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The women's tennis team closed the book on the regular season Sunday with a 9-0 victory over California-Santa Barbara at the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center.

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John McConnell, a junior marketing major, gives police his statement of the events that occurred Monday. A 46-year-old man was arrested for allegedly trying to take McConnell's bike outside Tandy Hall, so McConnell tackled the man to keep him from escaping.



Man arrested near Tandy

Bike-stealing suspect tackled by student, arrested by Fort Worth police

By Rusty Simmons
STAFF REPORTER

Police arrested a man in front of Tandy Hall at around 5:30 p.m. Monday after junior marketing major John McConnell tackled and held the man down for allegedly trying to steal his bike. Fort Worth police officer Al Hart said the 46-year-old suspect

was found with two pawn tickets which he admitted were from the sales of bikes he stole from campus earlier in the day. The suspect had a total of \$102 from the stolen bikes he pawned, Hart said. Hart said the suspect will be held in custody at John Peter Smith Hospital, where he was taken after being arrested. He will

then be charged with attempted robbery, Hart said.

"When we got to the scene, the suspect complained of leg and hip pain," TCU Police Sgt. Ramiro Abad said. "We have to take care of (his injuries before he's taken to jail)."

McConnell said he was coming out of his management of infor-

mation systems class when he saw the suspect attempting to remove the lock on his Roadmaster bike with a bolt cutter.

"He started walking away when I saw him trying to take my bike," McConnell said. "So I tackled him into the bushes."

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Student rewarded for cancer research

Josh Thaden receives \$15,000 scholarship

By Courtney Roach
STAFF REPORTER

Joshua Thaden, a junior physics major, leads a normal college life. He is a resident assistant in Clark Hall, a mentor for the Chancellor's Leadership Program and is on the leadership council for Student Development Services.

It is what Thaden does in his spare time that sets him apart from other TCU students.

Thaden spends six hours every week outside of class researching cancer by analyzing the functional analysis of a gene involved in cell cycle regulation and genetically programmed cell death. A specific gene helps regulate the cycle of cells. Thaden said people who have certain types of cancers do not have that gene.

For his efforts, Thaden has received the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship for research in math, science or engineering and will be awarded \$15,000 over the next two years. The scholarship must be used on tuition, room and board, books and fees.

"I found out about the application for the Goldwater Scholarship through Rhonda Hatcher, the coordinator of prestigious scholarships for the Honors Program, and I thought it would be a great honor," Thaden said. "Plus, I hoped it might give me a boost for graduate school."

Thaden said his interest in cancer research is mainly an intellectual one because of its complexity, but he said he does have a family interest: Three of his grandparents died of cancer.

"This summer, I'll be doing independent research under a cancer-related doctor at the Mayo Clinic (in St. Paul, Minn.), but I'm not sure of the project yet," Thaden said.

After he graduates in May 2002, Thaden said he plans on attending medical school, although he has not applied yet.

Thaden competed with 1,176 nationwide applicants who also excel at research in either math, science or engineering. There were only 309 people awarded.

"The application was pretty extensive," he said. "It asked for essays about my future, my research and my future research. It took me a long time, though, only because I went through drafts and drafts and revisions and revisions."

Hatcher, also an associate professor of mathematics, said the Goldwater Scholarship is selective. She said the school has to nominate a student in order for him or her to be eligible.

"I would consider it the highest honor for underclassmen in math, science or engineering in the nation," Hatcher said.

Thaden said he knew the competition would be stiff, and he did not think he would win.

"It was a lot of work, but there were so many people who helped me out and made my research and the award possible," he said.

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Hillary Morgah/SKIFF STAFF

Renovations continue on Foster Hall. Officials say the renovations will be complete in August.

Renovations on schedule, officials say

August completion expected, hall to feature more accessibility

By Jeff Anderson
STAFF REPORTER

Renovations currently in progress for Foster Hall will be completed in August, said officials for Linbeck — the construction company hired for the project.

Blair Swing, project superintendent for Linbeck, said the renovation process is moving along on schedule. The projected finish date is Aug. 4.

"The (renovation) schedule is like an accordion," Swing said. "Some (stages) are fast, some slow."

Foster Hall is currently being renovated to improve its major electrical, heating, air conditioning and plumbing systems. The residence hall closed after finals last semester and will reopen in Fall 2000.

Bevin Kurtz, future Foster hall director, said the renovations were necessary.

"The building was not handicapped accessible," Kurtz said. "It will be a lot better after renovations."

Kurtz said the ramps to the lobbies and the addition of the elevator will make it more accessible. Also, the laundry rooms will be on each floor and not in the basement, she said.

Roger Fisher, director of Residential Services, said six rooms in Foster will be handicapped accessible after renovations. Two rooms on each floor will have wider doors, wider closets, lower lavatories and lower light switches, he said.

In order for the process to move on schedule, "critical path" items must be completed on time, Swing said. The

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IMF protests end after 3 days of confrontation

By Larry Margask
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Police clubbed demonstrators and dispersed them with pepper spray outside world finance meetings Monday, but then — in a grace note near the end — quietly negotiated final arrests after three days of confrontation. "Give yourselves a hand," a police official told protesters.

The demonstrators, their ranks

thinned in a driving rain, disrupted the government's workday and private business in a big swath of the capital but failed to shut down the two days of meetings of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund.

A day that began with swinging clubs turned more amicable as police and the throngs they were watching orchestrated a good-natured arrest of some 400 demonstrators who wanted to cross a

barricade and be taken into custody.

Police negotiated for an hour with protest organizer Mary Bull, who wore a plastic foam tree on her head, before proceeding with the arrests. "Give yourselves a hand," Terry Gainer, executive assistant police chief, told the crowd, which filed through the barricade a dozen at a time.

He gave Bull some flowers and then placed her under arrest.

The protesters were charged with

unlawful assembly and crossing police lines. About 600 arrests were made Monday, not all so peacefully, making a total of more than 1,300 since the protests began.

"We view this as a total success," said Robert Weissman, co-director of Essential Action, one of hundreds of groups in the protest coalition. "We have shined the light on these institutions as never before in this country."

Earlier, drum-beating marchers

vented their fury about the treatment of the poor.

They accused the bank and IMF of imposing crushing debts on poor nations, destroying the environment and perpetrating a host of other ills. "World Bank destroys tropical rain forest," said a two-story banner hung on a building under construction.

Unlike demonstrations Sunday

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GAMES OF THE FUTURE

IOC to examine the role of the Web during Olympic games

By Stephen Wilson
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LAUSANNE, Switzerland — The Internet revolution is forcing the International Olympic Committee to re-examine the way the games are shown to the world.

After grappling for two years with how to deal with the world wide web, the IOC announced Monday it plans to organize a summit meeting in November on the role of the Internet and other new media in sports.

IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch said the committee and other sports bodies must find a way to keep pace with the rapidly changing world of on-line media technology.

"At the moment, we are lost," Samaranch said. "We are worried what can happen in the future."

More than 200 people — including representatives of the IOC, international sports federations, news organizations and Internet

companies — will be invited to the Nov. 16-17 "New Media and Sport" conference in Lausanne.

The plan for the conference was finalized at a meeting of IOC officials Monday and is expected to be formally approved by the IOC executive board this week.

IOC vice president Dick Pound, who negotiates the organization's major television and sponsorship deals, said the conference will help the IOC develop its own long-term Internet strategy.

"This is a business that reinvents itself every six months," Pound said. "You have to be careful before taking the plunge."

The IOC has its own Web site, as do the organizing committees of the 2000 Sydney Olympics and other future games.

The IOC currently prohibits the showing of moving images from the games on the Internet. But that might change before long.

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Fryin' up a good time



Curry Hu/SKIFF STAFF

The 21st Annual Fry Street Fair draws hundreds of vendors and local patrons to enjoy local bands, food and shopping. For detailed coverage Art and Entertainment, page 10.

PULSE

CAMPUS LINES

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

■ **Earth Day activities** will be sponsored by TERRA and Roots and Shoots. A table will be set up in the Student Center today, Wednesday and Thursday. Students have a chance to enter a raffle fundraiser and win a bicycle, donated by Campus Cycles, to recognize Earth Day.

■ **Daniel Schorr**, a veteran news analyst for CBS News and National Public Radio, will speak at 7 p.m. April 25 in the Dee J. Kelly Alumni & Visitors Center. Reservations are \$25 and can be made by calling 257-6109.

■ **TCU in London summer abroad students** will have an important informational meeting from 5 to 6 p.m. today in Reed Hall, Room 214. Please make every effort to attend.

■ **2000 commuter student family bowling party** is from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. April 29 at Don Carter's All Star Lanes, 6601 Oakmont Blvd. There will be free food, sodas, entertainment and bowling rentals.

■ **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).

■ **TCU Army ROTC is accepting scholarship applications** for freshmen and sophomores. Army ROTC scholarships pay 100 percent tuition and fees and provide a stipend for book expenses along with monthly spending money. Contact Capt. Lynch at 257-7455 or (i.lynch@tcu.edu) for more information.

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

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

NEWS

ROUNDUP

WORLD

Zimbabwe president promises to end violence following death of known opposition supporter

HARARE, Zimbabwe — President Robert Mugabe abruptly summoned white farm leaders to his office Monday and promised to personally intervene to end the violent crisis over the occupation of white-owned farms, the farmers said.

During the 1 1/2 hour meeting on the eve of Zimbabwe's 20th anniversary of independence, Mugabe said he would work "to get things back to normality," said Tim Henwood, head of the Commercial Farmers Union, which represents white farmers.

The official state news agency confirmed Mugabe's first meeting with farm union officials since the occupations began two months ago. But government officials declined to comment on the talks, and it was unclear whether Mugabe's reported promise marked a reversal of his stance on the thousands of armed black squatters who have occupied more than 900 white-owned farms.

Until now, Mugabe has backed the occupations, arguing they are a justified protest against unequal distribution of land in a country where 4,000 white farmers own one-third of the productive farmland. On Sunday, he insisted he would not order supporters to vacate the farms and urged them to defend themselves from opponents and "hit back wildly."

Mugabe's speech Sunday came hours after the killing of farmer David Stevens, a known supporter of the Movement for Democratic Change, the main opposition party.

The state news agency reported that police were searching for suspects in Stevens' killing and the beatings of five other white farmers. The other farmers had been abducted from a police station near the Macheke farming district, 75 miles east of Harare, on Saturday.

Henwood said the president expressed regret over Stevens' death.

NATION

Stolen State Department laptop may have contained classified documents, officials say

WASHINGTON — An investigation is under way into the disappearance from the State Department of a laptop computer containing classified information, officials disclosed today.

Department spokesman James P. Rubin said the matter is being investigated by the State Department's office of Diplomatic Security and the FBI. An FBI spokesman would not go beyond Rubin's comments except to say that all leads are being investigated.

According to The Washington Post, which first reported the story, the computer vanished

from a supposedly secure conference room in the State Department's Bureau of Intelligence and Research.

