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Senior forward Janice Thomas scored a game-high 17 points as TCU defeated the Rice Owls Monday at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. The Frogs have won 11 straight games.

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Tuesday, February 13, 2001

Fort Worth, Texas

Jazz ensemble to perform in Ed Landreth

Performance an alternative option for Valentine's Day

By Kelly Marino
STAFF REPORTER

With Valentine's Day a day away, students, faculty, family and couples can opt to spend an evening attending the TCU Big Band jazz ensemble, directed by Curt Wilson.

Guest vocalist Drenda Barnett will perform the works of Glenn Miller, Tommy Dorsey, Duke Ellington, Les Elgart, Les Brown and Benny Goodman at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium.

Toni Parker, administrative assistant for the TCU band, said the audience will be encouraged to embrace the music.

"People are allowed to dance in the aisles and it makes the performance more interactive with the audience and the musicians," Parker said. "This event allows people to spend their Valentine's Day together a little bit differently than they usually would."

Jons Grille, Michael's Restaurant, TCU Florist and the TCU Bookstore have donated a variety of prizes to be given out during the concert.

Wilson, professor of music

and director of jazz studies, said there will be about six or seven prizes given out, including gift certificates for free dinners.

Although this is the first time gifts will be given away during the show, this is the second year the Big Band jazz ensemble will perform on Valentine's Day. Last year, about 800 hundred people attended the Big Band jazz ensemble on Valentine's Day.

Howard Payne, retired assistant director at the Rickel Building, was one of 800 people who attended last year. He said he enjoyed every minute of last year's performance and is looking forward to it again this year.



Barnett

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Next Jazz Concert

What: TCU Big Band jazz ensemble
When: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday
Where: Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium
Cost: \$10 for the public, \$5 for TCU faculty, staff and students with ID.

Tickets can be purchased at the door or ahead of time by calling (817) 257-7640.

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House fills rep positions

By Jonathan Sampson
STAFF REPORTER

Uncertainty fills the air in the House of Student Representatives. Amy Render, House of Student Representatives vice president, said that because of the quick pace of the representative replacement process, she was unsure who had filled every position.

"I'm going to be working on those (positions) in the next couple of days," Render said.

John Billingsley, Elections and

Confusion remains about which offices are filled

Regulations committee chairman, said he was uncertain how many representative positions were originally open at the beginning of this semester. Ashley Edge, House administrative assistant, said she was also unsure of how many positions had been filled.

Render said she did know, how-

ever, that two positions are left open in Colby Hall, two in Foster Hall and one in Jarvis Hall. She said the vacancies came after several representatives couldn't return for various reasons to House for the spring semester.

Brad Biggs, a sophomore biology major, decided to fill one of

the vacant spots in Foster Hall. He said he was a representative in Milton Daniel Hall last year. He ran for the position when he moved to Foster Hall in fall of 2000, but lost by a few votes, Biggs said.

"I decided to do it (this semester) almost as a favor to (Render) and because I enjoy it," he said.

Biggs said he would like to continue some of the work House started last semester. He said his

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BUILT FORD TOUGH



David Dunai/SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Fort Worth police officers examine the Ford Mustang involved in an accident Monday on Stadium Drive near Worth Hills. Police said at least one TCU student was taken to the hospital.

Panel discussion spurs multicultural debate

SKIFF STAFF

The voices of audience members continued to grow louder as students, faculty and passersby debated the necessity of nationally-recognized multicultural months.

Sponsored by Student Development Services, the panel discussion titled "Cultural Months: Have We Gone too Far?" was held Monday afternoon in the Student Center.

SDS chose panel participants based on their editorial responses to

Miranda Nesler's "White Pride" column, which was published Oct. 4 in the *TCU Daily Skiff*.

In the column, Nesler, a freshman English major, said cultural months were reverse discrimination. She said due to the racial crimes committed by her ancestors, society wrongly labeled white pride as white supremacy.

Linda Moore, an associate professor of social work, moderated the event. Moore read a statement from Nesler, who was unable to attend the

event.

Nesler's statement, which labeled culturally defined months as exclusive to majority members, ignited another debate. Nesler said educating youth instead of pushing the majority under the minority is the true answer.

"While such months do educate on cultural histories, they also act to segregate those cultures from mainstream American culture," Nesler said. "This gives the idea that the cul-

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Sullivan finishes first year Greek coordinator keeps working for unification

By LaNasha Houze
STAFF REPORTER

Since Tom Sullivan's first day as coordinator of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs, he has been working to improve Greek relations on-campus. This month marks Sullivan's one-year anniversary as coordinator of the Greek community, and students say he has already made progress



Sullivan

during his tenure. Sullivan said his objectives as adviser are to continue improving communication between the governing Greek bodies as well as among Greek and non-Greek students.

Katie Urban, Panhellenic Council president, said even after completing his graduate program at Texas A&M University last year, Sullivan still doesn't work a 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. job.

"He is really dedicated to his job," Urban said. "He stays for 10 p.m. meetings that end at 1:15 a.m." Jessie Korth, a senior political science major and a member of Kappa Alpha Theta, said Sullivan deals with the

Greek community in a hands-on manner.

"I rushed in fall 1997, and I didn't even know who the coordinator was until there was a glitch with the computers during (Recruitment) in fall 1998," Korth said. "(Sullivan) is much more visible." Kristen Kirst was the coordinator of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs before Sullivan. In an effort to increase consciousness, last spring Sullivan appointed Artist Thornton, a graduate student, as adviser to the National Panhellenic Council. Thornton, hall director of

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Mentors give time, expertise

Students benefit from generosity of professionals

By Jessica Cervantez
STAFF REPORTER

Mentors can benefit students who are willing to balance the time and effort to build lasting relationships, said Jeff Crane, assistant director of alumni relations.

Two programs at TCU that give students the opportunity to have a mentor are Student Foun-

dation and the M.J. Neeley School of Business Shadow Program, which pairs upper-class business majors with professionals in the community, based on students' majors or career preference.

Crane, who is also in charge of the mentor program for Student Foundation, said the goal of these mentor programs is to expose students to professionals in their field.

"The saying is true: It's not what you know, it's who you know," he said.

Isa Pena, co-chairwoman of

the Shadow program, said students receive guidance by having a mentor. If students are undecided about their career goals, a mentor can send them down the right path, she said.

"Dedication is the key," Pena said. "Not only do you need the time to do it, you have to really want to do it."

Crane said that although students benefit through having a mentor, a major downfall is time management.

"To tell the truth, I don't think students have the time to

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David Dunai/SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

An audience of more than 50 students participated in a panel discussion Monday in the Student Center Lounge. The discussion, titled "Cultural Months: Have We Gone too Far?" was sponsored by Student Development Services.



PULSE

campus lines

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

- **"Without a Vision the People Perish!"** a live art exhibit and video presentation featuring past, present and future black artists will be 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. Thursday, Feb. 21 and March 1 in Dan Rogers Hall, Room 166.
- **Students interested in the High Adventure Club canoeing trip** should attend the meeting 5 p.m. today in the Rickel Building, Room 316. For more information call (817) 207-9212.
- **"Let's Go Back to Our Roots,"** an African dance performance by Jaade Dance Theatre, will be 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday in the Student Center Lounge.
- **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 Rickel Building, Room 100. Twenty-four prizes totaling near \$3,000 will be given to students who write poetry, fiction, drama 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.
- **TCU Toastmasters** meets from noon to 1 p.m. today in the Student Center, Room 211. TCU Toastmasters is made up of faculty, staff, students and people from the community who are interested in improving their speaking skills. Visitors are welcome.

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WORLD DIGEST



Germany charged for not protecting hamster
BRUSSELS, Belgium — The European Commission is taking legal action against the German government for allegedly failing to protect endangered hamsters, the organization announced Monday.

Germany infringed on European environmental laws by allowing intensive agriculture and industrial construction in an area near the Dutch border that is home to the threatened species *Cricetus cricetus*, the Commission said. Popularly known as the European hamster or black-bellied hamster, *Cricetus cricetus* is the largest of the hamster species and can grow up to 12.6 inches long. It risks extinction in its natural habitats in Germany, the Netherlands and northeast France, according to a hamster-enthusiast Web site.

The Commission said it sent Germany a "reasoned opinion" on the issue, a legal step that could lead to the German government being hauled before the European Union's high court if it fails to provide a satisfactory explanation.

The European Court of Justice could impose fines if it finds that the EU's habitats directive, which protects the breeding sites and resting place of rare species, is infringed. A case is pending against Greece on charges that it damages beaches used by a Mediterranean sea turtle.

The Commission said the Horbacher Boerde area near the city of Aachen, where industrial development is planned, was "one of the three most important sites for the species" in northwest Germany.

German reports have cast doubt upon the presence of hamsters there, but the EU dismissed that. "The Commission is sure there are hamsters," said Annika Oestergren, spokeswoman for EU Environment Commissioner Margot Wallstrom. The EU commission has called *Cricetus cricetus* "an endangered hamster" that is "suffering a recent severe decline." A 1999 Council of Europe recommendation refers to it as "endangered and vulnerable," and the Bern international convention on endangered wildlife lists it as needing to be "strictly protected."

The Commission said it had expressed concerns to Dutch authorities about the fate of hamsters there.

It also sent a letter to Britain demanding the government tighten application of the habitats directive.

"We must take our legal safeguards seriously or we face the wipeout of endangered species through the creeping loss of habitats," Wallstrom said.

