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Coming out of the weekend's defeat over No. 37 Texas A&M, the TCU women's tennis team knocked down another hurdle on the way to the top of the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Tuesday.

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Students begin observation of Lenten season today

By Jill McNeal
STAFF REPORTER

After giving up soda for Lent in the seventh or eighth grade, senior ballet and modern dance major Kelly Connelly said she never drank it again.

"I found out it was one of those things in my life that I didn't really need," she said. "This year, I'm going to attempt not to complain so much and spend more time in personal prayer."

The 40-day Lenten period begins on Ash Wednesday and continues through Holy Saturday, the day before Easter. University Ministries will

hold an all-campus, ecumenical Ash Wednesday service at noon today in Robert Carr Chapel. The Catholic Community will hold Ash Wednesday Mass and serve communion at 5 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom.

During an Ash Wednesday service, ashes are signed in the shape of the cross on a person's forehead, symbolizing a renewed intent to turn away from sin and do works of love, said the Rev. Charlie Calabrese, minister to TCU's Catholic Community.

"The ashes we use come from burning the palms' leaves that were used in the previous year's Palm Sunday services," he said. "The ashes are

a reminder of our mortality, that we aren't going to live forever. We take the time during Lent to find out what we need to change in our lives."

For Catholics, Lent is a time of reflection and spiritual growth and is symbolic of Jesus Christ's 40 days in the desert, Connelly said.

"We try to put ourselves in Jesus' place," she said. "By giving up something, we try to understand how difficult it is to sacrifice and resist temptation. We start on Ash Wednesday by not eating meat and only having one full meal."

Sophomore engineering major Ric Moseley said the outward sign of the

ashes on one's forehead is an opportunity for believers to show their faith.

"I think people will be reminded that we are all sinful and that only because of Christ's sacrifice do we have life," said Moseley, who helped plan today's ecumenical service as the Uniting Campus Ministries' worship chairman.

Ben Ruyack, a sophomore elementary education major, said he didn't celebrate Lent growing up in the Presbyterian church.

"I know Lent is a time where you usually give up something for God, like a sacrifice, and the ashes are a

symbol of remembrance," he said. "A lot of people I know who give something up don't stick with it very long, which seems kind of self-defeating to me. But I know it's not exactly an easy thing to do."

Connelly said since she no longer drinks soda, the next step for her will be giving up coffee for Lent.

"I will definitely attempt it, but I think I will wait until after graduation," she said. "I don't know how I'd survive without the caffeine right now."

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Ash Wednesday Services

Who: University Ministries

What: Ash Wednesday service

When: Noon today

Where: Robert Carr Chapel

Who: Catholic Community

What: Ash Wednesday Mass

When: 5 p.m. today

Where: Student Center Ballroom

PULSE BRIEFS

House passes resolution supporting TCU LEAPS

The House of Student Representatives unanimously voted to approve a resolution supporting TCU LEAPS, a community service committee.

TCU LEAPS is a new student-led program that encourages leadership through community projects. Its first event, Community Service Saturday, will occur on April 1.

"We will be busing students from TCU to sites all over Fort Worth to provide a day of community outreach," said Kenny Oubre, TCU LEAPS student director.

Students are required to fill out a form stating their project preference. Oubre said projects range from clerical duties to Habitat for Humanity houses.

For more information, log onto www.tculeaps.tcu.edu or sign up in the Student Development Services office.

Assembly passes motion for insurance, benefits

The Staff Assembly passed a motion Tuesday to consider a sliding scale where staff members can make insurance payments according to their salaries.

The motion was made to allow lower-paid staff to contribute a fixed percentage of their salaries toward insurance payments rather than a general amount. Mike Russel, associate dean of campus life, suggested the scale.

Representatives also discussed reinstating vacation benefits for non-exempt staff who leave TCU and return after a period of absence. Non-exempt staff are employees who are paid hourly and are eligible for overtime pay. Currently, they receive 12 vacation days a year and 20 vacation days after working 10 years for TCU. If an employee with more than 10 years at TCU returns to the university after leaving, his or her vacation benefits begin at a new employee's level.

In other business, TCU's housekeepers have volunteered to wash cars to raise funds for Robbyn Kindle the last weekend of March. The event will take place at the west end of Colby Hall.

STAY ON YOUR TOES



Hillary Morgan/SKIFF STAFF

Ballet students rehearse for a performance being held March 31. They will be performing works by Fernando Bujones, an internationally known dancer and choreographer.

Web companies prove profitable for some grads

Alumnus George Fassett finds success with Quakefiles.com

By Steven Baker
CAMPUS EDITOR

Alumnus George Fassett enjoyed the bloody thrills from the annihilation games that he played while at TCU.

Fassett, 25, would spend hours blowing up demons and skeletons in first-person video games like Doom and Quake with his handy plasma gun until he conquered every level.

"I got frustrated that I was breaking away from my (school work)," Fassett said. "And, I was doing work to play this damn game."

Fassett was frustrated because he had to search the World Wide Web for links that would add levels, weapons and characters to a game that he had already defeated.

So, on April 5, 1999, he launched the World Wide Web site Quakefiles.com. Video game players can log onto this site and find links to other sites that provide downloads for add-ons like new maps, weapons and characters.

"When I searched Yahoo in college for (Quake add-on sites), I would get these religion Web sites," Fassett said.

Quakefiles.com, along with two other add-on Internet sites, Unrealfiles.com and HalfLifefiles.com, are controlled by the Fort Worth Internet company that Fassett created — GameKey. The sites attract about 1.5 million views per month and function as a testing ground for a technology that Fassett is trying to patent.

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Schools reflect similarities despite cultural differences

By Kasey Feldman
STAFF REPORTER

On this tree-lined campus, students dress up for class, drive expensive cars and go out Thursday nights. But this university is not TCU. It is Universidad de las Americas, TCU's sister school in Puebla, Mexico.

Exchange students said the schools bear a family resemblance, but they are not twin sisters.

Paola Espinoza, a junior radio-TV-film major, came to TCU from UDLA this semester. Espinoza said it has been difficult to adjust to the social life here.

"People are so cold," she said. "They shake hands when they see each other, but in Mexico, we kiss."

Although she said some social

groups are hard to break into, Espinoza loves how involved students are at TCU. Most students at UDLA live off campus, and there are no university-sponsored organizations, she said.

Espinoza said she meets a lot of people as a member of the International Student Association and her two jobs at TCU. She said she is more involved at TCU than she was at UDLA.

"I have only been here two months, and already I feel more like a Horned Frog than an Azteca," she said.

