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Challenging the Leader

The TCU baseball team is scheduled to play a three-game series against the Western Athletic Conference leader, Rice, this weekend at the TCU Diamond.

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Friday, March 30, 2001

Fort Worth, Texas

Campus mixed on possible addition of law curriculum

Texas Law Schools (year founded)

- Baylor University School of Law (1849)
- University of Houston Law Center (1947)
- Saint Mary's University School of Law (1927 as San Antonio School of Law)
- South Texas College of Law (1923)
- Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law school of law (1925)
- University of Texas School of Law (1883)
- Texas Southern University-Thurgood Marshall School of Law (1947)
- Texas Tech University School of Law (1966)
- Texas Wesleyan University School of Law-DFW Law School (1989)

By Melissa DeLoach
SENIOR REPORTER

Chancellor Michael Ferrari denied a WFAA-TV report that he met with officials from Texas Wesleyan University late Wednesday night.

Despite Ferrari's denial of Wednesday meeting, earlier discussions involving Texas Wesleyan University School of Law have evoked mixed opinions throughout the TCU community.

Bronson Davis, vice chancellor for university advancement, said the addition of a law school at TCU would increase the school's national reputation.

"One of the things Ferrari is about is making TCU better recognized nationally," he

said. "There aren't many schools with high national recognition that don't have a law school."

Southern Methodist University and Baylor University, two of TCU's major competitors, both have law programs. TCU's last effort at a law school ended in 1920.

Leah Jackson, associate dean at Baylor University School of Law, said law schools benefit from being associated with a strong university.

"Law schools are extremely competitive," she said. "Anything a school can do to enhance its reputation, helps recruit students."

Jackson said that this may be the reason why South Texas College of Law pursued

its advancement with Texas A&M University. In 1998, Texas A&M tried unsuccessfully to absorb South Texas College of Law. An appeal is still pending.

Manochehr Dorraj, associate professor of political science, said the addition of a law school would not only give TCU more recognition, but it would also give the university a chance to expand some of its current programs. He said there are a number of courses in the political science department which already prepare students for a law school curriculum.

"There is a lot at the undergraduate level already that could complement what a law school has to offer," he said. "(Political science) has a lot of classes that are indirectly

or directly linked to train students for what they need to know for law school. Other departments, like sociology and criminal justice, are clearly related to family law and criminal law. The business school can prepare students for corporate law."

At the graduate level, a law school can open the door for further programming in the M.J. Neeley School of Business, including a joint MBA and doctor of jurisprudence program. Bob Greer, assistant dean of graduate programs in the business school, said the joint degrees would make going to law school easier for students, because they can pursue both degrees at once.

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Leftist group rallies to shut down SOA

Activists plan events to raise awareness against combat school

By Bethany McCormack
STAFF REPORTER

Crista Williams, a senior psychology major, will be living on water and fruit juice for the next six days, as part of an awareness campaign led by the School of the Americas Action Group.

The SOA Action Group, part of the Leftist Student Union, is dedicated to shutting down the School of the Americas. Williams said the group hopes the campaign, which started Wednesday and continues through Tuesday, will raise awareness about the school.

School of the Americas was a combat training school for Latin Americans located in Fort Benning, Ga. The school closed on Dec. 15, 2000. However, Jan. 17, 2001 the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation opened at the same base.

The WHINSEC Web site states that the school is new and is not associated with the School of the Americas. However, those who oppose SOA regard WHINSEC as the same as School of the Americas.

The SOA Action Group wants to increase awareness of the school and the controversy surrounding it because many people have never heard of the SOA, Williams said.

"Once they find out about it, most people would never want their tax dollars to support it," she said.

Tara Pope, a TCU staff member who organized the campaign, said SOA graduates have been responsible for countless human rights violations upon returning to their countries including the deaths of nuns, priests and student activists.

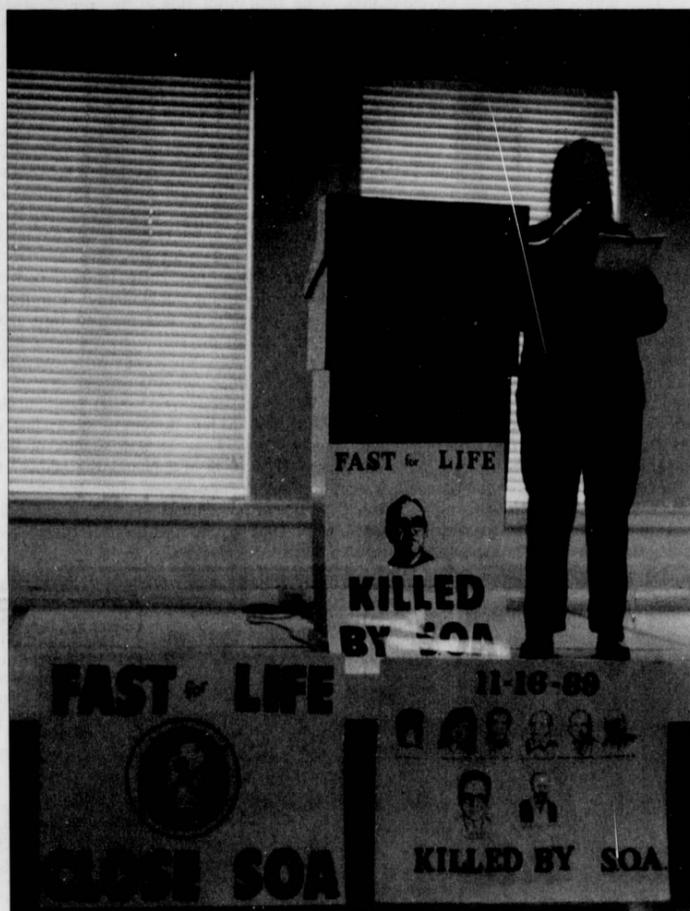
"It's unthinkable that the (United States) sponsors this school," she said.

The TCU awareness campaign is being held in conjunction with the Days of Resistance march in Washington D.C., led by SOA Watch.

Mandy Mahan, a junior religion major, said she hopes students will become involved in this issue after they learn about it.

"I'm tired of people turning their heads to human

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Margaret Birdlebough, a member of the Syracuse Peace Council, reads her poems about the closing of the School of Americas as part of a Nonviolent Action Training Session Thursday afternoon in the Student Center Lounge.

Missing artifacts could bring high prices at shops

Police, FBI continue investigation

By Ram Luthra
STAFF REPORTER

The Peruvian, pre-Columbian pottery pieces, which were stolen from a basement storage room in the Mary Coats Burnett Library, could most likely be individually sold to local antique shops, said Jennifer Casler Price, a specialist in non-Western art and works at the Kimball Art Museum.

"My biggest worry that arises from this situation is that the person who stole the artifacts will sell them piece by piece at an antique shop or at a craft mall," Price said. "The person will have a better likelihood to get away with this if sold individually. If they are split up, it would become more difficult to re-obtain them."

She said that even if the pieces were sold individually, they would still maintain their value on the market.

"These artifacts can probably maintain all their value and even be sold for more, if they are sold one by one," she said. "This is mainly because no red flags could be raised if they were sold this way."

Thomas Guderjan, professor of anthropology, said he does not believe the value of the pieces would be diminished if they were sold separately.

