



Skiff



As AIDS cases continue to rise in the area, one TCU alumna hits the streets and dedicates her life to help others face the disease. Life, page 12

PULSE BRIEFS

Suspects admit to theft of CD player from Jeep

The two males caught Wednesday morning on Boyd Avenue have admitted to being at the scene of the theft of a compact disc player from a Jeep in the freshman parking lot, Fort Worth Police Officer Jamie Johnson said.

At about 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, a 5 1/2-hour search ended when the Fort Worth and TCU police departments apprehended two of three suspects in the back yard of a residence on Boyd Avenue.

The two suspects have not been willing to identify the third suspect, but police officers said they are confident they will be able to get the information, Johnson said.

"The two suspects (a 16 year-old and a 17 years old) are new to the criminal system," he said. "When they understand the seriousness of the charges, they will be more willing to cooperate."

Johnson said the two suspects will be charged with burglary of a vehicle and criminal trespassing of a building.

Bookstore raises \$1,000 for Kindle's organ transplant

The TCU Bookstore donated 10 percent of its sales Thursday to help raise money for Robbyn Kindle's needed surgery.

The sales total at the end of the day was \$10,019, with about \$1,000 of that going to Kindle, said Josie Kinard, operations manager for the bookstore.

In addition to purchases, two students dropped off cash donations, said Llisa Lewis, general manager of the bookstore.

Kindle, a senior nutrition and dietetics major, is in need of a liver and small bowel transplant. She is waiting for the organs to become available at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha.

Officials to mail birthday cards to Kindle in Nebraska

Anyone interested in sending birthday cards to senior nutrition and dietetics major Robbyn Kindle, who needs a liver and small bowel transplant to live, can bring them to Mailing Services, Room 20, in the Sadler Hall basement. Cards received by 4 p.m. today will be shipped to Kindle's room in the University of Nebraska Medical Center. There is no charge, and no postage is required. Cards will be shipped daily until further notice.

Kindle will celebrate her 32nd birthday on Sunday.

Chicken soup main course of positive energy luncheon

Reservations for a "Chicken Soup from Around the World" luncheon, which is sponsored by the Women's Resource Center, are due today.

The event, which costs \$10, will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday in the Student Center, Room 207.

Attendees will have the choice of five different chicken soups, including peanut chicken soup from West Africa, Mexican meatball chicken soup, Guatemalan, matzo ball and vegetarian.

Keiko Couch, a feng shui expert and image consultant, will be the guest speaker. Feng Shui is a way of arranging possessions to receive positive energy.

For more information, call Student Development Services at 257-7855.

Orchestra to give pre-tour performance

Students invited to preview Mexico tour concert featuring original student composition

By Courtney Roach
STAFF REPORTER

TCU students will get the chance to preview the TCU Symphony Orchestra's pre-Mexico tour concert, featuring an original composition written by senior piano performance certificate major Arturo Rodriguez, at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium.

The group of 80 students will be traveling to four cities in Mexico over eight days on a Spring Break tour accompanied by the orchestra

from TCU's sister school Universidad de las Americas-Puebla.

Germán Gutiérrez, the director of the orchestra, said the orchestra has been able to overcome its tough schedule this semester and feels prepared for the trip.

"This has been a hectic semester, and we are playing these concerts with less than a month's practice," Gutiérrez said. "But the orchestra has responded very well."

Maria Lucia Garavito, a graduate performance major, said the or-

chestra has had a lot to learn without much time but feels prepared.

"The Symphony No. 9 'New World' by Dvorak is the best of the pieces because it is a huge piece, and it is great that we are playing it," Garavito said.

Rodriguez will get his chance in the spotlight on the tour as a conductor and composer of his original work, titled "Mosaico Mexicano."

The piece is a tribute to the noted Mexican composer, Manuel Esperón, Gutiérrez said.

"Manuel Esperón is a legend in Mexico," he said. "He could be compared to someone like Frank Sinatra in the United States."

Gutiérrez said Rodriguez met Esperón at the 1998 Hispanic Festival Concert sponsored by the Dallas Symphony Orchestra.

"He was so excited after he met him that he wrote a piece for him," he said.

Gutiérrez said Esperón will be attending the tour concerts in Puebla and Oaxaca and is honored

to hear a piece that was written for him.

Rodriguez's piece will also be performed locally when the Dallas Symphony Orchestra will play "Mosaico Mexicano" at its annual Hispanic Festival Concert on May 5. Gutiérrez has conducted the festival for the past four years and said he selected Rodriguez's piece.

"It is very remarkable that a student has composed a piece," he

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Tasting the World



Students try foods from different countries of the world at International Week's Taste of the World held in the Student Center Thursday.

Jimmy Nam/SKIFF STAFF

Faculty Senate discusses salaries

Proposal would make wages more competitive

By Priya Abraham
STAFF REPORTER

The Faculty Senate passed a motion Thursday for Chancellor Michael Ferrari to begin making faculty salaries competitive. Salaries are currently being affected by compression and inversion, where new faculty members earn more than professors who have taught longer.

Senate members discussed ways of retaining good professors who may leave because of the salary inversion or who have been offered higher compensation at other universities.

Mike Sacken, chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee, said the university should not delay addressing the issue until the Commission on the Future of TCU has completed its study. He said deciding where to invest money for raises is linked to which fields will be identified as

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Art department seeks answers to funding problems

By Priya Abraham
STAFF REPORTER

Inadequate travel funding in the department of art and art history is financially burdening untenured faculty members who need to attend conferences and do research to gain tenure, said Ronald Watson, art department chairman.

"The travel funding (is) really critical because you have a short time to produce publications to show you're a contributing member of your discipline," Watson said.

But Forrest Newlin, chairman

Travel funding for untenured faculty inadequate, some say

of the theater department, said faculty members should not expect the university to pay for everything they need to be tenured or promoted.

"It's my promotion, it's my advancement," he said. "I expect to invest my own money to a degree." "In order to gain tenure in the art department, requirements include teaching, artistry and/or scholarship, advising, service to the university, the profession and community and professional de-

velopment, according to the faculty and university staff handbook.

Watson said while attending conferences is not required for tenure, getting published is. At conferences, colleagues give professors feedback on their research, which helps on the road to tenure, he said.

Babette Bohn, a professor of art history, said attending conferences is the chief way professors network.

"The first one I went to ultimately got (me) a book contract," she said.

The lack of travel funding for professional development may be a reason untenured professors leave, Watson said.

"They're starting their careers and need institutional support to establish themselves, so it's got to be a factor," he said.

The art department's current travel budget is \$7,000 a year. Travel locations for this year in-

clude Scotland, Italy, New York City and California. Watson said travel money is given to professors on a first-come, first-serve basis. The amount of costs covered by the department depends on where professors are traveling.

Watson said members of his department were led to believe the department would receive \$9,000 extra in travel funds from the university during Spring 1998, which have not materialized.

"We've been trying to track it

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Technology development focus of Communications task force

One recommendation expected to be creation of School of Journalism

Editor's note: This is the fifth in a series of articles profiling the 17 task forces that make up the Commission on the Future of TCU.

By Reagon Duplisea
STAFF REPORTER

When junior radio-TV-film major Michael Ryan came to TCU, he was excited at the prospect of using a lot of technological equipment in his

major, he said. But large classes and few pieces of equipment stopped him from being able to use it right away.

"In one class, there are two cameras to about 16 people," Ryan said. "Usually only one camera works when you need it."

Ryan said things have improved since his freshman year with the addition of faculty in the radio-TV-film department, but he would still like to see better and updated equipment.

The need for cutting-edge technology in the radio-TV-film, journalism and speech communication

departments is one issue the College of Communications task force is addressing.

The task force is one of 17 on the Commission on the Future of TCU, which was established by Chancellor Michael Ferrari to determine how the university can "move to the next level of academic distinction."

Roger Cooper, chairman of the radio-TV-film department and task force member, said it is important for students to work with the best equipment available.

"We're discussing technology is-

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Task force issues

The College of Communications task force is discussing the following items:

- The issue of building space in Moudy Building South and the inclusion of a new dean's office
- Integration and unity among the radio-TV-film, journalism and speech communication departments
- Taking advantage of the opportunities in the Dallas/Fort Worth area, the seventh-largest media market in the United States
- The change of the name of the radio-TV-film department to media arts and communication
- Additional graduate student stipends in the speech communication department

PULSE

CAMPUS LINES

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Tickets for the International Week Banquet will be on sale in the Student Center Lounge today. The banquet will be 6 p.m. Saturday in the Student Center Ballroom.

Students planning to study abroad in the summer or fall of 2000 should come by the International Education Office (Sadler Hall, Room 16) to be sure that all the required paperwork has been completed. Deadlines are rapidly approaching.

TCU London Centre applications for the Fall 2000 semester are due by March 15. Applications are available in Sadler Hall, Room 16 or by calling 257-7120.

TCU in Germany orientation meeting will be 4:30 p.m. Monday in Reed Hall, Room 101. Students will meet with Dr. Todd to receive important information regarding their summer abroad trip.

Programming Council Howdy Week committee will meet 4 p.m. Monday in Student Center, Room 211. They will be discussing the theme, food and speakers. If there are any suggestions or questions or if you are unable to attend, call Julie Joiner at 257-4757.

