

Career Changes

Sophomore first baseman *Walter Olmstead's* baseball career started off going no where, that is, before he came to TCU.
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Whose Right to Know
With today's technological advancements, it is becoming difficult to keep one's personal information withheld.
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Fort Worth, Texas

Undergrad applications at all-time high

Admissions reports increase of 18.5 percent as highest ever

By Carrie Woodall
STAFF REPORTER

Increased national and regional exposure of the university is bringing in a record-breaking number of undergraduate applications to the office of admissions, Dean of Admissions Ray Brown said.

Last year, the incoming application record was set at 5,055. However, admissions received application No. 5,056 last week and has already gotten more than 400

more applications since then. "We have had a huge run of really positive press," Brown said. "And the Commission on the Future (of TCU) has gained a lot of press too."

The majority of this increase in applications is coming from Texas students, and that is where the commission's major focus was set, he said.

Brown said the fact that TCU had a top 10 football team and a Heisman Trophy candidate cannot be discounted from greatly increasing publicity.

"I was at a college fair in Seattle when three high school guys approached me saying, 'Texas Christian University — the home of LaDainian Tomlinson,' he said. 'You

can't just buy that kind of popularity in advertising."

Admissions counselor Micah Marin said that along with the impact of the athletics department, the availability of information on the Internet has also helped the visibility of the university.

"There is easier access to find out about all the options students can

choose from," he said. "The students can actually look at schools they never knew about, including (TCU)."

Brown said TCU has had increases every year for the last five years, but they've all been just slightly more than the year before.

"This is truly huge," he said. "I've never been a part of an institution

that ended the year even 10 percent ahead, and right now we are running 18.5 percent (ahead)."

William Koehler, vice chancellor for academic affairs, said he is pleased with the increase but not surprised.

"My colleagues in admissions are among the best in the country," he said. "Also, my colleagues in marketing work very hard putting the

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Hillary denies helping Ex-campaign treasurer obtained pardons for felons

By John Solomon
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Awash in controversy, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton said Thursday "I did not have any involvement in the pardons that were granted or not granted" by her husband just before he left office.

At a crowded news conference, the former first lady said she did not know that her brother, Hugh Rodham, had lobbied on behalf of two men who sought relief from Bill Clinton in the waning days of his presidency. She added she was "very disappointed" to have learned Rodham had been paid \$400,000 to do so.

She also said she had no prior knowledge that her campaign treasurer had helped prepare official papers for other pardon-seekers.

With the controversy swirling, Clinton was driven to Capitol Hill from her new home a few miles away for an attempt at damage control. Without any opening remarks, she invited reporters to question her. They did, and she remained composed throughout, at one point addressing a reporter as "my dear."

Clinton turned aside questions about the pardon decisions her husband had made, telling reporters they should address those issues with him and his staff. She specifically declined to answer when asked whether he should agree to appear voluntarily before congressional committees looking into the pardons.

The former first lady said she had heard rumors last week about her brother's involvement, but didn't follow them up. She said she learned definitively about his role Monday night, while she was at the movies. She said she was "heartbroken and shocked ... and extremely disappointed."

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DANCING WITH HAMMERS



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Above: Nicole Myers, a sophomore ballet major; Joy Atkins, a sophomore ballet major; and Brooke Spittler, a sophomore ballet major, construct background scenes for the TCU theater department's production of "Extremities" as part of their stage craft class.

Right: Ashley Flowers, a sophomore ballet major, works on scene construction for "Extremities."

Hours and Dates

What: TCU theater department's production of "Extremities."

When: 8 p.m. March 1 to 3 and March 8 to 10 and 2 p.m. March 4 and March 11.

Where: University Theatre.

Cost: Tickets are free for students, faculty and staff with TCU ID.

For tickets call the box office at (817) 257-7626.



Air strikes on Iraqi defense called mediocre Missile to blame for lack of damage to targeted radars

By Robert Burns
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Results of last weekend's airstrikes on Iraqi air defense sites were mediocre at best — a senior Pentagon official said Thursday that far fewer than half the targeted radars were damaged. Early assessments indicate a new satellite-guided missile fired by Navy planes was mainly to blame.

"We have detectable damage on 38 to 40 percent of the radars, and we still have some (data) coming in," said the official, discussing the Pentagon's preliminary bomb damage assessment on condition of anonymity.

Most of the misses were by a margin of 100 to 150 feet, he said.

On Wednesday, another senior defense official graded the

bombing raids' accuracy at a B-minus or a C-plus. The Pentagon's public assessment is that the air strikes were effective, at least temporarily, because they disrupted Iraq's efforts to shoot down allied planes.

In northern Iraq on Thursday, Iraqi forces fired anti-aircraft artillery and surface-to-air missiles at American aircraft and targeted them with radar, Pentagon spokesman Rear Adm. Craig Quigley said.

Quigley said the U.S. planes returned fire and safely departed Iraqi airspace.

"We were doing our job, the Iraqis fired on us and we acted in self defense," said Army Maj. Ed Loomis, a spokesman at U.S. European Command, which

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Tumultuous timeline: Since Jan. 1 Iraqis have fired on allied planes over northern Iraq 15 times.

Last Friday:

Twenty-four American and British planes bomb targets outside Baghdad.

Wednesday:

Senior defense official graded the bombing raid accuracy as B-minus or C-plus. Pentagon officials said, however, the strikes succeeded in degrading Iraq's ability to target American planes.

Thursday:

Iraqi forces fired anti-aircraft artillery and surface-to-air missiles at American aircraft and targeted them with radar.

Source: The Associated Press.

ACADEMIC COWBOY Philosophy professor to pass the reins after 38 years in teaching

By Melissa Christensen
STAFF REPORTER

In Ted Klein's home office, a sculpture of an aged, overworked cowboy boot rests atop a bookcase bulging with German philosophy books, a tangible symbol of his contradictory interests.

A seasoned rancher in Bosque County, Klein holds a doctorate from Rice University with an emphasis in the complicated modern continental philosophies of Germans like Edmund Husserl and Martin Heidegger.

Colleagues describe Klein, who will retire from TCU as a professor of philosophy on May 31, as a philosopher cowboy.

Honors Program Director Kathyne McDorman said the two sides of Klein are an unexpected combination.

"You don't find many people who teach Heidegger in cowboy boots," McDorman said.

A reception in Klein's honor will be at 4 p.m. Tuesday in the Faculty Center on the second floor of Reed Hall.

Klein has worn his boots and bolo since 1963 to teach courses like critical reasoning, continental thought, ethics in health care and cowboy metaphysics.

"I hardly ever wear a suit and tie: only to church, weddings and funerals," Klein said.

He said his cowboy persona nat-

urally developed from living in Fort Worth all his life. After attending local public schools and graduating from TCU in 1955, only nine years of his life were spent outside of Cowtown.

Three were at Yale Divinity School and six in Houston, first as a minister and then as a graduate student at Rice.

Gregg Franzwa, chairman of the philosophy department, said Klein is a Texas gentleman.

"He has always stood as the ideal Texas individualist," Franzwa said. "He is a steady force for rationality and goodness and is, of course, tremendously polite and extraordinarily gentle with people."

During his TCU career, Klein has served as Honors Program director, philosophy department chairman,

philosophy department chairman, philosophy department chairman,

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Cattle Call



Klein

What: Retirement reception for Ted Klein

When: 4 p.m. Tuesday

Where: Faculty Center in Reed Hall

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J.C. Penney reports more losses

Officials say they will sell better merchandise; less discounting

ASSOCIATED PRESS

PLANO — J.C. Penney Co. Inc. reported it lost money again in the fourth quarter, and chief executive Allen Questrom predicted it will take the retailing giant two to five years to become competitive.

Penney said that including charges for store closings, it lost \$284 million or \$1.11 a share in the quarter ended Jan. 27, compared with a loss of \$12 million, or 8 cents a share a year earlier.

Excluding the one-time charges, however, the loss narrowed to \$1 million, or 3 cents a share — better than the 5-cent loss expected by an-

alysts surveyed by First Call/Thomson Financial. A year ago, the company posted an operating gain of \$126 million, or 45 cents a share.

Fourth-quarter revenue dipped to \$9.75 billion from \$9.83 billion.

Thursday's report marked the second straight losing quarter for the venerable retailer, which also operates Eckerd drugstores. Penney posted an operating loss of \$23 million in the third quarter.

Questrom, the Plano-based company's new chairman and chief executive, called the fourth-quarter figures disappointing but said the company has begun taking steps to turn things around.

"Although it will be two to five years before we fully restore the profitability of our business to competitive levels, I am confident that incremental progress will continue to be made over the next several years," he said.

Questrom predicted that cost savings and other steps will boost 2001 earnings to 70 cents to 80 cents a share, which would top the 64-cent expectation of analysts surveyed by First Call.

"I think it helps he did that," Bruce Missett, an analyst for Morgan Stanley Dean Witter, said of Questrom's

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TODAY IN HISTORY

In 1942, the Japanese submarine I-17, fired approximately 13 shells against the Bardsdale Oil Refinery in Ellwood, Calif. It was the first bombing raid against the continental United States in World War II.

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■ **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.

■ **University Ministries Ecumenical Exchange** will be from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. March 1 in the Faculty Lounge in Reed Hall. A free meal will be provided. All are welcome to come and learn how people live out their faith in their careers.

■ **"Experience India,"** a charity luncheon benefiting the victims of the recent earthquakes in India, will be from 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.

■ **Alpha Chi Omega** will present its Ninth Annual Fashion Show from 2 to 4 p.m. March 4 at the Will Rogers Memorial Center Round Up Inn. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$20 for students. The fashion show will benefit the Tarrant County Women's Center. For tickets and more information call (817) 257-4101.

■ **Applications for student teaching** for fall 2001 are due March 9. Applications and disks are in the computer lab on the third floor of the Bailey Building.

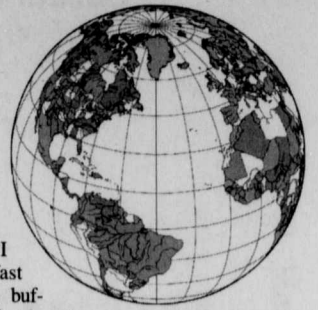
■ **The Harris School of Nursing** will have a Student Poster Presentation from 10:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. March 12 in the Student Center Lounge. Students will be available to answer questions about current topics, such as genetic engineering, drug addiction and new treatment for strokes.

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WORLD DIGEST



Russian PM, Powell to discuss nuclear issues

MOSCOW — Setting the tone for Russia's first direct contact with the Bush administration, Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov said Thursday the time had come for serious dialogue with the United States on missile defense and other nuclear issues.

At a news conference two days before he meets Secretary of State Colin Powell for the first time, Ivanov said the world political climate depends on relations between the United States and Russia.

