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The appearances of Berry Street and University Drive are as opposite as their paths.

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When the men's basketball team didn't receive a bid in the National Invitation Tournament, the players knew the season was over. The Skiff grades their performance.

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Fort Worth, Texas

Attendance at House meetings hits low point

By Jonathan Sampson
STAFF REPORTER

The House of Student Representatives would have been unable to conduct business Tuesday if one less person had attended the meeting.

Scott McCray, House parliamentarian, said with 39 of 65 voting members counting in, House attendance came to exactly 60 percent — the number required to carry on activities.

"I think it's about time we get on the horn here this evening and see where people are," he said during the meeting.

House Vice President Amy Render told representatives that their attendance in committees was also of concern.

Render said committee attendance problems are part of the reason House has not passed any legislation yet. She said she is uncertain about exact committee attendance because committee leaders haven't been turning in their attendance rosters.

House policy states that representatives cannot miss more than three meetings a semester, but Render said they have not been enforcing this policy.

"It's somewhat my fault for not enforcing it on the (committee leaders) to enforce it on the representatives, but we're definitely going to get that going," she said. House records show that House attendance was around 87 percent at this time last semester.

Render told representatives that she wanted them to begin to take the initiative and motivate each other to get things done and get involved.

"In the past semesters, (we) have come out with so many legislation changes on campus," she said. "Maybe not all of them worked, but at least reps were out there trying to make the connections with students and get legislation through." But Render said the amount of legislation at this point is very similar to last fall.

"I think some of the problem is that there wasn't a whole lot (of legislation) coming out last year, and so it's just kind of natural to do the same thing," she said.

She said some committees also must do a lot of research in order to write bills, and she doesn't want to force them to simply write for the sake of writing.

"If it's something stupid, don't write it," she said. "But I definitely think that more could be done."

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A LITTLE OFF THE TOP



Kate Jansen, a freshman astrophysics major, helps shave Matt Leveridge's head Wednesday in front of the Student Center. Leveridge, a freshman radio-TV-film major, and three other members of Hyperfrogs shaved their heads after they raised more than \$400 for their Up 'til Dawn team.

Financial aid focuses on merit

Need-base aid still second

By Carrie Woodall
STAFF REPORTER

TCU accepts students regardless of financial backgrounds, despite recent national reports about needy students having difficulty entering higher education, said Mike Scott, director of financial aid and student scholarships.

The federal government, states and colleges have shifted attention away from need-based aid to enhancing programs designed to make higher education more affordable to middle class students, according to a report released by the Congressional Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance.

Scott said on the national level this is true, but TCU has tried to reverse that trend.

"I think TCU has tried to keep a balance, but on a national level, more institutional aid is geared towards merit awards," he said.

Approximately 52 percent of the financial aid budget at TCU is designated as merit-based aid. Approximately 30 percent is designated to need-based aid. The additional 18 percent of the budget is used for programs such as fine arts, ROTC and study abroad. According to advisory committee, nationally since 1993, financing for merit programs have increased by 335 percent, while money for need-based aid has increased by 88 percent.

"A key point is that all aid from federal and state sources is need based," he said. "When you add that to the institutional aid, the majority of dollars go to meeting need."

Scott said there are a lot of students here on financial aid or seeking financial aid.

"There's that assumption that everyone here is rich, and that just couldn't be further from the truth," he said. "If students qualify and apply on time, they do receive some sort of funding."

However, Scott said if a student doesn't apply by the deadline, the university cannot guarantee there will be any funds available.

Scott said need-based aid could only be increased if the government increases funding or if tuition is increased.

Ray Brown, dean of admissions, said scholarships are nice, but need-based aid is more important.

"Every dollar put toward merit awards is a dollar taken away from need aid," Brown said. "I think if families have the ability to pay, they should pay. If they don't have the ability, we should help them."

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On-campus thefts not covered

Students encouraged to buy their own property insurance

Editor's Note: This is the third in a series of stories that examine housing options on and off campus.

By Jillanne Johnson
STAFF REPORTER

In the past year, 22 thefts in on-campus residence halls have been reported, said Sgt. J.C. Drake of the TCU Police.

However, the university only insures university property, said Roger Fisher, director of residential services. Fisher said because that is the case, students living in residence halls should be sure they have insurance coverage for their personal belongings.

Fisher said about every two months, someone comes to his office

about a theft.

"We are on a campus that is fairly safe, but unfortunately theft happens," Fisher said.

All students must sign a housing contract prior to housing registration. According to the contract, TCU is not liable for students' personal property for any reason, and it encourages students to carry their own property insurance.

"The likelihood of something like the fire at Seton Hall happening is not great, but (any) event could be a catastrophe," Fisher said.

Fisher said he wants students to be responsible by checking with their parents' insurance company and then calling around if they think they need further coverage.

Howard Ryerson, an underwriting consultant for Prudential Insurance, said the first thing his company suggests is for students to check their parents' homeowners policy. He said depending on the state of residence and type of coverage, most homeowners' plans cover a student's property off the premise of the home.

All-State spokeswoman Toni Harrison said the company's homeowner's insurance covers off-premises belongings up to 10 percent of the plan's contents coverage. So, if the contents of a home are insured for \$120,000, a student's belongings in the residence hall will be covered up to \$12,000.

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MAKING SACRIFICES

Some students choose helping others over fun during Spring Break

Bethany McCormack
STAFF REPORTER

While some students are skiing in Colorado and others are partying in South Padre Island, Mari Reynolds will be spending this Spring Break with drug addicts and the homeless on the streets of inner city Los Angeles.

Reynolds, a senior theater major, will be participating in a week-long mission trip with almost 50 other students through Chi Alpha, a campus Christian organization affiliated with the Assemblies of God.

Reynolds, the president of Chi Alpha, said this trip is an opportunity to step outside of herself and help others.

"We are so locked up in our TCU upper middle class existence that we don't realize the privilege that we have, so, if even for a week, I want to go serve," Reynolds said.

James Stalnaker, Chi Alpha pastor, said the students will be working with Harvest of Hope Church in downtown Los Angeles. Stalnaker said it is the only church located in an area of Los Angeles largely populated by drug addicts and the homeless. "I really expect students' lives to change," Stalnaker said. "Once they get out of the TCU bubble, they gain an appreciation of what is going on in the world."

He said students will work on the church building, preach on the street, perform dramas and assist the church in any way needed.

While the students from Chi Alpha are serving in Los Angeles, about 40 students from Christ Chapel Bible Church and Young Life, an outreach to high school students, will be working at a Young Life camp in Costa Rica.

Jeremy Weart, the college director at Christ Chapel, said the students will assist wherever the camp needs help, whether it be doing construction work or evangelism.

Weart said the experience will take students outside of their comfort zones and broaden their view of the world.

"Once you get to see third world circumstances, it shows how good we have it," he said. "It helps one become universal in thinking."

Weart said in addition to working at the camp, students will have time for recreational activities such as going to the beach, hiking and shopping.

Laura Gauer, a sophomore social work major, went with Christ Chapel to Costa Rica last year and



Special to the Skiff

Students from different Chi Alpha organizations around the country train at the Harvest of Hope Church in downtown Los Angeles during January. The TCU Chi Alpha will be serving at this same church over Spring Break.

said she enjoyed it so much she is going again. "Last year was the first time I got to see the ocean, which was amazing," she said. "It is a beautiful place."

Vicki Lobel, a freshman premajor, said she is going with Chi Alpha on her first mission trip.

"I thought this would be a great experience to work with homeless," she said. "God's put the desire in my heart to work with those less fortunate than I am."

Reynolds, who plans to do missionary work full-time after graduation, said the trip to Los Angeles won't be glamorous, but it will be rewarding.

"These people are so hungry," Reynolds said. "They need someone just to listen to them, love on them and show them the love of Christ."

Reynolds said that while Chi Alpha can't solve the people's problems in a week, by building relationships and talking with the people, the students can give them hope.

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TODAY IN HISTORY
In 44 B.C., Caius Julius Caesar, dictator of Rome, was stabbed to death in the Roman Senate house by a group of 60 conspirators led by Marcus Junius Brutus and Caius Cassius Longinus.

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IEP still searching for permanent director

By Jessica Cervantez
STAFF REPORTER

The Intensive English program is still looking for a permanent director after former director Kurk Gayle left to seek other professional opportunities last semester.

Director of International Education, Delia Pitts, has been acting as the interim director since Gayle's departure. She said acting as the interim is not a problem because she's always had the task of supervising the program. She said the IEP is always in search for replacements to fill positions, so they could deal with losing the director.

