

Happy Chinese New Year
Chinese New Year offers good fortune and prosperity. Check out the year of the snake.
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Although the TCU women's basketball team won its seventh-straight game, head coach Jeff Mittie said the game was a tale of two halves.
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Fort Worth, Texas

Ferrari says flat tuition to aid students

By Carrie Woodall
STAFF REPORTER

Chancellor Michael Ferrari said changing tuition at TCU from a credit-hour fee to a comprehensive flat rate a semester will encourage students to graduate in four years.

"I have noticed that our four-year graduation rate is relatively lower than places like (Southern Methodist and others)," Ferrari said. "Too many of our students take five or more years for a degree as if they were attending the University of Texas."

Susan Campbell, director of institutional research, said the average graduation rate for TCU's entering

New plan expected to increase graduation rates

freshmen after four years is approximately 40 percent, the remaining students graduate after five or six years.

Carol Campbell, vice chancellor for finance and business, said the comprehensive tuition could begin as soon as fall 2001, depending on Friday's Board of Trustees meeting.

"Comprehensive tuition encourages a higher four-year graduation rate, reflects the total TCU educational experience and is consistent with TCU's mission and aspirations as a major private university," she said.

Most private institutions in the nation have a stated fee for the semester for a full-time student. Credit-hour charging is found primarily in public institutions, not private ones. The current pricing plan at TCU has worked reasonably well for years, but it makes TCU look and feel like a public university, Ferrari said.

"I believe that Baylor and TCU are the only private institutions with credit-hour tuition in Texas," he said. Adrianna Wright, a sophomore interior design major, said working at

a part-time job, studying and extracurricular activities will not allow her the time to take advantage of the proposed comprehensive tuition.

"I understand the reasoning for the flat rate tuition," she said. "However, I started into my major late, so taking more than 15 hours a semester would not necessarily mean that I will graduate in four years or less."

Campbell said the flat rate would reflect the price of taking 15 hours a semester when a student might actually take more or less than 15 hours.

Ferrari said the flat rate encourages people to take more than 15 hours.

"It gives students taking more than 15 hours a semester a real price benefit and incentive," he said.

A potential disadvantage is that instructional costs may rise if students register for significantly more courses a semester. Ferrari said TCU must develop a special rate for part-time students, and there may be some uncertainty in student course selections during the transition year.

Brian Tulbert, a junior finance

major, said the flat rate is a great idea because it seems there are too many people taking too long to graduate. Also, he said students will end up paying the same amount as they do now if they take less hours one semester and then more the next with a flat-rate tuition.

"I think a comprehensive tuition would encourage double majors which would create more well-rounded students, and that is what TCU is about," Tulbert said.

Chad Underwood, a freshman premajor who plays baseball for

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Dean search continues in spring

Communication dean spot still open after fall 1999 college split

By Alisha Brown
STAFF REPORTER

Communication is key, and in the search for a new dean for the College of Communication, nothing seems to matter more. As a leader for the new college, the dean will be responsible for presenting journalism, radio-TV-film and speech communication interests to the public.

In fall 1999, the College of Fine Arts and Communication split to form two colleges, creating two new positions for deans. Scott Sullivan was appointed last February as dean of the College of Fine Arts, and the search for a dean of the College of Communication began in December.

Assistant Provost Ann Sewell said a search committee, which includes two outside consultants, began by placing an advertisement in *The Chronicle of Higher Education* detailing requirements for the position. Sewell said the dean will need to work more with outside groups to increase the visibility of the new college.

Committee member Paul King, associate professor of speech communication, said it is too soon to be specific in the search, but the committee is looking for a more narrow range of characteristics since the colleges split.

"We can specialize at this point," he said. "In the past we've had to find a person who could stretch a long way."

A pool of applicants is being assembled and considered weekly, said Bill Ryan, committee chairman and department chair of communication speech disorders.

"One of the biggest things we're looking for is someone of prevalent quality who can fit in with TCU's new mission to be a global community," he said.

The consultants and the committee members may nominate individuals, and Sewell said there has not been a problem generating interest. "The two outside consultants are not really working as hard

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This doesn't happen everywhere. This is D.C.



Protesters of the presidential election results march alongside the inaugural parade route Saturday in Washington, D.C. after the swearing-in ceremony of President George W. Bush.

LESSONS LEARNED AT INAUGURATION

Editor's note: This is the second 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 — For me, my view at the Inauguration was not of the president, but the row of toilets lined up in front of me. I stood on the muddy grounds of the Capitol hoping that I would not sink. Around me was a cross-section of America: rows of mink coats, ringing cell phones and children sitting on their daddies' shoulders with binoculars trying to catch a small glimpse of the president.

There was neither a script nor a program for me to follow along the process of the ceremony. I didn't have Tom Brokaw or Bob Schieffer giving me the play-by-play. When

Clinton's helicopter took him from the Capitol, I had no idea what was going on. However, the people around me — educated Washingtonians — did as they cheered him farewell.

The people that make up the District of Columbia and its surrounding community are probably the most well-informed group of people I have ever met in my life. At some point in the day almost everyone reads a newspaper like *The Washington Post* or *The Wall Street Journal*.

They also listen continuously to news talk show programs like "National Public Radio." Again, this is everyone in the heart of the district. And they don't just read for their own personal knowledge, they discuss and debate with one another.

In the Capitol gift store, two store clerks were discussing the John Ashcroft hearing going on in the adjacent Russell

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Adjunct faculty use increases

Larger enrollment leads to greater professor need

By Jilanne Johnson
STAFF REPORTER

TCU's academic departments are using adjunct professors at nearly twice the rate they were 10 years ago, leading some to question the role these faculty members have at the university. Student enrollment has steadily increased over the past decade, and adjunct professors have been employed to accommodate continued small class sizes.

According to the Fall 2000 TCU Factbook, 17 out of approximately 40 departments on campus relied more on adjunct professors in fall 2000 than five years ago.

"We started adding faculty about three years ago, but also the enrollment started going up," said William Koehler, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs.

According to the Factbook, enrollment has increased by 1,000 students in the past 10 years.

Koehler said adjunct faculty are hired to fill in places where there are vacancies in the departments and offer students more flexibility in scheduling. They are contracted to teach one or more courses for a given semester with no obligation by the university to continue employment, he said. Patrick Nuss, an adjunct professor in e-business, said he sees the benefit of both regular faculty and adjunct faculty.

"Full-time faculty know about TCU, but I have the business knowledge that can supplement that," he said. "I think (faculty) can teach me the procedures of the university. I can bring practical applications of the business world to students."

Adjunct professors who do work in the field in

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Ed Landreth Hall renovated

\$500,000 project to be completed by Friday, officials say

By Kelly Marino
STAFF REPORTER

The curtain is about to close on the recent renovation of Ed Landreth Hall. TCU officials said they hope the new curtains will be hung and the carpet will be laid by Friday.

Larry Garrison, director of planning, said the university has upgraded the building to make it safer for students, faculty and members of the community who

use the theater.

"We have updated the stage, done some electrical work, renovated the catwalks, installed aisle lighting and put in lighted exit signs," he said.

Garrison said TCU decided to upgrade Ed Landreth Hall following the completion of the Walsh Center for Performing Arts. At that time, TCU and the Fort Worth Fire Department agreed Ed Landreth Hall would be renovated when the new building was finished.

The cost to enhance Ed Landreth Hall will be about \$500,000. The money will come from the university's budget.

The improvements began after TCU hired PMK, a Dallas-based company specializing in acoustics and

theater, to conduct a safety survey.

"PMK made numerous suggestions about how we could improve Ed Landreth (Hall)," Garrison said. "Everything is safety related, not cosmetics."

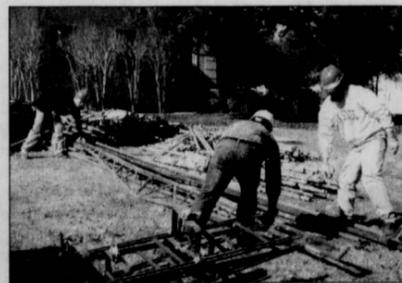
Along with lighted emergency exits and other safety devices, Ed Landreth Hall will also be equipped with an audio box, designed to warn people when hazards occur. Additional fire extinguishers have been provided, and more exit lights will be added to help people identify exit doors. A heat-sensitive sprinkler system has also been added.

Jaime Castaneda, a sophomore theater major, said he is pleased about the renovations, but was not concerned about his personal safety.

