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Policy change will allow scholarship stacking

By Danny Home
STAFF REPORTER

Activity-based and some Disciples of Christ student scholarships may now be stacked with academic scholarships after university officials changed policy.

The policy change has been an ongoing process which officials have been working on for the past two weeks.

Stacking scholarships will allow students to use their awards in addition to any academic scholarship. The previous policy did not allow for scholarships to be stacked.

The revision applies to Christian

Activity-based, some church-based awards to see change by next year

Church (Disciples of Christ) students who are going into the ministry and Christian Youth Fellowship officers.

It also applies to activity-based awards for things that can be publicly viewed such as music, dance, theater and voice, said Mike Scott, director of scholarships and financial aid. He said science departments, for example, would not be involved because they are not necessarily seen by the public.

Nick Brown, a freshman orchestra scholarship recipient and business major, said he likes the idea of un-

limited scholarship stacking.

"I think it's always a great idea if it means some students will get more money from TCU," Brown said.

Holly Ricketts, a sophomore voice major, said the ability to stack scholarships will allow her to stay at TCU because more money is available.

"This scholarship opportunity should be great because previously I was not able to have anything else on top of my choral scholarship."

Scott said students who were eligible for more than one TCU-funded

award were only able to use the larger of the awards.

Director of the School of Music Kenneth Raessler said the policy should go into effect beginning with the 2000-2001 academic year.

"The previous policy was supposed to spread the money out to more students which is what it did," Scott said. "But we found the old policy to be counter-productive to recruitment by not combining the academic and activity scholarships."

"In music for example, Ken

Raessler can give a student any amount of scholarship as long as the total does not exceed the value of 32 hours of tuition."

Jim Atwood, assistant to the dean of admissions and an associate professor of religion, said this is a good change for students who are multi-talented.

"This policy allows students who have been church leaders, a part of the band and/or may have excellent academic status a chance to utilize all scholarship opportunities," Atwood said. "For example, the CYF award

can be coupled with any academic scholarship or band award."

Raessler said he has been wanting stacking ability for some time.

"Previously we had stacked a very limited amount of scholarships, but it wasn't completely helpful," Raessler said. "To be as competitive with other schools who do allow more unlimited stacking, we needed to implement it ourselves. Southern Methodist, Baylor and Rice are the schools we compete with the most."

Raessler said TCU has been losing

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PULSE BRIEFS

House to resume debate on bill requesting funds

The House of Student Representatives will resume debate tonight on bill concerning TCU's Arnold Air Society of the Air Force ROTC Detachment 845. The bill requests funds to help the AFROTC attend its National Conclave in San Diego.

The AFROTC is a national honorary professional and service organization established to strengthen relations between the Air Force, the campus and the local community.

According to the bill, written by Joshua Hawkins, the conclave will offer various training sessions to bring community service projects to TCU. By attending the conclave, TCU will be eligible for the National Headquarters position, which would allow the campus to host the National Conclave next year.

In other House business: The United States Institute for Theater Technology at TCU is requesting \$1,220 to attend its National Conference in Denver.

According to the USITT bylaws, USITT is a new organization on campus that strives to encourage performing arts as a right rather than a privilege to citizens of Texas.

Attending members will also be entered into a design contest. This will be the chapter's first national conference.

Tau Beta Sigma, the TCU band sorority, is also requesting funds to attend the Southwest District Convention in San Marcos.

TBE is a service sorority that aids all TCU bands and has been honored as one of the top 10 chapters in the nation. TBE has been asked to give a presentation at the district convention and is requesting \$558 to attend.

House meetings are held at 5 p.m. in the Student Center, Room 222.

Inside

TENNIS TALENT



Stepping off the plane on a steamy August day four years ago, all freshmen Daria Zoldakova and Lucie Dvorakova could think about was how hot it was and how different Texas was from their homes, now far away.

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MO' MONEY

The new stacking scholarship policy should be available to students entering other colleges and schools at TCU.

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Nikki Valetutto, a junior health and fitness promotion major, and Ashley Bodoin, a senior health and fitness promotion major, purchase smoothies at the Smoothie King on South University Drive.

Proposal considers debit plan

Off-campus meal card system nears approval

By Jeff Anderson
STAFF REPORTER

The possibility of an off-campus student ID card debit system is closer to reality now than it ever has been, TCU officials said.

Emily Burgwyn, director of student affairs information services, said she has spoken with representatives from Student Advantage, the Boston-based company that offers the program. In the past, there has not been a company that was able to offer the system, Burgwyn said.

"(We are) most excited to partner with a group who has had success with the system," Burgwyn said.

Steven Pace, senior manager of University Relations for Student Advantage, said the SA Cash program has existed in some states for about five years. The company is currently working with New York University, University of California Los Angeles, American University and several other universities, he said.

"As of right now, TCU has listened to our proposal and has shown some interest," Pace said. "We still have to present it to the board and see if our strategy blends well with the TCU philosophy."

Student Advantage has analyzed Fort Worth and the TCU student population and found a cohesive mix, Pace said. The company would like to have a program in use for Fall 2000, but the TCU administration and

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Changes to noon chapel service format examined

By Jill McNeal
STAFF REPORTER

Senior English major Matt Lantz said he doesn't usually go to chapel services at noon on Wednesday because he uses that time to snag lunch and unwind from classes.

"I have so many other Christian activities on my calendar in a week, it's hard to fit another one in," he said.

The Rev. John Butler, university minister, said TCU has been having weekly ecumenical chapel services since the 1960s.

Contemporary music, student testimonies may add to worship

"We average about 55 to 60 students a week in attendance, with 25 to 30 of those being members of the choir," Butler said. "Those are the kind of numbers we've always had, regardless of what changes we've made or who we've had speak."

Butler cites two reasons for this:

"When students see that the service is not in their specific tradition, combined with the fact that there are always 15 other things

going on at the same time, the result is that they don't end up going to chapel very often," he said.

Ric Moseley, Uniting Campus Ministries' worship chair, said he sees chapel service as basically dead.

"There are always more people in the choir than in the congregation," he said. "Obviously, something is missing if people aren't coming."

Moseley said he and Butler have discussed making small

changes to the service.

"I'm not coming in and trying to change everything," Moseley said. "I'm just trying to find some medium ground, add in some contemporary music and maybe some short student testimonies about what God is doing in their life."

Lantz said Moseley's ideas sound good.

"Probably the one thing that would get me there would be if more people I knew were involved in the service," Lantz said. "I

would love to see time set aside for personal testimonies, and I really enjoy music I can sing along to and not just listen to."

Erin Fitzgerald, a freshman elementary education major and member of the choir class that sings weekly at chapel, said if she didn't have to be there for class, she probably wouldn't go.

"I personally don't take much from the sermons," she said. "Since contemporary services are so popular right now, I think it's

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CULTURAL ENRICHMENT

Experience provides knowledge of importance of both countries

By Kasey Feldman
STAFF REPORTER

Japan and the United States have traded many things over years. For the past five years, TCU and its sister university, Kansai Gaidai, have been trading knowledge and experiences.

The two universities have a student exchange program. Four TCU students have gone to Kansai Gaidai, and four Kansai Gaidai students have come to TCU.

Delia Pitts, director of international education, said the exchange is a good deal because TCU students at Kansai Gaidai pay TCU tuition and room and board rates, which are less expensive than Kansai Gaidai. Tuition is \$8,000

for a semester at Kansai Gaidai and \$5,850 for a semester at TCU. Kansai Gaidai students attending TCU pay tuition and room and board to Kansai Gaidai.

Pitts said the relationship is also good for TCU academically.

"The United States as a whole has been remiss in getting to know about Asia," she said. "TCU students would benefit immensely from acquainting themselves with Japanese culture. Economic, political, demographic and technological trends indicate that Japan and China will be important to the United States in the future."

Pitts said Japanese students and universities recognize the need for

cultural exchange between the United States and Japan more than American students and universities do. Every year the United States sends about 1,000 students to Japan, while Japan sends about 40,000 students to the United States, Pitts said.

Kansai Gaidai requires its students to study abroad for a year to graduate.

Carrie Finegan, a senior English major who studied in Japan, said higher education there is not as difficult as higher education in the United States, so a degree from an American university is considered valuable in Japan.

Finegan said grade school in Japan

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Feel the burn



Jimmy Nam/SKIFF STAFF

Josh Galloway, a freshman business management major, works on his abdominals outside Jarvis Hall Monday.

