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Fort Worth, Texas

SGA looks to extend health service hours

By Jonathan Sampson
STAFF REPORTER

When Marna Jane Williams accidentally cut her hand on broken glass at 9 p.m. she went to the Health Center for help. She knocked on the door and rang the doorbell, but no one answered. She finally found a friend to give her a ride to an emergency room, where they immediately helped her.

Brian Wood, Student Government Association president, said TCU students, like Williams, need to have access to health care at all hours in case a problem arises. He said SGA wants to evaluate students' needs and send a recommendation to administration, but Health Center representatives said they think the current hours already meet the needs of the students.

John Terrell, director of health services, said the center is currently open from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. He said a nurse is available in the office Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. He said the center has had the current hours for about five years.

Wood said he disagrees with the current hours, because emergencies can happen at any time.

"It's odd to think that students will only use the Health Center from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.," he said.

Terrell said the center used to be open 24-hours a day, but there was not enough volume to justify a 24-hour service.

"Most of the (students) we saw in the evening ... needed to go somewhere else," he said.

He said it would be ridiculous to have a full staff at all hours, and he

said that if a center cannot be fully staffed, it's safer to be closed.

Williams, a freshman biology major, said there should be some way to get medical assistance on campus at any hour.

But Terrell said most centers around the country are moving in the same direction as TCU's Health Center.

Karen Coffey, director of medical records at Southern Methodist University's Health Center, said their hours are similar to TCU. The center is open from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The SMU center changed from 24-hour service to the current format because of cost, she said. The University of Texas at Arlington also has similar hours.

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Law Program at TCU

1900 — First attempt by TCU at a law school.

The 1900-1901 catalog describes a full two-year law curriculum with a faculty of three teachers and six lecturers.

1901 — Campus enrollment drops from 161 to 148 and the law program ends.

1915 — Board of Trustees authorize opening of department of law. Students organize Texas Christian University Bar Association.

1917 — LL.B degree extended to three years. Students could be admitted to the bar without further examination.

1918 — School of law established. **1918** — Four students receive bachelor degrees in law. This is the only graduating class.

June 8, 1920 — Trustees abolish School of Law.

Source: Ann Arnold's "History of the Fort Worth Legal Community" and Colby D. Hall's "History of Texas Christian University"

Other universities vie for law program

Private school best option, some say

By Chris Gibson
SKIFF STAFF

Of the three schools involved in discussions about the possible acquisition of or joining with Texas Wesleyan University School of Law, a private school like TCU would be the best fit, said Sheila Hansel public relations manager for South Texas College of Law.

The University of North Texas and Texas Tech University have publicly shown interest in increasing their presence in the Dallas/Fort Worth area, and Texas Wesleyan officials have also contacted TCU.

Texas state representative Domingo Garcia introduced a bill in early March on behalf of North Texas to begin a law school in Dallas. Ray Rodriguez, the assistant to the vice president of gov-

ernment relations at North Texas, said the bill is still pending and has been put to a committee for further study evaluating the need for another law school in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. Texas Tech Chancellor John T. Montford has discussed his intentions to reach Tech's large student base in the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

At Texas Wesleyan's request, TCU Chancellor Michael Ferrari met with Texas Wesleyan president Harold Jeffcoat and law school dean I. Richard Gershon in early March to discuss future possibilities between the two schools, but talks have not reached the negotiation stage.

While Ferrari said that TCU's discussions about the subject have

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Transfer enrollment not expected to vary

Flat rate should have no affect, Ferrari says

Editor's Note: This is the third in a series of stories examining the impact comprehensive tuition will have on the university.

By Carrie Woodall
STAFF REPORTER

Although flat-rate tuition is a characteristic of many distinguished schools, the new pricing policy will not affect the number of students who chose to attend community college before coming to TCU, Chancellor Michael Ferrari said last week.

"Based on my experience at a university comparable to TCU with a comprehensive-tuition structure, no significant difference was found (concerning the number of transfer students)," he said.

David Metz, director of transfer admissions, agrees.

"The enrollment number of transfer students will probably remain the same because financial aid has been adjusted to assist incoming transfers proportionately to their need," he said.

Ferrari said since need-based aid increased proportional to the tuition increase, there is every reason to think that the rate of transfer students will be moderated substantially in the first few transition years.

Metz said that with a change such as the flat rate, everyone may worry about some things because no one knows the future. However, there is no major concern about the affect on transfer students, he said.

In addition, Ferrari said the flat-rate structure should actually encourage students to take less courses in the summer from other schools.

"Some current students take a community college course periodically in the summer because of price or availability of courses," he said. "Thus, the comprehensive tuition should be a plus for students to avoid the extra fee for another course somewhere else."

The actual increase in tuition does not put the university in the highest cost range for private institutions and is not the primary issue, he said.

"Private universities like (Southern Methodist University) already are \$5,000 more expensive than TCU, and schools like Vanderbilt are \$10,000 more at 2000-2001 prices," he said. "We are hardly moving to the 'elite' circle in tuition. The key is, what is the fee, not the structure."

Ferrari said TCU officials considered the issue of transfer students before moving to a flat-rate tuition.

"We spoke with folks at SMU and other universities to assess their experience with the impact on community college students, and we expect to be able to sustain strong transfer enrollments from these institutions at our projected prices," he said.

At SMU, approximately eight to 12 percent of about 6,000 undergraduate students are transfer students.

Institutional Research at TCU did not have the information available. However, about 440 of 1,493 of the fall 2000 incoming class are transfer students.

— Michael Ferrari,
chancellor

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TIFFANY ISN'T ALONE NOW



Yvette Herrera/FEATURES EDITOR

Pop Star Tiffany performs Wednesday in a crowded Student Center Lounge. She obtained fame in the mid-1980s with her rendition of, "I Think We're Alone Now."

SPEAKING TO THE COMMUNITY



David Dunai/SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Candace O'Keefe, executive director of The Women's Museum, speaks Tuesday night in the Student Center Ballroom to guests of the Women and Community Dinner. The dinner was held to kick off the seventh annual Women's Symposium.

Summer registration begins early

Changes to dates, times to help ease Internet traffic, some say

By Alisha Brown
STAFF REPORTER

Students using FrogNet are receiving a jumpstart this semester on summer course enrollment.

Beginning next week students may start registering for summer sessions a week before registering for their fall

courses, which is a change in procedure since the on-line enrollment program's inception in May 1999.

One reason registrar Pat Miller made the date change is to decrease traffic on FrogNet.

"(Last fall), we were noticing the system was shutting down about 4 p.m. every day," he said. "We ran all sorts of system tests. Our best guess was students were rushing to register when they finished with their morning classes."

By allowing summer registration

to begin a week earlier, the volume of students registering at any given moment will decrease, Miller said. That flood of students will be taken out of the equation during the fall registration dates.

The changes were based on numbers from fall, however, when summer enrollment was not available. But a mathematical comparison can still be made between the semesters, Miller said.

"We have 930 students set to graduate this year," he said. "We'll have

twice as many students in the summer, but they'll take half as many courses, which nearly evens out."

The earlier registration dates also allow for students to know in advance which courses they will be able to take in the summer before they enroll in their classes for fall.

Being able to plan ahead — even

if only by a week — gives a student a better chance of locking in his or her course selections, Miller said.

"They could see what they need and know what they have to take for fall," he said. "We're trying to do anything that can improve the performance of the system so that it takes less time and works better for the students."

The service changes are being implemented immediately for summer registration times beginning Monday and fall registration times starting April 9. Individual times are listed on each student's FrogNet account under Student Records and are decided by the number of hours completed to date, Miller said.

Times will begin an hour earlier, at 8 a.m., this semester to ease the flow of FrogNet traffic, Miller said. Allotted registration times will end at 7 p.m., although students may enroll any time after their registration time.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

In 1974, the unmanned U.S. space probe, Mariner 10, became the first spacecraft to visit the planet Mercury.

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► **TCU's School of the Americas Action Group and the Leftist Student Union** will be hosting a guest speaker at noon today in the Student Center Lounge. Margaret Birdleough, from the Syracuse Peace Council, will give a speech titled "Corporate Greed and the School of the Americas." Information about SOA and postcards to send to legislators will be available after the presentation.

► **The TCU Symphony Orchestra** will have a concert at 7:30 p.m. today in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium. Admission to the concert is free.

► **The deadline to register for the Delta Dunkfest three-on-three basketball tournament** is Friday. The registration fee is \$35 and it benefits Camp Sanguinity. Register in the Rickel Building intramural office. The tournament will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 7. For more information call (817) 644-0478.

► **The 24th Annual TCU Jazz Festival** will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium and PepsiCo Recital Hall. The festival will feature high school bands. Admission is free. A concert featuring the TCU Jazz Ensembles will be at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium. Tickets are \$5 with a TCU ID and \$10 for everyone else. Call (817) 257-7640 for more information.

► **The American Marketing Association** presents the EFFIE Awards from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in Moudy Building North, Room 141. Everyone is invited to witness the most effective advertising campaigns of 2000. Free food will be provided.

► **The first lecture in the Cliburn Lecture series** will be from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday in Moudy Building North, Room 141. John Giordano, a retired music director of the Fort Worth Symphony and head of the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition jury panel, will open the series with background information and how the competition has developed since 1973. Reservations are necessary. Call (817) 257-5995 for reservations and (817) 257-7602 for more information.

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WORLD DIGEST



Russia, US to work on relations after spy case
MOSCOW— Russia and the United States should move beyond a spy scandal that has shaken relations over the past week and work to improve ties, Russia's Foreign Ministry said Wednesday.

The statement came a day after Russia gave the U.S. Embassy the names of four American diplomats to be expelled from Moscow, in retaliation for a U.S. decision to expel 50 Russian diplomats from Washington.

Moscow welcomes "the American side's desire to put today's difficult moment in Russian-American relations behind us, and work toward their improvement and development," the statement said.

That was the "principled and consistent position of Russia and its leadership from the very beginning," the statement said.

Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov said Wednesday that he spoke with U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell in a telephone conversation late Tuesday.

"We would also like to believe that this matter is exhausted and closed, and that we can get back to work and conduct a constructive dialogue on all issues that interest us both, of which there are very many," Ivanov told reporters in Moscow.

Last week, Washington announced that four diplomats were told to leave the United States in connection with the arrest of veteran FBI agent Robert Hanssen on charges of spying for Russia, and said 46 more Russians would be told to leave by this summer.

Russia responded by vowing to order as many Americans out of Russia.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Richard Boucher on Tuesday called the Russian expulsion both unwarranted and unfortunate. "The actions we took were a direct response to the Hanssen case, and the long-standing problem of Russian intelligence presence in the United States. With our action we consider the matter closed."

Russian-American relations have been strained over the past few years after the burst of optimism and cooperation that followed the 1991 fall of the Soviet Union.