"If they are sold to the right people, they can have the same value if it was sold as a group," Guderjan said.

The 112 artifacts stolen, valued ap-

proximately at \$267,700, were specifically from northern parts of Peru and made from mold and clay. The artifact pieces were originally made as containers for storage. They were created to symbolize animal and human imagery.

"Basically, the pieces were made for the use of everyday life for these people," Price said. "Ultimately, they would have been placed in tombs as a burial practice."

TCU Police authorities contacted Price for assistance and also showed her photographs of all the pieces taken.

"From the pictures I have seen, on the whole, they were all of good quality," she said. "Overall, the condition they were in, indicated that they were properly taken care of."

They also discussed the possibility of the suspects selling the artifacts to several area dealers. She said many dealers and private collectors are in the Metroplex, especially in the Dallas area.

Kelly Ham, TCU detective of criminal investigations, said FBI and police department officials continue to work on the investigations, but he could not comment on any specifics.

However, Ham said, if anyone has any information on the case they should contact TCU Police at (817) 257-7777.

ADVISING ADVANCEMENTS

FrogNet applies new methods to online advising for business, education, science schools

By Alisha Brown
STAFF REPORTER

A new feature of FrogNet could eliminate the guessing game of enrollment for certain majors on campus.

An online advising transcript for majors in the M.J. Neeley School of Business, the School of Education and the College of Health and Human Sciences can tell students which courses they need to take next, registrar Pat Miller said.

The form can be found online under Academic Summary through FrogNet, Miller said. It tells a student where each completed course fits into his or her degree plan.

"I think this would be particularly helpful for students at this time who are trying to figure out their schedules," he said.

In preparation for enrollment, a student traditionally speaks with an adviser in the department about course selection. The new feature can help clarify the decision-making process, Miller said.

"I think it will change student and faculty complaints about course selection," he said. "The adviser can spend more time with the students by dealing with career decisions and talking about more meaningful things."

Ashley Brown, a sophomore marketing major, used the new feature this semester in choosing her courses.

"All you have to do is look at the page and see what you need to take," she said. "I didn't want to get stuck taking a class I wasn't going to use."

Last semester Brown had to meet with an adviser to sort out her spring schedule.

"This is especially helpful in the business school, because you have so many students, you have to schedule an appointment at least two weeks in advance," she said. "And if you miss your appointment, you just have to hope you figured it out yourself."

The Neeley school is one of the three schools that has ac-



Tim Cox/SKIFF STAFF

Jason Thomas, a senior psychology major, gets class advise from Gary Boehm, assistant professor of psychology, Thursday afternoon.

cess to the feature, Miller said.

"The installation process has taken longer than expected," he said.

Miller said each school in the university should have the advising transcript available to them by fall in time to register for spring 2002 courses.

"Right now we're working on the College of Communication and the College of Fine Arts," Miller said. "Hopefully, we'll have that completed by the end of the semester

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Non-business majors to be affected by new Neeley School enrollment policy

By Julie Ann Matonis
STAFF REPORTER

A new enrollment policy, which will only allow students formally accepted into the M.J. Neeley School of Business to take upper division courses, may also have an affect on non-business majors.

Charles Williams, associate dean of undergraduate studies, said students in majors that explicitly require business courses in the current catalogue will still be allowed to enroll in upper division courses.

According to the 2000-2001 course catalogue, nutrition and dietetics and advertising/public relations majors are groups that may be affected by the changes.

Tommy Thomason, chairman of the journalism department, said about 150 or 200 advertising/public relations majors will be affected by the changes. Under their degree plan, they must select an 18-hour area of emphasis. Thomason said many choose marketing or management, which is not specifically listed in the catalogue.

"We will significantly devalue the advertising/public relations degree if we tell students they can't take more than three hours of marketing," Thomason said.

No one in the nutrition and dietetics department was available for comment.

Beginning with summer and spring 2001 enrollment, accounting, finance, decision science, management and marketing courses beyond 30153 level will be restricted to students who meet the prerequisites and are business majors or minors. Non-business majors and minors can be added to courses if space is available after regular enrollment.

All 1000 and 2000 level business courses, except e-business 20813, will still be open to students who meet prerequisites.

Williams said the changes were necessary because of high demand for business courses.

"We've gone from 900 to 1600 majors in the last five years," Williams said. "Plus, we're serving at least 450

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In nine years, 48 people have died and more than 86 have been wounded in a seemingly unending epidemic of school violence.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

In 1867, U.S. Secretary of State William H. Seward signed a treaty with Russia for the purchase of Alaska for \$7 million. Despite the cost of about 2 cents an acre the Alaskan purchase was ridiculed in Congress and in the press as "Seward's folly," "Seward's icebox" and President Andrew Johnson's "polar bear garden."

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campus lines

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► **The deadline to register for the Delta Dunkfest three-on-three basketball tournament** is today. 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.

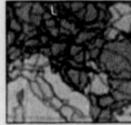
► **The biology department will host a seminar by Steven N. Austad**, professor of zoology at the University of Idaho, at noon Friday in Sid W. Richardson Lecture Hall 2. Austad will discuss "The 150-year Life Span: How Close Is It?"

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

WORLD DIGEST



Mortar shells fall inside Kosovo, 16 wounded
KRIVENIK, Yugoslavia — Mortar shells struck a village just inside Kosovo on Thursday, killing at least two civilians including an Associated Press Television News journalist, as fighting intensified between Macedonian forces and ethnic Albanian militants.



NATO-led international peacekeepers set up a field hospital to treat at least 16 wounded, and American soldiers searched for other possible victims in Krivenik, just three-quarters of a mile inside Kosovo's border with Macedonia.

The attack on the village came as Macedonia's government said a successful army offensive had driven back the rebels, who maintain they are fighting for greater rights and recognition for ethnic Albanians in the Slav-dominated country. But the rebels suggested they were merely regrouping in the rugged and largely inaccessible hills.

Near the skirmishes, peacekeepers stepped up their patrols along the border with Kosovo, the Serb province under international control. Reporters near the border said the sounds of fighting eased by mid-afternoon.

One of those killed in the mortar shelling was APTN producer Kerem Lawton, a 30-year-old British national based in Kosovo's capital, Pristina. He died of shrapnel wounds suffered when a shell hit his vehicle as he arrived in the village at midmorning to cover the deployment of NATO-led peacekeepers monitoring the fighting.

Sylejman "Suki" Kllokoqi, an APTN cameraman who had left the car moments earlier to photograph refugees, said he heard an explosion and saw a plume of smoke.

"I saw people lying on the ground. I started shouting, 'Kerem! Kerem!' Then I saw Kerem in the car," Kllokoqi said.

Lawton, who was born in Belgium and grew up in England, had earlier been assigned to Turkey. He was married to Elida Ramadani, another APTN producer in Pristina, and was the son of John Lawton, a longtime foreign correspondent for United Press International.

Lawton was the 26th AP journalist to die in the line of duty since the news cooperative was founded in 1848.

Both the Macedonian army and the rebels denied responsibility for the Krivenik attack, which sent 10 mortar shells flying into the village. Government officials said Krivenik was out of range of Macedonian mortar fire. Commander Sokoli, a rebel commander, said the insurgents lacked the military capability to

strike the village from their positions in Macedonia.

