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# Search for four academic deans narrows

By Steven Baker  
CAMPUS EDITOR

The search for four new deans has been narrowed after a committee composed of faculty, staff and students compiled a list of two to five candidates for each position.

This committee is submitting its recommendations for the deans in the College of Fine Arts, M.J. Neeley School of Business, School of Education and the AddRan College of Humanities

## Officials aware of need for diversity but plan to hire most qualified

and Social Sciences to William Koehler, vice chancellor of academic affairs, and Chancellor Michael Ferrari.

Koehler said there are certain qualifications for candidates that transcend schools and colleges.

"You want someone who is certainly wise, but you have got to have someone who is a good listener and team builder," he said.

"However, deans of fine arts and business will need to be the two that would have a greater deal of fund-raising."

Depending on each vacancy, the search may or may not include internal candidates from TCU.

Koehler said. Of the deans and interim deans currently serving, only one is a woman - Rhonda Keen-Payne, dean of the nursing

school.

Cornell Thomas, special assistant to the chancellor for diversity and community, said he continues to remind the chancellor of diversity issues even though he is continually trying to diversify the faculty, staff and students of TCU.

"Diversity is not only the right thing to do to prepare for the global community, it is the key and

moral thing to do," he said. "It is important to have experience with different people in all sorts of varying positions. The new vice chancellor of finance and business, Carol Campbell, is a female, and that speaks volumes in itself to his commitment."

Koehler said he is aware of the need to increase diversity at higher levels in the university.

"As an institution, we are committed to increasing the diversity in the faculty," he said. "We are going to select the individual who can do a very good job for the university."

Ferrari said he knows there are women candidates, but he has not been updated on any possible minority considerations.

"We are wanting to attract aca-

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## PULSE

### CAMPUS LINES

#### SERVICES TO BE HELD FOR COMPUTER SCIENCE PROFESSOR

A memorial service for Craig Morgenstern, 43, will be at 4 p.m. today in the Robert Carr Chapel. Morgenstern died Dec. 25 after a battle with cancer. He was an associate professor in the computer science department.

"He was the kind of guy that when you would ask him for help, he would put down what he was doing and help you," said Richard Rinewalt, chairman of the computer science department.

Art Busbey, associate professor of computer science, said Morgenstern was not just helpful in the computer science department.

"He knew more about UNIX (a computer operating system) than anyone on campus," he said. "He helped other departments understand UNIX and helped when there was a real problem."

Morgenstern is survived by his wife Laurie Morgenstern and his parents, Larry and Laree Morgenstern of Chicago.

#### COLLEGE

Colorado State officials call RA arrest 'unforeseeable'

FORT COLLINS, Colo. (U-WIRE) — Resident assistant applicants undergo an extensive screening process.

James McElroy, 21, suspected of raping four women while serving as a Parmalee Hall RA at Colorado State University, passed without suspicion.

But those two facts are what led university officials and campus police to call McElroy's arrest a rare, unforeseeable occurrence.

—Rocky Mountain Collegian  
Colorado State University

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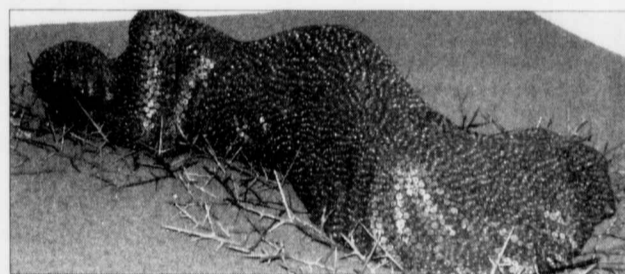
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(Above) Onlookers view Ana England's 'Self-portrait with Ancestors' at her latest art exhibit currently on display in the Moudy Building. (Far above) Ana England's 'Deep Sky Object' is currently displayed in an art exhibit in the Moudy Building.



## SPATIALLY EXTENDED

Artist's work unites science and art

By Reagan Duplisea  
STAFF REPORTER

While some people feel the AddRan College of Arts and Sciences split was long overdue, artist Ana England has found a way to unite the two seemingly incongruous subjects of art and science.

The artworks in England's exhibit "Spatially Extended" seem like they come right out of science textbooks or what can be seen under a microscope.

England, whose exhibit opened Tuesday in the Moudy Exhibition Hall, said there are some similarities between the art and science fields.

"In some way, they are very different," England said. "Scientists have to prove something. I don't. But we both see the world as a wondrous place — that is our point of connection."

John Frost, a graduate student in sculpture, said he found it interesting to hear art discussed from a scientific viewpoint.

"I've never seen art from a scientific perspective," Frost said. "It was helpful for the scientist to support her thoughts. It gives a realistic approach to her narrative."

The exhibit opened with a dialogue between England and Magnus Rittby, chairman of the physics department. The two met four years ago at "Einstein Meet Matisse," an arts and science convention in Belgium.

England said Rittby was instru-

#### Art exhibit

- Who: Ana England
- What: "Spatially Extended" art exhibit
- When: Jan. 18 through Feb. 11; 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays, 1 to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays
- Where: J.M. Moudy Exhibition Hall

mental in bringing her to TCU. He asked her to send photographs of her work to the art department and personally approached the department about allowing her to exhibit.

"Ronald Watson, chairman of the art department, called me and said, 'The physicists really want you to exhibit, but so do we — we love your work,'" England said.

Watson said England has done more than 60 exhibits. Her works have been shown from California to Georgia.

England, who lives in Ohio, said she was excited to be exhibiting in a new geographical area, which she was able to do through the art department's funding.

"I exhibit all over, but it's hard because my work is so heavy," England said. "The TCU art department hired a fine art-handling com-

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# Seton Hall fire kills 3, sparks questions about dorm safety

## Investigators look for causes of blaze

ASSOCIATED PRESS

SOUTH ORANGE, N.J. — Fire broke out at a university residence hall early Wednesday as hundreds slept, killing three people, injuring 62 and sending terrified students crawling in pajamas through smoke into the freezing cold.

Six Seton Hall University students were critically burned. One of them suffered third-degree burns over most of his body.

Many of the 640 residents of Boland Hall went back to sleep when

they first heard the alarm about 4:30 a.m., thinking it was another in a string of 18 false alarms set off in the six-floor building since September.

But many soon heard screams for help and smelled the smoke.

"I opened the door just to check," Yatin Patel said. "All the ceiling tiles were coming down. I saw a ceiling tile fall on someone."

"It was panic," Nicole McFarlane, 19, said. "Everybody was just, 'Go! Go! Go!'"

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Sarah Kirschberg/PHOTO EDITOR

TCU officials have taken steps to ensure that fires such as the one at Seton Hall University in New Jersey will not occur at TCU.

## TCU fire policy emphasizes protection

By Jaime Walker  
STAFF REPORTER

With Wednesday morning's residence hall fire at Seton Hall University in New Jersey which killed three people, TCU staff and students are wondering whether they need to be concerned about a similar incident happening here.

Roger Fisher, director of Residential Services, said TCU works hard to ensure the safety of its residents.

"Although this incident is very upsetting, I think the university policies and the buildings themselves are

designed with student safety in mind," Fisher said.

Fisher said the university policies state that each residence hall is required to have one fire drill per semester, and there should be a fire escape plan posted in each wing. Candles and small electrical appliances, such as popcorn poppers, are not allowed because they pose a fire hazard, according to university policy.

"The greatest threat to students, when it comes to fire safety, are stu-

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Jennifer Klein/SKIFF STAFF

Shawna Golden, a sophomore electronic business major, explores Internet technology and information systems in a computer lab at the management department located in the M.J. Neeley School of Business.

## Electronic business degree debuts

By Matt Jones  
DESIGN/FEATURES EDITOR

Last fall, sophomore Shawna Golden started class just like most other business majors at TCU, unaware that her future degree plan and core curriculum had yet to be written.

At the time, Golden said she had heard talk of a new degree plan that would be offered in January 2000. The plan was to develop a program

that would help students learn information systems, particularly those dealing with the electronic business of organizations.

In late November, Golden applied to the inaugural class of electronic business majors and was accepted.

On Tuesday, Golden said she finally realized she had made the right decision. She walked into Tandy Hall Room 125 and took a middle aisle seat among about 40

classmates.

"I really didn't know what to expect," she said. "It will be interesting to watch as everything moves so quickly."

Jane Mackay, director of TCU's electronic business program and associate professor of management information systems, said the degree plan, which will give students a

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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.

■ **Students are invited to enter their work** in the year 2000 Creative Writing Contests. Nearly \$3,000 will be awarded to TCU students for essays, fiction and poetry. Rules and entry forms are available in the English department, Reed Hall 314, or in the Writing Center, Rickel Building 100. Deadline for entries is Feb. 11.

■ **The TCU Cheerleading Nationals Squad** needs men and women for the 2000 coed squad. For more information, contact Glenda Clausen at 257-7969.

■ **A Leadership Mixer** will be held at 4 p.m. Monday in the Student Center Ballroom. All students interested in leading the way for a hate-free millennium are invited.

■ **Informational Session** for opportunities such as Orientation Student Assistant, Frog Camp Facilitator, Leadership Council and Chancellor's Leadership Program Mentor will be from 5 to 6 p.m. today in the Student Center, Rooms 205 and 206. Applications are available in Student Center Room 220 and are due Jan. 31.

■ **Air Force ROTC** offers open enrollment during the spring semester for college freshmen and sophomores 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, which could pay up to \$15,000 per academic year beginning Fall 2000. For more information, contact Jose Aleman at 257-7461 or e-mail him at (j.aleman@tcu.edu).

■ **Catholic Community** will have mass at 5 p.m. followed by a meal at 5:30 p.m. today in the Reed Hall Faculty Center.

■ **Wesley Foundation** will meet for fellowship and a meal at 5:30 p.m. today in the Wesley Building located at 2750 W. Lowden.

■ **Disciple Student Fellowship** will meet at 5:30 p.m. today at University Christian Church for fellowship and a meal.

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## NEWS ROUNDUP

### WORLD

#### Turkish militants suspected in deaths, torture of businessmen found at Istanbul house

ANKARA, Turkey — Police discovered 10 bodies on Wednesday, bound hand and foot, strangled and left in a coal bin and garden of an Istanbul house, reportedly by militants trying to form an Islamic state in a Kurdish region of Turkey.

The bodies, believed to be those of kidnapped businessmen, were found after police questioned two senior members of the militant group Hezbollah that were captured following a shoot-out in Istanbul this week. The group is not related to the Lebanese militia of the same name.

Police said they suspected the victims, who had been missing for weeks, were kidnapped and killed by Hezbollah for supporting rival Islamic factions.

The Anatolia news agency said some of the bodies had broken legs or arms, signs the men may have been tortured.

The businessmen were all connected to an Islamic charity group and disappeared after allegedly leaving for meetings with members of Hezbollah. It was not clear why the men agreed to attend the meetings.

In recent months, police have been cracking down on Hezbollah, which draws its support from poorly-educated rural Kurds and is believed responsible for hundreds of killings in Turkey.

Police say they have detained more than 1,200 Hezbollah members in the past year. The group is believed to have several thousand members.

Five Hezbollah militants were arrested in Ankara on Wednesday and material used to make explosives was confiscated, the Anatolia news agency reported.

#### Russian forces attack Chechens in Grozny by land, air in hopes of suppressing rebels

GROZNY, Russia — The Russian military redoubled its drive to conquer Chechen rebels on Wednesday, with troops fighting street by street in the capital Grozny while helicopter gunships and cannons relentlessly pounded the southern mountains.

