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Turmoil in Tulsa

The TCU men's basketball team continues to struggle with its Tulsa foes.

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Fort Worth, Texas

Former student charged with arson

By Ram Luthra
STAFF REPORTER

A former TCU student and another individual have been charged for arson in connection with the fire at the Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Delta Tau Delta fraternity house, according to a Fort Worth police report.

Vernon Rowe III, 21, and Matthew Taylor, 19, are suspects in connection with an Aug. 11 fire at the Martin-Moore Residence Hall on 3504 Pond Drive on the TCU campus.

Fire damages to fraternity house, car are estimated at \$10,000

Although both Rowe and Taylor were charged and posted \$5,000 bail, as of Wednesday, the district attorney's office has not accepted the case yet.

At the time of the incident, Rowe was the president of the Sigma Nu fraternity. Sigma Nu is a fraternity located off campus and is not officially recognized by TCU.

No one was injured in the fire,

which caused about \$1,000 worth of damages, according to the police report.

Rowe and Taylor were both arrested in December. Investigation of the arson was prolonged because of lack of cooperation from the suspects and witnesses, fire officials said.

Sabino Vasquez, arson investigator for the Fort Worth Fire Department, said the investigation

was hampered because the suspect is a member of a close-knit fraternity.

"This case was harder because of the nature of fraternities," Vasquez said. "All the people involved showed a great amount of loyalty and camaraderie to each other, which made it harder on us to gather facts."

Mark Lane, Rowe's attorney, said the investigation was per-

formed in a haphazard manner and questions the tactics used by the TCU law enforcement authorities.

"The investigation has not been performed in a professional and thorough manner," Lane said.

Fire officials said a fight that took place at a bar and continued to a gas station near the TCU campus prior to the fire was the main catalyst for the blaze of the fraternity house. Officials at the scene

found tire tread marks on the lawn by the building. Fire officials and police authorities confirm that the tracks are from a truck that had been intentionally driven over the lawn.

The fire started when a combustible liquid engulfed the porch of the building and was later sparked with matches, fire officials said. The police report cited that a large rock was thrown through a glass doorway.

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Tooting his own horn



Zach Collins, sophomore tuba performance major, practices his tuba in Ed Landreth Hall Wednesday.

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BRITE GOES HI-TECH

Lilly Endowment Inc. provides Brite Divinity with a \$300,000 grant

By Carrie Woodall
STAFF REPORTER

Students stepping into one of the classrooms at the Brite Divinity School this semester may notice a few high-tech changes.

Technological resources, including a large video screen, projectors and specially-installed lighting for multimedia, are allowing the school's professors to redesign their teaching methods. The Lilly Endowment Inc. provided Brite with a \$300,000 grant for these improvements, said Jeremy Poynter, assistant to the dean in instructional technology.

"There are advantages any time students are taught through multi-sensory methods," Poynter said. "The technology will give faculty the opportunity to utilize multimedia resources to achieve this result."

Tori Waller, a Brite Divinity School student, said these new resources will allow students to have more interactive learning experiences. In the past, students relied on the religion department for any video equipment they needed.

Poynter said students will have online access for laptops to use in the

classroom, and faculty may eventually have course manuals to assist in the process.

He said proposed components for the Lilly Endowment grant included the creation of a position in instructional technology.

Faculty and staff will be trained in a workshop setting to learn how to use the multimedia equipment that may involve online interactive resources that students may use for ministry tools, Poynter said.

Jeff Pool, assistant to the president in development, said Brite's size and monetary resources have disallowed it to be as advanced in technology as some of the largest seminaries.

"(However), Brite Divinity is in many ways ahead of some smaller seminaries because other schools are just now acquiring personal computers for the faculty," Pool said.

Poynter said students and faculty will begin using the multimedia technology this semester, but the grant includes a three-year implementation process for completion of the project.

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Installation of disputed lights begins

Despite concerns, \$400,000 lights to be up by March

By John Weyand
STAFF REPORTER

In a debate that has many students feeling left in the dark, the intramural sports program will soon be bathed in light.

Construction has begun around the TCU Intramural Fields to install lights atop 75-foot poles, allowing intramural play to continue

after dark. Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs, said the lights are expected to be installed midway through the semester.

"We're aiming for mid-March, but the weather has been slowing progress," Mills said.

Mills said the lighting project will cost about \$400,000, but no special allocation was needed to fund the project.

"The money comes from a portion of the annual budget set aside for general projects," Mills said.

"That money is present every year and is sometimes for paving park-

ing lots and patching roofs."

Mills said the high cost has to do with the consideration of TCU's residential neighbors. In order to reduce glare into nearby yards, the City of Fort Worth Board of Adjustments granted TCU a variance in November 2000 allowing the maximum light pole height to be raised from 35 to 75 feet. The increased pole height will allow the light to be more directional, preventing the light from spilling into nearby yards.

Despite the extra cost for taller shielded lights, Mills said the lights' height had to be raised or

they wouldn't go up at all.

"We didn't even look at estimates for 35-foot lights," Mills said. "We knew (the lights) had to be 75-foot to work."

During community meetings held throughout the fall semester, many of TCU's neighbors expressed concerns about disturbing light pollution at late-night hours.

With the help of lighting engineers, Mills assured TCU's neighbors that little light will go beyond the edges of the intramural fields. Mills also said an agreement made



Special to the Skiff

Over the Winter Break, construction to provide lighting around the perimeter of TCU's Intramural Fields began. Seven, 75-foot poles will be placed around the sports fields.

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Seven Texan escapees still on the loose

TCU Police are taking a cautious approach

By Ram Luthra
STAFF REPORTER

TCU Police, like other law enforcement agencies across the state, are continuing a cautious and careful approach in light of recent reported sightings of the seven Texas prison escapees, Kelly Ham, TCU detective of criminal investigations, said.

The seven men face capital murder charges in the shooting death of Irving police officer Aubrey Hawkins and robbery of a sporting goods store on Christmas Eve. Hawkins was ambushed, shot 11 times and run over as the inmates fled from the Irving Oshman's Super Sports USA store, authorities said.

The seven men escaped from a Connally Prison Unit near Kenedy on Dec. 13.

The main objective is to provide safety for our officers and students, Ham said.

TCU police has briefed all its officers on certain procedures if anything suspicious occurs on campus. All officers have been given pictures and descriptions of the

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The Texas Seven ESCAPE TIMELINE

Dec. 13 — "Connally Seven" escape from the John B. Connally Jr. Prison Unit near Kenedy in a stolen prison vehicle.

Dec. 24 — Irving police officer, Aubrey Hawkins, murdered during the robbery of an Oshman's Super Sports USA.

Jan. 12 — Houston-based Oshman's Sporting Goods, Inc. announced the \$25,000 Oshman's Aubrey Hawkins Memorial Fund to benefit the slain officer's family.

Jan. 15 — FBI added an additional \$140,000 to the existing \$300,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the escaped convicts.

TODAY IN HISTORY
In 1778, Captain James Cook of the British Navy, thought he was the first to find a group of islands in the Pacific now known as the Hawaiian Islands.

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IMAGE UPGRADE

SGA looks to improve visibility on campus

By Jonathan Sampson
STAFF REPORTER

Bland. Inclusive. Political. Inefficient. These were some of the words used by Student Government Association officers to describe students' opinions of SGA during the leadership retreat last weekend, said Chelsea Hudson, chairwoman of the Permanent Improvements Committee.

As students begin classes, a new set of SGA officers is beginning to look at plans and examining how they can change negative student views.

"I think a lot of times students feel like SGA doesn't do a lot for them, ... but the neat thing is that student government is very aware of this," Hudson said.

Brian Wood, SGA president, said the first step toward reforming student opinion includes the formation of a communication committee.

"People think SGA is ineffectual because they don't know what it has done," Wood said.

He said he is considering Jason Cordova, last year's SGA secretary, to chair the committee which will be responsible for letting students know what SGA has done and what they are doing.