Georgia woman visiting husband killed in Mexico
MEXICO CITY — A Georgia woman visiting her husband was shot and killed during a weekend robbery in Mexico, authorities said. Helen Darnell, 63, of Decatur, was approached Saturday by two people as she and her husband, Charles, got into a car in San Angel.

The two suspects demanded Darnell turn over her money and belongings, but she resisted and was shot in the neck, the city attorney general's office said Sunday. Charles Darnell said his wife did not resist, a family spokesman said.

The suspects fled without taking anything, and police have made no arrests.

Charles Darnell, a vice chairman with Lithuania Lighting in suburban Atlanta, was working on a project in Mexico and his wife joined him last week for a short visit, said the Rev. Jasper Keith, pastor of Decatur Presbyterian Church. She was to have returned to the United States on Monday, Keith said.

Survey says: Slow oil demand doesn't lower price
LONDON — The growth of world oil demand has slowed faster than expected in pace with a cooling global economy, but has yet to push prices lower, a respected industry survey said Monday.

World oil demand growth has fallen by 140,000 barrels a day to 1.5 million barrels daily, the Paris-based International Energy Agency said Monday.

The monthly report predicted continuing volatility in oil markets because of moves by OPEC to cut production to keep prices high, and the consequent reduction in oil inventories.

"Over the short term, low stocks limit the ability to respond to events such as severe weather conditions, pipeline disruptions, unscheduled refinery maintenance, spikes in demand or fuel switching," the report said. "This contributes to regional supply imbalances and price volatility. We lumber from one crisis to another."

The report said oil demand figures since October have fallen below expectations. High prices and mild weather in Europe and Asia are part of the story, but "the global economy is slowing, curbing demand," the report said.

The IEA is the energy arm of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, which represents the interests of the world's richest countries. It generally

argues for keeping oil prices cheap and supplies plentiful. World oil production increased half a million barrels a day in January to an average of 77.9 million barrels daily.

Book explores IBM role in

Holocaust machines

BERLIN — U.S. computer giant IBM has alerted its employees about an upcoming book detailing the company's role in helping Nazis carry out the Holocaust, according to an internal company message.

The book, by Washington-based researcher Edwin Black, is titled "IBM and the Holocaust." It claims that punch-card machines built by IBM were a key factor enabling the Nazis to make their killing operations more efficient.

The allegations are also the focus of a lawsuit filed against IBM in Brooklyn federal court in New York. But the company hasn't yet seen either the book or the lawsuit and isn't commenting in detail, Ian Colley, IBM's European spokesman in Paris, said Monday.

"If this book points to new and verifiable information that advances understanding of this tragic era, IBM will examine it and ask that appropriate scholars and historians do the same," the company said in its statement to employees last week.

IBM's German subsidiary during the Nazi era, Deutsche Hollerith Maschinen GmbH, was taken over by the Nazis. A machine made by the company — believed to have been used in the 1933 German census, the year the Nazis took power — is on display at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington.

The German division, which after the war became IBM Germany, has paid into Germany's government-industry initiative to compensate people forced to work for the Nazis during the war.

Colley said IBM itself has turned over all its information on the company's Nazi-era operations to universities.

"We obviously find anything to do with the Nazi regime abhorrent and will be the first to condemn the activities of anyone who was associated with it," Colley said. *These stories are from the Associated Press.*

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RACE RANKING

Cultural events don't mean diversity

Black History Month.
Hispanic Heritage Week.
Italian Hour.

This is TCU's way of ranking the races of the diverse campus. With 16 days left in February, there are still 10 more events celebrating Black History Month. Exhibitions, speakers, video presentations and gospel choirs will grace TCU with their presence for the first real celebration of Black History Month in the past four years.

However, the 16 events spread throughout the month are more than seven times the amount of events sponsored by the university during Hispanic Heritage Month.

But quality over quantity right?

Last year's Hispanic Heritage Month's events were limited to a jalapeño-eating contest and a salsa dance competition, nothing even close to the caliber of events Black History Month includes.

TCU's idea of monthly, cultural celebrations is nothing more than a ranking of races. If there was a celebration for the Russian or Italian facets of our campus, the celebration may be nothing more than a vodka-drinking or pizza-eating contest.

But the ranking of the races doesn't stop there.

Programming Council's inequality in sponsorship of events only fuels the fire. Faculty involvement and attendance only further solidifies each culture's position on campus.

For a university that preaches diversity, why does it emphasize one race's heritage over another?

Granted, there are larger populations of one group on campus than another, but an entire month in comparison to a jalapeño-eating contest is ridiculous.

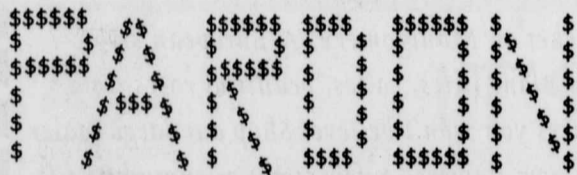
If TCU ever manages to diversify the campus, maybe it will then realize that equality among cultures is just as important as a diverse school.

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A different set of rules for the "Rich." SPANISH FOR

Letter to the editor

Scholarships should increase proportionally with tuition

Although I graduated in May 1999, I still read the Skiff online from time to time. Your recent article, "Tuition rises as awards stay fixed" really struck a nerve. During my four years at TCU, I watched countless friends and acquaintances leave TCU because they could not afford the school any longer. They would receive a generous financial package to attend, but tuition would rise the next year, and their financial aid package would stay the same. In my opinion, TCU made a false promise to those students. If the university cannot afford to increase TCU scholarships when tuition goes up, the school should only offer scholarships to as many students as it can afford to truly help for four years.

Students also bear a responsibility for addressing this issue. Students need to become more aggressive at

pursuing other ways to finance their education such as applying for non-TCU scholarships. Do not accept credit cards from the companies who set up tables in the Student Center and offer free T-shirts if you sign up for their credit cards. Also, students need to not allow their parents to control how much loan money they accept. Before you apply for a loan, assess how much money you can realistically expect to earn after you graduate. A fellow graduate of TCU who is a friend of mine allowed her parents to fill out and file paperwork for school loans. When she graduated, she discovered her parents had taken out \$50,000 in loans on her behalf. Remember, those credit cards and loans will need to be repaid with interest. Can you afford them?

Marken Baker
TCU alumnus, Fort Worth

Reality TV fosters immorality

'Island' sets lovers up for failure by luring their human nature

Temptation. The word immediately conjures up thoughts of lust and forbidden desire.

When a relationship is involved, it almost directly refers to infidelity.

"Temptation Island," the new television series that airs 8 p.m.

Wednesdays on NBC basically entices relationships to end in messy breakups.

The show offers a number of happy couples the chance to go to a tropical island and test their true feelings for their loved one.

They do this by separating them once they are on the island and introducing them to a number of single, beautiful people that are also placed on the island. Not only do the volunteers get to know the singles in the tropics, they are set up to go on single and group dates with them.

The object of the game is to see if the feelings they possess for their loved one are strong enough to prevent them from cheating.



Delorantis

Why would people choose to be placed in such a tempting situation? We are all human beings, and this scenario is likely to cause nothing but hardship and tension.

Another show on television that airs at 11:30 p.m. on WB titled "Change of Heart" has similar intentions, but not to the extent that "Temptation Island" does.

"Change of Heart" sends a couple that would like to "test the waters," as host Chris Jagger puts it, on a date with another person. This gives the couple the opportunity to decide whether they would like to stay with their partner or have a change of heart.

This show shocked me at first as well. However, after watching a few episodes, it intrigued me. I would often attempt to guess, judging on the actions of the people on their trial dates, if the couple would stay together or decide to

move on. "Temptation Island" might be entertaining also, but what society enjoys is not always the morally acceptable thing to do.

The bottom line is "Change of Heart" is bad enough because it encourages partners to "test the waters," but one date is virtually harmless. "Temptation Island," on the other hand, goes way beyond harmless and reaches the point of just plain immoral.

The setting of an exotic island and a hot sun, sprinkled with tanned and toned single bodies,

makes it almost impossible to pass up the temptation presented. We are all human beings, and we will do things we might regret in certain situations. It does not mean one person does not deeply care for the other, or one is not in love with the other. It merely means that given a certain scenario, people are likely to act on impulse.

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Correy Jefferson/SKIFF STAFF

Exploitation of corpses shows bad taste

The ending is death. We know it's there, and we know it's real. The comfort we get from death is that our loved ones are at peace.

Their bodies are at rest and undisturbed.

If only it was still that simple.

An article in Saturday's Fort Worth Star-Telegram featured an art exhibit in Germany called *Koerperwelten* or "Body Worlds." The exhibit poses preserved corpses and body parts for public display. The bodies are immersed in acetone chilled to 10 degrees Fahrenheit, and all the water is removed from the cells. The water is replaced by molten plastic that hardens

and preserves the body.

Dr. Gunther Von Hagens, a German anatomist and the mind behind the exhibit, said in the *Star-Telegram* the display shows "the beautiful interior of the body." More precisely, the "beautiful interior" of a man riding a horse or a woman reclining, showing an 8-month-old fetus in her belly.

Showing off death in the name of art.

Von Hagens said the point of the exhibit is to show the frailty of human bodies and to teach people to take better care of themselves.

While that may be true, there must have been a better way of teaching people than preserving their bodies, posing them and labeling it art.