"I have never felt unsafe," Castaneda said. "I think it is good though that they are putting in more fire safety devices for precautionary measures."

Castaneda said the theater department will benefit from the new

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Workers clean up materials outside Ed Landreth Hall. Renovations on the building are scheduled to be completed by Friday.

in the eyes of the Beholder



Michael Chase, a junior theater major, and Leslie Powers, a sophomore advertising/public relations and theater major, shop for posters at the poster sale. The sale ended Tuesday in the Student Center Lounge.

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■ **Best Buddies**, a nonprofit organization that pairs college and high school students and adults with mental retardation, will have its first chapter meeting at 8 p.m. today in the Student Center, Room 204. Those unable to attend that meeting may attend one at 6 p.m. Sunday in the 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.

■ **The Center for Academic Services** will offer free study skills workshops. "Planning for Academic Success" will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Reed Hall, Room 101, or at 7 p.m. Jan. 30 in Reed Hall, Room 117. "Effective Note-taking and Textbook Skills" will be at 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 at 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 at 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.

■ **TCU students interested in entering a creative writing contest** may pick up contest applications and descriptions in Reed Hall, Room 314, and in Rickel Building, Room 100. Twenty-four prizes, totaling nearly \$3,000, will be given to students who write poetry, fiction, drama and essays. The deadline is Feb. 16.

WORLD DIGEST



Hijacked Yemeni plane diverted to Djibouti

ADEN, Yemen — A man claiming to be a supporter of Saddam Hussein hijacked a Yemeni plane carrying the U.S. ambassador and 90 other passengers Tuesday and diverted it to nearby Djibouti, authorities said. The man was overpowered by crew and everybody aboard was reportedly safe.

Ambassador Barbara Bodine and the other passengers safely left the plane using its inflatable emergency exit chute after the hijacker was subdued, said acting U.S. Embassy spokesman Donna Visocan, contacted in the Yemeni capital of San'a.

Visocan said the embassy had no immediate information on the fate of the hijacker, his motives or demands.

She said Bodine, who was accompanied by other embassy staff, later took off on a flight back to San'a. Bodine had been flying to the city of Taiz for meetings with Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh.

It was not clear whether Bodine's meeting with Saleh would be rescheduled. But Gen. Tommy Franks, the Florida-based commander of the U.S. Central Command, was already in Taiz to meet with Saleh, Visocan said. The meeting apparently was to address the terrorist attack on the USS Cole as it sat in a Yemeni harbor.

Yemeni airport officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the hijacker used the aircraft's radio to speak to them about 15 minutes into the half-hour flight, saying he would blow up the Boeing 727 if it were not diverted to Djibouti, a Horn of Africa country just across the Gulf of Aden from Yemen.

The officials said the man spoke with an Iraqi accent and that they believed he was armed with a grenade and a pistol.

The hijacker also told airport officials he was a supporter of the Iraqi president and claimed Iraq had won the 1991 Persian Gulf War.

at a street party ahead of Chinese New Year celebrations Wednesday.

"It was supposed to bring us prosperity and happiness, but we seem to be worse off now," Chee said.

Relations with the Malay Muslim majority have grown tense in recent months, with many Chinese believing that Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad is playing a dangerous race card.

Racial tensions often end in violence in Southeast Asia.

In Indonesia, ethnic Chinese were raped and killed in riots that accompanied the fall of dictator Suharto in 1998.

Singapore, the region's only Chinese-majority country, is sensitive to anti-Chinese sentiments.

"Recent events at home and in the region have brought out starkly the importance of constantly tending our harmonious race relations," said Goh Chok Tong, Singapore's prime minister, in his Chinese New Year's message.

In Malaysia, next door to Singapore, race is the backdrop to all politics. Every government since independence from Britain in 1957 has been led by the United Malays National Organization, the exclusively Malay party. Chinese and Indian-based parties have minor roles in government, but UMNO under Mahathir takes the lead.

In 1969, ethnic riots fueled by Malay resentment of Chinese dominance in the economy left hundreds dead. Malaysia then instituted a brand of affirmative action that guarantees Malays cheap loans, places in universities and government jobs.

Many Chinese dislike the policy, but grudgingly accept it as necessary to keep racial tensions from boiling over.

"As a multiracial country, we must accept that no one race will receive everything it wants," Housing Minister Ong Ka Ting said.

Georgetown is the capital of the northern island of Penang, Malaysia's only Chinese-majority state.

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anonymity, said the two were abducted and killed. Police and army officials said the two Israelis were restaurant owners from the Tel Aviv area. They were taken to the West Bank by an Israeli Arab, the officials said.

The men were abducted by armed men and killed in the West Bank, the Palestinian official said. Israel radio said the bodies were found near the Nur Shams Palestinian refugee camp next to Tulikarem. Their bodies were turned over to the Israeli military.

The Israeli negotiating team was recalled to Jerusalem for consultations, according to a statement from Prime Minister Ehud Barak's office. It was not clear when or if the talks with the Palestinians in the Egyptian resort of Taba, just across the Israeli border, would resume.

Barak's office said he "ordered Israeli government ministers in Taba to return immediately for consultations in Jerusalem. During the consultations there will be no talks at any level."

In the past, Israel has suspended peace negotiations in reaction to such killings. Peace contacts were suspended for one day after an Israeli youth was shot to death in the West Bank. He was allegedly lured there by a Palestinian woman with whom he communicated with on the Internet.

Tuesday's breakdown came after negotiators on both sides had described a positive atmosphere at the talks.

Barak, speaking to high school students in Tel Aviv before news of the killings broke, offered ideas on how the two sides might share Jerusalem, including the walled Old City — one of the thorniest unresolved issues.

"The special character of the city must be preserved, a way must be found so that the practical conduct of everyday life in Jerusalem will indeed be joint management in the Old City," Barak said.

But with an eye on Israeli elections only two weeks away, Barak also emphasized that he would keep Judaism's holiest sites, such as the Western Wall, under full Israeli sovereignty.

Barak's critics have accused him of offering too many concessions, but his comments Tuesday immediately drew criticism from the Palestinians. Israel currently claims sovereignty over all of

These stories are from the Associated Press

Ethnic conflicts still not resolved in Malaysia

GEORGETOWN, Malaysia — Drums and cymbals crash ferociously as hundreds of spectators cheer a troupe of youngsters capering with a cloth dragon 30 feet long. The Year of the Snake is at hand, but the festivities mask a troubled time for Malaysia's ethnic Chinese minority.

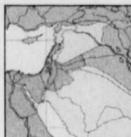
"For the first time, I'm relieved that the Year of the Dragon is over," said Tan Swee Chee, a second-generation Malaysian of Chinese origin.

Israeli peace delegates recalled after killings

JERUSALEM — Israel recalled its delegation to peace talks with the Palestinians Tuesday, the prime minister's office said, after two Israelis were killed, apparently by Palestinian gunmen.

The recall came on the third day of talks between Israeli and Palestinian teams in Taba, Egypt. The negotiators were attempting to reach an agreement that would lead to the end of more than a half-century of Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Late in the day, word came that the bodies of two Israelis had been discovered in the West Bank, near Tulikarem. Palestinian officials, speak-



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New tuition plan must be examined

Chancellor Michael Ferrari will introduce his plan for a comprehensive flat rate for tuition at Friday's Board of Trustees meeting, which could be instituted as early as next fall.

Under the plan, students would pay a flat rate, based on 15 credit hours if they carry between 12 and 18 hours. Those students taking more than 15 hours would receive those hours free.

But as they say in the world of economics, "There is no such thing as a free lunch."

There may be possible increases in instructional costs, and class availability and class size may be compromised.

In addition, students taking only 12 hours a semester will still be paying for an extra three hours. Not all students will be able to carry more than 12 hours. Working students, athletes and students receiving extensive amounts of financial aid will all be at a disadvantage.

Furthermore, students receiving academic scholarships will face increased pressure. Currently, scholarship students at the freshman level are only required to take 12 hours. In fact, 12 hours are the suggested amount of hours that any freshman should tackle.

Will the university change its recommendation or simply charge the students for the extra three hours?

A benefit of the rates would mean an increase in four-year graduation rates. Currently, the average four-year graduation rate from TCU is only 40 percent.

The university hopes the flat rate would elevate TCU's status among other colleges like Southern Methodist University, which currently uses comprehensive flat rates for tuition and posts much higher four-year graduation rates. Currently, TCU and Baylor University are the only two private universities in the state that do not have comprehensive flat rates for tuition.

