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Upset

The Western Athletic Conference's last place team, Texas-El Paso, defeated TCU Wednesday night.

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## Fort Worth Treasure

Nearly two years have passed since the closing rumors first surfaced. Caravan of Dreams remains the premier music venue in Tarrant County and possibly all of north Texas.

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Fort Worth, Texas

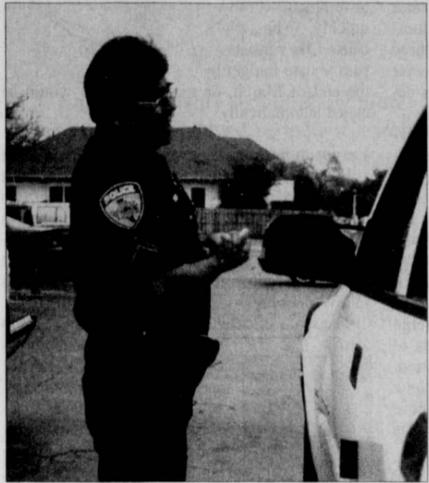


Photo by Tim Cox

A TCU Police officer explains Wednesday to Sarah Anderson, a junior music education major, why the University Christian Church parking lot is closed.

## UCC closes two bordering lots

### Area reserved for competition; some students frustrated by loss of spaces

By John Weyand  
STAFF REPORTER

Students may find themselves yelling even more at the car in front of them, fighting even harder for a parking spot and leaving for class even a little bit earlier because they will no longer be able to park at the University Christian Church.

Since the beginning of the month, parking has decreased substantially in two lots bordering UCC. A chain-link fence now divides one of the lots, reserving those parking spaces for members of UCC. The other lot is temporarily closed this week for the Van Cliburn Piano Competition.

Linda Gray, the music secretary for UCC, said UCC attendees will have an easier time parking because of the divi-

sion of the lot.

"This way, people going to UCC during the day don't have to fight for a spot," Gray said.

Lauren Morton, a sophomore social work major and member of UCC, said she and other congregation members have had trouble parking at UCC on weekdays.

"Of course it's a problem for people going to the church," Morton said. "TCU students dominate that lot, so naturally, church members have a tough time."

The south lot, which is police-guarded, is reserved for only those attending the Van Cliburn competition. Shows run from 2 to 5 p.m. and 8 to 10 p.m., but the lot is closed all day, representing a loss of 100 spaces.

Despite the fact TCU is responsible for

the closure of the lot, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Don Mills said the two lots do not belong to the university.

"TCU leases the lots from the church for \$1 a year," Mills said. "The lease is part of an agreement with specific requirements."

According to the agreement, Mills said, the lots have to be empty by midnight except on event nights. Additionally, the lot is reserved for UCC on Saturdays, Sundays and for weekday funerals.

UCC Assistant Business Manager Carol Hestilow said the agreement with TCU has worked out nicely.

"We are happy to share the lots," Hestilow said.

Students, however, aren't happy that there are fewer parking spaces.

Jess Price, a senior radio-TV-film major, sees the closures as a backward step in an already difficult situation.

"It would be faster if I walked the two and a half miles to school as opposed to waiting 45 minutes for a spot," Price said.

Price said even students who don't often use the church's lots will be hurt by the closures.

"I don't usually park in (the UCC) lots," Price said. "But (the closures) will just cause those students to park elsewhere, and it will cause a ripple effect on the rest of us."

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Skiff staff member Angie Chang contributed to this report.

## Additional faculty a priority for university

School committed to more research, graduate programs

By Jillanne Johnson  
STAFF REPORTER

Adding faculty is key to raising TCU's level of research while maintaining the university's commitment to teaching, said Bill Moncrief, senior associate dean of the M.J. Neeley School of Business.

Moncrief said TCU has always been a strong teaching university, but he said increasing research is necessary. He said more faculty allows the university to have research faculty while still teaching classes.

"In order to have a higher-ranked university, we will have to have a higher level of research," Moncrief said.

Ed Kolesar, chairman of the Faculty Senate tenure, promotions and grievances committee, said there is no real way to evaluate and rank teaching quality. He said research gives the world tangible ways, like publications, to evaluate a university.

"You can have markers (like tests and projects) of teaching but those are not saying that person is an effective teacher," Kolesar said.

Mary Volcansek, dean of the AddRan College of Humanities and Social Sciences, said hiring more faculty would allow professors to reduce teaching loads

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## SHARP EYE



David Dunai/SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Gerry Leonard, of Arlington, waits for Tanya Karyagina, a piano performance major, to finish playing before entering Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium. Karyagina played Wednesday as part of the Van Cliburn Piano Competition.

## Cultivating communication

Corporate workshop to teach better interaction, networking

By Julie Ann Matonis  
STAFF REPORTER

A two-day workshop will be held in the Dee J. Kelly Alumni and Visitors Center to help professionals and students strengthen their abilities to interact in the business environment.

The Center for Professional Communication at the M. J. Neeley School of Business is presenting its fourth annual Corporate Communication Workshop today and Friday.

Terri Freeman, assistant director of the Center for Professional Communication, said registrations for this year's event are nearly sold out. She said 30 percent of the registered attendees are students and 70 percent are corporate professionals and professionals from other universities.

Freeman said the workshop has an entirely different purpose than Career Night, which took place Wednesday.

"While Career Night offers opportunities for students who are seeking employment, (the workshop) offers networking opportunities and training opportunities in a variety of business communication skills," Freeman said.

Major sponsors of the event include AmeriCredit Corporation, IGUS and Lockheed Martin.

Michael Barrington, vice chairman, president and CEO of AmeriCredit, will give the keynote address at Friday's luncheon. The address, titled "Corporate Anatomy 101: Targeting the Right Body Parts," will focus on busi-

### Business interactions

**What:** Corporate Communications Workshop

**When:** Today and Friday

**Where:** Dee J. Kelly Alumni and Visitors Center

**Who:** For all professionals and students who want to strengthen their ability to interact in the business environment.

**Cost:** Professionals: \$100; Neeley School alumni: \$70; students: \$40; keynote luncheon only: \$10

ness communication strategies that target individual employees.

Freeman said about 80 people will be attending the keynote luncheon.

There are 16 different seminars offered at the workshop, including the keynote address. Topics range from encouraging creativity to the fundamentals of feng shui, the art of furniture placement's relationship to energy.

Kelli Horst, director of communications, will be co-presenting a workshop entitled "The Media Calls... Now What?" Horst said the workshop will try to show participants that they don't need to be afraid of talking with the media.

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## High costs keep students at home

More students qualify for college, can't afford tuition, panel says

By Greg Toppo  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — More low-income students are qualifying for college these days, but rising costs, inadequate grants and a shift from need-based financial aid programs are keeping them out, a congressional advisory panel said Wednesday.

The Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance, which oversees financial aid programs, said increasing numbers of low-income students are graduating from high school academically prepared to enter college, but facing a system that is focused on middle-class students.

The system, the committee said in a report, could put college out of

reach for many poor students.

"It is serious, given what we know about new economy jobs, and especially what we know about the demographic shift that's about to occur," said Juliet V. Garcia, president of the University of Texas at Brownsville and a member of the committee.

According to demographic researcher Tom Mortenson, who contributed to the report, many of the nation's poorest students kept pace with their peers when it came to preparing academically for college. From 1987 to 1999, completion rates on college preparatory courses grew more than 20 percent for the poorest students, while middle-class students' completion rates grew about 21 percent.

Given current demographic projections, by 2015 an ethnically and economically diverse group of students — 80 percent of whom will be nonwhite — will be applying for college. Among minority students, more than 45 percent will be from families that can contribute only a minimum amount and must rely on generous financial aid.

But since 1993, the report said, state funding for merit-based financial aid programs, which generally favor middle-class students, has increased 336 percent in real dollars. Meanwhile, funding for need-based financial aid programs, which favor poorer students, has risen only 88 percent.

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## 'TIS THE SEASON FOR SNEEZIN'

Students visiting Health Center, specialists to cope with flaring seasonal allergies

By Chrissy Braden  
STAFF REPORTER

As students renew memberships to tanning salons and gyms to get their bodies in top condition for Spring Break, they are also visiting the Health Center and local allergists to ease their suffering from spring allergies.

Cedar and elm pollen levels are in the high to medium range this week, which can affect most people who suffer from seasonal pollen types, according to the Allergy Alert Web site ([www.pollen.com](http://www.pollen.com)).

Oak, elm, maple, alder, birch and cottonwood trees affect allergies according to the Hoechst Marion Rousel, Inc.'s pamphlet "Important Information About Seasonal Allergic Rhinitis." The pamphlet also said Bermuda, Timothy and Johnson grasses, faintly colored and scented flowers and weeds such as Ragweed and Queen Anne's lace can evoke allergies.

Robert Sulak, assistant director of landscape and grounds, TCU has all of these plants except alder and birch trees and Timothy grass on campus.

According to the pamphlet, pollen levels are highest during season changes when plants are reproducing. Pollen induced symptoms, often referred to as hay fever or seasonal allergic rhinitis, include itchy, watery eyes, postnasal drip and rhinitis.

According to the pamphlet, rhinitis is an inflammation of mucous membranes lining the nose, which causes itching, frequent sneezing and nasal discharge.

Adrienne Burden, a freshman premajor, said her allergies have been bothering her for about a week.

"I have a runny nose, and I sneeze a lot," Burden said. Burden said these allergies usually last until summer begins. She said mold, oak and dust affect her the most.

