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University bandwidth increased for third year

By Julie Ann Matonis
STAFF REPORTER

As Napster moves towards charging a monthly subscription fee, the legal questions that caused concern over use of the site at TCU may be answered, said Bill Senter, technical services manager for Information Services.

Allowing students to use Napster again is not out of the realm of possibility, he said. "If it becomes a subscription service, so the copyright issues were maintained and pre-

Napster may re-open to students as it moves towards charging a fee

served, then I suspect the university would consider seriously unblocking Napster," Senter said.

According to the *Associated Press*, Thomas Middelhoff, a Bertelsmann AG chairman, said Monday that the Napster Web site could begin charging a monthly subscription fee as early as June or July. Bertelsmann, a parent of BMG music, joined forces with Napster in October to try to forge a relationship between the Web site

and the music industry.

Trish Ajello, a sophomore Spanish and history major, said she wouldn't use Napster if she had to pay a monthly fee. But she said the university should unblock Napster if she wanted to pay the fee to download music.

"I think the university is doing what they should do now, but from a student's perspective, I think Napster access should be opened," Ajello said.

Information Services recently doubled the campus' Internet capacity, increasing bandwidth to 12 megabits a second. Senter said the Napster issue did not factor into the decision to increase bandwidth this time.

"Last year it was definitely a bandwidth problem," Senter said. "Now it is more of a legal issue."

The Napster Web site allows users to download and share music files, but it takes up a large portion of available

bandwidth. Once Napster was blocked last year, about 70 percent of available bandwidth came back, Senter said.

Bandwidth is the number and size of files the network can handle at a specific time.

"In January and February of last year the Napster craze hit our campus," Senter said. "Basically, overnight we were saturated."

David Edmondson, assistant

provost for Information Services, said the network is now acting more like a traffic cop, preventing certain types of Internet use from dominating the system.

"We monitor the network usage and set priorities on what usage we want people to have with good response time," Edmondson said.

Senter said users are still downloading other types of music files and movies through other services, but

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GIVING A HELPING HAND

SAICA to hold charity luncheon to raise funds for earthquake victims

By Maliha Suleman
STAFF REPORTER

Students for Asian-Indian Cultural Awareness are raising funds for the victims of India's earthquake from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. today and throughout February in the Student Center through the sale of tickets for "Experience India."

SAICA will also host "Experience India," a charity luncheon showcasing Indian culture, on March 3. Ticket sales from the show will benefit the Indian Earthquake Relief fund.

"Proceeds from the show will be sent to India to alleviate the suffering of the earthquake victims," said Tahira Hussain, president of SAICA.

Hussain said the TCU community has the resources to help in such a crisis situation.

"TCU students and other community members are blessed with so many comforts," she said. "And considering the magnitude of the disaster, people should be forthcoming because every dollar and cent is valuable."

According to the *Associated Press*, the earthquake, measuring 7.9 on the Richter scale, shook the Indian subcontinent and flattened the state of Gujarat Jan. 26, India's Republic Day.

According to the *Associated Press* 12,000 bodies had been recovered, and the death toll is likely to reach 25,000. The earthquake downed power lines, collapsed buildings and caused damage to roads and railways across India's eastern-most state.

Several TCU students have been affected by the destruction because they have family in India.

Parag Patel, treasurer of SAICA, returned to TCU from a trip to Gujarat Jan. 26, and received news about the devastation soon after his arrival.

"Relatives told me that my cousins actually saw a building collapse in front of their eyes, and they are still unable to speak because it was such a shock," he said.

Patel said his relatives and friends are safe but are still shaken from the experience.

Hussain said the catastrophic nature of the earthquake is a call for immediate attention.

"My first concern is that this is a vital need impacting thousands of people and TCU as a community should pay attention to every cause like this," she said. "It is through avenues like these that people can get the help they require."

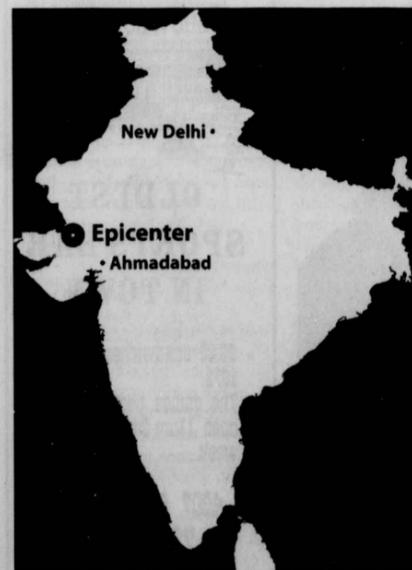
Sean Grose, public relations officer of SAICA said, "Too many of us are oblivious to world issues, not realizing that the world is right here on TCU campus."

Patel said TCU is a global family and people should open their hearts to the cause.

Charlotte Kim, a freshman biology major, bought tickets for "Experience India" because she said she feels it is everyone's responsibility to help.

"A tragedy is a tragedy no matter where it occurs,"

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Graphic by Melissa Christensen

SAICA is raising funds for the victims of India's earthquake from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. today and throughout February in the Student Center through the sale of tickets for "Experience India."

A work of art



David Duna/Senior Photographer

Justin Womack, a sophomore graphic design major, works on a class project in Moudy Building North. The project involves creating balanced structures out of wooden sticks.

Financial Aid office seeks its own aid

Increasing work load boosts need for help

By Carrie Woodall
STAFF REPORTER

The staff of the Office of Scholarships and Student Financial Aid is receiving no additional help though enrollment, financial aid programs and increased federal regulations are making them work harder, said Michael Scott, director of scholarships and financial aid.

The financial aid office receives about 6,000 applications each year, including those from incoming and returning students, Scott said. This high number is what gives the financial aid office such a high work load, he said.

"We do think we need more staff," Scott said. "Although financial aid is more automated now, we process more applications than the admissions department but have less staff members."

Ray Brown, dean of admissions, said financial aid and recruitment are two components that very rarely go without each other.

"About one-third of the students at TCU don't require financial aid, and that number is diminishing rapidly," Brown said.

Scott said the financial aid office here is much more efficient than at other universities, but students do not see that because of the frustrations they may face with financial aid.

Virginia Peterson, a junior elementary education major, said she had problems with the financial aid office when her grant was canceled.

"Evidently, some of the information had been lost, and they could not find where my grant was recorded," Peterson said. "After a few days, it ended well because I got my grant back."

Kenneth Stogdill, financial aid advisor, said the office handles 200 to 300 students daily including phone calls. To advise the students, there are four counselors who divide up student enrollment alphabetically and are involved in certain programs concerning financial aid.

"In certain areas, we could use some restructuring of

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Graduating seniors make their mark on campus

Brick sales help students to show appreciation, some say

By Jessica Cervantez
STAFF REPORTER

Goals of the Senior Appreciation Program are to preserve memories of graduating seniors and to begin alumni support, but they are having a difficult time attracting students, said Karen Nichols, an administrative assistant in the annual fund office.

The program allows graduating seniors in the fiscal year of 2001 who want to leave a permanent mark to purchase bricks for \$50.

The goal of the program is to attract a minimum of 300 students, and they still have a long way to go, Nichols said.

Nicole Flores, a senior psychology major,

said she plans to purchase a brick.

"It's a fabulous idea," Flores said. "It's a unique way to be remembered at the university."

Gwen Notestine, an annual fund officer, said students who purchase bricks also have the option of honoring three people who have impacted their lives.

These individuals are noted in the commencement program, and they each receive a certificate, she said.

"It's a great program, and it is a good way to show appreciation to the university," Notestine said.

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Chrissy Braden/
STAFF REPORTER

Kevin Sham, a freshman electrical engineering major, walks by the bricks for the class of 2000 Wednesday outside the Mary Coats Burnett Library. The goals of the Senior Appreciation Program allows graduating seniors who want to leave a permanent mark to purchase bricks for \$50.

