

Examining Stereotypes

The co-ed cheerleading squad could lose as many as six men before the fall season. Coach Jeff Tucker is working to recruit men despite the bad stereotypes.

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Postseason Predictions

Women's head basketball coach Jeff Mittie predicted that the Frogs would need 24 wins to receive a NCAA Tournament bid.

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Fort Worth, Texas

Flat rate approved to equal cost of 18 hours

By Carrie Woodall
STAFF REPORTER

TCU officials will announce today that they approved flat-rate tuition for incoming, full-time students and determined a tuition increase for current, full-time students.

The university fee for new students will be \$7,500 a semester, beginning in fall 2001. Current students will pay an increase of 7.7 percent jumping from \$390 to

\$420 a credit hour. With the increased rate, incoming students will pay for approximately 18 hours regardless of the number enrolled.

Chancellor Ferrari said in January that the new tuition policy will move TCU in the direction of other high-caliber universities.

"The flat fee encourages a higher four-year graduation rate, which is a major goal of every top-ranked private school," he

said. Ray Brown, dean of admissions, said the four-year graduation rate at TCU is not what it should be.

"Because of the quality of institution TCU is, we should have a much higher graduation rate," he said. "As the quality of an institution goes up, its graduation rate should also go up."

He said the university should be graduating around 60 percent of the students in a four-year period.

But currently only between 40 and 50 percent of students are graduating that soon.

Ferrari said the flat rate will help TCU stand out more as a private institution.

"The advantage of going to a private university is for the entire academic and student experience," he said. "This is why most private schools have semester tuition plans."

Brown said the university was

one of the only private schools to charge an hourly credit rate.

"It's difficult to find another private institution that charges by credit hour," he said. "We are an institution that does not need to look like a public school."

Courtney Jones, a junior elementary education major, said she is satisfied with the decision to make the flat-rate tuition apply only to incoming students.

"I'm glad the flat rate won't af-

fect (current students), because I will only be taking 12 (hours) next fall and nine (hours) the following spring," she said. "I'll be a senior, so I don't have many hours left to complete. The flat rate would cause me to lose money."

Mike Scott, director of scholarships and student financial aid, said the flat rate will be beneficial to financial aid business.

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Contract signed for exchange cooperation

By Melissa Christensen
STAFF REPORTER

Through a formal agreement of academic cooperation signed Wednesday by representatives from TCU and Pontificia Universidad Católica de Perú, students can now transfer tuition and course credits between the two universities.

Luis Jaime Castillo, director of international relations at PUCP, and Provost William Koehler signed the formal agreement two years after faculty exchanges were initiated.

Approximately 60 faculty members have been exchanged in that time.

Castillo said he is pleased to offer students the same opportunities as faculty receive through the arrangement.

"We (as administrators) are here for the kids," he said. "The more we can do to move kids around, to give kids the opportunity to experience an exchange, the better our goals are met."

Castillo said signing the agreement after a period of ex-

change was best for the success of the partnership.

Larry Adams, associate provost for academic affairs, said PUCP was chosen from several Latin American universities he visited on a tour two years ago.

"Católica is simply the strongest university in Peru," he said.

Most of the faculty exchanges have been in the fine arts, but Koehler said that tentative plans are being made for cooperative scientific research.

"We should solidify our relationship as if we are almost one university working toward one purpose," Koehler said.

Ronald Watson, chairman of the art department, said a Peruvian university offers TCU students invaluable opportunities that can't be found in Fort Worth.

"The reality of Peru is extraordinary," he said. "It is home to one of the world's most ancient civilizations, the Incas."

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Roberto Gonzalez, part of the Lima String Quartet, plays the viola at the guest recital series Wednesday night in the Pepsi Recital Hall.

Talk centers on present

Alum shows need for change

By Julie Ann Matonis
STAFF REPORTER

Before he began his speech about the changing political forces in Mexico Wednesday afternoon, Juan Hernandez, a TCU alumnus and advisor to Mexican president Vicente Fox, made the Horned Frog hand gesture and said he was a Frog.

Hernandez, head of Fox's presidential office for Mexicans Abroad, received his master's degree and Ph.D. in English from TCU.

More than 50 students, faculty and community members came to hear Hernandez speak. His parents and brother were also in the audience.

Jim Riddlesperger, chair of the political science department, said the university is a safe haven for the discussion of ideas, especially those as divisive as the politics of Mexico.

"There is a strong bias in the United States of those that don't accept Mexican immigrants as equals," Riddlesperger said. "Hernandez represents a new perspective, to make immigrants less of a stereotype, which is good regardless of the politics and policies developed."

Hernandez discussed the relationship between the United States and Mexico, and the recent meeting between Fox and President George W. Bush.

"(Fox and Bush) put down the basis, the principles of a new relationship," Hernandez said. "The principles were specific, based on human rights and need for both countries. I think the United States is finally seeing the benefit of looking south and discovering this neighbor that has always been there."

Hernandez said Fox is a president of today, someone concerned about what can be done in the present.

"One thing I love about Vicente Fox is he is very much a president of (today), not (tomorrow)," Hernandez said.

Hernandez said his four duties are to dignify Mexicans abroad, treat paisanos (people born in Mexico but

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Women's issues addressed through poetry

By Julie Ann Matonis
STAFF REPORTER

In celebration of International Women's Day, the Women's Resource Center is hosting a luncheon and tea today.

International Women's Day is commemorated at the United Nations, and in some countries, it is designated a national holiday. This is the second year TCU has hosted a luncheon to honor the day.

Both the luncheon, "Women Poets

from Around the World," and the tea, "Tea and Conversation" will feature guest speakers.

Lisa Munger, a senior political science major, said the luncheon is an opportunity to hear an accomplished poet speak and to learn about the Women's Resource Center.

"The great thing about (today) is to meet with members of the TCU community and begin a dialogue with people interested in the same issues," Munger said. "The event works well

with International Week because we can see how international concerns can be expressed through poetry."

Marcy Paul, program coordinator for the Women's Resource Center, said poetry was chosen for the event because it can have universal meaning.

"I try to think of issues that women of all nationalities have in common," Paul said. "Poetry is something we all share, and it is also a way in which individuals express themselves."

Dr. Eulalia Bernard-Little is the

guest poet at the luncheon. Bernard-Little writes in English, Spanish and Creole. She was born in the Limon province on the coast of Costa Rica, and in addition to writing, she has worked as a cultural attaché to Jamaica and as a diplomat in the United Nations. Bernard teaches at the University of Costa Rica, and she established a bilingual education program in Limon to help students become fluent in Spanish.

This year's focus at the Women's

Resource Center is how women define themselves. The Center is hosting its seventh annual symposium March 27-29.

Paul said she encourages faculty and students, female and male, to come together to promote women's issues.

"The Center's role is to provide a foundation for programming on women's issues," Paul said. "We deal with issues historically significant to

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Women's Day

Thursday:

What: "Women Poets from Around the World"
Where: Student Center, Room 207
When: 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Cost: \$10, must RSVP

What: "Tea and Conversation"
Where: Dee J. Kelly Alumni and Visitors Center, Cox C
When: 4 p.m.
Cost: Free

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Cheerleading tryouts to be held over Easter holiday

Some say having auditions over holiday allows freshmen time to travel

By Alisha Brown
STAFF REPORTER

Potential cheerleaders for the 2001-02 school year will spend their Good Friday and the Saturday of Easter weekend with SuperFrog, instead of the Easter Bunny.

Tryouts for the mascot and the co-ed and all-girls cheerleading squads will be held over the university and national holiday weekend.

Jayne Magee, a junior cheerleader and marketing major, said sponsor Jeff Tucker told the squads the dates for the tryouts were one of the best options for incoming freshmen.

"Mainly why he did it on that weekend is so the high school students coming up don't have to miss school," Magee said. "When I tried out, I had to drive from Houston two different weekends — one to learn the routine and one to try out."

Tucker is away at the Western Athletic Conference basketball tournament and could not be reached for comment.

Magee said sacrificing the holiday

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weekend for tryouts, however, was not a popular choice among most of the existing squad.

"We cheered the day after Thanksgiving, at the Southern Methodist University game, but that was optional because only five pairs (on the co-ed squad) could go," Magee said. "And we gave up part of our (Winter Break) to go to the bowl game. But those were fun, and tryouts are definitely not fun."

Dana Adams, a junior nursing major, said the students found out about the tryout date from the calendar Tucker gave them.

"He didn't even tell us," Adams said.

"We just got the schedule. Maybe if he had talked to us about it more, but we really don't know if we have other options."

Former cheerleading sponsor Glenda Clausen said last year's incoming freshmen were not allowed to try out. She said she could see how holding the tryouts over Easter weekend would allow time for freshmen to travel this year.

"I would have thought that having it (Easter weekend) would hurt rather than help," Clausen said.

She said since basketball season has ended and there are no other sports obligations, holding a Saturday clinic and Sunday tryout on a separate weekend might be a better proposition.

Adams said the co-ed squad will be losing a number of cheerleaders to graduation or for other reasons. About six of those leaving will be men.

Adams said Tucker had mentioned to her that the response from guys wanting to audition has been greater than in past

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Seniors Tim Rodgers and Matt Rodgers lift SuperFrog as Carl Long, a graduate student, spots the stunt before a football game in the fall.