Increasing the four-year graduation rate at TCU should be a continued endeavor; however, the university administration needs to examine all the repercussions a comprehensive flat rate for tuition would bring before it takes this action.

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Clinton leaves impact in D.C.

Bush needs to follow former president's accomplishments, ideas

"I'll be back." These are the last words that former president William Jefferson Clinton should have screamed at the top of his lungs before he boarded his plane to New York last Saturday.



Ahluwalia

As one of the most popular presidents of our time, Clinton not only oversaw one of the strongest economies to date but also one of the largest nationwide drops in crime in decades. He also accomplished an unheard of government surplus and many international victories.

This is a man who said during his final days in office how much he cherished his job as president and how much he would miss being able to do it everyday.

"I have loved these eight years," Clinton said. "You know, I read in history books how other presidents say the White House is like a penitentiary, and every motive they have is suspect. And they all say

they can't wait to get away. I don't know what the heck they're talking about."

I wonder if the note which Clinton left behind for the next president had anything in it highlighting his accomplishments or containing offers of advice and assistance for the future.

This is after all a man who made his mistakes but didn't let it interfere with his work as leader of the free world.

Even during his impeachment trial, which many of his opponents hoped would be the end of him, his ratings skyrocketed to over 66 percent approval rating, an unseen high since Harry S. Truman.

For most people, an impeach-

ment trial would be too much to handle, but not for Clinton. During one of the most turbulent times of his life he was able to accomplish the first budget surplus in more than 30 years. Even his staunch opponents can't touch that one.

Now that Clinton's time in office has come to an end, he has said he will use this extra time to rest and write his memoirs. That may be what he will try to do, but somehow I don't think that is what he really has in his agenda book. Clinton will probably take every available opportunity

to make sure the nation knows what his opinion is on current affairs. He has never been one to keep his thoughts to himself.

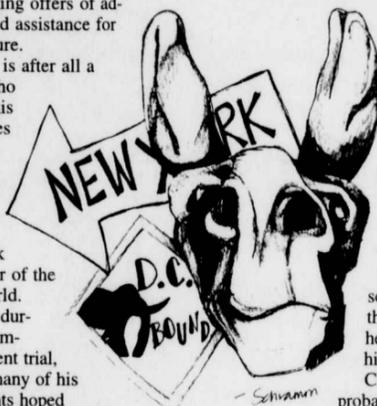
But is there really anything wrong with that either?

No. Think about it, this is a man who has an eminent vocabulary (better than I can say for some presidents), more world-leader friends than any other former president and of course, in the past eight years, has helped to make our economy one of the healthiest it has been.

President George Walker Bush should pray very hard (it is a good thing that he made Sunday the day of prayer) that Clinton will come back to advise him on domestic and especially international issues.

Whether Bush will take any advice from him or not is yet to be seen. But a word of advice to Bush ... don't think that you can keep Clinton or his influence out of Washington. He didn't leave Socks, the cat, in Washington, D.C., for nothing.

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Concentrate on knowledge, not grades

The value of taking a test lies in the experience gained from enduring it. Life is nothing but tests, and we are constantly being judged and graded.



Perez

From the time we were sitting in kindergarten, we have had things expected of us.

As children we did not question those expectations because they were all we knew.

It is probably safe to say that all through grade school, high school and yes, even here at this ridiculous institution, most of us still refuse to question these expectations.

Surely by now most of the TCU population realizes they know what is best for themselves. There are many of us that truly feel independent. Then why are we still trying to learn for the sake of the expectations of others rather than our own?

What I am talking about are grades. The silly little numbers

that are so important to everyone. Numbers imposed on us by the judgments of our professors. They test us and give us work. Then they assign a specific letter to our work based on whether or not they feel we have learned anything from their incessant babbling. It's all a load of crap if you ask me.

It is a fair assumption to make that the most intelligent people we know don't necessarily get the best grades.

Perhaps it is wrong to make that assumption. There are plenty of people who think otherwise.

The point is, grades should not be the main focus of our college experience. We learn nothing from having A's and B's. Our real learning comes from our everyday experiences. More valuable knowledge comes from learning outside the classroom.

It is possible to learn in the classroom; however, as long as you correlate high grades with

what you are learning, the further you get from learning anything. Anyone can memorize countless, meaningless facts and do well on a test.

The real challenge is the actual learning of material and keeping that knowledge for the rest of your life.

No one becomes a good reporter from a class, they do it in the field. Doctors get their real training in the hospitals. Teachers learn to teach in their own classrooms. Most people have heard that Albert Einstein was a mediocre student in high school and college.

My advice to my fellow students is to give up on the ever-elusive 4.0 and concentrate on the knowledge that is right there in front of you. Stay objective. Focus on the things that you find most important and most interesting.

Obtaining actual knowledge is far more satisfying than getting an

A because you stayed up all night memorizing some book.

Don't let your professors fool you into thinking that they are teaching you something or that they can even teach well at all. Most of our professors are worthless and aren't worth the \$1,200 you or your parents fork out for the class. What they give you is entirely subjective and biased.

You have an idea of what you want to learn. Don't let a C stop you from obtaining the wisdom you are supposed to be getting from these classes.

I know it is easy for a philosophy major like me to say this kind of thing because, according to contemporary society, I have no real future. I still believe this idea can transcend all majors, though. I feel that in the end, knowledge is everything and the only thing we get to take with us.

If you get too involved with things that don't really matter, you end up cheating yourself out of all experiences that can give your life true meaning.

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Left needs improvement before victory

Democrats attack Ashcroft's religion, hindering the success of a once worthy party

The past few weeks have served as a terrible reminder of just how politically incompetent the left has become.



Ortiz

The John Ashcroft confirmation hearings have highlighted this.

Here is a man with a terrible Civil Rights record (he fought against school desegregation in St. Louis as Missouri's attorney general) and is so far to the right that he is, on most issues, out of touch with the mainstream. The left shouldn't have any trouble blocking his nomination. But then they go off and attack his deep religious beliefs.

Not smart. The left should know by now that attacking religion doesn't work. Not in a country as religious as the United States. Not only is it wrong, but it's not smart politically. It makes people believe the left is anti-religious and thus anti-moral. Now people who ordinarily wouldn't support a wacko like Ashcroft are defending him because they think they are defending Christianity.

Republicans, for their part, have done a masterful job of making it seem as though this is all about Ashcroft's religion. Ashcroft will probably be confirmed now, and it is because, once again, the left has dropped the ball.

Liberals are not even directing the argument to those they would actually have a good chance of swaying. As attorney general, Ashcroft will have a lot of say in who President George W. Bush (it still gives me shudders when I say that) nominates to the courts. Ashcroft is likely to recommend staunch social conservatives like himself. Most people are socially liberal, and the left could have made a strong argument against Ashcroft that the public might have bought.

The left has been in decline for about 30 years and it is due to blunders, scandals and a lack of leadership. Where as the right had Ronald Reagan, the best the left ever came up with was Jimmy Carter. From the 1970s up until 1992, the Democrats lined up moron after moron as their presidential nominee.

First there was George McGovern, who chose as a running mate a man who had undergone electroshock therapy. Then there was Carter, who only got elected because the country was mad at Gerald Ford, who had pardoned Richard Nixon.

Then the democrats lined up Walter Mondale, who ran on a platform of higher taxes. Then came Michael Dukakis, who supported all kinds of wacky stuff like converting to the metric system. As we all know, Mondale and Dukakis got their butts kicked.

By the time Bill Clinton came along, liberalism was looked down upon and considered outdated. Clinton, being the slick politician

he is, jumped in on the liberal bashing. For most of his presidency, Clinton has treated his liberal base as red-headed stepchildren, hacking lefties off by signing welfare reform, supporting free trade and expanding the death penalty.

Liberals have done a terrible job of selling their ideas to the public. It hasn't been able to compete with the rhetoric the right has come up with.

"Were gonna get the government off our backs" and "We're gonna cut taxes to give you your money back" beats the heck out of "Republicans are racist" and "Uhh, did I mention Republicans are racist."

The left sorely needs a spokesman who can lead them, much like Reagan did for the right. Ralph Nader could have been that man, but then he lied and said crazy things like there is no difference between the Republicans and Democrats and that the Democratic Leadership Council was right-wing. His refusal to drop out of the presidential race probably cost Al Gore the election. Now Democrats hate Nader almost as much as they hate Bush and aren't likely to listen to him anytime soon.