Black History Month begins with NPHC activities

Black Greek community determined to break stereotype of its organization

By LaNasha Houze
STAFF REPORTER

National Pan-Hellenic Council will hold its first week of events Feb. 5-10 in celebration of African-American history and in support of TCU's mission to encourage students to embrace diverse cultural and racial backgrounds.

Artist Thornton, adviser for NPHC and a member of Kappa Alpha Psi, said the week's events will expose the TCU community to another aspect of the black Greek community.

"The black Greek community is involved in more than just step shows," Thornton said. "We also do community service and mentoring programs. We can and do work together as an organization. This week disproves the negative stereotypes that the public has about the black Greek community."

Although the organizations are traditionally African-American, Thornton said the organizations and the week's events are open to everyone.

"Members of the NPHC encompass a lot of racial backgrounds," Thornton said. "Members are Asian, Hispanic, Caucasian and Native American. A university is a place to learn and gain an appreciation to differ-

ent ideas and cultures. This week is a part of that global experience."

Joshua Igeleke, president of Alpha Phi Alpha, said the founders implemented the organization in order to establish an equal voice for minorities and to create a networking opportunity for African-American students.

"At first, meetings were held secretly," Igeleke said. "Instead of announcing Greek meetings, students would announce a study group session. The students needed these groups in order to come together and help each other through the adversities of that time."

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Black History Events

Monday: NPHC social at 7 p.m. in the Student Center Lounge.

Tuesday: An open forum discussion from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in The Main.

Wednesday: Relationships forum in the Student Center, rooms 205-206.

Thursday: Open Mic Night at 7 p.m. in the Student Center Lounge.

Friday: Skate night at 7 p.m. at the Crowley Skating Rink.

Saturday: Free semi-formal dinner from 8 p.m. to midnight in the Student Center Ballroom.

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■ **Christopher Young**, head of the organ department at Indiana University, will hold a concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday 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.

■ **The Center for Academic Services** will offer free study skills workshops. "Effective Note-taking and Textbook Skills" will be at 7 p.m. Monday in Reed Hall, Room 101, or at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Reed Hall, Room 117. Bring paper, pen and your syllabi to the workshops.

■ **The Mortar Board** will have a meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the Student Center, Room 205. Members are asked to bring pictures or negatives from Mortar Board activities that they would like to include in the scrapbook. For more information call Amanda Gunter at (817) 923-8351.

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

■ **The TCU MBA Open House and Information Session** will be from 10 a.m. to noon Feb. 10 in Tandy Hall. Visit (www.mba.tcu.edu/visit/openhouse.htm) for more information. To RSVP call (817) 257-7531.

■ **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 near \$3000 will be given to students who write poetry, fiction, drama and essays. The deadline is Feb. 16.

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WORLD DIGEST



Earthquake in India leaves 200,000 homeless



AHMEDABAD, India — Efforts turned from rescue to relief Wednesday as India faced a fast-growing need for food, clothing and shelter for survivors of an earthquake that left an estimated 200,000 people homeless.

Countries and groups poured in aid as foreign rescue teams made their last rounds with trained dogs and seismographs before they head home. Demolition crews began to tear down buildings as hopes of finding more survivors slipped away.

State officials have counted 7,162 bodies so far in the aftermath of Friday's 7.9 magnitude quake and 28,830 injured. Officials have said the death toll may be 20,000 and the nation's defense minister estimated it could rise to 100,000.

A U.N. World Food Program flight with 41 tons of cargo, including health kits and generators, left for India on Tuesday.

Aftershocks jolted the quake zone early Wednesday, raising fears that the buildings still standing could topple. Special trains for people fleeing the region were scheduled to depart Ahmedabad on Wednesday afternoon.

Libyan convicted of murder, another acquitted



CAMP ZEIST, Netherlands — A Scottish court convicted one Libyan of murder but acquitted a second Wednesday in the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland.

The court sentenced the Libyan intelligence officer to life in prison — but gave him the possibility of parole after 20 years.

The court said it was giving Abdel Basset Ali al-Megrahi, 48, the prospect of parole in view of his age and the fact that he was serving a foreign government.

"In view of the horrendous nature of this crime, our recommendation is a minimum period" of 20 years, the court said, three hours after handing down its guilty verdict.

Many victims' families said it would not give them a sense of closure.

Daniel Cohen, who lost his 20-year-old daughter Theodora, clasped his hands and breathed deeply, overcome by emotion when he heard the verdict in his New Jersey home in the United States.

"I'm happier than I thought I would be," he said. "Both would have been better, but the important thing is that the Libyan government has been indicted in this thing."

Presiding Judge Lord Randal Sutherland said al-Megrahi, who will serve the sentence in a Scottish prison, would be deported if he were given

parole. Al-Megrahi maintained his innocence, an indication he will appeal.

Sutherland told Lamen Khalifa Fhimah, the second defendant: "You are discharged and free to go." Both verdicts were unanimous among the tribunal's three judges.

The court did not immediately say why it convicted one defendant and acquitted the other in the Dec. 21, 1988 bombing, but the evidence against al-Megrahi appeared to link him more directly to the explosive-packed suitcase than Fhimah.

Sega to stop Dreamcast production in March



TOKYO — Sega Corp. said Wednesday it will stop making its Dreamcast home video-game machine in March in a clear acceptance of defeat to its Japanese rivals Sony Corp. and Nintendo Co.

Sega said it will start making games for Sony's PlayStation2 and Nintendo's Game Boy Advance and was in talks to make games for Microsoft Corp.'s Xbox and Nintendo's Game Cube. Both game machines are slated for sale later this year.

Sega's greatest strength is in its software lineup, which includes Sonic the Hedgehog games. Sega said it planned to focus on the software business to win back profits, including creating games for handhelds and other Net-linking devices.

But Sega made clear it was still in trouble.

Sega has to get rid of its worldwide Dreamcast inventory of 2 million machines, shouldering costs of about \$601 million, it said.

Sega acknowledged the video-game machine business was difficult because the manufacturer had to offer costly, sophisticated machines at affordable prices, counting on revenue from software sales.

It said it was unable to boost sales during the key Christmas season in the United States. The disappointment came despite slashed cuts in Dreamcast prices, Sega said.

In the United States, Dreamcast consoles were marked down to \$149 from \$199 last fall, and rebates were offered to spur sales. In Japan, it went for \$256 at its launch in 1998 but was marked down to \$170.

Dreamcast sales totaled 2.3 million worldwide — about half of its target. Dreamcast sales in the United States totaled 1.35 million — far short of the company's original goal. About 280,000 Dreamcast consoles were sold in Japan. Sega's software sales also suffered as a result, it said.

Sega revised its forecast for the fiscal year ending in March to losses of \$501 million, worse than the prediction it gave last November of losses totaling \$203 million.

Revenue forecasts were revised to \$2.2 billion, down from \$2.7 billion.

Sony has sold about 76 million of its original PlayStation consoles worldwide. Nintendo, the maker behind the Mario and Pokemon games, has sold 30 million Nintendo 64 consoles and 105 million Game Boy machines worldwide.

Passengers and crew unhurt after plane hijack



BOGOTA, Colombia — The hijacking of an airliner by a disaffected leftist guerrilla armed with a handgun ended when the pilot and several passengers overpowered him. The 31 people on the plane were unhurt, authorities said.

The six-hour drama, which began on a sweltering afternoon Tuesday in a rebel safe haven in southern Colombia, ended on the chilly tarmac in this capital in the Andes Mountains. It was broadcast live on television here.

"He is in the hands of the authorities," said Gonzalo de Francisco, a special representative of President Andres Pastrana. De Francisco said none of the 27 passengers and four crew members aboard the Dornier turboprop plane was hurt.

The hijacking underscored the lawlessness that critics say prevails in the haven ceded by Pastrana two years ago to the rebel Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, in order to propel peace talks forward.