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► **International Week**, sponsored by International Student Association and Programming Council, will be today through Saturday. The purpose of the week is to promote multicultural awareness on campus and to have international students share their culture and customs with students, faculty and staff. An international sports and music day will be from 3 to 8 p.m. today near Frog Fountain. Students will teach eight different international sports such as badminton, croquet and kendo. The event is free and equipment will be provided. Spoonfed Tribe, a local band, will also perform.

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

► **Harris School of Nursing Student Poster Presentation** will be from 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Monday in the Student Center Lounge. Students will be available to answer questions about genetic engineering, drug addiction and new treatments for strokes.

► **Neeley Associate applications** are available in the Neeley Student Resource Center, Dan Rogers Hall, Room 130. You must have at least junior standing and a 3.0 cumulative GPA. The application deadline is 5 p.m. March 16.

► **The Seventh Annual Women's Symposium** will be March 27 to 29. A Women and Community Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. March 27 in the Student Center Ballroom. Candace O'Keefe from the Women's Museum in Dallas will be the keynote speaker and an art exhibit by Adriana Martinex de Audriac will be on display. The cost is \$12 for students and \$15 for everyone else. Holly Near, a partner in establishing the Women's Music Movement in the 1970s, will have a concert at 8 p.m. March 28 in the PepsiCo Recital Hall. Tickets are \$15 for TCU students, faculty and staff and \$18 for everyone else. A trip to the Women's Museum in Dallas will be on March 29. Those wanting to go can meet in front of the Student Center at 1:15 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for students and \$10 for everyone else. For reservations for any of the events or for more information call (817) 257-7855.

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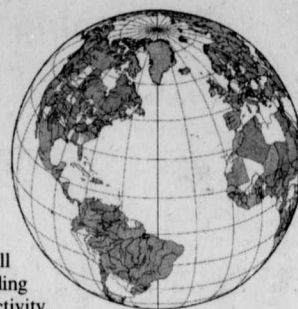
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WORLD DIGEST



Iraq demanding illegal kickbacks on good
UNITED NATIONS — Iraq has reportedly been demanding illegal kickbacks on humanitarian goods sent to the country under a program to help Iraqi citizens cope with U.N. sanctions, the head of the U.N. committee monitoring sanctions said Wednesday.



However, there was "no hard evidence" that any foreign companies have paid surcharges or commissions for contracts to supply Iraq with food, medicine and other supplies, said Ole Peter Kolby, Norway's ambassador to the United Nations and head of the sanctions committee.

Allegations that companies are paying kickbacks on humanitarian supplies have been around for weeks, acting U.S. Ambassador James Cunningham said Wednesday. But Ambassador Sergey Lavrov of Russia, which has close ties to Iraq, said there was "no proof" of payments.

The 4-year-old U.N. oil-for-food program allows Iraq to sell oil, provided most of the money goes for humanitarian relief and equipment to rebuild its oil infrastructure. Proceeds from the oil sales go into a U.N.-controlled escrow account, and contracts must be approved by the sanctions committee.

On Wednesday, *The New York Times* quoted unidentified diplomats and U.N. officials as saying Iraqi authorities required companies to pay bogus fees or hide commissions behind false prices for commodities such as wheat, sugar, rice or cooking oil. The money would then be deposited in foreign accounts for Iraq.

Diplomats told the newspaper that some governments were investigating reports from companies that said they had refused Iraq's demands for kickbacks.

"I think what has happened is that governments have been approached by their own companies and told there has been a request for surcharge or whatever you call it," Kolby said.

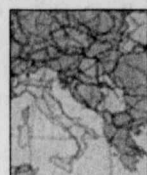
Any surcharges or payments clearly violate sanctions imposed by the Security Council after Iraq's 1990 invasion of Kuwait and council resolutions on the oil-for-food program, he said.

Reports of a demand for kickbacks on humanitarian contracts follows accusations that Iraq was making buyers of its crude pay a per-barrel surcharge that goes directly into its coffers — a violation of sanctions.

Industry analysts say Baghdad is still trying to force oil companies to pay the premium. As a result, buyers have stayed away.

Kolby said the sanctions committee decided at its last meeting to look into reports of an oil surcharge. The committee has not, however, discussed the issue of reported kickbacks on humanitarian supplies, he said.

U.S. soldiers open fire on gunmen in Kosovo
DEBELDE, Yugoslavia — U.S. soldiers in Kosovo opened fire Wednesday on gunmen near the Macedonian border, where American troops have been working to contain an ethnic Albanian insurgency. The U.S. military said two of the armed militants were wounded.



The incident occurred inside Kosovo, just across the border from the Macedonian village of Tanusevci, where Macedonian troops and ethnic Albanian guerrillas clashed for two days this week. No American soldiers were injured, the U.S. military said.

"We don't want any more violence, but this will be up to those armed men," said Maj. James Marshall, a spokesman for the U.S. peacekeepers.

Just seven miles to the northeast, three Yugoslav soldiers were killed and one seriously injured when their vehicle hit a land mine in the village of Oreovica, on the edge of a buffer zone separating Kosovo from the rest of Serbia, Serb Information Minister Biserka Matic said.

The U.S. peacekeepers — part of a NATO-led force in Kosovo — poured into the border village of Debelde this week to help Macedonia prevent the conflict with the guerrillas from spreading.

They were searching for weapons in the nearby hamlet of Mijak early Wednesday, when four men in black uniforms with red patches pointed their weapons at them.

The U.S. peacekeepers considered this to be a provocation, and opened fire, the military said. The U.S. military said earlier that the men had fired back, but later said the men had not fired their weapons.

The men fled under cover of fog. U.S. forces first believed they had retreated across the border into Macedonia, but later were uncertain. One of the wounded gunmen was evacuated by U.S. troops, and peacekeepers were searching Mijak for the second, who remained at large.

"We're not going to allow violence to spill over into Kosovo," Marshall said.

NATO is to decide this week whether to allow Yugoslav forces to help keep ethnic Albanian rebels out of Macedonia, the alliance's secretary-general said Tuesday.



They warned that the date for Mir's long-delayed demise may still vary depending on solar activity, which expands the atmosphere and creates friction with the 15-year-old station.

Space officials had previously said they would start steps to prepare for Mir's controlled descent after its orbit drops to 155 miles by the end of this week. But Deputy Mission Control chief Viktor Blagov said Wednesday that space engineers decided to let the orbiter descend to 132 miles before discarding it.

"Mir's de-orbit is tentatively set for March 20," Blagov said at a news conference.

Mission Control spokesman Valery Lyndin said that controllers want Mir to move closer to ensure that they have as much fuel as possible for the final push.

"The closer to Earth the station comes, the less fuel is needed," he said.

The trickiest part of the preparations will include bringing Mir, which is now in a slow rolling and rotating motion, to a steady position in orbit. The process will require fuel and a lot of electric power, and Mir's batteries are old and unstable.

Mission Control lost contact with Mir for 20 hours in December because of a sudden power loss. Space officials have since tried to minimize power consumption by switching off most of the station's equipment. They have also allowed Mir to roll, because keeping it stable would use limited fuel reserves.

Blagov said that Mission Control would stabilize Mir just one day before the dumping, and played down fears of a power outage or a computer glitch resulting in a chaotic plunge.

"We have seen numerous voltage and communications problems, but they posed no danger to the station because we were always able to recharge the batteries," Blagov said.

In case Mir's skittish central computer fails, Mission Control can direct the descent using the computer on the Progress cargo ship docked with the Mir, Blagov said.

On March 20, the Progress will fire its engines twice during two consecutive orbits and then, several hours later, fire again to send the 143-ton station hurtling toward the Pacific between Australia and Chile. The last maneuver will take place over Russia so Mission Control can monitor it using Russian radar stations.

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Editorial

FLAT RIDICULOUS

Students short-changed by tuition

When the class of 2005 assembles on campus next fall, for its first semester at TCU, all of the students will pay \$7,500 for classes, regardless how many hours they take.

But few of them will really understand the motivating factor behind the university's new comprehensive-tuition policy — Chancellor Michael Ferrari.

When Ferrari became chancellor on July 1, 1998, he pledged to devote his energies to making TCU one of the best private universities in the nation. In his acceptance speech, Ferrari said he dreamt of improving the university's academic reputation by developing more meaningful partnerships with the Fort Worth community and strengthening the schools and programs.

He had a vision of what he wanted to accomplish and a plan for how he would do it.

Then, like any successful leader or company CEO, he did what he had to do to make his vision a reality.

He motivated others to follow his lead, and then used their support to do what he wanted.

Ferrari thought TCU would be better served if we revamped the structure of schools and colleges. And it was done.

Ferrari thought TCU would be better served if we poured financial and technological support into the business school. And it was done.

Ferrari thinks TCU will be better served if our four-year graduation rates improve. University officials looked into comprehensive tuition. They liked what they saw. And so it was done.

Flat-rate tuition is designed to encourage more students to take an average of 15 credit hours, a full class load. Under the new policy, however, the freshman class and those who follow will be paying for an 18-hour class load.

What freshman takes 18 hours and does well?

What student, who has to work 20 hours a week and goes to school, takes 18 hours and does well?

If Ferrari had asked any of us, he might have heard us shouting, "TCU's image may be better served, but we, the students, are not."

Commercialism comes to MAD

Magazine takes a turn for the worst by giving up its classic style

A couple of weeks ago, I experienced a mini-apocalypse in the magazine section at Barnes and Noble.

I was standing there, arms crossed, considering my choices, when all of a sudden a magazine emblazoned with three familiar letters caught my attention



Bullion

— MAD! Greedily and shamelessly I snapped up the issue. I hadn't read MAD in years, but MAD readers never outgrow their obsession.