PULSE

CAMPUS LINES

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

■ **The Main Exchange** will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday in The Main. The purpose is to connect with other students, faculty and staff over lunch.

■ **The TCU philosophy department** will host the 23rd Annual Workshop in Ancient Philosophy Thursday through Saturday in the Dee J. Kelly Alumni & Visitors Center. All lectures are open to the public. For more information, e-mail Blake Hestir at (bhestir@tcu.edu) or visit the department's Web page at (www.phil.tcu.edu).

■ **G. Simon Harak from Voices in the Wilderness** will speak about the United Nations sanctions against Iraq from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Saturday in the Student Center Lounge.

■ **The TCU Honors Program** will host the inaugural Charles L. Rowan Humanities Lecture at 7 p.m. March 29 in Moudy Building North, Room 141. The guest speaker, author/poet Dr. Kurth Sprague, professor emeritus of the English department at the University of Texas, will lecture on "The Allure of Poetry." For more information, call the Honors Program at 257-7125.

■ **Guest authors will visit TCU as a part of Creative Writing Week.** Janice Galloway, who has been called one of Scotland's most talented authors, will give a public reading at 2 p.m. April 4 in the Student Center, Room 207. Texas writer Larry L. King, author of several books and stage-plays, including "Best Little Whorehouse in Texas," will read from his work at 2 p.m. April 5 in the Dee J. Kelly Alumni & Visitors Center before the creative writing awards ceremony. Both events are free and open to the public. For more information, call Dave Kuhne at 257-6537.

■ **Apply now for the 2000 Environmental Journalism Academy** which will be from June 27 to July 2 in the Washington, D.C., area. Deadline is April 22. For more information, call 1-202-234-5993 or e-mail (ej@envirocitizen.org).

■ **The M.J. Neeley School of Business** will not accept any change-of-major forms declaring business as a major until April 10.

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NEWS

ROUNDUP

WORLD

Graves dug for victims of religious cult suicide; officials plan to pursue cult's living members

KAMPALA, Uganda — Prisoners dug a long trench Monday and a bulldozer shoveled charred corpses into a common grave, the final resting place for hundreds of members of a religious cult led by a former prostitute.

Most of the victims apparently were women, and police counted the bodies of 78 children, the interior minister said. He put the total number of dead at 330.

"These are the ones we could count," Interior Minister Edward Rugumayo said. "The others are unrecognizable."

Rugumayo spoke to reporters in Kampala after inspecting the burned hulk of the church hall just outside Kanungu, 215 miles southwest of the Ugandan capital. He said that in addition to the 330 bodies found after Friday's fire in the church, five bodies were spotted through a hole in a nearby pit latrine.

Rugumayo said police were sure there were more bodies in the latrine, a walled, communal structure common in African villages, but were awaiting digging equipment to excavate the pit. He did not offer an explanation of how or when the bodies got into the latrine.

Official estimates of the number of deaths have varied between 235 and 600. On Monday, bodies were shoveled into a long trench dug by inmates, but it did not appear that officials were counting victims.

"What emerges out of all this is that the authorities never suspected anything," Rugumayo said of the sect.

He said the 10-year-old Christian sect, known as the Movement for the Restoration of the Ten Commandments of God, was founded by Cleodonia Mwerinde, a former prostitute who had the chapel built on the grave of her father. The sect had about 1,000 members in nine districts in Uganda and was legally registered as a nongovernmental organization.

"There are still sect members out in other districts, and they are being pursued," Rugumayo said. "We're going to close down all the branches of this sect and are going to be more vigilant about NGO-registration in the future. But we can't stop freedom of worship."

Details about the sect were sparse. Police had earlier identified the five primary leaders as the 40-year-old Mwerinde; Joseph Kibweteere, 68, also known as "The Prophet;" and former Roman Catholic priests Dominic Kataribabo, 32, Joseph Kasapurari, 39, and John Kamagara, 69.

Local Roman Catholic Church officials have not spoken about the fire and deaths; officials said all local bishops are away on a retreat. The press of-

fice of the Vatican said Monday it had no information and no comment about the reports that some sect leaders had been priests.

Police said earlier Monday that the five main leaders — including Mwerinde, whom her followers called "the one who has had a vision" — all died. But Rugumayo said later that only two leaders' bodies had been positively identified — the manager of the sect's farm and "a priest."

There was no explanation for the discrepancy. Following the fire, people who lived near the compound told police and reporters that sect members had told them about a sighting of the Virgin Mary and that something big was going to happen. Kibweteere had reportedly predicted the world would end on Dec. 31. When that didn't happen, he moved the date up to Dec. 31, 2000.

Syncretic Christian religious sects are mushrooming across Africa as many people become disillusioned with the inability of politicians to improve their lives.

NATION

Alleged killer keeps hostages; authorities uncertain of conditions after fired shots

DUNDALK, Md. — A shot was fired Monday inside the house where an alleged killer has been holding his ex-girlfriend's mother and two other people hostage since Friday, authorities said.

After the shot, police used a loudspeaker to urge the suspect, Joseph Palczynski, to let them bring in an ambulance. But authorities said they were uncertain about what had happened.

"We don't know that anyone has been hurt inside," Baltimore County police spokesman Bill Toohey said. "We have just had this one shot."

Palczynski, 31, has been on the run since March 7, when police say he kidnapped his ex-girlfriend, Tracy Whitehead, and killed the couple she was staying with and a neighbor. A fourth person was killed and a boy was wounded when Palczynski allegedly carjacked a vehicle.

Palczynski, who has spent much of his adult life in prison and mental health institutions, on Friday shot his way into the home of Lynn Whitehead, and took her and two others hostage.

On Monday, a man and a woman, believed to be the hostages, yelled out the window to police that Palczynski would do something drastic if police didn't put Tracy Whitehead on the phone.

Shortly after the shot was fired in the house, several shots were fired, apparently from the windows of the house, as Palczynski had done earlier in the day and on Sunday. Police who had been pleading with Palczynski while stationed in an armored vehicle moved away from the house.

Federal e-commerce panel proposes bans on new Internet taxes, repeal old telephone taxes

DALLAS — Congress should permanently ban taxes on access to the Internet and repeal a century-old telephone tax, and lawmakers should refrain from now trying to apply state sales taxes to purchases online, a federal e-commerce panel decided Monday.

A majority of the 19-member Advisory Commission on Electronic Commerce endorsed a proposal from its business members that also would extend by five years a moratorium expiring in October 2001 on new Internet taxes. The proposal also would encourage state and local governments to simplify their sales tax systems.

"This is definitely a no-new-taxes-on-the-Internet proposal, but it's not a no-sales-taxes-ever proposal," said David Pottruck, president of Charles Schwab Corp. "It's a starting point."

The proposal also asks Congress to define what the Supreme Court meant in a 1993 ruling that requires a business based outside a state's borders to have a physical presence, or "nexus," in the state before the state can collect sales taxes on the business sales in the state. The plan suggests that such things as Internet service providers and World Wide Web pages should never be considered a physical presence.

Several state and local government representatives on the panel objected to that section and to language exempting sale of digital products such as books and music, as well as their physical counterparts sold in stores.

Dallas Mayor Ron Kirk, a Democrat, called that "a huge money grab for the business members of this commission." The panel includes top executives of AT&T, America Online, Time Warner and MCI Worldcom.

"I don't think business is at all grabbing for money," responded Robert Pittman, president and chief operating officer at AOL. "It's less about taxes than it is about where you deploy your resources."

The decision marked a defeat for most of the state and local officials on the commission, who wanted a clear statement supporting equal sales tax application to goods sold in stores or via the Internet.

STATE

Black law enforcement leaders re-examine black-on-black crime statistics, solutions

HOUSTON — Black law enforcement leaders began another look at black-on-black crime Monday, citing epidemic rates of intraracial violence and theft in spite of a booming economy and lower overall crime rates.

The conference is one of six being held throughout the country to examine the problem first brought to national attention by Ebony magazine in a 1979 issue entitled "Black on Black Crime: The Consequences, Causes and Cures."

Published in August 1979, the issue declared black-on-black crime a "critical problem" and exhorted America's black communities to "stop accepting unacceptably high rates of crimes in silence."

Crime rates have not improved since then, according to the conference sponsor, The Institute for Social Justice. The organization is a clearinghouse for crime statistics and prevention training.

