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In the Kimbell's latest exhibit, "Worlds of Transformation: Tibetan Art of Wisdom and Compassion," tranquil and terrifying images of deities reveal the Buddhist way of subduing human violence and suffering.

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Ben Jenkins, the Student Government Association president, and Fahad Khan, a junior neuroscience major, chat outside the SGA office. Jenkins took office as president of SGA this semester.

NEW ROLE ALLOWS JENKINS TO FOCUS ON STUDENTS

SGA president hopes to encourage more participation in House, PC

By Katie Smith
STAFF REPORTER

Student Government Association President Ben Jenkins said now that his role has changed, he will devote more time to students' concerns.

Last semester, the president presided over all House meetings and legislative procedures. These tasks were time-consuming and limited the involvement between the student body and the president, Jenkins said.

However, a referendum passed last semester reorganized SGA and redefined the president's role.

"The new constitution will make the two branches (Programming Council and the House of Student Representatives) equal and elevate the president to more of a liaison figure," Jenkins said.

Jenkins said the role change will allow him to act as a link between the student body, SGA and the faculty. This addition also allows Sara

Donaldson, vice president of House, and Meredith Killgore, vice president of Programming Council, to run their own branches separately.

"In the past, the president was overly committed to the House," Killgore said. "We are hoping this will allow the president to become more involved with the Programming Council."

Jenkins said he is excited about the new role that will give him more time to interact with students on campus.

"Whether I visit the Ricket Building or the commons area, I will be able to be more active with the student body's concerns," Jenkins said.

"Student ideas are what drive us," Jenkins said. "I think it's difficult for me to say Ben Jenkins wants this done because that is just Ben talking. I want to know what the student body wants."

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PULSE

BRIEFS

UTA student dies in hit-and-run accident on campus

ARLINGTON, Texas (U-WIRE) — A student from here died from injuries received in a hit-and-run accident Wednesday night on the east side of campus.

An unidentified truck struck a woman crossing Pecan Street near Third Street, said Chris Beckman, an accident investigator with the Arlington Police Department who was at the scene.

It is unknown if the student is an on-campus resident, he said. An unknown person called campus police at about 8 p.m. to report the accident.

The woman, whose name was not released, was taken to Methodist Medical Center in Dallas, where she was pronounced dead at 11:02 p.m., Beckman said. The victim's family had not been notified as of early this morning.

—The Shorthorn
University of Texas at
Arlington

Citizens allege Indiana U. contaminated lake area

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (U-WIRE) — A group of Bloomington citizens allege that mistreatment of the university-owned land has taken place by IU, including the dumping of waste materials containing PCBs and other hazardous chemicals.

IU Director of Environmental Health and Safety Ted Alexander said Wednesday these allegations are unclear, stating the university is in full compliance with federal and state regulations.

Bloomington attorney Mick Harrison delivered a notice of intent to sue IU to the university counsel office Jan. 12 on behalf of Bloomington residents Greg Moore, Leona Wolfe, Jim Cartnell and unnamed "John and Jane Does."

—Indiana Daily Student
Indiana University

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FRAN'S PLAN

TCU Athletics Director Eric Hyman said head football coach Dennis Franchione brought three characteristics to the TCU program — intelligence, work ethic and integrity.

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STAY SAFE

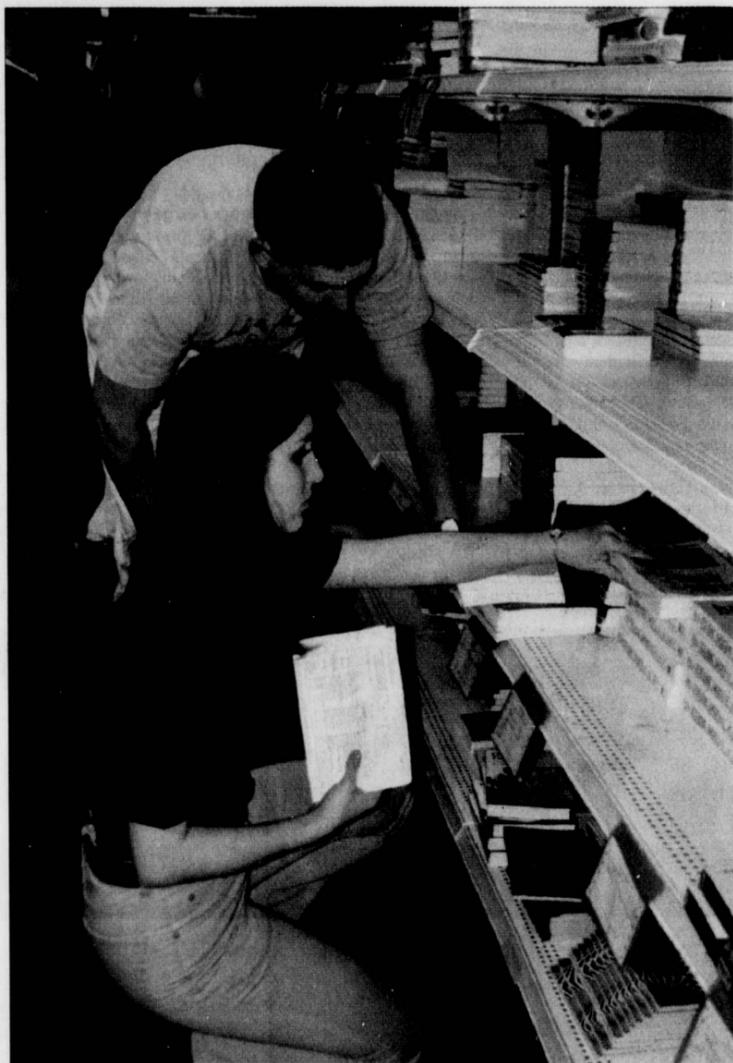
At 4:30 a.m., when most are sound asleep in their residence hall rooms, no one expects the worst.

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Third annual invitational exhibition selections of university and college student artists.

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Shannon Atkinson, a junior English and theater major, and Breck Dixon, a junior marketing major, shop for their class books at the TCU Bookstore. The TCU Bookstore is making efforts to encourage students to use their services instead of shopping online for their books.

Bookstore facing competition from Internet companies

Lower textbook costs, large selection attract many students to online shopping

By Jaime Walker
STAFF REPORTER

For two weeks students have been straining their backs at the bookstore, carrying plastic baskets overflowing with books and supplies. With cash registers ringing, students wait to see whether book costs will also strain their wallets.

"I hate those last few moments in line the most," said Allison Schmidt, a sophomore movement science major. "I dread that final total, but there is not really anything you can do about it. You have to have the books for class. It is that simple."

But Kelly Kane, a senior psychology and speech communication major, like many students across the country, opted to purchase some of her books through one of the new online textbook suppliers in order to save money.

"If I could save \$5 or \$10 on a book and avoid the crowds, it was worth it," she said.

Lisa Lewis, manager of the TCU Bookstore, said she understands students often find it hard to pay for books, but she wants students to realize that professors and publishers are the ones responsible for the cost.

"We are obligated to order the books that professors request, and the publishers dictate the prices," she said.

Jason Thomas, a junior psychology major, works as Varsitybooks.com's representative at TCU. He said online companies have students in mind.

"Yes, we make money, but all we really

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3. textbooks.com
4. ecampus.com

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4. contests and auctions

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3. not available
4. new: \$71.35 used: not available

Officials say flu season should peak in February

Sleep, good diet necessary for prevention, doctors say

By Priya Abraham
STAFF REPORTER

With the flu season coinciding with the holidays, some TCU students rang in the new year reaching for Tylenol and resting instead of partying.

Daniel Wells, a junior political science major, caught the flu the day after Christmas and had it for about 10 days.

"I'm from Dallas, and everybody at my office where I interned at had the flu," he said. "It seemed everyone in Dallas was sick with

something."

Dr. Bobby Jones, head of the department of epidemiology at the Tarrant County Health Department, said the flu is not an epidemic in the United States. The number of cases of flu has not been documented, but those cases appear to be fairly widespread and sporadic, he said.

Ashley Wesson, public relations coordinator at Harris Methodist

Fort Worth and a senior advertising/public relations major, said the flu outbreak this year is not as severe as it was at the worst time last year.

Between Nov. 15, 1998, and Jan. 1, 1999, 16 people with the flu came to the hospital's emergency room, compared to 13 from Nov. 15, 1999, to Jan. 1, 2000. The peak of the flu season probably hasn't hit yet and might arrive

in February, Wesson said.

Dr. Burton Schwartz of the TCU Health Center said a very bad cold can often be confused with the flu.

"The flu is a very specific illness," he said. "A cold generally lasts three to five days, while the flu lasts longer. The classic influenza (strains) are A, B, Hong Kong or Singapore, but there are other viruses that often mimic the flu."

Schwartz said the symptoms of the flu are headaches, extreme exhaustion, a fever over 102 degrees for several days, a moderate to severe cough and chest discomfort and general aches and pains all over. He said sneezing, a bad sore throat and nasal congestion are not classic flu symptoms.

Schwartz recommended getting a flu shot to boost immunity. The Health Center administers flu shots during the fall semester.

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Construction begins on McCart project

Housing complex named after donor Robert Leibrock

By Omar Villafranca
STAFF REPORTER

Construction of Leibrock Village, the new housing facility for Brite Divinity School students, has started at the corner of McCart and Sandage avenues.

The 56-unit complex will feature apartment-style living similar to that in the Tom Brown/Pete Wright Residential Community. A 32-unit

complex is also being constructed at the same location for other TCU graduate students.

Steven Van Dyke, project engineer for the village's construction company, Linbeck Construction Corp., said about 10 percent of the project is complete. Although the Leibrock Village is scheduled to open in January 2001, passers-by will see substantial progress by the end of the semester, he said.

"By May (2000), all the structures should be up in all the buildings," Van Dyke said.

The new complex's units will feature one- and two-bedroom apart-

ments with a kitchen and bathroom. The complex will be completely fenced in for added security, and each floor will have a laundry facility.

Van Dyke said planning for the project has been underway for almost a year. Construction began once the architectural design for the project was approved and some budget restraints were smoothed out.

Depending on the particular semester, there are between 250 and 270 students in the Brite program. Stan Hagadone, director of admis-

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Construction of Leibrock Village is underway at the corner of McCart and Sandage avenues. The complex will feature apartment-style living and will house both Brite Divinity and graduate students.

