



Robyn Fickes, a freshman religion major, has a test she needs to study for. She has been up for 13 hours and is looking at another four or five before she lays down to sleep. So she drinks coffee

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Cleveland school considers lawsuit against PeopleSoft

By Yonina Robinson
STAFF REPORTER

While TCU administrators are breathing a little easier this year after the installation of the new PeopleSoft software, Cleveland State University administrators are not breathing quite so easily. Cleveland State administrators have hired three consulting firms to pull the university out of an administrative crisis that began two years ago when it installed new software from PeopleSoft Corporation. According to the Feb. 28 issue of the *Chronicle of Higher*

TCU officials say they are pleased with the administrative software

Education, Cleveland State was one of the first universities to convert to PeopleSoft's software for student information systems. "We installed three different modules: finance, human resources and student administrative enrollment," said Pat Cunningham-Reid, client services manager for Cleveland State. "We're having problems with the student module."

David Edmondson, TCU assis-

tant provost for information services, said the human resources module is designed to handle things such as staff and faculty information and payroll and payment information. Finance handles general ledger, budgets, management and inventory. Student administration handles administration, financial aid and degree audit, Edmondson said.

Reid said Cleveland State is considering suing the PeopleSoft

Corporation. Joseph Nolan, the Cleveland State's vice president for human resources development and labor relations and the official spokesperson regarding the issue, was not available for comment. But according to his interview in the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, Nolan said Cleveland State hopes to resolve the problems it has had in processing financial aid and student records for two years.

In February, Cleveland State's trustees awarded a one-year contract worth up to \$2.4 million to Science Applications International Corporation of San Diego (S.A.I.C.) who bid on the project with SoftLink Inc. A second one-year contract worth up to \$946,000 went to the Hunter Group of Baltimore, according to the *Chronicle*.

All three companies have extensive experience in fixing problems

with PeopleSoft student-information systems installed at other universities, said Joseph Valencic, a Cleveland State spokesperson.

"The bottom line is Cleveland State University mismanaged the implementation in our perspective," said Steve Swasey, the director of corporate public relations for PeopleSoft. "The success of implementation certainly contains many variables. You have to have a real budget, the appropriate staff and real expecta-

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PULSE BRIEFS

Napster.com to undergo trial period at Indiana State
BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (U-WIRE)—Indiana University announced Tuesday it will unblock access to Napster.com servers for a two-week trial period beginning at 6 a.m. Saturday.

According to a press release, a new method will lower network traffic, which will permit the playing and downloading of music as well as other multimedia files. Napster Inc. and IU worked jointly to find a solution to the congestion problem in order to allow Napster to be reinstated.

"Students can use Napster like before, and the practical result of what is going to be done is that if students are looking for a particular music file, then it will look as close to IU as possible to find the file," said Mark Bruhn, information technology policy officer for University Information Technology Services. "If a file cannot be found within the university's network, then it will go outside (the network), but it will look there first."

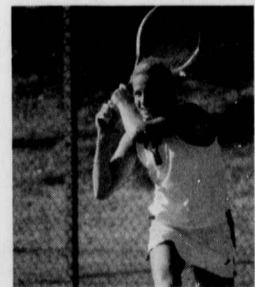
Bruhn said he expects Napster.com to make use of this method, especially since it will help to lower the amount of space it originally took up, which caused it to be filtered. "The outbound traffic should be reduced because searches will start with their local network, so if we can keep a portion of the traffic on local connection, then the Internet connection will not come into play," Bruhn said.

IU will propose this method in a formal Internet draft to help make this method available to the public.

—Indiana Daily Student
Indiana University

Inside

COURT TIME



The TCU women's tennis team is riding a current five-match winning streak into this weekend's Fifth Annual University of Texas at El Paso Spring Shoot-out at the El Paso Tennis Club.

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'NOT HERE'

Tragedies don't happen here. While police investigate a recent fraternity house fire and politicians react with legislation, many college students across the nation are undisturbed.

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THEFT MESS

Sarah Kirschberg/PHOTO
EDITOR

Police were dispatched to a car on North Bellaire Drive near the Physical Plant at about 11 a.m. Wednesday after maintenance men witnessed two teen-agers breaking into the car.



Police arrest two during campus theft

Teen-agers flee after maintenance men witness act near Physical Plant

By Rusty Simmons
STAFF REPORTER

Two teen-age boys were arrested at about 11 a.m. Wednesday after TCU maintenance men saw them trying to take stereo speakers from a blue Nissan car parked on North Bellaire Drive, in front of the Physical Plant, said TCU Police Sgt. John Pachecko.

Pachecko said one of the boys, 14, broke the car window on the passenger side and was placing the rear-seat speakers on the sidewalk when the TCU Police were contacted by the maintenance men.

TCU Police Sgt. Chris Drake said the boy had broken the entire panel holding the speakers and was attempting to steal a bass booster as well.

"It is odd that they would do it in broad daylight," Pachecko said. "People are driving in and out of the Physical Plant entrance all day. Obviously, someone would see them."

When TCU Police arrived on the scene, the 14-year-old ran to

the creek bed, which runs between the Physical Plant and back of Worth Hills. His partner, 18, drove away in a red Pontiac Grand Am, Pachecko said.

The Fort Worth Police joined the chase, using the Air One helicopter.

After receiving the Grand Am license plate number, TCU Police Officer Henry Lewis and Pachecko said they were able to catch up with the 18-year-old on North Bellaire Drive, but the 14-year-old avoided the police by hiding.

Drake said less than 10 feet down the creek bed pathway, he and Detective Kelly Ham were able to find the 14-year-old.

"It looked like there was about two feet of Levi material, and I realized that there was a leg in it," Drake said. "I told him to come out, and he did without saying anything."

Drake said some good fortune was involved in the arrests.

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Students forgo sleep to benefit hospital

By Victor Drabicky
STAFF REPORTER

This weekend, hundreds of TCU students will be staying up all night, but not to study or drink.

Up 'Til Dawn is an all-campus philanthropic event benefiting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn. The party will last from 7 p.m. until 7 a.m. and feature various concerts and other games designed to keep people awake and busy throughout the night.

Zeta Tau Alpha president Lisette Gerch said a large part of the Zeta sorority is going to participate in the all-night Up 'Til Dawn party.

"We actually only have one team registered, but I expect more than 75 percent of the sorority to be involved in some way," Gerch said. "Up 'Til Dawn is a good way for the TCU community to come together without having to worry about alcohol being a factor."

Director of Up 'Til Dawn Megan Korn said about 180 people are already registered to participate in the event.

"We only expected to have about 20 teams of six register to compete in the event," Korn said. "However, we already have almost 30 teams registered and may see a few more sign up before the week is over."

Korn said each team registered

Up 'Til Dawn

■ What: Up 'Til Dawn, an all-campus philanthropic event benefiting St. Jude's Children Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn.

■ When: 7 p.m. until 7 a.m. Saturday

■ Where: Daniel-Meyer Coliseum

■ Cost: \$300 per team, or individual tickets for concerts can be purchased

will compete in a mixture of events including karaoke, swing dancing and fund-raising events.

"Each team pays a \$300 entrance fee, then goes out and gets sponsors to help fund St. Jude's," Korn said. "Whichever team raises the most money, wins the competition."

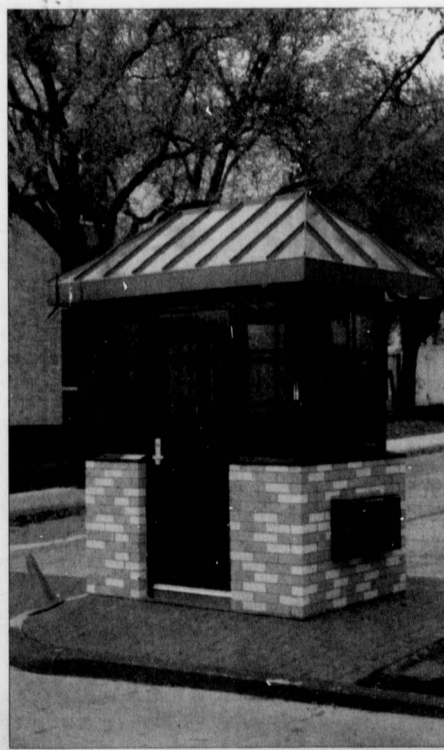
Korn said additional prizes will be given to teams that show the most spirit.

"We wanted to make sure Up 'Til Dawn wasn't just a competition about money," Korn said. "That is why we will also award first prize to the team that shows the most spirit and is the most involved."

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WORTHWHILE MOVE

Butz finds enjoyment in work, motorcycle excursions



Fred Butz, a TCU security guard, works out of what is known as 'Fred's Shed' located between the Tom Brown/Pete Wright Residential Community and the Student Center.

By Reagan Duplisea
STAFF REPORTER

As a young man was racing his motorcycle at Daytona Beach, Fla., he lost a tire and shot into the Atlantic Ocean for an unexpected swim.

"I accidentally went swimming," said Fred Butz, TCU security guard, of his big splash in the 1960s.

Butz said he was not hurt, just wet.

The security guard said he enjoys working at TCU because he is given the time to pursue his motorcycling hobby. He began working at TCU in 1995 after retiring from American General Life Insurance. He said the thing he likes most about his job is being able to work outside.

"I needed to stay active," Butz said. "I don't do very well in an office five days a week."

Butz said he and his wife had been TCU sports fans for years before he began working here. He said he applied to TCU on a whim.

"I was just driving down University (Drive), saw Human Resources and pulled in," he said. "I said 'I want to work for TCU. There's bound to be something.'"

The new guard shelter has made his job more pleasant, he said. Physical Plant built the brick shelter, located between the Tom Brown/Pete Wright Residential Community and the Student Center, over Winter Break.

The shelter is affectionately known in Sadler Hall as "Fred's Shed," Chancellor Michael Ferrari said in January.

Butz said it has really made a difference in cold weather. During winter, he would wear two jackets, sweatshirts and a long sleeve shirt, he said.

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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.

■ **The Society of Physics Students** will meet at 5:30 p.m. Friday in the Sid W. Richardson Building, Room 324. Members are asked to wear athletic clothing.

■ **Up 'Til Dawn**, an all-night, all-campus philanthropic event, will be from 7 p.m. Saturday to 7 a.m. Sunday in the Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. Otis Day and the Knights will begin performing at 8 p.m., and TCU's Heather Morgan, John Price and the Wrong Way Band will also perform. The event will raise money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. For ticket information, call Ticketmaster, Foley's, Fiesta or Kroger.

■ **Army ROTC** will be sponsoring a nationally televised broadcast of retired Gen. Colin Powell's Nov. 8 speech concerning the core values of duty, honor, courage and leadership. This telecast will be from 3:30 to 5 p.m. today in the Sid W. Richardson Building, Lecture Hall 2. The telecast is open to all TCU students, faculty and staff.

