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Roses are being ordered, dinner reservations are being made and cards in red envelopes are being sent. Valentine's Day, the holiday devoted to lovers, is just around the corner.

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Committee names new Fine Arts dean

By Courtney Roach
STAFF REPORTER

The search committee for the newly formed College of Fine Arts named Scott Sullivan as the dean Thursday.

Sullivan, the dean of Fine and Professional Arts at Kent State University, said



Sullivan

Sullivan plans to leave Kent State, start in August

he will finish the semester there and probably begin his job as dean of TCU Fine Arts Aug. 1.

"The attractiveness of your fine arts program at TCU and the cultural strength of Fort Worth were an unbeatable combination," Sullivan said. "The cooperation and collaboration of TCU and area museums and performing centers offer tremendous possibilities. I would like to strengthen those

relations in order to offer students and faculty opportunities to learn through speakers and music programs."

Linda Guy, a professor of art, said she was favorably impressed with him when he gave his speech Feb. 3 as a candidate for the Fine Arts position.

"He brings a lot of energy and enthusiasm to the faculty members," Guy said. "They feel like

they can relate to him."

William H. Koehler, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, said Sullivan had tough competition but was a clear choice for the job.

"Scott has a breath of knowledge about the arts," Koehler said. "He understands studio art, 3-D art, printmaking, dance and performing arts. Not to mention he knows the arts communities in the

Dallas/Fort Worth area."

Kathryn Ellis, a senior radio-TV-film and theater major, said she was excited about Sullivan's arrival.

"I thought he had some brilliant ideas," she said. "I like that he wants to assemble a committee of students to see what our needs are."

Desiree Fultz, a junior theater major, said she also enjoyed

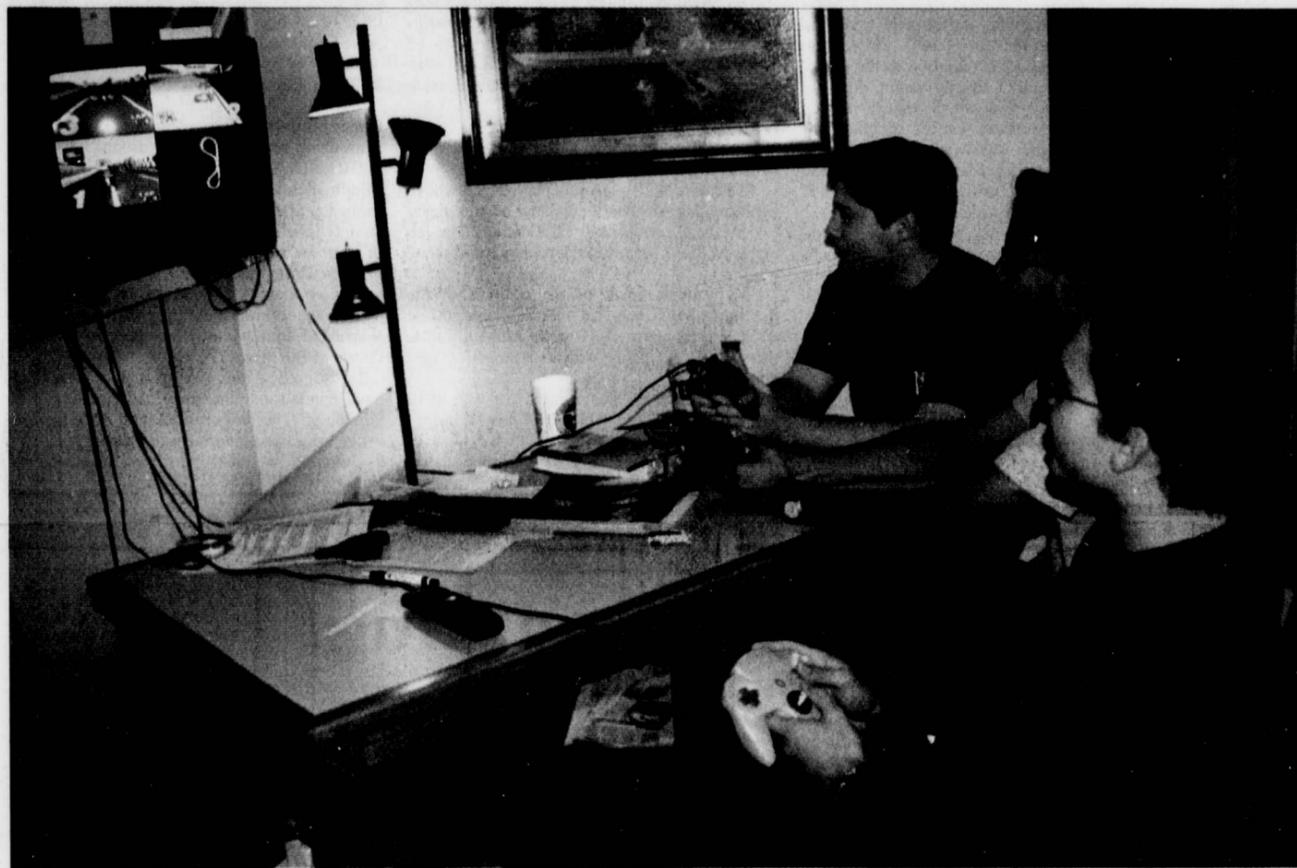
Sullivan's speech.

"I know some students have speculated whether his enthusiasm is real, but I think his enthusiasm is a positive thing," she said.

The interim dean of the College of Fine Arts and Communication, David Whillock, will begin his new job as interim dean of the College of Communication when Sullivan takes over.

"We'll be looking for a new dean of the College of

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Kenneth Williams, a senior business finance and economics major, Roberto Hernandez, a senior electrical engineering major, and Adam Crews, a senior electrical engineering major, play video games in their apartment.

Apartments provide off-campus feel

Students enjoy 'homely' life in Pete Wright complex

By Jeff Anderson
STAFF REPORTER

Emily Davis said her four-bedroom apartment makes off-campus living possible on campus.

Davis, a junior geology major, said she is one of many happy residents of the Tom Brown/Pete Wright Residential Community.

The first phase of Pete Wright opened in January 1999 and housed about 200 students. The remainder of the buildings opened in August, and the entire community now houses more than 300 students.

Melissa McLemore, a junior speech pathology major, said she enjoys living in Pete Wright because it is very convenient for getting to class and because of the good parking.

"It's nice to still be on campus but also have an apartment," McLemore said. "My parents were going to make me stay on campus, and then the apartments opened. This is the best bet for living on campus."

Brett Robertson, a sophomore pre-major, said he enjoys having his own bathroom.

"It's always clean," Robertson said.

Students also said they enjoy the community feel of the apartments.

Davis, who has lived in Pete Wright for one semester, said

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Hall association sponsors dance

Semi-formal dance provides alternative to fraternity, sorority formals

Valentine's Ball

Who: Residence Hall Association
What: Valentine's Ball
When: 8 p.m. Saturday
Where: Student Center Ballroom
Cost: \$5 per student
Dress: Semi-formal
Students can buy tickets at the Information Desk in the Student Center, from a hall council executive or at the door.

By Kathryn Garcia
STAFF REPORTER

TCU students stressing about what to do on Valentine's Day this year will have the opportunity to attend a Valentine's Ball at 8 p.m. Saturday in the Student Center Ballroom.

The newly-formed Residence Hall Association will sponsor the semi-formal ball. Tickets cost \$5 per student and can be purchased at the Information Desk in the Student Center, at the door or from a hall council executive, who are RHA members assigned to each

residence hall.

David Sinclair, a senior neuroscience major and president of RHA, said 250 tickets have been sold or distributed.

Daniel Bramlette, a junior radio-TV-film major, said the Valentine's Ball is an original concept he hopes will become a TCU tradition.

"It gives people the option to go to a dance if they are not in a fraternity or sorority," Bramlette said.

Sinclair said there will be a pianist performing classical music in the Student Center Lounge, and

Sodexo Marriot Food Service will have a variety of free food including cakes, cookies, punches and finger foods in the ballroom.

Sinclair said 10 years ago, the residence halls had a strong RHA, but over the years the commitment dissipated. Now the members are trying to re-establish that social group, he said.

"The purpose of RHA is to make residential life more fun and have a community for students that aren't in a sorority or frat," Sinclair said.

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John Horton, a senior biology major, buys tickets for the Valentine's dance this Saturday from Justin Lucero, a freshman international marketing major, at the Student Center Information Desk.

RELIGIOUS PRESENCE

Some say influence not obvious because 'that's the point'

By Jill McNeal
STAFF REPORTER

Trupti Desai, a junior biology major and a Hindu, is attending a university that in 1911 engraved the words "dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ in Christian education" onto Reed Hall.

Desai said she is comfortable being a religious minority at TCU. "Your religion is within you," Desai said. "This is what I believe. I don't try to force my religion on anyone else."

TCU has the same philosophy, said Jim Atwood, instructor in religion and assistant to the dean of

admissions.

"Authentic faith must rely on personal choice," Atwood said. "Here, freedom is the key."

The university has been affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) since its founding in 1873, but Atwood said the nature of the relationship between the two has changed since then.

Austin Dickson, a sophomore religion major and member of the Disciples church, said TCU does have some Disciples influences.

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Although the relationship between TCU and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has changed, their influence is felt on campus.

Program considers college status

Honors director says move would enhance credibility

By Priya Abraham
STAFF REPORTER

Converting the Honors Program to an honors college would enhance its credibility and efficiency, said the program's director, Kathryn McDorman.

"The most outstanding thing I've heard from people with honors colleges is that with increased visibility they can go after the high-end, high-achieving student," McDorman said.

She said by becoming part of the

structure of the university, an honors college could raise funds more easily. The honors college at Texas Tech University received \$5 million in gifts since its inception almost two years ago, she said.

McDorman said TCU's current program is sufficiently funded, but to grow and have more student outreach, more resources are needed.

Nowell Donovan, a professor of geology, said although an honors college would raise the status of the Honors Program, changing the university's core curriculum and discarding the program would be better.

"The sort of experience that we give to our honors students, which is

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Proposed features of a TCU honors college

■ Increasing enrollment from about 460 students to 600 or 700, with special attention to supervising the upper-level track and allowing colleges to have individual designs for arranging honors courses

■ Long-range goal of an honors residential college with a computer lab and library

■ Possibly providing monetary compensation to professors or their departments for graduate research, adjunct professors or conferences

PULSE

CAMPUS LINES

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■ **All English majors and minors** who wish to apply for membership in Sigma Tau Delta, the English honor society, are invited to pick up applications in Reed Hall, Room 314. The deadline is noon today.

■ **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 today.

■ **TCU Triangle and Student Allies** will have karaoke bowling Saturday. Meet at 9:30 p.m. in front of the Student Center, and bring \$10 for unlimited games and karaoke. For more information, call Jakobus Wolf at 923-9517.

■ **Mortar Board Honor Society** invites third-year students to apply for membership. Applications can be picked up in the Student Development Services Office in the Student Center, Room 220. Due date is Feb. 21.

■ **Register for Texas primaries.** The deadline is Monday, and primaries are March 14. You can register at any city hall.

■ **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 Tuesday.

■ **Why just read about the political conventions** or watch them on TV this summer when you can be there yourself, intern with a political organization or a news medium, and earn three hours of senior-level TCU credit? If you are interested in interning two weeks at either the Republican or Democratic conventions, e-mail Tommy Thomason at (t.thomason@tcu.edu).

■ **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 Trupti at 428-0754.

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NEWS ROUNDUP

WORLD

Shooting in high school parking lot injures three, students held inside building by police

TORONTO — Three people were injured Thursday when gunfire broke out in a high school parking lot, prompting police to hold the students inside the building.

One of the wounded was in serious condition following the violence at Emery Collegiate Institute in suburban Toronto, said police Constable Nick Doria. He was unable to confirm if the injured were students.

Police were still piecing together how the shooting occurred and details were sketchy. The shooting broke out as students finished the school day and were preparing to go home.

Video footage on CTV television showed one young male victim being wheeled into a local hospital.

An unknown number of students remained in the building Thursday evening, two hours after the shooting, said a woman who answered the telephone at the school. She did not provide more details.

Police sealed off the area around the school and were searching for two suspects, Doria said. He was unable to say whether the suspects were students at the school.

NATION

Hazardous levels of radiation endanger uranium plant workers in Kentucky, report states

WASHINGTON — A government report released Thursday confirmed what some workers at a federal uranium enrichment plant in Kentucky suspected for years: They were exposed to high levels of radiation on the job.

The Department of Energy report does not specify how many Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant workers developed cancer or other diseases. But it does acknowledge that workers came into contact with radioactive materials and hazardous chemicals between 1952 and 1990 at levels much higher than allowed today.

Those radiation levels usually were within industry and government standards for the period, though at least two times in 1968 workers were exposed to levels above even what was allowed then, said David Michaels, assistant secretary for environment, safety and health at DOE.

"I'm both angered and saddened," he said. "We certainly made some mistakes."

Michaels said it was impossible to know how much radiation workers were exposed to because the Paducah plant, which enriched uranium for nuclear weapons and non-military uses, operated in a "climate of secrecy."

"I've been suspicious ever since I worked there. Different guys were always getting

sick," said Al Puckett, a plant employee from 1952 to 1965.

Puckett is among workers who have filed lawsuits seeking compensation for radiation exposure.

The administration has proposed offering \$100,000 to each Paducah worker who developed cancer due to on-the-job exposure to radiation, although it is not known how many people might be covered. The administration has requested \$21.8 million from Congress for expanded medical monitoring, exposure assessments and accelerated cleanup at Paducah and uranium-processing plants in Piketon, Ohio, and Oak Ridge, Tenn.

The DOE investigation began in August after three employees sued, alleging former operators Lockheed Martin Corp. and Martin Marietta Corp. profited by lying about the extent of environmental pollution and worker exposure to radiation.