"We are in the mood for the most active dialogue at all levels, starting with the highest level ... on the entire range of issues in Russian-American relations," Ivanov said.

Ivanov refused to comment on the arrest this week of Robert Philip Hanssen, a career FBI agent who was charged with spying for Russia, saying he thought the U.S.-Russia agenda was significantly broader than that issue.

Powell and Ivanov will meet Feb. 24 in Cairo. Ivanov said the meeting place was chosen because both diplomats had plans to be in the Middle East at the same time.

A chill has been blowing between Washington and Moscow since Bush took office last month, with U.S. officials accusing Russia of trying to revive its Soviet ambitions and selling missile technology to countries like North Korea and Iran.

Ivanov's measured, almost bland assessment of U.S.-Russian relations contrasts with the tough talk from Defense Ministry and Kremlin officials who in recent weeks have accused officials in Washington of maligning Russia's reputation.

Saying U.S.-Russian relations had "significant potential in guaranteeing international security," Ivanov added that "We realize perfectly well that to a great extent the world climate depends on just how relations with the Russia and the United States take shape."

The agenda for Saturday's meeting includes missile defense, NATO expansion, the Middle East, Iraq, the Balkans and other issues, in no particular order, Ivanov said.

But it is missile defense that is likely to be the hottest question.

Russia opposes U.S. plans to develop a national missile defense system, and this week presented NATO Secretary General Lord Robertson with an outline for a non-strategic missile defense proposal for Europe to counter the American initiative.

Ivanov repeated the standing Russian argument that a U.S. missile defense program would violate the 1972 ABM treaty and destroy global strategic stability.

"If we pull out one of the links of such a security structure, then it could fall apart," Ivanov said.

Ivanov proposed holding multilateral talks to assess the threats that have prompted the United States to consider developing its own missile shield.

"I think the whole issue of START and ABM that we put together under the term strategic stability requires very serious dialogue with the participation of the United States and other states concerned — European and China," he said.

"Even the strongest world power cannot solve such problems alone," Ivanov said. "Historical experience shows that. We propose finding joint paths." He also proposed holding talks on developing a global system of control of rockets and rocket technology.

Joint action is strongly emphasized in the Russian proposals. One of the NATO officials getting their first close look at Russia's missile defense proposals said Thursday they were broad but enough to start serious discussions. "We would need to see a lot more," said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

German says he is first to break sound barrier

BERLIN — A former Luftwaffe pilot says he broke the sound barrier first — not Chuck Yeager. But the German's claim cannot be verified, at least not yet.

Flying alone over Austria on April 9, 1945, at the end of World War II, Hans Guido Mutke pushed his Messerschmitt 262 to full throttle in hopes of reaching a friend who had bailed out under U.S. attack.

Mutke says he later realized the shaking and loss of control he felt before the plane reached 690 mph meant he had broken the sound barrier.

"I knew nothing about a sound barrier," he said Thursday from Munich. "I just went full speed to help a comrade."

Now age 79 and a retired doctor, Mutke has asked an aeronautics professor to help substantiate his claim using computer simulation.

By all accepted accounts, on Oct. 14, 1947, Yeager was the first human to break the sound barrier when he flew his rocket-powered X-1 over Rogers Dry Lake in southern California.

Mutke said he was cruising at 40,000 feet when he heard of his friend's trouble and went into a dive. As his jet accelerated, he said he felt his plane "buffeting" — a known phenomenon of vibration before reaching the speed of sound.

Mutke believes he then went supersonic — something test pilots hadn't done previously because they usually backed off when their planes shook.

"It's like when you pass a finger slowly through a candle flame and your finger gets burned. When

you move it quickly, then nothing happens," said Mutke. "I went so fast through the buffeting area that it was only heavily damaged, both engines lost function and the rivets flew out of the wings."

After landing because of the damage to his plane, Mutke denied to superiors that he had exceeded 590 mph.

There had been several unexplained Me262 crashes earlier that Mutke speculates were caused when pilots broke the sound barrier and paid with their lives.

"I always said the first person who broke the sound barrier is the unknown pilot, exactly as we have the unknown soldier," Mutke said.

French report insults Swiss financial practices

GENEVA — A French parliamentary panel has accused Switzerland of being "a predator of world finance" for luring hundreds of billions of dollars in dubious funds — a report the Swiss rejected Thursday as biased and wrong.

"Switzerland's Fight Against Money Laundering is a Facade," said the 400-page French National Assembly report issued Wednesday.

It said 90 percent of the \$1 trillion in foreign money managed in Switzerland is undeclared in its country of origin, raising suspicions about whether it is legitimate.

But Swiss bankers said the French report was "full of mistakes" and showed an ignorance of current financial practices in Switzerland.

The French report said a 1998 change in the Swiss law tightening controls on foreign funds had had little impact because financial managers have acted with excessive leniency and understaffed authorities are unable to enforce the legislation.

Just over 300 cases of suspicious activity were reported to Swiss authorities last year. The authors of the French report — Socialist lawmakers Vincent Peillon and Arnaud Montebourg — called the low number "derisory," given Switzerland's importance as a financial center.

"Quality is better than quantity," said James Nason, spokesman for the Swiss Bankers Association. "Of the suspicious cases reported, 223, or 72 percent, led to prosecution."

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JOB WELL DONE

Growing numbers deserves praise

The office of admissions announced this week that undergraduate applications have increased this year by more than 18.5 percent, so far, and that number will be even higher when the application deadline comes.

This is a record-breaking number of applications for TCU. Ray Brown, dean of admissions, said the spotlight that has been set on TCU in the past year has been a key factor in applications increasing.

He said the publicity that was received when the football team was ranked in the top 10 and LaDainian Tomlinson was nominated for the Heisman Trophy is more than could have bought in advertising.

However, the football team is not the only reason applications have increased this year.

Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs William Koehler said his colleagues at the admissions office are the best in the country and he is not surprised by the application results.

Koehler, you are right, the office of admissions has done a remarkable job recruiting students to our school.

Such a great job that the percentage of students who are actually attending TCU after receiving an acceptance letter is 38 percent, which is higher than any of our competing schools.

The Princeton Review 2000 Edition reported last year that Southern Methodist University yielded 35 percent and Trinity University only yielded 31 percent.

Let's see those schools try to catch up with our numbers.

The only problem is TCU set its eyes on mainly Texas students. This campus could use a little more diversity.

Besides that little problem, the office of admissions does need a pat on the back, but so does the marketing department and the admissions recruiting team and the ... oh, well forget it, let's rephrase that. Everybody at TCU who has worked so hard to make this school a better place deserves praise.

Congratulations, TCU, on a job well done.

Texas governor saving lives

Gov. Rick Perry restores faith in justice by supporting DNA bill

One of the first things that came to my mind last summer when I thought about George W. Bush becoming our 43rd president was who would be the one to replace him as the governor of Texas. When I realized it would be Rick Perry, I was not pleased.



Ward

I have never been acquainted with Perry's political background because he has never seemed to be the center of attention in newspaper and magazine articles. All of that changed, however, when Bush won the presidential election and resigned as governor.

"He's even worse than Bush" and "he's way too conservative" were the common phrases I heard around my fellow Democratic friends and family members. Although these were strictly biased opinions, I was not exactly thrilled at the thought of hearing "Governor Perry," much less "President Bush" in the years ahead.

But now that Gov. Perry's name is in numerous headlines and the topic of Texas conversation, I have learned a little bit more about the man behind those partisan opinions. So what have I learned? He's

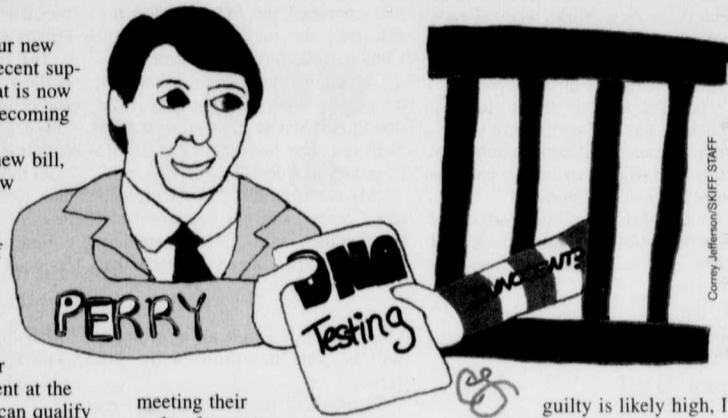
not such a bad guy. In fact, I applaud our new head honcho for his recent support of a DNA bill that is now on the fast track to becoming Texas law.

According to the new bill, inmates who can show compelling evidence that they were once wrongly convicted of a crime can qualify for DNA testing to prove their innocence. If genetic materials such as hair or bodily fluids are present at the crime scene, inmates can qualify for such tests.

This legislation was unanimously approved Monday by the Senate Jurisprudence Committee, and Perry has declared the measure of emergency, meaning the bill can be passed in the first 60 days of the legislative session without suspending rules of the House and Senate.

Thank you, Gov. Perry, for restoring some of my faith in our state's judicial system. It's bad enough that we are considered the death penalty capital of the world, so why not do something to make the name Texas a little less tarnished?

This new bill has the ability to save the lives of at least a few of those inmates on death row from



meeting their maker for something they never did. I am avidly against the use of capital punishment in any way, shape or form, and now I am at least a little comforted that the innocent may prevail in this situation.

This past summer I read a frightening article about the mass amounts of people who were put to death with the complete support from our former governor and current president. The total (more than 130) was not as appalling, however, as the fact that Bush claimed none of the inmates were innocent of their crimes.

It's one thing to be idealistic. It's another to be just plain stupid. Although the probability of all those now-deceased inmates being

guilty is likely high, I would easily place a very high wager that it does not equal 100 percent. Nice try, Mr. President, but I think you forgot how to count again.

As for our new governor, I know he is rather supportive of the death penalty, but I can put those views aside for the moment to congratulate him on this wise decision involving prisoner's DNA. Either way, Texas will be putting to death at least a few less people than before — something we have needed to do for quite some time.

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Letter to the editor

Moore's letter ignorant of facts about journalism, reporting

This is in response to Linda Moore's letter in Thursday's Skiff about the coverage of the dismissals of two basketball players. Her arguments as to why the Skiff should not pry into matters of the athletic department are unfounded and ignorant.

First, Moore questions how Skiff reporters can write an article about people they don't know. What does that have to do with anything? If this were true, then there wouldn't be stories about President Bush (I don't think any of us really know him) or feature stories about an athlete who overcame some disability to succeed. Her argument that sources think they know what is going on but are wrong is also very weak. This is what reporting is, sifting through the lies and finding the truth. In such a sensitive matter, I highly doubt the Skiff, much less the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, would print what they did if the accusations of drug use were just rumors.

