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When asked to explain religion, no two students could agree on the same definition. Students said that faith and spirituality are aspects of life, but there are too many other factors involved to create an acceptable answer.

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Police seek suspects in vandalism of seven vehicles

Dew on cars made it impossible to retrieve prints

By Rusty Simmons
STAFF REPORTER

The windshields of seven vehicles were shattered on South Drive between the Tom Brown/Pete Wright Residential Community and the Leo Potishman Tennis Center late Saturday evening after the TCU men's basketball game.

Detective Kelly Ham said he does not know if the vandalism is linked with the emotion from the game's one-point outcome.

TCU police officers arrived at the scene shortly before 2:30 a.m. Sunday after receiving calls from witnesses who heard glass breaking and car alarms being set off from their residence hall rooms. None of the witnesses were able to give a concrete description of the vandals.

Footprints were seen on the windshields of the damaged vehicles, indicating the vandals had

jumped from one windshield to the next, TCU police officers said.

The Fort Worth Police Department came to TCU shortly after 4 a.m. in hopes of removing fingerprints from the damaged cars, but dew made it impossible to salvage the prints, TCU police officers said.

Ham said the lack of evidence will make it difficult to solve the case.

"Unless someone comes forward that we don't know about, it's pretty hard without fingerprints or even a description," he

said. "Some things you just can't solve."

Amy McDurham, Pete Wright hall director, said the incident of multiple vandalism is the first of its kind in her six years at the university.

"I wish people didn't choose to do these things," she said. "It is not very respectful. But aside from parking cars in covered garages, I don't know what else we can do to protect the students."

Although the windshields were



Sarah Kirschberg/PHOTO EDITOR

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Tickets to performance discounted for TCU students

The Alvin Ailey Dance Theater will have its last performance tonight at the Bass Performance Hall. Tickets are available for 50 percent off for TCU students and faculty. For more information call Star Ticket Service at 548-1800 or Bass Performance Hall at 212-4280.

COLLEGE

U. Wisconsin dean target of child porn investigation

MADISON, Wis. (U-WIRE) — A University of Wisconsin-Madison assistant dean has been suspended and will likely face felony charges after images allegedly featuring child pornography were found on his university computer.

Danny Struebing, an assistant dean in the School of Human Ecology, is currently under investigation by university police for possession of child pornography. He was suspended with pay on Dec. 23, just 22 days after starting in his new position.

No charges have yet been filed against Struebing, but UW Police Detective Douglas Scheller said he is confident Struebing will be indicted.

"I can pretty much guarantee that charges will be filed," said Scheller.

Scheller said the investigation began when he received an anonymous complaint Dec. 1 from an employee in the history department, who claimed to have seen pornography on Struebing's office computer.

—Badger Herald
University of Wisconsin-Madison

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KEY SHOTS



Following his team's 119-74 exhibition victory over MBK-Odessa Ukraine on Dec. 6, TCU men's basketball coach Billy Tubbs focused on free-throw shooting as an area that would play an important role as the season played out.

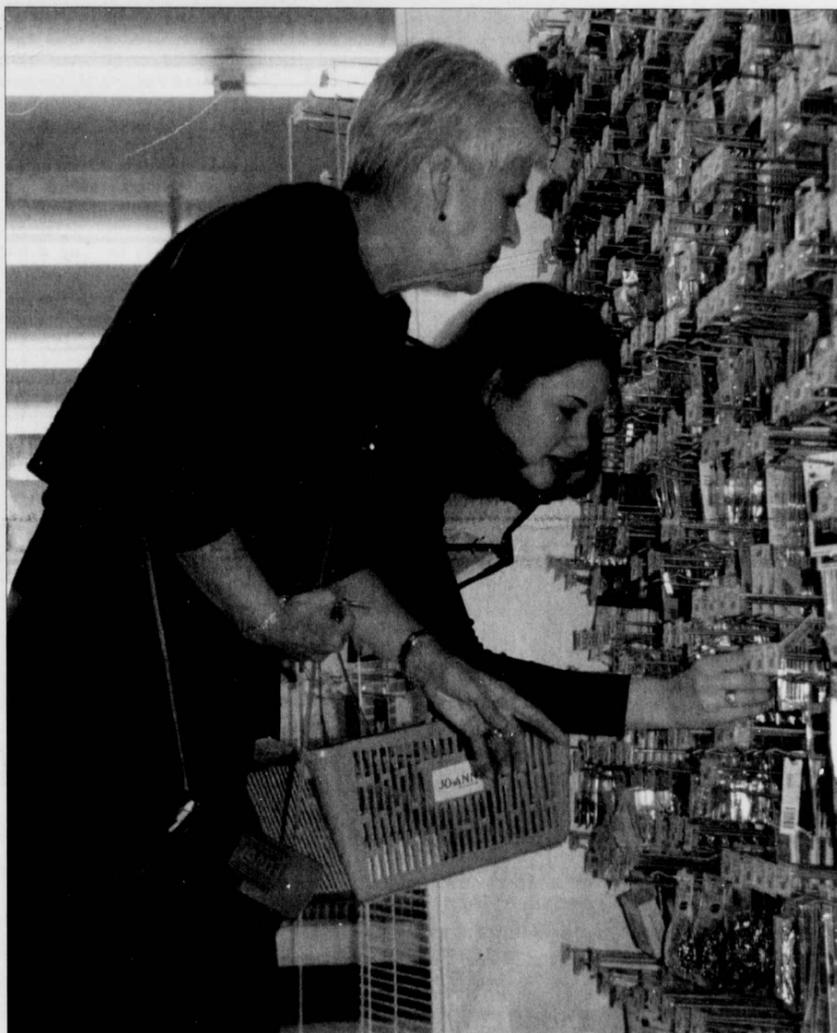
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In an attempt to move to the next level of academic distinction, an administrative decision was made to revamp TCU's academic structure.

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Shopping for class



Jimmy Nam/SKIFF STAFF

Kathy Berry, a freshman fashion merchandising major, and Polly Starr, the instructor of the clothing construction class, shop for materials they will use in class.

Team produces 5 rebuilding plans

Rickel, Student Center improvements slated

By Courtney Roach
STAFF REPORTER

Members of the University Advancement team have produced a total of five conceptual schemes to improve the Rickel Building and Student Center ranging from a \$25 million to a \$40 million plan for each building.

Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs, said seniors, juniors and possibly even sophomores will not see the completed changes to the Rickel and Student Center.

Mills also said the construction will take between 18 to 24 months on each building and will not begin until at least Spring 2001.

He said university officials would like to know by the fall which concept schemes they are going to use and how they are going to pay for it. Currently only one University Advancement committee has seen the presentation, Mills said.

"It is part of our commitment to improving TCU," he said.

Bronson C. Davis, vice chancellor for university advancement, said administrators are serious about making these improvements, and the status of the improvements is in the discussion stage.

"We are at a disadvantage with those two buildings," he said. "The (Student Center) looks like it was

built 40 years ago, and it was."

The Rickel Building and Student Center improvements will consist of part renovation, part new facility and part demolition. Mills said the University Advancement team would like to phase it in so students can still use the facilities during construction.

Mills said funding for the project has not been finalized, but tuition would not be used.

"It will probably be funded from part donation, part borrowing and part revenue from services in the buildings," he said.

Mills said the three schemes for the Rickel Building and two for the Student Center were made without regard to cost.

The cost of improvements is obviously a major concern and is being taken into consideration, he said.

Ann Todaro, a freshman nursing major, said TCU needs to focus on academic improvements before working on the aesthetic beauty of the campus.

"I think our facilities are adequate for our smaller university," she said. "But the science department needs better lab equipment and better facilities to accommodate larger numbers of students if TCU continues to gain popularity."

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Negative feedback fuels changes to university Web site

By Danny Horne
STAFF REPORTER

TCU launched a new Web site Monday afternoon in response to negative feedback from different aspects of the TCU community, said Victor Neil, director of new media.

"We attempted to make the site easier to get through and more user-friendly," Neil said.

Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs, said Neil's vision and expertise allowed the changes to the Web site to be implemented.

"We have a long way to go with

our Web technologies, but our new Web site is a step up," Mills said.

The site can still be accessed at (www.tcu.edu).

Neil said he received several e-mail messages from students, faculty and staff with complaints about the old site.

"Problems with navigation and the ability to find certain information seemed to be the main problems," Neil said.

Students complained that they did not know where to look to find the

information they needed, he said.

In making the site more user-friendly, Neil said several specific aspects were revised.

"We added a headline bar which will contain various TCU internal information," Neil said. "People will also be able to access TCU news as well as any national news. We also included a weather link."

Neil said he met another major student demand by adding the much-needed calendar of events to the Web site.

"Academic calendars have always been something I was looking for in the TCU Web site, so I am glad they fixed that problem," said John Horton, a senior biology major.

Another issue addressed by Neil was the difficulty to actually search and find information through the search engines.

