complaint in Superior Court claiming the strip free throw event was a violation of the students' civil rights.

Sankes transferred to Holy Cross College in Worcester, Mass. after the 1997 season, and Johnson left for Iona College in New Rochelle, N.Y. last year.

The lawsuit names the University, President Francis L. Lawrence, the Board of Governors, the Board of Trustees, Bannon, assistant coach Tod Kowalczyk, athletic director Robert Mulcahy and his predecessor Fred Gruninger as defendants.

The University had not been served with any legal papers as of yesterday.

— Daily Targum
Rutgers University

Final effects of genetically engineered food still unclear

LOS ANGELES (U-WIRE) — Genetic engineering in agriculture is seen as positive for humanity by some, and either potentially harmful or intrinsically wrong by others.

Charles Bennett, professor emeritus of geography at UCLA, said people lack information on the subject.

"A lot of controversy arises on the unfortunate fact that people are not sophisticated enough with biology," Bennett said.

The biotech firm Monsanto defines genetic modification as "a technique where individual genes can be copied and transferred to another living organism to alter its genetic make-up and thus incorporate or delete specific characteristics into or from the organism."

Some companies such as Monsanto argue that the new technology leading to supercrops and cattle is all about progress.

Such a view promotes the use of genetic engineering in agriculture, because it could help feed the growing world population by lowering production costs and increasing productivity.

— Daily Bruin
University of California at Los Angeles

Holiday cheer



David Dunai/PHOTO EDITOR

Heather Zak, a freshman premajor, and Zach Klemo, a sophomore speech communication major, join many others during the Holiday Tree Lighting in front of Sadler Hall Wednesday night.

Students shocked at violent drama of Seattle protests

Some say clash between police and demonstrators disturbing, surprising

By Steven Baker
STAFF REPORTER

Separated from the protests in their hometown of Seattle, some TCU students have mixed feelings about the violent results of those events.

Miranda Moore, a sophomore international communications major, said it does not surprise her that people are protesting there.

"There are a lot of left-wing groups that protest on the street in Seattle every year," she said. "What was surprising were the violent things going on. We don't even have shootings in Seattle. I have seen more violence in Fort Worth with the Wedgwood thing and TCU rapists than ever happened to me while I was in Seattle."

About 40,000 people crowded the downtown-business district of Seattle Tuesday to protest the meeting of members from the World Trade Organization. About 5,000 of those protesters became violent against police and even began breaking windows and looting stores such as Nordstroms and Starbucks Coffee shop.

The upset protesters accuse the 135-nation member WTO of favoring the needs of multinational corporations over environmen-

tal concerns and worker's rights.

Sara Steen, a sophomore religion and social work major from Seattle, said she learned of the protests from communicating over the Internet with a student from the University of Washington.

"He was telling me about tear gas. It was really surprising to see such a scene," she said. "The Seattle police force does not have enough experience because nothing like this ever really happens in Seattle."

About 200 members of the National Guard and 300 state troopers, sent by Washington Gov. Gary Locke, aided Seattle police Tuesday in thwarting the violent protesters with tear gas and pepper spray. Sixty-eight people were arrested Tuesday, and 68 more were taken away from the scene Wednesday in transit buses.

Moore said the mayor could have handled the situation in a less violent way.

"I know people were pretty violent, but they way they dealt with it, with tear gas and stuff, was something that you would see in Israel or in a Third World country," she said.

U.S. Secretary of State

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Youngblood marches on as interim director

By Alan Melson
STAFF REPORTER

As a small child, Brian Youngblood would put on a record of old Southwest Conference fight songs and march around the room with his sister's baton, pretending he was a drum major leading the band. More than 30 years later, Youngblood is still leading the band, and he says he's having a great time doing it.

Youngblood, new interim associate director of bands at TCU, has received praise from university officials and students for his work with

the marching band since he arrived at the beginning of this school year. Youngblood said he has had a lot of fun working with the band.

"It's really been a good time," he said. "I anticipated a bit of 'Who are you, coming in and messing with our stuff,' but there really hasn't been that at all. The band's been willing to try whatever craziness I've dished out, and I've been very satisfied with their work effort and their product on the field."

Youngblood, who grew up playing percussion, came to TCU from

Brewer High School in White Settlement, north of Fort Worth, where he served for two years as director of bands. Before that, he served as associate director of bands at Hurst L.D. Bell High School for 10 years. His marching band at Bell won numerous awards, and the school's drumline became nationally known for its high-energy performances.

Youngblood is no stranger to TCU, however. He composed drum parts for the TCU band from 1988-1990, during his first few years at L.D. Bell, and he worked as an assistant instruc-

tor with the TCU drumline once a week during football season. He said returning to the college level full time has been a pleasant experience after working with high school students for 12 years.

"It's a much higher level of maturity and ability," he said.

Band members said they appreciate Youngblood's energetic approach.

Geoff Dale, president of Kappa Kappa Psi, the band service fraternity, said Youngblood has been an asset to the marching band.

"He has brought a lot of energy to

work with the students," Dale said. "He really shows enthusiasm for his job in what he does, and I think that filters down to the students."

Kenneth Raessler, director of the TCU School of Music, said Youngblood fosters a sense of spirit in the band.

"His show designs are excellent and have drawn a great crowd response at the football games," he said. "I've received many positive

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97 years of campus news coverage

REFLECTIONS

Editor's note: This week-long installment will look back at headlines that ran on the front page of the TCU Daily Skiff since 1902.

LOOKING BACK

Kennedy assassination, 1960s political turbulence shakes campus and spurs debate

From mono to hangovers
Nov. 17, 1963

The "medical sanctuary that Coca-Cola built," the Brown-Lupton Health Center, officially opens. The Skiff reports that it will cure anything from "mono to that terribly painful occupational hazard of college students: the hangover."

TCU now has doctors
Nov. 17, 1963

TCU issues three doctoral degrees, the first in the 90-year history of the univer-

sity.

Kennedy visit no longer in doubt
Nov. 19, 1963

The Skiff reports that a visit to Fort Worth by President John F. Kennedy will take place on Nov. 22. The visit had been in doubt, as Kennedy had scheduling conflicts.

Campus reacts
Nov. 26, 1963

TCU students crowd the Skiff news-

room, reading updates from the Associated Press newswire on the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. The Student Center transforms into a "place of mourning" as students jam the television room. The Skiff reports that one faculty member ascends the stairs of Reed Hall, overhears the news from a nearby radio and sits down. He weeps.

Voter turn out pathetic
Oct. 24, 1967

The Skiff calls the 1,107 voter turnout

for student government elections "pathetic." At the time, TCU enrolls 6,000 undergraduates. One thousand eight hundred sixty-seven students voted in the 1999 elections when TCU has 7,400 undergraduates.

Professor blasts LBJ on Vietnam conduct
Oct. 31, 1967

TCU professor of philosophy Gustave Ferre denounces the Johnson administra-

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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.

■ Fellowship of Christian Athletes will sponsor a concert featuring Ross King at 8 p.m. today in the Robert Carr Chapel.

■ Air Force ROTC offers open-enrollment during the spring semester for college freshman and sophomore students interested in becoming commissioned officers in the U.S. Air Force. Once enrolled in the AFROTC courses, eligible students may apply for two- or three-year scholarships that could pay up to \$15,000 an academic year beginning in the Fall 2000 semester. There are no service requirements for the AFROTC freshman and sophomore courses. For more information, call 257-7461 or e-mail (J.Aleman@tcu.edu).

■ Special Events Committee of Programming Council will sponsor the annual Holiday Crafts Fair from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today in the Student Center Lounge and Reading Room.

