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Yolanda Enriquez, a freshman premajor, scans through her Caller ID on the telephone in her room. Caller ID is being offered on student phone lines this semester through CAMPUSLINK.

Caller ID made optional for students

New offer slow to pick up because of semester change, price of service

By Chrissy Braden
STAFF REPORTER

CAMPUSLINK is offering Caller ID to students with campus phone lines this semester for \$7.95 a month and \$15 for installation.

Travis Cook, director of business services, set up the system and said 66 students have ordered Caller ID for their rooms since it was first offered last Thursday.

"I was expecting at least a 50-percent penetration rate," he said. "I guess that was a little optimistic since it is so late in the year, but I expect more students will order it in the future."

The phone system was updated this semester to allow the use of Caller ID, Cook said.

Cook said the monthly charge is controlled by Southwestern Bell, and the installation fee is based on the cost of the installation equipment.

Southwestern Bell offers Caller ID at the same monthly rate for off-campus housing, but the installation charge is only \$5.40, said Samantha Cargle, a Southwestern Bell representative.

Cook said Southwestern Bell is able to offer a lower installation fee for off-campus phones because they install Caller ID

to more people than TCU does, so their equipment cost is covered by more people.

Tracy Null, a sophomore interior design major, said she thinks Caller ID is a great idea, but \$7.95 is a lot to pay each month for the service.

"I think that it should be included as a part of our phone service," Null said.

Cook said he is trying to include Caller ID on every student's phone line as a part of basic campus phone services for future semesters.

"Students are so used to having (Caller ID) on their cell phones and at home," Cook said. "By offering it to them now,

they don't have to give that up when they come here."

He said Caller ID would show other on-campus students' numbers, but not their names. If a faculty member's number is listed in the CAMPUSLINK system with a name, it will appear on Caller ID with both a name and the number.

"There's an advantage (to having Caller ID) from a security standpoint," Cook said. "If you get harassing phone calls, the chances for those go down if someone knows you can see who's calling."

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Self-study to boost image

Re-accreditation process begins with obstacles, some optimism

By Melissa Christensen
STAFF REPORTER

Faculty cynicism and disinterest were pinpointed as obstacles to overcome in the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools re-accreditation process at the first meeting of the self-study steering committee Wednesday at the Mary Coats Burnett Library.

The steering committee, which is responsible for submitting the final report to SACS, met to set goals of the self-assessment and establish a timeline of activities.

Alan Shepard, director of the SACS self-study and English department chair, said this re-accreditation is a chance to improve TCU's image to SACS.

"We're sort of in a deficit with SACS," he said. "They think we don't have a respect for their purpose." Dennis Alexander, director of corporate and foundation relations, said faculty support is important to the accreditation process because the assessment ultimately benefits TCU.

"The recommended changes are more important for the sake of the university community," he said. "The

goal is to get more out of the self-study than just SACS accreditation."

Nowell Donovan, Moncrief chair of geology, said split loyalties between membership in the TCU community and professional advancement have caused faculty to be unresponsive to the accreditation process.

"The faculty community has never bought into the intellectual concept of self-assessment," he said.

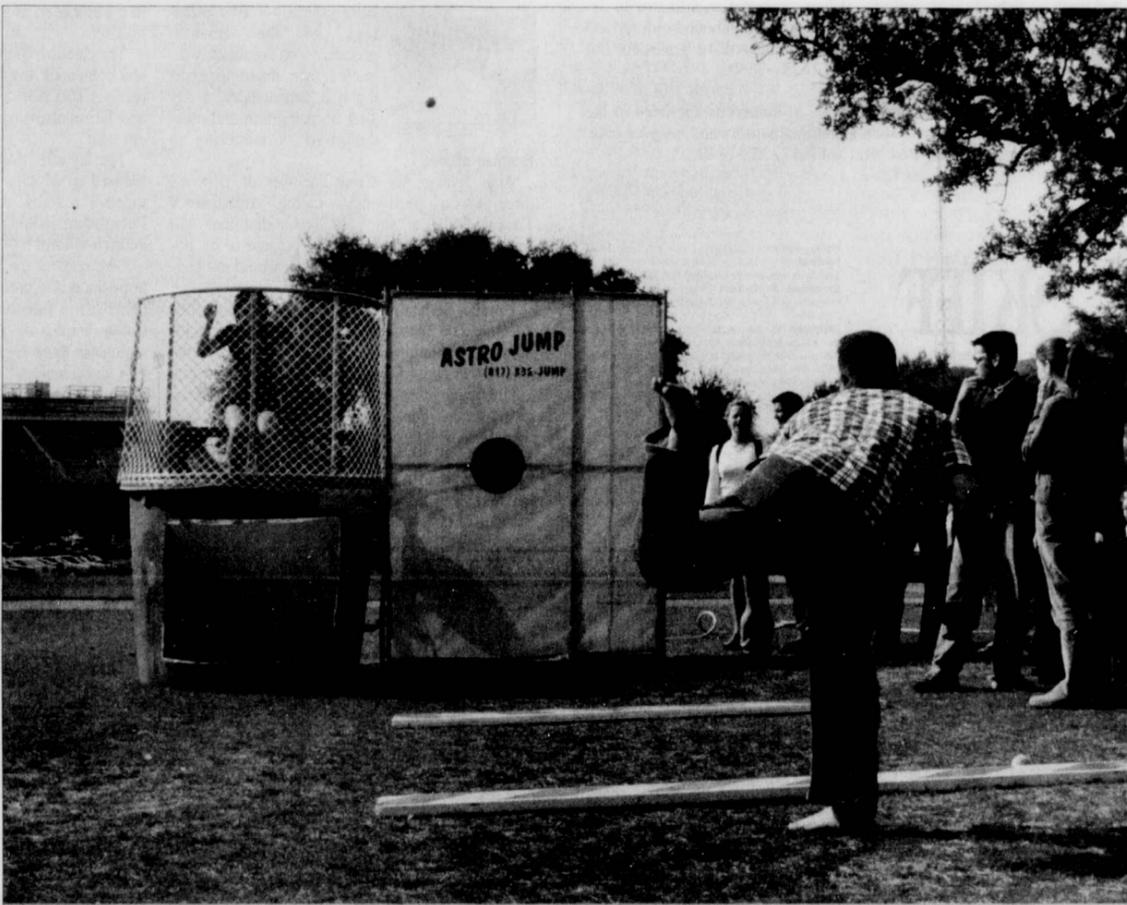
Sherry Reynolds, associate professor of educational foundations and administration, said disinterest has developed because the faculty has not seen results from previous assessment processes.

"They need some assurance that the (self-study) reports aren't going to be sent to a black hole," she said.

Shepard said one way to alleviate the cynicism about the process is to emphasize the visible reactions to Commission on the Future of TCU recommendations, such as the restructuring of the undergraduate curriculum requirements and the trustees' approval of a \$30 million recreation center.

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Dunk-e Schön



Sarah Kirschberg/PHOTO EDITOR

Andre Protas, a freshman computer science major, dunks Stephanie Corso, a sophomore business major, in the tank Wednesday at the Greek Games put on by Phi Kappa Sigma. Proceeds from the event went to benefit the Leukemia Foundation.

Tuition rises as awards stay fixed

By Carrie Woodall
STAFF REPORTER

As tuition perpetually increases, many TCU students said they think merit-based scholarships should rise at the same percentage.

While merit scholarships don't increase for current students as tuition increases, the amounts do increase for each incoming class, said Michael Scott, director of scholarships and student financial aid.

"The reason is simply a matter of budget," Scott said. "It would cost about \$250,000 each year to increase scholarships of all re-

Some students say scholarship amount should grow over time

turning students."

In order to increase scholarships, the university would have to either take funds away from some students or raise tuition to generate funds, he said.

"I doubt the 5,000 students not on scholarship would agree with that," he said.

Michele Kruzal, a sophomore e-business and marketing major, received the Dean's Scholarship

over \$11.5 million. Approximately \$4.5 million of that comes from tuition revenue. The other \$7 million comes from the endowment.