There must be a better way than showing a skinless corpse running with its muscles tearing

away from the body. There must be a better way than posing a body at a desk, brain exposed, within touching distance of viewers. There must be a better way than enclosing a row of babies and fetuses in a glass case.

But it's just art, right?

It's just art that, according to the article, has taken in \$1.4 million and had 3,000 people sign up to donate bodies. I can understand donating money to art, but bodies? It crosses the line to tastelessness.

The bodies donated to this exhibit can easily be used for other causes. They can go to medical schools and hospitals for research. Doctors and students can learn from example. Wouldn't a body donated to science be more helpful than one preserved,

pointed and stared at?

And then there is the Body Farm, located down the road from the University of Tennessee Medical Center in Knoxville. Bodies are donated and allowed to decompose in various environments. The information gathered helps police investigate murders. In the end, the bodies have helped police solve murders and bring closure to families.

Maybe it's because I write obituaries and deal with funeral homes and grieving families on a regular basis. Maybe it's because I just have a respect for death. Either way, the exhibit and the idea behind it offends me. But maybe it's just me.

Death on display. I guess that's entertainment.

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Don't blame polka tune for binge drinking

'In Heaven There is No Beer,' no fight songs, no advertisements, no experiences, no fun

Beer: an icon of the American collegiate experience.

Polka: an icon of the upper Midwest.

Together: disaster.

Once again, the celebratory actions of college students in America have come under scrutiny.

Whether it is the destruction of goal posts after football games or the age-old stealing of the opponent's mascot prior to the "big game," college students are continually portrayed as immature, inconsiderate, barbaric fans by the media and moms and dads alike.

Now, after an e-mail by Tom Aunan, an upset University of Iowa parent, 20 years of tradition has been thrown out the window.

The university's marching band played and sang the polka song "In Heaven There is No Beer" for two decades in celebration of athletic victories before Aunan's complaint prompted the university to ban singing the words.

According to the e-mail, these lyrics promote excessive drinking: "In heaven, there is no beer. That's why we drink it here. And when we're gone from here, all our friends will be drinkin' all the beer."

So now, despite the univer-

sity's defense that the song does not promote excessive drinking, officials forbade band members to alternate their instrumental work with singing.

So why is the university banning the lyrics if they don't actually encourage excessive drinking?

They're scared. Rightfully so, universities across the nation are taking a closer look at the problem of excessive drinking.

Following the death of 18-year-old freshmen Scott Krueger at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1997, many universities have faced lawsuits and sanctions calling for more control, particularly in their fraternal organizations.

The Krueger family was successful in its civil suit against MIT, and a number of other civil suits are currently pending against other universities.

Excessive drinking that leads to deaths and injuries and costly lawsuits is simply too much risk for universities to take.

These risks are what lead universities into making decisions to ban songs about drinking.

That's why it took only one e-

mail to change the policy at Iowa.

At other schools, like the University of Pittsburgh, it took the U.S. Supreme Court to help curtail excessive drinking.

The *Pitt News*, the university's daily student-run newspaper, lost a case claiming its First Amendment

rights in student newspapers. The legislature felt the ads encouraged binge drinking.

Despite the efforts these universities, parents and lawyers are making to curb binge drinking among college students, their policies are failing.

Instead, they are ruining traditions such as the polka tune at Iowa or damaging businesses like *The Pitt News*.

Drinking is a responsibility that lies no further than one's own beer mug.

Until students realize this for themselves, there is nothing that anyone can do about it.

Instead of banning celebratory songs and advertisements, maybe the universities should concentrate on teaching a little personal responsibility.

After all, college-age binge drinking is not the rite of passage so many people, including many parents, have accepted it as. Instead, it is a personal choice.

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Report finds complaints increasing

Quarter of airline flights delayed, canceled in 2000

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ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The nation's airlines are failing to address the biggest complaints from passengers: delayed or canceled flights and lost baggage, the government says.

Though some customer services have improved, the Transportation Department's inspector general said Monday, more than a quarter of flights were delayed, canceled or diverted in 2000, affecting about 163 million passengers. Customer complaints increased dramatically.

"We believe the airlines should go further and address steps they are taking on matters within their control to reduce over-scheduling, the number of chronically late or canceled flights, and the amount of checked baggage that does not show up with the passenger upon arrival," the report said.

The inspector general recommended that the airlines implement a system to inform passengers of lengthy delays or cancellations before they arrive at the airport.

The report examined the airlines' compliance with a 1999 package of voluntary measures to improve the quality of air travel. The airlines and the Transportation Department agreed on the standards as an alternative to legislation to require cus-

tomers service improvements.

Several lawmakers have been pushing for better service ever since hundreds of travelers were stuck on Detroit runways for up to eight hours during a January 1999 snowstorm.

Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich., authored a Passenger Bill of Rights after the Detroit snowstorm and plans to reintroduce it this session. He said the report is evidence that Congress should take action to increase competition and enforce passenger rights.

"Voluntary commitments are only that — promises to do better," Dingell said. "This report makes clear that these promises are not enough and things are not getting better."

Officials from the Air Transport Association, which represents 14 airlines, did not immediately respond to calls for comment.

The report found that the number of chronically delayed flights nearly quadrupled from 8,348 to 40,868 between 1999 and 2000. A chronically delayed flight is one that arrived at least 15 minutes later than scheduled 80 percent of the time during a month.

It said the airlines are not giving passengers timely information about delays and cancellations. Policies for providing overnight accommodations for delays and cancellations vary by airline and need clarity so passengers know what to expect, the report said.

SGA

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concerns center around dining policy and prices.

Sara Miller, a sophomore marketing major, will become a representative for Sherley Hall during her first semester on campus.

"I wanted to get involved with on-campus activities so I could meet people," she said.

Render said that because there aren't more people interested in any dorm than there are spots open, SGA will not hold elections.

She said after tonight's House meeting, the new representatives will join all new House members for a new member orientation.

Render said the House meeting will include two bills for funding for organizations, but said she is uncertain as to what each committee will bring up.

The meeting will include two speakers. Render said Rebecka Tucker, American Airlines Leadership for the Americas program coordinator at TCU, will tell House members about the exchange programs TCU offers, and a representative from "Experience India" will speak about Indian earthquake relief.

The meeting will be at 5 p.m. today in the Student Center, Room 222.

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JAZZ

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"The concert gave me a nostalgic feeling that brought back memories of old times when my wife and I first met," Payne said. "It was a large crowd last year, and I think a lot of people will be there this year."

Wilson said he counts on people like Payne supporting the event so the jazz ensemble can perform in festivals over the summer.

"This year the band has been invited to the Hawaii International Jazz Festival," Wilson said. "Since last year's performance was such a success, we decided to have the show again as a fund-raiser and put the money toward the trip to Honolulu."

Wilson said the jazz ensemble used the proceeds from last year's event to attend the Montreaux, Switzerland Jazz Festival and the Vienna, Austria Jazz Festival last summer.

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BHM

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ture is not terribly important to America and making it difficult for people outside that race or ethnicity to join in."

Initially, no audience members responded to Nesler's theory.

But panel member Yonina Robinson disputed Nesler's comments.

Robinson, a senior broadcast journalism major, said the purpose of cultural months is for minorities to take pride in their history.

"It is an open invitation," Robinson said. "People simply choose not to come. Majority members don't understand or take for granted minority group contributions. If (cultural history) is not taught, and we don't have programs, students will continue to think history is only the European version."

The discussion continued to grow more heated as the audience expressed a fear of attending a multicultural meeting where they were no longer the majority.

Sarah Sucher, a sophomore speech communication major, said it is hard for people to come out of their comfort zones, but students should get involved in multicultural activities.

"On this campus, white people make excuses," Sucher said. "I understand that fear (of acceptance) is a legitimate concern, but they

must realize that those events are about being college students."

Daniel Bramlette, a senior radio-TV-film major and panel member, agreed with Nesler and questioned the effectiveness of culturally defined months.

"You can't force people to do something," Bramlette said. "They don't promote any real change. Real change is changing people's minds and changing how they are. (Cultural months) are ineffective to people with closed minds."

However, Maria Montes, a freshman interior design major, said many aspects of her education were forced on her.

"How many people would attend school if it wasn't required," Montes said. "If I have been forced to learn a Western European version of history, why can't they be forced to learn about mine?"

At the end of the debate the audience jeered as Raquel Torres, a junior e-business major, said students who are dissatisfied about TCU's representation of cultural months should take action.

"If you are truly unhappy, then do something about it," Torres said. "Hold TCU accountable until they change the curriculum. We should all go and sit in front of Sadler Hall and say we won't take anymore UCR classes until they give us what we want — (more diversity class choices)."

MENTOR

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have a mentor, but they should make the time," he said. "I think students get trapped in TCU's community and forget there's more out there."

Pena said having a mentor can affect each student in a different way.

Jeremiah Loeffler, a junior accounting and finance major, is a member of both the Student Foundation and Shadow program and has met with his mentor twice since the fall semester.

"He gives me reassurance," Loeffler said. "He makes sure I'm heading in the right direction."

Ceci Burton, a junior business management major, said the Shadow program introduced her to her mentor, David Mosby, owner of Meditex.

"It gave me a glimpse of what the real-life business world is like, and it helped me make a contact," Burton said. "It is incredible to see how (businessman) interact with each other, and I got to be a part of it."

Crane said the opportunity is there,

but students have to be willing to cultivate relationships with their mentors.

"You have to ask yourself if it's something you really want to do and put your time into," he said.