Todd Alonso, a junior biology major from TCU studying at UDLA this semester, said the students at UDLA who do not live on campus usually go home for the weekend.

"They are very family-ori-

ented," he said.

Both Alonso and Espinoza said the classes and professors are different at TCU and UDLA.

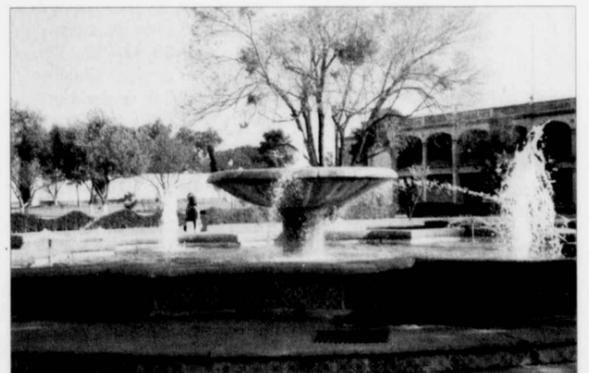
"At UDLA, I called many of my professors by their first names," Espinoza said. "I would never do that here."

Alonso said the classes are more relaxed at UDLA, but the lack of organization is hard to get used to.

"It's kind of nice that everyone is not uptight," he said. "Being on time is not as important, but I'm still an American, and I don't think I'll ever get into the whole saying, 'I'll meet you at seven,' and showing up at nine thing."

Despite cultural differences, Alonso said UDLA and TCU are similar.

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Kasey Feldman/STAFF REPORTER

Universidad de las Americas is TCU's sister school in Puebla, Mexico. Administrators and students at both TCU and UDLA say the two universities share several similarities, including teaching philosophy, atmosphere and size.

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Task force uncovers areas of community involvement

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

By Reagan Duplisea
STAFF REPORTER

Members of the Community and Strategic Alliances task force said they have discovered TCU has many community outreach programs in place about which they had previously known nothing.

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."

The group has been researching programs already in place to see what is being done and what needs to be done, task force members said.

"We have lots of great stories, but we've come to see we're not telling them effectively," said David Grebel, director of extended education and task force member.

Grebel said many departments and organizations are doing programs that most people are not aware of, such as the School of Education's mentoring program.

"There are hundreds of people doing good and productive things in our community," Grebel said.

Megan Stuebner, a junior biology major and task force member, said she has learned a lot about campus outreach projects.

"It's really interesting to sit in the meetings and hear 'TCU does this,'" Stuebner said. "I had no idea."

The group has learned of students volunteering with Upward Bound, at local high schools and at Starpoint School that they had not known about until they began researching, Stuebner said.

Louise Appleman, owner of a relocation consulting firm and task force chairwoman, said she feels more connected to TCU by serving on the task force.

"I live near the campus, but I didn't have any major ties other than I could hear the band practicing," Appleman said. "But now I'm a part of it. I've learned how the university operates that by just driving by all the time, I wouldn't have known."

Stuebner said the task force is looking at advertising and marketing the programs al-

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

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

■ **Kaleidoscope Circus** tickets are available at the Student Center Information Desk for \$19.95. The event is at 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

■ **Organizations interested in participating in TCU Battle of the Bands** from noon to 5 p.m. March 25 should call Programming Council at 257-5233 by today. Organizations can set up tables for promotion or fund raising.

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

■ **Catholic Community** will have Mass at 5 p.m. followed by a meal at 5:30 Thursday in the Reed Hall Faculty Center.

■ **Wesley Foundation** will meet for fellowship and a meal at 5:30 p.m. Thursday in the Wesley Building located at 2750 W. Lowden.

■ **Disciple Student Fellowship** will meet at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at University Christian Church.

■ **Fall 2000 juniors:** Air Force ROTC is now beginning its STAR (Students To Attend ROTC) search for the Fall 2000 semester. Under the STAR program, you can join the Air Force ROTC program and be commissioned as an Air Force officer in just two short years. For more information, call Capt. Aleman at 257-7461.

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WORLD

Pope to apologize for Holocaust, Crusades, other Church sins of the millennium

VATICAN CITY — Pope John Paul II plans to deliver a historic, sweeping apology for the sins of Roman Catholics over the centuries, Vatican officials said today.

It was unclear, however, how specific the pope would be.

The pope's homily for the Day of Pardon Mass in St. Peter's Basilica on Sunday is apparently still being written.

The officials, briefing reporters on the event, also appeared to be setting limits on how such an apology should be viewed.

"It cannot assume the aspect of a spectacular self-flagellation," said Cardinal Roger Etchegaray, president of the Vatican's 2000 Jubilee Committee. The pope has campaigned for a collective examination of conscience as the church begins its third millennium.

No pope has ever gone to such lengths to seek forgiveness for past sins, Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls said.

A document prepared by an international group of theologians, which was released in Paris last week, and statements by officials today suggested the pope will at least allude to responsibility by the Catholics in the Holocaust, the Inquisition, the Crusades and for acts against other Christians in wars of religions.

"The reference to errors and sins in a liturgy must be frank and capable of specifying guilt; yet given the number of sins committed in the course of 20 centuries, it must necessarily be rather summary," said Bishop Piero Marini, who is in charge of papal ceremonies.

During the ceremony Sunday, the pope is expected to drop to his knees in prayer.

The theological document released last week broke little new ground and was instead intended to provide the context for the pope's call for a "purification" of the church.

On the Holocaust, the document said it was important to keep a "moral and religious memory" on the injury inflicted on Jews.

"In this area, much has already been done, but this should be confirmed and deepened," the document said.

Some Jews were upset that the Vatican's landmark 1998 document on the Holocaust did not condemn the church hierarchy for any failures to save Jews.

NATION

Floridians protest governor's plan to remove affirmative action from university admissions

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — About 10,000

demonstrators chanting "Shame on Bush" jammed the state Capitol grounds Tuesday, demanding that Gov. Jeb Bush back off his plan to ban racial and gender preferences in university admissions and state contracting.

Pouring into Tallahassee from around the country, the demonstrators said they feared Bush's plan to end affirmative action would erase the gains blacks and other minorities have made since the civil rights movement. Bush has put portions of the plan into effect through executive order, but other segments still need legislative approval.

"This is the first step towards resegregation," said the Rev. Timothy McDonald, who came from Atlanta.

The rally was timed to coincide with the governor's State of the State address and the opening of the legislative session.

Police estimated the crowd at 9,000 to 11,000 people. Participants included the Rev. Jesse Jackson, NAACP President Kweisi Mfume, the Rev. Martin Luther King III, members of Congress and state legislators.