Although scholarship money for returning students doesn't increase, awards do play an important role in recruiting new students, he said.

Ray Brown, dean of admissions, said merit scholarships are a part of the academic culture.

"Bidding wars among universities for students is escalating, and schools are adding more and

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Tentative Re-accreditation Timeline

The steering committee of the SACS accreditation process established a tentative timeline of activities at Wednesday's meeting.

By June 1:

- Finalize goals
- Appoint all committee members
- Identify editors
- Develop style guide
- Educate committee members

Summer 2001

- Establish self-study Web site
- Subcommittees to finalize surveys

Fall 2001

- Collect necessary data
- Attend SACS convention in December

Spring 2002

- Rough drafts of committee reports due by Spring Break
- Final committee reports due by May 1

Summer 2002

- Evaluate compliance with criteria
- Write final, overall report

Fall 2002

- Finalize report, including suggestions to improve weak areas

Spring 2003

- SACS committee visits late February

Fall 2003

- SACS determines re-accreditation in December

RELATING

Students discuss relationships at forum

By Jaime Walker
SENIOR NEWS EDITOR

Most TCU students would agree on two things when it comes to relationships. No one really knows anything, and there should be a class or a manual.

Tuesday night students gathered in the Student Center Lounge to discuss the one subject universally perplexing to all college students — dating and relationships.

Relationships 101, sponsored by the National Pan-Hellenic Council as part of TCU's celebration of Black History Month, provided students with an open

forum to discuss all things good, bad, harmonious or dysfunctional about dating.

Artist Thornton, Milton Daniel Hall director and NPHC adviser, moderated the event. He said relationships are never easy, but sometimes the best way to make those experiences more meaningful is to share them.

"Every situation is different," he said. "But all (of) those interactions have a common link. We each grow. We learn. We change. We either move on or we stay together. Sharing that stuff can help all of us."

The evening began like most night

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Laura McFarland/SKIFF STAFF

Artist Thornton, director and advisor of the National Pan-Hellenic Council, speaks Wednesday night in the Student Center Lounge. Thornton moderated a discussion about finding and maintaining good relationships as part of the Black History Month celebration.

Alumnus to head Hispanic network

By Alisha Brown
STAFF REPORTER

James A. Ryffel was named Wednesday as the interim Chief Executive Officer of Hispanic Television Network, Inc., the United States' third largest Spanish-language television broadcaster.

Ryffel, a well-known TCU alumnus and contributor to the university, has served as the Chairman of the Board of Directors for HTVN since 1999.

The appointment came because the company is in the process of negotiating to find a strategic partner, Ryffel said. The partner decision could influence the appointment of the next full-time CEO. The

decision is expected in approximately the next six weeks, he said.

"I understand the role of a CEO in a company," Ryffel said in a press release. "When you take on the position of Chairman of the Board, you understand that you have a responsibility to the shareholders to promote the company and achieve the greatest success."

Ryffel is familiar with success. He is also the founder of the HTVN, president of Woodcrest Enterprises, a founding investor and former director of FlashNet Communications and director of Worth National

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PULSE

campus lines

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■ **Asian Student Association** will be selling Val-o gram flowers for \$3 each from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today in the Student Center Lounge.

■ **Internships Credit Information sessions** for business students will be at 5 p.m. Feb. 15, Feb. 21 and March 1 in Dan Rogers Hall, Room 166.

■ **The TCU MBA Open House and Information Session** will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday 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. Thursday 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 Ricket Building, Room 100. Twenty-four prizes totaling near \$3000 will be given to students who write poetry, fiction, dram and essays. The deadline is Feb. 16.

■ **The TCU art and art history department** and the Nancy Quarles Stuck Art History Lecture Fund will present a free lecture at noon Feb. 19 in the Moudy Building North, Room 132. The lecture, titled "Rembrandt and the Jews," will be given by Shelley Perlove, professor of art history at the University of Michigan at Dearborn. For more information contact the art department at (817) 257-7643.

■ **Meals on Wheels** is looking for volunteers and a coordinator to deliver meals from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Thursdays to homebound elderly and disabled in a community near campus. Training will be provided. For more information call Bea Nealy at (817) 257-7830.

■ **Volunteer opportunities** are available at numerous agencies in the Fort Worth area for positions such as tutors, mentors and hospice care. For more information call Bea Nealy at (817) 257-7830.

WORLD DIGEST



Smirnov fights takeover of vodka company

MOSCOW — Boris Smirnov is so worried about losing his family's renowned vodka brand to U.S. competitors that he offered Wednesday to give his half of Smirnov's embattled Moscow distillery to the Russian government.

Smirnov claimed his cousin and former partner is conspiring to sell off the family jewel to the U.S. makers of Smirnoff vodka, whom Smirnov has been battling for years over rights to the lucrative label.

Smirnov is fighting two battles, one in U.S. courts and a murkier one in Russia that echoes other tense and often violent confrontations for control of prominent businesses here. This fight has highlighted the weak property rights of shareholders in Russia.

Smirnoff, the world's best-selling vodka, is produced by Connecticut-based distilling giant Heublein, now known as UDV North America. It says it acquired rights to the czarist-era Russian vodka brand Smirnov in 1934 indirectly from a son of company founder Pyotr Smirnov, who had fled Russia before the Bolshevik revolution.

After the collapse of the Soviet Union, Boris and cousin Andrei Smirnov claimed rights to their great-grandfather's brand of Russia's favorite drink. The two opened the Trading House of Descendants of Pyotr Smirnov in 1991, and moved into the original company's pastel Moscow mansion.

Bosnian presidents retract expulsion threat

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Two members of the Bosnian presidency on Wednesday retracted their threat to expel the U.S. ambassador, a day after accusing him and other diplomats of meddling in Bosnian affairs.

Ante Jelavic, the Croat member of Bosnia's three-person presidency, called Ambassador Thomas Miller a "strict but likable diplomat who sometimes is counterproductive because of his political acts" but said the presidency would not consider expulsion.

He and Serb representative Zivko Radisic had threatened on Tuesday to revoke his and other diplomats' accreditation. The Muslim member of the presidency, Halid Genjac, opposed such a move.

Diplomats in Bosnia have been pushing for more moderate and democratic political leaders to succeed those who led the country into and through the Bosnian war.

Bosnian state television said the country would join the company of pariah nations such as Iraq,

Libya or Yugoslavia if they were expelled, describing the matter as "an unheard of diplomatic scandal." The Bosnian Refugee Association, an interest group of those forced out of their homes during the 1991-95 war, said it was "shocked" by the accusations against Miller.

"Ambassador Miller is one of the rare diplomats in the world who had, with huge risk to his own security, visited the settlements where the people have returned, talked to the ordinary people, providing them with unselfish assistance," it said in a statement.

Miller has devoted a significant amount of his time on the issue of refugee returns. About 1 million people remain displaced more than five years after the war's end.

"It is true that some foreign officials are too involved into the country's internal matters," said Miladen Ivanic, prime minister of the Bosnian Serb half of the country. "But that is because Bosnia-Herzegovina is a specific case, and therefore their involvement is justified."

Sharon looks to combine parliament factions

JERUSALEM — Ariel Sharon will have precious little time to savor his lopsided election victory as prime minister: He must quickly forge a government from the unruly factions in parliament, and he faces hostile Palestinians deeply suspicious of his intentions.

Sharon routed incumbent Ehud Barak on Tuesday in one of the most one-sided elections in Israel's history, winning 62.5 percent to 37.4 percent in a ballot seen as a referendum on Mideast peace-making.

The election triumph capped a remarkable political comeback for the burly Sharon, 72, who until recently had been written off by some as too old and too controversial to ever lead an Israeli government.

The day after the balloting, attention was already focused on whether Sharon would be able to stitch together a stable coalition government, and how Palestinians would respond to a man they regard as an arch-villain.

"We respect the Israeli people's choice and we hope the peace process will continue," Nabil Aburdeneh, a top aide to Yasser Arafat, quoted the Palestinian leader as saying. However, Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat warned that Sharon's hardline views were a "recipe for war."