It is true that Greedy Daniels and

Myron Anthony did not make or break the team. But Daniels is a leader on and off the court, and if he or any player gets dismissed from the team, then it is news. These players are given full scholarships to play basketball and represent TCU. If they are using drugs, then it is news.

I don't blame Billy Tubbs for not talking about it either. He doesn't want that kind of attention for himself and his team. But, it is news and the Skiff's reporters had a job to do.

Any credibility Moore had, however, was completely lost in the last paragraph, "If you had a life of your own, then you wouldn't have to snoop around in other people's business." Rather than open our eyes to faulty reporting, her comments prove why reporters have to write to the lowest common denominator. The Skiff was accurate and fair in its reporting. If only other people could practice the same.

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Life lessons learned from Dad, class

School subjects help foster more appreciation for father's choices, musical taste

As soon as the commercials start, Dad starts dancing.

He swings his arms and shakes his hips to any advertisement that plays music. Be it the Fruit of the Loom men or the Budweiser frogs, he always has a unique move — or not — that fits with the theme of the advertisement.

When I was younger, my sisters and I would join him in front of the television and dance until the show came back on. How could we not? He was so cool.

Driving with dad was even cooler. He knew all the words to every song that played on the radio station. We would listen to him sing the tunes of The Supremes and Queen.

But about the time I went into middle school, Dad's dancing days became more obnoxious than entertaining.

Why was Dad so weird? And Mom, how could she sit there and let him make a fool of himself, rolling her eyes as she occasion-

ally spun around the room with him?

His music selection was, and still is, about as diverse as it can get. He didn't listen to Vanilla Ice or Paula Abdul. He still listened to the Beatles.

Yet, looking back, Dad lives with four women. And if that isn't hard enough, we are four women who continually make him run to the grocery store to buy pads and tampons. Not too many men would go to these lengths to make the women in his life happy.

And to complain about his music is wrong. If I was a

teen-ager in the 60s I would be a fan of the Beatles too.

Now that I'm older, the tuner

on my radio is adjusted to the oldies and hard rock stations.

Just hearing The Fab Four — John, Ringo, Paul and George —

hammer out the notes reminds me of Dad beating on the steering wheel and singing along.

However, Dad's music may have just been getting me ready for college and preparing me for the exposure to new ideas.

If only he could sit next to me in Rock to Bach on Tuesdays and Thursdays. I

wish Dad could see my face as I grow to understand and appreciate the music he grew up with, and loves.

Rock to Bach is just one example of a class that allows students to gain a glimpse into the past experiences of their parents.

Students are attracted to this class because the instructor uses videos and plays music to aid his lectures. Sometimes students even sing along to the music played in class.

Often I think some professors focus too much of their attention on research. As a result, the quality of their teaching can suffer.

TCU professors can really learn a lot by looking at the teaching style of Rock to Bach. It may be a class of over 100 students, but rarely is there an empty seat.

It's at least given me another reason to call home and talk to Dad.

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Memorial made for millions minus one

Allowing McVeigh to die doesn't give survivors, families comfort needed after attack

Strange how one life can change so many others, for better or for worse.

Maybe it's predestined, how once a person crosses paths with another, or a group of others, they are never quite the same again, their lives intertwined in a way that cannot be undone.

Earlier this week, President Bush dedicated the National Memorial Center in Oklahoma City, a museum dedicated to the 168 men, women and children who lost their lives almost six years ago in the deadliest terrorist attack on American soil. "Memorials do not take away the pain," Bush said at the dedication. "They cannot fill the emptiness, but they can make a place in time and tell the value of what was lost."

The museum features the only known audiotape of the blast and displays a bomb-damaged part of the old Journal-Record building, which now houses the museum. In addition, the center contains hundreds of items from the wreckage: watches, shoes, file cabinets and concrete.

Meanwhile, Timothy McVeigh allowed a deadline to pass in Denver's federal court Feb. 15 without asking the president to spare his life. McVeigh, who is sitting on death

row in Terre Haute, Ind., is scheduled to die by lethal injection May 16 in the first federal execution in 37 years.

A Persian Gulf War veteran, McVeigh wrote in a letter published in the Sunday Oklahoman that his execution should be broadcast publicly.

The government, which has received 250 requests from victims and relatives who want to watch McVeigh die, is considering a closed-circuit television broadcast of the execution for the victims' families.

The memorial is a blessing. It is a place where survivors and families of the dead can grieve together and share with the rest of the country and world exactly what happened in Oklahoma City all that time ago. The park adjacent to the museum, which features 168 bronze chairs, a reflecting pool and the "Survivors Tree," are also much-needed reminders of a day gone so horribly wrong.

But the majority of Americans

won't be happy until Timothy McVeigh is dead. Whether it happens tomorrow or 10 years from now, they say, the important point is that it happens. Either way, people will continue to argue that his death is a necessary part of the grieving process.

But when you lift them up on the scales, will the execution of Timothy McVeigh balance out the 168 lives lost on the other side? No. Nothing ever will.

And yet, as surely as the sun rises and sets, despite the natural convulsions and protests, McVeigh will still be put to death.

And when he is, the victims' families will discover that it is not enough. Nothing will ever be enough. Not just because people died, but how.

"Nothing will ever be enough," they might argue. "But he still deserves to die."

I've never lost a loved one in so horrific a way, so maybe I'm not one to talk. But I've always considered the idea of spending the rest of one's life in an 8-by-10 cell far

worse, locked away from all human contact, left with nothing but time to ponder the inevitable.

Besides, McVeigh wants to die. At 32 years of age, it's only natural that he would want out of a situation where he faces spending the next 40 to 50 years of his life behind bars. Why give him what he wants?

Pleas to spare his life, not to spare him per se, but over the principle of the thing, are futile. Soon he will be dead.

Forces larger than we may realize will say it must be so, and then it will be. In a few months, he won't be a person, but a name relegated to a history book about an act that victimized an entire nation.

Maybe a century from now, when the death penalty will be seen for what it is — a barbaric act unworthy of an advanced, industrialized society — it will be asked why Timothy McVeigh was put to death.

Maybe they'll say that the hatred he caused was simply too much to be disavowed. And maybe they'll say the continuation of his life was found to be one memorial too many.

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PARDON

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She said she had not spoken to her brother since.

The pardon controversy has plagued her husband's departure from office and shadowed the beginning of her term as a newly elected Democratic senator from New York.

The two disclosures also opened up a new area for congressional investigators. They, as well as federal prosecutors in New York, were already looking into a controversy over Clinton's pardon of fugitive financier Marc Rich and his business partner.

The Associated Press learned Thursday that Hillary Clinton's campaign treasurer, William Cunningham III, helped obtain last-minute pardons for two convicted felons.

Cunningham is a law partner of longtime Clinton adviser Harold Ickes, and said Ickes referred two

Arkansas pardon-seekers, both Republicans, to him about a week before Bill Clinton left office on Jan. 20.

"Harold does not do this kind of work, and we are partners so Harold contacted me and asked if I would speak with them," Cunningham told AP in an interview. "I told them I would be happy to review the paperwork and submit the applications."

Cunningham said his and Ickes' firm was paid just \$4,000 for the work of preparing and sending the applications to the Justice Department. He said neither contacted the White House nor discussed the pardons with Hillary Clinton or the former president.

Cunningham said he did not believe his role as Hillary Clinton's treasurer during her Senate campaign in New York last year had any effect on the ex-president's decision.

"My connection is really with Senator Clinton, and not the president," Cunningham said. "These applications really cried out on the merits that

these are the folks who should be pardoned, and the fact that their request was assembled by me really operates independently," he said.

Ickes said he did not talk to either Hillary Clinton about the two men — Robert Clinton Fain and James Lowell Manning — who were convicted in the 1980s on tax charges.

"(Cunningham) acted as a lawyer. He never consulted (Hillary) in any way shape or form, nor did I," said Ickes, who served as deputy White House chief of staff to the former president and later as a key adviser to Hillary Clinton's campaign.

The revelation comes a day after Hillary Clinton's brother returned nearly \$400,000 he collected for helping secure a pardon and a prison commutation for two other clients.

At the request of the Clintons, Rodham refunded the payments Wednesday. A congressional investigative committee immediately demanded documents and answers.

ADMISSIONS

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university before a variety of publics."

TCU will send out approximately 3,500 acceptance letters to prospective students. However, there is an enrollment cap of 1,500 students that can actually be enrolled for fall 2001.

Koehler said the university will strive to hold the enrollment goals. "Since space in the freshman

class is limited, not all who apply will be able to enroll in the fall term."

Brown said the students who receive acceptance letters and actually attend TCU produces about a 38 percent yield, which is higher than many other institutions.

"Institutions of higher education admit more students than are going to enroll," he said. "Everywhere does. It is just that the yields will vary."

According to the Princeton Review 2000 Edition, last year Southern

Methodist University yielded 35 percent, Trinity University in San Antonio yielded 31 percent and Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh yielded 23 percent.

"Most colleges just break even or go a little over their record for applications, but TCU reached a high percentage that this university has never seen at any other time before," Marin said.

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J.C. PENNEY

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Questrom's prediction. "Now we'll see how he moves toward that mark."

Company officials said again Thursday they would like to lure shoppers with better merchandise and less deep discounting, but Missett said discounting is a fact of life with department stores. He said Penney's challenge will be to improve profits in the face of heavy promotions.

Citing the softer economy, chief fi-

ancial officer Robert B. Cavanaugh told analysts that sales in 2001 will decline "in the low single digits," partly due to \$230 million in lost sales from stores being closed.