PULSE CAMPUS LINES

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

■ **May 2000 degree candidates** should file their Intent to Graduate forms promptly in the office of their academic dean. Each academic dean's office has a deadline for filing and requires time to process the intent. All names of degree candidates must be submitted to the Registrar by Feb. 15.

■ **A Résumé Writing Workshop** at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday in Student Center, Room 204 will cover such topics as preparing to write a résumé, résumé formats, content and word choice, and scannable and electronic résumés. Register at least 24 hours in advance by calling 257-7860 or stopping by Career Services.

■ **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 Room 314, or in the Writing Center, Rickel Building Room 100. Deadline for entries is Feb. 11.

■ **The TCU Cheerleading Nationals Squad** needs both 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.

■ **Experience India**, a charity luncheon, will be from noon to 3 p.m. Feb. 26 in the Student Center Ballroom. The luncheon is \$10 for students and \$12 for non-students. Meal cards are accepted. This event is sponsored by Students for Asian Indian Cultural Awareness and the International Student Association. For more information, contact Truptia at 428-0754.

■ **TCU Triangle and Student Allies** will have their first meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in Sadler Hall, Room 210. The groups will watch a gay comedian. For more information, contact Danielle Daniel at 923-9517.

■ **The TCU switchboard operator** would like to remind students that Frog Calls are available at the Student Center Information Desk.

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NEWS ROUNDUP

WORLD

Polish government orders expulsion of nine Russian diplomats accused of spying

WARSAW, Poland — Poland Thursday ordered the expulsion of nine Russian diplomats accused of spying, the government announced.

In a communiqué, the government said it had called in the Russian ambassador to demand the departure of the diplomats. It was not clear whether they immediately left the country following the expulsion order.

Government spokesman Krzysztof Luft, reached by telephone in Portugal where he is traveling with the prime minister, said Poland's counterintelligence agency "had investigated and provided evidence of active espionage activities against Poland's interest in 1999 by a group of Russian diplomats."

Luft declined to give further details and refused to say whether the allegations might concern any high-ranking Russian diplomats in Warsaw.

In Moscow, the Russian Foreign Ministry said it had no immediate comment.

Poland, a former member of the Soviet-led Warsaw Pact, joined the West's NATO military alliance last March along with Hungary and the Czech Republic. Russia staunchly opposed the move.

Senior accountant in German parliament commits suicide, party denies link to scandal

BERLIN — The senior accountant in parliament for the scandal-plagued Christian Democrats committed suicide Thursday, stunning lawmakers as new questions arose about the financial dealings of the party that has dominated postwar German politics.

Party officials sought to quell speculation that the death was linked to the scandal, saying a suicide note had been found citing "personal motives."

Berlin prosecutors, however, said they were conducting a preliminary investigation into possible breach of trust based on the note. The Berlin B.Z. tabloid reported the note refers to Wolfgang Huellen's concerns that an upcoming audit would reveal he had diverted money from official accounts.

Huellen's suicide — disclosed hours after lawmakers sparred in parliament over the affair — compounded the sense of despair consuming the conservatives since their former leader, ex-chancellor Helmut Kohl, admitted last month that he managed secret accounts in the 1990s.

A parliamentary committee issued a summons Thursday for Kohl to testify in its investigation into whether the \$1 million he acknowledges having taken — or millions more in other allegedly illicit funds uncovered since — were tied to polit-

ical favors.

Kohl has repeatedly denied such charges, but his refusal to reveal the source of the cash has kept alive suspicions of bribery.

NATION

Grandmothers obtain visas to travel to U.S. in hopes of returning Cuban boy to homeland

WASHINGTON — The custody fight over Elian Gonzalez took a new turn Thursday as the grandmothers of the 6-year-old obtained visas to travel to the United States to make their case that the boy should be returned to his father in Cuba.

The U.S. diplomatic mission in Cuba issued visas to the two women Thursday afternoon as a group from the National Council of Churches was flying to Havana from New York to meet with them and with Cuban government officials.

They were expected to fly to New York on Friday, apparently escorted by the church group. According to congressional sources, the women hope to return with the boy to Cuba. An aide to Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., said the congressman will meet with the women on the arrival in New York on Friday or elsewhere in the city later on.

Rangel has been a strong proponent of allowing the boy to return to Cuba as offered to accompany the boy back.

The congressional sources said New York was chosen as a destination because the welcome there would be far friendlier than in Miami, where Gonzalez has been living with relatives for almost two months and where sentiment for his remaining in the United States is strong.

Gonzalez survived a shipwreck in late November. The boat on which he was heading for south Florida capsized, killing his mother and nine other would-be refugees.

The United States refused to return Gonzalez immediately to Cuba, aggravating the already hostile relationship between Washington and Havana.

STATE

Jury begins deliberations in city council member's bribery and conspiracy charges

AMARILLO — A euphoric Al Lipscomb emerged from Amarillo's J. Marvin Jones Federal Courthouse after taking the stand in his own defense Thursday, one day before an all-white jury is to begin deliberating his fate.

"Staying on Jesus," the Dallas City Council member and civil rights leader sang, "I woke up this morning with my mind ... Staying on Jesus."

While on the stand, Lipscomb admitted to failing to answer truthfully questions on a campaign finance form, but contended that \$36,000 he received from Yellow Checker Cab Company owner Floyd Richards never influenced his council voting.

Lipscomb is charged with 65 counts of bribery and conspiracy for accepting the cash from Richards. Prosecutors say the money has influ-

enced the way Lipscomb has voted on cab-related issues since his re-election in 1995.

The trial was moved to Amarillo because of Lipscomb's prominence in the Dallas community.

After the defense rested, U.S. District Judge Joe Kendall sent jurors home and ordered them to return Friday morning for closing arguments and the start of deliberations.

Texas executes third prisoner this year, four more executions scheduled for January

HUNTSVILLE — An East Texas man convicted of raping and fatally bludgeoning his 88-year-old grandmother was executed Thursday night.

The execution of David Hicks was delayed for 75 minutes because of a last-minute appeal the U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans, which the court rejected.

Hicks issued a statement through prison officials before his execution, in which he said he was innocent and that he loved his grandmother.

"In regard to what they are saying about me, I hope my uncle can forgive me," he said in the statement.

Later, Hicks lay strapped to the death chamber gurney and said to his relatives who were there as witnesses, "I done lost my voice. I love y'all. Hey, don't y'all worry about me, OK?"

As the lethal drugs began taking effect, Hicks sputtered loudly, jerked and then fell into unconsciousness. His two sisters, two brothers and his wife collapsed onto each other in sobs.

He was pronounced dead at 7:29 p.m., seven minutes after the drugs began flowing.

Hicks, 38, was sentenced to die for the 1988 slaying after investigators connected him to DNA evidence found at the scene of Ocolor Hegger's slaying.

The execution was the third this year. Four more are scheduled in January, which would make it the second busiest month in the Texas death chamber since eight convicted murderers were killed in June 1997.

On Friday, anti-death penalty activists are expected to gather in Huntsville to protest the scheduled execution of Larry Keith Robison, convicted in a 1982 Lake Worth killing spree that left five dead.

Robison's supporters say his history of mental illness and the details of the slayings — he emaculated and partially cannibalized one victim — are proof Robison is incompetent to be executed.

However, Robison's appeals failed after he was twice convicted and condemned by a jury. He has dropped his appeals and accepted his pending execution.

The state parole board rejected his clemency request Wednesday in an 18-0 vote.

The European Union and the Vatican have pleaded on Robison's behalf because of the sanity question. Prosecutors say Robison was competent enough to be convicted and is competent enough to be executed.

These stories are from The Associated Press.

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STAFF editorial

ESCAPING TRAGEDY

Stay safe in case of dorm inferno

At 4:30 a.m., when most are sound asleep in their residence hall rooms, no one expects the worst.

But the worst happened at Seton Hall University in New Jersey Wednesday morning after a fire broke out in a residence hall and killed three students.

Students were frantic in the early morning as they fled to safety, sending many terrified students in pajamas into the cold to watch the residence hall burn. Some students even had to jump out of windows to escape the blaze.

Keara Sauber, 18, told the *Associated Press* she saw one student shivering in a T-shirt and boxers, his skin completely blackened.

Two of the three male students killed were found in the lounge, and the other was found in a bedroom nearby.

Investigators are still searching for a cause of the fire.

A tragedy like this should make us aware of our actions and make us realize that anything we do could affect our own lives or the lives of others.

Lighting candles in dorm rooms or using small electrical appliances is prohibited by university policies. Each dorm is also required to have one fire drill per semester. It is our responsibility as dorm residents to comply with these rules.

Participation in fire drills is important, even though they may occur in the middle of a nap. Some residents of that Seton Hall residence hall ignored the alarm on Wednesday because of numerous false alarms that have sounded since the beginning of last semester. Shivering in the cold in your PJs is better than taking the risk of burning inside a fiery trap.

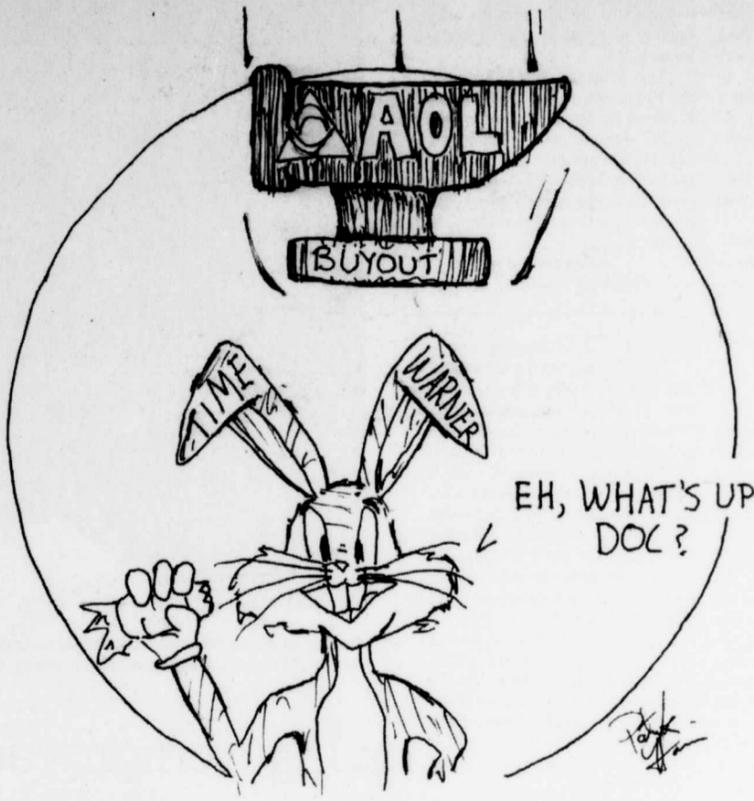
Roger Fisher, director of Residential Services, said the greatest threat when it comes to fire safety, are students who break the rules.