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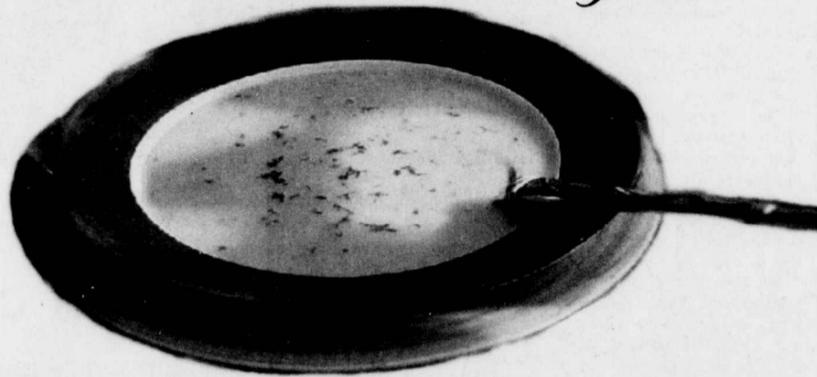
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Mo' MONEY

Other students deserve the wealth too

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The revision also applies to students with activity-based awards, such as music, voice and dance students, and Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) students who qualify for various church-related grants and scholarships.

Deciding how to finance a college education can take precedence when choosing an institute for higher education. By allowing talented students access to multiple scholarship opportunities, TCU increases its chances of recruiting students who might go elsewhere if money was not available.

The policy should be available to students entering other colleges and schools at TCU. Activity-based applicants should not be the only ones to benefit from this administrative change. Any student should be able to stack if he or she qualifies.

Policy changes should be carefully monitored in order to ensure they don't inhibit the number of students who receive partial or stacked scholarships.

TCU prides itself on the number of students who actually receive some form of financial aid from the university. Making additional funds available to a few students should not happen at the cost of all the others.

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Bush's bat mightier with Rangers

The presidential race looks like it will be a battle between Texas Gov. George W. Bush and Vice President Al Gore. Two hundred and twenty-five years after the nation started, these are two gentlemen from which Americans have to choose.

Commentary



DAVID BECKER

Yet, American voters are indifferent. Bill Moyers, a former press spokesman for President Lyndon B. Johnson, was once asked why Americans were so apathetic about who was elected president. Moyers said that it did not make much difference whom we elect. Democracy is so strong that a president has no real power to hurt or hinder our American way of life.

Moyers went on to say that in nations around the world, a change in government means a change in lifestyle. If a dictator or liberal socialist takes office in some nations of the world, people can have their lives seriously changed. This does not happen in the United States.

Any president of the United States is subject to checks and bal-

ances of power that keep our lifestyle relatively stable.

Texas is a big state, but running the state of Texas has little to do with the governor. Texas has one of the weakest governors in the nation. So weak is a Texas governor's power that it ranks dead last — that's right, No. 50 — among all the states in the union, according to a recent *New York Times* article.

Richard Murray, a political science professor at the University of Houston, said in the article that "the imagined office is much greater than the real office." The most powerful governor's office in the nation is in New York.

Actually, Bush had greater authority when he was the chief executive officer for the Texas Rangers, the professional baseball team. He could make a decision and expect people to obey his order. In the Statehouse in Austin, Bush has to ask permission or grovel to the legislature to do almost anything important. In the state of New York, 140,000 people report to the governor. In Texas only 200 people report to Bush.

Unlike other states, the Texas governor can't select the officers of his own cabinet. Every important decision-maker in Texas is elected by the people and is responsible to a constituency other

than the sitting governor. The lieutenant governor, elected by the people, runs the Texas State Senate and oversees the committee that prepares the state budget.

Texasans who have ascended to the presidency have done their apprenticeship in Washington, D.C. Both presidents George Bush and Lyndon Johnson served in Washington, D.C. Johnson was a senator and Bush was in the House of Representatives. Gore served in the Senate and works as vice president. Never has a governor from Texas ever been elected president.

The most significant education reforms in Texas were championed by Dallas businessman Ross Perot, who lobbied the legislature with financial contributions and by twisting arms.

Bush gets along with the lieutenant governor and the legislature. If a chief executive officer can't get along with them, he might as well forget about passing any legislation. For years the lieutenant governor and speaker of the House have run the Texas government. Dozens of elected governors have occupied the executive mansion but they might as well get some extra sleep in the morning

for all the power they wield. When Bush is out of the state campaigning for president, hardly anybody notices.

Bush has campaigned for president actively across the nation. Often he flew back to Austin in the evening. He didn't return to the capital because there wasn't anything pressing on his agenda. Bush wanted to have dinner with his wife and daughter.

In 44 states, lawmakers meet throughout the year. In Texas, the legislature gathers for 140 days every other year.

Why should the governor even be in residence any calendar year that ends in an even number?

There are many good things about Bush. He is no lightweight in the political arena. He might make a great president. He had a lot more control, though, negotiating the Ranger contracts of Nolan Ryan, Rafael Palmeiro or Ivan "Pudge" Rodriguez than he has ever had passing important legislation in the state of Texas.

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Religion remains personal decision despite conversion efforts

Jesus is out to get me. Or, at least, that is how the people around me are making me feel. It seems like everywhere I go I encounter one of my friends or acquaintances getting up and telling everybody that they need to search for Jesus, or something like that.

The other day I was at a meeting and during "announcements" one of my friends got up and told everybody about her experience with Jesus. She said that if we hadn't found Jesus' love our lives were not complete. Then, the other day at The Main this girl got up to sing,

and stated that she was singing for Jesus. I mean, even a pastor has joined the club. After having a group discussion about faith, he has developed this bizarre, yet amusing and flattering, interest in my faith — or lack thereof. Now we chase each other around having intellectual talks about religion. I think I've become his favorite agnostic.

I don't know if it's just the fact that I am at a Christian university in the buckle of the Bible Belt, but it appears as if all the religious forces of the universe are conspiring against me to make me join their clan.

I don't know if it is just my friends expressing their faith freely and me casually encountering them or if this is a big conspiracy. Regardless if these events are casualties, or if I am getting paranoid, I have a problem with

Christians and Jesus being out to get me. The problem is, you see, I'm not interested.

Don't get me wrong, I don't have anything against Christianity or any other religion for that matter. I find Christian history and ethics fascinating, and I think the Bible is a pretty good book. However, this still doesn't add up to make me a believer. Ironically, I am more interested in Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam or Zoroastrianism than in Christianity.

I don't think this lack of interest results from being traumatized by "bad Christian experiences" either. Even though I've had some differences of opinion with certain breeds of quasi-Christians, like the Cancun Christians (you know, the ones that praise abstinence and virginity and then go off to Cancun because "what happens in Cancun stays in Cancun" and

"what they learned in Sunday School stays in Sunday school") and the used-car-salesmen Christians (those who try to convert everybody in an assembly-like manner with threats of hell). Even though I find these specimens quite obnoxious, I haven't been traumatized beyond repair by their actions. They were not the ones to make me replace my faith with doubt.

Luckily, I've also met awesome Christians that have shown me that Christianity has more to offer than double-sided morals and massive pursuit of conversions. People like my roommate, and my friend who makes a good hippie have shown me a face of Christianity with love, tolerance and service. They live their lives happily, share their faith with those who want to hear it, but have never sought to impose it on me. With their acts and be-

havior, they have shown me Christianity is a valuable and rich spiritual path.

But even with its ups and downs, I still find Christianity no more valuable or interesting than any other religion. In fact, I find Christian dogma more boring and illogical than most. It just doesn't cut it in my book.

I imagine that this statement must be shattering or nonsensical to many, but I am pretty content even without Jesus in my life. I think I am a reasonably good person — I lead a decent and fulfilling life; I don't go around killing people or robbing stores; I respect myself and others around me; I am human, and with that I am content.

So, where am I going with all of this? Well, it's just that one of my conversations was so enlightening it has convinced me of something: It doesn't matter how much peo-

ple around me tell me about Jesus, until he comes and tells me himself what he wants from me, my life is not going to change that much.

And he hasn't. So Christians can go ahead with their praises and their faith, and I celebrate their belief and fulfillment. As for me, all that I can say is that I still find shelter in the term agnostic. Ag-nos-tic, from the Latin gnosis = to know, and a = not: not to know. I don't know if there is a God, and I don't know if there isn't, and unless Jesus himself comes and tells me otherwise, it seems like my viewpoints regarding Christianity will remain.