According to the pamphlet, over-the-counter or prescription antihistamines, which are medications that counteract the allergic response, are used to ease the symptoms.

The pamphlet stated antihista-

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Photo illustration by Tim Cox

### Nasal knowledge

Common allergy symptoms

- Sneezing
- Running nose
- Headaches
- Watery eyes
- Itching

Source: U.S. Pharmaceuticals Group's brochure, Big Allergy Relief.

Common causes of allergies

- Dust
- Grasses and weeds
- Trees
- Molds
- Scented items
- Light-colored flowers

Source: Hoechst Marion Rousel, Inc.'s pamphlet, Important Information About Seasonal Allergic Rhinitis.

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### WEATHER TOMORROW

High 65  
Low 55

Rain



### TODAY IN HISTORY

In 1819, Florida Spanish minister Do Luis de Onís and U.S. Secretary of State John Quincy Adams signed the Florida Purchase Treaty, in which Spain agreed to cede the remainder of its old province of Florida to the United States.

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*campus lines*

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- ▶ **A blood drive** will be held from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. today in the Student Center. For more information call (817) 257-8481.
- ▶ **The Society of Professional Journalists** will have its first meeting of the semester from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. today in Moody Building South, Room 279. The topic will be "Sensationalism in the Broadcast Media." Free food will be provided.
- ▶ **The TCU London Centre** will have information sessions at 4 p.m. today in the Student Center, Room 205. Students interested in spending a fall or spring semester at the London Centre are encouraged to attend. Application deadline for fall 2001 is March 15. Applications are available in the International Education Office in Sadler Hall, Room 16.
- ▶ **Intercultural Education and Services** is sponsoring a free movie night today. Students interested in watching "Finding Forrester" should meet at 6:30 p.m. today in front of The Main and carpool. For free tickets call (817) 257-7855.
- ▶ **Chi Tau Epsilon and the ballet and modern dance department** will sponsor a Brown Bag Performance at noon and 7 p.m. Monday in Studio B in the Ballet and Modern Dance Building. Donations of clothes and food are requested.
- ▶ **The Programming Council Multicultural Committee** will host a debate at 7 p.m. Monday in the Student Center Ballroom. The topic will be the Bush administration: what to expect during the next four years and will include education, abortion, tax reform and affirmative action.
- ▶ **Internships Credit Information Sessions** for business students will be at 5 p.m. March 1 in Dan Rogers Hall, Room 166.
- ▶ **"Experience India,"** a charity luncheon benefiting the victims of the recent earthquakes in India, will be noon to 3 p.m. March 3 in the Student Center Ballroom. Tickets are \$10 for students and children and \$12 for adults. TCU student meal cards are accepted. Visit (stuwww.tcu.edu/~mssingh/saica.htm) for more information or call Tahira Hussain at (817) 257-4949.

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**WORLD DIGEST**



**Hispanic Caucus discusses immigration laws**  
MEXICO CITY — Members of the U.S. Congressional Hispanic Caucus met with President Vicente Fox and pledged to help Mexico seek a fairer U.S. immigration policy.

The delegation — 12 Democrats of the caucus' 18 members — said they talked with Fox on Tuesday about ending U.S. anti-drug certification of Mexico and pushing for immigration rules that would allow workers to eventually get legal U.S. residency.



"The caucus is in a perfect position to assist President Fox and our colleagues in Congress to advocate the kind of changes and the kind of relations we all want to see with Mexico," said Texas Rep. Silvestre Reyes, chairman of the caucus.

After the 1 1/2-hour meeting at the presidential residence in Mexico City, Reyes described Fox as "a very knowledgeable, very engaging individual." "We are committed to working with President Fox and with our own president to eliminating or changing the certification process," Reyes said, referring to the law requiring U.S. presidents to certify annually which of nearly 30 countries are cooperating in the fight against drug trafficking. Those not certified face possible sanctions.

The delegation also discussed issues such as education, water supplies in border communities, the possible creation of a joint border parks and development funds for Mexico.

Much of the talk focused on immigration, especially Texas Sen. Phil Gramm's proposal for a guest worker program for Mexican laborers, including some undocumented workers already in the country.

The proposal by Gramm, a Republican, would not offer permanent residency to people who entered the country illegally, something the Hispanic Caucus says it will fight for.

**Barak retires from position of defense minister**  
JERUSALEM — Prime Minister-elect Ariel Sharon's quest for a broad coalition encountered new uncertainties Wednesday after defeated predecessor Ehud Barak unexpectedly said he would retire instead of fulfill an agreement to serve as defense minister.

Explaining his decision in a bitter letter to Sharon, Barak said the prime minister-elect had "seriously harmed the trust" between them with his recent actions, including suggestions that Barak would not be a partner in decision-making.

A growing rebellion in Barak's Labor Party may also have played a role. Immediately after his

crushing election defeat Feb. 6, Barak had announced that he was resigning from politics. He reversed himself a few days later, accepting Sharon's offer to become defense minister.

That reversal prompted an outrage in Labor and in the Israeli public.

"A little late, the curtain falls," commentator Hemi Shalev wrote in the Maariv daily Wednesday. "By deciding to resign, Barak is saving a shred of his honor, which had been trampled on ... ever since he announced his intention to serve as defense minister."

Sharon has preferred to bring Labor into his government. But Labor is embroiled in a heated leadership struggle, and it was not clear who would now lead coalition talks with Sharon, if at all.

There was also disagreement over whether the party's secretary-general, Raanan Cohen, should be named temporary leader, or whether elder statesman Shimon Peres should take over until primaries are held.

Peres has been tapped by Sharon for the foreign minister's job. Labor's central committee was to convene Monday to decide whether to join Sharon. Political commentators were divided, with some saying Barak's resignation paved the way for a broad coalition and others saying such a deal was now no longer possible.

Barak's decision came as Israeli-Palestinian fighting intensified.

Israel's military chief, Lt. Gen. Shaul Mofaz, told a closed session of the parliament's security committee that Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat has no interest in reducing violence. Mofaz also said Arafat's police and security forces are taking part in attacks against Israelis, according to an official present at the meeting.

Sharon has pledged not to resume negotiations with the Palestinians unless all violence stops.

Sharon cannot take office until he sets up a government representing a majority of the 120 members of parliament. During the campaign, he said he would strive for a broad-based national unity government, but he appeared to be running out of patience with Labor.

Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert, a negotiator for Sharon's Likud party, said Labor had to decide within a week whether to join forces. Otherwise, Sharon would turn to Orthodox Jewish parties and a far-right bloc to form a narrow coalition, he said.

Then Sharon defied Barak by indicating that in any event, the far-right lawmakers would be in his Cabinet. Barak said Labor could not join such a team.

Barak sent a letter of resignation to the party secretary, but cannot leave the parliament until Sharon takes office.

Barak's negotiating team and its outgoing Cabinet ministers were to meet later Wednesday to discuss the next steps, including a possible resumption

of negotiations with Likud.

Sharon hopes to set up a government quickly, because he must pass a state budget by the end of March, or another election would be called automatically.

**European authorities investigate terrorism links**

LONDON — With the recent arrests of at least 10 suspected Islamic radicals and the trials of two dozen others under way in Europe, authorities in Britain, France and Germany are investigating possible links to terrorist mastermind Osama bin Laden, law enforcement officials and diplomats said Wednesday.

The spate of activity comes against a backdrop of increased concern about potential terror attacks in Europe and elsewhere, according to officials and media reports.

Bin Laden, the Saudi millionaire accused of spearheading the bombings of two U.S. embassies in Africa in 1998, is

linked to several of those men either in custody or on trial. The bombings killed 224 people, including 12 Americans.

Authorities in Britain arrested six Algerian men in a three-day crackdown last week and charged them over the weekend with preparing to carry out terrorist acts.

In the same sweep, British anti-terrorism police picked up — but did not hold — four other men, including Omar Mahmoud Othman Omar, better known as Abu Qutadah, who is alleged by Jordanian authorities to be a senior associate of bin Laden.

Sheik Omar Bakri Mohammed, the London-based leader of the militant Islamic group Al-Muhajiroun, told The Associated Press that Abu Qutadah had been briefly detained, but released without charge. He denied any connection with the six arrested Algerians, but said his movement was "continuing our support for freedom fighters abroad."

Last year, Jordan's state security court found Abu Qutadah guilty of conspiracy to carry out terror attacks against U.S. and Israeli targets in Jordan and sentenced him in absentia to 15 years in jail.

Although the court acquitted Abu Qutadah of charges of affiliation to bin Laden's al-Qaeda group, Jordanian counterterrorism officials believe he is linked to it, and recruited several people to the organization.

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## SETTING PRIORITIES

### Professors shouldn't focus on research

Out of 385 professors at TCU, 236 are considered to be tenured.

Hiring more faculty would allow professors to stay fresh and more involved in their research, some professors say. More research would then entail possible publications, which is a way of considering a professor for a tenure position.

Since when did being a professor mean having a title rather than simply being a teacher? Professors should focus on their students and their classes rather than any outside work that might get them published.

Mary Volcansek, dean of the AddRan College of Humanities and Social Sciences, said that although professors are not paid to work during the summer, most of them are still here doing writing and research. Isn't that part of their job?

Some schools at TCU don't even bother recruiting more students because they simply don't have enough professors.

Ed Kolesar, chairman of the Faculty Senate Tenure, Promotions and Grievances committee, said one way to improve research quality is to bolster the graduate programs so doctoral candidates can help faculty in research. Better graduate programs will also attract better faculty because of research capabilities.