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

■ **The TCU philosophy department** will host the 23rd Annual Workshop in Ancient Philosophy today 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 (b.hestir@tcu.edu) or visit the department's Web page at (www.phil.tcu.edu).

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

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

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

■ **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

London police tackle racial intolerance, arrest 100 people suspected of racial crimes

LONDON — Police cracked down on racial intolerance, arresting three men in connection with the 1993 killing of a black teen-ager, and picking up 100 suspected racists in separate raids around the capital Wednesday.

The brutal murder of Stephen Lawrence, 18, by a gang of white youths and the failure of the police to investigate adequately prompted a national debate on racism and how police handle such crimes.

Five white youths were identified as suspects after the April 1993 killing in east London. None has been successfully prosecuted.

The two new arrests Tuesday night came as Lawrence's family appealed on a British Broadcasting Corp. program for anyone with information about the slaying to contact police. A third man was arrested on Wednesday, and all three were released on police bail. Their identities were not made public.

Police said none of the arrests resulted from the television appeal, but that it had prompted more than 70 telephone calls, some of which were useful.

A separate series of police raids Wednesday resulted in the arrest of 100 people on suspicion of offenses that included threats to kill and racially aggravated criminal damage.

"Our aim is to create a hostile environment for those who, because of racism and prejudice, wish to undermine communities and destroy the principle of justice for all," said Detective Chief Superintendent John Godsave.

He said none of the arrests appeared to be linked to any far-right racist group or the Lawrence case.

A public inquiry after the Lawrence case found London police institutionally racist, prompting a government pledge to take a more active role in combating racial intolerance. Wednesday's raids stemmed from the work of units set up in June in each of the capital's 32 boroughs to target those responsible for racist crimes.

NATION

Family attorneys file appeal notice with Circuit Court of Appeals to keep 6-year-old in U.S.

MIAMI — Attorneys for Elian Gonzalez's great-uncle said Wednesday they would go to the Supreme Court if necessary to keep the 6-year-old boy in the United States, while Cuban-American groups met to discuss the tactics they would use if the boy is sent back to the communist island.

"This an extraordinary case that could reach

the highest levels of our court system," said attorney Kendall Coffey. "I've never seen a more compelling or dramatic story in my life."

For now, the legal team is focusing on the next step. The attorneys filed a notice of appeal with the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta on Tuesday, hours after U.S. District Judge K. Michael Moore dismissed the Miami family's lawsuit and affirmed the government's decision to send Elian to his father in Cuba.

"Elian has been saying over and over again that he doesn't see why he has to go back," said the boy's cousin, Georgina Cid Cruz. "I don't think sending him back is in his best interest. We want his father to be here. We love our family in Cuba and for us it's tearing us apart."

Elian has been at the center of an international custody dispute and a power struggle among his relatives since he was found clinging to an inner tube off Florida on Nov. 25. His mother and 10 others drowned when their boat capsized during an attempt to reach the United States.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service has ordered the boy to be reunited with his father in Cuba, but his relatives in Miami have sued to prevent that, saying he deserves the opportunity to live in America that his mother sought for him.

US Airways plans to shut down Saturday as its flight attendants threaten to walkout

Ticketholders scrambled to change their vacation plans, airlines readied for an onslaught of stranded passengers and flight attendants demonstrated at airports from Los Angeles to Boston on Wednesday as the travel industry braced for a shutdown at US Airways.

The nation's sixth-largest airline has said it will shut down on Saturday rather than face random walkouts by its 10,000 flight attendants, who are demanding increased pay and benefits.

The flight attendants have threatened to disrupt flights on 49 of the airline's busiest routes.

A shutdown would hit hardest in the East, where the airline controls a third of the market. Charlotte, N.C., Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, all US Airways hubs, would be hit particularly hard.

Wendy Lathrope, 28, of Williamstown, N.J., fretted about her return flight to Philadelphia from Orlando, Fla., next Tuesday.

"I'm worried I won't be able to get back," she said. "I have a full-time job and I'm a graduate student. I've been planning this trip for months."

Travel agents were bombarded with calls from travelers.

"I've had at least 40 calls between (Tuesday) afternoon and (Wednesday) morning," said Howard Reynolds, owner of Boulevard Travel International in Pawtucket, R.I.

John Taylor of Wilmington, Del., said he would drive 5 1/2 hours to Pittsburgh on Sat-

urday rather than fly US Airways. "I don't want to be stranded," he said. "It's my daughter's birthday."

The last major labor-related airline disruption came in February 1999, when American Airlines pilots staged a sickout, forcing the airline to cancel about 6,700 flights over 10 days. The last strike occurred in 1998, when Northwest was grounded for two weeks.

STATE

Missing woman's body found; police question man suspected in car wash murders

IRVING — A body that might be that of a woman who vanished in November was found Wednesday after police questioned the man suspected of killing five car wash employees this week.

The body was found in a grass-covered ditch near Lone Star Park in Irving, a Dallas suburb, said David Tull, a spokesman for the Irving Police Department.

Robert Wayne Harris has been arraigned on a capital murder charge in connection with the deaths of five Mi-T-Fine Car Wash employees early Monday morning. A sixth victim remains in critical condition at Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas.

Harris was fired from the car wash just days before the shootings.

Information from Harris helped lead detectives to the body found Wednesday, Tull said.

Sandra Gaye Scott was reported missing Nov. 29 and her pickup was found Dec. 3. Harris was linked to her disappearance because his phone number was the last number on her pager, police said. He was questioned after she vanished but at the time there was not enough evidence against him, police have said.

A positive identification on the body has not been made because of the advanced state of decomposition. Charles Gaylor, a field agent for the Dallas County medical examiner's office, said dental records will be used to determine if the body is Scott's.

"We think it's her," Gaylor said.

Members of Scott's family were at the Irving Police Department and at the scene where the body was found.

Harris, 28, remained in custody Wednesday. His brother, William Harris, told *The Dallas Morning News* in Wednesday's editions that the suspect broke into tears as he admitted to the car wash slayings.

"They got into an argument about the job and one of the employees grabbed his arm and someone hit him in the back of the head," William Harris told the newspaper. "He said he lost it. He felt sorry for doing what he did."

Harris was fired from the car wash Friday after being arrested for allegedly exposing himself to two women at the business. He had been freed Sunday on \$500 bail.

These stories are from the Associated Press.

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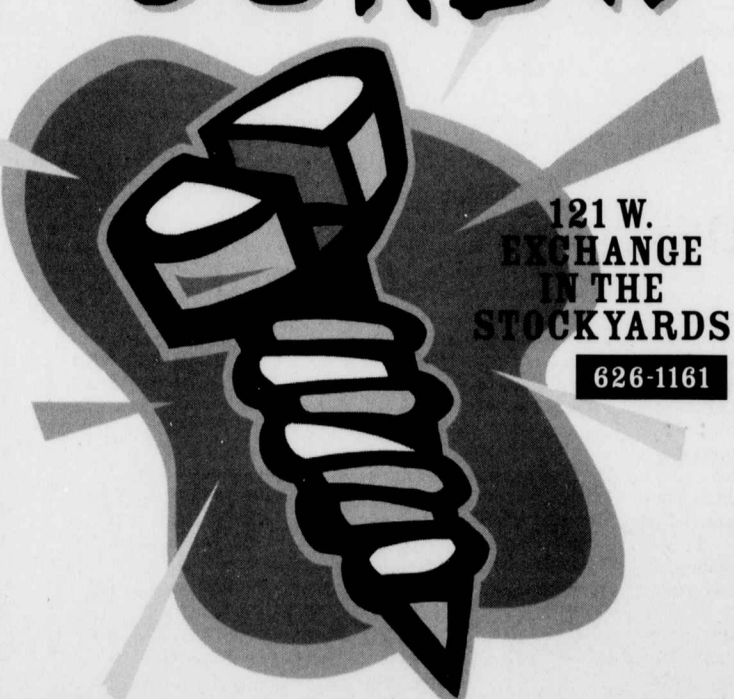


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STAFF editorial

'NOT HERE'

TCU is not immune to tragedy

Tragedies don't happen here. Students at Seton Hall University in South Orange, N.J., can't say that anymore. A residence hall fire on Jan. 19 killed three students, critically injured six more and slightly injured 56 other people.

Tragedies don't happen here. Students at Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania can't say that any more.

An off-campus fraternity house fire killed three students early Sunday.

While police investigate and politicians react with legislation, many college students across the nation are undisturbed.

Before the Wedgwood shootings, many people believed that a tragedy couldn't happen in Fort Worth. And now many TCU students act like a fire couldn't happen here.

Well, it could. University administrators have a responsibility to make sure residence halls and other buildings are safe.

But students also have a responsibility. Some simple prevention measures can greatly increase safety whether you live in a residence hall or an apartment:

■ **Candles** — From cinnamon to blueberry, candles create a wonderful atmosphere, but they are against the rules in residence halls, and for good reason. Leave the candles at home.

■ **Plugs** — Sure, you have to have your computer, your printer, your stereo, your lamp, your refrigerator, your alarm clock and your TV, but you don't have to plug them all into one power strip.

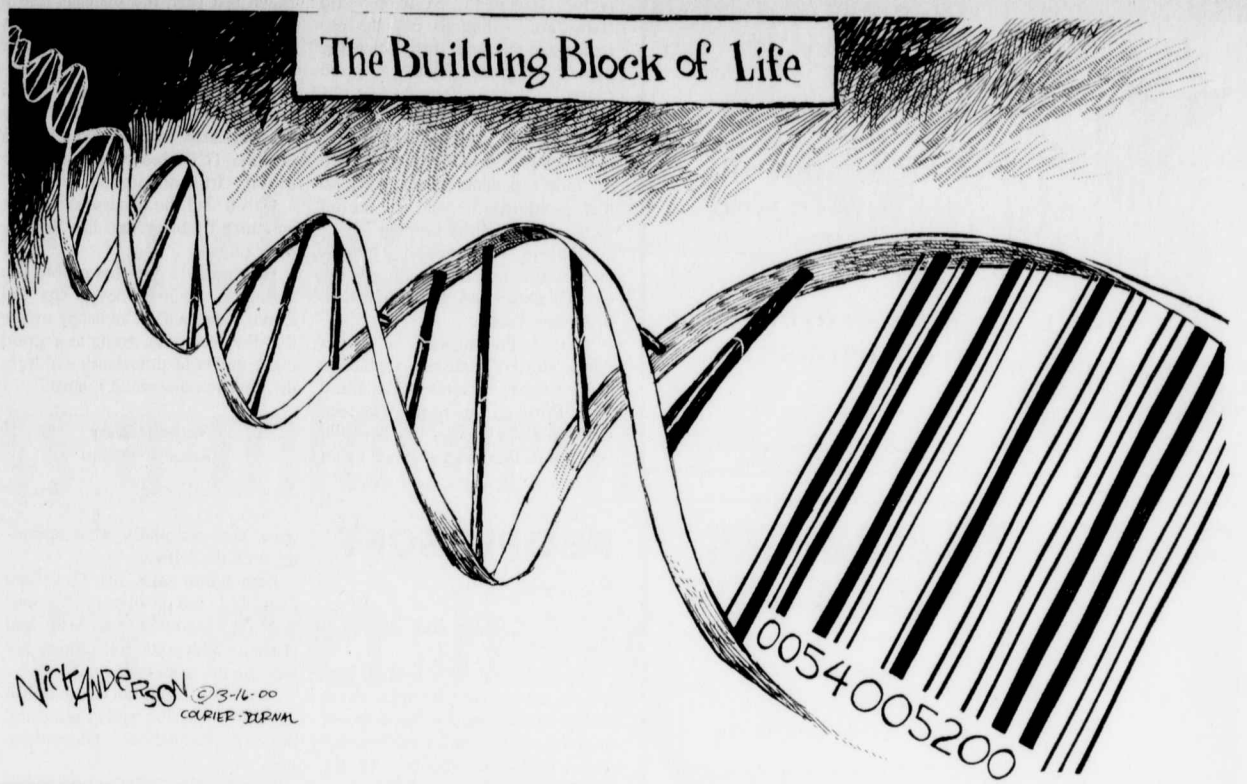
■ **Cigarettes** — Opening the window while you smoke doesn't cut it. Go outside to smoke, and be sure your cigarettes are completely out.