The so-called demilitarized zone has been renewed several times and was to expire again at midnight Wednesday. Pastrana had been expected to renew it, even though peace talks were broken off by the FARC last November. It was unlikely the hijacking would affect his decision, the president's aides said.

Gen. Hector Fabio Velasco, the commander of the air force, said the hijacker was a disaffected FARC rebel who wanted to go to Europe. He had boarded the state-run Satena airliner in San Vicente del Caguan, the biggest town in the demilitarized zone, and used a handgun to force the plane to fly to Bogota.

The plane had been conducting a roundtrip flight from Bogota to San Vicente del Caguan, with a stopover in the city of Neiva, when it was hijacked.

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RESTORING MP3s

TCU should lift its ban on Napster

Information Services has doubled the campus' Internet capacity for the third straight year by increasing the bandwidth that was so instrumental in last year's decision to ban the use of the popular MP3 Web site, (Napster.com), on campus.

Bandwidth determines the number and size of files the university's network can handle at any given time.

William Senter, technical services manager, said that although Napster was definitely a bandwidth problem last year, focus has now turned to the legal problems Napster has faced.

It now looks like Napster, with a user base of 57 million, will survive its attack from major record labels and may soon be changing its format to include a small monthly fee.

This fee, which according to *USA Today* will be \$4.95 a month, is likely to take affect as early as June. Napster has not confirmed the date.

Also, the Web site will now have music available only from those record companies with which it can work out a compromise. Thus far, Napster has secured only the cooperation of BMG and EMI, which BMG is currently in the process of purchasing. Without at least five major labels, the content of Napster is likely to change dramatically.

Still, Napster, once destined for death by its critics, remains at the head of revolution in the music industry.

If Napster is able to survive such an attack from the recording industry and compromise with its biggest opponents, it is time TCU, too, stops the attack.

With increased bandwidth, the campus' Internet capacity could support Napster better than ever before.

In addition, Napster is likely to lose 30 percent or more of its users when it introduces its monthly fee, according to Webnoise, a market research firm. That said, it is likely that some students will discontinue use of Napster, freeing up even more space in the TCU system.

Therefore, it is time for TCU to release the restrictions put on the use of Napster on campus.

David Edmondson, assistant provost for Information Services, said TCU continues to keep moving technology forward, so why isn't the university letting the students follow its lead?

Fundraising drive falling short

It's not often that parents of TCU students receive correspondence from the university without a bill attached to it, but when they do, most eagerly open their mail hoping to find out a little bit more about the mysterious place their children call college.



Zwilling

Usually, it is an announcement, possibly a newsletter or maybe, as many parents recently received, an invitation to a dinner featuring the one and only, Chancellor Michael Ferrari as he treks to six major cities across the United States.

According to the invitation, the topics of the dinners will cover everything from an overview of the final report on the Commission on the Future of TCU to future building plans and fund-raising drives at TCU.

It's about time TCU showed some gratitude to the people, who for most TCU students, will fork over nearly \$70,000 so their offspring can attend this university. But don't put on your party hats just yet folks, there's a catch.

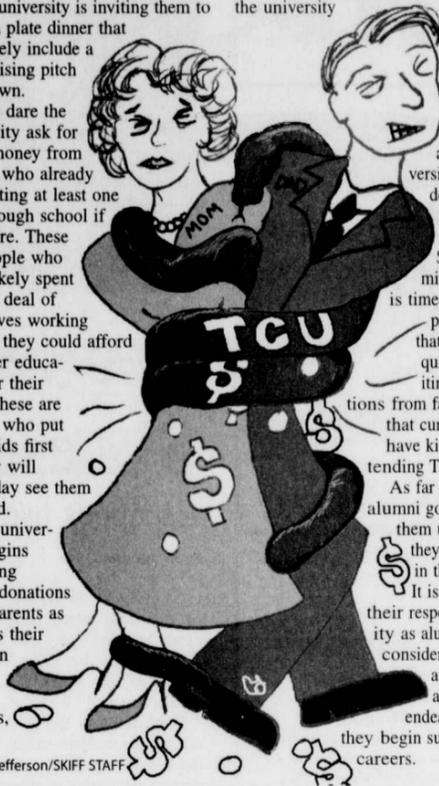
The parents are invited to meet Chancellor Ferrari and others — only after they pay \$30 a plate. That's right kids, the university is

taking your folks out to dinner and they aren't even going to pick up the tab.

This is ridiculous. The university is inviting them to a \$30 a plate dinner that will likely include a fund-raising pitch of its own.

How dare the university ask for more money from people who already are putting at least one kid through school if not more. These are people who have likely spent a great deal of their lives working so that they could afford a higher education for their kids. These are people who put their kids first so they will some day see them succeed.

The university begins soliciting phone donations from parents as soon as their children arrive on campus, so how surprised can we be that the university would sink so low as to charge parents \$30 a plate for a chance to hear more about the university



Correy Jefferson/SKIFF STAFF

their son or daughter attends? With a university endowment in excess of \$940 million, it is time for the powers that be to quit soliciting donations from families that currently have kids attending TCU. As far as alumni go, solicit them until they're blue in the face. It is part of their responsibility as alumni to consider TCU as a philanthropic endeavor as they begin successful careers.

To run a university efficiently and effectively, especially a growing and ever-changing university such as TCU, there must be a steady supply of private donations streaming in. TCU is very fortunate to have generous alumni and parents who contribute regularly.

The first way for TCU to accomplish raising money for some of their ambitious future plans is to start treating those who make their university a possibility, the people who pay the bills, feel a little more at home.

I'm sorry Chancellor Ferrari, my parents won't be sending an RSVP. In fact, I told them not to. If they had an extra \$30 each laying around I would hope that they'd take themselves out to a nice dinner. I know they deserve it. I just wish the university saw it that way.

Chancellor Ferrari, if you're only motive for this trip is to try and ask for more money, shame on you. But if you really want to visit with some of those people, the parents of TCU students, then give my parents a call when you're in their town. They may not be able to afford your fancy dinner, but I guarantee they'd invite you over for burgers on the grill and beer.

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Super Bowl is nothing but pure hype

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Bullion

Must be the Super Bowl. The greatest spectacle in American sport offered us all this and more. And hey — there was even a football game.

No, it wasn't a very good one. Shows what happens when you listen to those sportswriters who act like buffoons. A defensive slugfest, they said it would be, a 7-6 Super Bowl every bit as exciting as the one last year. Well, it was a defensive slugfest, all right. Yep, that Baltimore Ravens' defense, in a very festive mood, slugged the New York Giants around. Two titanic fighters? Please. The Ravens were Evander Holyfield; the Giants were more like Holyfield's ear after an impromptu mastication.

The game doesn't really matter, you say? It's not about the game anymore, and it hasn't been for years. And it's not even a football game — it's more like a cultural aberration. Any sports event that not only invites the Backstreet Boys and N'Sync to the proceedings, but also asks them to perform can hardly be considered an entirely valid championship contest. Well, until the great, glorious NFL invites the aforementioned boy bands to their championship game — not to perform, but rather to fight to the bloody death — I'm willing to set the whole cul-

tural aberration argument aside for a worthier recipient. Like "Survivor II."

Because any argument about the Super Bowl's inflated ego is just as worthless as it is justified. The Super Bowl, instead of trying to put on airs of false portent, gleefully wallows in an identity as big and stupid as its name. The naysayers, downplayers, critics and faultfinders need to just plug up their yapping mouths with a handle of Tostitos, and be quiet so the rest of us can hear the next E*Trade commercial.

Obviously, the Super Bowl has replaced the World Series as the pre-eminent American sports championship. Which should come as no surprise, given the different circumstances of each era of their popularity. The World Series was a reflection of the American ethos of the early-to-mid 20th century, valuing methodical, strategic and precise hard work over a seven-game

The Ravens were Evander Holyfield; the Giants were more like Holyfield's ear after an impromptu mastication.

period. But since the 1970s, a new period of American excess began, and the Super Bowl provided a more than willing symbol, throwing as many things at the American consumer/viewer as possible, while praying that most would stick to their glazed-over eyeballs.