The Post, quoting a person familiar with the incident, said the missing computer contains "code word" information, a classification higher than top secret. It also contained intelligence information and plans, the newspaper said.

A congressional official, asking not to be identified, said it was puzzling that such sensitive information would be restored in a laptop computer, considering that such equipment is easily concealed.

Rubin said the protection of classified and sensitive information is a top priority of the State Department.

"The safeguarding of sensitive information is the personal responsibility of every employee in every bureau," he said. "It is critically important to the U.S. national security that our employees take this responsibility seriously and take the necessary steps to protect this information."

The disclosure prompted House International Relations Committee Chairman Benjamin Gilman, R-N.Y., to announce a series of hearings to examine security lapses at the State Department and other diplomatic management issues.

Gilman noted in a statement that the Bureau of Intelligence and Research was found by the State Department's inspector general last year to be "not in compliance" with many department security procedures.

Last December, the State Department expelled a Russian diplomat, Stanislav Borisovich Gusev, who was caught gathering information from the department with an eavesdropping device.

An internal State Department audit, issued in December, found that the department let visitors, contractors and maintenance workers roam its building unescorted.

Gilman also recalled that in 1998, a man walked into the office of the executive secretary to the secretary of state and removed a sheaf of papers.

The man and the papers were never found, Gilman said.

Rubin said Assistant Secretary of State David Carpenter, who heads the diplomatic security office, is leading a review of security issues at the State Department.

"The review began in March and is expected to be completed shortly," Rubin said.

STATE

At least three Texas youths have died in state mental institutions within the last two years

SAN ANTONIO — Two boys who stopped breathing as they were restrained in mental hospitals recently are among at least 29 children who perished in the past 2 1/2 years in state-regulated youth institutions and foster homes.

Asphyxiation, suicide, drowning, car accidents and medical problems were some of the causes of death. The children ranged in age from 10 days to 17 years old. Most were teen-agers.

The Associated Press obtained child death statistics for residential treatment centers, foster homes and mental retardation homes from the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services under the Texas Public Information Act.

Twenty-six children died — 10 each in fiscal years 1998 and 1999 and six so far in fiscal 2000, according to the protective agency.

The state's fiscal year ends Aug. 31. Two youths died during the same 2 1/2-year period in institutions of the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation. Both were teen-age boys who killed themselves at the Austin State Hospital, said agency spokeswoman Laurie Lentz.

The Texas Department of Health, which licenses psychiatric hospitals, would not disclose any child death information. It cited a new law that the agency contends bans it from releasing details of hospital complaints to the public. State Rep. Patricia Gray, D-Galveston, the lawmaker who authored the bill, said she did not intend for it to keep the public from learning about hospital complaints.

At least one child — 14-year-old Willie Wright — died at a psychiatric hospital in Texas this year. Wright stopped breathing in March as he was held to the floor by workers at Southwest Mental Health Center in San Antonio.

Wright was banging himself into a wall when three mental health workers restrained the 250-pound boy, said hospital president Fred Hines.

"It (physical restraint) is something we hate to use, but we're dealing with the absolutely sickest kids there are in terms of psychiatric problems," Hines said. "We get kids that get totally out of control."

A cause of death for Wright has not yet been determined by the Bexar County Medical Examiner's Office.

The Texas Department of Health completed its investigation and did not find any state violations, Hines said.

Police did not file charges in connection with Wright's death or with the February death of 9-year-old Randy Steele of Nevada, who stopped breathing after he was restrained by workers at Laurel Ridge Hospital's residential treatment center in San Antonio. As two workers held Steele to the floor, he vomited and stopped breathing, police said. He died the next day at a general hospital.

The Bexar County Medical Examiner's Office ruled Steele had an unusually enlarged heart for his age and size and that he died of "excited delirium" during a struggle.

The Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services continues to investigate Steele's death, said agency spokeswoman Marla Sheely.

Another Laurel Ridge Hospital patient, 16-year-old Rochelle Clayborne, died after she was restrained during a scuffle with staff members in August 1997. The state later found the hospital violated some state standards regarding restraint use.

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STAFF editorial

BANKING ON IT IMF protest not a simple issue

In 1944, a group was founded to reduce poverty. To educate girls. To eliminate corruption. To protect the environment.

Those were and are the goals of the World Bank. But now, more than 1,000 people have been arrested while protesting the meetings of both the World Bank and International Monetary Fund. They went to Washington, D.C., to protest globalization, child labor, environmental damage, debt and other issues.

Protesters say the World Bank's and IMF's debt repayments are making it hard to reduce poverty.

That their devotion to the free-market model may contribute to child labor. That their deliberations tend to favor the interests of multinational companies. That their projects are done without regard to environmental consequences.

The IMF offers countries emergency loans during times of financial crisis. Then the World Bank gives loans for development.

While the two institutions maintain they are assisting countries by providing loans for resources, protesters insist they are helping the rich get richer while the poor get poorer.

The World Bank and the IMF were founded by the governments of various countries in an attempt to help developing countries reach stability. But sometimes assistance is only offered because lenders are counting on financial benefits from the loans.

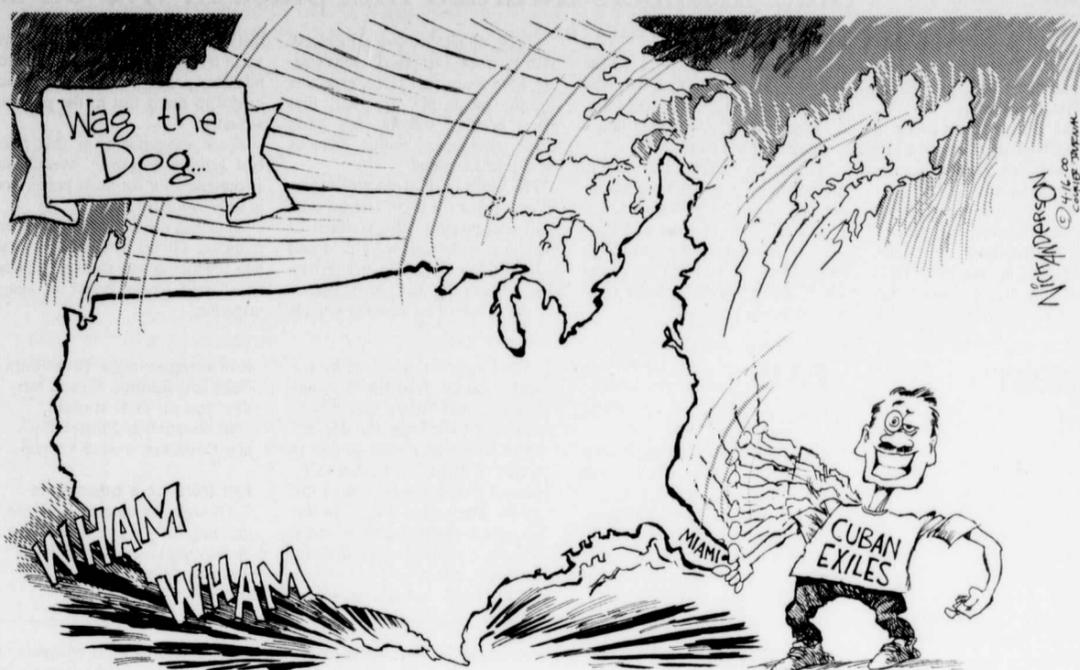
These are complicated issues. Let's not try to thoughtlessly simplify them or quickly condemn either the protesters or the institutions.

Now is the time to examine the World Bank's and IMF's strengths and deficiencies.

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Music not the root of school evil

Last month, a high school senior attending Sunnybrook Christian Academy in San Antonio was suspended for taking part in a rather shocking crime. Jason Trejo was not suspended for using drugs, drinking or even robbery.

Commentary



ROBERT DAVIS

Instead, he committed a crime far more unimaginable: He went to a Backstreet Boys concert with his parents.

The Academy, in supporting its decision, cited a pledge that its students must sign stating that, among other things, they will not listen to "inappropriate music." While it can be argued the Backstreet Boys represent a downward spiral in modern music, it is utterly ridiculous to call them inappropriate.

When most normal people think of so-called "inappropriate music," they tend to think of bands like Marilyn Manson or Lords of Acid — music that one generally would not want his or her 6-year-old

brother or sister hearing. However, considering that a significant majority of preteen girls are die-hard fans of the Backstreet Boys, it begs to question how in the world can Sunnybrook Christian Academy declare the group improper for a high school senior?

It is obvious that rules are rules, and Trejo should have been well aware of the pledge he signed before going to the concert. However, Trejo most likely went to the concert with the idea that the school would never punish him for attending such bubble-gum-pop fair as the Backstreet Boys. Furthermore, and what is perhaps most troubling about this situation, Sunnybrook school officials have declined to comment on what music they consider a violation of their policy.

Due to the suspension for his "heinous" crime, Trejo's parents have elected to remove him from the school and place him in a local public high school. However, in doing so, Trejo found himself one credit short of graduation because several of his classes at Sunnybrook did not transfer. Fortunately, he has been able to make a deal with his new high school and is taking a night class in addition to

his regular course load. Nonetheless, it is outrageous to think this student is being punished for committing a crime that is no more deplorable than forgetting to turn off the light when leaving a room. While suspensions are a necessary part of high school discipline, they should only be issued in the most serious of cases.

If Trejo had been caught smoking marijuana at the concert, a school suspension would be quite understandable. However, to have him go out with his family and simply have a good time listening to the music he enjoys, a suspension makes about as much sense as giving a screwdriver to a dolphin.

In a time when family values seem to be such an important topic, it should be embarrassing for Sunnybrook Christian Academy to punish a student when he was spending such quality time with his family. Sure, many of my friends can strongly dispute whether or not listening to the Backstreet Boys' music can be considered quality time, but the heart of the matter is not strictly

the Backstreet Boys. Instead, it is the fact that the Academy vaguely worded its pledge and has since neglected to further elaborate on it. The atmosphere the school officials have created with this incident basically places Sunnybrook's other students in the predicament of never listening to music again — at least while they are still attending school there. Even something as childish and harmless as "I Love To Sing With Barney" may well turn out to be "inappropriate music," judging by the school's rash reactions.

It is easy to understand that Sunnybrook wants its students to stray away from the wicked ways of the world, but the school must learn to be more realistic and understand that the Backstreet Boys are not the root of all that is evil. Now as far as Barney goes ... just kidding.

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Misunderstanding offers life lessons, second chances

There it was in black and white in my hometown newspaper.

It was spooky to see my own name in the obituary column. It was my name, but it was not me.

Perhaps it just reminded me of my own mortality. Somewhere else in Pueblo, Colo., there is another family mourning the loss of a father, husband or brother.

When my friends in Pueblo saw the obituary, they started calling one

another. My wife's sorority sisters, trying to pin down the news, were on the phone to my mother. As if testing the waters of condolence, I received an e-mail from a business colleague that read: "Hey, friend! Is all OK with you?"