No, following the rules won't guarantee that there won't be a fire at TCU. But it will keep us all a little safer.

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Elián should be with his father

Fight for Cuban boy only hampering relations between U.S., Cuba

Elián González hasn't seen his father in four months. That's too long for a 6-year-old boy whose mother died when a boat carrying them sank in the Atlantic Ocean.

But now Elián is finally on his way home. Relatively speaking. A federal judge ruled Tuesday that only Attorney General Janet Reno could grant Elián political asylum to stay in the United States. She didn't.

But since Elián has become a sort of political punching bag between U.S. activists and the Cuban government, Reno's decision is no guarantee. Judge K. Michael Moore dismissed the lawsuit filed by Elián's Miami relatives by saying that a long legal battle was not in the young boy's best interest. The relatives' lawyer replied to the judge's decision by vowing to take it all the way to the

Supreme Court, if need be.

They need to let go the stronghold they have on a little boy who has no understanding of the uproar his situation has created. Reno has already made her decision. The Immigration and Naturalization Service also said that Elián belongs with his father.

By appealing the decision, which they did almost immediately after the judge posted his decision on the Internet, they are simply putting off the inevitable. By requesting that Elián's return be delayed until their appeal is heard, they are doing much worse than that. They are delaying a long-awaited reunion between a son and his father, who has shown to the Immigration Service that he will provide Elián a loving relationship and good living environment. Under U.S. law, if parents have not demonstrated neglect or abuse, their children cannot be taken away from them. Elián's father has demonstrated neither neglect nor abuse.

At a time in which U.S.-Cuban relations are slowly beginning to improve, the Miami relatives of the young Cuban refugee have al-

ready put a damper on this country's relationship with Fidel Castro. It's easy to see that had Elián been from Haiti or any number of

other Caribbean island nations, not nearly as much media coverage would have been generated. No one would have cared about the boy's fate had he and his mother been escaping harsh conditions in any country other than a communist one. Let's hope that by dragging Elián's case through the courts, his relatives don't hurt U.S.-Cuban relations any further. And let's hope that Elián can move on with his life where he should rightfully be living in it — in Cuba with his father.

■ It may have been four months since Elián has seen his father, but TCU hasn't seen the Heisman trophy in 62 years. But LaDainian Tomlinson could be adding the patented Heisman stiff-arm pose to his varied repertoire this season.

The junior tailback evokes

memories of 1938 Heisman winner and TCU star quarterback Davey O'Brien. Tomlinson, along with some O'Brien Heisman memorabilia, is

pictured on the cover of the newest issue of the TCU Magazine. While the campaign to push Tomlinson into this year's Heisman spotlight

hasn't yet been officially kicked off, it will be soon.

Check out the L.T. for Heisman Web site at (www.ltfor2000.com). There you can subscribe to receive Heisman updates and be notified when the site goes online.

If you haven't supported TCU football and our players in the past, do it now. We've finally got a great team and some great talent. Next season will be an exciting one for TCU football. Get in on the action now while it's hot.

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Commentary



JASON CRANE

U.S. should flag Mars, not just share Pepsi with Europe

I haven't seen "Mission to Mars" yet. I heard it sucks, but as soon as my couch collects \$4.50, I'll be in the theater with the rest of the geeks because I like science fiction starring Jerry O'Connell (not that he has appeared in anything but science fiction). I also am enthralled with the possibility of life on Mars. I understand an actual project to land on Mars is in the works, but for me, it is just not soon enough — not because I am impatient, but because I believe the United States has reached a point of low self-esteem, and amazing space accomplishments tend to give the country injections of pride.

Back in the early days of the Cold War, Americans were really worried about losing the space race because, while our rockets were exploding on the launchpads, those damn Commies managed to stick a beeping metal basketball in orbit. A little bit later, they put a dog up there as well.

In the 1950s, this was certainly cause for concern, as we were afraid of Soviet technological superiority. The concern was understandable. I mean, once you put a dog in space, it's only a matter of time before you can send giant,

missile-shooting robots to teach your enemy to eat borscht and wait in bread lines.

At any rate, the late '50s and early '60s gave Americans lots of things to be proud of domestically, such as the Beach Boys and shark-skin suits. Conversely, these years were marred by a couple of international incidents such as Gary Powers and his downed U-2 spy plane and the ill-advised Bay of Pigs fiasco. On the international stage, we were at a loss for something to brag about.

Then came the Apollo project. President John Kennedy goofed on a couple of counts such as the aforementioned Cuban imbroglio and pissing off the Mob, the CIA and the banking establishment, but the Apollo project was a great idea. When his dream to put a man on the moon came to fruition in 1969, we clearly had something to brag about.

I wish I could travel back in time and sit in on the U.N. meeting the following week. I can picture the Soviet ambassador yelling about evil capitalist moose and squirrel, pointing his finger and turning red under his furry hat when the American ambassador smugly says, "So, did anyone else put a man on the moon this week? Yeah, that's what I thought. Put your hand down, France."

So we got all the pats on the backs that year, and I still am pretty damn proud to be a citizen of the only country to place its flag on the moon. (No, MTV didn't really put

its flag there — it was all faked.) But today, lots of people badmouth our bad-ass, space-faring nation. A lot of what they have to gripe about is not unfounded, but they are losing sight of the bigger picture.

The bigger picture is that we are still a great nation. Certainly, the world is no longer a bipolar system divided into opposite ideological camps, and racing for space is not as big an issue anymore. Additionally, we still guide and meddle with the rest of the world's business, but rather than snarling ourselves in so many half-arsed yet far-reaching peacekeeping efforts, we should reach even farther and head for the stars. I don't derive a whole lot of pride from seeing Marines go to some rainy Eastern European pissing patch, but if they're ever sent to Mars to blast apart double-jawed aliens, then God bless America.

Space achievements are vital to American cultural hegemony. Aside from leading the free world, spreading the benefits of Pepsi to the far reaches of the globe and being rich, we need something new for the other countries to envy and emulate. Since Japan beat us to Pokémon, the only way to go is up. It's high time we raised the bar. Let's follow Jerry O'Connell's lead and head for Mars.

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LETTERS to the editor

Police should place more effort on deterring crime, less on ticketing

Where are the police? Crime in Fort Worth, specifically in the TCU area, is frighteningly on the rise. With the TCU rapist no longer lurking in the shadows, automobile burglaries and vandalism are fast becoming the biggest fear on campus.

According to the January issue of the TCU Police Newsletter, "On the Scene," 53 vehicle burglaries were reported in 1999. Yet, the Fort Worth Police Department and the TCU Police seem to be more interested in parking ticket allocation. This may seem overly harsh, and I am not trying to downplay the importance of

personal crime prevention strategies, but I have been able to find very few TCU students who feel that the campus police squad is doing enough to prevent vehicle burglary.

Case in point, a friend of mine who had his car broken into not a mile off of campus, started parking his car in a more visible, well-lit spot on the curb in front of his apartment. Being from the Washington, D.C., area, he parked with two wheels on the curb, a common practice on the crowded streets up North. He was issued a citation by a FWPD officer who admitted that there had been 15 break-ins the night before in this area.

I know that the FWPD can't be in all places at all times, but it just

seems to me that its officers should be concentrating their efforts toward prevention and protection. Why can't the TCU Police help patrol further outside of campus while this surge in crime is occurring? With so many TCU students living off-campus, I feel that TCU should extend its patrol area.

Do commuter students have less of a right to the campus police's protection of their vehicles? They may not have jurisdiction to issue parking tickets off-campus, but their presence would certainly serve as an additional deterrent to real criminals.

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THANKS & spanks

Thanks: To Dallas businessman James A. Ryffel who donated \$5 million to TCU's entrepreneurship center. Chancellor Michael Ferrari said the gift came at just the right time. Now all we need is someone to donate \$5 million so the social work department can have a building.

Spanks: To Spring Break, not only for taking all our money in a week of debauchery, but also for instilling in us a serious case of spring fever. Because of you, Spring Break, we now have no desires other than maxing and relaxing.

Thanks: To Spring Break for saving the sanity of students and professors (you can admit it, too). Nothing soothes the soul after two midterms on Friday (yes, there are people that evil in the world) than a week at the beach. Or a week passed out on a couch.

Spanks: To the Southern Methodist University football player who was arrested on Monday for trying to steal a Coke machine. Remember when TCU was referred to as "Texas Criminal University"? It's not so funny now, is it? Yet another SMU receiver caught from behind.

Thanks: To TCU Dining Services representatives for finally seriously addressing the issue of debit card use at off-campus restaurants. Several of us can probably say this has been a work in progress since we first came to TCU. It's nice to see that we may be free from The Main-Marriott monopoly after all.

Spanks: To all those professors who scheduled tests or papers the day students got back from Spring Break. Tests the day after the break is worse than the day before.

Thanks: To American Chocolate Week for giving proper recognition to this wonderfully delicious sweet. This week may be especially meaningful for some because "chocolate is a woman's reward for putting up with men."

Spanks: To car thieves for breaking into yet another on-campus car Wednesday and making us feel even more insecure about the safety of our cars on campus.

Got something to say? Send your 'thanks & spanks' to the Skiff at (skiffletters@tcu.edu). Be sure to include your name and a phone number.

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DAWN

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Up 'Til Dawn public relations director Elizabeth Stablein said teams are willing to pay the entrance fee because they know the money is going toward a good cause.

"All the money is going to help fund the St. Jude Hospital," Stablein said. "We will also have two St. Jude's patients at the party so that participants can see whom their money will be helping."

Stablein said despite having more teams register than expected, Up 'Til Dawn was not designed to be a huge event.