Shouldn't we hire more professors so we make the 15:1 ratio exact, rather than averaging all the professors and all the students and saying that's the ratio of students to a professor for the entire university? How many of us actually have classes with only 15 students?

TCU's motivations for hiring more professors is all for the wrong reasons. We don't need more professors for research. We need more professors to teach.

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## Letters to the editor

### Tubbs should be commended for acting with integrity, not popularity

After reading the "Road Block" editorial in Wednesday's Skiff, I began to think about the situation with the two dismissed basketball players.

Perhaps Billy Tubbs is keeping important information from the TCU community, but TCU hired him to do so.

In paying him as the head basketball coach, TCU trusts Tubbs to make important decisions regarding the team, including the dismissal of players if necessary.

I fully commend Tubbs for his actions.

Perhaps he is one of the few people at this university who will treat athletes as all other students.

If a student breaks a major rule of the university or of an athletic team, he or she deserves proper punishment — regardless of how many fans and how much money he or she brings to athletic events.

As students and faculty, it is our job to support the basketball team more than ever in their time of loss.

We need to step up and attend the basketball games and cheer proudly for our team and for the honorable judgment of Tubbs, no matter how secretive he may be.

The TCU basketball team consists of more than Greedy Daniels and Myron Anthony.

Many talented individuals bring flavor and fans to the team, and the TCU students should wholeheartedly support that.

— Kathryn Dawson  
freshman math major

### Reporting about dismissal of basketball players is not justified

First of all, I want to start out by saying that if you're going to write an article, then make sure your sources are correct and the information that you are trying to tell other people is correct.

What justifies you to write an article about people you don't know, things that are opinionated and information from people that think they know what's going on and don't?

Greedy Daniels and Myron Anthony did not make and obviously did not break the basketball team because if they did, then don't you think they would still be on the basketball team and you would be writing about something else?

Where do you get off trying to tell people why they got kicked off the team and you don't even know the real reason yourself.

I don't blame Tubbs for not wanting to tell you anything because it's none of your or anybody else's business as to why they are no longer playing basketball. And if they did commit a criminal act, don't you think charges would have been filed?

You have nothing else better to do but write about things that you do not even know about. If you had a life of your own, then you wouldn't have to snoop around in other people's business.

— Linda Moore  
freshman religion major

## Professors deserve great respect

### Teachers have own personalities, own life outside university setting

It's mid-February, and if you're not totally stressed out by now, you're probably either saying one of two things:

"I'm a freshman!" (Don't worry, your time is coming.) or "What do you mean, second semester?"

These are the times that try students' souls, turn them into simpering whiners, and/or cause them to commit heinous acts of vandalism to school property. Even more disheartening is the realization that every subsequent month leading up to early May is going to be exactly like this. It's the time of year when breathing room and free time are in short supply, if there's any to be had at all.

Most of us have to schedule around the tons of homework we have, I've personally reverted to my high school ways, saving Sunday as the day to get work done. Not the best of ideas, especially since I also have to write a thoroughly wonderful column for this thoroughly wonderful paper on top of all my class work. Did I mention I love my job?

The temptation in this situation is to blame the people who gave us all the work in the first place: that's right, our professors. Oh, these people just can't have souls, can they? They show a blatant disregard for all the other things we

have going on in our lives. They won't let us retake that quiz we bombed because we were up late finishing a paper for another class. They won't let us negotiate that bad grade on the term paper. They always keep us a couple minutes later than they're supposed to. And they're stupid. They make dumb points about dumb subjects that we don't care about. They try to force their outrageous opinions and politics on us.

It's easy to get mad at professors. I've lost count of the number of times that I've heard angry mumbles from people behind me in class, who stop short of threatening actual bodily harm on one of their teachers. But I've never been able to muster enough anger for a professor myself. That's not to say I haven't ever questioned a professor's opinion or timing on assignments. But I just can't get too mad at these people, no matter how much money I have to pay to put up with them.

Why do I have such a mild opinion of my professors, no matter how belligerent and annoying they might get? Well, it's probably due to the fact that I spent the first 18 years of my life living with one.

My father is a professor himself, at the University of Missouri back home. But far from me to actually guess what being a "professor" meant for about the first 10 years of my life. I lived under the delusion that basically the job meant going to these things called "faculty parties" every once in a while and coming home from them reeking of "beer." And, in

case any of you kids were wondering, there are some faculty out there who, given the chance, could drink you under the table.

Gradually I began to discover that Dad's job involved more than schmoozing or bringing home documents in weird, old handwriting to study under our antiquated 1970s microfiche machine. It became apparent that my dad was a glorified elementary school teacher, but one who taught stuff I couldn't even begin to understand. What didn't become apparent to me was just how busy Dad could get. Sometimes I really feel awful for all those times that I badgered him to watch Looney Tunes with me when he was grading papers or doing research.

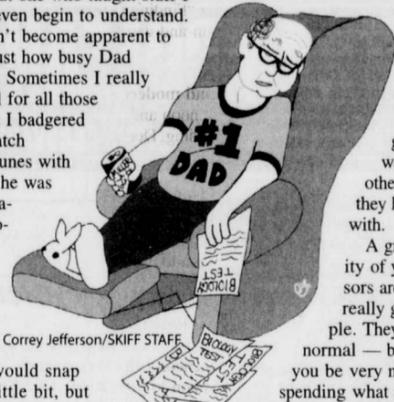
But he always did. He would snap at me a little bit, but always gave in. "Duck, Rabbit, Duck" with Bugs Bunny and Daffy Duck is pretty hard to resist. Time with his family was more important than any student paper or exam to grade. Even when he became chairman of the history department at Missouri a couple of years ago, which is an admittedly high-stress job, he'd always make a little time every Sunday afternoon to fall asleep while watching the NFL. Certain things

were and are sacred to the man, his job included.

Our professors, as irritating as they may get, are very human. They wake up way earlier than most of us, and are basically on call most of the day from students who need their advice and help. They grade, they consult, they deal with their colleagues and prepare themselves for classes. Then at the end of the day, most of them go home to their families.

The good ones try not to let their jobs get in the way of the other things they have to deal with.

A great majority of your professors are actually really good people. They're not normal — but would you be very normal after spending what amounts to half your adult life at a college? But do cut them a little slack. Every semester, I feel like I've learned something new. And it's certainly not due to my own initiative. I like to think that those stupid assignments, tests and deadlines professors serve a greater purpose than mere annoyance.



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## Credit card companies soliciting debt

### College students need to beware what a card-holding status could truly mean

Last week, USA Today reported that the average college undergraduate has more than \$2,000 of credit card debt. For anyone who spends more than a couple hours a week on a college campus, this statistic isn't very startling.

College is the time of transition for teenagers from dependent high school students into responsible adults. Credit cards require responsibility and many students believe they are mature enough to possess the plastic money. Debt, however, provides them with a rude awakening.

Students are not to blame for the rise in credit card debt among college students. Credit card companies bombard students from every possible angle. Credit card solicitors set up on campus, walk around campus and occupy booths at local sporting and social events where they know students attend. These

companies lure defenseless students in by offering free gifts to the first few hundred or so that apply or sometimes even anyone who is willing to take the time to fill out the application.

Last semester, there were some people nonchalantly hanging around outside the Mary Couts Burnett Library with attractive day planners and candles. Enticed by the cute twin candle set, I pranced over, wondering how I could own a pair. The representative informed me that she was with American Express, and all I had to do was fill out the application and the adorable heart candle set was mine.

As soon as I heard the words "American Express," I attempted to tell the convincing lady that I was not interested. She reiterated that all I had to do was fill out the application. I really wanted the candles, so I gave in, planning to just throw the card away when it arrived in the mail. I did just that.

These predators also tempt students in other ways. While they realize students are easily swayed by an attractive free gift, they know that some students are

not weak enough to fall prey to that tactic.

Still, companies have found a loophole to attract these students: mail. Students are always receiving credit card applications through the mail, many of which are strewn all over the mailroom floor at the end of the day.

However, students are suckers for wanting to own the attractive credit card exhibiting pretty pictures. What proud student would object to owning a credit card sporting the TCU mascot?

Also, companies are beginning to introduce all sorts of animated scenes and attractive pictures to gain interest rather than the plain one-color image normally presented. These visual aids make it even more difficult to deter debt.

Recently, a friend received an application for the Gold Platinum American Express card. He was excited as he read the letter in which the company told him that he was of the elite group of students that were offered the card and they were proud that his credit was so good at such a young age.

To reward him, they were going to issue him the card with no limit. He could spend as

much as he wanted, as long as the balance was paid in full at the end of each month. Of course, if he was to skip even one minimal payment, he was to suffer the consequences of a hefty late fee.

In addition, since he was such a special guy, he was given the opportunity to pay \$75 a month to keep the card. He was allowed to pay a monthly fee to spend his own money.

American Express is not the only company in which using attractive tactics to lure student interest. The majority of credit card companies do. Considering the negative connotation associated with credit cards and debt, that is the only way to interest students.

So, the concern about college students and credit cards should not necessarily be about students being lured into attaining credit cards, instead, it should be how to get themselves out of the debt parents have sheltered them from all these years.

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## Bush's plan doesn't help working class

During the 2000 Presidential Campaign, George W. Bush accused his opponent Al Gore of using "class warfare" politics to discredit his tax-cut plan. Rather than assuage the fear that he would sell America's working families down the river to further the interests of the super rich, Bush instead made those fears a reality by assailing the rights of organized labor under new executive orders quietly passed last Saturday.