Kelly Cowdery, a junior elementary education major, said she would like to see SGA

be more visible on campus and see what it is doing directly for the students. She said a communication committee will only be effective if all SGA representatives participate, not just the president and vice presidents.

"It's a good idea," Cowdery said. "I'll just be skeptical until I see it directly affecting me as a student."

Hudson said the officers want to see SGA communicate with the students in new ways and utilize other groups on campus such as Student Developmental Services and the Residence Hall Association. She said officers want to speak with on-campus organizations about SGA activities at times other than during the elections.

"I think people get involved when you just tell them what's going on," Hudson said. "I just don't think we've been telling them what's going on."

Amy Render, House of Student Representatives vice president, said SGA wants to establish more credibility with the students, faculty and administration.

"We're tired of that old, SGA image," she said. "We want to be more available, visible and exciting, which is sometimes hard with bills and legislation."

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■ **The Harris School of Nursing** will have its new student orientation today. Call (817) 257-7652 for more information.

■ **Library Orientation Tours** will be given 2 to 3 p.m. today and 11 a.m. to noon Friday. For more information call (817) 257-7117 or visit the Mary Coats Burnett Library Information Desk.

■ **Theater auditions** for the spring semester will be Thursday and Friday. For more information contact the theater department at (817) 257-7625.

■ **Entries for Intramural Basketball** are being taken through Tuesday. Teams and individuals may enter. The cost is \$25 a team. Individuals need to sign a free agent form. Entries are available outside the Recreational Sports office, Rickel Building, Room 229. The captain's meeting will be Jan. 25, and the season begins Jan. 30. Basketball officials will also be needed. For more information contact Damien Abel at (817) 257-7592.

■ **The Center for Academic Services** will offer free study skills workshops. "Planning for Academic Success" will be 7 p.m. Jan. 29 in Reed Hall, Room 101 or 7 p.m. Jan. 30 in Reed Hall, Room 117. "Effective Note-taking and Textbook Skills" will be 7 p.m. Feb. 5 in Reed Hall, Room 101 or 7 p.m. Feb. 6 in Reed Hall, Room 117. Bring paper, pen and your syllabi to the workshops.

■ **Christopher Young**, head of the organ department at Indiana University, will hold a concert 7:30 p.m. Feb. 2 in Ed Landreth Hall. His program is sponsored by the Sue Wheeler Smith Endowment Fund of TCU and the Fort Worth chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

■ **Campus Conversations on Inclusiveness: International** will be noon to 1 p.m. Feb. 6 in the Student Center, Room 222.

■ **The Second Valentine's Concert** will present the music of Glenn Miller 7:30 p.m. Feb. 14 in Ed Landreth Hall. Admission is \$8 for the public and \$5 for TCU students, faculty and staff with ID.

WORLD DIGEST



Death toll in El Salvador rises to 683 people



ARMENIA, El Salvador — Although 682 people had already lost their lives to this weekend's earthquake, it was the 683rd death that brought the sense of tragedy home to the shocked people of El Salvador.

Sergio Moreno, a 22-year-old musician who was pulled alive from the rubble after spending 31 hours entombed under cinderblocks and dirt, died late Tuesday at a hospital.

His near-miraculous rescue had captured Salvadorans, providing a ray of hope amid the despair. After calling for help from beneath the rubble with a cellular phone, rescuers worked more than two days to free him. His heart and kidneys failed shortly after he was rescued. Doctors revived him and later amputated his legs, but were unable to save him.

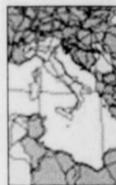
Local television stations broke away from regular programming to report his death.

Even as signs emerged that everyday life was returning after the earthquake — lines snaked around the block at newly reopened banks in the capital — the isolated countryside largely stood still in hunger and mourning.

In Las Colinas, a neighborhood near San Salvador that was buried by a landslide, earth movers dug at the mountain of dirt and a few crews looked for bodies Wednesday morning. But they worked more slowly, the sense of urgency gone with the hope of finding survivors.

Seventeen more corpses were recovered Tuesday night, boosting the national death toll to 683.

Case of mad cow disease found in Italy



ROME — Scientists have found Italy's first suspected case of mad cow disease in a cow at a slaughterhouse that supplies meat to McDonald's restaurants in Italy and elsewhere in Europe.

The slaughterhouse in Lodi, in Italy's northern Lombardy region, belongs to the Cremonini group. Cremonini is the exclusive meat supplier for the American fast food giant's restaurants across Italy, company spokesman Massimiliano Parboni said Monday.

Parboni couldn't immediately say which other countries besides Italy get beef from the company. Until Saturday, when the case was discovered, Italy had been considered mad cow-free. The only two cases reported there were two cows in 1994 which had been imported from Britain.

"We expected it," scientist Maria Caramelli

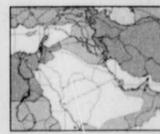
told Canale 5 private TV Monday. "Italy could not be the exception."

Caramelli works with a team of scientists testing brain tissue from the cow. Final tests, to be released Tuesday, were expected to confirm the earlier results. McDonald's, which has 295 restaurants here serving 600,000 customers daily, recently put up signs in eateries across Italy to reassure consumers about the origin of its beef. It stood by its Italian supplier Monday, saying the "quality, tractability and safety" of its beef protect consumers.

"We have full trust in Cremonini, which has the country's highest quality procedures," said Alessandra di Montezemolo, European spokeswoman for the U.S. food giant.

Mad cow — the common name for bovine spongiform encephalopathy, or BSE — is a brain-wasting ailment that scientists believe was spread by recycling meat and bone meal from infected animals back into cattle feed. BSE wasn't identified until 1986, but by the mid-1990s, Britain was seeing tens of thousands of cases a year of infected cattle stumbling about as if drunk.

Peace breakthrough not expected in Mid East



JERUSALEM — Israeli and Palestinian negotiators said after a round of talks that they saw no chances for a breakthrough by the end of President Bill Clinton's term this weekend.

Still, negotiations were to resume Wednesday, with Israeli Foreign Minister Shlomo Ben-Ami and Palestinian Parliament Speaker Ahmed Qureia leading the teams.

Palestinian officials indicated that talks would continue until the Israeli election for prime minister Feb. 6. However, with a full agreement out of reach, it was no longer clear what goal the negotiators were setting for themselves. The Palestinians have ruled out a partial deal, or a declaration of principles guiding the negotiations.

Israeli media reports said senior Israeli Cabinet ministers, including veteran statesman Shimon Peres, demanded that Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak be more aggressive in seeking a deal. Barak remained pessimistic.

Israel's election campaign, meanwhile, intensified Tuesday with the debut of campaign commercials on TV and radio.

In his main bid, Barak rejected the Palestinian demand that all Palestinian refugees and their descendants, nearly 4 million people, be given the right to return to their former homes in Israel.

He also brushed aside the Palestinian insistence on sovereignty over a disputed Jerusalem holy site — the spot where the Al Aqsa Mosque

compound was built over the ruins of the biblical Jewish Temples.

"Peace must not be at any price," Barak said in the election broadcast. "Under no circumstances shall we accept the right of return to Israel and we shall never sign a document transferring sovereignty over the Temple Mount to Palestinians."

Barak later told Israel TV that Israel was ready for painful compromises to achieve a deal while Clinton remains in office. Now, the period leading to Israel's elections "is not exactly a suitable time for breakthroughs, but we shall not close the door and shall continue contacts," he said.

Homes burned, 25 men killed in Colombia

BOGOTA, Colombia — Suspected right-wing paramilitary gunmen with machetes hacked to death 25 men in northern Colombia Wednesday before burning dozens of homes to the ground, police said.



Survivors told police that about 50 heavily armed men dressed in military uniforms converged on the town of Changué at about 3 a.m. Wednesday and rounded up 25 villagers they accused of working with leftist guerrillas. Sucre state police Lt. Alexander Collazos told the Associated Press.