Minority Leadership Banquet tickets are \$15 and on sale until March 20 in the Student Center. No tickets are sold at the door. The banquet will be 6:30 p.m. April 14 at the Ramada Plaza downtown. For more information, call Student Development Services at 257-7855.

Volunteers (students, faculty and staff) are needed to join the Meals on Wheels delivery team. Meals are delivered to homebound elderly each Thursday morning between 10 and 11:30 a.m. For more information, call Bea Nealy at 257-7830.

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 due by 5 p.m. today. Please remember to sign up for an interview time. For more information, contact Chelsea Hudson at 257-4356.

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WORLD

Iraq continues to ban weapons inspections blaming Iraqi deaths caused by U.S. sanctions

UNITED NATIONS — Iraq on Thursday spurned calls by the chief U.N. weapons inspector to allow arms searches to resume after more than a year, saying Baghdad had no plans to cooperate with a U.N. policy that doesn't call for sanctions to be lifted.

"The issue is not whether the inspectors go to Iraq or not," Iraqi Ambassador Saeed Hasan said in an interview. "The real issue is the thousands of Iraqis dying every day. The issue is the aggression Iraq is subject to since 1991."

Iraq contends that sanctions imposed after its 1990 invasion of Kuwait have led to thousands of Iraqi deaths — a claim disputed by the United States, which blames Iraq's President Saddam Hussein.

Hasan was responding to the new chief U.N. weapons inspector for Iraq, Hans Blix, who told a press conference on Wednesday that Iraq should allow inspections to prove its contention that it has destroyed all of its weapons of mass destruction.

Blix started work Wednesday as executive chairman of the U.N. Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission. The Security Council created the agency in December to replace the U.N. Special Commission, which had been working since 1991 to oversee the destruction of Iraq's proscribed weapons.

NATION

Senate passes bill ending Comsat's monopoly by giving U.S. companies access to satellite

WASHINGTON — The Senate passed legislation Thursday night aimed at privatizing the world communications satellite network and ending Comsat's monopoly in giving U.S. companies access to it.

The measure could potentially bring down long-distance calling rates by allowing telephone companies to bypass Comsat and get direct access to the global satellite consortium Intelsat.

The bill, passed on a voice vote after House and Senate negotiators hammered out a compromise Wednesday, also would allow Comsat to merge with defense contractor Lockheed Martin Corp. The House still has to vote on the measure before it can be sent to President Clinton.

Commerce Secretary Bill Daley expressed concerns earlier this week that the bill does not give the government adequate flexibility in licensing satellite ventures for new and expanded services. However, he said the compromise "reflects progress in balancing the various interests," a comment that was viewed as indicating Clinton would sign it.

The legislation sets forth clear steps for the two intergovernmental satellite consortiums — Intelsat and Inmarsat — to follow on the road to privatization. If they do not abide by these criteria, their access to the U.S. market could be restricted.

Pennsylvania man arraigned on hate crime charges after killing three, wounding two

WILKINSBURG, Pa. — A black man accused of killing three whites and wounding two others in a shooting rampage was arraigned Thursday on hate crime charges.

The third victim, Emil Sanielewicz, 20, died Thursday, a day after Ronald Taylor allegedly targeted whites during a rampage that ended after a hostage standoff at an office building in this suburban Pittsburgh community.

Taylor was to be arraigned Friday for the University of Pittsburgh student's death. He already had been charged with the other two deaths.

Taylor had "anti-white" writings in his apartment and singled out whites during the attack, reassuring a black woman in his path, "Not you, sister," authorities and witnesses said.

"The general tenor was that he wasn't shooting anybody but whites," Allegheny County homicide Lt. John Brennan said Thursday as authorities tried to put together a portrait of the suspect.

Earlier Thursday, police charged Taylor with ethnic intimidation, Pennsylvania's term for a hate crime, accusing him of setting fire to his apartment and shooting the men with malicious intent "toward white males," court documents said. The FBI also said it has initiated a civil rights investigation into the shootings.

District Justice Alberta Thompson asked Taylor if he had any criminal record or history of drug use, and he said no. When she asked if he had any history of mental illness, he said yes. The judge did not ask him to elaborate, and mental health records in Pennsylvania are confidential.

Taylor was initially charged with two counts of criminal homicide — an umbrella charge covering murder and manslaughter in Pennsylvania. On Thursday, police brought him before Thompson and charged him with the hate crime, five counts of aggravated assault, one count of arson, a firearms violation and one count of causing a catastrophe.

He is being held without bail on the homicide charges.

On Wednesday, the 39-year-old jobless man allegedly shot a maintenance worker at his apartment building and four other people at two fast-food restaurants in working-class Wilkensburg. All five victims were white men.

Brennan said that when police searched Taylor's home Wednesday night, they found anti-white writings. He refused to release the contents.

"They were just some of his thoughts," Brennan said. "It was basically anti-white, anti-Jew."

Still, investigators said it was unclear whether his only motivation was racial.

"Obviously, we're still getting a lot of information from witnesses about comments he made

and things about shooting white people," said Wilkensburg Police Chief Gerald Brewer. "There's a lot of anger and hostility in this individual, so I think it's a little premature to simply define this as a racist event."

STATE

Court of Appeals upholds earlier ruling that death row inmate Perillo be retried or released

HOUSTON — The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals late Thursday ruled one of eight women on Texas death row must be retried or set free.

The appeals court's decision upholds an earlier lower-court ruling ordering the state to give Pamela Lynn Perillo a new trial within 120 days of prosecutors exhausting their appeals. If not, Perillo must be released.

The state also has the option of appealing the 5th Circuit ruling to the U.S. Supreme Court, a spokeswoman with the Texas Attorney General's office said Thursday.

"We'll be making that determination with the Harris County District Attorney's office in the near future," spokeswoman Andrea Horton said.

Perillo's attorney, Maryanne Lyons, could not be reached for comment late Thursday.

Perillo was a bartender when she and two friends were picked up by Bob Skeens, 26, and Robert Banks, 30, while hitchhiking near Houston's Astrodome on Feb. 24, 1980.

The three hitchhikers later robbed Skeens and Banks, and Perillo and James Michael Briddle eventually were sentenced to death for choking the two men to death with a rope.

Briddle was executed in December 1995, and the third person involved, Linda Fletcher, was sentenced to five years' probation.

Last June, U.S. District Judge Ewing Werlein overturned Perillo's conviction after finding one of her attorneys had a personal and professional relationship with the chief witness against her.

The judge also found that defense attorney Jim Skelton failed to discredit Fletcher's testimony at crucial points during Perillo's 1984 re-trial.

Skelton represented Fletcher when she, her then-husband Briddle and Perillo were charged with the crime.

Perillo later confessed, and all three were charged with capital murder. But the charge against Fletcher was reduced to aggravated robbery after Skelton convinced prosecutors she was not involved in the killings.

Months after Fletcher was sentenced to five years' probation, Skelton gave her away at her wedding.

Perillo is one of eight women on Texas' death row. Last week, Texas executed Betty Lou Beets, who was only the second woman put to death in the state since the Civil War. Convicted pickax killer Karla Faye Tucker became the first when she was executed on Feb. 3, 1998.

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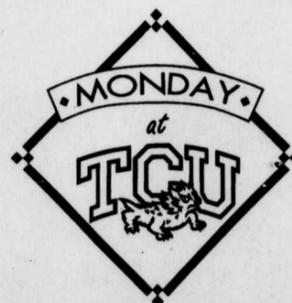
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STAFF editorial

AVOIDING MISTAKES

Police need to stop racial profiling

Four New York police officers were recently acquitted in the murder case of an unarmed immigrant who was shot to death after the police mistakenly identified him. The case has brought to light the controversy of racial profiling.

Profiling is the process police use to identify potential perpetrators based on their physical characteristics.

A recent report by the Associated Press stated that many of the nation's police departments are moving ahead in eliminating race profiling — even before state lawmakers decide what to do — by requiring officers to record the race of all drivers they stop and question.

Opposition to this extra step said it will only distract officers, and it will expose a problem that many are unwilling to acknowledge.

"It's that we live in a society — and police are part of a society — where there's a lot of unconscious racism," John Crew, head of the American Civil Liberties Union's racial profiling project, told an Associated Press reporter. "People aren't even aware they're doing it."

Police departments across the nation, and including some in Texas, are taking steps to make police accountable to specific stereotypes they may have when they stop potential perpetrators.

We applaud these departments.