Even events that surround the Super Bowl itself have come to reflect this badge of overkill. Exhibit A: Media Day, the most wonderfully pointless two hours in the history of mass media. I defy anyone not to revel in the sight of 2,000 overzealous reporters being literally unleashed on pro football players who sit like 17th century European despots beneath canopies, gamely answering the idiotic questions reporters must have scribbled on their

pad after doing one too many shots at the hotel bar.

Ordinarily, Media Day at the Super Bowl is pretty useless. The coaches all parrot what any reasonably intelligent football analyst has already said about their game plan, and the players do their part by repeating exactly what coach has told them. That is, of course, unless you ask an out-of-left-field question. Lovers of insightful commentary — should stay away. But if a carefully considered answer to the question (as posed to Baltimore's Tony Siragusa) "Have you been offered a role on 'The Sopranos'?" is your cup of tea, then Media Day is absolute paradise.

Amazingly, this year's Media Day had a surplus of story lines and personalities that dam near made it interesting. To whit: there was Giants quarterback Kerry Collins, a former drunk who treated his Media Day question and answer like it was an intervention at AA.

There was Baltimore's ever-voluble Shannon Sharpe who, given the chance to freely air his opinions and grievances, seemed to be gasping for breath at points. Then there were the two funniest men in the NFL, New York's Michael Strahan (funny because he's funny) and Baltimore's Siragusa (funny mainly because of his astronomically large head).

Raven Qadry Ismail even walked around with a sign around his neck with his name phonetically spelled out. And as if sensing the absurdity of the situation, even the media seemed to be laughing at itself. Children's network Nickelodeon got into the act, assigning a 12-year-old cub reporter to initiate staring contests with the players.

Hopefully the kid kept his distance from Ray Lewis, Baltimore's all-universe linebacker/acquitted double murderer who was far and away the center of attention during the weeks leading up to the game. There hasn't been a better super villain since Dallas Cowboy "Hollywood" Henderson, a man who actually snorted coke on the field during the 1976 Super Bowl. Lewis, however, cuts a far more fearsome presence than Henderson, simply because the only high he needs on the field is the one you get from pounding the crap out of the ball carrier.

His Media Day press conference, where reporters assaulted him with questions about his murder charge, was live television at its dramatic best. Calm, cold and seemingly remorseless, Lewis' favorite response to most questions was a terse "Football, football, football!"

What Ray surely meant was "Hype, hype, hype!" Those three critical ingredients, heaped together and nuked in the pop-culture microwave like a hastily prepared and terribly unhealthy bowl of Velveeta chili-cheese dip, are what make the Super Bowl such a wonderful reflection of full-of-itself post-millennial America.

We're a nation of spoiled, egotistical pro athletes, really. Playing ability doesn't matter as long as you can talk a good game, as loudly and conspicuously as possible. The surrealism of the Super Bowl is our American reality. And even though jadedness regarding the Big Game is in no short supply, you have to admit that the Super Bowl's recipe for lunacy makes for some pretty irresistible hogwash.

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Letters to the editor

Students with extra paper should sell their copies, make money

As a commuter student with my own computer, I am unaffected by TCU's new paper policy. So, I've decided to sell my 200 allotted sheets at 4 cents a copy to any student who might go over. By doing this, I am saving students 4 cents a copy and I am making some extra cash off paper that's not even mine. I encourage all other students who won't use their paper to jump on board this new enterprise and sell their sheets.

— Traci Dobson
senior music major

Skiff needs to get out from behind editorial, do actual reporting

Regarding the staff editorial on Jan. 30, I must proclaim my extreme disgust with the lack of professionalism that was shown as the TCU Police were lambasted behind the security of an anonymous editorial.

Such a flagrant abuse of the print media should be beneath the Skiff, as this sensationalist editorial is better suited for a tabloid than a newspaper.

Journalists are to hold an honest mirror up to society and re-

flect an appropriate image. If the TCU Police are providing unsatisfactory service, then do an in-depth story about it. Research and find out what the department is doing wrong. Don't sit behind your opinion page and leave your name off a editorial.

You ask the TCU Police to show students respect? Respect is a two-way street, and journalists should show respect before they demand it. You ask them to do their jobs? Why don't you do yours: providing factual and non-biased information to the public and letting them know the truth?

Sarcasm and criticism based on shallow arguments are to be above any journalist.

— Justin Roche
senior news-editorial journalism major

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Normal spending will help avoid recession

Remember in "It's A Wonderful Life" when everyone ran to the bank to pull out their money so they could save it?



Ahluwalia

Daimler-Chrysler announced Monday it was slashing 26,000 jobs in the United States. Then Amazon.com announced Tuesday it was cutting 1,300 jobs, or 15 percent of its work force.

These two announcements come only weeks after such companies as America Online, Time Warner, J.C. Penney and Sara Lee announced they would also be cutting back their work force.

All of these companies have blamed many fourth-quarter losses for their cutbacks, and this was the only way for the companies to contain costs.

The big problem here is whether consumers will become scared and stop spending their money, sending the nation into a recession. Alan Greenspan, the federal reserve chairman, has already said he will cut back interest rates in an effort to spur consumers to spend instead of save.

There are two main factors to why big companies have started a slowdown. One, in the case of Amazon.com, is that the dot-com craze has come and gone. The end of this phase resulted in the loss of over 13,000 jobs at the beginning of this year.

Second, many of these companies

produced way too many products during the economic boom and are now chin deep in products they can't sell. This means they will stop making more until they sell what they already have.

What this all comes down to is either consumers will become scared and stop spending or they will act like nothing is wrong and continue to spend as usual.

The second option seems to be a better choice. A recession might start with big companies, but it can be stopped by the consumers.

Many of you and your parents still have your jobs. Unless of course they worked for a dot-com ... but even the majority of them have found jobs in the computer industry.

Company cutbacks may seem to be the biggest problem in the business world these days, but Ameri-

cans cannot let that scare them into taking everything they own out of the banks and hiding it under their beds.

We have to trust that our government will take care of these problems. We still have a projected \$3 trillion in surplus, which the government will try to use to aid tax cuts.

So, go out and buy that new Porsche Boxter. And remember: As long as you go out and buy the products you want, the companies will continue to make them. This in turn leads to them hiring more workers, and a recession might actually be avoided.

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Todd Green, a musician who plays more than 30 instruments, plays a wooden flute Wednesday in the Student Center Lounge. The Programming Council brought Green to campus to promote diversity through music.

Officials look for plot cause

By May Wong
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CUPERTINO, Calif. — Authorities were trying to determine why a college student described as "choir boy" from a good home was allegedly scheming an elaborate mass killing with an arsenal of bombs and weapons.

Police on Tuesday evacuated more than 10,000 students and 1,000 staff members at De Anza College after learning of the possible "Columbine-style" attack.

Al DeGuzman, 19, faces more than 50 felony counts, authorities said. The school was to reopen Wednesday.

Police said they found 30 pipe bombs, 20 Molotov cocktails and several weapons and ammunition stashed in his bedroom at the San Jose home where he lived with his parents.

"This was an elaborate plan for a mass murder," said San Jose Deputy Police Chief Mike Miceli.

Police have not determined a motive, but said they believe DeGuzman had planned to blow up the Cupertino college Tuesday. The school, 45 miles south of San Francisco, has about 26,000 students.

Police arrested DeGuzman late Monday after a photo lab clerk at a San Jose drug store tipped them to suspicious pictures of a man posing with what appeared to be an arsenal of explosives.

When DeGuzman arrived at the drug store to pick up his prints, the clerk stalled him by asking for identification until police could arrest him, Miceli said.

Inside DeGuzman's room, police said they found a diagram of the campus and other notes indicating he intended to begin planting bombs Tuesday morning and launch his attack during the lunch hour in the school's main cafeteria.