"Our main purpose is to get things started," Stablein said. "We are not trying to blow the hospital away with all the money we can raise. We are hoping that Up 'Til Dawn will become an annual event

at TCU."

Korns said a group of people tried to start Up 'Til Dawn last year but was unsuccessful.

"When they tried to start Up 'Til Dawn last year, the planners had a few problems with public relations and getting the word out," Korns said. "This year we have been really successful, especially with fund raising. Sam's Wholesale Club donated \$5,000, and a bunch of other TCU area businesses such as Jons Grille donated money, too."

Gerch said she is surprised at the amount of money that has already been raised.

"It's great to see that people are giving so much money to Up 'Til Dawn," she said. "I'm happy to see that the money is going to a good cause and hope the money will help the children that need it most."

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House passes bill to curb oil prices

By H. Josef Hebert
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WASHINGTON — In the first congressional challenge to OPEC oil production cuts, the House overwhelmingly passed legislation Wednesday that calls on the president to consider restrictions of military assistance to oil producing countries engaged in price fixing.

Approved by a 382-38 vote, the measure prompted a heated partisan debate over the government's energy policies and whether the bill, in fact, would have any substantive impact on current — or even future — oil prices.

The House acted as Senate Republicans moved toward a largely symbolic vote on a proposed "gas tax holiday," reviving efforts to cut the federal gas tax. A tax rollback ran into trouble last week in the House where its future is uncertain.

But Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott quietly filed two gasoline tax bills — one to suspend the 4.3 cent-per-gallon increase that Congress approved in 1993 on the strength of a tie-breaking vote cast by Vice President Al Gore. The other, given remote chance, would suspend the entire 18.4 cent federal levy.

Described by supporters as a "wake-up call for the administration" to be tougher on OPEC, the House-approved bill was disparaged by Democrats as "feel-good fluff" that does little to address the problems of soaring oil and gasoline prices. Even so, 187 Democrats joined most Republicans in the final vote on the bill, which

stops short of requiring the use of military assistance programs as leverage.

A variety of measures, mostly offered by Democrats, to suspend oil exports from Alaska, provide tax credits for energy efficiency, and one calling for an antidumping trade investigation of OPEC, were ruled as not relevant to the legislation under House rules.

"Sometimes people laugh at Congress. This is a day for laughing," declared Rep. Martin Frost, D-Texas, who accused the Republican majority of pushing "meaningless" legislation while refusing to reauthorize the government's Strategic Petroleum Reserve.

Formal authority for the reserve, which contains nearly 570 million barrels of oil for emergencies, expires at the end of the month, although Energy Secretary Bill Richardson has said he still will have authority to tap the reserve if necessary.

The legislation, offered by Rep. Benjamin Gilman, R-N.Y., requires the president to produce a variety of reports on pricing practices by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries and negotiate with other countries to "reduce, suspend or terminate" military assistance and arms exports to countries found to have "engaged in price fixing."

This "spotlights OPEC's price-fixing activities" and "sends a clear message to the administration and to the oil producing nations that oil price fixing is harmful to the American consumer," said Gilman.

PEOPLESOFT

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the appropriate staff and real expectations.

"We don't like to criticize our customers, but we have to call it like it is. Any implementation that does not go well is a concern for us. We want happy customers wherever we go. But that's not always possible."

Swasey said there are 427 institutes of higher learning that are using PeopleSoft, including Stanford University.

Edmondson said TCU installed the same three modules Cleveland State did.

"I can't speak on behalf of Cleveland State," Edmondson said. "Not to say we don't have problems. With any new software, you're going to have problems. We kept the door

open, and, essentially, we're operating with the software."

Edmondson said, like Cleveland State, TCU had problems with financial aid. Administrators also had problems with grade calculations, but they got the modules to work.

"If students were not able to enroll for classes for the spring semester, that was PeopleSoft," Edmondson said.

Patrick Miller, TCU's registrar and director of enrollment management, said employees in his office are pleased with PeopleSoft.

"We had a real good enrollment," Miller said. "We had to do a lot to work to make it work and work well. We identified problems and solved them. We're better with PeopleSoft than with the Legacy Program."

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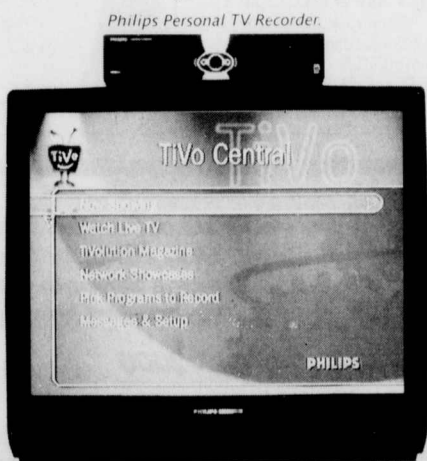
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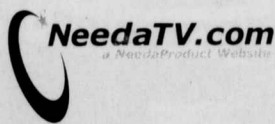


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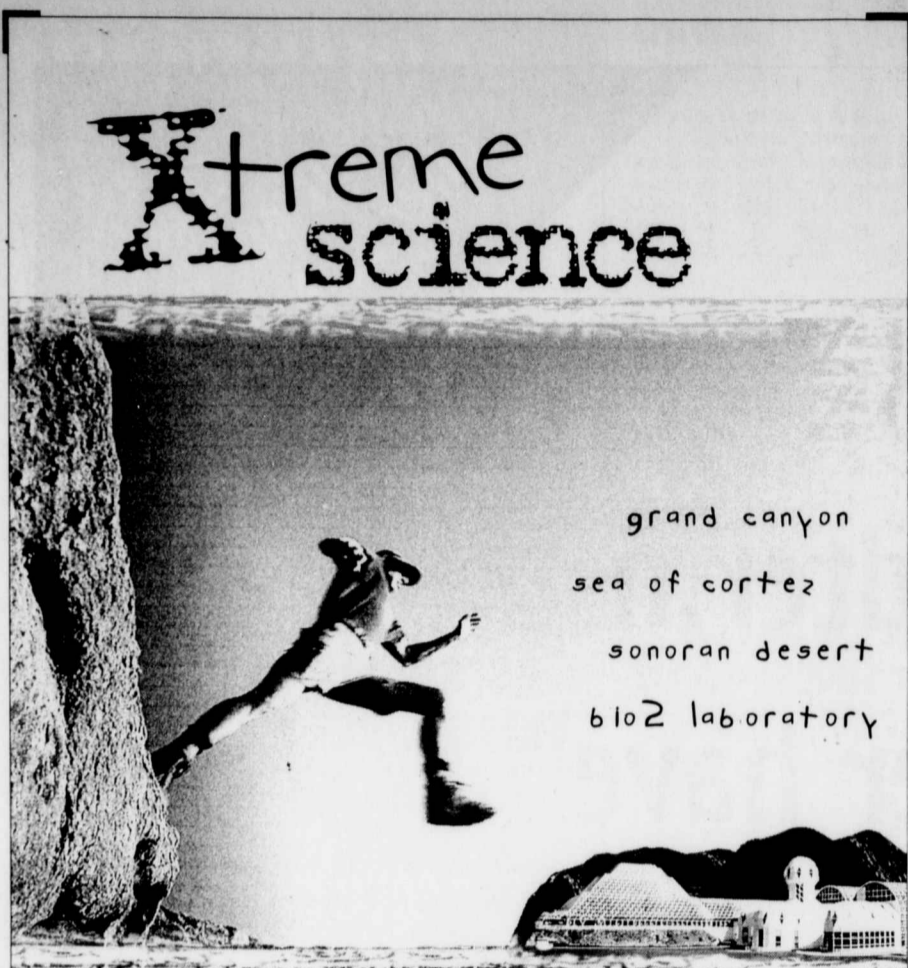
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"For years, he's been out in the rain and the cold and he never complained," said Steve McGee, chief of TCU Police. "He would be out there in 40 degree weather and the rain, with an umbrella, just doing his job."

Many people suggested that the structure be built, but Ferrari was the main initiator, McGee said.

According to Butz, the shelter aids the campus.

"When visitors come to campus, they automatically go up to the guard shelter," he said. Butz said he keeps maps and brochures there that he gives to visitors.

His typical day consists of telling students where they can park and helping parents and other visitors find their way around campus.

The main problem he confronts on an almost daily basis is people driving the wrong way past the Student Center, he said. It happens about four to six times a week, mostly with visitors, he said.

Butz said he does not find his job monotonous.

"Every day is different," he said. Butz said the hardest day for him was when they tore down Tom Brown Hall.

"That was my saddest day," Butz said. "It held a lot of memories for a lot of people."

Although the memory of driving into the ocean at Daytona Beach remains vivid, it did not stop Butz from continuing to pursue his hobby. He continues to ride today on his own and with the club DFW Freedom Riders.

"The overgrown kid never got out of me," Butz said. "There's the saying 'The older the boys, the bigger the toys.'"

Butz said he likes riding his motorcycle because of the fresh air, the freedom and the sense of adventure. He has even recruited his wife into hitting the roads.

"She got into it after I took her out the first time," Butz said. "Last month she decided she wanted her own."

The couple works rallies in the summers in Asheville, N.C., and Billings, Mont., where about 2,000 motorcyclists participate and ride across the country.

During the school year, the cou-

ple take to local streets on the weekends.

"We ride every weekend, weather permitting and sometimes when it's not," Butz said. "Last week, we were in the Hill Country when the rain hit."

Butz said he and his wife take motorcycle safety very seriously. The two take safety courses twice a year and he is working to earn a teaching certificate so he can teach courses in motorcycle safety.

The couple's son, Fred Jr., also owns a motorcycle. They are all planning to take a trip to Arkansas and Oklahoma, the May 1999 alumnus said.

"We're going to see the submarine he served on that's in a museum in Oklahoma," the younger Butz said.

His father served on a submarine during the Suez Canal crisis.

Butz grew up in Miami and joined the U.S. Navy after high school.

"I came to Texas in '63, fell in love with it and never went back," Butz said.

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\$508 million discrimination case settled

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WASHINGTON — Some 1,100 women who were denied jobs with the federal agency that disseminates U.S. government news and information overseas won \$508 million from the government Wednesday in the largest-ever settlement of a federal sex discrimination case.

The agreement, which still requires approval from a federal

judge, comes 23 years after the first woman, the then-29-year-old Carolee Brady Hartman, accused the now-defunct U.S. Information Agency and its broadcast branch, the Voice of America, of turning her down for a job as a writer because of her gender.

"I went for a job interview and the man who was interviewing me told me that he was not going to hire me because I was a woman," said Brady, today a 52-year-old di-

vorced social worker living in San Francisco. "At the time, I just didn't know how to respond. Now, I have a way of responding, and this is the victory that we all celebrate today. It is a delicious victory."

In addition to the \$508 million that must be paid to the women — approximately \$450,000 apiece before taxes — the federal government must also give them nearly \$23 million in back pay and interest and pay their attorneys' fees.