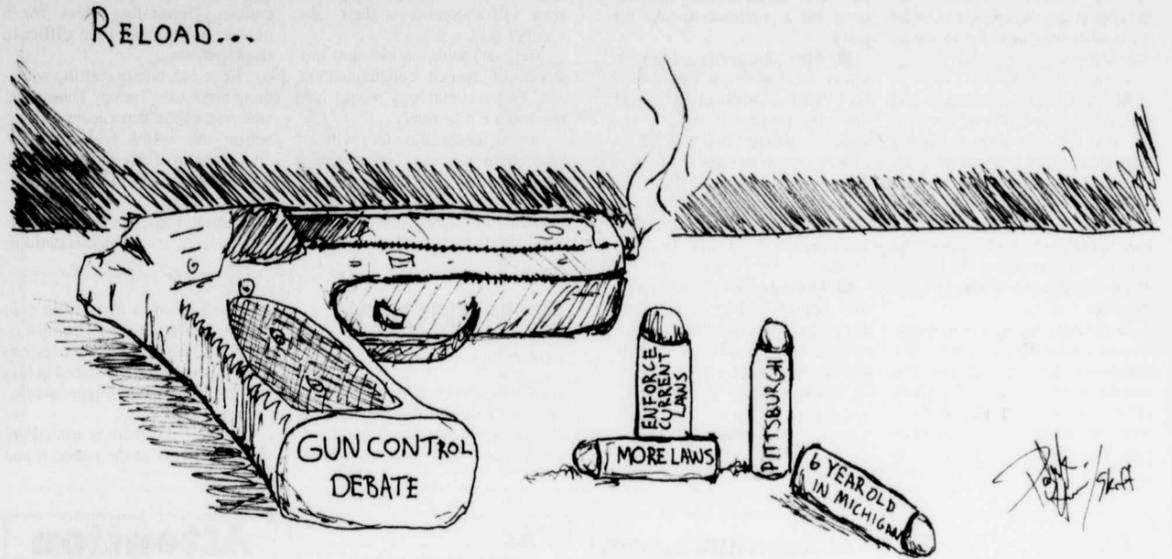
The Houston police department recently announced similar plans to require its police officers to be accountable.

Not only would these policies make police aware of their actions, it would also avoid future encounters with innocent men as observed in New York when Amadou Diallo was killed.

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The dos and don'ts of college life

Sometimes even the little things that you do can go a long way

I have begun to think about what I could say to incoming freshmen as they ask questions such as, "What is there to do here?"; "How can I be successful at TCU?"; "Should I go Greek?"; "Should I play sports?"; "Is it really OK to be a premajor?" I'm not sure of the following answers to these questions, but there are a few bits of wisdom I felt worthy of sharing, even with current students.

Commentary



MATTHEW COLGLAZIER

It's easy to give utilitarian answers to TCU-related questions, but there are a few things to keep in mind while here at school that aren't in the literature. The following is an account of some of these things:

Try something different. Be pleased that you woke up today,

but be critical. Be glad you can walk to class, but don't be too happy with anything the professors say. They are students just like you, at least the good ones. Remember, nothing built or shown or read or proposed hasn't been done before. Try thinking original thoughts in the face of your professors and writing original things. Don't steal from obscure movies or books. Don't do the same thing every weekend. Grow up. Then, be a kid. Don't let the rest fool you into being like them.

Try playing sports if you read too much, and try reading if all you do is play. Read something line by line, and then forget about it. Keep yourself healthy, but not too healthy, even in the mind. Make bold statements, and then don't back them up. Seek advice, but don't take it. Try running, and if you can't run, walk, or at least sit, awhile and think. Don't worry about other people's drama, and don't cause other people drama. Be hypocritical, but don't let it bother you.

Take a chance by staying in.

Turn off your television. Grow to enjoy the silence that surrounds you. Kiss someone when he or she doesn't expect it. Don't ever regret kissing. Call your parents for no reason, and tell them you're just like they are. Wear funny clothing. Always have gum for a friend. Pay attention in class. Don't just read the cartoons or do the crossword. Be obscure. Be irrational. Be completely fake, what's the real difference? Write to the newspaper, write to an old friend, write to yourself.

Walk with Jesus. Walk with Buddha. Walk alone if you want, but don't just sit there. Know that you are still a kid and hope that you never turn 21. Doing so ends all good hopes. Read the newspaper, any newspaper. Have a decent conversation at least once a week. Make plans to do lunch. Make plans to travel abroad. Don't expect too much out of experiences or people. Let them surprise you. Go Greek, don't go Greek, don't worry about the difference. Go to church at least once a month, even if you aren't sure if God exists.

Read the classics, and then reject them. Read the romantics, but rebuke them with the classics. Always go to football games, always go to basketball games even if you don't watch. Eat with a professor. Turn yourself inside out so that when you graduate, you might be just a little normal. Take all chances. Learn something while you're here, but don't think that's the end of learning. Ask somebody out, even if he or she is out of your league. Be a Frog, but be yourself first.

This is my best idiosyncratic advice, or at least an attempt at some truth. Some of it may seem common sense, but more often than not, our senses become pre-occupied by a number of less-than-rational pursuits. Incoming freshmen may not understand it at orientation, but I think you, as a current student, might.

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QUOTE unquote

Quote/Unquote is a collection of quotes found in the Skiff during the past week.

"Historically, deprived people have employed a policy of making fun of the rich and powerful, and this is accepted. But the rich and powerful are considered derogatory and self-serving if they make fun of those who have been deprived."

— Mark Gilderhus, professor of history, on Chris Rock's stand-up comedy routine and the lack of similar white comedians

"No one gets naked. I can't promise we won't have

people in bed, but it won't be gratuitous."

— Richard Allen, an associate professor of radio-TV-film, on TCU's newest weekly soap opera, "Studio 13"

"The problem is that the stage is irregular shaped, which is fine. The thing is that the balcony has to follow the same lines (as the stage), and it doesn't follow the lines. If it did, you could see the acting."

— Forrest Newlin, chairman of TCU's theater department, on the poor construction of the Hays Theatre in the F. Howard and Mary D. Walsh Center for Performing Arts

LETTERS to the editor

Racism reveals the hypocrisy of many Christians who should support more than just one individual

I have a hard time expressing my feelings for those who would disrespect the black race. One might think that at a Christian university like ours, Christians would understand that Jesus Christ was black, but apparently not.

I think this concept might change the way that many white Christians would conduct themselves if they realized that in their most intimate relationship with their Lord and savior Jesus Christ, they were actually talking to a black man. Do you think that makes God black, too? Secondly, white Christians might also realize that 'christ' is Greek for one who is anointed, and that his real name was Yohua ben Yosef. We all should realize that the wealth of many of our founding fathers, and thus their standing in society, was made off of the black man's back. Interesting thought to see Thomas Jefferson atop of 100 black slaves that ensured his comfort.

Also, while I am very happy that Robbyn Kindel will get that operation, that same \$50,000 could be used to ensure that about 200 children in a third-world country will be fed, educated and immunized for the next year. Maybe a math major can tell me which helps the world more. I challenge the TCU community to raise that same \$50,000 for 200 children that don't share most our skin color.

Chris Dobson
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TCU administrators should help, not continue to hinder, students who become pregnant in college

I applaud your editorial concerning students with children. I agree that residence halls are not the proper place for a child. However, the administration still does a poor job of facilitating expectant mothers.

A girl I know recently became pregnant. Because it was a surprise, she had to deal with the issue of guilt, deciding whether to keep the baby and the prospect of balancing school with raising a child. When she turned to TCU, all she got was more grief.

Although she had been one of the top 10 students in her high school of 2,000 and would have been an asset to TCU, the administrators she talked to were more concerned that her pregnancy would show during the school year.

When a young lady is faced with such a sudden and incredible change in her life, this school should support her. TCU needn't go unreasonably out of its way to accommodate expectant mothers, but the school should certainly not cause them further grief. Perhaps she should have known better and arranged it so that she would not show until the summertime, but I guess she didn't; so she no longer goes to TCU.

Thanks to the administration, our school lost a very interesting, very smart girl in exchange for our outward reputation. What a Christian thing to do.

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Verdict shoots down equality

New York jury's decision perpetuates racial themes, ideas

It's been a week now since four white New York City police officers were acquitted of all charges in what First Lady Hillary Clinton called the tragic murder of an African immigrant.

Twenty-one-year-old Amadou Diallo was standing in the entryway of his apartment on Feb. 4, 1999, when he was fired on 41 times by plain clothed police officers.

The officers said they believed Diallo was removing a gun from his back pocket. The object he was removing turned out to be a black wallet. Unfortunately, the officers didn't realize this until Diallo lie dying after being struck by 19 bullets.

In a complete mockery of justice, the Albany jury — consisting of four blacks and eight whites — cleared officers Sean Carroll, Edward McMellon, Kenneth Boss and Richard Murphy of all wrongdoing Feb. 25.

Supporters of Diallo and those empathetic to the plight of minorities in America were outraged. The Rev. Al Sharpton urged calm in the wake of the verdict. Susan Sarandon, former mayor David Dinkins and hundreds of demonstrators protested the jury's decision.

But long after the civil trial and all the protesters have been charged and released, the questions raised by this case will still linger.

Some of those questions have to do with effectiveness of racial profiling. The police officers have said they were looking for a black rapist. Because Diallo was black, he became the prime suspect on that night last February. Because of his race, he lost his life.

Other questions have to do with police brutality. How much is too much? Did these police officers go too far in firing the 41 shots? If they did, why were they not punished?

But one of the most important questions this case raises is about the importance of black life in America. Last week, when the jury let the four white police officers go free, it essentially told members of an entire race of people that if they are minding their own business, standing in their own apartments and are killed, the killers will not be punished.

I have read the news reports about the events of that

night and have honestly made a concerted effort to understand the officers' account of the incident. Carroll said he saw Diallo standing at his apartment looking suspiciously up and down the street. He said he fired the first shot because he thought the wallet really was a gun. He said he continued to fire because he thought Diallo was wearing a bulletproof vest. The other officers insist that they fired because they thought the sparks they saw as their bullets hit the door behind Diallo were sparks coming from Diallo's perceived weapon.