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Spring Break in Cancun is not all it is advertised to be

Three rules of a Cancun vacation:

Uno: Leave your boyfriend/girlfriend at the airport.

Dos: Leave your morals with them at the airport.

Tres: What goes on in Cancun stays in Cancun.

This is what I was told by a guide as I was riding in a World Crap Tours bus at 4:30 in the morning on the way to my hotel. Overwhelmed and tired, I couldn't believe what I was hearing and what I had gotten myself into.

I blamed my anxious feelings on

the lack of sleep and the rowdy, ugly chumps who needed more play than the piano in the basement of my residence hall.

Based on my delightful experience, I believe they should have added a fourth rule: don't fall victim to the Cancun hype.

I think the country needs to realize that it depends on tourism, even if the majority of the tourists tend to be drunken 20-year-olds. The many yard glasses of beer and piña colodas add up to

be a great percentage of Mexico's economy.

The locals also give a new respect to the cat-calling traditions of the construction worker. Actually, it was more liking hissing. In addition, there are the workers in clubs who feel the need to touch girls. I love the feeling of a dirty hand up the back of my shirt.

Another rip-off and tourist trap is the bus. If you want to get anywhere, you pay 50 cents to ride a dirty, nasty bus. The speed limit is

nonexistent, and God forbid the bus driver would shut the back door so you don't fall out.

And if you still have some money left, they expect you to tip them for anything and everything.

The scene of Cancun is another story. I felt like I was spending my vacation inside a porn movie. Debbie does Cancun? I kept my morals in my back pocket, not at the airport.

Although I wasn't the porn star, I got more than a peep show during my X-rated vacation. Many of the daytime events were geared to-

ward a male audience. Take the classic wet T-shirt contest. I originally thought the watered down T-shirt was enough to create the illusion of seeing one's chest.

However, the continual chanting by both the audience and the "master of ceremonies" encouraged participants to take it all off. Several cameras flashed, and the naive girls will wonder how they got on the Internet.

The night life made me realize that I paid money to attend a porn version of frat parties. It was a giant meat market full of tools, horny

guys and girls looking for their chance to get a piece.

From my experience, a typical attempt at a Spring Break hookup:

When I told a winner that I was a lesbian to get him off my back, he told me he "could make me bi."

Hence, I hated my Spring Break vacation. In the end, it only takes one word to describe Cancun — overrated.

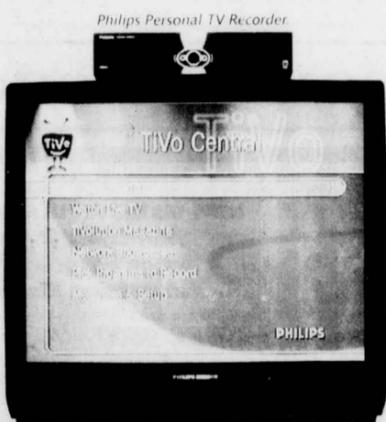
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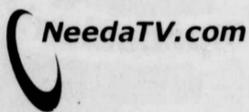
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Bush drains record \$73.9 million in campaign funds

Governor now on trail to regain \$10 million in finances

By Johnathan D. Salant
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WASHINGTON — His record-shattering treasury drained by a \$2 million-a-week advertising binge, George W. Bush for the first time trails Democratic rival Al Gore in available cash to spend pursuing the White House over the next five months, records showed Monday.

The Texas governor's latest spending report shows he began March with just \$7.5 million — a tenth of the \$73.9 million war chest he amassed while vanquishing a tougher-than-expected challenge from John McCain for the Republican presidential nomination.

In contrast, Gore's spending slowed over the last two months along with the threat from his now-ousted challenger Bill Bradley, leaving the vice president with more than \$11 million in the bank to begin the month, campaign aides said.

Bush already has begun to hit the fund-raising trail in pursuit of \$10 million in fresh funds — a marked reversal that now forces him to

catch up in a money chase he once dominated.

The Texas governor cited the "hard-fought primary" in releasing a report that detailed the sudden reversal of fortunes. His aides said he already has raised \$225,000 this month since capturing the GOP nomination on March 14.

"America is ready for a fresh start after eight years of partisanship, division and gridlock under Clinton-Gore. America is ready for a president who will bring people together to reform education, save Social Security, strengthen our military and lower taxes," Bush said.

Both men face challenges as they try to conserve money for national advertising and targeting of key electoral states over the next five months. Late this summer they'll each receive \$67.6 million in federal funds for their fall campaigns.

Experts say Bush has raised so much money for primaries that he has tapped most of the traditional GOP donor base, while Gore is facing a \$40.5 million spending limit he agreed to when he accepted federal funds for his primary campaign. Bush declined federal financing for the primaries, freeing him from the limits.

With some additional fund rais-

ing, Gore expects to have about \$14 million to spend through his party's nominating convention. If Bush reaches his goal, he'd have about \$17 million to spend before the convention.

"It won't be as much as an advantage as Bush hoped for at the start of the process," said Anthony Corrado, a professor of government at Colby College in Maine who studies political financing.

The February spending report details where much of Bush's historic treasury went.

A computer analysis showed he spent \$13.2 million last month — \$7.6 million of it on advertising in nine states with early primaries such as California, New York, South Carolina and Michigan. He won three of the four, ultimately forcing McCain from the race.

The spending brought his total at the start of March to \$63.3 million. And he still had another \$3.1 million in unpaid bills, leaving him about \$7.5 million in the bank.

In comparison, aides said Gore would report about \$4 million in unspent money at the end of February plus another \$7 million in unspent federal funds owed his campaign. His report was to be filed later Monday with the Federal Election Commission.

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is harder than in the United States and the tests to get into college are more difficult, so college does not have to be as hard.

Ayuko Arai, a junior exchange student from Kansai Gaidai, said college students in Japan do not have to study as much as in the United States. She said some have jobs and most go out during the week as well as on the weekends.

Kyoko Kawabe, a junior exchange student from Kansai Gaidai, said the university system in Japan is different because universities are specialized and students cannot change their majors or double-major. At Kansai Gaidai, students can take one of two tracks - a Spanish-language track, or an English-language track.

Kawabe said Kansai Gaidai is short for Kansai Gaikokugo Daigaku. Kansai is the name of the district. Gaikokugo means "foreign language," and Daigaku means "university."

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Fraternity house fire kills three including chapter's president

By David Kinney
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BLOOMSBURG, Pa. — Hundreds of students, many wearing sweatshirts adorned with their Greek letters, packed a campus auditorium Monday to mourn three fraternity brothers killed in a weekend fire.

"There are simply no words to express our sadness," Bloomsburg University President Jessica Kozloff told students.

A fire in the off-campus Tau Kappa Epsilon house killed the three — including the fraternity president — early Sunday. Others jumped to safety from a second-story window.

The cause of the blaze has yet to be determined.

"There's any number of things it could be," said Bloomsburg police Sgt. Joe Wondoloski. "We can't rule

out a cigarette being thrown down and smoldering or an electrical overload. There were space heaters there. There was a DJ there at one point."

The fire started several hours after the end of a party attended by about 30 students.

Bloomsburg, founded in 1839, is a state university about 100 miles northwest of Philadelphia with an enrollment of about 7,500.

State legislators reacted Monday to the fire with a resolution and a bill aimed at improving campus fire safety.

The bill would force public and private universities to get sprinklers for all student housing within five years.

The bill does not address off-campus, private buildings like the fraternity house at Bloomsburg.

Legislators said future legislation may target private buildings where students live.

—Jessica Kozloff,
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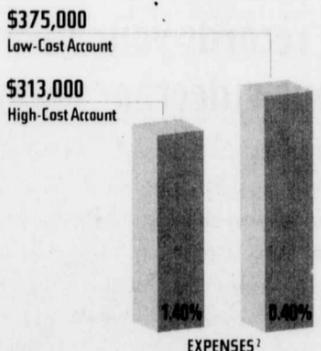
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good that they're trying to include both contemporary and traditional styles in the chapel service."

Fitzgerald said the current chapel format is not reaching a lot of people.

"Students need to hear what the Word says and also how to apply the Word to their lives," she said. "There is a lot of materialism on campus. There are Christians that have fallen away. The messages need to hit closer

to home where students are in their lives."

Lantz said while he thinks the service does a good job of being open to all the Christian faiths on campus and presenting a good message, he still chooses to spend his time other places.

