

Besides having to deal with Spring Fever, students are also combating stuffy noses, watery, itchy eyes, sneezing and scratching throats as a result of their various allergies.

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Asian Festival



Sachi Hashizume (left), Tomomi Nakata and Brittany Filewood (back) perform a traditional Japanese dance called the Sakura, meaning "Cherry Blossom," on Wednesday in the Student Center Lounge. The dance was part of the Asian Student Association's annual Asian Festival.

Runners race toward breast cancer cure

Fort Worth race moved to campus because of destruction to downtown

By Victor Drabicky
STAFF REPORTER

Less than a year ago, freshman psychology major Tiffany Ayler, her mother and doctors were racing to keep the cancer in her mother's breast from spreading. This Saturday, they will help keep others from going through the same suffering they experienced.

"It's really emotional when you don't know if you will survive or not," Ayler said. "Luckily, my mom was able to beat the disease, and she is now in remission."

The five-kilometer Komen Race for the Cure is hosted by the Tarrant County affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation and is sponsored by several local businesses. It is expected to bring more than 12,000 women to Amon Carter Stadium early Saturday morning, Race Chairwoman Rozanne Rosenthal said.

The event was moved to campus because of last week's F-2 tornado that destroyed most of downtown.

Race for the Cure

- Who: The Tarrant County affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation and Zeta Tau Alpha sorority
- What: Race for the Cure
- When: One-mile Fun Run 8 a.m. Saturday, All-female, five-kilometer run 8:30 a.m. Saturday
- Where: Amon Carter Stadium
- Cost: Preregistration, available today and Friday at participating stores in area malls, is \$20. Race-day registration, which takes place from 6:30 to 7:45 a.m. Saturday, is \$25.

"This will be the first time in the race's seven-year history in Tarrant County that the race will not be in downtown," Rosenthal said.

Although the 8:30 a.m. race is for

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Group to recommend training for department heads

By Priya Abraham
STAFF REPORTER

The Tenure, Promotion and Grievance Committee will recommend more training and administrative support for department heads when it gives its report at the Faculty Senate meeting today.

Sally Fortenberry, chairwoman of the committee, said a survey of department heads showed their biggest concerns were a lack of training for planning budgets and reviewing faculty, too much paperwork from the

Report to Faculty Senate addresses concerns with paperwork, lack of time

administration and not enough time to complete duties.

"There's a frustration that you can only work so many hours a week and it never seems to get completed," said Fortenberry, chairwoman of the department of design, merchandising and textiles. "I could be at TCU in my office probably 14 or 15 hours a day and still not get (everything done)."

The report recommends initial

and periodic training for department heads, a yearly meeting with a consultant and the college dean to eliminate inefficiencies and increasing stipends from \$3,000 to \$6,000. An administrative assistant assigned exclusively to the chair was also recommended.

Carol Thompson, chairwoman of the department of sociology and criminal justice, said the recommendation for greater administrative

support is most important to her. She said her assistant is responsible for 21 faculty members, leaving work like planning fall schedules up to Thompson.

"At least half of my time is spent doing administrative work," she said. "Even if I had my own assistant it would still be incredibly difficult. I would be happy with just half a person."

She said because of the large

workload, the teaching and research of department heads suffer.

"It's a very important job," she said. "We're really the ones who keep the ship afloat. One of the reasons we might not be supported to a greater extent is because we rise to the occasion — we get it done."

In other business, the Faculty Governance Committee will recommend in its report that the current level of interaction between the Fac-

ulty Senate and Board of Trustees remains the same. The committee contacted six comparable universities and found the interaction ranged from the senate chair as a voting member of the Board of Trustees at Southern Methodist University to having no contact between the two at Rice University. Other universities contacted were Tulane, Baylor, Vanderbilt and Duke.

"Our level of contact at this point

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Demand for Texas teachers high

State will graduate 15,000 new educators; districts looking to fill 74,000 slots

How they compare

- Starting salaries with a master's degree:
 - Teachers — \$32,000
 - Businesspeople — \$41,500
- Number of days on the job each year:
 - Teachers — 190
 - Businesspeople — 260
- Vacation:
 - Teachers — Christmas, Spring Break and about 10 other days
 - Businesspeople — Two weeks
- Average amount of time spent outside of the office doing work-related activities:
 - Teachers — 3.2 hours per day
 - Businesspeople — 1.8 hours per day

Source: National Education Association

By Jaime Walker
STAFF REPORTER

Armed with letters of intent and colorful bulletin boards displaying the happy faces of students in their district, school district recruiters from around the state gathered Wednesday in the Student Center Ballroom, prepared to compete for job applicants the way TCU admissions officers bid for high school seniors.

"We may not get anyone today, but the market is so competitive that we need to provide every incentive we can think of to bring people into the school," said Sue Sansom, associate superintendent of personnel for the Judson Independent School District. School districts in Texas are looking to fill 74,000 slots next

year alone. But colleges and universities in the state will only produce 15,000 new, certified teachers, said Dale Young, director of Career Services for the School of Education.

Unlike her friends in other fields, Laurie Smith, a senior education major, can say she will easily find a job.

"School districts everywhere are crying for teachers, so it's really nice to know that wherever I go, I will be teaching," she said. "Although I may not make as much money as some of my friends, I will make a difference, and right now, my job is in high demand. What more can you ask for?"

The average starting teacher

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Elian's father to arrive today

Gonzalez will seek permanent custody of child, attorneys say

By George Gedda
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Elian Gonzalez's father will fly to the United States today to seek custody of his son, the 6-year-old Cuban boy who has been the object of an international tug-of-war for the past four months, his lawyer said.

"It is time for this reunion to go forward," said attorney Gregory Craig, who met earlier Wednesday in Havana with the elder Gonzalez and Cuban officials.

Craig said Gonzalez "is prepared to stay here until he has achieved that objective."

Juan Miguel Gonzalez, the father, had said he would not travel to the United States until he received assurances that custody of Elian would

be transferred from the boy's great-uncle, Lazaro Gonzalez, who has cared for him since he survived a boat sinking last Thanksgiving in which his mother died.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service issued a statement Monday that said, "Once Mr. Gonzalez arrives in the United States, the INS will begin transferring care from Lazaro Gonzalez to the boy's father."

Craig said Wednesday night, "We take this statement from the INS to mean and be an assurance that when Juan Miguel comes to the United States (today), the process for transferring to him, the care and custody of his son Elian will immediately begin."

INS spokeswoman Maria Car-

dona welcomed the news that Elian's father was coming to the United States but said it did not mean that the boy would be immediately reunited with him.

"We are still working out the most appropriate manner in which to proceed with the actual transfer," she said. "This is an issue that we will be addressing with the family tomorrow."

In Havana, President Fidel Castro declared Wednesday night that it is just matter of days before Elian would be reunited with his father.

"I am talking about three days" more or less, Castro told hundreds of university students from across Latin American and the Caribbean

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Holocaust survivor urges lawmakers to fight anti-Semitism

By Pauline Jellinek
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — To a hushed hearing room, Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel suggested a panel of legislators read the Congressional Record from the years 1939 to 1945 — part of the Hitler era.

"The senators who had power ... did they speak up?" about Nazi hatred and persecution, Wiesel asked.

"They knew ... Washington knew," Wiesel told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, urging lawmakers to fight re-emerging anti-Semitism and other prejudice around the world. "I belong to a traumatized genera-

My generation has witnessed defeat of Nazism but not hatred, Elie Wiesel says

tion that has witnessed the defeat of Nazism and communism, but not that of hatred," said Wiesel, winner of the 1986 Nobel Peace Prize. "Had I considered the possibility hatred would re-emerge so soon, I would not have believed it."

The hearing brought together a disparate group of witnesses to talk about the "Legacy of the Holocaust."

Jewish groups urged the U.S. government to speak out against what they said is a revival of anti-Semitism in the Middle East, former Soviet Union and elsewhere. U.S. govern-

ment officials brought the committee up to date on programs around the world to compensate Holocaust survivors and on the progress of the presidential commission that is investigating Holocaust-related issues in the states.

"Hatred did not die in Auschwitz," Wiesel told the committee. "Jews perished there, not anti-Semitism. Hatred is still alive and well."

"Nazis and neo-Nazis are everywhere," he said. "I don't know who finances them, but they are active and vocal and we find them everywhere."

He raised the question of what should be done about those who deny the Holocaust or espouse hatred and prejudice.

"Should there be a way of checking when and where their words cross the line of free speech, which is so important to us?" he asked. "When it becomes a cycle of hate and violence, what are we to do? What can you do as the lawmakers of this land?"

American Jewish Committee Executive Director David A. Harris urged the panel to look at what his organization called the "shocking re-

vival of vitriolic anti-Semitism and Holocaust denial" across the Arab world.

"Islamic anti-Semitic activity in the Middle East can no longer be ignored or downplayed or viewed as little more than an Arab negotiating tactic in the complex Arab-Israeli peace talks," he said in his prepared testimony.

"There is an urgent need to reject this behavior unconditionally," he said, citing comments by the Mufti of Jerusalem trivializing the Holocaust during the Pope's pilgrimage

there last month.

And the National Conference on Soviet Jewry said U.S. officials should emphasize to their counterparts in former Soviet states the importance of democracy and minority rights.

"We would never have imagined a post-Soviet landscape littered with neo-Nazi and fascist-oriented extremists visibly trying to revive the ... ideology against which the Russian people battled so fiercely," said Mark B. Levin, executive director of the group, which advocates on behalf of Jews in Russia, Ukraine, the Baltic States and Eurasia.

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.

- **Programming Council Spring Film Festival** will show "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" at 8 p.m. today in the Student Center Ballroom.
- **Today is National Alcohol Screening Day.** The Alcohol and Drug Education Center is offering free, anonymous screenings. Stop by the Student Center lobby from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. today.
- **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 St.
- **Disciple Student Fellowship** will meet at 5:30 p.m. today at University Christian Church.
- **Attention freshmen business students.** Got questions about what to take during the summer and fall? Attend one of the M.J. Neeley School of Business freshmen advising workshops which are 5 p.m. Wednesday in Dan Rogers Hall and 5 p.m. April 13 in the Student Center, Room 222. For more information, call 257-NSRC.
- **Class of 2000 members:** The deadline to purchase Senior Bricks is Monday. If you would like to participate, call Karen at 257-7800.
- **The Women in Film/Dallas 2000 project grant and tuition scholarship program** is offering scholarships to female students from Texas whose major is film. For more information, e-mail wifdal@nkn.net.
- **"Grease" tickets** for the April 18 performance at Bass Hall are available in the PC office for \$20 each. For more information, call 257-5233.
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NEWS ROUNDUP

WORLD

Turkey's Parliament decides to not keep President Demirel in office for five more years

ANKARA, Turkey — Parliament voted Wednesday against a proposal to keep President Suleyman Demirel in office for another five years, setting off what is likely to be a difficult search for a new candidate.