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Six escape from Ala. prison

Escapees use broom handle to slip under electric fence

By Jay Reeves
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ST. CLAIR SPRINGS, Ala. — Six convicts, including three murderers, escaped from a maximum-security prison by using a broom handle to slip under a 5,000-volt electric fence.

Tracking dogs and scores of law officers searched the woods Wednesday for the men. Three of them were serving life sentences without parole, and a fourth had broken out of the prison before.

The men escaped from the St. Clair Correctional Facility after dark Tuesday. They got past a series of three fences: a 12-foot interior chain-link fence topped with razor wire, an electrified fence and another razor-

topped fence, prison spokesman John Hamm said.

They used a piece of wood — apparently a broom handle — to lift the electric fence so they could slide under it and then slipped under the exterior fence, Prison Commissioner Mike Haley said. He said it was not clear how they got past the first fence.

An alarm that is supposed to go off automatically if anyone tampers with the electric fence did not sound, Haley said. Officials were not sure why. "They escaped very near a guard tower, but there was no one in it because we were trying to depend more on technology," he said. "Our technology failed."

Corrections officials have described the prison as severely under-

staffed. The electric fence was installed about five years ago as a backup.

"Obviously, it didn't function as it was supposed to," Haley said.

The men also got past a guard driving around the outside of the fence. Haley said it takes that guard several minutes to circle the prison, time enough for someone to flee after watching him pass.

Besides Murphy, 45, the inmates were identified as O.C. Borden, 33, and Gary Scott, 31, both serving life without parole for murder; Jack Allred, 43, serving life without parole for robbery; Billy Gamble, 24, serving 25 years for robbery; and James McClain, 35, serving 20 years for burglary.

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Going Local

By Victor Drabicky, Senior Sports Editor

Recipe for the Aardvark:

Mix one part of poor sound with two parts deplorable bathrooms.

Add a variety of local, sub-par bands with just a touch of talent.

Put them all together one block from TCU and voila!

For years, the Aardvark has been using its proximity to TCU to milk the campus for all it is worth. If the Aardvark was in any other city, it may well have been bankrupt years ago.

Despite cutting corners on everything from the sound system to the bathrooms, the Aardvark still considers itself a music venue.

At first glance, the Aardvark's problems are easy to see. The low ceiling and windowless walls help add to the already cramped atmosphere, which quickly fills with smoke if just a few cigarettes are lit. But short of moving the club, not much can be done to fix the structural problems.

However, there are plenty of things the Aardvark can fix to make the bands and the patrons happier, and to make the club better overall.

The easiest way to keep a band happy is with a good sound system.

Some of Dallas' premier music clubs, including the Curtain Club and Trees in Deep Ellum, have long been known for their sound systems, which are rumored to have cost close to \$250,000.

Whether the Aardvark's sound system cost that much or not, it still sounds a little better than a top-of-the-line car stereo — from 1974.

On more than one occasion, bands have been forced to cut sets and even songs because of sound system problems. For example, during a recent show at the Aardvark, Flickerstick, one of the decent bands that still plays at the dilapidated club, was forced to play three straight songs without any help from the sound system. No amps. No microphones. Nothing.

Granted, there are occasional "technical difficulties" that cannot be avoided, but to have technical difficulties on a regular basis is ridiculous.

It is far easier and less expensive to keep patrons happy. Strong drinks, an occasional chair to sit in and clean bathrooms usually do the trick.

To the Aardvark's credit, its drinks are reasonably priced and kept cold, and if you're lucky, you will find an occasional chair to sit in and rest your feet. However, they missed the big one.

The Aardvark's excuse for bathrooms is funny at best.

The bathrooms are cramped and dirty and rarely are all the facilities working. The men's bathroom doesn't even have a door, let alone enough working stalls (if you can call them that) to keep everyone happy. I can only imagine what the women's bathroom looks like.

About the only things the Aardvark does have going for it are the occasional regional bands that grace the smaller than average stage and the plethora of TCU bands trying to make it big. Bands like Bowling For Soup, Flickerstick and Vallejo still manage to squeeze the Aardvark into their busy touring schedule, while TCU based bands like John Price and the Wrongway Band and Taylor Williams appreciate the chance to play in front of their home-town crowd.

Fortunately, for both the club and the artists, TCU students gladly pay the cover charge to try and get a glimpse of tomorrow's big stars.

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"12 Songs Live"

By Jack Bullion
SKIFF STAFF

"12 Songs Live," the new album by Dallas/Fort Worth area stalwarts Brad Thompson and his Undulating Band, acts as the perfect remedy for those that might have missed the band's performance last Friday night at the Caravan of Dreams.

It might also offer up another fix for jam-band fans who like their music poppy and sunny, strummed on acoustic guitars and punctuated by often-lengthy, mostly focused moments of musical noodling. This monster of rock we call the jam band, while undeniably popular (especially on our fair campus), always manages to walk the line between charming and irritating. Slipping an epic quasi-free jazz in-

terlude into a catchy, likable pop song is always an iffy proposition, and even the best jam bands tend to miss more than they hit.

Thompson and his band are no exception to this ironclad rule, but surprisingly (especially for a live performance), they make few missteps on "12 Songs Live." The band manages to give off a vibe that's loose and leisurely, belying their evident musical chops.

Thompson is, of course, a big part of this equation, possessing both an ear for the sly hook and an earnest, if limited, vocal range. If it's difficult to tell most of the time exactly what the singer-guitarist is actually singing about, it's probably better that way. Thompson's voice becomes part of the overall framework of the song, and for his

part he never tries to show off too much vocally.

Also making a terrific impression on "Live," despite the fact he's now been replaced, is bass player Jeff Plant. Not only does he anchor the band's rhythm section (a critical jam band component),



but he lets loose a wah-wah drenched bass solo on "True" that is nothing short of jaw-dropping. The band as a whole takes advantage of the live environment, and the recording they've come up with sounds every bit as accomplished as a studio recording might.

"Only That I Want You," the album's opener, features a seductively funky lick, courtesy of Thompson before building up to a downright rocking bridge section. "Wild" and "You Bet (The Sitcom Song)" are two fine pop-rock ditties, sounding remarkably like the ingratiatingly peppy background music on so many WB teen dramas.

Other songs, however, just end up sounding like background music. Try as they might, the Undu-

lating Band is only a three-piece band, and many times the musical variation suffers in spite of the Thompson's ambitions.

And although the recording is pretty sterling, it's often difficult to tell that it was actually recorded live. The only times the presence of an audience isn't in doubt is when they cheer loud enough for the mics to pick them up, or when Thompson banters playfully with them. But I'm willing to chalk that up to equipment, not personnel. In any case, "12 Songs Live" provides an innocuous, harmless listening experience, which doubtlessly is enhanced by witnessing one of their performances in person.

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Music

Leftover Salmon will be at the Red Jacket in Dallas at 8 p.m. tonight. Tickets cost \$20 and are available from

Ticketmaster and CD World.

The Red Jacket is located at 3606 Greenville Ave. For more information call (214) 823-4747.

Violinist Joshua Bell is performing at 8 p.m. Feb. 6 at Bass Performance Hall. Ticket prices range from \$10 to \$75 and may be purchased through Central Tickets at (817) 335-9000 or at any STAR Tickets outlet, including Albertson's. For more information, visit the web at (www.cliburn.org).

Kevin Deal is touring throughout the state in support of his new album, "Kiss on the Breeze." He will be at the Thirsty Armadillo Saturday. For more information visit (info@grassrootsmedia.com).

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BANDWIDTH

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they do not have as big an impact on the system.

"We want to keep them from overwhelming everybody else," Senter said. "If you're downloading, you're less apt to hurt the academic usage of the network."

The new 12-megabit connection costs \$85,000 a year while the old six-megabit connection cost \$45,000 a year, Senter said. The money for the increase comes from the technology budget.

Edmondson said the university is constantly upgrading the TCU infrastructure.

"We're putting about \$1.4 million into the TCU infrastructure every year," Edmondson said. "It is a significant cost to keep moving technology forward."