And still, when you look at all the facts of the case — that they were acting out of the belief that Diallo had a gun, that they thought he was the rapist, that they thought he shot one of them — nothing justifies the barrage of bullets. Nothing justifies any of their beliefs or actions.

If they thought Diallo was the rapist, whatever happened to questioning him? Was the plan to shoot the rapist on sight? If they believed Diallo was removing a gun from his pocket, why not wait until they actually saw the weapon, rather than just firing based on the assumption? And even if he was the rapist and did have a gun, why 41 shots? Why not two?

The police officers in this case are murderers, even if the inept jury couldn't see that. They shot and killed an innocent, unarmed man, and the police officers are free.

It is strange that this verdict would come at the end of Black History Month and at a time when the Skiff is attempting to address the issues of race relations here at TCU. Every year, during Black History Month, some television station shows those black-and-white newsreels from the '60s of an angry white mob following an unnamed black man down the street, pelting him with a brick as he bends over to pick up his hat.

When I was younger, I used to wonder what it must have been like to live in a world where no one — not the government, not the police, not even the president — cared about whether you lived or died simply because you were black.

The Albany jury let me know Feb. 25 that I could wonder no more because I live in that time right now.

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Commentary



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SENATE

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areas of excellence.

A concern was raised about whether a specific procedure would be established for departments to make a case for retaining a professor. Another topic of concern was that of depriving other faculty members of salary increases in any department in order to significantly raise the salary of one professor.

In other business:

■ The Tenure, Promotion and Grievance Committee of the Senate will consider ways of cutting down the number of student evaluation forms for different academic units after humanities forms were mistakenly given to the history department last semester. The mix-up has corrupted evaluation averages for social studies and humanities.

■ Faculty Senate Chairman Roger Pfaffenberger asked the Senate to encourage colleagues to run for Senate seats in the newly created College of Communication and the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. Three seats

are open in each division, and in both, only two professors are prepared to take seats.

■ The Senate passed a motion to change the lifetime term for the university's chief marshal to four years. The chief marshal represents faculty at ceremonies such as graduation and convocation. Since current marshal Anantha Babbili will be stepping down in May, senators were asked to make nominations for a professor to take his place.

■ After discussing pedestrian safety on University Drive with Fort Worth city officials, TCU and the city proposed making the street's stretch between West Cantey and West Berry streets a 25-mph school zone. Flashing lights at both ends of the zone and prohibiting left turns from Bowie and Princeton have also been suggested.

■ Pfaffenberger recommended two spring faculty assemblies where the first-year college experience, salaries and software to allow professors to place course materials on the Web will be discussed.

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COMMISSION

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sues to make sure we are close to state-of-the-art because many of our students go on to work in technology-based areas," Cooper said.

Providing students with advanced equipment will help them learn "new-adaptedness" so they can adjust to whatever equipment they will encounter in their jobs, Cooper said.

Melissa Young, an assistant professor of speech communication, said better technology would help teach more effectively.

"I was teaching a class where I wanted to use my laptop and a PowerPoint program, but it wouldn't work," Young said. "When technology doesn't work, it's very distracting."

A technology standard across the department would improve the quality of teaching, Young said.

"Linking it all together would give students better learning outcomes," Young said. "Technology and research are very important to our field. To be able to model that in our classrooms would be helpful."

Task force members said technology will play an important role in the new College of Communications. Generating ideas for a new school has not been difficult, they said.

"We're essentially crafting something new," said Tommy Thomason, chairman of the department of journalism and a task force member. "It's easier to create something new than make changes to something already existing."

Thomason said the task force has not finalized its recommendations,

but he expects one of them to be turning the department of journalism into a school of journalism and mass communication.

"It would be a recognition of the size of the department," Thomason said.

There are about 450 students in the journalism department, Thomason said. This is a larger number than the School of Music and comparable to the School of Education.

Thomason said a journalism school would be able to draw in more money.

"There is a lot of media-related money out there that we believe would be available for us," Thomason said. "This would increase opportunities for us to get grants for the school."

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SYMPHONY

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said. "He's very talented and has been my assistant director with the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, too."

Gutiérrez said students should

also look forward to a violin solo by violin director Curt Thompson.

"When he played this piece, students just stopped and stared at him and his amazing finger work," Gutiérrez said.

Garavito said there is something for all students at the concert, and

everyone should be able to enjoy it.

"It's a good program for people who like a variety of music," Garavito said. "Everyone will recognize our final piece."

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POLICE
BLOTTER

Campus Police reported the following offenses between Feb. 25 and Thursday.

Disorderly Conduct

March 1, 12:27 p.m. — A female student received a pair of harassing letters in her TCU mail box. One letter arrived Feb. 28 and the second letter arrived March 1.

Both letters were signed by a person unknown to the complainant.

Property Crime

Feb. 28, 8:47 p.m. — A male student's passenger side car door was damaged by another car door in the Office of Human Resources parking lot.

A TCU police officer found paint matching the complainant's car on the driver side door of the car parked in the next spot.

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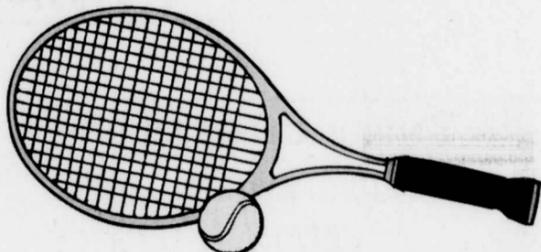
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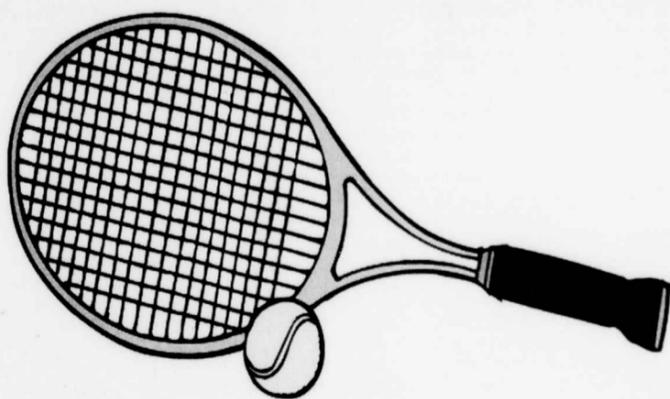
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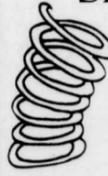
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Men's basketball team faces Rice tonight

Frogs likely to receive invitation to NIT; need wins to enter NCAA tourney, coach says

By Matt Welneck
SPORTS EDITOR

If the Frogs want to have a chance at making the cut for the NCAA Tournament, both coaches and players said the game tonight against Rice is an important one.

TCU meets the Owls at 7:05 p.m. today at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum to end the regular season. TCU is coming off a win against Southern Methodist University, 86-83, where the Frogs overcame a 13-point deficit early in the second half to complete a season-sweep of the Mustangs.

The Frogs (16-13, 7-6 Western Athletic Conference) will most likely receive their second-straight invitation to the National Invitation Tournament.

"It seems like the NIT is a lock for us, but we're still trying to make a run to get in the NCAA tournament," junior starting point guard Thomas McTyler said. "We've played teams that win their tournaments, and we have played them well. Finishing out the season like we have probably helped us."

Head coach Billy Tubbs said it will be difficult for the Frogs to make the NCAA tourney. He said the Frogs will have to win the WAC tournament next week to make it to the NCAA tournament.

"I think we obviously have a better shot right now at the NIT," Tubbs said. "If we get the (Rice) game and win the tournament in Fresno, which is difficult but could happen, we could have a shot at the NCAA. These games are very important, and we need to go in on a high note."

Tubbs said the Frogs are playing their best basketball right now. TCU

has won six of its past nine games.

"I don't think there's any question that we're the best we've been all year," Tubbs said.

The Owls (5-20, 1-12 WAC) are also playing well right now. Rice won its first conference game against UT El-Paso on Feb. 24, which was also its first victory against a Division I team since Dec. 2. Despite being a last-place team, Tubbs said the Frogs cannot take the Owls lightly.

Schedule Change

The TCU men's basketball game against the Rice Owls has been rescheduled for 7:05 tonight and will be televised on Fox Sports Net. The game will be broadcast on 88.7 FM and 1190 AM.

TCU defeated the Owls 83-70 in their previous meeting on Feb. 3. Senior forward Marquise Gainous scored 19 points and pulled down 13 rebounds to pace the Frogs in the win. The Owls were without one of their leading scorers, junior guard Mike Wilks, who averages 15.6 points per game and 3.4 assists per game.

"The game, I think, will be tough," Tubbs said. "They played without some of their better players, and they have had a lot of injuries. Wilks is, I think, one of the best point guards in the league. He will be back tonight which makes them a lot better team."

The Owls will also have the services of junior forward Erik Cooper, who has been out with a foot injury. In the games Cooper has played, he has averaged 21.5 points.

"I don't think it is a shoe-in," Tubbs said. "We've got to be ready to play."

Tubbs said the win over SMU gives the Frogs confidence going into the end of the season.

"It's an advantage anytime of the year when you can build confidence and you're excited about playing," he said. "But, it all comes down to

winning, you have to perform every game. Right now, we're not thinking about SMU, we're thinking about TCU and SMU."