In the early 1950s, plant managers did not understand the dangers of radiation, the report said. But it did cite a letter from 1960 that showed plant officials were aware of the potential hazards of radioactive material. The document stated that 300 plant workers "should be checked out," but that management was hesitant to study the issue for fear the workers' union would demand hazard pay.

In addition, plant employees were exposed to "crude experiments" in the 1950s, in which they inhaled or ingested uranium compounds, according to the report. It said managers were trying to determine the efficiency of worker protection systems and the effects of exposure to radioactive materials.

"The record is unclear as to whether the personnel involved in the experiments were volunteers or informed participants," the report said.

The report also stated workers' families may have been exposed to radiation when the workers took contaminated clothing home to be laundered, and that there was significant contamination of the air, ground and water outside the plant.

Doctor states in trial that shots fired at West African man can be justified

ALBANY, N.Y. — Countering charges police kept shooting Amadou Diallo after he was down, two medical experts testified Thursday that the unarmed Bronx man stood throughout most of the gunfire.

"My primary view of the position of the deceased, Mr. Diallo, is that he's upright," a defense pathologist, Dr. Richard Mason, said at the trial of four police officers accused of murdering Diallo.

Defense attorneys also signaled they may try to discredit an eyewitness, Schrie Elliott, by bringing out her criminal record.

The medical testimony backed defense claims that the officers believed Diallo remained a threat the entire time it took to fire 41 bullets into his dimly lit doorway on Feb. 4, 1999. They say 19

bullets hit the West African immigrant in under 10 seconds after he refused orders to halt and pulled out a black object that turned out to be a wallet.

Prosecutors assert the gunfire took longer and, as some of Diallo's neighbors have testified, was interrupted by a pause. The pause could be used to argue the officers should have realized their mistake and ceased fire.

Sean Carroll, 36, Kenneth Boss, 28, Edward McMellon, 27, and Richard Murphy, 27, have pleaded innocent to second-degree murder charges. If convicted, they face a maximum sentence of 25 years to life in prison.

The trial was adjourned until Monday, when the officers are expected to begin taking the stand in their own defense.

After reviewing Diallo's autopsy, both Mason and Dr. Martin Fackler, a surgeon specializing in "wound ballistics," theorized that Diallo was standing and turning to face the officers when 15 bullets hit his left side.

Diallo then took a shot square in the chest that damaged his spine, the doctors said. His fall then was broken by a wall of the 5-by-7-foot vestibule where he died, they added.

The testimony conflicted with that of Dr. Joseph Cohen, the medical examiner who performed the autopsy. Cohen testified this week that the chest shot paralyzed Diallo "early on." He said the rest of the bullets must have struck Diallo as he was going down or flat on his back.

Earlier, the defense asked Justice Joseph Teresi to order prosecutors to turn over the rap sheet of Elliott. The judge agreed to let defense attorneys use the information to attack Elliott's credibility when she resumes testifying Monday.

Details of Elliott's past were not revealed in court. But records show that a 32-year-old woman using the names Schrie Elliott, Scherie Elliot and Denise Williams was arrested and convicted for possession and sale of drugs at least twice between 1990 and 1994, and has served time on Rikers Island and in state prison.

STATE

Seven students suspended after becoming ill from using anxiety-relieving drugs

GRANBURY — Officials at Meadows Middle School suspended seven students on Thursday after they allegedly took prescription anxiety-relieving drugs in school and became ill from the side effects.

Hood County authorities said the students, one of whom was hospitalized for observation, could face criminal charges. All seven were suspended amid claims of possession or distribution of the drugs.

Investigators said two teen-age boys may have handed out the drugs at the school in Granbury. The boys apparently brought the drugs from their homes, police said.

Granbury is about 35 miles southwest of Fort Worth.

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STAFF editorial

CIRCLE OF LIFE

Organ donations keep others alive

"You form a symbiotic circle. What happens to one of you will affect the other. You must see this."

Truth be told, this line originated in a motion picture. But its relevance transcends the bounds of a 70 mm reel of film. All carbon-based forms on planet Earth are inexplicably tied to each other. Even in death.

Organ donation has enabled the dead to give life to the living. We encourage all TCU students to become organ donors.

People will die today. Not enough of them will allow others to go on living.

According to statistics from United Network for Organ Sharing, one person who decides to become an organ donor can save up to 25 lives. Twenty-five people will live because one person had the vision to see beyond himself or herself to see that life does intertwine.

Urban legends exist about organ donation. They are wrong.

■ Myth: My family will be charged for donating my organs.

Fact: Donation costs nothing to the donor's family or estate.

■ Myth: Donation will mutilate my body.

Fact: Donated organs are removed surgically, in a routine operation similar to gallbladder or appendix removal. Donation doesn't disfigure the body or change the way it looks in a casket.

You may become an organ donor by informing your family or by indicating so on your driver's license. Something so simple it can be done in a matter of seconds. Something so simple it will pass the intrinsic gift of life to another.

As of Jan. 31, 2000, over 67,340 humans were waiting for an organ to save their lives. People will die today.

What will they do with their organs? Allow them to return into the symbiotic circle of life.

Affect someone else by giving him or her life.

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Who wants to get some perspective?

Get-rich-quick game shows are skewing our value of money and life

Lately, American television has seen the re-emergence of the game show in prime time viewing slots. Ushered in by the success of Regis Philbin's "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire," other shows such as Fox's "Greed" and, most recently, the deplorable, "Who Wants to Marry a Millionaire."

Commentary



MATTHEW COLGLAZIER

In an ironic twist, television has even brought back the '50s quiz show "21," which ended the prime time viewing of such shows with its first failure in the realms of question doctoring.

We cheer on these contestants weekly, and yet we are not asking the question: Why are we cheering such shows that feed the American public's fascination with what has variably been called the American

dream or, more specifically, the 'self-made man'?

We watch these shows because we love cheering on our fellow citizens. These are regular people, we can only guess, who have, through some fortune and minimal knowledge, been given the chance to win a new life.

But is winning a new life something to be cheered on? After all, isn't the American dream built upon earning a life? I'm not sure the networks fully understand the message they are propagating.

It's a message that money can buy happiness. That may or may not be true, but it's also a message that hard work, being a productive citizen, voting and earning an honest living are not enough. Here is where we run into problems.

Cheering for fellow citizens, our American brothers and sisters, is fine enough. It's keeping the notion of community alive in America. But why can't we cheer on more noble causes? Why must the American people tune in nightly to a game show to find community? Why must our dreams be based around greed?

These are the questions we should be asking every time we cheer the contestants on, or when we see their pictures on the cover of magazines. After winning a million dollars, however, these people are basically like you and me: fairly boring. Not that the typical American life is boring in itself, but it shouldn't warrant any kind of fame.

Its old Andy Warhol adage, "15 minutes of fame," for everyone in the future? Perhaps Warhol was being more literal than we expected. People are getting the chance to be famous.

It's as if answering 15 rather elementary questions could be considered an achievement. It worries me when even in my own classes, people will refer to things such as "lifelines," when stumped on a question, as if knowledge in higher education could be reduced to such elementary inquiries.

Perhaps we are simply repeating the past. After all, the economy was booming in the '50s, and so Americans had time to stuff themselves with get-rich-quick fantasies, as if there were enough wealth to

make everyone rich. However, we can't forget about the families on welfare who tune in every night and watch people, much like themselves, earn millions of dollars in a matter of minutes. How must this make them feel about Americans' priorities? Instead of using extra wealth to start social programs, we are using it to amuse ourselves and make more money for the media, which help propagate such messages.

The message lies within the show, but it's masked by the smiling faces, the high-dollar prizes and the stories of families who were able to start a new life thanks to good old Regis.

We are too well-equipped for social change to waste it on advertising profits and false idols. For Americans, the greatest of these idols is money. As regular citizens, we must make it a point to believe in the real American dream.

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Inject some romance in other holidays

Valentine's Day should not overshadow barbecues, football and fireworks

The shortest, coldest-in-more-ways-than-one month of the year now cloaks us. Yes, the gimpy of all months on our calendar, February.

Old Man Winter finally decides to get cranky and turn down the thermostat for us Americanos del Norte — with exceptions made to Texans.

Blah, I say, to the cold weather, a more prevalent evil takes place in February, and I'm not talking about honoring dishonorable presidents. I'm referring to a pagan holiday deemed by the greeting card industry as a life saver, if not a god-send — Valentine's Day.

I've decided to list a few holidays that are so keenly better than Valentine's Day just so that the public is aware that even on such holidays such as Boxing Day, a little bit o' romance can be thrown in.

Let's go in chronological order: Super Bowl Sunday: Technically, this isn't a holiday, but so what? If one can find a member of the opposite sex a.) (for guys) find a woman who loves football just as much as you do; b.) (for women) find a guy who could care less about the game, then good golly, you've got quite a find.

St. Patrick's Day (March 17). Aye, lads and lassies, t'is'ere dae, be from the mer'ry folks of Ireland. Green is mor're a romantic color than that shade o' red. Am' think about it, if one donnot wear green, they gets a wee pinch. O' an' let's not forget how swell a five pound chocolate shamrock is.

April Fool's Day (April 1). If you want to pull a good prank, this is the mother of all days to do it. Heck, use your prank to your advantage by asking someone out. I mean, a sense of humor livens relationships up, right?

May — Yet another holiday to which true

Americans mean remembering those that served in the armed forces with a big ol' four alarm barbecue. But where's the romance, you ask? Well, come on, you can't ask for romance every day of the year. Yeesh, you hopeless romantics ...

Independence Day (July 4). "Born in the USA ..." Um, well, since we're good Americans, the due course of this holiday is to become a pyromaniac for a day. What better a way to impress somebody with a bouquet of pyrotechnic genius, whether it be your own (I would not recommend this) or someone else's.

Most of the time it's better to find a spot and observe with someone. Makes great for a first date. The both of you can regress to the state of 4-year-olds and watch in awe of the emblazed sky.

Labor Day (the first Monday in September). Every hard-working person deserves a barbecue. If you failed to try the whole barbecue thing over Memorial Day, now's your chance.

All Hallow's Eve, a.k.a. Halloween (Oct. 31). Costumes. 'Nuff said.

Turkey Day (last Thursday in November). This one combines food and football, with, to add a little spice — family. Just think about all the things that can be done with food, football and family. The possibilities are endless.

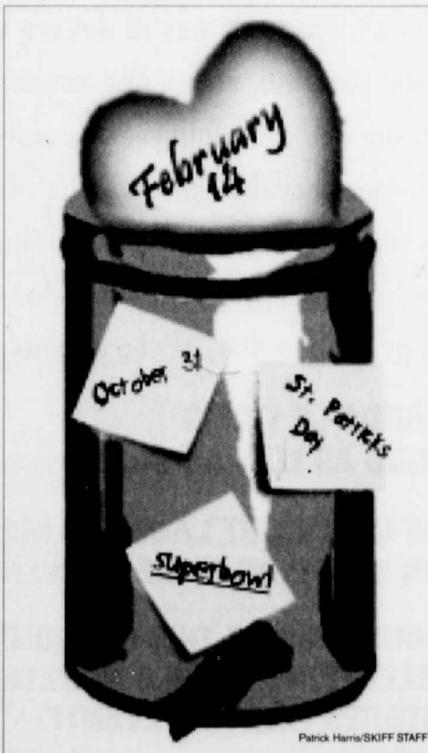
December ... let's face it. The entire month is just chock-full o' good stuff. You've got Hanukkah, Christmas, snow (depending on where you live) ... the crisp air ... and let's not forget, Boxing Day! I know what you're thinking. I'm attacking the institution of the romantics.

I'm a romantic myself. I'm assaulting the institution of Valentine's Day. For those who need an excuse to act on a whim of so-called, romantic things, I pity you.

Commentary



PATRICK HARRIS



Patrick Harris/SKIFF STAFF

Don't send cards, don't send chocolates ... there are plenty of other days out there to be spontaneous, recite sonnets, send a bushel of flowers and consume mass quantities of chocolates.

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QUOTE unquote

Quote/Unquote is a collection of quotes from Skiff news articles during the past week.

"I'm hoping to spend an intimate night together ... I don't mean intimate in a bad way."
— Jennifer Jost, sophomore English major, on her Valentine's Day plans.

"Students who want to know about it have to seek out the event, but it's not getting the amount of publicity it deserves."
— Katie Kirkpatrick, junior special education major, on the importance of celebrating Black History Month.

"I think Cupid should start using a 9 mm because he shoots me in the heart every Valentine's Day."
— Brad Biggs, sophomore biology major, on his views on Valentine's Day

LETTER to the editor

Don't consider priesthood as glass ceiling to be broken

I am writing in response to David Becker's well-intended criticism of the Episcopal bishop of Fort Worth and his position on the ordination of women to the priesthood.

Contrary to the common misinterpretation of the situation, the bishop makes no judgment as to the capability of women to minister, preach or play vital roles in the life of the church. In fact, he strongly encourages women to assume various leadership roles and is rarely seen without a female deacon assisting him.

The issue is not about the inferiority of women, but about maintaining the sanctity of the sacraments.

The bishop chooses not to ordain women as priests because he believes, in accordance with Catholic tradition, that during communion, the priest repre-

sents the figure of Christ. We cannot presume why God chose a male form for the incarnation, but we acknowledge (the fact) that he did as important. The celebration of the Eucharist is the only role a woman is disallowed from, and it requires no special talent or ability.

I read no belittlement of women in this theology, and as a woman in this diocese, my voice has not been silenced, and I have not been prevented from ministry.

Criticizing this issue outside the context of Catholic tradition is counterproductive to understanding and church unity. The priesthood as we understand it is not just another glass ceiling to be broken, but an institution traced back to Christ himself which will not be imposed upon by sociological studies or secular political activism.