So follow the rules and let's hope the worst never happens here.

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Leadership isn't a résumé-builder

Last semester I participated in the Chancellor's Leadership Program, which I'm sorry to say was quite a failure. I hope our Chancellor, whom I have an affinity for, will remove his name from it. My beef with the program, though, is not a result of poor leadership or weak participants in the program; in fact I even got a few dates out of it.

Commentary



MATT COLGLAZIER

No, it wasn't the ingredients of the program that made it weak, but rather how they were mixed. Essentially, TCU's entire leadership philosophy, while on surface finds praise, for many is fatally flawed.

When we speak of leadership at TCU, we seem to run in circles around one theme, this being participation. Leadership, however is the

very opposite of participation and is sometimes the absence of participation. We make it so easy for everyone to carve out a niche through our "It's about you" attitude, that very few real leaders ever have the opportunity to emerge.

One very large part of being a leader is being a rebel, a non-conformist, and while I won't relegate you to a speech on non-conformity, I will say that leaders are people who think ahead of their time and implement change that may not be understood for years to come. Leaders are those who sit in soup kitchens with college degrees or, barely able to eat, live in third-world countries because it's human to help others with little financial reward.

Leadership is not about titles or recognition, or a program which carries the Chancellor's title. It's about seeing what's right, the possibility of others and the standing for ideas that society can embrace not because they're easy but because they are right and good.

Since we do attend a Christian

school, I will use a well known figure in history to illustrate my example. Before his execution, Jesus was called "King of the Jews" by his executors. Many wanted him to remove himself from the cross and claim the kingdom of the earth with the power he supposedly had.

Many people wanted Jesus to be a great general, destroying the wicked and raising toast with the good, but all of these titles represented vanity rather than leadership. Jesus wasn't a leader according to TCU standards. He walked with the poor, took no worldly recognition for his achievements and died for what he believed in. He didn't want the titles we relish or the popularity from certain clubs. He wanted people to see the big picture of our connected humanness, which all leaders understand. Leaders like Martin Luther King Jr., Ghandi and Rosa Parks all understood.

Simply put, a large majority of TCU's leadership program is based on vanity. Real leaders aren't being created because other students will always be coming into those same

positions with the same idea that being a leader here is just another thing to tag to a résumé.

While I am positive that some real leaders do attend this school, they might not all participate in student government, or leadership programs, or orientations or even write *Skiff* columns.

These people are found in the most unlikely places, working hard for something that may not pay off immediately. Our programs should focus on aspects of great leaders and their actions in the past, not study tips and get-to-know-you games. Real leaders do these things naturally.

What students need is inspiration and hope that the future they fight for is worth it and that original ideas can be stronger than bureaucratic red tape. Leadership is being part visionary and part martyr, not just another spoke in the wheel.

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QUOTE unquote

"When we built the practice fields in place of the track, we obviously had to build a new track. But when we put the track in place of the soccer fields, we then had to build a new soccer facility."

Bronson Davis,
Vice chancellor for University Advancement,
on athletic construction

"We are a university on the move, so we are looking for people who can lead us into the future."

Chancellor Michael R. Ferrari,
on the search for four new deans

"We're glad we're people of faith. The mystery of God's work is always a great mystery."

Newark Archbishop Theodore McCarrick,
who came to offer support to
Seton Hall University, at which
a dorm fire killed three and
injured 62

Gay couples deserve recognized marriages

Millions of people are being denied one of the most basic and fundamental rights that Americans possess: the right to live with a partner of their choosing and receive the benefits of a committed union. The gay community and their allies continue to fight against the discrimination that prevents legal recognition of gay partnerships.

Commentary



SARAH MULLEN MARTINEZ

Slowly, too slowly, progress is being made. The Vermont Supreme Court recently ruled that gays and lesbians cannot be denied the benefits of the state's

civil marriage statuses. But they also upheld previous statutes that prevent gay couples from obtaining a marriage license. Alternative policies must be formulated to recognize gay domestic partnerships and grant them equal rights under law.

And it's about time. For years, gay partnerships have suffered from the lack of legal recognition. These unions are very real to those in them, but they are generally ignored by government, businesses and, often, the families of the gay partners.

Gay partners are not considered next-of-kin and are not allowed to make crucial decisions for their partner in emergency situations. Gay unions are also prevented from receiving most of the benefits legally married couples enjoy such as state tax breaks, inheritance benefits and community property rights. Some couples have gone so far as to form limited liability

partnerships to have some sort of legal protection and rights.

Unfortunately, the issue of nomenclature further complicates this vast debate. For some people, the words "gay" and "marriage" cannot be associated with each other due to moral and ethical reasons. For that reason, the more acceptable term "domestic partnership" is an alternative. However, the issue is civil rights, not morality.

We're not talking about marriage in the biblical sense. It is unfortunate that gay marriage ceremonies are not recognized by many religions, but time and education will eventually change this.

What we're talking about is civil marriage, the staid and formal process that does nothing more than recognize a committed couple and grant them certain rights. Nothing religious or spiritual is implied.

A domestic partnership could be established by signing a declaration and filing it with the city clerk or by having the document notarized and giving a copy to the person who witnessed the signing. The process seems simple, straight forward and almost mundane.

For now, we watch and wait. We wait to see what kind of solution Vermont comes up with. We wait to see what the outcome will be in the referendum on marriage that California will hold on March 7. But the wait will not be long. The gay community and their supporters will not stand idly by and continue to tolerate this violation of civil rights. Undoubtedly, they shall overcome someday.

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Change interferes with plans of the 'comfortable' in land of status

Change Sucks! A University of Michigan School of Business professor made this remark during a strategic, long range planning meeting at his university. It reflected the deep frustration when the status quo is under attack and organizations look to the future.

Commentary



DAVID BECKER

TCU is going through a similar planning process right now called The Commission on the Future of TCU. This group of 450 bright people met for the first time on Nov. 17, 1999, and

then broke into 17 task forces to manage specific areas of the university.

After the first meeting, it seems clear where the Commission is headed. They are headed to the land of status quo. Change sucks, and in 40 years, TCU is going to look at lot like it looks today.

The 1999 freshman class has 84 percent whites, 5 percent Hispanics, 4 percent African-Americans and 2 percent Asians. This is not going to change. Nothing in our diversity efforts will attract more minority students to attend school here.

Why? Because if there is an increase in minorities, there will be "white flight" of the students with the deep pockets who pay tuition. They will go to SMU or some state university.

That's a shame because the one

great thing about education is socialization with people of different backgrounds and cultures. Brite Divinity School has men and women from diverse backgrounds, colors, languages and beliefs.

The second reason TCU is staying in the land of status quo is the nifty way the Commission set up the task forces. While the 1999 freshman class has 60 percent women, the task forces have up to 85 percent men. The College of Science and Engineering has no women on their task force, and the M.J. Neeley School of Business task force has 20 percent women members.

The Commission is comfortable in the land of status quo because turf-protectors from the staff, faculty and members of the Board of Trustees have a heavy hand on every task

force. The Faculty Senate and the Board of Trustees will have final say on programs implemented by the university; why do they need input into the plan?

Other Trustees and top university administrators are strategically placed on important task forces.

There are surprisingly few minorities on task forces. Their voices are muted in the land of status quo. Our Board of Trustees does not have a black face or a Hispanic face on it.

Minority Trustees might encourage TCU to mirror the Fort Worth community with 57 percent white students, 19 percent Hispanics and 21 percent blacks. That is not who we are. We are an affluent, white university with no reason to change.

Change sucks and is very painful. The minutes of the task force meet-

ings are full of such phrases as "new building," "expand programs" and "look at faculty salaries." Turf was being protected, and no one was ready to have a program taken away.

In the land of status quo, change sucks. It would be courageous for these task forces to honestly evaluate their own programs. A task force in academics might conclude, for example, that funding the Honors program should be secondary to putting money in the business school. Or perhaps a task force might decide that the sociology and criminal justice courses can be better taught in a community college so they recommend that the university shut down this program. These are theoretical examples, of course, but the task forces need to be considering those hard decisions. In the land of status quo, this does not

often happen. The Commission is not going to change anything significant. In the land of status quo, things are peaceful and calm. TCU students do not have to associate with people who are "not our kind." TCU students are safe, adequately schooled and have no reason to want change. For heaven's sake, the parents of students do not want to send their boys and girls to a school where other students talk, look and act differently.

We are who we are, and we are not about to change things. In the land of status quo, it is always works like that.

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JENKINS

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This year, House will be focusing on student involvement in SGA by holding more forums. Jenkins said last semester, SGA found student forums to be a very successful way for students to voice their ideas and problems. Debates shown on Channel 47 were also well received by the student body, he said.

Former SGA president Ben Alexander said the changes will be helpful.

"I think the change will allow Jenkins and future presidents to be more visible and active in more

student organizations," Alexander said.

By collecting the student body's concerns, Jenkins said he will be able to focus on more specific goals.

This will enable him to adequately meet the students' needs, he added.

"This semester, the House and the Programming Council will be focusing on three or four major goals," Jenkins said. "This will enable us to get a lot more accomplished instead of saying what great ideas we have, but we did not get far on any of them."

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FLU

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Schwartz said. The flu vaccine takes six to eight weeks to begin protection, which is why it's given in October and November, he added.

"You have a tremendous chance of being protected, but nothing's 100 percent," he said.

To prevent getting the flu, Schwartz said students should avoid drinking alcohol and smoking, get about eight hours of sleep per night, avoid sharing eating utensils with sick people and eat properly.

"If breakfast is a cracker, lunch is a salad, and supper is not much else, your body isn't getting enough to function properly," he said.

Smoking increases the risk for respiratory infections, and alcohol and lack of sleep depress natural immunity, he said.

Schwartz also said it is important to stay well-hydrated with plenty of fluids, such as water, fruit juices and hot tea. Once you've contracted the flu, however, he recommends "grandmother"

remedies, such as chicken soup.

"There is no cure for the cold or flu," he said. "Antibiotics aim to take care of bacterial complications."

Over-the-counter drugs with acetaminophen (found in Tylenol) or ibuprofen (found in Advil, Nuprin and Motrin-IB) help alleviate symptoms, but Schwartz said some cold and flu remedies would contain these already. He said people suffering from the flu should not take aspirin or drugs containing aspirin.