Practices have been upbeat, McTyler said, after the comeback win against SMU.

"We've been real excited," he said. "It seems like we practiced for a real long time because we were going so hard, but it was for only an hour. Everybody's still excited from the win, hopefully it will carry over to the Rice game."

Junior forward Ryan Carroll said the Frogs needed something to boost the team morale.

"I think the win gave us some confidence," Carroll said. "I think we were a little down. Winning this game gave us a little boost at the end of the season."

Carroll said a win against Rice will be important because the Frogs want to avoid a letdown going into the conference tournament.

McTyler said the Frogs need to prevent turnovers to stay in the game. Carroll said the Frogs need to continue to shoot the ball well and move the ball inside to Gainous more.

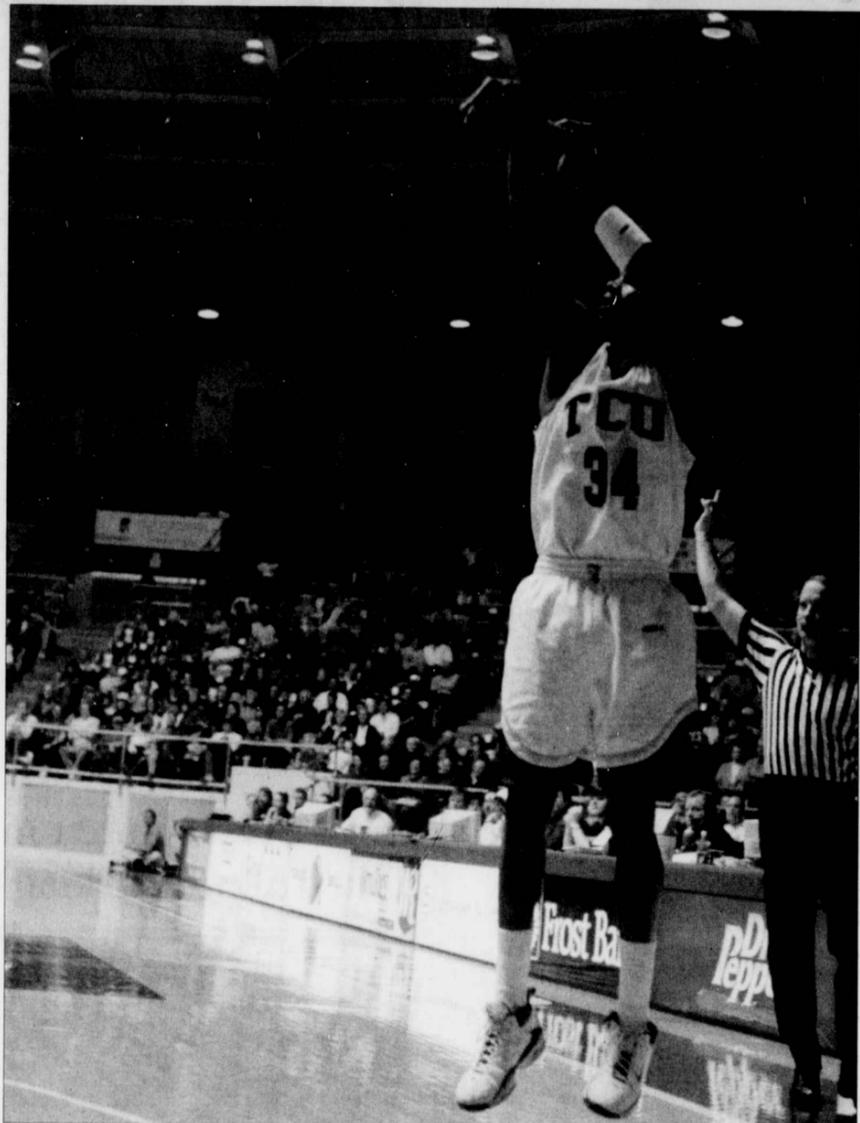
"We need to take care of the ball and play defense," McTyler said. "Our key is rebounding and defense. If we rebound, we can probably play with anybody. We just want to play like we play."

TCU averages 40 rebounds per game and gives up 85 points per game. The Frogs, however, possess the second-highest scoring team in the nation with 88.7 points per game.

The game, which was originally scheduled for Saturday, was moved to tonight to accommodate television. The game will be at 7:05 p.m. at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum and will be televised on Fox Sports Net.

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Freshman guard Bingo Merriex shoots a three pointer during a 78-73 victory over San Jose State on Feb. 12. Merriex and the rest of the TCU men's basketball team (16-13, 7-6 WAC) conclude the 1999-2000 regular season at 7:05 tonight in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum against the Rice Owls (5-20, 1-12 WAC).

John Shaw/SKIFF STAFF

PULSE SIDELINES

Football practice canceled due to inclement weather

Rain drove the TCU football team from the practice fields Thursday afternoon. The 1999 WAC and Mobile Bowl champions will resume practice 3:30 p.m. today and 3 p.m. Saturday.

Rangers agree to terms with Mateo, Perisho

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. (AP) — Outfielder Ruben Mateo and lefthanded pitcher Matt Perisho agreed to terms on one-year contracts for the 2000 season, the Texas Rangers said Thursday.

Terms of the agreements were not disclosed.

The Rangers also renewed the contracts of lefthanded pitcher Mike Venafro and righthanded pitchers Danny Kolb and Jeff Zimmerman for the 2000 season after failing to reach contract agreements.

The moves mean all 40 players on the Rangers' major league roster are under contract for this season.

Mateo batted .336 with 18 homers and 62 RBIs in 63 games at Triple-A Oklahoma and .238 with five homers and 18 RBIs in 32 games with Texas last season.

Perisho was 15-7 with a 4.61 ERA in 27 starts at Oklahoma and 0-0, 2.61 in 4 games and one start with Texas in 1999.

Kolb was 1-2, with a 2.79 ERA at Tulsa and 5-3, 5.10 in Oklahoma while going 2-1, 4.65 in 16 relief appearances in four stints with Texas.

Venafro was 3-2, 3.29 in 65 games and Zimmerman went 9-3, 2.36 with three saves in 65 appearances with the Rangers in 1999.

Rice game pivotal for Lady Frogs' season

By Danny Horne
STAFF REPORTER

Anyone outside the TCU women's basketball team or the TCU campus might mistake Saturday's game at Rice as just the last game of the regular season.

But at this point in the season for the Lady Frogs, every game going into the Western Athletic Conference tournament, is equally as important as any other.

"The players are definitely a bit anxious because they know the tournament is next week," said Lonnelle Hall, assistant coach. "But we plan to keep them calm and make sure they know that we cannot overlook this game. A win on Saturday would be good as a momentum builder."

In the previous meeting on Feb. 3 at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum, Rice (17-8, 9-3 WAC) escaped with a 67-65 victory on a last-second jumper by Lady Owls' senior guard Marla Brumfield.

"We lost to them early in the season in a game we felt we should have won," said Jill Sutton, a TCU junior guard. "We know we played well enough to win that game, but we did make some costly mistakes."

Sutton said those mistakes included 24 turnovers as a result of Rice's constant defensive pressure.

"Instead of trying to dribble through their pressure, we will look to pass the ball more," Hall said. "The more we can keep the ball off the floor against Rice, the better off we will be."

The Lady Frogs take a 2-7 road record into Autry Court where Rice owns a 10-1 mark. The TCU offense has not been as explosive on the road this season averaging 61 points a game.

"A lot of our road problems have probably been mental," Sutton said. "We just have to play hard and execute like every other game. It should not be different."

Defensively, TCU (15-13, 6-7 WAC) will have to slow down Brumfield and senior forward Kirra Jordan. Brumfield ranks seventh in the WAC in scoring with 14.2 points a game while Jordan ranks ninth with 13.3 points a game.

"We know what they are capable of," said Janice Thomas, TCU junior forward. "But as long as we can keep them from controlling the game, we should be all-right."

Thomas said the Lady Frogs will use its strength and power in the post to counter the inside game of Jordan and senior forward Kim Smallwood.

"We know they are athletic with great quickness, but we also know we are stronger," Thomas said. "One

of our focuses will be on getting their top players into foul trouble early. If they are not on the court, they cannot hurt us."

That strategy is reminiscent of the Feb. 17 game against Texas-El Paso in which the Lady Frogs got Minersfreshman center Amy Pack into early foul trouble. She eventually fouled out, and TCU came back to beat UTEP 79-71.

The Lady Frogs will also have to deal with Rice senior guard Jenny Cafferty, whose 48 percent mark from three-point range leads the WAC.

Offensively, Hall said the Lady Frogs plan to implement some new sets to get shooters like Sutton, senior guard Diamond Jackson and sophomore guard Tricia Payne free from the Rice pressure.

"When you have played each other once already, you have to change things up a little," Hall said. "That



Junior guard Janice Thomas drives the lane against Tulsa during an 80-58 win over Tulsa on Feb. 5. The Lady Frogs (15-13, 6-7 WAC) will finish its regular season Saturday in Houston against the Rice Owls (17-8, 9-3 WAC).

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was part of the problem against (Southern Methodist). Our shooters were hesitant because they felt that SMU knew what we were doing."

"We decided to try some things that Rice has not seen to give our shooters some added confidence."