Lt. Gen. Gennady Troshev, Russia's deputy chief commander in Chechnya, announced Wednesday that the war was expected to be over by Feb. 26, although "nobody is giving the forces any firm deadlines for ending the operation," the Interfax news agency reported. He did not explain how he arrived at that date.

Federal forces pushed toward the center of Grozny from several directions, trying to squeeze rebel fighters into an ever-tightening circle, the military said.

It was impossible to verify the army's claims

of progress. Reporters are constrained from moving freely about the capital because of the danger and the restrictions imposed by both the Russian and Chechen sides.

But an Associated Press reporter watched Wednesday as Russian forces in a northwestern neighborhood called Mikrorayon-3 seized several shell-punctured, five-story apartment buildings. They failed to take nearby nine-story buildings, from which Chechen snipers kept up a steady barrage of bullets.

Russia's military command said 23 soldiers were killed and about 50 wounded in the past three days of fighting in Grozny, the ORT television channel reported.

Russian jets rained bombs on the city throughout the day, sending deafening roars echoing through empty streets.

Grozny has been a bastion of rebel resistance throughout the war, which has entered its fifth month, and its capture would give the Russian forces a boost after a series of surprise counter-attacks by the rebels.

### NATION

#### Asian-American employees met with hostility after indictment of Taiwanese scientist

WASHINGTON — A six-month Energy Department investigation has found evidence of racial profiling and an "atmosphere of distrust and suspicion" toward Asian-Americans at nuclear weapons labs because of the uproar over alleged Chinese espionage.

But Energy Secretary Bill Richardson, vowing to stamp out such profiling, insisted Wednesday that Taiwan-born scientist Wen Ho Lee was never singled out or fired from his job at the Los Alamos National Laboratory because of his race.

Nevertheless, Asian-American scientists widely believe they have been unfairly targeted because of their race since Lee's dismissal last March for security violations, according to a task force report on racial profiling in the department.

Lee, at the center of a three-year espionage investigation, was indicted in December for copying top-secret nuclear weapons files and remains in jail, awaiting trial. He has denied giving secrets to China or anyone else. While not charged with espionage, Lee could face life in prison if found guilty of the security violations.

"While specific incidents and examples of racial profiling may differ from site to site, the general concerns and issues were virtually identical department wide," said the report, ordered by Richardson last summer when the uproar over alleged Chinese espionage at weapons labs was at its peak.

Despite directives from Richardson against racial profiling, managers and supervisors at the weapons labs — Sandia, Los Alamos and Lawrence Livermore — and other DOE facilities were found to question "the loyalty and patriotism of some employees based upon racial factors," the report said.

### STATE

#### Classes canceled after high school students leave false bomb threat on principal's door

SHAMROCK — Two high school students were charged Wednesday after a fake bomb threat note was found with references to the deadly Columbine High School shootings.

Police Chief Joe Daniels said a search turned up no devices at the Shamrock schools, but classes were canceled for the day as a precaution.

"There were no bombs planted. No bombs were found," Daniels said.

Two Shamrock High School students were held late Wednesday on charges of making a false alarm or report at a public school, a state jail felony, Daniels said.

John Andrew Garza and Shane Marshall, both 17, were held on \$25,000 bond apiece.

Shamrock Junior High School principal Tommy Waldrip found the note on a door at his school, which is near the high school, around 7:15 a.m. Wednesday.

The note, made of letters cut from a newspaper, referred to Senior High principal Robin Fulce and had the date 4-20-2000 at the top, according to Daniels.

The note said, quote: "Fulce bombs in school bang," followed by the letters "RCHS."

The investigation revealed those letters stand for Remember Columbine High School, the police chief said.

#### Commission investigates Texas A&M bonfire at cost of \$1 million to the university

COLLEGE STATION — Texas A&M University System regents voted unanimously Wednesday to allow spending up to \$1 million on a commission's efforts to find the cause of last year's deadly bonfire accident.

The independent commission, chaired by Houston construction executive Leo Linbeck Jr., has hired four high-profile consulting firms to investigate all aspects of the collapse of the 7,000-log bonfire stack. The Nov. 18 accident killed 12 Aggies and injured 27.

After the regents' meeting, A&M President Ray M. Bowen speculated that if the commission's expenses exceed 1 million, "it won't be much over."

"It is a lot of money, everybody knows that's a lot of money," he said. "But it's a big issue. We lost our students. We have an obligation to the families to provide good information about what caused this problem."

"What we are attempting to do is have the bonfire commission proceed in a timely and orderly fashion," Graves told the regents, "while at the same time we want to be responsible in our duties as a public institution responsible to the citizens of the state for being good stewards."

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STAFF editorial

## RENOVATE THIS

Changes should focus on academics too

Fencing and piles of rubble are becoming normal landmarks around campus, and parking spaces have been sacrificed to make room for construction machinery.

All this construction has created mud, unsightly debris and the annoying sound of hammering.

But before we complain about the mud and the noise, we must think about what this construction represents.

TCU is growing. With the renovation of Foster Hall, tentative plans for renovating the Student Center and plans for a new technology center and a new Rickel Building, TCU is expanding and improving its facilities.

New buildings just don't appear, and renovations aren't neat affairs. Expansion has a price. But messy walks across campus and the sounds of constructions are small prices to pay for the improvements underway at TCU.

The emphasis on growth and improvement at TCU is definitely welcomed, but we must be careful not to measure university improvement solely in terms of construction. While the evidence of physical improvements is obvious, academic improvements are much harder to measure.

TCU needs better residence halls and technology centers, but that is not all it needs. While tough curriculums and teaching skills may not make for glossy pictures in brochures, it does make for a better university.

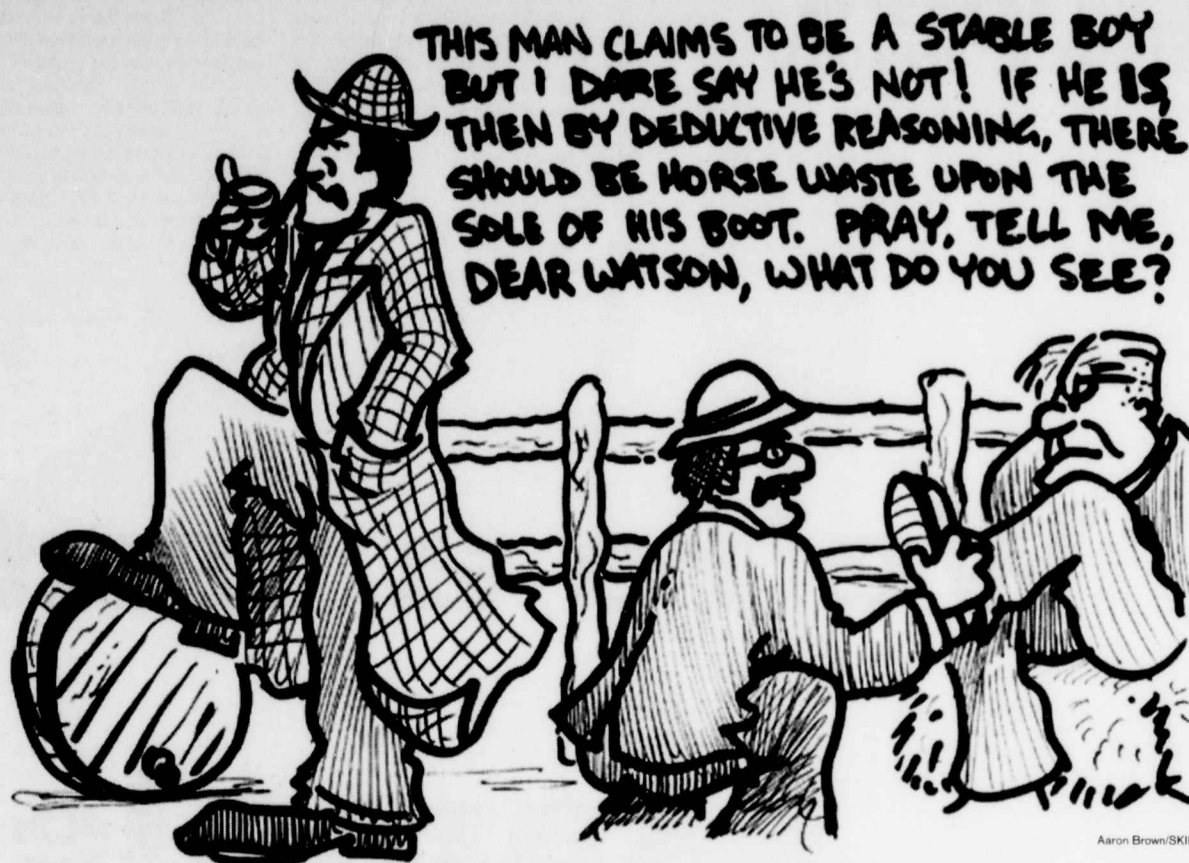
Students need adequate facilities, but we also need a strong academic background. While TCU is obviously trying to improve its facilities, its commitment to improving students' actual education is less obvious.

TCU will get recognition for its state-of-the-art buildings, but its lasting legacy will be the contributions its students make to society. So isn't it worth spending just as much time and money on things of lasting value?

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## Old news relevant in new year

Hello and welcome back! It's been awhile since I wrote a column, so to get my creative juices flowing, I shall touch briefly on a few recent news events:

**Y2K**

Wow! What was that all about? Not much, it appears. Was it much ado about nothing? Maybe, but let's be glad it turned out that way. I sincerely believe that all the effort that was made to fix the potential Y2K problems really made a difference. If nothing was done at all, I bet we would have endured a lot worse (and yes, I know about Italy). In this instance, it was better to be proactive than to take a "wait and see" attitude. (I never thought I would use the very overused word "proactive." I blame the Y2K bug.)

**Commentary**



JOHN P. ARAUJO

**New Millennium Celebrations**

I just had to mention ABC's non-

stop broadcast of millennial celebrations from different parts of the world as it struck midnight there. Probably for the first time for me, I really felt a connection to the "global community" that has often been written and spoken about in recent years. It was a real contrast to the protests of the World Trade Organization in Seattle.

It goes to show that we can "all just get along" — as that old aspiration goes — if we are motivated enough. Seattle demonstrated that we still have our differences, but peace and celebration seem to be universal values, so let's hope that the celebratory spirit that I witnessed this New Year's Eve will carry over into the next century. And speaking of Seattle ...

**The Battle in Seattle**

That was something, wasn't it? What does that say about the drive for the "global community" when protests arise such as the one in Seattle? For certain, it did raise questions as to who is leading this push toward globalism and why. The protests seem mainly centered on the fact that trade agreements are made and enacted by multinational organizations and corporations all without

the votes or approval of Congress or the people.

It is a problem because often these agreements greatly affect the lives of the citizens of the participating countries. This leads to my theory that we in the United States have entirely dismissed the concept of slavery. We have simply transported it abroad so that we do not have to see it. I will deal with this issue in a separate column later this semester.

**Charles Schulz's retirement**

I will miss Peanuts. I knew Schulz had to retire eventually, but it still came as a surprise to me when I heard the news. Schulz is one of those rare artisans that can only be compared to rarities in other fields, like Mozart to music, Michael Jordan to basketball, or Albert Einstein to science. These people not only set the standard in their respective fields, they elevated it. When they left, only a vacuum remained in their place. Happy retirement, Mr. Schulz.

**Sports**

First, congratulations to our two bowls in a row, Power of Purple TCU football team. With such an

exciting team, why can't we fill up the stadium?

