

Finishing Touches

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Hoopin' it up

The men's basketball team has lost two straight, but the women's squad has risen to the top of the WAC.

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Tuesday, January 23, 2001

Fort Worth, Texas

Four escapees captured; one found dead

By Ram Luthra
STAFF REPORTER

Acting on a tip Monday, authorities captured four of the seven convicts who broke out of a Texas prison nearly six weeks ago and allegedly gunned down a policeman on Christmas Eve. Rich Winans, a junior English and Spanish major, said he is happy they were finally caught. He said he regularly watched the news to check on the status of the "Texas Seven."

"These convicts are very smart and dangerous for being on the run so

Tip leads to arrest of escaped Texas convicts in Colorado

long," Winans said. "I am just happy that no one (at TCU) was hurt."

A fifth inmate killed himself inside a motor home that had been surrounded by authorities in Woodland Park, about 50 miles southwest of Denver.

The whereabouts of the two other inmates were unknown. Authorities said they may have been in Woodland Park as recently as Sunday and may have left to get more money.

"The story is by no means over,"

said Mark Mershon, the top FBI official in Colorado. "We have two suspects that are still on the loose."

Danny Meyer, a Physical Plant employee, said he agrees with authorities that it is not over until all seven are in custody.

"It doesn't really matter if two are on the run or if all seven are on the run," Meyer said. "It only takes one of them to kill you."

Among those arrested was George

Rivas, 30, the suspected ringleader who was serving a life sentence for aggravated robbery and kidnapping. Investigators have portrayed Rivas as fearless and shrewd with a powerful hold over the others.

The heavily armed inmates — including murderers, rapists and armed robbers — had puzzled and alarmed authorities by remaining together after bluffing their way out of prison Dec. 13. The slaying of the

Irving officer 11 days later only increased fears that the inmates might want to go out in a blaze of gunfire.

The convicts arrived in the sparsely populated area Jan. 1, Teller County Sheriff Frank Fehn said. He offered no other details of their activities, nor how they covered the more than 800 miles from the prison in south Texas.

Emily Berry, a junior chemistry major from Colorado Springs, Colo.,

said she heard reports of the prisoners' whereabouts while she was home for Winter Break.

"Around New Year's Day, the newscasts in Colorado kept saying, '(The inmates) are in Colorado,'" Berry said. "They said they were in Durango, Colorado Springs and Denver, but I didn't believe them. There's nothing to do there but ski, and they would all get caught on the slopes."

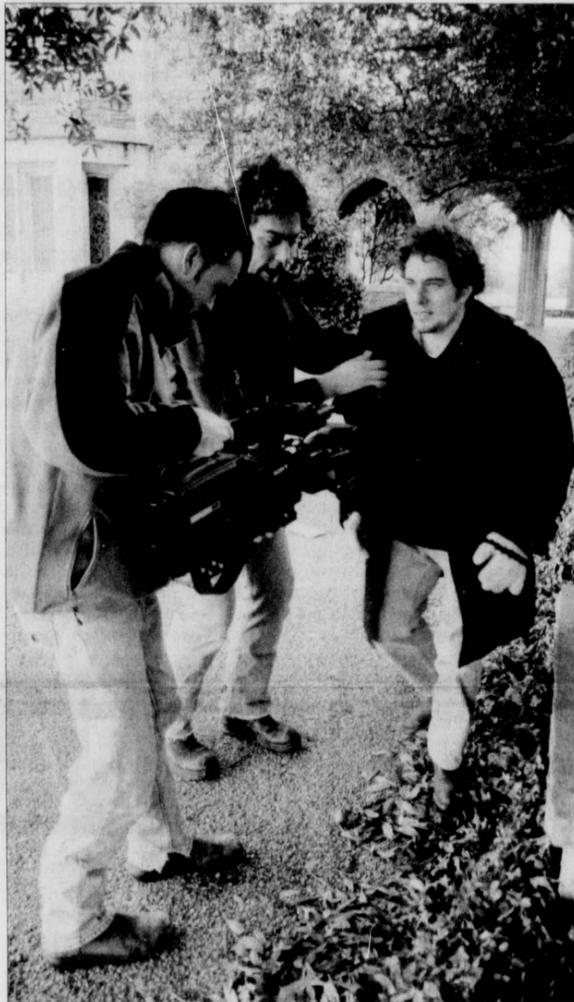
Berry said she was not worried about the two remaining escapees hurting her family.

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LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION

David Dunai/SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Matthew Clark, a TCU graduate student, Dimitar Orovcanec, a senior radio-TV-film and theater major and Marshall Mills, a senior radio-TV-film and theater major, work on an upcoming film project.



TCU reapplies

Committee to begin plans for re-accreditation

By Melissa Christensen
STAFF REPORTER

TCU is laying the groundwork for the re-accreditation process that allows disbursement of federal money, permits credit transfers between educational institutions and offers credibility to TCU degrees.

Accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools is required for TCU to be recognized by other universities and the U.S. Department of Education. Institutions must reapply for the qualification every 10 years.

The three-year process, directed by Alan Shepard, English department chair and associate professor of English, begins with a self-study to determine TCU's compliance with the SACS Criteria for Accreditation handbook. A written report is due to SACS by fall 2002.

Shepard said committees comprised of faculty, staff, undergraduate and graduate students, alumni and trustees are being formed to observe and make recommendations in five areas: institutional purpose, institutional effectiveness, educational programs, educational support serv-

ices and administrative processes. "The process creates a strong institution to give students what they need," Shepard said. "It sets up a larger pattern of self-policing."

A visiting committee of 15 to 20 college administrators and senior faculty members from other schools in the southern region will observe the same five areas at TCU during a four-day visit in spring 2003, said Gerald Lord, associate executive director of the SACS Commission on Colleges. The peer review recommendations will be returned to TCU in fall 2003.

"It is then TCU's responsibility to respond to those recommendations, either to refute them or to describe what they have done in response," Lord said.

Re-accreditation for TCU will be decided at the SACS general assembly in December 2003.

"It is really a well-orchestrated, defined process," said Bob Seal, university librarian and associate director of the accreditation process. "We hope the university will be better when we are through."

Committee heads have been chosen, but no students have been appointed yet.

"We are recruiting first- or second-year students for committees so that they can see the whole process through," Shepard said. "It's a good opportunity for anyone interested not only in TCU's future, but in how higher education works as well."

When TCU was re-accredited in

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Fire inspection

Campus safety remains a priority

By Chrissy Braden
STAFF REPORTER

One year after three students died and 58 others were injured in a residence hall fire at Seton Hall University in New Jersey, TCU officials are still working to increase TCU's fire safety.

"I don't really think about a fire happening that much," said Brooks Zitzmann, a sophomore biology major and Colby Hall resident assistant. Zitzmann said her biggest concern was not dying in a fire, but being trampled by students on the way out of the building.

Each building, including every residence hall at TCU, must follow the fire safety regulations from the building code set in the year it was built. When buildings are extensively remodeled, they can then be subject to the codes for new buildings.

Most of TCU's residence halls are under old fire codes, but with the remodeling of each residence hall, fire safety is a primary issue.

Roger Fisher, director of residential services, said fire safety in the residence halls is maintained through sprinkler systems, fire alarms and fire extinguishers.