The site still has a Frog Calls directory and department search link that works in a similar manner to the old site, Neil said.

"The difference is that everything was made easier," Neil said. "Instead of having to type in the specific department name, all departments are applicable through a pull-down menu."

Neil said the new site will feature less visual graphics and more text links to ease the download time.

"Students do not like to spend too much time in the downloading process," Neil said.

William Koehler, vice chancellor for academic affairs, said the

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Students, faculty remember professor as 'very helpful'

By Omar Villafranca
STAFF REPORTER

Senior computer science major Shannon Callies said Craig Morgenstern was not a typical professor. He was dedicated to his classes and his students, she said.

Callies was one of about 30 friends, family members, students and colleagues who gathered Thursday at Robert Carr Chapel for a memorial service for Morgenstern. The associate professor of computer science died Dec. 25 at age 43 after a bout with cancer.

Pam Marcum, assistant professor of physics, said Morgenstern was remembered as a very helpful person. Marcum said Morgenstern helped her the first day she met him.

"He gave me some assistance setting up my computer," Marcum said. "He was really generous with his time. I couldn't get my disk to work in my computer because it wasn't compatible. He just dropped everything to help me with that. It was a great introduction to TCU."

Thomas Nute, an associate professor of computer science and one of Morgenstern's colleagues and close friends, said he remembers the first time he met Morgenstern in 1988.

"He was just kind of mild-mannered and pleasant, but not overbearing or anything," Nute said. "He was somebody that it wouldn't take long to get to know."

Morgenstern had a reputation among faculty members as being a guru of the operating system UNIX. His knowledge of the system often brought him into contact

with other departments and respect among his peers.

"(Morgenstern) knew UNIX," Nute said. "He could stand it on its ear."

Both former and current students said Morgenstern was known as a very helpful person, and his willingness to assist others will not be forgotten.

"If there was any professor who would help you, it was (Morgenstern)," said Shane Wickson, a 1998 TCU alumnus. "He was very intuitive, and I could

relate to him the most out of any other professor."

Eric Hall, a senior computer science major, said Morgenstern always went out of his way to help students.

"He was the professor that if I ever had a problem, I would always go to him," Hall said. "Not just stuff for school, for anything, even if I was working on a computer program for myself, I could always go to him. He was more than happy to

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PULSE CAMPUS LINES

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

■ **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 both men and women for the 2000 coed squad. For more information, contact Glenda Clausen at 257-7969.

■ **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.

■ **Brown Bag Session for transfer students** at noon today in the Student Center, Room 205.

■ **Informational Session** for students interested in the positions of Orientation Student Assistant, Frog Camp Facilitator, Leadership Council or Chancellor's Leadership Program Mentor from 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesday in Student Center, Room 222.

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NEWS ROUNDUP

WORLD

Patients taken hostage in Thailand hospital by small dissident group, escape siege unharmed

RATCHABURI, Thailand - Little was known about the gunmen or the situation inside the hospital until they let in a television crew from Thai television Channel 7. They took footage showing scores of frightened people sitting on rows of waiting-room benches and of a masked man brandishing an assault rifle.

"We want to tell the world how Karen and Burmese refugees live during the fighting," said one hostage-taker, who called himself Nui. "We will not hurt any hostages. We take good care of them."

A doctor telephoned about two dozen patients and their relatives in the postoperative ward, telling them not to move. Lacking contact with hospital officials, the patients did what the rest of Thailand did — watch the drama unfold on television.

Prasert Panpongpaew, 63, a retired government official with diabetes, said that at midday, the patients reasoned that the raiders weren't covering all the buildings and they would try to escape.

"I wasn't scared, but some people were," Prasert said. "We had to take some risk. Fifty-fifty. We helped each other get up, and we got down the stairs OK and outside."

Boonmak Sirinavakul, a local member of parliament, said doctors outside were using mobile phones to instruct nurses inside on caring for patients.

The government of Myanmar expressed hope that the siege would end without bloodshed, and said the hostage-takers should be treated as terrorists by the international community.

Boonmak said the gunmen had requested two helicopters. The ITV television network said the insurgents asked for 10 doctors to be flown to the border.

Last Oct. 1, five members of a small dissident group, the Vigorous Burmese Student Warriors, seized Myanmar's embassy in Bangkok and held dozens of hostages for 26 hours before being flown to the border and freed. Media reports said members of the same group is involved in the hospital takeover.

The dissidents then hid out with God's Army, composed mostly of ethnic Karens and led by twins Johnny and Luther Htoo.

The twins told The Associated Press in December they were fighting for democracy in their homeland, which has been ruled by military dictators since 1962. The Karens have been fighting for more autonomy for more than 50 years.

Like most Karens, God's Army are Christians in a predominantly Buddhist country.

Presidents of African countries recommit to cease fire, ask for UN peacekeeping force

UNITED NATIONS — In an extraordinary meeting orchestrated by the United States, the presidents of countries warring in the Congo pledged Monday to recommit themselves to a faltering cease-fire and to peace in Central Africa.

But the half-dozen African leaders, including Congolese President Laurent Kabila in his first U.S. visit, also demanded the world body deploy a U.N. peacekeeping force to monitor the 6-month-old truce.

The United States has acknowledged holding up authorization for the force, arguing the mission would be doomed because the cease-fire has been so widely flouted by all sides.

Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni agreed there was an enormous risk and cost in setting up the peacekeeping force, which U.N. officials have estimated could require some 25,000 members.

"But the cost of inaction, as witnessed in Rwanda, would be too ghastly, more costly and morally repugnant," he told his counterparts in the Security Council chamber, the first time they have met outside Africa over the war in Congo.

Congo's war has drawn in a half-dozen African nations, with Uganda and Rwanda backing the rebels who rebelled against Kabila in August 1998.

Kabila subsequently enlisted the support of Zimbabwe, Angola and Namibia to fight a war that has destabilized the entire Great Lakes region of Central Africa, killing untold numbers and uprooting close to one million people from their homes.

The governments signed a cease-fire agreement in Lusaka, Zambia, last July and the rebels signed on in August. But fighting has persisted.

NATION

Clinton calls for approval of \$27 million plan to bridge gap between working men and women

WASHINGTON — President Clinton appealed Monday to members of Congress to "do the right thing" by closing the wage gap between working women and men. He suggested they could start by approving his \$27 million plan to bolster enforcement of equal pay laws.

"I made this request last year, and Congress failed to pass it," Clinton said as he looked out at about 10 lawmakers who attended the White House ceremony where he announced the proposal. "I hope you will help us do this."

But the chairmen of two House committees that deal with workforce issues noted that money for equal employment enforcement already is at its highest level ever. They accused Clinton of trying to gain a political advantage by timing his announcement to coincide with the Iowa presidential caucuses.

The president coupled his appeal with a request for Congress to approve a paycheck fairness act proposed by Sen. Tom Daschle, D-S.D. and Rep. Rosa DeLauro, D-Conn., which would direct federal agencies to collect data about wage disparities and increase penalties for violating equal-pay statutes.

"Pass it. It's a good bill. There is no excuse not to pass it," Clinton said. "We need to clearly send the message that wage discrimination against women is just as unacceptable as discrimination based on race or ethnicity."

Women earn an average of 75 cents for every \$1 men are paid, a disparity Clinton has noted in the past as evidence of social injustice. For women of color, he said, the disparity is even greater: 64 cents for black women and 55 cents for Hispanic women.

Under Clinton's plan, \$10 million would go to the EEOC to train up to 3,000 employers and 1,000 staff inspectors about equal pay laws. Last year, Clinton proposed a similar, \$14 million initiative that failed.

It would be the first time since the EEOC took responsibility for enforcement of equal pay laws in 1978 that the agency had money to train inspectors on the subject. The agency also would produce public service announcements.

The Labor Department would receive \$17 million to help train women for jobs where they have been underrepresented, particularly in the high-technology sector, through career centers the department supports and apprenticeships. The department also would help employers improve their pay policies and strengthen public-private partnerships.

STATE

Teens plead guilty to crimes committed by all-girl holdup ring, punishment phase begins

HOUSTON — Two teens charged with taking part in an all-girl holdup ring in a white-collar Houston suburb pleaded guilty to two counts each of aggravated robbery Monday.

The cases of Katie Marie Dunn and Malissa Chalerm Warzecka, both 17, went directly to the punishment phase. A jury will decide on options ranging from probation to life in prison.

The prosecution is asking for at least some jail time. The defense is pleading for probation in a case expected to last most of the week.

Co-defendants Michelle Renee Morneau and suspected ringleader Crystal Dawn Maddox will go on trial separately.

None of the girls, from the suburb of Kingwood, had felony records. All were either high school students or recent graduates. Dunn was a drill-team member at the time of her arrest.

The girls are accused of using weapons, including a rifle and a handgun, in their robberies. Victims testifying Monday recounted the horror of being held up at gunpoint.

One clerk cried as she described being threatened while staring down the barrel of one of a guns.