■ The Public Relations Student Society of America will meet for the last time this semester at 5 p.m. today in Moudy Building South, Room 271. For more information, call Doug Newsom at 257-6552.

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

■ 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.

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News

ROUNDUP

World

World AIDS Day focuses largely on children who have lost parents to the disease

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — While AIDS activists handed out condoms in city buses in Bangkok and dropped them from a helicopter in Pretoria, much of the attention of World AIDS Day on Wednesday focused on the children — 11 million of whom have lost their parents.

"I have no idea of what my father looked like, what his voice or footsteps sounded like," Andrew Jackson Okrut of Uganda told a U.N. symposium in New York.

In a report released Wednesday, U.N. officials estimated that 11 million children have already been orphaned by the pandemic and that the number will reach 13 million by the end of next year.

It is almost unfathomable to think things could get worse in sub-Saharan Africa, home to 95 percent of AIDS orphans.

Eastern and southern Africa account for only 4.8 percent of the world's population, yet comprise over 50 percent of the 33.6 million people infected with the virus that causes AIDS. The regions account for 60 percent of AIDS deaths, U.N. data shows.

In Nigeria, HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, is estimated to infect a new person every minute. By 2003, an estimated 4.9 million Nigerians aged 15-49 are expected to be infected with HIV, compared to about 2.6 million today, according to a Nigerian report released Wednesday.

With an estimated 1,700 Zimbabweans dying of AIDS weekly, President Robert Mugabe has pushed a 4 percent "AIDS levy" on personal income and corporate taxes that takes effect Jan. 1.

Japanese asking if jealousy of child's academic success was motive in murder

TOKYO — The Japanese way of education often means unrelenting pressure on families, biting competition between children and fiery jealousy among parents.

Could it also mean murder? The Japanese have been asking that question since a housewife was arrested last week in the slaying of a 2-year-old girl — and the media linked the crime to entrance exams for elite kindergartens.

Details remain fuzzy, and reports emerged Tuesday that the 35-year-old suspect, who turned herself in to police, has denied she acted out of jealousy over the child's academic success.

Whatever the motive, the crime has ignited a wide-ranging debate over Japan's cut-throat edu-

cation practices.

The story has been splashed across newspapers and TV talk shows for days. The government has promised to consider education reforms. Critics are using it as fodder for tirades against schools and society.

At the center of the case is Mitsuko Yamada, who is accused of taking Haruna Wakayama from a nursery school playground in central Tokyo and strangling her with a scarf in a public bathroom. She then allegedly buried the child's body at her parents' house, 110 miles away.

Nation

Blacks, Hispanics much more likely to be frisked by New York City police, report says

NEW YORK — Blacks and Hispanics are much more likely than whites to be stopped and frisked by New York City police officers, often without legal reason, according to a report by the state attorney general.

Even in precincts that are 90 percent white, more than half the people stopped and searched were black or Hispanic, according to the 178-page report, which was based on police department records.

"The perception that minority residents have been disproportionately stopped and frisked by the police is based on reality," Attorney General Eliot Spitzer said Tuesday.

Police officials said the report, which used data from January 1998 to March 1999, was seriously flawed, in part because it mixed data from different years.

The report said blacks were stopped six times more often than whites, while Hispanics were stopped four times more often. Blacks make up 25 percent of the city's population, Hispanics comprise 24 percent and whites make up 43 percent.

Police Commissioner Howard Safir said the stops were made on the basis of descriptions given by crime victims and not because officers unfairly target certain races.

Police said the racial disparity exists because most of the stop-and-frisks occur in poor, crime-ridden neighborhoods, many of which are primarily black and Hispanic.

Some 175,000 stop-and-frisk forms were examined for the report, which found that the reasonable suspicion cited on the forms often was inadequate, meaning the officers had no legal justification for the stops.

Toys R Us to pay \$200,000 fine, institute safeguards for violation of child labor laws

WASHINGTON — Toys R Us will pay a \$200,000 fine and institute new safeguards in all its stores after inspections turned up some violations of child labor laws, the Department of Labor said Wednesday.

"We found more than 300 young Toys R Us employees working more hours and later into the

night than allowed by law," said Labor Secretary Alexis Herman.

The violations involved 14- and 15-year-olds who stock shelves, operate cash registers and clean at 19 New England Toys R Us stores, most of them in Massachusetts.

A spokeswoman for the national toy store chain, based in Paramus, N.J., said it has already taken steps to correct the problems, which she said were the result of misunderstandings of the law by some managers.

Federal child labor laws restrict the employment of 14- and 15-year-olds, limiting the kinds of jobs they can do and the number of hours and time of day they can work.

Under the agreement with the Labor Department, Toys R Us will require these young workers to wear color-coded name tags and keep their time cards in a separate place to help supervisors keep track of them. In addition, supervisors will be given more instruction about child labor laws.

State

Youth group at Wedgwood Baptist Church finishes concert that began night of shooting

FORT WORTH — The carpet and several pews have been replaced in the sanctuary at Wedgwood Baptist Church.

More difficult is replacing the memory of that Sept. 15 night when Larry Gene Ashbrook walked into a youth rally at the church with two pistols and a pipe bomb. Before fatally shooting himself, Ashbrook had killed seven people and injured seven others.

"Over the last three to four, maybe five weeks, a lot of the kids have come to a point to where the numb feeling is wearing off and they begin to feel something," said Jay Fannin, the church's youth pastor.

Another step in the recovery process came Wednesday when the youth group tried to finish what it had started during the service 11 weeks earlier.

Forty Days, the Christian rock band that was on stage performing when Ashbrook's shooting rampage began, returned for another concert in the sanctuary typically reserved on Wednesday nights for the church's adults to hold a prayer service.

The Sept. 15 rally was a much-publicized youth rally organized by Fannin to celebrate the "See You at the Pole" events earlier that same day when students prayed around the flag poles at their schools.

More than 400 people, most of the teen-agers from Wedgwood and other churches in North Texas, were at the rally.

Fannin termed Wednesday night's event "a victory concert to show the world that we can still celebrate."

These stories are from The Associated Press.

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STAFF editorial

UNDER SIEGE

Protests rock trade talks in Seattle

Police in riot gear fired red pepper spray in plastic pellets Tuesday at demonstrators who blocked streets and forced the delay of the opening ceremonies of the largest trade event ever staged in the United States.

Parts of normally laid-back Seattle were transformed into scenes of chaos as police confronted protesters who formed a human chain so officials' motorcades couldn't get through.

In the view of protesters, the World Trade Organization puts profits for multi-national corporations over other concerns, forcing nations to engage in a "race to the bottom" to compete in the global economy with low wages and lax environmental standards. Supporters also gathered at the capitol in Austin to call for the abolition of the WTO, saying that the organization forces nations to accept genetically-altered food, products made with slaves or low-wage labor and low environmental standards, all in the name of free trade.

Although we do not agree with the violent actions and vandalism of some demonstrators, the activism sets an important example.

Political activism promotes social change and raises global awareness. The right to assemble stands as a trademark for American democracy. It allows a voice for opposition, diversity and change.

As members of a society dependent on science and technology, globalization and environmental issues stand at the forefront of the political climate. We must be constantly weary of the power of our economic interests and the exploitation of basic human rights in developing countries. Concerns for natural resources and environmental issues must take precedence over pure corporate interest.

Our country stands to benefit greatly from free global trade. However, our actions and commercial interests often causes 10-year-old children to work 10-hour days in unhealthy conditions. Which is more important to you — a smiling child's face or your new tennis shoes?