"I was always skeptical of sprinklers and misuse," Fisher said. "It seemed that they would be more of a nuisance than a help. I was convinced that students would abuse them and that we'd deal with more damage done by water than they could prevent a fire from doing."

But now Fisher said he believes sprinkler systems are the most effective measure of fire prevention in residence halls.

"I'll eat my own words now," Fisher said. "I haven't seen anyone

abuse the systems. Students of this generation have grown up with sprinkler systems and understand that they're there for their safety."

Texas state law does not require sprinkler systems in residence halls. But sprinkler systems are voluntarily being installed in each TCU residence hall as part of renovations that began in 1995.

Fisher said another addition to renovated residence halls are fire-safe doors. If there is a fire in the hallway, it should be contained outside of a room for about two hours with the new door in place, he said.

While sprinkler systems and fire-safe doors are not in each residence hall yet, all residence halls are equipped with fire alarms that are connected to a main system in the Physical Plant, Fisher said.

Alarms in each room are checked each semester, he said, and batteries are replaced every summer.

Fire drills are also done each semester in every residence hall, he said.

Another important measure TCU takes in fire prevention in the residence halls is fire extinguishers, Fisher said.

Willet Stallworth, associate vice chancellor for plant management, said about 1,450 fire extinguishers are located on campus.

Charlie Langham, Fort Worth fire marshal, said extinguishers are required to be inspected at least once a year. Kitchen area extinguishers are required to be inspected twice a year.

Extinguishers are tagged with the date of their last inspection, he said.

Most extinguishers on campus were last inspected in 2000. But an investigation by Skiff staff members,

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First-hand look

Student recaps Inauguration details

Editor's note: This is the first in a series of three articles documenting the reporter's personal experience during the days leading up to the Presidential Inauguration.

By Melissa DeLoach
SENIOR REPORTER

WASHINGTON — As the last balloon dropped at the Republican National Convention in August, I told myself that this wouldn't be my last convention to attend. Saturday I said the same thing as I stood in the mud with tens of thousands of people watching George W. Bush be sworn

into office as the 43rd President of the United States.

Something about political events excites me. I can't pinpoint what it is that draws my attention or what somebody says that inspires me. The patriotic spirit present at the Inauguration is enough to make anyone apathetic about our country reevaluate their mindset. For a brief moment, you're able to see people come together, despite their differences, and celebrate our country — together.

The Inauguration was a time for President Bush to reach out to those who didn't vote for him and ask for their support.

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Special to the Skiff

(From left to right) Vice president Dick Cheney, Lynne Cheney, first lady Laura Bush and President George W. Bush wave to the crowd Thursday at The Inaugural Opening Celebration in front of the Lincoln Memorial.

FBLA visits TCU

Area high school students compete

By Julie Ann Matonis
STAFF REPORTER

Instead of sleeping in on Saturday morning, Joy Clark was nervously preparing for an interview with an important corporation.

The Azle High School junior wore a green letterman jacket, a black dress with fringe and black sandals that did not conceal her toe ring. It was not typical business attire, but Clark was not attending a typical interview.

"I'm applying to a fictional company," Clark said. "I made up a job position and prepared a resume. Now I need to be believable."

Clark and other high school and middle school students from the greater Fort Worth area came to TCU Saturday for the District 11 Future Business Leaders of America conference. Usually Dan Rogers Hall accommodates TCU students, but on Saturday the building was the meeting place for the young FBLA members.

Students competed in about 36 events, including job interviewing, accounting and parliamentary procedure, North Side High School advisor Alice Arredondo said. Plaques were awarded for first through fifth place in each category with winners advancing to the state competition next month in Dallas. The 346 FBLA members also attended workshops conducted by business professionals.

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Laura McFarland/SKIFF STAFF
Mandy Briones (right), licensing coordinator for Clayton Child Care, hands out personality tests to high school and middle school students at Saturday's Future Business Leaders of America competition in Dan Rogers Hall.

pulse campus lines

WORLD DIGEST



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

Best Buddies, a nonprofit organization that pairs college and high school students and adults with mental retardation, will have its first chapter meeting 8 p.m. Wednesday in Student Center, Room 204. Those unable to attend that meeting may attend one 6 p.m. Sunday in Student Center, Room 214. For more information contact Brad Thompson at (817) 257-3632.

Alpha Epsilon Delta will be accepting personal profiles from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays starting today through Friday in the Student Center. AED members will sell the profiles for \$2 each match list and send them to the student's TCU P.O. Box. The remaining lists will be sold for \$5 Feb. 5 to Feb. 16 in the Student Center.

Entries for Intramural Basketball are being taken through today. 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 are also 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. Monday in Reed Hall, Room 101, or 7 p.m. Tuesday in Reed Hall, Room 117. "Effective Note-taking and Textbook Skills" will be 7 p.m. Feb. 5 in Reed Hall, Room 101, or at 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 from noon to 1 p.m. Feb. 6 in the Student Center, Room 222.

Leaders of God's Army turn themselves in

SUAN PHUNG, Thailand — The teen-age twins who led the God's Army rebel group acknowledged Monday they have no mystical powers to repel bullets and said they want to give up fighting.



Johnny and Luther Htoo, who led a hit-and-run campaign for three years against the Myanmar military, said their days as soldiers are at an end.

"I want to live as a family with my parents," Luther told reporters at a border police base near the Myanmar frontier with Thailand. "I want to study."

Luther said the God's Army had 150 soldiers at its peak while fighting to try to win autonomy for the ethnic Karen minority.

When they surrendered to the Thai army last week, driven by hunger and exhaustion, the God's Army had probably no more than 20 followers. Seventeen of them surrendered Jan. 16 and Jan. 17. Luther said he knows of only three comrades still in the jungles.

The twins' legend began around 1997 when Myanmar troops came to their village during a sweep of Karen areas. The mainstream guerrillas group, the Karen National Union, reportedly fled while the twins rallied some men and directed a successful counterattack.

After that, the twins' followers said the boys had powers from God. Their followers believed bullets couldn't hit them and mines wouldn't explode under their feet.

"God sent me to be the leader to fight against Burma," said Luther, who like his twin does not know his exact age.

Asked if he has mystical powers to repel bullets, Luther said: "It is not true."

The twins became icons for youthful rebels around the world after the circulation of an Associated Press photograph showed the angelic-looking, long-haired Johnny next to his tougher-looking, cigarette-puffing brother, Luther.

After morning talks at a hotel in the Red Sea resort, both sides said the gaps remained wide, but that the talks were serious. A photograph from one session showed negotiators sitting in a circle in comfortable chairs, all tie-less and laughing. Pens, notebooks and a few apples were lying on a table in the middle.

The leader of the Israeli team, Shlomo Ben-Ami, said in the unlikely event an accord is reached before Israel's Feb. 6 election, it would be signed only after the vote.

Ben-Ami was responding to criticism by Prime Minister Ehud Barak's hard-line rival, opposition leader Ariel Sharon, who said the government did not have the moral authority to make concessions to the Palestinians so close to the elections. Barak is trailing Sharon in the polls by more than 20 percentage points.

Peace talks in the Red Sea resort of Taba began Sunday evening, after Israel accepted an offer from Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat to hold marathon negotiations.

Arafat said Sunday night he wanted to "reach an agreement as soon as possible," and one of his negotiators, Nabil Shaath, said the Palestinians opted for "a full framework for the permanent settlement."