Protesters sang "Amazing Grace" and "We Shall Overcome," and waved signs reading "Jeb is Bush League," "Jeb Crow," and "Bush Whack."

Vicki Whitaker's 8-year-old son Zac carried a sign that read "My Mom Needs Affirmative Action." Whitaker, of Tallahassee, became a first-generation college student when she attended Florida State University.

"This is oppression, pure and simple," she said. "It's not about color, it's about oppression. They are telling us we have to trust people will do the right thing, and we know from our history that will just not happen."

Inside the Capitol, Bush defended the plan during his address.

"The vast majority of Floridians favor the elimination of affirmative action programs," he said.

The Republican governor's One Florida plan bans consideration of race and gender in admissions to the state's 10 public universities and in the awarding of state contracts. It guarantees college admission to the top 20 percent of each high school graduating class, provided the students have taken college preparatory classes.

Texas, Washington state and California have also ended affirmative action in university admissions.

Clinton asks Congress to pass background checks on gun shows, Republicans refuse

WASHINGTON — Complaining that Congress "has kept the American people waiting long enough," President Clinton urged lawmakers Tuesday to break an eight-month deadlock and require background checks on gun show sales. But Senate Republicans reacted coolly to Clinton's plea.

"We are poles apart," said Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, chairman of a House-Senate negotiating committee charged with writing a compromise juvenile justice bill containing gun control provisions.

Clinton called on Congress to pass a gun bill by the April 20 anniversary of the Columbine High School slayings a year ago.

"How many people have to get killed before we do something?" he asked.

A week after the fatal shooting of Michigan first-grader Kayla Rolland, Clinton met privately with the 6-year-old girl's mother, Veronica McQueen. In a television interview earlier, McQueen said, "I just don't want to see another parent have to bury another baby over this, over something that is preventable, something that is very, very preventable."

With election-year politics clouding Congress' agenda, Clinton summoned the leaders of the House-Senate conference committee led by Hatch. Last year, the Senate voted to institute 72 hour background checks on gun show sales, but the House rejected that provision when Republicans complained it was too strict and some Democrats complained it was too weak.

STATE

Southwest Airlines fined \$90,000 for operating plane in 'unairworthy condition'

DALLAS — Southwest Airlines has been fined \$90,000 for operating a plane last September in an "unairworthy condition" after a wheel fell when the plane was taking off, the FAA said Tuesday.

The plane — the same model as the plane that ran off the runway and through a blast fence at Burbank International Airport in California on Sunday — flew on 46 flights with an improper bearing, which may have contributed to a wheel detaching from the aircraft's main landing gear during takeoff from the same Burbank, Calif., airport in early September, the Federal Aviation Agency said.

In a letter to Southwest Airlines president Herb Kelleher, the agency said the main landing gear tire-wheel assembly was replaced by a vendor repair station at Chicago's Midway Airport in late August and that an FAA investigation in mid-September revealed that the wrong bearing had been used.

Southwest Airlines spokeswoman Beth Harbin said, "We take great pains to assure the quality of our aircraft, this (type of incident) is very rare. Our vendors must adhere to FAA rules."

"When we learned of the situation, we immediately contacted the FAA," she said.

Southwest has asked to meet with the FAA to discuss the fine, but hasn't heard back from the agency, Harbin said.

On Sunday, a Southwest Airlines Boeing 737-300 with 142 people aboard barreled off the end of the Burbank runway and came to a halt in the middle of a street, narrowly missing a gasoline station.

The accident was the most serious in the airline's 29-year history. While 15 people reported some sort of injury, no one died.

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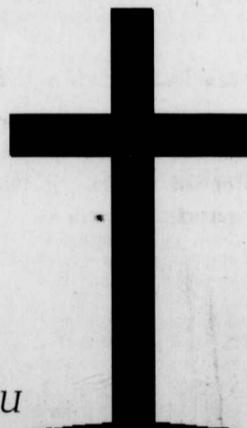
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STAFF editorial

RIGHT DIRECTION

New dean relates better to student body

Mary Volcansek, a political science professor and director of graduate programs in political science at Miami's Florida International University, accepted the position to be the first dean of the new AddRan College of Humanities and Social Sciences.

Jean Giles-Sims, a professor of sociology and a member of the AddRan dean search committee, said there were more than 50 candidates for the position. The search committee submitted its recommendations Feb. 29 to Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs William Koehler.

Giles-Sims said Volcansek's personality adds to her professional qualifications.

"She's extremely bright and energetic," she said. "She is very cosmopolitan and very global in her orientation. We think she will be a very good liaison to contacts outside of the university."

Now, with a woman in a dean's position, the TCU administration is relating more to its student body. Many prospective female students will appreciate a woman leading a college at this university.

"I am a firm believer that students learn as much from who's around them as they learn from who's in front of the classroom," Volcansek said.

This is exactly the kind of attitude TCU needs in order to inspire a heightened academic atmosphere on campus.

Volcansek, who got her doctorate from Texas Tech University in 1973, said Monday that she is looking forward to returning to Texas because she said the people are friendlier and more polite here.

To Volcansek — currently, our only permanent female dean — we offer a friendly, polite, Texas "Howdy."

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Internet hostages need to be freed

Computers are taking over the world. And not in a good way. Sure, it started out innocently. The "Internet" would be a happy, friendly little place where ideas were exchanged, and people could communicate over long distances. Computers, for a while, seemed to be our friends. But then the power started going to their CPUs.

Commentary



JOHN-MARK DAY

Every aspect of life is ruled by a computer, from our finances to our identity. A computer knows when you are in the library or the Rickel Building, and it knows what you had for lunch. Big Brother is watching, and he's plugged into a wall.

And now they have started taking hostages. Through some sort of brainwashing hypnosis program, probably buried deep within FreeCell, they managed to convince a Dallas computer geek to change his identity, move to a new secret location and live his life totally at the mercy of a computer, venturing no

farther than his back yard for the next year. Through corporate sponsorships, DotComGuy (that's his hostage name), relies on the Internet for everything from furniture and groceries to entertainment, while computers track his every move through a complicated system of Webcams placed throughout the DotCompound. (If you think that's cheesy, meet Turbo, the DotCom-Cat.)

But the most ingenious part of this evil plot to take over the world was the creation of DotComGuy's Web site (cleverly named dotcomguy.com).