Court clears doctor of negligence charge

TOKYO — In a closely watched court decision, a doctor accused of negligence in the death of a hemophiliac infected with the virus that causes AIDS was found innocent Wednesday after a four-year trial.

Takeshi Abe, 84, a hemophilia expert, former professor and vice president of Teikyo

University, was cleared of the charge, the Tokyo District Court said.

Abe served as head of a government panel on AIDS in 1983-84 and opposed swift approval of heat-treated blood products already being used in other nations.

Since the first half of the 1980s, about 1,800 hemophiliacs in Japan have contracted HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, from untreated blood products. More than 500 have died.

In February 1996, the mother of a hemophiliac who died in 1991 brought a criminal suit against Abe. Six months later, Tokyo prosecutors arrested him on charges of professional negligence resulting in the death.

The prosecutors said that Abe may have opposed importing treated blood products because of his close ties with Japanese pharmaceutical companies that were racing to come up with their own products.

Abe has repeatedly denied wrongdoing during the trial, which began in March of 1997.

The prosecution had demanded a three-year prison sentence for Abe.

In his ruling, Judge Toshio Nagai said that Abe understood the dangers of using unheated blood products but could not have known that so many hemophiliacs would be infected with AIDS.

Heat treatment wasn't approved in Japan until 1985, around two years later than in the United States. Some Japanese pharmaceutical companies continued to sell unsterilized blood products.

Ryuhei Kawada, who contracted HIV from tainted blood products, said he was shocked by the court's decision.

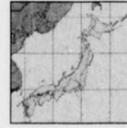
"I cannot accept the ruling that the doctor is innocent," Kawada said. "It's mortifying."

Macedonian military launches attack

KUCKOVO, Macedonia — Using artillery, tanks and helicopter gunships, Macedonia's military launched a fresh offensive Wednesday to clear ethnic Albanian insurgents from remaining strongholds along the border with Kosovo. The rebels vowed to fight back.

The principal target of the latest government push against the rebels was the village of Gracane. Macedonian police at their front line in Kuckovo, just across a ridge, said the village had been emptied of civilians before the bombardment began.

The push came a day after Macedonian President Boris Trajkovski declared victory over the rebels and hinted that negotiations could now take place for constitutional changes demanded by the country's ethnic Albanians, who are outnumbered by Slavs three to one.



In-fantry troops on Wednesday moved past the police lines, and shelling continued sporadically over several hours. The Macedonian forces rolled in tanks and armored personnel carriers, and two helicopter gunships hovered overhead.

"This is our final operation to ... establish control of this stretch of land," said government spokesman Antonio Milososki. "We want to create conditions for continuation of political dialogue."

The rebels denounced the offensive. Commander Sokoli, one of several regional rebel leaders, told the Associated Press the rebels were outraged that the government continued to attack despite their offer of a cease-fire.

He also expressed frustration that international mediators visiting Macedonia this week refused to include their side in any talks on resolving the crisis.

"We declared a cease-fire, but the Macedonians are provoking us," Sokoli said. "We are ready to fight a war in the areas we control."

Sokoli's anger seemed directed at the EU's security affairs chief, Javier Solana, and NATO Secretary-General George Robertson, who visited Macedonia this week to praise the government's handling of the crisis.

The rebels, who say they are fighting for greater rights and recognition for the former Yugoslav republic's minority ethnic Albanians, have taken up new positions in and around Tetovo, Macedonia's second-largest city, Sokoli said.

"We have more volunteers," he said, contending that the rebels were gaining in strength. It was not immediately possible to corroborate the claim.

The area under attack in Wednesday's army offensive stretched from the village of Lipkovo to the east, to the village of Brest to the west, including insurgent strongholds such as Gracane, Malino Mala and Gosinice. Artillery booms could be heard six miles away in the capital, Skopje.

Both NATO and the European Union have been urging the Macedonian government to open a dialogue with the ethnic Albanian community to provide a political solution to the ethnic conflict.

But the government has refused to talk with the rebels, describing them as "terrorists."

In Kosovo, the NATO-led peacekeeping force said it was doing its part to weaken the insurrection across the border in Macedonia.

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BOLD MOVE

Law school plan needs to be examined

It's just a cloudy game of wait and see as to whether TCU will acquire the Texas Wesleyan University School of Law or possibly start one from scratch.

The facts, however, are these: Chancellor Michael Ferrari has had talks with officials from the law school about the possibilities. TCU doesn't currently have a law program, but competitors such as Southern Methodist University and Baylor University have had well-respected programs for some time. Ferrari has made a point of wanting more highly-competitive graduate school programs.

TCU has boosted its business school which would make for a very attractive dual degree when combined with a Juris Doctor degree.

Simple facts like those make it look like an easy decision with no repercussions.

In truth, TCU needs to be careful with such a bold move as it has in the past when making purchases and other improvements for good of the university.

The building that currently houses the Human Resources Department on Berry Street was purchased after Bank of America moved across the street. TCU was able to make that look aesthetically pleasing for the surrounding area.

The corners of TCU, specifically the Lowden Track and Field Complex on Bellaire Drive, have been made particularly attractive, not only to benefit the students, but to benefit the neighborhood.

TCU made it a point to not step on anyone's toes in the process. The neighborhood was used to a facility that was open to the public.

Originally the plan for the new track was for student use only, but TCU changed that when the neighborhood reacted negatively.

That same policy should be followed when attempting to acquire a law school. TCU should be careful with things that are already in place at Texas Wesleyan.

What about the current faculty and students? TCU debatably has qualified faculty which could teach in a law school setting. Does that mean faculty at Wesleyan gets let go?

We've done well in the past at taking care of everyone involved: Here's to hoping everyone's toes come out OK one more time.

Turning 21 is really no big deal

Birthday brings on adulthood; just another step to next milestone

By all accounts, I absolutely wasted Spring Break. I spent it not in a traditional hub of hedonism, but in ho-hum Columbia, Mo. It's a town so diametrically opposed to Cancun or Padre that I might as well have bought a ticket to Port Barrow, Alaska. The sun managed to worm its way out periodically, allowing me just enough light to visit such famous Columbia hot spots as my house and the family car.



Bullion

Here's the really bad part, though. During Spring Break, I celebrated a birthday, THE birthday, the big 2-1. I didn't exactly celebrate it in the traditional sense. By that I mean passed out on the bathroom floor face down in fluids both bodily and alcoholic. Not only did I find this type of behavior unhealthy and unsanitary, but also frightfully clichéd. Get "faced on your 21st? Who on earth would want to do that?"

Apparently, a lot of people, including this intrepid columnist. Try as I might I just couldn't resist that 21 oz. (oh wonderful irony!) bottle of Asahi Super Dry Beer at a Japanese restaurant. Think the Japanese have mastered electronic equipment and economy class automobiles? Well, I'm glad to report they'll soon be passing us in the beer department.

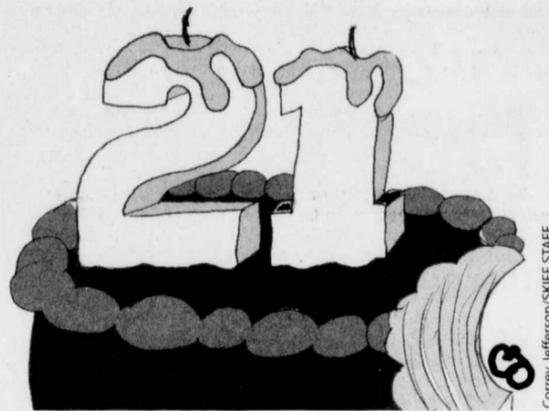
But as I was sipping my Super Dry Beer, I still had a bitter taste in my mouth, despite the beer's smooth aftertaste and general sense of super-dryness. In fact, I

was barely even noticing the beer. I wasn't drunk with euphoria; I was nursing a seriously full mug of the blues.

From the moment I woke up on the first day of my 21st year, my legendary powers of denial proved woefully ineffective at suppressing this feeling of dread. I woke up, showered, brushed my teeth and had breakfast as if it was just any other day (well, except for the whole "having breakfast" part — I usually skip that unnecessary meal for more necessary sleep). I know that I should've been thinking "I'm 21 — I can drink!" But instead, the only thought running through my head was "I'm 21 — crap."

Let's face it: If 21 didn't mean that we were now eligible to drink alcohol, three scores and one year wouldn't amount to much, would it? By all respects, 21 should be one of those in-between ages that buffer the milestone birthdays. For example, at 16, you get to drive — the "Gimme the Keys" year. At 18, you get to buy cigarettes and vote — the "Gimme a Pack of Camels and a Ballot" year. And at 20, you're ... well, 20, and we all know that any number with a zero in it is usually a big deal.

The ability to buy beer is the only thing that separates 21 from 19, the birthday where nothing really significant happens. You just get a year older, a year closer to the next milestone. What must've made my stomach churn so much that first day of being 21 is the fact that the birthdays that follow are all going to be in-between ones. I came to the startling realization that nothing much is going to happen until 30.



Correy Jefferson/SKIFF STAFF

And I'm not exactly marking X's on my calendar in anticipation of that one.

I think another thing that sent chills down my spine that day was the fact that I've hurtled headlong to adulthood. Except for the ability to actually grow facial hair, I really don't consider myself any different than I was when I was 17. And in a lot of ways, I'm not. I certainly still act the way I did when I was 17 — meaning I act like a 12 year old. I may technically be an adult, but I still have a lot of things to learn.

My parents, God bless 'em, still do my taxes. And I'm still not exactly sure of all the capabilities of that mysterious machine in my residence hall room, which I currently use chiefly to write papers and check up on how bad I'm doing in my NCAA Tournament pool. Is this how a 21-year-old is supposed to function in this modern world?

Even small details like my plane ticket back home caused a small

amount of grief in me. When I was little, plane tickets seemed like the most indecipherable little slips of paper ever created, filled to the brim with bizarre numbers and letters that I couldn't even begin to comprehend. I was more than willing for a parent to handle all that mess. Now I walk up to the counter and hand the tickets over myself. Granted, I still have no idea what most of those little numbers and letters mean, but at least I know enough not to care about them as much.

So I guess I figured out the mystery of airplane tickets, but I suppose I have a few mysteries left to solve about this whole adulthood thing. And it might take a couple more in-between birthdays to sort them out. Oh well. Growing up is hard to do. Gimme a beer.