Monday, negotiators split up into two groups — one dealing with the fate of refugees, and the other with the future of Jerusalem, Israeli land concessions and security issues. Such an arrangement could allow negotiators to make progress on the land and security issues, seen as less charged than the dispute over the refugees.

Palestinian Parliament Speaker Ahmed Qureia said differences remain on all issues. Ben-Ami said the gaps were still "considerable."

Scientists issue global warming increase report

SHANGHAI, China — In the most emphatic warning yet about the danger of global warming, a meeting of scientists from 99 nations issued a report Monday that sharply increased projected climate change blamed on air pollution and warned of drought and other disasters.



The report, meant to spur stalled world talks on curbing greenhouse gas emissions, said global temperatures could rise by up to 10.5 degrees over the next century.

"This adds impetus for governments of the world to find ways to live up to their commitments ... to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases," said Robert T. Watson, chairman of the U.N.-affiliated Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, which organized the Shanghai meeting.

International talks ended in November without agreement on how to carry out a 1997 agreement

Peace talks focus on Palestinian refugees



TABA, Egypt — Getting down to business in their "peace marathon," Israeli and Palestinian negotiators Monday split up into working groups, including one tackling the most contentious issue, the fate of Palestinian refugees.

One Palestinian official said Israel proposed to take in 150,000 Palestinian refugees over 20 years. However, the report could not be confirmed independently.

by industrialized countries to cut greenhouse gas emissions to 5.2 percent below 1990 levels by 2010.

The Shanghai report, meant to be the most comprehensive study to date on global warming, says new evidence shows more clearly than ever that temperature increases are caused mostly by pollution, not by changes in the sun or other natural factors.

"The rate of climate change this century is expected to be greater than it has been in the past 10,000 years," Sir John T. Houghton, co-chairman of the Shanghai meeting and former head of Britain's weather agency, said at a news conference.

Team attempts to clean up fuel from oil spill

PUERTO BAQUERIZO, Galapagos Islands — A U.S. team set up equipment Monday to transfer diesel fuel from damaged tanks aboard a ship that has dumped 150,000 gallons of oil into this fragile marine environment.



Ecuador's environment minister, Rodolfo Rendon, said the spill had already caused "extremely grave" damage.

The Ecuadorean tanker, which began leaking fuel Friday, was lying tilted sharply toward its right side about 550 yards from San Cristobal Island.

San Cristobal is one of the Galapagos Islands, which are famous for their giant tortoises and rare species of birds and plants. Charles Darwin developed his theory of evolution by studying wildlife on these islands in the Pacific Ocean, 600 miles off Ecuador's coast.

The team of U.S. experts, including 10 members of the U.S. Coast Guard's pollution response National Strike Force, arrived late Sunday with specialized oil spill equipment such as inflatable containment barges and high-capacity pumps.

U.S. Coast Guard Capt. Edwin Stanton told the Associated Press his team would attempt to transfer remaining fuel spilling through the ruptured hull to empty storage tanks that are still intact within the ship.

As of Sunday, 150,000 gallons of fuel had leaked, Rendon said, and slicks had affected a 117-square-mile area.

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SET PRIORITIES

Exemplary fire safety takes effort

For the students of Seton Hall University residential fires are real.

A year after an early-morning fire engulfed a residence hall there, the memories of the blaze which killed three students and injured 58 others still burn.

But nothing like that could happen here, right?

TCU is renovating its residence halls — installing sprinkler systems, replacing flammable doors with fire-safe ones and constructing interior fire escapes. The university has spent millions ensuring our residence halls meet fire codes. Students who live on campus know burning candles is against the rules.

That's sufficient, right?

Wrong.

When it comes to classes, meeting the minimum requirements is often barely enough to pass the class. Getting an A takes effort. When it comes to keeping this campus safe from fire disaster, meeting the minimum code is not enough. We need to get an A in that, too.

Just because the buildings are safe does not necessarily mean the people in them are safe. Although feeling safe in our environment is important, feeling too safe is dangerous.

Students, faculty and staff not only need to be aware of safety measures, but also need to hold each other accountable for following them. TCU officials need to take responsibility for making sure every building on this campus is as safe as possible. No single department, office or individual acts alone.

In order to ensure the tragedy at Seton Hall never reaches the steps of TCU, we can't pass the buck. We hold the cards.

Bush begins term on wrong foot

Appointee John Ashcroft's extremist views may affect decisions

President George W. Bush wanted nothing more than to have a smooth transition to the White House after what could be deemed a less than smooth election.



Blum

It all started off very nicely for Bush with Linda Chavez's sudden self-implosion and has now taken a turn for the worse with Attorney General nominee John Ashcroft. With the decision to nominate Ashcroft, Bush, who focused much of his campaign on promising to unite Congress, quickly made matters worse before he had even been sworn into office.

Although Bush describes Ashcroft as a great compromiser between party lines, most of his record indicates otherwise. Personally, I have trouble seeing a man as a unifier when he says there are two things you find in the middle of a road: "a moderate and a dead skunk. And I don't want to be either one of those."

Ashcroft is a deeply religious Pentecostal who has an honorary degree from the ultra-conservative Bob Jones University and openly states that America has "no king but Jesus."

Religion is a truly wonderful thing. However, the last time I

checked, our nation was founded on the idea of a separation between church and state. When the man who, besides the president, has more power over laws than anyone else sees his lawmaker as Jesus, we are looking at a new era of a blossoming unity between church and state.

I approve of his very open pro-life views, but when he also wants to outlaw abortions in cases of rape and incest, it is obvious that he allows his extremist views of religion and conservatism to affect his lawmaking decisions.

The part that worries me is that this only begins to scratch the surface of the swirling controversy surrounding Ashcroft. The focus of the Democrats is his alleged past of discrimination.

In 1977, as the attorney general of Missouri, Ashcroft adamantly opposed court-ordered desegregation in St. Louis and Kansas City, Mo. and battled a voluntary-busing scheme in 1983, despite the fact that all 22 school districts in the predominantly white suburbs easily approved the measure. He also lied

about the cost of the desegregation ruling and fought the case all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court, which refused to hear it.

Furthermore, he has been charged with attempting to suppress black voter turnout by repeatedly vetoing laws to promote voter registration in the heavily black and democratic city of St. Louis. Also, he has been accused of racial insensitivity when he defended Confederate leaders in an interview.

Then, for an encore he openly opposed the admittedly gay ambassadorial nominee James Hormel because of his lifestyle, not his qualifications.

Sadly, all of these accusations have been placed on the back burner as the majority of the Democrats' ammo has come from Ashcroft's public crusade against Missouri Supreme Court Judge Ronnie White's bid for the federal bench when Ashcroft was a senator.

Ashcroft labeled the black judge as being "pro-criminal" based on just one dissent White made in an isolated death-penalty case. But in an ironic twist, White had voted to uphold the death penalty approximately 70 percent of the time, while four of Ashcroft's judicial nominees overturned the death penalty more often than White.