ARREST

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"It was lucky because you can be 10 seconds off of a robbery scene, and the robbers can already be gone," he said. "In this instance, we were able to get there while the robbery was in progress."

The owner of the Nissan is a temporary employee at the TCU Physical Plant but was unavailable for comment.

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Germany seeks to make amends

Proposed bill would annul Nazi-era anti-gay laws

By **Paul Galtner**
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BERLIN — German lawmakers proposed Wednesday making amends to a long-neglected group of Nazi victims: thousands of men sent to concentration camps for being gay.

The governing Social Democratic and Greens parties introduced a bill to acknowledge Nazi persecution of gays and ask the government to review whether to annul convictions under a Nazi-era anti-gay law that remained on the books in West Germany until 1969.

"It's long overdue," said Volker Beck, the Greens party legal affairs spokesman. "It's really very shameful that there's only now a majority (in parliament) for such an apology and a rehabilitation."

German gay rights activists tentatively welcomed the initiative, which came as lawmakers worked on details of a \$5 billion fund to compensate victims of Nazi forced- and slave-labor programs.

"It's an important and correct

first step in the right direction," said Eberhard Zastra, spokesman for the Lesbian and Gay Association of Germany.

But he said it did not go far enough in lifting convictions under Paragraph 175, a Nazi law criminalizing male homosexuality. Under the law, even a kiss or glance between men could result in imprisonment.

Zastra said his group wanted to see Paragraph 175 included in the list of Nazi laws that were "so criminal" that convictions are automatically lifted.

The bill, approved separately by the parliamentary factions Tuesday, calls only on the government to review whether an existing law allowing for the annulment of unjust Nazi-era convictions should be expanded to include those involving Paragraph 175.

The law applied only to men, reflecting the Nazi view of male homosexuality as a threat to Aryan manhood. Lesbians were generally ignored.

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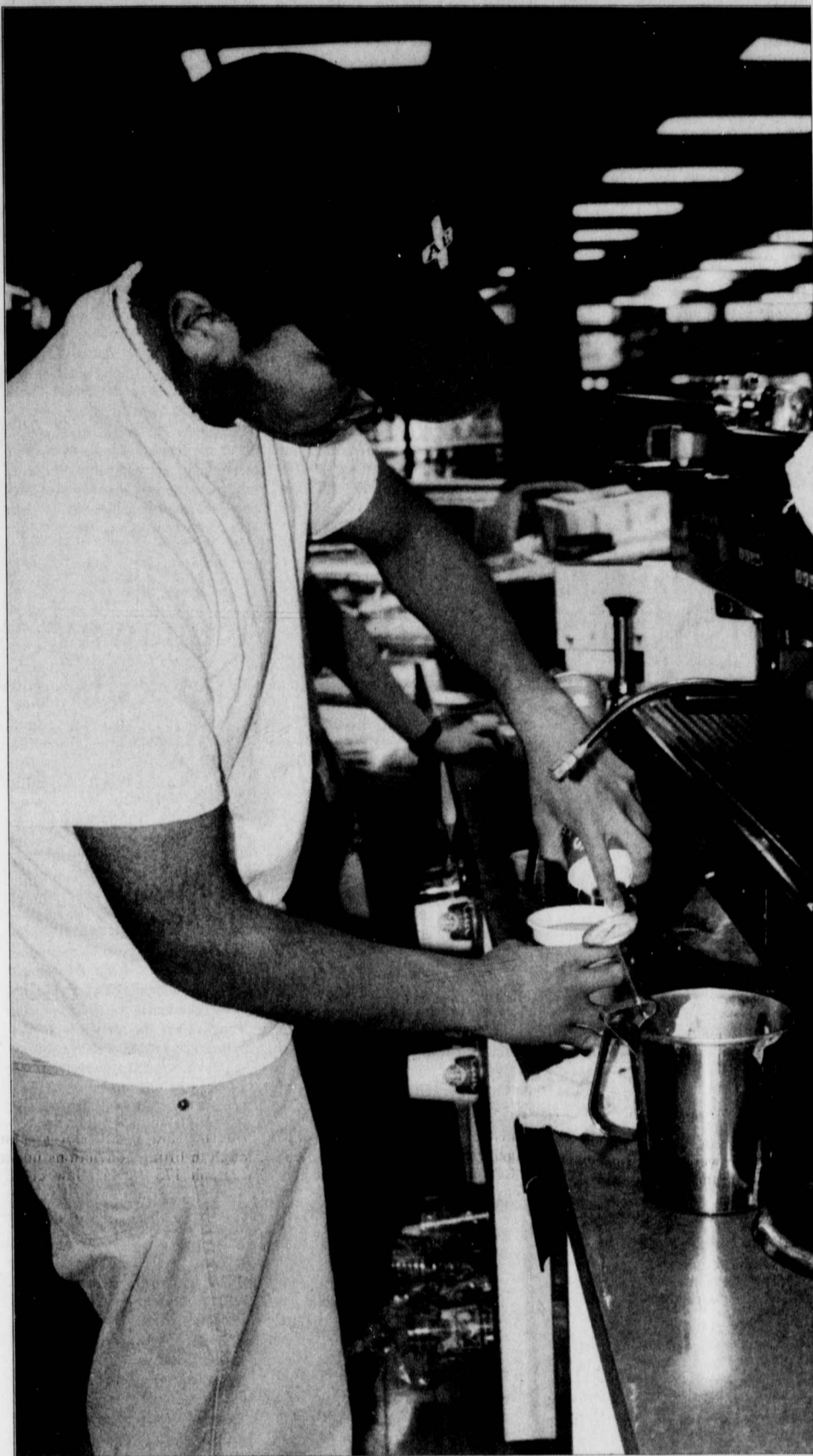
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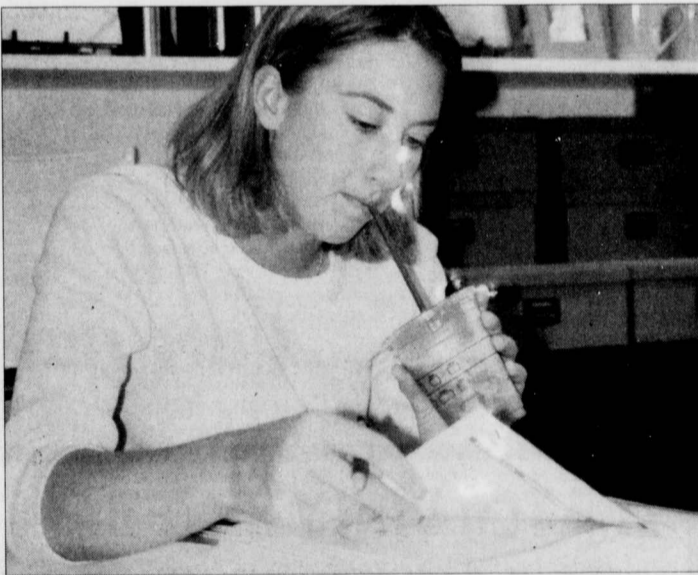
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(Above) Carlos Santana, a freshman premajor, makes coffee for students at the TCU bookstore. (Right) Sally Spencer, a junior finance and accounting major, enjoys her coffee while studying.



Jumpin' Java

Some drink it for energy, others drink it for the flavor but most are just simply addicted to it



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"I need a double shot half caf latte with kaluha flavoring," Robyn Fickes, a freshman religion major, has a test she needs to study for. She has been up for 13 hours and is looking at another four or five before she lays down to sleep. "I tend to drink coffee to give me energy and to help keep me awake so I can study," she said.

Goats: The Original Coffee Addicts

The pep and energy gained from a good cup of coffee may be as close as the Starbucks in Frogbytes, but it took an inquisitive Ethiopian goat herder and 1,400 years of travel and trade to get there.

National Geographic tells of the legendary goat herder Kaldi around A.D. 600 who noticed his herd dancing from one coffee shrub to another, grazing on cherry-red berries containing beans. The goats stayed awake all night, even the older goats, and acted strangely energetic. Kaldi curiously ate a few beans, finding himself invigorated and wide awake.

He showed the beans to a monk who boiled them in hot water, making the first cup of coffee. He served the drink to his fellow monks at the monastery. By the 13th century, coffee went wherever the Muslim people traveled, introducing the plant to North Africa, India and the Mediterranean.

The Turks brought coffee to Europe through Venice, where the first coffee house was opened in 1683. The business still stands. The Dutch started growing coffee on their island colony of Java, where the drink became so popular, "java" and "coffee" became interchangeable. The Americas came to know coffee through the efforts of Gabriel Mathieu de Clieu, a French sailor who helped to colonize the Caribbean.

'A Cozy Environment'

Fickes started drinking coffee in eighth grade with her father. She avoids drinking it in the morning to not become dependent but enjoys both the caffeine effects and the flavor.

"I really like espresso drinks, but I do drink brewed coffee," she said. "I'm a pretty picky coffee drinker." Fickes prefers espresso coffees not only for the flavor but for the environment they come in as well.

"Coffee shops provide an outlet to chat with friends or do some homework," she said. "The atmosphere is calm and soothing."

Saylor Goforth, manager of The Coffee Urn on Blue Bonnet Circle, understands that coffee drinkers like Fickes prefer tranquility.

"It's real quiet and slow, a cozy environment," Goforth said. "Customers can get personal attention and

good conversation with their coffee."

From Goforth's perspective, coffee serves both a physical and social function.

"There are the regulars in the morning who are like 'I need my coffee, get me my coffee' and then there are the people who come in at night just to relax and drink coffee with friends," she said.

Saylor's Suggestions

For first-time visitors to specialty coffee shops, the menu can seem confusing, Goforth said.

The first thing is to know that espresso is concentrated coffee that comes in two-ounce shots, she said.

From there, a latte or cappuccino is made. A latte combines espresso and steamed milk. A cappuccino has espresso, steamed milk and foam.

"The main thing is to know the difference between the two," she said.

Flavored syrups can be added, along with whipped cream, sprinkles and other garnishes. Less-fattening and decaffeinated options are available as well.

"Mocha means there is chocolate and breve means we use half and half instead of milk," she said.

For non-coffee drinkers, many coffee shops offer Italian sodas, club soda and syrup blended with ice.

"The ice instead of ice cream makes it less fattening," Goforth said.

Give Me That Caffeine!

Both Fickes and Goforth rely on the caffeine in coffee in late-night situations. Caffeine, however, can have adverse effects on the body.

In his book "Caffeine and Health," J.E. James describes withdrawal symptoms:

"Regular caffeine consumption reduces sensitivity to caffeine. When caffeine intake is reduced blood pressure drops dramatically, causing an excess of blood in the head (though not necessarily on the brain), leading to a headache.

"This headache, well known among coffee drinkers, usually lasts from one to five days, and can be alleviated with analgesics such as aspirin. It is also alleviated with caffeine intake (in fact several analgesics contain caffeine dosages).

"Often, people who are reducing caffeine intake report being irritable, unable to work, nervous, restless, and feeling sleepy, as well as having a headache. In extreme cases, nausea and vomiting has also been reported."