The teens went to great pains to hide their identities during the robberies, wearing hooded jackets, gloves and sunglasses, police said. They blew their cover when they bragged to friends, police said.

Dunn was arrested first and implicated the others, police said.

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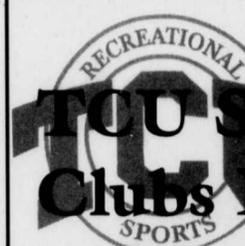
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FRESH FACES

Search should focus on diversity

The search is on. Actually, according to Chancellor Michael Ferrari and Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs William Koehler, the search is practically drawing to a close.

In an attempt to move the university to the next level of academic distinction, an administrative decision was made at the beginning of last semester to revamp TCU's academic structure by reorganizing the AddRan College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Fine Arts and Communication and the Harris School of Nursing. As a result, a national search for deans of the AddRan College of Humanities and Social Sciences, the College of Fine Arts, the School of Education and the M.J. Neeley School of Business was launched.

Last week, a committee composed of faculty, staff and students compiled a list of two to five candidates for each of the four positions. Committee members will soon submit their recommendations to Ferrari and Koehler.

But as the final decisions draws closer, we find ourselves hopeful that the new group of academic administrators will bring fresh faces to the university pool.

"Diversity is not only the right thing to do to prepare for the global community," said Cornell Thomas, special assistant to the chancellor for diversity and community. "It is the key and moral thing to do. It is important to have experience with different people in all sorts of varying positions."

We applaud administrators for hiring a woman, Carol Campbell, as the new vice chancellor for finance and business, and appointing Rhonda Keen-Payne as the interim dean of the nursing school.

But stopping there is not enough. If Ferrari is truly interested in "looking for people who can lead us into the future," he must look toward people not already overrepresented in the university's academic administration.

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Flag misunderstood by some

One week ago Monday, 46,000 people, mostly black, descended on the capitol of South Carolina to protest the state's flying of the Confederate flag over the capitol building.

The protest — coordinated by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People — coincided with the national observance of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. Another 500 people staged their own protest, waving the Confederate battle flag in defiance of the NAACP's protest.

Obviously, the debate over the Confederate flag remains one of the nation's most controversial. However, the issue would not be so heated if there weren't any misrepresentations about what the flag represents.

Most people see the Confederate flag as it was used during the Civil Rights Movement. During that time,

it was used as a symbol of hatred by racists and bigots who never understood what it was supposed to represent. Therefore, I understand the feelings of my black friends when they see the Confederate flag because it was used so horribly against their parents during the 1960s and 1970s. But I do not like the flag identified as a symbol of all the bad uses to which it was put in the 1960s and 1970s.

So what does the flag truly represent? Shelby Foote, perhaps the nation's best-known Civil War historian, said the Confederacy stood for law. While civil rights demonstrators who carried the flag were opposed to nearly all law — they wanted to abolish the Supreme Court and directives from the federal government — the Confederacy represented obedience to the law. That is, the South fought for the right of the states to retain powers guaranteed by the original Constitution. Eleven of the first 12 amendments had limited the powers of the national government, but six of the next seven, beginning with the 13th Amendment, vastly expanded those powers at the expense of the states. Essentially, the Confederacy stood for the law and its power to stop the federal government's domi-

nation of the states.

True, the flag did fight in support of slavery, and the opponents' flag, the U.S. flag, was flown for the abolition of slavery. But that representation only developed in the course of the war. It was not the true cause of the war. It was an element in the cause, but it was not what the war was really fought about.

In addition, the Confederate battle flag currently flying over the state capitol building in Columbia is a war memorial. It memorializes more than 18,000 South Carolinians who died in the war between the states. The flag was placed in its current location by the state legislature in 1962 in honor of the centennial of the war. Because no other war in the history of South Carolina claimed so many lives — including those of soldiers, sailors, Marines, civilians, the young, old, rich, poor, black and white — leaders decided that flying a flag representing the war would be an appropriate act. They did so out of respect for their state's dead citizens, not as an act of hatred.

Ironically, Martin Luther King Jr. — whom the 46,000 protesters were supposedly honoring one week ago Monday — never once called for the abolition of Confederate symbols.

He never registered any objection to his own Georgian flag, which has included the Confederate battle flag in its own state banner since 1956. As a powerful public speaker with a firm understanding of symbolism, King certainly would have utilized the symbolism of his native state's banner had he viewed it as a symbol of racism, oppression, white supremacy, the Ku Klux Klan or defiance to desegregation.

It seems King understood the rich symbolism embraced by the Confederate flag. It represented the courage and bravery of states-rights advocates trying to protect themselves from a huge, menacing federal government, fighting to uphold what they saw as the law as set forth by the Constitution. It wasn't until more than 100 years later, when ignorant people used the flag as a symbol of hatred and bigotry, that it lost its purity. But the flag does not have to remain a symbol of hatred. The closer we come to understanding its true intention, the closer we come to being able to appreciate its true value.

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Online sales tax is unneeded, would hinder electronic business

As e-commerce sales are expected to triple this year, a growing political movement involving the implementation of an online sales tax has the potential for undermining the success of e-business. Now, most online businesses do not include a sales tax on any purchases from their sites.

This same practice has been going on for years in the catalog and televised shopping club domains. However, the escalating spotlight e-commerce has been receiving these past few months

has apparently made it a target for this congressional crusade. Recently this movement has even gained the support of Texas senators Phil Gramm and Kay Bailey Hutchison, who both argue that an online sales tax would keep so-called "brick and mortar" businesses from having to unfairly compete with their digital competitors.

However, a Gallup Poll from last September of a thousand Internet users indicated that almost three-quarters of those polled were not in favor of an Internet sales tax, with only 14 percent in favor.

Despite the fact that one can pretty much find anything for sale online, be it pizza to new cars, there are still some things that the average consumer most likely will not purchase online.

For example, if a television goes bad in a busy household, the family involved will most likely buy a

new television from a real-world department store, as opposed to ordering it online and having to wait several days for the order to be processed and shipped to them.

Also, shipping on such an item may very well exceed the sales tax cost found when buying the item in a regular store. In fact, contrary to popular belief, e-businesses actually spend as much time gathering shipping and handling costs as regular businesses do with sales taxes.

If we take away the shiny bells and whistles of this matter, we are simply left with a demand for another tax during a time when many Americans are calling for a reduction in taxes and tax rates in general. E-commerce will not hinder traditional retail businesses the way politicians would like you to believe. In all actuality, taxing e-commerce sales would hinder the

growth of this new electronic industry before it even is given a chance to fully develop.

For many consumer items, there is a clear-cut price advantage to purchasing the products online (mainly books and small electronic goods). However, according to NFO Research Inc., a whopping 75 percent of consumers have yet to use their computers to buy electronic goods. If anything, until that number substantially lowers, it would be manifestly ridiculous to create an online tax.

Then again, the state of Texas claims that it lost over \$300 million last year in tax revenue because of untaxed online sales. From the state's point of view, it looks at that \$300 million as a sizeable loss. From a consumer's point of view though, it should be viewed as a gain because that is money that we really saved.

Besides, returning to the Texas government's standpoint, if there is a state online sales tax imposed across the country, the state of Texas, as well as many other states, would face losing even more considering that many e-businesses are located in California.

As previously mentioned, mail-order catalogs and televised shopping clubs, as well as infomercials, have been untaxed since their inception. It honestly seems unjustifiable to single out online sales for taxation simply because it is the proverbial new kid on the block on the commercial front.

Nonetheless, it is our freedom as consumers to find the best prices on goods no matter where they are located. Since many e-businesses do not have the high overhead costs that are found in "brick and mortar" stores, they will typically have lower prices on goods. On the

other hand, not every consumer is swayed by the promise of lower prices, as evidenced by the fact that we do not see mobs of cars rushing to a gas station advertising lower gas rates than its competitors.

Therefore, the argument that e-commerce must be taxed to keep the "brick and mortar" businesses from going out of business is essentially a weak attempt by the government to impose another unneeded tax on the citizens of this country, all the while regulating the Internet. If one will recall, several great wars have been spurred by unwarranted taxation, so who is to say that we may not see another for the same reason in the near future, albeit on a digital front?

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Commentary



ROBERT DAVIS

Hopping on saddle, heading West to friendly Cowtown don't make no lost cause

A few weeks ago, I walked into my old high school newspaper room in cowboy boots and a Stetson. I drew in a breath and shouted in my best imitation Texas accent, "Howdy, y'all!"

By the way they all looked at me, I could have been a sticky green blob with five eyes. But I knew what my friends were thinking. I was a lower life form: a hick, a redneck, a hillbilly.

What they didn't know is that I've been a hick for a long time.

I went to high school right outside Washington, D.C., in the northern Virginia suburbs, and the moment I mentioned TCU to my career counselor, I think she subconsciously shuddered.