Change is the order of the off-season for the Texas Rangers. They traded away Juan Gonzalez and brought back Kenny Rogers. No more Todd Zeile, Mark McLemore or Aaron Sele either, but the Rangers have some new uniforms. Will our inability to advance in the playoffs change along with all these other changes? Stay tuned.

Mark Cuban certainly stirred up some excitement with his purchase of the lowly Dallas Mavericks. I hope he lives up to the hype that he has been putting out because us die-hard Mavericks fans deserve better.

**The candidates for president**

It's a crowded field of the usual suspects. It's too close to call, and everyone is being too careful not to make the stupid mistake that will bounce them out of running, so it's been rather boring right now. We will just have to stay tuned until something interesting happens.

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## Science inventions lack utility

Public needs flying cars, robot canines more than super cow

Rather than bore you all with yet another column about how Y2K was the most overrated event since *The Phantom Menace*, I thought I'd bore you instead by grousing about how Y2K really dropped the ball.

I did a bit of reading on the future of science and concluded that 1) science is behind the times and 2) I should probably make stuff up because science magazines are tough reads. I tried reading them for the articles, and frankly, I'm not impressed.

Let's look at what we've got in the works. Remember when some Scottish scientists cloned a sheep? Yeah, well now some Japanese scientists made a cow. Apparently it's a special cow — it makes milkshakes or grills itself or something — but who cares? Even if it were a super cow, its meat would never make it into a college cafeteria. We will have to wait for bioengineered meat until science clones a better rat.

Why not clone something better, like Galapagos tortoises or Superman? Or better yet, Super Galapagos Tortoise Man? The moral dilemma of cloning real people has many scientists terrified and deadlocked, but I think the cloning of fictitious people is an open-and-shut case. If not

Super Galapagos Tortoise Man, then definitely Holden Caulfield, the Cat in the Hat or some 1940s pinup girls.

Science has really let me down with the flying car. I thought about this while sitting next to "chronic-halitosis guy" and near "owner-of-colicky-baby guy" on the plane.

Truth be told, I don't like flying. My distaste for flying is not for fear of crashing or hijacking. I hate flying because other people ride in planes along with me. I do, however, like to drive, and driving across the friendly skies is certainly appealing.

So where is the flying car? Not in my garage, that's where! While those "scientists" and "inventors" are busy making self-milking cattle, I have to wait at stoplights and crawl down the interstate while all three lanes of traffic rubberneck. (And what is that all about anyway? Haven't Texans ever seen a car wreck? Lord knows you all like NASCAR.) Gimme the flying car, or for Texans, flying pickups.

Japanese people are at least trying to do something productive (except for the special cows), as Sony recently debuted with the robot yappy dog. I have a dachshund at home, and I would give anything to take out her batteries or throw her in the closet when she gets noisy.

Though I have no interest in owning a robot dog, I support canine robotics because they are the link between robot-automobile plants and robot pirates. If I could buy a crew of robot pirates,

we would zoom around in our flying full-size van (the kind with the bubble windows) drinking rum (since robot pirates use rum for fuel) and pillaging scientist-filled suburbs of their super-cow steaks.

But robot pirates are a pipe dream. I'd be happy if science got serious about putting a man on Mars. Instead of wasting money on social programs, the government could be helping science do great things, such as paying people to use the same measuring system on spacecraft.

But no, all we get is testing. When my dad was in college, he got to see a man bounce around on the moon. Since I've been in college, the only bouncing things I've seen have been on a trampoline at the end of "The Man Show."

Of course, I shouldn't complain. Political science majors rarely grow up to invent anything useful other than complex ways in which to convey homogenous platitudes comparable to that which is said by colleagues who wish to arrive at aggregate conclusions as their counterparts.

If I really wanted to change the world, I should have picked a major such as robotology or clononics and taken the responsibility myself. I'm sorry science, you didn't drop the ball — I did.

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**Commentary**



STEVE STEWARD

## Growth certain with new programs

Additions to online curricula benefit entire university

Welcome, TCU, to the information age. TCU will join a smattering of universities around the country that offer master's degrees online.

Online courses for master's degrees in liberal arts and nursing could be offered by TCU as soon as next fall.

Now, TCU offers little to meet the needs of non-traditional students who have special needs, such as full-time jobs or families. The TCUglobalcenter, located at the Alliance Airport north of Fort Worth, will help alleviate some of those concerns. Professionals who don't want to brave campus two or three times a week can instead attend master's-level classes there.

The online degrees will take what is being started at the TCUglobalcenter one step further. TCU already offers several Web-enhanced courses, in which students meet periodically and participate in discussion boards and other activities on the Internet. Those courses already have some problems: Teachers and students often have difficulty connecting with each other through the Internet.

That type of connection, however, is one primarily needed at an undergraduate level among traditional students and their professors. The business person who earns a master's degree online will not need

that type of contact. Furthermore, communication between students and professors should be no problem.

Don Coerver, director of the master's of liberal arts program, said while the new program will not completely eliminate scheduled class times, it is a step in that direction.

As part of the push to make TCU a top-tier institution, the administration should push even harder in that direction. As it stands, students who wish to pursue an online master's degree will still be required to come to campus periodically. While they may not have to put up with Metroplex traffic on a daily basis, they'll still have to live in the area.

Granted, this does open up the opportunity for D/FW-area businessmen and women who travel because of their jobs or who have other personal obligations. But part of furthering TCU's reputation nationwide is getting the name out to as many places as possible. Why restrict it to Dallas/Fort Worth?

Coerver said eventually someone anywhere in the world could be a TCU student through this program. A major sticking point, however, is getting faculty members who are willing to take the time and make the commitment to learn how to teach classes on the Internet. It will take a professor who is knowledgeable

about the Internet and is willing to forgo some teaching opportunities here on campus.

Perhaps TCU will have to hire new professors specifically for the job of teaching online courses. It is hard to ask professors who have been teaching the same way for the past 20 or 30 years (which is a problem in and of itself) to suddenly and completely rethink their entire teaching method.

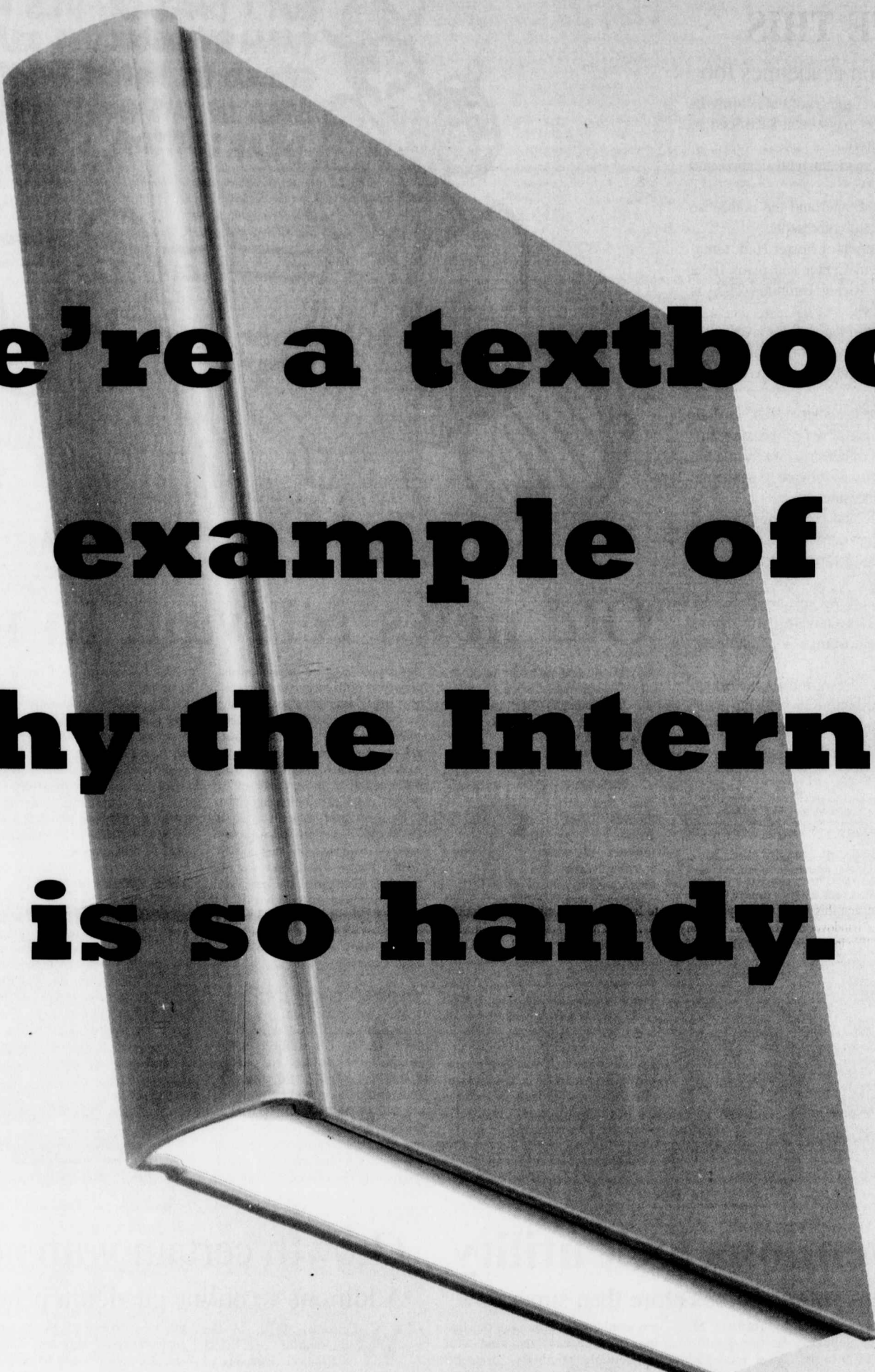
Some professors on campus don't yet use e-mail as a way to communicate with their students. How could they ever be expected to teach a class online?

Through the new E-commerce degree, the Tucker Technology Center scheduled for construction and now the online master's degrees, technology is becoming more of a priority at TCU every day.

As we move into the 21st century, there has never been a better time to expand TCU's reach through innovative technology.

TCU would be selling itself short by not fully embracing the possibilities of an online degree program. That means we must invest the time and the money into creating a state-of-the-art program that will be associated everywhere — not just in Dallas and Fort Worth — with TCU.

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**FIRE**

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dents who break the rules," Fisher said. Kerri Haage, a senior marketing major and Jarvis Hall resident, said she is rarely concerned about a fire in the residence hall. "Even during fire drills, I find myself taking my time," she said. "I just never think the drills are that important." Fire drills are an essential part of keeping residents safe, Fisher said. "There is always a concern that students will not take drills seriously,

but we also treat our residents as adults," he said. "If they are foolish enough not to leave in a timely manner, that is their own fault." Aggie Alexander, a senior pre-med major and resident assistant in the Tom Brown/Pete Wright Residential Community, said she understands why students are reluctant to follow the rules but thinks it is in everyone's best interest to do so. "For the most part, we are all very responsible, but the rules are still the rules," she said. Haage said students are old enough to make decisions on their own. "Rules are reasonable, but respon-

sible people would not start fires in the first place," she said. "If you want to burn a candle while you are in the room, that should be fine." Alexander said hall meetings emphasize all the rules and clearly outline fire escape plans. "We want our residents to be ready for anything, but nothing ever happens," she said. Alexander said students do not consider fire a real threat. "You just never think that anything serious will happen to you," she said. Fisher said policies, combined with building construction, will do a lot to keep students safe. As the university

renovates its buildings, fire safety is a primary concern, he said. Fisher said all new buildings and renovation projects will be equipped with state-of-the-art alarm systems. Each room has or will have its own alarm, connected to the main electrical circuit. All halls will also be equipped with a sprinkler system. "We would rather clean up water than repair more serious damage," Fisher said. "TCU should be proud that we make such a serious commitment to the safety of our students."