The decision was a serious blow to Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit's coalition government, which had pushed hard for re-electing the 76-year-old Demirel. His term ends May 16.

The vote came amid ambitious efforts to fight chronic inflation with help from a \$4 billion IMF loan, and plans to reform the country's laws to get ready for full membership in the European Union.

Ecevit brushed aside speculation that his government would collapse over the vote and vowed to maintain harmony in the coalition.

"Our government will continue its duty, without any negative setbacks, with determination," a frail-looking Ecevit told reporters.

The president is elected by parliament for a seven-year term. The post is largely symbolic, but presidents have acted as power brokers in several parliamentary crises.

Many Turks saw the vote as a chance for a much-needed change. An opinion poll published in the daily Radikal on Wednesday indicated that 70 percent of Turks were against Demirel. No margin of error was given for the poll.

Favored by the military for his pro-secular stance, Demirel has been active in politics for almost 40 years.

"It's a good development for Turkey," said Fehmi Koru, a political analyst. "We have been accustomed to having these very old politicians at the top for a very long time. It will be refreshing to have new young faces."

NATION

North Carolina passes law setting cap on amount companies have to post as bond

RALEIGH, N.C. — North Carolina, the nation's No. 1 tobacco producer, swiftly passed a law Wednesday to shield the state's cigarette makers from what could be a crippling verdict in a smoking case under way in Florida.

In a one-day special session convened specifically to consider the bill, the Legislature took just four hours to pass the measure by an overwhelming vote. Less than an hour later, Gov. Jim Hunt signed it into law.

The law sets a cap of \$25 million on the amount a company has to post as bond while appealing a punitive-damage verdict.

"North Carolina has been well-served by tobacco," said Sen. Ham Horton. "A six-person jury in Florida is on the verge of bringing a gigantic

industry to its knees."

A jury in Miami is considering how much compensatory damages to award three plaintiffs in a class-action case involving 500,000 sick Florida smokers. The jury will then decide whether to award punitive damages to all of the smokers.

The industry has said it fears the jury could come back with a punitive-damage verdict of \$300 billion that could wreck the tobacco companies. Under Florida law, a defendant must post a bond equal to the damages levied while appealing a case.

North Carolina is the home of three of the defendants in the Florida case: R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., Liggett Group and Lorillard Tobacco Co. Tobacco brings in \$1 billion for North Carolina's farmers, and 114,000 people work in tobacco-related jobs.

"The bill will help ensure that the tobacco industry, or any other industry that might find itself in similar circumstances in the future, will receive due process under the law," said R.J. Reynolds Tobacco in a statement.

Already, Virginia, Kentucky and Georgia have quickly approved laws limiting the bond cigarette companies would have to post. Virginia and Georgia approved a \$25 million limit; Kentucky set it at \$100 million.

Key House committee defeats plan to disclose finances for tax-exempt groups

WASHINGTON — A Democratic attempt to force public financial disclosure of a new brand of politically active tax-exempt organization was defeated Wednesday by Republicans on a key House committee.

Rep. Lloyd Doggett, D-Texas, said groups organized under Section 527 of the tax code are becoming the "political super-weapon" of the 2000 election, one that can "fill the airwaves with hate and the mailboxes with disinformation" without disclosure — so long as they don't expressly advocate voting for or against a particular candidate.

Doggett attempted to attach an amendment to a taxpayer rights bill that would require disclosure of the finances of Section 527 groups to the Federal Election Commission and their existence to the Internal Revenue Service. But with all Republicans in opposition, the amendment was defeated on a 21-15 vote of the House Ways and Means Committee.

Section 527 is more than 25 years old, but the law has recently been embraced by political organizations of every stripe following court decisions and an IRS opinion that paved the way.

"The use of these committees is proliferating across the political spectrum," Doggett said.

For instance, a group with Republican ties called Shape the Debate is running TV ads critical of Vice President Al Gore in California, New York and Washington. Another one called Citizens for Better Medicare, created by drug manufacturers and their allies, plans to spend millions of dollars to work against any legislation that would control prescription prices.

STATE

Death penalty opponents ask for moratorium on executions; Bush stands by decision

AUSTIN — A group of death penalty opponents asked again Wednesday for a statewide moratorium on executions, saying the support of a Congressman may help the cause in Texas.

The Texas chapter of the Campaign to End the Death Penalty held a late afternoon news conference at the Capitol to coincide with its national parent organization's efforts in Washington, D.C. About 15 activists showed up bearing banners calling for Gov. George Bush to "Stop the killing machine."

Bush spokesman Mike Jones said Wednesday the governor would stand by his decision not to halt executions in Texas.

The anti-death penalty organization supports a resolution proposed by Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr., D-Ill., that would stop executions nationwide for seven years.

The leader of the Texas chapter said Jackson's proposal is similar to what the Texas group has been asking for here.

"We want to get the message out there again," said Carl Villarreal, president of the Texas chapter of the Campaign to End the Death Penalty. "We want to do something in solidarity with the press conference in Washington, D.C., because Texas really is the death penalty capital of the nation and if there is any place for a moratorium, it's here in Texas."

Although Bush cannot pardon a death row inmate, under state law he may grant a one-time, 30-day stay of execution.

"Under the (Texas) constitution, the governor doesn't have the authority to issue a moratorium on the death penalty," Jones said.

"The governor believes that we have a system with ample checks and balances to ensure that only guilty people are executed. The death penalty is part of a strong criminal justice system that we have. It's just one part of it."

But Villarreal called Bush's constitutional arguments a "smokescreen," saying that Bush and the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles could issue a moratorium.

"We're not asking him to change the law by himself," Villarreal said. "The sentences would still come down — he could just stop every one of them."

Villarreal said he believes Bush has ignored pleas to halt executions and should follow the lead of Illinois Gov. George Ryan, who issued a statewide moratorium there.

"Just as the governor of Illinois didn't pass any new laws, the governor here can use his influence to push for a moratorium," he said.

Rob Owens, an Austin attorney who has defended death row inmates, said Texas courts are unjust.

"There are innocent men on Texas' death row," Owens said.

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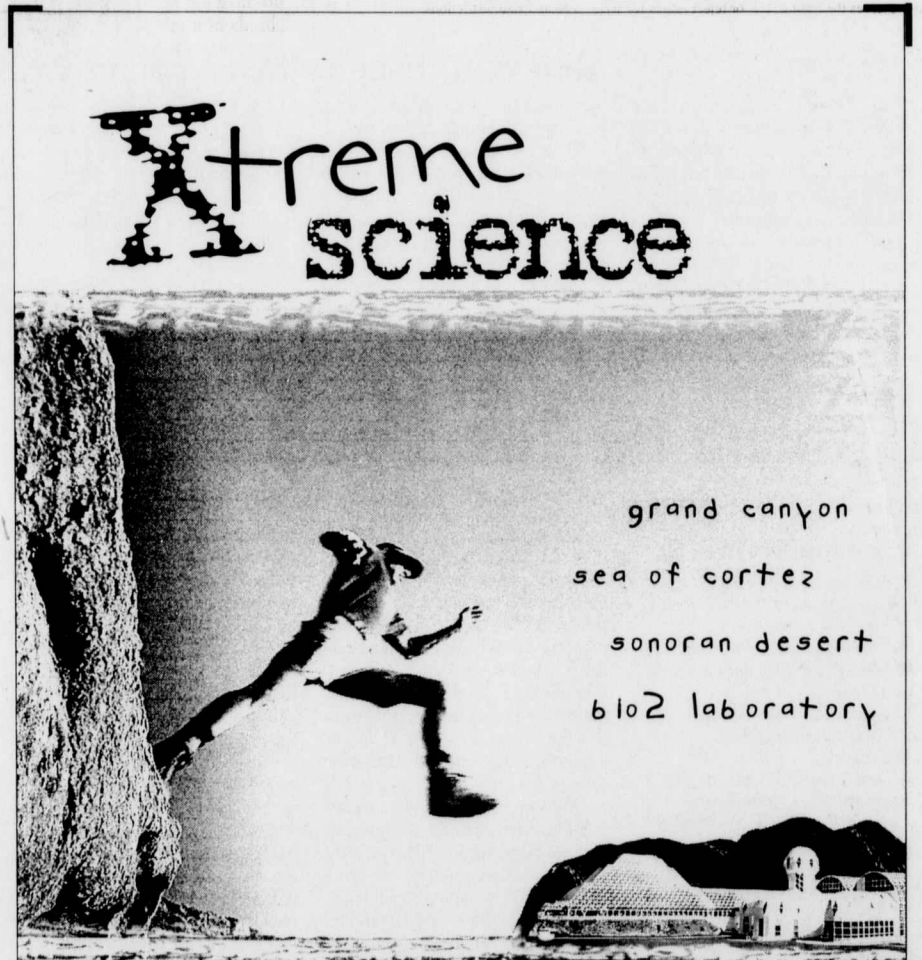
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TAKING BABY STEPS

TCU still drags its feet in gender equality

Funding five new women's athletic scholarships, part of the TCU Board of Trustees' expense budget, is a step in the right direction.

But we have a long way to go.

TCU must further comply with Title IX, the 1972 legislation that bans sex discrimination in schools, including athletics. Title IX has forced schools to work toward equality in athletic spending, and now many more women participate in sports and receive scholarships.

According to *The Chronicle of Higher Education's* Web site, TCU is the second-worst school in Division I-A (out of 114 schools) for women's participation in sports. TCU is 19th worst in women's salaries (26.06 percent) as a proportion of the whole salary budget. TCU is 13th worst in percentage of the recruiting budget spent on women's recruiting (21.06 percent). TCU is 12th worst for women's expenses (23.21 percent) compared with the total operating budget.

The only category in which TCU was not near the bottom in providing women's scholarships. While it is good TCU did provide more scholarships, is anything being done about the other areas in which TCU is seriously deficient in?

Dollars often speak louder than words. And in TCU's case, the dollars say TCU values male athletes significantly more than female athletes.

Some people say, "Be grateful for the small steps."

Should the women who are consistently denied opportunities be grateful? Should they be patient with an institution that lags behind the vast majority of Division I-A colleges in providing opportunities for women?