"It happens frequently that we have to fill temporary gaps," Pitts said.

Pitts said there is a search committee to find applicants for all openings across the program.

Carol Orloff, administrative assistant, said the reason there's a

big turnover rate in hiring teachers deals with the student enrollment. She said if there's a larger number of students enrolled, there's a larger number of temporary hires.

Orloff said there was a National Teachers of English to Speak of Languages conference held recently, where members of the IEP and the search committee attended to find perspective employees. She said she knew several interviews were conducted during this time.

Gayle left TCU after 5 1/2 years when he was offered the opportunity to work at Harcourt College of Professional Publishers, as a senior editor, and he decided to accept it.

"Harcourt College of Professional Publishers) is interested in expanding English as a second language, and it has a lot of po-

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campus lines

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► **TCU London Centre applications for the fall 2001 semester** are due Friday. Applications are available in the Office of International Education, Sadler Hall, Room 16.

► **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 by 5 p.m. Friday.

► **The Seventh Annual Women's Symposium** will be March 27 to 29. A Women and Community Dinner will be at 6:30 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 Martinez 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.

► **The M.J. Neeley School of Business Service Day** will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 7. Students can sign up in the Tandy Building atrium until April 7.

► **TCU Career Services** will host the annual Junior Jumpstart conference for juniors and seniors with up to 89 hours from 8:15 a.m. to 6 p.m. April 7. The theme is "Racing Toward Tomorrow" and the place is the conference center overlooking the Texas Motor Speedway. The registration fee is \$25 and is charged to your TCU account. The fee includes transportation to and from TCU, continental breakfast at the Speedway, a luncheon with instruction on business etiquette and workshops.

► **The 24th Annual TCU Jazz Festival** will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 31 in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium. The festival will feature high school bands. Admission is free.



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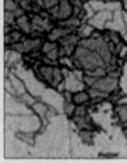
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WORLD DIGEST



NATO, Yugoslav troops enter buffer zone
MIRATOVAC, Yugoslavia — With NATO helicopters overhead, Yugoslav troops on Wednesday fanned out in a buffer zone overrun by ethnic Albanian rebels, a deployment the Western alliance hopes will quell violence that threatens to escalate into a new Balkan war.



Columns of trucks and armored personnel carriers with mounted machine-guns moved past fog-shrouded hills, as hundreds of elite troops entered the southern tip of the zone. Entering at Presevo, they moved south toward the villages of Norca, Trnava and Miratovac near the Macedonia border.

The deployment brings the heavily armed troops close to rebels who are their sworn enemies and an ethnic Albanian population that deeply resents the Serbs. Though NATO mediated a cease-fire, the rebels have already said they can't guarantee all their fighters will follow it.

NATO hopes the Yugoslav troops will calm the zone and reduce the movement of rebels and weapons into Macedonia where the insurgents have been clashing with government troops.

Yugoslav President Vojislav Kostunica accused NATO peacekeepers in Kosovo of "direct collaboration" with the ethnic Albanian rebels in an interview with USA Today published Wednesday.

Kostunica — who has warmed ties with the West since the ouster of former President Slobodan Milosevic last year — said the peacekeeper force "enabled and in some way supported or was helping" the militants. "For sure, in the case of some units, there was direct collaboration."

In the buffer zone Wednesday, NATO helicopters clattered overhead as Yugoslav army vehicles rolled past tightly shuttered houses and infantry fanned out across fields and forests. NATO and European Union observers accompanied the forces to monitor the cease-fire.

No violence was reported in the early hours of the deployment that began after daybreak. In Miratovac, about a dozen villagers and hundreds of school children gathered to protest.

"This is not democracy, this is occupation," exclaimed one villager, Muhamed Azizi.

For the Yugoslav military, the deployment was the chance to regain control over part of the buffer zone in southern Serbia around Kosovo, which NATO barred it from entering after the 1999 Kosovo conflict.

"The action for the return of sovereignty has started," Milovan Coguric, a senior Defense Ministry official traveling with the troops, told reporters.

Serb Deputy Prime Minister Nebojsa Covic told residents of the predominantly ethnic Albanian

area that they had nothing to fear. Most stayed out of sight, reflecting their mistrust of Yugoslav troops — still regarded as the enemy after the 1998-1999 conflict in Kosovo.

Tensions soared in Kosovo as well early Wednesday, as hundreds of Serbs clashed with NATO-led troops in the ethnically divided town of Kosovska Mitrovica to protest the arrest overnight of four Serbs wanted in assaults on a Canadian and a Danish police officer. Peacekeepers fired stun and tear gas grenades. One U.N. police vehicle was set on fire, and several Serbs, a U.N. police officer and a French soldier were injured.

The three-mile-wide demilitarized zone was established in June 1999 to put distance between international peacekeepers in Kosovo and the Yugoslav army, after NATO airstrikes forced Milosevic to halt his crackdown on ethnic Albanian separatists.

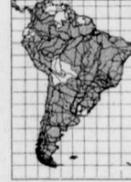
Because only lightly armed Serb police were allowed in the zone under the peace agreement, ethnic Albanian insurgents were able to establish control in its southern tip and move with relative ease into neighboring Macedonia.

Covic said he expected ethnic Albanian guerrillas to honor the cease-fire agreement and not provoke the Yugoslav forces.

Riza Halimi, the political leader of the 60,000-strong ethnic Albanian community in southern Serbia's Presevo Valley, stressed the need for caution on the part of Yugoslav and Serb forces returning to the area.

"Any sudden measure can lead to undesirable consequences," Halimi said.

U.S. pilots not in danger, defense minister says
BOGOTA, Colombia — U.S. civilian pilots are carrying out "risky" missions in Colombia's drug war, flying fumigation planes low sometimes through guerrilla fire, the country's defense minister says. But he insists U.S. troops here face minimal danger.



Defense Minister Luis Fernando Ramirez — who recently accompanied President Andres Pastrana to meet with President Bush in Washington — said in an interview he expects long-term support in the drug war.

U.S. Green Berets are already in this South American nation, training Colombian counter-narcotics battalions as part of a \$1.3 billion U.S. aid package. The package also will send dozens of combat helicopters to Colombia during the second half of this year and into 2002.

During his Feb. 27 meeting with Pastrana, Bush pledged to bolster anti-drug efforts in Colombia and said he would take up lowering trade barriers

to Colombian goods.

Interviewed Monday at Bogota's sprawling defense ministry complex, Ramirez said Colombia will need more military assistance, especially to modernize aging airplanes, including 35-year-old A-37s used to intercept clandestine drug flights.

"Since drug traffickers are multinational outfits with huge budgets, we will require ... more modern aircraft whose maintenance is not so costly and which are not so risky for the crews," Ramirez told the Associated Press.

Ramirez said efforts in Colombia will be of little use unless the United States curbs drug consumption, estimated at 300 tons of cocaine a year.

Colombia produces at least 80 percent of the world's cocaine and a rising share of heroin. Leftist rebels and rival right-wing paramilitaries "tax" the drug industry, using millions of dollars in revenues to buy arms, recruit combatants and fuel the country's 37-year civil war.

"As long as the United States keeps consuming cocaine there will be violence in Colombia," Ramirez said.

Ramirez criticized the United States for "very poor" results in combating drug money laundering.

Ramirez said a kilogram of cocaine in Putumayo — Colombia's major drug-producing region — sells for about \$2,000, while in Miami that same kilogram costs \$30,000.

"The \$28,000 difference between the value in Putumayo and Miami stays in U.S. or European banks," Ramirez said.

Ramirez acknowledged that the work done by American civilians contracted by the U.S. State Department to pilot planes that fumigate drug crops is inherently dangerous. The pilots include other foreigners and Colombians.

The crop dusters swoop close to the earth and are frequently hit by rebel gunfire. Just last month, U.S. civilian pilots flew into a firefight to rescue the crew of a downed Colombian police helicopter. The workers are employed by Dyncorp, of Reston, Va.

"There is not only the risk they'll be shot at, but the risk that such a plane will crash is very high," Ramirez said.

Some critics say the contractors are being used for dangerous jobs to avoid the scandal that would erupt if U.S. soldiers began returning from Colombia in body bags.

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Editorial

IT'S YOUR WEEK

Make the most of this time away

Well kids, Spring Break is right around the corner. Actually, looking at the depleted student population, many students have opted to skip their remaining classes to add a few extra days to their week off.

