



People used to stare at Amanda Beaty because she was in a wheelchair. But now they stare at her companion, Nick.

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Since Friday, members of the TCU community have raised more than \$81,000 for Robbyn Kindle, a senior nutrition and dietetics major awaiting an organ transplant. Buckets for cash and change are located in every residence hall and major campus building. Kindle needed to raise \$150,000 by Friday to be eligible for the organs once they become available.



A day of triumph

Campus, community donations ensure Kindle has needed funds

By Jeri Petersen
SENIOR REPORTER

Like a general, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs William Koehler marshaled the troops Wednesday morning in a fund-raising effort to benefit senior nutrition and dietetics major Robbyn Kindle.

Kindle, who needs a liver and small bowel transplant, will die within weeks without the operation.

The University Committee to Support Robbyn Kindle was organized this week in response to Kindle's rapidly deteriorating condition.

"This will be the shortest committee assignment you've ever had," Koehler said. "We have to raise \$150,000 in 48 hours or school's out because (Kindle) has reached the critical point."

Before the day's end, Kindle had a guarantee of funds for her transplant operation, with donations from students, faculty, staff, friends in the community and a Dallas businessman who pledged to cover whatever amount TCU didn't raise.

Mark Bunting, CEO of SkyTV, contacted TCU officials as soon as he heard that Kindle was in need of funds.

"I just want to get those stars off her name," he said. "I don't want her to be passed over for an organ because she doesn't have the money."

After hearing that the goal had been met, Koehler said he was still reeling at the news.

"This is an incredible tribute to the TCU community," Koehler said. "These gestures speak louder than anything we can say."

From her hospital room in Baylor Medical Center in Grapevine, Kindle said she was still in shock hours after the good news.

Gift of life



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Mark Bunting is a recognized television celebrity and seasoned investor within the Internet world. His career started in publishing in 1986 with the *Wall Street Journal* in Houston and Silicon Valley. In 1991, he founded his first company, PC House, which was an early pioneer in the direct marketing of PCs to the home computing market. After selling that company in 1993, he created SkyTV, which was the first enterprise to syndicate television programs on computing and the Internet to broadcast and cable television.

In addition to being CEO of SkyTV, Bunting was the creator and host of programs

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Jennifer Jost, chairwoman of the House of Student Representatives' Permanent Improvements Committee, collects a donation for Robbyn Kindle from Linda Nguyen, a senior environmental science major.

Sarah Kirschberg/PHOTO EDITOR

How to help

Contributions can be made to Robbyn Kindle in a variety of ways

- Checks can be written directly to the Nebraska Medical Center for patient #816882 Robbyn S. Kindle. These contributions are tax-deductible and can be mailed to TCU Box 298600 until Friday.
- Contributions can also be made to the Robbyn Kindle custodial account at any Chase Bank of Texas. There is no guarantee these donations are tax-deductible.
- Buckets for cash and change donations are in the House of Student Representatives office and the Reed-Sadler mall area through Friday.
- For more information, about donations call William Koehler at 257-7101 or Don Mills at 257-7820.

For continuous updates on the donations, call the SGA Robbyn Kindle Hotline at 257-5236.

New building will consolidate departments

By Reagan Duplisea
STAFF REPORTER

When the William E. and Jean Jones Tucker Technology Center opens, it will provide an environment more conducive to faculty and student relations in the departments of engineering, computer science and mathematics, department heads said.

Dick Rinewalt, chairman of the computer science department, said the current setup of the department

Students, faculty say center will improve communication

inconveniences students and faculty. The laboratories are located in the northeast corner of the first floor of the Sid W. Richardson Building while faculty offices are in the southwest corner of the third floor.

"If students have a question, they have to walk all the way up and try to find us," Rinewalt said.

"The current floor plans for the technology center show the faculty offices are right across the hall from the labs."

Justin Smith, a sophomore computer science major, said the faculty members are not all in one area in the building because they got what space was left over from the physics department.

"If you're speaking to one professor, and he refers you to another, you can't just go next door," Smith said.

Walt Williamson, chairman of the engineering department, said it is even more difficult for engineering professors to help their students because the labs are in Sid Richardson, but their offices

are in the Bass Building.

However, while the new technology center will make it more convenient for faculty and student relations, the new building may cause new problems, Williamson said. He said he expects the building to be a draw for new students to the engineering program. The amount of students could increase

by as many as 150 students.

"One of the things I most worry about is being able to maintain the small classes and opportunities for faculty and student interaction we have now," Williamson said.

Williamson said having all department facilities in one place will also help faculty.

"A lot of information gets traded when faculty work next

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Students think prank is funny

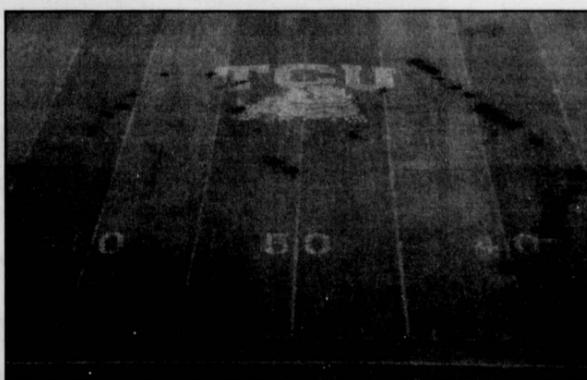
Joke keeps competition fun, some say

By Omar Villafranca
STAFF REPORTER

You reap what you sow. But in this case, TCU is reaping what Southern Methodist University sowed back in November.

The Mustang Marching Band dropped ryegrass seeds on the field of Amon Carter Stadium during half-time of a 21-0 TCU victory on Nov. 26. The seeds have since grown into a large diamond shaped "M" (the trademark formation of the SMU marching band) and left the TCU community with some extra yardwork.

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During the halftime show of the TCU football team's 21-0 win against SMU on Nov. 26, some SMU band members dropped ryegrass seeds on the field. The grass forms the SMU "Diamond M."

Sarah Kirschberg/PHOTO EDITOR

BLACK history month

Remembering the past

Black women reflect on their history at TCU

By Yonina Robinson
STAFF REPORTER

In 1965, while 4,000 National Guard troops were opening the road in Selma, Ala., to allow Martin Luther King Jr. and thousands of other protesters to reach Montgomery, several other black students were opening doors at TCU for other minority students.

Mildred Sims was one of the first black students to enroll at TCU.

"We were here at the times when changes were coming," said Sims, a 1969 TCU alumna. "The administration was trying to

help us. (The class of 1969) was a real brave class because we stuck together. We didn't want to get a reputation where (black people) were admitted and left real quickly."

The actual number of black students who enrolled with Sims is unknown because, at the time, TCU students were not required to list race when enrolling.

Sims said she chose TCU over a historically black college or university because she didn't want her college experience to be purely social.

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PULSE
CAMPUS LINES

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

■ **TCU London Centre information session** will be at 4 p.m. today in the Student Center, Room 207. Any student interested in fall or spring study at the London Centre is encouraged to attend. The application deadline for Fall 2000 is March 15. Applications are available in the International Education Office, Sadler Hall, Room 16 or by calling 257-7120.

■ **Opening of EMERGE art exhibit** featuring the work of six studio art majors, Meredith Davis, Suzuno Ota, Jenny Gassiraro, Courtney Miles, Sheryl Yeomen and Nick Kirk, will be from 5 to 7 p.m. today in the vestibule of Moudy Building North. There will be drinks and refreshments.

■ **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 Monday.

■ **Programming Council's Homecoming committee** will be accepting applications for sub-chairs. Leaders are needed for the following committees: decorations, entertainment, fashion show, publicity, parade/rally, carnival and Frog Follies. Applications are available Monday in the PC office and are due by 5 p.m. March 3. Please remember to sign up for an interview time. For more information, contact Chelsea Hudson at 257-4356.

■ **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.

■ **Résumé-writing workshop** will be noon Wednesday in the Student Center, Room 203. This hour-long workshop will provide an overview of the résumé-writing process. Please register at least 24 hours in advance by calling 257-7860 or stopping by Career Services in the Student Center Annex.

■ **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.

NEWS
ROUNDUP

WORLD

German president apologizes to Israel, asks forgiveness for Holocaust

JERUSALEM — The first German words ever spoken in Israel's parliament were a plea Wednesday for forgiveness for the Holocaust, but they made some Israelis shiver nonetheless.