The person who phoned to check on me was sobbing when I answered. It didn't occur to her that I would be there, and she sounded like she'd heard a ghost.

"No, it's not me who died ... Yes, I'm OK except for a bad case of postnasal drip."

The biggest victim of the misunderstanding was my mother. A friend woke her from a sound sleep at 7:30 a.m. to ask if it was HER David Becker who had died. It was all the worse for her because a close

relative committed suicide last fall, and she was dreaming about him. The whole incident left my mother quite shaken. She finally had to write herself a note "MY DAVID IS STILL ALIVE."

All the attention mildly amused me. I thought of a favorite poem I learned as a child:

I wake up each morning
And dust off my wits
I pick up the paper
And read the obits
If my name is not present
I know I am not dead
So I eat a good breakfast
And I go back to bed.

I knew there was another David Becker in Colorado. In 1973, when Cynthia and I married in Pueblo, the other David Becker soon married.

We made our first home in Chaffee County; so did they. We moved to Colorado Springs; so did the Beckers. We returned to Pueblo and, you guessed it, the other David Becker came too. I am studying now for the pastoral ministry. The other David Becker has been in the ministry for some time. We have never met, but our paths have crossed often.

I remember the story of Alfred Nobel, a Swiss chemist and engineer who opened a factory to safely produce liquid nitroglycerin. He made a fortune producing explosives and detonators for the mining industry. In the late 19th century, Nobel's inventions revolutionized tunnel, road, railroad and canal building. Incendiary devices are important in the destruction business,

and he had a corner on the market.

In 1888, Nobel's brother Ludvig died while vacationing in Cannes, in the south of France. The next morning, the Paris newspaper carried the headline Le marchand de la mort est mort. ("The Merchant of Death is Dead.") The newspaper had run the obituary of the wrong Nobel brother. Alfred had the rare opportunity to read his own death notice. This incident changed his life.

Nobel realized that his legacy was going to be as an inventor who assembled devices for destruction. When Alfred died in 1896, he left his enormous fortune to fund prizes to individuals who foster excellence in literature, chemistry and physics. He left his largest endowment to fund a prize for human beings who promote

peace in the world. Both Martin Luther King Jr. and Mother Teresa have won the Nobel Peace Prize.

I got my 15 minutes of fame. It felt nice to have people worried about me. But on the day my obituary ran in the Colorado newspaper, tornadoes tore through downtown Fort Worth, where I am attending seminary. Perhaps God is trying to give me a message to slow down, enjoy life and look for ways to help others in need.

My friend Lee sent an e-mail that read: "Sure glad Cindy's not a widow!" Me, too, Lee. Me, too!

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Brite students join protest of IMF, World Bank

"What's that you're building?" asked the TCU security officer.

"It's a squatter's hut, simulating where people live in the borderlands," a student replied.

"I thought so," the officer responded. "That's why I came over to take a look. You know, I was born in one of those huts." Globalization. It is the catchphrase of the moment. But what does it mean to you and to me? To demonstrate, students at Brite Divinity School have built a replica of the typical family dwelling seen en-

Commentary



CANAAN HARRIS

scioned around the new factories a few miles south of the border.

"This is where the people live who make our tennis shoes," remarked Peter Jones, a key organizer of the protest.

Not only our tennis shoes: Our cars, appliances, clothing and most everything that we use or consume in this country were, most likely, assembled under standard working conditions by a person making less than a dollar an hour, and who lives in one of these huts. Often, whole families with several children will live together in a similar one-room, mud-floor shanty.

Though everyone in the United States consumes products made by workers under these conditions, many of us apparently remain unaware of the desperation of their plight. Texas Gov. George W. Bush's

incredulity upon learning of the hungry in Texas may be indicative of our own claimed naiveté. But while we feign ignorance, privileged U.S. corporations continue to uproot factories here in order to rebuild in nations unconcerned with employee compensation, or even health and safety.

Not everyone is taking this lying down. This week, thousands of protesters are in the news as they demonstrate against systemic injustice perpetrated by the International Monetary Fund. The abuses and corruption of the IMF are one example of an extant anti-democratic structure that privileges the corporate elite, while keeping the majority of this world in poverty.

Through this demonstration, some of the students at Brite Di-

vinity School declare their solidarity with the workers of the world and the IMF protesters in Washington, as we lift up a specific injustice: the abuse and conditions of workers on the Texas/Mexico border. This situation was made tangible for us on a recent fact-finding mission to the borderlands. Our protest is an effort to share with the student body of TCU the horror of globalization run amok, seen not too far from here.

Interested? Come see our hut on the south side of Brite or come to an informational meeting and powerpoint presentation at noon Thursday in Brite's Weatherly Hall.

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Skiff, Image take top honors at journalism conference

By Priya Abraham and Reagan Duplisea
STAFF REPORTERS

Staff members of the TCU Daily Skiff placed first in five on-site competitions at the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association Conference Thursday and Friday in Waco.

"In recent years, I'm not aware of the Skiff staff winning as many on-site awards," said Eva Rumpf, student publications director.

Hundreds of students vied for awards at three competitions that took place over the weekend — the TIPA on-site competition, the 1999 TIPA pre-published material competition and the 1999 Southwestern Journal-

Staff members awarded first place in five on-site competitions

ism Congress competition. TCU students entered 11 on-site contests Thursday, which involved covering a staged event or transforming fragments of information into a newspaper's front page.

"You're given an hour and a half to put together a page with bad stories and bad photos," said Joaquin Herrera, Skiff editor in chief and first-place winner of the newspaper design competition. "If you can do it and win, it shows you can actually work under deadline pressure."

Other on-site winners included: Matt Weltnack, first place, sports writing; Matt Jones, first place, magazine design; Jacqueline Petersell, first place, headline writing; and Jason Crane, first place, public relations press release writing.

The Skiff took third place best overall newspaper for 1999, Herrera said. Skiff staff members also garnered 27 individual awards for work produced in 1999. Some categories included design, news writing and photography.

"We're one of the smallest schools

that won," Herrera said. "It shows that we're trying to become a more professional paper overall. We've succeeded in doing that in the past two semesters."

Image magazine won first place best general magazine overall and sweepstakes for the most points won in the various contests.

"It makes me feel good that others recognize all the hard work we put into producing our student publications," said Crane, editor of Image magazine.

Tommy Thomason, chairman of the journalism department, said his department is proud Image has consistently won top awards over the years.

"We're proud that the No. 1 award is where it needs to be — at TCU," he said.

TCU won 16 awards at the SWJC ceremony on Saturday, including an honorable mention for best newspaper. TCU competed against other schools in Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana, including state universities like Texas A&M University and the

University of Texas-Austin. Jones won first place best first-page design, and Aaron Brown won first place for his cartoon strip, "Rudy." "This confirms what we as a department have known throughout the years — that the Skiff is an example of good college newspaper journalism," Thomason said. "Awards like this are one of the reasons our graduates are so sought after by newspapers across the United States."

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McConnell said the two struggled for about three minutes, but he was not worried until the suspect threatened him.

"He managed to get his hand under his stomach, and he said, 'I have a gun, and I'll use it,'" McConnell said. "I grabbed his hands, but he tried to bite me, so I let them go."

McConnell said the suspect did not have a gun when police searched him.

During the struggle, an unidentified TCU student came to help McConnell and George Low, an assistant professor of marketing, called the police. McConnell said he exchanged words with the suspect as the police arrived at the scene.

"It was nice to get to yell at him," he said. "I was mad that he tried to take my bike."

Abad said he was thankful nothing else happened to the students involved.

The awareness of the TCU community was a great assist in the arrest, he said.

"It makes our job easier when people call right away instead of waiting around for 30 minutes," he said. "When people are more aware, it brings to light what has occurred."

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and drink were for sale, it was difficult to choose what to sample. There was cheesy pizza, greasy burgers, spicy sausage-on-a-stick, and of course, those American filler-full treats that people seem to love despite the risk to their health: hot dogs.

The most unique food by far was fried salt (not for the weak-hearted, mind you), which consisted of "salt from the desert," or so the vendor said despite the boxes of Morton's kosher salt placed nonchalantly around the kiosk. The salt is dipped in batter and deep-fried and served in a paper cup with ranch dressing drizzled on top.

"It's fried, and it's salty," said

Kim Kirkpatrick, a Texas-born Colorado Springs, Colo., resident and ex-TCU student.

Beers such as Shiner Bock and Heineken were \$3 a pop.

Fair fries up a good time

Though the music is an integral part of the Fry Street Fair, the atmosphere has almost as much to do with why people come.

"It's good music, it's a lot of fun, it's a lot of drinkin' and it's just a good time," said Curt Fleissner, a former UNT student. "It's a place you can go where you can be yourself; you can have a good time, and there's no problem."

For some it is a tradition that will never die; they will travel great lengths to experience the Fry Street Fair.

"All these Texas freaks — I love it," said Kirkpatrick as the bands packed up, and the crowd headed into the night past the Grace Temple parking lot, with the members still peddling their hot dogs, chips and water, their signs proclaiming "good food — God bless!"

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Efton Park, an associate professor of math, was the first to tell Thaden about winning the award.

"He was shocked, and I don't think he believed me at first," Park said. "Josh is a very diligent and friendly student. I wish that all of our students were like Josh."

Julie Anderson, an assistant professor of biology, has been working

with Thaden on his research projects and said he deserves all the credit for winning the award.

"Josh is so self-motivated, very mature, and, plus, he has a great sense of humor," Anderson said. "The main thing that has impressed me with Josh is he has an amazing intellectual curiosity, not necessarily even in science. He just loves learning."

Anderson started working with Thaden on two small cancer research projects.

"Josh has an innate ability to un-

derstand, and he'll go wherever he wants in the future," Anderson said.

TCU nominated two students for the Goldwater Scholarship last year, and both students received the award.

"We have always been good about encouraging students to apply who have been doing this research," Hatcher said. "Professors have really pulled through with recommendations. We've just had great applicants."

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FOSTER

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critical path is the route through the schedule that shows items which must be completed ahead of time or on schedule to maintain the timing of the project, he said. Items such as demolition and asbestos removal are critical path, he said.

"If one part is not done, we can't move on," Swing said. "Plumbing inspections are critical because we can't

close walls until it passes (inspection)." Swing said after the walls are closed, they will be prepared for painting.

A lot of the major utility work was done over Spring Break, so students would not be bothered by the noise, he said. Waterlines had to be run near Waits Hall, he said.

Swing said different floors and wings are at different stages in the renovation process. In the Foster renovation, the work is basically going from the basement to the third floor,

he said. Some sections of the building have been inspected for plumbing, and others are not to that stage yet, he said.

Fisher said the hearing-impaired designed rooms will be equipped with flashing lights to alert someone unable to hear a siren. Handicapped-accessible rooms not filled will be used as regular double-occupancy rooms, he said.