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A grown-up Christmas list — sort of

Last night, my mom asked me what I wanted for Christmas.

When I told her, she made some comment about her inability to work miracles. I guess I'll settle for some sweaters. In spite of what I might get for Christmas, here are a few things that will not be under the tree with my name on the tag.

I've always hated the circus. Not so much because of the hucksterism or the clowns, but because I am certain the clowns pick on the elephants.

Impossible yet beneficial Christmas wish No. 1 is for Santa to grant all circus elephants the ability to shoot peanuts out of their trunks. Now I know that ordinary elephants already have the ability to blow water out their noses, but a peanut-shooting elephant might be better

sued to protect itself from clown harassment.

Another Christmas wish of mine that no one has been able to grant is a corroboratory time machine. I'm not sure if corroboratory is a word or not, but it is derived from the word corroborate, which is exactly what a corroboratory time machine would do.

There would be a sign inside the time machine that would say, "WARNING: For corroboratory purposes only." This would keep people from using the time machine for less noble purposes such as halting presidential assassinations or betting on sporting events, a la Grandpa Biff in "Back to the Future II."

Instead, it would settle historical questions such as the color of Jesus' skin and the homeothermic/poikilothermic dinosaur debate.

Since I'm not getting either of those gifts, I might as well ask for this next one. As cheesy as it is, I wish Santa would bring world peace. I know, I know. Our economy is prosperous in part because of our exploitation of Third World countries and an entrenched military-industrial complex, and achieving

world peace might require the end of the former and the restructuring of the latter.

This in turn might put America on the same level as everyone else, and that smacks of communism. Since we all grew up watching G.I. Joe and know that communism is evil, I guess world peace won't work.

Never mind. I don't want world peace.

World peace is out of the question, but I don't think it's out of line to ask for world contentment. If Santa really wanted to bring me something useful, he could open the eyes of everyone (including myself) who has lots of things going for himself or herself but is still unhappy.

Too often do I see people who are so caught up in their careers that they fail to enjoy life or pay attention to their families. To see someone with lots of expensive crap but is never around to use it really bothers me. What's the point of having money if you can't enjoy it or share it?

I'm not saying that I want to be monetarily poor or anything, but if I end up working and working to finance Propecia and a mid-life crisis,

I hope I can get my priorities straight.

For the record, I know that Santa isn't real, and I should be more concerned about giving rather than getting. In all honesty, if I could bestow contentment or peanut-shooting powers on anyone, I would without hesitation. But in this age of reason, I guess my real wish is for people to think beyond reason. Perhaps if there were more dreamers and fewer accountants, we might have a greater appreciation for the absurd and therefore a greater appreciation for each other's differences.

Maybe you like having neatly arranged white Christmas lights on your hedges, but I prefer to strew an assortment of lights about my roof in no discernible pattern. We are different but still absurd in each other's opinion. If we can appreciate our respective foibles, then maybe world peace has a chance.

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Commentary



STEVE STEWARD

Commentary



AIMÉE COURTICE

First things first. I'm graduating in 17 days, so this is my last chance to use the Skiff as a vehicle for my personal agenda.

I'm not leaving you with "Everything I ever needed to know I learned at TCU," or "Everything I didn't learn from TCU." And although, historically, many graduating Skiff staffers have used their last column as a way to thank sources for all the unreturned phone calls and one-word answers, I'm not going to do that either.

Instead, I have some confessions to make.

Confession No. 1: It took me until my sophomore year of college to get over my high school crush.

OK, so maybe it took longer. But Abe Hilker, wherever you are, you sure missed out.

Confession No. 2: If one of my friends is missing "The John Lennon Collection" compact disc (and I think you know who you are), I've had it for two years now. I'll give it back later this month, and I'll even wrap it up real nice for you.

Confession No. 3: It has taken me my entire college career to be thankful for the body God gave me.

What began in high school as an

attempt to lose a few pounds to feel better in my cheerleading skirt turned into an almost never-ending battle against a body that was never skinny enough.

When I came to college, I knew I didn't have my mom monitoring my eating habits. I could get away with skipping meals or hiding in the bathroom after I did eat. It was a strange form of freedom.

I learned fast that I wasn't alone here. Eating disorders are almost a secret language easily recognizable by young women fighting the same demons. Tricks for ignoring hunger and tips on what foods to avoid are shared in college as much as class

notes and gossip.

At least 6 percent of college women suffer from an eating disorder. The number seems so low because it

represents only women who have been clinically diagnosed. Some experts estimate that as many as 15 percent of college-aged women have bulimia. Many women are considered to have "subclinical eating disorders," meaning they suffer from the same type of behavior control problems, but it's not serious enough for a formal diagnosis.

Thin models that grace the pages of glossy magazines and Hollywood's thin actors and actresses aren't to blame.

Eating disorders stem from issues we have with control. Controlling how one looks on the outside makes one feel in control on the inside.

There's nothing wrong with admitting a loss of control. The real damage occurs when we try to cover it up with destructive behavior. If college is a time to start figuring out yourself, then look at your entire self. Identify what you are really trying to control.

Confession is the key. If you can't share it with someone else, at least acknowledge it for yourself.

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Graduating doesn't mean forgetting those golden years

In just two short weeks, I will no longer be a student. I've been a student for 16 years. That's almost as long as I've been alive. Now suddenly I will be thrown out of the warm embrace of the university and into the cold, hard world.

I can't wait! Don't get me wrong — I love TCU as well as the rest of you, and I'll contribute generously to the alumni fund from the \$5 an hour I'm going to make flipping fries while correcting customers' grammar. (Thank you, English

degree.) I'll miss a lot of things about this university.

I'll miss walking back to my dorm at night and seeing Christmas lights twinkling in windows here and there.

I'll miss the professors who actually made class fun. Now there's a pleasant change from high school.

I'll miss living in the dorms, surrounded by complete strangers who get the dubious pleasure of watching me walk down the hall in my bath towel.

I'll miss living in the Tom Brown/Pete Wright Residential Community, where my four roommates and I somehow managed to live together and share a kitchen, living area and two bathrooms for four months without killing each other. We had our moments where

we drove each other nuts, but we also had some fun female-bonding moments. You know, the ones where you tell people who are still pretty much strangers your most intimate thoughts and hopes. Good stuff.

I'll miss sleeping in until noon or so because I don't have class until 3:30 in the afternoon. I'm proud to say that in my entire college career, I've only taken one 8 a.m. class. And I passed it.

I'll miss the Skiff, believe it or not. I complained a lot this semester, but I really do love the newspaper and the other journalists. Thanks for putting up with my numerous I'm-going-to-quit threats.

While I do have some sentimental connections to this university, there are definitely some things I will not miss at all and in fact can

hardly wait to get away from.

I won't miss the dorms that much, no matter what I said earlier. Living in an apartment has got to be better than putting up with curfews and stupid alcohol policies. Even though I'm 21 and my fiancé is 21, if any of my under-aged roommates are locked up in their rooms asleep, we're not allowed to have a wine cooler with our tacos. It doesn't matter if we go in my room and close the door. It's "community property."

Last I checked, my roommates weren't helping me pay for my room.

I won't miss the irritating knowledge that the football coach makes an obscene amount of money. If his team has a good year, he gets more money. If a professor has a good

year, so what? Who has the higher level of worth here, really? The person who shapes the mind of future leaders? Of course not. And it's not even sports in general. You can bet the basketball, tennis and soccer coaches don't get the same amount as the football coach.