Sure, we could take this time to tell you to be safe and watch out for the numerous hidden dangers that await Spring Breakers. Or we could stab your conscience and try to convince you that you should take this week to help the less fortunate instead of partying in South Padre.

But we're not.

Instead, we encourage you to make the most of your time off.

Take this week and do whatever it is that makes you happy. If you choose to spend your days helping those in need, fine. If your plans include sleeping until noon, lounging around until 5 p.m. and then going out with friends until 3 a.m., then so be it.

If there's a certain road trip that's been in the works for a while, then get out of Fort Worth and go. Even if your only plans are to spend your time taking shots and then passing out until you're sober enough to start again, that's OK too.

For seniors graduating in May or December, this will be your final Spring Break. Make this week count. Do something you have never done before, or just sleep through the week. This is your time to have fun and make memories, or not, it's up to you.

For the rest of the students, this little vacation comes right on the heels of those pesky midterms. Take some time to breathe and relax. After Spring Break the only other time off we'll get between now and May will be Good Friday, April 13.

When classes begin again March 26, it'll be time to get back to work and concentrate on finishing the semester. But don't worry about that now, just have fun and go crazy.

Oh, and don't forget to be safe.

Paying for what you don't get

Tuition changes are only beneficial to future university students

Chancellor Michael Ferrari said it would be in the best interest of everyone at TCU to have flat-rate tuition because it would encourage them to graduate in four years instead of five or six.



Ahluwalia

Maybe that is a good idea, but what does it matter to the current TCU students who now have to pay \$420 a semester hour? That is a 7.7 percent increase from this year's rate.

In the March 9 issue of the *Skiff*, the chancellor said the university fee would be set at \$750 for everyone. That's one good point because it will be less than what students paid this year. But

for those students paying a flat-rate tuition, there is \$450 unaccounted for.

A warning for incoming freshman: Make sure you know what you are paying for before you get here. Of course, I am sure the university will tell you the money is being spent on the "TCU experience."

My dad received a letter in the mail this week describing the increase of tuition and what it is used for. He also said the letter urged us to graduate in four years.

Four years does sound reasonable, but what about students who can only handle 12 hours a semester?

There is one other problem I do not fully understand. The chancellor said if a student takes 15 hours a semester, he or she will have no problem graduating in four years. That is where the other math problem comes in. For my journalism

degree, I have to complete 124 semester hours. Well, if I take 15 hours a semester for eight semesters, I will only have 120 hours. What about the other four hours?

And what about other majors that require more hours for a degree? The math department requires a student to complete 132 hours before he or she can get a bachelor of science degree. That means those math students would either have to stay an extra semester or take 18 hours for four semesters and 15 hours for the other four semesters to get their degrees. I hope they can handle taking a heavy load.

The letter also stated how TCU was improving the campus with a new Student Center and the William E. and Jean Jones Tucker Technology Center. First of all, construction has not started on the Student Center, and the technology center will not be completed

until after I graduate.

So why am I paying for them now?

I will be graduating four years since arriving at TCU, something the chancellor wants us all to do. I think since I am going to graduate in four years, I should not have to pay for the new improvements.

Then again, I could stay around for five or six years, and I would not mind having to pay the extra money for the Student Center since I would still be here to use it.

I make a promise to you directly, Chancellor Ferrari, that after I graduate and get a job, I will contribute money as an alumna. But for right now, I am currently too broke to have that much money to spend.

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'Popular' kids reason for school violence

To keep children from getting into trouble, help them from becoming troubled

Last week, there were two school shootings and multiple arrests of teens threatening violence. Two teenagers were killed and 13 injured at the hands of a 15-year-old boy. The next day, a 13-year-old girl was shot in the shoulder by a 14-year-old girl.

Let the blame game begin: Whose fault is it?

The parents for not raising the children right and not being there for them? The gun owners for making weapons available? The educators for not teaching children right from wrong? The administrators for not providing a safe school environment? The media for reporting only bad news? The entertainment industry for marketing violent movies, music and video games to children?

Maybe. It could be any one of those.

Most likely, however, it's a combination of all those factors and more. There's no question that there are problems that need to be solved. But in the midst of all the blaming, a

big problem may be overlooked in the search for scapegoats.

Education Secretary Rod Paige said Sunday that "alienation and rage" are the biggest factors in school shootings. Most people probably missed the importance of this statement.

While Paige may not have come right out and said it, I think he and I may have been on the same level here. The blame shouldn't lie just with gun owners, parents or the media. Put the blame where it should be — with the students.

I'm not just talking about the shooters. In fact, I don't see them as the root of the problem at all. I'm certainly not blaming the victims; there is no reason they had to lose their lives or sustain injuries.

I'm blaming the bullies, the "popular" kids, the ones who tease others.

How many times have we heard reports that the shooter was "frequently teased" or an "outcast?" We heard it said about Dylan Klebold and Eric

Harris in Columbine and we're hearing it again about Charles "Andy" Williams, the latest fatal shooter, at Santana High School near San Diego.

We hear it, we preach about being more accepting and we forget about it in a week. It happens each time another school shooting occurs.

And it doesn't seem to sink in. Why? Because it happens all the time. In every school there are the "cool" kids and the "nerds" and the lower of the two is never allowed to forget it. It's happened from the beginning of time — there has always been teasing and bullying.

I remember the day after the Columbine shooting; it was my senior year of high school. We were all so freaked out. Our first period teacher abandoned the lesson and we all talked. We talked about the teasing that went on in our school. All of us could think of someone who just might snap.

I'll bet anyone could think of someone who they went to school with who got teased every day. The kid who ate by himself in the lunch room and hung out with a few other kids who were treated the same way.

And nothing's changed. During Spring Break, I went to work with my mother, who teaches math to ninth graders in an urban middle school. It was exactly the same as it was five years ago when I was a high school freshman.

Notes were passed, rulers and pencils combined to become helicopters, children were picked on and teased at every turn.

The day before I visited, my mother helped break up a brawl in the hallway. Three girls and a boy got in a fight because two of the girls called the other girl a bitch, and she and her brother fought back.

The only bright side to this is that no one was seriously hurt. Everyone walked away alive and under their own strength. No weapons were involved, but the problem still remained. The whole thing started because someone got picked on and couldn't take it anymore.

Every school has its potential Klebolds, Harrises and Williamses — we just don't do anything to prevent them from going over the edge.

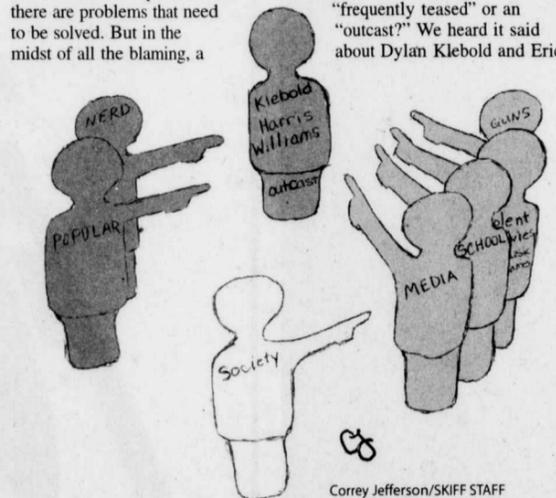
Unfortunately, even Paige missed the mark a bit, recommending parental involvement and after-school programs. This places the blame on parents and other role models in children's lives and shifts it away from where it really should be.

Paige's other suggestion of character education seems to be a potential solution, but we don't need adults to fix the problem alone. It may need to start with adults, but it needs to be carried out by children.

Sure, it's gone on forever, but it doesn't need to continue. The sooner children stop picking on those they don't view as "cool" enough, the better. It won't matter how many guns are available, how much bad news is reported or how many violent movies are screened. The chances a student would want to take a gun to school and use it would be greatly decreased.

Instead of blaming the factors that send troubled children over the edge and give them the means to act on violent impulses, let's keep them from being troubled in the first place.

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Letter to the editor

Evolution remains a theory; the Bible, creation is a proven fact

Editor's Note: This letter is in response to the column "Evolution theory belongs in the classroom" from the March 8 edition of the *Skiff*.

By definition, biology is the study of life. Contrary to what some people might believe, biology is not the study of evolution. Evolution is a theory, a theory that has never been proven correct, but many parts of the theory have been proven false (no part of creation or the Bible has been proven false). It is a theory that is constantly being changed. A theory that does not even have a base (no one knows what caused "the Big Bang"). Evolution is based on faith just as much as creation is. Evolutionists have no scientific fact that "the Big Bang" happened, they just believe — have faith — that it did. If one were to take time and read

the Bible, one would find that the Bible is very scientific. In Isaiah 40:22, Isaiah calls the Earth a circle. Isaiah predated Columbus by about 2,200 years. In Job 38:8, God talks about the Mid-Atlantic rift. In Jude, verse 13, black holes are mentioned; Jude was written close to 2,000 years before Stephen Hawking. These are just a few of many examples.