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Bush's campaign draws criticism from Gingrich

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RICHMOND, Va. — George W. Bush's staff of advisers are "not quite up to speed yet" in running a presidential campaign, according to fellow Republican and former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich.

Speaking to a sold-out audience Saturday night, Gingrich said Bush's team "still has a little bit of Austin in their style" and isn't fully prepared for a national operation.

He said that, in contrast, the team advising Vice President Al Gore is "a more professional and tougher team."

Bush and Gore are all but certain to be the presidential nominees this year.

Gingrich also said first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton had "a

very good chance" of beating New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani in the New York Senate race.

"If I were guessing right now, I would say she probably has the edge to win," Gingrich said.

He drew a gasp from the audience when he further predicted that she would then run for president in 2004 if Gore loses this fall.

Gingrich made his comments at an event staged by the Richmond Forum, a group that puts on several public forums on a variety of subjects throughout the year.

Saturday's topic was politics. Besides Gingrich, another speaker was James Carville, the Democratic consultant who masterminded President Clinton's 1992 campaign and has remained a staunch Clinton defender. Carville described Bush as an inexperienced candidate who can't say no.

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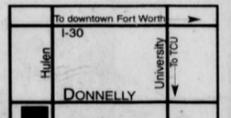
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GAMES

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The IOC is seeking to maximize its potential revenue from the World Wide Web, including the possible sale of Internet rights, while protecting its exclusive television partners.

NBC paid \$3.5 billion for exclusive U.S. television rights to five Olympics from 2000 to 2008.

"We are very interested to see what happens after 2008," Samaranch said. The November conference will be the second world summit organized by the IOC in two years. In February 1999, the IOC held a world anti-doping conference in Lausanne.

Of more immediate concern to the IOC are preparations for the Sydney Games, which begin Sept. 15.

Sydney organizers were to present their latest progress report to the IOC executive board Tuesday, amid continuing reports of troubles: from ticketing controversies to labor disputes to budget problems to threats of violent protests by Aborigines.

Pound said Sydney's problems have been exaggerated.

"Reading the local media and listening to local politicians — assuming you have the stomach or patience for either — you might be forgiven for thinking we have serious problems, that sponsors are pulling out, that the organizing committee is in disarray, that we are facing serious fi-

nancial problems," Pound said. "Nothing could be further from the truth. We are set for one of the most spectacular Olympic Games we have ever seen. The Sydney organizers are further ahead, and have a better handle on the issues than any previous Olympic organizing committee."

On other issues during the three-day board meeting:

■ The IOC might consider East Timor's request to participate in the Sydney Games. The former Indonesian province, which voted for independence last year and is under United Nations administration, does not fulfill the criteria for Olympic recognition. But some officials would like to find a way for East Timor to be represented, at least symbolically, in Sydney.

■ The IOC will review the work of the new World Anti-Doping Agency, including plans to conduct 2,500 out-of-competition drug tests before the Sydney Games, and assess the continuing research into developing a reliable test for the banned hormone EPO.

■ Organizers of the 2002 Winter Games in Salt Lake City will report to the IOC board by video conference Wednesday.

■ The IOC board will meet with leaders of the Olympic winter and summer sports federations. The 27 summer sports are expected to decide how they will split up more than \$100 million in television revenues from the Sydney Games.

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when police let protesters take over empty streets, confrontations developed Monday over the din of traffic as Washingtonians went to work.

Some government buildings and shops never opened. When several hundred demonstrators came within a block of the IMF and menaced a police car, black clad officers with helmets, billy clubs and visors responded with pepper spray and smoke canisters.

Tear gas wafted into the crowd as an officer tossed what he mistakenly thought was a smoke canister, police said.

Protesters, some donning gas masks and tying bandanas over their mouths, were chased down, clubbed and about 90 were arrested.

Even so, some protesters credited police with being more re-

strained than during the destructive demonstrations in Seattle against the World Trade Organization last fall.

"The police seem to be doing a much more stable job than the Darth Vader mode in Seattle," said a drenched actress-activist Susan Sarandon, who spoke to the demonstrators.

Police Chief Charles Ramsey said most demonstrators were "just kids with a cause."

Defending the heavy police presence, he said: "We didn't lose the city. So far as I'm concerned, it was worth it."

While many streets were normal, parts of the capital resembled a city facing a coup d'etat. Riot police marched up main streets in squads of a dozen, blocks were sealed with metal barriers and about 70 National Guard troops in camouflage guarded the World Bank and IMF.

The K Street business and lobbying corridor, normally buzzing

on weekdays, was eerily quiet. People scrambling to make pension investments for Monday's federal tax deadline found some offices inaccessible.

The Andre Chreky beauty salon a block from the White House solidiered on through most of the demonstrations

but cried uncle at noon. "We've had it," a clerk said. "We're going home."

The government closed agencies in an 11-by-8-block swath east and west of the White House and encouraged nonessential employees to stay home.

Missing all the action were President Clinton and Vice President Al Gore, who were out of town, and members of Congress, who were on their Spring Break.

World Bank spokeswoman Caroline Ansley said officials in the

meetings felt "bewilderment and surprise at the degree of anger" outside. She said the officials were talking about ways to relieve poverty.

Some delegates were spirited to work before sunrise. "I certainly protested myself

this morning at 4 a.m. when the alarm went off," said Canadian Finance Minister Paul Martin.

Ramsey showed off material he said had been seized, including rocks, nails, a slingshot and urine and bleach that he said were meant to be thrown in the faces of officers.

"They call it the Seattle facial," Ramsey said of the bleach.

"We didn't lose the city. So far as I'm concerned, it was worth it."

—Charles Ramsey, Seattle police chief

Alice Ann Love, Will Lester and Jesse Holland also contributed to this report.

Lawyers say crew of American flight responsible for 1995 crash

By Catherine Wilson
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIAMI — The crew of an American Airlines flight was responsible for entering an incorrect code into a flight computer that caused a 1995 crash in Colombia, killing 159 people, lawyers for computer and software makers told jurors in opening statements Monday.

The jurors will be asked to apportion blame for the crash among American, computer maker Honeywell Air Transport Systems of Phoenix and software maker Jeppesen Sanderson Inc. of Englewood, Colo.

American's Flight 965, a Boeing 757, veered from its flight path on

Dec. 20, 1995, after its flight management computer was programmed incorrectly for its approach to Cali. Instead of following a valley to the city, it turned into a mountainside. Only four people survived.

American attorney George Manfredi acknowledged that the crew made mistakes, but told jurors that the pilots "were concerned about doing a good job."

Attorneys for Honeywell and Jeppesen, however, blamed only American.

"American's mistakes caused this crash," said Jeppesen attorney Michael Nachwalter. "They did everything you could do wrong on this flight computer."

By Bruce Meyerson
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Big-name technology stocks sprang back to life Monday, driving the Nasdaq composite index to a record point gain, as investors mustered some confidence to hunt for bargains in the wreckage of last week's selling frenzy.

The Nasdaq and the Dow Jones industrial average each rose more than 200 points after alternating between positive and negative territory throughout the session. But on the broad market, most stocks fell again as the bargain hunters remained leery of smaller companies with less pre-

dictable revenues and profits.

Despite the spurts of buying, analysts said it was too soon to tell if Wall Street was truly recovering from last week's plunge, which slashed nearly \$2 trillion from the market's value.

The Nasdaq rose 217.87 to 3,539.16 with nearly all the gain coming in the final hour of the session, topping the previous one-day record of 178.89 points.

Meanwhile, the Dow rose 276.74 to 10,582.51. Leading the charge were bellwether technology stocks such as Hewlett-Packard, Intel and IBM, which together added the equivalent of

150 points to the Dow.

In addition to Intel, high-tech favorites like Cisco Systems and Sun Microsystems dominated the 6.5 percent gain by the Nasdaq index, which last week lost one quarter of its value.

"It's too early to call a bottom, but today (Monday) is evidence that these low levels have sparked quite a bit of buying interest,"

—Bob Dickey, market analyst

Although there was renewed interest in the biggest and most popular companies that tumbled last week, the broad market struggled all day, with declining issues outnumbering advancers by nearly a 3-to-2 margin.

"This will take time to heal. While we have some bargain hunters, we have a lot of investors

who were hurt very badly, so it's not likely that the market will regain its enthusiasm very quickly," said Dickey.

Still, it was encouraging to see signs of stability, especially since foreign markets had tumbled overnight in reaction to Friday's brutal slide on Wall Street, which sliced a record 617 points off the Dow and a record 355 points off the Nasdaq.

Likewise, analysts noted how the market bounced from its downturns on Monday, suggesting that investors weren't panicking at the first sign of trouble.

"We had several sell-off attempts, and yet the market held up. That encouraged people to get back in," said Eugene E. Peroni Jr., director of equity research at John Nuveen & Co. in Radnor, Pa.