Sharon's first act Wednesday was to travel to his sprawling ranch in Israel's southern Negev Desert to visit the grave of his late wife Lily, who died last March of cancer.

Sharon also planned to go to Jerusalem's Western Wall just a few paces from the disputed reli-

gious site he visited Sept. 28. Palestinian rioting erupted following that visit, and the ongoing violence was a major factor in Barak's downfall.

In his visit last fall, Sharon ignited Arab anger by going up to the compound known to Arabs as Noble Sanctuary and known to Jews as the Temple Mount, where two mosques stand on a platform built atop the buried ruins of the biblical Jewish Temples. Both Israel and the Palestinians claim sovereignty.

During the campaign, Sharon never missed an opportunity to express his strong opposition to the wide-ranging concessions Barak offered the Palestinians in his quest for a peace treaty. To date, Sharon has given no sign he would give the Palestinians land beyond what they control at present, which includes about two-thirds of the Gaza Strip and 42 percent of the West Bank.

Details being worked out for Milosevic's trial

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — Increasingly it seems less a case of whether Slobodan Milosevic will stand trial and more of when, where and for what.

The noose is tightening around the neck of the former Yugoslav president, less than four months after a brief popular revolt forced him to acknowledge electoral defeat and step down from office.

Over the past week, he has been put under 24-hour police surveillance. His arraignment and arrest is expected by the end of this month. And faced with the possible loss of more than \$100 million in financial aid from the United States, the new pro-democracy leadership of impoverished Yugoslavia is looking hard at extraditing Milosevic to stand trial at the U.N. war crimes tribunal at The Hague, Netherlands.

But most new Yugoslav leaders remain opposed to the idea of extradition, with some arguing that the law does not foresee delivering a citizen to a foreign court. In reality, the fear is that extradition would make a martyr out of Milosevic in the eyes of many Serbs who consider the court an anti-Serb instrument of the West, and who still fault the West for the 1999 NATO bombing of Yugoslavia that forced Milosevic to give up Kosovo.

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LAVISH LUXURY Caller ID not worth the money

Sixty-six students and counting.

Campus Link's brilliant idea to offer on-campus students caller ID might not be so brilliant after all.

They paired up with Southwestern Bell and decided to charge students \$7.95 a month and a \$15 installation fee for the service.

But remember, we're college students. We're cheap. Each semester we spend at TCU, we learn a little bit more in class and a lot more about how to spot a rip-off when we see one.

Why should we pay for caller ID when we could stick with what works: one ring for on-campus calls and two rings for calls made from an off-campus location.

We won't deny caller ID is a great idea. The system would allow any student to screen incoming calls — answering when that hottie from biology calls and refusing annoying telemarketers or nagging parents.

But the service just isn't worth the hassle.

Travis Cook, director of business services, set up the system. He said students are accustomed to having caller ID on their cell phones and at home. That's true. We also aren't used to paying so much for it.

Southwestern Bell offers caller ID for the same monthly rate, but only charges \$5.40 for system installation. And once you pay for the service, it follows you.

But at TCU there is no such thing as a one-time fee. Residential Services officials said between 500 and 600 students switch rooms each semester. According to this new policy, if those students bought caller ID they would be required to pay \$15 for it to be re-installed each time they move.

What a waste.

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CNN leaves viewers saying 'Duh'

CNN has just completed an extensive study of their election night coverage. And the findings are heart-stopping. It turns out that grievous mistakes were made.

CNN, without enough data and relying on the "flawed operations" of sketchy exit polls, called states for the incorrect candidate on several occasions. It seems in this closest of presidential races, CNN went as far as calling a state before all of that state's precincts had even reported yet. Because of this, the network may have misled, misguided, frustrated and flustered the viewers that relied on their allegedly accurate reporting. The shame of it all.

I'm willing to bet that if everyone had read that article at once, all of the Earth's eardrums would've exploded after hearing the cacophonous "Duh" we'd all mutter under our breaths at the same time. This was award-winning journalism to be sure. The article is already a front-runner for the "Yeah, and your point is..." prize for journalism and the "They spent how much money to discover this?" peace prize. In terms of not-so-stunning pronouncements, this is up there with the jaw-dropping, provocative "Mexican food is bad for you" re-

port from a few years back.

What makes this report even more absurd is the fact that CNN felt the need to hire a panel of experts to "analyze" the election night coverage. They got Jim Risser, a two-time Pulitzer Prize winner; Joan Conner, who, as a journalism professor at Columbia, teaches kids how *not* to make bonehead journalistic errors; and Ben Wattenberg, who works at the American Enterprise Institute and is a "fellow" there.

What I want to know is why they didn't just hire a bunch of regular "fellows," all of whom could've told you that the multiple retractions and apologies offered up by CNN's Bernard Shaw and Judy Woodruff that night were not only embarrassing but insulting to viewers as well.

But CNN is effectively the brat in the classroom who points at the other kids and says, "They did it, Teacher!" The closest thing to an outright apology from the other networks came from Tom Brokaw, who delivered the understatement of the year when he declared, "We don't just have egg on our faces. We have the whole omelet."

Can't argue with you there, Tom, but I didn't see your network hire any experts to examine your face with all sorts of gadgets and calipers to determine the presence of omelet on your faces and the extent to which the omelet resulted in facial coverage. And, in essence, this is the message CNN is trying to send, even if it means restating the obvious. But even though

they're telling us something we already know, CNN knows that by playing media watchdog themselves, they get a leg up on their dazed rivals.

And a leg up is something that CNN needs desperately.

In 1980, the cable news turf was its for the taking. But 20 years and about 600 or so news networks later, CNN's ratings are feeling the pinch. Compound that with the fact that the Internet gives people whatever news they want, whenever they want it, and CNN starts to look a lot less viable than they were during the heady days of the Gulf War.

The network's recent announcement that it's making a slight programming switch to focus more on talk-oriented shows has thus far met with mixed results. Great: "The Spin Room" and "Sports Tonight." Not so great: "Wolf Blitzer Reports" and "TalkBack Live."

CNN is praying the ratings for its new format will get a slight boost from this independent study.

If anything, it'll make them look like bastions of responsibility. Not only do they seem like they care about their reporting methods, but they also get the chance to call the shots regarding the revamping of every other network's election coverage, whether they think it needs tweaking or not.

Along with every other major news network in America, CNN receives its exit polls, projections and other data from the Voter

News Service. The contents of the independent panel's report place no small amount of blame on VNS for providing unclear data to the net-

works. And CNN, like an avenging angel, gets to announce that its "continued involvement with VNS is conditional," pending drastic changes in research methods and an "upgrade and modernization" of the VNS technical capabilities.

And if these things don't happen? "CNN also would support a potential successor organization should VNS fail to meet CNN's requirements," crows the report.

All of a sudden, CNN looks as American as a Boy Scout again, still waving the flag for journalism standards. Awwwww, CNN — you'd do that for us, the American people? Tee hee, now we feel all squishy inside.

Even though it might as well have been commissioned by Captain Obvious, the study of CNN's election night coverage shows that the network has taken the first step to ensuring that such a fiasco will never be revisited.

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Execution request is not appropriate

Death of McVeigh turns into a spectacle, draws too many people to watch

April 19, 1995, 9:02 a.m. This is one of those dates and times that we, as Americans, will always remember and know exactly where we were and what we were doing. This is the day that the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City was bombed. It was also the day that many Americans realized our biggest enemy may not always live in another country, but instead right across the street.

Six years later, the nation will try and finally put this unthinkable crime behind us when the government executes a man convicted of the horrendous and deadly bombing. Timothy McVeigh, one of the most hated men in the country, will die from lethal injection May 16 in Terre Haute, Ind. Lethal injection. What a nice, quiet and peaceful way to die. Unlike the way all of his victims died on that fateful day in the spring of 1995.

McVeigh, who has been in federal prison since he was convicted of the deadliest act of terrorism on U.S. soil, dropped all of his appeals in December and asked for a quick execution.