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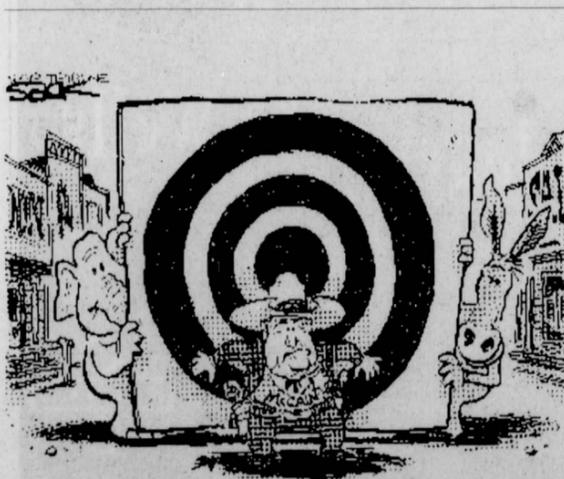
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HIGH NOON FOR CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

Tax rebate will lift faltering economy

Lieberman's plan doesn't favor rich; would increase consumer confidence

I am overwhelmed with Lieberman, five months too late.

I never shared the same love of Al Gore's running mate that the rest of the nation did. I am not terribly fond of the "New Democrats," those lovable centrists who spit at both conservatism and liberalism alike. Joe Lieberman, as we all know, is one of the leaders of the new Democrats. He has stuff like morals and decency that set him apart from those evil liberals.

Not everyone buys into the argument that liberals are out to destroy American values because they believe in eradicating

poverty, but whatever.

I never griped about Lieberman, though, because he wasn't an easy target for the Republicans. Then Gore shot up in the polls shortly thereafter. Actually, it had more to do with the latter than the former.

But my opinion of Lieberman has changed greatly the past few weeks.

With the economy slowing, the senator has proposed an immediate tax rebate of \$60 billion out of this year's projected surplus of \$96 billion. Under his plan, every tax payer would get a \$300 check from Uncle Sam.

Can anyone give me a hell yeah. "Let's cut checks and send what comes to \$300 to every one of the almost 200 million taxpayers in America -- mom, dad, kids, whoever worked and does the payroll tax or income tax," the wise man sayeth.

Joey, this could be the start of a



Ortiz

beautiful relationship.

Let's think of all the cool stuff we can do with \$300.

- Buy a Sony Playstation 2.
- Buy a DVD player.
- Buy a bike.
- Buy a lot of beer.
- Buy, buy, buy, period.

What is a surefire way to boost the economy? Increase consumer spending.

Lieberman's plan not only means a bunch of cool video games for yours truly, but it would also give the economy a boost right away, not years down the road like President George W. Bush's tax plan.

It would do so at a relatively cheap cost of \$60 billion. With this year's surplus, that is chump change.

The plan is fair, and doesn't overwhelmingly favor the rich like the president's plan does. Everyone gets \$300. Simple. Fair. Lieberman's plan is not a sub-

stitute for a long-term cut in marginal tax rates. But it will boost the economy right away without fears of a return to budget deficits. Any long-term tax cut can not guarantee that. Not Bush's tax cut, not even the Democrat's tax cut.

Lengthy budget projections have proven to be inaccurate time and time again. The 1980s proved as much.

Whatever long range tax cut Congress passes, it needs to keep this in mind. But in the mean time, it can pass Lieberman's plan as a quick response to the slowing economy.

So Congress, let's pass this thing.

I really, really want a Playstation 2.

And Lieberman, we salute you.

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Hearing should not mean believing

Conspiracy theories provide alternate views to government answers

During Spring Break, a show was aired called "Conspiracy Theories."

The show's main subject was primarily about whether or not the moon landing ever happened and if a man has ever walked on the moon. It also showed how the government may have led so many people to believe that, in 1969, a man had actually set foot on the moon, when in reality it probably never happened.

The show had a lot of facts and information to back up the theories. Well, at least there was enough information to make people wonder, "What else has the government been trying to hide from us?"

Think about it for a second — we still do not know for sure who shot John F. Kennedy. It has been

almost 38 years since his death, and no one has come out and said what really happened.

Was it because they only had one man in custody and they told everyone there was no possible way there could have been a second gunman on the grassy knoll?

Or was it because the second gunman might have been working for the government? Now I know it seems like a far-fetched idea, but it makes just as much sense as the government telling us that one gunman was able to shoot a person, who was in a moving car, that many times in such a small period of time.

And what about the little green men who fly around in the metal spaceships? The government has said over and over that extraterrestrials have never landed on Earth.

So what really happened in Roswell, N.M.?

The government has told us that it was just a weather balloon, and the local residents had just made a mistake.

It's just like our government to tell the rest of the world that the

people of the United States are too dumb to notice the difference between a weather balloon and an unidentified flying object.

And let's not forget the moon landing, that was so publicized by in the late 1960s and early 1970s.

During the summer of love, the United States became the center of the world when we announced that we were able to put the first man on the moon.

What a great accomplishment for us. Or maybe it really wasn't.

At that time, NASA was under a lot of pressure to get a man on the moon before the Soviet Union did. They had to make sure that Kennedy's wish of doing it before the end of the 1960s was accomplished.

But maybe the government was under too much pressure, and when it realized there was no way the moon walk could happen. So it stooped to such low levels as to make the whole thing up by filming a fake moon landing in a movie studio somewhere out in California.

It's not entirely impossible for

something like that to have happened. In the movie Wag the Dog, Dustin Hoffman was in charge of faking a war in order to boost the public's opinion of the president.

Where do you think that movie idea came from? It has always been said that there is not an original idea left. In this case the idea for the movie might just have come from the real actions of the government when they made a fake video of the moon landing.

Of course, everything I have stated in this article is my own opinion. I know that many people will think I am crazy for thinking such ideas. Or maybe people think that I am not a true American because I believe our government could actually lie to us, but I just have one thought to send you off with... "read my lips no new taxes."

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Job Title: Graphics Editor Location: Cambridge, MA
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Job Title: Graphic Designer Location: San Bruno, CA
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Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in Arts required. Must have 3-5 years design, direct mail or magazine campaign experience. Must be proficient in Macintosh operating systems, Quark XPress, Aldus Freehand and Photoshop, as well as possess knowledge of electronic prepress. Must possess strong presentation and design skills with solid idea generation skills. Must be motivated, highly organized, flexible, detail oriented and possess excellent project management and communication skills. Must have a strong understanding of design fundamentals. Must be flexible during peak work-load periods.

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School of ballet, modern dance sees faculty shortage

Budget constraints force university to set priorities

By Kelly Marino
STAFF REPORTER

As each semester begins, the department of ballet and modern dance continues to expand performing and educational opportunities for students. But the department has not been able to expand the amount of faculty to work with the students.

Ellen Garrison, chairwoman of the ballet and modern dance department, said the department encounters 75 to 80 dance majors each semester but the faculty is limited to only five members.

"There is not enough faculty to serve the dance majors, so most of the faculty works overtime," Garrison said. "If the department could receive additional faculty we would be able to split up the workloads."

Elizabeth Gillaspay, a lecturer in ballet, said there is often a misperception of how much time actually goes into the creative work because so many people just see the final work.

"We are a small staff and work crazy hours, but we are able to deal with it because we have a passion for dance and we want to provide the best opportunity for students," Gillaspay said. "The time involved with the students is really significant and the thing that is great is the teamwork and collaborative spirit

involved within the department."

Garrison said for almost 10 years the department of ballet and modern dance has submitted requests in hopes to acquire additional faculty. She said the last faculty member was added in 1999.

Each year the dance department submits forms to the chairwoman for more faculty members. From that point the request for faculty goes through the fine arts dean, then to the provost of the university, to the chancellor of the university and finally to the Board of Trustees.

William Koehler, vice chancellor of academic affairs, said that considering the request begins with a verification that the position is budgeted. "Many of the department's requests are denied primarily because of budget consideration," Koehler said. "Academic departments that have a high service load and are dependent on part-time faculty get first consideration."

Koehler said two main priorities when deciding which requests to consider are trying to reduce the dependency of part-time faculty and honoring the commitment made to certain programs by enhancing the department's reputation.

"There are limited resources and we don't have the funds to honor the

recommendations of all departments," he said.

The department of ballet and modern dance at TCU was the first university in the country to offer a fine arts degree in ballet. The program was later expanded to include the modern dance major. The department is well known for its performance programs, master classes and workshops.

Adrienne Calncy, artistic director of Calncy Works and a recent guest artist who visited TCU, said she was highly impressed with the relationship between the faculty and the students.

"The rapport between the faculty and the students is one of mutual respect," Calncy said. "The faculty provides a high quality of training for students who have the ability to articulate ideas with dance and are generous performers."

Garrison said even though the faculty experiences frustrating times they do not find themselves complaining.

"We want the best experience for our students so we don't complain," said Garrison. "We do our job and continue to work hard because we truly enjoy what we do."

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Tail piece of missing F-15 jet found

By Audrey Woods
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LONDON — Rescuers working in blinding snow found wreckage of a second missing American F-15 fighter jet on Wednesday in the Scottish Highlands, the U.S. Air Force said.

The search for the pilot was suspended as darkness and the weather closed in, and the operation was to resume at dawn.

The plane's tailpiece was found

near Ben Macdhui in the Cairngorm mountains, where the first of the missing single-seat planes and the body of Lt. Col. Kenneth J. Hyvonen Jr., 40, were found Tuesday.

Searchers on Wednesday found the tailpiece of the second plane about 400 yards from the first wreckage site, said a spokesman for the Royal Air Force, which has been conducting air and ground searches in heavy snow.

The tailpiece was identified by its serial number.

The two aircraft vanished 45 minutes after taking off at midday Monday from Lakenheath air base, 75 miles northeast of London.

The U.S. Air Force at Lakenheath identified Hyvonen, of Michigan, as the pilot found dead. The missing man is Capt. Kirk Jones.

British and American military helicopters and search planes, plus police, air force and civilian rescue teams, have been searching by land and air in thick cloud and snow.

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This Week

Review by LeeAnn Mutchler

Recently, it has become increasingly apparent that TCU students have a tendency to do what is readily available to them. We all know this is true because if this were not the case, we would not all be overly aware of the term "going local."

This tiresome weekend redundancy has its drawbacks. The first and foremost of the disadvantages is the feeling that one gets at a small university — that it's "the same thing" every weekend. Although I must praise the university bars for allowing me to play on their turf in my younger underage years, now that I've turned the 21-year-old leaf, my horizons are expanding.

Occasionally, I feel the urge to muster up enough money and energy to travel to that mysterious distant city that shares our airport — Dallas. And watch out boys and girls, this Dallas business is serious. The variety of bars and clubs reels the mind.

Exploring the Dallas scene has proved to be worth the drive. At this juncture, I would love to write an extensive article that carefully examines the Dallas area. But more specifically, today I am writing about Café Madrid, which has time and time again proven to guarantee an amazing experience.

The first Wednesday of each month is supposedly the best time to go, and the only times that I have ever frequented the bar. Wednesdays are usually packed because the Latin community chose that night as their monthly hiatus from their American lifestyles. It is not necessary that you speak Spanish to go to Café Madrid, but it helps if you are open-minded. To give you an idea of how packed it gets, you must leave Fort Worth around 9 p.m. to get satisfactory parking and

the opportunity to even sit.