Speaker Avraham Burg, whose father fled Nazi Germany in 1939, said he thought long and hard before allowing German President Johannes Rau to address the Knesset in what Burg called "the language of the murderers and the murdered."

Some lawmakers stayed away in protest. However, former Speaker Shevah Weiss, a Holocaust survivor, said that while he had very mixed feelings about German — the first German word he ever heard was "Achtung," shouted by Nazi troops in the Warsaw Ghetto — he believed Rau should be heard.

Most Knesset members did turn up for the speech, and listened politely to Rau, introduced as an "old friend" who had chosen Israel for his first foreign trip since his May election.

Rau opened with an emotional apology for the Holocaust, the Nazi genocide in World War II during which 6 million Jews perished.

"With the people of Israel watching, I bow in humility before those murdered, before those who don't have graves where I could ask them for forgiveness," said Rau. "I am asking for forgiveness for what Germans have done, for myself and my generation, for the sake of our children and grandchildren, whose future I would like to see alongside the children of Israel."

Rau then raised familiar themes, such as the need to teach the younger generation about Germany's troubled past, and the special relationship between Israel and Germany.

NATION

Prosecutors seek reduced charges for police officers in Diallo shooting case

ALBANY, N.Y. — Apparently hedging their bets, prosecutors on Wednesday asked that the jury be allowed to consider lesser charges in the murder trial of four white police officers who killed an unarmed African immigrant in a barrage of 41 bullets.

The request came after two days of sometimes tearful testimony from the four New York City officers, who said they shouted to Amadou Diallo and thought they saw him pull a gun. The object turned out to be a wallet.

The prosecutors asked Justice Joseph Teresi to direct the jury to consider manslaughter and criminally negligent homicide in addition to

murder and other charges. Teresi did not immediately make a decision.

He adjourned the trial until Tuesday, when the jury will hear closing arguments.

The four New York City officers — Kenneth Boss, 28, Richard Murphy, 27, Sean Carroll, 37, and Edward McMellon, 27 — gunned down Diallo a year ago in the vestibule of his apartment building in the Bronx.

They already pleaded innocent to charges of second-degree murder, depraved indifference murder and reckless endangerment.

If convicted of second-degree murder, the officers face a maximum of 25 years to life in prison.

Under the prosecution request, the alternatives to the intentional murder charge would be first-degree manslaughter — intent to cause injury resulting in death — which carries a maximum sentence of 12 1/2 to 25 years.

For depraved indifference, options would be second-degree manslaughter — recklessly causing death — which carries a maximum sentence of 5 to 15 years; or criminally negligent homicide — failing to perceive the risk of death — which carries a maximum of 1 1/3 to 4 years.

A conviction on the murder charge or the first-degree manslaughter charge would guarantee some jail time for the officers. The lesser charges could allow for probation.

Clinton dismisses capital punishment plea, asks states to examine policies

WASHINGTON — President Clinton rejected calls for a national moratorium on capital punishment Wednesday but urged the nation's governors to "look very closely" at their death penalty systems to make sure that innocent people are not executed.

He said it was courageous of Illinois Gov. George Ryan to impose a freeze on executions after the exoneration of 13 death row inmates in his state over two decades. Clinton said death penalty supporters — including himself — have "an especially heavy obligation" to make sure there is no question of guilt for condemned prisoners.

At an hour-long news conference ranging from domestic subjects to foreign policy, Clinton refused to say whether he will challenge ethics complaints seeking to strip him of his Arkansas law license because of his conduct in the Monica Lewinsky scandal.

He said he paid \$850,000 last year to settle a related case — the sexual harassment suit of Paula Jones — only to prevent it from being a distraction to his presidency. He said the suit "had absolutely no merit."

On another subject, Clinton said he has not ruled out a visit to Pakistan next month when he visits its arch rival, India. He said his decision would hinge on whether stopping in Islamabad could stop the regional arms race, promote democracy in military-ruled Pakistan and resolve the India-Pakistan conflict. He said

the United States would be happy to help mediate the dispute over Kashmir, but only if both countries seek help.

STATE

Group accuses Gov. Bush of ignoring child poverty issues in Texas

AUSTIN — Gov. George W. Bush, who has billed himself the "compassionate conservative" on the campaign trail, has ignored child poverty issues in his home state, a group that opposes social conservatives said Wednesday.

Samantha Smoot, executive director of the Texas Freedom Network, said Bush has done little to address problems associated with poor children in Texas. A Bush spokesman disputed the charge.

Smoot's 7,000-member group launched "Our Kids at Risk," an effort to organize lawmakers, professionals and others to push children's issues through the 2001 Legislature and to monitor the political records of Bush and others.

Bush spokesman Scott McClellan said the governor has worked with the Legislature to make sure all Texas children have access to quality education and health insurance.

McClellan cited education reforms, including accountability, school choice and higher test scores, among Bush successes.

Since Bush has been in office, 47 percent more students are passing the state's graduation exit exam, McClellan said.

Black and Hispanic eighth graders have the nation's best writing scores according to the National Association for Education Progress and the number of schools rated exemplary rose from 67 to more than 1,000 since the governor took office, McClellan said.

"Governor Bush has high expectations for every child and he has a proven record of closing the opportunity gap," McClellan said.

Smoot said Texas' poor ranking on a number of children's issues, coupled with Bush's recruiting of social conservatives in South Carolina, is hypocritical.

"The extremist wing of the Republican Party has George W. Bush on a very short leash. Bush has wandered to the far right's extremist agenda at the expense of Texas children's well being," she said.

The Children's Rights Council, a separate, nonpartisan advocacy group, ranked Texas No. 48 this year in its annual list of the best state's in which to rear children. Before Bush took office in 1995, the state was ranked 29th.

One in four Texas children lives in poverty, there is only one accredited child care center for every 2,637 children, 25 percent of Texas children are not immunized by age 2. The same number of children, 1.4 million, are uninsured, Smoot said. No other state has more uninsured children, she said.

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STAFF editorials

GIFT OF LIFE

Students, staff support commendable

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



Fellow Frog Robbyn Kindie has lots of friends and a knight in shining armor. Through the combined efforts of TCU students, faculty, staff and friends in the community, \$26,000 is sitting in a safe at TCU, ready to be used for her double transplant operation. Mark Bunting, CEO of SkyTV, Wednesday pledged to guarantee a deposit of \$150,000 needed for the transplant.

The real story here is what a crisis like this brings out in people. Students dropped coins, bills in denominations from \$5 to \$20, checks and even their paychecks into buckets manned by SGA volunteers Wednesday. The University Committee to Support Robbyn Kindie pulled out all the stops, contacting anyone in a position to contribute, garnering thousands of dollars in less than one day. A custodial account in her name has swelled with contributions in the last three days.

People give when they see a need. "I hope everyone will keep chugging along because this only takes care of the present crisis for her," Bunting said. A spokesman at the Nebraska Medical Center said he had never seen anything like this and wants to use TCU as a model of fund-raising. Congratulations and thanks to all those who have opened their hearts and pocketbooks. Every cent counts.

The official fund-raiser ends Friday, but TCU giving won't end until Kindie is back on her feet. Good luck, Robbyn, and let's keep chugging indeed.

How to help

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For continuous updates on the donations, call the SGA Robbyn Kindie Hotline at 257-5236.

PAST COMPLIANCE

More ramps needed on campus

When this campus was built many years ago, access for the disabled was not a priority.

Now, TCU is catching up to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Every new building that goes up on campus has to meet regulations that make access easier for people in wheelchairs.

Although it is TCU's job and responsibility to comply with ADA regulations, the administration should be commended for getting things done and making improvements to the accessibility of campus facilities.

"We work very hard to see that our renovations meet the law," said Larry Garrison, the university's architect.

TCU spent \$1.5 million to renovate Daniel-Meyer Coliseum to increase seating for disabled people and make the restrooms more accessible. Plans are under review to improve Amon Carter Stadium.

But many buildings, such as the Rickel Building and Sid W. Richardson Building, are not easily accessible. While technically there is wheelchair access, it is neither highly visible nor convenient.