Now the average, innocent human can log on, watch DotComGuy scratch himself, and think, "Hey, it must be perfectly normal and not at all unnatural to live my life off this Internet thing. I think I'll just shut myself inside for the rest of my natural life and bask only in the light of my glowing computer screen. I think I'll even get myself one of them newfangled Web sites. I'll call it www.Plato's-Cave.com." (That last part was for all you philosophy majors out there.)

Now, take what I am about to say very seriously. DO NOT SHUT YOURSELF INTO A ROOM AND LIVE ENTIRELY OFF THE INTERNET. I mean, come on. Haven't you people seen "The Matrix"? Keanu

Reeves cannot save everyone.

It is easy to get sucked into this cyberprison. It starts off innocuously enough. A few e-mails here, a Web-cast there and before you know it, 50 people are IM'ing you while you look up a random chat partner on ICQ. (If you don't know what those terms mean, then there is still hope. Save yourself.)

I will admit, to the average viewer, DotComGuy may seem like he has a pretty easy life. E-business pays all of his bills. His definition of "work" is answering his e-mail. Two attractive female personal trainers come to his house three times a week for a workout. The computer even found him a date for Valentine's Day.

But do not be fooled. This is not living. And it's not that original of an idea, either. People all the time have been know to live within four walls, eating whatever is brought them and having an hour of structured recreation time every day. They're called inmates.

No human should live like this. Computers should not be in control. It's just not right.

So I'm launching a resistance. Free DotComGuy! Who will join me in the fight against e-tyranny?

Now, let me clarify. I am not advocating abandoning computers. Com-

puters are good. Computers are our friends. A computer is reading this right now as I type. (I think it's on to me, though. It has already crashed twice.)

What I am advocating is a return outside. There is only so much love you can get from a glowing screen. Weather.com cannot give you that patch of sunshine from a Sunday afternoon lawn party. An e-pal is no substitute for a real friend. You will not get a tan by visiting Beach.com.

DotComGuy is doing a good job of proving that it is possible to live entirely off the Internet. But what is he gaining? At the end of the year, he'll just be another guy with a weird name. He'll become the, "Hey, remember that guy ... What-ever happened to him?" guy. And when he looks back on his life, all he'll be able to say is he gave up a piece of his soul to further technology.

Computers can be used in so many ways for so many good purposes. Let's just not lose our humanity in the process.

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Catholicism often misunderstood, not supported by media

If someone were to say something negative about Jews, he or she would be called anti-Semitic. If someone were to say something negative about gays, he or she would be called homophobic.

If someone were to say something negative about blacks or Hispanics, he or she would be called racist. If someone were to say something negative about the pope or the beliefs of the Catholic Church, he or she would be called "cutting edge" or "re-

freshingly irreverent." Which is why it was such a surprise that the anti-Catholic environment of Bob Jones University was such an issue in the news recently. Usually negative comments about Catholicism are hailed as long overdue. It was good to see that, for once, Catholicism was being defended. I am just curious as to why.

As a Catholic, I have heard all the wild stories and misinformation about what Catholics do and what they believe. For instance, that old saying that we worship Mary as a goddess. We don't. That would be blasphemous. We honor her as the mother of Jesus, but we do not elevate her to a goddess.

Or how about the one where we pray to statues? Catholics practicing idol worship? I don't think so. We



Mark Lewis/SKIFF STAFF

don't worship statues any more than visitors at Washington, D.C., go to worship the statue of Abraham Lincoln at the Lincoln Memorial.

So how does all this misinformation get around? Actually, that is easy to explain. If you already believe that something is so, then it does not take much to believe anything else you may hear about it, no matter how untrue it may be.

Anti-Catholicism is expected from various Protestant denominations, especially fundamentalists. It has come with the territory since Catholic settlers first came to North America. The Ku Klux Klan has hated Catholics nearly as much as it has hated blacks.

Anti-Catholicism is also expected from the news and entertainment media. This is because

many in the news and entertainment media are of an atheistic liberal slant, and they are often hostile to organized religions that believe in the existence of a supreme being. As far as this group is concerned, Catholics are among the worst of the bunch.

That is why it was such a surprise that the news media would actually be making an issue of the history of anti-Catholicism at Bob Jones University. I would like to believe that the news media have finally come around to understanding Catholics and Catholic beliefs, but such is not the case.

Actually, the news media were still showing their true colors. See, there is yet another religious group that the atheistic liberal members of the news media view as even worse than

Catholics, a group of ultraconservative fundamentalists such as those at BJU.

What made BJU especially bad in the eyes of the news media is its prohibition against interracial dating. "Are these guys living in the 21st century or the 19th?" is what most of the rest of the country said about BJU's prohibition. However, BJU has recently lifted that prohibition.

Notice, however, that its views against Catholics have not changed. Any members of the news media want to raise their voice in protest about that? Hmm? Anyone?

I guess some things never change.

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STUDENTS speak out

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—Andi Ferreira
sophomore business major

"I went to the Delta Sigma Mardi Gras Party. We threw beads and danced all night long."



—Shannon Konen
sophomore business major

"A group of about 10 of us went to Louisiana. We spent the weekend watching all the parades in Shreveport."



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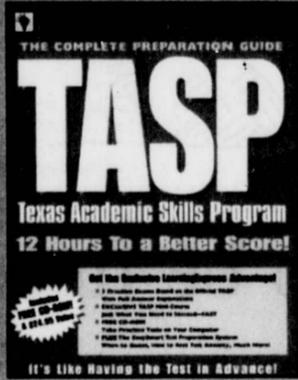
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UDLA

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"UDLA is the same size as TCU," he said. "It has the same atmosphere as TCU. It's nice outside, it's pretty and it's comfortable. The students dress nice here, like at TCU, but more so."

Delia Pitts, director of International Education, said the similarities are part of the reason TCU calls UDLA its sister school. "It feels like TCU to us, so when

we go down there, we feel very comfortable," she said. "The (residence halls) sort of resemble ours and the campus looks like our campus. Even at that very basic level, there is a fit with TCU to UDLA."

UDLA is also similar to TCU in its philosophy, Pitts said.

"Like TCU, UDLA is founded in the belief that study of the liberal arts is important to the devel-

opment of a fully educated citizen, and that has not been a prominent feature of Mexican education overall," Pitts said.

Denton Ray Lindley, a former TCU administrator, left TCU to help establish UDLA in 1962 and was its first president.

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INTERNET

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The technology will provide a new means for searching, indexing and cataloging information.

But until the patent is approved, Fasset will only say that the technology can be used in business-to-consumer and business-to-business applications on or off the Internet.

Fasset said TCU students interested in beginning their own Internet business must intern with a Web-related company and have a good business sense and understanding of the Internet and computer science.