Laura Miller, mentor and president of the alumni association, said she typically gets paired with either finance or management majors.

"Each student expects to get something different out of the program, Miller said. "Some students want it more than others."

Josh Wall, a junior political science major and participant in the Student Foundation mentor program, said it's not always easy to schedule meetings because of busy schedules.

"Sometimes it's hard to physically meet," Wall said. "But we respond through e-mail regularly."

Wall said the mentor program has influenced him to want to participate in it after he graduates.

"I would definitely want to become a mentor," Wall said. "The one bad thing (with the mentor program) is there are not enough alumni willing to do it."

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SULLIVAN

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Milton Daniel Hall, said that although NPHC formed in 1997, the organization is still in its infancy stages. The lack of knowledge about the new organization made communication difficult between the three Greek governing bodies, Thornton said.

"The camaraderie was not as strong among all the (Greek) groups," Thornton said. "(Sullivan) hiring me as adviser shows his dedication. He has put forth a strong and sincere effort to unify the Greek community."

Until this year delegates from Interfraternity Council, Phi Kappa Phi and NPHC didn't meet in a formal setting. Thornton said Sullivan formed All Council meetings where delegates share information about their organization.

Sullivan is also launching the Fraternity and Sorority Ambassador Program. Sullivan said ambassadors will be trained to counsel Greek students dealing with depression, eating disorders

and alcohol or drug abuse.

"The ambassadors will be trained to listen to student's problems and direct them to the correct facility on campus for additional help," Sullivan said.

Walker Moody, former Interfraternity Council president, said Sullivan's efforts are continuing to develop the already strong Greek organizations.

"When (Sullivan) came in, we continued to grow due to the increased communication," Moody said.

Overall, Sullivan said the vision that he has for the Greek community is a continuing process.

"The expansion of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs is based upon the students' needs in that time period," Sullivan said. "I want to push and challenge students to desire more from their organizations. An organization is like a pencil. It continuously becomes dull and less effective and (therefore) must be sharpened."

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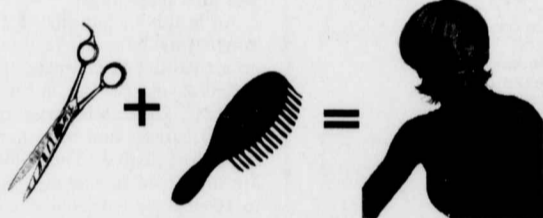
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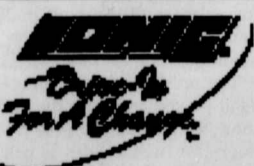
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At Home WITH MICK

The TCU Room in the Ferrari house is decorated with memorabilia and purple leather couches that match the wall.

His favorite room in the four-bedroom, three-bathroom, 5,210-square-foot house is the kitchen. The all-purpose, two-oven, microwave and double refrigerator-freezer kitchen is a place where Chancellor Michael Ferrari can eat breakfast in the company of his wife, Jan, whip up a gourmet pizza for dinner or cater a party for 200 guests.

The chancellor's university-owned residence, at 3861 Bellaire Cir., serves as a home as well as an intimate entertainment atmosphere for distinguished guests of the university and the Ferraris.

"It is really like any other university building," Ferrari said. "It provides a venue for campus functions and community events, but it does so in a more personal way than that found in a campus building setting."

For example, Ferrari said that when Nobel Laureate Elie Weisel spoke on campus in the fall, a reception and dinner was held for 150 people at the house.

Jeannie Chaffee, special event coordinator for the chancellor, said two tents were set up in the back yard for dinner guests, and the first floor of the home was open for conversation space.

The first floor of the home is mainly used for public use.

"One downstairs room is dedicated to TCU memorabilia, called the TCU Room, which is enjoyed greatly by alumni," Ferrari said.

The purple leather couch and armchair match the walls, which are decorated with old yearbook photos of TCU athletics, clubs and buildings.

In the past, the chancellor has hosted a dinner for Intercom, a student leadership group, various alumni functions and a Christmas dinner for Cook Children's Medical Center Women's Board, Chaffee said.

Jan Ferrari hosted a tea Thursday at the home for the TCU

Women's Exes, a group of alumnae who meet monthly.

The industrial kitchen and three living areas provide adequate room for entertaining guests, a Steinway piano donated by Steinway Hall of Dallas is in the sun room. The TCU Room and sun room open into the back yard, which has a fountain, pool, barbecue area and guest house.

"The house flows well," Jan Ferrari said.

Joe Lasater, director of facility services, said it is cleaned once a week and maintained by university personnel. Most of the catering for special events is done by Marriott Food Service.

"Some colleges or universities have permanent full-time staff assigned to the chancellor's or president's residence," Ferrari said. "We did not see a need for that and did not choose to do so."

The Ferraris are the first family to live in the home. Chancellors William E. Tucker and James M. Moudy lived at 2900 Simondale Dr.

Sandy Record, internal communications manager, said the new home was purchased to be more efficient for entertaining guests through a pre-planned sale of the Simondale house by the Board of Trustees.

"Perennial changes kept the former university-owned house from functioning well for entertaining," Record said. "(There was) very limited parking, a busy street and a split-level room arrangement that proved somewhat hazardous at large gatherings."

The future of the new house rests with the university and the Board of Trustees.

"It's not really our house," Ferrari said. "It is the university's. We are simply privileged to be its custodians during our period of service here."

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A view from the piano inside the Ferrari house.

Story by Alisha Brown
Photos by David Dunai



The front of Ferrari's house includes a pathway to the front door.

"It is really like any other university building. It provides a venue for campus functions and community events, but it does so in a more personal way than that found in a campus building setting."

-Chancellor Michael Ferrari

IT'S A LOVE THING

"Being confronted with these issues might impact the way students make a final decision in having sex," Mills said.

Story by Yvette Herrera

Sex. What does it entail and who does it affect? Students can participate in Sexual Responsibility Week which is sponsored by the Hyperfrogs this week in the Student Center.

Hyperfrogs is sponsoring Sexual Responsibility Week with the following events being held in the Student Center Lounge:

Today: Planned Parenthood will provide pamphlets on sexually transmitted diseases.

Wednesday: Condom count — try to guess how many condoms are in a jar and win a free brunch at Blue Mesa Grill. Red Ribbons will be available along with an informational pamphlet on AIDS.

Thursday: Personal Ads — What are you looking for in a person?

Friday: Campus Sex Feud — contestants will compete in a mock game of Family Feud.

alcohol — are what Hyperfrogs are trying to bring to the campus, she said.

This is the third year Hyperfrogs has participated in Sexual Responsibility Week, which is usually held the week of Valentine's Day.

Although abstinence is a part of the week, it is not being preached, said Joani Holaway, vice president of peer education.

Holaway said Valentine's Day is a time when a lot of people are contemplating on whether or not to have sex. She said if people choose to have sex, the Hyperfrogs hope they do it in a safe way.

"The university has been very supportive," Taylor said. "Administration has nothing but love for students promoting responsible behavior."

Don Mills, vice chancellor of student affairs, said people in general need to take seriously the issues of sexuality and be responsible in their decision making. He said there are many consequences that come with having sex, and sometimes those consequences are negative.

"Being confronted with these issues might impact the way students make a final decision in having sex," Mills said.

Other peer education programs that Hyperfrogs has done in the past are red ribbon week, safe Spring Break, great American smokeout and a national alcohol screening day.

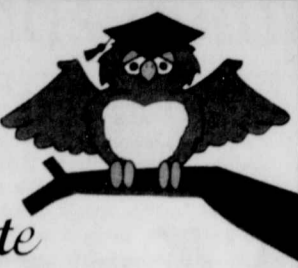
"I think a lot of people aren't informed on the issues dealing with sexual activity," Holaway said. "I felt I was ready for the challenge (of participating in this week's event) and (sex) an issue I'm passionate about."

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Students participate in one of Hyperfrogs events for sexual responsibility week.

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Napster allowed to stay online

By Ron Harris
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO — Millions of music fans must stop using Napster's Web site to share copyrighted material, a federal appeals court ruled Monday, saying the free music-swapping service may be held liable if it fails to patrol its system.

The three-judge panel allowed Napster to remain in business but told a lower court judge to rewrite her injunction that ordered Napster to shut down pending a trial in a lawsuit filed by the recording industry.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals also said Napster must prevent users from gaining access to content on its search index that could potentially infringe copyrights.

The appellate court had earlier issued a stay of the injunction.

"This is a clear victory," said Hilary Rosen, president and CEO of the Recording Industry Association of America. "The court of appeals found that the injunction is not only warranted, but required. And it ruled in our

Federal appeals court may hold music system liable if it fails to patrol swaps

favor on every legal issue presented."

Redwood City-based Napster can stay in business until U.S. District Judge Marilyn Hall Patel retools her injunction, which the appellate court's 58-page opinion called over broad.

Napster argued that it was not to blame for its subscribers' use of copyrighted material, citing the Sony Betamax decision of 1984, in which the U.S. Supreme Court refused to hold VCR manufacturers and videotape retailers liable for people copying movies.

The appeals court said no such protection extends to Napster because the company clearly knew its users were swapping copyrighted songs.

"Napster has knowledge, both actual and constructive, of direct infringement," it said.

"We, therefore, conclude that the

Major record labels hoped Monday's ruling would force millions of computer users to pay for music the online music swapping service has allowed them to get for free.