The American Psychiatric Association relates restlessness, nervousness, excitement, insomnia, muscle twitching, rambling flow of thought and speech and periods of in-exhaustibility as effects of caffeine.

"I can never sleep if I drink coffee

Coffee Talk

Americano: A shot or two of espresso that has been poured into a glass filled with hot water.

Blend: A mixture of two or more individual varieties of coffee.

Breve: Cappuccino made with light cream.

Caffe Latte: A shot of coffee, with a healthy covering of hot steamed milk and up to a quarter of inch of foamed milk on top.

Caffe Mocha: Chocolate syrup on the bottom of the cup, topped with espresso, steamed milk, whipped cream and chocolate sprinkles.

Cappuccino: A shot of coffee, followed by less than half a cup of steamed milk and a big head of foamed milk spooned on to contain the warmth.

Chiari: An espresso drink prepared "clear" by adding more milk.

Double Dry Short: A double shot of espresso in a short cup with no foam.

Espresso: A two-ounce shot of intense, rich black coffee made and served at once. A pump-driven machine forces hot water through fine grounds at around nine atmospheres of pressure.

Espresso Lungo: A shot that is pulled long for a bit of extra espresso.

Espresso Macchiato: Espresso with a minimal amount of steamed milk on top.

Espresso can Panna: A shot of coffee topped with whipped cream.

Espresso Ristretto: Literally "restricted" espresso; a shorter draw; the goal being a thicker and more flavorful espresso.

Froth/foam: The term given to milk which has been made thick and foamy by aerating it with hot steam.

Harmless: A double shot of decaffeinated coffee and non-fat milk.

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Source: Real Coffee

'American Beauty' tops list of Oscar predictions

By David Reese
 STAFF REVIEWER

The 72nd Annual Academy Awards ceremony, also known as the Oscars, will be held 7 p.m. Sunday in Los Angeles and will be aired live on ABC (Channel 8). Withscandals looming about the missing ballots and stolen trophies, this year's ceremony promises to be quite exciting especially with the return of host Billy Crystal and the elimination of those dull and boring dance numbers. The presenter list includes Oscar winners Gwyneth Paltrow and Roberto Benigni, nominee Haley Joel Osment and actors Brad Pitt and Ashley Judd. "American Beauty" leads

the pack with eight nominations including Best Picture, Best Director (Sam Mendes), Best Actor (Kevin Spacey), Best Actress (Annette Bening) and Best Original Screenplay (Alan Ball). "The Cider House Rules" and "The Insider" follow with seven nominations including Best Picture. Other Best Picture nominees include "The Green Mile" and "The Sixth Sense". Here is a list of some major categories including my predictions:

Best Picture
 "American Beauty"
 "The Cider House Rules"
 "The Green Mile"
 "The Insider"

"The Sixth Sense"
Should win: "American Beauty"
Will win: "American Beauty"

"American Beauty" is one of the most original films in years plus it has an incredible cast including Kevin Spacey and Annette Bening. The only problem "American Beauty" faces is that the story is quite dark and dreary. Many Academy voters may turn away and vote for "The Cider House Rules" for sentimental and uplifting reasons.

Best Director
 Lasse Halstrom, "The Cider House Rules"
 Spike Jonze, "Being

John Malkovich"
 Michael Mann, "The Insider"
 Sam Mendes, "American Beauty"
 M. Night Shymalan, "The Sixth Sense"
Should win: Sam Mendes, "American Beauty"
Will win: Sam Mendes, "American Beauty"

Sam Mendes did a beautiful and elegant job directing the misery of "American Beauty". Mendes received the Director's Guild of America, which is usually seen as a precursor to the Oscar's Best Directing award. But surprises could come from directing newcomers, Spike

Jonze of "Being John Malkovich" and M. Night Shymalan of "The Sixth Sense".

Best Actor
 Russell Crowe, "The Insider"
 Richard Farnsworth, "The Straight Story"
 Sean Penn, "Sweet and Lowdown"
 Kevin Spacey, "American Beauty"
 Denzel Washington, "The Hurricane"
Should win: Russell Crowe, "The Insider"
Will win: Kevin Spacey, "American Beauty"

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"American Beauty" leads the pack with eight nominations.

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months can make. Until January, Russell Crowe of "The Insider" won most critic's awards and was favored to win Best Actor. But since early 2000 this race has been a fight between Golden Globe winner, Denzel Washington as Ruben Carter in "The Hurricane" and Screen Actor's Guild winner, Kevin Spacey as Lester Burnham in "American Beauty". "The Hurricane" has been under attack these past few months for its incorrectness and "American Beauty" is highly publicized, which may give Spacey the upper hand.

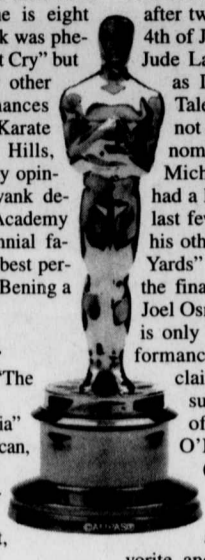
Best Actress

Annette Bening, "American Beauty"
Janet McTeer, "Tumbleweeds"
Julianne Moore, "The End of the Affair"
Meryl Streep, "Music of the Heart"
Hilary Swank, "Boys Don't Cry"
Should win: Hilary Swank, "Boys Don't Cry"
Will win: Annette Bening, "American Beauty"

I think it is fair to say that the Best Actress race is between An-

Best Supporting Actor

Michael Caine, "The Cider House Rules"
Tom Cruise, "Magnolia"
Michael Clarke Duncan, "The Green Mile"
Jude Law, "The Talented Mr. Ripley"
Haley Joel Osment, "The Sixth Sense"
Should win: All of them especially Tom Cruise, "Magnolia"
Will win: Michael Caine, "The



Best Supporting Actress

Toni Collette, "The Sixth Sense"
Angelina Jolie, "Girl, Interrupted"
Catherine Keener, "Being John Malkovich"
Samantha Morton, "Sweet and Lowdown"
Chloe Sevigny, "Boys Don't Cry"
Should win: Chloe Sevigny, "Boys Don't Cry"
Will win: Angelina Jolie, "Girl, Interrupted"

The most boring category of the evening is also probably the most predictable. Angelina Jolie of "Girl Interrupted" is favored to win. Most of the nominees are unknown with the exception of Jolie since she is Hollywood royalty (Oscar winner, Jon Voight is her father). The fact that she is a Hollywood daughter actually helps her chances since many famous children have won Oscars (Jane Fonda, Angelica Huston, Mira Sorvino, Tatum O'Neal, Liza Minelli, etc.).

Whatever history-making events occur, the ceremony looks to be quite entertaining and enjoyable. For more information on the Academy of Motion Picture Association go to their web site (www.oscars.com).

Legislators push for gun safety

Gun industry feeling pressure to follow Smith & Wesson's lead

By Lawrence L. Knutson
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Maintaining pressure on gun manufacturers, the Clinton administration announced that 28 cities and counties will give preference to gun makers that follow the lead of Smith & Wesson — producing safer firearms and adopting a code of responsible conduct.

"Government at every level should use their procurement policies to support manufacturers who take responsible steps to make guns safer and to keep guns out of the wrong hands," said Andrew Cuomo, secretary of Housing and Urban Development, who announced the new gun-safety coalition.

Cuomo urged communities of

every size to join the effort and said preferential buying can force the gun industry to fall in line behind the Smith & Wesson agreement because sales to law enforcement agencies represent 20 percent to 30 percent of the U.S. gun market.

"It's common sense for police to buy guns from a company that makes it harder for criminals to get hold of guns that can be used against police and civilians," Cuomo said.

Meanwhile, Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, the chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, introduced legislation to block lawsuits by the federal government against gun makers, calling such suits "extortion" and an attempt to impose gun control over congressional objections.

Hatch acted as the administration moved to capitalize on the Smith & Wesson agreement which was reached by dropping the threat of legal action.

Hatch said his legislation would call a halt to "frivolous and burdensome lawsuits against law-abiding manufacturers, dealers and firearms owners." He said it would also require "the immediate destruction of background check records in order to protect the privacy rights of firearms owners" and would bar the government from charging fees for such checks.

"I do not believe that the administration ever really intended to see its lawsuit against the firearms manufacturers to verdict," Hatch said. He said he suspected it was simply a bargaining ploy.

Runaway van kills 1, injures 7

By Estes Thompson
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SMITHFIELD, N.C. — A van unexpectedly shifted into reverse then plowed backward into students waiting for classes to begin at a middle school Wednesday. A 10-year-old boy was killed, and six other children and the driver were injured.

The minivan's driver, 84-year-old Sara Bell Kennedy, had just dropped off two children at Smithfield Middle School when the vehicle suddenly lurched into reverse, police said.

"All of a sudden, we saw a van going really fast in reverse," said Brittany Sherman, 14. "It hit a student, and he went flying."

As students frantically tried to get out of its path, the van crossed a sandy yard, knocked down a flagpole and finally stopped when it hit the school's brick wall.

One student was trapped beneath the van, and others were briefly pinned between the van and the building, authorities said.

"I put my hands on my face and started crying and praying," said Melissa Cockrell, 14.

Byron Murray died a short time later at Johnston Memorial Hospital, said spokeswoman Susan Phillips. An 11-year-old student, and the driver were in stable condition. Three other students were treated and released.

At UNC Hospitals in Chapel Hill, a 12-year-old boy was in critical condition with head injuries, and an 11-year-old student was in serious condition with broken bones, pelvic injuries and cuts.

The accident occurred at 7:45 a.m. outside the school's front door. Police were still trying to determine why the minivan unexpectedly shifted into reverse.

COFFEE


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before bed," Fickes said.

Goforth said she has built up a resistance to caffeine.

"I have to drink more and more to get the same effect," she said.

The APA reported that deaths from overdoses of caffeine are rare, but pregnant women should be aware of the amount of their intake.



Mmm Mmm Good

For those who haven't tried coffee, Fickes and Goforth both suggest trying a mocha for its chocolate flavor.

"Once I got used to the taste of coffee, I started trying drinks with a stronger flavor," Goforth said.

Fickes agrees with the process.

"I got used to the flavor and started to like more of it," she said. "It's nummy."

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Looking into the cup

- 400 billion cups of coffee are consumed each year.
- 100 million Americans drink a total of 350 million cups of coffee a day.
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- Bach wrote a coffee cantata in 1732.
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Golf team finishes 12th in tournament

By Chris Harrison
STAFF REPORTER

The wind was blowing, and the competition was as good as any that the Horned Frogs have played this season, men's head golf coach Bill Montigel said.

The TCU men's golf team shot a total of 913 to finish 12th place at the Morris Williams Intercollegiate in Austin last weekend.

"I think we could have done a little better," Montigel said. "We played very poor the first round, but all things considered, I thought we played really well the final two rounds."