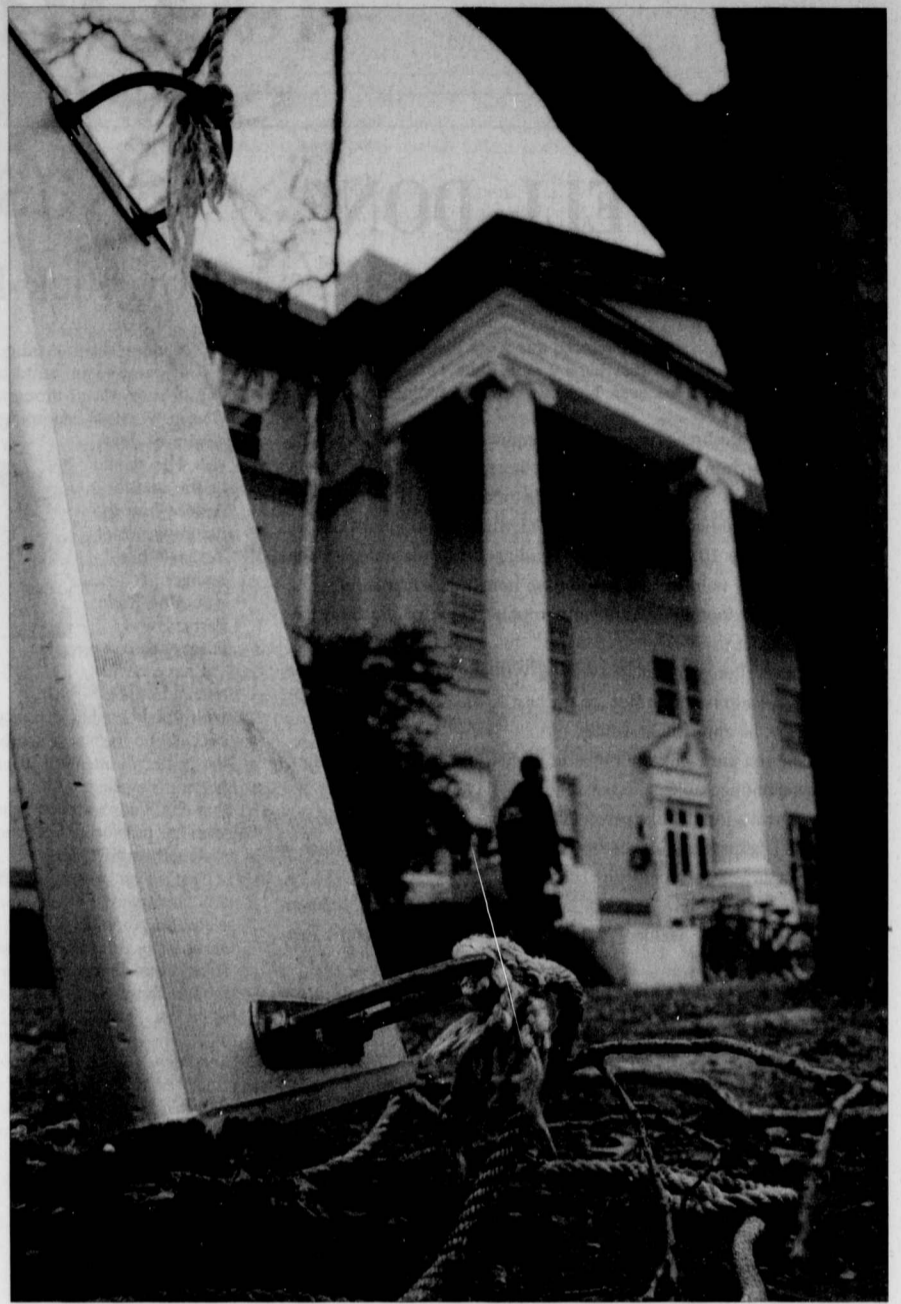
In the fourth quarter, sales at department stores open at least a year fell 1.6 percent from late 1999. Internet sales nearly doubled, although they account for a small fraction of company revenue. Same-store sales at Eckerd rose 8.1 percent.

Penney said it closed 45 stores last year and announced in January that it will close another 47 stores and catalog centers and cut about 5,500 jobs. It has

also moved to centralize purchasing decisions to bring a fresher mix of merchandise to stores.

Penney had telegraphed the weak fourth-quarter numbers in January, causing analysts to revise their original consensus prediction of a 7-cents-a-share gain. For its fiscal 2000, Penney posted a net loss of \$409 million, or \$1.68 a share, compared with a gain of \$336 million, or \$1.16 a share in 1999. Revenue inched upward to \$32.65 billion from \$32.51 billion.

In afternoon trading Thursday, Penney shares fell 40 cents to \$13.25.



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What Happened?

The nominations for the 73rd annual Academy Awards were announced Feb. 13 in Hollywood by Oscar winner Kathy Bates and the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences President Robert Rehme. Although there were numerous well-deserving actors, directors and writers who were recognized, there were plenty of omissions that deserved to be distinguished.

His View By David Reese

Her View By Emily Ward

Best Picture

"Almost Famous"

The film about a young boy who goes on tour with a fictitious rock band during the 1970s garnered tremendous critical acclaim and many pre-Oscar awards like the Golden Globes and the Boston Critic's Association fell short on nomination day. The film picked up nominations, including two Best Supporting Actress for Kate Hudson and Frances McDormand, along with Best Film Editing and Best Original Screenplay by Cameron Crowe.

What hurt the film's chances? It did not make a lot of money at the box office: not necessarily the most important thing, but it helps. Plus, it is distributed by DreamWorks SKG, which more heavily promoted its other film, "Gladiator," which snagged 12 nominations.

Best Director

Robert Zemeckis, "Cast Away"

Zemeckis previously won this award in 1994 for "Forrest Gump." He did a beautiful job with his vision of a man stranded on a deserted island for four years. The use of the color and light on the island and during the plane crash was incredible. For those reasons, I felt he was more deserving of a nomination than Stephen Daldry for "Billy Elliot."

What hurt his chances? Like I stated earlier, he has won this award before, and in the last 30 years only three others have won the award more than once (Steven Spielberg, Milos Forman and Oliver Stone). Plus, "Cast Away" was overlooked in almost every category except for Tom Hanks for Best Actor and a Best Sound nomination.

Best Actor

Michael Douglas, "Wonder Boys"

Douglas portrays a down-and-out eccentric college professor that smokes marijuana who impregnates the chancellor's wife played by Frances McDormand. "LA Confidential" director and writer, Curtis Hanson, is the director of this small but eloquent piece of film. Douglas' slot on the nomination went to Ed Harris for "Pollock" and although Harris is a great actor, Douglas should have had the nomination.

What hurt his chances? Overexposure from his marriage to Catherine Zeta-Jones and the birth of their child to the fact that he gave another incredible performance in "Traffic" might have split the votes.

Best Actress

Renee Zellweger, "Nurse Betty"

I just do not understand the Academy sometimes. I know they rarely nominate a comedic actress, but Zellweger was phenomenal. She even won the Golden Globe. I find it totally disrespectful that her nomination went to Juliette Binoche from "Chocolat." The only reason Binoche made the final cut was because of the heavy promotion of the film by its production company, Miramax, which also led nominations and wins to "Shakespeare in Love" and "Life is Beautiful."

What hurt her chances? Not a box office winner which tends to hurt.

Best Supporting Actor

Bruce Greenwood "13 Days"

Greenwood portrays the President of the United States, John F. Kennedy, during the height of the Cuban Missile Crisis in the early 1960s. His performance was the best portrayal of the assassinated president that I have ever seen and is well deserving of a nomination.

What hurt his chances? The fact that Jeff Bridges played a president in "The Contender." Bridges is an established Hollywood favorite and a three-time nominee, which is the reason Greenwood was shut out.

Best Supporting Actress

Catherine Zeta-Jones, "Traffic"

Zeta-Jones has been known for her roles as the sexy sidekick in films like "The Mask of Zorro" or "Entrapment," but her role as the wife of a drug lord was the first time she actually demonstrated her acting ability. I felt she was incredible and much worthy of a nomination.

What hurt her chances? Much like her husband, Douglas, Zeta-Jones faced too much exposure over this past year. She sold pictures of her baby and her wedding, which might have left a bad taste in many Academy voters' mouths.

Best Picture

"Wonder Boys"

Take away "Erin Brockovich" and "Chocolat," replace them with "Wonder Boys" and "Billy Elliot," and what do you get? A list of films unquestionably worthy of best picture nomination.

What hurt their chances? "Wonder Boys" was probably overlooked because time was against it. The film came out more than a year ago, and it is quite obvious that the Academy does not have a very good memory. As for "Billy Elliot," the fact that it is produced by a British Broadcasting Corporation and not by Miramax Films or Universal Pictures may have had something to do with it.

Best Director

Curtis Hanson, "Wonder Boys"

I guess it's quite obvious that I think "Wonder Boys" is an all-around superb film. And being every great film is a great director. Hanson did too much of a paramount job with bringing together the prominent acting performances, editing techniques, screenplay adaptations and original song choice to be left out of this category.

What hurt his chances? The fact that the Academy did not see "Wonder Boys" as one of the year's best pictures probably hindered Hanson's ability to be nominated as best director. Why they picked "Billy Elliot" director Stephen Daldry as the exception to this rule over Hanson, I do not know.

Best Actor

Michael Douglas, "Wonder Boys"

Douglas' character in this film is humorous, eccentric, romantic, dramatic and trusting all within a 112-minute time span. And Douglas gets the job done with nothing short of eloquence. I agree that the other nominees are very deserving, and although I am not sure which one I would replace, Douglas did a fabulous job in "Wonder Boys." I can't help but feel robbed when I don't see his name in this category.

What hurt his chances? I think the Academy was not crazy about this movie. And perhaps they were focusing on his part in "Traffic," rather than his performance in "Wonder Boys." Who knows? This year had a lot of repeat actors in extraordinary films, so perhaps this was just something they either overlooked or were not impressed with.

Best Actress

Kate Winslet, "Quills"

I was extremely excited to see that "Quills" was not overlooked in the Oscars this year because it was one of the best movies I saw in 2000. I applauded the Academy for noting its superior art direction, costuming and acting performance on the part of Geoffrey Rush, but I am not pleased with its choice of Juliette Binoche and Joan Allen over Winslet. Her character in the film is mostly split between the intrigued and devious rule-breaker and the sweet and admirable object of affection. She has moments of guilt, pleasure, humor and gloom and Winslet pulls off these moments with utter beauty and talent.

What hurt her chances? Rush's dynamic performance as the leading man in "Quills" probably overshadowed her role in the film. I also think the Academy is simply wearied of her great performances. But then again, they haven't seem to tire of Tom Hanks yet.

Best Cinematography

Steven Soderbergh (as Peter Andrews), "Traffic"

This is by far the most obvious mistake I see with this year's nominations. When I read that this extraordinary film was not listed among other great films in this category such as "Gladiator" and "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon," I thought I was having a bad dream. After seeing "Traffic" I was not only sure it would be nominated, I was confident it would be the one taking home to the Oscar. Boy, was I mistaken ... and if you ask me, so was the Academy.

What hurt his chances? I think the fact that he used an alias could have been the reason he was not included in the nominees. But that is just a rumor. My theory is the Academy has been selectively brain dead since the 71st Academy Awards when "Shakespeare in Love" won best picture.

Best Adapted Screenplay

Doug Wright II, "Quills"

Once again, I am not happy with the "Chocolat" nomination in this category. Wright was more innovative and provocative in his writing than was Robert Nelson Jacobs for "Chocolat." I was shocked, amused, saddened and impressed with the "Quills" screenplay, whereas with "Chocolat," I thought the writing was a bit silly.

What hurt his chances? The nomination of "Chocolat" for best picture undoubtedly had an effect on the beating out "Quills" for best adapted screenplay.

AND THE NOMINEES ARE...