The victims, all men between the ages of 22 and 65, were removed one by one from their homes, surrounded and killed with machete blows to the head and neck.

The attackers then set fire to about 30 homes in the village and carried off seven other men as hostages, police said.

After the assault, many villagers fled for neighboring hamlets. Changué is home to about 1,200 people, and is about 370 miles north of the capital Bogota. Red Cross workers were traveling to the region Wednesday.

Witnesses told police that the attackers were members of right-wing paramilitary groups, but police couldn't confirm those reports.

The attack is the latest in a wave of terror blamed on paramilitary groups that has left more than 20 dead in January alone. The violence has increased pressure on President Andres Pastrana to reign in the militia, believed to have killed most of the 1,226 civilians who died in massacres last year.

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BRIGHT FUTURE Intramural lights benefit students

"The greatest good for the greatest number." - John Stuart Mill

The utilitarian approach so often is used to keep the majority happy.

For TCU, the utilitarian approach is often weighing whether the students or the community is the greatest number.

In the months preceding Winter Break, the administration hosted a series of meetings to see exactly where the community stood on the issue of lighting the intramural sports fields.

Despite TCU's major renovations to the area, especially Berry Street, the majority of TCU's neighbors was sharply opposed to the "sight polluting poles" that would "lower their land values" and fill their yards with light.

So TCU compromised with taller, more attractive poles and less light in nearby yards.

However, city law prevented the poles from being as tall as TCU proposed and the neighbors still thought the poles were ugly.

But why let the city laws and pesky neighbors stand in the way of the interests of TCU students?

So TCU did the right thing. The administration convinced the city council to grant a variance to the law and started construction to light the intramural sports fields.

Was it the research that showed students prefer to play at night that convinced the administration to go forth with their plans? Or was it the sharp increase in the number of forfeitures of games combined with slumping participation numbers?

Either way, just 12 weeks from now, the students can return to playing the sports they love at the times most convenient to them. Though just a small step toward the students having a voice in administrative decisions, a step nonetheless.

As for the neighbors, well, who knows?

Perhaps their land values will plummet, lives will be ruined, and they will be forced to move far, far away from TCU. Seems unlikely doesn't it?

System guilty in officer's death Texas prison escapees should have had more supervision

It has been 35 days since the escape. Twenty-six days have passed since the murder of Aubrey Hawkins, an Irving police officer. There were 11 prison employees who were attacked and stripped of their clothing by seven prison inmates. The prisoners spent two hours walking free around the prison because there was only one civilian guard who was assigned to watch the inmates.

As startling as these numbers are, what is more shocking is the fact that, to date, the authorities have had no prominent leads to where the escapees have been or where they might be going.

After escaping from the John B. Connally Jr. Prison Unit in Karnes County Dec. 13, the seven escapees seemed to have vanished into thin air. That is until the "Connally Seven" decided to make their presence known in a deadly robbery on Christmas Eve at an Oshman's Super Sports USA store in Irving.

The main question to be asked is whether the inmates, three of whom were serving life sentences and two who were convicted of murder, should have been assigned to the minimum security area of the prison.

Officials have repeatedly said the prisoners were under suitable watch and that they did not pose a danger to anyone. Actually, only a single, unarmed civilian guard, who was easily overpowered by the men, watched the seven prisoners.

One significant factor being considered in the success of the daring escape is the lack of security avail-

able at the prison. Contrary to earlier statements made by the Connally Unit officials,

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ported more attacks on guards than any other prison in Texas within the past six

angry at the prison system for not taking responsibility for what happened.

Officer Hawkins' mother, Jayne Hawkins, did not accept the Justice Board's answers to what happened that day. As she looked at each of the members, she told them they were each to blame for the death of her son.

Jayne Hawkins was absolutely correct in blaming the members of the Justice Board for the death of her son. Not only are they to blame, but so are the Texas lawmakers who sit in Austin and claim to be making laws that will make it safer for every citizen to live in Texas.

So far, nobody has had any answers to why the convicted murderers were placed under minimum security and why they were allowed to walk around the prison without any supervision. So far, nobody has had any answers to why it took law officials so long to realize they were missing seven inmates, and so far, nobody has had any answers to why there are still no leads to one of the most infamous prison breaks in recent history.

I wonder what answers lawmakers will have for Aubrey Hawkins' mother when she asks them what she should tell her grandson when he asks why his father had to die.

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they now report that on the day of the escape, the prison was short 22 officers. They have also stated they illustration by Elizabeth Schram/SKIFF STAFF have made repeated requests to lawmakers to hire more employees.

news conference last week, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice insinuated the prison guards, who were on duty that day, were at fault for the prison break. This accusation left many people

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New Year's Eve not fun for non-drinkers Evening holds little appeal for those opting to remain sober during revelry

I hate New Year's Eve. It's not that I find anything inherently wrong with the holiday itself. You see, two New Year's Eves ago, I made a resolution to stop drinking. This resolution somehow has lasted two years, and I don't regret making it. I believe that I'm a better person for it.



Bullion

Now I should point out that I'm not some prude. I'm not going to go out and form a temperance union and hack up saloons with a chain saw. Giving up alcohol was strictly a personal decision, and believe me, I don't fault anyone who wants or needs alcohol to have a good time.

But therein lies my problem. New Year's Eve is the ultimate "good time" celebration, and inevitably, us sober people get left out of the loop. I've personally passed the point of being jealous of my drinking friends to just dreading being around them on a holiday when Moet bottles get drained like swamps and funnels overtake paper cups as the most popular fluid receptacle.

Any sober person who doesn't think New Year's Eve is the most insufferable holiday of the year is either lying or not really sober.

Normal parties are difficult enough for sober folks. I know the shame of sneaking upstairs to the kitchen sink with your paper cup and, when no one's looking, filling it with tap water to fit in. New Year's Eve borders on sheer torture, simply because you know everyone is going to be drinking. You can't call someone up on New Year's Eve and ask them if they'd like to go see a movie or shoot some pool. People only have one thing on their minds that day.

Not that there's anything wrong with that, because there's not. But try to see it through the eyes of someone who basically had two options that night:

stay home alone and ring in 2001 in my basement watching flesh-covered cyborg Dick Clark, or attend a hedonistic orgy with a sweating mass of inebriates in a little house not suited for a tea party, much less a New Year's Eve bash. Since five minutes of watching Mr. American Bandstand would probably drive me to drink (and heavy drugs) anyway, I opted for the latter. So I braved the harsh Missouri winter, the State Police's fascist sobriety checkpoints and the lack of parking to attend a "get-together" at a friend's house.

If anything, I told myself, it would at least be interesting.

And interesting it was. Entertaining, maybe not. I figured I could amuse myself by counting the number of people who entered the room screaming "Okay ... the party can officially start now that I'm here!" but after the first dozen or so, that game got old. Then I tried to strike up conversations with some of my bleary-eyed friends. Coherent discourse, however, was also lost on this event. Invariably, the person extolling the artistic merits of "Dude, Where's My Car?" (and believe me, there are many) would get drowned out by the girl who kept asking if I too could see those weird little flashing lights, and both were drowned out by the shirtless guy singing the chorus to "Ms. Jackson" at the top of his lungs.

It was a mere 30 minutes into 2001 that I decided I'd had enough, and I left that sweaty house to its revelry. As I walked down the icy street, the muffled sounds of a butchered version of "Auld Lang Syne" ringing in my head, a thought occurred to me. Maybe we could all be more compassionate. Maybe sober people

like me should just loosen up and have fun. After all, if we don't need alcohol to have fun, then why aren't we? And maybe those who drink could act a little less scornful when the sober people ask them for a Pepsi. The best social lubricant is always conversation, whether it's facilitated by a foreign substance or not.