Just the fact that they read MAD renders them intellectually stunted for life. And I wasn't really looking for a belly laugh either, knowing full well that MAD hadn't been truly funny since the mid-1980s. I didn't care. MAD's like that crazy friend you try and leave behind, but are always checking up on, if only to make sure they haven't ended up behind bars.

As usual, the magazine was crammed with the customary lame jokes and groan-inducing puns. But I nearly dropped the magazine when I realized that several "articles" (if you could ever call anything in MAD an article) were in color, not in the lean, economical black-and-white comic style MAD readers had grown so used to. The only color was usually on the front and back covers. But in this issue, a spoof of "Malcolm in the Middle" (subtly re-titled "Malcontent in the Middle") and numerous other satirical pieces had broken free of their black-and-white shackles.

About midway through it, I came across an "ad" for a video game called "Portal Runner." Immediately I began scanning the ad for a punch line, because this was quite obviously a take-off of Lara Croft and

the Tomb Raider series. Wasn't it?

I felt the sweat beads start to form on my brow as the agonizing realization began to set in. MAD's ironic, to be sure, but they'd never do something this ironic. A fake ad without an apparent punch line? It was either pure brilliance, or... a real advertisement. MAD, with ads? Bad!

MAD has seldom ever featured advertisements, and certainly not in the last 30 years. Fake advertisements, however, were never in short supply, lampooning everything from smarmy Norman Rockwell paintings ("Saturday Night with the Boys" portrayed rosy-cheeked neo-Nazis out on the town) to action figures (G.I. Joe in the "don't ask, don't tell" era — I shouldn't even have to explain how it looked). Serious, straightforward ads were unfathomable for a magazine that had created a legacy of taking nothing seriously.

Until now, apparently. Had I been paying attention to the news, I wouldn't have experienced such a deadening shock that day in the bookstore. The issue I'd picked up just happened to be MAD's first foray into the worlds of color and commercialism. Apparently the two were a package deal. Without the color, there wouldn't be any ads for "Portal Runner" or some weird band called "Finger Eleven" (a name ripe for a MAD-style send-up); MAD needed the ads to pay for their transition into something a little more colorful than pencil drawings.

Uh, hello? Transition? I didn't see anything wrong with the old stuff. MAD magazine played an integral role in my wasted youth, as it did for generation after generation of smart alecks. It ran in the family: my father, an old MAD man himself, ill-advisedly expounded the merits of MAD's 1950's parody "Superduperman!" to me at a very young age. Soon I was hooked.



Then one glorious day, my father got me a subscription to MAD. I reveled in the sacrilegious thrill I got when I brought MAD to the dinner table and destroyed the sanctity of another treasured family institution. I marveled at the snarkiness of the Letters and Tomatoes Dept., in which otherwise loyal readers got their letters skewered by some guy named "ed" who said "Fa fa fa!" a lot.

I memorized "Snappy Answers to Stupid Questions" in the event I'd actually have the good fortune to use them on some poor sap one day. And for years I would carry around a copy of MAD just in case I ran into a celebrity, so I could get my picture taken with them holding the magazine, send it in, and win a free subscription.

It was — well, madness.

But an era is over. MAD isn't trying to impress older readers like my father, the writers of "The Simpsons" or me anymore. My guess is that the dwindling amount of adolescent (mostly male) readership MAD retains could care less whether they see an ad for a video game or a cheesy band. But for those who grew up with "the usual gang of idiots," our crazy friend has just bought a three-piece suit, a house in the Hamptons and a BMW.

I put the magazine back on the rack, heartbroken. It's a sad, sad, sad, sad world.

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Evolution theory belongs in classroom

In August 1999, the Kansas Board of Education blindsided the scientific world by voting to eliminate references to the theory of evolution from the state public school curriculum.

Creationists hailed it as a moral victory. Kansas Gov. Bill Graves called it "terrible, tragic, embarrassing." Since then, Kansas has been under intense fire from the scientific community, becoming an "international laughingstock" in the words of the *Topeka Capital-Journal*.

But Kansas, ironically, has evolved. Two weeks ago, the board voted to restore evolution to the curriculum. It did the right thing. Evolution belongs in science classrooms. Religion, however, does not.

Taken by itself, evolution is a well-established scientific theory. Thousands of other scientific theories obtained using the same type of empirical evidence, like cellular respiration and atomic theory, are taught in public schools.

The problem comes when evolution is compared to the Bible. The theories of evolution and the origin of man have the unfortunate distinction of directly conflicting with a literal interpretation of the Bible. For example, scientists believe that all species on earth originated from a common ancestor over billions of years, but the

Bible states that God created all species in only six days.

Also, scientists believe that the Earth is more than four billion years old, but the Bible implies that the Earth is only about 6,000 years old. This conflict seems irreconcilable. It is not as if the two sides can just compromise and say the earth is 2 billion years old.

As has been the case throughout human history, people will protect their religion at any cost.

Some fundamentalist Christians have thus been advocating the removal of evolution from the nation's schools. They have argued that evolution is scientifically flawed and should not be taught as dogma. Kansas Board of Education member Steve Abrams, speaking out against evolution, said, "(Evolution) still comes across that this is dogma, that this is the only way it is." Evolution opponents have cited supposed holes in the theory, such as the lack of a complete fossil record. However, eliminating evolution shows that its opponents do not understand the purpose of science.

Whereas religion relies on faith, science relies on solid empirical evidence. In science classes, kids learn scientific theories that have been tested and retested in a consistent experimental and observational pattern.

These theories are not unalterable "dogma," and in fact are constantly being modified to ensure accuracy. If real evidence were found against evolution and could be consistently confirmed by respectable researchers, the theory would be altered.

But despite their claims, these fundamentalists are not interested in whether evolution is good science. They are only interested in protecting their religion. If they really cared about good science, then they surely would have taken great care to craft their own arguments in a scientific manner.

Instead, their alternatives to evolution are actually scientifically backward. As every middle school student knows, modern science follows the scientific method, which involves making a hypothesis, testing this hypothesis and determining results through observation and experimentation.

These fundamentalists have presupposed a conclusion that is unalterable (that the origin of life is as written in the book of Genesis) and have used whatever evidence they needed to reach that conclusion. Scientifically speaking, this is junk.

One example of this is the idea of intelligent design, which has been gaining momentum lately in the anti-evolution community. This

idea basically states that life on earth is so complex that it must have been created by some intelligent being (namely, God).

As a scientific theory, this concept fails miserably. There is no way to prove this idea. There are no experiments one could do to test this idea. It requires faith.

If evolution opponents are serious about eliminating the theory from science classes, then they should consider opposing science classes altogether.

Evolution is based on the same evidence that all other scientific theories are based upon. Throwing out evolution would mean throwing out a number of other essential scientific discoveries, including the entire fossil record, the Big Bang theory, modern carbon-dating techniques, a large chunk of developmental biology and the results of the human genome project.

These all show evidence either that a number of species have developed from a common ancestor or that the Earth is billions of years old. Thank heavens the Bible does not conflict with the theory of gravity. We could all be weightless tomorrow.

Matt Cannon is a columnist for The Battalion at Texas A&M University. This column was distributed by U-Wire.

Stop pointing fingers, take action against violence in schools

Screaming students, loud popping sounds, people running, the smell of smoke.

It's 9:25 a.m. at Santana High School in Santee, Calif.

A fellow student has just pulled out a gun in the restroom and has started shooting. He then emerged from the restroom to fire shots into the hallway.

Two dead, several are injured. This is just the latest incident



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in school shootings that has rocked the nation. This also marks the 14th shooting in the past six years.

Witnesses said the student said for days he would bring a gun to school and kill someone.

Why were his threats not taken seriously? This is not the first time an attacker has warned people and wasn't being taken seriously.

It is about time that Americans take any threat of killing a person seriously. If someone makes a threat to kill our president, he or she is immediately tracked down and questioned. So why can the same type of action not

be taken when a classmate makes the same threat?

Is the life of our children and teachers less important than our presidents?

Who is to blame for all of this violence?

There have been multiple studies on whether the media, parents or the schools are to blame for these violent actions that are being taken out in our schools.

Maybe it is time for these students to stop and for someone to ac-

tually listen to what is being said in the schools.

When a threat is made, it needs to be taken seriously. Action should be taken immediately.

All the school shootings might have been avoided if someone had just taken the time to listen to what is being said. Parents, teachers and the media are all to blame for what is happening in our society.

Of course not having automatic weapons available to just anyone

could also be a deterrent to school shootings.

The Constitution states we have the right to bear arms to protect ourselves, but do you really think our forefathers meant an automatic weapon?

Outside of law enforcement and the military, automatic weapons have no use in society. You don't need a semi-automatic pistol to scare off an intruder.

These deadly weapons are continuously falling into the wrong hands: the hands of children.

How many more school shootings or children accidentally dying when they are playing with their parents' guns do we have to have


before we ban automatic weapons?

For everyone who has a child, grandchild, sibling, cousin, niece or nephew at school right now, think about how you would feel if they didn't make it home in the afternoon.

The week had just begun. For some students, it was the start of Spring Break. But for students in a suburb of San Diego and across the nation, it was a day that would never be forgotten.

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Students begin to grip tragedy, mourn victims

By **Chelsea J. Carter**
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SANTEE, Calif. — Students and teachers returned to Santana High School Wednesday, two days after their world was upended by a fellow student with a handgun and a reservoir of rage.