Best Actor

- Javier Bardem - "Before Night Falls"
- Russell Crowe - "Gladiator"
- Tom Hanks - "Cast Away"
- Ed Harris - "Pollock"
- Geoffrey Rush - "Quills"

Best Actress

- Joan Allen - "The Contender"
- Juliette Binoche - "Chocolat"
- Ellen Burstyn - "Requiem for a Dream"
- Laura Linney - "You Can Count on Me"
- Julia Roberts - "Erin Brockovich"

Best Supporting Actor

- Jeff Bridges - "The Contender"
- Willem Defoe - "Shadow of the Vampire"
- Benicio Del Toro - "Traffic"
- Albert Finney - "Erin Brockovich"
- Joaquin Phoenix - "Gladiator"

Best Supporting Actress

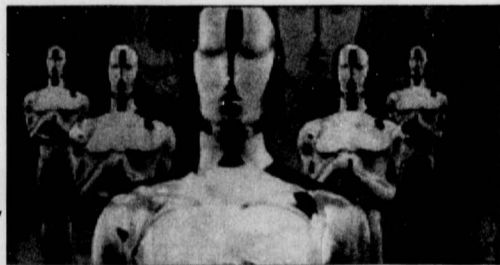
- Judi Dench - "Chocolat"
- Marcia Gay Harden - "Pollock"
- Kate Hudson - "Almost Famous"
- Frances McDormand - "Almost Famous"
- Julie Waters - "Billy Elliot"

Best Picture

- "Chocolat"
- "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon"
- "Erin Brockovich"
- "Gladiator"
- "Traffic"

Best Director

- Stephen Daldry - "Billy Elliot"
- Ang Lee - "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon"
- Stephen Soderbergh - "Erin Brockovich"
- Ridley Scott - "Gladiator"
- Stephen Soderbergh - "Traffic"



By Hemi Ahluwalia

The Dave Matthews Band is releasing its fourth album Tuesday. "Everyday" is the first studio album the band has released since "Before These Crowded Streets" in May 1998.

"Everyday" features 12 new songs from the band and was recorded in Los Angeles this fall after it completed its Summer Tour 2000.

"Everyday" also marks the first time the band has worked with producer Glenn Ballard, who, besides producing, also helped co-write all of the songs along with lead singer Dave Matthews. *Rolling Stone* magazine called this combination of talent "a revolutionary act."

The band also joins forces with Carlos Santana to put together the song "Mother Father." This is the second time Dave Matthews, as a songwriter, has written and performed with Santana. Their first collaboration was on Santana's album "Supernatural."

"Everyday" has received praise from many critics, but the album offers very little "jamming" among the band members, which is present



in many of the band's live albums.

However, with the release of this album, the band will be assured legendary status before they have even laid down their instruments.

To promote the new album, the band has been on a promotional tour since Feb. 15, when the video for the first single "I Did It," ran on MTV and VH1. The band ends the tour with a performance on "Saturday Night Live" this weekend.

The band will begin its first leg of Summer Tour 2001 in April when it opens in Charlottesville, Va., Matthews' home town. The tour will end the first leg in July at Texas Stadium.

The Dave Matthews Band consists of Matthews, as the lead singer, drummer Carter Beauford, violinist Boyd Tinsley, bassist Stefan Lessard and multireed man Leroi Moore.

Other song titles on "Everyday" include "What you are," "The Space Between," "When the World Ends," "So Right," "Dreams of our Fathers," "Everyday," "If I Had It All," "Sleep to Dream Her," "Angel" and "Fool to Think."

Frogs face Hawaii for top spot in WAC

By Kelly Morris
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

As the TCU women's basketball team headed into its final road trip of the season Feb. 15, the team still had a perfect 11-0 record and the top spot in the Western Athletic Conference.

After losing two of their last three games, the Frogs have their top spot challenged.

While the Frogs remain in first place, they are only one loss away from being in a first-place tie with Hawaii, which they play at 2 p.m. Sunday at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

Freshman guard Ebony Shaw said the team is ready for the tough game against Hawaii.

"We hate that we have put ourselves in this position," Shaw said. "But we're ready for the challenge. We have to be. It's really hard because after coming this far, it's going to take these last three games of the season to determine who is going to finish first in the WAC."

Shaw said the long road trip was only one of the reasons for the team's poor play.

"We were really tired," Shaw said. "We

were gone for five days and came home for just one day before we played (Texas-El Paso). We shouldn't have let us being tired be a problem, but it was."

When the Frogs last met with the Wahine on Jan. 5, the team defeated Hawaii, 72-66, in overtime.

Despite winning the game, the Frogs shot just 26 percent in the first half and managed just 32 points, their lowest first-half point total of the season.

Freshman forward Tiffany Evans said the Frogs must play the entire game to have success against Hawaii.

"We have to play both halves of Sunday's game if we want any chance of beating Hawaii," Evans said. "More importantly, we have to come together as a team and have more fun while playing to get back on track. We had fun on the road but not as much fun as we had earlier this season."

In the Frogs', 79-76, loss against UTEP Wednesday, the team shot just 29 percent (9-of-11) in the second half.

Hawaii is 19-5 overall and 10-3 in the WAC. Similar to the Frogs winning streak of 11, Hawaii had a seven-game winning streak snapped with a, 57-53, loss against

Rice Sunday. However, Hawaii boasts the second best three-point field goal percentage in the WAC and has the No. 1-rated defense in the conference.

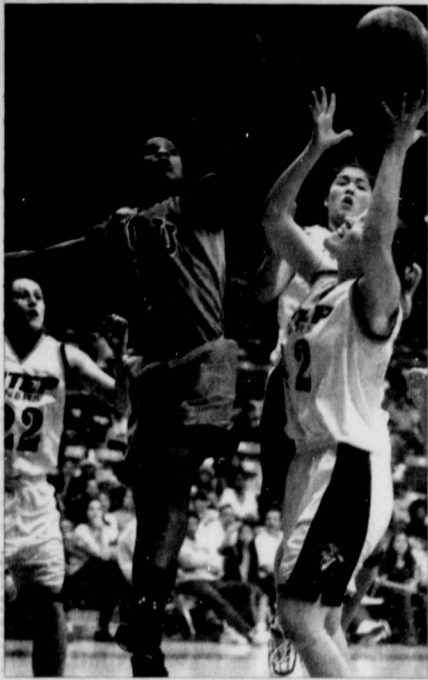
Evans said that while the game is going to be difficult, the Frogs have to look at this game as any other on the schedule.

"We can't look at it as a must-win situation," Evans said. "Every game's diffi-

cult. (The Hawaii game) shouldn't be any more difficult than if we had won the games on the road. With so many people talking about our undefeated streak, I think we got too excited and looked too far ahead of us."

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Freshman guard Catriece Webster fights for a rebound with Texas-El Paso's Heidi Walker in Wednesday's, 79-76, loss at the Don Haskins Center in El Paso.

WAC roundup

Women's Basketball

	WAC games						All games						
	W	L	Pct.	Hm	Rd	Stk	W	L	Pct.	Hm	Rd	Neu	Stk
TCU	11	2	.846	5-0	6-2	L1	19	6	.760	11-3	8-3	0-0	L1
Hawaii	10	3	.796	5-2	5-1	L1	19	5	.792	14-4	5-1	0-0	L1
SMU	9	5	.643	5-2	4-3	W1	14	11	.560	9-4	4-7	1-0	W1
Nevada	7	6	.538	6-1	1-5	W2	14	11	.560	11-2	2-9	1-0	W2
Rice	6	6	.500	4-2	1-5	W2	14	10	.583	9-3	5-7	1-0	W2
Fresno State	5	8	.385	5-3	0-5	L1	9	16	.360	7-7	1-9	1-1	L1
San Jose State	4	10	.286	2-5	2-5	L2	12	13	.480	9-7	3-6	0-0	L2
Tulsa	3	9	.250	1-4	2-5	L2	7	17	.292	3-7	4-7	0-2	L2
UTEP	4	10	.286	3-4	1-6	W1	8	17	.320	6-7	2-9	0-1	W1

CAREER CHANGES

Olmstead continues playing ball despite early snags

By Brandon Ortiz
SKIFF STAFF

Walter Olmstead was through with baseball.

Olmstead was a junior in high school. He barely made the junior varsity squad his freshman year, and he hadn't really played much his sophomore year at MacArthur High School in San Antonio.

His baseball career was going nowhere.

"I didn't play much, didn't have any fun and didn't think I was ever going to amount to

much," Olmstead said. "I saw no future in baseball, and I figured why continue with it?"

Today Olmstead, a sophomore, is the Frogs' starting first baseman and is hitting .444 with a .815 slugging percentage. He leads or is tied for first in the Western Athletic Conference in runs, hits, RBIs, doubles and total bases. He is second in batting average and slugging percentage.

But Olmstead's path from little league to a WAC star was more than unusual.

In the beginning

Olmstead started playing baseball when he was 4-years old, when his dad bought him a T-ball set. He has been playing baseball ever since.

Olmstead would spend afternoons with his dad in the back yard playing whiffle ball. Olmstead said his father was his coach until high school and was his biggest baseball influence growing up.

"He is the one who showed me the basics of it," he said. "If it weren't for him, I wouldn't even have started playing."

But Olmstead was never a stand-out baseball player as a child.

"I was always good enough to make the team," he said. "I was never the outstanding one. I was OK compared to the other kids. I was never the worst, but I was never the best one on the team."

Olmstead entered high school at a height of 5 feet 6 inches. While all of his friends were beginning to grow and mature, Olmstead stayed the same size.

"It was kind of difficult," he said. "Everybody else was going through their growth spurts in high school, and I was the last one to do it. My friends were taller than me, they were growing facial hair and their voices were all deep."

His lack of size limited his success in baseball and basketball. Olmstead quit the basketball team his junior year, because he was too short. He was ready to quit baseball too, but his parents con-

vinced him to stick with it.

And that's when it happened. Olmstead grew.

"I came back to high school my senior year and I was 6 foot 5 inches, and that is when it came together with baseball," he said. "Height and size is pretty much what got me here to TCU."

Olmstead caught assistant coach Donnie Watson's eye when he was on a trip scouting another player on Olmstead's team. Watson walked away from the game saying, "Dadgum."

"He had size, he had some speed and he moved well laterally," Watson said. "As you began to talk to him, you saw what kind of kid he was. He is a guy who can hit with power from both sides. That is very rare, even in the big leagues."

Despite his size and athleticism, Olmstead was not heavily recruited by any Division I programs.

"I had gotten a couple of letters, but I really wasn't the type of player that college coaches were looking for right at that moment," Olmstead said. "Most Division I schools want a guy that can come in there and turn things around right away."