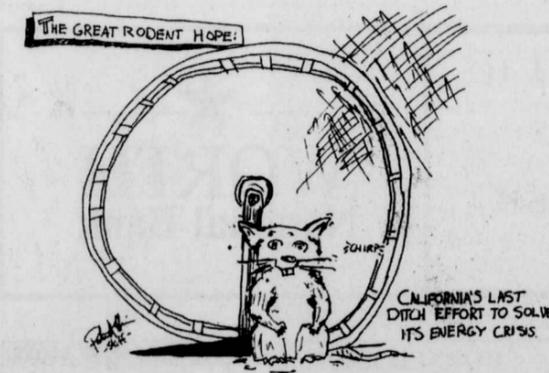
In the end, however, the new year is enough to make any sober person cower in fear. That night, as everyone did the usual hugs and kisses routine at midnight, I found myself in the drunken death grip of a girl I used to know. I had been noticing her looking at me all night. Not in that good "hey-let's-REALLY-ring-in-the-New-Year" way, but in the confused, "do-I-know-this-person?" way.

I whispered in her ear: "You have NO idea who I am, do you?" She stepped back and looked me over. Then the girl — who I played baseball with every Fourth of July picnic, who I went to see when she was Fairy #2 in "Peter Pan" and who on several occasions indulged my sad, smitten self with trips to breakfast before school started — looked me in the eye and responded honestly:

"No."

I'll drink to that.

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International Criminal Court threatens constitutional sovereignty

You may have thought or you may think that the highest court in existence is the U.S. Supreme Court, who debatably decided the most controversial presidential election race in history.



Sargent

To an extent you are correct. But only temporarily. Since 1989, when the United Nations asked the International Law Commission to address the question of establishing an international criminal court, the United Nations has progressively worked to-

ward this goal.

In 1994, the ILC completed a draft statute for an international court, and on July 17, 1998, at the United Nations Diplomatic Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Establishment of an International Criminal Court, adopted the "Rome Statute Of The International Criminal Court."

It was then opened for signatures in Rome until Oct. 17, 1998, and at the U.N. headquarters in New York until Dec. 31, the date on which both Israel and the United States signed the document.

Now established at The Hague in the Netherlands, the International Criminal Court, a court with 18 judges from different countries, whose jurisdiction over "war crimes,

crimes against humanity, the crime of genocide and crimes of aggression" could supersede even the Supreme Court, will be able to try individuals even from the United States.

The court recognizes that "... during this century millions of children, women and men have been victims of unimaginable atrocities that deeply shock the conscience of humanity," and says it is determined to "... put an end to impunity for the perpetrators of these crimes ..." and "... contribute to the prevention of these crimes." However, there are certain legal and constitutional aspects about the court that appear to overlook or even undermine our constitutional sovereignty.

Although an International Crimi-

nal Court would have the ability to charge ruthless or unjust political leaders and public officials, our Constitution provides in Article 3, section 2 that "in all cases affecting ambassadors, other public ministers and consuls, and those in which a state shall be party, the Supreme Court shall have original jurisdiction."

Furthermore, regarding the fact that this international court is overseas, our Constitution also guarantees in Article 3, section 2 that the "trial of all crime ... shall be by jury; and such trial shall be held in the State where the said crimes shall have been committed."

The Sixth Amendment to the constitution also secures that "in all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall

enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed."

The legal merit of this international court is another thing that should be questioned. According to author and nationally known journalist Cliff Kincaid, in response to the Bosnia tribunal, which was similar but not as powerful as the new International Criminal Court, the United Nations has no legal authority or power even under the U.N. charter to "put people in jail under criminal charges."

Analyst C. Douglas Lummis also states that "if the U.N. takes on the powers to arrest, prosecute, sentence and imprison individuals, it is taking

on sovereign powers hitherto reserved to states ..."

Despite the United Nations' supposedly good intentions on stopping cruelty and atrocities, even though they help create atrocities like in Kosovo and cover their eyes to keep from seeing atrocities like in Rwanda, giving away our national sovereignty will never bring about any kind of peace. This truth which must be preserved is evident in the reality that our founding fathers fought vigorously so that this nation could be a self-governing one.

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The Texas Seven



Joseph Garcia
Age: 29
Hometown: San Antonio
Sentence: 50 years for murder
Description: 5-11, 198 lbs., black hair, brown eyes



Randy Halprin
Age: 23
Hometown: McKinney
Sentence: 30 years for injury to a child in Arlington
Description: 6-0, 197 lbs., black hair, hazel eyes



Larry Harper
Age: 37
Hometown: Danville, Ill.
Sentence: 50 years for aggravated sexual assault with a deadly weapon in El Paso
Description: 5-11, 165 lbs., black hair, brown eyes



Patrick Murphy Jr.
Age: 39
Hometown: Dallas
Sentence: 30 years for aggravated sexual assault
Description: 5-7, 143 lbs., brown hair, blue eyes



Donald Newbury
Age: 38
Hometown: Albuquerque, N.M.
Sentence: life sentence for aggravated robbery with a deadly weapon in Austin
Description: 6-0, 179 lbs., brown hair, blue eyes



George Rivas
Age: 30
Hometown: El Paso
Sentence: life sentence for aggravated kidnapping, aggravated robbery
Description: 6-0, 230 lbs., black hair, brown eyes



Michael Rodriguez
Age: 38
Hometown: San Antonio
Sentence: life sentence for capital murder
Description: 5-7, 210 lbs., black hair, brown eyes

ESCAPEES

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seven escapees, Ham, detective of criminal investigations, said.

"All patrol officers have been advised to be aware and extremely cautious," Ham said.

A report released last week by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice said the seven convicts overpowered guards and staff over 2 1/2 hours before they drove away in a stolen prison vehicle.

The prisoners began the breakout armed only with a small flathead screwdriver, an 11-inch iron rod and a 12-inch handmade knife blade, the report said. But by the time they fled the maximum-security prison in a stolen vehicle, they were heavily armed with 14 pistols, a rifle, a shot-

gun and more than 200 rounds of ammunition.

According to television news reports, inmates were able to take 11 employees and three prisoners hostage in a maintenance storage room, binding them with duct tape and plastic ties and threatening them with homemade weapons.

They also left a note warning: "You haven't heard the last of us."

Reports suggest the escapees are moving further away from the Fort Worth area, and some people on the TCU campus are becoming less concerned.

Ham said students and faculty should not panic, and the campus will continue to be safe.

"Realistically, I don't think there is any immediate threat to students and faculty here at TCU," Ham said. Despite the TCU police's sense of

control of the situation, many people around campus are still concerned.

Nicki Hamilton, an administrative assistant for the athletic department, said the TCU police should take a more active stance to keep faculty and students aware. She said the police should post fliers and messages around campus.

"I am very cautious ever since the incident," Hamilton said. "I listen to everything around the house. When I hear any type of knock or tap I am quicker to react to it."

Andrea Cook, a freshman nursing major, said she is not terrified, but still worries. She said she hopes the convicts will not come on campus, but there is nothing that can be done to stop them as long as they are on the run.

"I just try to stay calm and aware," Cook said. "But I do think that ex-

tra precaution should be taken for the safety of the students." Fort Worth police authorities have been responsive to all tips and calls. Numerous amounts of tips have been made each day, police authorities said.