"Students need to be willing to take internships," Fasset said. "I get interns up here that act like rocks. You don't want to be anywhere where you are not excited about what you are doing."

Jane Mackay, director of the new electronic business program, said this program will provide students with the technical skills necessary to create their own Web site or the ability to accurately converse with other people to build a Web site for them.

David Minor, director of the new TCU entrepreneurship center, said TCU has enough people at the university and in the administration and community to build an impressive program that caters to students excited about starting their own Internet businesses.

"It is very safe to say that TCU will be a leader in entrepreneurial programs in the future," Minor said. "That is an absolute."

Fasset's father, George Fasset Sr., said his son — who started getting excited about computers at the age of 4, when his father bought him a Commodore 64 — knew more about computers than most of his teachers. However, Fasset was able to learn new skills when he began studying computer science at TCU, his father said.



George Fasset, who graduated from TCU in 1998 with a computer science degree, launched the Internet site Quakefiles.com, which is controlled by GameKey, an Internet company Fasset also created.

"We both kept at it, but he went by me in the third grade," he said. "During his first three days of ninth grade, he passed all four years of computer science."

Alumnus Kevin Prigel, who also has his own Internet site, StreetAdvisor.com, said whatever Internet idea a student decides to invest in, he or she must enjoy doing it.

"With the odds of big-time success, you shouldn't be working for money," he said.

Prigel, 20, who graduated from TCU in December with a degree in finance and accounting, created his

Web site to offer analysis of individual stocks to individual investors as an alternative to the traditional broker. Since his business began in 1998, the site is now attracting more than 300,000 users, has 40 employees and is raising capital from a number of high-profile investors. Prigel, chief executive officer and president of StreetAdvisor.com, has

hired analysts with Wall Street stock experience that do their own research and report the findings on the Internet site. Prigel said one of the ways his business has become successful is through finding investors that are involved in venture capital and the investment community. "You have to get people in these areas that trust you," Prigel said. "(Investors) are looking for that one out of 10 investments that works in a big way. Nine out of the other 10 are usually going to be losing money for them."

Currently, two investors are paying for Fasset's patent. George Fasset Information Technology, a computer consulting company that Fasset began in college, is a 100 percent profitable company that also supports GameKey.

Before creating GFIT, Fasset founded the Computer Science Society and the computer affairs chair in the House of Student Representatives before graduating from TCU in 1998 with a computer science degree.

Today, Fasset works with three other full-time employees in a fifth-floor office of the golden Bank United building located off of University Drive. But his office still resembles a college residence hall room decorated with an "Ace Ventura" poster and "Star Wars" memorabilia.

He speaks with the same enthusiasm when referring to the improvements currently being added to Quakefiles.com. The new site will load quicker and incorporate the Quake symbol and colors of the newest version of the game — "Quake 3: Arena."

Fasset admits he is having fun and said he is actively looking for TCU students to come and intern at GameKey.

"Since I was a student, I wanted a boss who would give me the day off when I have a test," Fasset said. "I am very understanding and will do that for students. I'm a really easy-going guy."

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By Dave Carpenter
AP BUSINESS WRITER

CHICAGO — Now you can send birthday cash, spending money for your college student or repay your friends via e-mail.

Bank One, the fourth-largest U.S. bank holding company with assets of \$256 billion, is becoming the latest and biggest company to allow people to send money via electronic mail.

The Chicago-based banking corporation, which is formally announcing its eMoneyMail service today, hopes to get the jump on other leading financial institutions in an area it says has huge potential — not only for person-to-person payments but for companies sending rebates or refunds to their customers.

"(E-mail payment) is the coming thing," said Robert Sterling, financial services analyst for New York-based Jupiter Communications.

With its product, Bank One enters a field dominated since its emergence late last year by X.com

Corp. and PayPal.com, which X.com is in the process of acquiring. The combined company, still called X.com, has made its mark helping buyers and sellers on sites such as eBay more easily complete their transactions.

While many companies — and even the U.S. government — wire money back and forth on a regular basis, person-to-person electronic transactions are much more rare. Under eMoneyMail.com, anyone in the United States with a checking account or a Visa card can send or receive up to \$500 in cash at a time.

Here's how it works: The sender goes to www.emoneymail.com and chooses whether to pay by Visa credit card, Visa debit card or checking account. The sender then

specifies an e-mail address for the receiver and the amount to be sent.

The receiver then gets an e-mail message that money has been sent, clicks on an attachment with a link to the eMoneyMail site and indicates which of four possible ways

to be paid — the three cited above or paper check sent by surface mail.

The sender pays a \$1 fee for each transaction; the receiver pays \$1 only if a check is requested.

The money would become available the next business day at the earliest, Bank One officials said. But they said research indicates consumers won't use it mainly to get cash but want a secure, convenient way to make payments to others.

While X.com's service is similar, Bank One claims that its name as well as its 128-bit encryption — the highest commercially avail-

"It's going to be people who are comfortable using the Net to provide money, and there's only a small minority doing that now."

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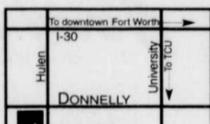
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ready in existence in addition to creating new programs.

"It's like the seeds are there, and we're just adding the fertilizer," Stuebner said. "We're not working with barren soil. There's a lot of possibility."

Kelli Horst, TCU's director of communications and task force member, said she expects some of the responsibilities of getting out the word to fall under her department. She said some of the ways publicity could increase is to issue more press releases, notify the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* and send personal letters to people who would be interested in certain activities.

Horst said there are a variety of reasons why the community is not aware of all of TCU's activities.

"Some of it could be manpower in our office," Horst said. "But a lot of people aren't letting us know, or we're just not nagging them enough. The newspaper can't cover every good event on campus. We have to be good detectives."

Looking at what programs are already in place has helped the task force identify areas that need more attention, Grebel said.

"Folks here at TCU have a real commitment to going out to Fort Worth, but we're not doing everything we could," Grebel said. "It's more than just increasing visibility."

Stuebner said the group is also looking into improving community alliances with local schools or sponsoring cultural activities on campus that can be attended by the whole community.

"I am personally interested in connections TCU can make in elementary schools and high schools," Stuebner said. "As an educational institution, our interest lies in that area. We're paving the way for better students for TCU in the future."

Bob Seal, university librarian and task force facilitator, said members have suggested creating an off-campus community center where student volunteers can tutor local high school students.

Stuebner said she would like to see the task force look into building a broader base of student volunteers. "There are many under-served members of the community," Stuebner said. "As students, we have a great deal of enthusiasm and energy that we can share with so many people who need it."