Vitamin C may also be helpful in recovering from flu, and zinc is important for the integrity of the respiratory tract. When he has the flu, Schwartz said he uses echinacea, a herb from the daisy plant that bolsters the immune system when one is sick.

New anti-flu medication such as the tablets Tamiflu and the inhaler Relenza interfere with enzymes the virus needs to replicate and thereby shorten the length of illness. However, they are very expensive and only work if taken within 48 hours of symptoms appearing.

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The International Student Association welcomed returning and new students at a reception Thursday evening in the Student Center. Tomomi Nakata, a senior psychology major, encouraged students to participate in next month's International Week.

N.J. governor would consider sprinkler legislation

ASSOCIATED PRESS

SOUTH ORANGE, N.J. — A day after a dorm fire killed three college students, Gov. Christie Whitman said she would consider legislation requiring sprinkler systems in all college residence halls.

"I don't think you could put a price tag on human life," the governor said Thursday.

Sprinklers weren't required when Boland Hall was built at Seton Hall University, where a fire early Wednesday killed three students and injured 62 people. Sprinklers have been required in residence halls built since 1984. The wing of Boland Hall where the fire started was added to the building in 1971.

Seton Hall will consider "anything that we can all do to make sure

that something like this never, ever happens again," said school spokeswoman Lisa Grider, including installing sprinklers in the six-story residence hall.

Of the six people who remained hospitalized Thursday, four remained in critical condition.

Essex County Prosecutor Donald Campolo disputed a published report that investigators had eliminated careless smoking and electrical problems as possible causes.

"We are ruling out nothing at this juncture," Campolo said.

He declined to comment on a story in *The Star-Ledger* of Newark that investigators were seeking three

young men whom a resident assistant had asked to leave the building less than an hour before the fire broke out.

Students at the Roman Catholic university continued to question how well the university is prepared for fire, including its handling of a chronic string of false alarms at Boland Hall.

Grider said on Thursday that, in one case, a fire was found in a dumpster near the residence hall, but the others were false.

"When I first heard the alarm, I thought 'I'm not leaving,'" said Marissa Lorenz, an 18-year-old who was released from the hospital on Thursday. "I mean, there are so

many alarms."

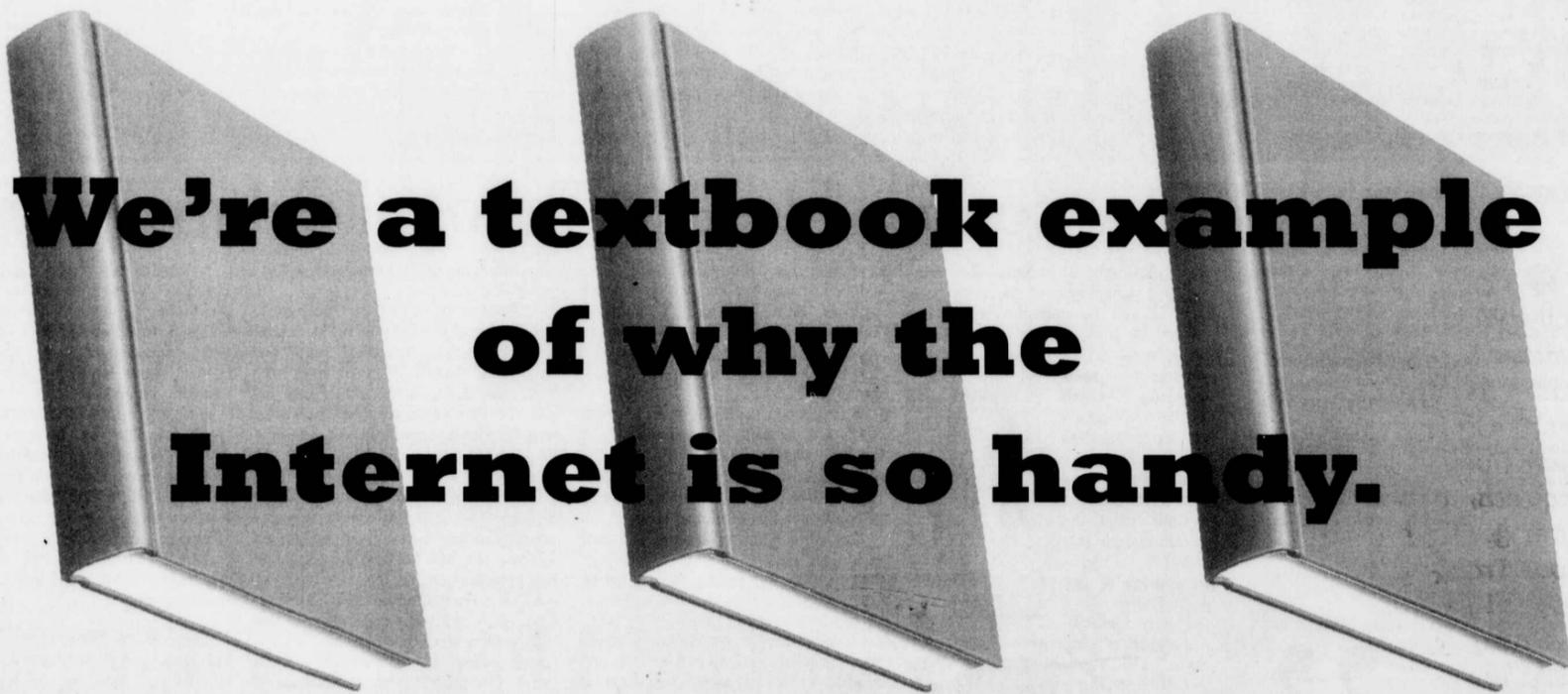
Several students said sprinklers should be installed in all of Seton Hall's six residence halls. Only the two freshmen residence halls — Boland Hall and Aquinas Hall — don't have sprinkler systems.

A fire alarm Thursday morning resulted in the evacuation of the upperclassmen residence hall Xavier Hall. Grider said she didn't know the cause.

"I got up real quick for this one," said Guerschom Nazaire, a 20-year-old junior.

Classes were canceled until Monday for the school's 10,000 students. Only two spent the night in a recreation center where makeshift beds were created, Grider said. Many stayed with upperclassmen or went home.

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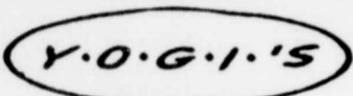
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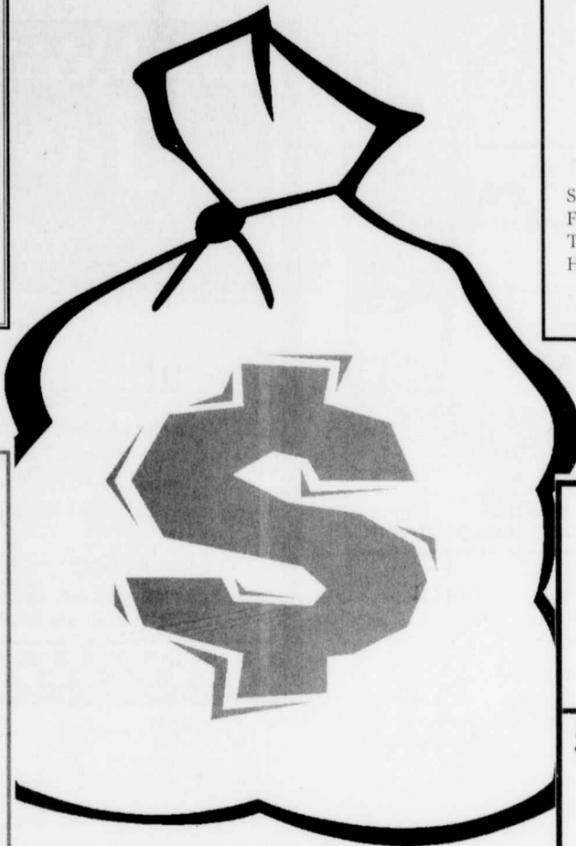


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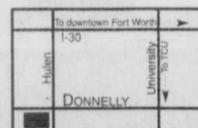
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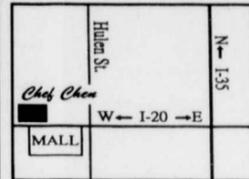
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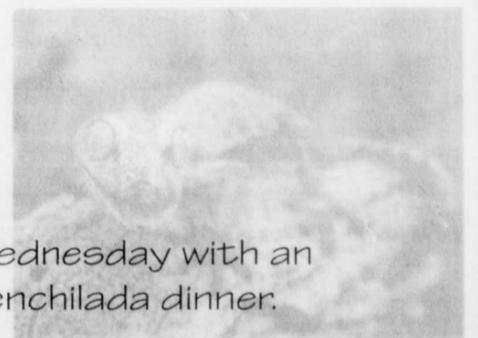


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Last 3 minutes spell defeat for Frogs

101-96 defeat bumps team to 1-3 in WAC

By Matt Stiver
ASSISTANT CAMPUS EDITOR

Fresno State forward Terrence Roberson nailed two of his seven three pointers in a 9-0 run that broke an 86-86 tie as the Bulldogs defeated the Frogs, 101-96, Thursday night at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

Roberson, who played the final 12 minutes of the game with four fouls, scored 22 of his 27 points in the second half.

With the loss, the Frogs fall 'to 10-10, and 1-3 in Western Athletic Conference play.

Fresno State head coach Jerry Tarkanian stuck by his decision to leave Roberson in the game after he picked up his fourth foul.

"If we had lost the game some folks would have said, 'Why leave him in with four fouls?'" Tarkanian said. "But where would we have been? I feel I'd much rather have the lead than have (Roberson) foul out and be behind."

The Frogs, who trailed by as many as 19 points in the second half, capped a 16-2 run when guard Ryan Carroll hit a 30-foot three pointer with three seconds on the shot clock with 3:26 to play in the game. Carroll led the Frogs with 27 points.