Because of all these facts, there is no reason why creation, at the very least, should not be taught in school. Evolution might have a right to be in the science classroom, but it does not have a right to be the only thing taught in it. One more thought: I think it is rather hilarious that evolutionists get outraged over the thought that creation should be taught in school. It is kind of ironic because they always call creationists close-minded.

— Curtis Schulz
freshman biology major

First Amendment is being held hostage

Freedom of speech lost when people opt for political correctness over opinions

Wednesday marked the two-week anniversary of an assault against freedom of speech. On Feb. 28, the UC-Berkeley *Daily Californian* ran an advertisement titled "Ten Reasons Why Reparations for Slavery is a Bad Idea — and Racist Too."

The ad, sent to more than 30 college newspapers, was written by David Horowitz, a former Black Panther turned conservative activist. Its publication sparked outrage at Berkeley and elsewhere. Angry student protesters demanded an apology and the *Daily Californian* capitulated, running a front-page mea culpa.

This uproar is one more example of how America's fanatical obsession with sensitivity has slowly eroded the right of individuals to express controversial ideas. The First Amendment is being held hostage by political correctness, and if freedom of expression is to maintain its meaning, this trend must be reversed.

Student protesters have every right to dispute the claims of Horowitz's advertisement, and newspapers have the right to re-

ject the ad's publication if they think it is factually or morally incorrect. They may well be right; certainly there are arguments to make against Horowitz's position.

But the protesters didn't make these arguments. Instead, they mobbed the newspaper's offices and branded the Horowitz ad as racist without saying why. The *Daily Californian* caved at the first hint of protest, running an editor's note that read, in part, "We realize that the ad allowed the *Daily Cal* to become an inadvertent vehicle for bigotry."

Yet many thoughtful commentators do not believe the ad was racist. It obviously contains arguments to which some African Americans may object, and voicing these arguments is not politically correct. But there is a difference between political correctness and racism. Horowitz's ad says nothing that promotes prejudice or entrenches stereotypes of racial inferiority. What, then, makes the ad racist? Was it immediately condemned simply because it was controversial?

The entire dispute is reminiscent of the mele that recently sur-

rounded Harvey C. Mansfield, a professor of government at Harvard, when he asserted that affirmative action at Harvard caused grade inflation. Many students found nothing racist in Mansfield's claims. The Black Students Association did, and it launched visible protests. In doing this, the BSA was well within its rights.

The Constitution guarantees that it can take umbrage at whatever it wants to. But the BSA did not draw the line at criticizing Mansfield's statement. It demanded that Mansfield be censured, implying that Harvard should not respect his right to express his views.

There is an important and obvious distinction between condemning a person's words and punishing that person for saying them. One of the bedrock principles of democracy is that people have the right to say what they think, even if other people don't like it. Even if it is — gasp — politically incorrect. In our effort to make everybody think nice things about everybody else, we often forget the paramount importance of allowing people to voice

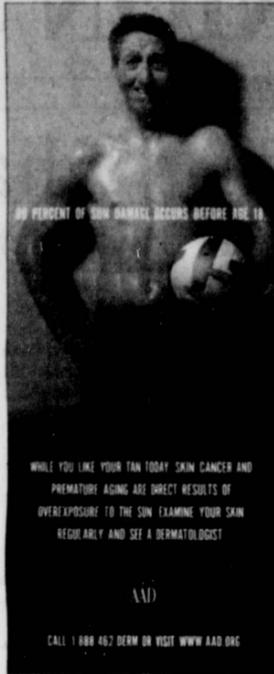
opinions that offend us. The fact that we do so is perhaps the greatest threat to free speech in America today. This threat is far more pernicious than any government repression of free expression. When government treads on the First Amendment, society rises to the defense. But who will defend the Bill of Rights when society itself attacks?

We should be grateful for people like Horowitz and Mansfield. Their arguments don't always convince us, but they should remind us of how vigilant and valiant we all must be in defending the right of people everywhere to be controversial. We should try harder to remember the immortal words of Voltaire, who said, "I may not agree with a word you say, but I shall defend to the death your right to say it." Only when these words characterize our moments of greatest disagreement will freedom of speech truly be secure.

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Scott said an average student, with full need and good grades can receive up to \$9,700 in grant money a year, not including merit aid. The yearly cost to attend TCU is nearly \$20,000, so the student would receive almost half the cost in free money.

However, Scott said Princeton University has now guaranteed to meet its students' needs through grant money. Scott said the university does not look at financial status

in admissions.

"There will be a trickle effect on all schools," he said. "Princeton is well endowed and can provide more aid."

Brown said TCU is also a need-blind school that does not look at the financial need of a student upon acceptance.

"It doesn't matter how a student can pay for their education (at TCU)," he said.

Brown said the reality is that there probably will not be a time when need-based aid exceeds merit-based aid.

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Statistics for financial aid

- Financing for merit programs have increased by 335 percent since 1993. Money for need-based aid has only increase by 88 percent.
- 47.3 percent of students from families with incomes less than \$10,000 attend community colleges
- Low-income students attend four-year colleges at half the rate of their higher-income peers.
- 8.6 percent of students from families with incomes more than \$100,000 attend community colleges
- The number of 18 to 24 year olds applying to college is expected to increase by 1.6 million by 2015, with 80 percent coming from minority groups that tend to be more disadvantaged.

Source: Congressional Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance

IEP

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language, and it has a lot of potential," Gayle said.

Gayle said that after they put IEP online, four publishers wanted to partner with it. It just so happened that Harcourt College of Professional Publishers was one of them.

Gayle said he was speculating that the IEP would have trouble finding candidates to fill the position.

"I know that as we speak, other universities are actively looking for directors," Gayle said. "The economy being what it is makes it rough to find people."

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Controversy rises due to porn czar's religious heritage

By C.G. Wallace
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SALT LAKE CITY — Are naked mannequins pornographic?

That was one of the calls Paula Houston, Utah's new porn czar, has responded to during her first few weeks on the job.

The answer is no — mannequins are not sexually explicit, and thus not pornographic. But most questions Houston faces are not that clear-cut. And that has her critics worried.

They wonder how a member of the Mormon Church can fairly address pornography, which the denomination views as an addiction akin to drugs.

"I think our background always is an important part of who we are and how we view the world," said Carol Gnade, director of the Utah American Civil Liberties Union.

Houston, who is believed to be the nation's first state official whose role is solely to fight pornography, insists her faith will not affect how she does her job. Besides, she said, it is for juries to decide what is pornographic.

The Republican-dominated Legislature created the post last year — the official title is Obscenity and Pornography Complaints Ombudsman — to give legal guidance to local governments and community members worried about smut.

Before accepting the job in January, Houston, 41, spent 15 years as a prosecutor in West Valley City, a Salt Lake suburb.

Houston said pornography is a problem across the country, not just in Utah.

"It's out there everywhere, well, not everywhere, but our kids are exposed to it," she said. "It's definitely more accessible because of the Internet."

She said she offers no answers for Internet pornography but considers her job an important step toward solving the problem, since "somebody needs to be looking for solutions."

It is not as if Utah is being bombarded by porn. Defining what porn is usually comes down to what the courts refer to as community standards. In Utah, those standards reflect the dominant Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

As a result, strip clubs and magazine and video stores face a hostile political environment. One video store in Evanston, Wyo., just across the state line, advertises itself as "Utah's Best Adult Superstore."

Andrew McCullough, a Utah lawyer who works with the ACLU and represents several adult-oriented businesses, said Houston ought to "quit and go home."

"One of the things that seems clear is she's to be a resource for local governments to run bad influences out of town, and we're the bad influences," he said.

Houston said that while the porn cases she pursued in West Valley City clearly involved hard-core material, she said she will advise Utah towns to prosecute subtler cases if they violate those communities' standards.

Since taking the job, reporters have asked Houston about her own sex life, and the state's largest newspaper, *The Salt Lake Tribune*, reported that she was a virgin. Houston, who has never married, denies answering the question and said her sexual experience is irrelevant.

Being the subject of national attention and constant jokes — Jay Leno mentioned her in a monologue — is a drastic change for Houston. She said she kept a low profile as a West Valley City prosecutor. Local First Amendment lawyers said she was relatively unknown before her appointment.