The left is going to have to change its approach if it wants to get its agenda passed anytime soon. Here are some recommendations:

Stop avoiding the liberal label like it is the black plague. Be proud of it. Remind people it was the left who gave the country labor laws, who dug us out of the Great Depression, who supported the Civil Rights Movement and has

fought to end poverty. These were worthy causes that the right by and large opposed. Don't let the right get away with calling you immoral either. Standing up for the poor and trying to seek racial equality is not immoral by any means.

For crying out loud, stop lying. Quit branding every Republican a racist. Not all of them are. And don't nominate people who claim to have invented the Internet. Especially rather robotic people who claim to have invented the Internet.

You are going to have to change your stance on some issues or at least tone it down a bit. The war on drugs is a classic example. Although it is true the war on drugs has been an expensive failure, legalizing drugs and just giving up isn't the answer either. Besides, by fighting for the legalization of drugs, you're only reinforcing the stereotype that liberals are purple-haired, pot smoking hippies fighting for free love and another joint.

It's time to kiss and make up with the Democratic Party. The little fling with the Greens just isn't going to last. Liberals need the Democrats to be successful and vice versa. The Democrats may claim to have found a new love (the center) but deep down inside they still have a soft spot for good 'ol fashioned liberalism.

And one last thing. Please, no more sex scandals.

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Letter to the editor

Neighbor complains of speeding students on Berry and Bellaire

I have been happy for quite a few years now to live in the TCU neighborhood. In general, TCU is a good neighbor and the campus is so pretty!

However, I am different than most people — some people get bad news from their doctor and know WHEN they are going to die. I, on the other hand, know WHERE I am going to die. I am going to die in a car wreck in the Berry Street/Bellaire Drive South/Hulen Street area. There has hardly been a day in the past two years when I have not been

nearly mowed down by TCU students.

How do I know these are TCU students? By the TCU logos on the back of the cars. I don't think it's fair to name a group specifically, as every one of them seems to have taken a pact to smash into the back of my car going 50+ mph. It's only a matter of time!

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— Libby Gilmore
TCU neighbor

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More students buy online

Advertising has made online book reservations grow

By LaNasha Houze
SKIFF REPORTER

When the TCU Bookstore merged with Barnes and Noble three years ago, it adopted the service of online book reservations, but not many students knew about it until this year.

The bookstore reserved 1,320 books for the fall 2000 and spring 2001 semesters from students' online requests, said TCU Bookstore manager Lissa Lewis.

The bookstore used leaflets in fall 2000 during buyback in order to advertise the Web site feature. However, Caroline Money, a senior accounting and finance major, said the leaflets didn't offer much information.

"I didn't know the details of the service," Money said. "Usually by the time I return to school, the used books are gone. Either that or they are out of the book I need."

Katie Rainey, a junior elementary education major, said she also did not know the service existed.

"It would have been nice if I knew I could reserve my books for this semester, especially since I have been looking for a book for two weeks," she said.

Online reservations allow students to buy new or used books

with the approval of a credit card or student account. The bookstore staff pulls the requests and holds them until customer pickup, Lewis said.

Lewis said the service was not popular two years ago.

"If we had 20 requests, that was good," Lewis said. "I think the store's customer service, social environment and convenient location limit our online business."

The bookstore needed a more specific target in order to improve customer response to the online program Lewis said. After reviewing the reservation programs at Texas A&M University and University of Missouri-Columbia, Lewis said she decided to target the incoming freshman class.

Melinda Anderson, a freshman premajor, used the online services this spring and fall 2000.

"Reserving my books was very convenient," Anderson said. "I didn't even have to wait in a long line when I wanted to pick them up. They were already sacked and waiting on me."

The bookstore Web site has stopped accepting reservations for this semester. However, online reservations will start again after early registration for the fall se-

mester, Lewis said.

Lewis said the expansion of the Web site to include online purchasing is not an attempt to compete with online textbook corporations such as (Varsitybooks.com), (ecampus.com) or (amazon.com), but rather an attempt to offer one more customer service option.

Certain students chose to search the Internet to find bargain prices for their textbooks.

Kristl Tam, a sophomore business marketing major, said she compared prices on the Internet.

"I pay \$60 to \$100 per book," Tam said. "If the bookstore only has new books left, I search the Web." In addition, Tam said the price difference for the books was not significant enough to order through (Varsitybooks.com).

Lewis said textbook manufacturers set the prices for the books, and she hopes improvements in customer service will keep students returning to the bookstore.

"The TCU Bookstore's format is catered to the students," Lewis said. "We only order the textbooks that the professors request."

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hunters but are shaking the bushes for new and dynamic individuals good for the position at this point," she said. "The search committee is feeding us names, and the ad is producing some additional folks."

At this point, eight applications have been reviewed, and 16 nominations have been made. On-campus interviews of top candidates may be scheduled in late February or early March with committee members, other deans, undergraduate and

graduate students and the chancellor.

"The idea is to find a few good men or women," Sewell said. "We don't need 100; we don't need 20. We need one — the right one."

Past searches have taken anywhere from three to six months, she said.

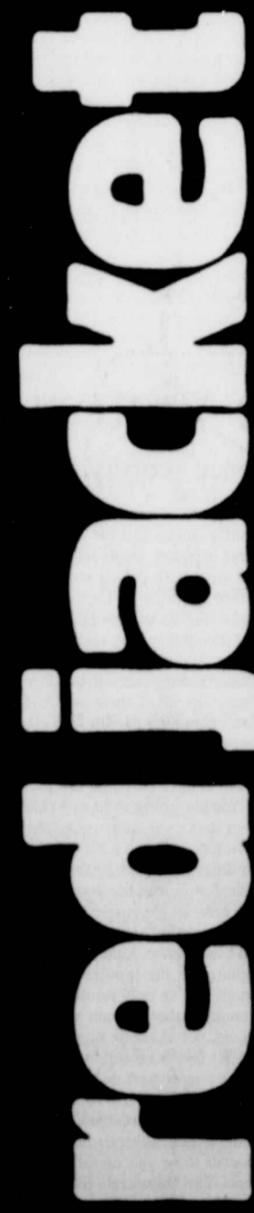
"We would rather have the right person Sept. 15 than the wrong one May 15," Sewell said.

The appointment should come in late spring, she said.

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Year of the Snake

The Chinese New Year offers good fortune and prosperity.

By Maliha Suleman
STAFF REPORTER

This Chinese New Year will be a fairly quiet affair for Joel Sandhu since he's far away from his home, Hong Kong, and won't be a part of the festivities.

Sandhu, a freshman business major, said he's going to miss the dragon dances and even more so, the chance to celebrate with family and friends.

For many Americans, New Year's means attending a party where everyone is decked out in evening wear, holding champagne glasses and mingling. However, the Chinese New Year is nothing close to that picture.

Welcome to Chinese New Year 101 — a crash course.

This year is the Year of the Snake. The Chinese New Year is based on the Chinese lunar calendar. This calendar is yearly like the Western calendar, but the start of the lunar year is based on the cycles of the moon. Thus, the beginning of the year can fall sometime between late January and mid-February. This is why the New Year is celebrated on a different date every year.

Welcome to Chinese New Year 101 — a crash course.

- This year is the Year of the Snake.
- Based on the cycles of the moon.
- The beginning of the year can fall sometime between late January and mid-February.
- There is a legend attached to the concept of the 12 animals that act as a symbol for each Chinese New Year.
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"Lord Buddha called upon all the animals to come to him before he departed from Earth, and only 12 of the animals came to bid him farewell," Sandhu said. "He honored each of them with a year."

The animals appeared to him in this order: Rat, Ox, Tiger, Rabbit, Dragon, Snake, Horse, Sheep, Monkey, Rooster, Dog and Pig. These animals symbolize the 12

signs of the Chinese zodiac, he said.

Mike Xu, assistant professor of Chinese, said the Chinese New Year is the biggest celebration in Chinese tradition.

"It is the beginning of spring and a new start," Xu said.

Xu developed a tentative TCU Chinese Web page (www.chinese.tcu.edu), with information on the Chinese language and the culture. He said there is still more to add to the page.

According to information gathered from links on the TCU Chinese Web page, the unveiling of traditions and festivities related to the New Year begin 22 days prior to its eve and continue for another 15 days. Each of the 15 days holds a special significance. On the 15th day, the Lantern Festival brings a close to the festivities and marks the end of the New Year season.

On this day, colorful lanterns are displayed at most temples, but the dragon and lion dances are what enthrall people the most. Pounding drums, cymbals and brass instruments add the punch in the dances of the 100-foot dragons.