Sheryl Yeomans senior studio art major

DISCIPLES

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"A Disciples value is that men and women are equal," Dickson said. "TCU was the first university west of the Mississippi River to admit women for higher education. Disciples are open and affirming to other viewpoints, and we are not dogmatic. The influence isn't that obvious because that's the point."

In its early years, TCU relied heavily on the financial support of the church and was governed by a Board of Trustees composed completely of members of the church.

Currently, TCU bylaws state that between one-sixth and one-half of the members of the board will be Disciples of Christ members. In 1999, 13 of the 50 members (26 percent) held membership in a Disciples congregation. Trustees have traditionally included the minister of University Christian Church and the church's Southwest regional minister.

In 1998, Chancellor Michael Ferrari was inaugurated as the first president or chancellor of TCU who was not an ordained Disciples minister.

"He's not a Disciple, and I don't think I care anymore," said Ronald Flowers, professor of religion. "He understands what a church-related education should be."

Tim Matthews, a senior math major, said the church does not have much of an impact on TCU.

"I couldn't say that I see much of an influence from the Disciples church," Matthews said. "There are a number of Christian values at TCU, but it is not dominated by any denomination in particular."

Flowers said the church's view of learning has had the greatest impact on TCU.

"The fact that religion is viewed here as intellectual and respectable, I think, has

contributed amazingly to what this university is today," Flowers said.

The tone of the TCU campus, said David Murph, director of church relations, is tolerance of a variety of beliefs.

"I think the open climate at this school relates strongly to the ecumenical background of the Disciples," Murph said.

Flowers said the Disciples of Christ church was founded as a movement of Christian unity.

"My hunch is that the general student at TCU is not aware of any influence from the Disciples of Christ church at all," Flowers said.

While money from the church itself now makes up less than one percent of TCU's annual operating budget, Murph said that individual members of the Christian church contribute a large amount of money to the university every year.

"Many Christian church congregations regularly give money to TCU as part of their budget," Murph said. "They still see it as their church school."

TCU offers scholarships for members of the Christian church, Flowers said, in order to keep in touch with its heritage.

"I think a lot of Disciples students come here with the purpose of becoming Disciples of Christ ministers," Flowers said. "I think we give back to the church to the extent that we help prepare young people to become Disciples ministers and ministers in other denominations."

"Our continuing relationship with the church reminds us who we are and who we need to be as a university," Flowers said. "TCU was born in a religious tradition that values the individual, values reasoning and education and is tolerant of other viewpoints."

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DANCE

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Lyndi Conrad, a freshman radio-TV-film major and RHA vice president, said a big event was the best way to bring attention to the association.

"Valentine's Day was the perfect day to do that (get attention)," she said. "We wanted to find something for everyone to do, something for the whole campus, and a dance is something that most enjoy."

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FrogNet goes off-line for upgrades

Officials say new and improved systems will be up and running soon

By Kasey Feldman
STAFF REPORTER

All FrogNet systems went off-line for updates Thursday, virtually paralyzing financial services until Tuesday morning, according to an e-mail message from Dick Hoban, director of financial services.

The e-mail, one of three warnings to faculty and staff about the shutdown, stated that financial services cashiers will not be able to conduct cash transactions, which include cashing checks and issuing travel advances until 8 a.m. Tuesday. David Edmondson, assistant provost for information services, said during the shutdown,

FrogNet and PeopleSoft will be worked on 24 hours a day so the system will be ready Tuesday.

The new software is expected to make the system more reliable, Edmondson said.

Marcus Brunt, financial aid information services coordinator, also said this shutdown will allow the financial aid office to receive software from the federal government to process financial aid for the fall. The software is not compatible with PeopleSoft 7.01, TCU's current version of PeopleSoft, so the university is upgrading to PeopleSoft 7.6.

According to an e-mail from the

Registrar's Office, students will not be able to use FrogNet to change class schedules. The work will interfere with the 25 percent refund period and the last date to choose pass/no credit grading, so the deadline has been changed to Feb. 18. Students can also choose pass/no credit grading or drop classes in the Registrar's Office.

Staff reporter Kathryn Garcia contributed to this report.

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COMPLEX

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the residents are friendly. Residents recognize each other and say hello, even if they don't know each other, she said. She lived in Foster Hall before moving into the apartments.

"(Pete Wright has) much more of a neighborhood feeling," Davis said. "We can borrow cookie sheets from each other."

Pete Wright Hall Director Amy McDurham said students take pride in their apartments. Many students like the kitchen area, she said.

"When you walk down the halls, you can usually smell something really good cooking," McDurham said.

McLemore said she and her roommates decorated the apartment to make it feel homely. They put up pictures, shelves, curtains and made pillows to put on the furniture, she said.

However, students said Pete Wright does have its flaws. Davis said she would like to eat on campus less and use her kitchen more, but residents in the apartments are required to have at least the \$400 meal plan.

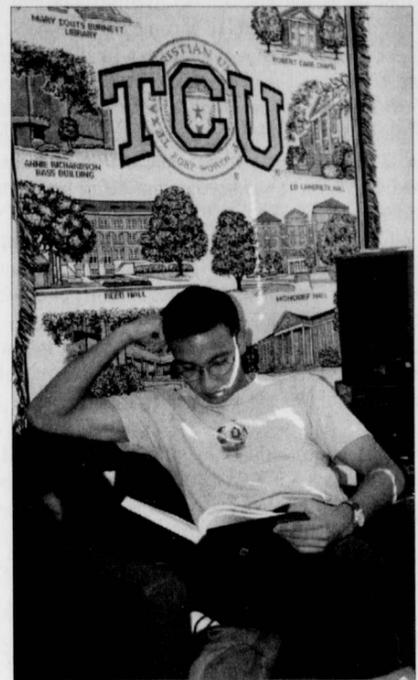
"The kitchen would be great if I didn't have a meal plan to use," Davis said.

McLemore said it's nice the apartments are furnished, but the couch and chairs are uncomfortable.

"The furniture is nice when you have people over though," she said.

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Roberto Hernandez, a senior electrical engineering major, studies in his living room in the Tom Brown/Pete Wright Residential Community.

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HONORS

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an attempt at a breadth of knowledge, should be given to the whole student body," he said.

Adrienne Anderson, a junior political science major and chairwoman of the Honors Cabinet, said an honors college would bring distinction to honors at TCU.

"It would bring more talented students," she said. "Instead of a program, there would be a college with its own dean and its own budget."

Last Friday, the Honors Council supported a proposal to switch the Honors Program to an honors college.

"It's apparently becoming the norm (nationwide)," said Nadia Lahutsky, chairwoman of the Honors Council and an associate professor of religion. "For an institution the size of TCU to have a program looks a little peculiar."

Austin Dickson, a sophomore religion major and vice-chairman of the Honors Cabinet, said, "It would create more classes for honors students and more oppor-

tunities academically."

Roger Pfaffenberger, a professor of finance and decision science and chairman of the Faculty Senate, said professors teach honors classes voluntarily and are often overloaded.

"The Honors Program doesn't have much leverage on individual faculty or collectively," Pfaffenberger said. "Some administrators have discouraged faculty from participating in the Honors Program because it might detract from (gaining) tenure."

He said it is becoming more difficult for the Honors Program to recruit professors from different departments because of their participation in the Commission on the Future of TCU and increased enrollment at TCU. Faculty members teach honors classes for self-enjoyment only, he said.

Pfaffenberger said an honors college dean could more effectively persuade them to teach honors classes and could also lobby on equal footing for scarce resources.

McDorman said universities with which TCU competes are taking the honors college route. Baylor University is establishing

an honors college, while Plan II at the University of Texas at Austin functions as an honors college.

"It's our opportunity (for TCU) to lead among private schools," she said. "We are definitely one of the best honors programs nationwide."

McDorman said if the proposal is supported by enough Commission Task Forces and the Board of Trustees, changes to the Honors Program would be incremental. Students would benefit immediately from increased accessibility to honors advising and be allowed to join the Honors Program late in their college careers, she said.

She said the distinct identity of an honors college would help attract students and retain them in the program.

"We are very eager to appeal to all majors in all colleges to keep students in honors all four years," McDorman said. "I'd like to see some of (TCU head football coach Dennis) Franchione's successes emulated in the academic sphere."

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McCain demands that Bush stop misleading phone calls

By Glen Johnson
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FORT LAWN, S.C. — John McCain on Thursday demanded George W. Bush's campaign stop making misleading phone calls to voters about him after a woman told the senator her 14-year-old son was brought to the brink of tears by a pollster.

The Texas governor denied his presidential campaign was behind such calls, and promised, "If anyone in my campaign has done that, they're going to be fired."

On a day that Steve Forbes officially dropped out of the Republican race, Bush also offered fresh criticism of chief opponent McCain for transferring \$2 million from his Senate campaign account to his presidential fund — a practice Bush said he would work to end if president. Bush's political team, mean-

while, continued its work to calm jittery Republican leaders. In a conference call Thursday with GOP supporters, campaign manager Joe Allbaugh said this week was intended to "staunch the hemorrhaging" caused by McCain's New Hampshire win and he said campaign polls show that Bush's more aggressive campaign against the Arizona "was having an effect."

The conference call was private, but two officials who participated confirmed the events on condition of anonymity.

Looking ahead, Allbaugh said the campaign plans next week to describe McCain as a senator who never accomplished major legislative goals, one official said.

For the third day running, the two GOP contenders exchanged harsh words long distance in the battleground state of South

Carolina, which holds its primary Feb. 19. A new American Research Group poll showed a tight race, 46 percent support for Bush and 39 percent for McCain.

This time, the two clashed over the practice of "push polling," in which one campaign's pollsters call voters and offer distorted appraisals of opponents' positions.

At a town hall meeting in Spartanburg, Donna Duren told McCain that her 14-year-old son, Chris, took a call Wednesday from a "push poller," although she couldn't name the polling firm.

Duren said her son admires McCain and was on the verge of tears after talking to the pollster who described the candidate, in Duren's words, as "a cheat, a liar and a fraud."

"I was so mad last night I couldn't sleep," the woman said.

DEAN

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Communication next year while I'm acting as interim, but I would like to be a candidate for the position," Whillock said.

Sullivan brings 14 years of experience, and said he would like to start new cultural programs to educate in the college and do some renovations.

"I would like to see some help for the folks in the theater and dance department because they need space and renovation," Sullivan said. "I would also like to be able to bring a distinguished lecture series of local artists to students and faculty."

Koehler said they will have to wait until August, when Sullivan

begins his job, to meet with faculty and staff to develop plans for the college and discuss issues with the graphic design department.

"(Sullivan) will sit down with faculty and staff and develop a strategic plan for the college and how to raise funds for the projects," he said. "The decision on whether or not the graphic design department will move to communication department will involve him and faculty in August."

Sullivan said he and his wife are excited about the move and feel like they are coming home.

"My wife and I love Texas and the Metroplex and are familiar with it," he said. "We are thrilled for this opportunity."

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Scientists create 'primordial soup' of particles

By Alexander G. Higgins
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GENEVA — Scientists trying to understand the origins of the universe said Thursday they have moved a step closer, creating a "primordial soup" of subatomic particles they believe resembles the universe during the earliest moments of creation.

The discovery is a breakthrough in the attempt to study the exact moment of the Big Bang, the fiery explosion in which scientists believe the universe was born.

In the experiments, scientists at CERN, the European Laboratory for Particle Physics, were able to recreate a state of matter that hasn't existed since the first few microseconds — or millionths of a second — after the explosion.

The widely accepted Big Bang

theory holds that at the beginning of time, all matter in the universe was compressed into a tiny ball held together by incredibly strong gravity. The ball eventually burst apart, sending the matter that would eventually become stars and planets hurtling into space.

Scientists have long believed that in the moments after the explosion, quarks and gluons — the smallest known particles — floated freely in space. Afterwards, they joined to form larger particles that went on to make up all the matter of the universe.

But until now, scientists never had compelling evidence that free-floating quarks and gluons ever existed. They had seen the particles only in their "trapped" state as part of larger matter.

In the CERN experiments, 350

scientists from the United States, Europe, Japan and India were able to generate heat 100,000 times greater than the center of the sun. The resulting plasma, or "soup," fleetingly contained thousands of freely floating quarks.

"We have recreated matter in a state we have never seen before," the scientists said in a statement.

Johanna Stachel, a physicist from Germany's Heidelberg University, explained the complicated discovery another way. She compared quarks and gluons to water and bigger particles like atoms to ice.

Imagine believing that water theoretically existed but being unable to generate enough heat to melt ice and see it, she said. Now, she said, scientists have melted the ice down into water, seeing the liquid for the first time.

Scientists have long expected to find this super-hot "primordial soup." But their accelerators for the experiments they affectionately called the "Little Bang" had been too weak to create the right conditions.

The experiment is still in a primitive form, the scientists said, noting that they were able to separate out quarks and gluons, but not cleanly.

The CERN plasma was small and "very polluted by the fragments of the initial nuclei," said Professor Luciano Maiani, CERN's director-general. "That's not the condition of the Big Bang."

He said better results will be possible after work shifts next year to the new Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider, or RHIC, at Brookhaven National Laboratory on New York's Long Island.