If Napster had won, however, the ruling could have given new life to other business ventures that have been waiting for guidance on whether a "personal use" exception to copyright law allows or prohibits trading songs over the Internet.

The digital music technology Napster made popular is here to stay either way. The recording industry appears stymied by the notion of funneling music to consumers via the Internet for a price while freely available computer applications allow even the computer novice to do it for free.

The five largest record labels — Sony, Warner, BMG, EMI and Universal — sued as soon as Redwood City-based Napster took off, saying it could rob them of billions of dollars in profits.

Sinking of Japanese fishing boat still under investigation

Search continues for nine missing from collision

By Kenji Hall
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

HONOLULU — As hope for finding survivors faded, officials investigating the sinking of a Japanese fishing boat by a U.S. submarine speculated that nine missing people may have been trapped inside the boat as it plunged to the ocean bottom.

"There is a possibility that the bodies are still in the vessel," Coast Guard Capt. Steven A. Newell said Sunday, more than 48 hours after the collision that has strained U.S.-Japanese relations.

Newell said the search would continue through at least Monday afternoon and that weather conditions had been favorable with good visibility, light winds and water temperatures at 77 degrees.

Families and friends of the missing urged officials in a closed two-hour briefing to begin the task of raising the ship from the ocean floor. They emerged from the briefing looking stoic and drained, and quietly filed onto a bus to return to their hotel.

The 34-member group arrived in Hawaii from Osaka, Japan, on Sunday to await word of the missing three crew members, two teachers

and four students — boys on a field trip learning to fish.

Twenty-six shipmates were rescued after the 180-foot Ehime Maru fishing vessel sank in 1,800 feet of water 10 minutes after it was struck by the USS Greenville Friday afternoon.

The nuclear-powered attack submarine did not use active sonar to check for surface crafts before conducting its emergency surfacing drill from a depth of 400 feet, the National Transportation Safety Board said in a news conference Sunday.

Navy officials said the Greenville conducted two periscope sweeps and passive sonar before blowing its main ballast tanks and coming up under the 180-foot Ehime Maru, NTSB member John Hammerschmidt said.

Passive sonar searches detect the sound of any propellers. Active sonar searches use a sound wave emitted to listen for any echo from the hulls of surface vessels.

Following an investigation of the submarine USS Houston's 1989 sinking of a tugboat 10 miles off California, the NTSB recommended that the Navy direct submarines to use active sonar searches prior to coming to periscope depth

Mouse genetics unraveled

Genome can assist disease research

By Malcolm Ritter
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Scientists say they have largely deciphered the genetic code of the mouse, a step toward providing a vantage point to better understand the biology and diseases of people.

Celera Genomics of Rockville, Md., said Monday that its data covered more than 99 percent of the roughly 3 billion "letters" in the mouse code, called its genome.

That's about the same genome size as people have. While Celera has largely determined the order of the letters, it hasn't yet counted up the genes or defined other features, Celera vice president Mark Adams said.

Ken Paigen, director of The Jackson Laboratory in Bar Harbor, Maine, a major center for studies of mouse genetics, said, "If it's true, it's wonderful."

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Lincoln memorabilia gets new home

Library and museum dedicated to the memory of 16th president

By Christopher Wills
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SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — Illinois runs five major Abraham Lincoln historic sites, and the National Park Service has four others. Collections of Lincoln papers are scattered from Washington to Tennessee to California.

So why is the government spending \$115 million to build a Lincoln museum and library in Springfield?

The groundbreaking ceremony for the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum was set for Monday, Lincoln's birthday. The complex will be 198,000 square feet, divided into two parts — a library scheduled to be finished in fall 2002 and a museum set for spring 2003.

State officials say the country lacks a major museum devoted to telling the full story of Lincoln's life rather than just specific parts. They also cite the need for a cutting-edge library to house the state collection of Lincoln documents and artifacts, billed as the world's largest.

"You can go to the different sites and get the significance of the sites, but nothing brings it together," Illinois state histo-

rian Thomas Schwartz said. "There's no overarching place where people can get the Lincoln story, as well as the legacy."

Many Lincoln scholars agree.

"It seems to me the great thing about what Illinois is doing is providing a place where people can learn about the whole Lincoln," said Richard Behn, research director at the Lehrman Institute, a private organization that supports research into American history.

But John Sellers, Lincoln curator at the Library of Congress, questions the project's value in improving research into the 16th president's life.

Most of the state's Lincoln documents are from before his presidency, so that limits the collection's value to historians, he said, and Springfield is an "out of the way" place. That means the complex will be of more interest to tourists than researchers, he said.

"I think they'll do it nicely and it will be something children can relate to," Sellers said. "They really want to promote Lincoln. I don't have any problem with it."

Planners promise the new museum will use Lincoln artifacts, lifelike stat-

NCAA

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"We had a good meet," Frater said. "I think we have qualified most of the people that we needed to qualify (for nationals)."

Senior Darvis Patton placed first in the long jump with a leap of 25 feet 1/2 inch.

Stratton said he was happy with the 4x400-meter relay team's finish. On the women's side, school records in the 4x400-meter relay and in the distance medley relay highlighted the event.

Freshman Larissa Bakasa, senior Heather Hanchak and juniors Tareika Paige and Perhona Tomlin ran a 3:43.79 in the 4x400-meter relay, beating the 1988 record of 3:44.27.

The distance medley foursome of senior Gladys Keitany, junior Cindy Dietrich, Hanchak, and Tomlin completed the event in 11:50.15, nearly two seconds better than the time clocked Feb. 3, at the Cougar Indoor Invitational Feb. 3.

The Frogs resume action Feb. 22-24 at the Western Athletic Conference Championships in Reno, Nev.

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Interfraternity Council votes on Sig Eps' membership

IFC status comes three years after arrival on campus

By Julie Ann Matonis
STAFF REPORTER

Interfraternity Council members voted unanimously Monday evening to grant the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity full membership to the council.

The Sig Eps previously held associate member status. Now as full members of the IFC, the Sig Eps are able to vote on IFC bylaws, budgets and officers and enjoy the same rights and privileges as every fraternity.

Kevin Dobski, IFC vice president, said he hopes the addition of the Sig Eps will have a positive impact on the council.

"We now have 10 voting fraternities which will matter when voting on new issues," Dobski said. "The Sig Eps are now on the same level and have an equal voice. Hopefully, they

will have a big impact on the IFC."

There is now the possibility that IFC votes will result in a tie.

The Sig Eps have been on the TCU campus since 1997. They received their national charter Jan. 22, 2000, but never had full membership status in the IFC. Austin Dickson, Sig Ep president, said beginning in the fall of 2000, the Sig Eps were given three semesters to fulfill IFC requirements.

At Monday's meeting, IFC voted by secret ballot with each fraternity chapter getting one vote.

Kyle Gore, IFC president, said he was not surprised by the unanimous vote.

"There was no discussion," Gore said. "It was quick and easy. The Sig Eps put a lot of effort into their presentation last week."

During the presentation Dickson and Matt Singer, Sig Ep vice president of communication, gave bound documents to representatives from each fraternity that highlighted Sig

Ep compliance with IFC stipulations for full membership. Requirements included raising the chapter GPA and participating in philanthropy events. Singer said the document also contained a letter on behalf of the chapter saying the Sig Eps would appreciate support.

Singer said there was no guarantee that the Sig Eps would receive full membership from IFC, but now that they have, they will try to contribute.

"We're grateful it went our way," Singer said. "Now we have active input and can affect changes."

Eric Lammers, a senior history major and Sig Ep member since 1997, said their new status on the IFC helps cement their position in the Greek community.

"We'll stick to our core values to set an example as leaders," Lammers said. "Most importantly, we get the respect we deserve as a fraternity."

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Man kills 3 children, himself to end standoff

Family moved to Katy after similar incident in Mich.

By Kristen Hays
ASSOCIATED PRESS

KATY — A man shot two of his children and a young stepdaughter Monday in a murder-suicide that ended a lengthy standoff between the man and police at the family's home, police said. A fourth child was wounded.

"The incidents leading up to this appears to be family violence that goes back a long way," Katy Police Chief Robert Frazier said. "It's a terrible situation. Something you don't ever want to see."

Members of a SWAT team found the bodies of the children in a closet in the master bedroom. Two-year-old Haylee Rumsey was in stable condition at Memorial Hermann Children's Hospital in Houston after undergoing surgery to repair damage to her left elbow and lower forearm area from a gunshot wound.

The children's father was identified as Timothy Lee Rumsey, 42. The dead children were identified as Kirstie Rumsey, 7; Dylan Rumsey, 9; and Brittany Whalen, 11, a child from the mother's previous marriage.

Investigators found a 9 mm

handgun near Timothy Rumsey's body, which was close to the closet.

Frazier said Timothy Rumsey was "having depression problems" and had been unemployed since arriving in Texas in June.

Joy Rumsey told police her husband, whom she had divorced and remarried, had violent tendencies connected to drug use and that he had weapons in the house.

Rumsey had been holding the children hostage since about 11 p.m. Sunday, shortly after Joy Rumsey went to police to report that her husband had threatened the children after the couple had fought for several hours.

Rumsey told police who went to the home that he didn't want to see any police cars nearby or "there would be grave circumstances," Frazier said.

When members of the Houston Police Department SWAT team contacted Rumsey about 4 a.m., "he didn't beat around the bush this time," Frazier said. Rumsey told police that if they took any action he would kill the children and then himself.