"The 30-minute service seems kind of rushed," he said. "It seems more like a ritual than an actual time for worship. It's hard to get on any kind of a spiritual level in half an hour, but then again, any longer of a service wouldn't fit into a busy college stu-

dent's schedule."

For a religious group to work well, Lantz said people need to be serving each other.

"I think if people with leadership positions on campus would start going to chapel, others would follow," he said. "And the people that actually go need to invite others in order to start establishing a group dynamic. I think it could be a really special time."

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Feng shui tips scales in balance of peace, prosperity

Discipline uses science of energy to harmonize positive, negative forces in living environments

What is Feng Shui? Literally, it means wind and water. Feng Shui is not related to any religion or belief system. It is a scientific discipline based on the analysis of energy.

At its core is the concept of the bagua, an energy map in the shape of an octagon. It is based upon a set of theories and complex calculations derived from the I-Ching, the oldest book in Chinese history.

Each side of the bagua represents a different aspect of life: career, wisdom and knowledge, family and health, wealth, fame, relationships, creativity and helpful people. This includes an in-depth understanding and application of the theories of yin and yang, along with balancing the Five Elements (fire, earth, metal, water and wood).

Yin and yang, represented by a circle containing a light and dark half, symbolize balance in Chinese dualistic philosophy. The dark half, with a light dot in it, represents the dark, feminine, passive side. The light half contains a dark dot and stands for sun, light and masculine features. Each side contains a portion of

the other side, illustrating the ideal balance in all things.

Feng Shui teaches that placement of things in the environment can create a favorable circulation of the life force chi, promoting prosperity, peace and happiness. Conversely, bad Feng Shui can drain energy, increase illness and lead to misfortune.

Keiko Couch, a Fort Worth Feng Shui consultant, said energy is a goal most people desire, whether they realize it or not.

"A vivacious person is energetic — that makes sense," she said. "We like to be around people who have energy."

On the other hand, she said sickness is a lack of energy, and it must be restored from nature for a person to be well.

"It's a state of mind," Couch said. "How you feel about the world — the air and everything around you — makes you younger, vibrant."

Feng Shui practitioners seek to arrange environments for the best flow of energy.

"Chi likes a slow, meandering way," Couch said. "If you have a straight sidewalk to your front door, the chi keeps shooting like it's on a highway. A curved walkway will slow down

Easy ways to incorporate Feng Shui:

- Remove clutter from your space. If you don't use an object now, throw it away. Do one thing to clear up clutter today.

- Create balance in each room with light and dark tones.

- Simplify. If you can't do something, say no.

- Create a meandering way in your environment so chi will want to go there.

- Use colors. This year, vibrant colors are replacing beige, black and gray.

- Hang something moveable near a window — use metal wind chimes to fend off barking dogs and honking horns.

- Have water around — an aquarium, small fountains, etc. (Small tabletop fountains are now available in home improvement stores.) The sound of water soothes a bad disposition.

- Try rearranging furniture in living areas.

the energy so it doesn't rush in the front door and right out the back."

Couch said if a home has a straight sidewalk, flower pots can be arranged along the way to disturb the straight line.

The front door is the focal point of the home, and it should welcome good energy, she said.

"The front door can be painted red, or a red geranium can be placed near the door," Couch said. "It makes people think, 'I wonder who lives here.'"

Getting chi to the front door is only the beginning of good Feng Shui, however.

"Chi likes to come in the front door, like a spring breeze," she said. "You can feel it come in and meander through the rooms one at a time."

But chi doesn't like clutter or dark places, so furniture and accessories must sometimes be rearranged. Dark spaces can be brightened with light-colored furniture, mirrors and lights. As for clutter — sometimes things just need to be thrown out, she said.

"People in Texas think the bigger the better, the more the better," Couch said. "But it's really more about quality, what you really appreciate and love to live with. If you haven't used or worn something for a year, throw it away."

Like people, chi is constantly alive and changing. People need to re-evaluate their surroundings occasionally to determine if chi is flowing through the environment, whether it's a closet, office, residence hall room or home, she said.

Couch encourages her clients to look at nature for inspiration in their wardrobe and home décor.

"In nature, nothing is sharp and square," she said. "Be in harmony with nature. Look at a room with your Feng Shui eyes. Use balance, like yin and yang. Set off dark areas with light objects. Where there are square corners, bring in some curves."

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Image and Feng Shui consultant Keiko Couch sits at a desk in her studio. Her clients sit facing a window that looks into her garden where a small water fountain splashes.

A 4,000-year-old Chinese tradition helps local woman live happy, prosperous life through balance and harmony

Peaceful living

Story by Jeri Petersen Photos by Jeri Petersen and Jennifer Klein

Nestled in the stately old Fort Worth neighborhood known as Berkeley Place is a small plot that exudes tranquility, even from the street.

A pebbled concrete path winds from the driveway to the front porch, the steps of which are lined with pots of purple and yellow pansies.

The designer of this peaceful 1921 oasis is Keiko Couch, a Fort Worth image and Feng Shui consultant.

She is reticent to share personal information, preferring instead to talk about her philosophy

of using harmony in nature to create personal joy.

By her own definition, she is Feng Shui.

Her voice sounds like gently flowing water, low and softly rhythmic. Her words bubble forth in musical cadence. A listener might be carried away in the lilt of her speech, forgetting to listen to the words themselves.

She wears red, a striking complement to her flawless skin and black hair. Red, she says, invites good energy. Her petite frame slides like a wisp of air down the walkway and through the gates to her studio.

porch. She instructed the contractors to place rocks she brought from a beach on the East Coast near the edge of her sidewalk in random places. A window of her studio behind her house looks into her backyard garden where a small fountain trickles over a bed of rocks. Wind chimes near a window swallow up the sound of honking horns. Her studio is filled with light from windows, mirrors and an overhead skylight.

Although Feng Shui originated in China, Couch said the Japanese language and lifestyle incorporate many of Feng Shui's principles. The idea of arranging environments for the best use of energy became popular in the United States about three years ago.

Couch said she was ahead of her time when she arrived in the United States as a foreign exchange student her first year of college more than 30 years ago.

At the time, Couch was studying to get into the International Christian University, a competitive liberal arts institution in Tokyo.

Her father, well-versed in English and German, was in contact with a family in North Texas who wanted a Japanese pen pal. After corresponding with Couch, who was learning English through the letter-writing process, the man asked her father if she would like to stay with the family for a year in the United States. The man suggested that she attend school in Texas and then try to get into the International Christian University.

She learned as much English as she could in the weeks before she embarked on an arduous 19-day boat trip toward her American adventure.



Couch stands at the counter of her studio where she advises clients on skin care and appropriate cosmetic colors.

"Even a small change makes a person's life richer," Couch said. "When you get attention and compliments, you are happier. Those are small returns, but they are big for some of the women I have consulted."

How to organize your home using Feng Shui:

The bagua is one of the tools used in Feng Shui to help determine preferred locations for certain functions in the home. An adaptation of the octagonal bagua used in Black Sect Feng Shui is a nine-square grid. The Chinese believed the number eight was lucky, and in the bagua, eight blocks surround a center

block that represents the Self.

- The first area is the entrance at the front of the house, and it represents career. This area should contain water or glass and something red to invite chi.

- To the left is the area representing wisdom and knowledge. It should contain books or other symbols of learning.

- At the center left of the home is the area for family and health. Family pictures are appropriate here.

- In the back left corner is the area symbolic of wealth. The color purple, which signifies prosperity, should be incorporated in this room.

- At the center back of the home, opposite the front door, is the area signifying fame. Fire and the color red may be used here.

- The back right corner of the home stands for relationships, love and marriage. Use objects in pairs, such as two candlesticks, for a subconscious associa-

tion of a loving relationship.

- The right side of the house symbolizes creativity. Light is needed here.

- The right front corner symbolizes helpful people. Paintings of people helping each other or similar objects will help remind occupants of this attribute.

- Objects and colors used in each square serve as reminders to the occupants of life's goals and help achieve balance and harmony.

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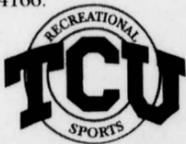
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Traveling alone and carrying a picture of her American host family, she sailed on an immigration boat headed for Brazil. About 20 of the passengers, including Couch, disembarked in Los Angeles, where she faced a 54-hour bus trip alone to Tyler, Texas.

Classes started nine days later, and Couch said she was dismayed to learn that the English she studied in Japan was not what people at her new school were speaking.