About 150 counselors were on campus — one for every classroom — and walls were patched to cover the bullet holes left by Monday's shooting.

"It's going to be a tough day," said senior Brian Finkel, 18. The school's 1,900 students will spend the day talking with teachers, administrators, counselors and each other. There are no immediate plans to resume regular classes.

"The first priority will be to begin the healing process," said Granger Ward, superintendent of the Grossmont Union High School District. "There's a lot of anger. There's a lot of grief. There's a lot of sadness."

Two students died and 13 people were wounded in the attack. Another was injured while driving away in a car. Three victims who remained hospitalized Wednesday were reported in good condition.

Charles Andrew Williams, 15, was scheduled to be arraigned on murder and other charges Wednesday afternoon in San Diego.

Ward said three students who might have known about Williams' alleged plans were kept

out of classes while district officials investigate.

Among them is Vanessa Willis, a 15-year-old neighbor of Williams who heard his threats to start a shooting spree, but thought they were a joke.

She said she didn't care if students were upset that she has spoken up about classmates teasing Williams.

"I feel bad for everyone that was hurt and everything, but they want to be mad at me, she said. "They don't know the whole story."

Across the country, an eighth-grade girl was shot at a Roman Catholic secondary school in Williamsport, Pa., police said. Her wound was not considered life threatening. Officials said another eighth-grade girl was subdued and taken into custody.

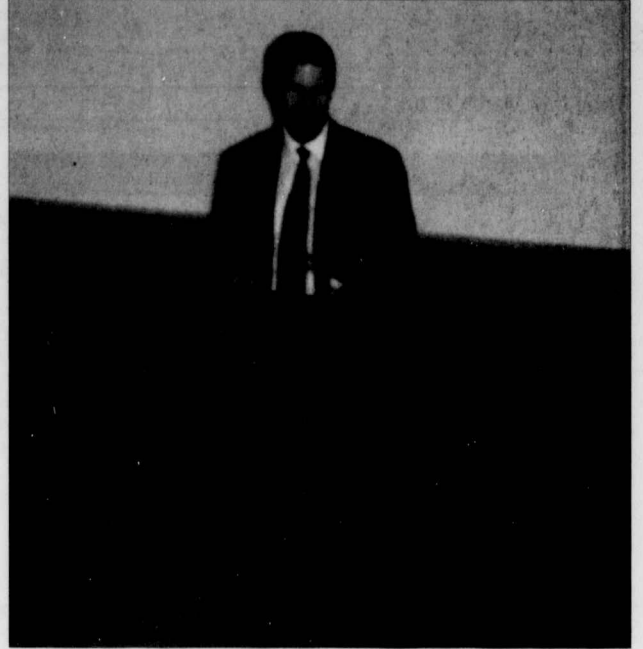
In Santee, school administrators did not tell students of the new shooting.

"We're just keeping it in our radar," said Warren Williams, assistant district superintendent. "Just like students at Columbine, we're affected by what happened here. We're keeping low-level tabs on it."

Still, some students had already heard the news, 15-year-old student Cory Martinez said.

"It's crazy," he said. "It's scary to go to school, but I can't say I feel safe anywhere right now."

Few signs remain of the deadly gunfire that erupted two days ago.



Tim Cox/SKIFF STAFF
Juan Hernandez, a TCU alumnus and advisor to Mexican president Vicente Fox, speaks Tuesday on "The New Mexico." In his speech he discussed the relationship between the United States and Mexico and the general life of Mexicans today.

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living in the United States) better, find ways to help descending regions in Mexico and make sure those born in Mexico feel welcome in Mexico.

"These individuals have been in the shadows for such a long time with both federal governments shutting their eyes," Hernandez said. "The reason they're leaving is because Mexico hasn't given them opportunities at home."

Jennifer Ibarra, a junior advertising/public relations major, said she attended Hernandez's speech because she is from Mexico and still has family there. She said the term "The New Mexico" is positive to her.

"The New Mexico" is like a new beginning to Mexicans in Mexico and in the United States," Ibarra said. "Before (Fox's election) I didn't have the same attitude about Mexico."

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Students make most of jobs

Some say working can take away from academics

By Jessica Cervantez
STAFF REPORTER

For many students having a job can yield valuable rewards — extra money, independence from parents and the opportunity for greater interaction outside of TCU.

Students who work outside of school are more disciplined when it comes to managing time for studying purposes, said Don Mills, vice chancellor of student affairs.

But Mills said working excessively can take away from the ability to be effective as a student.

"Some students like working so much that it becomes a priority, and it can be detrimental to school work," he said.

TCU Work Study Coordinator Melet Leafgreen said there are 425 students who participate in the work study program on campus. "Students who work while in college gain experience," Leafgreen said. "Working builds a sense of self-esteem and character that (students) may not get in the classroom."

Angie McNabb, a junior psychol-

ogy major, who works as a server at Bennigan's Grill and Tavern on the weekends, said working is harder physically and mentally, but she has learned to manage her time better.

She said that not only does working mean extra cash, but she also relies less on her parents.

April Gonzalez, a junior interior design major, who works at Red Lobster more than 25 hours a week, said work can be hard but the benefits are worth the effort. "Sometimes work stresses me out, but then it is better for me in the long run (because) it teaches me to be more appreciative of things," she said.

Gonzalez said her grades are not affected because working is at the bottom of her priority list.

Abigail Neufeld, a junior psychology major, said she now has more leisure time since she no longer works. Neufeld said when she worked as a hostess 20 hours a week at Mimi's Cafe last year, her job had a marginal effect on her grades.

By not working, Neufeld has the ability to study more. She said she

doesn't have the stresses that come with working nights when she knew she had an important exam the next day.

"I think my life is more structured, and I know exactly what needs to get done," Neufeld said.

Sylvia Davila, a senior speech communications major, said she loves having a flexible schedule.

"It's a plus when you have a lot of time to do things, but since I do have a lot of time, I seem to procrastinate more," she said.

Davila said her parents want her to focus on school work and make it her top priority.

Mills said having a job while in college affects each student differently, and students can take advantage of the benefits if they know their priorities lie in academics first.

"The collegiate experience has so many dimensions," Mills said. "Students should take advantage of as many dimensions as possible."

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Cowboys waive Troy Aikman

By Jaime Aron
ASSOCIATED PRESS

IRVING — The Dallas Cowboys waived Troy Aikman Wednesday, no longer convinced the quarterback who led them to three Super Bowl titles is healthy enough to be their starter.

"We will wait and see if he clears waivers and proceed from there," agent Leigh Steinberg told the Associated Press, declining further comment.

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones probably would have preferred to see the 34-year-old Aikman retire after 12 seasons — and 10 concussions — but his desire to keep playing left the team with little choice.

Jones had to make the move by Thursday or else pay Aikman a \$7 million bonus and extend his contract through 2007. He will still take up \$10 million of Dallas' \$67.4 mil-

lion salary cap this season.

As much as Jones might have wanted to keep the first player he ever drafted, the owner apparently decided the Cowboys couldn't prepare for the 2001 season with such a fragile, expensive quarterback.

Aikman said it was a "mutual and amicable decision."

"This is really a cap deal," Aikman said. "Waiting until June wasn't going to help me."

Aikman, a six-time Pro Bowler who holds practically all the Dallas passing records, sustained two concussions in 11 games last season and twice needed epidural injections to relieve back pain.

The last play of his career in Dallas ended in a concussion in the first quarter of a Dec. 10 victory over Washington. With the Cowboys

deep in Redskins territory, Aikman rolled out to his right and was slammed to the turf on a crushing, leaping tackle by linebacker LaVar Arrington.

Other teams might be scared off because of Aikman's injury problems, which could then prompt him to retire.

One possible landing spot is San Diego, where close friend Norv Turner is the offensive coordinator. The Chargers also could use Aikman to groom Michael Vick, should they make him the first pick in the upcoming draft. San Diego's starting job is open because Ryan Leaf was released last week.

"I'd like to play somewhere," Aikman said. "Whether that's able to work out or not, I don't know. There's nothing definitive."

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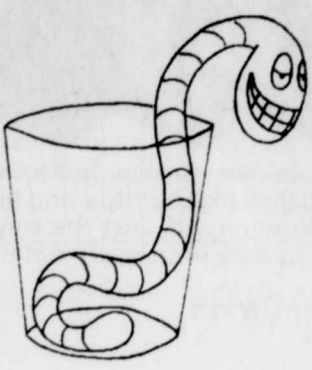
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 Luis Jaime Castillo, director of international relations at Pontificia Universidad Católica de Perú, signs a formal agreement Wednesday in the Chancellor's Reception Room. The agreement allows students to transfer tuition and course credits between the TCU and PUCP.

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Through the formal agreement, the host university will pay the room and board costs of visiting professors while the home university covers salaries.

Exchange students will pay tuition to their home university, but will be responsible for all other expenses, such as travel and room and board. Credit transfers will be determined by the dean of the college in which an exchange student is enrolled at the home university.

Castillo said he hoped students would take advantage of other exchange opportunities as well.

"Exchange is not a means, it's an end," he said. "It's one of the best things an undergraduate can do because (the) choices are still broadly open."

After the signing, Michael Perko, a PUCP art professor, presented Koehler with a calendar featuring artwork and design by PUCP students. The Lima String Quartet performance in PepsiCo Recital Hall Wednesday included two pieces by Peruvian composers.