Attorney General Mark Shurtleff said he picked Houston because they both believe pornography is destructive to society and degrades women, and because they share strong views that the job must be done without violating the First Amendment.

She will meet with community leaders who have questions about what they can or cannot do about strip clubs, adult magazine shops and Internet porn. Soon she will have her own 800 number and an Internet site to respond to citizens worried about Utah's moral fiber.

Those who know Houston describe her as tough, level-headed, dependable, fair and goodhearted.

Houston graduated from law school 15 years ago and went straight into a job as assistant to West Valley City Attorney Paul Morris. He assigned her to handle the pornography cases in what is now Utah's second-largest city.

Morris said Houston prosecuted five pornography cases, getting convictions on each. He points out that Houston also decided not to prosecute several other cases.

"She's very grounded," he said. "She can distinguish very well between her personal beliefs and the law. I think some of the things I've read make it sound like she's going to run after cable TV or Playboy, and that's not how she is. She's dealing with the hard-core, nasty stuff."

Houston said she not only practices her faith, she is also a product of a Mormon education. She attended church-owned Ricks College in Idaho for her associate's degree and then Brigham Young University for her bachelor's degree and law school. She went on a church proselytizing mission to New Zealand 20 years ago.

She said she talked over the porn czar job with her mother, who advised her to turn to her Mormon faith.

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— Linda Clark, chairwoman of the Berry Street Initiative

Reconstructing Berry

Story by Managing Editor Laura Head

The appearances of Berry Street and University Drive are as opposite as their paths. On University Drive from Interstate 30 south to its intersection with Berry Street, the rolling hills of the curving road are lined with old trees. But Berry Street, lined with fast food restaurants and parking lots, is a different picture.

Empty buildings dot both sides of the street. Those that formerly housed the Family Christian Bookstore, Video Update, Blockbuster Music, Berry Street Grill and the Back Porch restaurant now stand vacant as businesses go bankrupt or their owners look for more suitable locations.

In recent years, University Drive has become home to Einstein Bros Bagels, Melissa's Thoughts The Greek Shoppe and Panera Bread. The University Parks shopping center has several new shops, including the soon-to-open Jacadi, a French chain with infant clothing and supplies.

On Berry Street, Walgreen's, Dunkin' Donuts and Baskin Robbins and Weinerschnitzel have opened. The building that once housed Chicken Express reopened as a Pizza Hut.

Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs, said last semester that the longer blocks of University Drive, combined with traffic bound for the University Parks shopping center, the Fort Worth Zoo and TCU, have led to the increased development on University.

"Berry Street is a much different story," said Mills, who represents TCU in efforts to clean up Berry Street. "It's a very long corridor. The area we're talking about — from Evans Street to University Drive — is about 2 1/2 miles long. You have a street that is designed to get people from one point to another and not to stop."

A rotting Berry
But Berry Street wasn't always this way. Mills said that years ago, the street was widened, parking was taken away and a median was taken out.

"It became more of a thoroughfare than a community retail street," he said.

Linda Clark, chairwoman of the Berry Street Initiative, said the decline of the surrounding neighborhood and also the development of Hulen Street and Hulen Mall — which opened in August 1977 — have also contributed to the decline of Berry Street.

"We used to be able to buy anything from panty hose to tuxedos on Berry Street," she said. "Over the years, that became impossible, and you couldn't purchase anything unless you went to Hulen."

Clark said that when the Stripling and Cox department store near Berry Street closed about five years ago, the community became concerned that Berry Street would decline even more and eventually become a bad neighborhood.

"To stop that, we met with city officials and decided to form the (Berry Street Initiative)," Clark said.

The Berry Street Initiative began in 1996 with a neighborhood group's decision to clean up the area. Now business owners, property owners, members of the neighborhood association and Fort Worth city officials are involved with the initiative.

On the road to reconstruction

In 1998, voters approved spending \$1.5 million to improve Berry Street. The Fort Worth City Council voted in February 1999 to hire the Goodman Corp., a Houston-based development firm, to plan the redevelopment of Berry Street.

City Councilwoman Wendy Davis, who represents the district that includes Berry Street, said the Goodman Corp. is being paid about \$300,000 of the original \$1.5 million. She said another \$1.5 million has come from state and federal grants, putting the total raised so far at about \$3 million.

Davis said the entire project will cost about \$14 million, and the city will continue to apply for money from the state and federal governments.

She said taxes might be raised in the area.

"The increased taxes will go right back into the same corridor instead of putting (them) into the general fund," she said.

Beautifying Berry

Clark said the Goodman Corp. has completed its plan for the street, which was the first phase of the Berry Street Initiative. According to the plan, which the Goodman Corp. released in June, ideas for Berry Street include narrowing the street, creating a median and moving stores closer to the street with parking behind the stores.

Mills said this would make Berry Street look similar to what it did before the street was widened.

Also included are plans for mixed-use zoning, which would allow shops and restaurants on the first floor of a building and housing on upper floors.

The Goodman Corp. plan also suggests directional signs with a common design to differentiate between three future parts of Berry Street: the Village, the Commons and the Park. The Village, a residential area, would be the area between University Drive and Eighth Avenue. The Commons, a warehouse district, would be the area between Hemphill and Evans streets, and the Park would be developed as green space at Interstate 35 and Berry Street.

Clark said the Berry Street Initiative is now in its second phase: preliminary engineering.

"As we move into the next level, we'll begin construction," Clark said.

She said she did not know when the actual construction on Berry Street would begin, nor did she know which would be the first step in the project. Clark said the development process should be completed within a 20-year time frame.

Davis said the city instituted an enterprise zone, which offers incentives for businesses to develop in a certain area. The incentives include sales tax abatements, forgiveness of city permitting fees and a community-facility agreement, in which the city pays more than its share of certain fees if the business agrees to comply with the Berry Street development plans.

"The entirety of Berry Street is included in that (enterprise zone)," she said.

Mills said parking facilities and public transportation will be vital to the development process because he said that, on average, people are willing to walk for five minutes, or one-half mile.

"You can walk at Disney World all day and don't think anything of it because it's interesting, and there are things to look at," Mills said. "If we make (Berry Street) interesting, people won't mind walking. That's the theory behind it."

Clark said another goal of the initiative is to attract businesses that will draw TCU students, such as a gym, a club or bar, dry cleaners and independent restaurants. She said other possibilities include an Old Navy clothing store and an Ikea furniture store.

Mills said TCU's interest in developing Berry Street was natural because of the street's proximity to the university.

"The area that has been (targeted for development) is roughly from Paschal High School to Merida Avenue, which would be great for TCU because that's on the corner of our campus," Mills said.

Staking a claim

TCU has already purchased some buildings on and near Berry Street. The former Colonial Cafeteria was renovated and is now the Institute of Behavioral Research. The former Bank of America building — at 3100 W. Berry St., just west of Boston Market — is the Human Resources building. TCU's Secret-Wible Building at 3015 Merida Ave. replaced the Shannon Funeral Chapel.

Area business owners credit the initial success of the Berry Street Initiative to TCU, which has been acquiring property on Berry Street for several years.

Marvin Schuster, owner of Saint Anthony's Books and Gifts at 3121 McCart Ave., said TCU is the key factor in improving Berry Street.

"(It has) ensured the success by controlling the property," Schuster said. "It works two ways because TCU doesn't want to become a college in the midst of a decaying area."

Rick Kubes, one of the owners of Kubes Jewelry at 2700 W. Berry St., said the efforts to improve Berry Street have been led by TCU.

"TCU has done a tremendous job of kickstarting the physical changes to the street through the buildings they've purchased and the parking lots they've built and the landscaping they've done," Kubes said. "We refurbished the exterior of our store because we saw TCU was a great partner. Whatever they do, they do it first class."

Mills said TCU may be interested in the development of Berry Street, but the university cannot be the leader of the efforts.

"What it's going to take is not an Eckerd's or a Kubes; it's going to take a developer," he said. "That's what developers do best; they know what can work. TCU is pretty good at education, but we're not developers."

Clark said several businesses — including El Chico's, Steak and Ale and Pier 1 Imports — had locations on Berry Street in the past.

"The list goes on and on of (businesses) that had their start on Berry Street but found the traffic of Hulen more attractive," Clark said. "Now we have to get back to how it used to be."

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'As the World Turns,' 'All My Children' lead nomination list with 46

By David Bauder
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NEW YORK — With Susan Lucci's trophy case no longer empty, Regis Philbin is the new hard-luck nominee at the Daytime Emmys. It's clearly not a role he relishes.