In Washington, Pentagon spokesman Rear Adm. Craig Quigley said it was unclear which side fired the mortars that killed Lawton and another civilian.

"Unfortunately, two people lost their lives today in that incident," he said. "But it is not at all clear where the mortar rounds originated from. We'll try to find out."

The United Nations said the mortar rounds wounded 16 to 20 people.

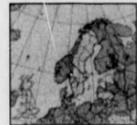
Macedonian Defense Ministry spokesman Gjorgji Trendafilov said advances by government troops were sending the rebels running toward Kosovo.

"We are driving the rebels out. They are running from Macedonia," he said, adding: "We are advancing toward the northern border" with Kosovo.

In Warsaw, Poland, NATO Secretary-General Lord Robertson expressed satisfaction with the Macedonian government's "success against the armed insurgents."

Oil tanker collides with freighter near Denmark

COPENHAGEN, Denmark — An oil tanker collided with a freighter in the Baltic Sea, spilling about 550,000 gallons of oil that authorities said was drifting toward Denmark on Thursday, with small slicks reaching shore.



The collision ripped a wide gash in the side of the double-hulled tanker, which was carrying nearly 9.7 million gallons of oil, but the leak was stemmed in time to keep most of it inside.

Both the Marshall islands-registered "Baltic Carrier" and the Cypriot sugar freighter "Tern" remained afloat after the crash late Wednesday in international waters about 15 miles northwest of the German coastal town of Darsser Ort. Its cause of the collision was not immediately clear, and no injuries were reported.

The tanker, not fully loaded, had been anchored, and the remaining oil from its damaged compartment was pumped into undamaged parts of the ship. The freighter left the site on its own power and later reached the eastern German port of Rostock.

Winds as strong as 45 miles per hour broke the spilled oil into dozens of slicks that were pushed toward the Danish islands of Falster and Moen south of Zealand, the island where the capital, Copenhagen, is located.

"We will do all that we can to avoid a disaster," Danish Environment Minister Svend Auken told reporters.

The high winds and rough seas hindered cleanup efforts.

"The problem is that the waves and the winds make it impossible for us to use our tools" to scoop and contain the oil, said Frank Kiel Rasmussen, commander of the Danish vessel that led the cleanup, told Denmark's TV2 channel.

One of the larger slicks was about 500 feet long and 100 feet wide, while some of the smaller ones were about 110 square feet in area, authorities said.

Palestinians still under attack by Israel forces
JERUSALEM — Israel Thursday didn't rule out sending troops into Palestinian-controlled areas, even as Yasser Arafat warned that the Palestinian uprising would press ahead. In renewed clashes, four Palestinians were killed.



Defense Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer said Israel might send forces into Palestinian-controlled territory, a step it has never taken, to protect Israel's security.

Asked about chasing militants into Palestinian territory, he said, "Everything for us is kosher." In a telephone conference with U.S. Jewish leaders late Thursday, he said Israel would send forces "any place we feel ... is endangering us."

He said he hoped that Arafat, the Palestinian leader, would learn from the "attacks that we're going to conduct" that only negotiations can lead to a solution.

On Thursday, Israeli soldiers shot and killed two Palestinian rock-throwers, ages 13 and 17, near the Erez crossing point from northern Gaza into Israel. Eight other teen-agers were wounded.

A Palestinian policeman was killed in a clash near the isolated Jewish settlement of Netzarim, south of Gaza City.

Also, a Palestinian was killed and another wounded when Israeli forces opened fire as they tried to enter Gaza by climbing a border fence that divides a refugee camp between Gaza and Egypt, Palestinians said. The Israeli military said it was unaware of the incident.

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Editorial

THE LITTLE THINGS

Blame is shared for school violence

In the past decade, Americans have made great technological advancements in the areas of information and communication.

In the past decade, Americans have united innovative, emerging businesses across industry lines to promote national economic growth.

Individuals are quick to take responsibility for the accomplishments, but few have stepped up to be held accountable in the wake of another American trend.

In the past decade, Americans have become increasingly scared to send their children to school, fearing that violence could impede their child's return home.

There are many speculations about where to place the blame. Are school administrators doing an inadequate job of monitoring their students? Are parents incapable of spending quality time with their children? Does the current generation of children have a difficult time communicating with their peers?

The answers: Yes, yes and yes.

In actuality, no one is free from some sort of blame with regards to heightened school violence.

It seems that Americans have deemed grandiose improvements in technology, economics and other advancements as more important than the little things, which once brought this nation to greatness.

We would trade in our e-mail accounts and a chance at owning a profitable business for what used to be considered important — a little common kindness.

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“After watching Kevin get on the elevator I looked back out of the window of my office and couldn't see anything. I turned off the light, and it was right there. I screamed 'tornado' as loud as I could and ran into the middle of the building. All the while thinking, 'Oh my god, I've killed Kevin.'”

— **Christie Thornton**, Fort Worth business woman describing the experience of riding out the March 28, 2000, Fort Worth tornado in the heavily damaged Mallick Tower.

“I want our law school to be as good as it can be. We did approach TCU to look at what partnerships made sense between the two universities. I think TCU is a wonderful school with great resources and great leaders.”

— **I. Richard Gershon**, Texas Wesleyan Law School dean on the interest in TCU's acquisition of a law school.

“When you're No. 2 in the nation, every team is gunning for you. Beating a team like (No. 30) California doesn't help our ranking much, so it's hard to get up to play against them.”

— **Michael Leonard**, senior tennis player, on the tennis team's slow start Tuesday against California.

“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.”

— **Elizabeth Gillasy**, a lecturer in ballet, on the faculty shortage in the school of ballet and modern dance.

Students must challenge SOA

As I stood in the rain with other people from TCU, I looked around. I saw nuns, monks, anarchists, vegetarians, students, veterans and many other groups.

What could unite such a diverse group of people?

On those rainy days in November, we were all gathered at the U.S. Army School of the Americas in Fort Benning, Ga., to protest the existence of the school. The School of the Americas (SOA), or School of Assassins, is a school funded by U.S. taxpayers to teach Latin American soldiers combat skills. The school has a long history of producing graduates which return to their countries only to commit horrific human rights abuses.

As more people become aware of the impact of the school, there has been increasing pressure to close it. Finally, in the Defense Authorization Bill for 2001 passed by Congress, the SOA was closed. But in the same bill, Congress voted to open the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation, at the same location in Fort Benning, with the same classes and the same instructors.

This transparent cosmetic public relations ploy must be denounced for what it is. The school needed to distance itself from the bloody legacy “SOA” conjures up.

The movement to close the SOA grows each day. This is not a political issue to be debated by the right and left. This is a human rights issue, which must be acted upon by everyone immediately. SOA graduates have littered Latin America

with the bodies of their victims. According to reports issued by the U.S. State Department and Human Rights Watch, 50 percent of the 247 officials cited in Colombian kidnappings, murders and massacres were SOA graduates.