Café Madrid itself is a restaurant and bar that serves traditional Spanish style food and drinks, but it also offers a multicultural setting. Students who have studied in Spain should know that typical plates include, Spanish tortilla, paella and gazpacho, and such typical drinks as sangria.

The atmosphere is overwhelmingly friendly, and conversation is usually started between strangers with one simple question — "Where are you from?"

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— LeeAnn Mutchler, junior advertising/public relations major

After a few hours of eating, drinking, socializing and people watching, most Café Madrid patrons move the party down the street. They have the option of going for martinis at the classy Samba Room (a Cuban restaurant and bar), or to Sipango, also a classy bar that features live salsa and meringue bands and incredible dancing.

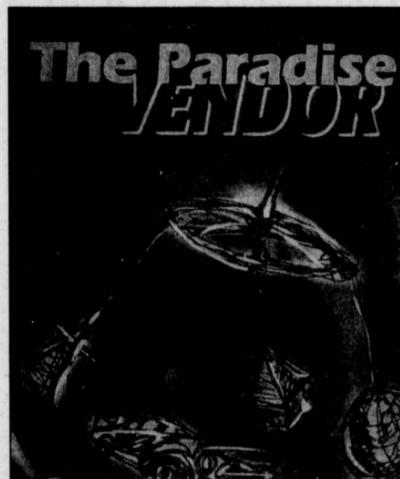
The whole evening — dinner, drinks and dancing — should run you about \$40, and will prove to be worth it. To emphasize my point, Café Madrid, the Samba Room and Sipango are the three Latino hot spots that E! Television would use for those "Wild On: Wish You Were Here" specials.

I mean, if you like dancing salsa until the break of dawn, beautiful people, Dallas life, exotic foods and alcohol, these places come highly recommended.

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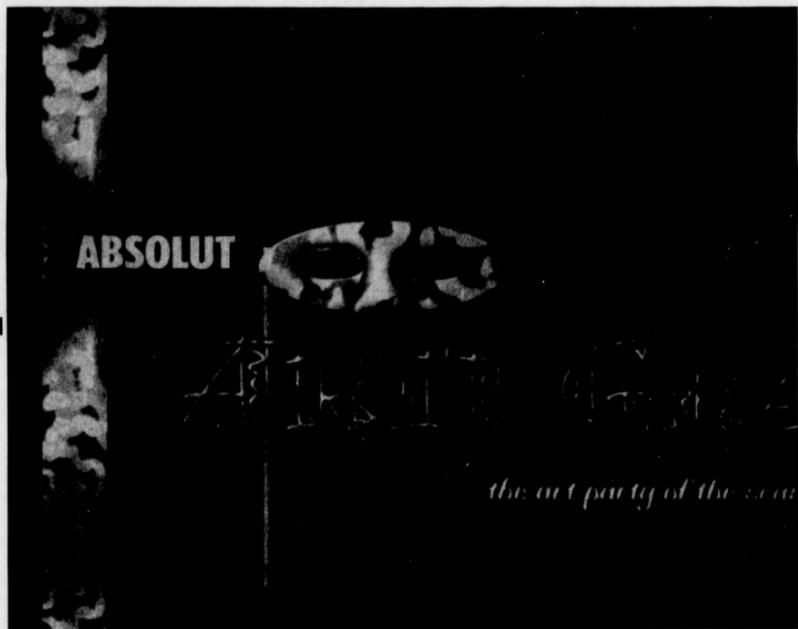


Above: Kristina Laurendi Havens' oil on canvas was presented in Crosstalk 1999.



Left: David Alan Hall will be at the TCU Bookstore this Saturday at 2 p.m. He will be signing his newly released book, "The Paradise Vendor."

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Special to the Skiff
Absolut Arti Gras begins this Saturday the Modern Art Museum in Fort Worth. Live jazz, Absolut art, a raffle and cocktails are all part of the event.

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ON CAMPUS

TCU Battle of the Bands, featuring Middleground, Soviets Space, 24 Days, Skate or Die and five other bands, will be held Saturday at Frog Fountain. Free food and drinks will be provided by Programming Council. Bands will begin playing at noon.

David Alan Hall will be signing copies of his action/adventure novel, "The Paradise Vendor," at 2 p.m. Saturday at the TCU Bookstore. Hall is an alumnus of TCU. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in radio-TV film. Hall has directed and written several films.

ART

The Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth at Sundance Square presents a rare opportunity to see original works from Absolut Vodka's extensive art collection. This is a repeat showing of last year's Absolut Modern exhibition that was suddenly closed due to the tornado that hit downtown. The exhibition opens Saturday in conjunction with Fort Worth's Spring Gallery Night. The highlight of the evening will be Absolut Arti Gras, a special fund-raising party that will benefit the Modern and the Emergency Artists Support League. For \$25 live jazz, an art raffle, Absolut art, Absolut cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be offered. For more information call (817) 521-9777.

The Dallas Visual Art Center is featuring Mosaics II, a series of exhibitions that promotes artists whose ethnicity is an essential element of their work. The exhibit will run through May 4. The center is located at 2801 Swiss Ave. in Dallas. Call (214) 871-2522 for more information.

Insects of all shapes and sizes can be viewed at the Dallas Museum of Natural History Saturday and Sunday only. The fun begins with a creepy, crawly entrance through the body of a 30-foot caterpillar, where visitors are met by specially trained sa-

farri guides. Each exhibit room explores a particular theme which is explained by a professional trained entomologist.

An opening reception will begin Mary McCleary's "Beginning with the Word" at 6:30 p.m. Friday and will run through June 1. McCleary will give a talk at 7 p.m. April 19 at the Dallas Visual Art Center, located at 2801 Swiss Ave. The Galveston Art Center organized this exhibit, while funding has been provided by the Texas Commission on the Arts and other private donations.

Dinosaurs from the Mesozoic era and Eocene epoch will invade the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History in a new exhibit, "Natural History Machines," through July 8. The mechanical beasts are made of steel, levers, pulleys, hinges and springs. The museum is located at 1501 Montgomery St. Call (817) 255-9300 for more information.

TCU students can exhibit their art work in either graphic design or studio art at the Crosstalk 2001, 10th Annual TCU All Student Art Competition. Friday is the last day of the exhibition where categories are judged independently by professionals working in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. The exhibit is located in the Moody Building North.

MUSIC

Michael Burks is celebrating his label debut in Fort Worth Saturday at the I&F's Blues Bar, located at 937 Woodward. His new album, "Make It Rain," captures the sheer musical force of Burks' compelling guitar playing and thunderous vocals. Burks' grandfather was a Delta-style bluesman from Camden, Ark. His father also played the blues with his bass and harmonica. The show starts at 10 p.m. For more information log on to the bar's Web site at www.jbluesbar.com or call (817) 870-BLEB.

L.H. Burkum, McConrad and P.M. will be at the Red Jacket at 9 p.m. Wednesday. Tickets are \$20, and 17 and up are wel-

come. The Red Jacket is located at 3606 Greenville Ave. Call (214) 823-4747 for more information.

THEATER

"Art," a Tony Award winning contemporary comedy by Yasmina Reza, will run through April 15 at the Quadrangle theatre. The play is about three long-time friends who have a fight over the value of a very expensive piece of art. Tickets range from \$15 to \$20 depending on the specific performance. Tickets can be purchased by calling the theater box office at (214) 871-3300.

Wingspan Theatre Company, in cooperation with the Bath House Cultural Center, presents the premier of "Tongue of a Bird" by Ellen McLaughlin. The last performance will be at 8 p.m. Saturday. Tickets range from \$10 to \$15. Discounts are available for students. The theater is located at 1102 High Country in Garland. Call (972) 504-6218 for more information.

The sequel of "Ann of Green Gables," "Anne of Avonlea," is presented by the N.M. Productions Theatre Company. The play will run through April 8 at the Corner Theatre in Desoto. Tickets are \$10. Reservations are strongly recommended. Call (972) 680-4466 for tickets.

"The Memory of Water" by Shelagh Stephenson will be showing at Circle Theatre, located at 230 W. Fourth St. in Sundance Square. The play is rated PG. Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays and 4 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Saturdays. Tickets range from \$15 to \$25. Call (817) 877-3040 for more information.

"The Fastest Clock in the Universe," a production by Philip Ridley, will be held Saturday. The play will run through May 6 at the McKinney Avenue Contemporary, located at 3120 McKinney Ave. A pay what you can performance will be held on Thursdays. Other tickets range from \$8 to \$15. For tickets or reservations call (214) 953-1055 or buy them online at www.kitchendogtheater.org.

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Chinese authorities detain university faculty member
WASHINGTON (U-WIRE) — A faculty fellow from American University's School of International Service has been detained in China for over a month since being apprehended at the Beijing airport Feb. 11 with her family.

Chinese authorities detained Gao Zhan with her husband, Xue Donghua, and their 5-year-old son, Andrew, who is an American citizen. The three were returning to Washington after a three-week vacation celebrating the Chinese New Year with family in China.

The Foreign Ministry in China has said that Gao was suspected of "engaging in activities damaging state security." Specific details on her offenses, however, have not been released.

A BBC report Thursday announced that Gao had admitted to the crimes for which she is accused. Xue welcomed that report at an AU press conference because it meant his wife is still alive.

— The Eagle
American University

Debate continues about publication running ad

DURHAM, N.C. (U-WIRE) — A panel of four professors, *Chronicle* Editor Greg Pessin, protesters and students Carliss Chatman and Kelly Black and hundreds of students gathered Monday night to continue debate over *The Chronicle's* decision to run a March 19 advertisement opposing reparations for slavery.

Four panelists — seniors Black and Chatman, African-American literature scholar Houston Baker and Pulitzer-Prize winning columnist William Raspberry — opposed the paper's initial decision to run the ad.

Three panelists — constitutional law expert William Van Alstyne, former *Time Magazine* journalist Susan Tift and Pessin — supported *The Chronicle's* decision.

Ultimately, audience members and panelists agreed that this discourse must continue.

— The Chronicle
Duke University

Copyright Act protects universities from suit

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (U-WIRE) — Even after last month's ruling in U.S. District court about limited access to Napster, the online music file-sharing service, college and university officials may be able to breathe a sigh of relief. Thanks to the Digital Millennium Copyright Act, institutions of higher education appear exempt from financial liability for copyright infringement.

The law, which was passed in 1998, protects universities, libraries, archives and any other institutions of higher education from copyright infringement when students and faculty use copyrighted materials for educational purposes.

Institutions can be protected by the DMCA on the condition they register with the U.S. Copyright Office.

— Cavalier Daily
University Virginia

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been minimal, he doesn't rule out the possibility of the two schools working together in the future.