I won't miss the parking. Or lack thereof. Someone once told me that the reason TCU won't build a parking garage is because the people in the community don't think it would look attractive. I don't know whether this is true or not, but if so, it's nice to know that the TCU community places aesthetics over practicality. If I break my leg, and they think the crutches are ugly, am I going to have to crawl?

I can't wait to actually have the

time to exercise. Damn, there goes that excuse.

Eating dinner before 10:30 p.m. will be a nice change, as will having a schedule that doesn't require me to be up until 3 a.m. on a nightly basis.

Probably the weirdest thing will be the lack of homework and papers and projects. My mother tells me that it will take a while to adjust, that I'll keep thinking that I have something to do, that it will be strange not to have assignments to work on.

Yeah, right.

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Going to the chapel

as soon as psych class is over

Although the average age of marriage in the United States has been steadily increasing in recent years — currently standing at 27 for men and 24 for women — one in 13 TCU students is married during his or her time at the university. The news story featured on this page expresses the thoughts of several married students, who said marrying young provides many advantages, including constant companionship and improved academic performance. A commentary from a student currently separated from her husband of almost two years presents what she sees as the disadvantages of marrying young.

Know yourself before walking down the aisle

Ever since I was a little girl, all I wanted to do was to find that one true love and marry him. I guess you could say I was trained to believe that marriage was inevitable. In fact, my parents did not give me or my sister a middle name because, they reasoned, our last name could serve as our middle name once we got married and took our husbands' name.

So I was going to get married. The only question was when and to whom. Not surprisingly, the answer came sooner than later for me, and I took that stroll down the aisle just 17 days after I turned 20. And now, more than a year and 11 months after that blissful day, my husband is alone in the two-bedroom house we rented when we moved out here to attend school, and my plant and I are finally getting adjusted to life in a residence hall again.

Since I arrived at TCU in Spring 1998, I have realized that never before in my life have I been in the presence of such a large assemblage of marriage-minded people. Conversations about diamond rings, wedding dates and reception sites are commonplace. I even saw a student thumbing through an issue of *Brides* magazine in one of my classes.

In a lot of ways, I understand these students' positions. I was certainly there once myself. Marrying young does have its appeal. But as a heartbroken victim struggling to decide what to do about my failing marriage, I feel compelled to share the other side.

First, the statistics. Most of us already know that the current divorce rate in the United States is 50 percent. That number is practically a household figure by now. However, Preston Dyer, a sociology professor at Baylor University who is well known for his work in this field, said people who marry between the ages of 20 and 24 have an 80 percent divorce rate. That figure may seem startling to most people, but after experiencing the factors that contribute to this divorce rate among the young, I'm surprised it's not higher.

The first reason marrying young is a mistake is, put simply, there is just not enough time to "shop around." According to the July 1995 issue of the *Journal of Family Issues*, people who marry before they are 26 or 27 have spent insufficient time in the marital search process and marry spouses who are, basically, bad matches. As they begin to spend more time together, these dissident traits are exposed, and people begin to realize that their differences — which are not bad, in and of themselves — are actually incompatibilities.

More importantly, however, people who marry young lack the necessary knowledge and skills required for marriage and the emotional and psychological maturity that is critical for surviving difficult periods in marriage. Simply put, these people are not yet fully formed adults, and they have not yet developed their core beliefs and values and individual senses of who they are, even if they think they have.

At 19, I thought I knew exactly what I wanted for the next 60 years. But as I grew and matured and began to develop career and personal goals, I realized I didn't have a clue. And now I am left to deal with the reality that, at this point in my life, marriage is not a part of the life I want for myself.

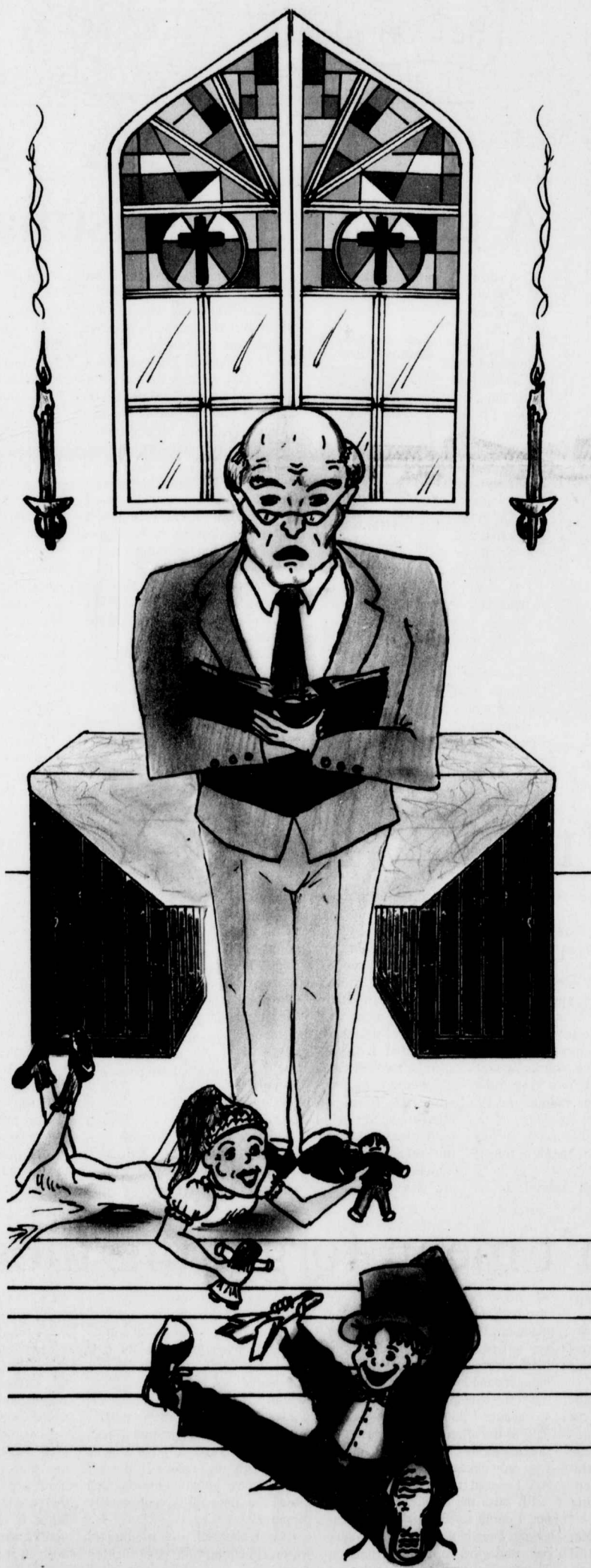
My parents, grandparents, siblings, teachers, friends, neighbors and ministers tried to tell me to wait, but I wouldn't listen. I can't go back in time to remedy my mistake, but I can offer advice to those who may be in a similar situation. As a classmate who was married and, most likely, divorced by the time she was 22, I implore you to not cheat yourself of your chance to learn who you are and what the world holds for you. There are dozens of paths to try, and marriage is only one — one that, I assure you, can definitely wait.

Will I ever get married again? I don't know. But I do know that I will be absolutely certain of who I am and exactly what I want out of life before choosing to do so. I've already told my parents that, if and when I marry again, I am keeping my maiden name. So as a reminder of where I've been and what I've learned, I will remain middle-nameless for the rest of my life.

Commentary



KRISTEN NAQUIN



Early marriage has advantages despite odds, students say

By Stephen Suffron
STAFF REPORTER

Students go to college to find themselves. Many try to find themselves in campus organizations. Others define themselves with their studies. Few find themselves married.