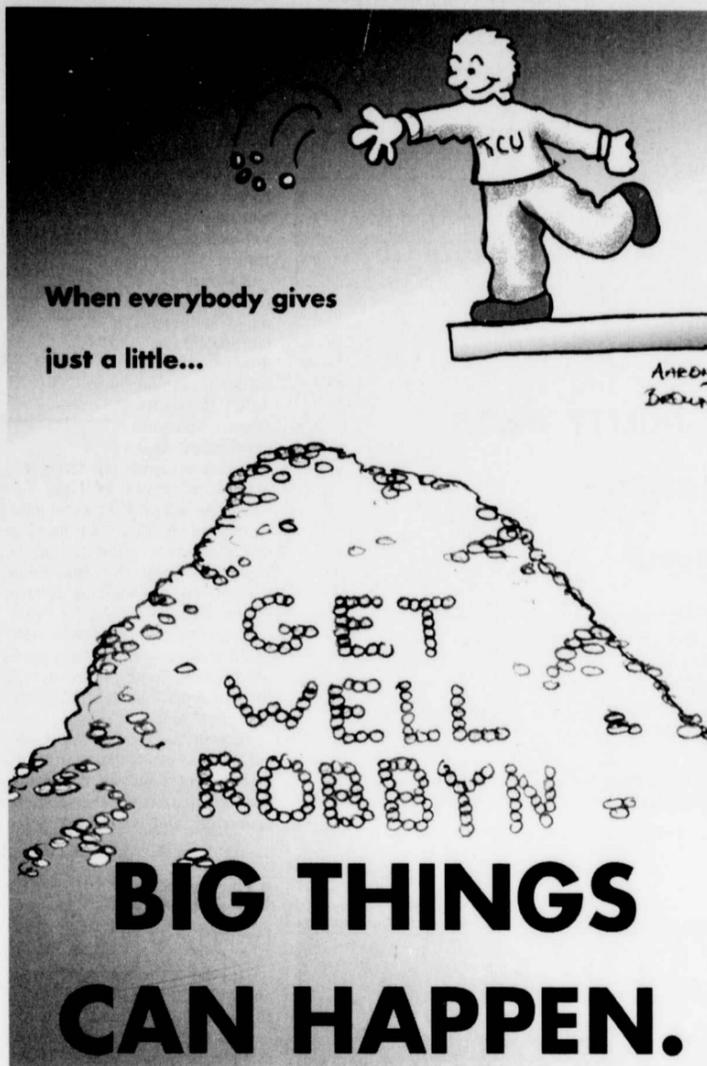
There is only one curb cut on University Drive, which makes it cumbersome for people in wheelchairs to get to classes in Beasley Hall and the Moudy Building.

More changes need to be made. And we're not talking about changes for future Frogs. We need to make life easier for our fellow classmates now. It's our responsibility.

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Internet invasion is annoying.com on TV

Someday, when I am a curmudgeonly senior citizen (as opposed to being a curmudgeonly 21-year-old), I will grouse to my grandchildren and congressional representative about how good it was back in the 1980s.

Sadly, I will remember television most of all. And why not? TV in the '80s was the Golden Age. When my mind is old and nostalgic and preserved in a robot body, it won't be the fall of the Berlin Wall, nor Ronald Reagan's outlawing of Russia, nor Baby Jessica that I will remember about the '80s.

I will remember that every Monday night, from 1986 to 1990, a furry alien named ALF ran around the Tanner house, trying to eat Mrs. Tanner's cat.

I liked TV when I was a kid, but what I liked about it most of all was that there were very few computer-oriented commercials. That I have a preference for the television advertisements of 15 years ago over commercials of today is a sad commentary in and of itself. I have framed a memory in the context of a contemporary annoyance. What I am getting at, in a prolix and agonizingly round about way, is that I am sick of the current inundation of Internet advertisements and related dot.com crap. Admittedly, I could have said that a paragraph ago, but then I might not have been able to mention ALF.

ALF or no ALF, the Internet has yet to impress me. As near as I can tell, the Internet is little more than a horrific purveyor of pornography. This is not an original indictment, but I have found the Internet's usefulness to be nominal unless one is jonesing for grainy, two-inch framed, German fetish videos. Maybe it's because I am too poor and cowardly to trade stocks online. Maybe it's because I still think the CIA is watching my every move. Or maybe I'm just a technophobe.

The only thing I have ever used the Internet for is ordering music, and if I were at home, I probably could find what I was look-

ing for in a local record store. If I picked a different genre of music, then I probably wouldn't use the Internet even for that. Nevertheless, there has to be something beneficial that I'm missing because people are making loads of cash from it. I suspect it's all in the hype and advertising revenue. I base this assumption on the ridiculous number of dot.com commercials on television and radio.

In the aforementioned Golden Age of Television, the only computer-related commercials on TV came from Apple and IBM. The Apple ads featured Heavy D, nearly nude except for a strategically placed keyboard. The IBM commercials placed crusty old Anne Ramsey in a bikini, running from ravenous, fire-breathing midgits. OK, so naked fat people weren't really featured in these ads. I don't remember them very well, and that's the point. I only remember that there were a handful of these ads. My media experience from the turn of the century has already been marred by Internet overkill, and I see no end to this trend.

I suppose that a large part of advertising involves completely assaulting the target audience from every angle. With no end to our astounding economy in sight, advertising will become increasingly more pervasive and invasive. Couple this with the fact that the industrialized world is hell bent on cramming commerce into a nebulous virtual world, and you will see that no place will be free from cyber-soliciting. I went to a church that utilized a computer to project the worship lyrics onto a screen. I am afraid that next time I go to this church, the worship portion will be sponsored by Amazon.com.

I'm not really a technophobe. The problem is that I haven't had a lot of experience in making productive use of the Internet, and I know that I will have to get along with the online world in order to keep from becoming a backward reactionary. However, the minute I sit down on the toilet and urinalmint.com appears on some hidden video screen, I'm changing my latitude, instead of my attitude.

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THANKS & spanks

Thanks: To all TCU students, faculty and staff who donated their time and money to Robbyn Kindie's transplant effort. You have helped to save a life, and for that, you should be commended.

Thanks: To the Student Government Association for their assistance in raising money for Robbyn Kindie.

Thanks: To the administration of

the M.J. Neeley School of Business for providing an inexpensive way to obtain an important business tool, the *Wall Street Journal*. I'm sure the mail-room people thank you, too, or will when the student subscriptions finally run out. To those who want it all without charge, you'll find it's usually worth the price paid.

Spanks: To the TCU student who blames an architectural feature that

probably has been there longer than you've been a student for being late for class on the third floor of Reed Hall. To paraphrase an old saying: "It's a poor student who blames the building."

Spanks: To the TCU budget which pays business professors more than

liberal arts professors. Although officials say the salary difference is needed in order to increase the status of the business school, other academic departments should not take a back seat to the Neeley School.

Madonna errs in 'Pie' remake

It would have been extremely easy to write a "woe is me" Valentine's column last week. My friends were all saying, "Kevin, why don't you write something about what a self-deprecating loser you are! That'd be funny!" Gee, thanks guys.

But rather than pen the proverbial Valentine's fodder, I thought it was important to warn humanity of a potential problem threatening to send America into a downward spiral of insipid blandness. With the start of the third millennium, everyone likes to look back at the past and see where we screwed up. Experts, skeptics, philosophers, pundits and people who, for some reason, get paid money to sit around and talk about old stuff for documentaries all like to point out some of the mistakes we made long ago.

Mistakes such as making new Coke or giving money to people who make movies like "Teen Wolf, Too" remind us of worse times and irretrievable errors. I have a personal vendetta against whoever made the mistake of inventing the concept of diagramming sentences. I still have no idea what the heck a gerund is, but, man, am I glad to know so much about subjects, verbs and prepositions.

But that all being said, I think I can pinpoint who has already blighted the face of the millennium so early in its inception. It's Madonna and her cover of the Don McLean song, "American Pie." I'm not really sure what the Material Girl was doing. Maybe she just ran out of material. But regardless, that's no excuse for a shamefully tasteless remake of an American classic.

For those of you who think I'm talking about the newest, cool song by Madonna or who think I'm referring to last summer's nefariously fornicating movie, this column isn't for you. Go watch a Backstreet Boys video because this won't make sense to your feeble, MTV-numbed mind.

In 1971, McLean wrote a song about the lost magic of rock 'n' roll and how it correlates with the 1959 fatal plane crash of the three famous musicians — Buddy Holly, Richie Valens and the Big Bopper. I know all this because I watch VH1, which, in turn, provides me with enough musical stories to get a doctorate in useless information. It has the only shows where I watch and think, "Wow, an hour-long program on David Crosby smoking crack is interesting!"