Philbin, an eight-time loser as best talk show host, was nominated for a ninth time in that category on Wednesday. He also received a best game show host nod for "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire," a trophy he shockingly lost last year.

A battle for soap supremacy was set up between "As the World Turns" and "All My Children," which had 46 nominations between them. Five of the 10 soap operas on the air were completely shut out.

When producer Michael Gelman broke into "Live with Regis" with Emmy nominations on Wednesday, co-host Kelly Ripa asked if Philbin had been nominated.

"I hope not," Philbin muttered. Ripa asked if he was excited to

be nominated. Philbin said, sarcastically, "Yeah," and quickly moved on to the show's next guest.

The CBS soap "As the World Turns" scored 25 nominations. The show has enjoyed a creative rebirth after years of struggling, said Lynn Leahy, editorial director of Soap Opera Digest.

ABC's "All My Children" had 21 nominations. Three of the five nominees for best actress in a daytime drama are from that show.

"That will be a soap opera in it-

self," Leahy said.

The show's nominees included Lucci, who won in 1999 after losing in the category for 18 straight years. She'll compete against colleagues Julia Barr and Marcy Walker, as well as Martha Byrne of "As the World Turns" and last year's winner, Susan Flannery of "The Bold and the Beautiful."

Best actor nominees were David Canary of "All My Children"; Tom Eplin and Jon Hensley, both of "As the World Turns"; John McCook of

"The Bold and the Beautiful"; and Peter Bergman of "The Young and the Restless."

Besides Philbin, talk show host nominees were Rosie O'Donnell, Donny & Marie Osmond, and "The View" crew of Barbara Walters, Meredith Vieira, Star Jones, Joy Behar and Lisa Ling.

And besides Philbin, the game show host nominees were Tom Bergeron of "Hollywood Squares," Alex Trebek of "Jeopardy!," Bob Barker of "The Price is Right," and

Ben Stein and Jimmy Kimmel of "Win Ben Stein's Money."

"Millionaire" is competing for a Daytime Emmy even though the prime-time Emmys added a special category for game or reality shows. Producers said the category had not been set by the deadline for Daytime Emmy entrants.

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Ashley Pedroza, a Colby Hall representative, said she was unable to attend Tuesday's meeting, but it was the first one she has missed all semester. She said she hasn't noticed that attendance has been a problem.

"Usually there's enough people there, and it's pretty much packed," she said.

Render attributed the low attendance to Spring Break, but Pedroza said she didn't think people would be out of town on Tuesday.

Render said she also thinks House hasn't presented a lot of information for representatives to take back to their constituents, which is usually one incentive for attendance.

"I just would hope that what they're doing in committee would enforce them in coming to House," she said.

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Recipients, donors honored

By Jessica Cervantez
STAFF REPORTER

Students were given the opportunity to meet, mingle and show appreciation to their scholarship donors Wednesday night at TCU's annual scholarship dinner in the Dee J. Kelly Alumni and Visitors Center.

Nancy Madsen, stewardship events coordinator, said the event gives students the chance to establish relationships with the donors who awarded them the scholarships.

"Most of the students who receive these scholarships are on some type of financial aid, but not all," Madsen said.

Madsen said scholarship donors have different criteria for the scholarships they establish, and the students who are selected meet those standards. She said decisions are based on a variety of factors such as a student's major, religion or hometown.

For example, the Curtis Family Scholarship is given specifically to an outstanding Student Foundation

member. This scholarship was developed to honor TCU alumnus Chris Curtis' brother who was killed in a car accident. Curtis said his brother was the president of Student Foundation and was very active in the organization.

Mari Monneyham, a senior kinesiology major, received this year's Curtis Family Scholarship.

"I feel so honored, because a lot of people applied for this scholarship," Monneyham said. "It makes you want to return the favor."

Ray Rothrock, a venture capitalist from California, was the guest



Tim Cox/SKIFF STAFF

Students, faculty and donors mingle at the annual scholarship dinner held Wednesday night in the Dee J. Kelly Alumni Visitors Center. The dinner gives students the opportunity to meet the donor who awarded them the scholarship.

speaker of the evening. As a jazz lover, Rothrock established two endowed scholarships for students interested in music.

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Tax cut to help stabilize economy, Bush says

By Ron Fournier
ASSOCIATED PRESS

EAST BRUNSWICK, N.J. — President Bush on Wednesday confronted critics of federal aid to religious groups, his environmental about-face and the White House's tax-cut plans, promising "a second wind for economic growth" if his budget passes Congress.

After a smooth start to his administration, legislative and economic events out of Bush's control are forcing the new president into a defensive posture.

His three-hour trip was designed to pressure New Jersey senators to support his 10-year, \$1.6 trillion tax-cut package. But the visit was complicated from the start by news that stocks had plunged on Wall Street, sending the Dow Jones industrials below 10,000 for the first time in five months.

"I'm concerned that a lot of Americans' portfolios have been affected," Bush said in a brief exchange with reporters. "People that put aside money in the stock market are now seeing their asset base decline. But I've got faith in our economy. I believe the plans we're putting in place by working with the Congress are going to serve as a second wind for economic growth."

He carried the same message to the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce, where he praised Sen. Robert Torricelli, D-N.J., for displaying "common sense" in talking favorably about tax cuts. Torricelli is a top target of Bush's, because he is a member of the powerful Senate Finance Committee and is up for re-election in 2002.

Torricelli press secretary Debra DeShong

said her boss is not alarmed by the size of Bush's tax cut, but has problems with its composition. The centerpiece of Bush's package, an across-the-board tax cut, passed the House last week and faces stiff resistance in the evenly divided Senate.

"Our economy is beginning to sputter," Bush said in the chamber speech. "But with the right policies, I'm confident our economy will recover."

While he used the sagging economy to promote his tax-cut plan, Bush cited energy shortages in the West to explain a broken campaign promise on the environment. It was his first opportunity to explain why he decided not to regulate carbon dioxide emissions at power plants as a pollutant, a stark reversal of his campaign position.

"We're in an energy crisis now," Bush said one day after the White House announcement that angered environmentalists. He has rarely used the term energy crisis in the past, but repeated it four times in a brief exchange with reporters Wednesday.

"Ours is an administration that will deal with the problems of the day," Bush said, disputing critics who said he bowed to pressure from big industry. "We've got an energy crisis in America. We use a lot of coal and we need a lot of coal to fuel our plans, to make sure American have got the ability to heat and cool their homes."

The exchange took place in a Plainfield, N.J., church basement, where state money is spent on a religious group's after-school program. Bush wants federal money freed to help similar faith-based institutions provide community services.

RENTERS

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Fisher said students are responsible for damage they cause to other peoples' property. If a student is the cause of a fire or pipe break, then other students could hold them responsible for their property as well.

"I've known a case where parents of a student who was injured in a fire sued the student who started the fire," Fisher said.

Harrison said that All-State would cover the damage caused by another student but would also try to hold that person liable for the costs incurred by the damage.

Fisher said the problem with coverage through homeowners insurance is that many parents raise their deductible over the amount of property a student has in the residence halls. For example, if the deductible on a homeowners policy is \$2,000 or \$3,000, then damage to a computer that costs \$1,500 would be the responsibility of the student to cover.

"We are on a campus that is fairly safe, but unfortunately theft happens. The likelihood of something like the fire at Seton Hall happening is not great, but (any) event could be a catastrophe."

— Roger Fisher,
director of residential services

State Farm agent Earl Wood said in the last couple of years, the demand on insurers due to natural disasters has caused deductibles to rise. Wood said Texas deductibles remain higher than in other states because of weather conditions.

"We're moving most deductibles up to a \$1,000 to protect the masses from higher premiums," Wood said.

Wood said when students move off campus they should also research what type of coverage would be most appropriate for their residence. Depending on the homeowners policy of the parents, students are covered differently as long as they are considered residence of their parents' home.