Bush's executive orders included repealing regulations that denied federal contracts to companies that break pollution and labor laws and removed a federal provision that rewarded federal contracts only to businesses cooperative with labor unionization. Bush effectively closed off government employment for organized workers with collectively bargained contracts, while opening the door to law-breaking corporations.

Although Bush does not sup-

port restricting the amount of money the wealthy can give to his party, he applauds restricting the use of labor union money in political campaigns. Corporations outspend labor unions 11-1 in political campaigns, but Saturday Bush issued an executive order requiring federal contractors to post notices telling workers they have the right to withhold their union dues if they might be used to sponsor political activities.

Bush's first days in office have included several inflammatory executive orders that have cut away at the very heart of his campaign promises. Rather than bring the nation together and do away with "bipartisan" bickering, he has resurrected the conservative extremism of his party. With the soul of Ronald Reagan and the wit of Dan Quayle, Bush has slashed international U.S. aid for family-planning agencies and abortion facilities. Impoverished women in desperate nations were Bush's unfortunate targets.

The tax cut that Bush proposes severely favors the wealthy, with the richest 1 percent receiving nearly half of the \$1.6 trillion tax cut. George W. staunchly opposes any real increase in the minimum wage for working men and women. Not only has Bush not reflected his campaign principles of avoiding dirty "class warfare" politics, but he has also flaunted his pro-wealthy servitude since day one of his presidency when he met with the top corporate donors to the Republican Party.

President Bush thinks that attacking labor rights is paralyzing the base of the Democratic Party. But minimum wage laws and union labor contracts with the federal government were not hand-me-downs from the Democratic Party. Minimum-wage laws were won by the labor movement during the era of the Great Depression. Pitched battles were fought in the streets between company guards and poor work-

ers over the right to have a minimum wage.

The government was taught that if it did not fairly combat poverty and inequality, the consent of its poorest citizens would be broken, awakening their active dissent. While Bush may think that he is able to get away with his assault on the poor and organized workers, he may be reviving historically deep-seated class anger in America.

Through looking at our nation's history and social reforms that were won through collective struggle, we can begin to construct a new vision for our future. Knowing the history of class struggle is knowing the history of reform and social change. We will not let Bush roll back workers' rights that took decades to win.

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## ALLERGIES

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mines block the action of histamine, a substance that is released by certain cells when an allergen enters the body.

Suzanne Williams, a nurse in the Health Center, said more students come in this time of year suffering from allergies.

"We can only give allergy shots to students who have seen outside allergists," Williams said. "But doctors prescribe all kinds of medications for seasonal allergies."

Williams said the Health Center gives about 1,500 allergy shots a year.

Dr. Burton Schwartz, a doctor at the Health Center, said the doctor and patient must work together to figure out what is triggering an allergy. After they pinpoint the cause of the allergy, they can work on medications or

a way to control the environment to eliminate symptoms.

Schwartz said most students could distinguish an allergy from being sick.

"Allergy symptoms are usually just annoying," Schwartz said.

Gabby Pryor, the pharmacy manager at Walgreen's on Forest Hill Drive, said the pharmacy sees a 200 percent increase in allergy prescriptions being filled from October to December and mid-March.

"We see a lot more people when the seasons change," Pryor said. "We mostly fill prescriptions for Allegra, Claritin and Zyrtec, and a lot of people are getting Benedryl."

According to the pamphlet, aside from medications, the affects of seasonal allergies can be reduced by limiting outside exercising to late in the day or after a heavy rain, showering or washing clothes immediately after being outdoors and keeping one's im-



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Faintly colored and scented flowers, grasses and trees cause trouble for people during allergy season.

mune system healthy by eating right, getting enough restful sleep and minimizing stress.

Schwartz said allergies will not go away, but students can avoid situations like smoke-filled environments or being around pets

that can trigger the allergy. "Allergies cannot be cured," Schwartz said. "But they can be controlled if you make the effort."

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The report said rising college costs are also hitting poor families harder, with more of their income eaten up by college expenses.

In 2000, the report said, the cost of college as a percentage of real family income was 62 percent for low-income families — a jump of 20 percent in the past 28 years. In the same period, college costs for middle- and upper-income families remained steady: For middle-class families, college costs have risen only marginally compared with income — from 12 percent in 1972 to about 16 percent last year. For the wealthiest families, college costs as a percentage of real family income stayed the same, about 7 percent.

Even after they get to college, the report said, low-income students end up footing a

larger proportion of the bill than other students. After subtracting grants, loans and personal outlays, low-income students in a four-year public college typically face \$3,200 in college-related bills. By contrast, middle-class students typically face \$2,250 in unmet need, while upper-income students face only \$400 in debt.

At the same time, the report said, the maximum federal Pell grant has failed to keep pace with college costs. In 1975, a student could cover 84 percent of costs at a public four-year college with such grants. By last year, he or she could only cover 39 percent. As a result, many low-income students are forced to work full- or part-time, cut back on coursework or simply drop out.

President Bush has said he will fully fund the Pell grant program, and has proposed increasing it. Education Secretary Rod Paige on Tuesday received a round of applause when

he told the American Council on Education, a group of college administrators, that Bush wants to increase the maximum Pell grant 50 percent, to \$5,100, for first-year students. Currently, the maximum is \$3,300.

Garcia applauded the proposal, saying the committee wants to go further — she urged Bush to double the maximum Pell grant, to \$6,600.

Paige on Tuesday also said the administration wants "enhanced Pell grants" for students who take college-level math and science courses in high school. Under the proposal, low-income recipients who pass advanced placement math and science exams would be eligible to receive an additional \$1,000 for college tuition.

Paige said the program would particularly help minority students, but Garcia said many poor students don't have access to AP courses in their schools.

## RESEARCH

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to help prevent burn-out. This would allow professors to stay fresh and involved in their research.

"(Faculty) aren't paid to work in the summer, yet most of them spend their summers doing writing and research," Volcansek said.

Mike McCracken, dean of the College of Science and Engineering, said, however, the university has to be careful not to hire too many new faculty.

"If we do that, we change the nature of the university, and that's something we need to guard against," McCracken said.

But Volcansek said endowed professorships are a good way to increase the research productivity without increasing tuition or spending the university's resources.

Endowing professorships are not paid for from tuition. Moncrief said they are salaried from an endowment created for that

position. Endowed chairs are hired to teach one class a semester while focusing on research.

An important part of having these positions is fund raising. But even though AddRan has never really put much effort into fund raising, Volcansek said they need more resources than what the annual budget can provide.

Endowed professorships are created by a single major gift to the university.

McCracken said the university's next capital campaign should include a wish list of endowed professorships.

"We will make known to potential donors that we have needs in all of these various areas," McCracken said.

Moncrief said endowed professorships are typically good researchers with good national reputations.

"The more endowed chairs you can get, the higher the research level," Moncrief said.

Even though students recognize the importance research has in the classroom, some say they

would like professors to be available for consultation.

Matt Ravanese, a sophomore business major, said he wants professors who know what is new and different in their field but at the same time concentrate on teaching.

"Good professors have contemporary information in their lectures," Ravanese said. "But I'd rather have a teacher who is focused on classes."

Kolesar said another way to increase the research quality is to bolster graduate programs. This provides a base of doctoral candidates who can aide faculty in research. He said graduate programs help bring in external money, in the form of grants, and revenue.

"Our graduate programs are not as robust as (Ferrari) would like them to be," Kolesar said. "Let's make them stand on their own and have people want to come here."

And by attracting top quality graduate students, Moncrief said it will also attract better faculty

because of research capabilities. There is also a potential that these students would teach undergraduate classes as well.

Volcansek said a major issue involved is public relations. She said that when she arrived at the university, she expected to find a quality teaching staff, but was surprised at the amount and quality of research she found.

"Teaching here is primary, but the research productivity here is just as good," she said.

However, McCracken said public relations is typically not part of professor's culture, thinking and training. He said the university has to publicize within the colleges as well as to the public. Few of the professors in his college recognize what is going on in other departments, he said.

"We have to become more interdisciplinary to have a better understanding for what is going on throughout the college," McCracken said.

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## WORKSHOP

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"I believe media interviews are an opportunity, but most people are frightened by the power of the media," Horst said. "There are ways to make the process work."

Costs for the two-day workshop are \$100 for professionals, \$70 for Neeley School alumni and \$40 for students. Students who just want to attend the keynote luncheon can do so for \$10 if space allows.

Freeman said students were offered scholarships to attend the workshop if they agreed to help at the event.

"Four students, including both graduates and undergraduates, are taking advantage of the scholarship opportunity," Freeman said.

The Center for Professional Communication, founded in 1988, allows business students to improve their business communication skills.

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## Workers abused, report states

Researchers find physical, verbal mistreatment at Nike factories

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PORTLAND, Ore.— Workers at nine of Nike's contract factories in Indonesia have seen verbal and physical abuse by supervisors against co-workers and female employees coerced into sex, according to a company-funded report released Wednesday.

Employees also complained of being forced to work overtime, seeing assembly line workers flogged by managers and having access to medical care restricted, said the report by Global Alliance.

Nike said the findings were "disturbing," but said it welcomed the chance to improve conditions at the 25 Indonesian factories from which it buys products.