But about one in 13 TCU students is finding success in his or her academic pursuits while maintaining a marriage and home. Although these students said they realize many other students wait until they finish their education to get married, they are happy with their decisions.

"A lot of people ask me, 'Why not wait?' I say, 'Why wait?'" said Bryan Goudeock, 21, a senior psychology major. He and Brooke Goudeock, a 21-year-old senior advertising/public relations major, have been married five months.

"I knew this was the person I wanted to spend the rest of my life with, and I was ready for the rest of my life to start," he said.

Jean Giles-Sims, a professor of sociology and criminal justice, said the average age of marriage in the United States has been steadily increasing in recent years, currently standing at age 27 for men and 24 for women.

"I think people are taking more time with their education because they have more options than in the past," said Giles-Sims, who is also the director of the Women Studies department.

But Brooke Goudeock said it is easier for two people to build their lives together than to join two fully established lives later in life.

"It's a lot harder to bring two lives like that together and have them merge," she said.

While most students have a hard enough time trying to figure out what they are going to do with their lives, married students said they must consider both themselves and their spouse.

"I think that most people in college are single and living their lives for themselves," said Sarah Mullen, a 21-year-old senior advertising/public relations major who has been married nine months. "But I'm married, so there's two people to consider."

Andy Soule, a 21-year-old senior finance major, said his marriage is the reason he will be graduating early.

"It's really motivated me to get done with school because I know the sooner I get done with school and get a job, the sooner I can start paying off (my wife's) school," he said.

Bryan Goudeock said he and his wife's support for each other has made them more successful in their studies.

"I have a partner in what I'm doing," he said. "If I'm studying, she can help me out. I used to have to do everything by myself. But now she can take some of the load, and I can do the same."

Although married students said the support they receive from their spouses is a definite advantage, many also said they are often isolated from their single peers.

"I'm more serious about school than I think I would have been had I been single," Mullen said. "But only because I have no social life in college because I'm married and no one else is."

If children are added to the equation, time for socializing with other students is moved further down the priority list.

Senior nursing major Nicole Huckaby, 22, is married with two children. Her schedule begins at 6 a.m. when she wakes up with her husband to get dressed. After they are ready, she wakes up and dresses her 3- and 1-year-old daughters.

The family currently has only one car, so Huckaby acts as a chauffeur, taking her husband to work and her children to daycare before driving to work or school herself.

After work or school, she picks up her kids and husband and goes home. But it is not time for rest yet. She must first cook dinner, give the girls a bath and put them to bed with a story. Finally, about 10 p.m., Huckaby has some time to study.

"When I study, I can't daydream," she said. "I have to use the time I have." Married students said although they have increased focus academically, their top priorities lie elsewhere.

"I can't be as selfish as regular students," Mullen said. "I want to have a good job, but I'm not completely focused on my career and moving up the corporate ladder. To me, to maintain a happy marriage is the utmost importance."

With America's high divorce rate looming over them, these students said they understand the scope of their commitment and are optimistic that they made the right decision.

By finishing their education, Giles-Sims said they remove one of the most significant risk factors for divorce among young married couples.

Goudeock has a different idea as to why his marriage will succeed.

"Our marriage isn't based on lust or on feelings," he said. "It's based on God, who doesn't change. If we get mad at each other or something, we always have God to fall back on."

So while these students continue to try to find themselves and their future in college, they have found the people with whom they want to spend that future. And having a partner for that journey, they all agree, is the part of marriage for which they are most thankful.

"Being together (is the best part)," Soule said. "I have someone to share my life with."

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REFLECTIONS

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tion for its handling of the war. Ferre said the use of napalm and mass bombing in efforts to kill the Vietcong merely causes more human suffering and will not end the war.

**TCU on pot
Feb. 6, 1968**

The World Health Organization announces more than 300 million people worldwide are smoking marijuana. The *Skiff* reports that TCU students believe pot has deleterious effects, is not addictive and should be legalized.

Compiled by staff reporter Matt Stiver

DIRECTOR

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comments about the band this year from students, alumni and other friends of the university."

Youngblood grew up playing football but always maintained an interest in music and bands. After suffering an ankle injury while playing quarterback on his junior high team, he turned his focus completely to band and maintained that focus all the way through college at Abilene Christian University. Since then,

he has pursued his love for music through his career as a band director.

In addition to marching band, though, Youngblood is a fan of other types of music. He is a Macintosh computer buff and has built a home studio devoted mostly to digital audio and electronic music.

He also uses his computer knowledge to design marching band 'drill,' the various patterns

and shapes that marching bands form on the field. Youngblood was responsible for the drill in the TCU marching band performances this year but also works as a freelance drill writer, designing shows for various high school bands around the nation.

Youngblood took the interim band position after Director of Bands Gregory Clemons left TCU in May 1999, and former associate director Fred Velez

moved into the position of interim director of bands. Youngblood said he knew he was taking a temporary position at the time he accepted the job, and although he isn't sure what his future holds, he isn't too worried about it.

"I would be glad to continue here at TCU if that's the way it works out," Youngblood said. "Mr. Velez and I have been a good team, which has really

made my time here even better. "I would like to stay, but at the same time, I have a lot of options. I have even entertained the idea of consulting and writing drill full time. Whatever is supposed to happen with me will happen. Wherever I end up, I figure there's a reason for me to be there, so I'm not worried."

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Fen-phen studies give hope

Damage from drug heals over time

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MINNEAPOLIS — Three new studies offer reassurance to millions of people who took the diet pill combination fen-phen and a similar weight loss drug. The studies suggest that the leaky heart valves some people suffered won't worsen and may actually improve.

Soon after a 1997 Mayo Clinic study showed heart valve damage in patients who took the drugs fenfluramine and phentermine together, American Home Products pulled fenfluramine and a similar drug, dexfenfluramine, from the market.

About 6 million people used the drugs, and studies have suggested that a fourth of them may have suffered some heart damage. American Home has been sued by thousands of people; a federal judge has given preliminary approval to a \$3.75 billion national settlement of such claims.

A study published Wednesday by the Mayo Clinic looked at patients who took the fen-phen cocktail, while a second study, published in the *Journal of the American College of Cardiology*, dealt with people who took dexfenfluramine alone. The studies, as well as one published last week, reached similar conclusions.

The Mayo study looked at a small group — 30 men and women who were participating in a trial of the two drugs that was terminated when the "fen" part of the combination was withdrawn.

Of the 19 people who took fen-phen instead of a placebo, five developed mild valve abnormalities, or 26 percent. But six months after the patients went off the drugs, all five showed improvement, and three no longer appeared to have drug-related valve disease.

"This is reassuring to millions of people who took these weight loss drugs and to their families," said Dr. Donald Hensrud, leader of Mayo's study.

The dexfenfluramine study looked at 941 patients. Two-thirds had taken the drug for up to three months and the rest took a placebo. The study found there was no evidence that the patients who developed valve problems got worse.

The leader of the dexfenfluramine study, Dr. Neil Weissman of the Washington Hospital Center in Washington, D.C., said longer-term studies are needed before anyone can conclude definitively that heart damage from the diet drugs goes away.

A study on dexfenfluramine published last week in *Circulation*, a journal of the American Heart Association, also suggested that the leaky valve problems typically are not severe and may regress after the drug is discontinued.

That study, led by Dr. Bruce Shively of the Oregon Health Sciences University in Portland, compared 223 patients who had taken the drug for an average of seven months against a control group of 189.

Dr. Jack Crary, a cardiologist at MeritCare Medical Center in Fargo, N.D., who was one of the first doctors to warn of possible heart damage from fen-phen, questioned whether the Mayo study involved enough patients to be statistically significant. But he said it seemed consistent with what he has seen in his own practice.