No. The time for patience is over. Radical changes are needed.

Now.

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Some things are best left to men

Mustaches, tobacco are less than feminine

I'm not a misogynist, nor am I a belligerent male chauvinist. I support women, and I agree that their fight against glass ceilings, societal expectations of demure behavior and a host of male-propagated double standards is far from over.

However, I do have a few shreds of conservative sensibilities left which, unfortunately, lend to my reactionary preference for a few of these hypocritical fetters. I'm sorry ladies, or whatever it is I'm supposed to call you, but there are a handful of things men do that should stay that way.

Recently, I witnessed a girl chewing tobacco. Before I delve further into my tirade, I would like to point out that anyone loping

around with that telltale lump protruding from his or her lower lip grosses me out. If I had my druthers, no one would chew tobacco. However, seeing women dip is especially revolting.

There are several reasons for this, the most salient being that I am attracted solely to the opposite sex. When women mash a chew into their mouths, their attractiveness diminishes exponentially. One might infer from this that chewing tobacco is a surefire way for women to express masculinity without those annoying trappings of feminism. I can deal with women smoking, and I've humored women who think they like cigars, but as far as I'm concerned, Skoal and estrogen don't mix.

Some men, like Tom Selleck, Snidely Whiplash and my dad, like to wear mustaches. To my dismay, some women prefer to wear mustaches as well.

I agree that beauty is more than skin deep. I know that facial fuzz has no bearing on one's ability to function in society (unless one works in the Swedish porn industry), and I also acknowledge that men have no business telling women how to look any more than women have telling men how to

drive. But women, if you are sporting a caterpillar under your nose, do yourself a favor, and WAX IT! If you want to have hairy legs, or, God help me, hairy armpits, fine, but the mustache is decidedly not key. I can see how hairy legs or pits might make some sort of political statement, but blatant fur on the upper lip won't score any points with the phallacracy.

Of course, women don't want to score points with the phallacracy, nor should they have to. Rather, they should focus on beating us into submission. Or so it seems, and I am sick of this. Contrary to what one might glean from *Maxim*, men are not all obnoxious louts driven by their genitals. Certainly, this is hard to swallow if you're female and have ever been to a bar, but it's true.

We are not out to screw women over, just as women are not out to diabolically ruin men and then brag about it in *Cosmo*. I am a nice guy, and I expect to be treated according to my own merits, not on the basis of some ego-starved cretin whose self-worth is tied up

in how many skirts he can pull. It's a bit of a stretch, but I believe that the gender wars would conclude much sooner if both armies would let bygones be bygones, stop struggling to have the last word and treat each other as equals.

In my book, which has yet to be read by anyone but me, mutual respect goes a long way toward solving any conflict. Holding onto past injustices, however, extends the conflict indefinitely.

I guess it's a good thing that I am graduating in five weeks because I have now made myself a pariah. Next week, I will return to the role as sensitive, opinionless opinion columnist. So while you wait for next Thursday, please look for the intended hyperbole scattered throughout this week's read, and re-read that part about my being a nice guy. Meanwhile, I have to go wax my lip.

Steve Steward is a senior political science major from Lodi, Calif., and knows nothing about women. Tell him what a creep he is at (haoledubstyle@hotmail.com).

Commentary



STEVE STEWARD

LETTERS to the editor

Don't criticize NCAA basketball tournament, write positive things

This letter is in response to the "Cinderella fun at first, but 'Dance' tarnished" column last Thursday. I am a huge fan of sports opinions and listening to individuals voice their take on all athletics.

The NCAA tournament represents one of the greatest sports spectacles in the world: sixty-four teams from the Blue Devils to Ball State, where the nation can rally for a hard-working Gonzaga to humiliate an agent-infested St. John's.

The NCAA tournament is the most powerful three weeks in college athletics. Period. We can only pray that Billy Tubbs, Ryan Carroll and Bingo Merriex can take us there next year. And if we do make it to the Dance, let's say as a No. 7 or No. 8 seed, will you call the Frogs' run to the Final Four "tarnished" because we aren't the Spartans, Blue Devils or the Cardinal?

Also, please do not refer to NCAA football as the shining star in postseason logistics. There's a reason that the Bowl Championship Series is slammed by critics who say it should remove its middle initial.

There's a reason that every other college sport besides Division I men's college football uses a playoff system. There's validity behind why all professional sports possess an extensive postseason: because that is where championships are won.

So sit back and enjoy it. Enjoy players running onto the court. Feel for Duke's senior Chris Carrawell who burst into tears

following Duke's tourney loss. And next time, write about them. They're what people want to read about.

Daryl Thompson
sophomore finance major

Policy on incompletes needs addressing, penalties unfair

I am a graduate student in the School of Education and have had the most unpleasant experience and want to share my experience with other students, staff and professors so that, hopefully, changes can be made.

I was always under the impression that the purpose of an incomplete was to grant a student additional time to complete the assignments. My understanding was that an incomplete was given at the discretion of the professor, usually in cases of personal emergencies.

I was faced with such an emergency last year while I was going through my divorce. I was determined to stay in school even though I was facing life as a single parent of three children and working full-time. My professors granted the incompletes to allow me additional time to complete the assignments.

It was very difficult to makeup the work while, at the same time, taking additional courses to enable me to graduate this summer. Through perseverance, I managed to complete my assignments and then discovered that one of my professors penalized me for turning in my project past the original due date.

Yes, the course syllabus stated that projects turned in more than

one day late may be assigned three points out of a possible 10 points. Three points out of 10 is an F, and this particular project was worth almost 30 percent of my grade. This particular penalty was way too severe. To give a grade of F for being one day late is not reasonable. I can understand imposing a penalty under normal circumstances.

Take the case of the student who underestimates the time to complete an assignment. In this case, a penalty may be an appropriate action by the professor. However, when a personal crisis is occurring in the life of a student, an incomplete can be a life saver.

So what is the purpose, then, of an incomplete, if not to extend the due date? Even the federal government recognizes extensions. Imagine the Internal Revenue Service granting an extension of time to file your income taxes and then imposing a penalty for not filing on time.

This policy is not fair. TCU needs to address this issue and determine what an incomplete entitles one to.

Mary Subramaniam
graduate student

Columnist's question about Jesus' identity no question at all

I would like to respond to the opinion column titled "View of Jesus must change with rest of changing world" which appeared in the March 28 issue of the *Skiff*.

The first question, "Was Jesus really the son of God?" can only be answered "Yes!" There's no way around it. His answer is

wrong. In John 14:10, Jesus says, "Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me?"

One of the last points seems to be that Jesus was a great man, a good teacher and that it would be beneficial to all people to live the kind of life Jesus lived, while maintaining that Jesus is not God's son. But, as C.S. Lewis points out in "Mere Christianity," this thought is not an option. If we believe what Jesus said, then we believe everything he said, including that he is the son of God.

We do not have the authority to declare certain words of Jesus "true" and others "false." Jesus Christ is the cornerstone, the foundation of all our Christian beliefs. Simply believing that Jesus is the son of God does not authenticate a person as a Christian, for even Satan believes as much.

The fact upon which all Christianity is founded is that Jesus is the son of God and that he suffered and died to save us from the death of sin. To be a Christian, one must first believe both of these — believe his or her wretchedness as a sinner and then live in the love of the Lord.

I am not in the position to answer, "whether I'm authentically Christian," but I feel this may help the columnist with finding his own answer.

Some may be deceived by the column. However, it lends little or no support for each statement it makes. Then again, finding support for lies is not so easy.

Ashley Schwab
freshman premajor

Student's kickin' chickin' to the curb

Throughout the semester I've come to know you well. I've been true to you through thick and thin, for better or worse. But now it appears as if others will abandon you with a variety of off-campus places to use their ID cards. I don't know if I can resist the temptation for variety, but I don't want to leave you to be uneaten and served the next day in some sort of mysterious stew. It is too harsh of a fate to picture.

Commentary



JORDAN BLUM

I've often complained of the lack of dinner variety and my lack of funds to eat out often. I know I hurt you when I tried the pizza upon Frog Bytes' opening, but I promise I was thinking of you with every sinful bite. Every now and then, I try a different meal at The Main, but it is usually just a variation of you, such as a grilled chicken sandwich, chicken patty or fried chicken. I would never venture to offend you by choosing a hamburger or the dreaded fish fillet, your neighboring competition.

Oftentimes, I hear others whine about the monotony of eating you, and my roommate has even gone so far as to swear off your enticing taste. People are talking about having their IDs used as off-campus debit cards in a good way, and I can't imagine why. I just can't believe the gall of other students wanting to walk a greater

distance to Jons Grille and ordering, dare I say, their chicken fingers. I have defended you throughout the insults. I have heard from those simply wishing to find fault with the food service, as they had grown accustomed to doing since high school. But as in any extended commitment, my greatest fear is that our relationship may grow sour over time. And with the impending off-campus variety, I fear that the sultry temptresses of Boston Market, Whataburger, Sonic Drive-In and other potential suitors may work their charm over me.

When I first arrived on campus in August, I knew there would be many fish in the sea to select from at The Main, Sub Connection, Eden's Greens and Deco Deli. I tried lots of new things and did a lot of experimentation, as I'm told is the norm in college, but I found myself strangely unsatisfied and alone. But then one day, simply by chance, and from obsessive need to move from one dish to another, I came across you. I was infatuated with the first juicy taste.

But now finals are nearing, and I'll be pressed to find time to spend with you. Also, I'm not sure we can withstand a long-distance relationship over the summer. Anyway, I've meandered around the point for too long. When the new debit system kicks in, I think it would be best if you saw other people. I'm sorry, but I think we may need some time apart.

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Jana Robertson, a senior elementary education major, discusses job opportunities with a representative from the Aldine Independent School District at the job fair held Wednesday in the Student Center Ballroom.

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salary is \$32,000, and it is rising each year, according to reports released online by the National Education Association. With NEA research showing that more teachers are retiring than at any point since World War II, educators nationwide hope strong insurance programs, personal laptop computers and the good time off will bring more college graduates into the field of teaching.

Young said students who go through TCU to become certified teachers tend to have an edge over students from other universities. The teacher shortage makes TCU students even more desirable, he said.

"At TCU, we don't just send our graduates out because there is a need," Young said. "We offer programming that prepares our students to be great, skilled professionals, and that puts them even further ahead of the rest."

Sansom said she enjoys interviewing TCU students because she knows they are ready, both mentally and emotionally, to be teachers.