"I had learned British English," she said. "The lectures were difficult to catch, and I couldn't copy other students' notes because I couldn't read them."

She also realized for the first time how it felt to be different, as she was the first Japanese exchange student to attend Tyler Junior College.

"On campus I was all alone," she said, her calm voice rising slightly. "There were no other students with dark skin, and I really stood out."

She said the thing that kept her "alive" during her first years in a foreign country was a sense of humor that she discovered and refined.

"In Japanese culture, you're supposed to be serious in suffering, but people here joke, especially when they're in trouble," she said.

Couch finished her studies at the junior college and found another sponsor who said she should pursue a degree in graphic arts.

"I wanted to go to the Pratt Institute (in New York), but the University of North Texas was one of the top five (programs) in the nation, and my sponsor wanted me to stay close by," she said.

A few months before she graduated from UNT, the young exchange student met Ernest Couch, a dashing American doctorate candidate at Tulane University in New Orleans.

She graduated from UNT, then called North Texas State University, with a degree in graphic arts.

She married Ernest Couch, and the couple eventually ended up in Fort Worth.

"It was fate — it just happened," she said. "You remember, I was going to be here for just one year. Now it's 35-plus years. It's OK that I stay in Texas. I can probably return something I know."

One day, a friend commented to

Couch that the Japanese seem to have a good eye for color and invited Couch to analyze the suitability of his office décor.

"He wanted me to see if he looked like the owner," she said. "And that was how I got into (image consulting). I was one of the first people in Texas to get into color and image consulting."

Couch juggled a job working for TCU publications and nourishing her budding business while raising two small children. At one point, she was also taking night classes at TCU.

Now she is a successful businesswoman — giving seminars, doing corporate and individual consultations in the United States and Japan and teaching classes through TCU community education. Her clients include Tokyo Disneyland, Isuzu Automobile Co., Burlington Northern & Santa Fe Railway, Harris Methodist Hospital education department and Alcon Laboratories.

As an image consultant, Couch analyzes her clients' skin and eye tone and suggests colors and styles that enhance their appearance. First impressions are everything, she said.

"A person should shine for a few seconds when she comes into a room," Couch said. "It's smart to invest in yourself a little bit. You don't buy a piece of clothing because it is on sale — it should be a well-selected piece, an investment. It may be that the more expensive one gives you more joy. If a great piece is also on sale, that's a bonus."

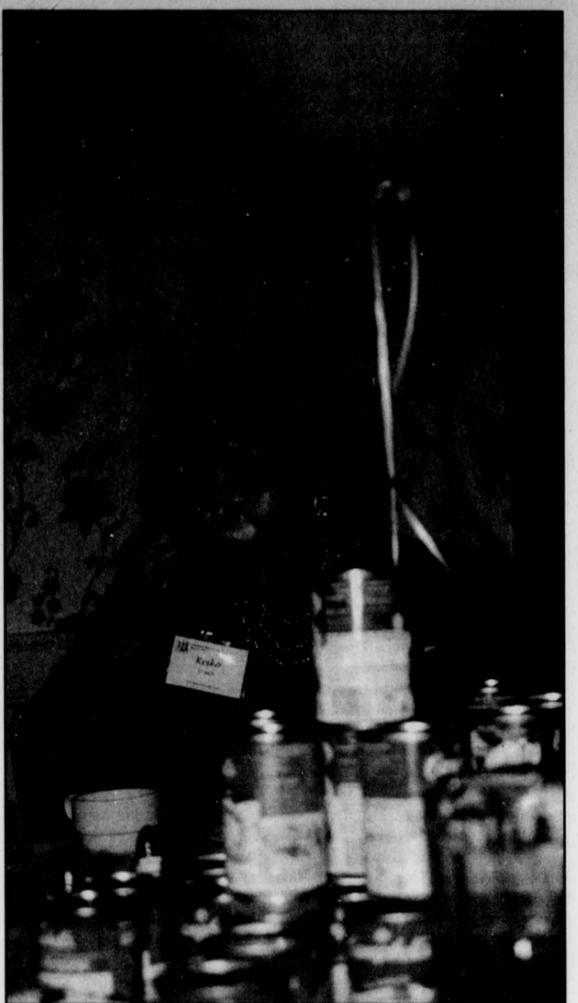
By limiting a client to colors that suit that person, Couch said she can save people time and money when shopping because she narrows options, giving the person confidence in making choices.

"Even a small change makes a person's life richer," she said. "When you get attention and compliments, you are happier. Those are small returns, but they are big for some of the women I have consulted."

"It's so much fun. Sometimes even men say, 'I got this necktie by myself — did I do OK?'"

She applies the same principles to her clients' living spaces. She encourages them to rid their homes and offices of clutter and to use color and light to create a tranquil, happy environment.

One of her clients, Debbie Kemp, had just moved into a new



home when Couch came to help her with furniture placement.

"I never would have given the art of placement much credit, but there definitely is something to it," Kemp said. "By moving four things surrounding the TV, we cleaned out an entire corner of the room. They didn't belong there, and I knew they didn't. It made a dramatic difference."

Kemp said they also applied the laws of yin and yang, bringing dark accents into light areas and light objects into dark spaces.

"I had lots and lots of candles," she said. "We arranged where they were to give warmth in certain areas of the room. Where I have lots of iron in the house, she brought in other elements to soften the iron, like moving a plant near a cold place."

Kemp said Couch didn't talk about chi or Feng Shui as she offered suggestions, but the two worked on actual placement of items, balancing warmth, cold and other elements. The result was everything Couch talks about in her seminars and classes.

"I absolutely feel better about my environment since she came," Kemp said. "It's so true that even small things make a big difference."

Kemp said her mother experienced even more dramatic results than she did with furniture placement.

"My mom moved a bed from one room to another, and the room never felt complete," she said. "She simply moved the bed according to where Keiko said it should be, and it was the difference between night and day. I never felt that effect, but I think that's fundamental. There are certain things we do that make us feel good, and with her expertise, we made positive changes."

Couch spoke at TCU's International Women's Day celebration on March 8, giving simple suggestions for bringing contemporary homes more in balance with nature, including some of the concepts she has incorporated in her own home.

Marcy Paul, program coordinator of the Women's Resource Center at TCU, said she invited Couch to speak because the emphasis of the celebration was balance.

"There is a significant meaning to this celebration," she said. "It's not just fun and games. (Years ago), women were fighting for equal rights and better working conditions. They weren't allowed balance in their lives. Today's celebration is about helping ourselves and each other."

Besides teaching Feng Shui classes at TCU, Couch has family ties to the university. Her husband is a biology professor here, and both of her children, a son and a daughter, graduated from TCU.

Couch said she does little else but run her business these days.

"I told my husband, 'I work all the time' and he said, 'But you love it!' And he is right," she said. "I can feel good Chi around me."

It's no wonder. She follows the rules.

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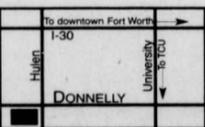
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'Euro Duo' closes final season, seeks elite title

By Chris Ray
SKIFF STAFF

Stepping off the plane on a steamy August day four years ago, all freshmen Daria Zoldakova and Lucie Dvorakova could think about was how hot it was and how different Texas was from their homes, now far away.

Dubbed the "Euro Duo" by the media, the players are now in their senior season. They have come a long way from the rolling hills of Europe to Fort Worth to the upper tier of the Intercollegiate Tennis Association polls in doubles action.

Currently ranked No. 8 in the ITA polls, Zoldakova and Dvorakova are seeking a title they said they have earned, to be one of the elite doubles teams in the nation.

"This is a great honor, and I feel we deserve it," said Dvorakova of the duo's ranking. "We are not thinking about winning and losing; we just play."

Head coach Roland Ingram said he could not be happier with the girls so far.

"I have coached two All-Americans in my career and (Dvorakova and Zoldakova) rank right up there; they are the best I have ever seen," Ingram said.

Dvorakova, a senior from Nova Ves, Slovakia, and Zoldakova, a senior from Prague, Czech Republic, said they were just glad to get the chance to play tennis on the collegiate level.

In Europe, there are no athletic programs at universities, Zoldakova said. She said the pair knew nothing about Texas or much about the United States before coming, but they wanted to play tennis in college.

Ingram said that he waited until the middle of the women's junior years to put them together, and the two have never looked back.

Both Zoldakova and Dvorakova were glad to get the chance to play tennis in college.