"We've seen probably several hundred people with fen-phen-related valvular disease," he said. "Our experience is that it does improve, or at least stabilize."

But a lawyer who represents diet drug patients was skeptical.

"Tell that to my 5,000 clients," said Marc Bern of New York. "I don't think you can make a credible statement that it just goes away."

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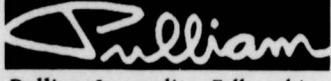
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Fear of new computer virus outbreak spreads

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SUNNYVALE, Calif. — Banc America and Disney's Go.com are among dozens of companies struck by a new version of a computer virus that spread over the summer via e-mail and destroyed thousands of computer files.

Anti-virus software makers who reported the outbreak of the "MiniZip" virus warned computer users on Wednesday against opening any file attached to suspicious e-mail.

But experts affiliated with the government declined to issue any alerts, saying they hadn't received

any direct reports of the virus.

As with Worm.ExploreZip, the MiniZip is only known to attack computers using Microsoft operating systems Windows 95, Windows 98, and Windows NT.

On an infected computer, the MiniZip reads the addresses of new and unread e-mail and automatically sends itself as a response, changing the subject line from, for example, "Work Meeting" to "Re: Work Meeting."

The body of the message reads: "Hi (recipient's name)! I received your e-mail and I shall send you an e-mail ASAP. Till then, take a look at the attached zipped docs. bye."

Don't click on that attachment, experts said. Opening it leads to the destruction of various files on a computer, which are then replaced with empty files.

Computer users can protect uninfected machines by downloading free fixes on the Internet from various anti-virus software companies.

Sal Viveros of Network Associates, a Santa Clara-based company that also writes anti-virus software, said new reports of the virus were slowing by Wednesday afternoon, but that it could take weeks before it is completely eradicated.

PROTESTS

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Madeline Albright was scheduled to speak at the conference Tuesday, but flew back after not even being able to reach the Seattle convention center because of protesters. President Clinton was expected to speak at the conference Wednesday.

Laura Hopkins, a freshman ballet and modern dance major who is also from Seattle, said the efforts of the protesters are really not accomplishing anything.

"It is probably annoying and distracting to the people at the conference," she said. "It would have been better to do nothing."

This report contains information from the Associated Press.

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Milestone reached in gene study

Human Genome Project making significant progress on chromosome 22

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For the first time, scientists have mapped virtually an entire human chromosome, one of the chains of molecules that bear the genetic recipe for human life.

The achievement announced Wednesday is an important step for the \$3 billion Human Genome Project, which is attempting to detail the tens of thousands of genes that carry instructions for everything in a human — from brain function to hair color and foot size.

"This is the first time that we've had a complete chapter in the human instruction book, and that's pretty amazing," said Francis Collins, who chairs the international project from the National Institutes of Health.

"I think this is probably the most important scientific effort that mankind has ever mounted. That includes splitting the atom and going to the moon," he said.

In laying out the chemical instructions for life, scientists believe they are in the early stages of revolutionizing the study of human development and medicine.

Already, researchers have begun testing several biological therapies that replace faulty genes or correct their misfirings to make cells work correctly. Such therapies, if they can be made reliable, would bring a more precise way to treat diseases without the sometimes debilitating side effects of conventional drugs.

A draft of the entire genome was expected to be done next spring, but the milestone announced Wednesday may hasten its completion. The study's details appear in the journal *Nature*.

The human genetic pattern, or genome, is a biological map laying out the sequence of 3 billion pairs of chemicals that make up the DNA in each cell. All human DNA is contained within 23 pairs of chromosomes.

What the scientists have done is lay out the order of about 545 of the estimated 700 genes on chromosome 22, which has about 1.1 percent of the genes in the human body.

About 55 percent of the genes were new to researchers during the study; 45 percent already had been discovered during the Human Genome Project.

The chromosome 22 group, which includes

British, American, Japanese, Canadian and Swedish scientists, could find only 97 percent of the chromosome's genetic material. Scientists said technological limits prevented them from analyzing the remaining 3 percent, which could have as many as 200 genes.

While five government-supported centers and many university labs have already identified about a third of the whole genome, the map of chromosome 22 is the most complete part so far.

"One down, the others to go," said Ian Dunham, a biochemist with the Sanger Centre in Cambridge, England, and lead author of the *Nature* report. "It's a great relief to have it finished."

Genes are arrayed along chromosomes, the rod-shaped bodies inside the nucleus of a cell. Proteins and other compounds carry out the instructions of genes.

Inside the chromosomes, genetic material is linked along tightly coiled strands of the master molecule DNA, which twists like a spiral ladder. Each rung is built with pairs of four chemical bases ordered in different numbers and combinations to form genes.




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Stem cell research to be funded

Government OKs research for first time, but forbids human cloning

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WASHINGTON — Research using master cells derived from human embryos will be funded by the government for the first time under tightly controlled guidelines proposed by National Institutes of Health.

The draft guidelines, to be published Thursday, would "help ensure that NIH-funded research in this area is conducted in an ethical and legal manner," the agency said. The research rules specifically forbid human cloning or mixing human stem cells with animal or human embryos.

Groups opposed to abortion immediately objected to the plans. The National Right to Life Committee said the guidelines "would result in federal sponsorship and funding of experiments in which living human embryos are dissected and killed — a clear violation of federal law..."

On the other side, the Patients' Coalition for Urgent Research described stem cell research as "a new area of science with tremendous promise for alleviating and even curing catastrophic illness." It said therapy from stem cell research could benefit more than 100 million patients

nationwide.

The research involves what are called pluripotent stem cells. These are the basic biological building blocks of the body. During gestation, they evolve into the many organs and tissues. Scientists believe it may be possible to use these cells to grow new organs to replace ailing hearts and treat brain disorders, or even cure diabetes by growing new insulin-producing cells.

Pluripotent stem cells used in research are isolated from human embryos to create an endless-growing population of identical cells. The cells can then be manipulated to create other types of cells and, possibly, whole organs, scientists say.

Dr. Harold Varmus, director of the NIH, has contended that using stem cells does not violate laws forbidding federally funded human embryo research because the cells were developed by researchers using private funds. And lawyers in the Department of Health and Human Services have concluded that federal funding of stem cell research is legal because the cells are, technically, not embryos.

In effect, NIH funding would not be involved in working with embryos themselves but only with the cells that were derived from embryos by

private researchers.

However, the guidelines would allow federal funding for research that includes extracting stem cells from human fetal tissue, as well as research utilizing such cells. An embryo becomes a fetus in about the eighth week of gestation.

President Clinton directed the National Bioethics Advisory Commission to consider the issue. The group's report recommended that the NIH be permitted to fund pluripotent cell research, and the new guidelines generally follow the commission's recommendations.

A number of groups, including 70 members of Congress, have objected to federal funding of stem cell research because the cells must originate from the death of a human embryo. The lawmakers sent a letter last February to HHS secretary Donna Shalala claiming that human stem cell research would be a violation of federal law.

Rep. Christopher Smith, R-N.J., a leading opponent of the research, called the new guidelines "a sham."

"They attempt to give a glow of respectability to truly barbaric and grotesque experiments on human beings," Smith said Wednesday.

Britain transfers authority to Ireland

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DUBLIN, Ireland — The clock ticked down on Northern Ireland's bitter past Wednesday as Britain prepared to hand substantial powers to a new Belfast administration of Protestants and Catholics, a giant step toward peace after 30 brutal, bloody years.