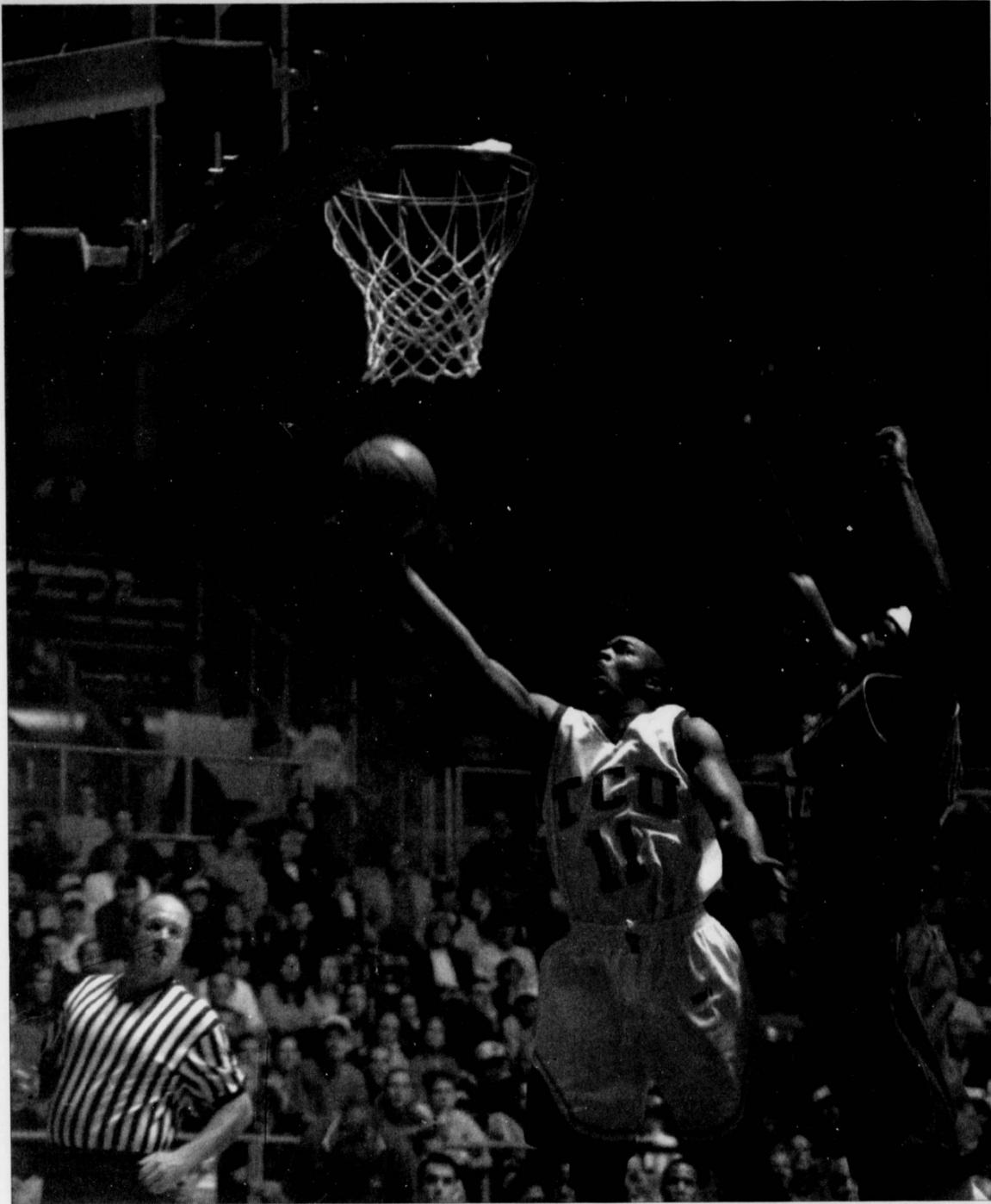
As the Frogs congratulated Carroll at halfcourt, forward Myron Anthony was whistled for a technical foul. Referee Dick Paparo said Anthony "went into the Fresno State huddle and started screaming at the players."

TCU players said Anthony did not go near the Fresno State bench and Tubbs said he did not see the alleged infraction.

"All I have is hearsay," Tubbs said. "But I have yet to coach a game with (Paparo) in which a technical wasn't called. Did anybody see him pull Anthony out of the huddle?"

"The point is, with what was happening on the floor, you've got to let the players decide the game on the court. If that doesn't happen, I don't know if we win, but it put us in a hole," Tubbs said.

After Fresno All-American guard Courtney Alexander nailed the two



Junior guard Larry Allaway fends off Fresno State's Terrence Roberson while converting a lay up. Roberson had 27 points in the Bulldogs 101-96 victory over the Frogs Thursday night at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

John Shaw/SKIFF STAFF

Comeback stifled by Roberson

By Rusty Simmons
STAFF REPORTER

Fresno State's Courtney Alexander, an All-American candidate shooting guard, stood at half court yelling, "Give me the money," as his teammate Terrence Roberson was taking one of his nine second-half three pointers.

Roberson did the equivalent of giving Alexander money in basketball terms, as he made 67 percent of his shots from behind the arc in the final period.

"The shots were there, and TCU didn't make an effort to stop me from spotting up in the corner," Roberson said. "So I just kept shooting it."

And Roberson kept making it as well. He made three consecutive long-range shots in the first 10 minutes of the second half to help Fresno State beat TCU 101-96 Thursday night in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

After Roberson's shooting efforts in the early minutes of the second half, TCU players tried to answer by shooting three pointers of their own.

Freshman forward Bingo Merriex, junior guard Ryan Carroll and junior guard Thomas McTyer made consecutive three pointers to cut the once 19-point lead to three points.

Fresno State head coach Jerry Tarkanian said a switch in defenses allowed TCU's comeback.

"We switched to the zone defense, and they shot the lights out," he said.

TCU's attempt to gain the lead late in the game was foiled by Roberson's three-point accuracy again. He hit two more three pointers with under four minutes left in the game to extend the Fresno State lead to 10 points.

The Frogs tried to match Roberson's production from behind the arc, but they could not connect on forced shots down the stretch.

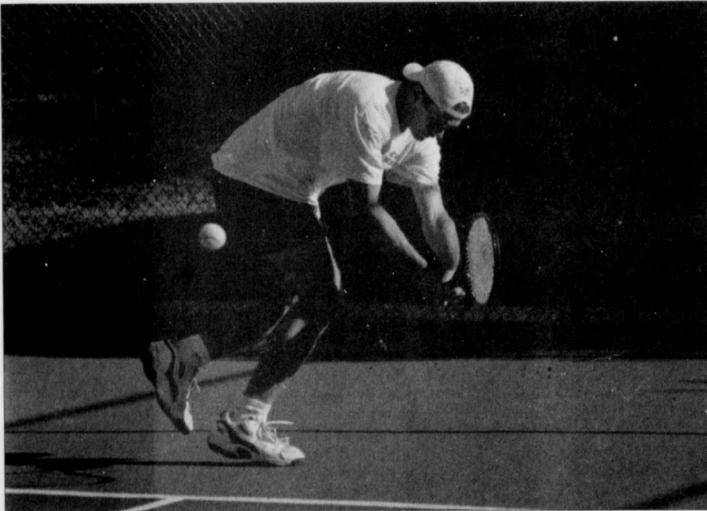
Carroll, who finished with a team-high 27 points, shot just 38 percent on three-point attempts. He was shooting a team-best 43 percent coming into the contest.

Merriex made his first two three-point attempts but connected on only one of six shots the rest of the game

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Houston tournament will ready team for season

FILE PHOTO
Junior Scott Eddins works on his backhand during practice. The men's tennis team is competing in the Texas Indoor Classic in Houston this weekend.



Tennis coach says weekend will sharpen men's skills

Danny Horne
STAFF REPORTER

The TCU men's tennis team will be in Houston this weekend participating in the Metropolitan Racquet Club/Rice University Indoor tennis tournament.

This weekend's tournament will be the last tune-up for the Horned Frogs, who open dual-match play Jan. 29 and 30 in Albuquerque, N.M. against 31st-ranked University of New Mexico and Florida State.

Head men's tennis coach Michael Center said this weekend will be a chance to get everyone in shape.

"No one is playing at their best right now," Center said. "This weekend should be a good opportunity for everyone to sharpen up for duals."

The Frogs will enter this weekend and dual-match play ranked No. 16 by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association after receiving 2,126 votes, he said.

Four players enter the spring season ranked in singles play.

Junior Esteban Carrill will start at No. 28 and junior Trace Fielding at No. 34.

Junior Petr Koula received his first ranking ever at No. 39 while junior Martin Jirak received his first singles ranking at No. 68.

Center said he has high expectations for this year because of the talent on the team.

"We definitely hope to win con-

ference," Center said. "On top of that we want to be the best team in Texas and finish in the top five in the country."

Center said nothing should keep this team from being a top-five or top-10 team by the end of the season.

The journey to the top starts this weekend against 17th-ranked Texas A&M, 30th-ranked South Florida, 42nd-ranked University of Louisiana-Lafayette, 67th-ranked UT-Arlington and tournament host Rice University.

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Triathlete battles cancer while pursuing Olympic dreams

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LINCOLN, Mass. — Triathlete Karen Smyers is in the fight of her life. Two fights, in fact.

She's trying to win a spot on the U.S. Olympic team. At the same time, she's battling thyroid cancer.

A month after undergoing six hours of surgery, she is working out three hours a day. With permission from her doctors, she is putting off further treatment so she can train for the Olympic trials in April and May.

Smyers hopes to compete in the 2000 Olympics, the first time the

triathlon will be included in the games as a medal sport. At age 38, Smyers figures this is her only chance to go to the Olympics.

"If this is my last shot, I've got to go for it," she said.

The cancer diagnosis and surgery are the latest in a string of recent setbacks for Smyers, whose first 13 years as a professional triathlete were remarkably free of injury.

In the past 2 1/2 years, Smyers suffered a hamstring injury, broke six ribs when an 18-wheeler hit her bike and broke her collarbone in another bike crash.

Smyers has even turned some

setbacks to her advantage.

While recuperating from the hamstring injury, she gave birth to her first child, Jenna, now 20 months old. And it was a job layoff that gave her the time to pursue being a professional triathlete.

A swimmer at Princeton, Smyers began competing in triathlons after going to work for a Boston computer company. She was a strong amateur, but blossomed into an international standout when the computer company faltered and her work hours were halved.

She became a four-time world champion, winning the grueling

Ironman competition in 1995 and four other times placing in the top four. This year, the U.S. Olympic Committee named her triathlete of the year.

Her career was uninterrupted by injury until the spring of 1997, when Smyers severed her hamstring while replacing a storm window in her home in this woody Boston suburb.

Smyers returned to competition in 1999 after her accident involved with the 18-wheeler in 1998, and in October finished second in the Ironman in Hawaii. She finished the 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike

race and a 26.2-mile run in 9 hours, 20 minutes, 40 seconds.

It was a remarkable feat, considering her past injuries and that a month earlier she'd been told she might have cancer.