My school prided itself on the large amount of students who went on to the big name, Ivy League schools. Princeton. Yale. Harvard. It is a place where 90 percent of the student body go on to college and where kids are presented with Volkswagen Beetles on their birthdays. But many students drowned in the constant competitive nature of school. The want, or rather the need, to do anything for an A was over-

whelming. The Washington metro mantra: "Kill or be killed" reverberated in every classroom.

Teachers raised their eyebrows and students snickered when I expressed my excitement about getting into TCU. For my friends, they didn't understand why I wanted to go to "hick country." I asked how many of them had actually been across the Mississippi River.

None. (Excluding the ones who flew to Aspen or Vail for skiing trips.)

How many of them had been to Texas? None. Their lack of knowledge didn't matter. They still saw me as a lost cause. I was throwing away my chances at a "good" school, an

Eastern school. And what was worse to them, I didn't care.

I don't know what told me to go West. I had to get away from the perpetual rush that saturates the East Coast. Everything out here moves at a slower pace, except for the driving. I've never been to a place where people smile and say hello on the street to people they've never met and probably will never meet again. I'm still baffled by men that open doors for women. Pumping the radio up in my car, singing along to Trisha Yearwood, always got me strange looks before.

And then there is the Texas land and sky. When the sun droops in the West and makes the clouds burst into fire, expanding into ranges and

depth of orange, red and pink that can only challenge the imagination, I have to stop and take a breath. Why does a pick-up truck, a sleeping bag and a couple dogs sound better than a Mercedes, a studio apartment and political celebrities? Every time I think about these things, I can't help but smile. For the first time in my life, I feel like I've made all the right choices.

When I went back to visit my friends for winter break, they didn't seem to recognize me. They saw a hick. A country bumpkin. They were unwilling to accept that I loved my college and Texas. And I finally decided that was OK. I wasn't like them in many ways anymore. I love open plains and friend-

ly people. I suppose I am what they call a "hick."

Just because I've moved to Texas, doesn't mean I have to trade in my Cosmo for Southern Living. I'll admit to buying cowboy attire and adopting "y'all" into my personal vocabulary, but I won't be bleaching my hair blond anytime soon. I will continue to explain TCU's acronym back in Washington, and I'll deal with the looks people give me. But my heart lit out for the territories a long time ago, and there ain't no going back now.

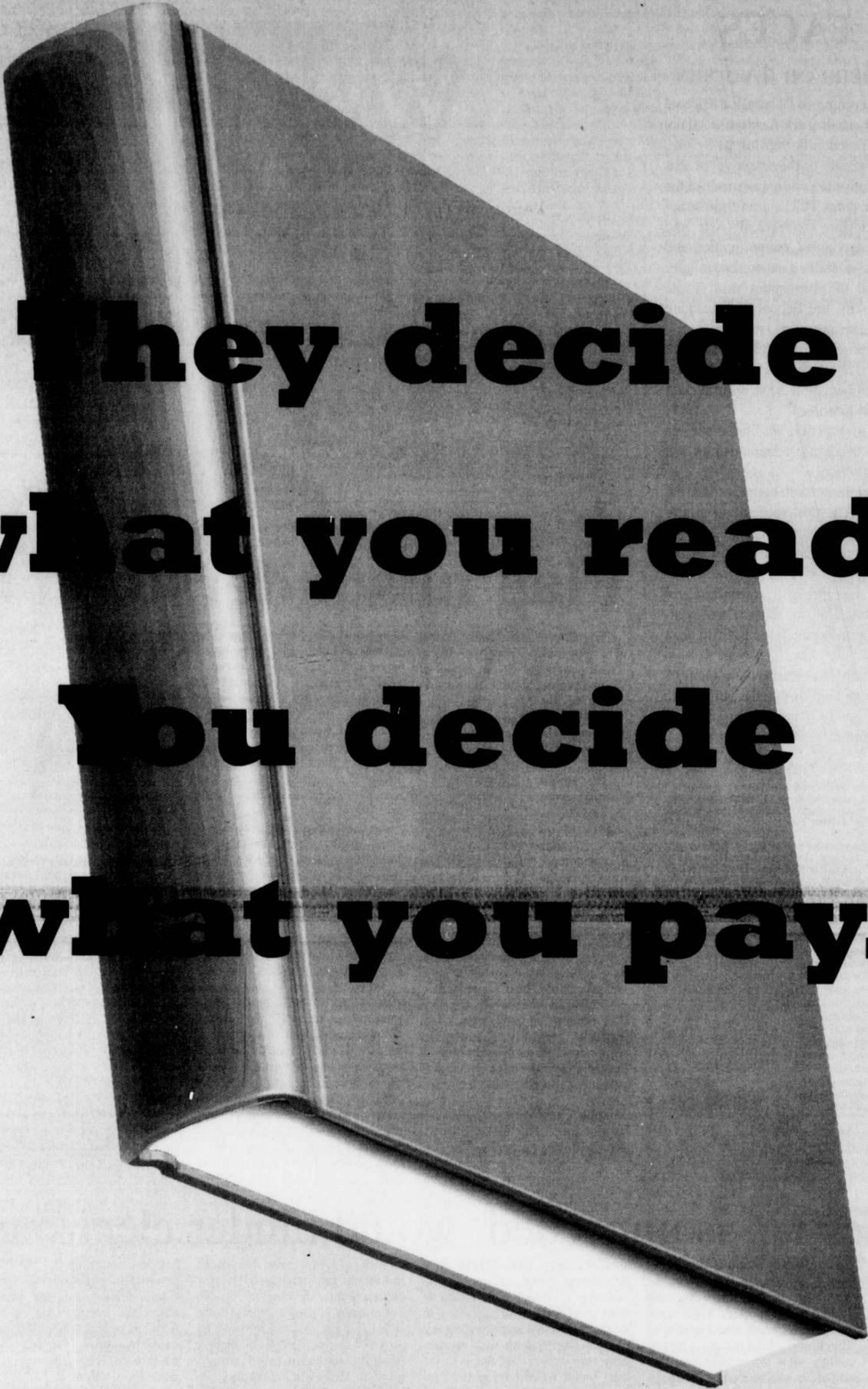
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MORGENSTERN

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help me with it. He took some extra time for his students."

Morgenstern was also actively involved with student organizations.

"He worked with the student computer science organization and the regional computer science program contests," Hall said. "He was really dedicated to the students."

Along with his job in the computer science department, Morgenstern also worked part time for other businesses and departments. Dennis Shingleton, director of laboratories at the University of North Texas Health Science Center, worked with Morgenstern and said he remembers his integrity.

"Craig did some contract work with us, databases and computer programs," Shingleton said. "His greatest contribution was his insight and his moral navigation.

Certain people can set a course. We could call him in, day and night, on weekends, and he would assist us. He was extremely dedicated to the part-time job he had with us."

Morgenstern did find time to have fun during his busy schedule. He took up swimming in his spare time.

"He went after swimming with a vengeance," Nute said. "He was probably in the best shape of any professor in the department. He swam a couple of hours in the morning, couple of hours in the evening."

Nute said Morgenstern also liked going to Deep Ellum in Dallas to enjoy the social scene. Nute said they went out so much to an establishment called the Stark Club that they were put on the permanent guest list.

Staff reporter Kathryn Garcia contributed to this report.

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broken, no theft from the cars was reported, TCU police officers said.

Sergeant JC Drake said continued efforts from students to implement car safety procedures will help prevent reoccurrence.

"If someone wants to break into a car badly enough, they are going

to find a way in," he said. "All we can do is advise the students to make it less cost effective."

Anyone with information about the vandalism can contact TCU police at 257-7777. Information can also be submitted anonymously online at (www.cap.tcu.edu/Anonymously.html).

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WEB SITE

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new Web site will be the primary way people see the institution.

"The site gives everyone,

including present students, prospective students, alumni and all faculty and staff, an easier understanding of everything at TCU," he said.

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Frog Camp Facilitator
Frog Camp Facilitators lead small groups of 10-15 incoming students through group building activities, social events and TCU spirit sessions. Camp dates range from mid June to early September. Selection Process: The selection process includes a written application, recommendations, a group processing activity and an individual interview.

Leadership Council
Students serve as a steering committee for the TCU Leadership Center and its various programs. Students need to have been involved with the Leadership Center in some capacity, through CLP, PRISM or Forum. Selection Process: The selection process includes a written application (with resume), recommendations and individual interview.

Chancellor's Leadership Program Mentor
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ON campus

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■ **Bible Churches, 921-5200**
This ministry occurs through the resources and programs of McKinney Memorial Bible Church, 3901 S. Hulen St. Coordinator: Gordon Blocker

■ **Christian Science, 257-7830**
The Christian Science Organization meets at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays in the Student Center. Adviser: Sydney Howell

■ **Disciples of Christ, 257-7830 and 926-6631**
Disciple Student Fellowship meets in the University Christian Church throughout the week. Its main meetings are at 5:15 p.m. Thursdays in the University Christian Church.