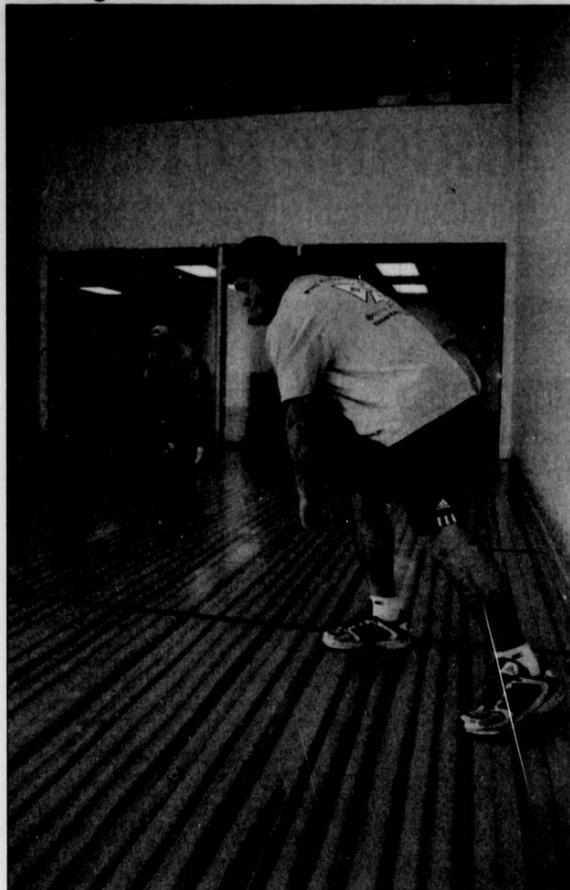
No tips or reports have been made to the TCU police, Ham said.

Boosting the reward for their arrests to \$440,000 has produced more leads — and more unconfirmed sightings in the fifth week of searching.

Because of the nature of the escape, the search has been expanded nationally. The FOX network's "America's Most Wanted" has aired two nationwide television segments on the escaped inmates.

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Making a racket



David Dunal/SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Andre Protas (front), a freshman computer science major, and Mark Phillips, a freshman international marketing major, play racquetball in the Rickel Building Wednesday night.

Ex-journalism chairman dies

Carrell remembered for his encouragement, temperament

By Jaime Walker
NEWS EDITOR

Author Norman MacLean once wrote, "You can't catch a fish if you don't dare to go where they are."

An avid fly fisherman, Robert Carrell Jr. let this philosophy guide his life — on the lake, in the classroom and around the dinner table.



Carrell

Carrell, former chairman of the journalism department, died Wednesday morning following a lengthy battle with various illnesses. He was 70.

"No matter what he did, Bob did everything with the kind of patience, humor and compassion that demands respect," said Gerald Grotta, retired TCU journalism professor. "I remember fishing with him on his boat, and watching while he calmly reeled in fish after fish. I was sitting right next to him using the same lure, on the same lake. I only caught one fish. I don't know what it was, but Bob could reel in fish and attract people to him with such ease."

Carrell originally joined the TCU faculty in 1961. He remained at the university until 1969, when he accepted the position as director of the School of Journalism at the University of Oklahoma. During a sabbatical leave from Oklahoma in 1982, he returned to TCU to again serve as interim chairman of the journalism department.

"I'm sure both TCU and Oklahoma were forever changed by Bob," said Shirley Ramsey, interim director for the Oklahoma School of Journalism and Mass Communication.

Ramsey, who spent her first three years at Oklahoma sharing an office suite with Carrell, said she looked at him as a true role model.

"As a department chair(man) his temperament was ideal," said TCU associate professor of journalism Jack Raskopf. "I never saw someone who could be so calm under all kinds of stressors. Students and faculty alike called on his wisdom."

Grotta said he would not be at TCU if it was not for Carrell's encouragement.

"When I told Bob that I wanted to go back into teaching at a smaller university, he picked up the phone, dialed a phone number and handed me the phone," Grotta said. "Doug Newsom, TCU's public relations professor, and a close personal friend of Bob's, was on the other end of the

line. Within months, I was packing up my things in New York and moving to Texas."

Carrell and Newsom began their professional relationship in 1960, but romance bloomed over the years. In 1988, Carrell and Newsom traveled to India as Fulbright lecturers. The couple married in 1993, following Carrell's retirement from Oklahoma.

"We both love teaching, and we loved to travel," Newsom said. "He was a personable and absolutely honest man."

Newsom said she loved to watch her husband work with students.

"He wanted his students to be good people, and he wanted them to recognize their potential," she said. "He loved to challenge them, and then sit back and watch them grow."

When Carrell applied for the Fulbright fellowship, one of his former students recommended him without reservation. In the letter he praised Carrell for his distinguished record of research, as well as his character.

Simply stated, he wrote, "Dr. Carrell is a fine human being."

Funeral services for Robert Carrell Jr. will be held 11 a.m. Monday at Trinity Episcopal Church, 3401 Bellaire Dr. S. Information on visitation has not been finalized.

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FIRE

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"The suspect's intention was to set the whole building on fire," Vasquez said.

Rowe refused to comment on the incident but said the charges on him are illegitimate. He forwarded all further questions to his attorney.

Lane said his client is not responsible for igniting the fire. He said Rowe is innocent and will fight the charges.

"We have been investigating the incident and taking many witnesses' statements," Lane said. "All the statements indicate that (Rowe) did not have any criminal culpability in regards to the crime he has been charged with."

Lane said he is confident of Rowe's innocence. "(Rowe) will be happy to take a polygraph exam

and answer any questions regarding the charges made on him," Lane said.

Rowe, who was registered for classes in the fall, is not currently registered for any courses in the spring semester, according to the Registrar's office.

Taylor, the other suspect, faces charges of arson on the Martin-Moore building and an automobile. Taylor has been charged by the district attorney's office for setting fire to a 1995 Pontiac Firebird the same night. The car was parked on 3202 Cockrell Ave.

The automobile belonged to Michael Farris. Farris said he did not know why anyone would set his car on fire.

Farris, a sophomore premajor, said his car was totaled. About \$10,000 worth of damages were estimated, according to the police report.

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LIGHTS

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with neighborhood members will prevent games from running later than 10:30 p.m. Additionally, the agreement states the lights will only be used Sunday through Thursday nights.

Damien Abel, director of intramural sports, said the lights will only be used for intramural sports and TCU-sponsored events. Abel said no camps or activities not sponsored by TCU will be lighted.

Neighbors also voiced complaints about how the lights would look and the potential damage the lights will cause to TCU's aesthetic appeal.

Abel said although a color hasn't been chosen, the poles will be painted to blend in with the landscape. "The color will be something pleasing — something nicer than plain stainless steel," Abel said.

Mills said he believes the neighbors will get used to the new look.

"The first day they go up, they'll be God-awful," Mills said. "Two weeks later, they won't be there."

Mills also said he is happy students will be able to participate in intramural activities well into the evening.

"If (TCU) wants to run a full-service recreational program, students have to be able to play at 9 (p.m.)," Mills said. "Playing at

dusk and later without substantial light is dangerous."

Steve Kintigh, director of recreational sports, said lighting on the fields will improve player turnout in intramural sports, since students are more available during evening hours.

"Four (p.m.) is a terrible time to play," Kintigh said. "In fact, we see 40 percent more forfeits (due to not enough players) at 4 (p.m.) than we do at 7 (p.m.). Night games in general have extremely few forfeits."

Intramural athletes will now be able to see the ball they're playing with. Unless it goes in the neighbor's yard.

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BEER



An affair (with a drink) to remember (or maybe not)

Review by Laura Head • Photos by Yvette Herrera

It all started when a colleague needed someone to review a bar. She will remain unnamed because official charges have not been filed, so I'm going to call her Y. Herrera ... no, I'll call her Yvette H.

I reluctantly agreed to go drink some beer and write about my experience at the Flying Saucer, located in downtown Fort Worth at 111 E. 4th St.

My friend and I arrived incognito (so as not to be recognized by both of my fans) at about 6 p.m. Monday. Even though the Monday night special is \$2.50 for any of the 76 beers they have on tap, there weren't many people there, so we sat ourselves at the bar and stared in awe at the massive selection of beers. I can't remember the last time I was around that much beer. Maybe that's why I can't remember.

The first beer we ordered was Hoegaarden White, a pale beer from Belgium that normally costs \$4.75 for a pint. Great beer, but I was ready for a change after the first round.