Jackson leads the Lady Frogs with 13.3 points a game to tie with Jordan for ninth in the WAC, and Payne has averaged 15 points a game in her last three contests.

The disappointment from the 84-74

loss last weekend to SMU, while not in the forefront of their thoughts, has definitely not been forgotten, Thomas said.

"We will not just let it go, but we also cannot let it effect how we play," Thomas said. "We know that we have to bounce back from the disappointment against SMU and play harder to win at Rice."

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Sophomore Leoni Weirich serves a ball during practice. The No. 41 TCU women's tennis team will host Central Florida at 9:30 a.m. today at the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center.

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Tennis duo named players of week

By Chris Ray
SKIFF STAFF

Both the men's and women's tennis teams are sporting the Western Athletic Conference players of the week. Junior Scott Eddins and senior Lucie Dvorakova achieved the honor for their play in this weekend's matches.

Eddins notched two straight-set victories last week over Abilene Christian's Max Lawrence and Texas A&M's Dumitru Caradima. Eddins improved to an 18-7 mark on the season, leading the Frogs in wins.

Eddins has led the TCU men's

team to the No. 15 ranking in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association, and he is currently ranked No. 100 in singles action.

Eddins defeated Lawrence, 6-3, 6-2, in straight sets and defeated Caradima in straight sets, 6-4, 6-4. Dvorakova went 3-0 last week in singles action and 3-0 in doubles action, teamed with fellow senior Daria Zoldakova. She holds a 13-5 record on the season and is 8-1 in the spring.

Dvorakova is currently riding a five-match singles winning streak into the weekend's matchup. In doubles action, the team of Dvo-

rakova and Zoldakova hold the No. 8 ranking in the ITA.

The European duo is 7-1 on the spring dual-match season and 16-2 on the year as a whole.

The women are 7-2 on the year and hold a current two-match winning streak.

The TCU men's tennis team will be in action in the Corpus Christi Invitational this weekend. The women's team will host Central Florida at 9:30 a.m. Friday and Texas A&M at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

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FACILITIES ARE PART OF THE GAME, TOO



Katherine Barr/SKIFF STAFF

TCU men's basketball coach Billy Tubbs has taken the Frogs to two National Invitation Tournaments and one NCAA berth since his arrival in 1994. National experts say the main reason for TCU's turnaround has been Tubbs' ability to bring top recruits into the program.

Improvements are need-based, attract students, officials say

By Chris Gibson
STAFF REPORTER

It's a decision that every college athlete has had to make. Where should he or she go to school? There are many factors that contribute to this decision, but one factor is the facilities that the school offers for them to practice, play and even study.

With a major emphasis put on winning, TCU must be able to recruit student-athletes by providing topnotch facilities or risk losing them to another school, and just like every other major college, facilities are increasingly important at TCU, coaches said.

TCU Athletics Director Eric Hyman said facilities have been a source of concern since his first day on the job.

"One of the first things that I felt (TCU) needed was a strategic plan, and part of that was a plan for the facilities," Hyman said. "It was important for us to set a target on where we wanted to go and then begin to form a plan on how we were going to get there."

"Recruiting is just like the real world in many cases. A prospective student-athlete comes in, and they take a look at the total package, just as someone in the business world would look at a company. They want to see that some type of commitment is being made by the university or they will go somewhere else."

And upgrading facilities plays a major part in that decision.

Many Division I athletic programs, including Rice, Southern Methodist and Texas A&M, among others, are constructing multimillion-dollar facilities in an effort to remain competitive in the recruiting wars. SMU is building a multimillion-dollar football complex and Texas A&M is renovating Kyle Field.

With the recent hiring of Hyman and Chancellor Michael Ferrari, who have both voiced a commitment

to improving TCU's athletic programs, TCU officials said they are hoping to increase the visibility of the school.

Ross Bailey, director of sports medicine and operations, said the upgrading of TCU's facilities isn't in response to the improvements by other schools.

"First and foremost, any construction that TCU is a part of is need-based," Bailey said. "After that, there is no doubt that the student-athletes look somewhat at the facilities as they go around to different college campuses and try to decide where to go to school."

"I think it is more of a case of doing what is best for TCU and not so much of keeping up with other schools. Everything that TCU is doing now and will be doing in years to come was identified in the master plan that we formed when Hyman came in. You won't see TCU doing anything on a whim."

Sophomore swimmer Jamie MacCurdy said the quality of education, the relationship with the coaches and TCU's overall atmosphere played a larger role in her decision than the quality of the school's facilities.

Keith Allen, assistant director of football operations, agreed. "I really don't think that facilities are a deciding factor, but they are a factor," Allen said. "If you already have the facilities it's great, but also I think that student-athletes want to feel like they are a part of what's going on. They want to feel like they are starting new traditions and making things better for TCU."

Sophomore football player Frank Montgomery said the football coaches used a similar pitch when recruiting him.

"The facilities weren't ever a big factor in my decision to come here," Montgomery said. "But the coaches

told me that the better we performed, then the better things would get around here, and I really wanted to be a part of something like that. I think it gives us all something to play for and makes winning more fun."

Head soccer coach David Rubinson said the presence of first-rate facilities does help in the recruiting process but usually isn't the determining factor in a recruit's decision.

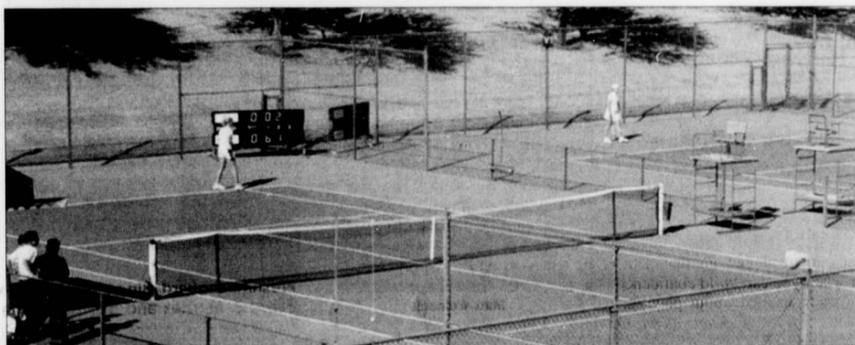
"The most important thing is that people realize that we here at TCU are committed to athletics and to higher education," Rubinson said. "Fort Worth and TCU are both really easy sells. When a student-athlete takes his or her visit here they not only see that TCU cares about their sport, but that TCU cares about them."

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Amon G. Carter Stadium, built in 1930, is home to the 1999 Western Athletic Conference champions. Coaches say after winning consecutive bowl games, TCU no longer has difficulty recruiting top athletes.



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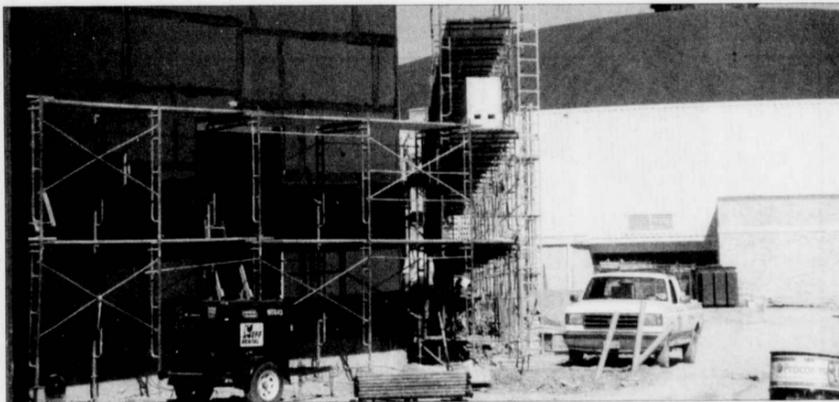
The Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center won the 1998 United States Tennis Association Facility of the Year Award. Both the TCU men's and women's tennis coaches say it is a major boost in recruiting top athletes.

Cost of construction

Total cost of construction on new athletic facilities

- Lowden Track and Field Complex — \$2 million
- Garvey-Rosenthal Soccer Stadium — \$1 million
- John Justin Athletic Center — \$7.5 million*
- Baseball stadium — \$3.5 million*

*projected costs



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Commissioner Mike Slive said TCU's commitment to modern facilities swayed the Conference USA board of directors. The 34,000-square-foot John Justin Athletic Center will include academic and video centers when it opens in August.

New facilities will help with recruitment, coaches say

By Chris Harrison
STAFF REPORTER

Soccer head coach David Rubinson can remember when the soccer program had to recruit players without the facilities they have today.

"I think the most important thing is that people recognize that we are committed as a university to athletics and higher education," Rubinson said. "Now, I think student athletes are going to recognize that when they come here to visit and see what we are building, they will take into consideration what there is here to what there are offered in other places."

Aided by a renewed commitment by the university's administration, the athletics department is in the process of improving current facilities.

Rubinson said that with the construction of the new soccer facilities, recruits will have now concrete evidence that the university is making improvements.

"When the recruits are here on campus, I think it is an easy package to sell," Rubinson said. "When the recruits see the John Justin Athletic Center and especially our

new facility, which I think is key, it is the real sales point."

Rubinson said Garvey-Rosenthal Soccer Stadium, the new 1,000 seat stadium, is as good as any in Texas.