A quick execution? Are you kidding? A man kills 168 innocent people and injured more than 500 people, and he wants to tell us when he wants to die. What has our country come to? Nevertheless, the government has set a date, and the last hope that McVeigh has now is to wait and see if President Bush will grant him clemency, which he won't do if he knows what's good for him. Once the date was set, the government sent out 1,100 letters to the bombing survivors and to the victims' families asking them if they would want to attend the ex-

ecution. Two hundred and fifty people said they would.

Two hundred and fifty people. That's seems like a lot of people when it comes to wanting to watch an execution, but if you think of how many people were invited to watch, it really isn't that many, is it?

The problem lies with the fact that the number of people who would like to watch the execution. Since there are so many people who would like to attend, the government has to figure out where they will all sit. The execution room at the federal prison holds only eight people. That's just 242 seats too small. The government's possible solution to the problem is to put the execution on a closed-circuit television, and let the audience

watch from another room.

Now I realize that for many of the victims to get on with their lives they need to know that McVeigh is dead, but do they really need to see it live and in person? Eight hundred and fifty people who were invited to attend didn't think so.

It's weird to think the government actually "invited" people to watch the execution. Is an execution something that you can really "invite" somebody to watch?

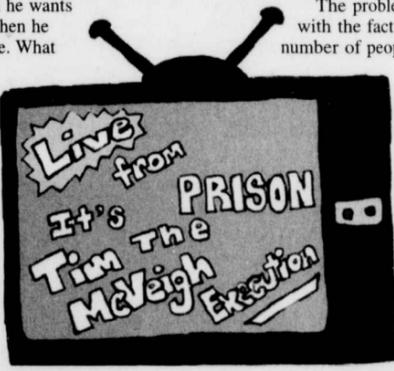
It's like the government is throwing a party with popcorn and soda to let us know they have finally gotten rid of this man. Or the government might be throwing this big "party" with a big crowd to let us know they still know how to carry out a federal execution, especially since they have not "achieved" one since 1963.

McVeigh needs to die for his crime, but should it be carried out in front of so many people? Should he be allowed to tell us when he would like to die? I don't think so.

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LETTER to the editor

Leave melodrama out of news; concentrate on important facts

Whatever happened to reporting factual news? When did our hunger for the truth get replaced with empty, dramatic events that prey on soap opera-like themes? Why is the news today sensationalized and missing important facts? For example, why is it that we are hearing more from the news and reading more in the newspapers about the "Texas Seven" than we are about George W. Bush's inauguration speech? Ten years from now, Bush's four-year term as president will affect us much more than seven convicts.

Am I alone in wanting to hear a factual analysis of the Inauguration? Am I crazy for wanting to better understand exactly what Bush said and the meaning behind it? Years after Franklin D. Roosevelt and John F. Kennedy's speeches, we have remembered meaningful quotes from their Inauguration speeches.

"The only thing we have to fear, is fear itself." — FDR

"Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country." — JFK

I was hoping to read in the news-

papers or hear on the news that Bush's speech was not the typical inaugural speech. I wanted to hear that Bush spoke in a very trusting and genuine manner and that his presentation was heartfelt and emotional. He appealed to the values of the American by urging them to take individual responsibility. He stated that Americans need "acts of great love, not necessarily great acts." He swiftly took responsibility away from the government and placed it in the hands of the people.

Following the repeated phrase, "America, at its best..." Bush identified four principles civil society demands from us.

- Civility.
- Courage.
- Compassion.
- Character.

Maybe we can take these principles Bush was speaking about and apply them to our individual lives. Hey, maybe we could even apply them to articles we write and news we broadcast. I think at the least, we need to return to the factual presentation of news events, and discard the melodrama.

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Newspapers must use courage, not caution

Of all the mail I've read this week, the letter from Kathryn Gamble is the only one I can't forget. Her letter shows that she reads several newspapers daily and watches the broadcast versions of the news. This proves she is interested in the world around her, and she wants to make it better.

She voiced a fear that newspapers seek "dramatic events that prey on soap opera-like themes," rather than writing about the truth. Indeed there are days when we are barraged by stories about crime, death and greed. So people have the right to ask: Where are the stories about average people who work hard to provide for their families? Why aren't they news?

The best way to answer the question is to tell you about George Seldes, a former foreign correspondent for the *Chicago Tribune*. He lived to be more than 100 years old.

He interviewed Vladimir Lenin,

chatted with Albert Einstein, ate lunch with Charlie Chaplin, covered Theodore Roosevelt's administration, dined with Benito Mussolini, shook hands with Adolf Hitler, argued with Ernest Hemingway and briefed Calvin Coolidge. But what distinguished Seldes even more was his courage in criticizing the press. He wanted newspapers to be better and never stopped badgering them.

When I first had aspirations of becoming a journalist, I thought my duty would be to fix all that was wrong with the media. I would stop the stories that convict people before trials, the reporters who ask mothers how they feel about the death of their sons on the day of the loss and the editorials that glorify crime. While to some extent my theory of journalism is still the same, I now have a better understanding of the media.

We are not cheerleaders. Our business is not bad news or good news, but simply news. And what is news? Seldes said news is "something that somebody else doesn't want you to know, and everything else is propaganda."

Newspapers should bring up issues that provoke those being held down to raise hell. Newspapers should step on

the toes of the establishment as means to keep the powerful in check.

Newspapers shouldn't err on the side of caution. Newspapers shouldn't employ wimpy reporters, afraid to ask the tough questions. Newspapers shouldn't constantly embrace causes.

"You are not concerned about consequences, only truth," Seldes said.

Readers should beware of media that tells you not to worry or that everything is OK, because in all likelihood, it's not. Readers should stay away from papers that avoid conflict, because controversy is often what informs the reader of his or her surroundings.

Gamble uses the mass coverage of the Texas Seven in comparison with the minute coverage of President George W. Bush's Inauguration as an example of how the media deemed the more sensationalized story as more important.

While I don't agree with her point that Bush's speech will ever be compared to that of Franklin Delano Roosevelt or John Fitzgerald Kennedy, the Skiff still deemed the 2001 Inauguration as very important.

In the first three weeks of publication, the Skiff published 27 articles on Bush's Inauguration, including a two-

page spread devoted to his Cabinet appointees. In the same time span, the Skiff published only six stories about the prison escapees.

As Gamble points out, Bush offered four principles that society demands from us:

- Civility — well-mannered behavior toward others.
- Courage — the quality of mind that allows one to face danger and hardship.
- Compassion — concern for someone in misfortune.
- Character — moral or ethical strength.

I would like to propose four principles that society should demand from the media:

- Factual — correspondence with truth.
- Focused — tending toward awareness and appreciation.
- Fair — free from bias and judgment.
- Forum — to give a voice to the voiceless.

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SIGNING DAY 2001

Gunn among 16 new recruits for squad

Recruiting numbers down from last year

Coaches say new members 'on par' with previous seasons

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With regard to TCU recruiting, all is not lost. But as potential recruits knew, Fran is Head football coach Gary Patterson said he is pleased with the way recruiting went for the 2001 season. Patterson said the departure of former head coach Dennis Franchione didn't affect the success the coaches had in bringing in top players.

"We held most of our recruits," Patterson said. "Of the six Top-100 (players in Texas) we signed here today, four of them came after coach Fran left."

The six Texas top-100 players TCU signed represent a slight decline from last year's recruiting roster. The 2000 recruiting list included eight of the top-100 players in Texas, and two players ranked in the nation's top 100.

TCU also takes a step down in the national recruiting rankings, coming in 71st out of 114 Division I-A schools. In the 2000 season, TCU was ranked 39th.

In addition to having lower-ranked recruits, TCU has fewer incoming players. In 1999, TCU football recruited 20 players; in 2000, TCU took 18. This year, TCU managed only 16 players.

Despite the apparent decrease in TCU's draw, Patterson said he doesn't look at the 2001 season as a rebuilding year.

"I would probably say we're more of a dark horse," Patterson said. "We had 25 seniors, but in almost every position on defense we have a guy who's played at least four plays a game."

However, Patterson said the TCU offense doesn't have the second-string strength the defense does.