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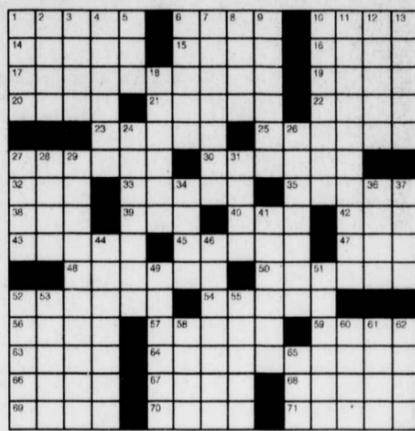
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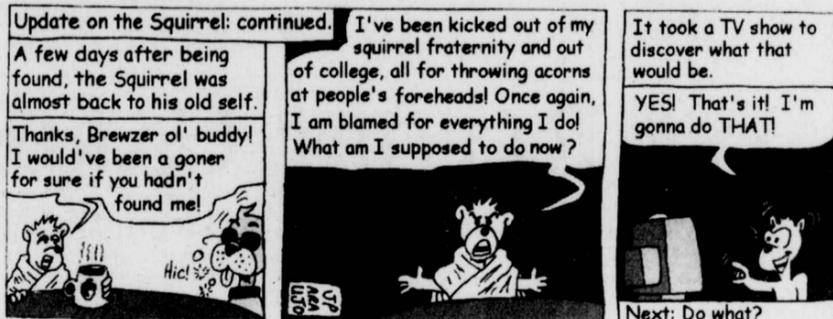
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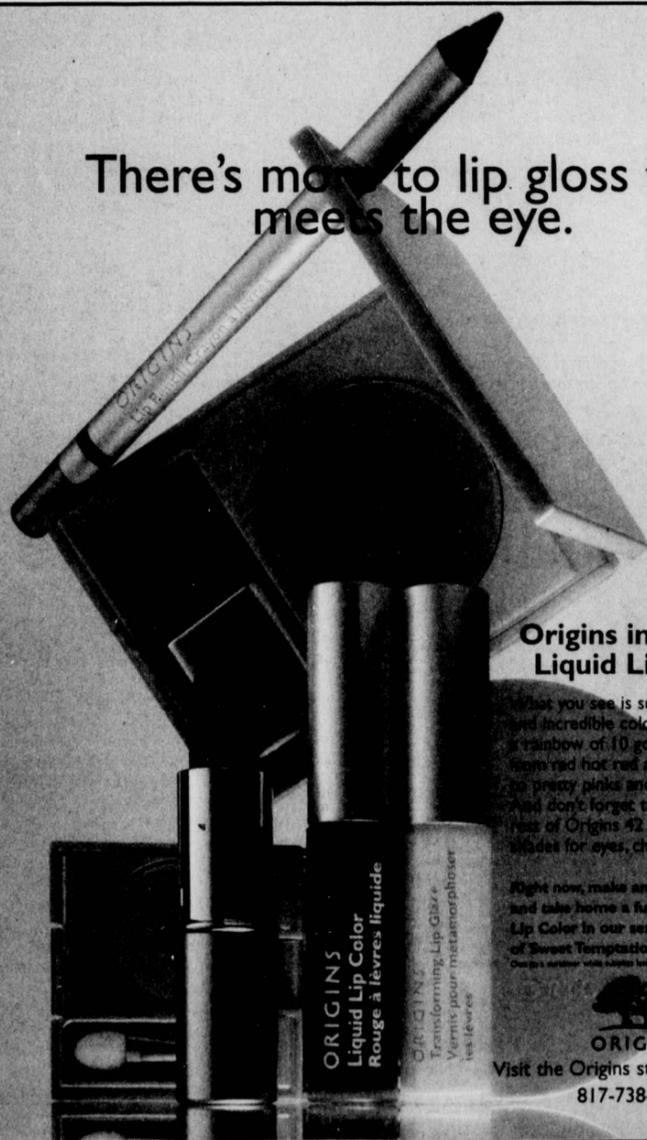
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Women's team prepares for first NCAA appearance

Frogs utilize the male practice squad to sharpen skills before facing Penn State

By Kelly Morris
SPORTS EDITOR

Practice was a little different for the women's basketball team Wednesday.

Besides the lights going out at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum during the team's shoot around, the team also practiced with the male practice squad.

Senior guard Jill Sutton said practicing with the men will be an advantage for their game against Penn State.

"We've been practicing with the guy's team the last two days," Sutton said. "They've been working extra to learn Penn State's offense. We practiced against them right before we went up to the (Western

Athletic Conference) Tournament, and we felt that it really helped us get our defense down. If you go against guys, and you can stop them, then you know you can stop the girls as well."

The 11th-seeded Frogs will play in their first NCAA Tournament against sixth-seeded Penn State at 6 p.m. Saturday in Ruston, La.

Assistant head coach Tonya Benton said the team must be ready for Penn State's elaborate game plan.

"They execute very well and run a ton of set plays," Benton said. "To do well against them, we will have to move the ball and move them. They have big players inside that aren't used to coming out of the lane as much. We'll have to use our

shooters to get the open shots."

The Lady Lions are led by freshman Kelly Mazzante, who scored 18.6 points a game in the regular season. Mazzante is the only freshman in Big Ten history to lead the conference in scoring. She was also named the Women's Basketball News Service co-National Freshman of the Year. Three other players also averaged double figures for Penn State.

Averaging 12.1 points a game, junior forward Kati Safaritova was TCU's leading scorer. Junior forward Tricia Payne, who averaged 10.6 points a game, was the only other player to average double figures for the Frogs.

Penn State head coach Rene

Portland said it will be difficult to prepare for TCU.

"It's tough to play somebody you don't know a whole lot about," Portland said. "One thing we do know is that TCU is a very good three-point shooting team, and it has a terrific back court. We have to be able to shoot the ball very well against this team."

Penn State averaged 79.2 points a game, while its opponents averaged 69.8 points a game. TCU averaged 72 points a game, while its opponents averaged 61 points a game.

The Frogs are 2-0 at neutral sites, while the Lady Lions are 2-2.

Sutton said the team is enthusiastic about its first NCAA

tournament.

"We've been happier this week than we have been all year," Sutton said. "Everybody has been smiling and is definitely having fun."

Although the Frogs' practice was different than usual, Benton said the Frogs' approach to the game won't be any different than other games they have played this season.

"It's exciting because none of us have been to the NCAA Tournament before," Benton said. "But at the same time, the team knows what it has to do to be successful against Penn State."

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Tim Cox/SKIFF STAFF

Women's head basketball coach Jeff Mittie instructs players during Wednesday's practice at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. The 11th-seeded Frogs play 6th-seeded Penn State in the first round of the East Regional at 6 p.m. Saturday in Ruston, La.

CUMULATIVE REPORT CARDS

Bench leads to late-season strength for basketball team

Skiff staff member Matt Stiver evaluates the performances of players and coaches of the 2000-2001 men's basketball team (season averages in parentheses).

(G) Larry Allaway: B- (5.1 points, 2.7 assists) The senior point guard provided valuable minutes and leadership off the bench. After Greedy Daniels' dismissal, Allaway saw his minutes increase. Allaway took care of the ball, often in games late, with solid ball handling.

(F) Myron Anthony: Withdrew (24 games: 14.3 points, 7.4 rebounds) Before his dismissal and a sprained ankle, Anthony was steadily increasing his scoring and inside presence. He was one of a few TCU players who could handle rough play near the basket.

(F) Ryan Carroll: B+ (17.5 points, 36 percent three-point shooting) Led the Frogs in scoring in 15 of 31 games. Carroll's points never seemed flashy, just consistent, and that's what TCU needed. Carroll leaves as one of eight players to score 1,400 points and finished the season with the career record.

(G) Greedy Daniels: Withdrew (25 games: 16.7 points, 5.8 assists, 4.3 steals) When Daniels was dismissed, the Frogs lost more than their best scorer and defender. They lost their soul. Daniels took his shots, but his ability to drive and dish broke down opposing defenses and created opportunities for teammates. A young TCU team will miss his talent, but even more his leadership, in Conference USA.

(C) Derrick Davenport: B (14.1 points, 7.5 rebounds, 2.3 blocks) The team leader in rebounds and blocks, Davenport gave the Frogs an inside force. He came within one block of tying the school record (171). When forced outside, Dav-

enport could knock down jump shots. Too often, though, he got muscled around by heavier players.

(F) Marlon Dumont: C+ (6.0 points, 4.3 rebounds, 1.0 blocks) Transfer from Kingston, Jamaica, provided solid bench relief at power forward.

(G) Thomas McTyer: B+ (8.6 points, 4.8 assists, 46 percent three-pointers) One of only two Frogs to start every game (Carroll was the other), McTyer did what head coach Billy Tubbs' system asks of the point guard: run the offense and play solid defense. He did not score often, but McTyer's points often came in key moments (home wins over Tulsa and Southern Methodist). TCU will miss the senior's steadiness.

(F) Bingo Merriex: B (14.1 points, 4.8 rebounds) Erratic while coming off the bench, Merriex found his rhythm as a starter, more than doubling his scoring and rebounding averages. An outside shooter most of the season, Merriex unveiled a post game to match his outside shot.