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<p>Blake, "Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy- think about such things!" I think of you! Happy Valentine's Day! Love, Ange</p>	<p>Dr. George, Your Wednesday women love you! Deborah, Diane, Donna, Jennifer</p>	<p>Ms. Feather, On this Valentine's Day, remember one thing, you are loved. P.S. My tongue itches. Zacharia</p>	<p>Susan, You are the one, I knew it when I asked you to marry me and I know it more today. Paul</p>
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<p>Boynton, Thanks for the permanent smile you've given me. I hope to leave you with many more "no comments!" Happy Valentine's Day. Natalie</p>	<p>Abby & Lindsay, I love y'all, roomies! Happy Valentine's Day! Shanna</p>	<p>Linds & Shan, Thanks for being such cool roomies! Our apartment rocks! I love y'all tons! Mama Ab</p>	<p>Christina Hager, Thanks for the wonderful year and nine months. Happy Valentine's Day. I love you. Grant</p>
<p>Anna, Though we are apart, I feel you everyday inside my heart. I love you. Jared</p>	<p>The "Best" student workers in the world! Kelly, Christina, Jamie, John, Kimberly, Traci, We love you! Jennifer, George, Donna, Diane, Deborah</p>	<p>Jennifer S., You're all I've got. You're all I want. Here's to second chances. I love you! Casey G.</p>	<p>Kylie, Thank you for showing me God's love. Brian</p>
<p>Ashley, Sonnet #116. Carlin</p>	<p>Poochie, Happy Valentine's Day to our little sweetie. We love you lots! Mama and Dad</p>	<p>Hannah & Holly, Happy Valentine's Day to my two pearls. I love you. Myke</p>	<p>Steve, Happy Valentine's Day to the man of my dreams. I love you. Myke</p>
	<p>John, Yeah, Reid! Becca</p>	<p>Soups Kelly, Special Sauces Ashley, I'm glad we've become friends! Thanks for being cool and always</p>	<p>Kelly & Abby, Your friendship means more to me than any guy any day! I love y'all more than you'll ever know! Thanks for all of you support! Ashley</p>

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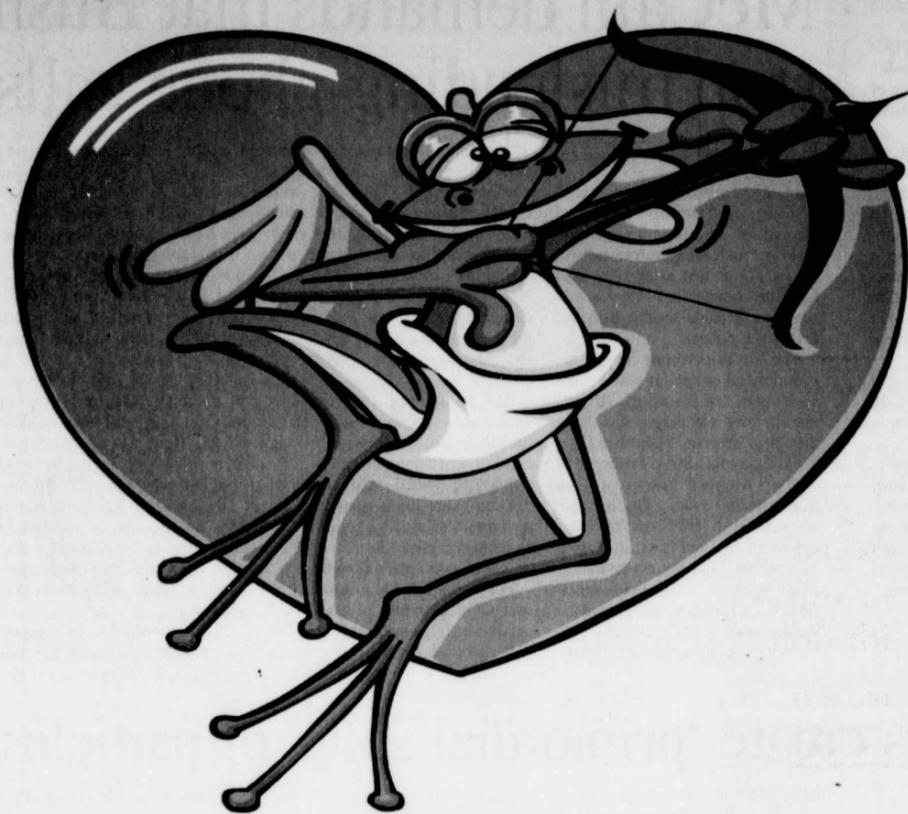
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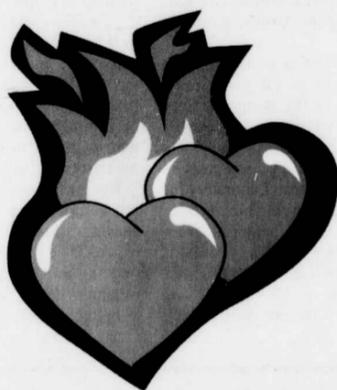
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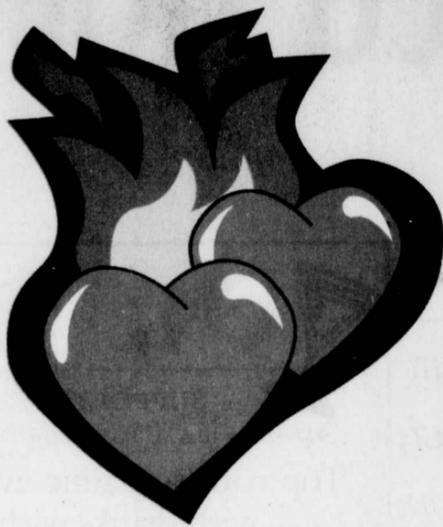


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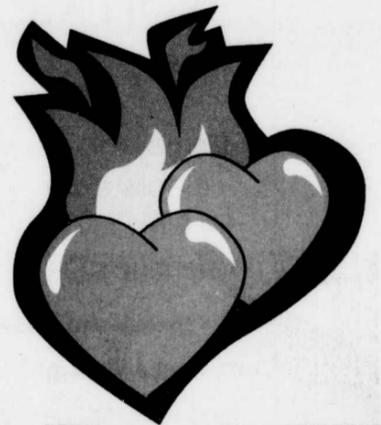
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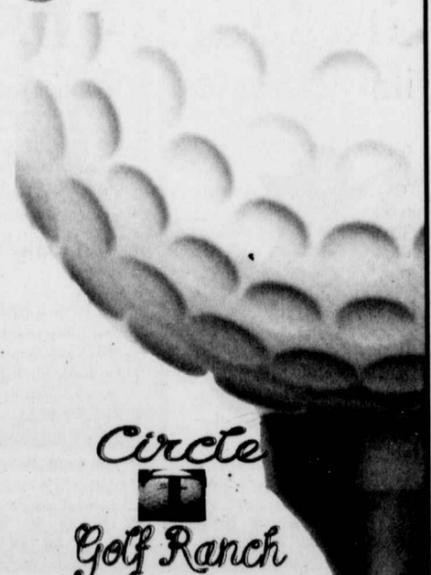
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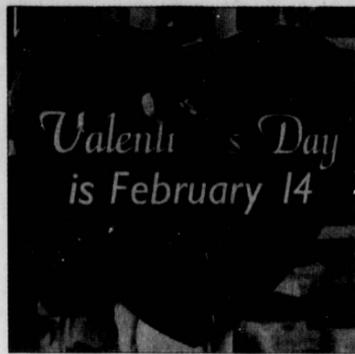
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DEDICATED TO LOVE

Roses are being ordered, dinner reservations are being made and cards with red envelopes are being sent. Valentine's Day, the holiday devoted to lovers, is just around the corner.

The Legend

The History Channel offers insight into the legend and history of Valentine's Day. St. Valentine's compassion and appreciation for love are the founding principles of Valentine's Day. The legend tells of a decree by Roman Emperor Claudius II that young, single men with potential to be soldiers could not be married. Claudius felt men without wives or children



were more able to fight without thoughts of home. Valentine found the law to be unfair and arranged secret matrimonial ceremonies for young lovers. When discovered, Valentine was ordered to death.

The first valentine greeting was a note sent the night before Valentine's execution to the daughter of his jailer, whom he had fallen in love with. His closing, "From your Valentine," is used today as a symbol of love and devotion. Valentine was beheaded on Feb. 14 and later named a saint. The holiday that bears Valentine's name is a celebration of love.

Symbols

According to mydearvalentine.com

(<http://www.mydearvalentine.com>), there are many symbols that are associated with the Valentine's season.

Cupid, one of the most common symbols, is a mischievous, winged child who pierces the hearts of young men and women with arrows to make them fall madly in love.

Roses, as the queen of flowers, symbolizes peace, love and forgiveness. The color of the rose carries significance. White roses are for true love and purity of the mind, red roses are for love and passion, yellow roses are for friendship and pink roses mean friendship or sweetheart.

The heart stands for love and of giving one's soul to another. A heart, pierced by Cupid's arrow, has become one of the most famous Valentine's symbols.

Lovebirds were believed to find mates on Valentine's Day. It is said that the lovebirds can't live without their mates.

Sappy Romance or Just Another Day?

Valentine's Day is filled with traditions and symbols prevalent in TCU students' celebrations. Depending on their relationship status, students said they either dread or anticipate the arrival of Valentine's Day.

Russell Matthews, a sophomore psychology major, has spent this week planning a gift and a date for his girlfriend. "This is my first Valentine's Day (with my girlfriend), and I am quite excited," he said. "I've spent a lot of time thinking about what to give her and what we're going to do."

Excitement isn't the only emotion couples meet the day with.

"Last year I had a boyfriend, and the day was really nerve-wracking," Sarah Brand, a junior English and French major said. "I had my friends remind him it was Valentine's Day and make sure he had some sort of plans."

Students without someone to share the day with often look at the holiday differently.

"Valentine's Day is great if you have someone special to celebrate it with," Jason Horne, a junior criminal justice

major, said.

For some students, seeing couples enjoy the day may bring bad feelings toward Valentine's Day.

"I've never had a Valentine," Brad Biggs, a sophomore biology major said. "I hate watching those lovey-dovey couples walk around. I think Cupid should start using a 9 mm because he shoots me in the heart every Valentine's Day."

Lauren Barresi, a freshman pre-major, is not looking forward to Monday either.

"I'm not a big Valentine's Day fan at the moment," she said. "It's depressing if you don't have a significant other to spend it with, especially if all your friends do."

Brand, who is currently single, is choosing not to celebrate Monday as Valentine's Day.

"It's one of my roommate's birthdays, so we're all looking at it as that," she said. Biggs is simply looking at it as "just another day."

Valentine's Day doesn't have to be just about romantic love, however.

"If you don't have girlfriend, there's at least always a friend that's a girl," Johnny Ferraro, a sophomore psychology major, said. "People see it as a sappy romantic day, but it's more of an appreciation day."

Amy Stence, a sophomore English major, sees Valentine's Day as an opportunity to show love for friends and family.

"It's a day simply about love," she said. "I'm going to bake cookies and send candy and notes to my friends just to show them I care."

Getting the Better Deal

Among the sexes, many students said Valentine's Day has different implications. "It's a great holiday unless you're broke," Horne said. "Why can't the girls pamper us?"

"It's definitely dedicated to the females," Ferraro said.

Though their wallets may suffer, many male students said they agree that their girlfriends are worth the time and money put into the day.

"I usually give roses and do something

special for the person I'm dating," Todd Thompson, freshman finance major, said. "I think the girls get special treatment they deserve, but sometimes the guys get shafted."

"I've spent a lot of money, but she's worth every penny," Matthews said.

The amount of money males spend on females doesn't go unnoticed or unappreciated.

"Girls traditionally get better gifts," Brand said.

"Although, I do think some girls try to make it even because they realize it's a special day."

Brand feels a large amount of money isn't necessary for a good Valentine's date.

"I don't want the expensive dinner," she said. "I'd just like to have a meal."

Still Hope

Whether students choose to celebrate with their significant others or spend the day cursing Cupid, the overall outlook for Valentine's Day is optimistic.

"I still have hope for Valentine's Day," Thompson said. "It's a great way to spend romantic time with the opposite sex."

Other students believe love can be celebrated any day of the year, not just February 14.

"Valentine's Day doesn't bother me," said Erin Anderson, a sophomore psychology major. "I don't get upset if I'm not with somebody. I can go out to dinner anytime."

Stence will continue to celebrate Valentine's Day whether she has a boyfriend or not.

"It's a day all about showing the people who you love how much you care."



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Graduate's film about campus to premier this weekend

Film addresses personal relationships of coming-of-age students

By Danielle Daniel
SKIFF STAFF

TCU life finally hits the big screen.

"Then Winter," a short dramatic film by graduate Matthew D. Clark, premieres at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday in 164 Moudy South. The 30-minute flick examines the changes that occur while at college, he said.

"There's a certain point in life, around the age of 18 to 20, when you hit a 180-degree turn and learn a lot about yourself," Clark said.

The film follows three female students with distinctly different personalities around campus. They deal with college and per-

sonal relationships during their first semester of college — with an abrupt change at the end of the film, Clark said.

"It's thought-provoking," said Joan McGettigan, assistant professor in radio-TV-film. "It's not an obvious film, and it makes you think about the images ... people will have different reactions because it leaves a lot of things open to interpretation."

Clark created the film as part of a directed studies class. He took the film much further than most class projects. He raised \$5,000 from independent producers, making the film a top priority in his life.

Clark spent three weeks last

October shooting the film on campus. He said most of the action occurs in Foster Hall, but Clark Hall also captured students walking around campus.

"There's a good chance you are in the film," he said.

Clark wrote, edited and directed "Then Winter," choosing six actors and actresses from the theater department to star in the film.

Erica Lytton plays Jessica, a extrovert; Desiree Fultz plays Laly, an introverted student; and Lena Gwendolyn Hill plays Sera, the most "normal" of the three who is troubled by a long-distance relationship, he said.

"(The film) is about them

accepting who they are and finding their identities," Clark said.

McGettigan said the film is well-crafted and not typical of most RTVF class projects.

Clark said "Then Winter" is shot in black and white for cinematic effect. Because all of the action is on campus, the colorless images add some distance between what students see every day and the story that he presents in the film.

Clark said he plans to show "Then Winter" at film festivals in Austin and Houston after screening it on campus.

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Matt Clark, former TCU radio-TV-film student, takes a light-meter reading of actress Lena Hill before shooting a scene in his short film, "Then Winter."

TRANSPLANT

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not forced into her heart. After feeding, Kindie must clean the lines by running rubbing alcohol through them. A lock prevents the alcohol from going into her heart. She has dual ports in case one line gets clogged — and they do get clogged even though she maintains them meticulously.