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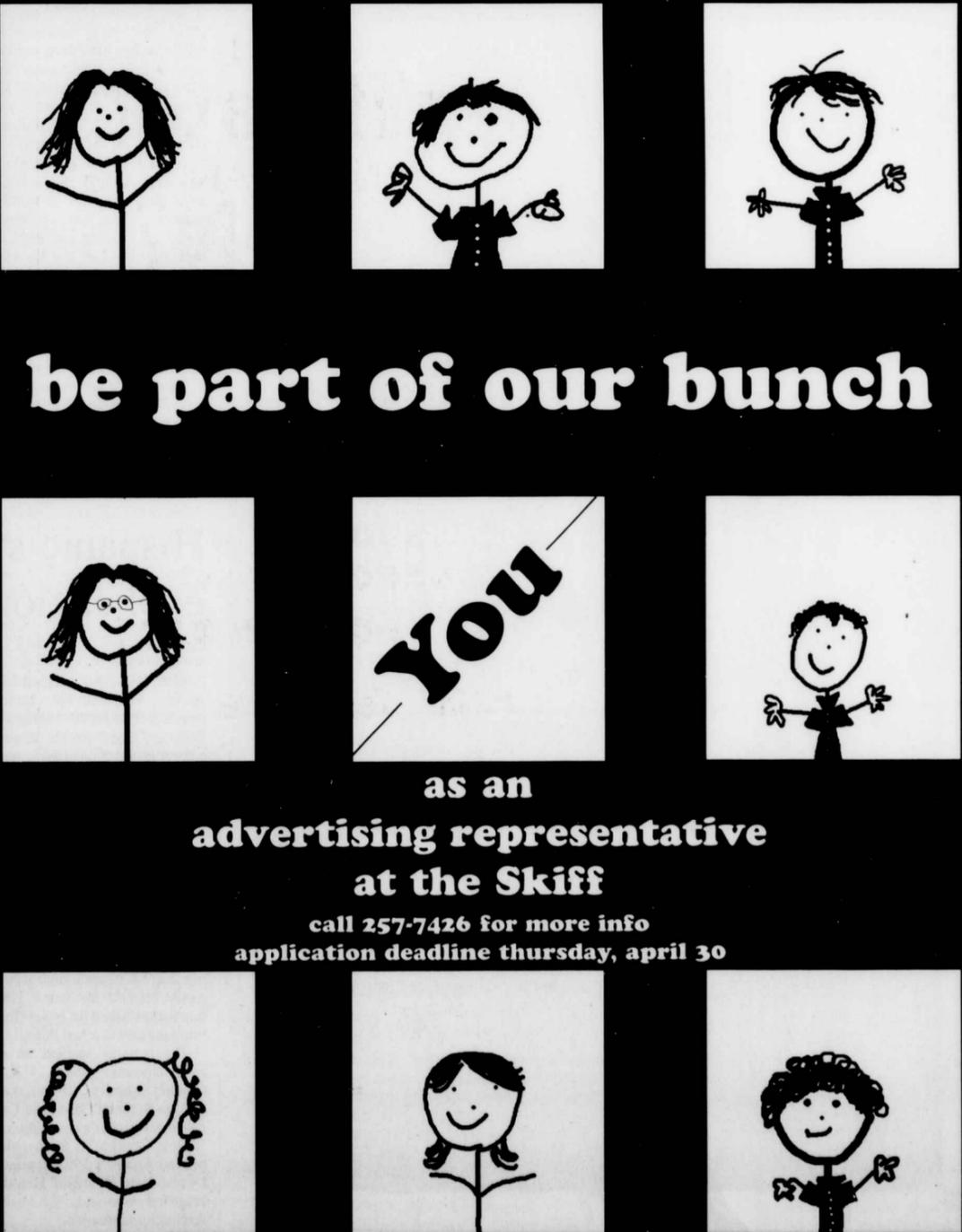
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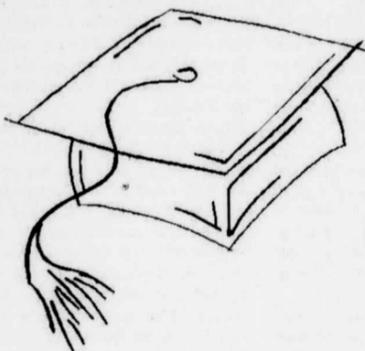
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New court may prosecute former Khmer Rouge leaders

By Chris Fontaine
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PHNOM PENH, Cambodia — On the 25th anniversary of the Khmer Rouge takeover of Cambodia, Prime Minister Hun Sen said Monday an agreement may finally be at hand to set up a court to prosecute the movement's former leaders whose reign of terror killed 1.7 million people.

Hun Sen said he backed a U.S.-suggested compromise that appears to resolve the sensitive issue of how to conduct indictments.

"I think that this formula sent to me can be the final formula," Hun Sen said upon his return from a summit in Cuba, where he met with U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan.

The United Nations and Cambodia have been negotiating the formation of a tribunal for more than a year, but talks have floundered over which side would control indictments and rulings.

U.N. officials fear Cambodia's weak and politicized judiciary might refuse to pass judgment on Khmer Rouge leaders who negotiated defection deals with Hun Sen as the movement unraveled in the late 1990s.

Under the U.S.-suggested compromise, conflicts between Cambodian and foreign prosecutors over who should be indicted would be examined by a panel of three Cam-

bodian and two foreign judges, Hun Sen said. At least one foreign judge would have to agree if the three Cambodian judges want to block an indictment.

Diplomats say the formula, proposed by Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., appears to address U.N. concerns that a Cambodian prosecutor could effectively veto any indictment.

At U.N. headquarters in New York, spokesman Fred Eckhard said Annan has not seen the details of the proposal but said it was a move in the right direction.

"He's encouraged that the search for a compromise solution is intense," Eckhard said.

On Monday, the Cambodian capital was mostly quiet on the somber anniversary, with the leader of the parliamentary opposition leading one of the few public commemorations.

Speaking amid mass graves at the Choeng Ek "killing field" on the outskirts of Phnom Penh, Sam Rainsy said the country remains haunted by the specter of the late Pol Pot and his ultra-radical Khmer Rouge.

"The only way to exorcise the ghost of Pol Pot and to allow Cambodia to start developing on a new and sound basis is to establish an international and independent tribunal to prosecute the main Khmer Rouge leaders and expose the truth," Sam Rainsy said.

Cambodia's development remains stunted from the Khmer Rouge's Maoist-inspired revolution, when religion, money and even traditional family life were abolished in a doomed quest for an agrarian utopia.

Hun Sen explained that the government decided not to organize any formal observances of the anniversary because of mixed feelings surrounding the date.

"It is the day that stopped the invasion of foreigners," Hun Sen said. "It is a day of both happiness and sadness. But the happiness is less than the sadness because from this day we lost everything and fell into a genocidal regime."

By "foreigners," Hun Sen was apparently referring to the United States, which had backed the right-wing Phnom Penh regime that the Khmer Rouge drove from power. Hun Sen was then serving as an officer in the guerrilla force, but later defected, fleeing to neighboring Vietnam.

The Khmer Rouge were ousted by a Vietnamese invasion after nearly four years in power but continued to wage war against successive Phnom Penh governments until the late 1990s.

Pol Pot died of an apparent heart attack in 1998 as the Khmer Rouge movement finally crumbled, but about a dozen of his top henchmen remain free in Cambodia.

Community honors victims

Plans to memorialize Columbine's slain focus on community

By P. Solomon Banda
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LITTLETON, Colo. — It started with a small goal: Find a way to remember those slain in the Columbine High School shooting assault.

However, plans to memorialize Columbine's victims have turned out to be anything but small. There are three projects in the works, and the costs could run in the millions of dollars.

A committee of 30 students, parents, community leaders and victims' families have been working on one project, a permanent tribute. They hope the memorial, which has not yet been determined, will be ready on April 20, 2001, the second anniversary of the massacre.

"This memorial is not about my son, and certainly not about me," says Bob Curnow, a committee member whose son, Steven, was killed. "It's about this community, especially the kids and the teachers and staff who survived."

"I think it's meant to be a motivation for all of us, in our own time. We should see it and take from it the motivation to live a better life. To me that's the purpose of a memorial."

This week marks the first anniversary of the rampage that left 15 dead, including two student gunmen, at the suburban high school. A private school assembly, a public service and public candlelight vigil will be

held to mark Thursday's anniversary.

Besides the project Curnow is working on, a second campaign is raising money to build a new library, while a third is cataloguing countless notes, teddy bears, banners and other items left in Clement Park adjacent to Columbine.

About 250 design ideas have been submitted for the permanent memorial, said Bob Easton, executive director of the Foothills Parks and Recreation District, which is coordinating the effort.

In a survey of 2,500 community residents, most favored a memorial that included water, a garden and something to recognize individual victims, Easton said. A decision on the design is expected in June or July. Paul Morris, who helped in the Oklahoma City memorial to the victims of the federal building bombing, is helping coordinate the public effort.

Cost for the memorial, which will be built with private funds, has not been determined. About \$100,000 had been donated as of late March and an additional \$100,000 had been pledged, Easton said.

The library project is being coordinated by Healing of People Everywhere, or HOPE, a group of 54 families of murdered or injured students who do not want students to return to the second-story room, where 10 of the 13 victims were killed.

So far, the group has raised \$1.3

million of the \$3.1 million needed for the new library, which will also be built with private funds.

Meanwhile, officials from the Smithsonian Institute, Littleton Historical Museum and the Historical Society of Colorado are sifting through 200,000 items that were part of the makeshift memorial that at one point covered 2 acres in flowers and tributes.

"They ranged from a little 8-by-11 inch piece of paper that somebody wrote on and tacked to a tree, to stuffed animals, pictures, teddy bears, banners, wind chimes. There was even a 15-foot tall wreath and a brand new Schwinn bicycle," Easton said.

In addition to these efforts, some have proposed phone hotlines, youth programs and violence prevention efforts nationwide as memorials to the victims.

"People started calling here asking, 'What can we do, what can we do?'" said Brian R. Vogt, president of the South Metro Denver Chamber of Commerce.

"I said do something with the kids down the block. It's probably the best tribute and memorial anybody can do in regard to Columbine," Vogt said.

One Columbine student who survived the attack says the memorials and attention have an unintended effect: They make it difficult to move on.

Hispanic state lawmakers demand better explanation of commissioner's remarks

By Jim Vertuno
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — Not satisfied with his apology, Hispanic state lawmakers sent letters to Health Commissioner William "Reyn" Archer, demanding a better explanation of his remarks on Hispanic communities' attitudes toward teen pregnancy.

"Were these comments personal feelings, impressions of Hispanic culture or a slip of the tongue?" asked the letter signed by Rep. Rene Oliveira, D-Brownsville, chairman of the 37-member Mexican American Legislative Caucus.

Archer apologized last week after being quoted in newspapers as saying that Texas has a high teen pregnancy because the state's Hispanic population lacked the belief "that getting pregnant is a bad thing."

The remarks sparked an outcry from Hispanic groups. U.S. Rep. Charlie Gonzalez, D-San Antonio, and the National Council of La Raza called for Archer's resignation.

Gov. George W. Bush, who approved Archer's 1997 appointment by the state Board of Health, has rebuffed demands he call for Archer's resignation.

"Your remarks showed complete lack of understanding of our culture

and our values," wrote Sen. Mario Gallegos Jr. The Houston Democrat is chairman of the Senate Hispanic Caucus.

Oliveira's letter asks Archer to respond to several questions, including whether he had updated scientific statistical data to support his remarks.

"When our office initially asked for justification regarding your comments, our office was faxed statistics from 1995 without a cover letter or rationale," Oliveira wrote.

If the comment was taken out of context, it needed a better explanation, not just an apology posted on the Internet, Oliveira wrote.

"To make comments based on outdated information and, moreover, to extrapolate cultural norms from statistical numbers is irresponsible and conduct not befitting a statewide, appointed official," he wrote.

Oliveira's letter was dated April 11 but was sent Monday, according to caucus staff. Oliveira was out of the country Monday and unavailable for comment, his office said. The letter from Gallegos was dated Monday.

Neither letter called for Archer to resign.

Rep. Miguel Wise, D-Weslaco, general counsel for the Mexican American caucus, said he has

talked with Archer and expects him to respond.

"Obviously, everyone has their own perspective or reality, but when a state official makes a comment that's negative and harmful, we would like to know the basis that would create that point of view," said Wise.

"(Archer) will respond to the caucus concerning the questions raised by the caucus," said Department of Health spokesman Doug McBride.

In a written apology last week, Archer said he deeply regretted creating an "erroneous impression about Hispanics and teen pregnancy. I apologize for any harm that it may have caused."

That was good enough for some lawmakers. Rep. Juan Hinojosa, D-McAllen, said he was satisfied with Archer's apology and was not consulted on the Mexican American caucus letter.

"I don't think Dr. Archer is a racist by any means," said Hinojosa. "I know what he meant to say, it just came out wrong."