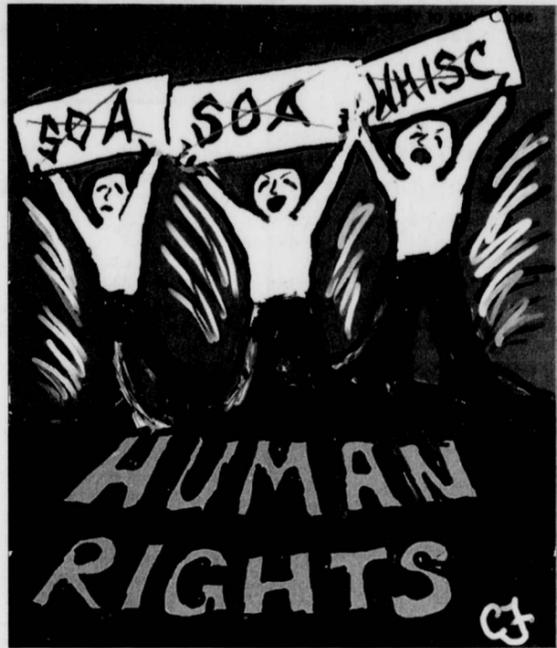
In El Salvador, two of the three officers cited in the assassination of Archbishop Oscar Romero and 10 of the 12 officers cited for the El Mozote massacre of 900 civilians were SOA graduates.

According to the *Chicago Tribune*, “If the SOA published a register of alumni, it would be a scary catalogue of the most notorious military assassins and human rights violators.” The *Cleveland Plain Dealer* notes, “The SOA's best known products have shared a distressing tendency to show up as dictators or as leaders of members of death squads.”

The SOA (now WHISC) must be closed. SOA Watch, a group founded by Father Roy Bourgeois, is dedicated to closing the SOA by educating people about its true purpose. While the school may maintain that it serves to protect and promote democracy in Latin America, the results show otherwise. A Pentagon report to Congress notes that combat training at the school supports U.S. policy towards Latin America, which “seek(s) to develop stable, free market democracies throughout the region.”

The important word is “market.” SOA Watch reports, “Protecting U.S. interests in Latin America has translated into creating a favorable business climate for U.S. corporations, one with rock bottom wages and environmental standards and weak or nonexistent unions.”

Many SOA graduates “protect U.S. interests” by using “...their



activists, and others who work for just wages, decent housing and other basic needs,” according to SOA Watch. Whereas U.S. soldiers orchestrating massacres and assassinating priests in Latin America might make the news, Latin American SOA graduates don't.

When I first learned about the SOA, I couldn't believe it. That these atrocities are committed by people at a school supported by my tax dollars was unthinkable. But after reading the human rights reports, reports from SOA Watch (www.soaw.org), and hearing speakers at the rally testify to the brutality of SOA offi-

an SOA Action Group made up of TCU students, faculty and staff is currently holding an educational rally and fast today through Tuesday. At the same time, SOA Watch will be conducting a march on Washington to demand closure of the SOA. During this time, there will be speakers and information on the SOA available in the Student Center Lounge. Also, a group will be fasting to say that we remember the SOA victims. And while they cannot speak out, we can and we will. Close the SOA.

Guest columnist Tara Pope is a

Blame for gun violence remains unclear

I often weigh the pros and cons of going home to visit family and friends, but while doing so, one pro always comes to mind — Samantha.

During Spring Break, I got to spend a whole week with her. One night she and I were building castles with her younger sister's building blocks. I turned my attention away for a few seconds before Samantha called my name.



Petersell

“A gun. Pow pow!” she said. Samantha, it seems, had been bitten by the violence bug. She had picked up society's nonchalant attitude about guns.

Samantha is my cousin's 3-year-old daughter.

Often, when you are looking for something, it is not right in front of your face. But there it was, staring at me with blue eyes from behind a mop of blond curls, holding a gun made out of building blocks.

There was our nation's future. It's a sad thought isn't it?

My childhood in the early 1980s seems so innocent. I went to school, and afterward I came home to play

on the playground behind my house. My biggest joy was receiving a new My Little Pony figurine to play with. My friends and I were content to take carrots out of the refrigerator and hop up in down in front of my house pretending we were Bugs Bunny.

I didn't fear the other students, or going to school. The rare occasions I had contact with guns came from my father. He would take my sister and me out while he shot at cans on a pile of dirt. Maybe I got to pull the trigger. To me, guns were harmless. I feared them because they made loud noises. But I knew they were dangerous, and I was to leave them alone.

And I did. But times change. Attitudes change. Children grow up and see guns as part of life. They play cops and robbers with realistic-looking plastic guns. They shoot, fall down, then stand up unharmed.

But not everyone comes out unharmed. We know the stories of children getting a hold of their parents' guns and accidentally shooting friends. We are bombarded with images of school shootings. We see the good kids turned bad. We watch as paranoia grips the nation. Then, unaffected, we move on.

So I guess it comes down to who we should blame for children's attitudes. Society seems to need to

place fault, as if blaming brings any real closure or changes the trends.

Should we blame the parents for not paying enough attention to their children? Some say sure. But what about single parents who are unable to be home the second their children get home from school?

Even homes with two parents can feel the burden. We hear the stories of “nice” children who “couldn't possibly” have committed such violent acts because they showed no signs of such violent behaviors.

Then should we blame the teachers who act as second parents to children? Again, you can say yes because isn't it their responsibility to teach children in a loving and nurturing environment? But teachers can only do so much. They can teach and inspire, but can they really keep violence out of the minds of the children they see for a few hours each day?

Why don't we just blame the kids for their actions? Well sure, there's the easy way out. Lets just slap the hands of the children and send them to some juvenile institution to pay for what they have done. Of course, these reprimands come after the fact. Nothing is done beforehand to dissuade these children from committing such violent acts.

And the list goes on and on. We

can blame society or guns or the media. The newest fad is to blame the bullies or the popular kids for picking on the unfortunate kids who aren't like them. Yes, lets just blame more children for being, well, children.

I guess you could even go so far as to blame me for not taking the opportunity to teach Samantha that guns are not a play thing, and that they are objects that can cause harm. But how can you blame me when children across the nation put quarters in machines in arcades and play violent video games, and you walk by and pay no attention to them?

Society can then ask “If there is no one for us to blame, then how can we change violence in children?”

Focus on the positives. Let children know the truths about violence. Let children know you care. After all, they are watching us.

I know every time I go home there is that pair of blue eyes, from behind a mop of blond curls, that watches me and tries to be like me. Maybe next time I won't let her down.

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Prison system is too cushy an alternative

It's not every day that the Fort Worth Star-Telegram has a front-page story about somebody as disturbingly terrifying as Timothy McVeigh. In fact, I don't see stories about people like him too often in most major newspapers around the nation.



Ward

But McVeigh seems to be the topic of choice lately with the new book “American Terrorist: Timothy McVeigh and the Oklahoma City Bombing” and his execution coming up in May. Out of a vast amount of disturbing quotes from McVeigh in the Star-Telegram article, I found two that particularly made my blood begin to boil.

“I lay in bed all day and watch cable television. ...I don't pay the

electrical bill or the cable bill,” was McVeigh's explanation of why he says prison is a pretty bearable place to live.

Since when was prison supposed to be a place of comfort?

I have heard numerous stories about inmates getting the same, if not more, luxuries than most people in this country who work to pay their bills, and although this has always enraged me, I thought it was either an exaggeration on my source's part or something that was very rare.