(G) Nucleus Smith: B+ (6.9 points, 20 minutes a game) A true freshman, Smith gained crucial experience in 30 of TCU's 31 games, often on the floor in clutch situations. Solid on defense, Smith will continue to find his offensive game in coming years. Along with Merriex, Smith will be a cornerstone in the program for upcoming seasons.

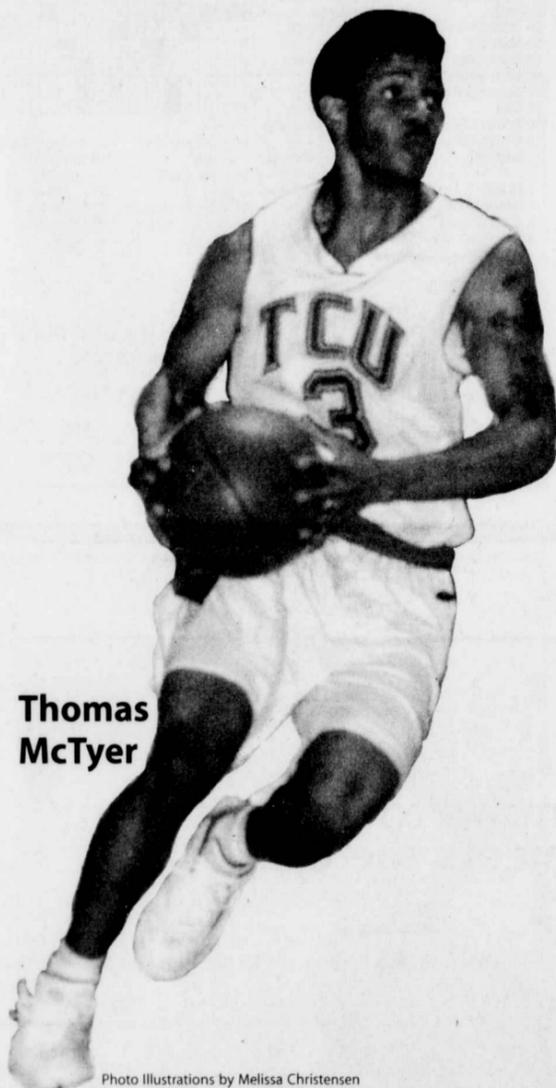
(F) Colin Boddicker: I Played two minutes.

(F) Chris Campbell: I Played one minute.

(G) J.R. Jones: I With Allaway and McTyer graduating, Jones should compete for playing time

next year.
(F) Rebel Paulk: I Saw limited action in 18 games.

Coaching: C+ Dismissing two of his top two players did not make things easier on Tubbs, yet TCU compiled another 20-win season. Talent was never a problem with this edition of the Frogs, but motivation was. Several players admitted to stretches of boredom during games. The Frogs could easily have finished 25-5. TCU played its best games against top-flight competition and laid eggs against lesser teams (see two losses to Rice). Needing wins in the WAC Tournament to better their National Invitation Tournament chances, the Frogs dropped a 20-point loss in the opener to Hawaii.



Thomas McTyer

Photo Illustrations by Melissa Christensen



Ryan Carroll

Frogs disappointed despite two straight 20-win seasons

By Matt Stiver
SKIFF STAFF

TCU men's basketball coach Billy Tubbs reclined in his chair slightly. Again his team won 20 games, and again rumors flew about his job status.

"I'm glad we're at the point where we're not happy with 20 wins," Tubbs said. "I wasn't happy, our staff wasn't happy and I don't think the players were happy."

For the second consecutive year, the Frogs find themselves sitting home at tournament time despite posting 20 wins. TCU, 20-11, was plagued by inconsistency and the loss of two key players at midseason. Playing like champions at home, the Frogs could not make the types of plays that win games on the road.

The series with Texas-El Paso defined TCU's season. During a 92-89 loss in El Paso, the Frogs had the game tied with less than a minute to play. On three consecutive possessions, they missed a three pointer and had the ball stolen from senior Greedy Daniels, who was then the NCAA steals leader. TCU used a 7-2 run with 2:40 left during a 99-91 victory over the Miners on March 1.

"Our season comes down to games where we needed to make plays down

the stretch," Tubbs said. "At home, we made those plays. On the road, we couldn't."

The Frogs, who entered play in the Western Athletic Conference at 11-4, could never muster more than a two-game winning streak in conference. Back-to-back victories over Tulsa and Southern Methodist were followed by losses at UTEP and Rice.

The Frogs never seemed capable of sustaining momentum.

"We were in that two-game pattern with (season-ending victories over) UTEP and SMU," Tubbs said. "We dropped to Hawaii, so maybe we were destined to lose (in the NIT)."

Their first WAC road trip, in which the Frogs went 1-2, put the Frogs in a tailspin, Tubbs said. The Frogs, riding a 9-1 stretch at the time, never won more than three straight again.

"I don't think we ever really recovered our confidence," Tubbs said. The dismissal of Daniels and senior Myron Anthony on Feb. 16 did little to help the situation. At the time of their dismissal, Daniels and Anthony combined for 31 points, 10.4 rebounds and 5.1 steals a game.

Tubbs said he stands by his decision to remove the two players from the team.

"I knew it would cost us some

games, but it was right," Tubbs said. "It comes down to: Do you put the program in a position to do right, or do you put the program in a position to win? I did what I thought was right. I'm proud of the way our players pulled together as a team."

The loss of Daniels was felt more acutely. TCU's second-leading scorer with 16.7 points a game, Daniels excelled at breaking down defenses with his shooting and dribble penetration. Without his defensive abilities, the Frogs were forced to move out of their usual full-court pressure defense.

"It didn't let us do the things we like to do defensively," Tubbs said. "He was the backbone of our press."

The Frogs will lose four more players this year, seniors Ryan Carroll, Thomas McTyer, Derrick Davenport and Larry Allaway.

With the loss of four seniors, TCU will look to the contributions made by Merriex and freshman Nucleus Smith, as well as redshirts Corey Valsin and James Davis.

"We definitely have a solid core to move into Conference USA, with players who started at TCU as freshmen," Tubbs said.

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Swim teams set nine records

Women end season with 8-4 record; men close out at 5-5

By Sam Eaton
SKIFF STAFF

The TCU men's and women's swimming teams had swimmers set nine school records in their this season before moving into Conference USA next season.

Head coach Richard Sybesma said he was pleased with the Frogs' performance.

The women's team set seven records, including the 200- and 400-meter medley relays.

Freshman Jamie Robinson, who was on both relay teams, also broke two individual records. She set the TCU mark for the 100- and 200-meter breaststroke. Her time of 1:03.43 in the 100-meter breaststroke also qualified her for the NCAA Championships.

Junior Jamie MacCurdy qualified for the NCAA Championships in the 400-meter individual medley and the 200-meter backstroke. She set the school record in the 200 backstroke with a time of 2:01.20.

Freshman Erin Irons posted a school-best 1:52.35 in the 200-meter freestyle.

For the season, the women's team went 8-4 in dual meets and finished fifth at the Western Athletic Conference Championships. The Frogs received the All-Academic Team Award from the Col-

lege Swimming Association.

On the men's side, sophomore Aaron Ewert broke TCU records in the 100- and 200-meter backstroke. His 49.03 time in the 100 backstroke qualified him for the NCAA meet.

Ewert said he felt good about his season, but he felt confident he could improve.

"It was a great season and the two records were just bonuses," Ewert said. "We made a big improvement as a team, and I improved personally. This year, I thought I would be faster in the 200 (backstroke). If you're not rested exactly right, you might not swim your best in every race."

— Aaron Ewert,
sophomore swimmer

Junior Scott Adkins also qualified for the championships with a 2:01.20 time in the 200-meter breaststroke.

The men's record in dual meets was 5-5 overall.

The Frogs lost their final meet of the season 108-80 against No. 1-ranked Texas.

Because the WAC doesn't have men's swimming, the Frogs went to the National Independent Championships in February at Oakland University in Rochester, Mich., where they finished fourth.

For the diving team, freshmen Lisa Munoz, Codi McLamb and Chad Hummel qualified for the NCAA Zone Meet. Munoz finished third at the conference championships.

Next season, the swimming and diving teams' athletes will compete their inaugural season in C-USA.

Sybesma said he is optimistic about the Frogs' chances in the new conference.

"With it being the inaugural season, our goal will be to win a conference championship," he said.

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