The newest increase in the Internet connection comes as

higher numbers of students are putting their computers on the TCU network, Edmondson said.

"Close to 80 percent of students in residence halls have computers, and more of the faculty are acquiring technology within their classes," Edmondson said.

Dawn Crisler, a sophomore business major, said she is happy about the increased network speed.

"I'm all for increasing the speed of the Internet," Crisler said. "It would make my life a lot easier because I'm very impatient when it comes to the computer."

Senter said he is pretty sure the Internet connection will need to be increased again next year to meet further demands of users.

"Our Internet connection is important," Senter said. "This is the third year of increase. It's a good track record."

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EARTHQUAKE

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she said. "Whether it takes place in Korea, India or America, it is everyone's responsibility to help."

SAICA got great support from the TCU community when it raised funds for an earthquake that shook India in 1994, Hussain said. She expects similar figures for this current crisis.

"We collected a very generous amount in donations in 1994," she said. "We are aiming for \$10,000 in funds this time."

Patel said SAICA also plans to solicit support from outside

sources, like Indian-owned businesses and other Dallas/Fort Worth area establishments.

SAICA is exploring its options in finding an organization that will send the money to India in the most timely and efficient manner, Hussain said.

"It would have been great if some supplies, like medical supplies, could be sent, but there isn't a way to transport them," Hussain said.

Hussain said she hopes to gain strong support from the TCU community in achieving a goal for a very important cause.

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NHPC

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Kristi Veasey, treasurer for Zeta Phi Beta, said the history of NPHC coincides with the purpose of Black History Month.

"The purpose of Black History Month is to recognize how far African Americans have come and to reflect on our ancestors who fought for our equal rights," Veasey said. "The NPHC came into existence for those African-

Americans who were discriminated against on college campuses and in business environments. This week is a reflection upon those individuals and the dream they had for us today."

The current organizations on TCU's campus within the NPHC include Alpha Kappa Alpha, Alpha Phi Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta, Kappa Alpha Psi and Zeta Phi Beta.

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APPRECIATION

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Several students said the program would be more effective if it did not involve purchasing a decorative brick.

Monica Dziubinski, a senior business management major, said purchasing a brick as a donation to the annual fund is a low priority on her list.

"I never really got attached to TCU," Dziubinski said. "At this time of year there are so many other things to spend money on. Tuition is already spending money on. Tuition is already spending money on."

Notestine said the actual buying of the brick is not the focus of the program. Instead, she said it allows students to start the habit of contributing money to TCU.

"We want to educate students to realize, although tuition is seen as sky high, (tuition) only covers about one-half of the money needed," Nichols said. "We have to find a balance."

Notestine said alumni support helps build the foundation for the future of TCU.

"It is absolutely necessary for the growth of TCU," Notestine said.

In previous years, one-half of the proceeds from the program went to scholarships for rising seniors.

However, Nichols said, the scholarship fund was discontinued due to difficulties in deciding how the money should be awarded.

Now 50 percent of the cost goes to the purchase of the brick while the other half is donated to the TCU annual fund, she said.

Blair Willingham, a senior biology major, said installing the donated bricks is a hassle because it tears up the sidewalks.

"TCU needs to be more productive with time and money," Willingham said.

However, Nichols said the benefits of the program outweigh these minor inconveniences. Students who support the university now are more likely to continue their alumni support in the future, which is a major stepping stone in keeping a TCU degree valuable, Nichols said.

She said students are now given more choices when purchasing the bricks such as recognizing a fraternity, sorority or sport in which they participate.

"In years to come it will be something to come back and see," Nichols said.

The deadline to purchase a brick is Feb. 28. Forms to purchase a brick can be picked up at the Dee J. Kelly Alumni and Visitors Center.

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people," Stogdill said. "The graduate advisor Debbie Mar definitely could use assistance because she handles all financial information and verifications for graduate students alone."

Scott said the financial aid department has a hard time keeping people on the support staff because of the volume of work they are required to do. He said it is not uncommon for the department to hire someone who will later find work in another office for the same amount of pay but a lower level of stress.

"We are dealing with people and money, and what we're able to do and what they need just don't always work out," Scott said.

The staffing issue was addressed two years ago when an additional advisor was added to help out the department while PeopleSoft, a kind of network software, was being in-

stalled, Scott said.

Stogdill said without the additional advisor and PeopleSoft, the department would be facing an avalanche because the staff would not be able to handle the amount of work. The organization and support of the staff makes the difference in the office.

"Although the department is facing an increase in the volume of work, we are doing an excellent job of streamlining student information," Stogdill said.

Although the financial aid department needs more staff, Scott said they did not ask the Board of Trustees for additional help because there is not enough space in the office for more workers.

"Everything at TCU has to be prioritized according to what is most important concerning the students, and financial aid is just one of the things on that list," Scott said.

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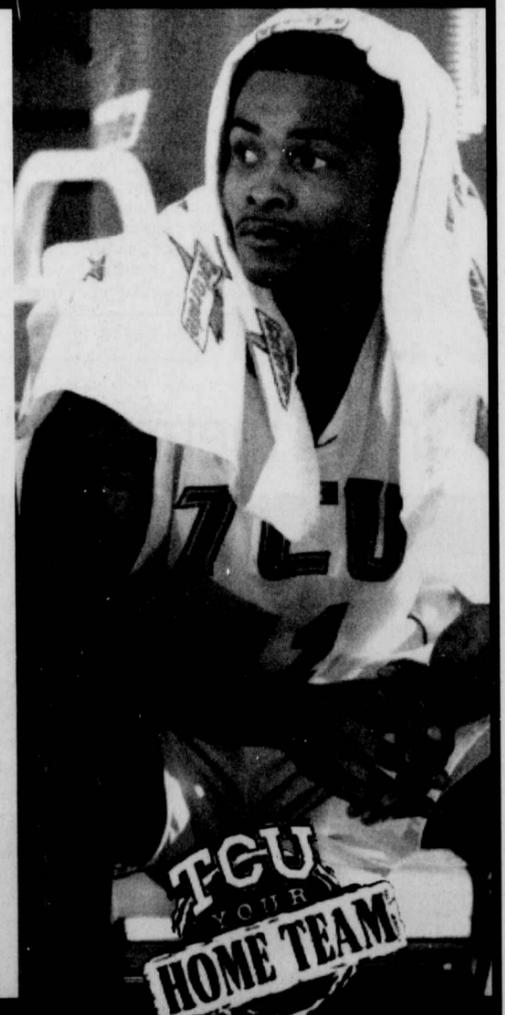
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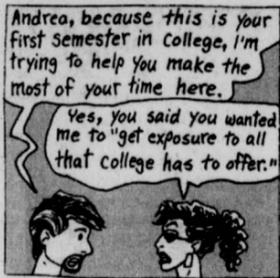
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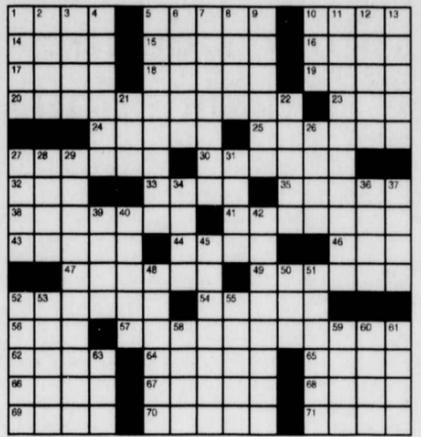


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- Gossipy Barrett
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 - Dark olive brown
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Girls and Sports

Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



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today's menu

February 1, 2001

The Main

Lunch
Mongolian grill
Roast turkey

Dinner

Barbecue chicken
Carved ham
Vegetable-stuffed peppers

Worth Hills

Lunch
Ravioli
Dinner
Baked potatoes

Eden's Greens

Lunch
Salisbury steak with mushroom gravy
Spicy eggplant
Mashed potatoes
Mixed vegetables