"We are always open to things that will better our university," Ferrari said. "If there were some kind of collaboration down the road for law or business or any other programs I think we would be open to discussing them."

Although some officials from Texas Wesleyan say contacting TCU was simply to advance university relations, other officials said a merger with TCU's business program could be a possibility.

While Texas Wesleyan is not ranked among the top 160 business schools by U.S. News and World Report's 2001 college rankings, TCU's business school has risen to No. 73.

Still other speculations have arisen regarding the financial stability of the 111-year-old school.

Texas Wesleyan was placed on probation in December by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools for using \$1 million a year in unrestricted endowment income to supplement its \$32 million operating budget. The school has also backed out of a deal to purchase 15 acres of land in Fort Worth at a reduced cost. Texas Wesleyan was to purchase the land and then donate it to the Fort Worth Cats minor league baseball team in exchange for them to finance the building of a \$8.5 million stadium that both the Cats and Texas Wesleyan baseball teams would share.

The addition of a law school at TCU would address specific issues outlined in the Commission on the Future of TCU, released last semester.

TCU's endowment is in more than \$870 million and the university has made several investments in inexpensive real estate in the last five years.

Public universities in Texas have not had such good fortune with their efforts to buy real estate or merge with other

schools' programs.

A public university has tried to merge with a private law school as recently as 1998. In an ongoing case, Texas A&M's proposed merger with South Texas College of Law has been denied by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. Comprised of appointees, the board handles all cases regarding mergers between universities in Texas. Hansel said Texas A&M approached the South Texas College of Law proposing a merger in 1998.

"(Texas) A&M has been looking to start a law school for many years but they have been told by the state that there is no need for another law school in Texas," she said. "So they came to us wanting to make our law school part of (Texas) A&M which would have positive repercussions for both schools."

Both Ferrari and Texas Wesleyan officials have said no time table has been placed on future meetings between the two universities.

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Losses impact phone companies
Nokia, Ericsson plan for layoffs

ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS — Amid a sluggish U.S. economy, telecommunications giants Nortel Networks Corp., Ericsson Inc. and Nokia have announced further job cuts, blaming losses that have forced them to trim costs.

The companies, which have their American headquarters in the Dallas area, have already cut thousands of jobs so far this year before the latest moves which show the high-tech downturn's impact on North Texas' economy.

In trading Wednesday, Nortel tumbled \$2.76, or 16 percent, to \$14. Ericsson shares dropped 81 cents, or 12 percent, to \$5.91; and Nokia shares fell \$1.34, or 5 percent, to \$26. Nortel said first-quarter losses

would be greater than previously thought and that the company would dismiss 5,000 more workers by the middle of the year, bringing its total cuts to 15,000.

Executives of the Canadian firm with U.S. headquarters in Richardson said they would lose 10 to 12 cents a share in the quarter, compared with the loss of 4 cents a share it predicted in February.

Ericsson will cut 3,300 manufacturing jobs in Sweden and the United Kingdom, freeze hiring across the company and dismiss a large number of consultants, transferring their work to staffers.

The Swedish wireless technology company with U.S. headquarters in Plano plans to provide more details on April 20.

Tourist, food costs rise with electricity rates

By Leslie Gornstein
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — Sharply higher electricity rates for millions of Californians mean customers at Tom Creedon's seafood restaurant will be paying more for their Dungeness cracked crab or steamed clams bordelaise.

"When you add another 15 or 20 percent to the electricity bill, it is something we are going to have to pass on to customers," said Creedon, who already has seen the monthly natural gas and electricity bills at his San Francisco restaurant rise by \$3,000.

Rising costs of food, entertainment and tourism are part of the expected ripple effect from an electricity rate hike approved Tuesday by state regulators.

The rate increase of up to 46 percent for millions of customers of the state's two biggest utilities comes on top of an average increase of 10 per-

cent in January and a 10 percent rollback that will expire next year.

The increases are the latest fallout from California's failed bid at electricity deregulation and are meant to shore up its debt-ridden utilities. Southern California Edison and Pacific Gas and Electric said they have lost nearly \$13 billion in debt, in part because the state's 1996 deregulation law barred them from passing along rising wholesale electricity costs to customers.

Natural gas bills already have more than doubled in many parts of the state, reflecting a nationwide increase in wholesale gas costs.

Business leaders warn they will have to pass those costs to their customers, leading analysts to warn of inflation that could spread beyond the state.

"It is going to be painful," said Jack Kyser, chief economist for the Los Angeles Economic Development Corp.

California's \$1.3 trillion economy accounts for 13 percent of the nation's gross domestic product and 16 percent of U.S. consumer demand.

"Remember that trends start in California," Kyser said. "I think this is definitely going to create inflationary pressures."

He said the most immediate effect will come from the bottom, with people spending less on eating out, going to the movies and buying at the mall.

Frank Howell, who lives in Fresno with his wife and seven children, paid more than \$800 last month for natural gas and electricity for his home, compared with \$350 a year ago.

But Howell also owns a small air conditioning installation business, and he is hoping that summer demand for his services will offset any need to save.

"You do whatever you have to do to make ends meet," said Howell, a PG&E customer. "I've got seven

kids, so you can only cut back so much."

Creedon said fewer regular customers coming to his Fisherman's Wharf restaurant are not his only worry.

His Scoma's Restaurant has become a draw for tourists, who Creedon fears will avoid California because of the rolling blackouts.

"It's the same thing as when we had the earthquake in 1989," said Creedon, referring to the Bay Area earthquake that killed 63 and caused \$10 billion in damage. "People thought San Francisco was in shambles."

Small businesses are more at risk, economists said, because energy does not account for much of larger manufacturers' costs.

"Some people are going to wind up having difficulties, and some people who are on the margin, this will push them over," said economics professor Robert Michaels of California

State Fullerton.

Intense competition in a slowing national economy could prevent some companies from charging higher prices and may force some to lay off employees or move.

"Right now we are examining our options," and relocation may be the only option, said Dick Campbell, who runs a plastic molding business in Corona, about 50 miles east of Los Angeles. The 50-person company serves Boeing and Procter & Gamble.

"My customers can easily go to someone who is not paying 40 percent more for power. That puts us at a distinct disadvantage because that is going to come out of the bottom line, and there is nothing we can do about it," he said.

While some businesses might decide to move, the California Chamber of Commerce hopes the rate hike will actually help by forcing ratepayers to conserve and thus creating more stable energy supplies.

Contribution limits raised
Senate votes to increase; goal is balanced legislation

By David Espo
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Senate voted overwhelmingly Wednesday to raise the limits on contributions to candidates and political parties, hoping to strike a balance on campaign finance legislation one day after moving to flush millions of dollars out of the nation's political system.

The 84-16 vote on a hastily crafted compromise cleared the latest — but not the last — hurdle blocking passage of legislation pressed by Sen. John McCain and his allies to curtail the influence of big money in politics.

"Money is not evil in and of itself," said Sen. Fred Thompson, R-Tenn., shortly before the Senate agreed to increase donation limits enacted in the wake of the Watergate scandal a quarter-century ago.

Donors would be permitted to give \$2,000 a year each to candidates of their choice, and \$37,500 overall to candidates and political

parties for use in direct campaign expenses. These limits would rise with inflation in the future.

The current limits are \$1,000 and \$25,000.

The compromise called for smaller increases than Thompson originally wanted, but more than Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., proposed in an alternative that caused a legislative stand-off and prompted closed-door negotiations in a meeting room a few paces off the Senate floor.

Sen. Russ Feingold of Wisconsin, the leading Democratic supporter of the bill, emerged to say he would give his support reluctantly to the increases. "We have to make this move," he said, or else risk the unraveling of a coalition that has been painstakingly put together in nearly two weeks of floor debate.

Even with the compromise, other obstacles remain, including a thorny question of whether the Supreme Court should be directed to consider the measure one provi-

sion at a time, or render a verdict on its constitutionality as a whole. Lawmakers on all sides of the bill have raised questions about the constitutionality of a variety of its provisions, and the importance of the issue was reinforced during the day when the Southeastern Legal Foundation announced plans to file suit challenging the bill if it becomes law.

In addition, Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., has not yet agreed to set a time for a vote on final passage, raising the threat, at least, that he or others might attempt to mount a late filibuster against a measure he has long opposed.

The overall legislation would ban so-called soft money, the unlimited donations that individuals, unions and corporations make to the political parties, and the Senate signaled support for passage of that provision on Tuesday on a vote of 60-40. Together the two parties raised \$480 million in such donations in the election cycle that ended last November.

Group calls for less TV, more thinking
Organization advocates tube-free week

By Anne Wallace Allen
ASSOCIATED PRESS

GEORGIA, Vt. — The numbers are staggering.

In the average U.S. home, the television is on almost eight hours a day. A 1-year-old child watches about six hours a week, and more than half of children 8-to-16 years old have a TV in their bedroom.

Those statistics come from the TV-Turnoff Network, the Washington-based organization that organizes National TV Turnoff Week each spring. This year it's April 23-29.

But it won't make much difference to Carol Begley and her family.

A classics scholar married to another Ph.D., Begley wanted to raise her three sons to appreciate a culture more complex than the one being presented on the tube. So the family doesn't own a TV at all.

The Begleys are in a minority, to be sure. According to Nielsen Media Research, only 2 percent of U.S. households have no television at all.

Advocates of life without television say its absence is good for children in two distinct ways.

First, children who don't watch TV learn to entertain themselves through creative play, said Gregory Albright, a school teacher in Quechee.

"They have their own ideas about what they want to do," said Albright of his three children on a recent snowy day. "They're pretty intensely making igloos in the backyard, and making giant snow caves, and sledding."

They also focus better at school, said Jessica Kobb, another teacher. She has two children in her class with no TV at home.

"They seem to have a broader knowledge of the world around them, because it comes from more sources, and it's not this boiled-down soundbite," she said. "Children in my classroom who don't watch TV seem to know more about a broader range of things."

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HEALTH CENTER

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Phyllis Hubbard, medical records manager at Baylor University's Health Clinic, said they are open from 7 a.m. to midnight every day, because Baylor requires the clinic to stay open until the building, in which it is located, closes. They also had 24-hour service two years ago, she said.

Terrell said that if students need help during hours when the Health Center is closed, they should go to an emergency room.

Wood said he worries that without the Health Center's consultation, students might not get a proper diagnosis or might not seek help at all.

"Some things that happen with students would not be handled properly," he said. "They would only receive a student's version of a home remedy."

He said that as a resident assistant in Milton Daniel Hall, he has had three people go to the hospital for things that the Health Center could have handled.

Financing a 24-hour Health Center at TCU would exceed SGA's physical and financial capabilities, Wood said. He also said he is unsure how much it would actually cost to change the Health Center schedule.

"We can't appoint student representatives to be medical emergency people," he said. "But we can see what the student need is and take that to administration."