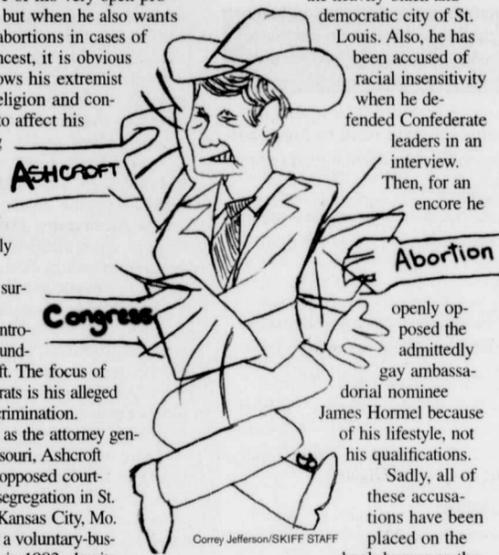
Basically, Ashcroft was either discriminating against White because of his race or he was creating a death penalty issue for his senatorial campaign by making an example out of White. It's pretty safe to say he was very much in the wrong, regardless of the answer.

Although any one of these incidents can be easily overlooked in isolation, it's difficult to approve of someone who has been repeatedly accused of extremism and discrimination throughout his career.

What may be even worse than Ashcroft being appointed is that many Democrats in Congress secretly want him to be approved so they'll have more ammo against the Bush administration for years to come.

God bless America.

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Reinstatement of policy restricts rights

The ink is barely dry on the history books, and Florida secretary of state Katherine Harris



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has barely finished wiping that gloating smile off her face. TV news shows are still discussing Laura Bush's wardrobe and President George W. Bush has already done something stupid.

According to *The Washington Post*, Bush said Monday he will reinstate the so-called Mexico City policy, a ban that blocks U.S. funds to international family-planning groups that offer abortion and abortion counseling.

The policy originated in 1984, when President Ronald Reagan announced the ban at a population conference in Mexico City. President Bill Clinton lifted the ban two days after he took office in 1993. One of Bush's first acts as president (besides, of course, coming at all the important inaugural balls), was the announcement of the possible policy change

Monday — the 28th anniversary of the Supreme Court's Roe vs. Wade decision that legalized abortion.

Because of the anniversary, abortion-rights opponents converged upon Washington to protest the decision. In a statement issued to the protesters, Bush said, "We share a great goal: to work toward a day when every child is welcomed in life and protected in law. We know this will not come easily, or all at once."

It's amazing how fast his game of "How can I win your vote?" changed to "How can I stomp out the rights of women all around the world, all at once?"

Bush nominated two outspoken abortion-rights opponents to his Cabinet: former Sen. John Ashcroft for attorney general and Tommy Thompson for secretary of health and human services. Ashcroft, who opposes birth control and abortions that do not take place to save the mother's life, said he would deny the "morning-after pill" to a woman who had been raped and would require a young girl, pregnant because of incest, to bear the child.

Kate Michelman, president of the National Abortion Rights Action League, expressed concern about Bush's strong opposition to abortion.

"He certainly has shed his cloak of moderation," she said. "Anyone who voted for him thinking he was going to be passive on a woman's right to choose is going to be sorely mistaken."

Ouch. Ouch to the women who voted for a man who — 48 hours after vowing to uphold the Constitution — took funding away from international abortion counseling centers. Surely it hurts these women to know this. Surely these women wish they could take their votes back. Surely they didn't mean to vote for a man who thinks he knows best when it comes to a woman's health and body.

In an *Associated Press* report Monday, press secretary Ari Fleischer refused to speculate on a final decision to reverse the Clinton administration's position on the policy.

"The president does not support using taxpayer funds to provide abortions," Fleischer said. But what exactly does the president support? Don't we also use taxpayer funds to pay for state executions? According to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Bush has let 178 humans die at public expense since he took office as Texas governor in 1995. Where

exactly does he draw the line?

Does he support babies who are abandoned when their mothers give birth to them in crack houses? Does he support women who get pregnant after their fathers rape them?

Would he support his daughters if they came home pregnant?

More than likely, he'll say he supports them long enough to get their vote. Then he'll trade in their crack house for his White House and forget what it's like to be a person who doesn't have everything handed to him on a silver platter.

The president has the power to limit women's rights in countries he doesn't even represent. With this in mind, how much is he willing to restrict American women's rights? This is neither his duty nor his right.

The ink may be dry on his inauguration coverage, but surely his pen will run out in 2004. And then maybe Harris will lose that smirk.

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The 'big talk' may not be enough to educate

Parents must do more to advocate good decision-making skills as well as safe sex

When it came to having the "big talk" about sex with my parents (which was actually a series of frequent lectures)



Zwilling

my mom would always leave my brother and me with one thought: "Always remember," she said. "Don't be silly, protect your Willy." Although this sentence is a little bit off the wall and was always sure to embarrass my brother and me, it is the one thing I never forgot throughout the sex education I received at school and home.

Now however, it seems that parents are going to have to be a little more careful about how they are teaching their children about sex. Police filed charges against a 33-year-old mother last week in Baraboo, Wis., after she allegedly bought condoms for her 13-year-old son.

Under Wisconsin law, the woman can be charged with child abuse because her son's girlfriend is 15, and by purchasing the contraceptives, she is aiding the sexual abuse of a minor.

Now, because this mother chose to

deal with her son's sexual activity by stressing the importance of safety, she may spend up to 25 years in prison.

Should the mother not have bought condoms for her son, and risked him becoming a father at the age of 13? Absolutely not.

According to the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion although teen birth rates have recently reached an all-time low, the United States still has the highest teenage pregnancy rate of all developed countries. About 1 million teens become pregnant each year in this country.

In addition, teens now face increased chances of contracting a sexually transmitted disease, all despite increased sex education in American schools.

What is America doing wrong? Certainly, 13 is a young age to start having sex, but that doesn't mean it needs to be ignored. Sure, if you are too embarrassed to buy condoms yourself, you probably aren't ready to have sex.

Yet it would be unreasonable to assume that if the mother simply told her son to quit having sex that he would do it. If this mother cared

about her son enough to go to the store and buy him condoms, you know it is likely she had discussed with him all, or at least some of, the risks involved.

For too long now, the United States has continued to support teaching "abstinence only" in its schools. Although teaching abstinence is important, it is simply unrealistic to believe it will have a substantial impact on curbing premarital sex in the year 2001.

Students usually receive sex education for the first time in about the fifth grade, just as they begin to experience puberty. Later, they typically receive more focused education on sexual activity.

Yet, according to a study done by the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, most teens still learn the majority of what they know about sex from friends, television and the media.

No more do children simply receive "the talk" from their parents. When children do, they probably already know more about sex than their parents think they do.

Leading researchers say the key to raising sexually responsible children is to talk to them often about sex and take opportunities like commercials or television shows dealing with sex to start the discussion.

Certainly, many parents probably dread the day they find out their children are sexually active. Some probably even ignore it. The smart ones will choose to discuss it.

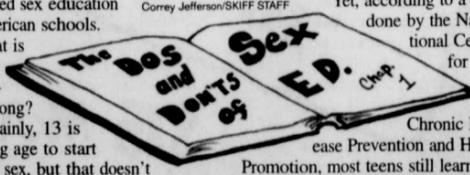
It is unfortunate that child abuse is still so prevalent in America. Those people working in social services departments across this country are understaffed and underpaid when it comes to dealing with abused children.

Yet, in Wisconsin, the police department has time to arrest those parents who are simply trying to do the best they know how for their children.

Shame on Wisconsin. I hope their judicial system will prove to be a much better institution than their law enforcement.

As for the mother, I hope she continues to educate and support her son, even if his decisions may not be in his best interest.