Alice Wang, a senior interior design major who celebrates Chinese New Year, said the main significance of the New Year celebration is to come together with family during a time of rejoice and cooking.

"Even children get to stay up late at night," she said.

Sandhu said ancestors play a big role, and he said sometimes people leave offerings under a plaque.

"It is all about inviting good fortune and prosperity, as well as getting together with family," Sandhu said.

He said some traditions include dragon and lion dances, marching bands and painting words of good wishes on red scrolls of paper to put on the door.

Wang said she received little red packets from her elders that had money in them.

"(The red packets) are called lay see," Sandhu said. "Red is a very important color, and the packets are to bring happiness and good luck."

Another tradition during the Chinese New Year is to play games.

"Sometimes children were allowed to participate in little gambling games with dice," Wang said.

No festival is complete without a feast of sumptuous food. From the 10th day to the 12th day of the season, friends and relatives are invited for dinner, Sandhu said.

"Lo pal koe is definitely my favorite because it's a sort of sweet dish made from radish," he said.

Sandhu also said other popular traditional foods include jai, a vegetarian dish, and nian gao, a sweet, steamed rice pudding. Roasted chicken, pork and duck with Chinese rice are also part of the Chinese traditional dinner, he said.

According to the TCU Chinese Web page, many Chinese do not conform to superstitions, but some do believe in practicing certain precautionary customs during this season that are believed to provide continuity with the past and give the family an identity.

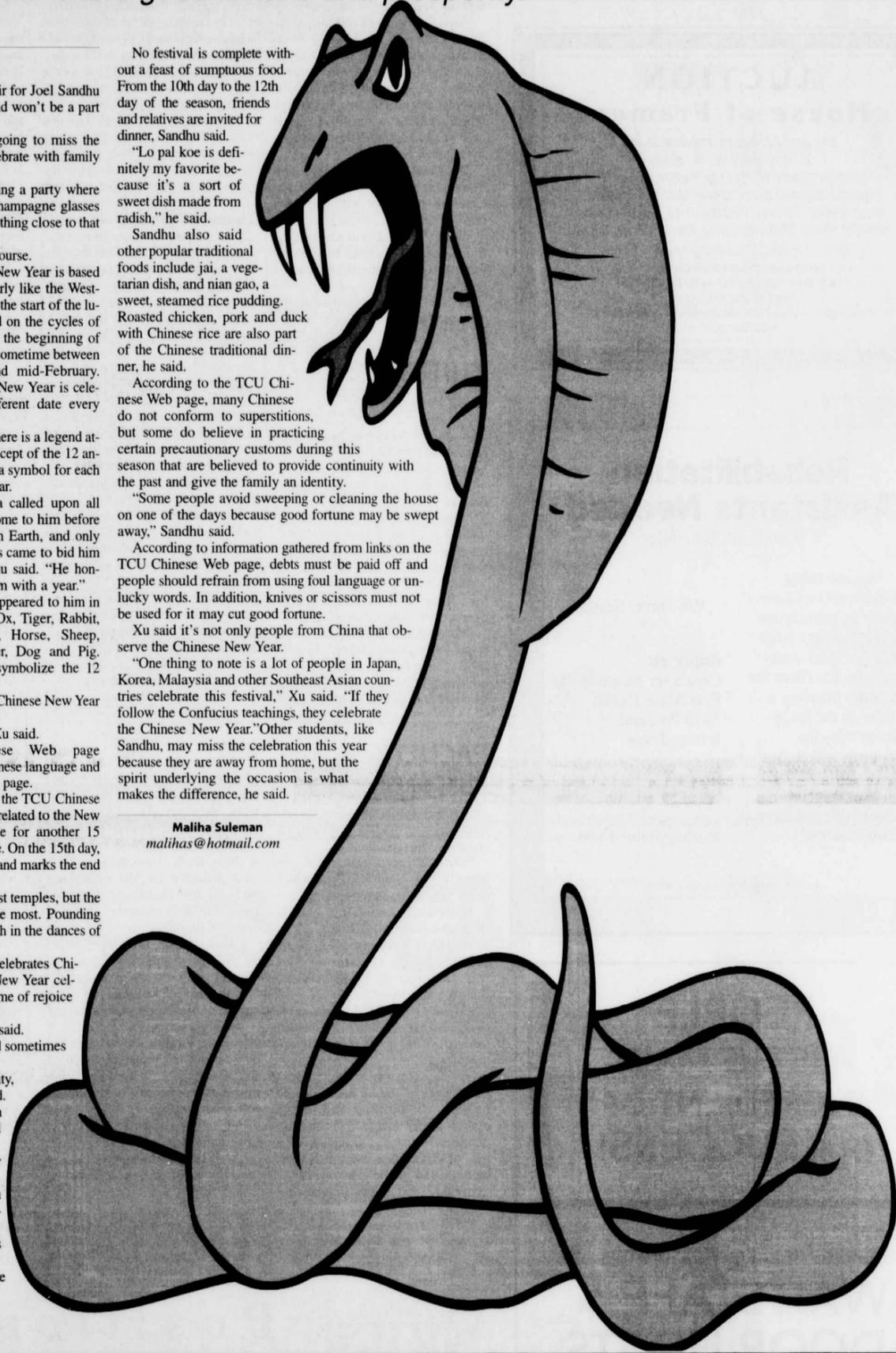
"Some people avoid sweeping or cleaning the house on one of the days because good fortune may be swept away," Sandhu said.

According to information gathered from links on the TCU Chinese Web page, debts must be paid off and people should refrain from using foul language or unlucky words. In addition, knives or scissors must not be used for it may cut good fortune.

Xu said it's not only people from China that observe the Chinese New Year.

"One thing to note is a lot of people in Japan, Korea, Malaysia and other Southeast Asian countries celebrate this festival," Xu said. "If they follow the Confucius teachings, they celebrate the Chinese New Year." Other students, like Sandhu, may miss the celebration this year because they are away from home, but the spirit underlying the occasion is what makes the difference, he said.

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RAT-1924, 1936, 1948, 1960, 1972, 1984



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DRAGON-1928, 1940, 1952, 1964, 1976, 1988



You are full of life and enthusiasm, and you are a very popular individual with a reputation for being fun-loving. You will make a good artist, priest or politician.

MONKEY-1932, 1944, 1956, 1968, 1980, 1992



You are very intelligent, clever and well-liked by everyone. You will have success in any field you try.

OX-1925, 1937, 1949, 1961, 1973, 1985

You are a born leader, and you inspire confidence in those around you. Be careful about being too demanding. You are also methodical and good with your hands. You will make a good surgeon, general or hairdresser.



SNAKE-1929, 1941, 1953, 1965, 1977, 1989

You are wise and charming. You are romantic and a deep thinker, but you tend to procrastinate and be a bit stingy about money. You will make a good teacher, writer or psychiatrist.



ROOSTER-1933, 1945, 1957, 1969, 1981, 1993

You are a hard worker and definite in your decisions. You are not afraid to speak your mind, and you may seem boastful. You will make a good restaurant owner, publicist or world traveler.



TIGER-1926, 1938, 1950, 1962, 1974, 1986

You are sensitive, emotional and capable of great love, but you tend to be stubborn about what you think is right. You will make an excellent boss, explorer or race car driver.



HORSE-1930, 1942, 1954, 1966, 1978, 1990

You are amazingly hard-working and very independent. Although you are intelligent and friendly, you can sometimes be a bit selfish. You will find success as an adventurer, scientist or poet.



DOG-1934, 1946, 1958, 1970, 1982, 1994

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PIG-1935, 1947, 1959, 1971, 1983, 1995

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RABBIT-1927, 1939, 1951, 1963, 1975, 1987

You are affectionate, cooperative and always pleasant, and people like to be around you. You can, however, get too sentimental and seem superficial. You will make a successful businessperson, lawyer, diplomat or actor.



SHEEP-1931, 1943, 1955, 1967, 1979, 1991

You are charming, elegant and artistic, and you like material comforts. You also have a tendency to complain about things and worry too much. You will make a good actor, gardener or beachcomber.



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Escapees' transfer to Texas eased

Residents say men were on best behavior in Colorado Springs

By Nick Wadhams
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WOODLAND PARK, Colo. — The seven escaped convicts from Texas played loud Christian music in their cramped RV — perhaps to make themselves look innocent and God-fearing — and kept mostly to themselves as they hid out in this peaceful town for three weeks.