Williams said she felt her accident needed immediate attention, and she was worried when she was unable to find help on campus.

"I really don't know what the solution is," she said. "But I think something should be done."

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Bush to sign bill to outlaw cloning
Scientists look overseas to continue research despite FDA regulations

By Laura Meckler
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Scientists called human cloning ethically risky and likely to produce deformed babies, even as researchers who plan to move forward defended their plans Wednesday before a congressional panel. The White House said President George W. Bush would sign a federal law outlawing such research.

Members of Congress appeared eager to send him the legislation, saying that even if the scientific and safety issues could be overcome, ethical issues remain.

"Cloning may literally threaten the character of our human nature,"

said Rep. Billy Tauzin, R-La., chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, who plans to introduce legislation this spring.

Rep. Clifford Stearns, R-Fla., went further: "It interferes with the natural order of things," he said. "People have a right to their own genetic makeup, which should not be replicated."

Clones are created when the genetic material from a single cell is injected into an egg cell that has had its genes removed. The resulting baby is like an identical twin born years later.

While mainstream scientists are unanimously opposed to human cloning, at least for now, two

groups of scientists have promised to move ahead within the next year or two.

They defended their plans before the Commerce oversight subcommittee, likening their work to early efforts at invitro fertilization. Cloning, they said, can help infertile couples who want a biologically-related child.

"Those that say ban it, those would not be the Neil Armstrongs that would fly us to the moon," said Panos Zavos, a reproduction researcher who resigned this month from the University of Kentucky to help lead the human cloning effort.

In any case, Zavos added, there's no way to stop the science now,

four years after Scottish researchers succeeded in cloning a sheep. "The genie's out of the bottle," he said.

Zavos is working with an Italian fertility doctor, Severino Antinori, and the pair has promised to clone a human within a year. They have promised to find a country — not the United States — where it is legal.

Meanwhile, a separate group plans work in the United States. The company, Clonaid, was founded by Rael, the leader of a religious organization called the Raelian Movement. The Raelians argue that life on Earth was created by extraterrestrial scientists.

McVeigh finally admits to killing 168
Details of bombing documented in book compiled through interviews

By Carolyn Thompson
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BUFFALO, N.Y. — A remorseless Timothy McVeigh calls the children killed in the Oklahoma City bombing "collateral damage," regretting only that their deaths detracted from his bid to avenge Waco and Ruby Ridge, according to a new book.

The book represents the first time McVeigh has publicly and explicitly admitted to the crime and given his reasons for the attack.

"I understand what they felt in Oklahoma City. I have no sympathy for them," McVeigh told the authors of "American Terrorist: Timothy McVeigh and the Oklahoma City Bombing."

McVeigh told Lou Michel and Dan Herbeck, reporters for *The Buffalo News*, he did not know there was a day care center inside the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building, the authors said on Thursday's broadcast of "PrimeTime Thursday."

"I recognized beforehand that someone might be ... bringing their kid to work," McVeigh said, according to the ABC broadcast. "However, if I had known there was an entire day care center, it might have given me pause to switch targets. That's a large

amount of collateral damage." Michel said McVeigh's only regret was that the children's deaths proved to be a public relations nightmare that undercut his cause.

Still, McVeigh said he was disappointed when part of the building remained standing after his 7,000-pound bomb went off. "Damn, I didn't knock the building down. I didn't take it down," he said.

The April 19, 1995, bombing killed 168 people, 19 of them children. McVeigh, 32, is scheduled to be executed May 16.

McVeigh said he was the sole architect of the plan, resorting to threats against Terry Nichols' family when his Army buddy hesitated before helping to load the explosives into the rental truck.

In 75 hours of prison interviews with the Buffalo reporters, McVeigh, who was raised in Pendleton, outside Buffalo, got choked up while talking about killing a gopher in a field, but never expressed remorse for the bombing.

However, he had been brought to tears two years earlier while watching the disaster at the Branch Davidian compound near Waco. He was in the living room of Nichols' Michigan

home when the compound burned to the ground during an assault by federal agents, killing about 80 members of the cult.

The model soldier had left the Army disillusioned, unable to live with the thought that he was an ally of "the biggest bully in the world, the U.S. government," according to Herbeck. Then when Congress banned certain assault weapons, "I snapped," McVeigh said.

Before deciding to bomb the Murrah building, McVeigh considered a number of different possibilities, including assassinating elected officials, Michel said.

The federal building, McVeigh decided, had everything he wanted: federal agents and glass in the front, making it vulnerable and giving TV cameras a good shot.

The morning of the bombing, like a soldier, he had cold spaghetti for breakfast. "Meals ready to eat ... are meant for high intensity. I knew I was going through a firestorm and I would need the energy," the Gulf War veteran said.

McVeigh, two blocks away when the bomb exploded, was lifted off the ground by the force of the blast. As he fled, he called to mind the song

"Dirty for Dirty" by the group Bad Company. "What the U.S. government did at Waco and Ruby Ridge was dirty. And I gave dirty back to them at Oklahoma City," he said.

In 1992 at Ruby Ridge, Idaho, the wife and son of white separatist Randy Weaver were killed by federal agents during a standoff.

McVeigh told the authors he knew he would get caught and even anticipated execution as a form of "state-assisted suicide." Yet he worried initially about snipers as he was being charged.

"He was ready to die but not at that moment — he wanted to make sure that his full message got out first," Herbeck said.

The authors also talk of McVeigh's regrets over not having a family, saying he has thought about smuggling sperm out of prison. Overall, he has found prison bearable. "I lay in bed all day and watch cable television. ... I don't pay the electrical bill or the cable bill," he said.

McVeigh dismisses those who believe foreign terrorists or domestic militias helped him with the bombing. "The truth is, I blew up the Murrah building," he said, "and isn't it kind of scary that one man could reap this kind of hell?"

Austin cattle to be tested for mad cow
Livestock to be slaughtered as precaution

ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — State officials say they will destroy 21 cattle imported from Germany to test whether the animals were exposed to mad-cow disease before leaving Europe in 1996 and 1997.

The cattle will be gathered from five ranches around the state and taken to College Station to be killed. Brain-tissue samples will be sent to a national laboratory in Ames, Iowa, Texas Animal Health Commission officials said Wednesday.

The animals' remains will be incinerated, officials said.

Mad-cow disease, or bovine spongiform encephalopathy, has never been detected in U.S. cattle but has infected herds in Europe since the mid-1980s and been blamed for more than 80 human deaths in England. The disease attacks the brain and spinal cord.

Texas officials described the decision to destroy the cattle imported from Germany as a precaution because of public concern over mad-cow disease.

The cattle were part of 29 imported from Germany before a 1997 U.S. ban on European livestock. All had been under quarantine since March 1997, after health officials traced them to their current owners.

The owners, who were not identified, had declined to sell the cattle for the \$2,000 a head compensation offered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. They waited until the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, the Texas Beef Council and the Texas Cattlefeeders Association raised an additional \$57,000 for compensation.

None of the imported cattle have shown signs of the disease, said Carla Everett, a spokeswoman for the Animal Health Commission.

Four of the original German animals were killed and tested for mad-cow disease, and none were found to be infected, Everett said. Two others were slaughtered before the ban on European cattle, one died in 1997 and another in January, and none had symptoms of mad-cow, she said.

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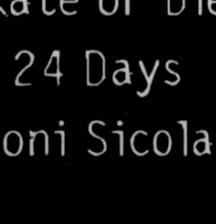
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House approves \$1.94 trillion budget

Plan may find trouble in Senate with opposing Democrats, moderate Republicans

By Alan Fram
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WASHINGTON — Republicans overwhelmed the Democrats and pushed a \$1.94 trillion budget for 2002 through the House Wednesday, as President Bush's blueprint for tax cuts and curtailed spending cleared its first major congressional hurdle.

The vote was a near party-line 222-205. Though devoid of suspense because of the GOP's thin but unified majority, Republicans hailed their victory as a triumph for their view of government.

"The choice is between two visions," said House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas. "A vision of bigger and bigger government, a choice between larger and larger taxes or a choice of smaller government that trusts the people."

The House roll call, though, was but a warm-up for a rougher test next week in the evenly divided Senate. There, the GOP not only faces near-lockstep Democratic opposition, but some moderate Republicans have said Bush's 10-year, \$1.6 trillion tax cut is too big and his proposed spending restraints too stingy.

Even so, Bush said the House action made Wednesday "a big day"

and said the budget's centerpiece — an across-the-board cut in income tax rates — would help all Americans.

"We need to cut all rates so that there's certainty in our economy when people plan, and I'm confident we can get this done," he said before meeting with GOP congressional leaders at the White House.

Hoping to claim the economic stimulus argument as their own, House Democrats joined their Senate colleagues and said they wanted a \$60 billion tax reduction effective this year. If moved as a separate bill — instead of attached to Bush's big tax cuts, as Republicans insist — the measure could zip through Congress in a day, Democrats said.

"But they refuse to do it because they have an obsession with a year-old tax plan, like a dog after a bone," House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., said at a news conference, referring to Bush's plan.

Senate Republicans have said they favor a \$60 billion tax cut for this year, but have yet to determine all the details. House GOP leaders remain undecided on the size and shape of a package meant to stimulate the economy. A final figure will be set in the final congressional

budget, which House-Senate bargainers hope to complete next month.

Besides its tax reduction, the House GOP budget envisions \$2.3 trillion in debt reduction over the coming decade, using parts of the Social Security and Medicare surpluses to overhaul both programs, and limiting many programs to 4 percent growth next year. That would be half this year's increase.

Besides drawing Democratic fire, Bush's fiscal plans have prompted calls from some Republicans for deeper tax cuts and added spending for defense, farms and special education. But participants in Wednesday's White House session said that while Bush seemed open to changing details of his budget and tax plan, he was sticking to its basic principles, including the \$1.6 trillion tax cut.

House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., described Bush's message to the lawmakers: "Stay the route. Get this thing done."

Democrats said the GOP budget would squander the \$5.6 trillion federal surplus projected over the next decade, largely to cut taxes for the rich. They said it would short-change other priorities like schools

and new prescription drug coverage, risk a return to budget deficits, and do nothing to buttress Social Security and Medicare for the retirement of baby boomers in the coming decade.

"That's not only a budgetary problem, I think it's a moral problem," said Rep. John Spratt, D-S.C.

Republicans said their plan was a sound use of federal resources and would lay the groundwork for overdue tax cuts.

"Clear and simple, it's about tax cuts," said Rep. John Sununu, R-N.H. He said that for years, Democrats "have found every reason under the sun to oppose budget resolutions that have tax relief in them."

Congress' budget maps broad tax and spending goals and does not need the president's signature. Tax cuts and spending changes are enacted in later, more detailed bills. This budget covers fiscal 2002, which begins Oct. 1.