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ESCAPEES

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"It's not likely they'll pick my house out of all the houses," she said. "My mom is scared because they're still in Colorado Springs, but I'm not scared because I'm here."

Kelly Ham, a TCU detective of criminal investigations, said he was surprised that the convicts fled to Colorado.

"Even though there are many mountains to hide in, it is not the best place because fresh foot prints can be easily found in the snow," Ham said.

Authorities said a weekend tip prompted by the show "America's Most Wanted" led to the capture. The show had featured the convicts four times since the escape, including the last three Saturday nights.

Ham said a lot of good coverage has come out of this incident which was probably the main reason for the capture of the escapees.

"If it were not for the immense national coverage, there would not have been as many tips called in or sightings," Ham said.

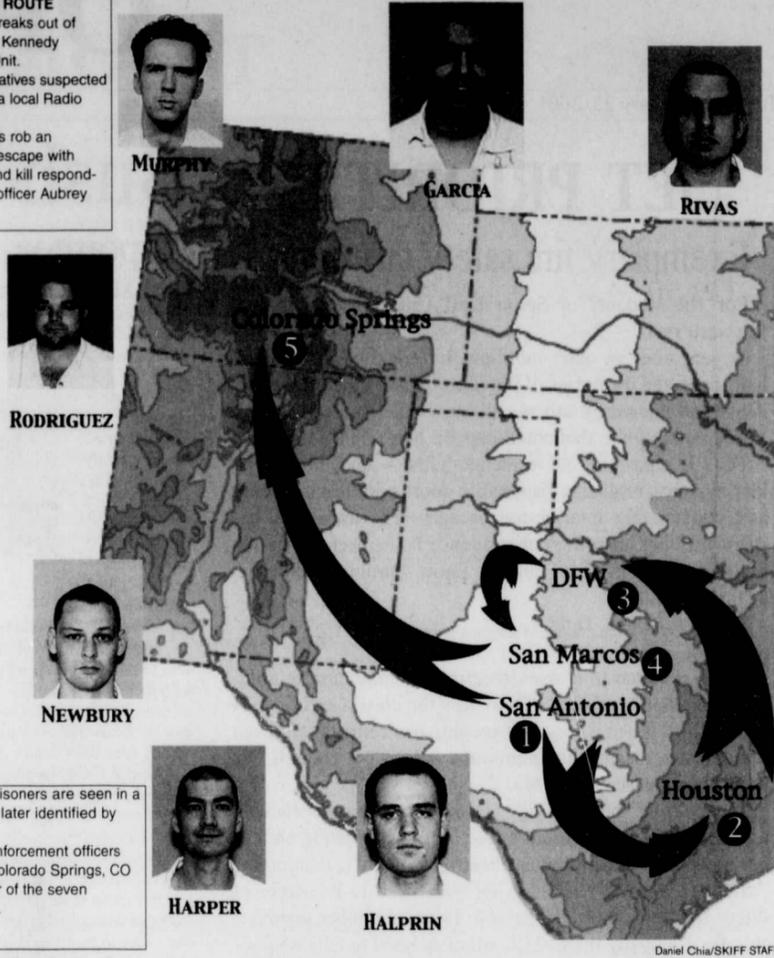
Undersheriff Kevin Dougherty said authorities were told about the fugitives by the manager of the Coachlight, a combination motel and RV park where the motor home was located. The park, tucked away amid pine trees, was put under surveillance at 2 a.m. Monday, authorities said.

Rivas and two others were arrested as they pulled up for gasoline at a convenience store near Woodland Park, Dougherty said. There were weapons in the Jeep, he said, refusing to be more specific.

This story was compiled with information from the Associated Press.

ESCAPEE ROUTE

1. Gang breaks out of prison in a Kennedy Connally Unit.
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HOOPIN' it up

Frogs fall to fifth in WAC after second straight loss

By Matt Stiver
SKIFF STAFF

During Saturday's men's basketball game against Rice, one team smothered the other with a zone defense. One team hit 50 percent of its shots, including key three pointers down the stretch. One team had the other totally frustrated.

TCU	66
Rice	73

To the surprise of the Horned Frogs and the 5,117 in attendance at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum, that team was Rice.

The Owls won their first game in Fort Worth since Feb. 19, 1995, head coach Billy Tubbs' first season at TCU. The Rice victory also ended a streak of eight-straight road losses.

"We were outplayed, out hustled, outscrapped and probably out-coached," said Tubbs, who did not allow players to address the media following the loss. "There are no excuses. We didn't deserve to win."

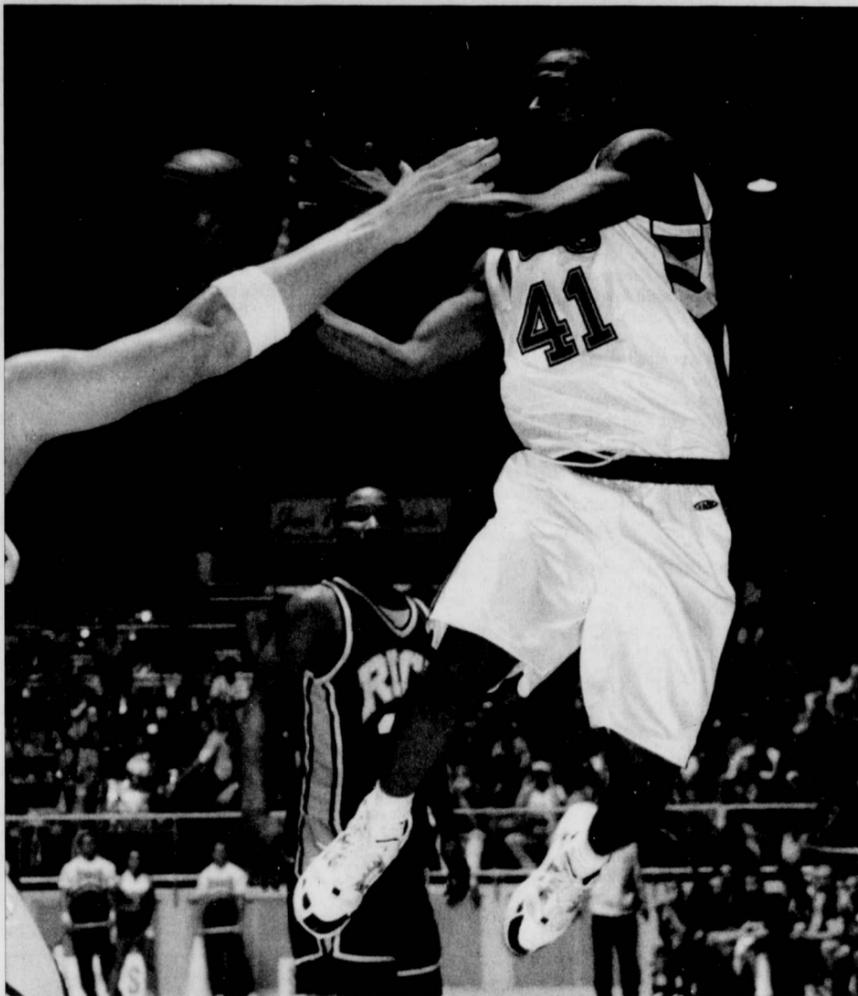
With the loss, the Frogs fall to 13-6 and 3-3, tying them for fifth in the Western Athletic Conference.