"That was the first time I ever heard the c-word in conjunction with me," she said.

Smyers had gone to a doctor with a bout of bronchitis and mentioned that her glands or thyroid felt swollen. The doctor sent her for an ultrasound.

Terrified, she and her husband, Michael King, searched the Internet for information and discovered that

thyroid cancer is one of the more curable types, with a survival rate of 95 percent.

She needs radioactive iodine treatment, but with her doctors' permission, she has put that off until after the Olympic trials. The iodine will require going off her thyroid medication, which could make her lethargic.

"As a mom, my first priority is getting better for the long term," she said. "I've done more in the sport than I ever dreamed of. I could retire tomorrow and still be completely satisfied with my career."

PULSE
SIDELINES

Doctors clear Elliot to play five months after transplant
SAN ANTONIO (AP) — San Antonio Spurs forward Sean Elliott said Thursday that he has been cleared to play, five months after receiving a kidney transplant, but team officials are skeptical as to how quickly he can return.

"He said he was cleared to play and I said 'No, you're not,' not until I see things in writing — then he's cleared," said Spurs coach Gregg Popovich. "The decision is up to Sean Elliott, not me. The doctors can clear him, but the ultimate decision is Sean Elliott's. With me, it comes down to whether he can help the team, not if the doctors can clear him."

Elliott underwent a kidney transplant on Aug. 16, receiving the organ from his brother, Noel Elliott.

"We perform transplants to allow people to have as normal a life as possible and basketball was Sean's normal career," said Dr. Francis Wright, transplant surgeon at the Methodist Specialty and Transplant Hospital in San Antonio, in a written statement. He and kidney physician Dr. John Reineck cleared Elliott to play.

Elliott had been practicing with the team for nearly a month, but has yet to participate in contact drills. While he has joined teammates in conditioning drills, Elliott has spent most of his practice time alone, running sprints and stairs.

After Thursday's practice, Elliott proclaimed himself ready to take the next step.

"As it looks right now, they're going to clear me and I'll be ready to mix it up," he said. "I feel pretty good. I'm in the best shape I've been in since I got out of the hospital."

Elliott, who has been serving as a color commentator for Spurs telecasts, missed several games and spent a few days in the hospital with a bout of the flu in December.

Contract with Reds returns Sanders to major leagues

CINCINNATI (AP) — Deion Sanders has signed a non-guaranteed minor league contract with the Cincinnati Reds and has been invited to spring training.

"Deion hasn't played baseball in two years," general manager Jim Bowden said Thursday. "We don't know where his baseball skills are, but in spring training we want to give him the opportunity to compete for a roster spot."

Sanders last played baseball in 1997 when he batted .273 and stole 56 bases in 115 games with the Reds. At that time, he said he was quitting baseball to devote full time to playing cornerback with the Dallas Cowboys.

Sanders has a .266 lifetime average and 183 stolen bases in 609 major league games. He played for the New York Yankees in 1989-90, Atlanta Braves in 1991-93, split the season with the Braves and Reds in 1994, split 1995 with Cincinnati and San Francisco, and spent 1997 with the Reds after sitting out a year.

The Reds also signed right-handed pitcher Mark Portugal and Johnny Ruffin to minor league contracts.

Portugal, 37, was 7-12 with a 5.51 ERA for Boston last season. He was released by the Red Sox after dropping his final four decisions.

Portugal is 109-95 in his major league career. He was traded from San Francisco to the Reds on July 21, 1995, in a multi-player deal that sent Sanders to the Giants.

Ruffin, 28, was 1-1 with 10 saves and a 3.17 ERA for Albuquerque, the Triple-A affiliate of the Los Angeles Dodgers. He was 10-6 for Cincinnati from 1993-96.

"We've got to continue to win. Seldom is there a large crowd for a bad team."

FRAN'S PLAN

Football coach trying to restore Frog's glory days

By Rusty Simmons
STAFF REPORTER

When TCU Athletics Director Eric Hyman hired Dennis Franchione as the head football coach in the Fall 1997, Hyman said Franchione brought three characteristics to the program — intelligence, work ethic and integrity.

"I believe that in Dennis Franchione we have found all three and that makes him a perfect match for TCU," Hyman said at the press conference to announce Franchione's hiring. Now, with back-to-back winning seasons and consecutive postseason victories under his belt, Franchione said he is looking to bring even more to the TCU football program.

"We've taken steps toward building tradition," he said. "TCU had great tradition in the '30s, '40s and '50s. They had a national champion and a Heisman Trophy winner."

These achievements were accrued during the years when Davey O'Brien, 1938, and Sammy Baugh, 1937, were throwing touchdown passes for national championship victories; Jim Swink, 1955, always found a hole to run through and Bob Lilly, 1961, made opponents think twice about running his direction.

After a recess of players of that caliber, Franchione said he believes the current team can create such memories.

"We have the ability to build up to that, but I don't know how long it takes — five, 10 or 20 years."

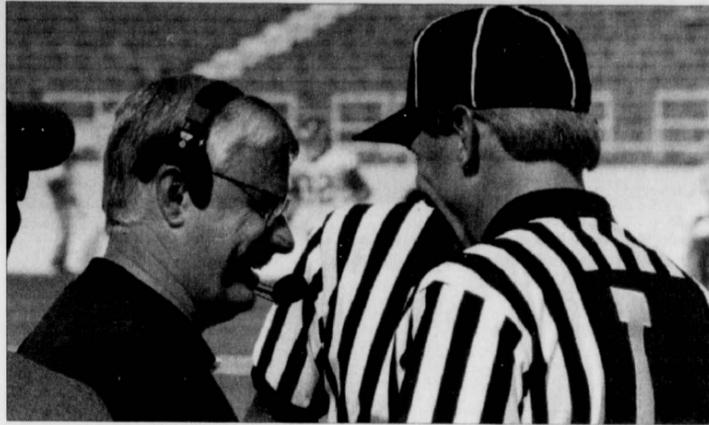
Although Franchione said he is unaware of the exact time span for building tradition, he does know the steps necessary to develop it.

"We've got to continue to win," he said. "Seldom is there a large crowd for a bad team. During the bad times in this program, teams didn't follow up good seasons with winning seasons. If we can continue to win, people will be more apt to become emotionally involved with the team."

Along with winning football games, Franchione said he is making a conscious effort to excite the people of Fort Worth about the team. Franchione has made appearances in downtown Fort Worth to sign posters and has advocated trips for his team to Cook's Children Hospital.

"We want to reach out to the community and show the people that this is Fort Worth's team," he said.

TCU has not had a crowd of over 40,000



Head Football Coach Dennis Franchione talks with a referee during the Frogs' 42-0 win over San Jose State last season. Franchione said he wants to bring back tradition to the TCU football team.

people at Amon Carter Stadium since 1994, and has not had a Homecoming crowd of over 29,000 in the 1990s. But Franchione said it should not be difficult to excite the community about the upcoming season.

TCU returns the entire starting offensive line, all of the running backs, the starting quarterback and the nucleus of the defense. Among the players returning are freshman All-American quarterback Casey Printers, the nation's leading rusher LaDainian Tomlinson and the Mobile Bowl's Most Valuable Lineman Aaron Schobel.

"I'm fired up!" Franchione said. "We'll have a lot of offensive growth with the ability to vertically stretch the field. Casey's ability to pass will make it difficult to gang up on L.T. (Tomlinson)."

With only one season to play before joining Conference USA, Franchione said this season is important for the Frogs to continue to prepare for the switch from the Western

Athletic Conference.

"All we can do is try to make sure we're ready for the transition," he said. "I think our win over East Carolina, who was No. 2 in C-USA and 9-2, sent a message of some sort."

The coaches of the WAC sent a message at the end of last season to TCU as well. Of the 26 players on the All-WAC first team, the WAC coaches voted for only three TCU players. Hawaii and Fresno State, who shared the WAC championship with TCU, each had six players voted to the team.

But Franchione said although he was disappointed about the situation, he doesn't get caught up in the politics.

"I'd like to think we're all professionals," he said. "We have to keep in mind that our regards are for the players. Petty thoughts can't be given much credence."

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Track & field prepares for season opener

Women challenged by inexperience, men's team returns All-Americans

By Kristen Naquin
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Although there is some disagreement about whether any records will be broken at Saturday's season-opening Oklahoma Indoor Classic in Norman, both runners and coaches agree: The athletes — and season — promise to leap out of the starting blocks with a strong beginning.

"We don't expect to come out and break any world records, but it's just an icebreaker," said Jason Howard, a high and triple jumper. "We're just getting started ... There is a lot of talent on the team."

Head coach Monte Stratton said he expects the team to improve each week as it approaches the Western Athletic Conference meet. Performance will peak at the conference meet and continue to improve toward the national qualifier, he said.

However, referring to returning All-Americans Jason Howard and Ricardo "Flash" Williams, Stratton said he would like to see runners begin to qualify nationally in events in which they are capable of doing so. He said he is expecting the "deep and talented" men's team to win the conference meet and described the 60-, 200- and 400-meter dashes, long jump and 4x400 relay as particularly strong events.

While Stratton said he is also expecting strong performances from other returning men and sev-

eral new men, he is slightly concerned about the high number of new women runners.

"We have a lot of (women) newcomers, so we are extremely young," he said. "But hopefully, we are not naive. We will experience rapid progress as they learn what happens at the collegiate level."

However, Stratton said he is continuing to expect strong performances from distance runner Gladys Keitany and sprinter Dywana Crudup.

The addition of new jumpers has also given the team a new depth, Stratton said. The new Lowdon Track and Field Complex has allowed athletic administrators to add three coaches.