But the musical trend is quickly becoming one of repeating great old songs and taking the credit instead of periodically emulating them in a live concert cover. The new "American Pie" isn't musical success. It's musical sacrilege. What was once a nostalgic song about rock 'n' roll has now been transformed into a nauseous song about, well, nothing. Gone are the days of lyrical prowess, creative improvisation or musical talent. Instead, we're stuck with three-chord guitar riffs mixed over a looped drum beat stolen from Led Zeppelin. That's not innovation. That's disco music on methamphetamine.

The original "American Pie" has been cut almost in half, utterly destroying its poetry and trivializing its meaning. Now the line "the day the music died" takes on a whole new perspective. There's little thought in some music now. And we as a society have such short attention spans that if there's anything else other than a mindless drum thud for two minutes, we don't have the patience to listen.

But I am still incredulous that the rip-offs have reached such dire extremes such as this new song. We need to return to a time when we create and not just lazily copy. When we appreciate the ingenuity of a song and not just rehash it to make a "dance mix," a "club mix" or a "mix mix." How much whiskey and rye did the good ol' producers drink before they decided that this cover was a good idea?

But despite this grievous offense against society, I suppose it will all fade in time. The past also shows us that mistakes can be changed. Coke still sells, "I'm still refusing to forget what happened that one summer a while back" will inevitably premiere, and I can always end sentences with prepositions whenever I feel like it. And that's what it's all about.

But if there's ever a remix of "Stairway to Heaven," I'm taking my musical crusade to the very top. Be looking for my scathing commentary on VH1's "Behind the Music."

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Inspiration goal of event

Conference to encourage minority high-schoolers to attend college

By Kathryn Garcia
STAFF REPORTER

As the first child in his family to attend college, Manuel Rodriguez said he always strived for more. Without the guidance of college-savvy parents, Rodriguez struggled through the application and financial aid processes to become a TCU student.

Rodriguez, a junior nursing major and assistant student coordinator of the Fifth Annual TCU Minority High School Conference, said he hopes to inspire other minority students to enroll in college.

Darron Turner, director of intercultural education and services and commuter affairs, said he would like to see the students at the conference attend any college, not necessarily TCU.

Sharon Session, student coordinator of the conference and a junior English major, said she has participated in the conference the past three years.

Session said every year, the conference sends out letters to high school guidance counselors and principals in the area, and the counselors and principals choose

the students who will attend. This year, she said, there will be about 200 to 250 students.

"I keep coming back because of my love for what it's doing to encourage students to want to further their education," Session said.

The conference will begin with a speech by Chancellor Michael Ferrari at 10 a.m. Friday in the Student Center Ballroom.

Then, the students will choose three of the eight workshop topics to attend. Among the topics are leadership, freshmen experiences, athletics, religion, the transition to "the real world," relationships with roommates and friends, time management and Greek life.

Reynaldo Rivera, a senior mechanical engineering major, will make a presentation at the Greek Life workshop.

"For minorities, college isn't always the most attainable goal in their lives. I hope I make a difference by influencing them to go to college. Just by talking and answering their questions, you can show them it's not impossible."

Gregorio Armand, a senior psychology major, said his presentation for the leadership workshop will focus on getting students involved in organizations.

"I'll tell them not to feel nervous or intimidated because they are not going to see people that look like them," Armand said. "We need to learn how to put aside our differences and work with each other."

During lunch, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta and Zeta Phi Beta sororities will perform step shows for the students.

Students will then attend a Major/Minor Fair and a financial aid and admissions workshop. Afterward, everybody will play the Game of College Life, where each student will be given questions and will have to go to the appropriate college department for the answers.

A student panel is also scheduled so that students can hear experiences from current and past college students.

"When we see the students that were in the conference the following year walking around campus, I feel better knowing the work we put into it wasn't a waste," he said. "It makes me want to do it all again next year."

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"If you are the dominant race on any campus, then you don't have to assimilate," she said.

Sims said she never experienced any racism or prejudice at TCU.

"It wasn't racism," she said. "It was classism."

Sims said if any black students left TCU, they did so because they had family or financial problems, not because of racism.

However, she said she recalls a time when she and her roommate, Laverne Stratton, applied to be Sophomore Sponsors, girls who lived in the freshmen residence halls and served as mentors to the residents.

Sims said the dean of women at the time pulled her and Stratton aside and said although they made it to the final selection round, she had to make an executive decision which would be in the best interest of TCU. She said she thought

if Sims and Stratton were in an authority position to white girls, the girls' parents might protest. The former dean said the parents were not ready for black Sophomore Sponsors, but she knew in years to come they would be ready.

"She took it upon herself to decide the parents would not be ready," Sims said.

Jennifer Giddings Brooks, who was selected TCU's first black Homecoming queen in 1971, said she also remembers good times at TCU.

"(TCU) had a good atmosphere compared with other schools during that time because I was at TCU during the tension of the Vietnam War," Brooks said. "In their own quiet way, the students wanted to speak out and make a statement. Electing me as Homecoming

queen was making a statement."

Brooks was also the first black person inducted into Mortar Board Honor Society. However, Sandra Savanna Thomas was the first black person initiated into Amper-sand, which had the same criteria as Mortar Board.

Now, 28 years after Brooks' reign as Homecoming queen, Marshawn Evans, a junior political science major and the reigning Homecoming queen, said she is appreciative to the blacks who paved the way for her.

"In recognizing what others have done before you, it's good to use the past not as a hammock, but as a springboard," Evans said.

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SMU

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The prank left students, such as Eric Dodson, a senior music education major and TCU Band member, grinning and shaking their heads.

"I think it's clever as hell," Dodson said. "I wish we would have thought of it."

SMU band member P.J. Winters, a senior music education major, shares the feelings of many of his crosstown rivals. Winters said pranks are good for rivalries and keep the competition fun. As for retaliation from Frog fans, Winters said SMU is expecting some payback.

"You always expect something in return in a rivalry, but we're not waiting here going, 'Oh no!'" Winters said.

Kelly Imig, a junior psychology major, said acts of rivalry such as this are part of showing school spirit.

"I think it's funny," Imig said. "It's just good clean fun."

B.J. Roberts, a sophomore business major and tight end on the TCU football team, said he noticed the patches of ryegrass growing but did not know what it was. Roberts said the prank was clever, but there will be consequences for SMU.

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"I think it was a heck of a prank, but it definitely is going to upset the football players," Roberts said. "Somebody is going to get them back."

The "M" is most visible from the home stands. Ross Bailey, director of athletic training for the Frogs, said the view from the football offices is different.

"It really looks like a big 'W' to

us from our offices," Bailey said. "It looks like a 'W,' for 'win.'"

From TCU special teams coach Mark Tommerdahl's office in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum, the growth on the field represents something else.

"It is just college athletics at its finest," Tommerdahl said. "I'm sure it will be taken care of."

News of the prank was a surprise to even those suspected of having a hand in it. David Kehler, band director for the Mustang Marching Band, said he heard of the prank only recently while in San Antonio at a convention. Kehler said he heard of the growth when a Dallas news outlet tried to contact him. He said SMU students enjoy the rivalry with TCU and hopes that the recent prank did not go too far.

"I'd hate to have anything that could create any tension with the situation," Kehler said.

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Amanda Beaty, a junior news-editorial journalism major, is guided through campus by her service dog, Nick. Nick escorts Beaty to and from classes and is capable of pushing elevator buttons for her.

Animal Assistance

Student looks to Nick, her Golden Retriever, for assistance on campus and at home

People used to stare at Amanda Beaty because she was in a wheelchair. But now they stare at her companion, Nick.

Nick is the 5-year-old Golden Retriever that works as Amanda's service dog on campus. The 75-

pound dog pushes the elevator button for Amanda, takes off her backpack and pulls her around campus by a leash that Amanda holds. "When I didn't have Nick, it was like they didn't see me," said Amanda, a junior news-editorial journalism major. "But with Nick, people come up and talk with us."

Nick wears a red and blue backpack that carries his water bowl and leashes of varying lengths for Amanda to use. While wearing this pack, Nick is

not to be touched or distracted by students in any way.

At home, Nick will perform tasks such as turning light switches on and off, opening the refrigerator and picking up the phone by mouth for Amanda.