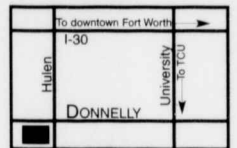
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She was treated for exposure because she left her room in only a short nightgown, a jacket and hiking boots. The cause of the fire was under investigation. The tragedy cast a pall of grief over the campus of the Roman Catholic school 15 miles southwest of New York City. Classes for the 10,000 students were canceled for the week. A memorial service was planned for later Wednesday. Sports events also were postponed through today. "There's not much you can say at this time," said Newark Archbishop Theodore McCarrick, who came to offer support. "We're glad we're people of faith. The mystery of God's

work is always a great mystery." Patel, who lives on the third floor down the hall from the lounge where the blaze broke out, said he put a wet towel under his door, kicked out his window screens and threw his mattress on the ground in case he had to jump. At least two students did jump, witnesses said. Tim Van Wie, 18, of Flanders, said a friend jumped from the third floor and suffered a broken wrist and sprained ankle. Others tied sheets together to climb down from the windows, but firefighters arrived and rescued them by ladder. Keara Sauber, 18, saw one fellow student shivering in a T-shirt and boxers, his skin completely blackened by burns. "His skin was, like, smoking," she said. Two of the three male students killed were found in the lounge, and

the other was found in a bedroom nearby. The victims, all 18, were identified by the Essex County medical examiner's office as Frank S. Caltabilla, John N. Giunta and Aaron C. Karol. The office did not release their home towns, but friends and relatives said all were from New Jersey. Two firefighters and two police officers were among those hurt. The injuries ranged from exposure and smoke inhalation to burns. The blaze was largely confined to the lounge. Students said they frequently saw people smoking in the lounge, even though it is prohibited in lounges and hallways. Essex County Prosecutor Donald C. Campolo said he did not have any information about whether the fire was suspicious. He would not comment on whether careless smoking

may have caused the blaze. The Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms was assisting in the investigation. "It will be a painstaking investigation," he said. "We are taking statements from individuals who may have witnessed the fire or the moments leading up to it." The 48-year-old building was equipped with smoke alarms and extinguishers but did not have a sprinkler system because it was built before they were required, Campolo said. Fire hoses inside the building had been disconnected because the equipment was obsolete, Seton Hall spokeswoman Lisa Grider said. The smoke alarms and extinguishers had passed inspection recently, and at least one extinguisher was used during the blaze, Campolo said.

**Peace talks between Israelis and Palestinians slow**

ASSOCIATED PRESS

RAMALLAH, West Bank — Israel's relations with Arab countries, particularly economic ties, are hurt by the slow progress in peace talks between Israel and the Palestinians, Israel's ambassador to Egypt said Wednesday. Ambassador Zvi Mazel said Egypt's position, repeatedly conveyed to him, is that until Israel makes peace with the Palestinians, relations would remain cool. "This is a problem," he said at a gathering of Palestinian officials and several Israeli envoys stationed in the Arab world. Mazel urged closer economic cooperation now as a means of build-

ing political trust in the long term. "In the end, there will be peace. Then we will weep and say, 'Why didn't we start cooperation a long time ago?'" he said. Egypt and Jordan both have peace treaties with Israel, but relations remain chilly. The lack of a peace accord with the Palestinians has also affected Israel's relations with Persian Gulf states and North African countries like Tunisia and Morocco, the Israeli envoys acknowledged. Palestinian Deputy Planning Minister Anis Al-Qaq briefed the diplomats on Israeli-Palestinian peace efforts, currently soured by Israel's decision this week to delay a promised handover of West Bank territory. "We informed (the Israelis) that for

a lasting peace to be achieved and for future cooperation to exist, there must be a win-win outcome of the peace process, not one on the expense of the Palestinians," Al-Qaq said. In Syria, state-run media said today the country was willing to cooperate in any efforts that get to the heart of its dispute with Israel. A new round of U.S. sponsored peace talks was to have begun Wednesday in Washington, but the talks were postponed indefinitely after Syria indicated frustration with their course. Syria won't agree to participate in negotiations just "to listen once again to Israeli lies and misleading proposals," Al-Thawra said in an editorial. Syrian newspapers, all state-run,

reflect government views. Syria "is ready to cooperate with any endeavor that might help conduct serious talks and tackle, in depth, the basic and substantial issues," Al-Thawra said. The newspaper did not specify what steps Syria was prepared to take to get talks back on track. Syria has said it won't return to the table until Israel is ready to commit to withdrawing from the Golan Heights border plateau that Israel seized in the 1967 Middle East war. It was angered by leaks to an Israeli newspaper of a U.S. working document presented at the talks. The document suggested the two sides were close on matters relating to normalizing relations but still far apart on Syria's demands to redraw borders.

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## Dorm limits freedom of one student

On Jan. 12, the residence halls at TCU opened for business and I, like several other students, arrived at Wiggins Hall with my car loaded to the brim prepared to make one 10-by-12-foot room my home.

I checked in and got my room key from the office, walked up the three flights of stairs and traveled down the hallway to my room, 314. I turned the key, opened the door, walked in and froze.

How can it be so small? And I was one of the lucky ones! I had acquired a room to myself.

How was it possible for two people to live in such a place?

Maybe, I thought, if I move some of the furniture around the room, it will become somewhat more tolerable. So with the aid of a friend, whom I had brought along for support, I attempted to fit the extra

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VANESSA CALKIN

bed in a closet and moved the desks and drawers to what I thought were more appropriate positions. I then opened the blinds in hopes that I could shed some new light on the room. But my attempts were in vain. I only felt more helpless.

With every passing second, I felt as though each breath was using up the room's limited air supply. I had to leave immediately if I was to escape my forthcoming demise.

Of course I realize how extreme this all must sound, but last fall, I had my own efficiency apartment which I had sadly under-appreciated until my encounter with room 314.

I had convinced myself that living back on campus would be so simplistically convenient. There would be no bills to worry about every month, no fighting for parking spaces every morning, and perhaps I would even be released from the temptations that off-campus life provides against studying.

But I forgot the joys of having my own bathroom that I could spend as much time in as I deemed fit. I forgot about having my own kitchen and being able to cook my own food that far surpassed the delicacies offered at The Main.

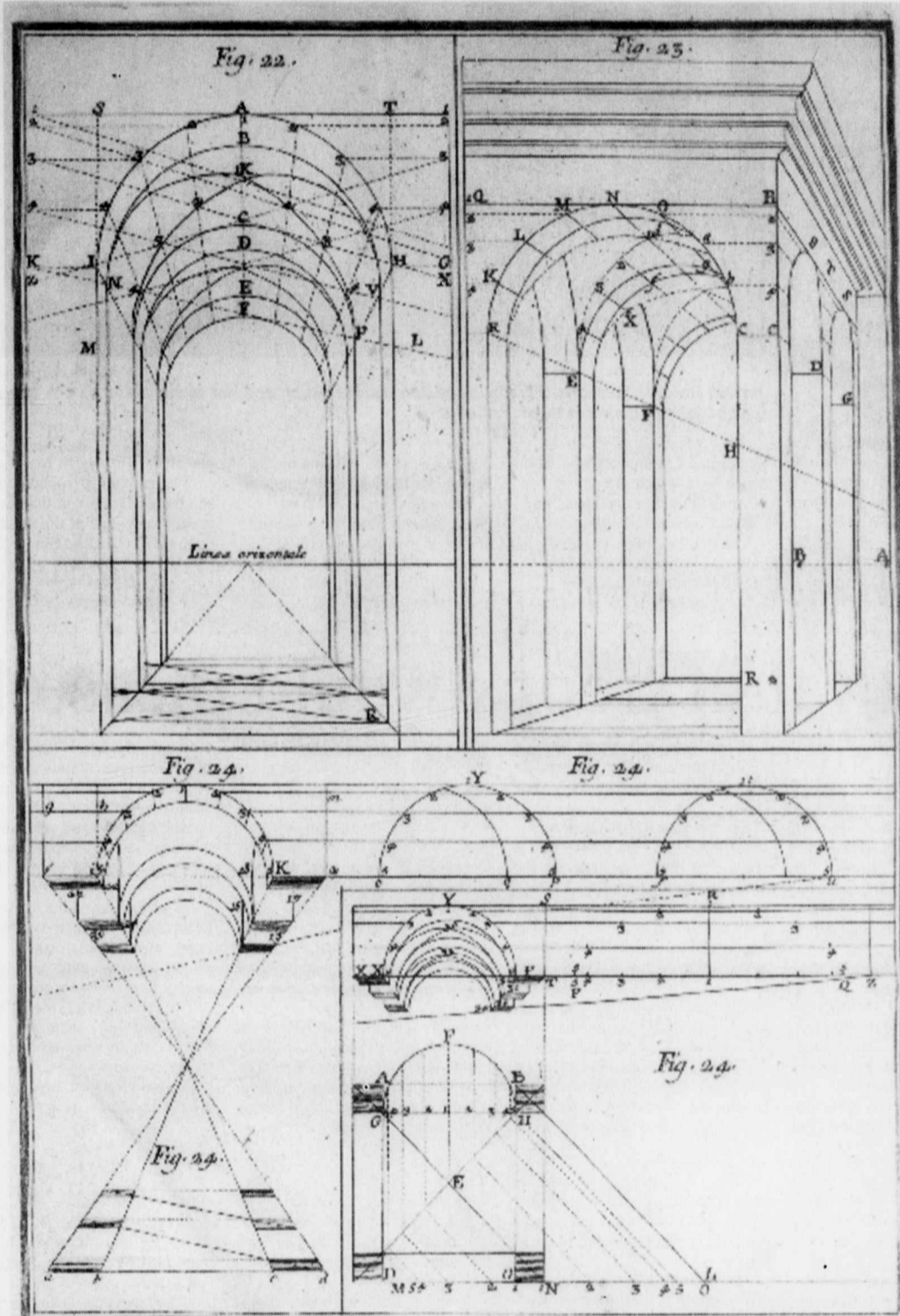
But the real clincher is the complete freedom and sense of responsibility that an apartment offered. My apartment hadn't been much, and at times, living in it had caused me quite a bit of grief, but my apartment had changed me into who I am today: someone who is responsible for herself, who has no dorm mom to keep her in check, who has more experience now with the outside world.

Most of all, I have become someone who cannot become confined in room 314.

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# Under one roof

Students explore housing options to ease transition of finding a home away from home



By Natascha Terc  
STAFF REPORTER

If worrying about what you're going to do for the rest of your life isn't stressful enough, being on your own for the first time can be a scary and exciting time.

While dealing with the fact that being a child is no longer an option, college-bound students must begin to cut ties with parents, to whatever degree, and opt for independence in an unfamiliar environment.

TCU students have a variety of living options available to help make this transition with at least some of the comforts of home.

Freshmen at TCU are required to live on campus for the first year and can request their dorm of preference. After this initiation into college life, students either decide to stay on campus or try out an off-campus option.