The transfer of authority at midnight (7 p.m. EST) challenges local politicians to forge a future built on compromise and mutual respect, the central goal of last year's Good Friday peace accord. Northern Ireland parties have rarely displayed those qualities during 27 years of so-called "direct rule" from London, but this week agreed to share a Cabinet table together.

"With the full political settlement about to be implemented, we have the strongest possible basis for permanent peace in Ireland, such as has never before been experienced in our history," Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern told lawmakers Wednesday.

In Dublin, senior British and Irish officials were expected to sign treaties Thursday that authorize the closest political relations between the two nations since most of Ireland successfully rebelled against British rule in 1922.

Thursday's treaties will authorize the creation of a British-Irish Council bringing together legislators from Britain and both parts of Ireland, and a whole series of cooperative policy-shaping committees between the Dublin and Belfast administrations.

Ahern will then issue a declaration authorizing the immediate amendment of the Irish Republic's 1937 constitution to drop its territorial claim to Northern Ireland.

Ireland's constitutional change had been on hold as a dispute between rival parties in Northern Ireland over Irish Republican Army disarmament held up the formation of a coalition Cabinet for the province.

That 12-member Cabinet was formed Monday after Ulster

Unionist leader David Trimble dropped his Protestant party's demand for IRA disarmament in advance. It will hold its first meeting Thursday.

Ahern said the change to the constitution, overwhelmingly endorsed by voters last year, would prove "that there is no longer any political disagreement about the constitutional status of Northern Ireland."

In Belfast, two of Ahern's senior deputies, Justice Minister John O'Donoghue and Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister Liz O'Donnell, held their first meeting with the Cabinet's two senior Protestant and Catholic members.

They agreed that the Irish government and Cabinet in Belfast would hold an inaugural summit meeting Dec. 13 in Armagh, the ecclesiastical capital of Ireland for both the Anglican and Roman Catholic churches.

The city, 40 miles southwest of Belfast, dominated by its two competing cathedrals, will also host six joint policy-making committees of

Dublin and Belfast officials as envisaged in the Good Friday accord. The north's Catholic leaders hope this all-Ireland decision-making will prove mutually beneficial and gradually persuade Protestants to support unification.

But O'Donnell said the cross-border committees in no way represented "a Trojan horse concealing the way to a united Ireland," as hard-line Protestants claim.

She also welcomed the constitutional change that will drop her country's claim to Northern Ireland, noting that "an aggressive territorial claim is no longer in keeping with opinion in the Republic of Ireland."

Ahern also appealed to the IRA to begin disarming as soon as possible, saying this was "a necessary contribution to the consolidation of peace and democracy, and to the creation of trust."

He also vowed to use security forces to suppress the IRA splinter groups that tried to break the outlawed group's 1997 cease-fire, a linchpin of the entire process.

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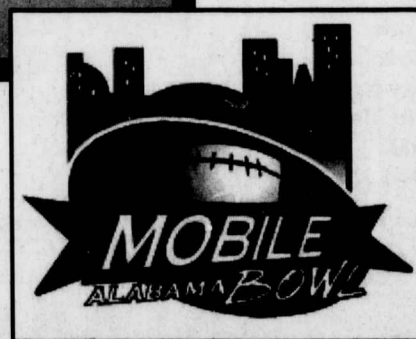
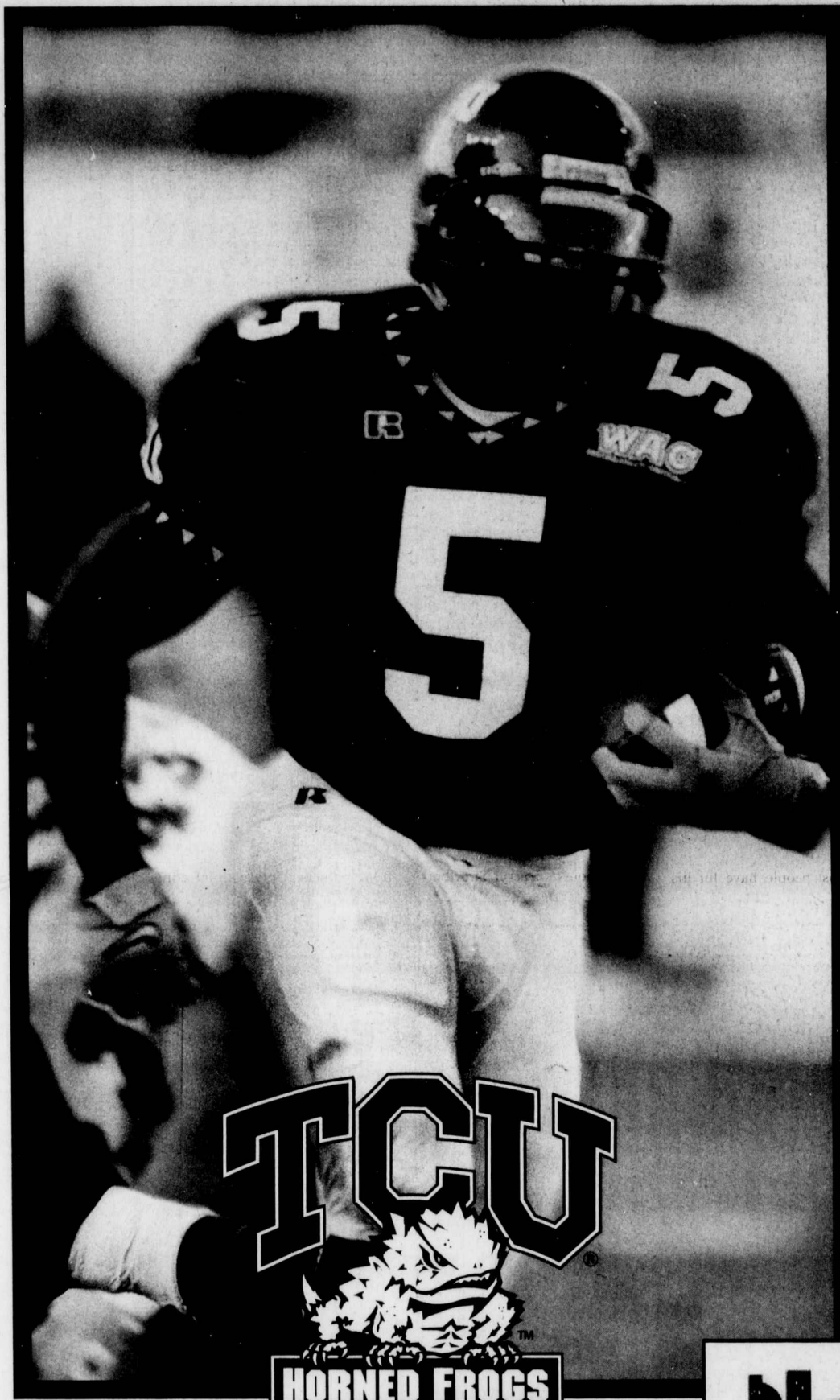
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Thomas steps up to lead team to 86-59 victory

Coach says play against Arkansas-Pine Bluff not 'best effort'

By Rusty Simmons
SPORTS EDITOR

The TCU women's basketball team had a different leading scorer for the third time this season en route to an 86-59 victory over Arkansas-Pine Bluff Wednesday night.

"That's what has been nice about this team," head coach Jeff Mittie said. "Somebody different has stepped up every game."

Against the Lions of Arkansas-Pine Bluff, it was junior forward Janice Thomas' turn to step into the spot light. She scored 18 points and grabbed 18 rebounds, the third highest total in school history, before fouling out midway through the second half.