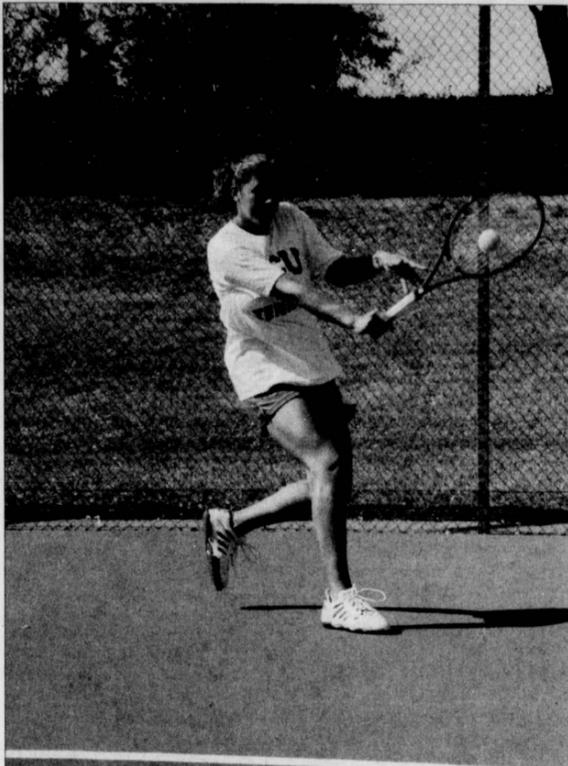
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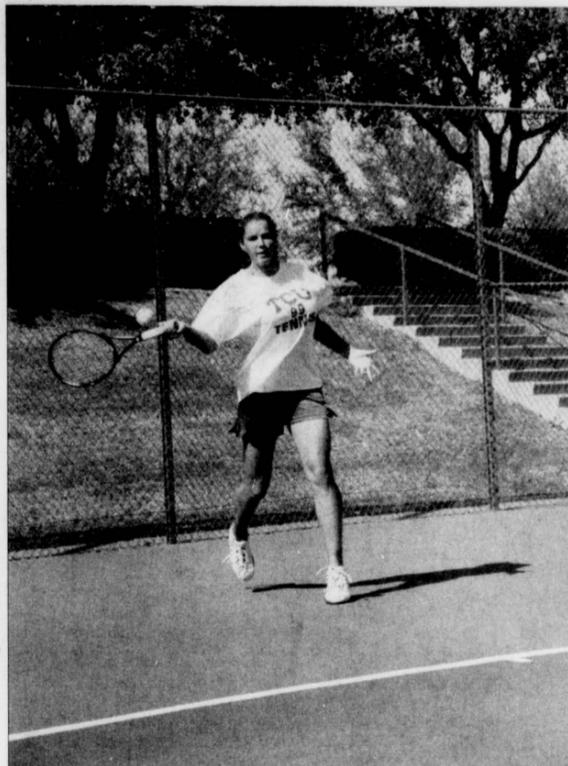
"This was the only school I really knew about, it wasn't that hard of a choice," Dvorakova said.

Looking to finish their careers atop the ITA rankings, the women have climbed the polls over the course of the season. Ingram said he has created a winning combination in the two.

"We are not thinking about winning and losing; we just play."



Senior Daria Zoldakova practices her backhand form in practice Monday.



Senior Lucie Dvorakova hits a forehand in practice Monday.

"They both have evolved since coming to me and have become comfortable on the court," he said. "When you're comfortable on the court, everything else falls into place."

"They are a point we have come to count on throughout the year; they guarantee a point in the doubles. If they lose, they were beaten, simple as that; they did not beat themselves."

Maybe it is the Slavic mentality that makes them such a good team.

Ingram said recruiting is going global. In a recent match against Central Florida, there were two Americans on the court and both were dawning the purple and white of TCU.

"If you want to win, you have to look outside the United States and go where the talent is," Ingram said. "I can get on the Internet and recruit all over the world and let

them know scholarships are their's for the taking."

Dvorakova and Zoldakova have adapted well to the American way of life, but they said they still miss the little things about home.

"The cultures here are so different and the people here are so laid back; it is just more relaxed here," said Zoldakova.

With graduation only a few short months away, the women said they are looking ahead to the remainder of the season and the Western Athletic Conference championships April 28 to 30 in Fort Worth.

"SMU and Fresno State should be very good, and we will have to play hard throughout the tourney," Zoldakova said. "They are all our friends and it is just a tennis match."

"We have to give all our credit to our coach; coach Ingram is like a father to all of us. We are so far from home and go back only for Christmas and summer. He is our father the other nine months of the

year. He cares a lot and is more than a coach to us."

Throughout this season, the "Euro Duo" is 17-2 on the year and has been topping the competition at the No. 1 doubles spot for the Frogs. In singles action, Dvorakova is 11-3 and 4-0 in dual-match play at the No. 1 singles position.

Zoldakova is 15-5 on the year currently playing out of the No. 3 singles spot.

Although the women said they would like to go on the pro tour, they think it is time to relax and get back to life as people rather than

as student athletes. Despite the fact that neither of the two see the pro tour in their future, they said they would like to try it out just to see what the competition is like.

"It takes extreme dedication and a lot of money and coaching to make it on the pro tour," Zoldakova said. "I am just ready

to do something else and play tennis on a recreational level.

"Maybe I could become a coach, that would be nice."

No matter the end result for the Frogs' pair, the duo said the best is yet to come for them both.

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Zoldakova and Dvorakova said they are looking to the WAC Tournament and then on to the NCAA Regionals and finally the NCAA Championships.

Whether the duo finishes atop the nation in doubles action or not, those close to the team have said the duo has brought attention to TCU and made a name for themselves in the process as one of the best in their distinct class of women's tennis players across the nation.

The duo that has brought notoriety to the tennis program first had to overcome an unexpected obstacle. The "Euro Duo" was met with high temperatures and blistering heat.

"My first thought getting off the plane was 'I can't breathe, it is so hot,'" Dvorakova said.

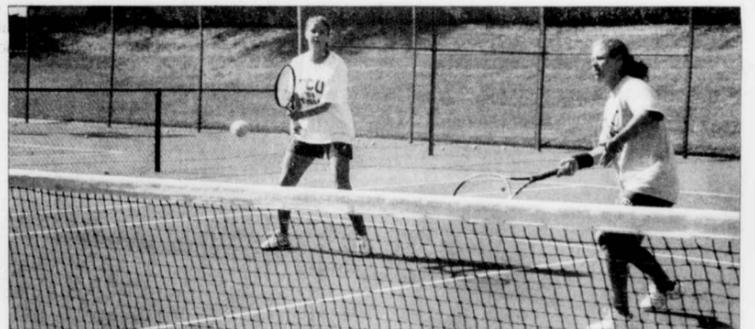
Dvorakova said that in her first official practice with the team, she had to take many breaks to acclimate to the climate.

"All I could think about was how my feet were on fire and how the sun was beating down on me," Zoldakova said.

The women said the climate was their biggest opponent to date, and now the two take on their next opponent — the tournament field of the WAC and the top doubles tandems in the nation.

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Seniors Daria Zoldakova (left) and Lucie Dvorakova work on their doubles technique in practice Monday.

PULSE SIDELINES

Texas Tech football program having complete turnaround

LUBBOCK (AP) — The football program at Texas Tech has done a complete turnaround since first-year head coach Mike Leach took the helm in December and hired nine new assistant coaches, tailback Ricky Williams said Monday.

Tech's longtime head football coach, Spike Dykes, retired in November. The new system includes a more professional style of run-and-gun offensive play, Williams said.

"A lot of NFL scouts don't know if I can catch the ball, and this gives me the chance to get out there and prove that I can," Williams said. "They have changed everything around real fast."

Leach plans to begin implementing his system, similar to the one used to turn around Oklahoma's offense last season, when the Red Raiders begin spring football on Tuesday. Leach also helped design Kentucky's spread-the-field passing offense.

"A good offense is appealing to anybody," Leach said. "We plan to utilize as many people as possible."

Building the foundation for his offense will begin with drills this week and continue over a four-week period with scrimmages every Saturday. During that time, Leach will identify who will be key in making his offensive plan work.

Men's tennis team defends No. 15 ranking Frogs defeat Memphis, lose to Pepperdine during Spring Break tournaments

By Chris Ray
SKIFF STAFF

The men's tennis team didn't spend its spring break on the beach, but on the court defending their No. 15 Intercollegiate Tennis Association ranking.