"Sometimes he gets so excited to pick up the phone that he

throws it around," she said. "And then I wonder what the person on the other line thinks."

Amanda was born with the hormonal disorder McCune-Albright syndrome. By the time she was 8, the disease had gradually deteriorated her bones. It became too difficult for her to walk, and she began using a wheelchair. After graduating in 1996 from Cole High School in San Antonio, she sought assistance from the organization Paws With A Cause.

Dog trainers there taught Nick 48 commands after they learned from an interview with Amanda what kind of dog she would need. Nick was trained specifically to pick up things that are too high or low for Amanda to reach.

"Nick helps me make friends, too," she said. "People are reluctant to come up to people in wheelchairs."

Trisha Gailey is a "puppy raiser" from Plano who is training her first dog, Gabby, for another dog assistance organization, Canine Companions For Independence. Gailey began teaching Gabby at eight weeks, and when Gabby leaves at 14 months, the dog will know 30 preliminary commands.

"When he leaves here, he can be taken any place and be calm and confident and well-behaved," Gailey said.

After Gailey finishes with Gabby, the dog will travel to California, where he will receive advanced training at the national CCI headquarters. There, Gabby will learn to combine the preliminary commands Gailey taught him with more advanced ones.

Gailey said people are more comfortable approaching a dog than approaching a disabled person alone.

"These dogs make a huge difference in (disabled people's) lives," she said. "They provide the gift of independence. From the day (puppy raisers) get their dog, they know he's not theirs. They know he has a very special destiny."

Amanda said the only problems she experiences on campus are when squirrels distract Nick, and he wants to chase them.

Nick also knows the routes that Amanda must take to class every day. For instance, when she says "science," Nick knows to take Amanda to the Sid W. Richardson Building. Nick pulls Amanda through campus at about a jogger's pace. With Amanda's guidance, Nick weaves in and out of student groups and park benches before arriving at class, usually five minutes ahead of time.

"The first time she came in class with the dog, I was, like, 'Hey, she doesn't know the rules (against bringing animals inside campus buildings),' " said Sanjana Singh, a graduate student in media studies. "But he does not distract from class. Nick is a very quiet and sober dog."

In class, Nick will lie at Amanda's feet until students begin to squirm in their seats and close their notebooks. Nick has learned the signal that class is winding down.

"You are compelled to look at Amanda and her dog because it is different," said Chris Frey, a jun-

ior political science major. "But it makes you proud that a TCU student is doing this."

Lucas Aubrey, a sophomore political science major, also said he stared at Amanda the first time he saw her.

"You see a dog and somebody in a wheelchair, and it makes you look twice," he said.

Amanda said she chose to attend TCU because people were more willing to assist her.

"(University representatives) showed me where the parking spaces were and the entrances with the wider doors," she said. "At other universities, you had to seek that help."

Amanda commutes from Dallas every day in her 1998 Plymouth Grand Voyager. The van is equipped with an automatic sliding door and ramp that lowers her and Nick onto the ground at the push of a button.

"Going to college is a lot different from high school," she said. "It is more spread out, and Mom and Dad are not there to help. With my personality, I would prefer to struggle than ask for help."

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Nick, Amanda Beaty's 5-year-old Golden Retriever, pushes the disabled accessibility button inside Beasley Hall.



Trisha Gailey, a "puppy raiser" for Canine Companions For Independence, teaches her service dog, Gabby, the "lap" command, one of 30 preliminary commands he will learn before going to California for advanced training.

Story by Steven Baker • Photos by Jimmy Nam

Campus still poses wheelchair accessibility problems

Despite university's efforts to make school meet ADA requirement, some areas still a challenge to students

By Jaime Walker
STAFF REPORTER

When Gregor Esch first came to TCU eight years ago, there was no elevator in Reed Hall. Getting to class required waking up 30 minutes early so he could get through the building's maze of hallways before class began.

"It was the biggest inconvenience in the world," he said. "I hated going to that class because I had to go through the janitor's closet, into the conference room, and then through the heavy, glass double doors. No one else ever had to work so hard."

Esch, a TCU alumnus who is now working toward his MBA, said he never let cerebral palsy, his wheelchair or a lack of accessibility get in the way of his dream of

graduating with a bachelor's degree in journalism from TCU.

"I was stubborn," he said. "I would have done anything to make it work because I loved the school. I think all of us in chairs feel the same way."

Over the years, the university has worked to increase its compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, a federal law which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability and requires that public areas be made accessible.

TCU must follow ADA guidelines when buildings are designed, constructed or renovated, said Larry Garrison, the university architect. Curb cuts, accessible entrances and elevator access are all covered under the law.

"We work very hard to see that our renovations meet the law," Garrison said. "When we do that, we usually find that our disabled students like them."

Patrick Harris, a freshman graphic design major, said although the ADA has increased awareness about the need for disability access on campus, people are mistaken if they think the law works well in all cases.

"I always have to go the scenic route," he said. "Just because there is a way for me to get to class doesn't mean it is at all convenient."

Jennifer Lowrance, director of the Center for Academic Services, said TCU is very responsive to the needs of all of its students and takes special care to make sure that

those with different forms of mobility can get around campus.

"Every time one of our students on wheels brings us a concern, we do what we can to deal with it because we want them to have the best experience possible," she said.

Esch and Harris both said one of the reasons they selected TCU was the fact that officials seemed willing to make campus improvements.

"They do get things done," Harris said. "I understand that there are issues like budgets, but, really, accessibility is one of those things that is more than a matter of what's easiest. It allows us to live our lives here."

Garrison said as TCU continues both its residence hall and academic building renovations, the campus will become even more

compliant with ADA regulations. The university just completed its \$1.5 million renovation of the Daniel-Meyer Coliseum to make restrooms and seating accessible, and designs to make Amon Carter Stadium more accessible are under review, he said.

Esch said TCU has come a long way since the days when University Drive's lack of curb cuts made it impossible for him to use the sidewalks to get to class.

"I have never done things the conventional way," he said. "But, I am a person just like everyone else. Just because I use four wheels instead of two legs does not make me any less human."

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KINDLE

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"Now we just have to sit and wait for an organ," she said. "I'll stay here unless I have to go into ICU. Then I'll go on up to Nebraska."

Nutrition and dietetics instructor Evelyn Roberts, who has spearheaded campus fund raising, was with Kindle shortly after the good news came.

"I just knew when we left Koehler's office this morning that we would have the money by the end of the day," she said.

On campus, many students and committee members spent most of the day in intense fund-raising efforts.

For the students' part, the House of Student Representatives Open House Wednesday was dedicated to collecting money for Kindle. Students came by the Reed-Sadler mall area to drop checks, bills and even pennies into the buckets labeled "Time is Precious" on one side and "Robbyn needs your help" on the other.

Nikki Pellicciotti, a freshman pre-med major and House member, volunteered to collect money Wednesday.

"I've known about Robbyn for a couple of months because my mother is a nurse, and she took care of Robbyn in the hospital," she said. "I asked people around here about her, but nobody knew anything until all the publicity started last week. Being in pre-med, I wanted to help right away."

Pellicciotti said it's gratifying to see the university pulling together in this cause.

"At times like this, we know that if any of us has a big crisis, our fellow students and administrators will be there for us," she said.

Brian Melton, a graduate student in history, put a check in one of the buckets and said this is a chance to help someone in need.

"Who am I if I can't spare a little to help someone?" he said. "It's a blessing and a privilege to do it."

Just because Kindle has the money she needs for the operation itself doesn't mean her needs are satisfied. "We have a good faith obligation to honor our pledge and commitment to Robbyn and to Mr. Bunting," Koehler said. "We're not over the hill, and her expenses are certainly not over. You feel better if you keep going."

Koehler said the administration's fund-raising efforts will continue through Friday. Bunting said he will add funds to the amount TCU collects through Friday to satisfy Kindle's obligation.

Carlo Capua, administrative assistant for the House of Student Representatives, said the House plans to continue fund-raising efforts, too.

"We raised \$5,000 in the buckets today," Capua said. "We'll continue through Friday for sure. We'll have buckets in the Reed-Sadler mall area and in the House of Representatives office in the Student Center."