Police said the family had

moved to Katy from Michigan, where a similar two-hour standoff following a domestic dispute ended peacefully.

There had been no reports of domestic violence at the Katy residence, Frazier said.

Peggy Monigold, 68, whose niece often played with the three older children, said they were friendly and she never saw any sign of trouble.

"Oh, they were the happiest bunch you ever hoped to see," she said. "They were average kids. I never saw them cry or be out of sorts."

Monigold said she rarely saw the Rumseys, but the children introduced themselves to her shortly after the family moved to Katy and often played with her niece.

"You wonder if there was anything you could do," Monigold said. "If you had known the family and known they had a problem, you might have helped."

Before moving to Katy, the family lived in Hudsonville, Mich., about 10 miles southwest of Grand Rapids, according to a news release from the Ottawa County (Mich.) Sheriff's Department.

Texas schools unable to afford insurance, some say

Superintendents seek assistance from state lawmakers

By Connie Mabin
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — Superintendents from across the state told lawmakers Monday that Texas schools are unable to afford employee health insurance and are in desperate need of financial help from the state.

"Health care has become a crisis in our school district," said Lowell McCuiston, superintendent of Douglas Independent School District.

"My principal who's been with us for 30 years is thinking about retiring next year and going to Wal-Mart so he can get health insurance," McCuiston told the special House committee on teacher health insurance.

In his small rural district, all but two of the 45 employees dropped out of an insurance plan that cost them each \$800 a month for family coverage. Because of their small size, no insurance companies will give the district quotes for a policy next year, he said.

"So if I drop right now, I will be like a lame horse," McCuiston said. "Just go ahead and shoot me."

His tale was repeated in the testimony of dozens of school administrators from all over Texas. From

small schools to large ones, rural districts to urban, the cost of health insurance is overbearing, they said.

In San Antonio, where 7,600 employees work and 56,000 students attend classes, the district spends \$13.61 million, or 3.5 percent of its \$389 million annual budget on health insurance for employees.

"Even with that large a group of employees, health insurance and health insurance costs are a major concern," said teacher Shelly Potter.

The situation is contributing to a teacher shortage in Texas where some 46,000 of 250,000 positions went unfilled this school year.

"To be competitive in the job market today, it's important that we offer health insurance as a benefit," said Charles Thompson, superintendent of Rivera Independent School District in Corpus Christi.

Most small schools are unable to afford or obtain any kind of plan. Employees in districts that do offer benefits could pay 90 percent or more of their take-home pay for that insurance, lawmakers were told.

"Morale is pretty low among the teachers," Central Heights Superintendent

James Bogue told the committee. "We're in dire need of an insurance plan."

Mike Lee, superintendent of Booker Independent School District in the Panhandle, said districts would support pitching in to help pay for a statewide insurance program, provided it doesn't saddle schools with additional cost.

"We want to put our own money back into educating our students," Lee said. "We ask that you bring support to us."

Steve Peters, superintendent at Irion County ISD in West Texas, said they were only seeking help with the health insurance problem.

"We have a problem," Peters said. "We're not asking you for the ultimate answer to the insurance problem, only assistance. I think that would be fair."

The committee was appointed by House Speaker Pete Laney, D-Hale Center, to study several public school employee health insurance proposals made this session. They range from fully funded programs to partially funded packages relying on money from the state's Permanent School Fund.

Secret war room in British castle opens for public view

Dunkirk evacuation operated from hidden place

By Erin Sullivan
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONDON — A secret underground war room used by British commanders to plot the courses of allied and enemy ships during World War II opened to the public on Monday after half a century shrouded in mystery.

The Coastal Artillery Operations Room, located in an underground labyrinth more than 100 feet below Dover Castle, was part of a huge network of tunnels carved into the southeastern coastal region's famous white cliffs.

The room, kept classified by the British military until 1986, was used by Sir Bertram Ramsay and his staff in 1940 to organize one of the most dramatic operations in British history — the Dunkirk evacuation. Some 800 civilian small craft joined

navy vessels in the rescue of more than 320,000 British and French soldiers stranded on the beaches of Dunkirk, France, under heavy German fire.

Maggie Taylor, a curator at Dover Castle, said she has been piecing together the room's history since she first saw it more than a decade ago. Because much of the war work at Dover Castle was kept secret by the British military, Taylor said pinpointing the exact history of the room has been a challenge.

"The thing is, nobody knew the room was here," Taylor said. "It was a secret until it was declassified in 1986. There were a few mentions of it in the paper or by people, but it was hard to get hold of a lot of information."

Using photographs found in the

archives of the Imperial War Museum and local newspaper in Dover, Taylor and other curators recreated the room complete with an original plotting table, charts and equipment.

The room is the latest in a series of military attractions open to the public along the three-mile tunnel system, which includes a military hospital, bunkers that housed thousands of soldiers and nuclear bomb shelters created during the 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis.

Former military staff who worked in the operations room attended Monday's unveiling.

Win Winfield, 79, who mapped ship routes, was one of 27 people who staffed the room in shifts around the clock. Monday was the first time she had seen the room since the war.

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Lewis, Tyson may fight for heavyweight title

TV, money talks must take place before date is set

By Tim Dahlberg
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LAS VEGAS — Mike Tyson said Monday he's ready to fight heavyweight champion Lennox Lewis this summer, telling his manager to start negotiations as soon as possible for a fight that could be the richest ever.

The fight still faces huge hurdles before it could be made, but Tyson and Lewis are now both on the record as saying they want to fight sometime this year.

"Mike would love to have this fight as his birthday gift," manager Shelly Finkel said of the former heavyweight champion, who turns 35 on June 30. "If Lennox is serious about making this fight, there's nothing avoiding it happening on our end."

Lewis' business manager, Adrian Ogun, said on Sunday he was ready to begin talks for the fight, but said he wasn't sure if Tyson's camp wanted the fight.

Finkel said he called Tyson on Monday and got the former champion's approval for the fight.

"Let's get it on," Finkel quoted Tyson as saying.

The fight could surpass the second Tyson-Evander Holyfield fight as the richest ever, with revenues of more than \$100 million and purses of \$30 mil-

lion for each fighter. But, despite the willingness of both fighters to meet, it is still a long way from reality.

Lewis is under contract to HBO, while Tyson has a contract with Showtime, and unless the cable channels can come to an agreement there will be no fight. In addition, the two camps would have to agree on purses, with both fighters feeling they should get the bigger payday.

"I believe we're worth more because we bring the money," Finkel said. "Mike is the biggest attraction here."

Lewis has said all along he wants to fight Tyson, but Tyson has been reluctant in his latest comeback to commit himself to a challenge for the WBC and IBF titles.

Tyson, currently suspended for testing positive for marijuana after his October fight with Andrew Golota, said prior to that fight that he needed three or four fights before taking on Lewis.

That apparently has now changed, though, and Finkel said Tyson will be ready after his next fight, which will be in late April or May against David Izon.

"We're ready to make the fight," Finkel said. "If Lennox is

free to make it, we're ready to sit down immediately."

The TV contracts figure to be the biggest sticking point, with both HBO and Showtime demanding that they do what could be the biggest pay-per-view fight ever.

Showtime executive producer Jay Larkin said his network stepped aside to allow Holyfield to fight Lewis twice on HBO and wasn't about to step aside again.

"We've drawn a line in the sand with a great, big fat stick," Larkin said. "It cannot happen on HBO without a significant compelling reason for us to make it happen."

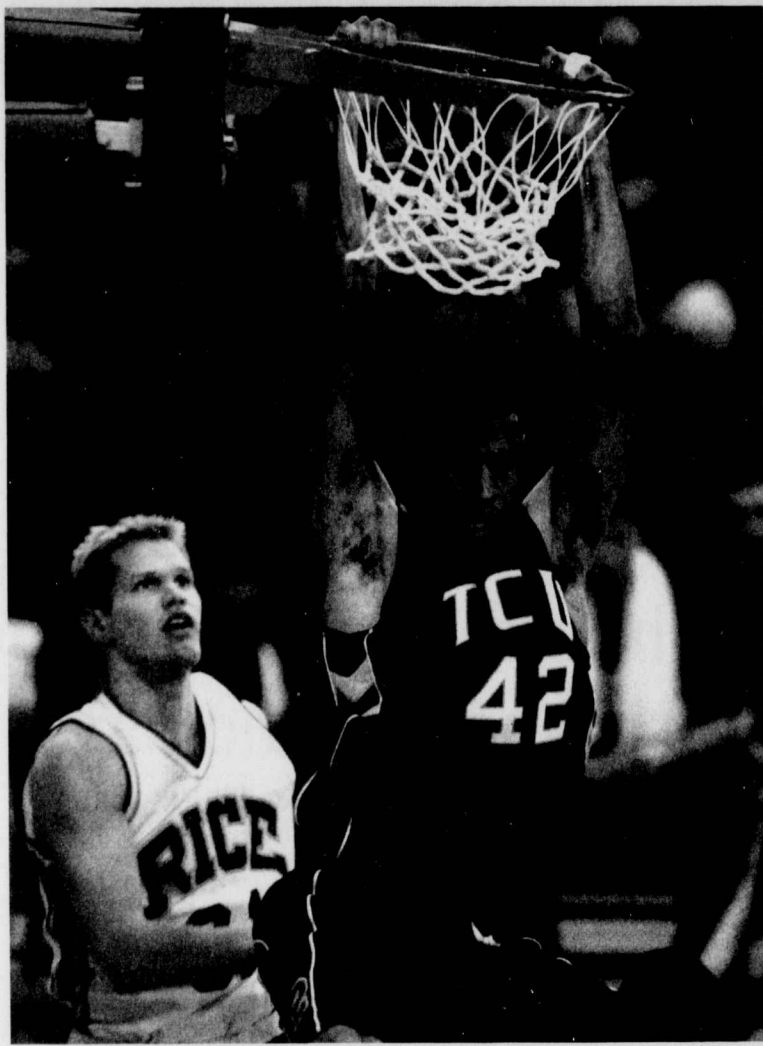
Still, Larkin said he would listen if HBO came calling.