Aleta Crounce, a senior modern dance major in her second year at TCU, just moved off campus over Christmas break. After transferring from Northeast Louisiana University, where she lived in both a dorm and an apartment for a semester, Crounce moved to a suite in Waits Hall. Though she said she enjoyed living in the suite, Crounce became tired of the visitation and noise rules.

"I like my own space," she said. "There wasn't a lot, but I made my desk area my private space."

Crounce now lives in an apartment on University Drive. There are four apartments in the building, and without a roommate, she said she now has ample space for herself.

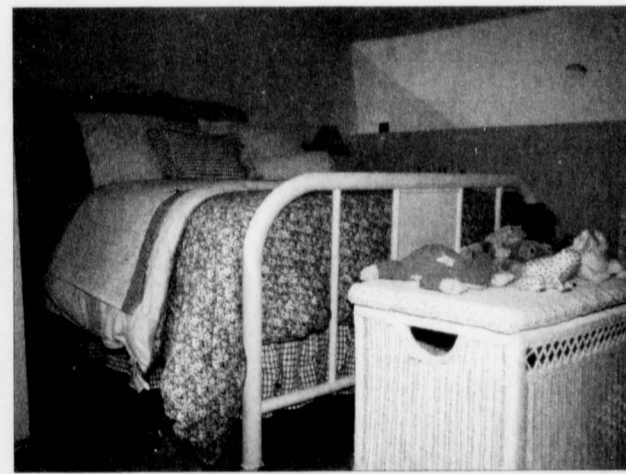
"The best thing about living on campus is that you're close to everything," Crounce said. "Now I'm close enough that I can ride my bicycle to class and don't have to fight parking."

The only downside to living on

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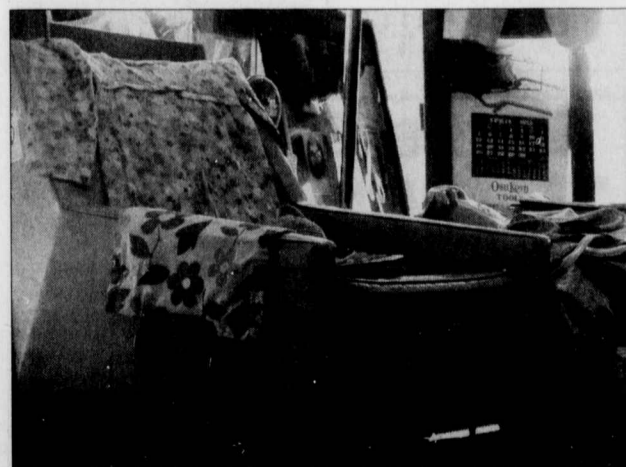
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PHOTO EDITOR

From strung lights to wicker chests, TCU students have found various ways to personalize their living spaces. Local thrift stores and resale shops offer much of what students are looking for in home decor. For a list of decorating essentials see page 8.



## FUNKY FURNISHINGS AT A FRACTION OF THE COST

Shopping at thrift stores for furniture stretches the budget while adding a unique touch to any dwelling



Funky furniture like this chair can be found at Freak Styles thrift store located on Berry Street.

By Kasey Feldman  
STAFF REPORTER

Are you sick of blowing your budget on the few pieces of furniture and decorative items in your residence hall room or apartment only to have it look like everyone else's? Did you go to Target expecting to furnish your entire room for under \$200 and leave with a nightstand and two lamps? Maybe it's time you went thrift-store shopping.

You've gone there for Halloween costumes and theme-party clothes, but did you ever happen to walk beyond the rows of leisure suits and neon-colored spandex outfits? Many thrift stores also carry furniture, home decorations and appliances.

Danna Wall of Berry Good Buys said most TCU students

visit her store for clothes and may not know they also offer good deals on furniture and appliances.

Because thrift stores sell used items, not everything is in perfect condition. Check furniture carefully for stains, cracks, chips and other defects to make sure you know what condition the item is in before you buy it. If you are buying electronic appliances, ask the salesperson if there is anything wrong with the appliance and what the store's return policy is.

Roger Morrison of Worth Repeating said his employees test all electrical appliances the store sells and put notes on the ones with defects.

"Keep in mind thrift-store shopping is not 'one-stop shop-

ping.'" Morrison said. "You may have to visit several stores before you find what you want."

Most thrift stores get their merchandise from donations, so you are not guaranteed to find what you are looking for on your first shopping trip, but many get new merchandise daily. Morrison said the best way to find what you want is persistence — If you do not find an item the first time you look, come back in a day or two and it may be there.

The inconsistency of available merchandise at thrift stores may make shopping more difficult, but it makes finding unique items easier. Emily Patton, a junior biology major, said she wants her apartment to be unique and would consider shopping at thrift stores to find

unusual pieces to spice up her decor.

One hidden benefit to thrift-store shopping is helping out charitable organizations. Some thrift stores are run by charities to raise money for their programs. Berry Good Buys is owned by the Women's Haven of Tarrant County Inc. Wall said the profits from the store help feed, clothe and house the Haven's beneficiaries. Other organizations with thrift stores include the Women's Center, which runs Worth Repeating, and the Paralyzed Veterans of America, which runs McCart Thrift Center.

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**MAJOR**

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bachelor of business administration with a major in electronic business, will allow Golden and other students to stay on the edge of changing technology and growing job markets.

"Business is certainly transcending the Web," Mackay said. "This program will allow students to learn the expertise both in business and the technological skills that are needed to take advantage of this shift in the business world."

Nearly 60 students are currently enrolled this semester, and Mackay said more are expected to enroll for the summer session.

Mackay said TCU's program for the undergraduate degree in e-business is the first to be accredited by the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business. One program, at Stevens Institute of Technology in New Jersey, offers a similar program, but Mackay said it's not a business school.

Chuck Williams, interim associate dean and chairman of the management department, said similar degree programs are generally aimed at graduate students, but TCU is trying to prepare undergraduate students now.

"This is clearly the hottest area in business these days," Williams said. "Our program will help students take advantage of these opportunities."

One of Golden's classmates, Julie Covert, a junior management and electronic business major, said knowledge and use of computer systems is a must in today's business world.

"I believe the skills I learn in this degree program will give me a greater knowledge of how companies are competing with the changing needs of consumers in this new millennium," she said.

Covert said completing the degree program will also teach her to understand and improve a company's Web presence while continuing to strengthen traditional business practices.

Golden said the degree will offer more than just increased job opportunities.

"I am not doing it for the money," Golden said. "I just hope to explore these new and innovative changes in the business world."

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**HOUSING**

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her own is dealing with repairs, Crounce said.

"The property management assumes the cost of repairs, but you have to be home when they come," she said.

Within the first two weeks in her new home, Crounce already had a toilet and door-frame repaired.

Brandon Hunt, a senior E-commerce major, just completed his first semester at TCU while living in a duplex in downtown Fort Worth.

Hunt lived in a fraternity house while he attended the University of North Texas.

"It's nothing I recommend anyone do because there are too many temptations, and you don't get anything done," Hunt said. "But it was really nice because the house was right on campus."

Hunt said he chose downtown because he wanted to live in the cultural district, and he likes his privacy away from the university. He recommends that everyone try to live on his or her own.

"I didn't want to live with someone because you get older and set in your ways," Hunt said. "At my parents', I had a maid, and I didn't have to cook for myself or wash my own clothes, and now I do."

Hunt said living on one's own is good because it makes people more self-sufficient and gets them accustomed to an independent lifestyle.

TCU recently diversified its housing options by constructing the Tom Brown/Pete Wright



Jessica Moore, a freshman advertising/public relations major, and her roommate chose to coordinate their bedroom's bedspreads and curtains.

Sarah Kirchberg/PHOTO EDITOR

Residential Community. The residence halls, which offer apartment-style living for students on campus, opened last spring.

The four-bedroom apartments have two bathrooms, a kitchen with full-size appliances and washers and dryers on each floor.

The cost of the on-campus apartments is \$1,995 per semester.

Residential services adviser Nancy Grieser said more students are staying on campus now because of the new apartments.

About 295 seniors, 388 juniors and 750 sophomores live on cam-

pus along with 1,078 freshmen.

"The number of sophomores staying on campus in the past is usually only half of the number of freshmen," Grieser said.

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**Essentials**

The following is a price comparison of apartment or dorm room essentials.

**Thrift Store Prices**

- (exceptions noted)
- Coffee pot — \$5
- Couch — \$40
- Desk and chair — \$24
- Kitchen table and four chairs — \$25 to \$75\*
- Lamp — \$3 to \$15\*
- Television stand — \$30
- Twin bed with mattress and box springs — \$25

**Target Prices**

- (exceptions noted)
- Coffee pot — \$13
- Couch — \$400\*\*
- Desk and chair — \$150
- Kitchen table and four chairs — \$400\*\*
- Lamp — \$15 to \$55
- Television Stand — \$80
- Twin bed with mattress and box springs — \$660\*\*

\*Items were unable to be found at local thrift stores. The price ranges are estimates given by Victor Vasquez of McCart Thrift Center.

\*\*Target does not carry these items. The prices are sale prices at Montgomery Wards.

**Removal of troops would please Bin Laden**

ASSOCIATED PRESS

KABUL, Afghanistan — A Taliban-controlled newspaper reported Wednesday that suspected terrorist Osama bin Laden would end his "hostility" toward the United States if Washington withdraws its soldiers from Saudi Arabia — the site of two of Islam's holiest places.

Bin Laden will stop opposing America once Washington pulls its troops out of Saudi Arabia, the Taliban's official Pashtu-language weekly newspaper, *The Shariat* reported. The article did not identify the source of the information.

"If the United States withdraws its forces from Saudi Arabia, bin

Laden will stop opposing it, give up his hostility and offer his hand in friendship," the newspaper article said.

Bin Laden, who has taken refuge in Afghanistan, has declared a "jihad," or holy war, against the United States to protest the presence of U.S. soldiers in his homeland.

Washington accuses bin Laden of masterminding the bombing of its embassies in Africa in August 1998 and is pressing Afghanistan's orthodox Islamic militia to hand him over to the United States or a third country to stand trial.

But the Taliban say bin Laden is a guest and Afghan tradition forbids handing over a guest to his enemies. The Taliban also say the United

States has not given evidence of bin Laden's involvement in terrorism and that if bin Laden is to stand trial, it should be in an Islamic court.

"We cannot hand him over to a court of infidels that cannot give him justice. If we do that, the name of the Afghan people will be blotted forever," the newspaper said.

However the newspaper article assured Washington that bin Laden would not be allowed to use Afghanistan to conduct acts of terrorism.

It also said bin Laden was not alone in his opposition to U.S. troops in Saudi Arabia. The presence of American troops in Saudi Arabia is provoking anger among Muslims and hurting their religious

sentiment, the article said. It warned that Washington should avoid this.

The newspaper also assailed criticism from the West of the Taliban's human rights record and treatment of women, who are denied access to jobs and education beyond the age of 8.

"Why do they want us to leave Islam and adopt their system?" the newspaper article asked. "They should leave us with our own system."

The Taliban, who rule 90 percent of Afghanistan, including Kabul, follow a harsh version of Islam that forces men to wear beards and outlaws most forms of light entertainment, including music and television.

"Women and human rights are more safe in Afghanistan than in the West. A veil gives dignity to women and does not violate their rights. In fact the rampant prostitution in the Western and Eastern countries is the real abuse of women and undermines human rights," the newspaper article said.

The Taliban, who are Sunni Muslims and mostly Pashtun, Afghanistan's majority ethnic group, are fighting the northern-based opposition on several fronts to extend their rule to the entire country.

The opposition controls the remaining 10 percent of Afghanistan and is made up of religious and ethnic minorities.