"If there is one thing I know about most of these students, it's that they have what it takes to be outstandingly successful," she said. "They really want to be

teachers, and they are skilled communicators."

Sansom said not everyone is destined to be a teacher, but anyone who thinks they want to serve people should consider it.

"Teaching is one profession where you know you will make a difference," she said. "If you want to impact others, teaching is it."

Smith said her experiences in the School of Education gave her the tools she needs to be a teacher, but her own personal experiences were also a key factor in her decision.

"I can't think of anything more rewarding than being a teacher," she said. "All of us have had those teachers we never forget and then the ones that we really wanted to. I want to be one of those that people remember."

Although students wishing to major in education cannot enter the School of Education until they have completed 54 hours of core classes, once they do, they learn what it takes to teach in a variety of environments, Young said.

"Our students are required to complete several hours of observations," he said. "We make sure to send them to all kinds of neighborhoods. That way, they can see not only what it's like to be in the classroom but can find out what interests them most."

The School of Education also requires its students to take

courses which are designed to help them understand the challenges of an increasingly diverse school population, Young said.

"Our students are even more marketable because they have taken classes focusing on special education, English as a second language and teaching math and science," he said. "In fact, in some cases, recruiters offer salary bonuses for those skills."

The school offers a 3-2 program, which is designed for students who are particularly interested in secondary education. It allows them to complete a bachelor's degree in a subject area and a master's degree in education in five years, he said.

"We have 22 people in the program right now," Young said. "The great thing about it is that students get the best of both worlds."

For Smith, who will be graduating in May, today's career fair was a great opportunity to experience the interview process, but she is looking ahead to the School of Education's Metroplex Job Fair on April 26.

"From what I hear, that is the fair where some of us will leave with a job," she said. "I am keeping my options open but hoping for success in a couple of weeks."

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ELIAN

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in town for a regional congress. "It is inevitable.

"The battle of Elian has been won — in judicial terms, in legal terms, in political terms," Castro said. The Cuban leader said he would see the father off at airport in Havana at 4 a.m. today.

White House spokesman Jake Siewert said only, "We believe that the father's travel to the United States could contribute to a successful resolution of this matter."

Outside the home of Elian's Miami relatives, word of Juan Miguel Gonzalez's imminent trip to Washington filtered through a crowd of more than 150 people clustered behind police barricades.

"Tomorrow is a crucial day. We must prepare," demonstrator Gerardo Barrios shouted into a bullhorn.

Afterward, another man read a prayer to supporters gathered in a circle under the white glow of TV lights. "Protect this boy, Lord," they sang in Spanish. But Elian was not inside; he had departed earlier to visit his cousin.

A spokesman for the relatives, Armando Gutierrez, said they would ask the boy's father to come to Miami, "meet in the house and try to work it out as a family."

"It should be a family matter, and Juan Miguel, his wife and kid (Elian's half-brother) are welcome in this house," Gutierrez said.

Anti-Castro activists also protested outside Attorney General Janet Reno's Florida home, carrying signs depicting her as the devil.

Elian's Miami relatives are fighting for permanent custody, opposing any move to return the boy to Cuba.

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women only, anyone may participate in the 8 a.m., one-mile Fun Run. Preregistration takes place today and Friday at particular stores in area malls and costs \$20, but race-day registration, which occurs from 6:30 to 7:45 a.m. Saturday, costs \$25.

The race, which is also the Zeta Tau Alpha's philanthropy project, is expected to raise more than \$500,000 for breast cancer awareness and research.

Zeta president Lisette Gerch, a sophomore business major, said she is excited about the amount of time the Zetas are volunteering to help with the race.

"We have a bunch of girls that are going to be up at 6 a.m. to help set up for the event, and there are about 50 more actually running in the race," Gerch said. "I know the race will be special for some of the girls because they are going to be running with their mothers, who have survived the disease."

In addition to the race, the Zetas' Mother's Weekend celebration is also scheduled to take place this weekend, Zeta Service Chairwoman Kara King said.

"We deliberately scheduled Mother's Weekend and the race for the same weekend," King said. "By scheduling the race the same weekend as Mother's Weekend, we have given people a chance to do something special with their mothers and have given them an opportunity to bond with their mothers and support a good cause."

Ayler said she is grateful she will get to spend the weekend and run the race with her mother.

"My mother and I will actually be starting a tradition this weekend," Ayler said. "My mom and I are going to meet every fall to run in the Dallas Race for the Cure. Then, every spring, we will run in the one in Fort Worth together, too."

Ayler said she still remembers first finding out her mother had the disease.

"I actually had to take my mom to the hospital for her biopsy," Ayler said. "The operation wasn't completely successful, so she had to go back for a second time. Luckily, all the cancerous tissue was removed the second time, and my mom is now in remission."

Rosenthal said stories like Ayler's act as an inspiration to others.

"It's great to hear survivor stories," Rosenthal said. "A lot of the racers will be wearing tags with survivors' names on them. Unfortunately, there will also be a lot of people wearing tags in memory of people that lost their fight with cancer."

Ayler said her mother was lucky that she survived the disease.

"My mother, luckily, caught the disease early, and doctors were able to treat it," Ayler said. "I just know that the race this weekend is going to be special for a lot of people. I know it will always be special to my mother and me."

For more information about Saturday's race, log on to the Race for the Cure Web site at (<http://www.tarrantraceforthe-cure.org>).

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is very good (and) the atmosphere is good," said Clayton Brown, chairman of the committee. "This doesn't mean it won't change in the future — it's just right now things seem to be OK."

TCU's Faculty Senate Executive Committee meets with the Acade-

mic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees at all three board meetings. The senate chair also addresses the whole board at its meetings.

The Faculty Governance Committee will also recommend three new senate committees be created to give faculty advising to the vice-chancellors of university advancement, student affairs and administrative services.

Susan Adams, associate vice-

chancellor and dean of campus life, will present proposed changes to TCU's sexual harassment policy. She said the policy has been edited for clarity and to meet current standards. The only major revision is that people may file a complaint "as soon as possible" instead of within four months, she said.

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Mori sworn in as Japan's Prime Minister

New PM plans to focus on boosting Japan's economy

By Eric Talmadge
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TOKYO — With Keizo Obuchi on life support after suffering a massive stroke, Yoshiro Mori was sworn in as Japan's new prime minister Wednesday in a handover that was not expected to significantly change Japan's national policies.

Mori, a former trade minister, won solid majorities in both houses of Parliament following his installment earlier Wednesday as president of Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party. Obuchi held both posts, but has been in a coma since Sunday.

"I had prayed for the prime minister's recovery," Mori said in accepting the party presidency. "I will do my best to live up to the nation's expectations."

When asked whether he was go-

ing to call for parliamentary elections sooner than the October deadline, Mori suggested that boosting the economy and getting ready for an international summit were higher priorities.

"I have other major tasks to carry out, and I have to make sure that I execute those tasks in a proper manner," he said.

Mori said his greatest task will be to continue Obuchi's efforts to bring Japan's economy out of its decade-long slump. He vowed to stick with the economic and political reform initiatives advocated by Obuchi, which have included opening the economy to foreign investment.

"I will follow Prime Minister Obuchi's path," Mori said. "That is why I reappointed all the Cabinet ministers to their posts."

In a tearful news conference Tuesday, acting Prime Minister Mikio Aoki announced the Cabinet had resigned because it was clear the 62-year-old Obuchi would not be able to resume his duties.

That paved the way for Mori to

assume the country's top post.

Mori needed 245 votes for a majority in the lower house, and received 335. A total of 488 votes were cast. In the upper house, Mori won 137 of 244 votes.

Hours later, Mori and his Cabinet were sworn in by Emperor Akihito.

There were signs of a slight improvement in Obuchi's condition Wednesday, said an aide to Tamiyuki Watanuki, one of Obuchi's closest allies. The aide said movement had been detected in Obuchi's hand.

Aoki said hospital officials reported no change. Obuchi remained in intensive care, joined by his wife, Chizuko, his three children and his brother.

Though the news of Obuchi's sudden illness was a shock, and revelations of the government's failure to disclose it for nearly a day generated a good deal of anger, the election of Mori Wednesday was met with a calm reaction on the street and in financial markets.

"I think he is more of a stand-in than anything else," said Makoto Wada, a 36-year-old salesman. "I don't think he will accomplish much."

The dollar rose slightly against the yen, and stock prices slipped Wednesday, but traders said the political situation was not much of a factor because most analysts believed economic policy would not change.

Mori emerged as the most viable replacement as soon as it became clear Obuchi's condition was grave. As LDP secretary-general, Mori was the party's second-in-command after Obuchi and has a solid power base.

A former journalist and trade minister, Mori, who like Obuchi is 62, is considered a conservative with considerable political savvy. He is outspoken and has a tainted past — he was one of many politicians linked to an influence-peddling scandal in the late 1980s.

He is also not known for being strong on international affairs.

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UN investigates Russian abuse allegations

Officials plan to set up commission but say there isn't much to look into

By Lyoma Turpalov
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URUS-MARTAN, Russia — International pressure on Russia over the war in Chechnya grew Wednesday after the top U.N. human-rights official pushed for Russia to take strong steps to investigate abuse allegations.

A top Chechen official meanwhile vowed that rebels are prepared to fight "for decades" even though the militants are outnumbered and outgunned by Russian forces.

Human rights groups have repeatedly alleged that Russian troops in Chechnya have executed civilians, tortured detainees and committed widespread rape and pillage, basing their reports on interviews with Chechen refugees.

U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights Mary Robinson, who was on a three-day fact-finding mission in Chechnya this month, said Wednesday in Geneva that "the scale of serious allegations of gross human rights violations warrants international attention and concern."

Robinson has suggested to Russia that it form an independent national commission to investigate the allegations. She noted that Russia has opened some inquiries, but said "a different level of response is needed."

Russia's human rights envoy for Chechnya said Wednesday that a commission may be set up, but said there wasn't much to investigate.

"As events have shown, crimes by servicemen in Chechnya are more an exception than a rule," said envoy Vladimir Kalamanov, according to the Interfax news agency.

Kalamanov said any commission would have to spend more time investigating rebel Chechen leaders, who ruled during the rash of kidnappings, killings and other violence in Chechnya that broke out after Russian troops lost a 1994-96 war.

The West has also repeatedly called for Russia to hold negotiations with Chechen rebels on ending the seven-month-long war, but Russia has said it won't hold peace talks until the rebels are wiped out.