Twelve Peruvians and 14 TCU faculty and staff were present at the signing in the Chancellor's Reception Room. Chancellor Michael Ferrari, who was out of town, and PUCP Rector Salomón Lerner Febres, who was in Peru, will add their signatures at a later date.

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women. We need to work together to end racism, sexism, ageism, and ethnocentrism."

The luncheon will be held 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Student Center, Room 207. Tickets are \$10 and can be paid for with meal cards, but reservations are required. The tea will be held at 4 p.m. in the Dee J. Kelly Alumni and Visitor's Center. There is no cost to attend the tea. Both events are open to students, faculty and staff.

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Girl shot in Catholic school

By Dan Lewerenz
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — A 14-year-old girl shot a fellow eighth-grader in the cafeteria of a Roman Catholic school Wednesday before being subdued by a school administrator, officials said.

Police said the shooting happened around noon during lunch at Bishop Neumann Junior-Senior High School and followed a long-standing argument between the shooter and 13-year-old victim.

"This is a situation of a student who was upset with another student,"

police Officer David Ritter said. "This is not a random act of violence and as far as I understand there are no other targets for this violence."

Authorities said Kimberly Marchese was shot in the right shoulder and was in stable condition at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville.

Ritter said the shooting suspect was in police custody within four minutes.

"It is my understanding that an administrator got the gun away from the girl and that she is in custody," said Maria Orzel, a spokeswoman for the Diocese of Scranton.

Authorities said the suspect was being questioned and was to be taken to a juvenile facility. Police said they did not know where the girl got the gun.

Authorities said they would need to petition a court in order to charge her as an adult. They would not say whether they planned to do so.

Lycoming County District Attorney Thomas Marino said after the shooting, all students at school were taken to the auditorium, where they were patted down by police in a search for weapons. He said students were later taken to a nearby school where they were questioned.

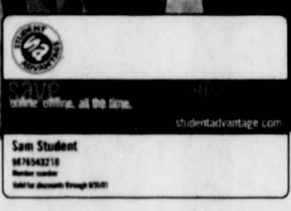
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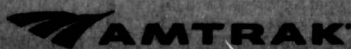
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Gypsy Tea Room

Review by Victor Drabicky

From the comfortable couches that line the walls to the cool air conditioning system, everyone is able to relax.

The Gypsy Tea Room is dimly lit. This makes it cozy enough for a conversation with a date or relaxed enough to enjoy the band.

As far as clubs go, there are three basic divisions. Division I: a hole-in-the-wall room that is usually in a building about to be condemned by the city, has bottom of the barrel sound equipment and the bare essentials required to even stay open.

Division II: These are actual music clubs that have put more time and money into making sure the club looks nice, while the music sounds good. These venues are the standard and are your typical spot for smaller rock concerts. A majority of live music establishments fall into this category.

Division III: There is the hard to obtain and extremely rare label of venue. The sound is top of the line, the club is in near perfect condition and everything from the staff to the bathrooms makes the experience pleasant.

There are not many clubs that can reach this level, but with great atmosphere, service and even better sound, the Gypsy Tea Room has.

The Gypsy Tea Room is divided into two main parts: the large ballroom which can hold more than 1,000 people and the much smaller back room that can

hold maybe half that of the ballroom. Both rooms are well-kept and well above the standard set by other area music venues.

The Gypsy Tea Room, headed by the same management that has kept Trees profitable for the past 10 years, appears to have two goals: keep the patrons happy and keep the bands happy.

The entire room is laid out to meet both goals. From the comfortable couches that line the walls to the cool air conditioning system, everyone is sure to be comfortable. Like Caravan of Dreams, the Gypsy Tea Room is dimly lit. This makes it comfortable enough for a conversation with a date or relaxed enough to enjoy the band.

As a bonus, the two Gypsy Tea rooms have an accessible bar that always seems to have enough staff members to keep patrons from waiting. Drink prices are average, but

with the wide variety of fine liquors and wines, a bar tab can get out of control quickly. Often times, so much energy is put into making sure the bar and room look nice that the stage is tucked away in the corner and nearly impossible to see.

However, the Gypsy Tea Room has managed to design the bars and the stage perfectly.

Both stages are high off the ground and perfectly placed, which allows everyone in the room to clearly see the band. Other than the hallway that connects the two rooms, there is not a bad seat in the house.

Musically, the sound system is great. The sound is always crisp and clear, but never so overpowering that you can't carry on a conversation with the person next to you.

All the equipment is top notch and can make even some of the worst engineers and bands sound good.

But with the Gypsy Tea Room's lineup of bands, there never is a bad engineer in the room or a bad band on stage.

This month alone, the Gypsy Tea Room is slated to have Train, Henry Rollins and the Old 97s perform. While some of the opening bands may not be up to par with these headliners, each band is still seemingly hand-picked for their musical skill.

The Gypsy Tea Room has a remarkable resemblance to Caravan of Dreams. Both clubs are well-kept and well-managed.

If Caravan of Dreams is Tarrant County's premier music venue, then the Gypsy Tea Room is definitely Dallas'.

The only drawback of the Gypsy Tea Room's first-class atmosphere is that concerts are no longer concerts. They resemble yuppie cocktail parties.

Don't get me wrong, there is a lot of value in being able to enjoy a great-sounding band while enjoying top-notch drinks and service.

But for those of you who enjoy the true rock 'n' roll concert atmosphere of being crammed into a small space, covered in sweat and jumping with the music, the Gypsy Tea Room is not the place for you.

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Say It Isn't So

Preview by Yvette Herrera

The Farelly brothers bring us yet another shameless romantic comedy starring Chris Klein and Heather Graham.

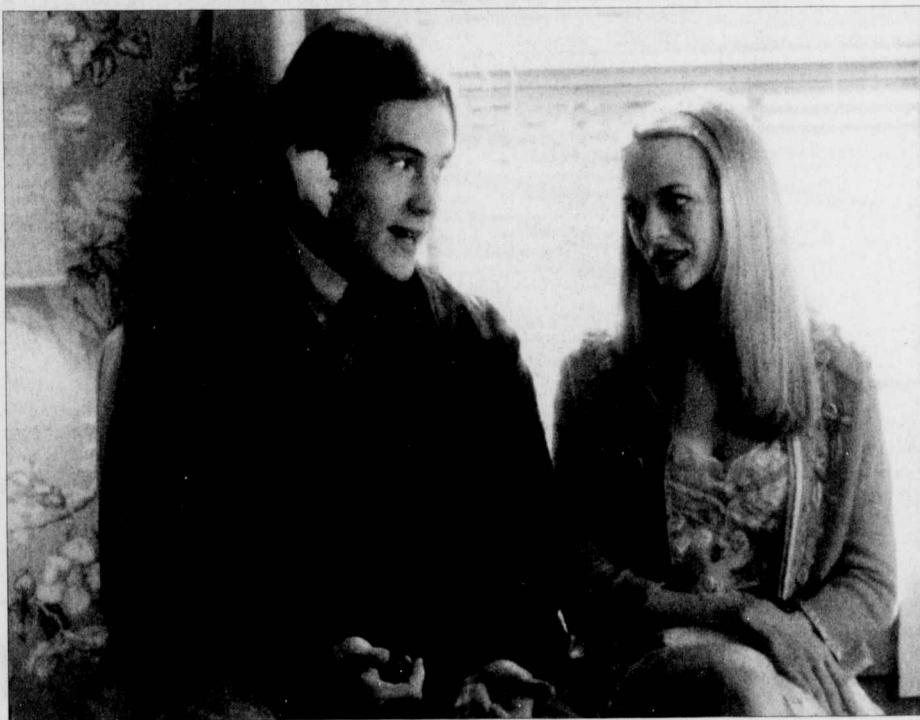
Boy meets girl. Boy falls in love with (and has wild non-stop sex with) girl. Boy loses girl because they accidentally believe they are brother and sister.

"Say It Isn't So" is about an animal shelter employee in Indiana who hires a private detective to find his birth mother. He is also on the prowl for that one special girl with whom he might share the rest of his life.

That's where Graham comes in the picture as a beautiful, charming — yet klutzy — hairdresser named Jo. A passionate romance develops just as the detective identifies the boy's mother — Jo's mother.

Jo relocates to Oregon because of the mess she has fallen in to, and Klein's character, Gilly, pursues his one true love. Along his journey, Gilly soon discovers Jo's plan to marry a millionaire.

"Say It Isn't So" will be in theaters March 16.



Special to the Skiff

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Music

The Red Jacket in Dallas is having a compact disc release party Wednesday. The event will feature DJ Merrit from 102.1 FM The Edge and include special guests Liquid Todd and Jason Bentley. Doors open at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for ages 17 and up. The Red Jacket is located at 3606 Greenville Ave. For more information call (214) 823-8895.

The Moonwater Theater Company presents "Jazz on the Moon" beginning Tuesday. Three evenings of cool, swinging jazz will be played as the audience relaxes in a night club atmosphere with cocktails and hot d'ouces. Daddy's House Band will headline the event and feature well-known jazz man Bill Tiltman. The last three Tuesdays of March will feature jazz music from 6 to 9 p.m. at the theater. Admission is \$10. The theater is located at 6025 Camp Bowie Blvd. Call (817) 924-5300 for more information.

Folk singer/songwriter Keller Williams is touring to support his new release "Loop." He will be at the Gypsy Tea Room in Dallas at 10 p.m. this Saturday. Tickets are \$8 and ages 17 and up are welcome. The Gypsy Tea Room is located at 2538 Elm St. Call (214) 744-9779 for more information.