"What he meant by his comments, when a Hispanic teenager gets pregnant, there's a lot of family support to help the teenager to get through the pregnancy," he said.

Bears slash Frogs' perfect home record, 5-2

By Chris Ray
SKIFF STAFF

The men's tennis team was coming off an upset victory over No. 11 Southern Methodist when it faced off against No. 5 Baylor last weekend. Head Coach Michael Center said college tennis is a game of ups and downs, and no one knows that better than his team. The No. 14-ranked Horned Frogs could not hold off the No. 5-ranked Baylor as the Bears shattered the Frogs' perfect 8-0 record at home, 5-2.

The Frogs hosted the Bears in a championship-like atmosphere at the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center. The Frogs looked to avenge the February loss to the Bears with the

Men's tennis team loses at home, picks up strength for the road

backing of an intense standing-room-only crowd. The Bears captured the doubles point and then won four of six singles matches en route to the win.

The only bright spot for the Frogs was at the No. 3 and 4 positions, as junior Scott Eddins and freshman Antonio Gordon picked up straight-set wins. Eddins, ranked No. 95, defeated Zoltan Papp 6-3, 6-2. The Frogs managed to win only one other singles victory when Gordon defeated Pawel Gajdzik 6-4, 6-2 in straight sets. The loss dropped the Frogs to 16-4 on the season and 7-2 in Region VI action with both region losses coming at the

hands of the Bears.

"Our fan support was great, and the guys played hard," Center said. "I am not disappointed in their effort at all. We will take this as a learning experience and move on to Tulsa next Saturday and the WAC tournament in two weeks."

Junior Trace Fielding said the match was tight throughout, and the crowd made it take on a different atmosphere. "The match was similar to that of a championship matchup," Fielding said. "Both teams fought hard, and we just came up short (Saturday)."

The Frogs were fresh off an upset-

victory over cross-town rival and No. 11-ranked SMU. The Frogs defeated the Mustangs for the first time in almost three years, spanning five matches. The No. 14-ranked Frogs slipped by the Mustangs 4-3, ending a 10-match winning streak at home for SMU. The Frogs last beat SMU April 19, 1997, at the first WAC Championships after TCU and SMU joined the WAC.

The Frogs began by losing the doubles point, as SMU took two of three matches in doubles action. The duo of Fielding and junior Esteban Carril defeated Dustin Mauck and Genius

Chidzikwe 8-6. Carril and Fielding improved to 12-6 with the win.

In single's action, the Frogs took four of six singles matches picking up the win. All-American and No. 6-ranked Carril defeated No. 17-ranked Toby Hansson 2-6, 7-6, 6-2. After dropping the first set 2-6 to Hansson and falling behind 2-3 in the second set, Carril fought back and took the second set. Carril later captured the third set 6-2. He improves to 23-4 on the season and 13-2 in dual-match play.

"This was a huge win for us as a team and for the program," Carril said. "This gives us confidence going

into the WAC Tournament in two weeks. This team has the ability to rise to the occasion, and against SMU we just did it."

Carril along with Gordon, red-shirt freshman Jimmy Haney and junior Petr Koula, picked up wins for the Frogs. Haney pulled off the upset win of No. 55 Jon Wallmark of SMU 6-1, 6-2.

Center said the Frogs walked away from the weekend stronger as a team. TCU will wrap up the regular season on the road 1 p.m. Saturday in Tulsa.

The Frogs host the WAC Championships April 27 to 30.

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Senior pitcher Shawn Thompson follows through on a pitch in his outing against Hawaii-Hilo Friday. The Frogs won the game 2-1, and Thompson earned Western Athletic Conference pitcher of the week honors with his complete game.

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Frogs move into second with sweep over Hilo

Team carries momentum from series to play conference-leading San Jose State this week

By Rusty Simmons
STAFF REPORTER

When junior outfielder Tom Bates rounded third base Saturday, he changed the outlook of the game for the Frogs.

Seconds later, he touched home plate with a force that may have changed the outlook of the season for TCU.

Bates' three-run home run in the bottom of the ninth inning pushed TCU past Hawaii-Hilo for the third consecutive day. The three-game sweep upped the Frogs' Western Athletic Conference record to 8-9, and they can move within 1/2 game of conference-leading San Jose State with a sweep of the Spartans in a series beginning Thursday.

"That was the first time I can remember that we came back after being down by so much," sophomore shortstop Erick Macha said. "It was huge to wrap up the sweep because now we have a real shot at winning the WAC."

The home run gave TCU a 9-7 lead, its first in the series finale. With one run already scored in the ninth inning, senior first baseman Mark Hamilton drew a walk. Senior catcher Brad Rogers followed with a single, setting the stage for Bates' heroics.

Bates wasted no time as he hit the first pitch offered by Spartans' closer Ben Siff over the fence. Down 7-1,

the Frogs scored eight runs in the last three innings to rally for the win.

Bates finished the day a single short of the cycle, and Hamilton tied the TCU's single-game record with three doubles. Senior third baseman Levi Groomer was hit by two pitches in the game, raising his single-season school-record to 21.

A day earlier, senior pitcher Shawn Thompson led TCU to a 2-1 win as he pitched the Frogs' first complete game of the season.

But Macha said none of the personal accolades are pertinent if the Frogs do not continue winning against San Jose State this weekend at Municipal Stadium.

The Spartans sport an intimidating 14-6 record this season at home. TCU is 5-16 on the road this season, but Macha said the Frogs have confidence they can win.

San Jose State is coming off two losses in three home games versus Rice, and TCU beat the Spartans two of three games March 3 to 5.

Much of TCU's success in the first meeting against San Jose State was the Frogs' pitching which shut down the Spartans' top two hitters.

Sophomore infielder Junior Ruiz, who is hitting a team-leading .351, was only two for nine at the plate with one RBI in TCU's two wins over San Jose State. Junior outfielder John Fagan supplies most of the run production for the Spartans. .559 slug-

ging percentage, 27 runs, 33 RBIs and eight home runs, but was a non-factor against TCU.

Macha said junior pitcher Chris Bradshaw and Thompson have shut down all hitters this season.

"It is up to our offense to score runs," he said. "They have pitched well enough to win every game, but we just have to score runs and play defense."

The Frogs have had success against the Spartans' right-handed pitchers, juniors Joey Baker and Chris Sherman. Baker, who has a 3.36 earned run average in 11 starts, gave up six runs in eight innings, and Sherman, who has a 4.02 earned run average in eight starts, gave up seven runs in two 2/3 innings.

The TCU offensive success ends when the Spartans throw a left-handed pitcher. Senior Chris Key, who has a 2.55 earned run average in nine starts, gave up only two earned runs in seven and 2/3 innings. Senior Tim Adinolfi, who has a 2.73 earned run average in 17 appearances, threw a perfect ninth inning in his only save opportunity against TCU.

"We were 0-13 against left-handers before we beat Hilo in the second game," Macha said. "We did it against Hilo, so now we know we can do it against anyone."

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Women's tennis team wins last 11 of 12 matches

By Chris Ray
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The women's tennis team closed the book on the regular season Sunday with a 9-0 victory over California-Santa Barbara at the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center.

The Frogs, ranked No. 24 in the latest Intercollegiate Tennis Association polls, are preparing for the upcoming WAC Championships April 27 to 30 in Fort Worth. TCU ended the season winning 11 of its last 12 matches, finishing 18-4 on the season.

"The girls are playing well at the right time," head coach Roland Ingram said. "It is all coming together at the end, and I look forward for the tournament. It is anybody's game, and only time will tell."

The Frogs took all three doubles matches and all six singles matches in the win. TCU was led by No. 49 senior Lucie Dvorakova, as she improved to 26-9 on the season with a win over sophomore Cindy Ammann 6-4, 5-7, 6-1. Dvorakova is 16-7 at

the No. 1 singles spot for the Frogs this season.

"I like our chances," Dvorakova said. "We are playing well right now, and I think we will be in the thick of things in the end."

Freshman No. 63-ranked Dorrit Huppes continued her bid for Newcomer of the Year in the WAC with a convincing win over junior Shannon Wilkins 6-0, 6-3. Huppes moves to 28-6 on the season and 16-3 at the No. 2 spot. Huppes has captured 25 of her 28 wins in straight sets.

The Frogs were led in doubles action by the "Euro Duo" of Dvorakova and senior Daria Zoldakova, who dropped back to No. 6 in the latest ITA poll. Zoldakova and Dvorakova defeated the team of Ammann and Wilkins 8-6, improving to 27-2 on the year and 1-0 at the No. 1 position.

"We have key players on the roster, and we depend on them to get us the points," Ingram said. "Lucie (Dvorakova), Daria (Zoldakova) and Dorrit (Huppes) are the ones we

count on for the points, and they come through because they are winners. They are a point we have come to count on as the season has progressed."

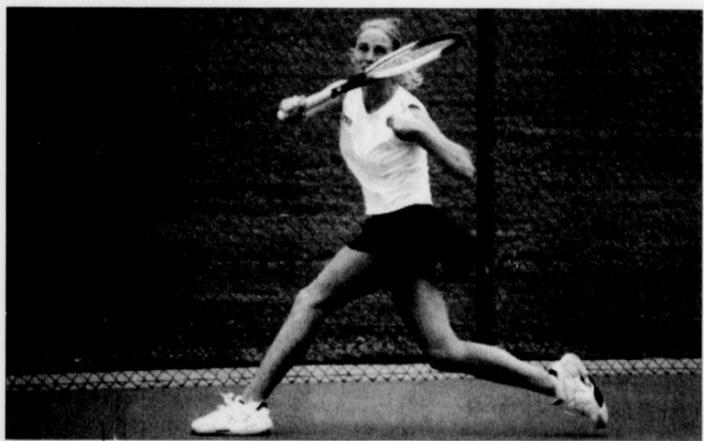
Friday the Frogs played host to WAC-rival Rice, and took the No. 57-ranked Owls 7-2. The Frogs swept doubles play and captured four of six singles matches en route to the win.

Despite losing the top two singles matches on the day, the Frogs won the rest of the singles action. Dvorakova and Huppes fell in straight sets in the loss. Dvorakova lost to senior Elle Lewis 7-5, 6-3 for only her ninth loss of the year.

In doubles, the "Euro Duo" once again came up victorious defeating the team of senior Charlotte Feasby and junior Erin Waters 8-4.

The Frogs now have two weeks to prepare for the WAC Championships. Ingram said it is a chance to wipe the slate clean and start over on a brand new season, the postseason.

"The title is everything you work for," Dvorakova said. "It is some-



Hilary Morgan/SKIFF STAFF
Senior Jessica Kjellgren hits a forehand while on the run during the Frogs' 9-0 victory against California-Santa Barbara. TCU's next match will be in the Western Athletic Conference Championships on April 27 to 30.

thing everyone works for, and only one team gets it. I just hope we are that team."

Dvorakova and Zoldakova will be trying for a NCAA berth in doubles and a WAC title for themselves and

the Frogs as the duo closes out its tennis career at TCU.