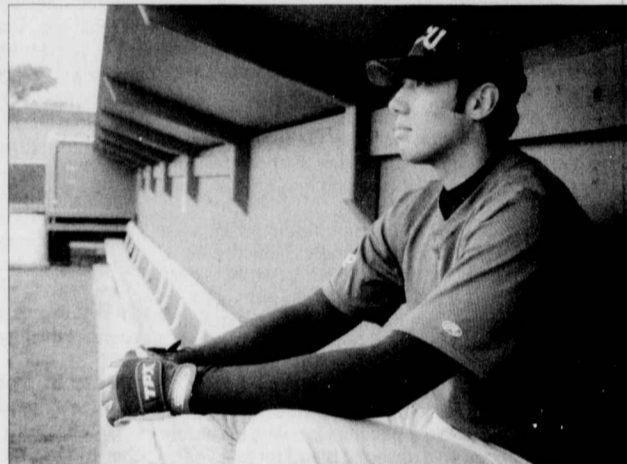
But Watson saw things differently. Watson said he didn't think it would take Olmstead long to develop.

"I didn't think it would take him two years," Watson said. "He is growing like a weed. If we could get him in here and on a real weight program, he would be about where he is right now — on the verge of being a superstar."

But it took a tough freshmen year for the walk-on to get there.

Year one

"I really didn't pay attention to



Sarah Kirschberg/SKIFF STAFF

At one point, sophomore first baseman Walter Olmstead questioned his desire to continue playing baseball. Now, he leads or is tied for the top spot in multiple offensive categories in the Western Athletic Conference.

the academic side of school, and it really affected the athletic side," Olmstead said. "My performance level dropped a lot on the field. I was really worried about my grades. When last year ended, I pretty much thought I wouldn't be coming to TCU anymore."

After breaking into the starting lineup part way into the season, Olmstead finished the year with a .239 batting average and a .358 slugging percentage.

He was struggling in the classroom, and it spilled over into the field.

Watson said Olmstead was on the verge of flunking out.

"He was fixing to be out of here," Watson said.

The game was faster, the pitchers were better and the work load was rougher.

"In high school, you get by on just talent alone, but in college Division I baseball, there has to be a work ethic there," Olmstead said. "I was sort of timid. I wasn't aggressive in anything I did. I was sitting back waiting for others to do everything."

Red-shirt freshman outfielder Kenny Thompson said Olmstead

finished the year frustrated and ready to leave. Thompson, Olmstead's best friend at TCU, had to convince him to stay.

"Baseball wasn't going exactly the way he planned it," Thompson said. "He was on the verge of leaving. He was leaving. He had to re-register. He was going to transfer."

"I was like 'Dude, you can't leave me. We'll work it out.'"

Barry Takahashi, assistant baseball coach, said Olmstead was able to overcome his initial "culture shock."

"The whole Division I experience, the travel, the work load required for classes — I think that was a shock in the beginning," Takahashi said. "I think he saw what was required to play at the Division I level, and I think he realized, 'Hey I can do that if I tried, if I bust my butt.'"

The turning point

"He really hasn't changed personality wise, but he knows his priorities," Thompson said. "He knows what he has to do to be successful in school and on the field. He got his stuff straight."

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Sports glance

A look ahead at what's going on in TCU athletics next week.

	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
		Men at San Jose State 9 p.m.	Women vs. Hawaii 2 p.m.		Women vs. San Jose State 7 p.m.		Men vs. UTEP 7 p.m.
		Men vs. Texas Tech 1 p.m.	Men vs. South Alabama 1 p.m.				Men vs. Tulane 1 p.m.
	at San Jose State 9 p.m.	at San Jose State 3 p.m.	at San Jose State 3 p.m.		at Texas Tech 3 p.m.	vs. UTA 2:05 p.m.	
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Mavs make 8-player deal

By Joseph White
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Michael Jordan pulled off the improbable Thursday, trading a player believed to be untradable as he dealt Juwan Howard to the Dallas Mavericks in an eight-player trade.

Howard and his salary cap-consuming contract were sent to the Mavs along with Calvin Booth and Obinna Ekezie for Christian Laettner, Courtney Alexander, Loy Vaught, Hubert Davis, Etan Thomas and \$3 million.

To make room on their roster, the Wizards released Gerard King, Mike Smith and Felipe Lopez and placed Rod Strickland on the injured list.

"Michael Jordan has made a good deal for his team," Mavericks coach Don Nelson said. "He got a bunch of good guys and he's cut his payroll. They gave us an opportunity to acquire a very fine player, and we took advantage of that."

Jordan had been working frantically to trade one of the three veterans — Howard, Strickland or Mitch Richmond — whose huge salaries and long-term contracts

were paralyzing the Wizards' ability to acquire major free agents. Howard has two full seasons remaining on his contract and will earn about \$40 million over that span.

"It's been a long couple of days," Jordan said. "This deal actually happened in the last five or six hours (before the trading deadline). There were a lot of other things being considered."

Jordan said the team should be close to getting under the cap at the end of this season — when the remainder of Strickland's contract will likely be bought out — and the team will be in excellent shape to pursue free agents during the summer of 2002.

Howard had been a disappointment and was routinely booed by the home crowd since signing a seven-year, \$105 million contract in 1996. However, he recently stepped up his game and was a rare bright spot in a 13-41 season. He led the team in scoring with an average of 18.2 points and was second in rebounding with seven a game.

"He played well enough to create interest for himself," Jordan

said. The deal also offers some vindication for Jordan, who has suffered through a tumultuous first year of managing a team that has been mediocre to bad for more than a decade.

"We've still got a long way to go," Jordan said. "I'm pretty sure you guys are going to stay on (me) until we start winning."

"Right now, we've just made a step in the right direction. Sure, everyone said Juwan was an untradable situation, but you never know."

Laettner is averaging 7.5 points and four rebounds, but he comes with a prickly reputation and likely won't figure into the Wizards plans when his contract expires at the end of the season.

"Hopefully, he will come here with a positive attitude," said Jordan, trying to suppress a chuckle.

Alexander, the 13th overall pick of the 2000 draft, is averaging 4.2 points and 1.7 rebounds. He and Thomas, who is out for the season with a toe injury, are the only two players in the trade who would appear to figure in the Wizards long-term plans.

COWBOY

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Faculty Senate chairman and member of the Health Professions Advisory Committee.

Franzwa said Klein has provided a tremendous amount of service to the university and the community.

"It's hard for (Klein) to say no to people when they want to put him on a committee," he said.

Klein has served on several hospital ethics committees, most recently at Plaza Medical Center. He said he will continue that post because he enjoys reviewing individual cases to assist hospitals in making policies.

Klein's commitment to the university was recognized in 1973 when he received the Honors Faculty Recognition Award, an award McDorman describes as the student's recognition of a professor's commitment to the intellectual life of the university.

McDorman said the Divisional Honors Sequence in Humanities that Klein estab-

lished during his term as the program's director from 1968 to 1972 was an important precedent to the current interdisciplinary courses offered.

"It was one of the most imaginative classes TCU had seen at that point," she said. "He set the standard that continues to this day."

After Klein left his honors post to serve as department chair for the next nine years, he continued to support the program by providing philosophy faculty for honors courses and advising succeeding directors, McDorman said.

"The bottom line is that Ted Klein has always stood for building a tradition of excellence," she said.

Klein said he plans to continue teaching courses at TCU, including the cowboy metaphysics course. He said although he originally suggested the course as a joke, it was well-received by the students and the department.

He also said Brite Divinity School associate dean David Gouwens asked him to teach a religious philosophy course, but details are tentative.

Franzwa expects Klein to teach indefi-

nately at TCU and surrounding universities.

"(Klein's) main focus has always been teaching," he said. "He is a born teacher. He will always be doing it."

Franzwa said Klein's retirement was a moralistic stand rather than a necessary decision.

"I think (Klein) is leaving primarily to give some younger philosopher a chance at the job," he said.

Franzwa said Klein's legacy to the philosophy department is the personification of the model chairman and the appreciation of the best part of the TCU tradition.

"(Klein) has just always been here," he said. "He is the philosophy department. It's hard to imagine the department without him."

Klein and his wife, Wini, live in Fort Worth. They have three children and four grandchildren. He said he plans to write several articles and to devote more time to raising Angus cattle on his ranch.

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TCU Crime Blotter

Feb. 15 through 22, 2001

TCU Police reported the following offenses between Feb. 15 and Feb. 22, 2001.

Burglary

Feb. 19, 2:42 a.m. — A vehicle parked in the Daniel-Meyer Coliseum parking lot was burglarized. The driver's side window of the vehicle was shattered. The driver's side T-top was stolen from the car. Estimated damages were reported at \$450.

Disorderly Conduct

Feb. 17, 12:20 a.m. — An altercation occurred at Colby Hall between two female residents. Punches were thrown by both girls. The both of them have signed written statements, issued by Campus Life, agreeing to have no future contact.

Theft

Feb. 16, 2:38 p.m. — A bicycle was stolen from a bike rack at the northeast corner of Clark Hall. The bike's lock and metal combination cord were broken during the theft. Estimated damages were reported at \$400.

Feb. 21, 9:10 a.m. — A student's car was broken into at the Science Parking Lot on 2820 Bowie St. by the TCU Bookstore. A backpack was the only item stolen from the car. The burglar entered the vehicle through the rear door, which was unlocked. The backpack contained books and computer software. The suspect tried to sell the books back to the bookstore, but could not because he is not a TCU student. The police have identified the male suspect. Estimated losses were reported at \$300.

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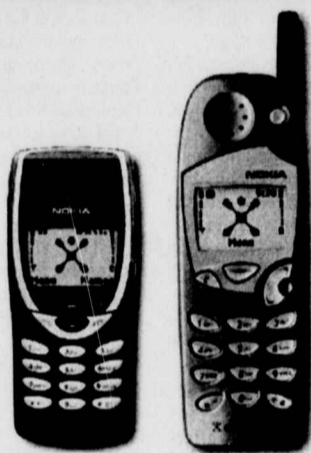
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commands U.S. air operations over northern Iraq.

Loomis said the Iraqi fire came from air defense sites north of the city of Mosul while allied planes were conducting "routine enforcement" of the northern "no-fly" zone north of the 36th Parallel.

In Baghdad, the official Iraqi News Agency quoted an unidentified Iraqi military spokesman saying, "American and British warplanes flew over the (northern) provinces of Duhok, Irbil and Mosul on Thursday. They were confronted by our anti-aircraft weaponry, which forced them to leave our skies and return to their bases in Turkey." It made no mention of the allied planes firing in retaliation.

U.S. and British air patrols over northern Iraq originate from Incirlik Air Base in Turkey.

Thursday's incident in the north was the first involving allied retaliation since Feb. 12, according to European Command. Since Jan. 1, the Iraqis have fired on allied planes over northern Iraq 15 times, and in three cases — including Thursday's — the allies fired back, Loomis said.