"Of course, many of the results are disturbing, but that's exactly what we wanted to find out," said Maria Eitel, Nike's vice president and senior adviser for corporate responsibility. "While the messages

are tough, we welcome them."

Working conditions at overseas factories have been a consistent public-relations problem for the Oregon-based athletic shoe and apparel giant. Nike paid for the latest report with a \$7.8 million grant.

Global Exchange, a San Francisco-based human rights group, credited Nike for releasing the findings.

"I find the conclusions surprising," spokesman Jason Mark said. "I think it demonstrates a welcomed candor, but the question is what Nike will do with this information."

Researchers from Global Alliance conducted hour-long interviews with 4,004 workers — 6 percent of the work force at the nine factories — for the report. Subjects were chosen at random, and the interviews were done without supervision from factory officials, said Rick Little, chairman of Global Alliance.

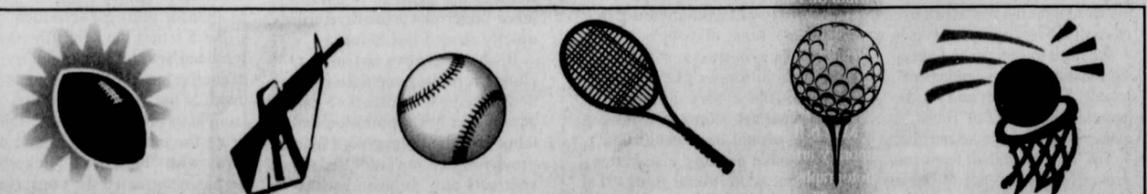
The alliance, formed in 1999, is a consortium of groups and companies — including the World Bank, Nike and The Gap — committed to improving conditions for factory workers across Asia.

The alliance's first report, issued last year and focusing on Thai and Vietnamese workers, was criticized by labor groups for not concentrating enough on violations and alleged abuses.

Of the workers surveyed in the latest report, 56 percent said they had seen supervisors verbally abusing co-workers; 15.7 percent reported observing improper sexual touching; and another 13.7 percent said they saw physical abuse.

Some alleged that the deaths of two workers were related to the denial of medication.

Eitel said Nike will fix the problems and will start a system under which workers can file grievances against their employers.



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# Caravan of Dreams

Photos by David Dunai

Review by Victor Drabicky

When rumors that Caravan of Dreams was shutting its doors surfaced a few years back, local musical acts were outraged.

Caravan of Dreams was the premier, and maybe only, music venue in Tarrant County that seemed to have any self respect. The atmosphere was always good, the facilities were always clean and the business was always professionally handled.

So why would it close?

With nobody giving reason for the closing, local artists packed the room for its last few days of life, each vying for the crucial last night on stage. Somehow, amid of all the scrambling for the shows, the closing date came and went, and the rumors of the closing disappeared.

Nearly two years have passed since the rumors first surfaced, and Caravan of Dreams remains the premier music venue in Tarrant County and possibly all of north Texas.

Caravan's attention to perfection is obvious the moment you enter the room. From the mirrored walls to the always seemingly brand new carpet, everything is spotless. Night after night, the room is packed with smoking patrons that often have one drink too many and make a mess of the place. Yet the next day, any evidence of the mess is long gone.

If cleanliness is not Caravan's biggest attribute, then atmosphere is. The people, lighting and sound are nearly perfect. The standard doorman, overweight, under bathed and seemingly never happy about his job, has been replaced with a clean-cut gentleman that is more than happy to check your ID and take your ticket stub. His warm welcome and playful teasing of age or driver's license picture can make even a patron with the poorest demeanor smile just slightly.

But the doorman is just the beginning. The wait staff is more than helpful, and despite the crowded room they are usually pretty quick with their service. Amazingly, after spending the entire night on their feet, dealing with frequently less than enjoyable patrons,

they still manage a smile and a "thank you" as you leave the room. If, by some small chance, the doorman or the wait staff didn't cheer you up, the room itself will.

The spectrum of feelings from the dimly and often candlelit room can span from romantic to relaxed and is always welcoming. The mirrored and mural painted walls, coupled with comfortable chairs, make for a more than enjoyable stay.

When the show does start, there is not a bad seat in the house. The well-designed circular stage allows the entire room to easily see the band and seems to encourage audience members to walk right up to the stage to get a close-up picture of the entertainment.

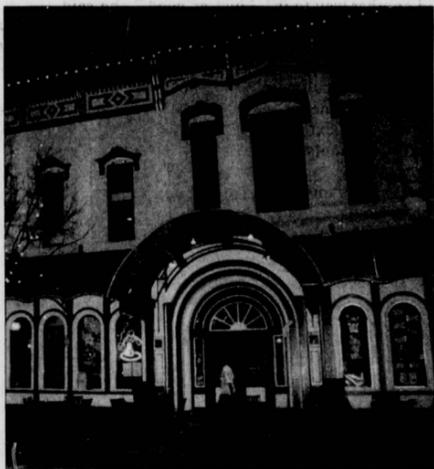
If you would prefer to stay in your seat rather than push your way to the front, you will still be able to enjoy the show. The Caravan of Dreams sound system makes almost any band sound good. The crisp, clean sound is loud but never overpowering. You will have no problem hearing anything coming from the stage, but at the same time, your eardrums won't have permanent damage from the volume. It is nice to see a venue finally realize that loud music doesn't necessarily mean good music.

However, not everything at Caravan of Dreams is perfect. If there is a down side, it is the bands. Caravan of Dreams offers a little of everything. The problem is they spread themselves too thin. While Caravan does host a few worthy bands such as Sugarbomb, Blue October and the Zac Maloy Band, they too often host the likes of The Radiators, Leo Kottke and Bertha Coolidge.

Attention to detail and an overall great atmosphere has taken Caravan of Dreams from the brink of closing to the top of the list of best music venues in just a few short years. Congratulations on realizing that if the bands and the fans are happy, success will follow.

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**The well-designed circular stage allows the entire room to easily see the band and seems to encourage audience members to walk right up to the stage to get a close-up picture of the entertainment.**



Tables fill outside of the two-story building where Caravan of Dreams is located.



Two women pass the corner of the Caravan of Dreams Wednesday night. Caravan of Dreams is located at 312 Houston St. in downtown Fort Worth.

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## Mardi Gras Celebrations

The Pour House will have a party featuring local cover band Look Out. There is a \$5 cover charge, which includes all you can eat crawfish, \$3.50 hurricanes, \$2 domestic bottled beer and \$2.50 well drinks. The balcony will be open and beads will be provided. It is located at 209 W. 5 St. Call (817) 335-2575 for more information.

Fat Harry's Danquim and Tavern celebrates Fat Tuesday with a local band called Fake Jerry. Drink specials will be available. Fat Harry's is located at 3013 S. University Drive. For more information call (817) 923-6000.

Razzoo's Camp Cate will be giving away beads and promotional glasses. The staff will be dressed up in whacky wigs and make up. The bar will be open until 2 a.m. It is located at 318 Main St. For more information call (817) 338-2866.

## Art

The Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth presents "Urbanoque: Aspects of Post Latin American Art" through May 6. The exhibition is a challenging presentation of works by 16 contemporary artists who share a Latin American heritage. Painting, sculptures, photographs, prints, video and multimedia installations are all part of the exhibition. The term urbanoque indicates a style of art prevalent in the 19th century Europe when things were bold, dramatic and complex. Tickets can be purchased at (817) 338-9115 or online at [hoft.museum.org](http://hoft.museum.org).

Robert Kinsch's "Paintings and Dental Prints" is on display in Moody Building North through March 16.

A poetry reading by Judith Garrett Segura from her new compact disc will be held at the Dallas Visual Art Center at 3 p.m. Saturday. The title is "Ross & Pearl: Poems of Love & Loss." For more information, call (214) 821-2522.

## Theater

Pocket Sandwich Theatre will present "4 out of 5 Doctors," which runs through March 21. This is a comedy that includes improvisational acts, music and sketches. The show starts at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10. "The Good Doctor," a comedy by Neil Simon, begins Friday and will run through March 31 at the Pocket Sandwich Theatre. Tickets start at \$6 and go up to \$14. For tickets to either of these events call (214) 821-1860.

Casa Manana presents "Always... Patsy Cline" through the Sunday at the Nancy Lee and Perry R. Bass Performance Hall. A combination of humor, sadness and reality will allow fans of the country music star to look back at her life and career, while giving them a chance to see what Patsy Cline brought to the world of country music. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased by calling TicketMaster Arts Line at (817) 467-ARTS.

The University of Texas at Arlington's Theatre Arts Program in cooperation with the music department continues its season with the breathtaking musical "Man of La Mancha" by Dale Wasserman. Performances will run through Saturday, with a matinee on Sunday, at the UTA Mainstage, Room 174, located in the Fine Arts Building. Tickets are \$6 with a \$3 student discount. For information and reservations, call (817) 272-2969.

Kitchen Door Theatre presents "Kiss of the Spiderwoman" by Argentine playwright Manuel Puig. The drama concerns two men confined together in a South American prison. One is a revolutionary and the other is a homosexual. The play begins Saturday and runs through March 28 in the

Held/Hall Theatre at the McKinney Avenue Contemporary. Tickets range from \$8 to \$18. For tickets and reservations, call the theater office at (214) 953-1055 or purchase them online at [www.kitchenandhall.com](http://www.kitchenandhall.com).