Brigham Young University led the tournament after the first two

Inconsistency is major threat to good team, coach says

rounds and had to face the University of Nevada-Las Vegas in a play-off to win the overall title. Both the Cougars and the Rebels shot an 881. The Fresno State Bulldogs finished third, shooting a total of 886.

Brigham Young's Andy Miller and New Mexico's Joel Hendry posted final rounds of 70, but Hendry was able to hold on to his one-stroke lead after the first two rounds to clinch the individual title.

Sophomore Brett Guetz was the top finisher for the Horned Frogs, shooting a third-round 73 to remain tied for seventh place with a 54-hole

total of 220.

"I thought I played pretty good golf in the wind and on a hard course," Guetz said. "It was really not the best I have hit the ball, but I managed to shoot some low scores, which helped me finish in the top ten."

"The team has been playing some good golf lately. Now we just have to take the tournaments one at a time until we get to regional play."

Montigel said he was excited to see Guetz play three good rounds of golf.

"He was playing against the top

teams in the country, and him finishing in seventh place is really going to help the team out a lot," Montigel said. "He got off to a little bit of a slow start this year after winning the Fort Worth Men's City Amateur and played very well in that but didn't play very well the next three tournaments."

"In Hawaii, he played very well in the first two rounds but had a tough time in the third round. This is the first time Brett has really put together three consistently well-played rounds."

Behind Guetz, sophomore Andy

Doeden jumped from 64th to 51st place with a final round of 73 and a total of 232.

Junior Aaron Hickman also had a strong final-round shooting, an even par 72, moving from 77th to 61st place with a total of 234.

Freshman Jamie Kellam shot a 78 in the final round and finished in a tie for 67th at 236. Junior Sal Spallone finished the tournament in a tie for 67th place with a three-round total of 240.

Montigel said the main thing the team needs to be concentrating on is consistency.

"What we want to have is all five guys hitting the ball well and having three consistent rounds of good golf," Montigel said. "If we could just put it all together, we obviously have the capability to be a real good golf team."

"We need to have all five guys playing together and not three one tournament, then only one the next tournament. We are a good, young team, but just really inconsistent."

The men will be competing in the Chris Schenkel E-Z-Go Invitational at Forest Heights Country Club in Statesboro, Ga., this weekend.

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Women's tennis team bounces high into tourney

Frogs ranked 30th, on five-match win streak

By Chris Ray
SKIFF STAFF

Ranked No. 30 in the latest edition of the Intercollegiate Tennis Association polls, the TCU women's tennis team is riding a current five-match winning streak into this weekend's Fifth Annual University of Texas at El Paso Spring Shoot-out at the El Paso Tennis Club.

TCU comes into the tournament boasting a 12-3 overall record on

the season, holding an impressive record against ranked opponents with wins over No. 37-ranked Texas, No. 17 South Carolina, No. 69 Oklahoma and No. 56 San Diego.

"The girls are playing very well and with great confidence especially against good, solid teams like Texas, Texas A&M and San Diego," head coach Roland Ingram said. "We go out there to win and nothing else, and that's what we have been doing this far. This will help us down the stretch as tournament time approaches."

The women also boast three nationally ranked players in freshman Dorrit Hupples, ranked No. 66, sen-

ior Lucie Dvorakova, ranked No. 76, and senior Daria Zoldakova, ranked No. 93.

TCU's doubles tandem of Zoldakova and Dvorakova continue their dominating play in doubles action with a 21-2 record. The duo is currently ranked No. 9 in the latest ITA polls. The duo also holds a 3-1 record against ranked opponents and are currently riding an eight-match winning streak into this weekend's play.

"I am very proud of the team's play, they are coming together well and we look to make a run at the rest of the season," Ingram said. "If we can

—Roland Ingram,
tennis head coach

stay healthy and continue to play well, there is no limit to where this team can go."

This weekend's tournament will be a big test for the women's tennis team, as they play a highly ranked team in Washington and a fellow WAC member in UTEP. TCU will face a tough Washington team ranked No. 25 in the ITA polls 11 a.m. Saturday in the UTEP tourney and face unranked UTEP 10 a.m. Sunday.

The Frogs picked up a key win

over No. 56-ranked San Diego State University along with a win against WAC opponent Hawaii. The Frogs won four of five singles matches and two of three doubles matches en route to the win over San Diego.

In doubles, No. 9-ranked Dvorakova and Zoldakova pulled off a big win over No. 1-ranked Zuzana Lesenarove and Katrina Valykova of San Diego, 9-8 (7-2) in a tiebreaker.

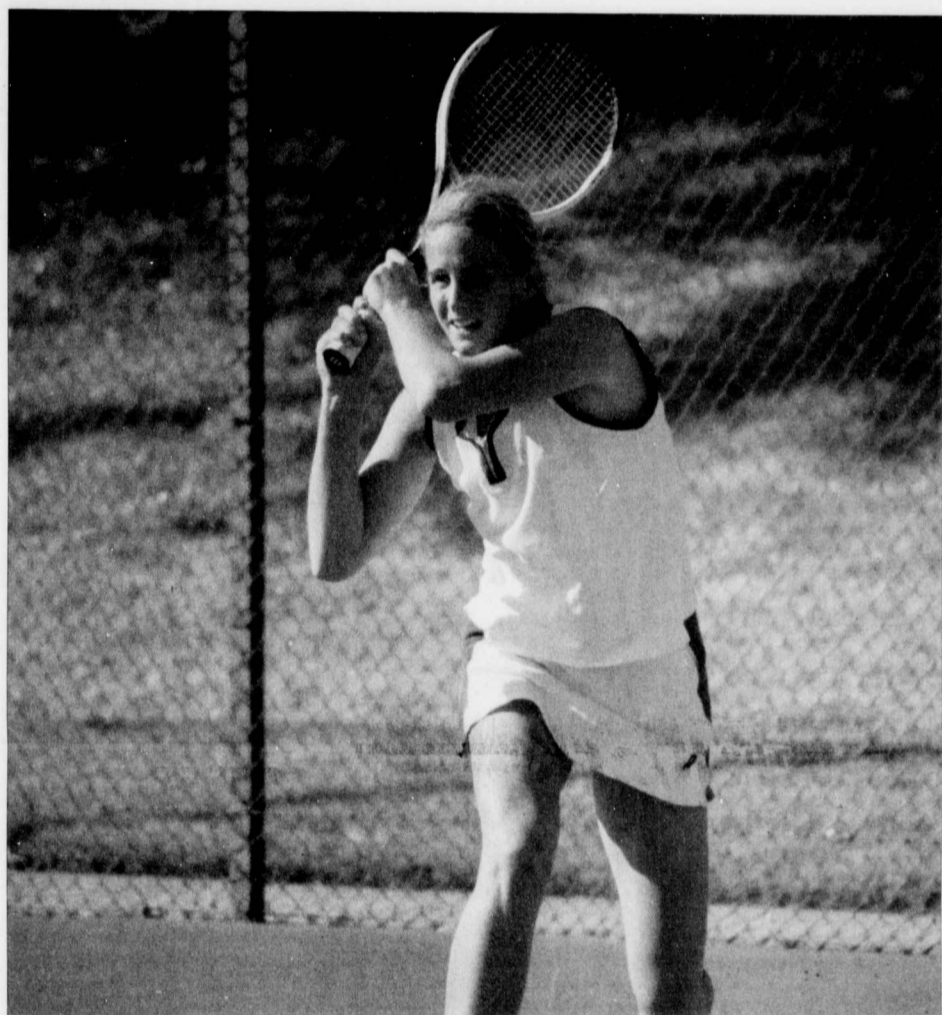
In singles action, Hupples is currently 24-3 on the season and is riding a 10-match winning streak dating back to early February. Hupples, a native of the Netherlands, was October Player of the Month in the Western Athletic Conference.

The freshman is leading the Frogs at an opportune time, with the WAC tournament April 28 to 30 at TCU.

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

The Frogs take action this weekend in El Paso, as a warm-up for the home stretch of the season with tournament play one month away.

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Senior Jessika Kjellgren hits a forehand in practice. The women's tennis team has won five matches in a row and are ranked 30th in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association polls.

First-year coach satisfied, but seeking improvement

By Danny Home
STAFF REPORTER

With his first full season as head coach of the TCU women's basketball team complete, Jeff Mittie reflects on a season of ups and downs.

Q: What were your expectations as first-year head coach of the women's basketball team this season?

A: "There are always high expectations early in the season for any team. When I took over this team, there were a lot of unknowns. We had so little time to prepare and get acclimated since I didn't start until the day before classes opened last fall."

Q: Talk about the flow of the season and some of the hard times the team faced.

A: "We faced and played through adversity all season. Our lack of time to adjust to each other was a key factor in the beginning. On top of that, we had to play through injuries."

The Lady Frogs played all but one game without senior forward Shonda Mack, and junior guard Amy Sutton missed 12 games after fracturing her fibula Jan. 15. Sophomore Tricia Payne played through injuries for much of the season.

"I think we responded very well to the injuries. It has helped us learn how to play through adversity, which is good, but I would rather not have to do it again."

Q: You finished the season at 16-14. What can you take into next season as positive?

A: "Overall this season, I think we did a lot of good things. The players heard about losing streaks to Southern Methodist and Rice for much of the season, so it was good for us to get at least one out of the way when

we beat Rice. They have a talented team, which was proven when they won the conference tournament and upset California-Santa Barbara in the NCAA Tournament."

TCU lost twice this season to SMU, extending a losing streak that dates back to 1991. The Lady Frogs did, however, end a 17-game losing streak to Rice after they beat the Lady Owls in Houston 63-62.

"I thought the win over St. Mary's was great for this program, and we also got the program's first-ever win over a Big 12 (Conference) team when we beat Kansas State."

Q: For next season, what needs to be done differently to improve?

A: "Injuries hurt our depth, but we still need to be more consistent. After we lost some of our scorers to injury, our margin for error became small."

When Amy Sutton went down, she was averaging 11.4 points a game. She still finished third on the team in steals (33) despite missing 12 games.

"There were cases where some of our top scorers might have an off game, and we would struggle overall because we didn't have much experience coming off the bench."

Q: What can be done specifically to become a more consistent offensive team?

A: "We must improve our scoring depth. We have good young players in (freshmen) Kim Walter and Halisi Johnson. Tricia (Payne) is only a sophomore. We definitely have the talent."

Mittie said he expects the five returning seniors (Amy and Jill Sutton, Janice Thomas, Karen Clayton and Sally Spencer) to be a key element in terms of leadership and maturity. He

said they provide a stability mechanism that will, in turn, help with depth.

"Our recruiting will also help. Talented young players will eventually turn into talented experience."

Q: With everything that has happened this season, there must be a level of satisfaction.

A: "Yes, there is some satisfaction, but I could never be happy as a coach at 16-14. I've told the players that we have started to climb that hill, but we must understand that the hill gets steeper as you get closer to the top."