**ART**

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pany. It was a great financial commitment. The title pieces of the exhibit are large, carved plywood bowls surrounding a planet made of

ceramic. Rittby said it was these works that caught his attention at the conference where he met England.

England said the pieces represent her visualization of how the universe was created.

Other pieces in the exhibit

include metal sculptures representing molecular structures and ceramic figures of primitive life forms.

The exhibit also includes two self portraits, "Self-portrait with Ancestors" and "Deep Sky Object."

When England constructed

"Self-portrait with Ancestors" — a human figure sculpted out of 900 clay bones based on animal bone structure — she said she had a spiritual experience.

"I began thinking about evolution — about how I have an evolutionary relationship with all mam-

mals," England said.

Assistant professor of art history Anne Helmreich said she was impressed by how the pieces were constructed.

"I had seen her work in photographs before, and I was fascinated with the interdisciplinary nature of

her work," Helmreich said. "Once you see the works yourself, you get to appreciate the craftsmanship — the wood in the pieces, the clay bones."

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# Jeb Bush delays order ending affirmative action

## Two black lawmakers end their sit-in after Bush agrees to delay vote, have more hearings

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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Two black lawmakers ended their sit-in at the lieutenant governor's office Wednesday after Gov. Jeb Bush agreed to delay his executive order ending affirmative action so public hearings could be held on the issue.

Sen. Kendrick Meek of Miami and Rep. Tony Hill of Jacksonville, both Democrats, spent the night in Lt. Gov. Frank Brogan's office after failing to persuade Bush and Brogan to rescind the order Tuesday. They left about 24 hours after the sit-in began.

The two lawmakers and Bush signed a statement outlining an

agreement reached after they discussed the governor's plan to replace affirmative action in hiring and university admissions with what the governor calls his "One Florida" program.

Bush contends his plan will increase minority enrollment in state universities. It guarantees admission to some state universities to the top 20 percent of the state's high school seniors, adds \$20 million to the state's financial aid budget and makes it easier for minority businesses to be certified to work across the state.

"In light of the governor's willingness to take these affirmative steps, we've agreed to rescind our demand that the governor immedi-

ately suspend the One Florida executive order," the lawmakers said in the statement.

Bush agreed to a formal meeting with the Black Caucus and other interested lawmakers and to delay a Board of Regents vote on the program until Feb. 17. The Regents, who oversee the state university system, had been scheduled to act on the proposal Friday.

"This is going to require more dialogue, which I am prepared to do," Bush said.

The agreement also calls for three public hearings. In addition Bush agreed to a good-faith review of the lawmakers' written comments and recommendations for improving One Florida.

"We informed the governor of our strong support for affirmative action and the potential harm to our communities if the One Florida initiative rolls back or repeals the gains made possible by our existing affirmative action law," the legislators said in their statement.

They also apologized "for any inconvenience our actions have caused."

The protest escalated Wednesday as 20 more lawmakers and about 100 protesters, including many students from predominantly black Florida A&M University, crowded the Capitol hallways outside the governor's office.

Hundreds of miles away in Miami about 100 students, teach-

ers and employees at Florida International University protested outside Bush's South Florida office.

They carried signs that read, "Stop racism," and chanted, "Shame on Bush."

Bush apologized Wednesday's for a widely televised remark the night before in which he told an aide to "kick their asses out" in reference to reporters covering the sit-in. Shortly after noon Wednesday, agents from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement removed nine reporters, including one from The Associated Press, who has stayed with the lawmakers in Brogan's office through the night.

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democratic leaders with integrity and character who respond to student needs and are sensitive to faculty and staff development," he said. "We are a university on the move, so we are looking for people who can lead us into the future."

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## Relatives of Cuban boy go to court

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MIAMI — Elian Gonzalez's relatives in Miami went to federal court Wednesday to challenge the Immigration and Naturalization Service's ruling that the 6-year-old boy must be returned to his father in Cuba.

Lazaro Gonzalez, Elian's great-uncle, filed the federal lawsuit after Attorney General Janet Reno declared last week that the boy's status was an immigration matter solely in the jurisdiction of federal law.

"It is about protecting Elian's civil and constitutional rights, the same as if he was any other child," said Spencer Eig, a lawyer for the great-uncle. Elian has been living with his Miami relatives since he was found floating on an inner tube off the Florida coast Thanksgiving Day.

The lawsuit names as defendants Reno, INS Commissioner Doris Meissner, INS District Director Robert Wallis, the Department of Justice and the INS.

It accuses the government of violating Elian's rights to due process of law and asks the judge to prevent the INS from returning the boy to Cuba before the agency gives him an asylum hearing.

No hearing date was immediately set. The Justice Department and the INS said in a statement they were prepared to respond quickly and would ask the court "to expeditiously address this matter."

"It is important for the well-being of Elian Gonzalez that the status of this 6-year-old boy be resolved as quickly as possible," the statement said.

Reno had brushed aside a ruling from a Miami family court judge delaying the boy's return. But she postponed an INS deadline to return the boy to his father in order to give Elian's U.S. relatives time to challenge the INS decision in federal court.

Elian's mother and stepfather were among 11 people who drowned trying to reach the United States, and the boy was rescued at sea by the Coast Guard after he was found clinging to an inner tube in the Atlantic.

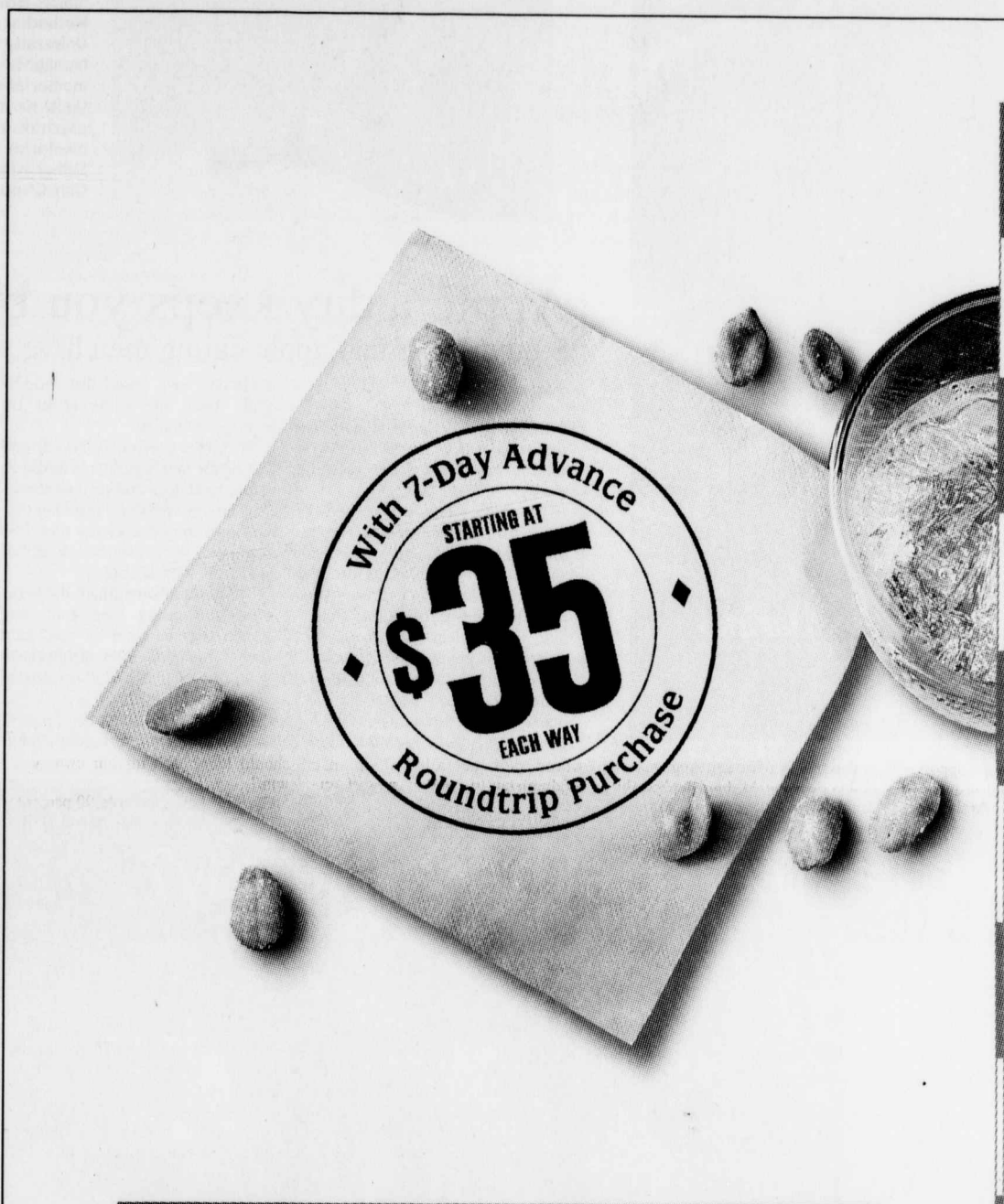
The INS's top official initially ruled Elian should return to his father, and the agency rejected a second asylum petition filed last week on behalf of Elian by Lazaro Gonzalez. The INS ruled that only the boy's father can represent his son.

Eig said Lazaro Gonzalez was asking the court "not to decide the issues in the case, not to take custody away from Elian's father, not to decide whether or not Elian should go back to Cuba, simply to compel the U.S. government to give Elian a fair hearing and his day in court."

Many legal experts have insisted since the fervor over the case began that Elian's U.S. relatives have no standing.

"All along, the legal issue has been who speaks for a 6-year-old boy, and the answer is the closest surviving relative. That is the father," said David Abraham, an immigration law professor at the University of Miami.

Leaders of several U.S. groups that want Elian returned to his father have warned they will call for protests and acts of civil disobedience if the child is not sent back soon. The groups denounced Congress for considering legislation that would grant U.S. citizenship to the boy over his father's objections.



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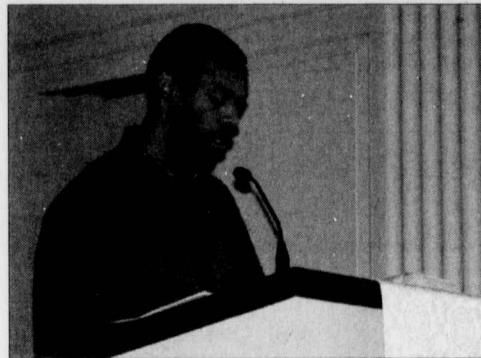
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(Above) Karyn Bogart, a Brite Divinity School student; Mandy Mahan, a sophomore religion major; Heather Patriacca, a sophomore religion major; Brian Young, a United Methodist minister and John Butler, University Minister discuss the highlights of Wednesday's memorial service.  
(Left) Kevin Aldridge, a sophomore psychology major, participates in a memorial service honoring Martin Luther King Jr. Wednesday at Robert Carr Chapel.

Apple a day keeps you breathing OK  
Study shows that apple-eating men have stronger lung function

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONDON — Eating at least five apples a week could help you breathe more easily, new research shows.

The study, published this week in the British medical journal Thorax, found that men who ate nearly an apple a day had slightly stronger lung function than those who excluded the fruit from their diets.

It is not clear why the apple-eaters could breathe more effortlessly, but apples contain antioxidants, which experts believe may ward off disease by combating oxygen's damaging effect on the body.

Scientists have found that antioxidants have the same effect on women as on men.