The only lawmakers crossing party lines on final passage were Democratic Reps. Gary Condit of California, Ralph Hall of Texas and James Traficant of Ohio, and GOP Reps. Ron Paul of Texas and Joel Hefley of Colorado.

Bush supports prohibition of weed

Supreme Court hears arguments for legalizing medical marijuana

By Anne Gearan
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court took a first look at prescription marijuana Wednesday, hearing arguments on an issue that some say has pitted the federal government against patients with cancer, AIDS and other illnesses who sometimes regard marijuana as a wonder drug.

As far as the federal government is concerned, marijuana is illegal and should remain so. Federal enforcement efforts have led to confrontations and arrests in California and other Western states.

The issue for an openly skeptical Supreme Court is whether a patient's need for marijuana trumps a 1970 federal law that classifies it as an illegal substance with no known medical value.

President George W. Bush sup-

ports federal prohibitions on marijuana, but also respects states' rights to pass voter initiatives, as was the case in California, spokesman Ari Fleischer said.

"The president is opposed to the legalization of marijuana, including for medicinal purposes," he said Wednesday.

Lawyers for the Oakland Cannabis Buyers' Cooperative in California want to make what they call a "medical necessity" defense in federal court, and argue that federal judges and juries have the power to decide if the drug is warranted.

Several justices seemed to think that approach was a stretch at best.

"I thought the medical necessity defense was for an individual," Justice Antonin Scalia said. "You would extend it to the person prescribing the drug, and even to opening a business," to dispense it.

"That's a vast expansion beyond any necessity defense I've ever heard of," Scalia said.

Justice Anthony M. Kennedy seemed to agree.

"You're asking us to hold that this defense exists ... with no specific plaintiff before us, no specific case," Kennedy told the club's lawyer, Gerald Uelman.

The court's ruling is expected by the end of June.

A ruling for the Oakland club would allow special marijuana clubs to resume distributing the drug in California, which passed one of the nation's first medical marijuana laws in 1996.

A ruling for the federal government would not negate the California voter initiative, but effectively would prevent clubs like Oakland's from distributing the drug openly.

One of the most vocal oppo-

nents of legalized prescription marijuana is Barry McCaffrey, the Clinton administration's drug policy director. He once dismissed the practice as "Cheech and Chong medicine," a reference to the comedy team that celebrated pot-smoking.

Advocates of medical marijuana say the drug can ease side effects from chemotherapy, save nauseated AIDS patients from wasting away or even allow multiple sclerosis sufferers to rise from a wheelchair and walk.

There is no definitive science that the drug works, or works better than conventional, legal alternatives. Nonetheless, nine states have laws allowing the legal use of marijuana to treat a host of ailments.

Scalia challenged Uelman to list medical emergencies that could require marijuana treatment.

Britain still trying to rid country of disease

By Beth Gardiner
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONDON — Army butchers began slaughtering sheep in northern England on Wednesday, and Britain received the green light to vaccinate thousands of cattle against foot-and-mouth disease — but officials are still debating whether to use the last-resort measure.

As Britain's top-ranking ground commander stepped into the battle to contain the livestock disease, EU veterinary experts approved the government's request for authorization to vaccinate up to 180,000 dairy cattle.

"These exceptional circumstances warrant an exceptional response," an EU statement said.

British officials have not yet decided whether to go ahead and vaccinate. Britain has sought to use vaccination only as a last

resort because it would keep other nations' doors shut to its livestock exports, as inoculated animals are difficult to distinguish from those carrying the virus.

"We must consider the option," Prime Minister Tony Blair said in the House of Commons.

The EU said such a vaccination campaign would be limited to cattle in the hardest-hit counties — 100,000 in Cumbria, in northwest England, and 80,000 in Devon, in the southwest.

With British agriculture officials struggling to slaughter animals fast enough to contain the disease, the military — which until now provided only logistical support — began helping with the cull.

Livestock were trucked into the Great Orton airfield and workers nearby prepared a mass grave the size of two football fields.

Luby's posts quarterly loss

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SAN ANTONIO — Cafeteria company Luby's Inc. has reported a loss of \$9.4 million in its quarter ended Feb. 28 and named a new chief financial officer.

The company said late Tuesday that the quarterly net loss was 42 cents a share, compared to a profit of \$11.8 million, or 53 cents a share a year earlier.

Excluding special charges, such as asset write-downs and legal fees connected to a proxy fight, the operating net loss would have been \$2.2 million, or 10 cents a share, compared to a gain of \$5.6 million, or 25 cents a year ago.

The company said it was writing down by \$6.1 million the value of 13 restaurants in weak markets.

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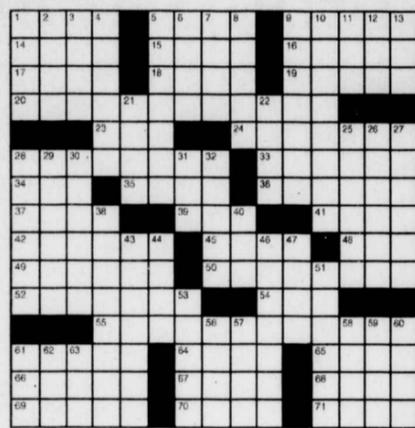
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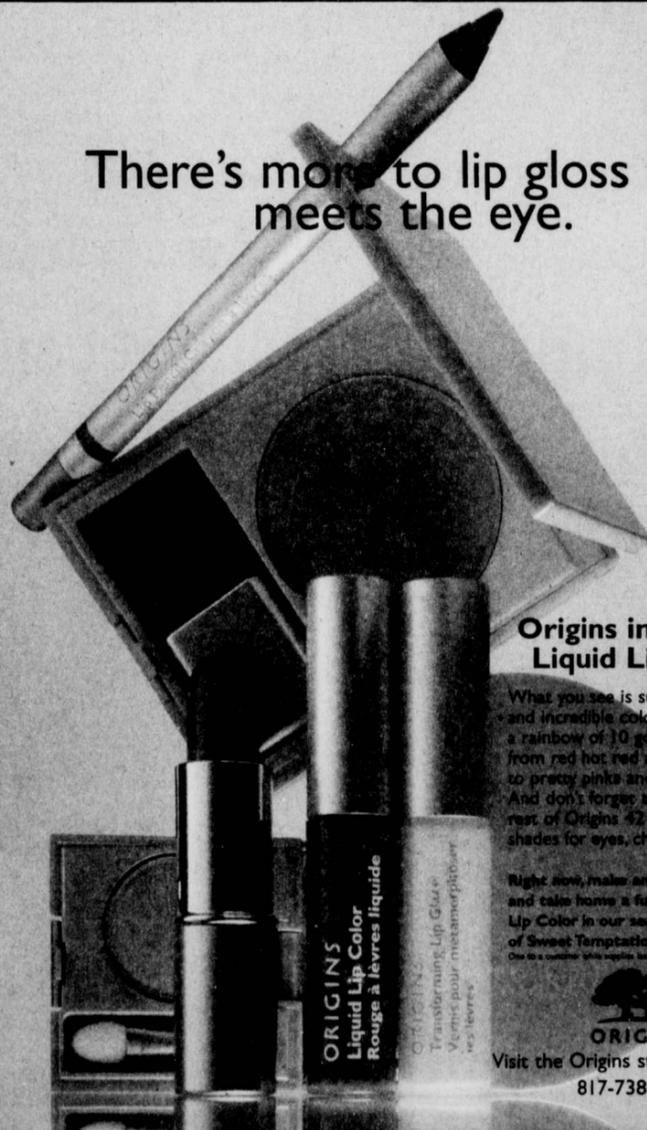
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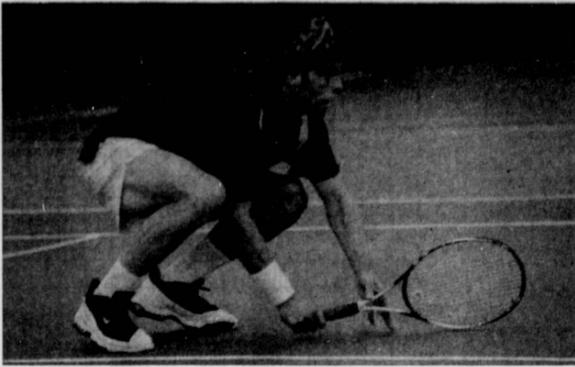
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Tennis team extends winning streak to four



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Senior Esteban Carril crouches as his doubles partner, sophomore Antonio Gordon, serves in Tuesday's match against California. The Frogs defeated Santa Clara, 4-1, Wednesday on the indoor courts at the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center.

Frogs capture all doubles points in victory against Broncos

By Sam Eaton
SKIFF STAFF

The TCU men's tennis team extended its winning streak to four matches by defeating No. 71 Santa Clara 4-1 at the indoor courts at Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center Wednesday.

The TCU doubles teams swept the Broncos after losing all three of its matches to No. 30-ranked California Tuesday. Senior Trace Fielding and sophomore Jimmy Haney defeated Michael Bruggemann and Ryan Livesay, 8-4. Seniors Scott Eddins and Sebastian Iannariello defeated Adam Lewis and Rick Ruso, 8-6, and senior Esteban Carril and sophomore Antonio Gordon defeated Erich Chen

and Michael Duong, 8-4.

The Frogs took a 2-0 lead after Fielding defeated Duong 6-3, 6-1 at the No. 2 singles spot.

TCU only lost one point during the afternoon, when Gordon lost by default to Federico Nattoli. During the second set of the No. 4 singles match, Gordon threw his racket down, which took an inadvertent bounce and hit the judge.

Head coach Joey Rive said he was disappointed by the outcome.

"It was an unfortunate incident with Toni (Gordon)," said Rive. "It barely touched the judge, but that's an automatic forfeit."

Gordon's ranking had jumped to No. 59 in the most recent singles rankings.

Still up 2-1, the Frogs started to bear down on Santa Clara. In the No. 5 singles spot, junior Daniel Wajenberg defeated Chen in straight sets 6-2, 6-3, to give TCU a 3-1 lead.

Carril, who is ranked No. 8 in the nation, had to go to three sets to beat No. 25 John Paul Fruttero of California Wednesday. Carril defeated the Broncos' Ryan Livesol, 7-6, 7-6 to clinch the Frogs' victory. The win was Carril's ninth straight.

"(Livesol) is a tough guy, a big server and he doesn't do a lot of rallying," Rive said. "(Carril) handled him well and came through in big situations when he needed to."

The Frogs improved their record to 13-2.

There are six more matches be-

fore the Frogs compete at the Western Athletic Conference Championships April 27 to 29 in Fresno, Calif. All of the Frogs' remaining opponents are ranked.

But Rive said he recognizes what the team needs to do to continue winning.

"We have a big weekend with Pepperdine coming up on Sunday," he said. "We're just taking them one match at a time."