## Music

Albert Wong will be the guest artist at the Chamber Music Society of Fort Worth concert, 2:30 Sunday in the Great Hall of the Texas Boys' Chorus. The young pianist has performed numerous solo concerts throughout the United States. He made his Carnegie Hall debut at the age of 10. Tickets start at \$5. For further information, call (817) 877-3003.

Twenty-three gifted pianists from around the world will bring their dreams and artistry to campus at the Eleventh Van Cliburn International Piano Competition. The event will begin at 7 p.m. and again at 8 p.m. through Saturday in Ed Lambeth Hall Auditorium. Tickets can be purchased by calling Central Tickets at (817) 338-9900.

## Review by Jack Bullion



Many associate the guitar with rock 'n' roll, but I still think there's a great deal to be said for the piano, or the Hammond B-3 organ. Sure, rock was based upon an anarchic six-string, but many of the great bands in its short history have anchored those piercing notes with a solid keyboard section. The Band and The Doors, to name a few, made the organ part of their signature sound, giving their music a richness and complexity every bit as important as song writing. And thankfully, so do the Morning People on their self-titled release.

The album opens on some churning, steadily building funk that might remind listeners of Sly Stone's more focused efforts. "Lie" sets the tone for the Morning People's entire blast-from-the-past vibe. It's hard to imagine a band like this not hitting it really big in, say, 1975. Unfortunately, given the hard-edged, bare-essentials approach utilized by many of today's rock groups, it's hard to imagine a mope-rock, emotionally-charged epic like all seven minutes of the Morning People's "Tuesday" ever busting through the modern-rock mess. The People move almost effortlessly from funk, to straight-ahead hard rock, to reggae, to something resembling metal without once sacrificing their overall sound.

There are a few missteps: "Tuesday" meanders on a little bit too long for its own good. And it's difficult to tell whether the jaunty reggae number "Government" is meant to be taken literally or as an ironic jab in the ribs. But the highlights typically outnumber them. "Changing Colors" skips along arm-in-arm with a jazzy piano, stopping only to let keyboardist Kip Culbertson tap out a spunky solo. "Slippin' Away," the best number on the record, has all the markers of a truly great rock power ballad: Start with the piano, emote on the mic, kill them with a guitar solo. This is a band that has their chops down, who play off each other well, packing their music with more layers than most of what you hear today.

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# Drinking can be heart-healthy

## Researchers find genetic link to benefits of alcohol

By Linda A. Johnson  
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Scientists have identified a gene that may help explain why moderate drinking can ward off heart attacks. The researchers found that a variant of the gene makes the body break down alcohol very slowly. That slow breakdown, in turn, appears to raise levels of heart-protecting "good cholesterol" in the blood. Moderate drinkers with the gene variant were found to have a sharply lower risk of a heart attack than those whose bodies dispense with alcohol more quickly, according to researchers at the Harvard School of Public Health and Brigham and Women's Hospital. Moderate alcohol consumption has long been known to ward off heart disease, but the latest research shows the influence of this one genetic variation.

The gene produces enzymes called alcohol dehydrogenase that break down alcohol. The gene comes in two forms: One metabolizes alcohol quickly, the other slowly. People inherit one copy of the gene from each parent, so they can end up with two genes that make the fast-working enzymes, two that make the slow enzymes, or one of each. People with two copies of the slow gene — about one-sixth of whites — take 2 1/2 times longer to break down alcohol than those with two copies of the fast gene, said Lisa M. Hines, a Harvard doctoral student. The slow gene is very rare in minorities, she said. The study examined 396 male doctors who had suffered a heart attack and 770 who had not. Those who had two slow genes and averaged at least one drink a day had about an 85 percent lower risk of heart attack than the men who had

two fast genes and rarely drank. When the researchers adjusted for level of alcohol consumption and other factors, such as whether the doctors smoked, were overweight or had a history of heart disease, they still found about a 35 percent lower risk of heart attack in the men with two slow genes. The researchers theorize that keeping alcohol in the body longer than normal raises levels of HDL, or good cholesterol. The research was reported in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine. "The study has to be viewed as highly provocative and likely to be true, but the magnitude of the effect could be somewhat less," because only five doctors who had a heart attack also had two fast genes, said Eric Topol, chairman of cardiology at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation. Topol also stressed that people should not drink more just to improve their cholesterol readings. "Do it through weight reduction, proper diet, exercise," he said. The researchers also studied the gene's influence on 325 postmenopausal women and found a similar increase in good cholesterol levels in those with two slow genes. The researchers did not look at the gene's effect on the women's heart attack risk. The researchers also did not determine the gene's effect on the heart attack risk of heavy drinkers. Robert F. DeBusk, a cardiologist at Stanford University School of Medicine, said of the study: "I think it'll be a classic." DeBusk said doctors may eventually screen some patients for the gene variant to determine which ones are most likely to benefit from alcohol.

# HUD releases report on agency

## Some see photos as campaign

By Shannon McCaffery  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — In the weeks before the Clinton administration left office, the Department of Housing and Urban Development spent more than \$200,000 on reports on the agency's work. Ever since, critics have been calling the effort little more than self-promotion aimed at boosting then-Secretary Andrew Cuomo's candidacy for New York governor. Cuomo authorized 5,000 copies of "HUD International," which documents the agency's work in Central America and the Caribbean, China, Mexico, South Africa and Israel. The 62-page report includes 15 photos of Cuomo and cost \$53,500. The report was printed in the first two weeks in January. Cuomo's tenure ended along with President Clinton's on Jan. 20. "Exposing Injustice," which cost \$162,509 for 10,000 copies, chronicled HUD initiatives designed to combat racial and economic inequality and included at least 11 photographs of Cuomo. "There have been former Cabinet secretaries who have had political ambitions but they have not been as blatant about it as Secretary Cuomo," said Tom Schatz, president of Citizens Against Government Waste, a Washington-based private group. Nearly half of the copies of "HUD International" were never distributed. Most are now sitting in storage in Washington, where the Bush administration sent them after taking power. "The new administration felt the report did not fit the new HUD vision," HUD spokesman Jerry Brown said Wednesday. Cuomo spokesman John Cowan

had no immediate comment. Cuomo, son of former New York Gov. Mario Cuomo, announced his candidacy on Jan. 29. Another HUD report, "A Vision for Change," was criticized by Rep. Robert Ney, R-Ohio. The 150-page report came out late last year and included its own CD-ROM and a \$688,857 cost to the government. It devoted six pages to Cuomo's Erie Canal economic development initiative in upstate New York, which the report said "perfectly illustrates how all of HUD's tools and programs can work together on a large scale in a region desperately in need of an economic boost." Ney said the report "may appear to

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—Robert Ney, Rep., R-Ohio

some to be a flagrant political public relations document." "These funds could have provided an entire year's worth of housing assistance for hundreds of poor families across the country," Ney said. Last spring, another HUD report, "Losing Ground," was deemed by HUD's inspector general, a frequent Cuomo critic, to be an illegal lobbying tool. However, the General Accounting Office, Congress' nonpartisan investigative arm, reviewed the document and found no violation. "HUD International" includes a photo of Cuomo with then-Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak during Cuomo's visit to Israel last June to launch the first-ever U.S.-Israel Bi-national Commission on Housing and Community Development. HUD mailed out 2,158 copies of the report to interest groups and officials. An additional 372 copies were distributed within HUD headquarters. The remaining 2,470 had not been sent out before Cuomo left and will not be distributed, HUD officials said Wednesday.

# Inmate paper cut for security reasons

The Echo stopped temporarily after Texas seven fled

ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON — Published by inmates for inmates, a prison newspaper has ended publication over security concerns heightened by the escape of seven prisoners from a maximum-security lockup in the nation's largest correctional system. The Echo was the newspaper of record for 73 years for the Texas prison system, officials said Tuesday. Sharon Keilin, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice's management liaison to the newspaper, said she learned last week that prison officials considered the office at the Huntsville Unit, where the newspaper is published, to be a security risk. "The staffing was not adequate

to cover the publication of The Echo," Keilin, an assistant director for operational support in Huntsville, told the Houston Chronicle in Wednesday's online edition. "It was decided they would temporarily put the guys to other jobs and search for a more secure location." A staff of five inmates, including a former journalist serving a 60-year sentence for aggravated robbery, produced The Echo each month. They used correspondents from throughout the Texas correctional system to publish 130,000 copies of a 12-page newspaper, distributed free at the prison units. Keilin said she was told that once a more secure location for the newspaper's office was found, publication could resume. But others were doubtful of those prospects. "If they just closed (The Echo) down to fix security, that's fine," said attorney Donna Brorby, who has spent decades in federal court battling the state over treatment of prisoners. "If they end up using

this to shut down The Echo, that would be really sad." George Rivas and six other inmates at the Connally Unit in Kenedy County overpowered civilian workers and a guard and escaped Dec. 13. Authorities say the inmates then robbed an Irving sporting goods store Dec. 24, leaving a police officer dead of multiple gunshot wounds. The escapees then drove to Colorado, where four were captured and one killed himself on Jan. 22. The other two surrendered two days later. Brorby said she was concerned The Echo may go the way of other prison programs that have been temporarily suspended, like the work program for death row inmates that was implicated in an attempted escape. State prison officials suspended the death row work program in 1998 after seven inmates used the time together to plan an escape attempt. Brorby said it has not been reinstated. The prison publication, which

included letters to the editor from inmates and summaries of articles from other newspapers around the state, had frequently won honors in the American Penal Press Contest. Relatives of inmates and others who could subscribe to The Echo relied upon the newspaper, which contained no advertising. "The Echo is very important for inmates and their families because it is the only newspaper in the small town that is the Texas prison system," said Ray Hill, host of The Prison Program, which is broadcast on Houston public radio. Keilin, who reviewed articles' content before publication, said the inmates adhered to a code of ethics, including printing only balanced and true information and clearly identifying their sources. "I'm told an appropriate place will be found and it will start back up," she said. "It's had bumps and things in its 73-year history. It has survived them. It will survive this one."