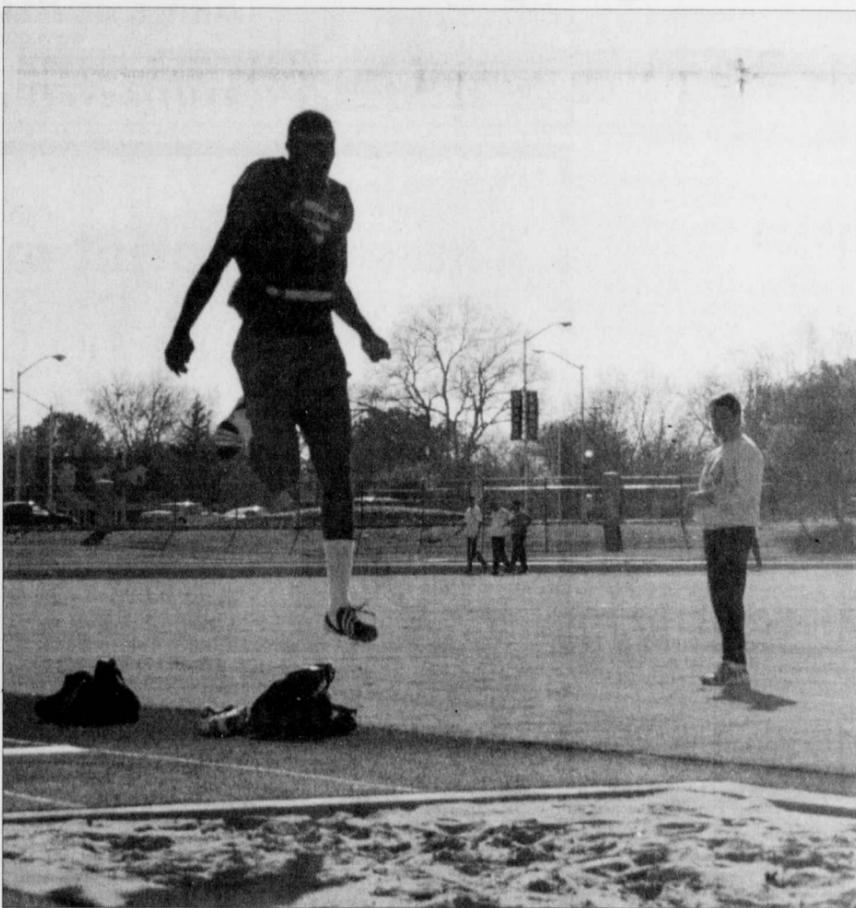
"(The new facility) provides a great place to practice," he said. "(The track and field program) is not as narrow as it has been in the past."

Howard said the addition of numerous jumpers has significantly contributed to an already-talented team.

"We are a pretty strong team compared to last year," said Howard, a junior computer information systems major. "We have a lot more depth this year, numerous jumpers and sprinters. Overall, there is a lot of talent. We had a lot last year, but we have even more this year."

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Brandal Lawrence, a freshman pre-major, practices his long jump Wednesday. The track team has its first meet Saturday at the Oklahoma Indoor Classic.

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free throws, the Frogs cut the lead to 88-87 when guard Thomas McTyler made one of two free throws following a foul.

The Bulldogs responded, scoring three three-pointers to extend their lead to 10 with 1:35 left.

Tubbs said the game was indicative of the Frogs' season.

"I'm disappointed in our learning process," Tubbs said. "We don't learn from our mistakes."

The Frogs, who closed the first half on an 11-5 run to cut the Bulldogs' lead to five, came out flat in the second half. Fresno State opened the second half with a 17-3 run.

Tubbs said the Frogs got themselves into trouble, and only then did they decide to play to their ability.

"The game is a game of spurts,"

Tubbs said. "The advantage of getting out to a lead is that you have your spurt and you get control of the game. Then when the other team semi-catches up and closes the gap, then you'll have another little spurt."

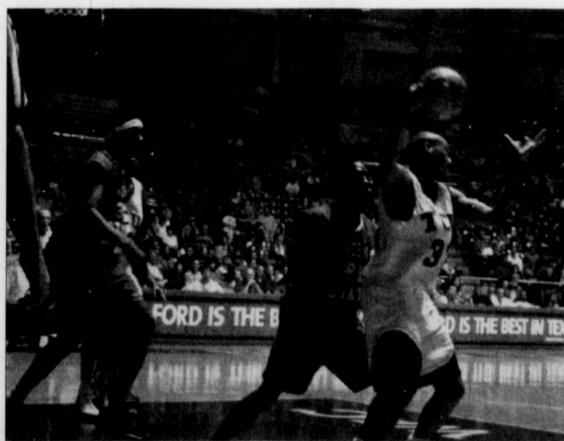
"We are letting the other team get control of the game and have that spurt," he said. "The only time we play hard or like we want to play is when we get in that hole. That's when we decide to fight. Up until that point, we are bunch of nice guys out there on the court."

TCU responded to Fresno's run with a 13-0 spurt, cutting the lead back down to six with 12:19 to play.

Whenever the Frogs drew close, either Alexander or Roberson were there to put out the fire. Alexander, who scored eight points in the first half, scored 25 of his 33 in the second.

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Senior forward Marquise Gainous posts up on Fresno State's Larry Abney. Gainous scored 22 points and grabbed 10 rebounds in the Frogs loss Thursday night.

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as he tried to get shots off over Fresno State defenders.

TCU head coach Billy Tubbs said forcing hurried shots has hurt the Frogs in the past, and it hurt them again Thursday.

"We're just not making plays," he said. "Quick shots and quick turnovers are what gets us in trouble."

Tubbs also said the Frogs' transition defense has left something to be desired.

Fresno State's Demetrius Porter was able to get the ball to open teammates behind the three-point arc in transition throughout the game to add eight assists to his 23 points.

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SPECIAL TO THE SKIFF

Antonio Banderas, Woody Harrelson and Lolita Davidovich hit the open road on their way to Las Vegas for the boxing middleweight world championship.

REVIEW

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When the undercard of Mike Tyson's latest pay-per-view fight falls apart, boxing promoter Joe Domino (Tom Sizemore) has one day to find two fighters to fill the space.

Promised that the winner would

get a title shot, Lance and Cesar set out for Las Vegas to recapture their dreams with former girlfriend Grace (Lolita Davidovich).

Written and directed by Ron Shelton ("White Men Can't Jump," "Bull Durham," and "Tin Cup"), "Play it to the Bone" is more than a boxing movie. Shelton combines a sharply written and funny script with his usual crisp direction to

create two hours of fine entertainment.

RANKING:★★★
—Matt Stiver

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BOOKS

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"Yes, we make money, but all we really want to do is save students as much money as we possibly can," he said.

Lewis said the biggest asset to TCU students is the huge number of used titles that are offered each year.

"TCU is one of the largest used book sellers in the country," she said. "We normally carry about 45 percent used books, and then we offer an amazing buy-back program."

Lewis said most online providers offer only new texts, and that can be a disadvantage to students.

"First, there is no way they can offer the kind of one-on-one help and customer service we do," she said. "Second, after shipping and handling charges are added on, costs go up."

Thomas said online companies can offer discounts and make a

profit because they operate with low costs and high volume.

"We are able to buy and sell a large quantity of books," Thomas said. "Because there are few overhead costs and no taxes on the Internet, we do well."

Lewis said students are often unaware of how well the TCU Bookstore serves them because TCU is a private institution. TCU's contract with Barnes & Noble Booksellers helps the university in many ways, she said.

"Because we are the only store, we can make sure that every student can find all the books and supplies they need in one place," she said. "We work with each professor individually to ensure that we carry everything."

Schmidt said she likes the convenience of the bookstore.

"The best thing about the bookstore is that it is right on campus, and of course, send home is a huge plus," she said.

Thomas, however, said he thinks it is only fair to offer students the option to look elsewhere for books.

"Competition is what makes America great," he said.

When asked if promoting online book sales is disloyal to TCU, Thomas said loyalty was not the issue.

"Students are TCU," he said. "They are the ones working hard to be here. We are loyal to them when we save them money."

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—Jason Thomas,
a junior psychology major and
Varsitybooks.com's
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BRITE

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sions for Brite Divinity School, said current Brite students are being housed in three nearby apartment complexes that the divinity school owns: the Princeton House, located behind Beasley Hall; Bellaire North Apartments, on Bellaire Drive North; and the Quads, located behind the Bass Building.

"When (Leibrock Village) opens, housing will be on a first-come, first-served basis," Hagadone said.

The Leibrock Village is named after former Brite trustee Robert Leibrock of Midland. Leibrock, and various private donors and foundations, donated money for the project. Brite is also using part of its \$70 million endowment to fund the project. TCU is providing the

money for the 32-unit complex for students in other TCU graduate programs.

Susie Cotten, who has been working in the TCU area for 25 years and owns Susie's Hair Design near Sandage, said TCU officials involved in the village construction were very communicative regarding the university's expansion project.

"I've talked to (Chancellor Michael R.) Ferrari and (Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs William H.) Koehler," Cotten said. "I haven't had any problems with TCU. Some of my customers from TCU complain because it is affecting traffic, but I have no complaints. I'm glad TCU is coming in here and cleaning up this area."

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Clinton proposes tax credit to make college more affordable

President calls for more Pell Grants, College Completion Challenge Grants

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WASHINGTON — President Clinton proposed a tax credit designed to make college education more affordable Thursday, saying that "when we open the doors to college we open the doors to opportunity."

The political overtones were obvious at the event called on the first day of his last year in office: First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, and the man she would serve alongside were she to win her Senate bid. Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., stood by the president as he chided Republican leaders who have all but closed the door on his agenda.

"Some in Congress, I note, are saying that because this is an election year we really shouldn't try to do anything for the American people," Clinton said. "Nothing ... should get in the way of making a college education more affordable for all Americans."

The centerpiece of the program being outlined by the president Thursday is a \$30 billion, 10-year initiative that would make higher education more affordable for millions, said the officials, who spoke on condition they not be identified by name.

When the "College Opportunity Tax Cut" is fully phased in, a family could receive a tax deduction of up to \$10,000 for tuition, fees and training. Alternatively, taxpayers could seek a maximum credit of \$2,800 a year. A similar proposal died in Congress last year.

"When we make college more affordable," Clinton said, "we make the American dream more achievable."

The president also was calling for a \$1 billion increase in Pell Grants, new College Completion Challenge Grants and other federal education assistance, including work-study and a new plan for helping students pursuing dual degrees.

Asked why Congress could be expected to pass Clinton's plan this year, White House spokesman Joe Lockhart replied: "Members of Congress who have been in their districts understand that education is the top priority for most Americans."

The political season has raised doubts that Congress will act on much of Clinton's agenda. "The public wants progress," Lockhart said. "I think there will be a political cost for those who want to walk away." The proposal includes \$35 million

for the college Completion Challenge Grants, designed to spur college dropouts to return to class; \$40 million for a new initiative to help minorities pursue five-year dual-degree programs in fields where they are underrepresented; and \$716 million for the Pell Grants.

Clinton's plan seeks \$400 million in increases for the Gear Up program, which helps disadvantaged youths stay in high school; TRIO, which helps them stay in college; Job Corps, a national education and job training program targeted at impoverished youths; and similar initiatives.