■ **Episcopal Church, 257-7830 and 732-1439**
Known as Canterbury, the ministry meets 5:30 p.m. Thursdays in the Student Center. Pastoral support and direction: Fr. Jonathon Ogujiofor

■ **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, 257-7830 and 732-1439**
The Lutheran Student Ministry meets at 5:30 p.m. Sundays at the Wesley Foundation. Adviser: Rev. Celene Welch

■ **Presbyterian Church (USA), 257-7830**
The Presbyterian Student Fellowship meets Sundays in the Student Center, with student leadership and ties to the Student Strategy Team. Advisers: Jean Wolbridge and Jon Eidson

■ **Roman Catholic Church, 257-7830**
The TCU Catholic Community meets for Mass at 12:10 p.m. Fridays, and 7:30 p.m. Sundays in the Student Center. Mass is also held at 5 p.m. Thursdays before fellowship in the Faculty Center. Pastoral leadership: Fr. Charles Calabrese

■ **Southern Baptist Convention, 257-7830**
The Baptist Student Ministry holds "JUMPSTART" weekly at 7 p.m. Mondays in the Student Center. It also meets at 12:30 p.m. Thursdays in Harris Hall of University Baptist Church. BSM coordinates teams for Drama, Praise and Mission.

■ **United Methodist Church, 257-7830 and 924-4386**
Joy Singers, a dance group and many other opportunities occur at the regular meetings at 5:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Wesley Foundation. Director and Campus Minister: Rev. Brian Young

■ **University Jewish Association Yad B'Yad, 257-7830**
Programs are announced by mail and campus publicity. Burton Schwartz, Richard Allen and Roberta Corder

■ **Muslim Student Association, 257-7830**
Promoting unity among Muslims and friendly relations with others, educational and support programs for Muslim students are developed throughout the year. Adviser: Dr. Yushau Sodiq

Independent Christian Organizations

■ **Campus Crusade for Christ, 294-4386**
CRU meets at 9 p.m. Mondays in the Student Center Room 205 for prayer and worship. Parties, conferences and small groups mark this program. Coordinators: Scott and Stephanie Nannen

■ **Young Life, 926-5441**
Works with high school students. Participants meet at 8 p.m. Sundays in the Student Center for leadership training. Director: Mr. Richard Petty

■ **Fellowship of Christian Athletes, 257-5387**
Mark Tommerdahl

There are several other religious organizations on campus, including Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Beta Upsilon Chi (Christian fraternity), Chi Delta Mu (topical discussion luncheon sponsored by the religious studies department meeting at noon on Mondays in the Student Center), Eta Iota Sigma (Christian sorority) and Word of Truth Gospel Choir.



"Spirituality is different from religion, it is more of an individual's relationship with themselves and with a higher authority — the act of putting belief to work."

—Amanda Musterman,
a senior religion and sociology major.



HIGHER GROUND

Students acknowledge role of spirituality in daily life

When asked to explain religion, no two students could agree on the same definition. Students said that faith and spirituality are aspects of life, but there are too many other factors involved to create an acceptable answer.

Some students at TCU were reluctant to even speak about religion, because they felt their views were not mainstream enough to be acceptable. The only similarity between responses was that faith, and other aspects of religion, are what people decide for themselves and involve a personal commitment.

"It is the individual that makes religion a priority," said Mirian Spencer, a junior criminal justice and psychology major. "For some students, it is a major part of who they are so it impacts what they do and don't participate in."

Beliefs provide encouragement and offer escape from everyday stress, not to mention supplying opportunities for social activities, Spencer said.

Whether it is regarded as faith or religion, students said spirituality plays a large role in their lives.

"(Faith) helps to keep me focused, grounded and gives me a sense of purpose and guidance," said Chad Kingsbury, a junior math major.

Spirituality

Students said religion is a much broader, more complex concept than the set of beliefs or practices found in any single religious tradition. Amanda Musterman, a senior religion and sociology major, defined religion as a system of beliefs that provide ultimate meaning and order for a person's life.

"Spirituality is different from religion, it is more of an individual's relationship with themselves and with a higher authority — the act of putting belief to work," Musterman said.

Religion can be studied as a course to satisfy a three-hour UCR or followed as a way of life. Webster's Dictionary defines religion as a cause, principle or activity pursued with zeal of conscientious devotion.

For the most part, students establish their own definitions.

"Your faith, my faith, whatever it may be, is leading me in the direction that this is what I want to do with my life and this is where I want to go and this is what is getting me there," said John Kennedy, a junior computer science major.

"Organized religion is only good to an extent because it helps you with your belief and growth in your spirituality," Kingsbury said. "I know people who are religious but it means nothing if you don't have faith or spirituality in your life."

Religion on Campus

A number of religious groups have offices or contacts on campus through University Ministries. Located in the Student Center, UM links the religious groups on campus.

Uniting Campus Ministries, a student organization under University Ministries, sponsors numerous social activities and discussions during the year. Broomball at the Tandy Center and the annual retreat offer students a chance to meet new people while having fun.

TCU religious organizations include the Hillel, Muslim Student Association, Campus Crusade for Christ and Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

"We try to encourage students to be involved in the life of the campus," said John Butler, university minister. "Folks in the various ministries are also involved in the other ways of expressing community on campus."

University Ministries leaders promote faith and fellowship among students, sponsor community service projects and wor-

ship services, and provide pastoral care and counseling.

"We design programs to ask, 'What are my beliefs and how do they apply to everyday realities?'" Butler said.

Uniting Campus Ministries is an ecumenical organization that combines all the different parts of University Ministries.

The people who are going to be leaders and successful will not only understand who they are but can help other people across the various traditions, Butler said.

Many students want to be exposed to other beliefs and cultures in order to learn how to relate to others and how people can work together as human beings, said Yushau Sodiq, an associate professor of religion.

Despite its obvious affiliation with Christianity, the only religious requirement for TCU students is three hours within the religion department, ranging in course topics from understanding the Bible to understanding world religions.

"We have to take a religion course but it is a scientific study

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Story by Kristina Iodice and photos by Sarah Kirschberg

LOCAL churches

■ **McKinney Memorial Bible Church**
3901 S. Hulen St., 921-5200
Pastor Ken Horton

■ **St. Andrews Roman Catholic**
3717 Stadium Drive, 927-5382
Fr. Warren Murphy

■ **Trinity Episcopal Church**
3401 Bellaire Drive, 926-4631
Dr. Fred Barber

■ **Unity Church of Fort Worth**
901 Page Ave., 923-5705
Rev. Paul John Roach

■ **University Park Church**
1700 Rogers Road, 336-2687
Rev. Jeff Wickwire

■ **University Christian Church**
2720 S. University Drive, 926-6631
Dr. R. Scott Colglazier

■ **University Baptist Church**
2720 Wabash Ave., 926-3318
Dr. Mark Woods

■ **West Berry Church of Christ**
2701 W. Berry St., 926-7711
Pastor Paul Moses

■ **Second Church of Christ Scientist**
2112 Forest Park Blvd., 927-8619
(No Minister designated)

■ **St. Stephen Presbyterian Church**
2600 Merida Ave., 927-8411
Dr. William F. Galbraith

■ **University United Methodist Church**
2416 W. Berry St., 926-4626
Dr. J. W. Sellers

■ **Temple Beth-El**
207 W. Broadway Ave., 332-7141
Rabbi Ralph Mecklenburger

■ **Ahavath Shalom**
4050 S. Hulen St., 731-4721
Rabbi Alberto Zeilicovich

■ **Islamic Association of Tarrant County**
4801 Fletcher Ave., 737-8104
Imaam Mujahid Backach

■ **Masjid Hassan Al-Islam**
1201 E. Allen Ave., 923-0518
Imaam Hatim Hamidullah

■ **Lao Buddhist Community of Fort Worth**
3000 Kimbo Road, 831-1415

■ **Baha'i Faith**
723 E. Border St., 275-8222

■ **Society of Friends (Quakers)**
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2750 W. Lowden St., 921-7288
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'Beauty,' HBO were golden at ceremony

By David Reese
STAFF REVIEWER

The Beverly Hilton Hotel was Sunday's site for the Hollywood Foreign Press Association's 57th annual Golden Globe awards recognizing the best in film and television. The Globes are nationally aired on NBC and are usually seen as the precursor to the Academy Awards (Oscars). The Golden Globes are quite unique compared to other award shows, not only because they award television and film but more so because the categories are broken down into two distinct sections, drama and/or comedy/musical.