Ruslan Alikhadzhiyev, speaker of the Chechen parliament, warned in an interview with The Associated Press that "If Russia refuses to talk, the war will last for decades."

Asked about reports that Chechen officials had been trying to negotiate with the Kremlin, Alikhadzhiyev said "the Russian side hasn't made a single step toward our proposals."

He said that the rebels had proposed talks on the condition of full Russian military withdrawal from Chechnya.

"The Russian military command should have no illusions of a temporary weakness of the Chechen military resistance," he said. "We are regrouping our forces for partisan war, and this war may sweep nearby regions of Russia."

Russian forces began their campaign in Chechnya in September, after Chechnya-based militants invaded the neighboring republic of Dagestan. Russia also blames the rebels for a series of apartment bombings that killed about 300 people in September, and public support of the Russian action remains high.

Russian forces now claim to occupy all of northern Chechnya, but they haven't been able to oust rebels from the mountains that dominate the republic's southern third. On Wednesday, the military command said most of the Chechen forces were regrouping in hard-to-reach areas of the mountains, near the eastern border with Dagestan.

Government examines Gulf Syndrome

Ill veterans may receive automatic compensation

By Larry Margasak
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Rob Booker tried for nearly two years to qualify for veterans' compensation, arguing the Lou Gehrig's disease ravaging his body was connected to his service in the Gulf War.

But because in almost all cases Gulf War illnesses aren't automatically recognized by the government, a lengthy investigation ensued.

At one point, he and his wife were even urged by a Veterans' Affairs doctor to get their private physician to change his diagnosis to improve their chances of securing benefits.

"We didn't even bother," Lynn Booker recalled. "No doctor is going to change a diagnosis and set himself

up for malpractice."

The VA finally agreed this week to grant Booker benefits. But it was too late for the former Army national guardsman from Evergreen, Ala. He died in February at age 35, leaving behind his wife, two daughters — ages 2 and 7 — and lots of frustration.

The family's compensation will amount to \$1,300 a month in survivors' benefits.

A decade after the U.S. victory in the Persian Gulf, there are the first glimmers of hope that veterans suffering from a variety of ailments — some affecting the nervous system — may one day automatically qualify for compensation.

VA officials have announced a yearlong study to determine whether there is a higher incidence of Lou Gehrig's disease among the 700,000 veterans of the 1990-91 Gulf War.

At least 28 Gulf veterans have been diagnosed with possible amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, which de-

troys the brain and spinal cord nerve cells. It is the most deadly of so-called Gulf War illnesses, which also include severe reactions to certain smells, night sweats, lower back pain, diarrhea, cramps, fatigue and memory loss.

If researchers establish a higher incidence among veterans, their finding could trigger a presumption that it was service-connected and lead to automatic compensation.

"We see this as a solid victory and a very positive move by the VA," said Paul Sullivan, spokesman for the National Gulf War Resources Center, a nonprofit group. "It clearly opens the door."

Until then, Gulf veterans still must prove that ailments or injuries are connected to their service. About 136,000 veterans of the war have succeeded in securing disability payments.

For Lynn Booker, a study seems like a waste while sick and dying vet-

erans are being denied compensation. "It has been nine years since the war," she said. "They should use the money to help guys who need it."

Lawmakers share the Bookers' frustration.

Rep. Christopher Shays, R-Conn., criticizes the VA for not giving Gulf War veterans "the benefit of the doubt. The worst that could happen is you help someone who needs help."

And Rep. Bernard Sanders, a liberal Vermont independent, said he is concerned that serious researchers on Gulf War illness "are not getting the kind of support we need from VA and the Department of Defense."

One researcher, Dr. Robert Haley, has concluded that Gulf veterans suffered brain injuries due to chemical exposure during the war. The chief of clinical epidemiology at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center also found the veterans have a higher death rate from auto accidents and suicides.

Prosecutors investigate gun industry

Smith & Wesson punished for making weapons more childproof, lawyers allege

By John Christofferson
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HARTFORD, Conn. — Prosecutors in at least six states are investigating whether the gun industry is illegally trying to punish Smith & Wesson for agreeing to make its weapons more childproof.

More than 20 subpoenas have been issued for firearms manufacturers, distributors and others, Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal said Wednesday. The federal government is also looking at the issue, he said. A call to the Justice Department was not immediately returned.

"Exercising corporate responsibility should not be reason for your competitors to put a bull's eye on your back," said Nathan Barankin, a spokesman for California Attorney General Bill Lockyer.

Smith & Wesson agreed in March

to include safety locks with all handguns — external locks at first, and internal ones within two years. Also, new guns will not accept magazines holding more than 10 rounds of ammunition. In addition, the company agreed to invest in "smart gun" technology that allows only the owner to pull the trigger, and to eliminate advertising that might attract children or criminals.

In exchange, a number of municipalities, states and the federal government agreed not to sue Smith & Wesson over gun violence.

Gun groups and Smith & Wesson competitors protested the agreement. And the Gun Owners of America urged its 200,000 members to boycott Smith & Wesson and to ask their dealers to stop carrying the company's products.

Blumenthal said he had received reports of communication among

companies, Web site postings, conversations or threats involving a ban on magazine ads for Smith & Wesson, and attempts to discourage lawyers from representing the manufacturer.

Under antitrust law, it would be illegal for companies to collude to deprive Smith & Wesson of business opportunities.

Blumenthal and the attorneys general of New York and Maryland began the investigation last week. Blumenthal said that California, Florida and Massachusetts are joining the probe.

"The indications are sufficiently strong that we believe a full-scale effort is justified," Blumenthal said.

Gun Owners of America spokesman John Velleco said the group is within its First Amendment rights to call for a boycott. He

said the industry is too fragmented to collude against the company.

"Gunmakers couldn't organize a one-car funeral," Velleco said.

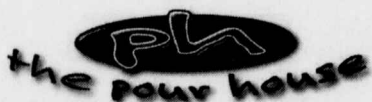
Ed Schultz, president of Springfield, Mass.-based Smith & Wesson, said his company did not ask for the investigation, but "we certainly disagree with the kinds of things the attorneys general think may be going on."

Schultz said Smith & Wesson has not seen a decline in sales. He said he was aware of only two dealers who stopped doing business with the company, and no problems with distributors.

After the Smith & Wesson deal was announced, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the mayors of Atlanta, Detroit and Miami moved to give preference to Smith & Wesson for new weapons purchases.

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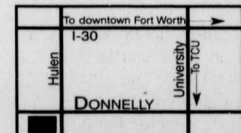
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ATTACKING ALLERGIES

Fighting spring allergies leaves students sniffing and sneezing; over-the-counter prescription medicine companies feel boom

By Kathryn Garcia
STAFF REPORTER

Besides having to deal with Spring Fever, students are also combating stuffy noses, watery, itchy eyes, sneezing and scratchy throats as a result of their various allergies.

There are several times during the year that allergies are present, said Dr. Steve Apaliski, an allergist for Allergy and Asthma Centers of the Metroplex.



During the fall, there is ragweed in the air, Apaliski said. In January and February, mountain cedar causes some allergies, and in the spring, pollen is the main problem.

"The springtime is by far the most intense season for those with allergies," he said. "The higher the pollen, the more symptoms present."

Melissa Whorton, a freshman premajor, said her allergies are more problematic during the spring semester.

"I have watery eyes and sneezing all the time during this season," Whorton said. "It makes it to where you feel awful, and you want to sleep all the time."

Apaliski said when people first come in for a visit with an allergist, doctors evaluate their symptoms, what time of year they get them and the severity of the allergy in order to figure out what those people are allergic to.

There are, then, three different ways to approach a treatment, Apaliski said.

"One, a strategy is created to avoid what you are allergic to," he said. "If it's cats, then don't have cats at home. If it's pollen, keep the car window rolled up."

"Two, we can block the symptoms with medicine, and three, nasal spray can prevent the allergy."

Josh Igeleke, a freshman marketing major, said he uses Claritin D to help him breathe.

"I'm from the desert, and I'm not used to all these trees," he said.

Whorton visits an allergist in her native state of Georgia, where she is given shots for her allergies, and while at TCU, she takes Zyrtec.

Medicines such as Zyrtec and Claritin D are prescription antihistamines that block the histamines in the body that cause allergic reactions, Apaliski said.

The advertising of prescription medicines has become commonplace on television and in magazines, he said.

"Many times, people will come in and ask for a specific medicine they saw advertised, like Allegra, Zyrtec or Claritin," he said. "They're just trying to sell a product, and from what I've seen, they do that very successfully."

Jared Franklin, a senior political science major, said he gets watery eyes when TCU employees mow the lawns because of his allergy to grass and trees.

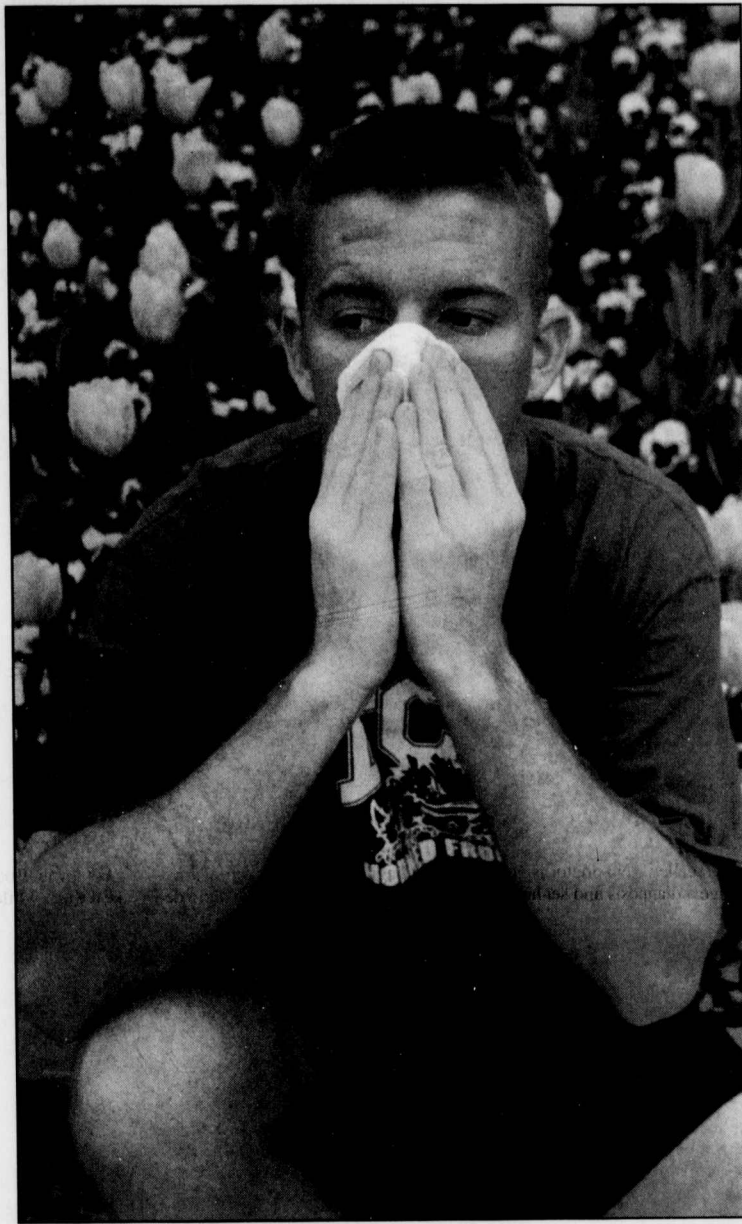
To alleviate his allergies, Jared said he uses an over-the-counter medicine.