On March 11, the Frogs defeated unranked Memphis University 7-0. With the win the Frogs notched their eighth straight win.

Leading the Frogs was the No. 15 ranked All-American junior Esteban Carril of Gijon, Spain. Carril defeated Richard Magney in two tie-break sets, 7-6, 7-6, at the No. 1 singles spot. Carril returned to the lineup after missing the dual-match

contest against the UTA Mavericks on Thursday. With the win, Carril improves to 19-3 on the season and 9-1 in dual-match play all at the No. 1 slate.

TCU junior Trace Fielding defeated Daniel Demacek of Memphis, 6-7, 6-0, 6-1 at the No. 2 singles spot. After dropping the first set in a close tie-breaker, Fielding regrouped and captured the next two sets. Fielding surrendered one set in the ladder two sets of the match. Fielding improves to 19-7 on the year.

At the No. 3 spot, freshman 66th-ranked Antonio Gordon easily ousted junior Alistair Todd of Memphis, 6-1, 7-6. Gordon, a native of

Barcelona, Spain, is 15-5 on the season, which began in January because he did not participate in the fall season due to ineligibility.

In doubles, the Frogs swept all three matches as they captured the doubles point. At the No. 1 doubles, the Horned Frog team of Scott Eddins and Jimmy Haney ousted the Tiger's team of Todd and Ben Stapp, 9-7. Haney and Eddins are 14-4 on the season and 5-3 at the No. 1 spot. The Frogs have captured the doubles point 10 times this year while surrendering it twice, both at the Corpus Christi Invitational last week.

Overall, TCU is 9-1 when they win the doubles point.

TCU then took on the No. 5 ranked Pepperdine Waves March 14, and lost a tough fought match 4-3.

Pepperdine put the brakes on the Frogs eight-match winning streak, and kept improving on their undefeated season, as they move to a perfect 12-0. TCU falls to 11-2 on the season and picked up three singles wins from freshman Scott Eddins, freshman Antonio Gordon, and red-shirt freshman Jimmy Haney. The Frogs lost the all important doubles point, surrendering all three doubles matches.

At the No. 1 singles spot, Robert Kendrick defeated TCU's Esteban Carril, 6-3, 6-4 in straight sets. At the

No. 2 spot, junior Trace Fielding lost in straight sets to Al Garland, 6-2, 6-3.

Eddins defeated Sebastien Graeff, 6-3, 7-5. Gordon also picked up the straight set win over Chase Exon, 6-2, 6-3. Haney picked up the win out of the No. 6 singles spot over Anthony Ross, 6-2, 7-3.

The Frogs come off the loss and head into a tough portion of the season where they will face No. 3 ranked Duke Saturday at 2 p.m. on the campus of Duke University in Durham, North Carolina.

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Women's golf team finishes third in tournament

Four golfers place in the individual top 20 scores

By Chris Harrison
STAFF REPORTER

The TCU women's golf team improved one place to finish third after the final round of the Betsy Rawls Longhorn Classic in Austin on Sunday.

San Jose State University shot a three-round 923 to win the tournament. The University of Texas at Austin placed second with a total of 930, and TCU finished nine

strokes off of the pace at 932.

In the final round, TCU and UT passed Purdue University, who was in second place after the second round.

"Overall we held it together, even though we really didn't play as well as we would have liked to," said senior Angela Stanford. "We pulled ahead in the last day of the tournament to finish in third place, which was a good feeling."

"We just didn't play or score like we should have in this tournament. We have some practice ahead of us."

TCU had four golfers who finished in the individual top 20. Stanford and sophomore Lori Sutherland tied for sixth with a

three-round 230. Stanford shot an 80 in the final round to stay in sixth while Sutherland improved from 22nd, shooting a 73.

They both finished seven shots behind University of Nebraska's Sarah Sasse, the tournament winner, and New Mexico State's Sasha Medina.

Freshman Shannon Barr and sophomore Jennifer Patterson tied for 20th with a 54-hole 236.

Head coach Angie-Ravioli Larkin said placing third was acceptable, but she really thought they could have won the tournament from the beginning.

"We just didn't score well and it is as straight forward as that,"

Larkin said. "I feel like we have performed under our capability all year long, and (this score) is a little frustrating."

"After we won our last tournament at Bear Creek and tasted a win which really got our momentum going, I thought we had something going. The reality is, we just didn't play well this weekend."

Larkin said with regionals coming up the team is going to have to turn the practice notch up a level or two.

"Everybody really needs to work on course management and their scoring," said Larkin. "We really need to work on the simple things that create the basics of the

game, like being able to make par from anywhere on the course."

"Learning how to manage the golf course and not letting the golf course manage you is really important. Over the next two months we are going to be practicing until our hands bleed and practicing until our backs hurt. It is going to take good old-fashioned hard work, and we are going to be learning how to grind it out."

The TCU women's golf team will be back in action at the Lady Sun Devil on April 7 to 9 in Phoenix, Ariz.

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HELP ME harlan!

Abusive relationship needs severing; Former cheater claims reformation

Dear Harlan:
My boyfriend of 3 1/2 months lied to me two weeks into our relationship. His ex-girlfriend, who moved 2000 miles away, came to visit. The only thing is that he told me his GUY friend was visiting, and he was going to see him.

Well, I found out it was his ex. He then gets mad at me when I get upset.

I've done everything to make him not get mad. I've pretty much stopped talking to guys. I don't really spend time with my friends anymore. He's always telling me, "I do anything for you, why can't you do the same?"

Please give me some input.
Unhappy

Dear Unhappy:
Yeah, he's done a lot for you. He's isolated you from your friends, he's made you feel bad about yourself for his lying, and he's made you so worried about making him happy, that you've completely forgotten to do things to make you happy. He's done enough.

This has many of the signs of an abusive relationship. Please, remove yourself from this situation immediately.

Dear Harlan:
This is in response to the letter from the girlfriend concerned that her new boyfriend's cheating past might haunt her in the future. My girlfriend and I have

been dating for eight months as of today.

However, I have had some past relationships where I was cheated on and not treated well. Through immaturity, I cheated back on my past girlfriends to get even. I have learned my lesson and grown up. I'm a reformed man!

My current girlfriend worries, but she treats me so wonderfully that the idea of being with someone else never crosses my mind.

So, what you said about a once a cheater always a cheater is not always true.

Reformed and Matured
Dear Reformed:
Cheating is like sitting in a room

by harlan cohen

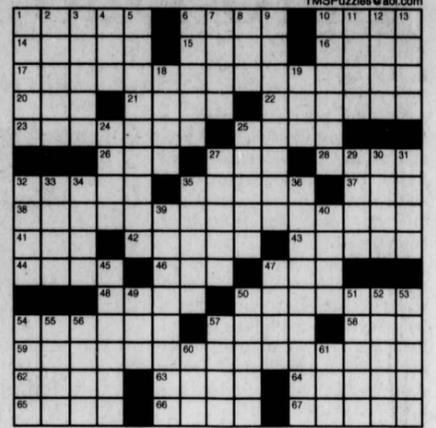
full of dog excrement. The longer you sit in the room, the less you notice how badly it stinks. Similarly, once a cheater starts cheating, the guilt and pain dull because the bad feelings become almost normal.

If you're a cheater, and you're reformed, you need to be open about your past if your partner has any questions. Some cheaters can be reformed, but it's always a stain on your record.

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

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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- Dinner**
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- Lunch**
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- Dinner**
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- Lunch**
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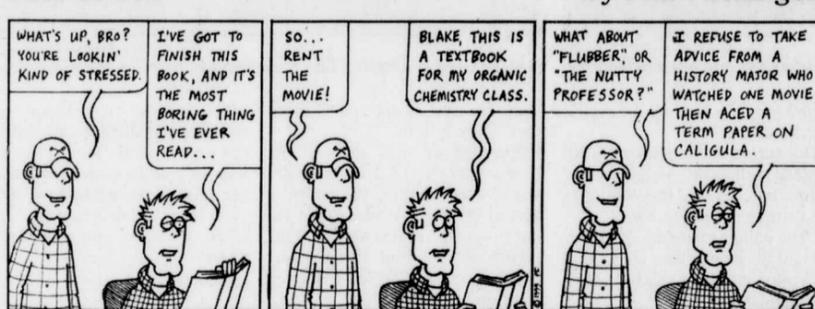
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