"We are miles ahead of where we were," Rubinson said. "We now have a facility that has a practice area and a good place for the fans to watch soccer games."

"Sure there will be stadiums around that are bigger than ours, but you will never find a more intimate place to watch a soccer game. At TCU, you are on top of the action. You just won't see a body out there, but you will be able to put a name with a face."

Women's golf coach Angie Ravioli-Larkin said Fort Worth's impressive golf courses offer the facilities that recruits are looking for when they are deciding what university to attend.

"Having a winning program like we have is a major factor in recruiting," Larkin said. "The next thing we let them know about is the accessibility to all of the courses in the city of Fort Worth."

"All of the country clubs and public courses go out of their way

to help us in our practices rounds and with our program," Larkin said. "It is so great to have all of the courses and the diversity of each to help our players practice and improve their golf game from when they come to TCU their freshman year."

Larkin said the different courses in Fort Worth allow TCU golfers to get the feel for the various styles of golf courses.

"The courses in Fort Worth are each laid out in way that the men's and women's team gets to experience different challenges every time they go out to practice," Larkin said. "All of the club pros are more than happy to let the teams come out and work on their game and practice whenever they need to."

While the soccer and golf facilities are much improved, swimming coach Richard Sybesma said his facilities could probably be upgraded.

"The pool we have now is 30 years old, and a lot of the universities that have built facilities in the last 20 to 25 years have really outclassed the facility we have here," Sybesma said.



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The Garvey-Rosenthal Soccer Stadium was completed in Fall 1999 as a part of an update to TCU athletic facilities.

Sybesma said the addition of new facilities can help improve the performance of some teams.

"For example, Texas A&M built a new facility four years ago," he said. "Five years ago we beat them in the conference level and in the duel meet. Last year they were ranked 10th in the nation."

Sybesma said the importance of modern facilities has a major affect on a high school senior's de-

cision in attending a university.

"It just goes to show how big of an impact facilities can have on a program and on recruiting," Sybesma said. "When a high school senior can see a well built facility, I think it really affects his or her thinking process in choosing a school."

Sybesma said that the facilities they have now are good and will be comparable to others in Con-

ference USA.

"I think long term, they are thinking about building a new recreational facility," Sybesma said. "I think the term 'If you build it, they will come' is really true in college athletics. If you build you will get the top notch athletes."

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TENURE

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down now for a couple of years, and we've not succeeded," Watson said. "We definitely need that money."

David Whillock, interim dean of the College of Fine Arts and Communication, said he was not aware a \$9,000 increment was meant to go to the department of art and art history.

"When we went from one financial system to (PeopleSoft), it scrambled some things," he said. "If that money's floating out there, and if, indeed, it was promised to them, we'll find it."

Watson said senior faculty members in his department forgo taking trips to allow the six untenured professors more money to travel.

"Not only is it a hardship on untenured faculty, it's hard on tenured faculty," he said. "There are people with perfectly legitimate reasons to travel, and they're not advancing their reasons to allow others to go."

Whillock said special travel stipends amounting to \$500 are available through the College of Fine Arts and Communication. He said the graduate office might also give around \$250.

Will Powers, chairman of the speech communication department, said he has seen greater support for research and travel at TCU than at five other universities he's worked at. He said lack of travel money does not cause untenured faculty to leave.

"People don't leave because they can't go to a convention — they leave because they're not good enough to publish," he said.

Bill Ryan, chairman of the communication sciences and disorders department, said his department gives priority to untenured faculty to travel to conferences where they will present papers. He said his department has only one untenured faculty member.

"If we had several untenured faculty members, then we'd be in trouble," he said. "The only thing I asked for in next year's budget is increased travel funding."

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FRY

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Other times, Fry said she has had to track mothers down at crack houses in order to meet with them and discuss treatment options.

Alison Moreland, a community health nursing faculty member at TCU, said instances like this are exactly why Fry is best suited for her job.

"Those little blue eyes focus on you, and you know that she is real," Moreland said. "She has an amazing ability to work with anyone she meets."

Moreland said each year she invites Fry to speak to her HIV/AIDS class because she believes that her students can benefit from the stories Fry shares.

"She is the most wonderfully accepting and selfless person," Moreland said. "The stories she tells help people find better ways to live and give them the hope they need to face each new day."

Fry said she tries to do whatever she can to help mothers find the resources they need to live better. Instead of forcing mothers to follow a set plan, she said she often works to create treatment options that individual cases are willing to follow.

"There are no easy answers," she said. "And, there are no set recipes either."

However, Fry said it is very important for people to follow their treatment plan once it has been chosen.

"If people aren't compliant with treatment, the virus often mutates and finds ways to overcome the medicines," she said.

Fry worries that many people don't really realize how many options there are for treatment and assistance.

"Many people are not empowered enough to be a part of their health-care decisions," she said. "Many fail to see that they can be a voice in their decisions."

Although Fry loves her job, she said it is often hard to separate it from her life at home.

"I tend to be someone who puts everything into my job," she said. "It is hard to think about it all at the end of a day."

Now remarried, Fry lives with her husband, Floyd, and her

youngest son, Kirk, in Albedo, a small town outside of Weatherford. She also has a 21-year-old son named Kyle and a 19-year-old daughter named Kellien.

As a parent, Fry believes it is important to talk to her children about sex and the risks of AIDS.

"A colored atlas of sexually transmitted diseases hangs on the wall of my bathroom," she said. "When my children have friends over, it is always interesting to see what they think of it and the bowl of condoms I've put in there as well."

Fry said education and prevention are the real keys to fighting this disease.

"This is a preventable disease," she said. "You don't have to get this."

Although most of programs she presents for Catholic Charities are abstinence-based, she said it is important to tell children how to protect themselves if they are going to have sex.

"As a parent of adolescents, I would prefer that my children protect themselves and actually live rather than to make a decision to tell them not to have sex," she said. "Regardless of where the information comes from, we have to educate people."

Fry said educating children and adolescents is crucial to the future prevention of the disease.

"Adolescents by virtue of developmental tasks go through a period of exploring their sexual identities," she said. "If we don't prepare them early on, they may not have the information they need to protect themselves."

Fry said there are no set guidelines for presenting information about the disease.

"You have to be creative about how you get the message across," she said. "You try to work within your constraints in order to educate others."

JoAnna Curtis, the assistant director of the Anne Simon Reeves Children Center, said Fry's ability to relate to others often helps her get her message across to others.

"She has a great perspective on life, and she brings that to her job," Curtis said. "She develops the trust that is needed to help others face difficult decisions."

Fry said telling someone that he or she has the virus can be espe-

cially difficult. As case manager for the center, she has to meet with everyone she tests in order to give results.

"It is a devastating diagnosis," she said. "They don't hear one word that you say after you tell them they are positive."

Fry said giving results often requires preparing herself for how people will react.

"This disease is so emotionally charged," she said. "There is a certain amount of unpredictability and concern with every person."

The training she received through the center and her past experiences in hospice care have helped her to work with others through the grieving process.

"There is an overwhelming sadness when anyone who finds out they are positive," she said. "Many are not only angry at others, but some even turn their anger inward and become suicidal."

The Texas Department of Health requires Catholic Charities to give testing results in person. It is often the only way to tell how much help is actually needed, Fry said.

"It helps you gauge their reaction," she said. "Then, you can help them work through their emotions and grief."

She said no matter how much she prepares, it is never easy to watch people die from the disease.

"I go to a lot of funerals," she said. "I only hope I can get to a point where I no longer have to go. As much as I love what I do, I would love to work myself out of a job."

Although she is unsure if there will ever be a cure for the disease, Fry said success can be measured in the lives of those she works with.

"I know that in small ways, we are making a difference," she said. "People are learning that they can control this disease and even prevent it."

She believes the work, however, is never-ending.

"We have come a long way, but we are still losing people," she said. "We cannot give up yet."

For Fry, this means simply continuing to live out her dream. "I will work as long as I think I can help," she said.

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I've been going out with my girlfriend for three years. We have a son together who is 20 months old. My girlfriend is 20. My concern is, she wants to get married, and I do not want to get married yet. I'm 22, I take care of my son, and I take care of my responsibilities. She has threatened to leave me, but I am scared of getting married. I tell her maybe in a year or two I will want to. Please help.

— J.G.

I'm not a big fan of threats, but I'm less impressed by anyone who brings another human being into the world and then whines

that marriage is too scary. Is your girlfriend immature? Boring? Needy? Incompatible? If you have a legitimate reason to believe a marriage won't work, you're right to say no — though that's something you should have thought of before you decided to breed. Still, forcing a bad marriage at this point would be doubly bad for the kid.

But if "scared" is the best you can do, do better. Be a man about it. A man doesn't make excuses and beg for more time. A man does what he knows is right, even if it scares him — whether "right" is getting married, or waiting until X, Y or Z happens, or ending the relationship (with her, I mean — the bond with the kid is for life). A man doesn't

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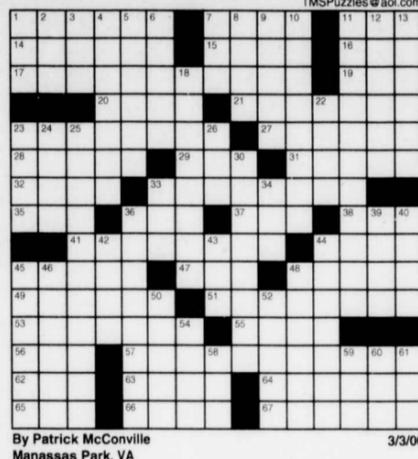
"ailments" or "honk-inducers."