"We would entertain any proposal, but so far all we've gotten is some posturing," he said. "There's only one person who can make this fight a reality and that's Lennox Lewis. When Lennox truly wants to make this fight, he'll come out of hiding and make it."

HBO spokesman Ray Stallone said his network was also willing to discuss the fight with Showtime.

"Our door is open and we'll take any phone call and any meeting," Stallone said.

HANGIN' TOUGH



Smiley N. Pool/Houston Chronicle

Junior center Marlon Dumont slams over Rice's Nick Robinson in the first half of Saturday night's 76-72 loss to the Owls at Atry Court in Houston. The loss was TCU's second this season against Rice which entered the game ranked sixth in the Western Athletic Conference. TCU (16-8, 5-5 WAC) finds itself four games behind first-place Fresno State in the conference standings.

The Owls trailed TCU at halftime 47-39, but the Horned Frogs manage to shoot just 5-of-23 from the field in the second frame after shooting 49 percent from the field in the first half. The Frogs were led in scoring by senior guard Thomas McTyer and his 15 points. Dumont and junior guard Greedy Daniels each chipped in with 11 points. Overall, TCU was out-rebounded 41-28.

The Horned Frogs next game is Thursday at 7 p.m. at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum against Fresno State. The Bulldogs won the first meeting 94-82.

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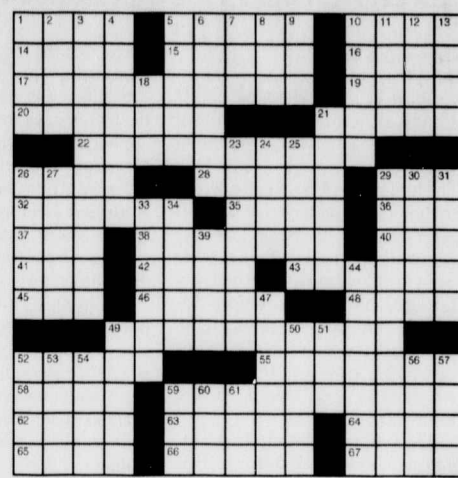
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Baseball team finishes with 1-2 record at Express College Classic

By Brandon Ortiz
SKIFF STAFF

When it rains, it pours. At least it did this weekend for the TCU baseball team's pitching staff.

The Frogs (4-5) were hurt by the big inning at the Express College Classic in Round Rock. Against Southwest Texas State Sunday, the Frogs were tied 4-4 through six innings before allowing four runs in the seventh and eight more in the eighth inning. The team lost 16-4 to finish with a 1-2 record in the tournament.

The Frogs were down two runs and within striking distance Friday against Kansas until the seventh inning, when Kansas scored two runs and put the game out of

reach in the ninth with three more runs. The Frogs lost 7-3.

Sunday was not the first time the Frogs have lost because their opponent had one good inning. Missouri Southern was trailing 5-2 going into the fourth inning Wednesday before scoring seven runs. Senior outfielder Tom Bates said the pattern has befuddled the team.

"It comes down to focus," Bates said. "Something happens and it snowballs. In all those games we have lost, there (was a big inning) that snowballed."

Head coach Lance Brown said poor pitching and defense is to blame.

"If you walk a couple of guys, you give up a couple of hits, you make an error — all of a sudden

they have scored five or six runs," Brown said. "It all goes back to pitching. If you're not getting good pitching, then you are putting your defense in a situation to be bad."

In three games, the Frogs had seven errors and gave up 24 runs.

The overall pitching numbers may not have been good, but the starting pitching was. Junior Justin Crowder pitched 7 1/3 innings against North Carolina-Charlotte, giving up one run on four hits. The Frogs won handily, 10-1. Senior Chris Bradshaw began the tournament with a solid start Friday against Kansas, allowing three earned runs and six hits in 6 1/3 innings.

TCU starters combined for a 3.50 ERA in 18 innings. The

bullpen had a 14.63 ERA in eight innings.

Brown said relief pitching can make the difference between a win and a loss.

"Your bullpen is the key," Brown said. "Either you got a bullpen and you win, or you don't have a bullpen and you lose. It is the most critical part of the game. You are never going to win with a bad bullpen. Never."

After the Frogs, 9-6, loss to Missouri Southern Wednesday, Brown said he would tinker with the lineup this weekend. Sophomore infielder Walter Olmstead, who normally plays first base or designated hitter, saw time in the outfield. Sophomore outfielder Jeff Reed had his first start of the season and junior shortstop Erick

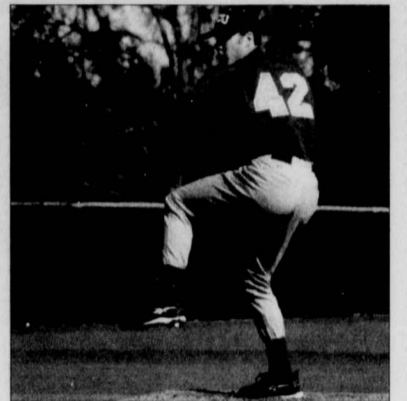
Macha, who normally bats third, led off Sunday.

"We're trying to see what our best lineup is," Brown said. "We are trying to look at all the combinations."

The Frogs have lost five of their last seven games after starting the season 2-0. Junior infielder Jared Lundeen said the team is trying to "stay positive."

"We are focusing more on being positive and not worrying about the outside," Lundeen said. "We are just trying not to go crazy."

Today's game at San Jose State has been postponed due to rain, and will be rescheduled for later in the season.



File photo Senior pitcher Chad Durham warms up in a game against Prairie View A&M. TCU's starting pitchers combined for a 3.50 ERA in 18 innings, while the bullpen had a 14.63 ERA in eight innings as the Frogs went 1-2.

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CELEBRATE GOOD TIMES

Basketball squad wins 11th straight

By Kelly Morris
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

The TCU women's basketball team had a lot to celebrate this weekend as it won against Southern Methodist for the first time in 10 years 71-63 Friday.

The celebration continued for the Frogs Monday as they defeated Rice for their 11th straight win.

With the victory, the Frogs recorded their 10th straight victory at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum, ninth straight victory in the Western Athletic Conference and a series sweep against the Owls this season. With a record of 14-0, the Frogs are still undefeated when scoring at least 70 points.

Head coach Jeff Mittie said he didn't expect his team to lose focus after the Frogs' big win against SMU.

"I wasn't worried about a let down," Mittie said. "But the team was a little tired and heavy-legged in the second half because of the two games (back-to-back)."

Senior forward Janice Thomas scored the first four points of the game. With 11:22 remaining in the first half, the Frogs opened up a 20-10 lead. The Frogs furthered that margin as they went on a 15-0 run to reach their biggest lead of the half at 37-17. The offensive run included consecutive three pointers by senior guard Jill Sutton. Sutton led the Frogs in scoring at the half with a perfect 4-for-4 performance from behind the arc for 12 points. The Frogs went into intermission with a 37-21 lead.

Shooting 50 percent from the field in the first half, the Frogs matched their first-half shooting they had against the Owls earlier in the season. The Owls shot just 33.3 percent (9-27) in the first half.

Thomas once again opened up the scoring in the second half, but besides that, the second half looked very different from the first. With 7:47 remaining in the game, the Frogs had made just 7 of 20 shots from the field and 1 of 8 shot from three-point range. Rice narrowed the Frogs' lead to 10 points at 6:44 and 14:58 of the second half.

Sutton said Rice's second-half performance wasn't totally unexpected.