Returning home following a 82-66 loss at Tulsa Wednesday and a 1-point victory at Nevada Jan. 13, the Frogs played perhaps their worst game of the season. They shot only 35 percent from the field (20 of 58), shot only 29 percent from behind the arc (7 of 26) and were out rebounded 44-33.

"When we're not shooting well, we can't get into the things we like to do," Tubbs said. "We're not a confident team right now. When you're confident and excited, you play better."

Rice consistently beat the Frogs to long rebounds and loose balls. Rice's 5-foot-11-inch guard Mike Wilks had seven rebounds, more than any TCU player.

Senior center Derrick Davenport, who scored 10 points on 2 of 7 shooting and hauled in six rebounds, recorded three blocks, which moves him within 16 of Kurt Thomas' school record of 166. After falling behind by 18 with 12:17 to play, the Frogs increased their defensive pressure and began whittling away at the lead. Senior guard Greedy Daniels, who finished with 13 points and five steals,



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Junior guard Greedy Daniels tries to drive to the basket in Saturday's 73-66 loss against Rice at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. The Frogs suffered their first home loss of the season and ended their 15-game winning streak at home.

sparked a TCU comeback. With 3:50 to play, Daniels hit a layup to cut Rice's lead to 68-58. As Wilks crossed midcourt, Daniels reached around him and stole the ball. As he streaked to the basket, Daniels faked out Rice guard Michael Walton in mid-air to bring the Frogs within eight.

Daniels grabbed a rebound on Rice's next possession and raced down the floor. When his forced layup amid three Rice defenders bounced out of bounds, it seemed to take

TCU's spirits with it. Sophomore guard Bingo Merriex brought the Frogs within seven with 1:28 to play, but a dunk by Rice center T.J. McKenzie and a turnover by senior guard Ryan Carroll sealed the game.

TCU's increased trapping pressure left the Owls with open shots, which the Owls knocked down.

McKenzie, who played the final 9:55 with four fouls, had season highs in points (19) and rebounds (13).

"I felt like I was finishing shots, and

that gave my teammates confidence in me," McKenzie said.

Tubbs said the Frogs had had trouble containing inside players all season. "This is sort of a reoccurring theme with us," Tubbs said. "Another young man had another season high against us."

The Frogs will attempt to find their game 7:05 Wednesday against Grambling State.

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Conference-leading TCU set to host last-place Golden Hurricane

By Kelly Morris
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Even though the Western Athletic Conference-leading TCU women's basketball team will host Tulsa today, the conference's worst team, head women's basketball coach Jeff Mittie said the team can't think of the game as an easy victory.

"Since the conference runs very deep this year, and there is no clear favorite, we have to approach our game against Tulsa no differently than any other game," Mittie said. "Anybody can beat any other team on any given night. While Tulsa hasn't been able to gel this season, they're very talented and dangerous."

With Friday's 58-35 win against Rice, TCU extended its winning streak to six games and remained undefeated in WAC play at 5-0.

Junior forward Kati Safaritava led the Frogs in scoring with 14 points. TCU led Rice 32-18 at the end of the first half. The 18 points were the second-fewest scored against TCU in the first half this season.

TCU currently has a 13-4 record and an 8-3 record at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. Tulsa is coming off a 69-46 win Sunday against Texas-El Paso. Before Sunday's victory, Tulsa was on a six-game losing streak. The Golden Hurricane is still searching for its first road win in conference play and is 4-11 overall. Last season, the Frogs managed just one win in three games against Tulsa. They suffered a 68-55 loss Jan. 8, 2000 and

were ousted from the WAC tournament by Tulsa in a 64-56 loss March 8.

Mittie said the Frogs must limit Tulsa's easy looks at the basket and stop the team's quickness to be successful.

"Even though Tulsa's post players are under-sized, they

are physical and very quick," Mittie said. "They also have good, quick guards who pass the ball very well. In practice, we're trying to get better spacing, better attack off the dribble and better, tighter man-to-man pressures."

The Frogs have reached 13 wins only five times in their history, and junior guard Tricia Payne said the team's talent and attitude have contributed to the fast start.

"Our depth is very huge," Payne said. "Most teams don't have our depth. Any five (players on the court) are the same as the first five. Our unselfish attitude and our ability to play well together have also contributed to our start. We're having a lot of fun, and it's exciting to practice and be here every day."

Mittie said the team is looking to bigger and better things ahead.

"It's very, very early in conference play," Mittie said. "While everyone is having fun and is excited, the team's first place standing in the WAC hasn't been a diversion. More importantly, we're working on building the foundation so that we're a tough team and have the ability to face adversity well."

"If those things continue every day, and if our preparation is good and our focus is good, the games take care of themselves."

After tonight's game, the Frogs will have a nine-day layoff before they play Feb. 2 at Tulsa.

Mittie said the team will have more incentive to begin its break with a win instead of a loss.

"The Tulsa game is not only crucial because it's our next game," Mittie said. "It's more important because if we win (tonight), it will make our nine-day layoff more enjoyable and make our practice much better. A loss will only make practice more difficult, and after a loss, a player usually wants to redeem (herself) as soon as (she) can. "If they win, I might even let them enjoy the victory for 24 hours instead of just a few hours."

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What:
Women's basketball game

Who: vs. Tulsa (4-11)

When: 7 p.m. today

Where: Daniel-Meyer Coliseum

Notre Dame is No. 1 after defeating Connecticut

By Chuck Schoffner
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Notre Dame received its reward Monday for beating Connecticut — a No. 1 ranking for the first time in *The Associated Press* women's basketball poll.

The Irish replaced Connecticut atop the poll and ended UConn's 30-week run at No. 1, the second longest in history. The Huskies, who lost at

Notre Dame 92-76 last week, dropped to second.

Notre Dame's highest ranking previously had been third, the position it held the last six weeks.

"Right now we've made a giant step forward," Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw said. "There haven't been that many teams that have been number one in the country at any time. I think we're just thrilled to be there

right now."

Notre Dame (18-0) followed its win over UConn with a 72-47 victory at Seton Hall and received 40 of a possible 41 first-place votes from the national media panel. The Irish had 1,024 points to 978 for Connecticut (15-1), which received the other first-place vote.

Connecticut rebounded from its first loss in 31 games to beat Old Do-

minion and Pittsburgh decisively.

Tennessee (18-1) slipped from second to third despite impressive victories over Georgia and Kentucky after losing Tamika Catchings to a torn knee ligament.

No. 4 Duke and No. 5 Georgia traded places, and the rest of the Top 10 stayed the same. Purdue was sixth, followed by Iowa State, Louisiana Tech, Texas Tech and Florida.

NFL's Rae Carruth sentenced to more than 18 years in prison

By Paul Nowell
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Rae Carruth was ordered Monday to spend a minimum of almost 19 years in prison for his role in the ambush killing of his pregnant girlfriend.

Judge Charles Lamm sentenced the former NFL player after hearing emotional testimony from the parents of Cherica Adams, who was eight months pregnant when shot four times in her car in November 1999 on a Charlotte street. She died a month later.

The 27-year-old player stared at the judge, showing no emotion, as Lamm announced the sentence. Carruth nodded to onlookers as he left the courtroom.

Adams' parents and other relatives embraced one another as the hearing ended.

Carruth was sentenced to at least 18 years, 11 months, with a maximum of 24 years, four months. Defense attorney David Rudolf immediately filed notice of appeal.