Last week's U.S.-British attacks were related to enforcement of a "no-fly" zone over southern Iraq. Four of the five sites attacked were near Baghdad, between the two "no fly" zones.

The Pentagon has yet to pinpoint the reason for the mediocre accuracy rate, but officials said Thursday that it may be related to computer software used in the missiles' guidance system. The weapon used against the Iraqi radars was the AGM-154, also known as a Joint Standoff Weapon, or JSOW, launched from Navy F/A-18 fighters that flew from the USS Harry S. Truman carrier in the Gulf.

Other weapons, including the AGM-130 missile, were used against Iraqi command and control facilities, which were considered the most important targets because they link elements of Iraq's air defense network.

The military is not releasing detailed public assessments of the attack's effectiveness, because it contends that it may help Iraq prepare for any future attacks.

Asked about the accuracy of the JSOW weapon in Iraq, Quigley declined to comment about any specific weapon or provide specific results but said, "We feel the strikes had good effectiveness." He said they achieved their purpose of "disrupting and degrading" Iraq's air defenses.

Quigley said the attack by 24 American and British warplanes last Friday was a necessary response to indications that Iraq was integrating its air defenses in a way that would give them better chances of shooting down allied planes. The bombs were aimed at radars and command and control "nodes" that link elements of the air defense network.

The U.S.-British operation, which targeted installations near Baghdad, were timed to avoid killing or injuring Chinese workers that the Ameri-

cans say are in Iraq working on fiber optics and other projects to upgrade communications linking the sites. That in turn would increase the risk for allied pilots enforcing flight-interdiction zones in southern and northern Iraq.

On Wednesday, Secretary of State Colin Powell criticized the Chinese work, which U.S. officials contend violates U.N. Security Council resolutions.

Powell raised the issue with China's new ambassador, Yang Jiechi, after he presented his diplomatic credentials.

In January, the State Department, without announcement, dispatched Assistant Secretary David Welch to Beijing to discuss the issue. State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said Wednesday the Bush administration is awaiting a detailed response from China.

Iraq denied on Wednesday that it had imported workers from China.

OLMSTEAD

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Olmstead said things finally clicked with the help of the coaching staff and his best friend Thompson.

A conversation with head coach Lance Brown and Watson triggered the turning point.

"The coaches told me I have the ability to make baseball a career," Olmstead said. "That right there made me want to go out there and work as hard as I can just to not let them down."

Olmstead's first task was to improve in school. With Thompson backing him, Olmstead concentrated on class work and pulled his grades up.

"I really couldn't let Kenny down," Olmstead said. "He has been there for me since my first day of school last year."

Thompson and Olmstead first met in a summer league game in 1999. The two learned they were going to the same school and living in the same residence hall, and they exchanged phone numbers.

The two lived next to each other in the residence hall and got to know each other better. They have been close friends ever since.

"We started going to practice together, and we started walking home together and eating in The Main and stuff," Olmstead said.

Now, the two are inseparable. "When we are not playing baseball, we kind of hang out," Thompson said. "We used to watch wrestling all the time. We will go out with the other guys on the team."

Olmstead said with Thompson's help, he changed his priorities and was able to get better in school.

"This year, I came in with the academic goal first, then the athletic goal," Olmstead said. "I can't have the athletic side without the academic side."

With school in order, Olmstead went on an aggressive conditioning program. Instead of spending his summer sitting in the sun, Olmstead spent his sweating in the weight room.

Takahashi said Olmstead's efforts have paid off.

"This past year, he has made himself a better athlete," Takahashi said. "He seems to have a really good perspective on

things. (He) stays focused. (You) never catch him messing around or screwing around."

Olmstead also had to improve his diet. With his parents owning an oriental restaurant in San Antonio, Olmstead had never been one to watch what he eats.

"It's real tough," Olmstead said. "But when you have a goal and you're focused, you learn to resist temptations like eating junk food, not working out and not paying attention to your diet, because it can affect your overall playing performance and the energy level through out the day."

Things start looking up

Things are looking better for Olmstead.

He is tearing up college pitching and his priorities are in order. Scouts are watching.

"We had two scouts stick their head in the dugout and ask, 'What's his date of birth?'" Watson said. "They want to know if he is going to be 21 before the June 1 draft. Sorry, they'll have to wait until next June."

"I am waiting to be his agent if he is going to be that naive about knowing if he could play in college or not. I'll take my 10-percent cut ... He is going to have to play for a lot of money."

This summer, Olmstead will play summer baseball in Alaska, one of the premier summer leagues. Watson said Olmstead was shocked to find out.

"I told him he was going (to Alaska) and he said, 'No I am not,'" Watson said. "He said, 'Coach, I didn't even think I would ever start in college.'"

Olmstead recently received a letter from the Cincinnati Reds. Olmstead, who was ignored by colleges and is now being scouted by major league teams, was blown away.

"It's mind blowing that in a year or two I could be sitting in a draft spot where I could actually go play pro ball," Olmstead said. "It has been a dream of mine ever since I have picked up a bat. It's really weird how things have taken their course. About three years ago, I had pretty much given up on baseball and now it is one of the main focuses of my life. I hope it will be in the future."

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Navy restricts access control rooms

Recent collision leads military to question safety of civilian participation

By Robert Burns
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WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld will order a moratorium on allowing civilians at the controls of any military ship, aircraft or vehicle, officials said Thursday. The move responds to questions about the role of civilians aboard the U.S. submarine that collided last week with a Japanese fishing trawler.

Rumsfeld's spokesman, Rear Adm. Craig Quigley, said the order is a "work in progress" and may be issued by the end of the week.

"All the services know this is coming," Quigley said. Rumsfeld wants the military services to review their safety guidelines on civilian participation in military activities. He supports involving civilians in military exercises and maneuvers, Quigley said, but wants to ensure that relevant policies are reviewed considering what happened aboard the USS Greeneville.

The Greeneville, a nuclear-powered attack submarine, had 16 civilians aboard when it collided with the fishing vessel Ehime Maru Feb. 9 off the coast of Honolulu. The Japanese boat, on a cruise to teach commercial fishing to high school

students, sank, and nine people were lost at sea. Two civilians were at control positions aboard the Greeneville at the time of the accident, although the Navy says they did not cause it.

Shortly after the accident, the Navy stopped allowing civilians in the control rooms of submarines.

The possibility that the presence of civilians aboard the sub could have contributed to the accident is one of the subjects to be examined in a formal Navy court of inquiry scheduled to convene in Hawaii next week.

A panel of three Navy admirals will conduct the inquiry, with a Japanese officer designated as an adviser. Tokyo announced the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force is sending Adm. Isamu Ozawa, who will be included in deliberations with the three American admirals and may submit questions. He will not have a vote in the proceeding's outcome.

The inquiry also will seek to determine whether the Greeneville undertook an emergency surfacing drill, which led to the collision, only as a demonstration for the civilians aboard, officials said.

One member of the Greeneville

crew told National Transportation Safety Board investigators in Hawaii that the presence of civilians in the control room distracted him from completing his normal work.

It is not clear, however, whether distraction of the fire control technician played any role in the accident. He was not operating the sonar but was responsible for feeding sonar contact data into an electronic digital display that is available to the sub's captain and control room officers. He also plots sonar contacts on paper as a backup to the electronic system, and it was this backup activity which he told NTSB investigators he did not complete because of congestion in the control room.

On Feb. 14, five days after the accident, Rumsfeld was asked whether there was evidence that the civilians played a role in the accident. "None whatsoever," he replied.

The Navy court of inquiry to investigate the Greeneville accident was to have convened Monday in Pearl Harbor and will be a public forum. At the request of attorneys for Cmdr. Scott Waddle, the Greeneville's captain, it was postponed Thursday until March 5. In the meantime Waddle has been relieved of command.

Parties to the court proceeding in Pearl Harbor are Waddle plus the sub's executive officer and the officer of the deck at the time of the accident. Once the three-admiral panel completes its inquiry, Adm. Thomas Fargo, commander of the U.S. Pacific Fleet, will decide what, if any, additional steps to take. He could choose to convene one or more courts-martial, and criminal charges are possible.

Tensions with Japan over the accident have increased with revelations about civilians in the submarine. Many in Japan were outraged that civilians were even allowed in the sub's control room at a time when it was supposed to ensure the surface area was clear of vessels before performing an emergency surfacing drill.

The services routinely and frequently arrange for civilians to operate vehicles, ships and weapons as part of a public outreach effort designed to win support and demonstrate the military's capabilities. Anticipating Rumsfeld's moratorium, the Army last week temporarily stopped allowing civilians aboard its aircraft and tactical vehicles such as tanks. The Air Force and Marine Corps said they had taken no action in response to the sub collision.

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about the government's actions. Special circumstances such as CIA involvement or confidential government sources can give a government agency the right to deny a request for information. But the the agency must tell the person who requested the information why their request is denied within 10 days of the request.

Medical information, postal address information, federal income taxes, social welfare information and school records are all private information.

The Privacy Act of 1974 ensures people that government records about them are kept confidential.

The Privacy Act allows people

to obtain copies of government files on themselves and request changes in the files with inaccurate information.

While the law categorizes information into public and private, there are things such as driver's licenses that blur the distinction between public and private.

Owners, taxes and mortgages on a piece of property are public information for property records, but the amount someone pays for a piece of property is not.

The Jeanne Cleary Act, also known as the Campus Security Act, requires all public and private colleges and universities to make an annual report of campus crimes such as criminal homicide, aggravated assault and forcible sex offenses.

The report must be available automatically to all current stu-

dents and employees. Prospective students and employees are notified of its existence and can request a copy.

Chief of TCU Police Steve McGee said crime reports are important for the safety of students.

"We put out crime alerts because we want people to know what's going on," McGee said. "We want people to think of crime prevention and know to look for suspicious people."

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act limits access to educational information.

While school records are private, parents of students under 18 years old can obtain them. Certain academic records, such as GPAs, can be released to different departments of a school, public or private, which need that information to regulate things

such as scholarships.

The Office of Scholarships and Student Financial Aid has access to GPAs to ensure students remain within eligibility guidelines.

Carolyn Barton, a sophomore English major, said she didn't mind that the financial aid office has access to her GPA.

"It's their job to check (on grades), and you have an obligation to fill your scholarship requirements," Barton said.

Williams said anyone can give permission to make otherwise private information public, and technology gives people the ability to use more information.

"It's easier to have access to public information these days, but it's also easier to disseminate it," Williams said.

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Don't use the last four digits of your Social Security number, your mother's maiden name, your birth date, your telephone number or even your pet's name. She said these common passwords are red flags.