"Lucie and I will play our best, and the team has been working hard for this," Zoldakova said. "A WAC title would be great, and this team de-

serves it more than anyone. We have two weeks to prepare, and we will be ready."

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Oilers secure first win of NHL playoffs in Game 3 against Stars

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EDMONTON, CANADA — Armed with their first victory of the NHL playoffs, the Edmonton Oilers now must prove their emotional 5-2 win over the Dallas Stars in Game 3 of their best-of-7 series was no fluke.

"Momentum changes very quickly in a series," Oilers captain Doug Weight said. "We're still in a hole here. We're approaching

Game 4 like it was Game 7."

Weight led the Oilers with three goals Sunday to cut the Stars' lead in the Western Conference quarterfinals to 2-1.

Game 4 is set for tonight in Edmonton with the teams moving back to Dallas for Game 5 on Friday night.

The win snapped Edmonton's nine-game-playoff losing streak against Dallas, which has dominated the Oilers since being

knocked out of the first round of the 1997 playoffs by Edmonton.

The Oilers turned it on Sunday night.

Edmonton forward Ryan Smyth said the Stars were the same in Game 3 as they had been in the first two games of the series. "It was us who changed, I thought,"

he said. "We wanted it more."

Stars coach Ken Hitchcock agreed. "We got beat to all the loose pucks. As we did to them in the first and second games, they did it right back to us in Game 3."

"We were really outplayed and outhandled (Sunday)," Mike Modano of the Stars

said. "I think we all take it personally, (but) we've been in similar situations before and been able to respond."

Edmonton dominated Dallas in every aspect of the game, knocking the Stars off the puck and bombarding Stars goalie Ed Belfour with 38 shots after just a combined 31 in the first two games.

The Oilers scored twice on power plays against Dallas' top-

ranked penalty-killing unit after going 0-for-8 with two shots in the first two games. Edmonton even scored while short handed.

Now, the question is whether they can do it again against the defending Stanley Cup Champions.

"(The Stars) are going to come out hard, and we're going to have to play even harder than we did last game to match them," Edmonton's Georges Laraque said.

—Doug Weight,
Edmonton Oilers captain



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suggestion. No planning, no scripts, no clue. Just a quick, creative mind and recognizing what improv is not.

"It's not how fast you can think or what funny things you can say; that's not it at all," Wilk said with a seriousness that contrasted his usual upbeat tone. "It's not telling the audience a joke but taking them on a journey and letting them discover the humor."

The suggestions that fuel the scenes need not be funny or outlandish, Wilk said. He said he would rather be challenged to work with an everyday word instead of "Midget Jell-O wrestling," that many first-time audience members like to throw out.

"It's great when we get a suggestion like 'Apple,' and we end up in a scenario where a father and son haven't spoken in years, and something amazing happens between the people, not apple. The humor is going to come from what relationships I can create and explore with my fellow improvisers. That's the trick to improv: listening and building."

The road to center stage

Being funny is something that has always come naturally to the charismatic man who is short in stature but loaded with personality. Wilk said he was the typical class clown, getting laughs from his fellow students while being berated by his teachers.

"I remember a teacher asking me, 'Do you want to be a fool all your life?' And I remember thinking, 'I wonder what that pays?'"

Wilk said he didn't realize college wasn't for him until he enrolled at the University of Arkansas. Not feeling as if he was learning anything, Wilk took a summer job on a cruise line "just to get away." His summer stint turned into three years as he worked his way up to cruise director.

"I was 22 years old, and I kind of felt like an entertainer," he said. "I had a microphone, I was making people laugh and I thought, 'This is great!'"

His taste for performing led Wilk to Phoenix to do some stand-up comedy, a period of his life he de-

scribed as, "A lot of hard work and a lot of bad comedy." A prompting from his then-girlfriend, now-wife, Amy, took him to Dallas, where he stumbled upon the facet of comedy that would become his forte: improvisation.

Going to an audition for a troupe he had never seen or heard of, Wilk began his improvisation career and met his future business partners and best friends Grant and Ford, who were also improvising with troupes in Dallas. But it wasn't until Ford took a trip to Chicago to see "The Second City," the Mecca of improv comedy for 40 years, that the trio's eyes were opened as to what improv could really be.

"Frank came back with this glow about him and said, 'We've been doing it all wrong,'" Wilk said, recalling the turning point in his career. "Troy went, and then I went up, and it completely changed our lives, as far as being performers and what improvisation was."

"We knew how to get laughs, but it turned out we didn't know one thing about improvising."

This revelation led Wilk to commute weekly to Chicago and study with "The Second City," where he said he learned how improv works and what it's all about.

Making the moo-ove to Cowtown

With this new insight, Wilk, Grant and Ford decided to form their own improv troupe, although they scoffed at Grant's suggestion of performing in Fort Worth, known more for its cows than its comedy.

"We laughed until we came down to Sundance Square on a Wednesday night around 11:00, and it was jumping," Wilk said. "And we said, 'Yeah, we're going to come here.'"

The beginning was rocky for the unknown show. Little publicity and a town that had little to no exposure to improv comedy made "Four Day Weekend" seem like an extended leave of absence. After their first six weeks, their show was extended indefinitely by Mike Hendrix, the owner of Casa on the Square, where the trio had been performing. But the next three or four months would bring more struggles than audience members.

"We would be playing in front of

15 to 20 people," Wilk said, still with a tone of frustration. "I would get here at 4 in the afternoon and stand and hand fliers out until five minutes to 11, run up, change clothes and perform to the seven or eight people I had convinced to come to the show."

But word-of-mouth and a feature story by the Fort Worth Star-Telegram brought "Four Day Weekend" into the community consciousness and brought Wilk and his partners a packed house almost every weekend.

Quitting his day job

Along with the success of "Four Day Weekend," Wilk has appeared in more than two dozen commercials and even had a role in the 1998 film "It's in the Water." And with his performing duties with the improv troupe, Wilk also runs the business aspect and said getting paid for what you love to do is incredible.

Flashing the sly grin that has caused many audience members to form the same gesture on their faces, Wilk said he's proud of what the unexpected world of improv has brought him and his partners.

"I feel we've really educated the Fort Worth area about improv," he said. "I want these people to have a good time. If they choose to come here, then I want them to enjoy it."

Apparently 212 people enjoy it every Friday and Saturday, as the capacity for the theater is constantly sold out. And although many come repeatedly, they never see the same show twice.

On this night, Wilk and his troupe have converted suggestions like "Spider Man," "Asparagus" and "Hairspray" into musical numbers, a sketch about a dysfunctional family and other scenes that are just as much a surprise and delight to Wilk as they are to the crowd.

Laughter saturates the theater, tears stream down the faces of some patrons, and in front of them, dressed as a cowboy, nerd or whatever he can transform into in a matter of seconds, is the smiling performer who hasn't a clue as to what's going to happen.

But it sure beats a desk job.

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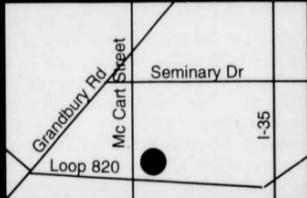
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Let girlfriend figure out what she needs; being nonsexual not necessarily a problem

Dear Harlan,
The problem is that my girlfriend of one year is bisexual and wants freedom to explore her sexual feelings toward other girls.

She told me she has considered having a one-night stand with a girl behind my back, but she decided not to because she couldn't live with the guilt.

She told me splitting up would make things easier and that we would both get over a breakup quickly. I convinced her that our feelings are too strong to break up without good reason, and so we agreed to try and put more life back into the relationship.

If our relationship were stronger, I would approve of her

having female sexual partners. I don't think she'd be happy in the long term with a gay relationship.

Thanks from Thomas

Dear Thomas,

YOU think she wouldn't be happy in a gay relationship. YOU had to convince her that "our" feelings are too strong to break up. YOU don't think the relationship is strong enough for her to follow her heart. Until she figures out what she needs, she'll only continue wondering, and you'll continue having to convince her she's in love.

Dear Harlan,

I'm a 19-year-old female with an issue that is pretty unusual. I

really don't like physical affection of any kind.

As for sex, I don't have any desire to have it now or in the future. I'm heterosexual, but while other girls fantasize about "being with" attractive guys, I daydream about feeding ducks in the park with them or us cracking each other up with stupid jokes.

I've never been physically, emotionally or sexually abused, and my family is cool with showing affection. My friends all seem to think there is some deep reason for me to be like this and feel it's weird that I don't want help for my "problem."

Am I a freak who doesn't realize it, or is it possible to be a

by Harlan Cohen

healthy nonsexual person?
Un-aroused and unworried

Dear Un-aroused,

If it's not a problem, don't worry about it, but if it bothers you enough to write me a letter, talk to your personal physician and get an evaluation. It could be a medication that is curbing your libido, it could be a symptom of something physical or it could just be the normal you.

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.

TODAY'S menu

THE MAIN

- Lunch**
Grilled cheese sandwich
Lemon pepper chicken
Barbecue bar
Baked potato bar
- Dinner**
Beef and chicken fajitas
Baked ham
Carved pork loin
Pasta bar

WORTH HILLS

- Lunch**
Gyro
Chicken tetrazzini
Beef stew
- Dinner**
Barbecue steak
Chicken fried steak
Hamburgers
Hot dogs

EDEN'S GREENS

- Lunch**
Grilled fresh salmon
Chicken jambalaya

FROGBYTES

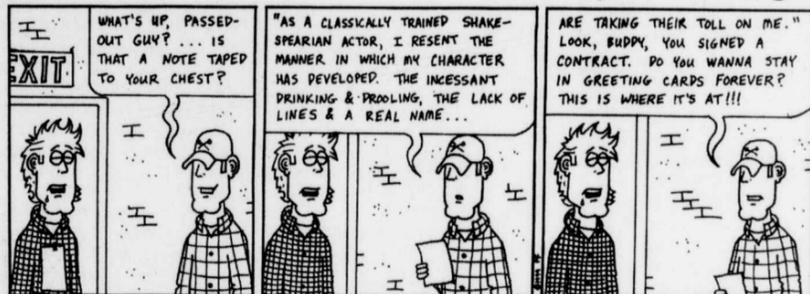
- Sizzlin' salads (late night)

Rudy



by Aaron Brown

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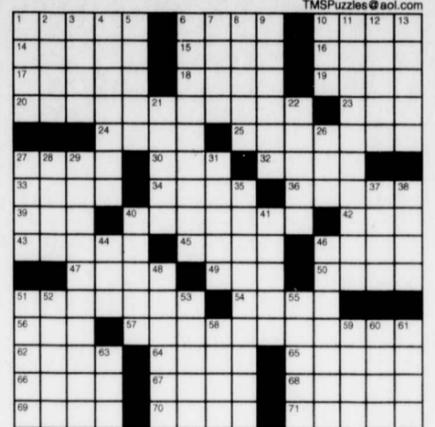