Making college tuition tax deductible was a key campaign pledge of Schumer in his successful bid to oust Republican Sen. Alfonse D'Amato in 1998. His proposal was narrowly defeated as an amendment to the tax cut package last year.

Schumer's plan would have allowed families to deduct up to \$12,000 from their income to cover the costs of college tuition. That would have saved the average middle-class family as much as \$3,360 per student.

Schumer said his plan would cost between \$45 billion and \$50 billion over 10 years and could be paid for out of the nation's budget surplus.

Hillary Clinton is also trying to appeal to middle-class suburban voters in the New York Senate race. Polls show her trailing New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani in the politically crucial suburbs.

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HELP ME harlan!

Relationship seems one-sided; sloppy roommate making life at home hard

Dear Harlan,
I'm a 21-year-old college student who's having a difficult time understanding my current boyfriend. We've been together a couple of months. He treats me with a lot of respect, and I love him very much. He says he loves me.

The problem is that he's never actually taken me on a date (his idea of a date is his dorm room). He has pictures of girls all on his wall, but none of me, even though he has some. Is he for real or does this relationship appear to be one-sided?

Please help

Dear Please help,
Nothing says "I love you" like a

photo on his wall and dinner out at KFC.

To be completely honest, it all sounds weird. Seems to me like he's hiding this relationship with you. Until he's comfortable enough to take things out in the open it's going to be hard for him to honestly open up to you. Don't settle. Until you get some answers stop dating in the dorms with this guy.

Dear Harlan,

I've been living in the same apartment for 18 months now. It's always been "all right," but lately, I have been going insane with my 29-year-old roommate.

She doesn't understand the responsibilities that go along with

having a roommate. If it were as easy as kicking her out, I would do so. However, we live in the garage above her father's house.

She has never once replaced the toilet paper roll, taken out all of the garbage or cleaned the shower. She's lazy, irresponsible, and she won't listen. Do you have any advice on how to get through to an irresponsible roommate?

Living with sloth

Dear Sloth,

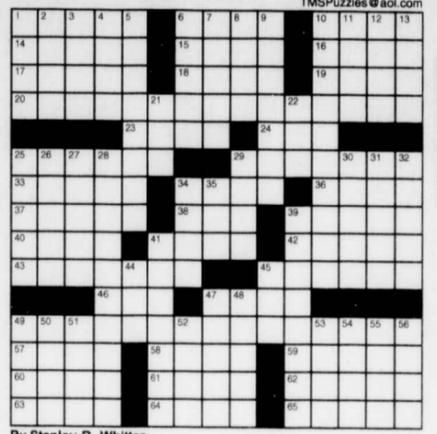
Roommates can find a way to get along if they want to get along. It's very simple. If you've talked to her and she still hasn't changed her ways, she's not going to change. This column is distributed by U-

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The longer you wait the less chance you two will have of salvaging a friendship. And one very last thing, don't forget to take out the garbage.

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CD & MOVIE reviews

FIONA APPLE "When the Pawn..."

Don't let the lengthy 90-some-odd word title scare you. Fiona Apple's second album "When the Pawn..." reveals her much matured and improved song-writing. Although Apple refuses to acknowledge that more is not necessarily better (note: her excessively long lyrics), the songs on this album are more refined and crafted with the better songs coming in at the end. Girls, grab your tissues because there are some heart-wrenching relationship tunes tossed into this soulful record.

RANKING: ★★★
—Angie Chang

ON "Shifting Skin"

Failure fans rejoice: Ken Andrews is back! The former vocalist and guitarist for the now defunct band Failure has returned behind the name On. Andrews' debut-solo effort is a collection of songs that are accessible to all. From layered songs to synthesized tracks to pop-like melodies, "Shifting Skin" covers a variety of styles. Andrews produces and performs on this project to create an impressive and powerful album.

RANKING:★★★
—Angie Chang

Cradle Will Rock Susan Sarandon, Bill Murray and John Cusack

This movie struck out before it even began. Maybe it was because the lady who sat in front of me was wheezing through a hole in her throat. Maybe it was because the people who sat behind me put their hand on my head to balance themselves every time they got up. Or maybe it was because I just didn't feel like going to a movie that night.

But ignore these outside problems, and "Cradle Will Rock" — starring Susan Sarandon, Bill Murray and John Cusack — was still a lousy movie.

This 1930s-era film about labor strikes and the Federal Theater Project featured a collection of scenes that skipped back and forth with no sense of reason or purpose.

In fact, the only reason I sat through the whole thing was to see how all the loose ends would be neatly tied together in the end. Don't fall for this trick because there is no such conclusion.

But the movie did have one redeeming moment — when Tommy Crickshaw (Murray), an alcoholic ventriloquist, attempts to teach two hopeless actors to be ventriloquists. If this hilarious scene had been repeated for two hours, the movie would have been a four-star performance.

But since we didn't get to watch them say, "Now who's the dummy?" over and over again, save yourself the \$5 and the two hours and don't see this movie.

RANKING: ★
—Laura Head

PLAY IT TO THE BONE Woody Harrelson and Antonio Banderas

Who is your best friend in the world? Would you fight that person? Would you fight that person for \$50,000? Lance Boudreau (Woody Harrelson) and Cesar Dominguez (Antonio Banderas) are presented with that very proposition.

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Tibetan Art of Wisdom and Compassion

Worlds of Transformation

EXHIBIT review

The "Mahakala" appears merciless. Carrying a diamond thunderbolt staff and wearing a necklace of skulls, he crunches two wiry, screaming figures under his feet. But as flames shoot out from this Tibetan creature's black head, dark blue and green smoke raises up five meditating deities.

"The art deals with emptying the negative aspects of human personality that we all have."

—Donald Rubin, a premier collector of Tibetan art and owner of all 60 works on exhibit

Art of Wisdom and Compassion," tranquil and terrifying images of deities reveal the Buddhist way of subduing human violence and suffering. Sixty

tangkas, or painted scrolls, display the Buddha, monks, deities or images of paradise — all which offer a deep look into the human mind.

The tangkas are also aesthetically amazing creations. Made of cotton or silk, the tangkas span eight centuries and depict Vajrayana or Tantric Buddhism.

"You'll find that these are beautifully conceived and orchestrated works," Casler Price said. "The colors, detail and lines are quite decorative, even though they are religious."

Walking into the exhibit, one will first see dark red, yellow and green images of the mystical, meditating Buddha "Shakyamuni," radiating a halo of positive energy amid protectors of his teachings (or *dharma*). The next section is comprised of images of the four major orders of Buddhism, with jolly Santa Clause-like *arhat*, or teacher, figures and lush Tibetan landscapes. The final room contains magical images of a peaceful, enlightened universe.

Robert Thurman, Jey Tsong Khapa Professor of Indo-Tibetan Buddhist Studies at Columbia University and guest curator of the exhibit, said the paintings



(Far above) The Bodhisattva Maitreya, 15th century, from central regions of Tibet. (Above) Vaishnavana, 17th century, from central regions of Tibet.

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BOOK review

Crichton explores history, time travel in new novel

By Kristina Iodice
SKIFF STAFF

Time travel has never been easier — just fax yourself through a "quantum foam wormhole" to the distant past that exists in another dimension. Michael Crichton's newest novel, "Timeline," explores not only the historic Middle Ages but also dabbles with the reality of cutting-edge technology.

Historians are the unlikely heroes of "Timeline"; once again Crichton gives the adventures to an unappreciated segment of society.

A large team is working on an archeological dig and reconstruction project in France under the employment of billionaire-genius Doniger. What they don't know is that Doniger and his scientist have figured out how to literally "travel" back in time, which is why the company supplies detailed maps of the restoration site.

When the project's chief historian vanishes and sends a distress call to 1999 from 1357, the top members

of the team are flown to New Mexico for a rescue mission, oblivious to the dangers.

They arrive in medieval France, the same location they were excavating long before it crumbled and entered the realm of fairy tales. Within minutes, a band of knights slaughters their "guides" from the present — signaling the start of the longest 37 hours they will ever live.

Not only is there a limit of 37 hours that can be spent in the past before the visitor is stuck without a ride back to the present, but life in the middle ages can be fatal. Battles of the Hundred Years War, fights over honor, peasant bandits, mad lords and social guidelines all threaten the survival of the small rescue team.

At first, interaction with the past is strictly monitored. Individuals called watchers are sent back merely to observe life and record data in order to help with the reconstruction. However, when the historians are stranded in 1357 as the only

hope of rescue for the head historian, they go from observing the past to taking a part in the events that decided the outcome of civil war.

The old question of creating a paradox in time is presented — and the answer is rather amusing.

It is a fast paced and enthralling book, even if it slightly mirrors Jurassic Park. Like John Hammond's plans for a dinosaur park, Doniger wants to set up a history theme park of sorts, selling it as the real thing.

Doniger, however, is driven by greed and desire, and at some points acts as if he is entirely separate from the rest of humanity. He is the most irritating and cruel character Crichton has created, and the most memorable.

Of course, characters tell the story, but Crichton's extensive research makes "Timeline" something to think about. The technology and ideas that Crichton uses are not basic knowledge and seem more suited to a scientific journal. This

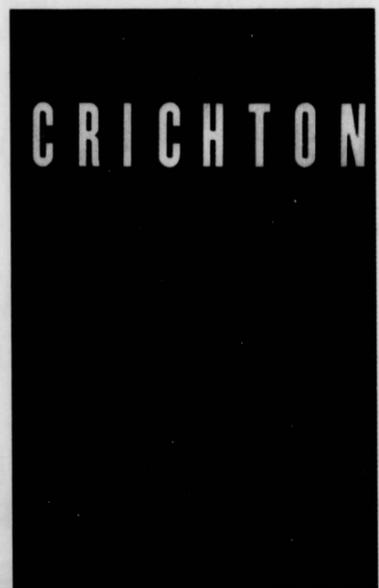
causes some of the ideas to seem contrary, or confusing at best. The size of computers is changing, but the thought of computers built out of single molecules is hard to digest.

He takes the concept of quantum physics and plays with it, creating a story that to some extent is outside the realm of science fiction. Time travel is significantly more than hopping into a remodeled tin can and blasting to the past with left over lightning.

The reader is forced to rethink, or just forget traditional science fiction. "Timeline" provides a great, although complicated, read and is sure to become a hit movie in the near future.

RANKING: ★★★★★

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Michael Crichton's new book is a whirlwind ride from start to finish. He takes the concept of quantum physics and plays with it, creating a story that to some extent is outside the realm of science fiction. Hardbacks available at local bookstores. \$26.95