Scientists previously have found that better lung function is linked to eating fresh fruit and taking antioxidant vitamin pills and that lung disease and lung cancer are seen less frequently in people who eat lots of hard fruit such as apples.

"This study strengthens the argument that eating fresh fruit, and apples, may be good for you," said Cora Tabak of the National Institute of Public Health and Environment in the Netherlands.

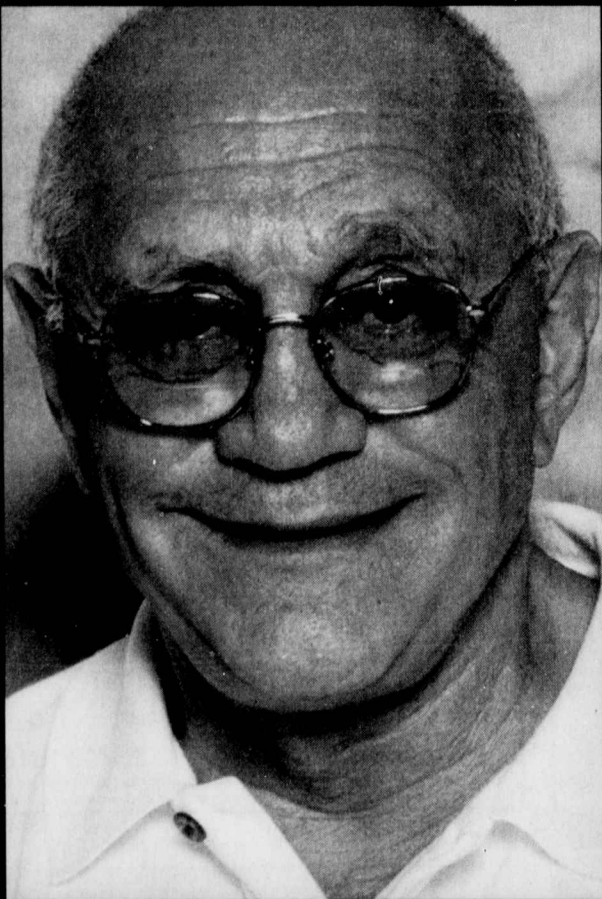
In the study, researchers from St. George's Hospital in London exam-

ined the health records of 2,500 Welsh men aged 45-59 who had been followed by other scientists for five years. They had been questioned about their eating habits and made to blow as hard as they could into a machine for one second to measure lung capacity.

The test, known as an FEV, for forced expiratory volume, measures how much air someone can exhale in one second.

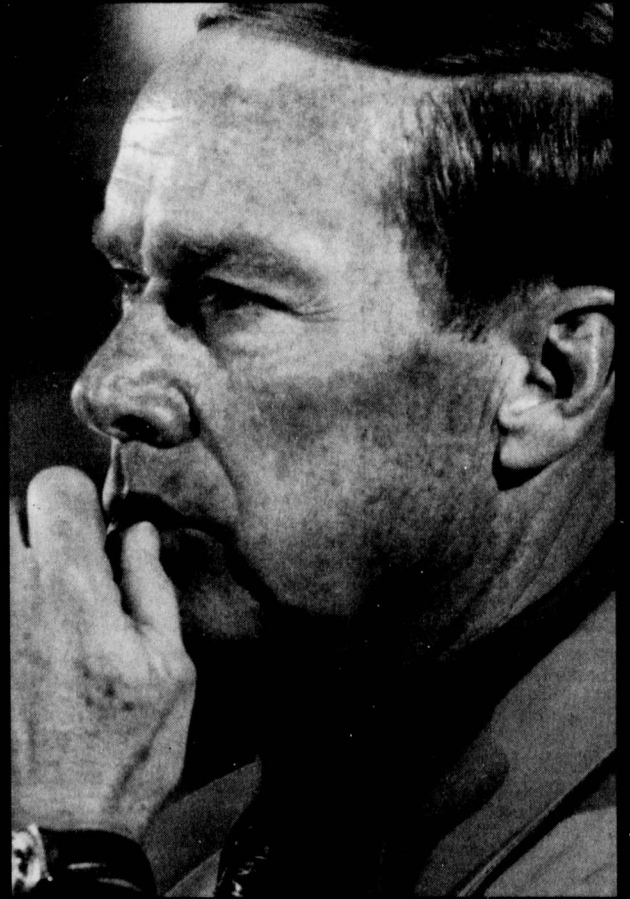
The researchers adjusted their results to eliminate the potential influence of other factors, such as smoking, exercise habits, the total amount the men ate and socioeconomic class.

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## PULSE SIDELINES

### Jordan buys share of Washington Wizards

WASHINGTON (AP) — His Airness is back in basketball.

Michael Jordan, who retired one year ago after leading the Chicago Bulls to a sixth NBA title, joined the struggling Washington Wizards today as part-owner and director of basketball operations.

Jordan also will have an ownership stake in the NHL's Washington Capitals.

He said he could see himself practicing with the Wizards, a team he said was underachieving.

"The best way to evaluate a player is to look in his eyes and see how scared he is, and I've seen that," Jordan said.

The NBA forbids players from owning teams, thus preventing Jordan from being a player-owner even if he desired to do so.

Jordan, who last year tried to buy a stake in the Charlotte Hornets since his retirement a year ago, has been negotiating in secret with majority owner Abe Pollin and minority owner Ted Leonsis.

The Wizards have the second-worst record in the Eastern Conference, and only Jordan's old team has a poorer record in the conference.

The NBA has said it is eager to welcome back the player who in 1999 ended his 13-year career with five MVP awards, 10 scoring titles and unsurpassed worldwide fame.

One area where Jordan should help right away is attendance. The Wizards haven't sold out a game this year at the two-year-old MCI Center. The arena sold its naming rights to one of Jordan's sponsors.

"I think he'd be great in the job, I really do," Indiana Pacers general manager Donnie Walsh said. "He knows the players, he knows what it takes to win. In dealing with his own franchise, he'll know why they are winning or not winning and what he needs to win."

Several complex issues in three-way negotiations had to be resolved before Jordan could join the Wizards. Leonsis' group bought the NHL's Washington Capitals from Pollin last year. Leonsis also owns 44 percent of the Wizards and the MCI Center and has right of first refusal to buy them both when Pollin retires.

Leonsis also had to ensure there could be peace between Pollin and Jordan's agent, David Falk. Pollin and Falk have feuded in recent years over contract negotiations involving Juwan Howard, Rod Strickland and Rex Chapman.

# Construction nears final stages

## More projects still in the planning, fundraising stage

By Danny Horne  
STAFF REPORTER

After months of construction and renovation, several TCU athletic facilities are at or near completion, while other projects are still under construction or in the planning phase.

Ross Bailey, director of operations and sports medicine, said the Lowdon Track and Field Complex is the only facility completed, but all other facilities remain on track with the projected completion dates.

"Rosenthal Soccer Stadium is in the final stages and should be completed by Feb. 1," Bailey said. "The original date for the soccer facility was in November, but a surprise donation in October changed the project from a relocation to a complete stadium reconstruction."

The new soccer stadium will be used by both men's and women's soccer teams as a competition and practice facility. It features permanent seating for 1,500 with restrooms, storage, concessions and a press box.

Bailey said minor renovations to the Daniel-Meyer Coliseum had to be done in accordance with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Officials are still waiting for an elevator, but the accommodations should be completed by Feb. 15, he said.

Bailey also said the erection of the steel structuring of the John Justin Athletic Center should be completed by Feb. 5. The

projected completion date of the building is set for August or September.

The athletic center will house all football offices, video labs and meeting rooms, as well as the Heritage Center and Athletics Director Eric Hyman's office.

"Coach (Dennis) Franchione had a vision as to what he wanted his offices to look like, and we wanted to reward him for helping to bring such success to the football program," said Bronson Davis, vice chancellor for university advancement.

He said part of that reward included new practice fields located where the track complex was previously.

"When we built the practice fields in place of the track, we obviously had to build a new track," Davis said. "But when we put the track in place of the soccer fields, we then had to build a new soccer facility. So, it has been a bit of a domino effect."

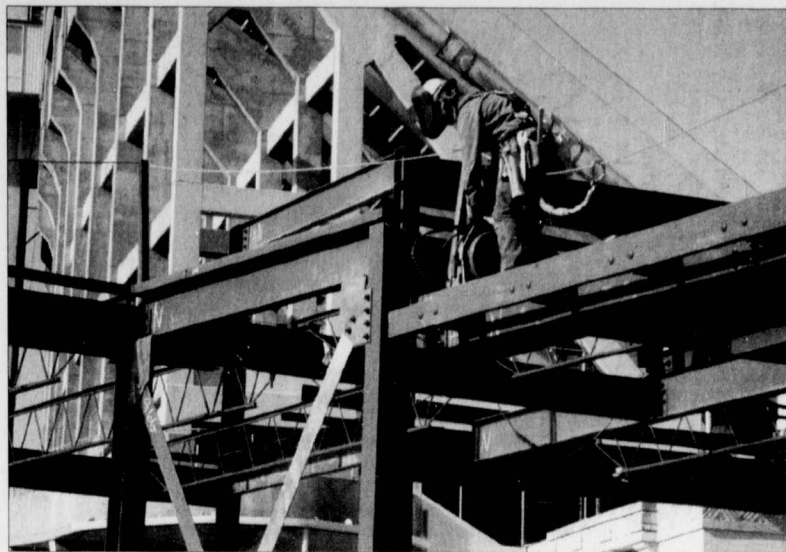
Davis said the athletic center, track complex and soccer stadium were all built while funding was being raised.

"We have been successful in getting the money for the soccer and track facilities and will have no problems with the remainder of the funding for the athletic center," he said.

Although officials are \$2.5 million short on funding for the athletic center, it should not delay the projected completion of the complex, Davis said.

Davis said TCU administrators invested in new facilities because they wanted to do something to make the university and its athletic programs more marketable and more attractive, especially after the breakup of the Western Athletic Conference.

"We upgraded our athletic facilities and made a commitment to our football program because we wanted to communicate to the nation that TCU was investing in football," Davis said. "We wanted to show that we were willing to pay the price."



A construction worker rivets the steel structuring of the new John Justin Athletic Center. The complex, which is expected to be complete Feb. 5, will house the football offices, video labs and meeting rooms.

Hyman said this commitment is what helped get TCU into Conference USA.

"When we committed to the new facilities and signed our football coach to a long-term contract, we communicated a positive message to everyone," Hyman said.

The new facilities allow TCU to become much more attractive to a larger clientele of student athletes, he added.

"Young people want to see the commitment that has been made before deciding to attend the school or sign a scholarship," Hyman said.

The TCU baseball team is also scheduled to receive a new field before the athletic renovations are finished. Bailey said the new baseball stadium will be located

between the new track complex and the new soccer stadium.