Prosecutors said the former Carolina Panthers receiver set up the attack on Adams to avoid paying child support, using his white Ford Expedition to block Adams' car so a hired gunman could

shoot the 24-year-old woman. Carruth was acquitted last week of first-degree murder — and was spared the possibility of the death penalty — but was found guilty of conspiracy to commit murder and two other offenses.

Cherica Adams' mother, Saundra, said she forgives Carruth, but "in no way do I think he should get off easy for what he has done."

"He's already gotten the greatest of mercy — his life is spared," she said. "Let him take the punishment not of a little boy, but of a man one time. Let him know he needs some help."

Prosecutor Gentry Caudill argued that Carruth took advantage of Adams' "misplaced" trust in him. He also noted that Carruth has shown "not one ounce of remorse" for Adams' death.

"He offered no assistance as Cherica lay dying from those wounds," Caudill said.

The judge rejected a request by the defense to throw out Carruth's conviction as inconsistent with his acquittal on the murder charge.

The verdict implied that some jurors compromised, the defense argued. But prosecutor David Graham said previous court rul-

ings have allowed such verdicts.

Carruth's mother, Theodry Carruth, said outside court that her son is innocent. "My son did not try to destroy his own unborn baby," she said.

Adams' father, Jeffrey Moonie, said he was pleased with the outcome, but still had questions for Carruth.

"I would like to hear why. I would like to know why," he said. "I'm still surprised he has not shown any reaction so far."

Carruth will be brought to Central Prison in Raleigh for processing and evaluation and could be sent to another prison, said Tracy Little, spokeswoman for the state Department of Correction.

"Given the length of his sentence, it is likely he will remain at Central Prison for a few months," she said.

Jury foreman Clark Pennell said he was not surprised with the sentence.

"I thought it would be pretty close to that," said Pennell, who came to the courthouse to be interviewed on Court TV. "He (Lamm) heard all the evidence and he knows how the jury felt."

WEEKEND BRIEFS

LT awarded Senior Bowl MVP

TCU senior tailback LaDainian Tomlinson won the Most Valuable Player award at the Senior Bowl Saturday in Mobile, Ala.



TOMLINSON

The All-American tailback rushed for 88 yards and one touchdown as the South beat the North 21-16. Tomlinson scored early in the first quarter on a one-yard run, breaking three tackles. Tomlinson averaged almost five yards a carry and had one catch for 28 yards.

Tomlinson said the award was a fitting close to his college career.

"This is my last college game and I went out with the MVP award," Tomlinson said. "You can't ask for anything better than that."

Tomlinson won the 2000 Doak Walker Award and has been the nation's leading rusher the past two seasons.

Tomlinson's previous trip to Ladd-Peebles Stadium was spoiled by Southern Mississippi quarterback Jeff Kelly when the Golden Eagles beat the Frogs with a last second touchdown in the GMAC Mobile Alabama Bowl Dec. 20.

TCU had not been represented in the Senior Bowl since 1995, when tailback Andre Davis played for the South team.

Horned Frogs off and running

The TCU track team captured seven first place finishes and posted four NCAA provisional qualifying marks Saturday at the Oklahoma Indoor Classic in Norman, Okla.

The second-ranked men's track and field team won four events.

Head coach Monte Stratton said he was pleased with the team's results.

"This was an excellent first meet for us," Stratton said. "It was probably as good a first meet as we have had since I have been at TCU."

The TCU women's team collected three first-place finishes at the meet. TCU finished first in the 400-meter dash, 1,000-meter dash and the long jump.

Stratton said he was especially impressed with the women's performance.

"I am excited about our women's team," Stratton said. "We are tremendously improved from a year ago."

The Horned Frogs' return to action Feb. 3, when they travel to Houston for the Cougar Indoor Invitational.

TCU swimming with strong showing

The TCU men's swimming and diving teams lost their

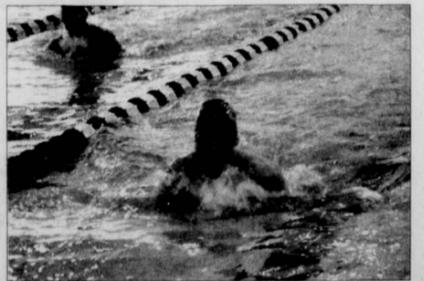
last home meet of the season to No. 10 Florida Saturday at the Rickel Building 128-100.

Sophomore Aaron Ewert won the 200 backstroke with a time of 1:49.69. Ewert is currently ranked No. 15 nationally in the 200 backstroke.

Ewert also swam the lead leg of both the 200 freestyle relay and the 200 medley relay. The Frogs finished first in the 200 freestyle relay in 1:25.48 and second in the 200 medley relay in 1:32.46.

Junior Scott Adkins won the 200 breaststroke with a time of 2:04.78. Adkins is ranked 15th nationally in the event, and joined Ewert on the 200 medley team.

The men's swimming and diving teams return to action Wednesday against Southern Methodist in Dallas.



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With a time of 2:04.78, junior Scott Adkins touched the wall first in the breaststroke in the first-ever meeting Saturday against No. 10 Florida. The Frogs lost to Gators, 128-100.

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FBLA

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Keynote speaker David Minor, director of the James A. Ryffel Center for Entrepreneurial Studies, told the FBLA members that they need to get on the journey of continuous improvement.

"The path to success is somewhat of a bumpy one," Minor said. "But I'm convinced that if you choose the right path and focus on the right

things, then everyone can become the one they dream they can be."

Arredondo said the FBLA has a lot to offer students who are in need of self-confidence and a competitive edge.

"The FBLA helps reinforce what is learned in the classroom," Arredondo said. "Sometimes it means more to students when they learn from people other than teachers."

TCU student leaders did their part to help cultivate the leadership skills of FBLA members. Four TCU students from Student Development

Services presented a workshop titled "True Colors" to a group of more than 50 FBLA members.

Danny Mogolov, a junior religion and economics major, said he thought the group took a poignant message away with them.

"The groups act exactly like you would expect them to because of their personality types," Mogolov said. "The strengths they have with their leadership styles can help them in any group project inside and outside academic life."

The FBLA national organization

has over 250,000 members and chapters across the United States and overseas, Arredondo said.

Saturday was Clark's first competition as an FBLA member, but she impressed the judges in her fictional job interview as she was awarded a first-place plaque. She may not have a position with a Fortune 500 company, but she is on her way to the state FBLA competition.

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FIRE

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which examined all fire extinguishers in residence halls, found one kitchen extinguisher in Colby Hall with a tag from a July 1999 inspection. Because the extinguisher is in a kitchen, it should have been checked twice annually.

Randy Cobb, director of safety, said TCU hires outside contractors to inspect the extinguishers each year.

Cobb said he is not concerned that some extinguishers do not get checked each year.

"During an inspection some extinguishers may be missing or gone, so it may slip off of the list," Cobb said. "But that's only a few out of (1,450). It's not a big deal."

The Fort Worth Fire Department inspects each lot in the city for fire safety annually, and fines for fire safety violation can carry a penalty of up to \$2,000, which applies to TCU,

said Langham.

Langham said annual building inspections for fire safety are public record. However, TCU would not provide copies.

Fisher said he did not think a fire like the one at Seton Hall would have the same outcome at TCU because of the level of fire safety. He said people should always be alert.