So I asked the bartender to pick something for me, partly because the only one I could pronounce was Bud Light, and also because I didn't know anything about beer. He asked me

what I started with and then suggested a German beer called Paulaner Hefe-Weizen, or, as I heard over the loud music from 1997, "Paul and her have a weasel."

This one, which normally costs \$4 a pint, was my favorite. If I was a beer, I would want to date this beer. I might even take this beer home to meet Mom and Dad Beer. After my brief fling with Paulaner Hefe-Weizen, or, as I like to call him, Paul, I felt obligated to try another kind of beer. I'm just too young to settle down with one beer, no matter how much I like him ... I mean ... it.

The bartender then moved me to an American beer (how did he know I've had nothing but trouble from those foreign guys?) called Sunshine Wheat. Brewed in Fort Collins, Colo., this typically \$4 pint was my least favorite of the night.

Then it was almost time for my friend and I to leave, but I was bound and determined to do the most extensive reporting I could do. Translation: I wanted another beer. The last beer the bartender selected for me — Pyramid Apricot from Kalama, Wash. — had more popular votes than Paul, but finished in second place after a lengthy

court battle within my mouth. It had a fruity taste to it, but not so much that it tasted like something you'd find in a Snapple bottle or whatever trendy beverage the kids are drinking these days.

Overall, the service at the Flying Saucer was excellent. I frequently heard servers offering to help the guests, and the bartender seemed to know what he was doing. A highlight of the evening was when he started a beer and went to the kitchen. My friend and I were worried that the precious beverage would overflow and go to waste, but he came back at the exact moment when the glass was full.

The atmosphere — complete with couches and an outdoor patio — was conducive to relaxation and conversation. Though I had been there before, now I anxiously await my next visit to the Flying Saucer and my next chance to see Paul. Laura Hefe-Weizen kind of has a nice ring to it.

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WANT TO GO?

The Flying Saucer, located in Sundance Square at 111 E. 4th St. has 76 beers on tap and 150 kinds of bottled beers. Appetizers range in price from \$3.50 for Beer Bean Dip to \$18 for the Saucer Poo-Poo Platter. The kitchen has the same hours as the bar.

Here's a breakdown of the nightly specials:

Sunday: Texas Pint Night, all Texas beers are \$2.50. Open noon to midnight.

Monday: Pint Night, all draft beers are \$2.50. Open 11 a.m. to midnight.

Tuesday: Singer/Songwriter Night. Open 11 a.m. to midnight.

Wednesday: Brewery Night, buy the featured beer and keep the glass. Open 11 a.m. to midnight.

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Tickets can be purchased by calling the Ticket Master Arts Line at (817) 467-2787 or online at (www.casamanana.org).

Friday to Feb. 10: "The Weir" will have its preview performances at Stage West. The story takes place in Ireland and is comforting, yet astonishing, as a young woman from Dublin talks about a supernatural event that silences everyone in a dusky bar.

For tickets or more information call (817) 784-9378. Prices range from \$12 to \$20.

Saturday and Sunday: Seventeenth annual KidFilm Festival will be held at the AMC Glen Lakes Theatres in Dallas. The KidFilm is the oldest and largest children's film festival in the United States. The producer and director of "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" will

be at the festival as the 30th anniversary of screening of the film is celebrated. Tickets are \$3 and will go on sale at noon each day.

"Alaska — Spirit of the Wild" is playing at the Omni Theater until March 8. You can fish with brown bears, fly with bald eagles and dodge calving glaciers as you race on the hooves of a caribou. Tickets are \$6.50. For more information call (817) 255-9300.

Art

3 p.m. Sunday: A photographic exhibition, "Varian Fry — Assignment Rescue: 1940-41," is presented by the Dallas Holocaust Center and the Biblical Arts Center. Fry observed the increasing Nazi persecution of Jews in Europe and alerted people in the United States to it, but, sadly, no one took any action. For more information call (214) 750-4654.

Beginning Monday: Artists of the TCU Art Faculty will present their newest works in ceramics, drawing, graphic design, illustration, painting, photography, printmaking and sculpture.

A reception will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Moudy Building North.

"From Renoir to Picasso: Masterpieces from the Musee de L'Orangerie" will be on display until Feb. 25 at the Kimbel Art Museum.

Music

January: Borders, located at 4601 W. Freeway in Fort Worth, is featuring jazz music.

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Sarah Kirschberg/PHOTO EDITOR
John Angeles, a sophomore music education major, keeps the rhythm with the rest of the TCU band during practice Wednesday in the Walsh Center for Performing Arts.

Natural gas fire forces evacuations

Performance Oilfield Service worker injured as blaze continues for 3rd day

ASSOCIATED PRESS
LONGVIEW — A burning natural gas well injured one worker and forced the evacuations of more than a dozen East Texas families from their homes.
The blaze at the Menefee No. 7 well near the Oak Hill community in Rusk County continued for a third day on Wednesday.
An employee of Performance Oilfield Service in Kilgore was burned when the gas ignited Monday during

work on the well, said Mark Dalton, manager of environmental and safety services for Tulsa, Okla.-based Samson Lone Star Co.
Samson Lone Star, a privately owned independent oil and gas exploration and production company, owns the well, located 11 miles northeast of Henderson on Farm-to-Market Road 782.
The injured employee was treated and released at a hospital Monday night, Dalton said.

When the blaze began, law officers evacuated about 20 families who live within a 1 1/2-mile radius of the wellhead. Rusk County sheriff's deputies allowed some families to return Tuesday, reducing the area of evacuation to one-half mile.
"We do not yet know the cause of the accident," said Dalton. "When you have a big fire like that, it's hard to get close to it."
The blaze that began at 6:45 p.m. Monday destroyed an 18-wheeler

loaded with specialized equipment as well as a pickup truck.
Dalton said the fire occurred during completion operations, after the well had been drilled but before it was put into production.
College Station-based Cudd Pressure Control, emergency well control specialists, were contacted by Samson to control the fire, Dalton said.
The well site is about 130 miles east of Dallas.

California utilities losing money, facing bankruptcy

ASSOCIATED PRESS
HOUSTON — Deregulation of California power markets was inviting enough for Dynegy Inc. that the natural gas marketing company got into the wholesale electricity business.
Now, three years later, the Houston-based company might have to take two major California utilities to bankruptcy court if tight electricity supplies and spiraling prices mean they can't pay their own power bills.
"What needs to be understood is that ... the bankruptcy scenario was brought up absent any possible solutions from legislation being considered," Dynegy spokesman John Sousa said.
California Gov. Gray Davis and lawmakers are trying to develop a plan to purchase power from wholesalers like Dynegy and sell it to utilities, who are mired in debt from

buying energy at record-high prices but are forced to retail it at rates capped by state deregulation rules.
It wasn't until California began moving forward with deregulation that Dynegy stepped in, purchasing Destec Energy and its complement of power plants across the country. Several were in California.
"We were gearing up at that stage to market and trade electricity," Sousa said.
By early 1999, subsequent purchases made with partner NRG Energy Inc. of Minneapolis gave Dynegy ownership of nearly 7 percent of the state's generating capacity, Sousa said.
The idea behind deregulation was that wholesale power generators would compete to sell electricity to retailers. Caps remained on rates retail customers could pay, leaving the utilities enough room to turn a profit.