"Advil Cold & Sinus deals with my headaches and sinus in my nasal cavities," he said.

David Goodlow, a staff pharmacist with Albertson's Food and Drug, said prescription medicines only differ slightly from over-the-counter medicines.

"They're all the same chemically," he said. "There's

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Local allergy experts say springtime is especially difficult for allergy sufferers because of the pollen found on flowers.

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Study shows gene boosts risk of heart disease in smokers

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CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Smokers who carry a gene already linked to smoking-related illnesses face roughly twice the risk of heart disease than smokers who don't carry it, new research suggests.

The findings, which appear in the April issue of *Atherosclerosis*, involved 1,290 people in Forsyth County, the suburbs of Minneapolis, Washington County, Md., and Jackson, Miss. Four hundred of the subjects had suffered heart attacks or were newly diagnosed with heart disease, while 890 served as controls.

Individuals without the gene GSTT1 had about a 60 percent greater risk of heart problems if they smoked while those with the gene had about a 180 percent greater risk, said study co-author James Pankow, a professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

"Among people who don't smoke, the gene seems to make no difference in heart disease," he said.

Researchers found the gene present in four-fifths of the subjects.

The results were somewhat surprising, said Dr. Richey Sharrett, senior scientific advisor for the epidemiology and biometry program at the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute in Washington, D.C.

Sharrett said Wednesday that similar studies focusing on the gene's role in smoking and cancer showed more varied results but said the heart disease research's methodology was valid.

"If it were replicated, I think that it would provide ... important clues" to the link between smoking and heart disease, he said.

The GSTT1 gene is considered an integral link in how the body processes the chemicals found in tobacco smoke. Pankow said the gene already has been linked to other smoking-related illnesses, such as bladder cancer.



New approach fights drug-resistant germs

By Rick Callahan
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Opening up the possibility of a powerful new class of antibiotics just when doctors need them most, scientists have created a molecule that delivers a knockout punch to deadly, drug-resistant strains of bacteria.

Drug-resistant bacteria are a growing threat around the world. Germs are becoming impervious to just about anything doctors throw at them, a phenomenon blamed on overuse of antibiotics.

In Thursday's issue of the journal *Nature*, researchers at the University of Wisconsin at Madison reported that they have created a molecule modeled on peptides, the natural proteins that organisms ranging from plants to humans use to kill bacteria.

Up to now, attempts to harness peptides have met with problems because they are rapidly disarmed within living tissues and often harm human cells along with the germs.

The researchers said their synthetic version, called a beta-peptide, appears not to harm blood cells or break down within the body.

In the lab, it proved active against several drug-resistant bacteria, including strains of vancomycin-resistant enterococcus and methicillin-resistant staphylococcus.

Vancomycin is an antibiotic that is considered the last line of defense against enterococcus bacteria, which cause deadly infections in the abdomen, urinary tract, post-surgical wounds and even heart valves. Methicillin targets staphylococcus, which is responsible for se-

rious infections of the skin, tissue, bones and joints.

The beta-peptide seems to work by the same mechanism as the natural peptide, by punching holes in the bacteria's membrane, said Samuel Gellman, a chemistry professor at Wisconsin.

"It points to a whole new class of potential antibiotics that people haven't thought about before. It's a sort of new dimension in design," Gellman said.

Because the molecule works differently than traditional antibiotics, it would probably be harder for bacteria to evolve resistance to it, said Marissa Miller of the National Institute of Allergies and Infectious Diseases.

"What's interesting is that this is an entirely new approach and we need every new idea we can get to combat antibiotic resistance," she said.

Drugs already in advanced stages of development could be altered to incorporate the type of potent beta-peptide created by Gellman's team, said Robert Hancock, a professor of microbiology at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver.

"This points to a way of making these molecules less toxic and longer-lasting in the body," he said.

Last month, a government panel urged the Food and Drug Administration to approve Zyvox, a synthetic compound made by Pharmacia & Upjohn that has shown promise attacking drug-resistant bacteria. If approved, it would be the first entirely new antibiotic in 35 years.

Possible milk, cancer link questioned

Study suggests heavy dairy consumption may modestly raise risk of prostate cancer

By Daniel O. Hanev
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SAN FRANCISCO — A large study raises the possibility that consuming lots of milk and other dairy products may modestly raise the risk of prostate cancer.

The case is far from settled, but researchers say the study at least raises questions about the usual assumption that getting plenty of calcium from supplements and food is a good idea.

"We do not, based on this study, recommend that men drastically change their intake of dairy foods," said June M. Chan, an epidemiologist at the Harvard School of Public Health.

Nevertheless, researchers note that a few other studies have found similar results, and together

they suggest a need for more rigorous examination of calcium's effects on health.

Chan presented the results Tuesday in San Francisco at a meeting of the American Association for Cancer Research.

The findings were based on the Physicians' Health Study, a landmark study that proved that aspirin prevents heart attacks. Between 1982 and 1984, 20,885 male doctors were questioned about their eating habits, including their consumption of skim milk, whole milk, cheese and ice cream. During the next 10 years, 904 of them developed prostate cancer.

The researchers found that men who consumed at least 2 1/2 servings of dairy food daily were about 30 percent more likely to

develop prostate cancer than were those who averaged less than half a serving a day.

"It's a weak correlation, but there is some scientific reason to believe it," said biologist Donald Coffey of Johns Hopkins University, a prostate cancer expert.

Other studies have shown that calcium can lower the body's levels of the most active form of vitamin D, known as 1,25 dihydroxyvitamin D, and this vitamin in turn may help protect against prostate cancer.

Milk, of course, is a rich source of calcium. And even though it is fortified with vitamin D, the calcium in milk might actually lower the body's supply of the active form of the vitamin.

The latest study found that men

who consumed more than six glasses of milk a week had lower levels of this form of vitamin D in their bloodstreams than those who drank less than two.

Earlier research from the same team found an even stronger link. That work, called the Health Professionals Follow-up Study, found that men who consumed high amounts of dairy products had a 70 percent increased risk of prostate cancer. Those who also took calcium supplements had about a threefold increase.

Taken together, the reports "add a little caution about increasing consumption of milk and calcium supplements," Dr. Edward Giovannucci, a co-author of the studies. "We ought to understand the potential downside."

Casserole with tainted ground beef blamed for E. coli outbreak

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MINNEAPOLIS — Ground beef in an undercooked casserole caused an E. coli outbreak that sickened 18 schoolchildren, and meat from the same batch may have been served in school lunches elsewhere in the state, health officials said.

The outbreak was at Minneapolis' Risen Christ Catholic School, where a casserole of ground beef, pasta and tomato sauce was served March 14, the state Health Department said Tuesday. The students starting showing E. coli symptoms — severe or bloody diarrhea and abdominal cramps — between March 16 and March 20.

The Health Department con-

firmed six students were infected by the E. coli O157:H7 strain and is awaiting test results on 12 other students.

Two of those sickened had to be hospitalized. All of the children are recovering or have recovered, Health Department spokesman Buddy Ferguson said.

Meat containing E. coli may have been shipped to other Minnesota schools from several processing plants since December, said Carol Blake, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Food and Safety Inspection Service.

"It's possible that we may issue a recall of the meat, but we're not at that stage yet," she said.

Blake would not identify the processing plants.

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a difference in dose. It's much stronger (behind the counter)," Apaliski said, "They all work, but the chief problem with over-the-counter is the tremendous amount of sedation, especially for a student. They'll have trouble studying."

Goodlow said the over-the-counter medicine business is booming because of brand names making more than just pain relievers.

"There are hundreds on the market, which is a lot more than there used to be," he said. "Like Tylenol, they used to sell just a pain reliever and fever reducer. Now, there's Tylenol Cold and Sinus and Tylenol Flu and Cold."

Another way to fight symptoms is by using a nasal spray, like

Flonase or Nasacort, Apaliski said. Nasal sprays fight allergic reactions by decreasing the inflammation of the nasal cavities, making it easier to breathe, he said.

In this case, prescription sprays are better than over-the-counter brands because a person can become addicted to brands such as Afrin.

"The nose gets hooked on it and builds up a tolerance to it," he said. "It's difficult for a person to stop using it. It normally wears off in 10 to 12 hours, and then, the addiction grows. It's definitely the worst way to treat allergies."

Apaliski said he advises people to visit an allergist if they experience allergies on a day-to-day basis.

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U.N. prosecutor blocks provisional release

Discharging two Bosnian Serb suspects would cause 'irreparable prejudice'

By Jerome Socolovsky
ASSOCIATED PRESS

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — The top U.N. war crimes prosecutor rushed to block the provisional release of two Bosnian Serb suspects after a tribunal ordered them freed Wednesday because they had been waiting two years for trial.

The court ordered Miroslav Tadic and Simo Zaric freed on their own recognizance, but the order was frozen after chief prosecutor Carla Del Ponte appealed the ruling. She said their release "would cause irreparable pre-

judice to the prosecution, and by extension, to the international community."

Tadic and Zaric are accused of crimes against humanity in an "ethnic cleansing" campaign in the town of Bosanski Samac in early part of the 1992-95 Bosnian war.

They were to be freed Wednesday afternoon. The court, however, then said in a statement that they would remain in custody until the appeal is considered. No date was given for the review.

It was the first time the U.N. tribunal for war crimes in the former

Yugoslavia, established in 1993, ordered the release of suspects on their own recognizance for reasons other than health or exceptional need.