"We need to grow up a young offensive line," Patterson said. "We need to find a tailback. We need to change our offense a little bit to fit our personnel."

Patterson said the coaching

change was partly responsible for some of the recruiting shortcomings, specifically a few top players TCU wanted but didn't get.

"There were a couple safeties we would like to have that the changeover possibly hurt us on," Patterson said. "The changeover (also) hurt us a little bit with the tailback position."

Weatherford running back Mark Pierce reported committed to TCU last week, but chose Arkansas in the end.

Regardless of the seeming downslide of TCU recruiting, Patterson said he feels this year's results are on par with previous seasons.

"I would say (the 2001 recruits) are very comparable to last year's group," Patterson said. "The safeties are just as good as last year's safeties, the offensive linemen are just as good, the defensive line is of the same athletic standard as we've drafted in the past."

Offensive coordinator Mike Schultz said he agreed the 2001 recruiting class was in line with past classes. He said the team met its needs, and the players recruited meet criteria coaches set for them. "The coaches) decided to find a little bit more athletic offensive linemen," Schultz said. "One thing you'll see about the guys we recruited is that they are athletic and they can run."

Patterson said the evaluation of players should be based on how they finish at TCU, not how they begin.

"This class that just graduated was a C or C-plus class when they were recruited," Patterson said. "They ended up an A or an A-plus class."

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By Chad Carey
SKIFF STAFF

Less than two months after taking over as TCU head football coach, Gary Patterson received 16 commitments from high school football players across the state.

Included in the group are six of Texas' top-100 selections, six all-state selections and the Class 3-A Player of the Year.

"We met the position needs that we were looking for," Patterson said. "We also signed six top-100 players who are

excited to join our program."

On the offensive side of the ball, the Horned Frogs got the player they wanted. Quarterback Tye Gunn, from LaGrange, led his team to the 3-A state title and was rated one of the top five quarterbacks in the state. During his high school career, Gunn accounted for 9,100 yards and 127 touchdowns.

Gunn ran for 2,216 yards and 37 touchdowns and threw for 1,401 yards and 13 touchdowns in his senior year. He was named the 3-A player of the year by Fox Sports Net, and was an all-state selection by the Texas High School Coaches Association.

"Tye Gunn was one of the top quarterbacks in the state of Texas this year," Patterson said. "If we had to pick a quarterback for us to get this year, this is the one we would want. He is a great leader on the field. He is a proven winner."

Joining Gunn will be Blinn Junior College running back Reggie Holts. Holts, who was originally a state top-100 recruit from Houston Langham Creek, rushed for 1,700 yards and 25

touchdowns in his senior year. Holts was also a finalist for the Houston Touchdown Club Player of the Year, which honors the top players in the Houston area.

"Reggie is a player who could come in and immediately help us," Patterson said. "When (former fullback) George Layne decided to go to the NFL draft, we were stuck without a fullback. Reggie is one of two players in this class who has a very good chance to play next year."

Blocking the way for Holts and Gunn will be two of the top offensive linemen in the state. Shane Simms, who is ranked as one of the top 100 players in the state, is a two-time all-district selection from Tomball, and he can bench press more than 400 pounds. Joining Simms on the of-

fensive line is Stephen Culp from Tyler. Culp was a Dave Campbell's Texas Football Team lineman and received all-East Texas honors after his junior year.

"We lost four offensive linemen this year, so that area was obviously an area of need for us," Patterson said. "When we recruit offensive linemen we look for kids who can run, and we feel that these kids can definitely do that."

On the defensive side of the ball the Frogs signed three safeties. Mark Walker from Duncanville, Jeremy Modkins from Marlin and Flander Malone from Dallas. They are all-state top-100 recruits.

Walker, who was an honorable mention all-state selection led his team to a 31-5 record during his three years on Duncanville's varsity team. Modkins, who is the brother of former TCU football player Curtis Modkins, is a four-time all-district selection.

Malone, who can play either running back or defensive back, rushed for 846 yards on 116 carries while splitting time with two other running backs.

"We lost five safeties this year, so we definitely needed to sign some more," Patterson said. "We feel that this group of safeties is just as good as last year's. Mark Walker is a guy who could end up playing three ways for us. He can play defensive back, wide receiver or be a return man."

One late commitment to the Frog recruiting class was Jersey Village linebacker Shawn Brooks. Brooks, the No. 6-ranked linebacker in the state, originally committed to Houston but decided to switch his commitment to the Frogs after visiting the TCU campus shortly before signing day. While at Jersey Village, Brooks had more than 200 tackles and was named the Houston Touchdown Club Defensive Player of the Year in 2000.

The Frogs also signed offensive linemen Ben Angeley from Earth and Michael Toudouze from San Antonio, wide receiver Matthew Grimmitt from Snyder and tight end Marvin Pearsöñ from Duncanville.

Ranorris Ray, a defensive end from San Antonio, Jeremy Breedlove, a defensive lineman from Corpus Christi, Martin Patterson, a linebacker from DeSoto and Mike Wynn, a kicker from Midland, round out the Horned Frogs' commitments.

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2001 Recruiting Class

- RB R. Holts Houston
- QB T. Gunn LaGrange
- WR M. Grimmitt Snyder
- TE M. Pearson Duncanville
- LB S. Brooks Houston
- LB M. Patterson DeSoto
- DB F. Malone Dallas
- DB J. Modkins Marlin
- DB M. Walker Duncanville
- K M. Wynn Midland
- OL B. Angeley Springlake
- OL S. Culp Tyler
- OL S. Sims Tomball
- OL M. Toudouze San Antonio
- DL J. Breedlove Corpus Christi
- DL R. Ray San Antonio

Baseball team falls to 3-3 TCU defense falters in loss to D-II Missouri Southern

By Brandon Ortiz
SKIFF STAFF

Head baseball coach Lance Brown sat quietly with his head down in the bullpen, visibly upset.

His Frogs had just lost 9-6 to Division II Missouri Southern Wednesday at the TCU Diamond. The loss evened the team's record at 3-3.

Brown had reason to be angry as the Frogs had four errors and could muster only two runs after the first inning against a team that lost its first game to Arkansas, 25-6, and was supposed to be an easy win.

Brown said there were no bright spots in the loss. "If you can't beat a team like this, you probably aren't going to win down the line," he said.

Leading 5-2 through three innings, things fell apart for the Frogs in the fourth, when they allowed seven runs on six hits.

With one out in the fourth inning and runners at second and third, Lions third baseman Richard Petty singled to center and the ball went through senior Rudy Rivera's legs. Both runners scored. Freshman pitcher Clint Mokry allowed a triple down the right-field line to the next batter, tying the game, 5-5.

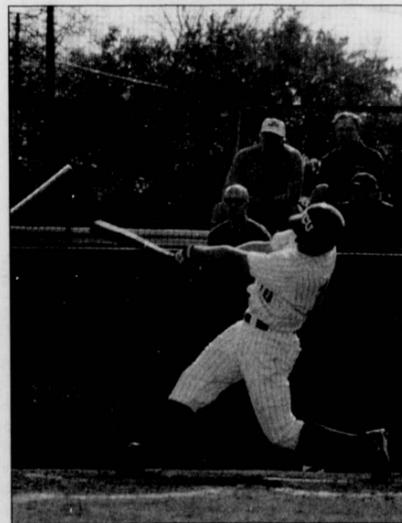
Brown replaced Mokry with junior Patrick Newburn, who got shortstop Jonathan Wengert to line out to first. Right fielder Matt Meyr knocked in a run by singling to left and advanced to second when junior left fielder Jared Lundeen misplayed the ball. After Newburn allowed a double and a single to score two more runs, sophomore third baseman Mike Settle made an errant throw to first to allow another run to score.

Settle's error was the third of the inning. "The errors) became contagious," Settle said. "I think everybody had an off day today."

The wind was blowing hard to left field for most of the day, but would sporadically change directions. Settle said the changing winds played tricks with the ball.