SGA

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She said she wants each group to know it can use SGA as a resource, whether it be faculty asking for information about students or students with problems they would like addressed by the administration.
Hudson said she thinks SGA will do new things but on a larger scale this year. Her committee is thinking about completely remodeling and redecorating the Student Center Lounge or getting international flags placed along University Drive.
"It's time we stop debating about how to make our SGA work better, and actually make it work," Hudson said. "I think that's the attitude."
She said all the committees

want to do new things with the resources they have. There is talk about possibly having a bonfire at Homecoming, Hudson said.
Cori Troxel, a junior history and anthropology major, said SGA should do more for the students.
"I can't say I know much about them, because I don't see them very much," she said.
Hudson said that, despite current student opinion, she has a positive outlook for this semester.
"Lots of times a group does well, not so much because of the group they are, but because of the people they are," Hudson said. "And the people that are going to be leading this year are great."
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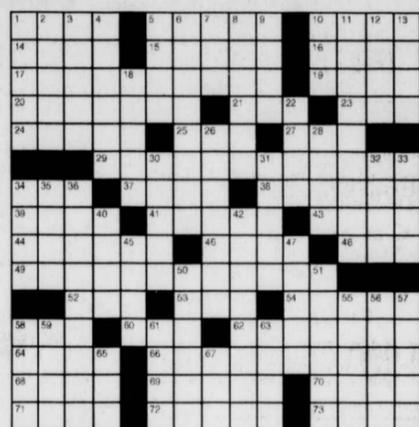
Girls and Sports

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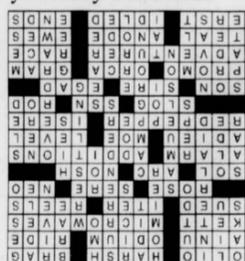


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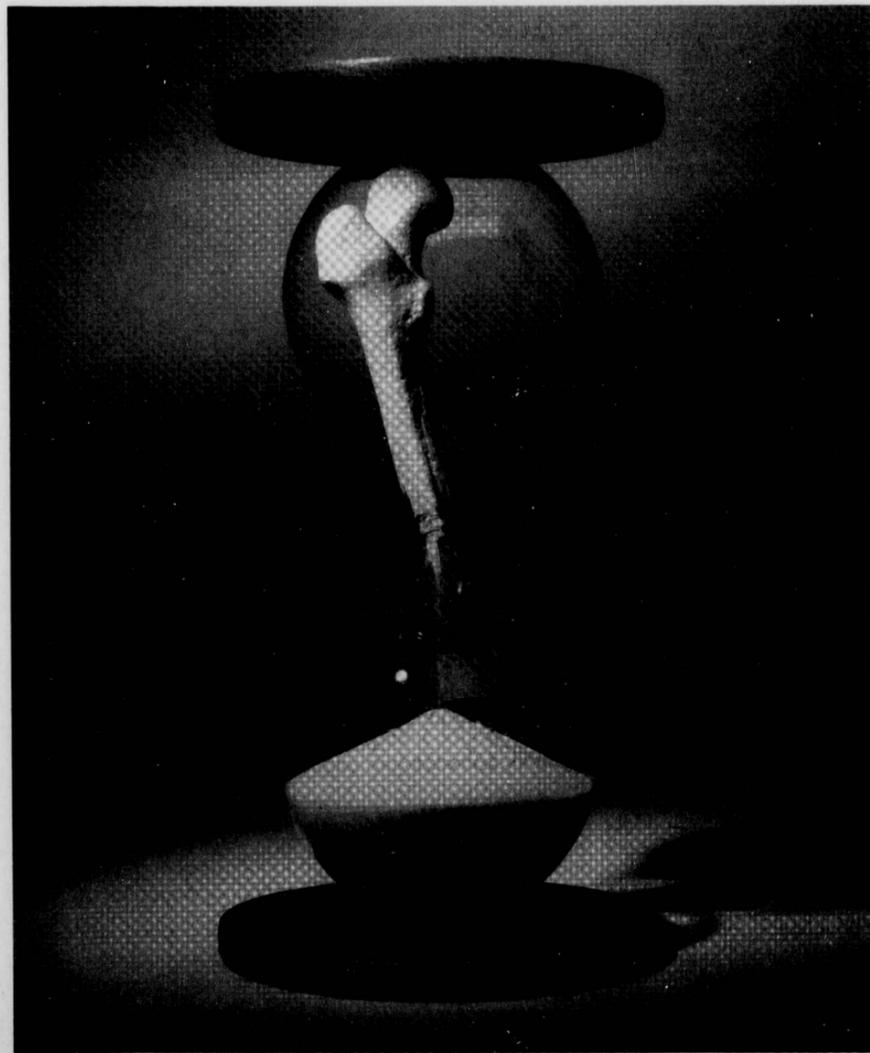
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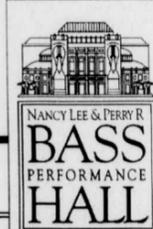
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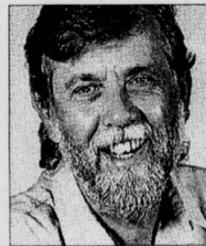
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Women's team holds top spot in WAC

By Kelly Morris
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Four games into last season's Western Athletic Conference play, the TCU women's basketball team was just 1-3. But one year later, the team has compiled a perfect 4-0 start in conference play.

With its great dedication and focus, TCU head coach Jeff Mittie said the team has been able to execute a game plan better than any team he's ever coached before.

"The players have good purpose in practice and have taken a tremendous amount of pride in their defense," he said. "After receiving a scouting report, they ask intelligent questions and are very inquisitive, which makes them a stronger and smarter team on the floor."

"When you look at our practices and see the purpose and enthusiasm, you see how much the team is enjoying preparing for

the next opponent and how much pride they take in the fact that everyone has a hand in victories."

With the 68-55 win against Fresno State Sunday, the TCU basketball team matched its best 16-game start in school history. The Frogs are currently 12-4 overall and hold the top spot in the WAC.

While the team has never begun its WAC play with four consecutive wins, junior guard Tricia Payne said the record can't cause them to lose sight of bigger goals.

"We hope to win the WAC, but we have to take it step by step," Payne said. "We have to keep playing hard and focus on one game at a time."

TCU's next game will be against Rice 7 p.m. Friday. If they are victorious, the Frogs will post their quickest 13-4 start and reach 13 wins for only the fifth time in school history. The Owls have a 5-1

home record and lead the series with the Frogs 28-16. The Frogs have a 8-3 record at home and a 4-1 record on the road.

Since seven different players have led the team in scoring so far this season, senior guard Jill Sutton said the team's depth has been a huge advantage this year.

"We're very deep," Sutton said. "Everyone on this team (is) capable (of scoring), and because of that, it's hard to figure out who's going to get the game ball every game."

Leading the Frogs in scoring is junior forward Kati Safaritova, who is averaging 11.4 points a game. Payne averages 10.4 points a game, and Sutton adds 9.1 points a game.

Because of the Frogs' wins to date, they are earning respect from the elite teams.

Even after Texas defeated TCU 70-49 Dec. 28 in front of 5,045 fans at the Downtown Convention Center, UT head

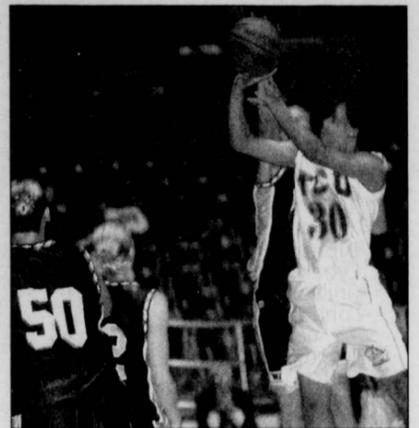
women's basketball coach Jody Conradt said they couldn't let their guard down.

"When you play TCU, you can't relax for a minute and even when we opened up about a 13-point lead, we weren't comfortable because we know they have the ability to come back and come back in a hurry," she said.

Because the WAC teams are strong this season, Mittie said the Frogs must quickly look to their next opponent.

"This is a year where the WAC has good balance," Mittie said. "I don't believe there is a power team, and because every team is dangerous, we must approach one game at a time and turn our focus to the next team very quickly. We always set high goals, but we think they are very attainable."