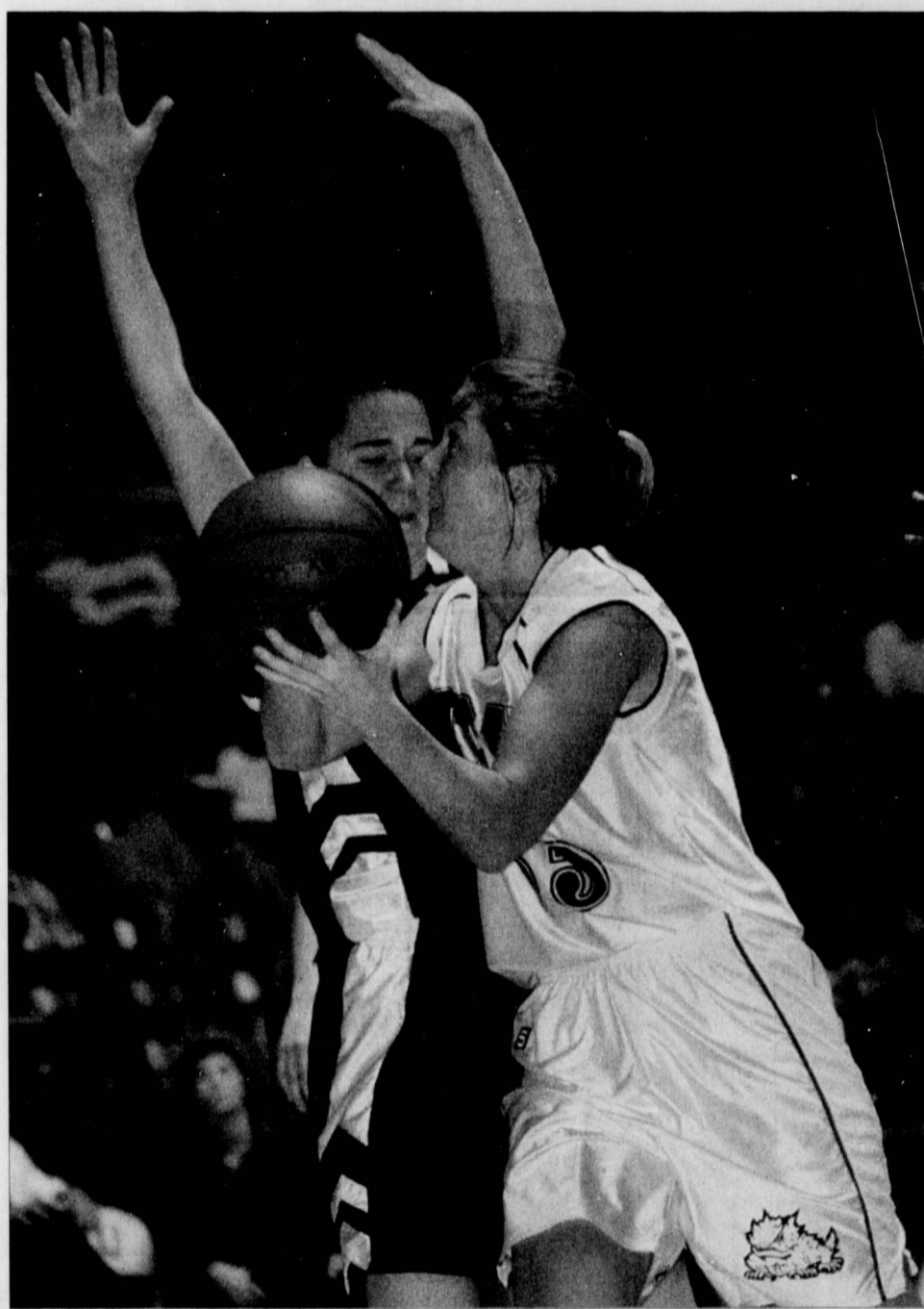
"Rice is never an easy team to play," Sutton said. "They came in here, and we knew they would be gunning for us."

But in the season's first meeting between the Owls and Frogs Jan. 19, TCU held the Owls to just 35 points in its 58-35 victory. The 35 points scored against the Frogs marked the third-fewest allowed in school history.

However, Mittie said he was a little disappointed with the Frogs' second half performance.

"It wasn't always pretty, but the first half was certainly very good," Mittie said. "In the second half, we were not as active in the glass, but give Rice credit because they were definitely the more aggressive team in the second half."

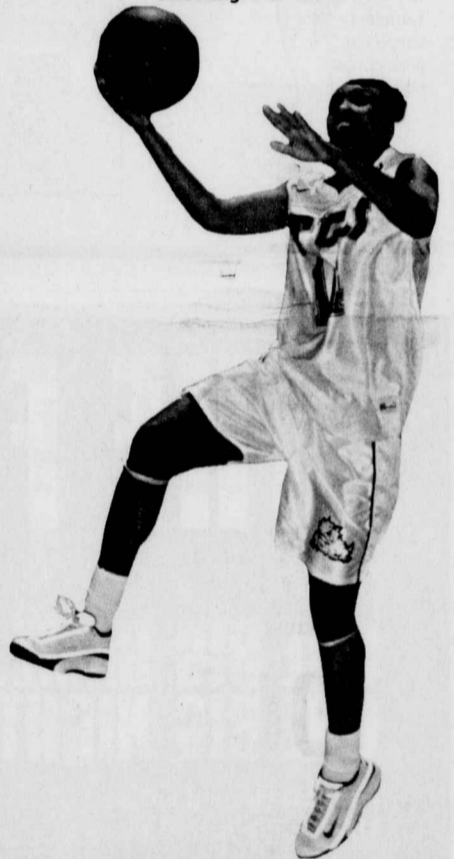
Sutton, Thomas, and junior forwards Tricia Payne and Kati Safaritova continued their party from the weekend as each scored in double figures for the Frogs.



David Dunai/SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER Junior forward Tricia Payne draws a foul as she drives to the basket in TCU's, 72-53, victory over Rice Monday at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. Payne scored 15 points on 7-of-11 shooting.

TOP FROG

Thomas' stats
Points: 17
Rebounds: 6
Minutes: 28
Shooting: 8-of-13



Senior forward Janice Thomas scored a game-high 17 points as the Frogs defeated the Rice Owls, 72-53, Monday at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. Thomas sparked TCU in both halves, scoring the first four points in each frame. She provided the Frogs with a presence inside, grabbing three offensive rebounds and three defensive boards. Thomas connected on 8 of 13 shots (61.5 percent), leading the Frogs, who shot 45.9 percent to the Owls' 34.5-percent shooting.

WEEKEND BRIEFS

Men's tennis wins at Husky Invite

The No. 7-ranked men's tennis team defeated No. 21 Arizona State, 4-2, Sunday at the Husky Invitational in Seattle.

TCU won two of three doubles matches, winning at the No. 1 and No. 3 spots. Senior Esteban Carril and sophomore Antonio Gordon won their No. 3 doubles match 8-6. The match was Carril's first of the spring due to a nagging Achilles injury. Carril also competed in the No. 1-seed singles match, but he lost to Arizona State's Nick Dubey in straight sets.

TCU also won three singles matches. Senior Trace Fielding won his fourth straight, defeating Arizona State's Matt Klinger in straight sets. Junior Daniel Wajnberg defeated Olivier Charroin 6-4, 5-7, 6-3.

The win was Wajnberg's 10th of the season. Wajnberg joins Carril, Gordon and senior Scott Edkins as the only four Frogs to win 10 matches this season.

Women's tennis defeats Tulane

After moving Saturday's match indoors because of the inclement weather, the women's tennis team defeated No. 49 Tulane, 4-2, at the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center.

The Frogs won four of six singles matches and all three doubles matches.

Sophomore Rosa Perez won at the No. 2 position in straight sets, while freshman Paty Aburto shut out Tulane's Joyce Bergman (6-0, 6-0) at the No. 3 spot. The win improved Aburto's record to 9-2.

The Frogs face No. 36 Texas A&M Wednesday in College Station before beginning play in the Western Athletic Conference at home Saturday against Texas-El Paso.

Rifle season ends with sectionals

The TCU Purple rifle team finished second in both air rifle and smallbore competition, while the TCU White team placed third in air rifle and sixth in smallbore competition at the NCAA Sec-

tionals Saturday at the TCU Rifle Range.

The match marked the end of the careers of seniors Michelle Parker and Dena Putnam at TCU. Parker finished fourth in smallbore with 1,092 points and sixth in air rifle with 355 points. Putnam finished fifth in air rifle with 360 points.

Texas A&M Maroon won the competition, outscoring TCU Purple 1,425 to 1,401 in air rifle and 4,387 to 4,203 in smallbore.

Patterson appoints last assistant

Head football coach Gary Patterson made his final appointment to his coaching staff, naming Chad Glasgow as the safeties' coach.

Glasgow comes from Southwest Texas State, but he coached with both Dennis Franchione and Patterson at New Mexico.

Glasgow is the second member of Patterson's coaching staff to come from Southwest Texas. Patterson previously appointed David Bailiff to coach the defensive line.

Frogs get three NCAA spots

Track team reaches No. 1 in Trackwire 25

By Jennifer Koelsing
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The TCU track team qualified three more athletes for the NCAA Championships at the Tyson Invitational Indoor Track and Field Meet in Arkansas this weekend.

Senior Roy Williams provisionally qualified for nationals in the 400 meters, senior Kim Collins automatically qualified in the 200 meters and senior Lindel Frater provisionally qualified in the 60 meters.

Head coach Monte Stratton said he was surprised with how well Williams competed.

"I'm pleased with Williams' performance," Stratton said. "He has been struggling with back problems this season."

TCU, previously ranked No. 2 in the Trackwire 25 poll for men, climbed into a tie with Arkansas for the top spot in the poll following the Feb. 6 meet in Houston.

The Trackwire 25 is generated

from a form chart that projects the finish of every NCAA event.

The ranking marked the first time in the five-season history of the Trackwire 25 that Arkansas has ever shared its undisputed hold of the No. 1 position.

Media relations director Steve Fink said TCU's actual position against Arkansas

will not be determined until the NCAA Championships in March because no team scores were kept for the meet.

"I think everyone is saying we had a solid meet," Fink said. "But there wasn't much head-to-head competition with Arkansas because of different events, so we really



David Dunai/SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER Senior sprinter Darvis Patton takes some practice strides after the rest of the team has gone home. The extra practice has paid off for the men's track team this season as it has moved into a first-place tie with Arkansas in the Trackwire 25.

can't tell how Arkansas did."

Arkansas qualified four athletes for nationals at the invitational.

Frater, who improved his provisional mark in the 60-meter dash to 6.67 seconds, said he was pleased with the meet's results.

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