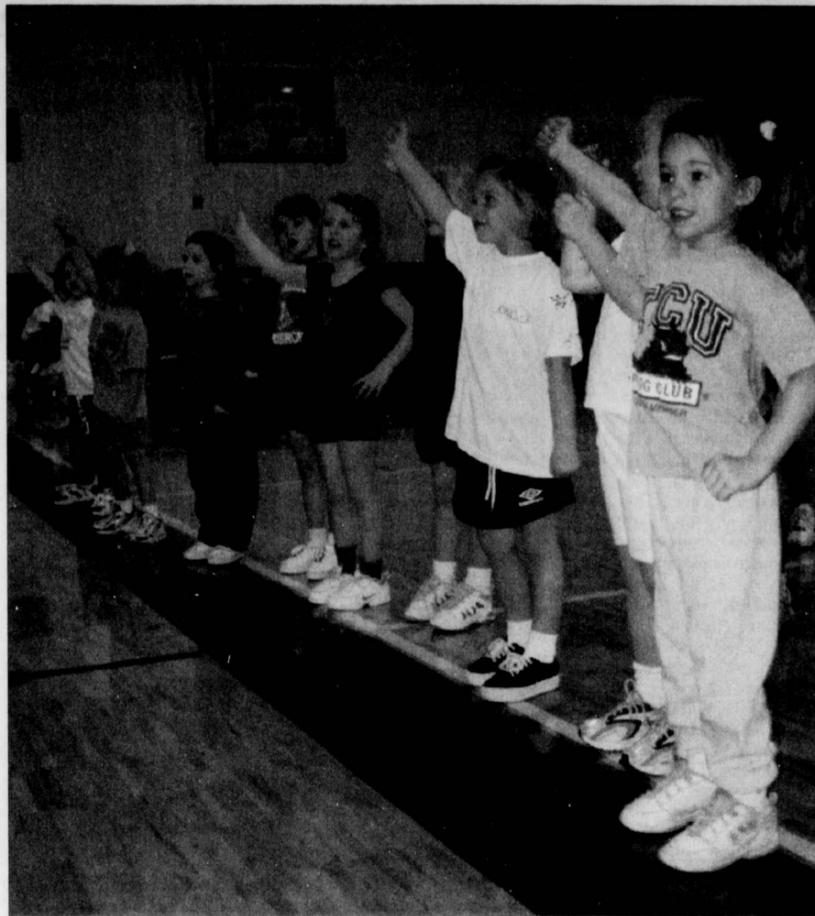
Jason Kinney, special events chairman for Programming Council, said PC plans to incorporate fund raising into Super Frog's birthday celebration today and Friday.

"We will have donation bins at Casino Night on Thursday and at activities on Friday," he said. "We have asked the band to announce the Robbyn Kindle cause when (it) plays."

Casino Night will be from 7 to 10 p.m. today in the Student Center Lounge. Friday's activities begin at about 11:45 a.m. at Frog Fountain and will last about two hours.

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Future cheerleaders



TCU cheerleaders held a clinic for area children on Saturday.

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TUCKER

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door to each other," Williamson said. "It's a better working and intellectual environment."

Williamson said faculty in his department have worked with the architect to establish requirements for offices, labs and teaching space.

Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations Dennis Alexander, who is helping the university raise funds for the technology center, said one of the reasons the new building will be built is to house technology. Winton-Scott Hall and Sid Richardson were built before computers were commonplace, Alexander said.

Eric Fretz, a senior computer science major, said the walls of Sid Richardson are solid concrete and cannot accommodate wires. Poles have been drilled into the ceilings and floors have been raised to hold wires that the equipment requires, he said.

"They raised the floor in the UNIX lab because wires were running all across the floor," Fretz said. "They use giant suction cups to raise the tiles and adjust the wires."

Another problem the new building will alleviate is the amount of computers that are available. Rinewalt said. The computer science department has 26 computers for student use, but 41 computers have been proposed for the center.

Fretz said students often have to wait to use the computers.

"People get fed up and buy the software themselves — if they have a computer of their own," Fretz said.

CodeWarrior, the basic computer science software, costs about \$120 in the TCU Bookstore, Fretz said.

Smith said he doesn't think crowding is as a big problem at TCU than it is at other universities.

"Typically, the TCU population has a higher economic base, so more students have computers of their own," Smith said. "UTA has a three-story building that's nothing but computers, but it's crowded all the time."

Alexander said the new technology center will allow the mathematics department to also implement new technology.

"The math department has had a vision for years of incorporating instructional technology," Alexander said. "Winton-Scott can't accommodate that technology."

Smith said he wishes he would be around when the technology center starts operating.

"The inconveniences of the construction will be hitting when I'm a senior, and I'll never be able to take advantage of it," Smith said.

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BUNTING

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airing on the Discovery Channel, Learning Channel, CNBC and others, and he became the most recognized television personality affiliated with technology. In addition, the company created out-of-home media businesses in the form of closed circuit in-store TV (retail) and in-flight (airline) video operations. The partners in these ventures included Tandy, United Airlines and US Airways.

Bunting also launched an in-

teractive design and services firm called WorldWideTV.com. This company produced, managed and hosted Web sites for clients such as 3-Com and Hewlett-Packard. This company was sold to the management team and subsequently became acquired by PopMail.com.

SkyTV grew into a highly profitable, specialized media company that was sold to Ziff-Davis in the fall of 1998 for \$72 million. The company was merged with a Ziff-Davis subsidiary, ZDTV. Bunting still runs this company today under the new ownership of Vulcan Ven-

tures and Paul Allen.

In addition to appearances on the speaking circuit, Bunting is a published author and is active as a board member on three Internet companies. Through his newly formed investment company — TechMedia Capital Inc. — he is an investor in early stage Internet ventures with a specialization in convergence and media rich content as well as e-tailing and ASP ventures.

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Lady Frogs will face UTEP on home court

Team hopes to honor coach with tie for most wins

By Danny Horne
STAFF REPORTER

Members of the Lady Frogs basketball team said a letdown against Texas-El Paso tonight is not an option.

"We need to step up our game for the rest of the season starting with tonight, so consistency is our only option," junior guard Diamond Jackson said.

UTEP (5-16, 2-7 Western Athletic Conference) comes to Fort Worth having lost six of eight and sporting an 0-7 record on the road this season. The Lady Frogs won the first meeting with the Minors Jan. 22 in El Paso 66-59.

TCU head coach Jeff Mittie said his team will not look past the Minors, despite UTEP's struggling play.

"UTEP has some good players who have proven they can play," Mittie said. "They have had problems with injuries with (freshman forward Heidi) Walker going down, but she is back and playing consistently again, so (UTEP) is a better team since we last played them."

Walker has teamed up with freshman center Amy Pack to create a one-two punch for the Minors. Pack (15.9 points) is second in scoring in the WAC this season, and Walker (15.7 points) follows

her in third.

However, the 32 points they average between them is not too far from the 53 points UTEP averages as a team. The Minors have the lowest scoring offense in the conference, coupled with a seventh-ranked defense that allows 68 points a game.

"(UTEP) has had some struggles with scoring this season outside of Pack and Walker, but we cannot just focus on those two players," Mittie said.

Mittie said the Lady Frogs want to pressure the guards to help keep them from getting any offensive rhythm.

The Minors commit an average of 23 turnovers a game.

"We want to make their guards work hard to get the ball up the floor," Jackson said. "We feel that if we can keep the pressure on them, the flow of the game will work out for us."

TCU returns home where it owns a 10-5 record. With a win against UTEP, Mittie will tie former women's basketball coach Ken Davis for the most wins by a first-year women's basketball coach at TCU.

Junior forward Janice Thomas said the team looks forward to getting its coach the record win and is much more comfortable at home in front of the TCU fans.

Thomas said the Lady Frogs are especially glad to be back after the long trip out west.

"The trip to Hawaii and San Jose

was tiring, but we feel like we are ready to play because we have had good practices, and we enjoy playing at home," Thomas said.

Mittie said the team's offense has been more effective at home throughout the season.

"We have put up more points on our home court this year, which looks good for us down the stretch, since we play three of our last four at home," Mittie said.

The Lady Frogs have averaged 79 points a game at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum, while scoring just 62 points a game on the road.

"We really need to step up our game down the stretch, and we play very well at home, so these teams need to be ready to play when they come in here," Jackson said.