The court is struggling to cope with a backlog of cases as increasingly senior war crimes suspects are being apprehended. It amended its rules of procedure last year and relaxed the requirements for pretrial release.

With the arrest by French NATO troops Monday of Momcilo Krajisnik, a close ally of former Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic,

also under indictment, the tribunal has nearly 40 suspects in custody.

The judges noted in their original decision that both Tadic and Zaric surrendered voluntarily to the tribunal in February 1998 and said the Bosnian Serb authorities had guaranteed that the men would return to The Hague for trial.

The release was also granted on the condition that both men agreed to remain in Bosanski Samac in northern Bosnia and "not to have any contact whatsoever nor in any way interfere with any persons who may testify at this trial."

Clinton narrows Giuliani's lead

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ALBANY, N.Y. — Rudolph Giuliani's slight lead over Senate rival Hillary Rodham Clinton has waned in light of another fatal shooting by New York City police, according to a poll released Wednesday.

The new poll, from the Quinnipiac College Polling Institute, had the first lady favored by 46 percent of

registered voters while 43 percent backed the New York mayor.

Giuliani led Clinton in the race, 48 percent to 41 percent, in a March 27 poll from the Hamden, Conn.-based Quinnipiac institute.

Since then, the Republican mayor has come under heavy criticism for his handling of the police shooting last month of Patrick Dorismond, an unarmed black man.

Herman cleared of illegal contributions charges

By Pete Yost
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Ending a two-year investigation, an independent counsel on Wednesday cleared Labor Secretary Alexis Herman of allegations that she solicited \$250,000 in illegal campaign contributions. President Clinton said "she did not deserve what she's had to endure."

Independent Counsel Ralph Lancaster said he will not seek an indictment of Herman, who was

accused by businessman Laurent Yene of having a deal to receive a 10 percent kickback for aiding clients of a firm co-owned by Vanessa Weaver, a close friend of Herman.

The sole indictment was against Singapore businessman Abdul Rahman for making \$200,000 in illegal contributions to the Democratic Party through Weaver and her sister, Caryliss.

But Rahman is not in the United States so any action against him seems unlikely.

In addition, Lawrence Barcella, a lawyer for the Weavers, said he's been advised by Lancaster's office that the decision not to prosecute includes the sisters as well as Herman — a decision which signals an end to the probe.

Herman said she is "gratified personally and for my family that the independent counsel has terminated his investigation" while her lawyer, Neil Eggleston, said the secretary of labor "cooperated ... in every way possible" with Lancaster.

"As I said at the start of this inquiry nearly two years ago, Secretary Herman did nothing wrong," Clinton said in a statement from the White House. "But throughout it all, she was never deterred from her mission — making life better for America's working families. I am proud to call her my friend, and I am honored that she has been willing to work in this administration on behalf of working people everywhere."

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White Sox rally past Rangers, ex-TCU pitcher
ARLINGTON, (AP) — Reliever Sean Lowe stopped a Texas rally, then Chris Singleton began a five-run ninth inning with a tiebreaking homer as the Chicago White Sox beat the Rangers 12-8 Wednesday.

Lowe took over in the fifth after starter Jim Parque gave up five runs, cutting the Chicago lead to 7-6. The first two batters reached, then Lowe got a strikeout and a double play. He struck out the side in the sixth.

Keith Foulke (1-0) held Texas in the seventh and almost got out of the eighth when Frank Catalanotto hit a two-out grounder to second baseman Ray Durham. But Durham dropped the ball, then hurried the throw to first. It hit Catalanotto and rolled into the Rangers' dugout, allowing David Segui to score the tying run.

Singleton wasted no time regaining the lead, pulling the first pitch he saw from Jeff Zimmerman (0-1) into the right-field seats.

Zimmerman, who has lost four straight decisions since winning the first nine of his career, then gave up an RBI single and was pulled after walking Jose Valentin.

Chad Curtis led off the ninth with a homer off Bob Howry.

Texas, which scored 10 and 12 runs the first two games, had only four singles through four innings against Jim Parque. Then Parque suddenly lost his command, loading the bases with no outs then giving up a two-run single to Ivan Rodriguez and a three-run homer to Rafael Palmeiro. Palmeiro also hit a three-run homer Tuesday night.

Cleveland baseball fans most avid, study says

Baseball fans don't exactly stand out in Detroit.

In fact, they're pretty tame, according to a study. The city ranks 62nd on a 64-city ranking of places with the most avid baseball fans.

Only 6 percent of Detroit's adult population have a "high level of interest" in major league baseball, compared to the national average of 15 percent, the study conducted by Chicago-based Scarborough Sports Marketing showed.

Cleveland led with 36 percent.

St. Louis was second, with 31 percent, followed by Atlanta, with 25 percent; San Diego, 24 percent; and New York, 21 percent.

The study also found that 63 percent of avid Major League Baseball fans are men and 54 percent have attended college.

The data for the report was compiled from August 1998 to September 1999.

More players suspended in alleged beating

SAN ANGELO, (AP) — Four more baseball players at San Angelo's Central High School have been suspended amid an ongoing investigation of a junior varsity player who was beaten with a baseball bat last month.

The four junior varsity students were transferred Tuesday to the San Angelo Independent School District's Student Adjustment Center, a disciplinary alternative campus, the San Angelo Standard-Times reported Wednesday.

Four varsity students were suspended March 29, and could face criminal charges for allegedly attacking a junior varsity teammate with a baseball bat wrapped with tape on March 22.

School officials refused comment to The Associated Press about the new junior varsity suspensions, referring calls to the district's lawyer. Attorney Leonard Schwartz refused to say if the junior varsity player suspensions had any relation to the earlier suspensions of the varsity players.

Track teams head to Texas Relays

Although Rained on at last meet, Frogs say confidence gained will lead to Relays wins

By Chris Gibson
STAFF REPORTER

The TCU track and field teams take to the road today, traveling to one of the oldest meets in the country. The men's and women's teams will participate in the 73rd annual Clyde Littlefield Texas Relays on the campus of the University of Texas at Austin.

Men's track head coach Monte Stratton said the Texas Relays is one of the biggest and most prestigious meets of the year for his team. His team looks forward to it every year because of the high caliber of teams that compete at the meet, and this year is no different, he said.

The Texas Relays not only features top college competition but also serves as a showcase for high school and professional athletes, Stratton said.

Junior sprinter Anthony Amantine said the team has been using the last few weeks as preparation for this meet. The meet is an opportunity for the Frogs to show the rest of the country their real speed, he said.

"The (Texas Relays) are a very big deal to all of us," Amantine said. "They are something that some of us have been running since high school. We just need to go out there and run like we've been running."

Stratton said both the men's and women's teams have a chance to win events. The men's sprinting events, specifically the relays, are the team's strong point, he said. The men's 4x400-meter relay team is favored at this year's event

and the men's 4x100-meter relay team is picked second behind Florida.

"There are some good teams that are going to be there this weekend," Stratton said. "We are really going to have to run our best. When you have teams coming to the meet just to run against you, like Florida, you know you are going to have to do your best."

"We have to look at it like any other meet. It's not live or die. Whatever the outcome, we will live to run again."

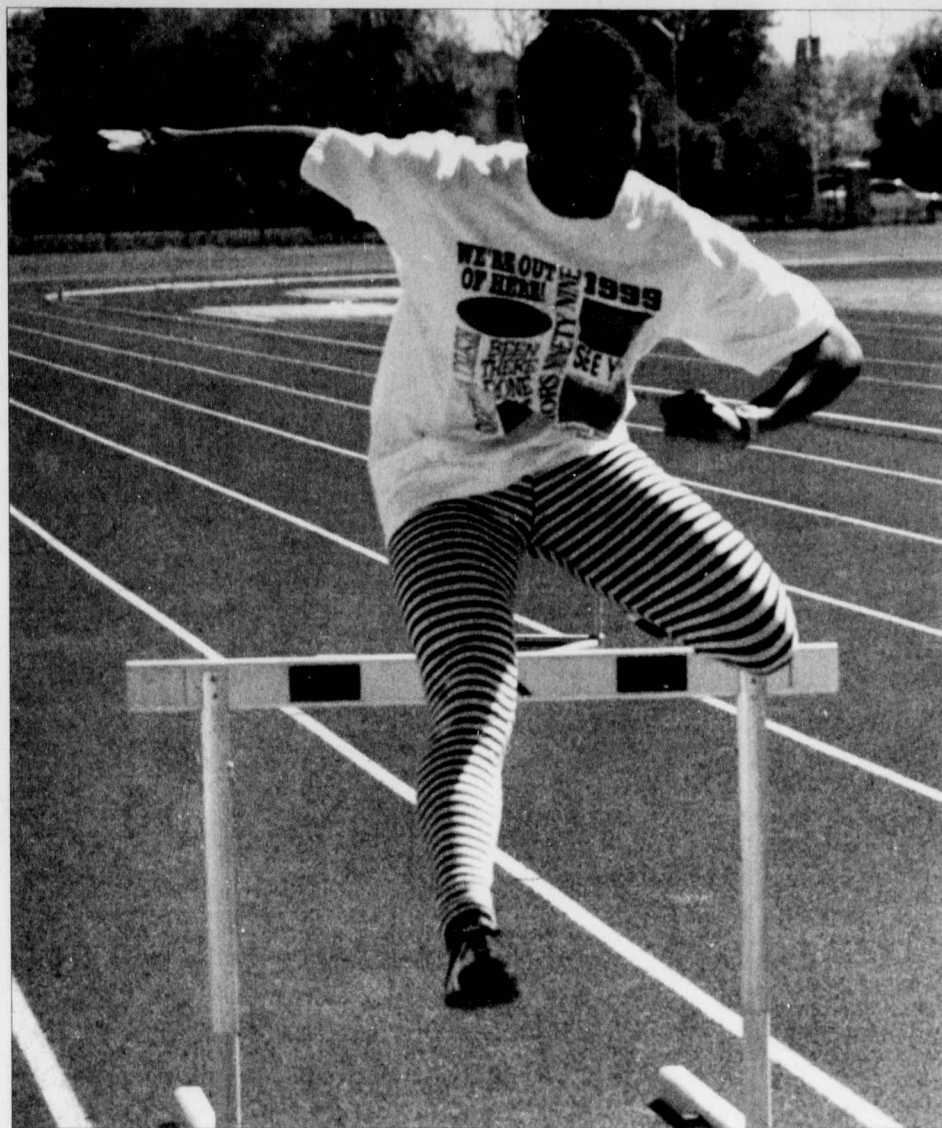
Last weekend, the teams competed at the Fort Worth Recreational meet at Clark Stadium. Coaches and athletes said they were hoping to get some good practice in for the Texas Relays but were severely hampered by inclement weather.