# Clinton's brother-in-law paid \$400,000 to lobby for pardons

By John Solomon  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Former president says he was unaware despite Rodham contacting White House

WASHINGTON — Bill Clinton's brother-in-law received nearly \$400,000 for lobbying for a pardon and a prison commutation that the former president granted on his last day in office, legal sources told The Associated Press. The money was returned Wednesday at the Clintons' request. Clinton and his wife, Hillary Rodham Clinton, said they were unaware of the arrangements with Hugh Rodham and were "deeply disturbed" by what had happened. Rodham contacted the White House at least once in connection with one of the cases, legal sources said. Rodham, brother of Hillary Clinton, "today acceded to his family's request that he return legal fees earned

in connection with pardon requests," said Rodham's attorney, Nancy Luque. "Their request, presumably made because of the appearance of impropriety, is one he cannot ignore. There was, however, no impropriety in these matters." Legal sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, told the AP that Rodham, a lawyer, was paid for months of work on the prison commutation request of Carlos Vignali and received a "success fee" for helping win the pardon of Almon Glenn Braswell. The money included \$200,000 after the Braswell pardon was granted and the rest paid over a period time as

Rodham worked on the Vignali commutation, the sources said. They declined to provide an exact amount but said it totaled just below \$400,000 when added up Wednesday night. "Yesterday I became aware of press inquiries that Hugh Rodham received a contingency fee in connection with a pardon application for Glenn Braswell and a fee for work on Carlos Vignali's commutation application," the former president said in a statement. "Neither Hillary nor I had any knowledge of such payments. We are deeply disturbed by these reports and have insisted that Hugh return any monies received." In a statement Wednesday night,

Hillary Clinton said, "I was very disturbed to learn that my brother, Hugh Rodham, received fees in connection with two clemency applications. Hugh did not speak with me about these applications. I believe that the payments should be returned immediately, and I understand he has taken steps to do so." A source close to Clinton, speaking on condition of anonymity, said then-White House adviser and Clinton confidant Bruce Lindsey had been contacted by Rodham and was aware of Rodham's involvement with the Vignali request. The source said Lindsey did not know about the presidential relative's involvement in the Braswell matter. The source was

unaware of any other White House officials who knew about Rodham's role in the Braswell matter. The decisions on both men were made on the merits of their situations, the source said. The Braswell pardon has generated controversy because after it was granted on Jan. 20 it was disclosed that the businessman was under investigation on new allegations. Braswell did not apply for his pardon through the Justice Department, but Vignali, son of a wealthy donor, did apply for his commutation through the department in August 1998. Watney refused to say whether Justice recommended that Vignali be pardoned.

One legal source said Rodham's work on the two clemency matters involved gathering supporting documents for the application, lining up people to advocate the pardons and getting the information "through channels" to the Clinton administration. They declined to identify those channels. Rodham worked on Braswell's last-minute request for just a couple of weeks and worked on the Vignali case for several months, the source said. The 140 pardons and 36 commutations Clinton granted just hours before President Bush took office have generated criticism from Republicans and Democrats alike and prompted congressional and criminal investigations.

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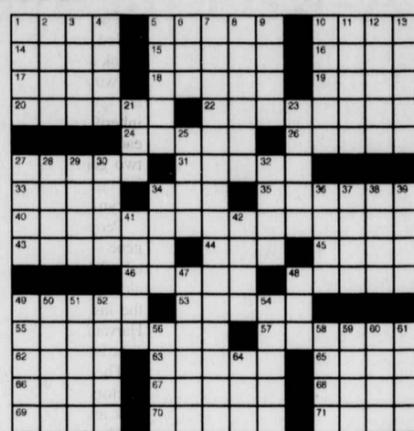
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16 Toy with a tail  
17 Arm bone  
18 Honeydew, e.g.  
19 Rara follower  
20 Sound system  
22 Madmen  
24 Schnoz  
26 Race with a baton  
27 Feudal lord's peons  
31 Filch  
33 "Dies ..."  
34 Liturgical vestment  
35 Make feasible  
40 Unconditional ultimatum  
43 Familiar with  
44 Charged particle  
45 Data  
46 Long narrative poems  
48 Heavily burdened  
49 Biblical poem  
53 Shooting sport  
55 Circuit control  
57 Stick  
62 Possesses  
63 Melancholy  
65 In the thick of  
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68 EPA concern  
69 Messes up  
70 Made a meal of  
71 Detest

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# A-Rod pledges to repay Hicks with championship rings

By Fred Goodall  
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PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. — Alex Rodriguez isn't sure anyone is worth \$252 million.

Baseball's highest-paid player reported to spring training Wednesday, saying he felt overcompensated even before the Texas Rangers gave him the richest deal in sports history. He hopes to repay owner Tom Hicks by winning championships.

"I've always said the happiest I've ever been is when the Mariners signed me and gave me my first million dollars," Rodriguez said after joining his new teammates for a late-morning workout at Charlotte County Stadium. "At 17 years old, I thought that was pretty scary."

"I'm almost embarrassed and ashamed of this contract, because my personality is to go out and play baseball. I've always been the underdog who's gone out and played well and tried to show everybody

that I'm worth being the No. 1 pick or a 40-40 guy. Now, there's this 252 tag over my head. What I enjoy is the responsibility that goes along with it, both on and off the field."

A local county fair was in full swing across the street from the Rangers' complex, however there was no bigger attraction than Rodriguez, whose arrival brought more than 100 reporters and photographers to this small community on Florida's southwest coast.

Rodriguez took batting practice and fielded grounders before answering questions for about 25 minutes at an afternoon news conference.

He said he felt a lot like a rookie driving to work after spending the past six spring trainings with the Mariners.

"It still hasn't hit me," Rodriguez said. "When I was out there taking ground balls and hitting balls, it felt like I was dreaming. It's been a very

short winter. It's been a big learning experience for me. But I guess until the umpire says 'Play ball!' it's not going to hit home."

The Rangers, who lost 91 games last season, also added Andres Galarraga, Ken Caminiti and Randy Velarde to a formidable offensive attack that included Ivan Rodriguez and Rafael Palmeiro.

Pitching appears to be the biggest weakness.

"I'm not so confident to think that by signing Alex we're going to be a World Series team, but I'd like to think we have a better chance today than we did at the end of this past season," general manager Doug Melvin said. "We're much better on paper. But now we have to go out and do it on the field."

Alex and Ivan Rodriguez both relish that challenge.

A-Rod said no one expects more of him than himself and he's not concerned about being able to han-

dle the pressure that goes along with having a huge contract.

"I just hope people don't think because I signed that contract that I'm going to hit 90 home runs and drive in 200 runs because that's probably unrealistic," said Alex Rodriguez, who hit .316 with 41 homers and 132 RBIs last season.

"I never dreamed in my wildest dreams that I would be making this type of money. Like I say, it's almost embarrassing to talk about it. I don't know if Michael Jordan or Bill Gates or Alexander the Great or anyone is worth this type of money. But that's the market that we're in today. That's what Hicks decided to pay me, and now it's time to go pay him back and win him a few championships."

The shortstop settled into the Rangers clubhouse in a locker between Caminiti and Ivan Rodriguez, who said the team welcomes the attention the four-time All-Star will

bring to the club.

Pitcher Rick Helling said from everything he's seen and heard, A-Rod won't have any trouble fitting in with his new teammates.

"Will he be able to go hang out at the mall with guys? Probably not," Helling said. "But as far as going to dinner on the road and doing things like that, I don't see why not."

Manager Johnny Oates conceded that team chemistry will be important if the Rangers are going to transform into a championship team. But like the players, he's confident the size of A-Rod's contract won't become a distraction.

"If we have a million problems this year, that would be No. 1,000,000 ... I'm not so naive to think this is just another contract," Oates said. "But in talking with the players I don't see us having a problem. Everyone's tickled for him. It can't do anything but help them when their time comes."

## Alex Rodriguez

### Alex Rodriguez's Statistics

#### Salary

His contract with the Rangers is worth \$252 million through 2009. After 2009, Rodriguez can opt for a \$5 million raise or a contract worth \$1 million more than the highest-paid player in baseball.

#### Last year

Batting average: .316  
Home runs: 41  
RBIs: 121

#### Career

Batting average: .310  
Home runs: 230  
RBIs: 727

## Frogs lose to Miners

### Team remains atop WAC; Porter scores 21

SKIFF STAFF

Texas El-Paso's Heidi Walker scored 22 points as the Miners defeated the Frogs, 79-76, Wednesday night at the Don Haskins Center in El Paso.

TCU battled back from a 19-point deficit with 9:35 remaining, but the Frogs couldn't complete the comeback as shots by freshman forward Tiffany Evans and senior guard Amy Porter missed in the waning six seconds.

"I'm proud of the last 10 minutes, but by the looks of it, I'm disappointed in the first 30 minutes," head coach Jeff Mittie said on KTCU, 88.7-FM. "We're a good basketball team, but this is evidence that we weren't ready to play."