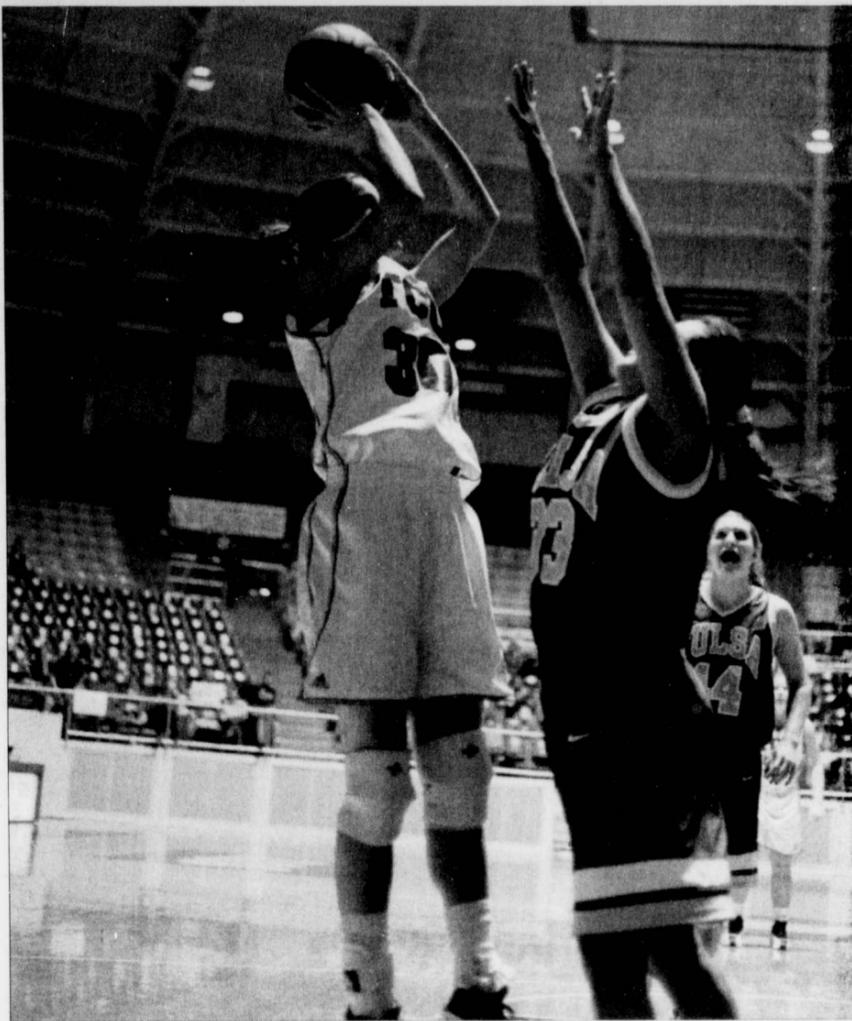
Jackson leads the Lady Frogs in scoring this season with a 13.3 average. Thomas has six double-doubles this season and is fourth in the WAC in rebounding, averaging 7.7 a game. Junior guard Jill Sutton and sophomore guard Tricia Payne combine to score 20 points a game.

"I think we are starting to play our best basketball, and all coaches want their teams playing their best at the end of the season, so I look for us to finish strong in conference," Mittie said.

The Lady Frogs will start at 7 p.m. tonight at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

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Sophomore guard Tricia Payne shoots over a Tulsa defender in the Lady Frogs' last home game Feb. 5. TCU returns home Thursday night to start the last home stand of the season against Texas-El Paso.

New women's basketball coach on way to record

Late start leaves coaching staff, players adjusting to changes in program, each other

By Danny Horne
STAFF REPORTER

First-year TCU women's basketball head coach Jeff Mittie said setting records was not the first thing on his mind when he got to TCU the day before class started last fall.

"This season has been gratifying for all of us because we have had so little time to get to know each other," Mittie said. "Usually, you would get this job in the spring and have time to learn everyone, but that was not the case with this. The job opened up late, and I accepted it late, so it has been a challenge getting everyone on the same page."

Athletic Director Eric Hyman said he has been pleased with the performance of the women's basketball team under Mittie.

"Coach Mittie has done a marvelous job with this team," Hyman

said. "It is really more amazing when you think about the time he had to work with and get to know the team."

Mittie has guided the Lady Frogs to a 13-12 overall record in his first season as head coach with four conference games remaining before the Western Athletic Conference tournament. The record for wins by a first-year head coach is 14 held by Ken Davis in the 1979-80 season.

"I don't really think about that record too much because I was handed a very talented team," Mittie said. "I got the team when it was in much better shape than it was for other first-year coaches."

The Lady Frogs have had a winning season since joining Division I. That was last year's 16-12 campaign under Mike Petersen.

The transition for players and coaches has also been an issue for

the Lady Frogs basketball program this season, Mittie said.

"Anytime you have a coaching change, the players must embrace the new style," Mittie said. "The team has been great at embracing it, but the transition has been difficult at times."

Junior guard Diamond Jackson said transition was not too bad because most of the team liked the style of play that Mittie brought to TCU.

"It was frustrating learning a new style at first," Jackson said. "But his style allows us to play a more free-lance style of basketball which is more fun."

Jackson compared the transition to a marriage.

"When you have a parent who gets remarried, you must adjust to the new parent," Jackson said. "The adjustment we have all had to make has

been just like that — probably

Junior forward Janice Thomas came to TCU as a transfer this season and was expecting to play under Petersen. She said she initially had her doubts about a different coach but has since become comfortable with Mittie's style and looks forward to the future.

Mittie came to TCU from Missouri Western and Arkansas State. In those eight seasons, Mittie compiled a 151-59 record. However, Mittie said coaching basketball was not the original plan.

"When I started at Missouri Western, I was handed my duties, and they included being the assistant women's basketball coach as well as the assistant baseball coach. I wanted to coach baseball, so I was a little surprised to be coaching basketball,"

Mittie said. "I stepped in as head basketball coach there the next season and have not looked back. I have never been one to look back."

Mittie would not speculate on the future success of the program. He said he would rather discuss the success that is ahead for the rest of this season.

"As a coach, I look forward to having a normal off-season and pre-season," Mittie said. "I think that will give the whole team a better understanding of what the expectations will be. The focus will always be on getting better as a basketball team."

With three games at home in the next two weeks, Mittie could set the record Feb. 19 against Fresno State.

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Special to the Skiff
Head coach Jeff Mittie is seeking his record-tying 14th win tonight.

PULSE SIDELINES

Boxer sues filmmakers for inaccurate portrayal

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A former middleweight boxing champion is suing the makers of "The Hurricane," saying the movie inaccurately portrayed him as being "relentlessly pummeled" by Rubin "Hurricane" Carter in a 1964 title fight.

Joey Giardello, whose real name is Carmine O. Tilelli, filed the federal defamation lawsuit in Philadelphia against Universal Pictures, Beacon Communications and Azoff Films.

"The Hurricane," released by Universal last month, is based on the life story of Carter, who served 19 years in prison after being convicted in 1967 of three murders; the conviction was later overturned.

The lawsuit said the movie describes the fight as having clearly been won by Carter but that the judges were influenced by the racially charged atmosphere.

The lawsuit seeks to have a video clip placed at the end of the movie showing the actual footage of the fight, said Giardello's attorney, Pennsylvania Boxing Commissioner George Bochetto. The lawsuit also seeks unspecified monetary damages.

Talented athletes, not just blacks, dominate sports

In the name of science, and possibly in dishonor of Black History Month, *Sports Illustrated* recently bestowed a glowing review on Jon Entine's book, "TABOO: Why Black Athletes Dominate Sports and Why We're Afraid to Talk About It."

Obviously, the title of the book explains its premise. *Sports Illustrated* book reviewer S.L. Price referred to the book as a "balanced, well-reasoned and — above all — calm examination" of the supposed black domination of high-profile sports such as basketball, football and Olympic track. Price goes on to say that the relative lack of research on this subject is "almost embarrassing."

No, actually it's quite the opposite. Why is this an issue that demands extensive research, and why do black people have to be superior athletes? If black people are naturally gifted athletes, doesn't it stand to reason that they are also presumed to be nat-

urally inferior at certain things?

Like intelligence. Don't think so? Read the "Bell Curve." Read up on Darwinism. Read "Mein Kampf."

This isn't a new argument, just the same old stuff in new packaging.