"I had to adjust. This is all new to me," said Thomas, the transfer from West Los Angeles College. "I'm finally starting to adjust. I guarantee (I'll put up more numbers like this)."

Thomas led an early surge for the Frogs. She and senior guard

Diamond Jackson combined for 12 of TCU's first 16 points.

At the 15-minute mark in the first half, the Frogs had built a 16-4 lead. Mittie said he liked the squad's play in the initial minutes of the game.

"You always want to jump out to an early lead," he said. "It was especially nice in this game, because we were able to get some players some more minutes."

Some of the extra minutes were dispersed to junior forward Sally Spencer. She added 13 points and three steals to Thomas' double-double, the first of the season for TCU.

Mittie said Spencer gave TCU a lift in the first half. Spencer's 11 first-half points led the Frogs to their biggest lead in the initial frame, 40-16, with 7:11 left in the period.

The Lions cut the TCU lead to 21 points at the half, and they continued the run into the second half. The second half was filled with 26 personal

fouls, and Arkansas-Pine Bluff cut the deficit to 16 points with under eight minutes remaining in the game.

Mittie said he was not especially pleased with the play during the span, and characterized the game as poorly played.

"This wasn't one of our best efforts," he said.

Jackson freed herself for some open shots in the final five minutes of the game. She connected on 7-of-15 field goal opportunities for 18 points, but Jackson was only 2-of-6 from the arc.

Jackson's back-to-back jumpers at end of the game pushed the TCU lead back up to 27 points, where it ended 86-59.

Junior guard Amy Sutton added nine points, eight assists and four steals for the Frogs. Junior guard Jill Sutton also dished out eight assists, and junior center Karen Clayton pulled down seven rebounds.

But Mittie said the game had two points that were more important than the statistics. He said it was important to see some different combinations in the line up, and sophomore forward Tricia Payne, the team's leading scorer, got to rest her sore feet.

Payne was plagued with a stress fracture in her left foot last year. The team's trainers have experimented with several different in-soles to combat the problem this season, but Payne developed blisters on both feet in the Frogs' last game against Wichita State.

"(Payne) could have played tonight, but we felt that if we played her 20 minutes, the problem could have been worse," Mittie said.

Mittie said Payne will be in the line up for the Frogs when they host the Cook Children's TCU Hoops Invitational Dec. 3-4.

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Junior forward Sally Spencer shields off an Arkansas-Pine Bluff defender while advancing the ball past half court Wednesday night in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. Spencer's 13 points off the bench helped the Frogs' defeat the Lions 86-59.

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REFLECTIONS

Men's basketball wins three straight conference titles

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O'Neal named All-American after double-double average

1956-Dick O'Neal, a center on the men's basketball team, was awarded a spot on the All-American squad by the Helms Foundation. O'Neal averaged 23.9 points a game and 11 rebounds a game over his three-season career.

Baseball still gambling on Rose's innocence

When I wrote about Pete Rose previously, a loyal

reader informed me via e-mail that I ought to keep my opinions on Rose in "that virtual abyss I call a brain." Well, dude, I'm sorry, but since Charlie Hustle won't go away, neither will I.

On Tuesday, Rose posted an Internet petition for his reinstatement into baseball and, presumably, his induction into the Hall of Fame. Let's examine the reasons most people have for his

reinstatement.

First, people will argue that gambling isn't that bad. Baseball players have done a lot worse things over the years, from cheating to fighting to drugs, and were not banned from baseball.

Well, all of these things are true. Pete Rose was not the worst person ever to play baseball, and it probably wasn't Joe Jackson or any member of the Black Sox either. The man whose record Rose broke, Ty Cobb, was a dirty player and noted racist, known for assaulting both fans and umpires and refusing to room with Babe Ruth on barnstorming tours because he was convinced Ruth had some African blood in him. And of course, Darryl Strawberry

has three World Series rings despite his drug problems.

The problem is that while racism, cheating, drug use and many other sins have proliferated baseball since it began, none of those things undermine the competitive effort of those involved.

As baseball historian Bill James writes, "In any profession, there are things which are not criminal, but which will get you fired because they are not compatible with that profession. If you're a priest, you can get fired for having affairs. If you're a psychiatrist, you can get into deep trouble for gossiping ... and in baseball, you get fired for gambling."

Baseball has to protect itself from gambling interests infecting

the game because it changes the way those whose bets are down approach it, even when he bets on his team to win.

This may seem like a small point, but this manager is putting his real job aside for his own individual monetary interests. That is dangerous to the integrity of the competition and of the sport.

In Rose's particular case, we don't know for sure whether he's guilty or not. In launching this new petition, he also said he has new evidence that points to his innocence. I encourage Bud Selig to hold a public hearing to determine, once and for all, whether Rose is guilty or not.

If Rose is indeed innocent, then baseball owes him a sincere apolo-

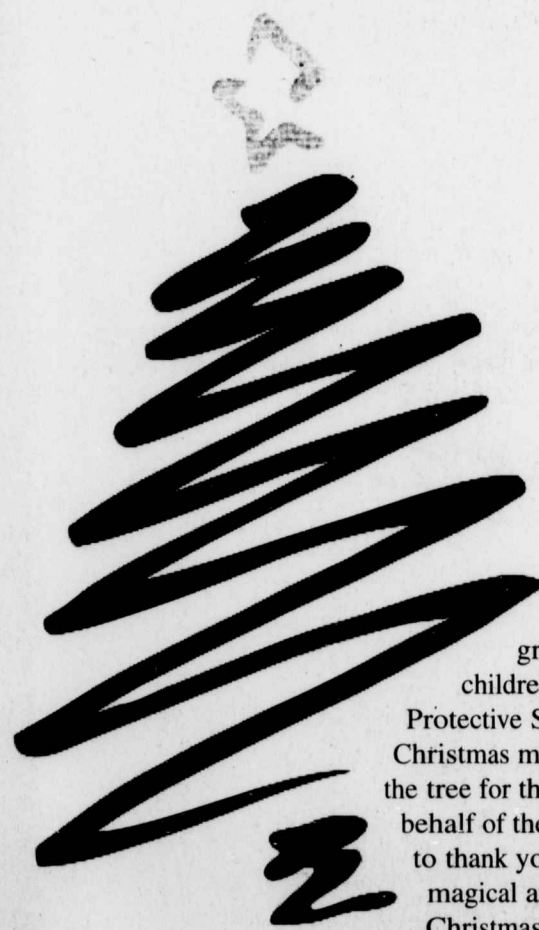
gy and probably a few million bucks in reparations. If he is guilty, he should remain banned from baseball and the matter should never be brought up again.

Forgiveness is great. People should forgive anybody that has wronged them. But this is not about forgiving or not forgiving Pete Rose, any more than the impeachment hearings were about forgiving Bill Clinton. It is about holding to a rule that protects the integrity of the game.

That's the last word from the Abyss.

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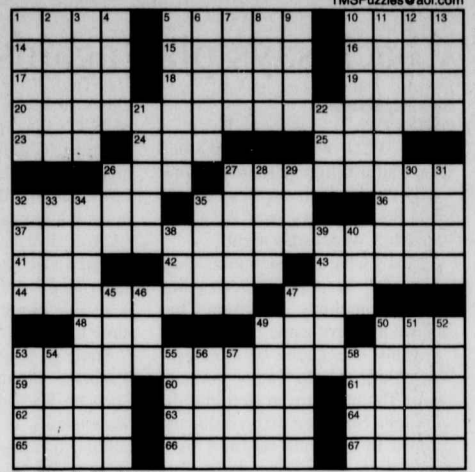


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