"I've had the lines replaced 16 times," Kindie said. "It's a surgery each time — 16 different incisions. I have all these little bullet holes where the port goes in."

Although necessary to patients who have had their small bowel removed, TPN is caustic to the body.

"Most of the time, it will eventually destroy the liver," Kindie said. "Some people lose their kidneys, some lose the liver, and in some, it's an all-system failure. (Doctors) have seminars all over the world, but no one has figured out yet why TPN does that."

Anne Van Beber, an associate professor of nutrition and dietetics and department chairwoman, explained the progression of liver disease.

"The high concentration of carbohydrates in TPN is turned to fat in the liver," she said. "Too much fat in the liver is called fatty liver, and it is reversible. But the way to reverse it is to eliminate the cause, which Robbyn couldn't do."

Alcoholics develop fatty liver in the initial stage, too, Van Beber said. Because of fat accumulation, liver cells start scarring and dying.

"Robbyn's liver isn't all soft," she said. "It is hard, and blood can't flow through it like it should. The liver is a poison waste dump. Everything goes through the liver for detoxification. Because her liver is blocked up with dead tissue, it can't do its filtering job."

"As a consequence of cirrhosis, blood bypasses the liver, and new capillaries are formed, causing high blood pressure as the blood tries to find different ways to go. That, in turn, causes puffiness, especially in the stomach and ankles."

In the last stage of liver disease, jaundice, or a distinct yellowing of the skin and eyes, occurs.

"Dead red blood cells are normally excreted in the feces," Van Beber said. "When the liver isn't filtering, the dead cells stay in the body, turning the patient yellow."

The liver also filters ammonia that forms when protein is broken down. When ammonia builds up in the body, dizziness, slurred

speech and disorientation occur.

"That's the end," Van Beber said. Kindie's brain function and wit are still intact, as evidenced by her coherent explanation of her condition and her wisecracks.

"My doctor told me he would give me part of his liver, but I told him, 'I don't know where yours has been,'" she said as she described her physician, Tim Ritter.

Kindie was a flutist and music education major at the University of North Texas when her health problems began.

"Music education was something I could do, but I didn't really see myself doing it," she said. "I wanted to go back to school, so I took a few classes at Tarrant County College until I decided what I wanted to do. My condition led me to switch majors to dietetics and nutrition."

Kindie said she contacted TCU's department of nutrition and dietetics, one of two programs in Texas she qualified for. Officials at the other school wouldn't even send her an application when she told them about her condition.

"They said I wouldn't physically be able to complete the program," she said. "I contacted (the former department chairwoman) at TCU, and she said it wouldn't be a problem. Everyone has been so nice here."

Evelyn Roberts, an instructor of nutrition and dietetics, had Kindie in a class and has become close to her. "She has maintained a 3.5 GPA here at TCU," Roberts said. "I didn't know she was on TPN until one day when she pulled up her shirt, and I saw the tube. She never expects special treatment, and she always manages a smile."

In August, Kindie and her parents went to Omaha, Neb., for a complete workup to determine whether she needed to be placed on a transplant list.

"No orifice is safe," Kindie said, managing a smile. "The exam confirmed I needed a transplant. At the time, we were going for a small bowel transplant. My liver was mildly cirrhotic in a few places. Since

then, I have taken a nose dive, and my liver is now very cirrhotic."

Kindie's professors and classmates have rallied to help her achieve her dream of becoming a registered dietitian. She is in the coordinated program in dietetics, in which participants complete both the required classroom hours and supervised practice hours by the time they graduate.

Since December, Kindie has been unable

to make the drive from her home in Bedford to TCU, so her classmates visit her to help keep her spirits up.

"Instead of taking food to her, they take a video and watch it with her," Roberts said.

Her professors said they have worked around her limitations this semester, and her classmates have organized a raffle to raise money to pay for her national registration exam.

However, the \$300 or so Kindie needs for the registration examination for dietitians is nothing compared to what she needs for a transplant operation.

She is on a transplant list for a kidney and small bowel, but if an organ became available today, she would be passed over. She must have cash in hand and transportation to the transplant center at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha within six hours of notification, or she will miss her chance.

Although Kindie has not raised the \$300,000 needed for the operation, she said she is encouraged that the hospital will still notify her if a matched organ becomes available. However, in order to be eligible, she must raise at least half of the funds by Feb. 18.

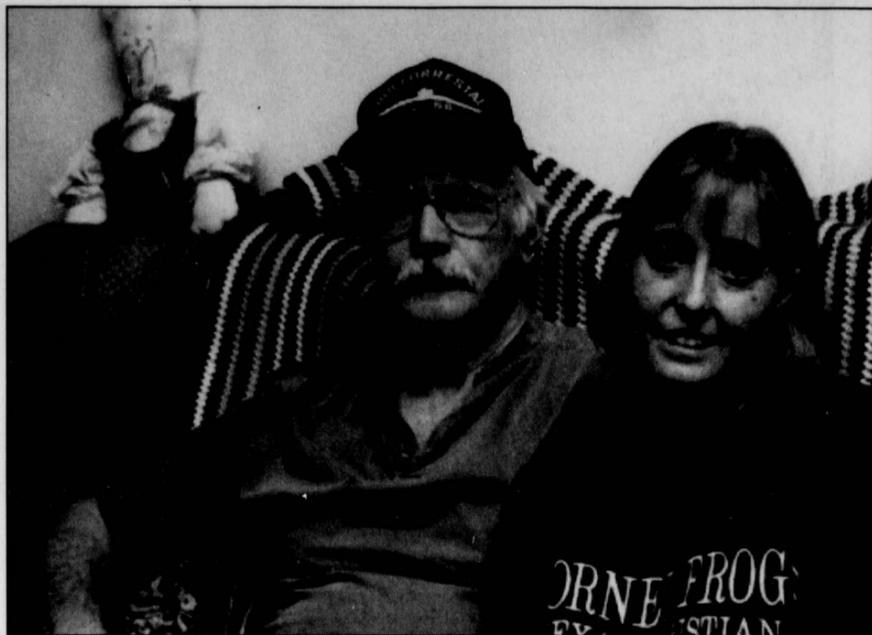
Her Medicare disability insurance has refused to pay for the operation. However, Kindie said Medicaid, which initially denied payment, agreed Wednesday to pay for the liver portion of the transplant.

Kindie said officials at Medicare told her they consider the double transplant experimental because it has primarily been performed on children.

"Children are more resilient than adults, so their success rate is higher, and numbers are important," Kindie said. "Also, children don't do very well on TPN, so they usually get first crack at donated organs."

Transplant centers in Omaha, Pittsburgh and Miami are the only ones in the United States that perform liver-small bowel transplants. Ritter referred Kindie to the transplant center in Omaha because he considers it the best — and the closest, she said.

Roberts contacted Chancellor Michael Ferrari on Kindie's behalf and asked for the use of TCU's plane when an organ becomes



Robbyn Kindie sits with her father, A.W. Kindie. Mr. Kindie helps provide some of her care and medical assistance.

available.

Ferrari referred the request to Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs William Koehler, who said TCU will do whatever it can and all that is appropriate.

"I can't guarantee that the TCU plane will be available (when she needs it)," Koehler said. "If it is, we would make every effort to get her there, and if the plane is not available, we would try to let some of our friends and trustees know of her plight and see if she could use one of their planes. If she gets a call that she needs to be in Omaha, we'll do everything we can to get her there."

After the operation, Kindie must stay in Omaha for about a year to be monitored for signs of organ rejection and other complications. Someone will have to stay with her 24 hours a day during that period.

Kindie's father said he will give up his job as a restaurant general manager for KFC to go to Omaha with his daughter. Kindie's parents are divorced, and she lives with her father.

"You do what you have to do," he said, tears welling up in his eyes. "But my employer has promised me I can have my job back when we come home."

But Remington will have to stay in Texas with a neighbor.

In the meantime, Kindie's father works on the overwhelming task of trying to raise funds for his daughter's operation. He has contacted various foundations that help patients like Kindie raise money.

"We have a bank account set up exclusively for her medical expenses, but we have to pay taxes on any money in that account," he

said. "We also can't guarantee that anyone who contributes to that account can deduct it on their income taxes."

Money donated to a foundation or directly to the hospital is tax-deductible for both the donor and the recipient, he said.

But raising the amount Kindie needs takes eight to 12 months, her father said. The average wait for an organ is six to 12 months. Kindie is running out of time, and her doctor wants to move her up to the next level on the transplant list. She is now at level 2B, which means she has been evaluated and is "marking time," she said. The next level, 2A, means she has seven to 14 days to live.

Kindie said moving to level 2A would move her up on the waiting list, and she will take the waiting time she has accrued to the next level.

Facing the monumental task of raising money and finding jet planes while managing a fatal disease is enough to make most people give up.

Kindie answered the touchy question she has already asked herself: What happens if the operation is unsuccessful?

"The foundation uses part of the money we raise to pay for a funeral, and part of it goes to another person on the transplant list," she said bluntly.

Her voice is soft, her tone subdued, but determination is evident in her words.

"I don't have to reach very far down to find strength. His mother is 92, had triple bypass surgery, an aneurysm and other things," Kindie said, nodding at her father. "I'd like to give up, but do I have a choice?"

She has met others in her situation who have given up, she said.

"When I attended OLEY, a support group for TPN patients, I met one girl who had a terrible attitude," Kindie said.

Kindie said the girl has already died. "It isn't in me to give up," she said. "I can keep it up because I know where I'm going. There's no fear when you know where you're going. Besides, it's been nine years, and it's not very fun."

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Robbyn Kindie, front row, left, is pictured with the senior class of the coordinated program in dietetics. Kindie is scheduled to graduate May 13, 2000, with a degree in dietetics.

CALENDAR of events

Arte Latino '99

Third annual invitational exhibition selections of university and college student artists. Dec. 7 to Feb. 13. African American Museum, 3536 Grand Avenue, Fair Park, Dallas. (214) 720-9082.

The Time of Death!

This second show in Pegasus Theatre's Y2K Sci-Fi season is now playing. Jan. 6 to March 11. 3916 Main St., Dallas. (214) 821-6005.

The Return of Beelzebub

The Pocket Sandwich Theatre presents this audience-participation comedy-spoof. 8 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. 7 p.m. Sundays. Jan. 6 to Feb. 19. 5400 E. Mockingbird Lane, Suite 119. Dallas. (214) 821-1860.

The Last Night of Ballyhoo

Alfred Uhry's comedy set in 1939 in Atlanta during the big social event of that city's Jewish community. Jan. 12 to Feb. 29. Circle Theatre, 230 W. 4th St., Fort Worth. 877-3040.

Queen of My Room

A Survey of Work by Julie Speed, 1989-1999. Jan. 14 to March 15. Dallas Visual Art Center, 2801 Swiss Ave.



Playing for the Monkey by Julie Speed

Worlds of Transformation

Tibetan Art of Wisdom and Compassion. Sacred paintings reflecting Buddhist cosmology from an endangered culture. Jan. 16 to March 26. Kimbell Art Museum, 3333 Camp Bowie Blvd., Fort Worth. 332-8451.

Mosaics: Shun Yu Lee

This series of exhibitions promotes artists whose ethnicity is an essential element of their work. Jan. 21 to March 3. Dallas Visual Art Center, 2801 Swiss Ave., Suite 100, Dallas. (214) 821-2522.

Vision and Movement

Public Art/Public Transit. This exhibition and symposium are intended to provide a forum for a dialogue on some of the issues surrounding Public Art. Jan. 22 to Feb. 29. The Gallery at the University of Texas at Arlington, 700 W. Second St. 272-5658.

To Be Young, Gifted and Black

Lorraine Hansberry's literary classic is adapted to the stage. Jan.

21 to Feb. 27. Jubilee Theatre, 506 Main St., Fort Worth. 338-4411.

Irving Arts Center Galleries and Sculpture Garden

Tracing African Roots to America: Similarities and Differences, Paintings and Sculpture by U. Crosby is on display in the Carpenter Performance Hall Lobby. Jan. 9 to March 26. 3333 N. MacArthur Blvd., Irving. (972) 252-7558.

Evita Tezeno: Images in Collage

On display in the new talent gallery of the Irving Arts Center Galleries and Sculpture Garden. Through Feb. 29. 3333 N. MacArthur Blvd., Irving. (972) 252-7558.

Inexpressible Island

The Dallas Theater Center presents the American premiere of David Young's play at the Kalita Humphreys Theater. Opening night is Feb. 22. Runs Feb. 16 to March 12. 3636 Turtle Creek Blvd., Dallas. (214) 522-8499.

Macbeth

Half-price tickets reserved for senior citizens and students. Feb. 17 to March 11. Stage West, 3055 South University Drive, Fort Worth. 784-9378.

Aviram Reichert Performance

1997 Cliburn bronze medalist will give his Cliburn Concerts debut. 8 p.m. Feb. 22. Bass Perfor-

mance Hall, Fort Worth. 738-6536.

Arts and Letters Live

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Soukka Wright

Baroque to Balanchine

Fort Worth Dallas Ballet will present four works and three premieres. Feb. 18 to Feb. 20. 6845 Green Oaks Road, Fort Worth. 763-0207.

Dallas Symphony Orchestra

Maestro Litton will conduct Russian pianist Boris Berezovsky and the Dallas Symphony Orchestra in pieces by Tchaikovsky, Copland and Cindy McTee. Feb. 22. UT's Bass Hall, Austin. (214) 871-4029.

ORGAN

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Network, is broken down into 11 regions throughout the nation.

Texas and Oklahoma are in the fourth region. The number of people on the waiting list nationwide has grown from nearly 20,000 in 1990 to its current size of more than 67,000.

Once a patient is put on the waiting list, he or she is put in a pool with other patients of the same blood type. When an organ becomes available, it is first offered locally, then within the region and then nationally.

"One reality is a lot of people on the waiting list will die," Helm said.