The TCU music department is sponsoring the Fort Worth Men's Chorus concert at 1 p.m. Sunday at the Dec. J. Kelly Alumni and Visitor Center. Tickets are \$30 and are available by calling Central Tickets at (817) 335-9000. The theme of the concert is "A Gospel Branch."

Shemekia Copeland is celebrating her Grammy nominations in Dallas at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at the Blue Cat Blues. Copeland was named Female Blues Artist of the Year in the 2000 Frying Blues Awards. The concert is located at 2612 Commerce St. For more information visit www.bluesatblues.com or call (214) 744-2293.

Theater

Theatre Arlington presents the story of Helen Keller in "The Miracle Worker" beginning today through April 1. Shows begin at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets range from \$13 to \$15 with discounts available for students, senior citizens and groups. Call the theater at (817) 275-7661 for reservations. Theatre Arlington is located at 305 W. Main St. in downtown Arlington. Keller was born blind, deaf and mute. Her teacher, Annie Sullivan, helped Keller gain enormous strength. The show is rated G for all audiences.

"Journey Into Amazing Caves" will premiere at 4 p.m. Friday at the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History's Omni Theater. The theater is located at 1501 Montgomery St. Call (817) 255-9300 for more information.

Miscellaneous

The Will Rogers Memorial Center presents the biggest names in bull riding to face off this week end. Call (214) 373-8000 for more information.

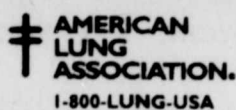
The Fort Worth Museum of Science and History presents "Whodunnit? The Science of Solving Crime" today through Sept. 9. Evidence gathering, DNA profiling, incrimination, fingerprinting and forensic anthropology are all part of the mystery to solving the crime. Call (817) 255-9300 for more information.

Art

The Dallas Visual Art Center presents "Mosaics Under Nitro," a series of exhibitions that promotes artists whose ethnicity is an essential element of their work. The exhibition will run through March 16 at 2801 Swiss Ave. Call (214) 831-2522 for more information.

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TRYOUTS

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Tucker said many members of the team either have strong gymnastics or sports background.

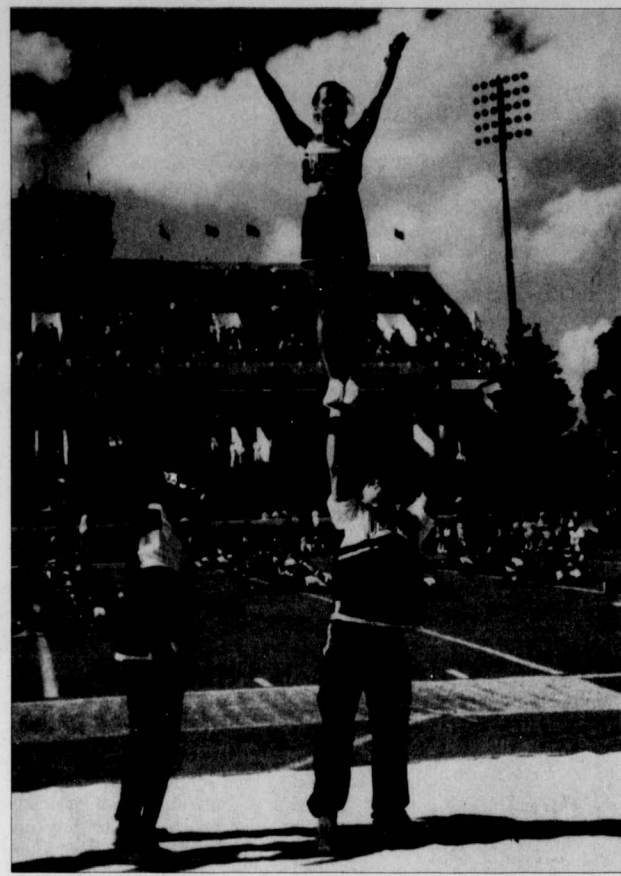
One cheerleader, senior Josh Johnson, is a former TCU football player. He had never tossed a girl in the air until he traded his cleats for tennis shoes, but Tucker said past athletic experience helps in adjusting to cheerleading.

"Because men normally work out or have a sports background, we try to take those skills they learned (in those sports) and use them to our advantage," Tucker said. "It's a matter of getting used to a foot instead of a barbell. Besides most of the guys would say they prefer lifting a pretty girl more than wrestling a sweaty man."

Junior Jason Eagar said he never thought he would see himself throwing a girl 30 feet in the air and holding her fully extended. He was involved in spirit clubs all throughout high school but had no technical experience before becoming a TCU cheerleader.

"When I first threw a girl into the air, it made me feel real macho, like a total stud," Eagar said. "But where people think we are the protector of the girls, it's much more than that. People don't see the pain and the hard work that goes into what we do — essentially we are controlling the destiny of this girl because once she's up (in the air) it is our responsibility to catch her if she falls."

Although recruiting in the past has been difficult, Tucker is currently in the process of setting up an endowment to aid in scholar-



Special to the Skiff
 Senior Josh Johnson does a Statue of Liberty stunt with junior Dana Adams during the football season. The co-ed squad could lose as many as six men to graduation or a heightened class schedule.

ships for cheerleaders. He said he lost two recruits recently because there was not any financial assistance available to the cheerleaders.

And because the team may lose up to six men, Tucker said men will continue to be recruited heavily.

"If they are disciplined in a sport, like football or baseball — like most of our men, they will be easy to train."

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FLAT RATE

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"The flat rate enables us to not have to adjust costs for some scholarships," he said. "Many scholarships can be put at a flat fee, because the tuition is a constant number."

Zach Collins, a sophomore tuba performance major, said he agrees with the flat rate, but wants the option to be available for current students also. "I think the university fee is OK," he said. "I just wish we had the option for the flat rate in case we decide to take 17 or 18 hours."

Ferrari said the university's flat fee will enhance the educational experience at TCU.

"(The flat rate) reflects the total TCU educational experience rather than seat or hour time in classes," he said. "The TCU educational experience is more than time in class."

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CHEER

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years. The timing of the tryouts may be a factor in this, he said.

"We're losing a lot of guys, and that will give us more room for freshmen," Adams said. "If we don't get 10 guys we can't take 10 girls."

Ross Bailey, associate athletics director, said other university events for that weekend include a track meet and a baseball game.

Adams said athletes are accustomed to giving up their free time and holidays for practices and games. She said if they want it bad enough, another sacrifice can be made on Good Friday.

"I want this, and just because it's on Easter doesn't mean I'm not going to try out," she said. "Obviously he has his reasons and I'm going to do it regardless."

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STEREOTYPE

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"When I cheered here, we had some ex-baseball players and a couple of ex-swimmers," Tucker said. "When you look at the males that are in this sport, there is a lot more than there used to be. These guys aren't wimps. They're 200 pounds or better, and they can lift girls all day long in all types of difficult moves."

Tim Rodgers said the sheer amount of exertion and number of

injuries that cheerleaders receive lessens the idea that men cheerleaders aren't masculine.

"They think that guy cheerleaders are the guys who couldn't hang with basketball and football," Tim Rodgers said. "I've talked to football players who, for one reason or another, got involved in cheerleading, whether it be an injury or something that prevented them from playing football."

"I hate the stereotype that it's not a sport and it's not really athletic. While it is drastically different from football and basketball, I

just think it should get a little more recognition as far as athletics go."

Tim Rodgers said his parents have been supportive of his decision to join the cheerleading squad.

"Whereas some fathers would say 'Yeah, my son is a football player, and he hits people and makes plays,' my father says, 'Yeah, my sons throw girls around for fun,'" Tim Rodgers said.

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8 California students arrested at their homes

Students from different schools turned in after allegedly making death threats; authorities say tip came classmates

By Judy Lin
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — Authorities arrested eight California students for allegedly making threats that included a plot to put a bomb on a teacher's desk and the creation of a hit list.

In the desert town of Twenty-nine Palms, two 17-year-old boys were arrested at their homes Tuesday night on suspicion of conspiracy to commit murder and civil rights violations.

San Bernardino County sheriff's spokesman Chip Patterson said at one of the boys' homes, deputies found a rifle. At the other, there was a list of 16 fellow students at Monument High that the pair planned to target. The teens' motives were unknown.

Police said they were tipped by a classmate, who told her father she had overheard the boys discussing a hit list in recent weeks. She came forward after a student in suburban San Diego on Mon-

day opened fire at his high school, killing two students and wounding 13 others.

Also Tuesday, three junior high school students in San Bernardino County were arrested for threatening to place a bomb on a teacher's desk, authorities said. Classmates at Woodcrest Junior High alerted the principal.

Ontario Detective Mike Macias said the two 12-year-olds and a 13-year-old talked about the plot last week after one of the boys had a disagreement with a teacher. No bomb-making materials were found at their homes.

"It was no secret that these three kids were going to carry this out," Macias said. "They were planning to plant the bomb this Friday."

Police said the boys cried and confessed during questioning.

In two other incidents, two teens were arrested at their schools in Perris.

At Perris High, school guards found a 4-inch knife in the back-

pack of Luis Benavides, 18, and he was arrested for investigation of possession of a weapon. Deputies found two rifles and ammunition at his home.

"He made the comment that he needed help because he felt like killing somebody," sheriff's spokesman Sgt. Mark Lohman said. "The teacher, in light of everything that's going on, took this very seriously."