Alvin Poussaint, faculty associate dean for student affairs at Harvard Medical School, once said, "Throughout the years of discrimination, blacks began to see sport as survival. You do what you've been trained to do. But along the way, the traits which made (them) able to excel at sports — mental acuity, mental concentration, mental toughness, work ethic — the very traits which blacks weren't supposed to have, now those traits are given little or no credence."

Indeed. The argument used to be that black people wouldn't work hard enough or have the brain power to excel athletically. Of course, before the second half of the 20th century, athletic success was based strictly on these qualities.

Now sports are dominated by black athletes who seemingly can run, jump and tackle minutes removed from the womb, so, accordingly, mental adroitness no longer figures into the computation.

Smart Bombs



JOEL ANDERSON

I guess Babe Ruth, Joe Montana, Jerry West, Ted Williams, Steve Young, John Stockton, Lance Armstrong, Pete Sampras, Mark Spitz, Dick Butkus, Bruce Jenner and countless others had not a modicum of athletic ability, huh?

Or, as writer Ralph Wiley once noted: "Did attitudes change when America noticed most athletic heroes were black?"

I know the recent murder cases involving Ray Lewis and Rae Carruth haven't done much to disavow the theory that high-caliber athletes are somehow more prone to violence, but whatever happened to "innocent before proven guilty"?

Carruth's future does look bleak, but since when did you get to be charged with first-degree murder without actually being accused of killing someone? Fulton County (Georgia) law authorities have never come close to accusing Lewis of plunging a knife into anyone. As near as I can tell, Lewis is standing trial for a bad choice of friends. Doesn't that put us all at risk?

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Rodman ejected, fined

ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS — Dennis Rodman was suspended for one game and fined \$10,000 Wednesday, a day after being ejected from a game and later saying he wanted to duke it out with David Stern.

NBA spokesman Chris Brienza said Rodman's comments about the commissioner had "absolutely nothing to do with" the punishment. "It is for failing to leave the court in a timely manner following an ejection and for verbally abusing the officials," Brienza said.

Rodman, who has spent more time wrestling than playing basketball the last nine months, lost control of his temper with 7:13 left in just his second game with the Dallas Mavericks.

He was hit with a technical foul for arguing a non-call, then was slapped with another when he sat down on the court in protest. A second technical meant an automatic ejection, the 23rd of his career.

Rodman vented to the officials, then stripped his jersey near midcourt, ran to the baseline and handed the shirt to a young fan. He then exited around the Mavericks bench, Dallas, which trailed by four at the time, ended up losing 112-99 to the Milwaukee Bucks.

As he left Reunion Arena following the game, Rodman accused Stern and the league of being out to get him. He suggested that he and the commissioner "get some damn gloves on and we go in the ring and we can see who'll come out the winner."

Rodman, who has been throwing verbal jabs at Stern for years, was still talking about settling matters with his fists after practice Wednesday, a few hours before the suspension was announced.

"I expect David Stern is going to do something, but I don't give a damn," Rodman said. "Me and David Stern need to clear our differences. Like I said last night, let's get into the ring. He gets naked, I get naked and let's go in and get it on, brother."

After the suspension was announced, Rodman said through his spokeswoman: "I don't know why all this focus is on me. I'm a competitor. I want my team to win and, yes, I got upset."

"But I'm being singled out only because I'm passionate about winning. I'm here in Dallas to help this team win. And, you've got to be kidding me, if everybody is really taking the comments after the game seriously."

The Mavericks had won seven of eight games before Rodman arrived, but have lost two straight with the eccentric rebounding star in the lineup.

Rodman will miss a game Thursday night at home against Detroit. He'll return Sunday in Toronto.

HELP me, Harlan!

By Harlan Cohen

Guy should stay away from friend's ex; girlfriend needs to talk about it, not fake it

Dear Harlan:
I recently broke up with my girlfriend.

In any case, once we broke up, I kept my mouth shut and chose not to share my personal business with anyone else.

My ex-girlfriend and I continue to have a strong friendship, but one of my friends is currently trying to get in the way.

According to my ex, this friend called her up to make sure she was doing OK after the breakup, and he let her know I went around bragging about the break up.

How can I resolve this problem without ruining any of my

friendships?

Torn Between Friends

Dear Torn,
You need friends that are loyal to you, not your rebounding ex.

Tell your girlfriend you'll talk to him. Also tell her that if he calls her again, she's going to have to tell him to leave her alone. Then talk to your "friend" and tell him that your ex told you what happened and hear what he has to say.

I wouldn't be so worried confronting him. His friendship isn't worth protecting.

Dear Harlan:

I've been "faking it" with my

boyfriend of a year.

I love him very much, and it's been very frustrating for me to have to lie to him every time he pleases me manually (we haven't gone all the way yet). I don't like lying, but 15 minutes, and my boyfriend gets sore and a little impatient, and I feel bad, and so I fake it to get it over with, so to speak.

I know the right thing is to just tell him that things are not working out, but I can't bring myself to do it. What can I do?

Faking

Dear Faking,

By faking it, you're both losing

out. If he gets sore, he can always use some back-up equipment.

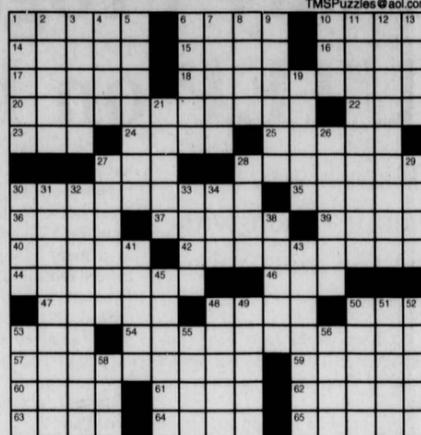
Next time you two are together and things progress, tell him you want to try something different. Clearly, you know your body and what it takes to satisfy you.

As for the past, there's no reason to share your faking. If you can't be comfortable with your boyfriend of a year, you're obviously faking way more than just the Big O.

Harlan is not a licensed psychologist, therapist or physician, but he is a licensed driver. Write Harlan at (harlan@helpmeharlan.com). All letters submitted become the property of the column.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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- Porcelain plates
 - Siren of silents
 - Cast ballots
 - Hermit
 - By mouth
 - Oblong circle
 - English racecourse
 - Infinite
 - Absurd
 - 26 or 1, e.g.
 - Faux
 - Salty seven
 - Soothing ointment
 - Moo goo pan
 - Antennas
 - Unblemished
 - Post-Christmas events
 - Chinese secret society
 - Nigerian city
 - Go over 21
 - Yeans (for)
 - Like clutch bags and bustiers
 - Ear medicine? e.g.
 - Pinky or Peggy
 - Serengeti carnivore
 - Innards
 - Dandy beginning?
 - Guido's high note
 - Unprotected
 - Irrational
 - Lugged
 - Spore sacs
 - Ingrid in "Casablanca"
 - Turf
 - Found a function for
 - Overdo the saccharine
 - Eyelid woes



By Patrick McConville
Manassas Park, VA

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 - Old Peruvians
 - Tetra variety
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 - Caspian feeder
 - Seed coats
 - "Auntie"
 - Fabric finish
 - Tennessee player, for short
 - Set too high a price on
 - Bland
 - Choice word
 - Nicholas and Ivan, e.g.
 - "Jurassic Park" star Sam
 - Responsible
 - Little laugh
 - Hebrew zither
 - Mach+ jets
 - Allied victory site of 1944
 - Missing canines?
 - Irritation
 - A piece of cake
 - Abbr. before Pepper or York
 - Mineral cathartics
 - Meteorological device
 - Madrid money
 - Of Scottish Highlanders
 - Painter's base
 - Retract words
 - Harbor protection
 - Rhone tributary
 - Basis for Windows, originally
 - Biblical twin
 - Dropped
 - Misplaced
 - Vicious or Caesar

PURPLE poll

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A. YES 25 NO 65 SOMEWHAT 10

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TODAY'S menu

THE MAIN Lunch

- Philly steak and cheese
- Pasta bar
- Honey-baked ham
- Pizza bar

Dinner

- Fried chicken
- Crepes bar
- Honey-baked ham
- Nacho bar

WORTH HILLS Lunch

- Philly cheese steak sandwich
- Chicken pot pie
- Selona shakers
- Macaroni and cheese

Dinner

- Pasta bar
- Chicken broccoli stirfry
- Selona shakers

EDEN'S GREENS Lunch

- Sesame chicken breast
- Lemon-dill cod

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