"It was actually real funky when you were throwing the ball," Settle said. "You had to put a lot on it." The Frogs had a chance to tie the game in the eighth inning. With two runners on and no outs, sophomore second baseman Ramon Moses flew out to center and Rivera struck out. Right fielder Terry Trofholz walked, loading the bases for senior catcher Jason Price. But Price hit a soft grounder to Petty, who tagged third for the final out of the inning.

From the fifth inning on the Frogs offense was dormant, getting just two hits and scoring only one run.



Sarah Kirschberg/PHOTO EDITOR

Senior designated hitter Tom Bates takes a swing Wednesday in the Frogs' 9-6 loss to Missouri Southern. TCU committed four errors and surrendered a 5-2 lead in falling to 3-3 on the season.

Brown said changes will probably be made for this weekend's Express College Classic in Round Rock.

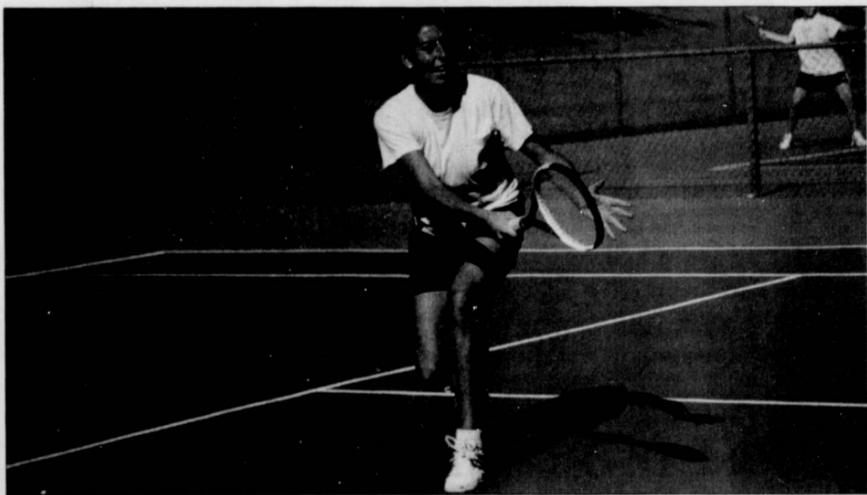
"We are just experimenting," Brown said. "We will move people around and see if there is something that works."

The Frogs used five different pitchers in the game.

Only six games into the season, the Frogs are still in the stage of evaluating personnel.

"I think early on, you try and figure out who can play and who can't," Brown said. "You will find people who can't get the job done, and you'll give some other people a chance to see if they can. If they can't get the job done, then you just have a bad ball team. (That) is what it amounts to."

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File photo

Sophomore Rosa Perez practices her forehand at the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center. Perez is one of nine underclassmen on this year's women's tennis squad, which plays at 2 p.m. today at home against Brigham Young.

Women's tennis to face BYU

By Chris Ray
SKIFF STAFF

TCU women's tennis coach Roland Ingram knows the road back to the Western Athletic Conference Championships is filled with ranked opponents.

"We have a very young team this season," Ingram said. "We are learning everyday and gaining experience with every match."

The lack of experience was evident in a 6-1 loss at Baylor Monday.

Attempting to gain its first win of the spring season, the TCU women's tennis team will play Brigham Young at 2 p.m. today at the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center.

The Frogs managed their only point against Baylor with freshman Saber Pierce's singles win over Karim Anderson, 6-1, 4-6, 6-2.

Ingram said sophomore Brenna Shackelford and junior Leoni Weirich will have to play veteran roles, being the two remaining play-

ers from last year's team. "We are asking Brenna and Leoni to step up their play to make up for the losses suffered by graduation and players leaving," Ingram said. "This is a young team, and they will only get better in time."

Along with Pierce, TCU has a flurry of freshmen on the roster. Freshman Patricia Aburto looks to be at the top of the class of 2004 in the tennis ranks for the Frogs, Ingram said.

BYU, which will bring a record of 4-1 to Fort Worth, is coming off a 7-0 victory over Wisconsin Feb. 2. The Cougars, also a relatively young team, are coming off an average year at best, finishing 9-8 and 3-1 in the Mountain West Conference. BYU coach Craig Manning said the Cougars' win over Wisconsin was encouraging.

"I thought we concentrated very well, and we were focused," Manning said in a press release. "I am

extremely pleased with our performance. We needed to have everyone put in their best effort, and that is exactly what everyone did."

Manning said the lone senior for the Cougars, Jodi Richardson, is the leader on the court and motivator for the rest of the team.

"(Richardson) is the key for this team," Manning said. "She leads, and the rest of the team follows the tone set by her play."

Richardson sat out of BYU's match against Wisconsin due to injury, but she will play against TCU. Ingram said a win over BYU could help motivate the Frogs.

"BYU is a very good team with a good record thus far into the season," Ingram said. "It would be a big win for this team, and a win at home would make it that much better."

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"We are looking to the commission as proof that when 500 people get together, things happen," he said.

Several approaches to encouraging faculty and staff to buy into the self-assessment process were discussed, including visits to all departments and an explanatory mass e-mail.

Larry Lauer, vice chancellor for Marketing and Communication, said the committee needs to downplay the mechanical and bureaucratic aspects of accreditation.

"If there's going to be a new spirit in this process, that spirit has to be communicated in a human way," he said.

Kelli Horst, director of communications, suggested approaching the process as a campaign, similar to the themed promotion surrounding the commission.

Other committee members expressed concerns that equivalent energy would be hard to generate because of the small time frame between the two processes.

"Accreditation is not as exciting in concept as the Commission on the

Future," Alexander said. "We have to establish credibility that this is a real process, and it will have real results."

Reynolds said the committee should simply expect people to do the work, and do it well.

To prevent faculty and staff from losing interest in the process, Shepard said he and associate director Bob Seal had not contacted members of the five principal committees.

"I didn't want to get them into the starting blocks and then say, 'We'll get back to you in a couple months,'" Shepard said.

A tentative three-year timeline focusing on the next five months was set. A written plan including goals, a budget, a roster of committee members and a bibliography of resources is due to SACS by June 1. By then all committee members will be appointed and the steering committee will assign areas of the accreditation criteria to study. The steering committee will also develop a style guide and appoint an editor to each principle committee this semester to ease the editing process of the written reports.

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Bank in Lake Worth. He also serves a member of TCU's Board of Trustees.

"Having Jim Ryffel take the reigns in the interim is an enormous boost to this company," Ash R. Huzenlaub said in a press release. "The combined assets of Ryffel's ability to negotiate and strategize,

along with his leadership, provides HTVN's management with the support they need to execute on the opportunity before them."

Ryffel has come back to TCU to speak and share the lessons following the success of his career. He has bachelor's and master's degrees and a ranch management certificate from TCU.

In March 2000, he and his wife Linda publicly made a donation of \$6 million to TCU's entrepreneur-

ship center that was later named after him. His appointment as CEO will bring with it different kinds of lessons due to the economic time period in which it comes.

"They are lessons that many companies are learning how to deal with," Ryffel said. "There is a lot to the thought process — laying off people, reducing payroll, reducing expenses and adjusting to a leadership change."

But he views the experience as

part of the business cycle and is looking forward to steering and strategizing the company's future, he said.

"As interim CEO there will be times that both challenge and enhance a person's character," he said. "It is a great learning experience that can only be understood when you're in the situation."

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classes at TCU — with the students staring in silence. Even though most were nodding in agreement at Thornton's comments, few were ready to get involved in the conversation.

Until he demanded stories, then the conversation came to life.

With humor and honesty students began to compare the qualities they look for in the perfect mate. They traded stories about their past and present relationships. And the group agreed on one thing: If Relationships 101 came with a textbook, the first chapter would be titled "Communication: The key to success."

Terrance White, a senior sociology major, said no relationship can survive without communication.

"The keep key to any successful relationship is being open and honest with each other," he said. "If you don't have that, it's not worth it."

Karen Bumblis, a senior speech communications major, said lies can be a relationship killer.

"If you and your partner don't share the same intensity about the

relationship, and you are keeping things from each other because you aren't secure, that is a sure sign things need to end," she said.