"The whole system is better when students are doing what they need to be doing and not violating rules on using candles and cooking in the dorms," Fisher said.

Stallworth said TCU maintains high fire safety measures.

"I think TCU has gone the extra mile by putting in a system that's not the minimum," Stallworth said. "We have a 'built-in suspenders' approach, especially for residence halls. We protect them to the best of our ability."

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PROCESS

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January 1994, recommendations in the written report from the visiting committee included improving communication between administration and faculty assemblies and installing smoke detectors and fire

alarms in buildings where they did not exist.

SACS is one of six regional accreditation associations. Covering 11 states from Texas to Virginia, SACS accredits nearly 800 colleges and universities, Lord said.

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BUSH

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And he did.

Quite a number of Democrats traveled to Washington, D.C., to be a part of this historic event. One man from Florida's much-talked-about Palm Beach County told me that even though the person he voted for didn't win, he came anyway because Bush is the president now.

"We must accept the results and move forward," he said. "For our country to succeed, we need to support the president, and he is Bush; not Clinton, not Gore."

There is a major difference between seeing history happen and being a part of history. This election is no doubt a historical milestone that will be remembered for years to come. Yet Saturday's events seem very surreal. It's hard to refer to Bush as President of the United States of America after calling him Governor, Republican Presidential Nominee, "Dubya" and president-elect.

It's like forgetting that this is the year 2001 and not 2000 anymore. I vaguely remember his father as president other than what history dictates or what Dana Carvey of Saturday Night Live portrayed him as. My most recent memory of a president

is Clinton. He is the only past president whose face I can match with the office of the president.

But more likely, my uncertainties come from witnessing firsthand this historic event. Frankly, there is a big difference between watching an event like an Inauguration on television and actually being there to cover it. My challenge is that I am a college student, and I don't work for a major network or news organization. But I learned to work the system.

As soon as I came back from Philadelphia and the convention, I picked up the phone and began a four-month process of planning my attendance at the Inauguration. During this period, I invited my 82-year-old grandfather to come with me. He had not been to an inauguration before either. After dozens of phone calls each day, we received word a week before we were to leave.

The result: credentials to the opening ceremony, the Laura Bush salute to authors, the Inauguration ceremonies and the Texas and Wyoming Inaugural Ball.

Not bad for a college student. I didn't expect to get this far, but I am persistent, from Texas and don't take no for an answer.

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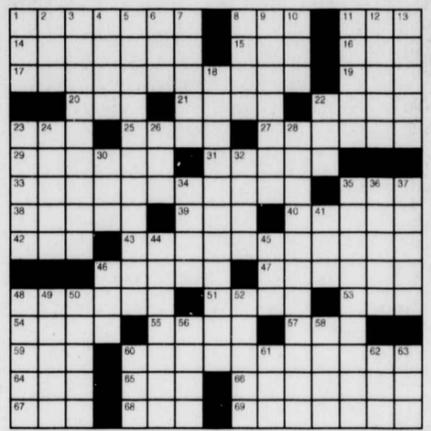
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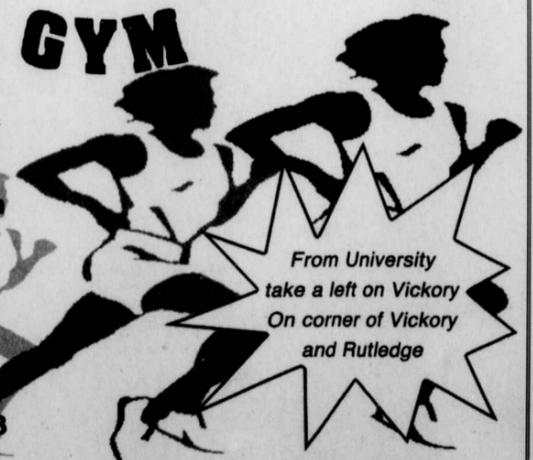
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Big and bold. Small and subtle. It all comes down to the...

Finishing Touches

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Making an apartment a new home can seem unmanageable when trying to create room for textbooks and other necessities every 20-year-old has.

Kate McDougall, a junior interior design major, has lived in a 437 square foot apartment for a year. When she originally moved in, her new home didn't look anything like it does now.

Although the high-vaulted ceiling that starts at her entrance and leads up to her loft bedroom adds to the character of McDougall's apartment, the bare walls didn't help in making her new apartment seem like home.

McDougall painted some of her walls cranberry and plans to paint her bathroom purple. She painted her kitchen cabinets yellow and added knobs shaped like forks and spoons to them. McDougall said she found the knobs at Target for \$5.

After McDougall and her boyfriend ate lunch at the Fort Worth Botanic Garden one autumn afternoon, she came home to dried leaves hanging from her walls and ceiling that led up to her bedroom, she said. Her boyfriend had saved the leaves that had fallen on them and furthered McDougall's whimsical theme in her apartment, she said.

McDougall said she saves all the flowers her boyfriend gives her, and those, along with candles, generate an inviting aroma in her apartment.

Gale Van Ackeren, interior design program director, said that for college students, organization is more important than decorating.

Van Ackeren said students should keep decoration to a minimum. Poster art is an inexpensive way of making walls stand out, she said.

"One mistake people do is hang things up on their walls that are too small," Van Ackeren said. "Big and bold is much better on a wall."

Since most college students have a lot of activity in their dorm rooms or apartments, Van Ackeren suggested students buy comforters and curtains that can be washed easily.

"Medium tones work well in a dorm room," Van Ackeren said. "Dirt doesn't show as much on these colors." Although Van Ackeren suggested students go to the Container Store for help with organization, McDougall said the Container Store is overpriced.

McDougall said bargain shopping is a good way to decorate an apartment, especially when working with a budget. Thrift stores and Goodwill are great places to find used furniture that can be easily fixed with painting, she said.

McDougall has helped with painting on various sets for plays, including "My Fair Lady," which was presented last semester by the theater department.

Her stage craft class has helped her build and fix furniture for her apartment, she said.

Hand-me-downs are also inexpensive ways to dress up small spaces, McDougall said. McDougall's grandmother gave her a brown antique mirror which McDougall uses in her living room.

Finding space in such a small apartment can be challenging.

However, all the little things are important.

McDougall's bathroom is filled with photos of Europe and other contemporary European art work from the 1900s that she has collected over the years.

"My home is full of meaning," McDougall said. "Every time I travel anywhere I get a piece of something to bring back with me."

Finding space in a small room can be challenging.

Jay Hurst, head resident assistant in Milton Daniel Hall, said he uses his book shelf as a shoe rack to create more room on his desk for his computer.

Loft kits can be purchased to raise beds and create more space under the bed for a small couch or desk, Hurst said.

Another creative accessory students use in their rooms are different types of lights. Hurst said a good way to set the mood in a room is by hanging a tapestry over the lights on the ceiling, making the lights not as bright.

White Christmas lights run up and down McDougall's stairs that lead to her bedroom. She also hung colorful lights from the ceiling in her bedroom.

McDougall said her apartment did not all come together at once. In fact, she said she's not finished yet. She said buying one piece at a time is the best way to decorate an apartment.

"Little pieces at a time will eventually make what was a bare apartment into something I can call home," McDougall said.



Small accents, such as the fork and spoon knobs on the kitchen cabinets, add to the ambiance of the kitchen. They can be purchased at Target.



Even a shower curtain can be lively with ivy wrapped around the rod.

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