American Beauty was honored as the Best Motion Picture Drama at Sunday's event beating out stiff competition by *The End of the Affair*, *The Hurricane*, *The Insider* and *The Talented Mr. Ripley*. *Beauty's* director, Sam Mendes, was awarded the Best Directing honors while its screenwriter, Alan Ball, was given the Globe for Best Screenplay. The most difficult and exciting award of the night came in the category of Best Motion Picture Actor Drama where *The Insider's* Russell Crowe, *The Talented Mr. Ripley's* Matt Damon, *The Straight Story's*

Richard Farnsworth, *American Beauty's* Kevin Spacey and *The Hurricane's* Denzel Washington all vied for the Golden Globe which eventually was awarded to Washington. *Boys Don't Cry* star, Hilary Swank, was honored as Best Motion Picture Actress Drama. Swank is most notably remembered as the star of *The Next Karate Kid* and a recurring role for one season on *Beverly Hills, 90210*.

On the comedic side, *Toy Story 2* was selected as Best Motion Picture Comedy out of *Analyze This*, *Being John Malkovich*, *Man on the Moon* and *Notting Hill*. Janet McTeer's performance as an over-the-top Southern mother in *Tumbleweeds* was granted the Best Motion Picture Actress Comedy. Her competition included *An Ideal Husband's* Julianne Moore, *Notting Hill's* Julia Roberts, *The Muse's* Sharon Stone and *Election's* Reese Witherspoon.

Man on the Moon's Jim Carrey received the Best Motion Picture Actor Comedy for his performance as Andy Kaufman. Carrey on stage stated he was "the Tom Hanks of the Golden Globes," making a joking reference since he won the acting category last year

for *The Truman Show*. Carrey, much like McTeer, was against competition from *Analyze This's* Robert DeNiro, *An Ideal Husband's* Rupert Everett, *Notting Hill's* Hugh Grant and *Sweet and Lowdown's* Sean Penn.

The Best Motion Picture Supporting Actor went to mega star Tom Cruise for his performance as a sex guru in *Magnolia*. Cruise beat out *The Cider House Rules's* Michael Caine, *The Green Mile's* Michael Clarke Duncan, *The Talented Mr. Ripley's* Jude Law and Haley Joel Osment of *The Sixth Sense*. Best Motion Picture Supporting Actress went to *Girl, Interrupted's* Angelina Jolie, who stars as a mental patient. Jolie beat out *Being John Malkovich's* Cameron Diaz and Catherine Keener, *Sweet and Lowdown's* Samantha Morton, *Anywhere But Here's* Natalie Portman and Chloe Sevigny of *Boys Don't Cry*.

While the Golden Globes are highly respected for their film awards, many times the winners of the television awards are looked down upon. The Hollywood Foreign Press tends to go out on a ledge and select television series that are more hip than the annual

Emmy awards recognizing television. HBO was the big winner with the Best Television Series Comedy, *Sex & The City*, and Best Television Series Drama, *The Sopranos*. James Gandolfini and Edie Falco each received the Best Television Series Drama Actor and Actress. Retiring star of *Spin City*, Michael J. Fox, and *Sex & the City's* Sarah Jessica Parker were awarded with the Best Television Series Comedy Actor and Actress. *Introducing Dorothy Dandridge's* emotional Halle Berry was selected as the Best Television Miniseries Actress, while *Inherit the Wind's* Jack Lemmon was her counterpart defeating himself for another role in *Tuesdays with Morrie*.

American Beauty received a total of 3 awards and is now the leading contender for the Academy Awards, whose nominations will be announced Feb. 15, and the award ceremony will be held in late March. Look forward to nominations and possible wins for Denzel Washington, Hilary Swank, Tom Cruise and many other Golden Globe winners.

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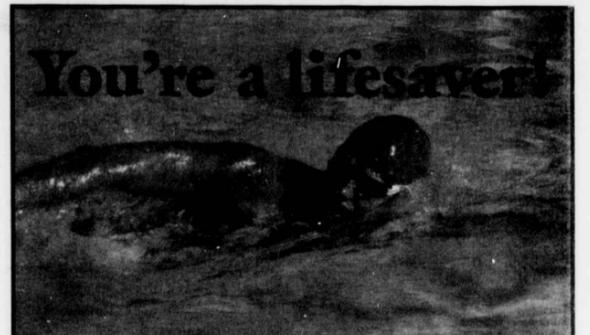
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TCU's Y2K BUG A-OK

Technology officials: PeopleSoft amply prepared university for computer changeover

By Yonina Robinson
STAFF REPORTER

On Dec. 31, while other schools and businesses were frantically trying to get their computer systems up and running before the Y2K scare, the TCU technology staff was with friends and family ringing in the new year.

"After Christmas, I was concerned with things not computer-related at all," said Dave Edmondson, assistant provost for Information Services.

Edmondson said the Registrar's office, which was the last office to have the new Y2K-compliant PeopleSoft installed, was up by May 1999.

"If there were a problem, we would have known it well in advance," he said.

Edmondson said administrators would rather not say how much they spent installing

PeopleSoft. The university did spend several million dollars, he added.

He said they had a lot of problems with installing PeopleSoft but tested all of the machines trying to locate any potential problems before the year ended.

In case there were any problem, technology officials were prepared.

"We all scheduled to come in at 10 a.m. on New Year's Day to see if we needed to do anything," said Josh Harmon, TCU server administrator. "It looks like we didn't."

Chuck Miller, M.J. Neeley School of Business technical support coordinator, said the business school did not experience any Y2K-related problems.

Any potential problems had to be handled at the TCU Help Desk, he added.

Harmon said officials did not have a

response plan at the main computer in Sid Richardson, nor did they have a particular command center.

They began watching TV at 4 p.m. on New Year's Eve as New Zealand celebrated the new year to see if anything went wrong and if they would need to do anything, Harmon said.

Edmondson said the original Y2K problem was the result of computers running software from the 1970s and '80s. Originally, computer storage was expensive, so storage of dates was cut, he said. Everyone saved the dates as 19 _ _ _ _ so the date calculation would not work in 2000, Edmondson added.

"Peoplesoft saved us," Edmondson said. "We replace our hardware every 2 to 3 years."

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TI sees profits, sales climb at end of fiscal 1999

ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS — Texas Instruments Inc. said Monday that its fourth-quarter profits rose 69 percent due to strong demand for cellular phones and other devices that use its computer chips.

The Dallas-based company said operating profit rose to \$564 million, or 51 cents a share, from \$335 million, or 31 cents a share, in the same period of 1998.

That beat Wall Street's expectations. Analysts surveyed by First Call/Thomson Financial had expected profit of 47 cents a share.

The company said after removing costs from two recent acquisitions, amortization and a tax benefit for research, operating profits rose to \$538 million, 49 cents a share, from \$323 million, or 30 cents, in the year-ago period.

Sales were \$2.55 billion, a 26 percent increase from the prior year.

For fiscal 1999, TI said pro forma net income more than doubled from \$765 million, or 93 cents a share, to more than \$1.5 billion, or \$1.83 a share. Revenue rose 10 percent, from \$8.6 billion to nearly \$9.5 billion.

Chairman and chief executive

Tom Engibous called 1999 "a breakthrough year for growth and profitability at TI." He said each of the company's divisions hit record operating margins.

Engibous said TI gained market share in semiconductors, digital signal processors, or DSPs, and analog chips. DSPs drive many communications devices, from cellular phones to high-speed modems for Internet access.

The company said it expects its semiconductor growth to continue this year — strong enough to buck the traditional early-year slump. In addition to cell phones and other

wireless communications devices, TI said it was looking to benefit from strong growth in applications for high-speed Internet access, including Internet audio, digital cameras and digital speakers.

TI said it will increase capital expenditures more than 40 percent, to \$2 billion. Research and development is expected to increase from \$1.3 billion to \$1.5 billion, the company said.

In trading Monday, before the announcement of earnings, Texas Instruments shares fell \$1.12 1/2 to \$110 on the New York Stock Exchange.

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Chechens continue to battle for Grozny

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GROZNY, Russia — Russian troops and Chechen rebels struggled Monday for control over several Grozny neighborhoods, while militants attacked federal forces in two regions south of the capital. Skirmishes flared all along Grozny's perimeter, the Interfax news agency reported. The heaviest fighting was reported in the district around Minutka Square in central Grozny, which rebels control. The square leads to a strategic bridge over the Sunzha River, which the Russians seized last week.

Russian troops sent salvo after salvo of shells screaming into Chechen-held parts of the capital, while troops fanned out across Russian-controlled neighborhoods to check for hidden snipers and arms caches.

Federal troops backed by three Mi-26 helicopters drove into a central district of Grozny on Sunday and dislodged rebels from a five-story building they had been using as a hideout, an officer who took part in the fighting said. The Russians, targeted by

snipers in nearby buildings, lost at least five men in the battle.

In some areas, Russian troops have been advancing building by building during the day only to retreat at night, when the rebels tend to stage ambushes.

With temperatures falling below minus 14, cold weather has also been taking a toll on Russian troops. Over the past two days, 35 soldiers from the village of Staraya Sunzha, just outside Grozny, have been hospitalized with frostbite and colds.

Soldiers have complained of poor coordination between the Defense Ministry and Interior Ministry troops. Sgt. Grigory Merenkov, an Interior Ministry officer, said his seven-man unit was caught in a rebel ambush on Sunday night and asked for mortar support from the army to cover its escape. No artillery barrage followed.