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Freshman forward Halisi Johnson goes up for a shot in a game against Tulsa. The Lady Frogs lost to the Golden Hurricane in the first round of the Western Athletic Conference tournament, 64-56.

Knight needs to examine his own 'bad behavior'

Talk about self-deprecation. What else could you consider the comments from Temple University men's basketball coach John Chaney, who referred to himself as "The Black Knight" in a spirited defense of his colleague and partner in profanity-laced tirades, Indiana coach Bob Knight.

Not that Knight needs much defense,

he has a pretty mean chokehold, if we're to believe former Indiana player Neil Reed, who shared some of Knight's "motivational tactics" in a lengthy investigative story by CNN/Sports Illustrated.

Knight, who truly puts the "madness" in March, has long been known for more than his three national championships (the most of any active coach), or that he graduates more than 90 percent of his players, or that he once raised \$5 million for his university's library, or that in 29 years as Indiana's head coach, his program has never been penalized by the NCAA.

Instead, Knight's legacy may be that of tossing a chair across the court in anger at an official's call, punching a cop in Puerto Rico, placing a tampon in a player's locker, saying that if rape inevitable, then "enjoy it," and a list of acts so boorish and profane that it could make even Howard Stern blush.

In the CNN/SI report, Reed accused Knight of choking him, which was in addition to the usual round of verbal and physical abuse IU's head man dispenses among his "subjects."

Reed also claimed that Knight once emerged from a bathroom, pants around his ankles, and produced a soiled sheet of toilet paper to describe his team's play.

But in justifying Knight's behavior to others, Chaney said, "One of the things that I believe sincerely, in what he does and what I do is that I don't buy bad behavior. I don't buy it. And that's what this country is doing: buying bad behavior."

Chaney used easy targets to punctuate his example: former Dallas Mavericks Dennis Rodman, the Dallas Cowboys' Michael Irvin and the Atlanta Braves' John Rocker.

"I think a coach who will not buy bad behavior is a damn good coach, and he's rare," Chaney explained. "Bob Knight is rare. I am rare."

Why do they, particularly Knight, feel they should be exempt from criticism for perpetuating this bad behavior with their equally bad behavior? Do you think either Knight or Chaney would tolerate a player who bullied his other teammates, berated officials, was constantly at odds with media, used profane language (in public arenas) the way most people use verbs and was a constant source of embarrassment to the university? Of course not. That player would be back on the first plane to Terre Haute faster than Indiana was eliminated from the NCAA Tournament.

But if there's one thing Knight is particularly adept at (besides coaching basketball), it's his refusal to

apologize or admit that maybe, just maybe, he committed a boo-boo (I'm not speaking of his motivational prop here).

If Knight was a child (and he acts like one from time to time), psychologists would label him a behavioral problem and prescribe Ritalin. So in a way, Chaney is correct. Too many people are "buying bad behavior."

Like the people at Indiana who support, and even encourage, Knight to continue with his barnyard misbehavior.

And if there is any justice, the next time Knight gets the urge to choke someone, he should pick on someone his own size. Like Latrell Sprewell.

For the people who constantly harped about the "bad timing" of the CNN/SI's story about Knight, which was conveniently released just days before the start of the NCAA Tournament, I have a question: When was there a better time?

When Reed left the team in 1997, he brought the same charges of Knight's abuse to Indiana officials. Three years and a hailstorm of criticism later, Indiana officials thought it was important enough to fully investigate those claims.

This was in no small part due to the timing of the story.

Besides, Knight's supporters would have had a problem with the story's "timing," no matter when it was released.

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HELP me, Harlan!

by Harlan Cohen

Track star boyfriend should stop smoking soon; true love should be effortless

Hey Harlan:

I recently found out that my boyfriend of three months smokes two to three times a day. I'm afraid to seem upset or bug him about it because I know nothing I say is going to make him stop. It will just irritate him.

I don't want to pull that "If you really cared about me you'd stop" on him because that's not true.

He's going to college in the fall on a track scholarship and thinks he'll magically quit smoking.

Please, tell me what I can do!
—Smokey Situation

Hey Smokey,

It's hard to watch someone you

care about start a bad habit that can easily slide into a full-fledged addiction in college. He knows what he's doing. It says right on the package that smoking is dangerous.

There aren't a lot of scholarship track stars that run a record 100-yard dash and celebrate with a smoke at the finish line.

Until he wants to explore the real reason why he smokes, he's going to continue using cigarettes as a way to mask some other problem.

Until he's ready to face his real fears, he'll keep smoking.

As for your options, you can stick with him and occasionally ask him to address the bigger prob-

lem or sprint to a guy who respects his body. The reality is he's the only one who can get him to quit smoking. It's only a matter of time or tragedy.

Dear Harlan:

How do you know if a person you love really loves you?

I've been dating this guy for about eight months, and I sometimes question the way that he feels about me. He says he loves me, but he doesn't always act like it.

How can I make sure that he is in love with me?

—Possibly in love

Dear Possibly,

Everyone defines love differently.

If his actions don't feel loving, and he says he's in love with you, his definition of being in love might be very different than your definition. You need to talk to him and bring up those things that feel far from loving and hear what he has to say.

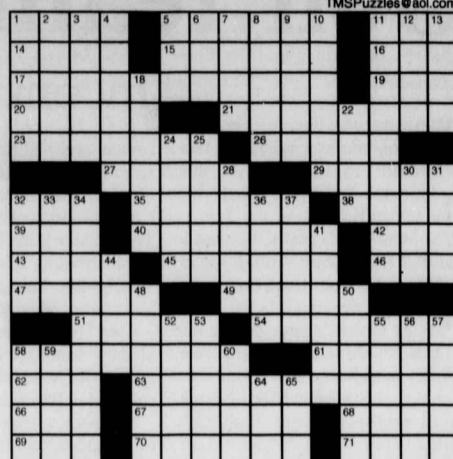
True love takes a true effort, but it should be truly effortless.

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By Robert H. Wolfe
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Wednesday's Puzzle Solved



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- 8 Religious belief
- 9 Decide to compete
- 10 Napper
- 11 Divide ships' records?
- 12 Hammer part
- 13 Yin's counterpart
- 18 Paraisaical
- 22 Filament
- 24 _ operz.ndi
- 25 Conductor Georg
- 28 Opposing sides
- 30 Rapiet's cousin
- 31 Remove text
- 32 Pops
- 33 Death notice, briefly
- 34 Destroy cravats?
- 36 Does the crawl
- 37 Shire of "Rocky"
- 41 Disney classic, "Old _"
- 44 Eastern ruler
- 48 Well-grounded

- DOWN
- 1 Costume jewelry
 - 2 Dull pains
 - 3 Not likely
 - 4 Imposes, as taxes
 - 5 Drug info org.
 - 6 Lion's name?

- 50 Old World
- 52 Building lots
- 53 Editorial directives
- 55 Road shows
- 56 Best and Ferber
- 57 Change color again

- 58 Fence piece
- 59 Blues great Fitzgerald
- 60 Fill to the maximum
- 64 Kesey or Follet
- 65 College seniors' test: abbr.

PURPLE poll

Q. WILL YOU BE AFFECTED BY THE NEW SCHOLARSHIP POLICY?

A. YES 3 NO 60
HUH? 37

Data collected from an informal poll conducted in TCU's Main Cafeteria. This poll is not a scientific sampling and should not be regarded as representative of campus public opinion.

TODAY'S menu

THE MAIN Lunch

- Cheese-stuffed shells
- Custom salads
- Soup in bread bowls

Dinner

- Swedish meatballs
- Stir-fry bar
- Turkey tetrazzini

WORTH HILLS Lunch

- Big Matt sandwich
- Selona shakers
- Chicken pot pie

Dinner

- Chicken and broccoli stir-fry
- Pasta bar
- Selona shakers

EDEN'S GREENS Lunch

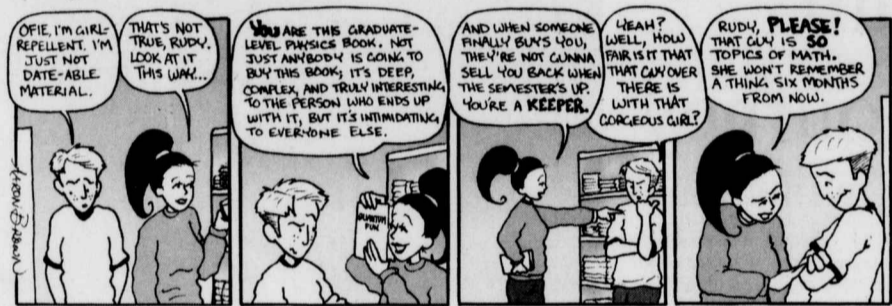
- Baked salmon
- Pepperoni, cheese pizza

FROGBYTES

\$2.99 breakfast plate (late night)

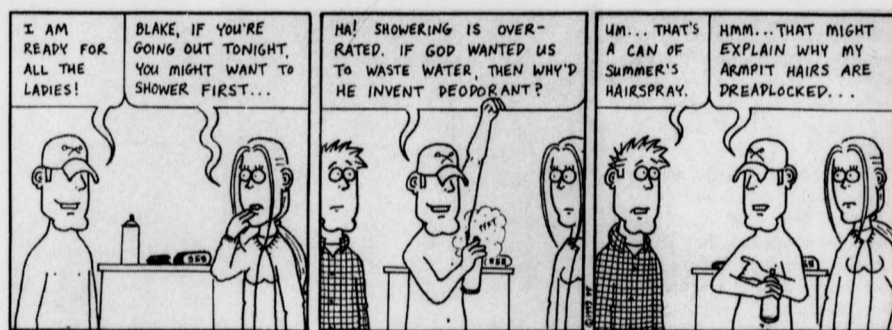
Rudy

by Aaron Brown



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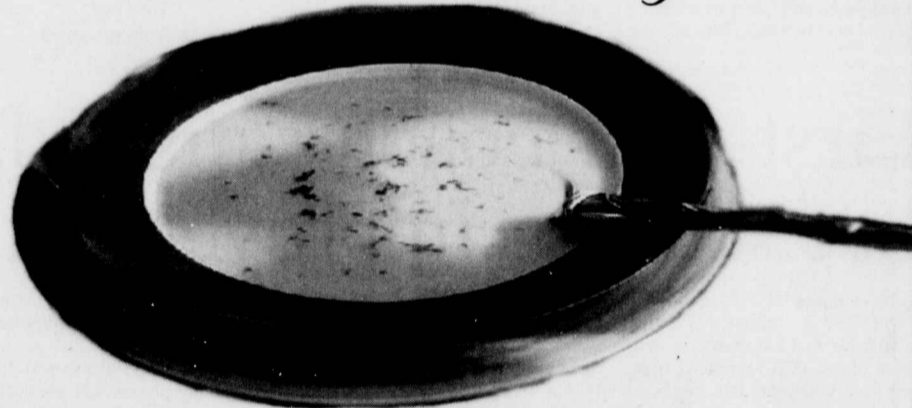
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