To say the least, it makes me extremely ashamed of our prison system to know that people who commit multiple murders can sit back and watch “Oz” for free on HBO.

Whatever happened to that image of misery and punishment that we once associated with being sent to prison? I used to think that being sent to prison would be one of the worst experiences I could imagine. Now, the thought of not paying any

bills and still getting to watch my own court trial on CNN seems like a pretty decent trade-off.

Making prisons less like hotels won't take away the goal of rehabilitating inmates. It's a pretty understandable concept that cable TV is not needed to help prisoners with their mental health.

I do not claim to have all the answers to making our prisons more unbearable places to live, but I do know we should at least attempt to make them places that will instill some terror into the minds of future law-breakers.

The other part of the article that made me shudder was where McVeigh was quoted as calling his execution a “state-assisted suicide.”

The fact that McVeigh would think of his execution as something he would willingly inflict upon himself does not make me think that killing him is the worst punishment he could receive. In fact, it almost seems like we are doing him a favor in his mind.

I have always been very much

opposed to the death penalty, and this is just another reason for me to think that capital punishment is not a good way to deal with criminals. Why can't we take away all the luxuries, leave death row inmates in prison without parole, and thus eliminate a lot of these controversies?

Well, that is easier said than done, and I am the first person to admit that. But like I said before, I do not claim to have all the answers to our problems with the prison system. I do, however, think that if enough people wanted things to change, we could get on the ball and get things rolling. With all the intelligent people in this country, I don't think it would be a stretch of the imagination to say that the prison system is repairable.

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TOO COMPLEX. TOO SCARY. TOO MANY.

In nine years, 48 people have died and more than 86 have been wounded in a seemingly unending epidemic of school violence.

Timeline source: (www.cnn.com)

May 1, 1992

Eric Houston, 20, kills four people and wounds 10 in an armed siege at his former high school in Olivehurst, Calif. Prosecutors said the attack was in retribution for a failing grade. Houston was convicted and was sentenced to death.

Jan. 18, 1993

Scott Pennington, 17, walked into Deanna McDavid's seventh-period English class at East Carter High School in Grayson, Ky., and shot her in the head. He then shot janitor Marvin Hicks in the abdomen. Pennington was sentenced to life without parole for 25 years.

Feb. 2, 1996

Barry Loukaitis, 14, turns an assault rifle on his algebra class, killing two classmates and a teacher, in Moses Lake, Wash. He was sentenced to two mandatory life terms for the attack at Frontier Junior High School.

Oct. 1, 1997

Luke Woodham, a 16-year-old in Pearl, Miss., is accused of killing his mother, then going to school and shooting nine students. Two of them died, including the boy's ex-girlfriend. Woodham is now serving three life sentences.

Dec. 1, 1997

Michael Carneal, 14, opens fire on a student prayer circle in a hallway at Heath High School in West Paducah, Ky. Three students are killed and five others wounded. He was sentenced to life in prison for murder after pleading guilty by insanity.

Dec. 1, 1997

Two boys, Mitchell Johnson and Andrew Golden, open fire with rifles on classmates and teachers when they come out during a false fire alarm at the Westside Middle School in Jonesboro, Ark. Four girls and a teacher were killed and 10 people were wounded. Both boys are later convicted of murder and can be held until age 21.

April 24, 1998

Andrew Wurst, 15, an eighth-grader at J.W. Parker Middle School in Edinboro, Pa., opens fire at a school dance, killing a teacher and wounding two students. He pleads guilty to third-degree murder and other charges and is sentenced to 30 to 60 years in prison.

May 19, 1998

Three days before his graduation from Lincoln County High School in Fayetteville, Tenn., 18-year-old honor student Jacob Davis pulls a gun in the school parking lot and fatally shoots 18-year-old classmate Nick Creson. The killing was apparently sparked by an argument over a girl. Davis was sentenced to life in prison.

May 21, 1998

A day after being expelled for bringing a gun to school, Kip Kinkel, 17, opens fire with a semi-automatic rifle in a high school cafeteria in Springfield, Or., killing two students and wounding 22 others. The teen-ager's parents are later found shot to death in their home. Kinkel was later sentenced to nearly 112 years in prison.

Feb. 19, 1999

Evan Ramsey, 16, opens fire with a shotgun in a common area at the Bethel, Alaska, high school. School principal Ron Edwards and classmate Josh Palacios are killed. Two other students are wounded. Authorities later accuse two other students of knowing the shootings would take place. Ramsey was sentenced to two 99-year terms.

April 20, 1999

In America's worst instance of school violence yet, two teen-agers, Dylan Klebold and Eric Harris of Littleton, Colo., open fire on classmates and teachers in their suburban Denver school, killing 15 people including themselves. The shooters were apparently members of a small group at the school known as the "Trench Coat Mafia."

Area parents, educators search for answers

By Jaime Walker
SENIOR NEWS EDITOR

When Wes Beck heard the news that another San Diego high school student was accused of opening fire on his classmates last week, he said he couldn't help but feel a sense of dread. As the assistant principal of discipline at Stephenville High School, Beck makes his living by helping high school students cope with the pressures of being an adolescent. But he spends sleepless nights worrying about how he might handle a shooting at his school.

"This kind of thing scares me to death because

I know these kinds of incidents can happen anywhere," he said. "With each one that happens, it becomes more and more apparent that (school violence) is not just something that happens in the cities, in the suburbs or in California — it reaches us everywhere. It has an impact everywhere."

Two weeks after the shooting, Charles "Andy" Williams, 15, stands accused of killing two people and wounding 13 others at Santana High School in Santee, Calif., and 18-year-old Jason Hoffman is ac-

cused of wounding five people at his high school, just six miles down the road in El Cajon, Calif. Both incidents come almost two years after teen-agers Dylan Klebold and Eric Harris opened fire on their classmates and teachers, killing 15 people including themselves at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo.

And the attacks have left people across Texas and the nation searching for ways to stop the violence.

"I don't have

the answers," Beck said. "If I knew what to do about all of this, I would be traveling the lecture circuit. But the truth of the matter is that this (problem) is just too big to solve, too complex to understand and too scary to even want to really tackle the way we need to as a nation."

Haunting memories

McKinney is a long way from Littleton, Colo., but when Suzanne Hartnell prepares her three children, ages 6, 10 and 12, for school in the mornings, it's sometimes hard not think about the similarities the suburbs share.

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March 22, 2001

Police say 18-year-old Jason Hoffman shot at the vice principal at Granite Hills High School in El Cajon, Calif. This is only a few miles from Santana High School. Hoffman missed the school official, but shotgun blasts wounded three students and two teachers before the gunman was hit twice by a policeman posted at the school, authorities said.

March 5, 2001

According to police, a 15-year-old student killed two classmates and wounded another 13 people during a shooting spree at Santana High School in Santee, Calif., about 10 miles northeast of San Diego. Charles Andy Williams, a freshman, is set to be charged as an adult on charges of murder, assault and weapons. Three friends and at least one adult said they had heard Williams threatening to shoot someone at the school in the days before the attack but said the boy told them he was joking.

Jan. 10, 2000

Richard Lopez, a 17-year-old student at Hueneme High School in Oxnard, Calif., takes another student hostage. Police fatally shoot Lopez. No one else is injured.