At least one of the men attended Bible study sessions and befriended several residents, who were impressed with his knowledge of Scripture.

Several frequented a coffee shop. Some even felt safe enough to go drinking and dancing in area nightclubs. But they kept their heads down while walking past others through the itinerant workers' mobile home park where their RV was parked. And at least two had disguised themselves by dyeing their hair.

Woodland Park Police Sgt. Bill Sumner speculated the men played Christian music for well-calculated reasons.

"That's what I'd do in a heartbeat," Sumner said. "The No. 1 way to look innocuous and innocent is to look real religious."

He said he wasn't surprised the men melted into the town without

arousing suspicion: "They were pillars of the community for the time they were here."

One of the biggest manhunts in the Southwest's history ended Monday for five of the convicts. Four were arrested peacefully and a fifth killed himself in the motor home at the Coachlight Motel and RV Park rather than surrender to law officers who had the place surrounded.

The two other convicts remained at large Tuesday as state and federal officers pursued thousands of leads.

A van used by the missing two was found abandoned in a Colorado Springs motel parking lot Tuesday, and authorities checked hotels for the men. The van was said to contain duffel bags, maps and hair color.

Federal firearms charges were dismissed Tuesday against the four in custody to expedite their transfer to Texas, where they could face the death penalty on state murder charges in the slaying of a policeman during a holdup at a sporting goods store 11 days after they broke out of prison.

Also Tuesday, a Colorado State Patrol trooper was killed in a crash while pursuing what turned out to be an inaccurate tip about the fugitives' van.

The two convicts on the run —

Patrick Murphy Jr., a 39-year-old rapist, and armed robber Donald Newbury, 38 — are believed to have 12 weapons, including assault rifles and shotguns, and may also have bulletproof vests.

Teller County Undersheriff Kevin Dougherty said investigators do not believe there was any rift among the seven.

"It's our understanding that they left to break away from the group and to go out and do their own thing," he said.

Inside the RV, officers found a "personal note" from Larry Harper, the convict who killed himself, to his family; the contents were not disclosed. Also found were \$10,000 in cash, thousands of rounds of ammunition, two-way radios, a medical kit and receipts for bulletproof vests, recently purchased in Denver and Aurora, said Mark Mershon, FBI agent in the charge in Colorado.

"The note was sitting on top of an open Bible," Teller County Coroner Debbie Smith said. "It was partially covered by eyeglasses, a pen and a small prayer book or something."

In addition, "there were 35 weapons in there, loaded, cocked and ready for action, as we say," Mershon said. Some of the guns were taken from

the Texas prison; others were traced to the sporting goods store, he said.

After the discovery of the van, 12 schools in Colorado Springs were locked down as a precaution and students were kept inside until the end of the school day.

The seven fugitives broke out of a maximum-security prison in Kenedy, Texas, southeast of San Antonio, on Dec. 13. They were believed to have been in the Woodland Park area since around New Year's Day. Authorities were tipped off to their presence by residents who had seen the convicts featured on TV's "America's Most Wanted."

The three convicts captured at a convenience store near the RV park were suspected ringleader George Rivas, 30, a kidnapper and burglar; and Michael Rodriguez, 38, and Joseph Garcia, 29, both murderers. Randy Halprin, 23, who had been serving time for beating an infant, surrendered a short time later at the motor home.

Harper, 37, convicted of aggravated sexual assault, shot himself to death inside the motor home. Smith said he shot himself twice and both bullets penetrated the heart. She said there were no immediate plans for transferring the body back to Texas.

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TCU, said as an athlete, the comprehensive tuition may hurt him more because he cannot take excessive amounts of classes during baseball season.

"I add in hours during the summer instead of trying to increase semester hours," Underwood said. Ferrari said charging students for 15 hours — even if they were only enrolled for 12 hours — would cause students to want to finish in four years.

"For students taking fewer hours, it has some disadvantages," he said. "But again, given the kind of private university TCU is, it is my hope that students will see the value of earn-

ing a degree in four years and getting the best possible economic value for the investment."

He said a semester fee also helps reduce the tendency of a university to have numerous add-on fees. This does not mean they are all eliminated, but they are greatly reduced, Ferrari said.

"We hope the flat-fee tuition will encourage more students to take 15 hours a semester on average, which is usually the number to graduate in four years," Ferrari said. "The comprehensive tuition also helps promote the total educational experience at TCU and the value of a TCU education."

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FACULTY

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which they teach also have the advantage of providing contacts for students, Nuss said.

"Most adjuncts teach and yet have a full-time life," Koehler said. "Teaching is secondary."

However, maintaining outside jobs also means that they are not available for departmental meetings and events, said Ronald Watson, chairman of the art and art history department.

"There is an added demand on the full-time faculty because adjuncts are not there to fulfill departmental duties," Watson said.

Yet he said one of the biggest advantages of hiring adjunct professors is allowing for more classes to be taught. He said his department has had to turn away a lot of freshmen because they haven't had enough resources for everyone who wants to take the classes.

"We'd like to be offering more classes for non-majors, focusing on the general student," Watson

said.

Ideally, only about 10 percent of classes would be taught by adjunct faculty, Koehler said. Full-time faculty also have more vested interest in the future of the university because they have a long-term commitment, he said. Ferrari are the governing body of the university and full-time faculty members have a sense of loyalty.

"Some universities have 30 to 50 percent of their undergraduate classes taught by adjuncts," Koehler said. "That may be fine for the public (schools) but not for TCU."

Koehler said that to move to the next level that Chancellor Michael Ferrari keeps talking about, the university will have to hire more full-time faculty.

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News Editor Jaime Walker and Skiff staff member Reagan Duplisa contributed to this story.

INAUGURATION

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Senate Office Building. My cab driver even asked me what I thought about the attorney general nominee as we were listening to the hearing live, at his request.

This doesn't happen everywhere. This is D.C.

Another D.C. personality is the public transportation system, the Metro. Riding the subway everyday from Alexandria, Va. to the district each day was an adventure. It had nothing to do with the driving of the train, but rather the wide array of people I was able to meet and talk to at each stop. Because it would take me an hour to get to downtown D.C. each day, I became a frequent user of the Metro.

I cannot think of any place other than the subway where there's such a wide variety of people represented. Riding by my side were people from all walks of life — be it skin color, profession, age, income or social class. From businessmen, students at George Washington University and retirees, the Metro is something that all Washingtonians share.

I spent the morning and evening commutes listening, talking and watching the actions of people.

From what I gathered, more people ride the subway than drive into the city. And it's very economical. I bought a \$25 pass that allowed me unlimited access for a week. With the price of gas as high as it is, we could all benefit from riding the subway.

What struck me most about the subway is the pride the attendants take in making sure the facilities are clean. As I sat to eat an apple on a long journey back to my hotel, a lady stopped me from taking my first bite.

"You better put that away," she said. "Or you might be arrested."

"Arrested?" I asked.

"Yes." On the subway, there is a zero-tolerance rule that prohibits eating, drinking, music, pets, etc. The lady told me about a Washington Post article a couple months back about a 13-year-old girl who was arrested for eating her McDonald's french fries in transit.

"They just handcuffed her and brought her down to the station... they don't want the subway to look as bad as New York," she said.

Needless to say, I put the apple away and made sure to warn everyone else from out of town.

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RENOVATIONS

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lighting system because the improved facilities will help the university compete with other theater departments in the state.

Alex Robertson, TCU stage manager, said the renovation of Ed Landreth Hall is about more than just safety.

"The ropes will be changed and the fly-system hardware will be upgraded," he said. "The whole campus will benefit from these im-

provements."

Castaneda said students will also benefit from the new additions to Ed Landreth Hall.

"Ed Landreth is a diverse auditorium because you can have music, dance and theater all performed there," said Castaneda. "These improvements will help each department."

The Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium was first built in 1949, and this is the building's first upgrade.