A 4-0 win over Nevada-Las Vegas on March 20 boosted the team's ranking to second in the nation. The last time the Frogs were ranked No. 2 was in 1992.

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Track team enters season looking for redemption



Tim Cox/SKIFF STAFF

Senior sprinter Kim Collins and former track team member Ricardo Williams jog on the track at the Lowden Track and Field Complex. Collins and the TCU track team look to erase the memory of a disastrous finish to the indoor season with a strong performance this spring.

By Kelly Morris
SPORTS EDITOR

Before the men's track team competed in the final event of the NCAA Indoor Championships March 10, it was sitting in first place and looking at its first NCAA indoor title.

But after senior sprinter Anthony Amantine dropped the baton in the 4x400-meter relay, the Frogs finished last in the event and second in the tournament.

Now as the Frogs prepare for their second meet of the outdoor season Saturday at the UTA Invitational in Arlington, senior sprinter Lindel Frater said that they are anxious to erase their NCAA indoor finish from their minds.

"We are really disappointed with our finish, and we have a lot to prove in our outdoor season," Frater said. "We're ready to get started. We think we're one of the best teams, and we're going to show that to the other teams."

At the NCAA indoors, Frater finished fifth in the 200-meter dash with a time of 6.71, four spots behind teammate Kim Collins, a senior sprinter who grabbed the top spot in the event. Collins also finished first in the 60-meter dash. Senior sprinter and jumper Darvis Patton finished seventh. Last season, the team finished fourth at the NCAA indoor meet and won its first Western Athletic Conference title in school history.

Head coach Monte Stratton said the optimism and the talent that both the men's and women's teams have will help them reach new heights.

"Barring injury, I think the men's team has a chance of winning the national championship, and the women's team has a chance of winning a WAC Championship," Stratton said. "We have a great deal of confidence right now, but we have to temper that enthusiasm and bring it at the right times. Our team feeds off every success, and our natural athleticism helps bring that success."

But to have that success, Stratton said that the Frogs will first have to get past the injury bug.

"Injuries have been a plague," Stratton said. "It has especially been a problem with our distance runners, which we are trying to recover. Any absence affects the whole team. When someone is not contributing, they're not getting us the points that we need."

Frater said that although the men are not having huge injury problems right now, injuries can strike when least expected.

"Track is a funny sport because injuries can happen at any time," Frater said.

Distance runners on the women's side, sophomore Robin Schacht, junior Katie Singleton and freshman Susan Hemphill, are all suffering from stress-related injuries due to their events, Stratton said.

Despite the setbacks the injuries might cause for the women's team, junior sprinter Heather Hanchak said the Frogs can overcome them.

"(Injuries) are going to be a factor, but we have the confidence that we can be in the top three in conference," Hanchak said. "This out-

door season we will do well in the longer distance events and have the opportunity of turning some heads this season. The women's team is starting to come around and be a well-rounded program."

Hanchak said that while their usual indoor preparation may be the same for the outdoor season, the seasons themselves are different.

"The outdoor season has more meets than the indoor season," Hanchak said. "The outdoor season is our main focus. We try to make our indoor season carry over to our outdoor season."

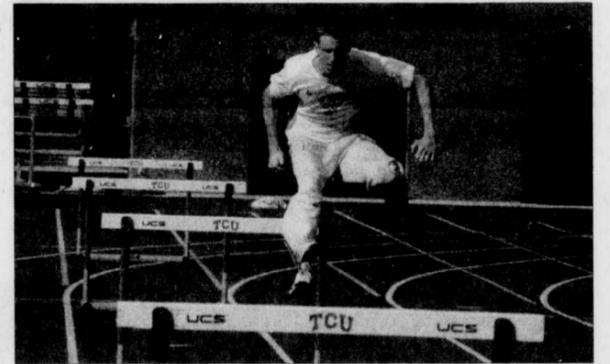
In the Dr. Pepper Invitational, the Frogs first meet of the spring season (March 24 in Waco), the Frogs grabbed four first-place finishes before they withdrew from

the meet because of inclement weather. Two of the Frogs top finishes came in the 1,500 meter run. Senior distance runner Gladys Keitany captured first, with a time of 4:41.10 for the women, while junior middle distance runner Eliud Njubi won the event for the men with a time of 3:45.64. Senior Jason Howard took first place in the long jump.

As Frater enters his last season at TCU, he said he would love to finish his career on top without another drop of the baton.

"Since it is my last year, my goal is to win a major championship since we came so close in our indoor season."

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Freshman hurdler Jared Bradley runs through drills at the Lowden Track and Field Complex in preparation for the second meet of the outdoor track season. The Frogs will compete Saturday in the UTA Invitational in Arlington.

Frogs improve despite recent rain outs

By Brandon Ortiz
SKIFF STAFF

A TCU baseball team's game was rained out for the eighth time this season Wednesday.

The Horned Frogs (20-9, 11-2 Western Athletic Conference) were scheduled to play Texas-Arlington at the TCU Diamond. A make-up date has not been determined yet.

Head coach Lance Brown said the rain out will not alter who he plans to start this weekend against WAC front runner Rice (25-6, 14-1 WAC). The plan is to start senior Chris Bradshaw Friday and junior Justin Crowder Saturday. Brown said he would pick either senior Chad Durham or senior David Tombrella to pitch Sunday. Brown said he will pick who ever does not pitch in relief the first two games.

A day before the Frogs departed to play six games in Hawaii March 17, Brown said he has never coached — or played — in a season with so many rain outs.

"I have never seen anything like it since I have been here — even when I played here," said Brown, who pitched for the Frogs from 1963 to 1964 and is in his 15th year as head coach.

This week's rain has prevented the Frogs from "having a real work out," Brown said. The Frogs have not been able to work out on the field this week.

Brown said he was not sure if the Frogs would be rusty defensively against Rice because of missed practice time.

"You don't know how they are going to do when you take a week

off," Brown said.

Frogs boast low walk totals, other improved statistics

On the path to winning 20 in 29 games, the Frogs have posted some impressive statistics.

The Frogs are hitting .330, have a 3.73 ERA and are fielding .968. They have outscored their opponents 247-126.

This is just a year after the Frogs hit .291, posted a 5.53 ERA, fielded .956 and were outscored 358-310.

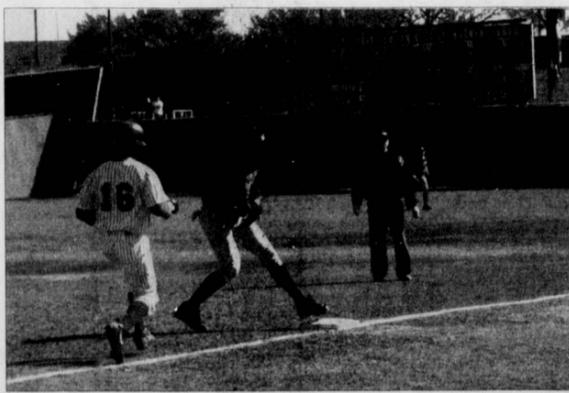
But perhaps the biggest turnaround has been the pitching staff's low walk total. Last season, TCU pitchers walked 210 in 481.2 innings for an average of 3.92 walks for nine innings. This season, the Frogs have walked 64 batters in 246 innings for an average of 2.34 walks for nine innings. The Frogs have walked the fewest batters in the WAC.

Crowder said Brown's emphasis on throwing strikes is a reason the team walk total is so low.

"Coach Brown preaches strikes," Crowder said. "He wants somebody who is going to throw strikes. He emphasizes that a lot — keeping your pitch count low. It's a great way to keep your arm fresh for a long season."

Brown said the low walk total is a major reason the Frogs have a low team ERA.

"I think maybe they have finally figured this out," Brown said. "If you are throwing quality strikes, then they are not going to hit it. If you make quality pitches, they



Tim Cox/SKIFF STAFF

Sophomore first baseman Walter Olmstead forces an Oklahoma hitter out at first base. The Frogs scheduled game against Texas-Arlington was canceled Wednesday.

aren't going to hit. It is harder to convince pitchers of this sometimes."

In the fall, Brown said that the Frogs had a drill where pitchers tried to retire batters in three pitches or less. All season, the Frogs have been charting how many three-pitch at bats pitchers throw, Brown said. It gives the Frogs a dual advantage in that it forces pitchers to throw quality strikes, and it keeps pitch counts low.

Crowder said the drills have helped the pitching staff.

"(Of) the stuff we worked on in the fall, it has been the key," Crowder said.

Brown said strict pitch counts have also forced pitchers to throw better strikes.

"They are going to throw 100 pitches," Brown said. "If they want

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Duncan leads Spurs to NBA-best 50 wins

Utah comes to town in battle of Midwest

By Michelle Koidin
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN ANTONIO — Tim Duncan has restored his spring on the court and, seemingly, his touch at the line.

With the fourth-year All-Star in top form, the San Antonio Spurs look as strong as they did when they won the NBA title two seasons ago.

"He wasn't ready at the beginning of the year at all," said Spurs coach Gregg Popovich, who led his team to an NBA-leading 50th win against Charlotte Tuesday night. "It took him time to get his timing back, his confidence, his health, his quickness, his explosiveness."

"He progressed as the year went along. When he kicked in, our team really kicked in too."

With 34 points and 19 rebounds against the Hornets, Duncan showed off every move in his book. He also showed that he no longer moves tentatively on his left knee, which was still bothering him at the beginning of the season.

Torn cartilage kept Duncan out of last season's playoffs, and after surgery in May, he skipped the Olympics to recover.

Now there is no apparent sign of the injury.

And Tuesday night, there was no sign of the troubles he has been having from the foul line.

Duncan went 12-for-12. It was the first time in his career that he hit every free throw when he had more than 10 attempts. Before

Tuesday's game, he was shooting a career-worst 58 percent from the line.

"I just feel good," Duncan said. "My body feels good right now. I just feel like every shot I shoot is going in."

The Spurs (50-21) next play Utah at home tonight. The Jazz trail the Spurs by 2 1/2 games in the Midwest Division.

At this point, Duncan is difficult to stop.

"It's hard to contain him 1-on-1, and when you double-team him, it takes away from your defensive principles a little bit," said Jamal Mashburn, who led the Hornets with 22 points Tuesday night.

"He reminds me of Kareem, a guy with all the moves," Mashburn said.

Over the course of the season, he's only gotten stronger.

"At the beginning, I think he was really concerned with his knee and he didn't have the lift on his jump shots," said David Robinson, the Spurs' other 7-footer. "Then at some point, it all just clicked and he just started making all these normal shots, shooting the ball real well again and moving a lot better."

"Somewhere along the line," said forward Sean Elliott, "he just stepped up his level of play. He started playing like he did in the playoffs back in '99."

Duncan's '99-up performance is consistently complemented by Derek Anderson, who joined the team last summer as a free agent from the Clippers.