In 1998, 4,837 people died while waiting for an organ to become available. Helm said about one in three people die while on the waiting list.

From Jan. 1, 1999, to March 31, 1999, there were 712 people on the waiting list for a liver in Texas. Of that number, 95 received transplants. Kindie has been on the list since Dec. 27, and the average wait time for a liver is about 240 days.

To organize the system, the waiting list is broken down into priority levels.

Patients are placed into levels based on a point system accord-

ing to their medical condition.

Level one is top priority, which means the patient is in critical condition and has less than seven days to live.

Level two is split up into two parts, 2A and 2B. Patients in 2A have between seven and 14 days to live and patients in 2B have more than 14 days to live and are in critical condition.

People that are not considered to be in critical condition are put in level three. Kindie's doctor wants to move her up to 2A because her liver is rapidly failing. Currently, she is in level 2B.

Helm said one of the most controversial issues involving the distribution of donated organs is the age factor. Although the debate continues on whether or not older recipients should receive organs before younger patients, Helm said it is rare to see an older person on the waiting list.

"When they are on the waiting list, their time on this world is not very long," he said. "More often than not, they die before they get an organ."

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Basketball team defeats Rainbows

Turnovers key problem in victory

By Matt Welack
SPORTS EDITOR

The men's basketball team beat the Hawaii Rainbows Thursday night 106-96 at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

Senior forward Marquise Gainous paced the Frogs with 27 points and seven rebounds and junior guard Estell Laster added another 21 points and four steals.

"Estell really got himself on a start," head coach Billy Tubbs said. "It was good to have a game like that."

TCU improved its record to 5-4 in Western Athletic Conference play and 14-11 overall. The Rainbows drop to 4-5 in the WAC and 15-7 overall.

Tubbs said the game was a display of offense, as both teams shot over 55 percent. Hawaii coach Riley Wallace said he was disappointed with the effort given by his team.

"(Our defense) was terrible," he said. "If we score 96 points, we should win every night. It is just a matter of pride."

One player Wallace said he was impressed with was junior forward Lane O'Connor. O'Connor had a career night, scoring 27 points on 11 of 15 shooting. He made 4 of 6 shots from behind the three point line.

For most of the first half, the two teams battled back and forth. But, the Frogs used timely shooting and a pressing defense to take an 18-point lead at halftime.

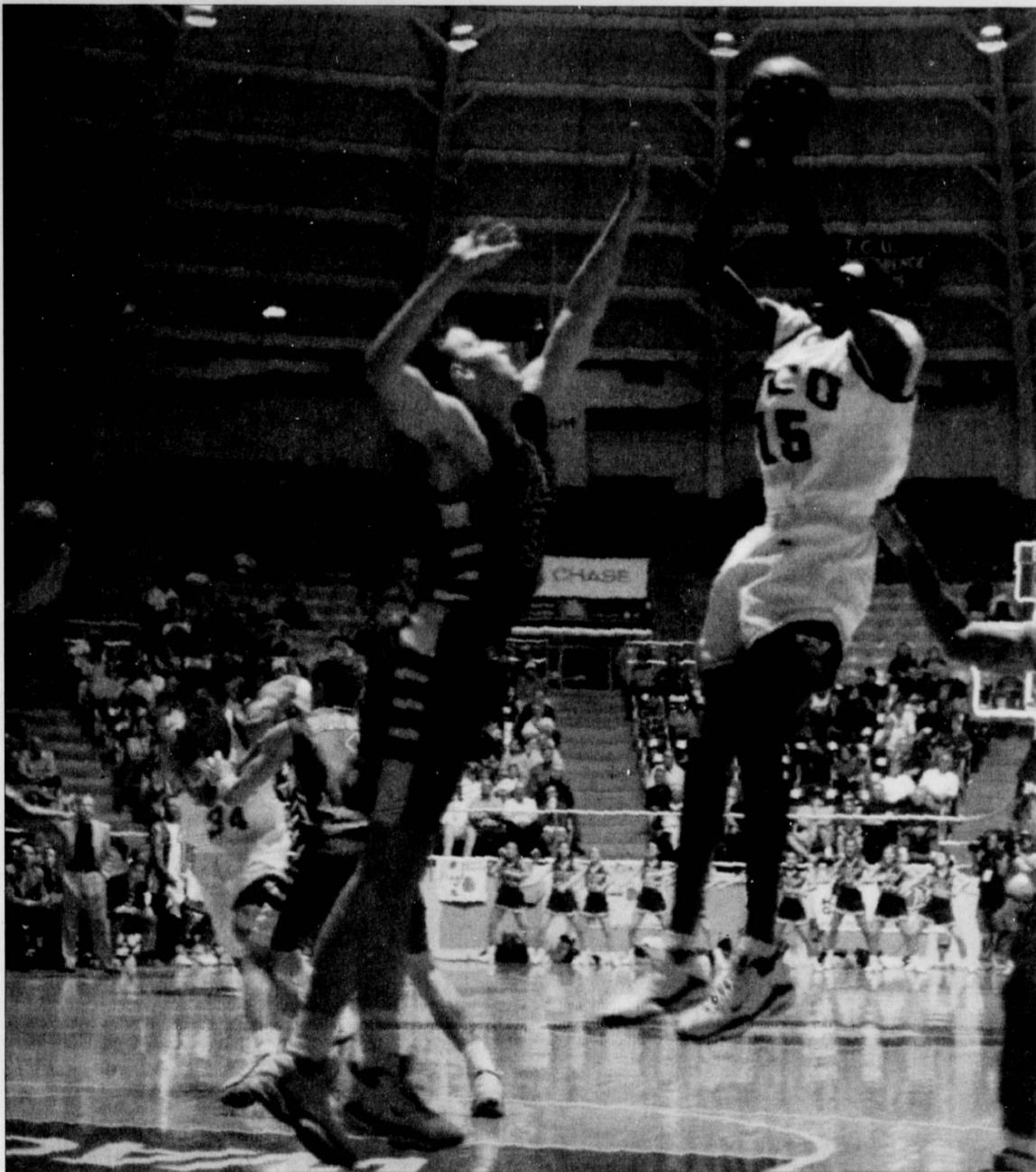
Wallace said his team had trouble beating the TCU pressing defense.

"We turned the ball over too much on the press," he said. "Anytime we got over center court, however, we got some good looks (at the basket)."

Laster said the Frogs' ability to force Hawaii into 22 turnovers is a credit to the TCU coaching staff. TCU scored 19 points of Rainbow turnovers.

"The coaches pointed out to us in practice that their guards like to

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Junior center Derrick Davenport shoots over Hawaii's Lane O'Connor in the Frogs' 106-96 win Thursday night. Davenport scored eight points in the contest.

Frogs force season-high 22 turnovers

By Danny Horne
STAFF REPORTER

In a high-scoring basketball game like Thursday's 106-96 men's victory over Hawaii, defense would be an afterthought.

The Horned Frogs played well defensively at times despite giving up 96 points to the Rainbows, head coach Billy Tubbs said.

"It was not a really great exhibition of defense overall," Tubbs said. "But our full-court pressure was very good. [The pressure] got us control of the game in the first half."

For the season, TCU came in forcing an average of 17.5 turnovers a game. The Horned Frogs forced a season-high 22 turnovers Thursday night with constant use of full-court pressure and a half-court trap.

Hawaii head coach Riley Wallace said his team was definitely affected by the TCU pressure from the start of the game.

"We did nothing to break the press all night," Wallace said. "We were turning the ball over, so I did not expect that [TCU] would ever let up defensively."

Wallace said he thought the Rainbows shot the ball well when they were able to get good looks at the basket.

"We did not get into our half-court offense often enough to have a chance," Wallace said. "We tried to force the ball through the pressure too much and it cost us in turnovers."

Junior guard Estell Laster said the one focus for the Frogs' defensively was to specifically pressure the point guards.

"We wanted to force their point guards to put the ball on the floor," Laster said. "They do not like to dribble the ball up the floor. Their guards are more comfortable throwing the ball up the court."

Junior guard Nerijus Puida
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Frogs race to qualify for nationals

By Chris Gibson
STAFF REPORTER

The TCU men's and women's track and field teams are set to take on some of the nation's elite this weekend at the Tyson Invitational track meet in Fayetteville, Ark. This meet will mark the unveiling of the new indoor facility, the same track that will host the NCAA Indoor championships next month.

As part of the USA Track and Field Golden Spikes Tour, the Tyson meet will also host an elite complement of post-collegiate athletes. The meet has many strong teams including the Razorbacks' No. 1 ranked men and No. 5 ranked women, the No. 2 men of Stanford, plus the two teams ranked second in the Trackwire 25 national poll for women, Texas and South Carolina. The Trackwire 25 poll is based upon a projection on how teams should fare at the NCAA Indoor Championships in March.

They will be joined by teams from Clemson, Georgetown, UCLA, Houston, Oklahoma, Tulsa, SMU and Oklahoma State. The TCU men's team was on

the move again, rising another spot in this week's Trackwire 25, is now tied for No. 11 with Alabama.

"The rankings are nice," head coach Monte Stratton said. "They indicate respect for our team from others around the country but we still need to go out there and perform."

TCU has done just that in previous meets this year by qualifying many of its athletes for nationals. Leading the way for the Frogs are juniors Kim Collins, Lindel Frater and Darvis Patton. Patton, who has preliminary qualifying marks in the 200-meter and the long jump, owns the nation's fastest time for this year's college indoor season in the 200-meter dash at 21.06 seconds. Patton's jump of 25 feet 5 1/4 inches was also a personal best.

"When I saw the time I was definitely surprised," Patton said. "I knew I was running pretty fast, but not that fast. I set my goals on running and jumping well this year, and I've been practicing really hard to try and do that. I'm hoping to do even better this weekend."

Stratton hopes that a strong

showing this weekend will not only show off that depth but also qualify more people for the NCAA national event.

The TCU women's team has a challenge of their own this weekend. Many of the top women's programs from around the nation will converge in Fayetteville, but that doesn't have TCU players too worried.

"We know there are going to be some good teams there like Texas and South Carolina," junior Heather Hanchak said. "We really just need to focus on ourselves. We need to run the way we can run and think about getting some good qualifying times to put us in nationals."

Hanchak also said that this meet will be a good opportunity for them to do just that.

"We are all looking forward to this meet," she said. "It's the track that nationals will be held on, it's a really fast track with banked curves. It should be a great meet for us, I'm really excited about our chances."

At the Houston Indoor Classic, senior sprinter Dywana Crudup's school record in the 60-meter

dash (7.48) highlighted the day for the Frogs. Sophomore distance runner Katie Singleton also ran well, threatening the TCU record in the 3,000 meters. Singleton's 9:59:35 performance fell just shy of the school record of 9:58:00 set by Gladys Keitany last year.

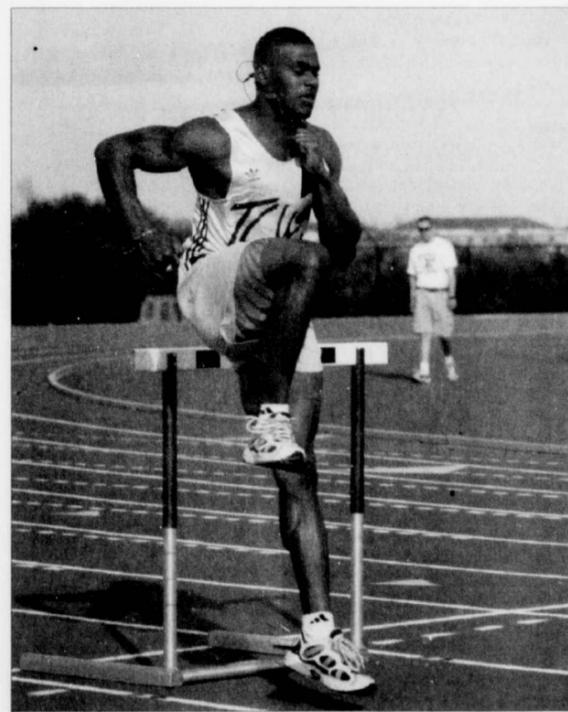
"We are really looking to improve on both the men's and women's sides this weekend," Stratton said. "Just having Arkansas there is enough, but then you add those other teams. It should be a great meet."

Stratton also said that his team is really looking forward to the competition that the Fayetteville meets will provide.

"This is a great chance for us to see how we match up on a national level," he said. "We are still trying to qualify additional people for nationals and this would be a good place to do that. The NCAA's usually take between 18 and 24 in each event so it's a very elite group when you think about it. I think TCU belongs in that group."

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Junior hurdler Mark Hill works on his technique in practice this week. The Frogs will travel to Arkansas to compete in the Tyson Invitational.

Griffey Jr. returns to Cincinnati in trade between Reds, Seattle Mariners

By Joe Kay
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Junior has come home.

Following three months of often deadlocked trade talks, the Cincinnati Reds reunited Ken Griffey Jr. with his father and his hometown Thursday by sending four players to the Seattle Mariners.

The final piece of the deal came when Griffey agreed to a nine-year contract worth \$116.5 million, the

richest package in baseball history. The pact covers from 2000-08, and the Reds even have an option for a 10th season.

"The last time I put on this uniform, I think I was 8 — for a father-son game," Griffey said, pulling on a Reds jersey at a news conference.

"This is something I dreamed about as a little kid, being back in my hometown where I watched so many great players," he said.

Griffey was picked up in Florida

by a private plane belonging to owner Carl Lindner, and flown to Cincinnati, where about 200 people greeted him at the airport.

Earlier, euphoric fans honked horns on the streets, put up "Welcome Home" signs in their yards and reveled in the team's most celebrated trade since Pete Rose returned as player-manager in 1984.

"His name comes up like Pete Rose's name as far as Cincinnati,"

said coach Ron Oester, a native who played for the Reds. "That's the magnitude he's at for Cincinnati fans."