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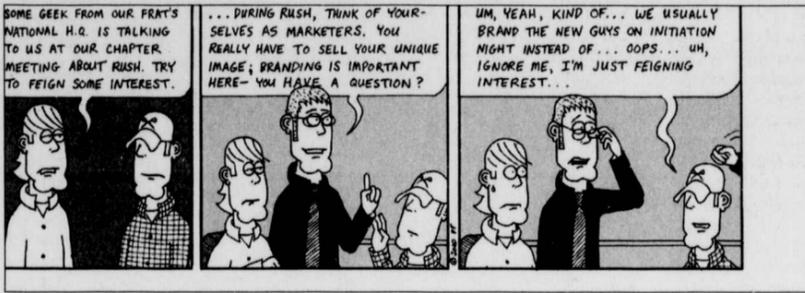
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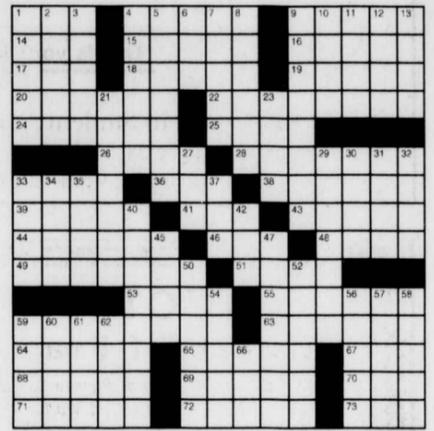
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- Grow older
 - Prison chambers
 - China from Stoke-on-Trent
 - Demented
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 - Long narrow crest
 - Ashley and Wynonna's mom
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 - Adversary
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Yesterday's Solutions



Girls and Sports

Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



today's menu Jan. 24, 2001

The Main

- Lunch**
Potato bar
Pork chops
Chicken rotini casserole
- Dinner**
Shredded beef barbecue
Manicotti
Corned beef brisket

Eden's Greens

- Lunch**
Baked potatoes
Potato skins
Chicken Mornay
- Dinner**
Barbecue beef
Steamed broccoli
Baked potato soup

Worth Hills

- Lunch**
Caesar salad wraps
Chicken parmesan
- Dinner**
Fried chicken sandwich

Frogbytes

Same as The Main

Tomorrow at The Main

- Lunch:** Nacho bar, beef stroganoff, Cajun chicken
Dinner: Quesadilla bar, lasagna, baked fish

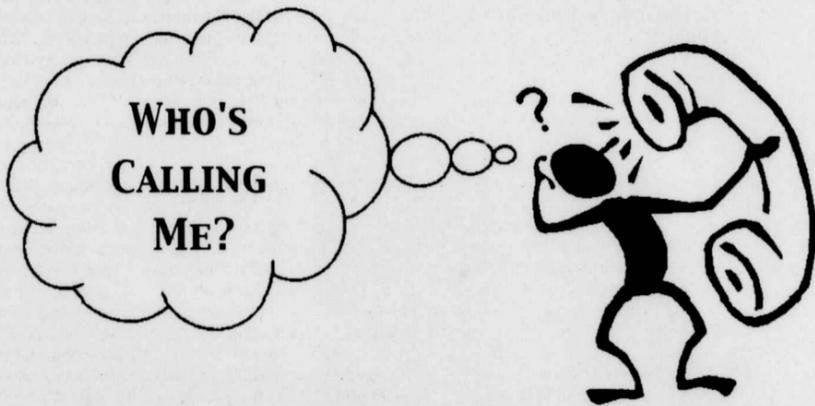
Purple Poll

Q: Would you be in support of a flat rate for tuition?



A: Yes 29 No 71

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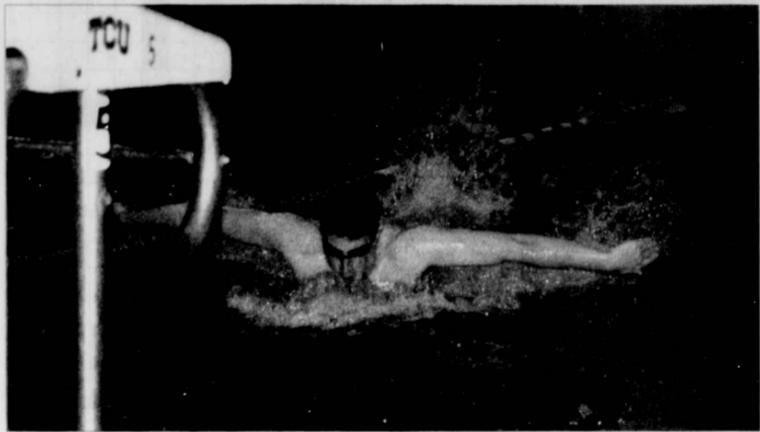


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Men's swim team prepares for matchup against Southern Methodist



Junior Josh Pipes works on his butterfly stroke in practice this week in the Rickel Building. The Horned Frog men's swim team competes today against Southern Methodist in Dallas.

By Colleen Casey
SKIFF STAFF

As the men of TCU's swimming team prepares for their dual meet against Southern Methodist tonight, they will also enter into the most competitive part of their schedule, head coach Richard Sybesma said.

After No. 10 Florida's 128-100 win against TCU last Saturday, the Frogs face No. 22 SMU, and then move on to race against No. 1 Texas in TCU's last dual meet of the season.

"It was our goal to race fast teams when we made our schedule at the beginning of the season," Sybesma said. "SMU is traditionally good at being fast."

TCU's next few opponents has sophomore backstroke swimmer Aaron Ewert nervous, but he said that is not negative. "SMU is a big rival for us, but I'm looking to swim my best," Ewert said. "I

was nervous for Florida, but nervousness sometimes brings out the best in a swimmer."

Ewert's 200 backstroke time of 1:49.69 vs. Florida currently ranks 15th in the nation.

Also ranked 15th is junior 200 breaststroke swimmer Scott Adkins who recorded a time of 2:04.78.

"Our individual ability is at an equal status with SMU," Adkins said. "Also, it will be interesting because most of us are friends with some of (the SMU swimmers)."

Sybesma said he considers Ewert and Adkins to be candidates for the NCAA Championships, where the best swimmers in the nation compete individually.

"They both have the ability to hold their own against any program in the country's No. 1 guy," Sybesma said. "They have a very good chance at qualifying for the championships. They just

have to believe they can."

Sybesma said he is also impressed with sophomore sprinter Jeff Parkinson and junior butterfly/mid-distance swimmer Josh Pipes. Parkinson placed first in the 100 freestyle with a time of 46:88 at the Florida meet.

With only two more dual meets before the National Independent Championships Feb. 22 to 24, the men's equivalent to the Western Athletic Conference Championships, the team is focusing on goals it made at the start of the season and working towards earning top 25 votes.

"We would like to be recognized, but in order to do that, we have to do things like upset a ranked opponent," Sybesma said. "We're looking to see some great races at SMU, and hopefully an upset."

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inside the numbers

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Losses when the team scores 70 points or more. Eleven of the team's 14 wins have come when the team has scored at least 70 points.

3

Wins needed for this season to have the most wins in program history. The team won 16 games in each of the past two seasons, but has never won more.

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Wins against Western Athletic Conference teams this season. The team's 6-0 record in the conference puts them alone in first place in the WAC.

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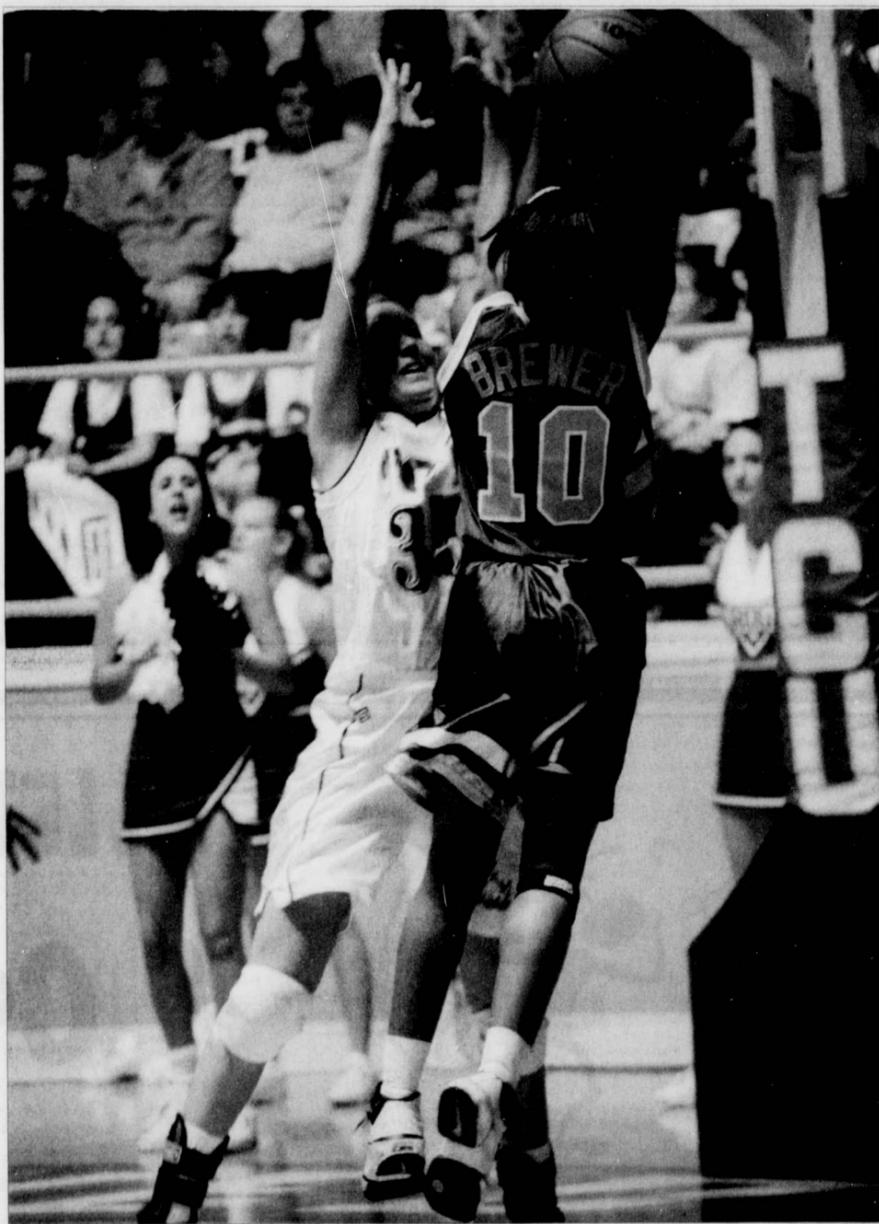
Number of games the team has won in a row. The winning streak dates back to Jan. 1.