Miss Fell-a-Beast-at-50-Paces finds her perfume not only bearable but lovely enough to roll in every morning. That's why she's the one you have to talk to. This time, say how much you appreciate her efforts to cut back the dosage — work with me here, channel your happy spirits — but that you're afraid the perfume itself is too strong and could she please not wear it at all. If she wears it again, have one of the other sufferers ask again. And another one, and so on. If you find you still need impact, try a mask and snorkel.

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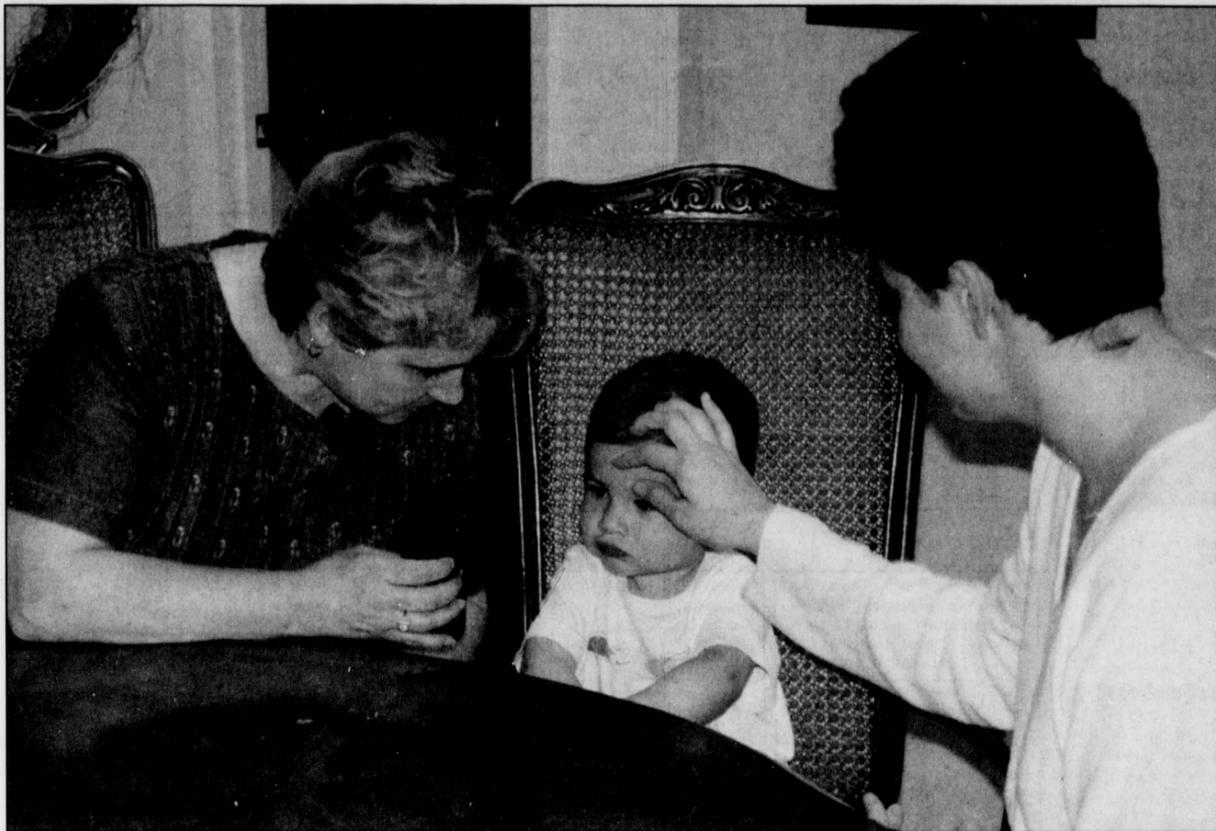
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As AIDS cases continue to rise in the area, one TCU alumna hits the streets and dedicates her life to help others face the disease

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Kathy Fry, case manager of the pediatric AIDS project for Catholic Charities, works with Lisa Scalf, a freshman at Mountain View College who is HIV-positive, and her 22-month-old son Joshua. Lisa began treatment at Catholic Charities while she was pregnant with Joshua. Joshua was born HIV-negative. His mother still undergoes treatment for the virus.

In the late '80s, Kathy Fry awoke from a dream. At the time, she said, she was in the middle of a divorce and knew that she would soon have to leave the family business and find work elsewhere.

She recalls spending nights thinking and praying about where her future would take her and wondering what she would do. Then, one night without warning, visions came to her in a dream. Still vivid in her mind, she said she saw herself working with AIDS babies.

Fry said she thought little of it at the time. In fact, she brushed it off as just another reason to go back to school and get her nursing degree at TCU.

Ten years later, her dream has become a reality.

"One day I was reading the classifieds and saw an ad looking for a nurse to work with AIDS babies," Fry said. "I thought, 'OK God, what am I supposed to do no?'"

Fry decided to follow her dream.

She applied for the position at Catholic Charities Diocese of Fort Worth, Inc., but she was too late. The position had already been filled by another nurse, and Fry's dream would have to wait.

Her wait, however, was short. Days later, she was notified that the nurse who had taken the job had changed her mind and the job was hers if she wanted it.

On Jan. 2, 1996, Fry started her first day at work.

"The social worker came in and told me which of my patients were still alive," she said. "At that time, what you would see is that everyone would die."

Four years later, Fry, 45, now serves as the case manager of the pediatric AIDS project for Catholic Charities. She said she has never regretted her decision to take the job and tries to deal with the pain she sees every day fighting the disease.

"I have to watch a lot of good people die," she said. "But, I also get to see a few children grow up to live healthy lives."

As case manager of the pediatric AIDS project, Fry works with all pregnant mothers who are HIV-positive and live in the eight-county region surrounding Fort Worth.

She said she helps connect mothers with the resources they need to both carry a child and continue to treat their disease. For some, she said, this often means finding adequate housing, medical assistance, legal counsel and nutritional support.

Others often need assistance with household duties, doctor visits, purchasing prescriptions and counseling services, she said.

"No matter what the situation, we try to meet the needs," she said. "We look at each case individually and work to provide as much support as we can."

Fry said mothers who are HIV-positive are referred to Catholic Charities once they find out they are pregnant.

Most referrals come from the Fort Worth health department, local hospitals and private physicians.

In the past, Fry said preventing HIV-transmission during pregnancies was not always easy. However, with new treatment regimens, more mothers are now able to prevent the transmission and live longer lives.

Fry attributes much of the success to the use of protease inhibitors in new treatment plans. Although mother and child share the same blood during a pregnancy, the placenta is able to act as a strong barrier against transmission.

"They no longer all die," she said. "Many are able to give natural births and live to watch their children grow up healthy and happy."

Last year, 27 children were born through the program, and only two tested positive at birth, Fry said. The two who tested positive received no interventions, and Fry said the mothers' knowledge of the disease came only right before delivery.

However, Fry said getting mothers to understand their prevention options is not always easy and often requires a lot of work. If mothers are not tested early, there is little that can be done to help, she said.

"Sometimes, mothers don't want our help," she said. "It is hard to help some people make changes in their lifestyles, but I have to keep trying."

Although Fry is able to see success in the program, she said she still has serious concerns about the disease.

"The perception is that AIDS is a thing of the past," she said. "However, the numbers in this area are actually rising."

Fry said the number of documented AIDS cases in Fort Worth and surrounding counties is considered extremely high compared to other regions in the nation. She also said the number continues to rise, and she believes she has yet to see that number peak.

Fry said at least 2,000 AIDS cases have been documented in the region from the time it first appeared until 1996. Because of this large number, the region qualified for Ryan White funding under a Title I provision which allocates federal funding to AIDS-related programs and treatment centers.

She said the money that Catholic Charities receives helps her and others provide care, prevention efforts and educational awareness.

Although Fry has an office at Catholic Charities, she can rarely be found there.

Instead, she often spends her days on the streets meeting with mothers and helping out in any way that she can.

"I never know what I'll end up doing in a day," she said. "I wake up and go where I am needed."

Often dressed in jeans and a shirt, Fry hits the neighborhoods, providing counseling to families and monitoring treatments. She also provides free testing for anyone interested or concerned.

Because the virus can affect any population of people, Fry said the mothers often have very different backgrounds and come from varying social classes.

"You don't wear your best dress and heels," she said. "You often have to approach it from any way you can."

Fry said she has learned every situation is different. In her four years at Catholic Charities, she said she has worked with mothers of all ages and races.

She has also worked with mothers who were prostitutes and others who had substance abuse problems.

"This disease can affect anyone," she said. "You have to just go in and approach it as if you are going to help them."

Fry starts her day by sending her family off and then packing a change of clothes for the road. She clips her pager to her waist, and she is out the door.

She never knows who will call or page her in a day, but she is ready for anything, she said. All of her mothers have her pager number, and most know to use it if they need anything at all.

Her working environment is constantly changing, and she is always surprised at where she ends up, she said.

"One time, we offered free testing at a mother's home," she said. "We were set up on one end of the porch while family members were selling drugs off the other end."

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