Horst said TCU has many resources that can benefit the com-

munity. "As a university, we are the intellectual center of the city," Horst said. "Our brain power is important to civic leaders."

Seal said students, not just the community, will benefit from more outreach programs.

"Students could have the opportunity for learning while performing service," Seal said. "If a student can volunteer in the area they're studying, they could gain real experience by the time they graduate."

Seal said he suggested forming a community advisory board that could meet with the chancellor on a regular basis.

"It will help maintain good communication with the community," Seal said. "It will be a forum for project ideas and problem resolving — getting things on the chancellor's radar screen."

The task force will start prioritizing its suggestions at its next meeting March 22, task force members said.

"I hope we will come out with realistic expectations, specific initiatives we can embrace right away and ways we can get the message out," Horst said.

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Looking ahead

The following suggestions have been made during the Community and Strategic Alliances task force meetings.

■ Form a partnership with an area professional sports team to help local schools.

■ Co-sponsor an annual city-wide cultural event with the city of Fort Worth.

■ Help commercial and residential development around the TCU campus to better serve students, faculty and staff.

■ Work with the city of Fort Worth to bring more visitors to TCU.

■ Provide support for area teachers with programs like Courage to Teach.

■ Invite high school students to attend classes so they can learn about the college atmosphere.

Bush wins seven of 11 primaries

By Ron Fournier
ASSOCIATED PRESS

George W. Bush won California, New York and five other Super Tuesday primaries, accelerating his drive to vanquish John McCain's political insurgency. "It's a huge step toward the nomination," Bush declared as McCain considered whether to continue his Republican presidential campaign.

Bush captured 162 delegates in California's winner-take-all primary.

Shortly after calling Bush to congratulate him on his victories, McCain told The AP: "We're very pleased with the victories we won and disappointed with the ones we lost." He said he will meet with his aides Wednesday "and talk about our future." McCain said no matter whether he continues in the race, "the crusade goes on."

In a reflective mood, McCain said, "We've changed the face of politics and put reform on the agenda. We're proud of what we've done."

In a speech prepared for his victory rally, Bush said, "We have a national victory. Republicans and conservatives across America have said they want me to lead the Republican Party to victory come November, and I am ready and eager to do so."

Bush won Ohio, Georgia, Missouri and Maryland by double-digit margins — and he broke McCain's hold in the Northeast with narrower victories in New York and in Maine. McCain won Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Vermont as voters in 13 states participated in the year's largest night of Republican presidential contests.

Bush said he did not consider himself the certain nominee. "My frame of mind is to keep moving," he told The AP as the campaign moved swiftly to nine primaries in the next seven days.

Forging familiar coalitions, Bush relied on party faithful while McCain drew from independents and moderate Republicans. McCain's gamble of criticizing conservative

Christian leaders may have backfired in key states, while Bush's visit to a South Carolina university with a history of anti-Catholic views seemed to be a beneficial campaign issue for McCain in some states.

With Super Tuesday voting, the general election began to take shape: Vice President Al Gore bid to sweep 16 Democratic contests, pushing Sen. Bill Bradley to the brink of withdrawal. McCain's situation was not so dire, but his candidacy was flagging with a tough week of Bush-friendly contests lying just ahead.

— George W. Bush
Texas governor

Both Bush and McCain are both running short of money. The Arizona senator greeted donors at a reception in California even as the votes were being counted. Bush, who has spent most of his \$70 million war chest, has ordered his finance staff to raise \$10 million by the end of April.

Neither candidate could accumulate the magic number of 1,034 delegates Tuesday, but Bush hoped for a string of victories that would drive McCain from the race and allow him to turn his attention to Gore, who has gained against the GOP front-runner in head-to-head polls.

Based on early returns, Bush picked up at least 309 delegates, pushing his total to date to 479. McCain won 90 delegates Tuesday, giving him 195 so far.

Looking past McCain to a potential fight with Gore, Bush congratulated the vice president for his victories in the Democratic primaries, but said, "He is the candidate of the status quo in Washington, D.C., and he has a tough case to make in the general election."

McCain said he would take stock of his campaign Wednesday when he travels to his retreat in Sedona. Some aides planned to recommend the senator depart the race while others looked for him to forge on to the nine primaries coming up in the next seven days.

McCain himself embraced his victories in the Northeast. "Our message of reform has had a powerful impact," he said in a statement.

Father ordered to account for money spent

By Stephen Hawkins
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FORT WORTH — A court has ordered the father of Amy Robinson to account for money he received through a fund he set up after his 19-year-old daughter's 1998 torture and killing.

Robinson's grandmother has filed a civil lawsuit against Ben Grogan, claiming he misused donations intended for the girl's funeral and alleging he may not be the teen's biological father.

"They can say whatever they want," Grogan said Tuesday after a hearing on the case. "My attorney is going to take care of this for me."

Carolyn Bradley, the grandmother and court-appointed executor of Robinson's estate, contends in her suit that Grogan bought motorcycles and a pickup truck for his girlfriend.

Tarrant County Probate Judge Steve M. King gave Grogan 45 days to account for donations intended for Robinson's estate. The judge also prohibited Grogan from spending any more of the money or disposing of any assets attained with such funds.

Larry Wright, one of Bradley's lawyers, said records indicate more than \$13,000 is in question. "What this hearing was about is to get an accounting of the money ... to find out what was accumulated, what happened to those funds and to trail it so it can be brought into the estate," said Daniel Smith, another attorney for the grandmother. "We're kind of on the outside looking in."

The injunction issued by King was a modification of a ruling a week earlier that basically prevented Grogan from spending any money at all.

Robert Neville Jr. and Michael Wayne Hall both have been convicted of capital murder and sentenced to die for the February 1998 killing. Both are appealing their sentences.

Robinson, who was developmentally disabled, was riding her bike to work at a Kroger grocery store when Hall and Neville picked her up. The girl knew Hall, who also had worked at the store.

Grogan's attorney said an affidavit on file with the court provides DNA evidence that his client was Robinson's biological father.

Grogan said he paid most of Robinson's funeral costs, and acknowledged without elaborating that he spent some of the money on other things.

Bradley's lawyers said a victims' rights group paid for the funeral and that the grandmother bought a headstone for Robinson's grave.

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Lady Frogs to face Tulsa in WAC tourney

By Danny Horne
STAFF REPORTER

It is March again and that means "March Madness" has begun for women's college basketball teams all over the country.