In the second arrest, a woman was enrolling her son at the Perris Community Day School for troubled youth when, according to a sheriff's report, the 14-year-old told an administrator: "If you make me come here, I'll bring a gun and shoot the place up." The boy was taken to a juvenile jail.

And at Wheatland High, an hour north of Sacramento, a boy was arrested after he allegedly threatened to bring a gun to school and kill people. He was released after authorities determined he did not have immediate access to guns.

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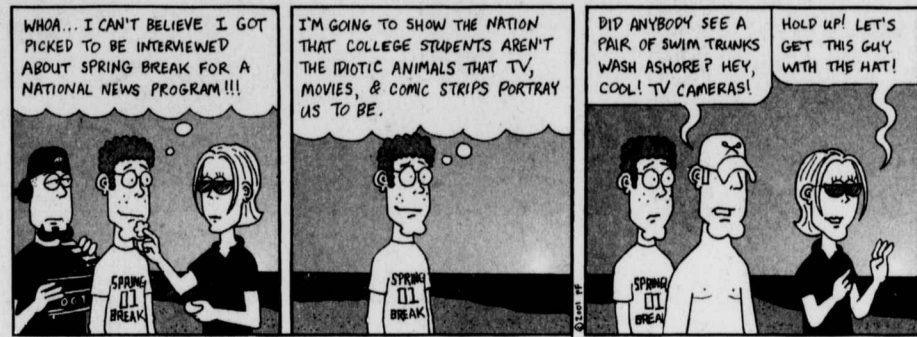
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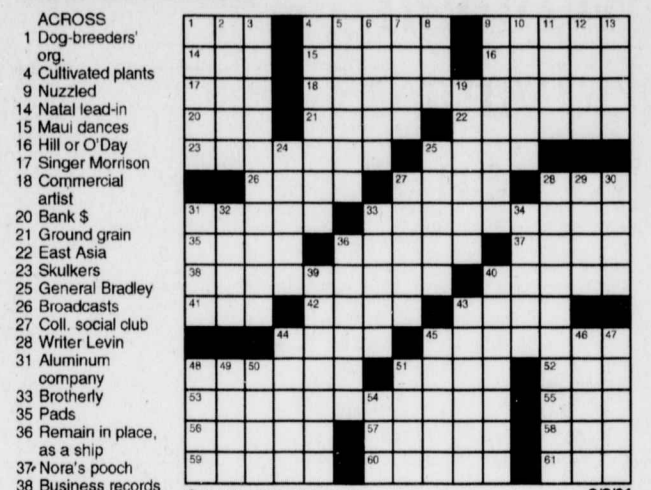
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By Rusty Simmons
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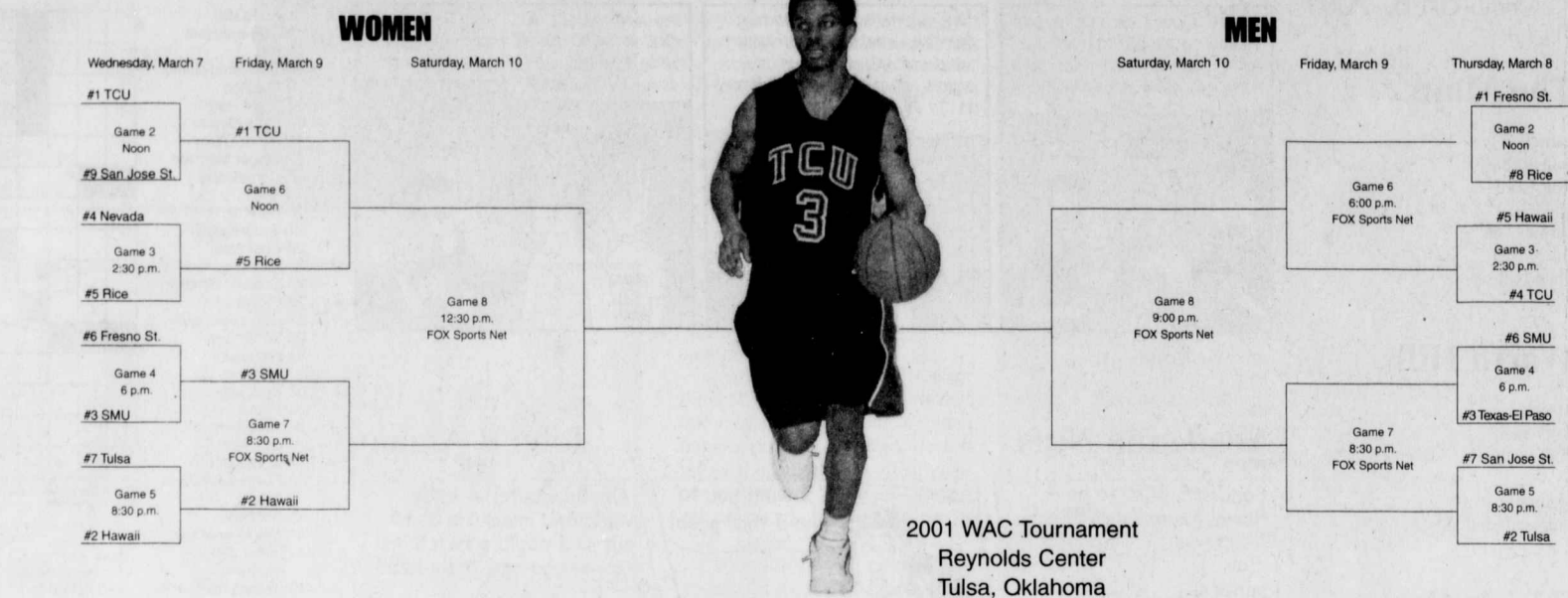
Women's head basketball coach Jeff Mittie predicted earlier in the season that the Frogs would have to win 23 games to make it into the NCAA Tournament.

The Frogs (22-7, 13-3 Western Athletic Conference) got within one victory of Mittie's prophecy as they defeated the San Jose State Spartans (13-16, 4-12 WAC), 74-53, Wednesday in the quarterfinal round of the WAC Tournament in Tulsa, Okla.

With the victory, TCU advances to the semifinal round, where it will play Rice at noon Friday at the Reynolds Center in Tulsa, Okla. Rice advanced to the semifinal round by defeating Nevada in overtime Wednesday.

Although Mittie's last prediction — 13 WAC wins would be necessary to capture the conference title — became a self-fulfilling prophecy, he said he isn't taking his NCAA Tournament prediction for granted.

"The only way to keep it out of the (NCAA Tournament selection)



committee's hands is to win 24 games," he said on KTCU 88.7-FM. The Frogs will get an automatic bid into the NCAA Tournament if they are able to win the WAC Tournament, which would give TCU 24 wins.

Senior forward Janice Thomas scored 10 points and grabbed seven rebounds, and junior forward Kati Safaritova added 10 points for the Frogs.

Although she scored a team-high 10 points, Safaritova said she wasn't

pleased with her performance. Mittie said conference tournament play is different from regular-season play, where Safaritova was named as a second team all-WAC performer.

"She needs to be more physical, because officials in the tournament let more things go," he said. "Safaritova is so hard on herself. She sees some games we praise as being bad games.

"We need her to rebound, be active defensively and more decisive in the paint. When she does that, she is one

of the best players in the conference." Despite TCU's leading scorers being post players, the Frogs took control of the game on scoring runs sparked by guards.

Senior Jill Sutton connected on two three pointers, highlighting a 16-4 run, which led to a 18-7 lead with 9:46 remaining in the first half. Junior Ashanti Nix scored six points in the Frogs' 14-2 run, giving them a 32-11 lead with less than six minutes remaining in the first half.

TCU's biggest lead came with 7:03 remaining in the game, when junior center Quinn Tedder made two free throws, making the score 69-40. San Jose State's only lead was 3-2 at the 16:34-minute mark of the first half.

The Spartans outscored the Frogs 12-to-4 in the paint, but TCU's 12-of-26 (46.2 percent) three-point shooting continually upped its lead.

Freshmen Tiffany Evans and Ebony Shaw each added nine points

in their postseason debuts. "Ebony was huge, because we needed a lift off the bench," Mittie said. "We were able to play her more minutes and rest some starters. Now we will be able to come back tomorrow and work on some things."

As far as what the WAC's No. 1-seeded TCU still needs to work on, Mittie didn't offer any predictions.

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EXAMINING STEREOTYPES

Cheerleaders looking for a few able-bodied men

By Melissa DeLoach
SENIOR REPORTER

The TCU co-ed cheerleading squad currently has 10 men on its roster. But next year might be a different story.

At the end of the this year, the squad might lose as many as six men to graduation or the a heightened demand of classes.

But cheerleading coach Jeff Tucker remains optimistic.

With tryouts less than a month away, he's predicting there will be more than enough applicants to fill the female vacancies. But finding enough men to fill the male spots could be a challenge.

"Men are much harder to recruit than women," Tucker said. "In most cases, women have been cheering since they were 6-years old. Six-year-old guys are usually playing soccer, baseball or football."

There are 10 spots for men and 20 for women on the co-ed team, but only four men might be trying out for a spot. Tryouts for the 2001-2002 team will be April 14.

Without 10 men, Tucker said the co-ed team will not be able to perform stunts to the level they are accustomed to doing.