The loss was the first time this season that TCU, which averages 71.5 points a game, scored 70 or more points and didn't win.

Porter scored 21 points, grabbed seven rebounds and dished out four assists for the Frogs. TCU outrebounded UTEP 48 to 38.

After trailing by only four points at halftime, the Frogs struggled in the opening minutes of the second half. The Miners achieved their biggest lead, 60-41, with just less than 10 minutes remaining.

TCU then went on a 38-16 run, cutting the lead to one point. Senior guard Jill Sutton missed a baseline shot, which would have given the Frogs their only second-half lead, with less than 10 seconds remaining.

Two Miner free throws gave UTEP a three-point lead with 6.9 seconds left in the game. Evans' three-point attempt ricocheted to Porter, who missed a three pointer as the buzzer sounded.

"The last play was typical of the whole night," Mittie said. "We didn't run the right play, and we're not the type of team that can execute and be successful."

Despite the loss, TCU (19-6, 11-2 Western Athletic Conference) remains in first place in the conference. But the Frogs only have a one-game lead on second-place Hawaii. The Rainbows (19-5, 10-3) play TCU at 2 p.m. Sunday at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

"Our goal of winning the WAC is still very attainable," Mittie said. "But we've certainly made things interesting."

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Senior forward Janice Thomas goes up for two of her 12 points against Texas-El Paso Wednesday. The Miners defeated the Frogs, 79-76.

## College players should not be paid to play ball

To cope with the poor quality of play and rapidly dwindling profit margins, NBA Commissioner David Stern said top college basketball prospects should be paid a yearly sum to persuade them to stay in school. This is wrong on so many different levels.



Blum

With too many teams, too few marquee players, too little depth and too many young players with no polish, it's painfully obvious that something needs to be done with the NBA.

Stern's plan consists of paying these future NBA players sums of \$20,000 for both their junior and senior seasons so they will have comfortable incomes and not have to rush to the exorbitant professional salaries.

Let's discuss this from a business perspective. Why would college players be content with a mere \$20,000 and suffer through two more years of those annoying classes when they can sign their name on a contract and have a \$3.5 million signing bonus immediately placed in their accounts? Not to mention, they'd be earning (maybe receiving is a better word) a similar amount during the course of that year.

One has to observe the reality of college basketball programs as well. At major programs, top players are often regularly given under-the-table "donations" from wealthy alumni that tally about \$20,000 a year. Many players from poor backgrounds also mysteriously seem to make \$30,000 SUV's appear out of thin air.

If players aren't staying in school with the perks they already have, why would they stay in school for a little longer? Let's just completely ignore

the fact that they already attend college free, so why not throw even more money at them for no reason?

Next is a question of fairness. Why should top prospects get paid when the other college players, with less talent who put forth twice the effort, receive nothing? Which players are top prospects? It's obvious a line has to be drawn somewhere. If the top 30 prospects get paid, it seems a little unfair for number 31 to get nothing.

There have been plenty of instances where players have fizzled out after their sophomore seasons and players who don't even break out until their senior seasons. Under Stern's proposal, the player who fizzles out would get paid and the late-bloomer would get ripped off. If college basketball players begin to get paid, a ripple effect will undeniably begin, causing even college lacrosse players to pick up paychecks.

There's also the issue of ethics, which seems to get brushed underneath the carpet more often each year. I don't believe college players have done anything to get paid beyond their scholarships. One has to wonder what these players will do with this extra money when they already have free tuition and free housing.

After a while, it becomes obvious that there are too many loopholes and flaws with Stern's plan. For the solution, the NBA should look to their sister league, the WNBA. Since its infancy, the WNBA has had a minimum age requirement of 22. If the NBA issued an age minimum requirement of 21, all would be solved. Sure, college and high school players won't be happy, but they won't have a choice. This will vastly improve the college game, and saving the NBA.

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## BRIEFS

### Men's tennis climbs to No. 4

The men's tennis team moved up two spots to No. 4 in the nation in the WingspanBank.com Collegiate Tennis Rankings Wednesday.

Saturday, the Frogs lost to then No. 3 UCLA in the USTA/ITA National Indoor Championships. The Bruins went on to win the tournament beating Stanford, 4-2, in the championship to give them the No. 1 ranking in the country.

The Frogs have already beaten three top 25 teams this season and are scheduled to play 13 top 25 teams this season.

The Frogs return to action at 1 p.m. Saturday when they play Texas Tech at the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center.

### Minyards sponsoring basketball game

Minyard Food Stores will sponsor a ticket giveaway for the women's basketball game against Southern Methodist March 3 at the Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

As part of the promotion, customers can pick up free tickets at the customer service desk at all seven Fort Worth area Minyard Food Stores. The grocery chain is giving away 3,000 tickets to the game.

In addition to the free tickets, Minyards and Dr Pepper are giving away coupons at all remaining home basketball games good for free 20-ounce Dr Peppers at Minyards Food Stores.

The March 3 game against SMU could determine what team gets the No. 1 seed heading into the Western Athletic Conference tournament.

### Volleyball ready for spring practices

The women's volleyball team will begin its official practices today to prepare for four spring practice tournaments.

The Frogs will begin spring play March 31 when they host the TCU Volleyball Spring Invitational in the Rickel Building.

During the spring season, the Frogs will face two future Conference USA opponents. The Frogs will face Houston in the TCU Invitational and will face South Florida in the South Florida Invitational April 14.

## TMS to honor Earnhardt today

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FORT WORTH — Texas Motor Speedway will shut down all track activity for an hour today, coinciding with the memorial service of NASCAR Winston Cup driver Dale Earnhardt.

Several CART teams have been testing at the speedway in preparation for their season opening race there March 3 and 4.

CART testing and all other activity at the track will be suspended in honor of Earnhardt during a memorial service in Charlotte, N.C.

Earnhardt, a seven-time Winston Cup champion, was buried in a private service Wednesday in his hometown of Kannapolis, N.C.

Earnhardt was killed Sunday on the last turn of the last lap in the Daytona 500. A half mile and a few seconds were all that separated jubilation and despair at Daytona International Speedway.

Michael Waltrip's unbelievable first victory. Dale Earnhardt's unthinkable death. All at the end of the last lap of the Daytona 500, which was changed forever.

"I didn't know the thunderstorm Dale was fighting in back there with all those cars," Waltrip said, recounting the moment now frozen in time. Surely, he wasn't alone.

The Earnhardt crash looked almost routine by NASCAR standards, especially considering what had happened just minutes earlier.

After nearly three tension-filled hours of side-by-side racing, a 19-car crash sent Tony Stewart's car hurtling skyward, flames shooting out of the engine.

Bobby Labonte's car was on fire, too, and minutes later, the Winston Cup garage looked and sounded like a junkyard, as the mangled cars were pulled by wreckers with their high-pitched beep-beep-beeping.

Stewart emerged with the worst injury, a sore shoulder and concussion, and once again observers marveled at how so many escaped unscathed after such a scary-looking accident.

The crash brought about a rare red flag, stopping all action, as track workers cleared debris from the track.

That pushed the finale deeper into the afternoon, turning the 500 into a 26-lap sprint for the checkered flag.

As the drivers passed under the white flag that signifies the beginning of the final lap, Waltrip and Dale Earnhardt Jr. had begun to separate themselves from a pack that included Earnhardt, Kenny Schrader, Sterling Marlin and a hard-charging Rusty Wallace.

Most fans at the track must have thought Earnhardt was getting ready

for one final run, a chance to sling-shot past the two leaders and win his second Daytona 500. Then again, maybe not.

Half a lap passed, then two-thirds, and the famous black Chevrolet hadn't made its move.

Racing for third place would have countered everything The Intimidator stood for. Still, it kind of made sense.

Ahead of Earnhardt were his two employees — Earnhardt Jr. and Waltrip, the hard-luck driver who was like the little brother Earnhardt never had.

Maybe victory would have to wait this time. Earnhardt might have wanted to preserve the 1-2 finish for two people he cared deeply about.

As Earnhardt appeared to try to block the drivers behind him, his car drifted ever so slightly toward the bottom of the track, where Marlin was holding his line as they entered Turn 3. Contact ensued.

Earnhardt's car skidded quickly downward onto the apron of the track, fishtailing. As the cars rounded the bend, the nose of the Chevy tilted toward the outside wall and Schrader plowed into its passenger side. Earnhardt slammed headfirst into the wall at Turn 4 at about 180 mph, dying instantly.

Later, an autopsy report described the fatal injuries: Earnhardt had a skull fracture that ran from the front

of his head to the back. His sternum was broken. So were his left ankle and eight ribs.

As Waltrip passed by the wreckage on his victory lap, doctors were reaching into Earnhardt's car trying to save a life already lost. Moments later, Waltrip was 2,000 feet away basking in his victory.

In the infield, firefighters had cut into the wreckage so Earnhardt's body could be removed and placed in an ambulance.

Earnhardt Jr. practically sprinted off the track to follow his father to the hospital. A blue tarp was draped over Earnhardt's car.

Waltrip stood in Victory Lane, flashing the 'V' sign. Any second now, he figured, he would feel Earnhardt's strong hand grabbing him by the scruff of the neck and The Intimidator congratulating him.

Minutes later, Waltrip moved over to the tower that stood high above the track for more interviews. This was one of the few places that offered a view of the entire scene — triumph and tragedy.

Before Waltrip took the first question, he knew he was no longer the story.

"My heart is hurting right now," he said. "I would rather be any place right this moment than here. It's so painful."