Frogbytes

Same as The Main

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Lunch
Nacho bar
Rotisserie chicken

Dinner

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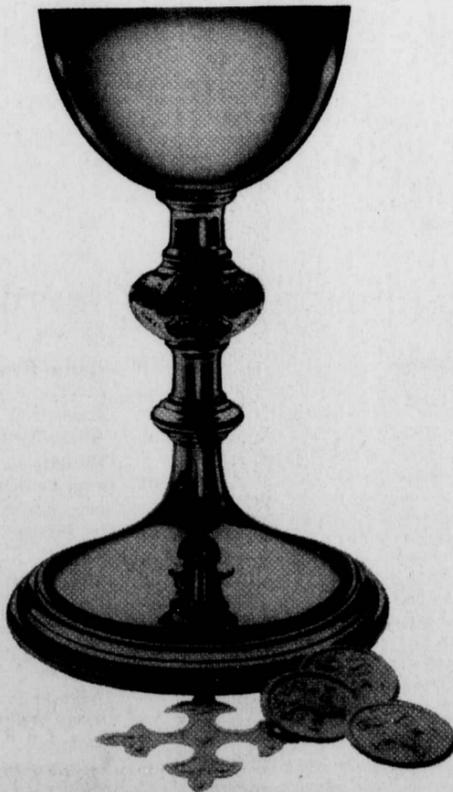


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Achilles tendon injury sidelines Carril indefinitely

By Ram Luthra
STAFF REPORTER

The nation's No. 7-ranked TCU men's tennis team won't have any players participating in the Rolex National Indoor Championships in Dallas today through Sunday.

Senior Esteban Carril, ranked No. 20 nationally, removed his name from the singles main draw Tuesday because of an Achilles tendon injury.

Kristin Lage, associate athletic trainer, said Carril has a left Achilles strain. She said although Carril is making progress, no timetable can be set for his return.

"We want him to get as much out of the tendon as possible, but he isn't able to train hard on it," Lage said.

Carril said the injury is unusual.

"It's a very weird injury, because sometimes it's all right and then at times it causes (a lot of) pain," Carril said. "It really is painful when I run on it."

Carril said the injury occurred sometime during the Winter Break, but he could not remember exactly when.

Carril is taking part in daily therapy, stretching and strength conditioning to repair the in-

jury. He is seeing limited action on the court during practice, he said.

Because of the nature of Carril's injury, head coach Joey Rive said he wants to make sure Carril heals properly.

"This is a very delicate injury," Rive said. "(Carril) needs to give the injury time to get healthy."

Carril said he is optimistic about a speedy and healthy return, but he is trying to remain patient.

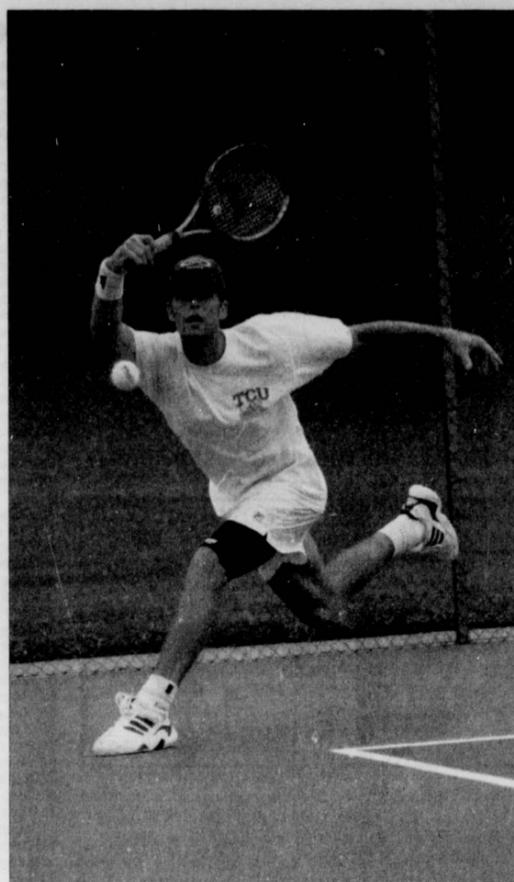
"I really want to come back for the National Team Indoors in Seattle," Carril said. "But in order for that, I need to get healthy and get cleared by the training staff."

The Frogs are scheduled to participate in the National Indoor Championships in Seattle Feb. 15 to 18.

The two-time All-American has already missed the Rice Indoor Tournament and a dual match vs. Texas-Arlington during the spring season.

Carril was replaced in the tournament by Middle Tennessee State sophomore Daniel Klemetz.

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Senior Esteban Carril hits a forehand from behind the baseline last season at the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center. Because of an Achilles tendon injury, Carril will miss the Rolex National Indoor Championships in Dallas today through Sunday.

File photo

Olajuwon wants trade to NBA's Miami Heat

By Michael A. Lutz
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON — Hakeem Olajuwon, unhappy with his playing status with the Houston Rockets, didn't deny reports Wednesday that he'd like to play for the Miami Heat this season.

The Rockets' center said he didn't want to talk about it.

"The last couple of weeks, the talk has died down, and I want to keep it that way," Olajuwon said following Wednesday's practice.

The 38-year-old Nigerian native told the

South Florida *Sun-Sentinel* before Tuesday night's game against the Heat that he wanted to make better use of skills this season under a coach like Pat Riley.

"That's my goal, really, to get to play with the Heat this year," Olajuwon told

the newspaper. "It's supposed to be confidential, but the idea is to play there."

It's the latest round of discussions concerning the 17-year-veteran and future Hall of Famer who has spent his entire college and pro career in Houston. Olajuwon led the Rockets to NBA titles but now he's in the final year of a contract that pays him \$16.5 million.

Olajuwon has asked the Rockets to trade or release him but owner Les Alexander has declined. General manager Carroll Dawson has said it would be almost impossible to trade Olajuwon, given their salary cap plans.

Alexander and Olajuwon met last week but neither would discuss the results of the meeting. Alexander declined to say that Olajuwon would be with the Rockets for the re-

mainder of the season.

"Nothing has changed, it's the same (since meeting with Alexander)," Olajuwon said Wednesday. "I am comfortable."

Dawson said Wednesday he knew of no changes in Olajuwon's status.

Olajuwon said he has not spoken to anyone in the Heat organization but noted that he has been closely following the health of Alonzo Mourning, Miami's sidelined All-Star center who may or may not be back next season because of a rare kidney disorder.

"Even with Alonzo back, it would make them stronger," Olajuwon said of playing in Miami. "There's something to definitely look forward to."

Olajuwon, who won two NBA titles with the Rockets in 1994 and 1995, said

he thinks the lack of quality centers in the Eastern Conference coupled with Houston's perimeter-based isolation offense would make a move to the Heat ideal.

"You look at the Eastern Conference and the opportunity to get to the Finals," he told the newspaper.

"You look at it as a legitimate opportunity. I'd like to end my career on my own terms, where you know, it's not decided for you."

Rockets coach Rudy Tomjanovich seemed surprised by Olajuwon's comments.

"I just heard about it a few minutes ago," Tomjanovich said. "It kind of blind-sided me. I don't want to comment without giving it some thought."

— Hakeem Olajuwon,
Houston Rockets center

Tulsa victory not out of reach

Men's team needs to play 'TCU basketball,' players say

By Matt Stiver
STAFF REPORTER

The last time a TCU men's basketball team beat Tulsa, a TCU player finished with the single-season steals record and the Frogs obtained a berth in the NCAA Tournament.

Junior guard Greedy Daniels has already broken Mike Jones' steals record. Now, the Frogs just have to beat Tulsa, and the latter challenge remains within the Frogs' sights.

While beating Tulsa at 7 p.m. tonight at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum will not ensure the Frogs their first NCAA berth since 1998, head coach Billy Tubbs said a victory will provide much-needed momentum.