May 26, 2000

Nathaniel Brazill, a 13-year-old honor student at Lake Worth Middle School in Florida's Palm Beach County allegedly fatally shoots his English teacher. He was charged with first-degree murder.

Feb. 29, 2000

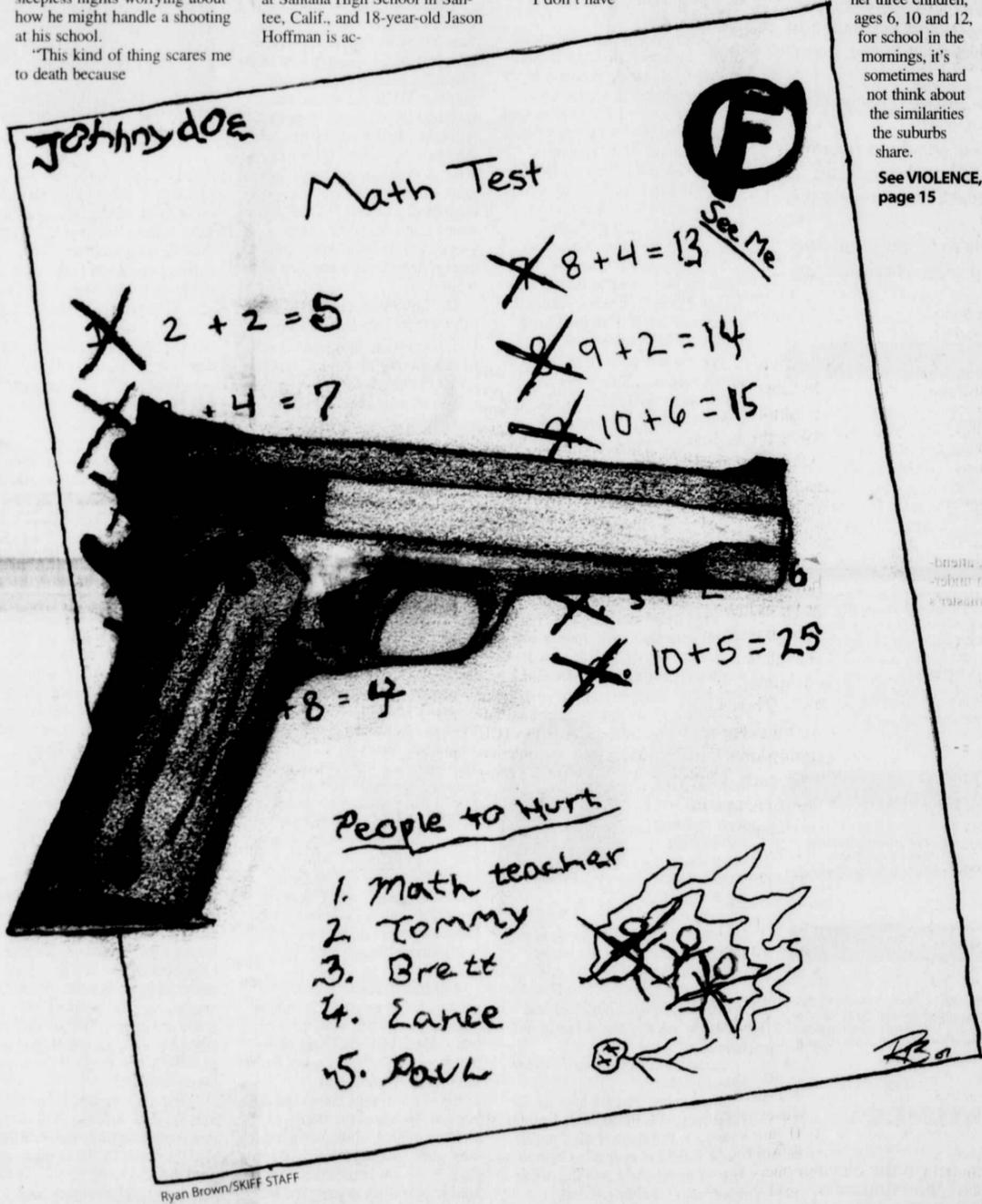
A 6-year-old boy of Mount Morris Township, Mich., brings a handgun to Buell Elementary School where, police say, he fatally shoots fellow first-grader Kayla Rolland. The boy is too young to be charged, but a 19-year-old man was sentenced to two to 15 years in prison for allowing the boy access to the gun in the house where the youngster lived. The boy's uncle pleaded guilty to possessing the stolen gun.

Dec. 6, 1999

Seth Trickey, 13, opens fire with a 9-mm semiautomatic pistol outside Fort Gibson Middle School in Fort Gibson, Okla. Five of his classmates were wounded. Trickey is convicted on seven assault charges but will not remain in jail past age 19.

Nov. 19, 1999

A 12-year-old student at Deming Middle School in Deming, N.M., shoots a 12-year-old classmate in the head. She dies the next day. The boy later pleads guilty and is sentenced to two to eight years in a juvenile prison.



Violence not an issue on campus, some students say

By Kelly Marino
STAFF REPORTER

After experiencing the inner-city atmosphere of R.L. Paschal Senior High School, Sarah Hoban, a freshman premajor, said TCU has allowed her to feel much safer while attending school.

"There was a lot of gang violence where I went to high school," Hoban said. "I feel much safer at TCU because we have actual campus police and a lot of discipline."

In the wake of two recent school shootings in California, the concern over school violence has resurfaced. Some TCU students, like Matt Turner, a freshman premajor, said they feel safe at TCU because of the size.

"I really felt safe at both Boerne High School and here at TCU," Turner said. "I chose to come to TCU because of the size of the college and because they had a good program for business majors."

Greg Hoch, a counselor at Paschal who helps students choose a college, said, for most students, violence wasn't an issue when deciding what school to attend.

"I don't think students worry much about violence when deciding where to go," Hoch said. "Most of the decisions are based on educational issues, and I think in private colleges there is more stability because of the size of the classes."

Raymond Brown, dean of admissions, said he is a strong advocate of higher learning and said students can receive that education in a small, private college.

"This year we had 5,700 freshmen apply to TCU, but we don't want to enroll more than 1,500," Brown said. "We are a university that does not want to grow."

Jim Henley, sociologist and assistant professor of sociology, said there are a lot of factors that can shape

a student's opinion of what a good college is. There are probably some students who do take violence into consideration but it would surprise him if that was the main concern, he said.

"Violence is probably a concern to some degree, but attending a private college is probably also a security issue for the students themselves," Henley said.

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Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium	Paschal	Bowie	(Open)	Martin	Mesquite	Fossil Ridge	Rawlette	Newman-Smith	Lake Highlands	Plano	Plano East	R.L. Turner	Rockwall	(Open)	(Open)
Saturday, March 31	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30	5:00
PepsiCo Recital Hall	Bowie	Clark	Martin	Fossil Ridge	Newman-Smith	Lake Highlands	Shepton	Brewer	Waller	Northwest	Mineral Wells	Carroll	Lake Dallas	Carroll	Castleberry

slept through the '60s



Curt Wilson, director of jazz studies, holds the album "Transforming Traditions" by the Trumpets. The album, for which Wilson arranged a piece, was nominated for a Grammy in 1986.