And for all of baseball, too.

Widely regarded as the best all-around player in the game, the 30-year-old Griffey is considered a threat to break Hank Aaron's career home run record of 755. Junior already has hit 398 with his sweet, left-handed swing, and was voted onto baseball's All-Century

team last fall.

Cincinnati is the only place the 10-time All-Star center fielder wanted to play. And when spring training begins later this month, his trademark backward hat will have a "C" on it.

Pitcher Brett Tomko and outfielder Mike Cameron were sent to Seattle for Griffey, along with a pair of minor leaguers: infielder Antonio Perez and right-hander Jake Meyer.

"It's like being traded for Jordan or something," Tomko said.

Indeed, Griffey could be his sport's Michael Jordan. No wonder the Mariners were so reluctant to lose him.

"We hope that Ken decides to go into the Hall of Fame as a Mariner," Seattle president Chuck Armstrong said. "We might not have baseball here except for Ken, and we might not have Safeco Field."

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Marino voids final years on contract, no word on future

DAVIE, Fla. (AP) — Dan Marino now has some time, and the Miami Dolphins have more money.

Marino, the NFL career leader in passing yardage, voided the final two years of his contract with the Dolphins on Thursday. It remained unclear whether the 38-year-old quarterback will retire or return for another season.

Marino could rejoin the Dolphins or go to another team as a free agent.

"I'm not going to speculate about what Dan's going to do," Dolphins president Eddie Jones said Thursday. "Dan is a great athlete and he's done everything possible he can do in football."

"I'm sure he's going through the thought process of, 'Do I still want to do this?' He had the injury last year and his knees are not getting any better. I'm sure that's what he's thinking about."

Marino threw 12 touchdown passes and 17 interceptions last season, missing five games and most of a sixth because of a neck injury. He finished with a career-low 67.4 passer rating.

Coach Dave Wannstedt has indicated that he would prefer to go with a younger quarterback like Jim Druckenmiller or Damon Huard, who was 4-1 as a starter last season.

Though there is no timetable for Marino's decision, he likely will make an announcement before March 20, the day the Dolphins begin their off-season workout program.

Dallas releases McIver making room for Coakley, Page

IRVING, Texas (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys saved a lot of money Thursday by releasing offensive lineman Everett McIver, then offered some of the cash to Pro Bowl linebacker Dexter Coakley.

The Cowboys had until Friday to decide whether to keep McIver for three more seasons. If they had, he would have received a \$1.6 million bonus and counted \$2.44 million against the cap in 2000.

By letting him go, Dallas saved nearly \$950,000 in cap room this season and opened a spot for Solomon Page, who graded out nearly as high as McIver despite playing mostly when starters were hurt.

McIver leaves Dallas with a permanent reminder of his two-year stay: a small scar on neck from where Michael Irvin accidentally stabbed him with a pair of scissors during training camp in 1998.

"Everett has been a great citizen, a great player in Dallas for two years and he's going to take the high road about this," agent Stephen Hayes said. "He's looking forward to his opportunity to move on. There's a lot of teams out there that have a need for a player of his caliber."

Coakley, a restricted free agent, was offered \$1,027,000 for next season.

Rodman returns, fans wait for his 'outlandish' stunts

DALLAS (AP) — Now that Dennis Rodman has played his first game for the Dallas Mavericks, the wait begins for his first outlandish act.

There was no reason for Rodman to dye his hair a new shade or to try anything wild on the court in his debut Wednesday night, a 117-106 loss to Seattle.

His mere presence already had him where he wanted to be: in the spotlight.

The key with Rodman will be how he responds once people get used to him being around again. That's when he's likely to start pulling the stunts that have made him more famous than rebounding ever could have.

Another way to push his buttons is for the Mavericks to lose a lot, something that's entirely possible. Just because Rodman knows Dallas' past doesn't mean he's ready to lose more often than he wins.

MacCurdy follows family swimmers

By Chris Gibson
STAFF REPORTER

It's still hours before the sun rises, and for most college students, the annoying buzz they hear is from a long night out on the town.

But not for Jamie MacCurdy. The annoying buzz is coming from her alarm clock, signaling the start of another day in the life of a swimmer.

Early morning workouts are nothing new for MacCurdy. The sophomore from Plano has been doing it virtually all her life. She said from the time she began swimming, she knew that was all she ever wanted to do. MacCurdy, who is currently ranked 13th in the nation by the College Swimming Coaches Association in the 400-meter individual medley, comes from a family of swimmers who taught her the sport.

"Swimming has always been a part of my life," MacCurdy said. "My mom and dad wanted to start me off at a young age. When I was younger, I was also involved in gymnastics, but it got to where I was too busy and had to choose one or the other. I chose to keep swimming,

and I think I definitely made the right choice."

Swimming is something that has seemed to come easy to the MacCurdy family. Both parents were collegiate swimmers at Texas Tech University, where they met and eventually got married. Her uncle, Jerry Heidenreich, was key performer for the United States in the 1972 Olympics. He was able to bring home two gold medals, one silver and one bronze. Her father is now the coach at the Academy of Texas Aquatic Champions Swim Club Inc. of Plano, a club that her uncle founded.

"Some people say that swimming is in my genes," MacCurdy said. "That may be true, but it hasn't come to me as easy as it did my parents and my uncle. I was always the smallest one in the pool growing up, and even though I've grown an inch since I've been in college, I'm still smaller than other swimmers. I guess it has helped me in a way because it made me work harder to try and stay up with everyone else."

Both teammates and coaches said working hard is something that is

MacCurdy's strong point.

"She is one of the most dedicated swimmers that I have ever coached, and it shows in and out of the water," head coach Richard Sybesma said. "That is one of the reasons that we chose Jamie as our most valuable swimmer after her freshman year. You hardly ever see an underclassman step up and be the leader of the team, but nothing surprises me with Jamie anymore."

Teammate junior Diane Drake said she feels the same way. "Without Jamie, we would really have our work cut out for us," she said. "She's really amazing."

While at Plano Senior High she was the co-captain of her 1998 state high school championship team. She finished fourth in the 200-yard freestyle and eighth in the 500-yard freestyle, while helping her relay team to a second place finish in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

"When Jamie came in, we knew she was going to be really good for us," Sybesma said. "She has been able to compete in a lot of areas, but now we would really like to concentrate on her individual medley and

backstroke events. Those are two areas where we think she is exceptionally strong and can go on to the next level."

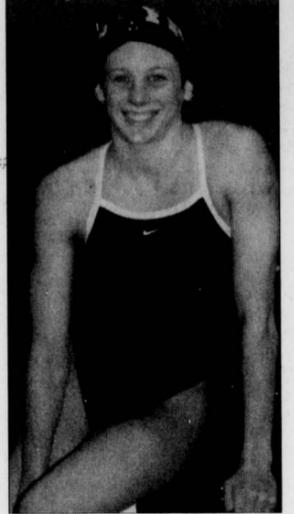
That next level for MacCurdy and for most swimmers with her ability is the Olympics.

"My ultimate goal has always been to make the Olympics as a swimmer," MacCurdy said. "I've wanted that my whole life. I think it's every swimmers dream to make it to the Olympics. It's like making it to the Superbowl."

Despite missing a few weeks due to illness, she said she is looking forward to getting back in the water and preparing for the Western Athletic Conference championship meet later this month.

"It has been really hard watching everybody swim," MacCurdy said. "I've wanted to get in the water so bad. But now that I've rested a little and am starting to feel better, I can start preparing for conference. I just hope (the illness) doesn't affect my times too much."

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Katherine Barr/SKIFF STAFF
Sophomore swimmer Jamie MacCurdy comes from a family of swimmers. She is ranked No. 13 in the country in the 400-meter individual medley.



Hilary Morgan/SKIFF STAFF
Senior pitcher Mark Hamilton winds up to throw a pitch against the Southwest Texas State Bobcats Sunday. The Frogs defeated the Texas-Arlington Mavericks Thursday 13-9 to get coach Lance Brown his 400th win of his career.

Win over Mavericks gives coach 400th win

By Rusty Simmons
STAFF REPORTER

Freshman shortstop Ramon Moses' sacrifice fly in the bottom of the eighth inning put TCU ahead for good in its 13-9 win over Texas-Arlington Thursday at the TCU Diamond.

"The bases were loaded, and I got a pitch to hit," Moses said. "I like that pressure."

The Frogs were in a position of pressure because they lost their second lead of the game in the top of the eighth inning when junior pitcher Chad Durham gave up two runs. The Mavericks combined three consecutive hits to score a pair of runs and tie the game 9-9.

But TCU's offense, which scored four runs in the seventh inning, put four more runs on the board in the eighth to regain the lead.

"It is a good win for us because we got behind and fought back,"

head coach Lance Brown said.

It was also a big win for Brown personally as the victory marked the 400th in his career at TCU.

The Frogs tallied 15 hits, but Brown said the team's ability to do the little things made the win possible.

"In batting practice, we worked on bunting and hitting the ball on the ground," he said. "We took extra bases a couple of times and did the things that kept us from winning Tuesday."

Some other things have changed for the TCU baseball team since Tuesday's extra-innings loss to UTA.

Red-shirt freshman outfielder Greg Bratton and freshman first baseman Walter Olmstead made their way into the lineup because they have been hitting the ball well in practice, Brown said.

Also, senior second baseman Levi

Groomer replaced sophomore infielder Erick Macha, who was hit in the face with a ground ball during the pre-game warm-ups.

The trio combined for five hits, four RBI, and Groomer hit a home run.

The team's leading hitter, junior outfielder Tom Bates, added two hits to his season total and drove in a pair of runs.

Brown said it was nice to see the Frog bats making solid contact again.

"I think hitting becomes contagious," he said. "When a guy gets hot, other guys on the team believe they can hit as well, and when the players see others struggling, they struggle also."

TCU used four pitchers to hold the Mavericks to nine runs. Junior pitcher Chris Bradshaw threw the first five innings and left the game with the lead, giving up two earned runs during his stint on the mound.

Junior pitcher Stan Newton, who pitched Tuesday, relieved Bradshaw and gave up three runs without recording an out. Brown said it is difficult dealing with pitchers early in the season.

"It is kind of weird when they can only throw a certain number of pitches," he said. "You never really know whose arm is going to bounce back after throwing earlier in the week."

Brown said it is something the Frogs will have to work out before this weekend when the team plays three games in two days.

TCU meets Iowa State at noon today at UTA, plays the Mavericks for the third time in four days at 3:30 p.m. tomorrow at UTA and has a rematch against Iowa State at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at the TCU Diamond.

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throw the ball up the court, not dribble it," he said. "We forced them to put the ball on the floor."

The Frogs, however, had their own troubles holding onto the ball. TCU committed a season-high 24 turnovers which led to 15 points for Hawaii.

"It was an ugly, strange game," Tubbs said. "We've looked bad in some games, but we have never chucked in the towel. I think our guys deserve credit."

The Rainbows made a run of their own at the beginning of the second half, going on a 14-4 run to cut the TCU lead to eight points. TCU, however, didn't let Hawaii back within seven for the rest of the game.

TCU is coming off of a 33-point loss to Tulsa on Saturday. Tubbs said his team fought back well and he thinks the Frogs still have a shot at making National Invitational Tournament.

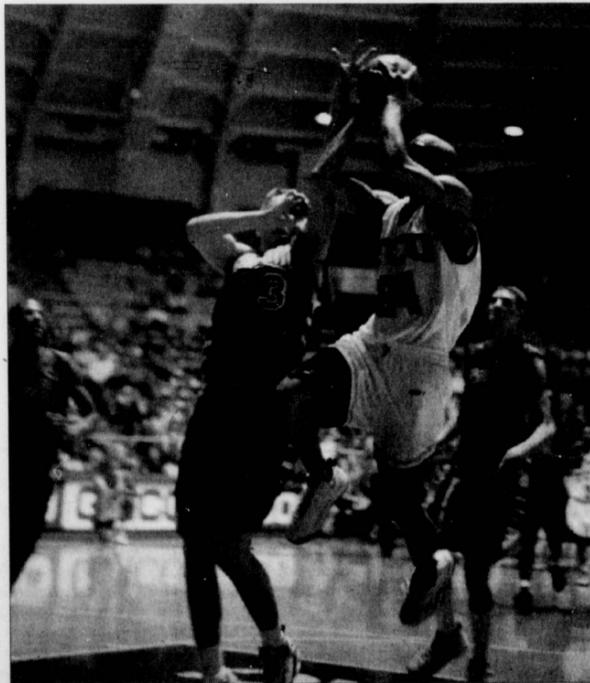
"We've had a lot of practice coming back this season," Tubbs said. "I'm still excited about this season. I still like our team. Sometimes you don't always like your team at this point in the season. I still think we have a chance to play better this season."

Laster said the Frogs need to win the rest of the games this season to put themselves in a position for postseason play.

"If we win there is no telling what good luck will fall on us," Laster said.

The Frogs play San Jose State Saturday at 7:05 p.m. at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

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John Shaw/SKIFF STAFF
Junior guard Estell Laster, goes up for a shot with Hawaii's Lane O'Connor defending. The Frogs defeated the Rainbows 106-96 Thursday night.

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accounted for seven of the 22 Hawaii turnovers. The Rainbows entered the game as one of the better defensive teams in the Western Athletic Conference by giving up an average of 69 points a game.

"Our defense was not nearly as effective tonight," Wallace said. "They were running around us too easily because we did not play well in the one-on-one situations."

Junior forward Lane O'Connor said the Rainbows did not play defense at all, and that TCU's shooting was evidence of that all night. He said the Frogs were given too many open looks.

Wallace said O'Connor was the only bright spot on the Hawaii defense. O'Connor also led the Rainbows offensively with a career-high 27 points.

"Our shooting was not the problem," O'Connor said. "We were able to score, but we never stopped turning the ball over and we never kept them from scoring."