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By Verna Sult
Silver Spring, MD

4/18/00

Friday's Puzzle Solved



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PURPLE poll

Q. HAVE YOU BEEN INCONVENIENCED BY FOSTER HALL RENOVATIONS?

A. YES NO
31 69

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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- Noon - 3PM, Good Friday, April 21
Seven Last Words of Christ
- 7:30, 9:00 and 11AM, April 23
Easter Sunday
Holy Communion

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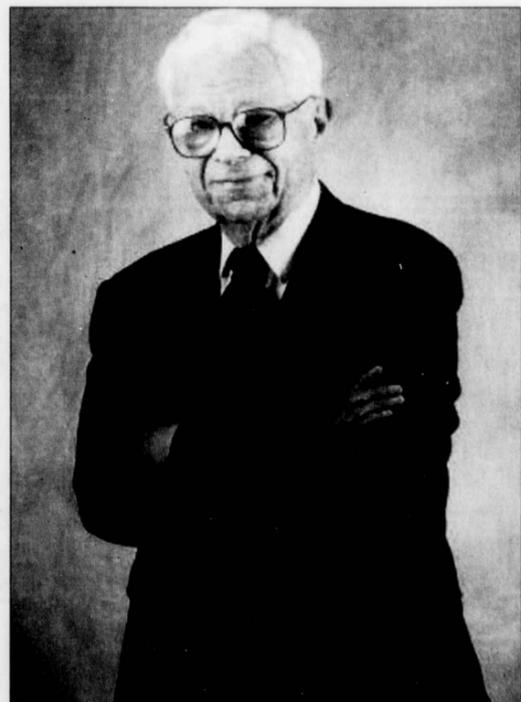


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GETTIN' FRY-ED

Music Fair attracts thirsty listeners to 21st annual event

Story and Photos by Carey Hix

The party was well under way by 3:30 p.m., and the streets were well littered with a myriad of rubbish: smashed beer cans, yellow cigarette butts and flattened cardboard drink cups.

People wearing cut-offs and T-shirts were hanging out on their porches in the overcast afternoon, drinking beer, smoking and enjoying the free music.

The free music is one of the benefits (or disadvantages, depending on your opinion of the event) of living on the streets near the intersection of Fry Street and Avenue A, the vortex of alternative music and lifestyles, at least during the 21st annual Fry Street Fair in Denton.

It seems the whole community was out in support of the event, including the Grace Temple, which set up a barbecue pit in its parking lot to sell hot dogs, chips and water to the passing freaks and other assorted people.

Little kids on Rollerblades, obese men covered in tattoos and hippie-chicks with flower wreaths in their hair — Fry Street was a chaotic melting pot for anyone and everyone with only one thing in common: the desire to have a good time listening to music and drinking beer on a Saturday afternoon.

At the entrance to the fair, there were long lines of blue portable toilets and an even longer line of freaks with full bladders waiting their turns. One man was in the stall with the door unlocked, while his longhaired friend, sporting a

worse before the night was over.

Across the street from the entrance was an entourage of 18-wheeler beer trucks, Budweiser "The King of Beers," Coors and Miller Lite. People were juggling on the lawn, while vegetarian stands and wheat-grass vendors sold their sweet, green elixir for "a good price."

The entrance was set apart by a chain-link fence with spray-painted newspaper flowers stuck in the holes and cops strategically placed at gaps to prevent people from bypassing the \$15 admittance fee.

A large, black trash can served as a barf bag for a young girl with long, brown hair, which was being held back by another young girl in cut-offs and a black tank top.

The cops standing 3 feet from this spectacle just looked the other way.

A festival of many faces

Practically everybody had braids in their hair — men and women alike. The entire tie-dye and hemp industries had come out to set up their kiosks and peddle their THC-free, color-streaked wares.

The most beautiful thing about Fry Street was the diversity of the participants. One may see people of all colors, races, religions, creeds and lifestyles; at the fair, anything goes.

One can see pale, black-maned Marilyn Manson look-alikes jamming alongside robed Hare Krishnas and tripped-out ravers in baggy Jn-cos and "Mary Jane — no pain, no Jane" T-shirts.

There were young couples with rosy-cheeked children riding on their fathers' shoulders and lesbian lovers holding hands.

There were longhaired hippies with plastic pot leaf wreaths around their necks, selling beautifully colored blown-glass pipes right in front of cops.

The air was filled with the pungent, cloying scents of Nag Champa incense, pot and clove cigarette smoke, grilled meats and spilled beer.



The Dan Schwindt Quartet performs outside the entrance to the 21st Annual Fry Street Fair.

Noteworthy tunes

The event, sponsored by the Delta Lodge, featured several bands on three stages. They all sounded similar, though their appearance and names were different.

After 3:30 p.m., the songs by all the bands on the main and Delta stages, with possibly the exception of Adventures of Jet, which was described as "loud and poppy" by a fellow participant, shared the same features: driving guitar riffs, raging bass-lines, booming drums and unintelligible lyrics.

The vibes in both these areas were kind of dark and foreboding. Perhaps thrash-metal would be the best way to describe it, but others referred to it as "generic '90s punk rock that wants to be '70s." One observer commented, "Every time we come over to the main stage, all it is is some unintelligible death-rock type of music."

Surprisingly, no mosh pits could be detected. The only obvious violence was at the gladiator joust booth by the Red Bull stand.

Just when Bowling for Soup began sounding kind of cool on the main stage, they went into a vengeful rendition of Bon Jovi's "You Give Love a Bad Name."

The black Eagle (KEGL)

van was at the main stage where its representatives were handing out goodies in plastic bags declaring "97.1 The Eagle Rocks!"

Surprisingly, the most unique music was happening on the outskirts of the main venues. At the entrance, a lovely swinging gig called the Dan Schwindt Quartet featured some funky guitar riffs and even a longhaired guy blowing saxophone. It was tempting to stay outside of the event with all its screaming sinister sounds and just groove along with this little-known band, enjoying its good-vibration jam session. Besides, it was free.

Sound and light waves mix

By far, the best vibes and music were at the deejay booth on the west side of the main stage in the street by the Delta Lodge. As the crowd gathered, DJ Spencer Wade began spinning some truly phat, funkadelic tracks. At first, only a couple of people were dancing;



The Fry Street Fair draws hundreds of vendors who peddle their wares to browsing participants.

then everyone in the vicinity joined in and grooved to the jamming and flowing, hard-hitting beats. People were smiling and laughing, slapping high fives and handing out flier party invitations and tapes.

It was at this point in the event, about 7:30 p.m., that the sun finally began to filter through the gray sky to shine upon the crowd dancing in

the garbage-filled street in front of the deejay booth. It was as if it had waited for that precise moment to come out of hiding and share its warming glow.

Tasting the fair

So many different types of food

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white cottonmouth T-shirt with a huge pot leaf on the back, kept opening the door on him, exposing him before his peers. He didn't seem to mind, however, as he continued on with his business, un-mindful of the line of people he was flashing.

The people in line weren't bothered either; they'd probably see



J. Victor Stefanchik /Special to the Skiff

TAKING COMEDY SERIOUSLY

Improviser makes most of moments on stage

By Justin Roche
SKIFF STAFF

Somewhere out of the darkness, an audience member shouts out a suggestion for a scene, and David Wilk has but seconds to grab props, change costumes and present a random sketch to more than 200 people waiting to be amused and amazed.

As Wilk and the other five members of the improvisation comedy troupe "Four Day Weekend" take the challenge, the simple proposal transforms from an obscure spoken word into a unique scene in which anything can happen, but the result is always the same: roaring laughter and applause from the crowd.

The audience is surprised and delighted, and because of the nature of improvisation, so is Wilk.

"I don't know anything more than the audience does when the lights go up," the 33-year-old performer said, grinning at the thought of his trade. "That's what I love about improvisation; it's limitless. It can go anywhere."

But Wilk had no idea it could go this far. Only three years after he, Troy Grant and Frank Ford brought improv comedy to Fort Worth with "Four Day Weekend," Wilk and his cohorts have risen to the level of comedic icons.

Their shows sell out every weekend, giving them the distinct honor

of being the longest-running show in Fort Worth. Their fans are loyal, coming to repeat performances week after week because, Wilk said, "It's a completely new show every time."

Rave reviews, supportive audiences, growing recognition — all this success from a show that was only scheduled for a six-week run.

Defining moments of improv

This unforeseeable good fortune is indicative of the nature of Wilk's profession. Improvisational comedy involves making up humorous scenes on the spot from a random

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THESE BOOTS ALSO MADE FOR ART

Artist displays exhibit focusing on shoes

By Omar Villafranca
STAFF REPORTER

Julia Franklin, a student artist, can tell part of a person's personality just by looking at the heel of his or her shoe.

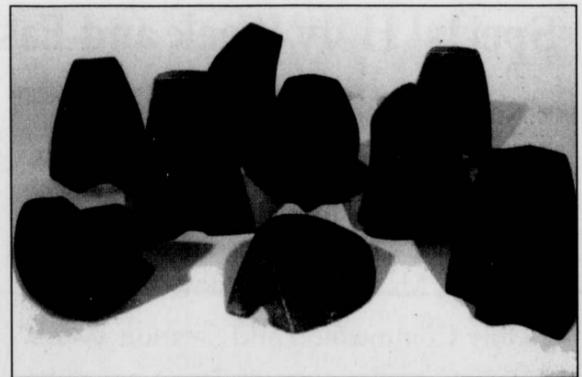
Franklin, a candidate for a master of fine arts degree at TCU, is exhibiting a body of work titled "Revealing the Heel" as part of her degree requirement. The exhibit came from a four-year study of shoes which explores the importance of the heel. The exhibit runs through Friday in the Moudy Building North, Room 141.

"I think the shoe is an exciting idea," Franklin said. "I broke down the shoe. When someone wears a shoe, it molds to their foot. It then becomes part of their personality."

Franklin says the wood and ceramic sculpture exhibit allowed her original source to reveal her identity. Franklin said it also allowed the source to address personal issues of conformity, containment and healing.

"Women will understand some of the works," Franklin said. "Women have to contort to wear shoes. Some of the works are serious and comical."

Franklin graduated from Midwestern State University, in Wichita Falls, Texas, with a bachelor of fine arts degree in 1997. The Wichita Falls native has had her work displayed in 30 international, national and regional competitive exhibitions. Some of her work is currently on display at the City Museum in St. Louis and at Sul Ross State Univer-



sity in a display of emerging women artists.

After the work leaves TCU, Franklin said half will move to an exhibit at the University of Houston. The exhibit in Houston is in conjunction with the International Sculpture Conference in June. The plans for the other half of the display have already been finalized.

"I've already sold the other half of the exhibit," Franklin said. "The little pieces go quickly because they are really colorful. I'm glad people have taken my art with them."

The exhibit is free of charge. The gallery is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. today through Friday. For more information on the exhibit, call 257-7643.

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