The TCU women's basketball team will play for a spot in the Women's NCAA Tournament or the Women's National Invitation Tournament at Selland Arena in Fresno, Calif. As the No. 5 seed in the Western Athletic Conference Tournament, the Lady Frogs open play against the No. 4 seed Tulsa Golden Hurricane 4:30 p.m. (CST) Wednesday.

The Lady Frogs head into the tournament optimistic that they can surprise a few teams, junior guard Jill Sutton said.

"We know that anything can happen in the conference tournament," Sutton said. "This time of year is the time for Cinderella to come out, and we plan on playing that role."

TCU (16-13, 7-7 WAC) is coming off a 63-62 road win over Rice, who the Lady Frogs had not beaten since 1991, and has won five of its last seven games. Tulsa (13-14, 9-5 WAC) comes into the tournament having won four of five but most recently lost at home to Southern Methodist 58-45.

"Tulsa has had a surprising year in the WAC," TCU head coach Jeff Mittie said. "They have specifically been playing well at the end of the season. We have also been playing our best basketball lately. Every-

one knows that if you are playing well at the end of the season, anything can happen in the tournament. That's why I think everything is up for grabs."

The two teams split the season series with each team winning on its home court. Tulsa beat the Lady Frogs on Jan. 8, 68-55. On Feb. 5, TCU got revenge by defeating the Golden Hurricane 80-58. The Lady Frogs lead the overall series 7-5.

"We did not start very well against them in the first game, but we started strong at home and played well," junior forward Janice Thomas said. "We obviously look for another good start when we play again."

In the first meeting of the season, the Lady Frogs shot just 30 percent from the field, 17 percent from three-point range and 45 percent from the free-throw line.

"We were a totally different team the second time we played," Mittie said. "We confused them defensively

and played much better offensively. I liked how we played against (Tulsa) at home, and I hope that carries over to the tournament."

In the second game, TCU shot 48 percent from the field, 38 percent from behind the three-point arc and hit 72 percent of its free throws. Defensively, the Lady Frogs held Tulsa to 36 percent shooting and out-rebounded them 47-27.

The Lady Frogs' defense will have to contend with two second-team All-WAC selections in their first-round meeting with Tulsa. Senior forward Lila Osceola ranks seventh in the conference in scoring with 14.3 points a game. She is also first in the WAC in field goal percentage at 54 percent. Senior guard Kasie Pittman has averaged 12.9 points per game and leads the conference in steals with 92.

In the two games against TCU, Osceola and Pittman have combined for 25.5 points a game which is just

two points off their season average.

"We know what they can do," Mittie said. "At this point in the season, there aren't many secrets. We will be mixing up our defenses to try to disrupt their offensive rhythm."

The Lady Frogs bring to the tournament the WAC's top-ranked scoring offense led by senior guard Diamond Jackson's 13.2 points a game. Sutton (10.6 points a game) and sophomore guard Tricia Payne (11.1 points a game) also average in double figures for TCU. Mittie said the Lady Frogs will not be depending on the guards to win games.

"I don't think we have to rely on them," Mittie said. "We have been very balanced this season with the inside and outside game. Janice (Thomas) and (freshman center) Kim (Walter) have played very well for us inside to help keep us balanced. They have kept us from having to put the game on our guards."

The Lady Frogs will play without junior guard Amy Sutton who continues to recover from a fractured right fibula suffered against Hawaii Jan. 15.

"Amy (Sutton) won't play this week because her leg is not healing as quickly as we thought it would," Mittie said. "As it has been all season, we won't have a problem with depth if we stay out of foul trouble."

The way the bracket is set, if TCU defeats Tulsa and SMU gets by San Jose State, the Lady Frogs will face the Mustangs for the third time this season. SMU (19-7, 12-2 WAC) beat the Lady Frogs twice this season and has beaten them 19 times in a row.

"All I can say about playing SMU again is that the underdog historically takes more chances in a game like that," Mittie said. "We will have nothing to lose."

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Freshman Debbie Bell follows through on a forehand during practice. The No. 41 women's tennis team defeated No. 17 South Carolina, 5-1, Tuesday at the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center.

Women's tennis team defeats South Carolina

Frogs win 5-1, improve record to 9-3

By Chris Ray
SKIFF STAFF

Coming out of the weekend's defeat over No. 37 Texas A&M, the TCU women's tennis team knocked down another hurdle on the way to the top of the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Tuesday. The Frogs upset No. 17-ranked South Carolina in a 5-1 defeat at the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center.

No. 41-ranked TCU took five of six singles matches en route to the win. The Frogs put the brakes on South Carolina's winning streak at five matches and extended a winning streak of their own to two matches.

The Frogs were paced by the play of their top three singles players — senior Lucie Dvorakova, freshman Dorrit Huppes and senior Daria Zoldakova. Dvorakova, last week's Western Athletic Conference Female Player of the Week, had the biggest upset of the day.

Dvorakova defeated No. 14-ranked Katarina Markovski in a straight-set match, 6-3, 6-2. Play-

ing out of the No. 1 singles spot, Dvorakova extended her match winning streak to eight and grabbed her 20th win of the season, improving to 20-5.

Huppes upended No. 75-ranked Jennifer Radman in a straight-set victory, 6-1, 6-0. Huppes surrendered only one break point throughout the whole match en route to the blowout defeat. The win marked the 18th time this season Huppes has defeated an opponent in a straight-set

match in which she hasn't surrendered one single set. Huppes extended a winning streak of her own to seven matches.

"Dorrit has been playing very, very good for the past couple of weeks," head coach Roland Ingram said. "She has the skills, but most importantly, the mental determination to win the match — that's what is important."

At the No. 3 singles position, Zoldakova defeated Leigh Eichelberger, 6-2, 6-1 in straight sets. Zoldakova and doubles teammate Dvorakova did not get the opportunity to improve on their doubles

record, as South Carolina defaulted all doubles matches.

Senior Jessika Kjellgren, playing out of the No. 4 singles spot, knocked off No. 87-ranked Tamara Sutton, 6-2, 6-3. Kjellgren improved to 16-7 on the year and broke her four-match losing streak.

Rounding out the wins was freshman Debbie Bell who defeated Lynn-Yin Tan, 7-6, 6-1 in a match that started off close yet ended in a runaway win for Bell. Bell improved to 7-5 on the year with the win.

"The girls are playing with great confidence lately, especially against good, solid teams like South Carolina and Texas A&M," Ingram said. "We came in today and did two things: First, we played well from the start of the match until the end and second of all, we played with the mentality that we can beat them out there."

South Carolina surrendered before the doubles matches with no chance of winning the match. With the win, the Frogs improved to 9-3 on the season and 4-2 vs. opponents ranked in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association polls.