"We asked again after 15 minutes," Merenkov said. "A voice asked if we really needed the support. And in five minutes, they pounded the ditch we were hiding in."



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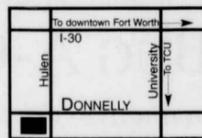


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Kansas City player faces paralysis after accident

LIBERTY, Mo. (AP) — Derrick Thomas, one of the most feared pass rushers in NFL history, has a broken neck and back and might never walk again.

The star linebacker of the Kansas City Chiefs has paralyzed legs following a car crash in which his friend was killed on an icy road.

Thomas has use of his arms and upper chest, and doctors hold out hope that he might fully recover. They said the 33-year-old player faces extensive rehabilitation and probably surgery.

"I don't think you can say anything right now," Dr. Jon Browne, the Chiefs' team physician, said Monday. "These type of injuries have a mind of their own and a treatment pattern of their own. They're all uniquely and individually different."

Thomas was being transferred from the Liberty Memorial Hospital to the Ryder Trauma Center at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami. Thomas was born in Miami and his mother lives there.

Friends and teammates came to the hospital Monday. Also visiting was Steve Palermo, a former American League umpire who was shot in 1991 and left partially paralyzed.

"Do not rule anything in," said Palermo, a Kansas City resident and friend of Thomas. "And do not rule anything out. He understands the gravity of it. But he's also very optimistic."

Pete Rose receives living legend award Monday night

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — With a standing ovation and a wisecrack for baseball, Pete Rose accepted the "living legend" award Monday night from the Philadelphia Sports Writers Association.

Rose, a member of the Phillies team that won the 1980 World Series, thanked the city's fans and media for their honesty and had a punchline for the sport that banned him for life following a gambling investigation in 1989.

"Allen Iverson didn't make the Olympic team. I've got that figured out," Rose said. "Baseball must have selected that team."

When a cell phone rang during Rose's brief acceptance speech a meeting between Rose attorney Roger Makley and baseball lawyer Bob DuPuy. Rose applied for reinstatement in 1997, but has received no formal response.

"All we want is a dialogue," Greene said.

Also among those honored at the association's 96th annual banquet were former NBA star Charles Barkley (career achievement), NBA scoring leader Iverson (pro athlete of the year) and golfer Jay Sigel (most courageous athlete.)

Al Groh named head coach of New York Jets

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. (AP) — Al Groh, a Bill Parcells pal for more than 30 years, replaced his former boss today as coach of the New York Jets.

Three weeks after Parcells resigned and Bill Belichick stunned the club by quitting a day after he took over, the Jets finally sorted out their coaching puzzle.

Groh, who grew up a few miles from the Jets' training camp at Hofstra, was reportedly given a five-year contract worth \$6 million by new owner Richard Johnson IV, who bought the Jets this month from the estate of Leon Hess for \$635 million.

Parcells, who turned the Jets into winners in his three seasons as coach, will remain with the club as head of football operations.

Lady Frogs defeat UTEP on road

By Danny Horne
STAFF REPORTER

The season for the TCU Lady Horned Frogs basketball team has been marred by the inability to win on the road, coaches said.

But Saturday night, the Lady Frogs came out shooting the ball and got their first road win with a 66-59 victory over the Miners.

Going into Saturday night's game against Texas-El Paso, the Lady Frogs were 0-5 on the opponent's home court. The only other game they won away from Daniel-Meyer Coliseum was in a neutral-site game against Kansas State in the Women's Sports Foundation Classic in Springfield, Mo.

TCU head coach Jeff Mittie

Team breaks road-losing streak with 66-59 win

said the team did not play as well as he would have liked, but he was pleased to get that first road win.

"We'll definitely take it," Mittie said. "We are a struggling basketball team, especially with our confidence, so it's good to get this win."

Junior guard Jill Sutton led by tying her season-high with 17 points, and freshman center Kim Walter reached double figures for the third consecutive game with 15 points.

"Jill played a very strong game, and Kim has been playing big

recently," Mittie said. "We feel like (Walter) will be a real consistent part of our offense."

Mittie said he had been concerned with the Lady Frogs' emphasis on the outside shot. They seemed to have found the consistent inside threat in Walter to complement their outside shooting, he added.

TCU shot 14 for 28 from the field in the first half, including four for eight from three-point range and led 38-26 at the break.

TCU stretched the lead to 15 points at 48-33 early in the second half.

knockout blow offensively, Mittie said.

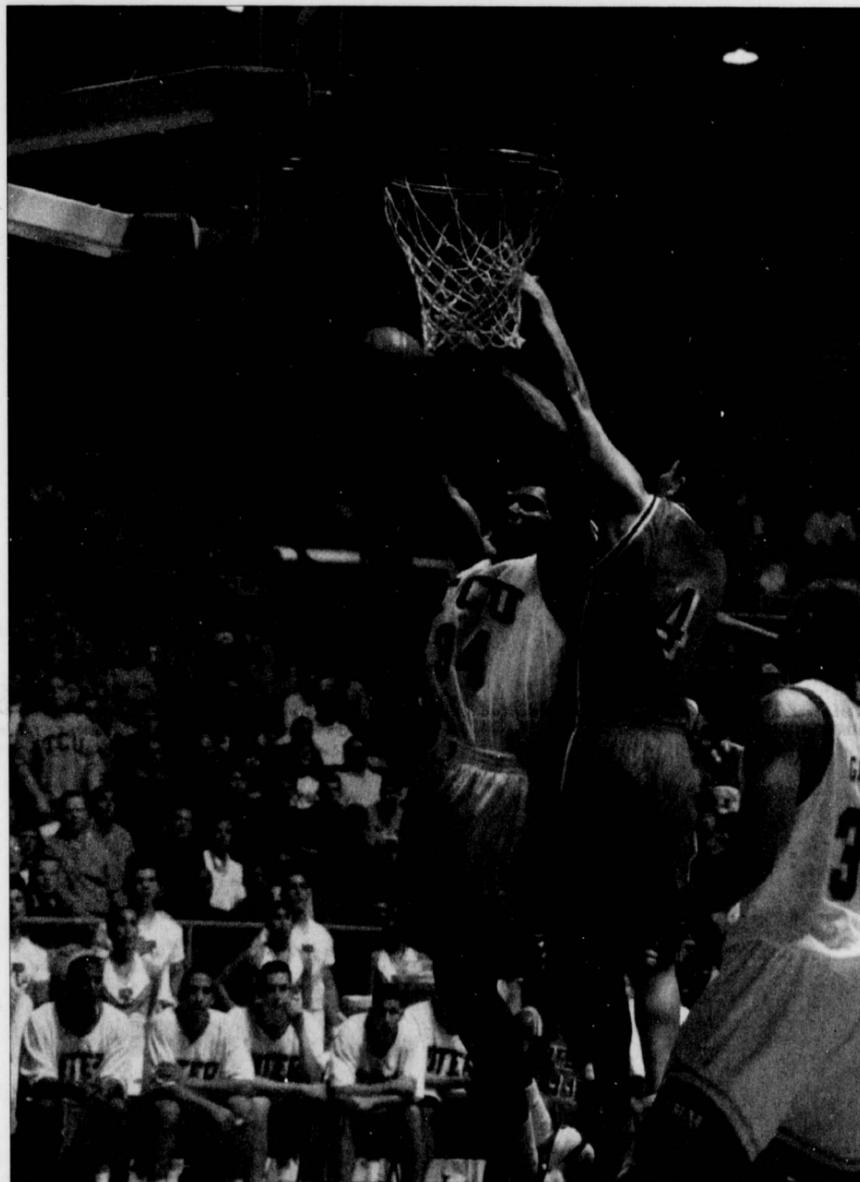
Freshman Amy Pack lead the way for UTEP with 24 points and 10 rebounds. She was their only player who scored in double digits.

Also reaching double figures in scoring for TCU were junior Diamond Jackson with 14 points and junior Janice Thomas with 11 points.

The Lady Frogs, who are 11-9 and 2-3 in WAC play, take on cross-town rival Southern Methodist University (11-5, 4-0) Saturday in Dallas.

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Freshman forward Bingo Merriex (34) has his shot blocked by UT-El Paso guard Jarvis Mullahon (4) in Saturday's 80-79 win over the Miners. The Frogs return to action Saturday against Southern Methodist University at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

John Shaw/SKIFF STAFF

Free throws key to men's victory against Miners

Tubbs concentrates on shots, leads to close win over UTEP Miners

By Matt Stiver
ASSISTANT CAMPUS EDITOR

Following his team's 119-74 exhibition victory over MBK-Odessa Ukraine on Dec. 6, TCU men's basketball coach Billy Tubbs focused on free-throw shooting as an area that would play an important role as the season played out.

"I think we missed about four (28-32), didn't we?" Tubbs joked after the game. "I've really been working hard with (the team) on their free throws. They really couldn't shoot a lick, and I've really emphasized that in practice and really worked with these guys."