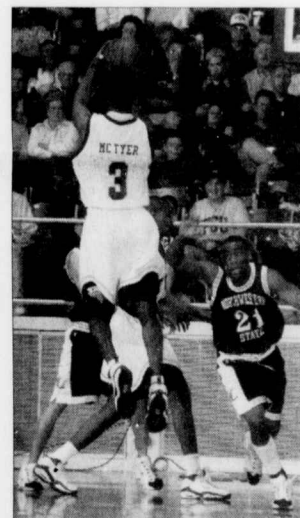
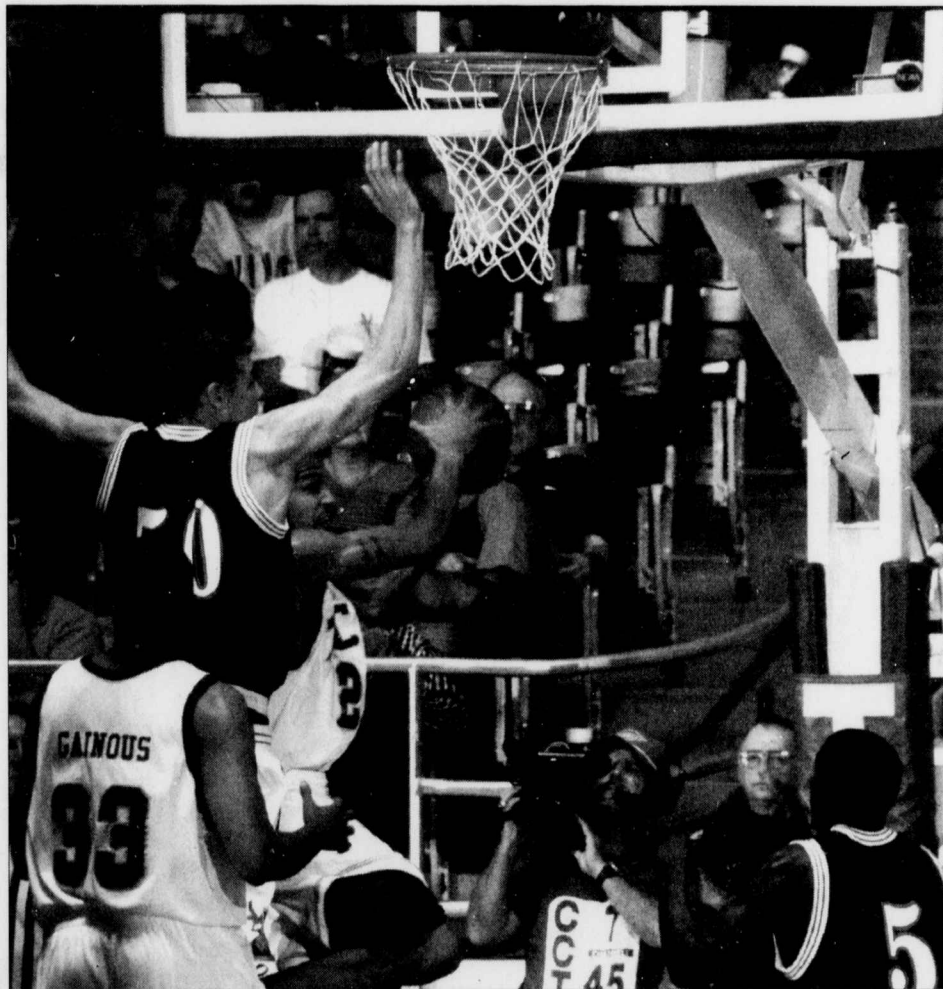
However, Davis said the fund-raising process is currently on hold, pending a final cost estimate.

Hyman said the process will move forward once officials have received final drawings on plans for the stadium.

The Lowdon Track and Field Complex should be the first of the new facilities to host a TCU athletic event. Bailey said the soccer stadium hosted high school soccer last weekend, and the first TCU track meet is scheduled for April 22.

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Junior point guard Thomas McTyler (3), above, pulls up for a jumper during the 97-61 victory over Northwestern State on Nov. 30. McTyler and the rest of the TCU men's basketball team (10-9, 1-2 WAC) return to Daniel-Meyer Coliseum tonight where they will face Fresno State (11-6, 1-0). Junior shooting guard Estell Laster (13.4 points per game), left, drives for a layup against Northwestern State. He is one of four Frogs who averaged in double figures. The Frogs hold a 4-1 edge all-time against the Bulldogs, including a 91-76 victory at Daniel-Meyer on Jan. 8, 1998.

## City charm enhances bowl game

The Horned Frogs and football head coach Dennis Franchione have done it again. They have defied all odds in postseason play and have come out on top.

In 1998, the Frogs surprised the University of Southern California in the Sun Bowl. The Frogs were not expected to go to a bowl game after finishing the regular season with a 6-5 record. TCU expectations rose for the Frogs to return to another bowl game this season.

As anticipated, TCU returned to postseason competition and played in the inaugural Mobile Alabama Bowl on Dec. 22 against No. 19 East Carolina, a Conference USA team. The Frogs used strong defense to defeat the Pirates 28-14.

What is unique about the Mobile Alabama Bowl is that it does not have a corporate sponsor in the title and is sponsored by the city of Mobile and other various vendors.

Director of public relations for the bowl William Younce said he was impressed with the bowl and the national recognition Mobile received. He said several companies have made inquiries into sponsoring the game.

The Mobile Alabama Bowl has a five-year contract with Conference USA, and the Western Athletic Conference contract expired after the game. The WAC, however, has some competition for next year from the Southeastern Conference, the Atlantic Coast Conference and the Big East Conference.

Trey Carmichael, assistant media relations director, said the entire football staff and players were impressed with the hospitality the people of Mobile extended.

Let's just hope the Frogs make this postseason thing a tradition.

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### Commentary



MATT WELNICK

# Leave Rocker alone, focus on other injustices

Why does anybody care about John Rocker? Before the Atlanta Braves' 25-year-old relief pitcher unleashed his frothing denunciation of everything and everybody who isn't like him — white, male, rich and undoubtedly, a self-proclaimed "dumbass" — he was known basically for drawing the ire of New York Mets fans for his efficiency as a closer and his boorish behavior.

One documented bigoted rant in "Sports Illustrated" later, and Rocker is now a household name.

Is that all it takes to get famous these days? Embarrass yourself, then watch the celebrity roll in?

But the biggest question is why is

everyone upset about what Rocker, of all people, said?

Since when did bashing minorities, immigrants, homosexuals, AIDS victims and welfare recipients become unpopular?

Perhaps if Rocker ran for a congressional seat in South Carolina he would be deemed more acceptable? Think about it, right-wing politicians regularly lambaste these groups of people (although somewhat more eloquently than using terms such as "fat monkey"), without much backlash.

I don't think it would be too far off-base to say that many groups of Americans feel exactly as Rocker does, but don't have the *cojones* to say so while the tape records it for posterity.

Besides, Rocker is an athlete. He has no college degree. He holds no office. He crafts no legislation.

Since when did athletes get to give credible information on the state of society?

How dare the athletic community

pretend to show outrage at Rocker's comments? Athletes who beat up women, assault civilians, consume all manners of drugs and wine about coming up a million bucks short at contract time are regularly accepted back into the fold.

Why not Rocker? Is what he did any less contemptible than Lawrence Phillips, who may have finally run out of chances to redeem himself for a multi-million dollar salary?

Of course not. Let's lay off of him already. Perhaps he will fade into relative obscurity, never to be heard from again.

Maybe we can turn our attention away from Rocker and confront our real bigots. Or at least the important ones. The ones who inhabit Capitol Hill.

Let's get this straight: TCU pushes around then No. 19 East Carolina all night in the Mobile Alabama Bowl on its way to a 28-14 victory. The Frogs' run defense plays

"Back That Azz Up" with the ECU run offense, limiting the Pirates to a humorously low -16 yards.

TCU's LaDainian Tomlinson, a legit 2000 Heisman candidate, grinds out 124 yards and two touchdowns. In fact, the outcome of the game was pretty much no longer in doubt after, say ... late in the first quarter.

So why did TCU finish 52 votes behind ECU in the final AP poll? What harebrains are responsible for this?

I understand that the Mobile Alabama Bowl didn't exactly qualify as must-see TV, but if you just looked at the final score, let alone the statistics, the Frogs' domination would have seemed evident.

A recent glance at an Internet poll revealed that Texas' Major Applewhite is considered more of a Heisman candidate than LT. Huh? Applewhite didn't exactly light up the scoreboard in the final two games of the season. In fact, there's doubt that he'll even start at UT next year after the emergence of backup Chris

Simms and Applewhite's damaged knee that will take at least six months to heal.

It's hard to argue with lobbyists for Virginia Tech's wunderkind QB Michael Vick and Purdue's Drew Brees, but Applewhite?

People who vote for Applewhite are the kind of people who expect the Dallas Cowboys to be Super Bowl contenders every year.

Yeah, I mean you too, Jerry Jones.

Everyone should get together and apologize to Peter Warrick for inexplicably not even inviting him to the Heisman Trophy presentation in New York. After his dominating performance in the Sugar Bowl, perhaps he should receive a written apology from the Downtown Athletic Club.

Or at least a discount at the nearest Dillard's.

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## TELL ME about it Get yourself in order before moving onto relationships

**Carolyn:**  
My fiancé and I are supposed to get married this June. I haven't even started planning the wedding, and I really have no urge to do so. My fiancé keeps nagging me to start, but the truth is I really don't think I want to get married in June. I just don't think I'm ready. He is definitely ready. He's 30, and I'm 20. How do I tell him this without jeopardizing our relationship?

Maryland

You're too young for this. If you don't feel comfortable saying to him, "I'm too young for this," then you're really too young for this. You need to think less about pre-

serving the relationship and more about preserving yourself. Your relationship is worthless if you aren't happy with it, for one thing, and he is worthless if he doesn't understand that. Though I suppose it wasn't so long ago that he was a guy in his late 20s hitting on a teen-ager, so when it comes time for your fiancé to demonstrate his maturity, I wouldn't expect the moon.

It's a how-you-feel issue, and you don't feel like getting married. Good enough.

**Hi:**  
I feel like I have been going on the perpetual first date for the past two years. I meet a guy, go out with him, get bored or pick him

apart within a week and move on. My friends tell me I am too critical, but I think high standards are a good thing. What do you think?  
College, USA

I think if you're such a prize, you should have better taste. Not being interested in everyone is healthy. The ability to say no means your yes will actually mean something someday. But to have every single person you meet catalogued and carted off inside a week? I don't buy it.

When no one is ever up to snuff, "high standards" start to sound like "picking people apart so I can feel superior." Isn't it possible that all this criticism stems from a shaky view of yourself? No shame or denial neces-

sary: You're in college — you're supposed to be wondering who the hell you are. Can't get answers if you don't ask questions, right? But at least acknowledge that you haven't got life all figured out. And that interesting people can't be your goal if you see each one as a threat.

If nothing else, before you resume the date-N-ditch, please ask yourself: What do I lose if I give these guys a chance? And if I can't, shouldn't I just stay home?

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- Last breath
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- Wide shot
- Dumbo's wing
- Overacted
- Former 1/2 country
- Work unit
- Slangy negative
- Brent Spiner on the "Enterprise"
- "A Delicate Balance" playwright
- Guessing game
- Oscar de la
- Jamaican fruit
- Builder's map
- Gridiron meas.
- Money manager: abbr.
- Store, as grain
- Newscaster
- Abba of Israel
- Snug spot
- Swiss range
- Annapolis student, briefly
- Corday's victim
- Doorway, e.g.
- Did greenskeeping
- Uncorks
- Camper's shelter
- Highlander
- "Christ Stopped at ..."
- Of the kidneys
- "The Last Remake of Beau ..."
- Irritate
- Exploratory vessel
- Prickly, highland plant
- Accumulate
- Actress Harper
- Money under the table?
- Beau ...
- Sea green
- Harbor boat
- Cup brims
- Unspoken
- Perforated utensil
- Beattles movie
- "Dies ..."
- Water-ski rudder
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- Alaska town
- Mardi ...

By Philip J. Anderson  
Portland, OR

**Wednesday's Puzzle Solved**

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