The Frogs picked up three victories on Saturday before the meet was cut short by rain. Junior Darvis Patton broke the tape first in the 100-meter dash, and senior Johnny L. Collins II won the 400-meter dash. Senior Dywana Crudup captured the top spot in the women's 400-meter.

Stratton said although the Frogs ran well, their focus was on the Texas Relays.

"The most successful thing about the meet was that we didn't get anyone hurt," Stratton said. "We were hoping to get some good practice, but the weather was just too bad. We didn't want to take a chance on getting anyone hurt."

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Carla Poole, a freshman hurdler, leaps over a hurdle during practice. Poole and the rest of the TCU women's track team will participate in the Texas Relays this weekend in Austin. The men's team will also compete.

Season proved to be exciting, as usual

All right, so it wasn't the greatest college basketball season in recent memory, and it may not have had the most exciting conclusion, either. The season also was tainted by injuries to marquee players, such as player of the year Kenyon Martin and Arizona center Loren Woods and a series of NCAA suspensions (i.e. JaRon Rush, Erick Barkley and Chris Porter). But as usual, this season offered great basketball played at its high level and showed this is a game where truly anything can happen.

Critics can blast college basketball for serving as a brief stepping

stone to the NBA and for having players more intent on making SportsCenter highlights than playing fundamentally sound. However, where else can you see a relatively untalented team like Wisconsin, which finished sixth in the Big Ten, reach the Final Four by playing overwhelming defense? Where else can you watch a tiny school like Gonzaga make two straight Sweet Sixteens? Where else can you witness this year's "smart" pick, Temple, led by this year's media darling coach, John Chaney, get upset by 10th-seed Seton Hall, who even lost its team leader to injury in the early minutes of the game?

Another supposed problem with the game is that there's too much parity now. But look at women's basketball, which is the complete opposite. Its tourney goes virtually without upset, and anyone with any knowledge of the schools could have predicted a Connecticut-Tennessee

finale. The prevailing parity in the men's game is what makes it so exciting. For example, take the two most powerful conferences this year. In the Big Ten, Ohio State and Michigan State were widely considered to be head and shoulders above the rest of the conference. But Purdue and Wisconsin both made it to the Elite Eight or deeper. Meanwhile, in the SEC, Louisiana State, Florida, Tennessee and Kentucky clawed their way into a four-way tie in the conference. But Arkansas, with barely a winning record, won the conference tournament.

When March Madness finally began, everyone complained it was tainted due to all of the injuries, suspensions and pending NCAA inves-

tigations. But everything seemed to correct itself with a series of narrow first-round games, capped off by Mike Miller's buzzer beater to take Florida past Butler.

Then came the most upset-filled second round in history. It was great getting to watch coaches such as Bill Guthridge of North Carolina and Steve Lavin of UCLA, who had fans screaming for their underachieving heads, make deep runs into the tournament and make their bandwagon fans eat their own words. It was also incredible seeing the opposing styles of Wisconsin and Florida earn ways into the Final Four, the latter featuring a young team led by a hotshot young coach, and the former with a senior-laden team guided by an aging coach who

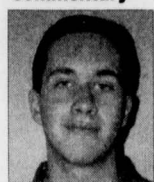
was finally able to redeem his style of coaching.

But in the end there was Michigan State, led by a senior triad of Morris Peterson, A.J. Granger and a widely-smiling Mateen Cleaves, the Spartans rolled to an anti-climatic championship over the inexperienced Florida Gators. Highlighted by Cleaves' overly dramatized return from an injury, the championship was won in the first 10 minutes as the Spartans jumped to an 11-point lead and never let the Gators any closer than six.

Although the lack of excitement in the final fueled the critics with additional ammo, it was ironic to see sanity restored to a crazy season in which the preseason favorite won it all in the end.

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Commentary



JORDAN BLUM

Building the spirit



TCU cheerleaders show their school spirit during a practice for the National Cheerleading Association Collegiate Competition Tuesday.

Williams has new attitude, hopes for a better season

By Mary Foster
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW ORLEANS — Ricky Williams has a new agent, a new attitude, and another chance. He hopes that's enough to let him follow up the worst year of his life with one of the best.

"I can see I did a lot of things wrong, said things I shouldn't have, made some mistakes," Williams said Wednesday. "I was very frustrated with my injuries, but I should have done things differently."

Beginning Friday, when the New Orleans Saints open a mini-camp under new coach Jim Haslett, Williams plans on making a fresh start. He is anxious to get going after a rookie year in the NFL he calls his worst ever, a dismal, lonely time when he was injured and homesick and couldn't cope with any of it.

It seemed that just about everything that could go wrong for Williams did — from putting on a wedding dress for a photo before training camp, to getting hurt early and often, to a recent article in which he complained about his new team, new coach and

New Orleans.

"I now understand that I'm going to have to learn how things work and be a part of them," Williams said. "I want this to be a good year for me and for the Saints and I understand that I have to grow up if that's going to happen."

So what caused Williams, who became known for his surliness and scowls last season, to become so interested in convincing his fans and teammates that he's changed for the better? Williams said it was seeing a Sports Illustrated article which made him look like a crybaby. Having a new agent also helped, he said.

"I think I'm learning a lot of things about what I have to do and who I have to be," Williams said. "I really didn't understand anything last year. I didn't understand how much people expected of me."

When he saw the Sports Illustrated article in which he knocked his teammates and New Orleans, Williams said he realized how immature he sounded. When he dropped Master P's agency for Leigh Steinberg, who represents many of the NFL's biggest stars, he also got a guide to help him

build his image as well as his take-home pay.

"One of the things I like about having Leigh is that he understands how things work in the NFL," Williams said. "That article kind of opened my eyes and I knew I had to start doing better. I went at it alone last year. Now I have someone I think can help me learn what's going on."

Steinberg's agency represents some 90 athletes and he said all of them must agree to work at being good role models and giving back to the community before he'll take them. Williams just needed to be told how important it is to take a positive stand, Steinberg said.

"He's a nice young man who was put in a situation where expectations were so high I don't know if any player could have achieved them," Steinberg said. "They traded their whole draft for him, he was seen as the redemption of Saints football. He signed a contract that focuses on yards gained, and then he was injured. Now it's time for him to deal with things better and people to get to know who he really is."

HELP me, Harlan!

By Harlan Cohen

Be accountable for your health by avoiding unsafe sex and getting HIV tests

Dear Harlan,
I just moved here to attend college, and I've had many problems making friends. I've been told that my campus has a significant gay population.

Anyway, I found out this guy I had been talking to (not sleeping with) is HIV-positive. I also found out that he was hooking up on the Internet for one-night stands and having unprotected sex with anyone he can get and not telling them he is HIV-positive.

When it came time for him to hook up with someone I know, I told this person about this little problem, and somehow, my HIV-positive friend found out that I told my friend. Now, he is trashing my

reputation. I found out that many people infected here are not honest about it. Not only does it give gays a stereotype, but it's also immoral.

Was it the right thing to do to tell my friend about the potential danger?

Not about a hook up.

Dear Not about a hook up,

This has got to be one of the scariest letters I've ever received.

This guy could be spreading HIV in the gay community and heterosexual community as we speak. You had to do what you had to do, and you can't second-guess yourself.

Anyone who is sexually active is at risk for HIV - gay, straight or bisexual. While the gay community

might be more aware of the risk of HIV, it's important to understand that this guy might have been with a bisexual partner living a double life as a heterosexual male (which is more common than anyone thinks).

While researching this letter, I talked to several health officials on various campuses. I wanted them to be aware this is happening and to remind people to be safe. The response from campus officials was one of personal responsibility.

Each person needs to be accountable for his or her own sexual health.

It's terrifying to think that everyone is at risk, but it's a reality, and precautions need to be taken.

The only way to be positive

you're HIV-negative is to get tested.

There are blood tests, saliva tests, urine tests, even at-home anonymous testing kits (available at most drug stores). If your campus doesn't offer such an option, you can get tested at your local hospital or in the community - often there is minimal or no fees.

GET TESTED IF YOU'VE HAD UNPROTECTED SEX, AND ALWAYS BE SAFE.

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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ACROSS

- Took a swig
- French father
- Security for freedom
- Dude from Dubuque
- Oblong circle
- Sea eagle
- Start of Evan Esar quote
- Incongruous literary movement
- Round Table knight
- Pekoe piece
- Bridge opening
- Greek letters
- French river
- Part 2 of quote
- Dieter's lunch, perhaps
- Tasty tidbit
- Fateful day in the Forum
- Prairie dweller, once
- Monthly payment
- Entertainer Massey
- Part of LEM
- Part 3 of quote
- Thread from flax
- Without: Fr.
- Scope out
- Somber and grave
- "Road to _"
- Lure
- End of quote
- Icelandic work
- Millennia
- One archangel
- Herring's kin
- Yard-work tool
- Garlic-basil sauce

DOWN

- Floppy storage device
- Workington work schedule
- First to putt
- Natalie's father
- Furrowed, as brows
- Tango team
- Craving
- Python or anaconda
- Hostelry
- Part of the U.K.
- Collar
- Give it a go
- Horne or Olin
- Makes ready
- Annapolis freshmen
- Saudi Arabia's capital
- Lake near Utica
- African fly
- Mata _
- PC operator
- Greek portico
- Combat vehicle
- Journalist Jacob August
- "New Jack City" star
- Nordic capital
- Small boy
- Italian three

By Alan P. Olschwang
Huntington Beach, CA

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Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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TODAY'S menu

THE MAIN Lunch

- Barbecue pork sandwich
- Egg roll bar
- Pasta bar
- "School pizza"

Dinner

- Pepper steak
- Fried chicken
- Steak and trimmings
- Waffle bar

WORTH HILLS

Lunch

- Totalli tortellini
- Lemon pepper chicken
- Macaroni and cheese

Dinner

- Chicken and broccoli stir fry
- Spaghetti and meatballs
- Selona shakers

EDEN'S GREENS

Lunch

- Linguinni with clam sauce
- Chicken breast with pecan sauce

FROGBYTES

\$2.99 breakfast plate (late night)

Rudy

by Aaron Brown



Lex

by Phil Flickinger



PURPLE poll

Q. ARE YOU GOING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SUSAN G. KOMEN RACE FOR THE CURE?

A. YES NO

11 89

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.

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