The Frogs entered Saturday's contest against the University of Texas-El Paso shooting 77 percent, second-best in the nation this season and on-pace for a new TCU record.

Tubbs said the Frogs' 80-79 victory was important, coming off two straight conference losses. The win moves the Frogs to 11-10, 2-3 Western Athletic Conference.

"We needed a win, period," Tubbs said. "When you get in a slump like we were, you need any kind of win to get your confidence back."

With the Frogs leading 80-77 with 1:09 to play, junior forward Derrick Davenport (an 80 percent free-throw shooter) drew a foul

and went to the line for a one-and-one. Davenport, who had made his first two of the game, missed the front end of a one-and-one.

The Miners came up the floor looking to tie the game. When forward Brian Wolfram was fouled while converting a layup, he went to the free-throw line looking to tie the score at 80. Wolfram, an 87 percent shooter, clanged the game-tying shot off the front of the rim.

UTEP forward Ron Smallwood hauled in the rebound with 35 seconds left and allowed the Miners to hold the ball for a final, game-winning shot.

Tubbs said Davenport's missed free throw put UTEP in a position to win the game.

"We had an 80 percent free-throw shooter going to put us in that situation," Tubbs said. "We're a good free-throw shooting team. We missed some critical free throws that wouldn't have put us in that situation."

Junior guard Larry Allaway ensured that UTEP would not get another chance. Allaway broke up a pass intended for Wolfram with 12 seconds left in the game, preserving TCU's victory.

"I knew he was going to shoot it," Allaway said. "I wanted to stop him."

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Swim teams split wins at N.C. State

By Chris Gibson
STAFF REPORTER

The men's and women's swim teams split wins, defeating Old Dominion University and losing to North Carolina State University this weekend at N.C. State.

The men's team swam to a 90-48 win over Old Dominion but fell 91-46 to N.C. State. The women's team defeated Old Dominion with a score of 90-48, but lost to a strong Wolfpack team, 80-58. N.C. State showed that the home-field advantage does matter by beating TCU and Old Dominion men's and women's squads.

The men's team had some success taking the 200-yard backstroke and the 200-yard breaststroke. Freshman Aaron Ewert, the Western Athletic Conference Swimmer of the Week for the week ending Jan. 14, took the 200-yard backstroke with a time of 1:52.04.

The next event also placed a Horned Frog in the winners' circle as sophomore Scott Adkins won the 200-yard breaststroke with a time of 2:07.10. N.C. State (11-1) won 13 of the 16 events.

Diver Andy Johnson won the one and three-meter springboard events, but N.C. State's Matt Brando took control by winning the 200-yard

freestyle (1:39:89) and the 100-yard freestyle (45:69). Old Dominion lost for the first time this year, falling 7-2.

"Coming into the meet we really felt like we could challenge them," Sybesma said. "You have to give (N.C. State) their credit, they really swam well."

TCU took the top spot in the 200-yard medley relay event. The women also had wins in the 100-yard backstroke. Sophomore Marisa Schenke tied N.C. State's Annamaria Gazda with a time of 58:55. TCU freshman Melissa Powell took first in the 200-yard breaststroke (2:23:54). Schenke came through winning the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:10:25. The Frogs finished up the day by winning the 200-yard freestyle relay.

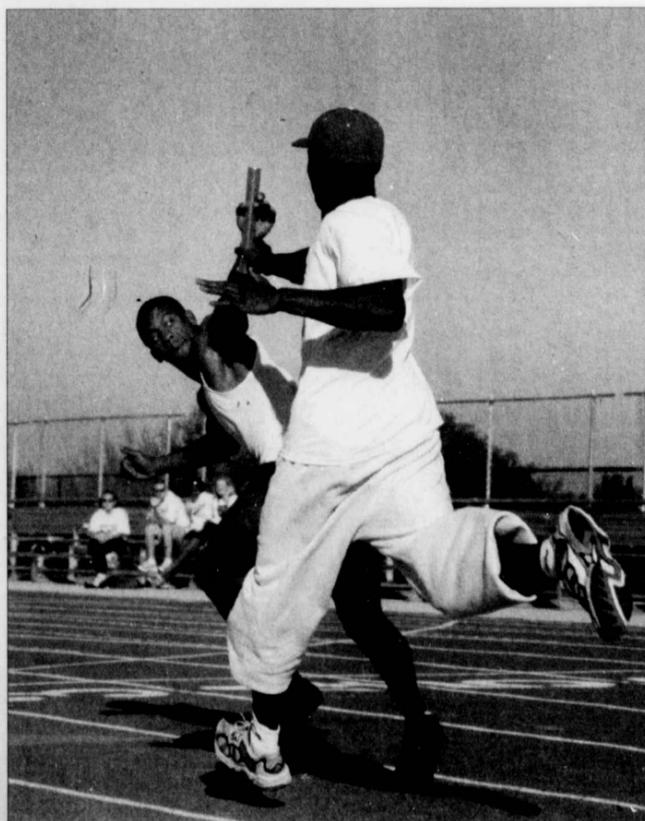
The TCU swim team returns to action on Friday when they will face conference rival at Southern Methodist University. Sybesma said his team is looking forward to the challenge.

"The program at SMU is at a level we're aspiring to be at," Sybesma said. "Our swimming, good or bad, can depend on any given day right now."

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Passing the torch



Sarah Kirschberg/PHOTO EDITOR

Track and field team members Kendrick Campbell, a junior criminal justice major, and Johnny L. Collins II, a senior psychology major, practice handoffs during practice last week. TCU track athletes won six events at Saturday afternoon's season-opening Oklahoma University Indoor Track Classic. Four of the winning events were men's, and two were women's. Newcomer Kim Collins, won the men's 60- and 200-meter dashes, while Heather Hanchak won the 400-meter dash. David Lagat and Gladys Keitany won the men's and women's 3,000-meter run, respectively.

HELP me, Harlan!

Stay out of roomy's business, her actions are her own choices to make

Dear Harlan,
My close friend (and now roomy) has been getting close to our guy friend that lives down the hall. She frequently comes home at three and sometimes four in the morning (with classes the next day).
Last evening, after a night of drinking, she confessed they had a passionate make-out session while intoxicated. This would be normal and expected if he didn't have a girlfriend for the past two years that he is currently involved with.
I normally don't put the blame on just one person in situations like this because it "takes two to tango," but she has done this with other friends of ours and cost the friendship with these guys because

of subsequent weirdness.
I think that she should stop stealing people's boyfriends in the building. How do I approach her with this and hope to keep the necessary friendship being that we're roomies?
Concerned
Dear Concerned:
It's not your boyfriend — yet. Her behavior isn't really your business.
The next time she comes in late or brings one of her guys up, ask her casually how she can do it. Listen to what she says, and take it from there. Let her know that it's affecting these other friendships, and leave it at that.
Of course it's wrong, but it's her choice, and she's going to do what makes her happy. If anything, this

should tell you a little bit about your new roomy.
Dear Harlan,
I'm currently dating two girls, and I think the time has come to choose one and form a relationship.
The problem is that I can't decide which one I want. One of the girls I was previously dating. The other one is someone with whom I feel I could possibly have a relationship. I am interested in them both, but I love the ex.
I'm pretty sure that no matter whom I choose I would be happy, but I'm unsure whom to choose.
Please give me some insight into this matter so that I can settle down and build a relationship.
Indecisive

Dear Indecisive:
I'm going to keep this short so not to make your stringing along of these girls last any longer. Choose one, and don't let the other get any more hurt. My insight is that it's wrong to play games with your ex if you're not serious about her.
If you find you can't build a relationship with either one of them, work on building a better relationship with yourself and leave the girls alone.
Harlan is not a licensed psychologist, therapist or physician, but he is a licensed driver. Write Help Me, Harlan! via e-mail at (harlan@helpmeharlan.com). All letters submitted become the property of the column.

TODAY'S menu

THE MAIN

Lunch	Dinner
Philly steak sandwich	Pecan chicken
Turkey & trimmings	Beef stir fry
Pepper crusted pork loin	Sizzlin' salads
Pasta bar	Taco bar

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Lunch	Dinner
Chicken quesadillas	"Totalli tortellini"
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Lunch
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Rudy



by Aaron Brown

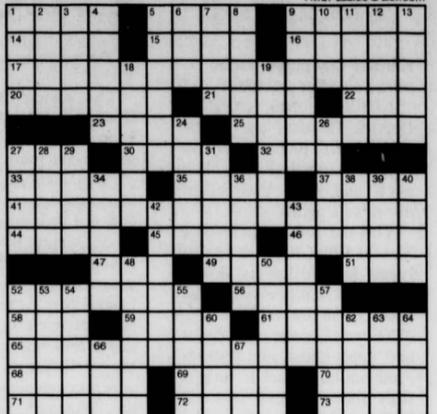
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