She also suggested making sure you cover the keypad at the ATM to prevent people reading your PIN over your shoulder. A popular method thieves are using to drain bank accounts, a recent case of "shoulder surfing," as it's known, left one Chicago man wondering why the \$2.8 million he deposited into the ATM was gone an hour later. Officials have no suspects but reminded citizens not to deposit such large sums into ATMs.

Review your individual credit report at least once a year.

"A good way to protect yourself from fraud of any kind is to look at your credit report," Howard said.

Equifax, Experian and Trans Union are the nation's three major credit reporting agencies. Although some states don't charge for the first ones, the average cost is \$8.

"A credit report shows you, in detail, where the money in your name is going," Givens said. "It outlines all credit card and bank account activity from loan and car insurance payments to whether you paid your last bill on time."

However, Givens cautions there is no sure-fire way to protect yourself from identity theft.

"College students need to be wary," she said. "Although you may trust your roommate, there is no guarantee you should trust your roommate's friends. With all the loan applications and credit card solicitations you get in college, it could spell disaster. The best way to ward off identity theft is to be smart enough to protect your financial papers and your ID."

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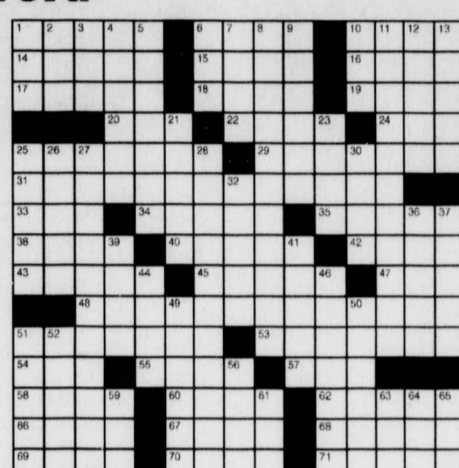


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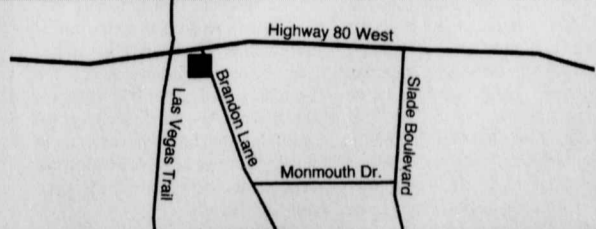
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Public Information vs. Right to Privacy

A BLURRED DISTINCTION

Stalking through dark alleys in a trench coat and sunglasses this week, staff reporter Ram Luthra slyly dug up information about the general public, including *Skiff* editors. (Or maybe he just used the Internet and \$19.95.)

By Ram Luthra
STAFF REPORTER

By simply clicking on the surface of a mouse anyone in the world can access both public and private records over the Internet. The Internet has been a "well" for people to locate all types of information. Some people use this information simply for innocent purposes, while others use this information to perform illegal activities.

Information that can be found on the Internet legally are marriage and divorce information, birth and death records, property tax information and court records. This information is considered public information.

However, adoption records, social security numbers, medical records and juvenile information aren't considered public information, but can easily be found on the Internet.

For instance, hometown addresses and phone numbers were found of all, but one of, the members of the *Skiff* editorial board. Along with addresses, the names, phone numbers and addresses of their neighbors could also be gathered via the Internet. Only several current addresses were found. The names of three parents on the editorial staff were also found. No members of the editorial board were found to have been involved in any lawsuits.

Dick Rinewalt, associate professor and chair of the computer science department, said anyone who is a competent Internet user can obtain birth and death records from 1912 or later on state health department Web sites.

"Every TCU student that was born in Texas, or any other state can have their birth records found on the Web," he said. "People can find out your mother's maiden name, the county in which you were born, which hospital and other sorts of information."

Rinewalt said the major problem with this information is the public's ability to obtain the maiden names of anyone's mother.

"Most, if not all, credit card and bank corporations require your mother's name to be the password for their accounts," he said. "Therefore, if that information can be obtained so easily there is a major security issue. Credit card companies are beginning to realize this and allowing customers to use the password of their choice."

Though it's fairly convenient for people to obtain these records, there are many errors and problems with the information. The Texas Department of Health Web site is temporarily unavailable because of inaccurate information about adoption records. According to the Web site, it could be

several months before the final review process is completed.

Rinewalt, who has been teaching at TCU for 15 years, said when problems of accuracy do take place it can lead to further problems. These problems can vary from inaccurate credit records to wrongful allegations of being a sex offender.

"These records are required by state law to be public information," Rinewalt said. "Unfortunately, there are many errors made through simple human transcription. Sometimes a person may be listed as a sex offender, but that person may have their conviction overturned."

While governmental Web sites release information for the public, there are some Web sites that use this information to make a profit. Certain Web sites, like (USSearch.com) or (uspublicinfo.com), locate a public record report for anyone in the United States. Information that can be found on people include criminal records, social security numbers, marriage and divorce records, sex offender offenses, civil lawsuits, property records and court records. Search costs range from \$9.95 to \$49.95.

On (carfax.com), anyone can obtain a free instant record check of any automobile. A vehicle identification number is the only thing required to obtain this information. The VIN by looking under the windshield of any vehicle. Other information such as the history of the car can also be found by paying \$19.95.

Rinewalt said the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles compiles all driver's license numbers on a compact disc and sells it to the public.

"If someone purchases the CD from the state for about \$600, they can get all the names, addresses, date of births and driver's license numbers for anyone who has a driver's license," he said. "With that information they can simply get a license made with all of that information and go write hot checks and basically do anything."

As easy as it is to get information from governmental agencies, it is also fairly simple to access information from universities and schools. The TCU registrar's office releases certain student information if a first and last name is provided. They release the number of hours the student is enrolled in, a student's classification and whether a student is a full-time or part-time student. However, they do not release student schedules or Social Security numbers.

A natural feeling for many is that these security issues can never happen

to them, but at least one incident of computer crime has already been reported at TCU. Campus Police received a complaint Jan. 26 regarding a user on the TCU server who hacked into another person's computer. The hacker changed the password and kicked the person off of the Internet.

"The problem cannot be ignored," Rinewalt said. "This type of information can be obtained by anyone — someone next door to you or someone all across the world."

Rinewalt said some of this information can be prevented to be published on the Web, but it is very difficult and usually a burden.

"There is very little that can be done, because it is out of our hands," he said. "Nothing can be done to stop the government from publishing this information, but people can prevent private corporations from doing so. The heart

of the problem is that the technology is evolving too fast for anyone to make any substantial changes."

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Photo illustration by Tim Cox

Though staff reporter Ram Luthra attempted to dig up the dirt on *Skiff* editors, he was only able to obtain simple information such as their addresses and where they attended high school.

Lines vary between public, private info Driver's license numbers, marriage records some of basic items available

By Chrissy Braden
STAFF REPORTER

Roger and Cheryl Cullen may not be familiar names to most people or even to themselves.

According to A&E television network's "Investigative Reports: Stolen Identity," the couple used the identities of 12 people by collecting information from driving records, which gave them the most important credit card qualification: social security numbers.

More than 40,000, complaints many including driver's license fraud, were made from consumers and victims of identity theft to the Federal Trade Commission from Nov. 1, 1999 to Dec. 31, 2000.

Incidents like these question the boundaries between public and private information.

As of Oct. 1, 2000, federal law requires Americans to provide their social security numbers to apply for or renew a state driver's license.

The driver's license must have the social security number printed on it or embedded in the magnetic strip to

qualify as federal identification.

Driver's licenses are public record, but social security numbers are not.

Tom Williams, a former media law professor, said social security numbers on drivers' licenses can increase the risk of identity theft.

"There's tension between public information issues and personal, private issues," Williams said. "It's been acceptable for a long time that driver's licenses are public (record) and should be, but advances in technology has given people a legitimate concern about their private information."

Marriage certificates, divorce records, arrest records and taxes on property are all public record. Also, birth records — except under special circumstances like adoption — and court records that do not involve juveniles are considered public information.

The Freedom of Information Act gives people access to information

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Identity theft rises to top of crime list Guidelines help protect people from being taken advantage of

By Jaime Walker
SENIOR NEWS EDITOR

In the 1995 blockbuster film "The Net," Sandra Bullock's character, Angela Bennett, had her driver's license, credit cards, bank account and identity stolen. Moviegoers agonized with her as she fought to take back herself — literally. Identity theft is not something that troubles just film heroines anymore.

According to the Web site for the Federal Trade Commission, identity theft is the No. 1 non-violent crime in the nation. Nationally, over 700,000 cases were reported in 2000 alone.

"This is an issue that should concern every citizen because it concerns the most valuable possession a person can have — his identity," said Tom Kelly, public information officer for Texas Attorney General John Comyn.

Kelly is not alone in his concern. "People should not only be alarmed," said Beth Givens, director for the Privacy Rights Clearinghouse, a non-profit consumer rights agency. "They should be taking dramatic measures to ensure they are safe."

Givens said one of the challenges in understanding the magnitude of America's "stolen identity crisis" is that often victims don't know they have been

targeted.

"It's easy not to notice at first," she said. "You go to the grocery store, and they refuse your check. A collection agency calls, demanding payment for things you never bought. You think they have the wrong number. But then the calls and notices add up."

Givens said protecting yourself from identity theft can be as easy as following a few common sense guidelines.

Be careful when exposing your four valuable pieces of information: your name, your Social Security number, your mother's maiden name and your date of birth.

"Those pieces of information alone are enough to apply for a credit card, buy a cell phone or order a new cable TV or phone line," Givens said.

Consumer adviser Clark Howard, author of the book "Get Clark Smart: The Ultimate Guide for the Savvy Consumer," suggests never carrying your Social Security number in your wallet.

He tells callers to his syndicated radio talk show never to carry your driver's license, Social Security card and credit cards at the same time.

"Leave as much at home under lock and key as possible," he said. "And never, ever put your Social Security number on your checks."

Shred all financial documents.

Givens said a fat wallet can be a dead giveaway for a would-be identity thief. So can a full trash can.

"How often do we get credit card applications in the mail and we just throw them away?" she said. "If you can't shred it, tear it up for stress relief. Just do it."

Givens advises shredding all past bank statements, credit card applications or other documents which could put personal information in the wrong hands.

Limit the number of credit cards in your wallet.

"The more credit cards a person has, the more opportunity they open themselves up to becoming a victim of fraud," Givens said.

She said reducing the number of credit cards in your name limits the risk of your personal identification information being distributed, and it curbs the amount of money that can be stolen in your name.

Protect passwords and PINs.

"Having an easily obtainable password is like leaving the front door of your house open and your car unlocked at night," Givens said.

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What to do if it happens to you

- Call local law enforcement.
- Notify credit card companies. Get new cards and new account numbers.
- Call the credit reporting agencies to have your account flagged for new activity.
- Notify your bank. Get new account numbers.
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