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PULSE SIDELINES

Rodman charged with drunken driving

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP) — Basketball star Dennis Rodman was charged Tuesday with misdemeanor drunken driving stemming from a December arrest in Costa Mesa.

Meanwhile, his court date in Las Vegas on a cocktail waitress' claim that he grabbed her breasts is nearing.

Police said the 38-year-old Dallas Mavericks forward had a blood-alcohol level of .15, nearly twice California's legal limit, when he was pulled over Dec. 22.

After his arrest, a smiling Rodman told reporters he had a couple of beers and had no criticism for officers who stopped him. His arraignment is scheduled for April 3.

On March 27, a trial is scheduled to start in Las Vegas in the federal lawsuit by Connie Wilcox that accuses Rodman of battery and intentional infliction of emotional distress.

Wilcox said she was serving cocktails at the Las Vegas Hilton on April 19, 1998, when Rodman came up behind her and hugged her and picked her up. Wilcox said she dropped her tray of drinks as Rodman, with his hands on the sides of both her breasts, held her in the air for about 10 seconds.

FIGHT FOR RIGHT OF PLAYING TIME

Football players vie for spots on next year's team, refine skills at practice

By Adam Vilford
SKIFF STAFF

There is talk of moving to a new conference, of winning another Western Athletic Conference championship and even of having another Heisman Trophy winner, but before any of that happens the Frogs must go through the rigors of spring practice.

The Frogs started spring drills Friday and will continue until April 8 when they play the annual Purple-White scrimmage.

The players understand that spring practice is a period of evaluation for those who have backup roles and for redshirt freshmen who will fight for playing time next season, head coach Dennis Franchione said.

"All of our redshirted freshmen have come out with the idea of earning a spot and finding a way to get on the field," he said.

While there are some spots in the defense that will be won by untested players, the returning starters use spring practice to get better and improve their individual efforts, said Aaron Schobel, junior defensive end.

"Guys who have been here for four years can still use these practices to get better," Schobel said.

Freshman quarterback Casey Printers said he is working diligently to improve his skills and become a leader on the field.

Printers said he realizes the team played well enough to win last season; however, he is ready to exceed the goals that were reached last year. Printers said he is excited about the prospects for next year especially with junior tailback and Heisman Trophy candidate LaDainian Tomlinson returning.

"I feel like Major Applewhite did when Ricky Williams was at Texas," Printers said. "I think that (Tomlinson) will open up the offense for us, and I am ready to take advantage."

While Printers has a Heisman candidate in the backfield, he also has a new coach on the sideline. Printers has been given the opportunity to sharpen his skills under the eye of newly acquired coach, Les Koenning Jr.

Koenning, who was formerly the offensive coordinator at the University of Houston, has been given the responsibility of helping Printers learn the technical aspect of playing quarterback. Franchione said Koenning will help Printers vary the offensive attack with the option and the deep routes.

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(Above) Offensive linemen work on blocking drills in practice Friday. The Frogs practiced with full pads on Monday. (Left) Freshman linebacker Robert Pollard participates in a drill at spring football practice Friday. The Frogs will conclude spring practice on April 8 with the annual Purple-White game.

TELL me about it

End relationship with noncommunicable Marine; let wedding be family fight

Dear Carolyn:
I am a freshman in college. At the end of high school I was dating a guy in the Marines. I ended up getting pregnant and unfortunately having an abortion. It made us very close, though, because we had never gone through something like that with anyone else. Over the summer he was shipped across the country and I haven't seen him in eight months. For some reason he just decided not to give me his new address or number for 2 1/2 months. Since then we have been talking. I was going to go out and visit him but I changed my mind. We fight all the time. When I tell him why he makes me so mad and hurts me. I love him with all my

heart but I can't seem to get over him rejecting me this summer and then getting in touch again.
—Perpetually Crying

I have a theory. As long as you're "together," you can draw some sort of smiley face on the abortion and the abandonment: "We went through tough times, but we came out of them closer than ever." You've invested a lot of pain in your Marine. Understandably, you want more from that investment.

End the relationship, such as it is. Keep him in the back of your mind as a reminder to: understand that people are what they are, not what you want them to be; hold off on sex until your partner has proved his

strength and integrity; use decent birth control.

One last thing. Is he the only one who knows about the abortion? Another reason you might be hanging on to him is so you don't feel alone with your secret. If so, then please share it with someone you can trust.

Dear Carolyn:
How should I react to my brother-in-law's fiancée, who is planning their wedding for my last month of pregnancy? My doctor has advised against traveling then, so I can't go. I am very close to my in-laws and feel hurt by this. My husband and his parents are very upset.
This may be extraneous, but the

engagement has been on-again, off-again since May 1998; now she's come up with an excuse that they must get married on this date because her sister is moving and can't fly because she will be taking fertility drugs.
—K.

React by letting your husband and his parents fight the family battle. Then take a deep breath, and repeat to yourself: "I'm so glad I'm not the one marrying an unpleasant, inconsiderate, self-centered, irrational twit."

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TODAY'S menu

THE MAIN Lunch

- Fried fish sandwich
- Grilled ham and cheese
- Barbecue beef bar

Dinner

- Sweet and sour chicken
- Yankee pot roast
- Fajita bar

WORTH HILLS

Lunch

- Chicken Caesar salad wrap
- Gyro
- Enchiladas

Dinner

- "Steak night"
- Barbecue chicken

EDEN'S GREENS

Lunch

- Baked ziti
- Baked cajun cod

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- Taco bar (late night)

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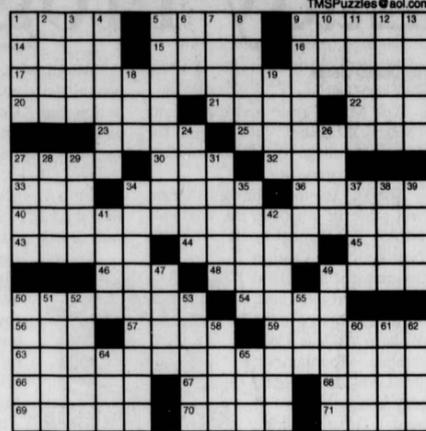
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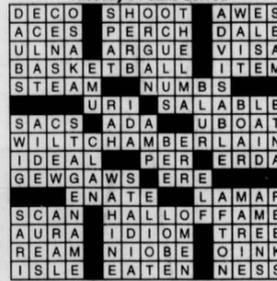
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 - Golly!
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By James E. Buell Edgewater, FL

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Tuesday's Puzzle Solved



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