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Freshman guard Ebony Shaw elevates for a jump shot. The Frogs defeated Nevada 82-66 last Friday at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. TCU is 4-0 in conference play and 12-4 overall for the first time in the program's history. The Frogs play Rice 7 p.m. Friday in Houston.

Tennis team to take court in Rice tourney

By Ram Luthra
STAFF REPORTER

It's been two months since the No. 6-ranked TCU men's tennis team competed in a tournament, but Friday the team will once again take the court for its final individual tournament of the season.

First-year men's head tennis coach Joey Rive said the three-day Metropolitan Racquet Club/Rice University Indoor tennis tournament in Houston will be more than just a starting point for the season.

"All the players are coming off a long break, and this tournament gives us a chance to get our juices flowing a bit," Rive said. "This tournament is a great place to start the season."

Last year, TCU had great success at the Rice tournament. Senior Esteban Carril won the singles title and the Horned Frogs' doubles team, comprised of senior Scott Eddins and sophomore Jimmy Haney, captured the doubles title.

Rive credits the team's high Intercollegiate Tennis Association ranking to both its individual experience and its mutual focus.

"We have great experience on this team," Rive said. "Instead of focusing on individual success, the squad's main agenda is concentrated on the team concept."

In addition to their No. 6 ranking, the Frogs also have three individuals ranked in the top 100. Two-time All-American Carril is No. 20, sophomore Antonio Gordon is No. 40 and junior Daniel Wajnberg is No. 88.

While Carril won't play in Friday's tournament, Rive said seniors Trace Fielding, Sebastian Iannariello and Petr Koula will play. Eddins, Wajnberg, Haney, Gordon and red-shirt freshman Jose Mendoza are also scheduled to compete.

The tournament will consist of some of the region's premier programs including Southern Methodist, Texas A&M, Rice, Louisiana-Lafayette and Arkansas-Little Rock.

Rive said the high-caliber field participating in the tournament is a bonus for the team.

"The competition should be good, if not great," Rive said. "(There will be) good players from good teams represented in this tournament." Texas A&M senior Shuon Madden will be the tournament's No. 1-seeded player. Along with giving the team a jump start to the spring season, Rive said the tournament will also give the team a jump start to the rest of the indoor season.

"The tournament will give us a chance to get a bit more comfortable," Rive said. "It will give us a chance to get better indoors, especially since we will play at the National Indoors and the Washington Quad later on this season."

TCU will open its dual-match season noon Jan. 27 against Texas-Arlington.

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Photo by Stephen Holman/Tulsa World
Junior guard Greedy Daniels catches some air as he tries to pass the ball around Tulsa guard Greg Harrington in Wednesday night's 82-66 loss. The Frogs drop to 3-2 in conference play and 13-5 overall.

WAC LOSS

Frogs baffled by Tulsa for 6th straight time

By Victor Drabicky
SENIOR SPORTS EDITOR

Despite Derrick Davenport's team-high 21 points, the TCU men's basketball team lost its second conference game of the season Wednesday, 82-66 to Tulsa.

Davenport, a senior center, added 13 rebounds, but could not contain Tulsa's Kevin Johnson, who scored 30 points, grabbed 10 rebounds and blocked eight shots. TCU is now 3-2 in Western Athletic Conference play and 13-5 overall, while Tulsa is 2-2, 11-6.

"I got frustrated (after making just 2 of 9 shots in the first half)," Johnson said. "I was getting open, but the shots weren't falling."

Tulsa led by seven points at halftime, and the Golden Hurricane outscored the Frogs by nine in the second half.

TCU closed to within one early in the second half before Tulsa began to pull away. Johnson hit a pair of free throws and two key shots late in the half to extend the Tulsa lead to 17.

"They just outplayed us," TCU head coach Billy Tubbs said. "We have no alibis."

The Golden Hurricane got double-digit scoring from three players. Johnson; David Shelton, who netted 14; and Marcus Hill, who added 12, led the Tulsa offense, which shot better than 41 percent from the field.

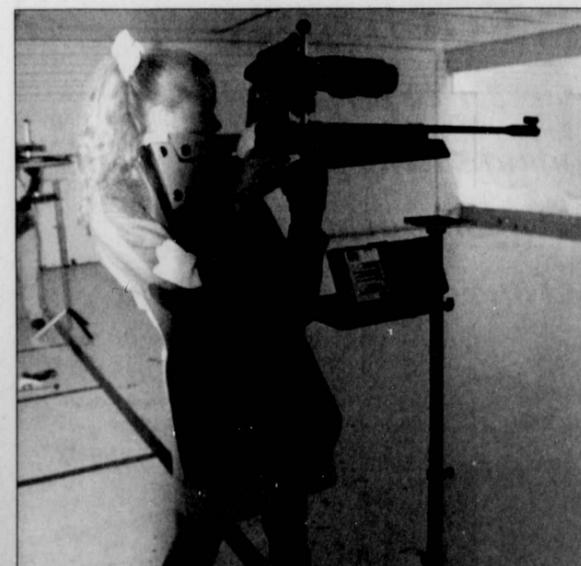
More impressive than the Tulsa offense may have been its defense, which limited the Frogs to 35.9 percent shooting and disallowed TCU senior forward Myron Anthony to get involved in the offense.

After compiling 32 points and eight rebounds against Nevada Saturday, Anthony was held to just seven points and four rebounds Wednesday.

Senior forward Ryan Carroll was held to nine points and six rebounds. He entered the game as the Frogs' leading scorer, averaging more than 19 points a game.

The loss is TCU's sixth straight to Tulsa. The Frogs return to action 7 p.m. Saturday when they play Rice at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

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File photo
Senior Jennifer Millner practices her aim at the practice range Wednesday. The rifle team plays this weekend at the UTEP Invitational in El Paso.

Rifle team anticipates competition

Team confident despite absence of senior member at UTEP Invitational

Jennifer Koelsing
STAFF REPORTER

The TCU rifle team will be facing tough competition this weekend at the UTEP Invitational in El Paso without one of their top shooters.

Coach Roger Ivy said, as of last week, senior Amber Waska won't be competing because she was ruled academically ineligible and subsequently suspended.

Junior Stacy Phillips said that while Waska is one of the team's better shooters, her absence at the tournament won't affect the team's overall shooting.

"We've practiced three days this week working on our air rifle and .22 rifle shooting," Phillips said. "We'll do just fine, and we hope to use this tournament to help us move onto nationals."

Among the six to 10 teams that

will be competing at the invitational are Texas-El Paso and Air Force, who have been ranked in the top 10 for consecutive seasons. Both TCU and UTEP have teams consisting of all women while Air Force's team is coed.

Ivy said teams like UTEP have always had the advantage because they have full-time coaches, and a majority of the shooters are playing on full-scholarships.

Coaching the team on a part-time basis since its conception in August 1991, Ivy said he thinks he's the only part-time coach still at TCU.

As a team who normally places in the top 5 to 10 percent in the ROTC ranking, Ivy said TCU must

stay focused to perform well.

"Seventy to 80 percent of the competition is mental," Ivy said. "It involves great concentration to stay focused for the five- to six-hour matches."

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—Roger Ivy,
TCU rifle coach

fully watch this week's practices to ensure he will make the right decision on who he will move up to take Waska's place.

"I probably won't make the decision until 9 a.m. Friday when we're loading up the van," Ivy said.

Phillips said she sees senior captains Michelle Parker and Dena

Putnam as scoring well this weekend.

"Michelle shot rifle throughout high school and is the only one on the team who had rifle experience before she came to TCU," Phillips said. "As our captains, both (Putnam) and (Parker) will help lead and motivate us this weekend."

Parker, Putnam and senior Jennifer Millner will be shooting for top scores this weekend to qualify for the NCAA Sectionals Feb. 9 in Fort Worth. They also have a chance to qualify for the NCAA Championships March 8-10 in Columbus, Ohio.

The Frogs' next tournament will be at 8 a.m. Feb. 3 against Centenary College in Shreveport, La.

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