As of late, Tulsa has owned the Frogs, winning six straight. On their way to the Elite Eight last year, the Golden Hurricane defeated the Frogs three times, including a 94-73 victory in Fort Worth.

First-year Tulsa coach Buzz Peterson continued Tulsa's mastery over TCU this year. The Frogs were soundly defeated 82-66 Jan. 17 in Tulsa. Trailing by seven at the half, the Frogs managed to cut Tulsa's lead to one with 17:53 to play. The Golden Hurricane, however, took control of the

game with pressure defense. Tulsa's sophomore forward Kevin Johnson finished with 30 points, 10 rebounds and eight blocks.

Though losing three players from last year's team, Tulsa has varied little from its game plan. The Golden Hurricane beat the Frogs with their inside game and timely perimeter shooting.

Tubbs said the Frogs have learned from their past mistakes.

"We went back and figured out where we could improve," Tubbs said. "This is a whole different game. It's in our place with our atmosphere. We'll be ready to play."

Daniels said the Frogs have everything they need to beat Tulsa.

"We just need to play TCU basketball," Daniels said. "The coaches have given us a good game plan. If we do that, we'll

be fine."

Coming off a 100-91 victory over Southern Methodist Saturday, the Frogs find themselves in another must-win situation. A victory would pull the Frogs into a tie for second place in the Western Athletic Conference behind Fresno State. Facing a tough road game at Texas-El Paso Saturday, Tubbs said the Frogs need to get

a win against Tulsa.

"Every game is big because so many teams are bunched together (in the conference standings)," Tubbs said. "This is the fun part of the year. It's time to put up or shut up."

During the Frogs' last four losses to Tulsa, TCU has been unable to break Tulsa's zone defense.

Tubbs said Saturday's win over SMU has helped breathe life back into a once struggling Frog team.

"We're excited to play," Tubbs said. "We really need our students to come out and give us some good support and create an intense atmosphere. I think we're better prepared to play them here this year than we were last year."

The Frogs will face a one-day turnaround before facing UTEP in El Paso Saturday. A victory in El Paso would give the Frogs sole possession of second place.

"It's kind of a ridiculous situation to schedule like that," Tubbs said. "Usually when you have a Thursday, Saturday turnaround, both games are on the road or at home."

Despite the temptation of looking ahead to Saturday's game, Daniels said the Frogs are focusing on the game at hand.

"Right now, all we're thinking about is Tulsa," he said.

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Junior guard Greedy Daniels attempts to split two Southern Methodist defenders in TCU's 100-91 victory Saturday at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. Daniels' ability to create offense for his teammates will play a role in the Frogs' success against Tulsa tonight at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

Pierce reaffirms commitment, joins list of 14 recruits

By Chad Carey
STAFF REPORTER

With national signing day less than a week away, the TCU football program received perhaps its most elite commitment of the 2001 recruiting season late Tuesday night, according to wire reports.

Weatherford Senior High School running back Mark Pierce, who originally committed to the Frogs back in August, reaffirmed his commitment to TCU after strongly considering Arkansas.

TCU coaches cannot comment on Pierce's commitment or the 13 other players who have already committed to TCU until Wednesday per NCAA rules.

Pierce, who ran for more than 1,600 yards his senior season, told *Lone Star Recruiting* that attending TCU is his final decision.

"I'm going to TCU," Pierce said. "I'm going to represent the state of Texas and that is the way it is going to be."

Pierce, who is considered the No. 1 fullback in the state of Texas, and the No. 68 running back in the nation, according to *Lone Star Recruiting*, chose TCU over Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Purdue. Geoff Ketchum, of *Lone Star Re-*

cruiting, said Pierce could become a leader on the TCU team.

"I would consider Pierce probably one of the state's most intimidating players," Ketchum said. "I can see him being a future team captain at TCU."

TCU also got good news last week when quarterback Tye Gunn of La Grange reaffirmed his commitment to the Frogs. Gunn, who originally committed to TCU in late August, almost committed to Purdue on a visit in early January. But following an in-home visit from TCU head coach Gary Patterson, Gunn decided to stick with the Frogs.

Gunn, who lead his high school football team to the state 4-A championship, is considered one of the top five quarterbacks in Texas and is the No. 46-ranked quarterback in the nation. The 6-foot-4-inch, 195-pound Gunn chose TCU over Purdue, Arizona, Houston and Southern Methodist.

Joining Pierce and Gunn in the 2001 recruiting class are a group of players with various high school accolades. Jeremy Modkins, a safety from Marlin, chose the Horned Frogs over both Kansas and Baylor in December and is the No. 67 safety in the nation. Modkins has 4.4 speed

in the 40-yard dash and will follow in his brother's footsteps by playing TCU football. Curtis Modkins, Jeremy's brother, played for TCU from 1989-92.

Ketchum said TCU is lucky to get Modkins.

"I would say that Modkins is a sleeper recruit that is going to make a very fine college safety," he said.

Joining Modkins in the defensive back field will be highly-touted cornerback Mark Walker, who is Texas' No. 33 overall recruit, committed to TCU after taking an official visit to the campus in January.

Walker said the tradition, players and coaches were the main reasons he committed to TCU.

TCU has also received five commitments from offensive lineman. Shane Simms, from Tomball, chose the Frogs in July after receiving attention from Nebraska, Texas, Texas A&M and Arkansas. Also committed to joining the Frogs' offensive line are: Stephen Culp from Tyler; Sunny Ahsang from Central Texas; Ben Angeley from Earth; and Michael Toudouze from San Antonio.

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Solid Commitments

- RB Mark Pierce
- OL Weatherford
- OL Michael Toudouze
- DT San Antonio
- DT Kevin Breedlove
- OL Corpus Christi
- OL Ben Angeley
- CB Earth
- CB Mark Walker
- LB Duncannonville
- LB Martin Patterson
- QB DeSoto
- QB Tye Gunn
- S La Grange
- S Jeremy Modkins
- OL Marlin
- OL Sunny Ahsang
- OL Killeen
- OL Stephen Culp
- OL Tyler
- OL Shane Sims
- CB Tomball
- CB Flander Malone
- WR Dallas
- WR Matthew Grimmett
- K Snyder
- K Michael Wynn
- Midland

BRIEFS

Flying Frogs travel to Houston

The TCU track team will run in the Cougar Indoor Invitational Saturday in Houston. Head coach Monte Stratton and the Frogs are coming off seven first-place finishes in the Oklahoma Indoor Classic in Norman, Okla.

Along with the seven first-place finishes, the Flying Frogs recorded four NCAA provisional marks in the season's first competition.

TCU's Darvis Patton was named Western Athletic Conference men's track Athlete of the Week for his showing in Norman. Patton, a senior, captured two first-place finishes, sprinting to a time of 21.47 in the 200-meter dash and leaping 25 feet 4 inches in the long jump. Both marks were meet records and enough to earn NCAA provisional qualifying marks.

Patterson fills last position

Don Sommer was named the new Horned Frog strength and condi-

tioning coach, Athletics Director Eric Hymen announced Jan. 23.

Sommer has been the assistant strength and conditioning coach at Missouri since 1991. Before joining the coaching staff at Missouri, Sommer played in the NFL with Houston, Buffalo and Indianapolis.

Sommer is a graduate of Texas-El Paso with a B.S. in education.

He was a four-year letterman with the Miners' football squad, earning freshman All-America honors in 1982 and was named honorable mention all-Western Athletic Conference four times.

"I am very excited to be here and be part of the athletics program at TCU where there is a commitment to winning," Sommer said. "I'm also glad to be back in the state of Texas, which is where I belong."

Prairie View player recovering

Prairie View A&M third baseman Earnest Jackson was hit in the back yesterday by a foul ball during the second game of a doubleheader at the TCU Diamond. Jodi Wotowey, athletics trainer, said Jackson suffered bruises, but he did not break any bones. Athletics officials from Prairie View A&M were unavailable for comment on Jackson's status.



PATTON