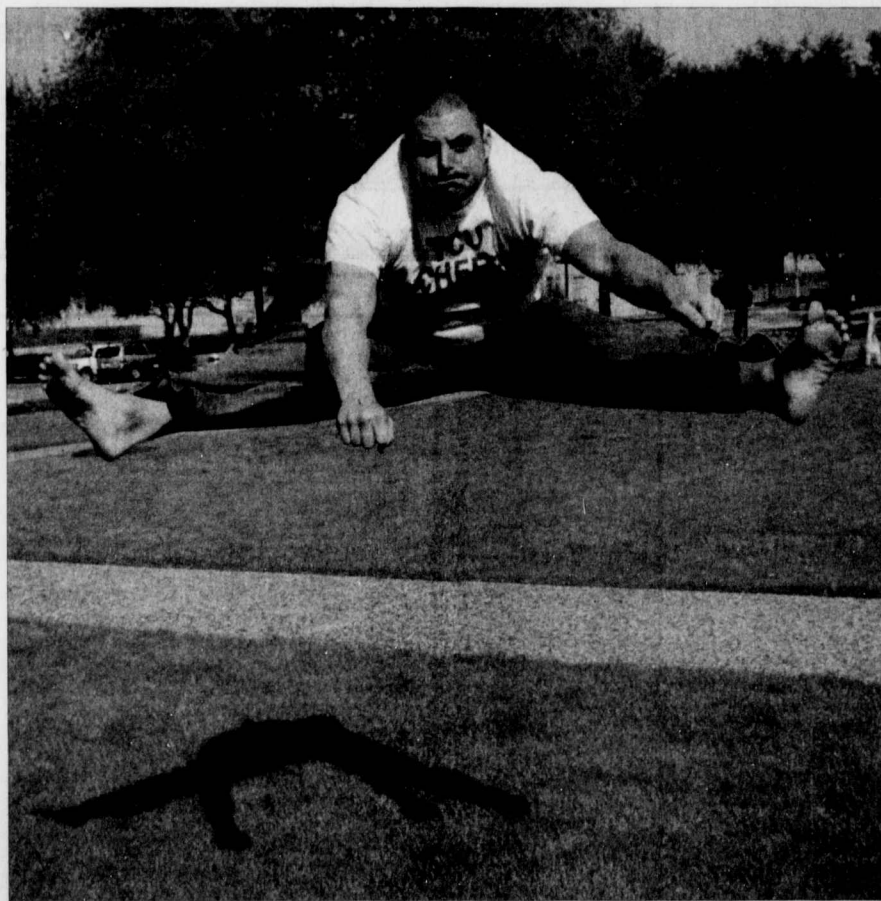
Freshman Ashley Newbold said men play an important role in the stunts not only because of safety but for their strength.

"Whereas the men on the co-ed team are paired with one girl, the all-girl team needs three to four girls to perform a similar stunt," Newbold said. "Having guys helps with getting more people in the air. You can also do a higher caliber of stunts because of their strength and athletic ability."

And because of stunts and other changes in the sport, Tucker said athletic strength is a necessity.

"The men are throwing girls 100 to 110 pounds up in the air and holding them fully extended side by side," Tucker said. "They make it look so easy, but it's not. It's literally two people working toward one goal — perform the stunt and not get injured."

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Senior cheerleader Josh Johnson performs a Russian jump in front of the Student Center Wednesday. Men cheerleaders say their sport tests many of the same athletic abilities as football and basketball.

Ex-athletes find new success in cheerleading

By Laura McFarland
SKIFF STAFF

Senior Josh Johnson, once a 225-pound center for the TCU football team, is now a 210-pound cheerleader.

And Johnson said he is having the time of his life. "I liked football, but I like what I'm doing a lot now," Johnson said. "The upside to cheerleading is that there is less time involvement, less commitment and you still get to be around the football atmosphere without all the constraints of being a football player. I enjoy the challenge of having a new sport."

Johnson isn't alone in his thinking. Senior Tim Rodgers and his twin brother, Matt Rodgers, played basketball in high school. But once in college, they both joined the cheerleading squad. Matt Rodgers joined his sophomore year and Tim Rodgers joined the squad the following year.

Tim Rodgers' only regret is that he didn't become a cheerleader sooner.

"The nature of cheerleading is totally different from anything you'll ever do," Tim Rodgers said. "I don't care how good of shape you're in. After you stunt, you're going to be sore because you use the muscles you don't normally use."

Matt Rodgers said cheerleading is the ideal sport for men.

"You have the best seats at the sporting events," Matt Rodgers said. "You get to hang around very cute girls (who) are a lot of fun. Also, most of the guys on the squad will agree that (why) they stay is that they get to hang out with guys too. It's like our own little fraternity."

TCU cheerleading coach Jeff Tucker said since he was a TCU cheerleader in 1995, more and more men, especially ex-athletes, have started getting involved in the sport.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

No. 9 men's golf places second

The No. 9-ranked men's golf team finished in second place (six strokes behind first) Tuesday at the 24th annual Cleveland Golf Classic in Westlake Village, Calif.

The Frogs shot a two-round total of 587, while Arizona State, which finished in first place, shot a 581.

Seniors Scott Volpitto and Steve Shuert each shot a 147, tying for ninth place.

The first day of the tournament was marked by rain and wind, which hampered all but three golfers' ability to shoot par or better, while the second day of the tournament included 10 golfers shooting par or better.

TCU will compete again Friday through Sunday at the UNLV Intercollegiate meet in Las Vegas.

TCU names equipment manager

Rich Abadie, who had worked at Virginia since 1994, was named Tuesday as the equipment manager at TCU.

His duties with the Frogs will include maintenance, outfitting athletes and the inventory and ordering of athletic equipment.

Abadie and his wife, Julie, have two children, Beau, 21 months, and Lilly, an infant.

Flying Frogs set for national meet

The track and field team will have 10 scoring opportunities on the men's side at the NCAA National Indoor Track and Field Championships this weekend in Fayetteville, Ark.

The Flying Frogs have three runners competing in the 60-meter dash, including senior sprinter Kim Collins, who has the nation's third-fastest time this season. Senior sprinters Lindel Frater and Darvis Patton are also running the 60-meter dash for TCU.

Collins and Patton also qualified for the 200-meter dash, and senior sprinter Roy Williams will take part in the 400-meter dash.

In distance events, junior transfer Eliud Njubi, will compete in the mile run.

TCU will be represented in 4x400-meter relay, where it will try to defend its national indoor title from last spring.

Patton, who is competing in three events at the national level, will also take part in the long jump, and junior Abdul Rasheed will represent the Frogs in the triple jump.

Sophomore sprinter Monica Twum is the lone national qualifier on the women's side, running in the 60-meter dash.

Baseball squad's winning streak snapped

Frogs score only four runs; Olmstead does not play

By Brandon Ortiz
SKIFF STAFF

The Horned Frog baseball team's hot streak was put on hold Wednesday when the Southwest Texas Bobcats defeated TCU 9-4.

TCU (12-7) entered the game having won eight of its last nine games after upsetting Texas 7-2 Tuesday. Southwest Texas (15-5), which defeated then-No. 2 Rice 4-3 Feb. 27, extended its winning streak to five games.

With the win, the Bobcats swept the season series against the Frogs. Southwest Texas defeated TCU 16-4 Feb. 11.

Senior pitcher Chris Frazier, making only his second start of the season, gave up a lead-off home run in the first inning to second baseman Domonique Lewis. Shortstop Louie Carmona got to second base on an error by sophomore third baseman Mike Settle. After striking out first baseman Mark Young, Frazier gave up a home run to left-center field to third

baseman Bryan Kent.

Southwest Texas jumped out to a 3-0 lead and did not relinquish the lead.

The Bobcats added two more runs in the fourth inning on two hits to capture a 5-0 lead. It would be all they needed.

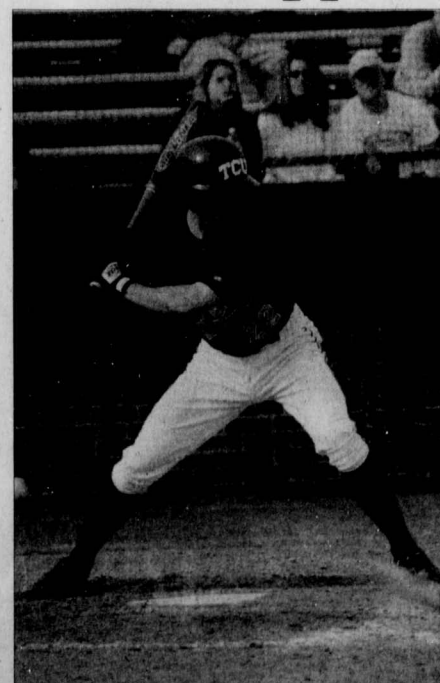
Frazier pitched a season-high four innings, giving up 10 hits and eight runs (one earned) to take his first loss of the season.

The Frogs were shut out the first five innings, mustering only four hits against Southwest Texas starter Paul Shappert.

TCU rallied for three runs on two hits against reliever Trey Warder in the sixth inning.

Sophomore first baseman Walter Olmstead, who is among the Western Athletic Conference leaders in several offensive categories, did not play.

The Frogs will play Nevada at 2:35 p.m. at the TCU Diamond Friday.



File Photo Junior shortstop Erick Macha takes a pitch in the dirt at the TCU Diamond. After winning five consecutive games, the Frogs lost to Southwest Texas Wednesday.

What's Next?

Who: TCU Horned Frogs vs. Nevada Wolf Pack
 What: Western Athletic Conference baseball game
 When: 2:35 p.m. Friday
 Where: TCU Diamond