Wilson treasures value of jazz music for decades

By Brandon Ortiz
SKIFF STAFF

Back when the Beatles were in, the Rolling Stones were all the rage and Bob Dylan was telling it like it was, Curt Wilson wasn't listening.

He was sleeping. "My wife says I slept through the '60s musically," said Wilson, the director of jazz studies and professor of music. "I was not into the music that was popular then. At the time I was listening to jazz or classical music. That was the only kind of music I bought and certainly the only thing I listened to on the radio."

While society's taste in music has changed since then, Wilson's hasn't.

Wilson is in his 25th year as a faculty member at TCU. He has been at TCU for 32 of the last 42 years, attending the university from 1959 to 1966 to earn an undergraduate degree in music education and a master's degree in theory composition.

Wilson said he is still as passionate about jazz today as he was back then.

He said he was turned onto jazz at an early age. Although Wilson began taking clarinet when he was in fourth grade, the Fort Worth native wasn't into jazz until he saw a junior high dixieland jazz band play. He has been into jazz ever since.

TCU Jazz honors

- 1979** 22-day concert tour of the Soviet Union and Poland
- 1984** New York City area tour
- 1987** performance at the American Trade Fair in Tokyo, Japan
- 1991** performances at the Vienna, Austria and Montreux, Switzerland jazz festivals
- 1993** Best Performance Award by Down Beat Magazine
- 1995** featured on Best of College Jazz CD produced by Sony Corporation
- 1999** Top 50 U.S. Collegiate Jazz programs by Down Beat Magazine
- 2000** performances at the Vienna, Austria and Montreux, Switzerland jazz festivals

Wilson said, but something was missing. Wilson eventually left the group to teach at Valley City State College in Valley City, N.D.

"I don't know if anything turned me onto the teaching so much as it was a way for me to stay involved in music," Wilson said. "After two straight years of nothing but performing, I knew I didn't want that to be my sole source of existence. I sure did get tired of riding a bus."

Wilson left Valley City to become director of bands at Ashland College in Ashland, Ohio. After four years of snow and cold, Wilson came back to TCU.

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Jazzin' it up

TCU Jazz Festival marks 24 years of high school music competition

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Whether you're "In the Mood" to "Jump, Jive and Wail" or enjoy a "Moonlight Serenade," TCU Jazz Studies Director Curt Wilson has an offer no jazz lover could resist.

About 500 high school students from 21 high schools will compete in the 24th annual TCU Jazz Festival Saturday in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium and PepsiCo Recital Hall. The first ensembles start at 9 a.m.

"It's free wall-to-wall music," Wilson said. "There are 500 of the best players in Texas on this campus all in one day."

Festival Facts

- Since its beginning in 1978, the festival has brought more than 14,000 high school musicians to campus.
- Ensembles have come from as far as Iowa, Tennessee and Hawaii to compete.
- TCU hosts a different professional jazz artist each year for the evening concert. Legends like Maynard Ferguson and Count Basie have jammed in Ed Landreth Hall.
- This year, 27 ensembles from 21 high schools will compete.

Keeping with the festival's tradition, the two TCU Big Band ensembles and the Purple, White and Blues vocal jazz ensemble will perform at 7:30 p.m. in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium. General admission is \$10 and admission with a TCU ID is \$5. The awards ceremony for the festival will follow.

"This day is a chance for us to bring the best high school jazz ensembles in the state of Texas and beyond to perform in front of professional adjudicators, hear the TCU groups and an internationally-known guest artist."

Trumpeter Conte Candoli, best known to the public as a member of Johnny Carson's Tonight Show band, will join the TCU jazz ensembles for several pieces at the evening concert. Candoli is considered a contemporary legend among musicians, Wilson said.

"He's listed in our jazz history textbook," he said. "It's pretty neat to have someone like that here."

Wilson stumbled across Candoli while the TCU jazz ensemble was traveling through Vienna, Austria last summer. After one of their performances was rained out, the TCU musicians stopped at a jazz club featuring Candoli and the Vienna Jazz Orchestra. Wilson hired Candoli on the spot to be a guest at this year's festival.

"He is a legend," Wilson said. "He's been at it for half a century."

Along with the high profiles of its annual guests, the festival is credited by area band directors as one of the best competitions in the state in terms of judging and the quality of competing bands.

"It has a big reputation in the state of Texas as a respectable jazz festival," said R. L. Paschal Senior High School band director Brian Standridge. "The guest artists have always been fantastic players. The kids just love them."



TCU trumpets Wes Zercher, Eric Rodgers and Anne Daleiden wah-wah through rehearsal Wednesday as they prepare for their performance Saturday at the 24th annual TCU Jazz Festival.

"Some directors are intimidated to bring their groups because there are such outstanding players (competing) at the festival," he said. "Improvisation is what makes jazz unique, and the festival is known for weighing improvisation heavily into their judging."

Last year, Standridge's ensemble garnered the Outstanding Band Award in the 5A division.

"This festival always has good judges, and for us, the location is real close," he said.

Alstrin said his experience as a TCU jazz student was a major factor in deciding to bring his

groups here, noting that the festival doubled in size during his five years at the university.

"This was the pinnacle of our jazz ensemble's semester," he said. "I'm trying to give them as much info as I can about TCU so they can become familiar with their environment."

He also said listening to professionals, like Candoli, perform is the best way for his students to learn jazz.

"Half of the reason for going is to listen to the guest artist," he said.

Looking back on the festival's 24 years, Wilson said he could only see the festival continually moving in a positive direction.

"I just hope the festival continues," he said. "Maybe someday with more facilities we can get larger. I would like to envision maybe even a corporate sponsorship someday."

Tickets for the evening concert may be purchased at the door. Wilson said the money raised will cover the overhead costs of the festival and help fund the jazz ensemble's trip to Hawaii this summer.

2001 Festival Adjudicators

- Joey Carter, percussionist
- Bill Collins, trumpeter
- Cal Lewiston, trumpeter
- Jim Riggs, saxophonist
- Jon Stone, saxophonist
- Marion "Moe" Trout, trumpeter

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TCU Jazz Ensembles with guest trumpeter, Conte Candoli • 7:30 p.m. Saturday
Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium • \$10 General admission, \$5 with TCU ID

With live recordings, "Road Toads" surpasses expectations

I have to say, right off, that "Road Toads" by the TCU Jazz Ensemble had a lot to live up to in my mind — and in my stereo. I had to remove Miles Davis' "Sketches of Spain" to make room for it in my compact disc changer. That's probably just what they need to hear, right? But to paraphrase the immortal words of Triumph the Insult Comic Dog, I need, I need.

"Road Toads" never missed a beat, instantly and effortlessly finding a welcome groove. The disc mixes studio sessions, a performance at Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium and two live recordings in Budapest, Hungary and Montreux, Switzerland (the opening introductions are performed in French, which is a nice touch).

"Road Toads" is fun and also frighten-

ingly accomplished. It's no wonder the ensemble gets invited out of the cozy confines of Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium every once in awhile; They have some major chops and don't hesitate to show them off.

Any jazz recording that not only opens with a performance of Duke Ellington's "Take the A-Train," but a terrific performance of it at that, can't be easily dismissed. The crowd at the Montreux Jazz Festival even sees fit to give the outfit a rousing ovation for its efforts.