Tubbs said the game was definitely one of the strangest games of the season but thought it was a good win for the team. The Frogs are coming off a 33-point against Tulsa Saturday.

"It was a strange game to say the least," Tubbs said. "We turned the ball over too, but our pressure in the first half was the difference."

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TELL me about it

Falling in love against the rules; desire to be 'more than just friends'

by Carolyn Hax

Hi Carolyn:
What is your take on being in a great relationship with someone you are friends with and intimate with, yet the stated parameters of the relationship are "no falling in love"? Out of frustration, I recently said I wanted to break it off. I now deeply regret that.
—NY, NY.

Dear Carolyn:
I always fall for my friends. But they — these are women I am referring to — never want to pursue anything other than friendship. If I have one more girl tell me I am her best friend or surrogate brother, I will scream.
—F.

make room for you? That he has total confidence in himself? That he can be at the wheel in a snowstorm, and you will feel safe enough to drift off to sleep? That he has a really great dog?

Pitter-pat, pitter-pat. Whatever it is, bam, it evaporates the minute a woman thinks she can take your presence for granted. They don't hope you'll call because they know you'll call. They don't wonder what you think of them because they already know. They don't think twice about asking for help with the same tired boyfriend troubles because they know you won't roll your eyes and leave. They won't be intrigued by the possibility of more, because they feel, intuitively, that

they've seen the whole show. But remember, these aren't personality defects, they're omnipresence defects. You fix them by being the same old great friend you've always been — just one who occasionally has somewhere else he needs to be, literally or figuratively but preferably both. No games, either. I mean legitimate outside interests.

And when your thoughts drift toward a female friend, make your move already. The pining always shows, and hesitating is no way to make your masculine case.

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What is your take on drinking a 12-pack and deciding not to barf? If you miss the person terribly, pick up the phone, dial the number, say that, and ask if you can start over — without the mindless "parameters." You decide to date someone. You decide to sleep together. You don't decide what to feel.

Of course you are — you wouldn't want to get caught asserting yourself or anything. Whenever I see a letter like yours, I'm forced to try to define that *thing*, that ineffable oomph that women are drawn to in men. Is it the sense that the fundamental pieces of his life always have been there and always will be there, and he still wants to

TODAY'S menu

THE MAIN Lunch

- Monte Cristo sandwich
 - Pasta bar
 - Fried catfish
 - Pizza bar
- Dinner**
- Cheese enchiladas
 - Chicken casserole
 - Deli bar

WORTH HILLS Lunch

- Hot ham and cheese sandwich
- Lemon dill cod
- Gazpacho jazz salad

Dinner

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EDEN'S GREENS Lunch

- Beef stroganoff
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by Aaron Brown

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by Phil Flickinger

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- One who has been to Mecca
- Flang
- Begley and Begley
- Matures
- Infuse with oxygen
- Back talk
- Start of an Evan Esar quote
- Honolulu garland
- Most uncommon
- Hiker's shelter
- Part 2 of quote
- Dry, as wine
- NYC summer hrs.
- Majestic
- Karate school
- Israeli hero
- Moshe
- Actress Sara
- Alias
- Part 3 of quote
- Ernie of the PGA
- Enthusiast
- Fungi in Sandwich
- Lion's quarry
- Pacific hurricane
- Nature grp.
- Lendable organ?
- Part 4 of quote
- Top guns
- Safari porter
- Old card game
- End of quote
- Addams Family cousin
- Flow back
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- Last letter
- Black Sea port
- Act
- Say more

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- Farewell Yves
- Meat jelly
- Bigotry
- Struck by shock
- Mocks
- Japanese immigrant
- Solemn agreement
- Ballad ending?
- Sharp mountain ridges
- Recent convert
- English school collar
- Safari porter
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- Bus. honcho
- Transmitted
- Pallid
- 5,280 feet
- Like ABC
- Zany
- Give the green light
- American operatic tenor
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- Cupid
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- Renowned
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By Alan P. Olschweg
Huntington Beach, CA

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Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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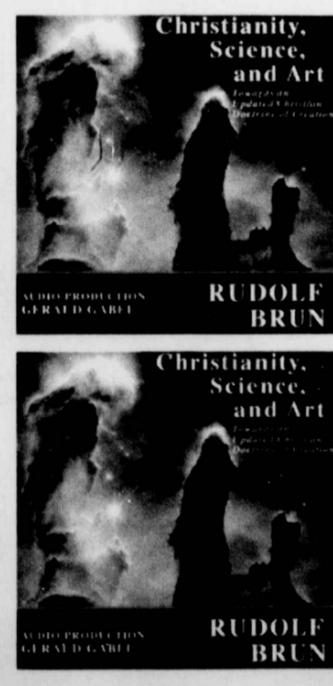
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"It isn't in me to give up. I can keep it up because I know where I'm going. There's no fear when you know where you're going. Besides, it's been nine years, and it's not very fun."



Determination Personified

With a lot of help from family and friends, Robbyn Kindle just might beat the odds

Along with about 950 other TCU students, Robbyn Kindle will graduate this May ... if she lives that long.

The feisty 31-year-old dietetics major is in the last stage of liver disease. The characteristic deep yellow of her skin and eyes attest that her liver cannot filter the pigmented waste of used red blood cells. Fluid building up in her abdomen makes it difficult for her to breathe. She pounds on her chest in a self-burping motion to

relieve the pressure of trapped air.

Her doctor has told her she has two to four months to live.

Always matter-of-fact, Robbyn looks realistically at the bald truth. Because of her training, she knows exactly what is going on inside her body.

"I don't have two months," she said softly, laboring for breath and fighting the

lump in her chest she said feels like a huge chunk of food stuck there.

In the last few weeks, she has become 'homebound. She just spent a weekend in the hospital after losing nearly half her blood when her gums began to bleed. She received two units of whole blood and two units of plasma.

While treating the bleeding, her doctor discovered a hiatal hernia, a

protuberance of the stomach into the esophagus that allows stomach acid to flow back into the esophagus. The fluid in her abdomen seemed to aggravate the hernia, so her doctor prescribed a diuretic to help her body remove the excess water.

From a makeshift command post on the living room couch, she uses what energy she has to take charge of her own fate. She sits with her black Cornish Rex cat, Remington, curled on her lap and a heating pad on her back sipping hot mint tea to relieve the abdominal discomfort. Cordless phone in hand, she talks several times with her doctor. The diuretic eases her bloating, but it makes her nauseated. She may be dying, but she wants to be in control of her condition. The doctor will send another medicine to combat the nausea.

"It's hard when you know so much," she said. "I know the body systems and how they interact, what should be happening and what is not happening. I'd rather not know. The anticipation is much greater when you know."

Nine years ago, Kindle was about 28 weeks into her first pregnancy when she suddenly experienced severe abdominal pains. Her doctor eventually found the source of the cramping: Her small intestine had flipped over, cut its own blood supply and begun to die. She needed emergency surgery.

Surgeons removed 90 percent of her gut, leaving only the duodenum (where food leaves the stomach) and the descending colon, a storage vessel for digested waste. She has a little more than 2 feet of a 28-foot intestine left.

The baby boy Kindle was carrying died during the surgery.

Kindle lost the portion of her gut where nutrients are absorbed into the bloodstream. For nine years, she has received nutrition from total parenter-

al nutrition, or TPN. The thick white mixture, which looks like mashed rice, is pumped through a line in her chest and drips directly into her chest. For nine years, she has been denied the pleasure of feeling the tastes and textures of food on her tongue.

She used to be able to eat foods like warm jello and tea, but she said she quit eating altogether a couple of months ago. She said she dreams she is swimming when she is thirsty.

"My favorite place to eat was Esparaza's in Grapevine," she said. "I have no appetite now. For the past couple of days, though, I have been craving a Slurpee or milk so cold it has ice crystals. But everything comes back up."

TPN feeding is a time-consuming ritual. The specially-formulated food comes in a bag and must be refrigerated but is brought to room temperature before being pumped into Kindle's system.

"We lay everything out at about 8 p.m., so she can hook it up before bed," said her father, A.W. Kindle. "We have to add several vitamins to the bag, and each vitamin takes a separate sterile needle. We clean the kitchen. Robbyn sterilizes her hands, cleans the needles and cleans the bag between each vitamin injection. That takes about half an hour."

A \$25,000 pump pushes the liquid through lines in Kindle's chest at a steady rate for 12 and a half hours a day. When Kindle has to leave home with the pump, she carries it in a black backpack she calls Fred. It's an ordeal, but Kindle said it's easier than being tethered to an IV pole.

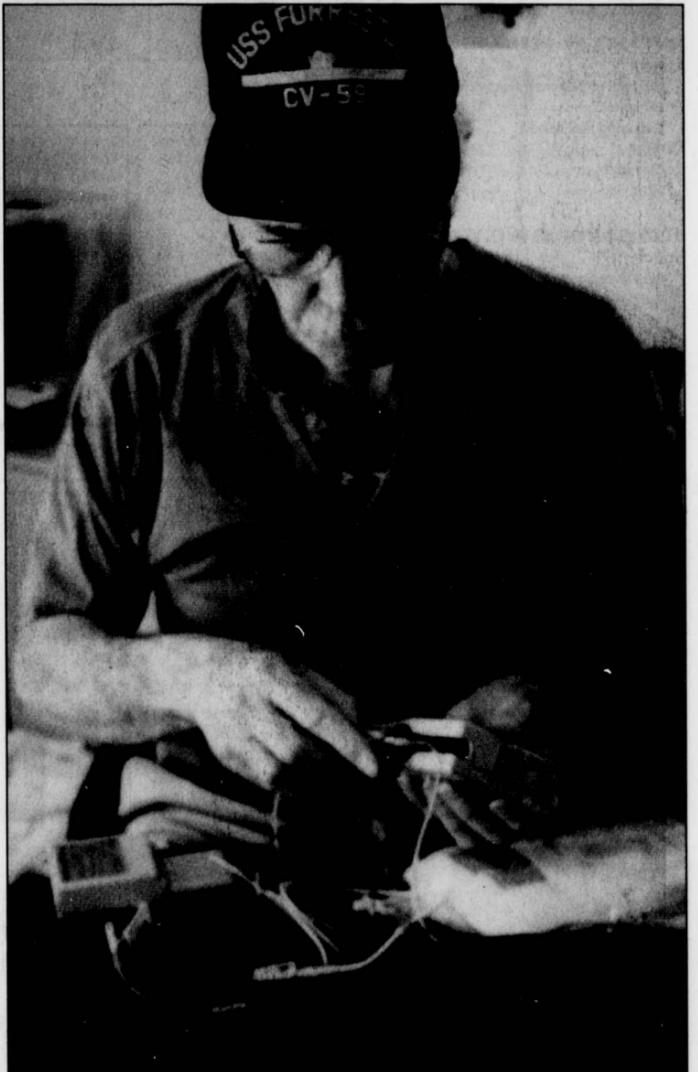
A line goes into her chest just under her right breast, crosses her chest and dumps directly into her jugular vein.

A bell sounds when the bag is empty, and the pump stops so air is

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Robbyn Kindle visits in her living room with Evelyn Roberts, one of her instructors in nutrition and dietetics.



Robbyn Kindle's father demonstrates his daughter's TPN bag and pump. The pump is carried with her in a backpack she calls Fred.

How to help

Buy a \$5 raffle ticket at the nutrition and dietetics office, Bass Building, Room 106, today through Monday. Prizes include gifts from the TCU Bookstore and gift certificates to local restaurants. The drawing will be held Monday, and you don't have to be present to win. Call 257-7309 for details.

Contributions can be made to the Robbyn Kindle custodial account at any Chase Bank of Texas or directly to Nebraska Medical Center, for patient #816882 Robbyn S. Kindle. Checks made to the hospital can be sent to TCU Box 298600, Fort Worth, Texas 76129.

Story and Photos by Jeri Petersen, senior reporter

Gift of life escapes many waiting for organ donation

One in three die while waiting for organ transplants, officials say; donations low because of misplaced fear



Robbyn Kindle's TPN supplies lie on a table in the medical room.

By Matt Weiland
SPORTS EDITOR

The clock is ticking for Robbyn Kindle. She needs \$300,000 for a new liver and a small bowel, or she may die within the next two to four months.

Kindle, a senior dietetics major at TCU, is one of 67,340 people (as of Jan. 31) on the national waiting list for an organ transplant in the United States. She needs to raise the money, or she will be passed over if a liver does become available.

Scott Helm, a spokesman for the United Network for Organ Sharing, said the need for donated organs in the United States is the most critical issue facing doctors and patients.

UNOS is contracted by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to oversee all aspects of organ

transplants and donation. There are 272 transplant centers in the United States that are under the direction of UNOS.

However, because of Kindle's rare need of a new liver/small bowel transplant, she is limited to only three of 272 centers. Her doctor has recommended an Omaha, Neb., transplant center because it is the closest center that can actually perform the surgery if the organs become available.

"The issue is really the critical shortage of organs," Helm said. "People say they want to donate, but their families don't know. So, the organs aren't allocated properly. It is important to let your family know your intentions."

Helm said many people do not donate because they are not properly informed

of the donation process. Kindle said she wants people to understand how much one person can help.

"I don't know why people hang on to their organs after their bodies are dead," she said. "It's unreal the number of people who can live because someone dies."

Kindle said people should not be afraid to donate because they are worried about mutilation of the body.

"(Transplant centers) are so compassionate about how they do it," she said. "The family can have an open casket, and you would never know the body had been touched."

According to UNOS statistics, one person is added to the national transplant waiting list every 16 minutes. However, 13 people die every day while waiting for an organ to become available. One person who makes the decision to become a donor can save up to 25 lives, Helm said. Potential donors can range in age from newborns to 70-year-olds.

The waiting list, administered by the Organ Procurement and Transplantation

"When they are on the waiting list, their time on this world is not very long. More often than not, they die before they get an organ."

—Scott Helm,
a spokesman for the United
Network for Organ Sharing

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