123

Points needed for senior guard Jill Sutton to become TCU's all-time leading scorer in women's basketball. Janice Dziuk is the current leader with 1,302 points from the 1986-90 seasons.

139

Three-pointers so far this season. The Frogs' 10 three-pointers Tuesday night against Tulsa keeps them in the top 10 in the nation for total three-pointers made this season.



John Preskitt/SKIFF STAFF

Junior guard Tricia Payne tries to block the shot attempt by Tulsa freshman guard Candice Brewer Tuesday night at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. The Frogs remained undefeated in the Western Athletic Conference and moved to 14-4 overall with the 71-54 win.

Women win 7th straight Frogs remain perfect in conference play

By Kelly Morris
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Although the TCU women's basketball team won its seventh-straight game against Tulsa Tuesday night by 17 points, head coach Jeff Mittie said the game was a tale of two halves.

"In the second half, we shot 50 percent from the field, while Tulsa shot 50 percent from the field in the first (half)," Mittie said. "Tulsa came out more aggressive than we did and shot (the ball) very well in the first half. They did a nice job of getting open looks in the first half, but our defense was key in the second half which hurt their energy."

"We weren't happy with our effort in the first half, but we did a nice job executing in the second."

After junior forward Kati Safaritova scored the first two points of the game, the Frogs didn't lead the game again until the 13:09 mark of the first half.

Despite shooting just 37.9 percent (11 of 29) from the field during the first half, the Frogs held on to a 34-32 lead.

Senior guard Jill Sutton led the team in scoring in the first half with nine points, and freshman forward Tiffany Evans had eight points. Senior guard Amy Porter had five steals and six assists.

The Frogs started the second half with a 16-3 run, resulting in a 50-35 lead with 12:31 remaining in the game. Tulsa shot just 29.6 percent (8 of 27) from the field in the second half. The Frogs shot 55.6 percent from three-point range while Tulsa was just 1 of 5.

Sutton added 11 second-half points including nine from behind the arc. Sutton finished the game with six three-pointers, tying her season-high for three pointers in a game. She previously tallied 20 points and six three pointers Dec. 5 in the Frogs 78-68 win at Wichita State.

The Frogs have a nine-day layoff before returning to action Feb. 2 at Tulsa.

Senior forward Janice Thomas said although she would like to keep up the team's momentum, she is looking forward to the time off.

"It would be nice to be able to keep playing, but it's good to have this time to take care of some injuries," Thomas said.

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BRIEFS

Davenport suspended for last non-conference game

According to a statement released by TCU officials, senior center Derrick Davenport was suspended for one game by head coach Billy Tubbs for failure to attend classes.

Scott Edgar, director of basketball operations, said he could not comment further on the situation.

"Assistant coaches don't make comments about any players' status with the team," Edgar said.

Neither Tubbs nor Davenport could be reached for comment.

Davenport will miss Friday's game against Grambling State. The 6-foot-10 inch Davenport played in all 19 games, starting 15. Davenport is averaging 13.7 points a game this season and is leading the team with 7.6 rebounds and 2.9 blocks a game. He leads the Western Athletic Conference in blocked shots.



DAVENPORT

76ers defeat Mavs for 11th straight road win

By Jaime Aron
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS — With help from his friends, Allen Iverson provided the Philadelphia 76ers something they haven't had since the days of Julius Erving: an 11-game winning streak on the road.

Iverson scored 30 points and Toni Kukoc added a season-high 25, including two key 3-pointers, as Philadelphia tied a team record for consecutive road wins with a 114-98 victory over the Dallas Mavericks Tuesday night.

The best part for the 76ers was that Iverson didn't have to do it all himself. Coach Larry Brown scolded the team after its last game, a 110-106 overtime loss to Toronto, because players deferred too much to their All-Star guard.

This time, five other players scored in double figures as Philadelphia made 54 percent of its shots.

"It's always great when you get a good contribution," Iverson said. "They've really been doing that all year."

George Lynch had 16 points and 13 rebounds. Aaron McKie made 6-

of-7 shots for 12 points and had 11 assists.

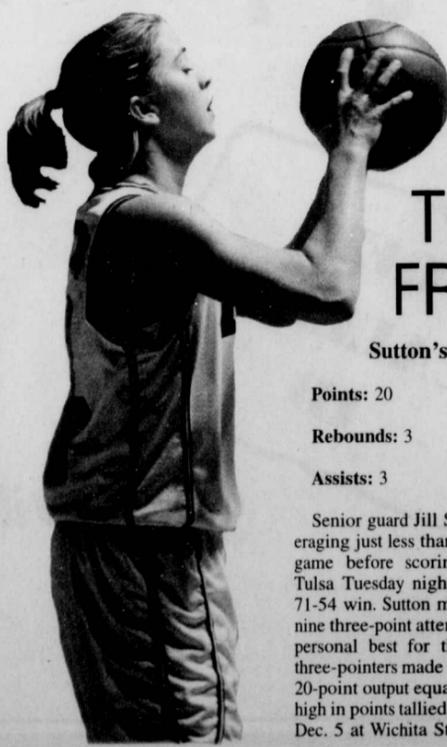
"We got it out of Allen's hands, moved the ball around and were swinging it to other players," McKie said. "Toni was the difference tonight. Every time they went on a run, he was there to hit a big 3."

Kukoc buried bombs to cap runs of 12-2 and 9-0 to help keep the 76ers ahead throughout the final three quarters. He scored 19 of his points in the second half.

The 76ers, who lead the NBA with 18 road wins, go to Houston Wednesday night to try winning a 12th straight away from home. Philadelphia also won 11 in a row on the road from Oct. 15 to Nov. 26, 1980, with a team led by Erving.

Dirk Nowitzki, who scored 36 in that one, was held to 15 points. Michael Finley led Dallas with 27 points and set a club record with 10 steals, five coming in the first quarter. He was one shy of the NBA single-game record done twice, most recently by Kendall Gill in 1999.

The Mavericks, who had been 14-4 against the East, snapped a three-game winning streak.



TOP
FROG

Sutton's stats

Points: 20

Rebounds: 3

Assists: 3

Senior guard Jill Sutton was averaging just less than nine points a game before scoring 20 against Tulsa Tuesday night in the Frogs 71-54 win. Sutton made six of her nine three-point attempts, tying her personal best for the season for three-pointers made in a game. Her 20-point output equaled her season high in points tallied in a 78-68 win Dec. 5 at Wichita State.

Women's Standings

	WAC	Overall
	W-L	W-L
TCU	6-0	14-4
SMU	5-1	10-7
Hawaii	3-2	12-4
Rice	2-3	10-7
Nevada	2-3	9-8
Fresno State	2-3	6-11
San Jose State	2-4	10-7
UTEP	2-5	6-12
Tulsa	1-4	4-12



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