Although the group disagreed about whether guys and girls can be best friends without creating conflicts with their significant others, they unanimously agreed that the ideal mate should be your best friend.

"I think it's possible for guys and girls to have best friends of the opposite sex," said John Cantu, a junior international finance major. "But it takes a very secure relationship, for sure."

Sara Donaldson, a junior neuroscience major, said as college-aged students it is often hard to understand the boundaries between a friendship and a relationship.

Donaldson said students often confide in the people they are most comfortable with, and when that person is of the opposite sex it makes things more complicated.

"When you pour out your emotions to someone it is easy to get caught up in that and allow things to escalate," she said. "I've seen that happen so many times. I think

it's unfortunate and a sign of immaturity."

Bumblis said the forum provided students a great opportunity to interact with one another and discuss the complexities of relationships openly.

"I think tonight was a perfect

example of what we need more of," she said. "We had a candid discussion. It was a good reflection of exactly what we were talking about tonight."

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Taira Mathis, a senior English major; Chandra Rideau, a senior business management major; and Chavalla Williams, a senior business management major, participate in Wednesday's "Relationships 101" discussion in the Student Center Lounge. The discussion was part of National Pan-Hellenic Council Week celebrating Black History Month.

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more offers for students now," he said.

These awards were a novel aspect of some schools at one time, but students now expect the money from universities, he said.

New scholarships for incoming and transfer students are also being created.

Scott said TCU expects about 500 new academic scholarship recipients in the freshmen class and about 50 in the transfer class. At any given time, the university has about 1,500 students on scholarship.

"The number of scholarships we offer is determined by the total number of new students we are trying to recruit," Scott said.

The chancellor determines the total recruitment number by estimating the amount of returning students each year and comparing it to what we want the total enrollment of the university to be, he said.

"We would love to help every student who desires to be assisted financially," Scott said. "But the reality is that we don't have the means to do so."

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CALLER ID

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Kelly Ham, a TCU Police detective, said 29 harassing phone calls were reported to TCU Police last semester.

According to the TCU Web site (www.tcu.edu), students receiving harassing phone calls are required to file a formal report of the calls to the TCU Police and Campus Life before a criminal investigation can begin.

Ham said harassing phone calls are traced with a computer program that was installed a year ago.

He said the system was updated in January, and since then, it has been able to trace not only present calls, but past calls as well.

"Since January and (since) using the new system, we've been able to trace all of the calls," Ham said.

Cook said CAMPUSLINK provides TCU Police with the students' names who have on-campus numbers to identify those making harassing calls from campus.

Null said she thinks Caller ID will make people think again before making harassing or late-night phone calls because they don't want to be identified.

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Miami mayor held in jail on battery charge

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MIAMI — Mayor Joe Carollo was charged with battery and arrested Wednesday for allegedly hitting his wife in the head with a teapot.

Maria Ledon Carollo, 42, suffered a golf ball-size lump and bruise on the side of her head, according to police.

Joe Carollo, 45, was denied an emergency bond hearing on the misdemeanor charge and was to wait in jail for today's hearing.

"I see no reason to treat (Joe) Carollo differently than anyone

else," said Circuit Judge Mark King Leban.

If convicted, Joe Carollo is unlikely to face the maximum penalty of a year in jail because he has no prior record, said spokesman Ed Griffith of the Miami-Dade County State Attorney's Office.

"This could go into a diversion program, with counseling and anger control classes to avoid any escalation of violence at any time in the future," Griffith said.

Joe Carollo had two scratches on his neck, but his wife was not charged because he was the ag-

gressor, Lt. Bill Schwartz said. Schwartz said Joe Carollo threw a terra-cotta teapot at his wife.

The incident came three months after Maria Carollo announced she was seeking a divorce from her husband of 15 years. In court papers, she said there was "no hope for a meaningful reconciliation."

Police went to the couple's home after getting a 911 call from one of the couple's daughters. The mayor refused to give a statement to police.

Jay Rhodes, a spokesman for the mayor, declined comment. "It's strictly a personal matter and it's

business as usual here," he said.

Schwartz said initially Maria Carollo wanted to press charges against her husband but later changed her mind. Police decide whether to press charges in domestic disputes.

The couple have two daughters, ages 10 and 12.

Joe Carollo was first elected mayor in 1996 and defeated by Xavier Suarez in 1997. But in March 1998, Joe Carollo was reinstated by courts after widespread voter fraud was uncovered.

Joe Carollo has said he will not run for re-election in November.

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PHAROS System taken out of Moudy

By Maliha Suleman
STAFF REPORTER

The journalism computer labs in Moudy Building South have had problems printing graphics since the PHAROS System was installed, said David Edmondson, assistant provost for information services.

The issue was brought up at a deans' council meeting Tuesday and the printers will be off of the PHAROS System until the problem is fixed, Edmondson said.

"I found out last week that there has been a problem in printing graphics where it either doesn't print properly or doesn't print at all, but we are working on correcting the situation," Edmondson said.

Edmondson said other students might begin using the journalism labs for printing because there is no charge being incurred presently.

New printing method disabled

Students using computer labs which don't use Macintosh computers, including the Mary Coats Burnett Library and Student Center Reading Room, are still using the PHAROS System to print material. The printing policy, where 8 cents will be added to send-home bills after a 200-page limit is reached, still remains, he said.

David Whillock, interim dean of the College of Communication, said there's a possibility of increasing the limit from 200 pages to a higher number.

"We needed a number to start with, but maybe we need to expand that number," he said.

Whillock said a better idea of how many classes incorporate

printed material from the Internet is needed. He said while one student may be required to print out extensive material for a class, another may not.

"We do need to find out what the requirements of classes and students in general are and what is a good number," Whillock said. "But this will not be universal."

Edmondson said most universities they communicated with applied a printing fee without giving a limit.

"Most universities had the charge from the start," he said. "We wanted to be a little more user-friendly, and 200 pages seemed like an appropriate number."

Ashraf Muncherjee, a junior eco-

nomics major, said he thinks an increase in the page limit could be a better avenue without eliminating the policy.

"I think students do tend to abuse printing in the computer labs sometimes, but if this policy has to stand, the best thing to do would be to bump up the number," he said.

Whillock said students opinions are important for starting the next course in the printing policy.

"Students should voice their views through the Student Government (Association) and other channels so the university has information for the next course, which is to find out how successful that particular printing limit is," he said.

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HIV becomes more resistant to treatment

Mutated strains of virus grow in number

By Daniel Q. Haney
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — People who catch HIV are increasingly likely to encounter mutant forms of the virus that are able to resist some of the drugs commonly used to treat the infection.

Drug-resistant strains have been a major problem since the start of treatment in the early years of the AIDS epidemic, but until recently this resistance emerged as the virus evolved inside each patient's body.

"Because the virus itself mutates, it manages to outwit any technology we're able to throw at it," said Alison Moreland, an instructor of nursing. "We're up against a very difficult problem. It's why we can't get a vaccine."

Now doctors say these resistant viruses are apparently being passed on to others in significant numbers.

U.S. researchers Wednesday reported an abrupt upswing over the past two years in the prevalence of resistant forms of the virus in newly infected people.

Researchers said the cause of this increase is almost certainly the widespread use of drug combinations, called "cocktails" that have revolutionized the treatment of AIDS.

However, since cocktails are taken in combination, a patient can become resistant to the other drugs in the combination even if his or her body is resistant to only one initially, said Tracy Hawkins, an intern at AIDS Resources of Rural Texas.

Moreland said once those with HIV work through the medications available, there is no going back.

"Once your body is resistant to a medication, it stays resistant," she

said. "Folks are beginning to run out of options."

When all goes well, the drugs hold reproduction of the virus so low that no resistant mutants can evolve. But often, the medicines fail to work this well, and a virus gradually emerges that is resistant to one or more of the drugs being taken.

"There are significantly greater numbers of patients who have failing regimens and who transmit their virus," said Susan Little of the University of California at San Diego.

Her study was conducted on 394 people in Dallas, Denver, Los Angeles, San Diego, Montreal, Birmingham, Ala., and Vancouver, British Columbia. She presented the results at the Eighth Annual Retrovirus Conference in Chicago.

The patients were seen by doctors between 1995 and last May. All were checked within three months of catching HIV.

Between 1995 and 1998, less than 4 percent of the patients caught resistant virus. In 1999 and 2000, this rose to 14 percent. Six percent of these had a virus that was resistant to two drugs.

Most of those who catch HIV never realize it until years later. However, patients occasionally realize it soon after infection because they get temporary flu-like symptoms. Some doctors recommend immediate drug treatment for such patients.

In these cases, Little said doctors should check their patients' viruses to see if they are resistant to any drugs before starting therapy.

Skiff Staff member Reagan Duplisea contributed to this story.

Man brandishes gun outside White House

Suspect shot in leg by Secret Service

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — A man brandishing a gun outside the White House fence was shot by a Secret Service officer Wednesday after a 10-minute standoff, officials said. The episode triggered a tight security clampdown.

President Bush was safe in his residence at the time. Vice President Dick Cheney was working in his office. Laura Bush was at the family ranch in Crawford, Texas.

The wounded man was Robert W. Pickett, 47, of Evansville, Ind., according to law enforcement officials. He was taken to nearby George Washington University Hospital where he was to undergo surgery.

Secret Service officers on patrol heard shots fired about 11:30 a.m., White House press secretary Ari Fleischer said. They spotted a man holding a gun, some distance from the southwest gate.

The officers had "a 10-minute standoff that was followed by one shot to the suspect's leg and he was taken into custody," Fleischer said. He said the gunman's wound was not life-threatening.

Secret Service spokesman Marc Connolly said an officer fired one shot, which struck the gunman in the right knee. However, law enforcement officers were investigating whether the man fired shots before police approached him.

Law enforcement sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said authorities were investigating the possibility the man was trying to

provoke a shooting by police.

The suspect, who was carrying a handgun, was not listed in Secret Service files as a known threat to the president, law enforcement sources said.

Neighbors back home described Pickett as a friendly man, an accountant who had lived in a modest home in Evansville.

"I was really surprised," Lewis Gates, a neighbor, said. "As far as I knew, he was an outstanding neighbor."

Secret Service agents were using metal detectors in an effort to find shell casings to determine how many shots were fired in the incident.

A witness said she heard a popping sound, followed by smoke. After that, Secret Service officers "told him to 'drop it'" and then sit down. And then he "slowly sat down on the ground," said the witness, Sook Jo from Centerville, Va.

Dan Halpert, a tourist from Queens, N.Y., was headed to the Holocaust museum, across the Mall from the White House, when officers told him to get down and clear the area.

"We were all running away," Halpert said. "It was scary."

Another witness Martin Manley told CNN the gunman "was just standing in the street and randomly fired a few shots."

He said the man jumped into bushes, was surrounded by police but initially refused to surrender.

Connolly, the Secret Service spokesman, said nobody else was injured.

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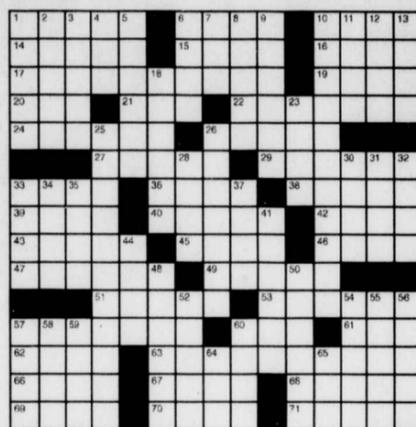


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EATING IN *Style*

Review by Angie Chang
Photos by Yvette Herrera



By Angie Chang
SKIFF STAFF

A trip to Fizzi in downtown Fort Worth made me realize that I haven't been reaching far enough into my wallet on my quest for good food in this town.

Hidden in a dark corner, the only item that draws attention to this place is the neon blue sign that hangs along the building. A glimpse under the sign reveals a small, cozy restaurant and bar lit mostly by candlelight.

Fizzi, owned by Bobby Albanese of Ruffino's Ristorante Italiano, opened about two months ago boasting Continental and Mediterranean cuisine. The recent opening may be the reason why there was no wait on a Saturday night.

Upon entering, my dining companion (a.k.a. helpless boyfriend) and I were led to a table by the back wall. The place was decked out in silver chairs, blue stemware and tea light candles glowing on the tables in their individual holders decorated with small blue beads, a nod to Fizzi's effervescent name.

Fizzi is the place where if you don't order a pre-dinner cocktail or a wine accompaniment with dinner, it seems as if you personally slapped the server in the face. This is how it felt when I told my server I was just fine with water.

After ordering dinner, however, he was beaming again and his dignity as a server was restored.

You'll see why.

I started with the jumbo Maine scallop, oyster mushroom and leek tart with sherry vinaigrette (\$9.95) as an appetizer. Now, I thoughtlessly attached an extra "s" to the word scallop so imagine my surprise when there was only one. It was the size of a half dollar and perfectly seared so it was still a little raw on the inside and the leek tart went with it very well.

Following was an oyster, artichoke, fennel soup (\$5.95) which was a very delicate, broth-like soup with an ample amount of artichoke, but don't ask me where the oyster was or what fennel is, for that matter. The potato and leek soup (\$5.95) was also very good. It was made in purée style and was not a chowder. Bread service came with the soups, and

I have to admit I was disappointed. If I'm paying a small fortune (for a college student) for my meal, I better be getting some kind of special bread. The crusty, French sourdough rolls just didn't cut it.

I ordered the feature for my entrée which was a filet of sea bass with sea scallop (notice the lack of "s") with citrus cous-cous and lobster sauce (\$23.95).

And the dinner had been progressing so well.

The bass was not very flavorful, and I could barely taste the lobster sauce. But the scallop was again perfectly seared, and the citrus cous-cous was surprisingly good.

My boyfriend ordered the marinated duck breast with grilled herb sausage, wild rice casserole and a tart cherry-green peppercorn sauce (\$23.95) which was fantastic. The duck was good by itself, but who would have thought that it would taste good with a cherry sauce?

My stomach was sending messages to my brain that I was full, but I felt necessary to fulfill my job as a reviewer, so on behalf of my editor, I ordered dessert (this one's for you, Yvette!).

The lemon verbena panna cotta (\$6.00) presented itself as a very thick flan. The taste wasn't something to die for, but I felt like I was looking at a winter wonderland on my plate as powdered sugar was sprinkled all over and winter berries dotted the plate.

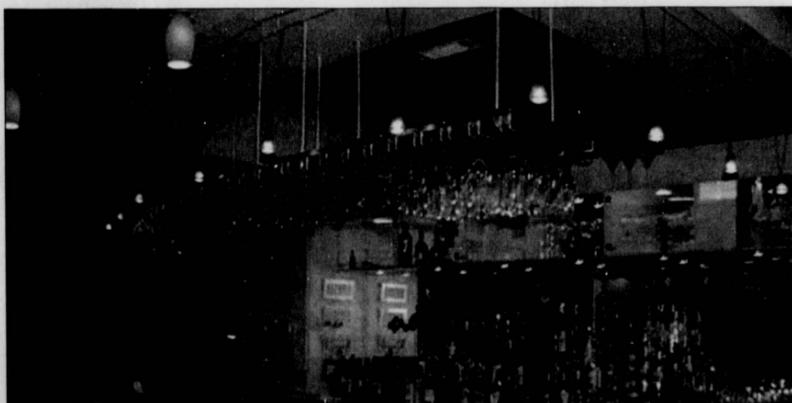
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it was quiet enough in the restaurant for my boyfriend and I to carry on a conversation without yelling at each other across the table. Note to males: Fizzi is a perfect restaurant for an anniversary date or Valentine's Day (yes, that's coming up!).

Fizzi is open for lunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Saturday. It's also open for dinner 5 to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 5 to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Complimentary valet parking is available. Fizzi is located at 500 Commerce St., Suite 104, in Fort Worth. For reservations call (817) 336-3499.



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