The next 15 numbers follow the same swing territory of the opening track. Everything from the familiar, zippy classics like "In the Mood," "Decoupage" and "Jump, Jive and Wail" to contemplative, mood-setting numbers like "Polka Dots and Moon Beams"

and "I'll Be Seeing You" get some very pristine treatment courtesy of our jazz band.

The only complaint I have is that the studio recordings lack the spontaneity of

the live spots, especially the ones recorded in a raucous and very appreciative Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium. But hey, everything's better live anyway, right? I don't pretend to know all that much about jazz, but I'm willing to bet that neither do most of the folks that cram the Student Center Lounge to see this bunch. So for anyone who's ever been late to class because they were taking in one of the TCU Jazz Ensemble's all-too-infrequent lunchtime performances, I entreat to you to lay your mitts on a copy of "Road Toads."

And show up to class on time for once.

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"The two make a better package in terms of what a great university looks like," he said. "When you talk about universities on the next level, they all have law schools. It enhances the overall view of the school and quality of the institution."

Mike Sacken, a professor of education, has doubts about whether a law school will have any impact on the undergraduate experience at TCU. He said he thinks the university would be more successful if it focused its energies and investments on improving undergraduate programming and the existing graduate programs.

"I can see how a law school can develop relationships with other schools and departments, but I do not see any benefit for my education students or any undergraduate students here," he said. "In my experience, law schools isolate themselves — they have their own libraries, their own classroom buildings and their own expensive faculty. I don't see how that's going to impact any of us here except for costing us money."

Carolyn Barton, a sophomore English and political science major, said that even if TCU acquired Texas Wesleyan's law school, she probably wouldn't go there.

"If TCU bought (Texas) Wesleyan I still probably wouldn't be interested," said Barton, who plans to attend law school. "I think it would take a few years for it to be 'TCU level' and that won't happen while I'm here."

MARKETING

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non-majors a semester in our courses. Growth has occurred so quickly that more than half of our undergraduate classes are taught by adjuncts. We're stretched so thin that we're beyond the limits recommended by our accrediting agency on three of seven basic measures."

Thomason said he sympathizes with the shortage in faculty that the business school is facing because the journalism department is in a similar situation.

"The way the university has asked us to address this is by managing enrollment, which means to make do with what you have instead of expanding faculty and offerings," Thomason said.

Williams said the changes are estimated to reduce students in upper division classes by 10 percent.

Kimberly See, coordinator of the Neeley Student Resource Center, said a few students have come and voiced their concern over the changes. See said students have also been double-checking their major and minor declarations.

"We're seeing both positive and negative (responses) to the change," See said. "In the long run, it's a good move to give business students first priority to complete their degrees."

See said students should make necessary changes before enrollment begins and before they are shut out of upper division courses.

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suffering," she said. "I just want to see people open their eyes. If we can just educate a few people about this — enough to inspire them to do something about it."

The awareness campaign activities include various speakers and an informational video about the SOA. Margaret Birdleough from the Syracuse Peace Council will speak at noon Monday in the Student Center lounge. Birdleough, a nonviolent action trainer, will also hold nonviolent action training on Saturday at

1p.m. in the Student Center lounge.

Williams said fasting is a way she can empathize with people who are suffering in Latin America and be more aware of what they are going through.

Williams said she thinks it is hypocritical of the U.S. government to sponsor the school.

"As Americans we advocate democracy for our own government, yet the SOA trains Latin Americans to undermine democracy in those countries," Williams said.

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Bush gets global warning

President backs out of agreement to reduce warming

By Paul Geitner

ASSOCIATED PRESS

BRUSSELS, Belgium — European officials warned President George W. Bush on Thursday that U.S. relations with the rest of the world could suffer if he sticks by a decision to pull out of an agreement on reducing global warming.

"This isn't some marginal environmental issue that can be ignored or played down," European Union Environment Commissioner Margot Wallstrom said at a news conference. "It has to do with trade and economics."

Bush administration officials announced Wednesday that they would not implement the 1997 Kyoto Protocol, under which countries agreed to legally binding targets for curbing heat-trapping "greenhouse" gases, which are mainly carbon dioxide from burning fossil fuels. The move reversed a position Bush took during last year's presidential campaign.

While stressing it was too soon to discuss "tactics to punish the United States," Wallstrom said she will go to Washington next week with an EU delegation to seek clarification of the Bush administration's position.

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and can go onto Add Ran College of Humanities and Social Sciences."

The registrar's office will soon be adding another feature to FrogNet which is designed to check a student's record for prerequisites before allowing registration for a course. Prerequisite-checking software on FrogNet disallows the student

electronically to sign up for courses if the student has not taken the correct sequenced courses previously, Miller said.

"We're still installing the program," he said. "It's a slow process because it is so tedious."

Once completed, the added features should ease stress and worry for students during the enrollment process, he said.

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German protests slow nuclear waste arrival

By Stephen Graham

ASSOCIATED PRESS

GORLEBEN, Germany — Under heavy police guard, a nuclear waste shipment reached its final storage site Thursday after a tumultuous trip across Germany that ignited protests and revived the nation's anti-nuclear movement.

Dozens were injured and protest leaders said 1,500 anti-nuclear demonstrators were detained as the train struggled from France through the heaths of northern Germany to the Gorleben dump. It was delayed for 18 hours at one point after demonstrators chained themselves to the tracks.

More than 8,000 police kept protesters at bay as trucks hauled the six containers from a rail depot through a forest on the final 12-mile stretch of its journey. The last leg of the trip passed without major incident.

Preceded by armored vehicles and water cannons, the convoy apparently caught exhausted protesters off guard by taking a different route from the last transport in 1997. Helmeted police ran alongside.

Germany's anti-nuclear movement, now well into its second generation of protest, nonetheless celebrated the revival of their campaign to drive up the costs of nuclear waste transport and force a quicker closure of German nuclear plants. They also vowed to disrupt future shipments.

"We are here and nobody can overlook us," one of the protest leaders, Wolfgang Ehmke, told a windup rally. "This was not the end, this is just the beginning."

The train set off Monday from near a French reprocessing plant for spent nuclear fuel. Protests were sporadic along the 375-mile trip through Germany until the train reached the Gorleben area, where hundreds of militants clashed with police for two nights running.

On Thursday morning, about 200 protesters jeered and shouted in the freezing rain as the trucks swung into the fenced-off dump compound. Some held up a yellow banner reading "Stop atomic waste transports."

Police were surprised that the last

stretch went smoothly. "Our forces were well-rested and did their job well, but the militants were tired out," police spokesman Holger Winkelmann said.

A tractor blockade and an attempted sit-down protest by up to 300 demonstrators in Laase, just short of Gorleben, were cleared before they could disrupt the convoy, police said.

Area residents who have fought the dump for years voiced anger about the tough police methods, but also drew strength from the revival of protests that were dormant since the last shipment.

"The way they push this through has little to do with democracy," said Brunhilde Butof, who had come from nearby Lueneburg to join the protests.

"Many people here define themselves through this experience," said housewife Gabi Blonski, 47, said of the local resistance. "I have three daughters, and they are growing directly into this."

On a muddy field in Dannenberg, site of the rail terminal where the train arrived Wednesday, young protesters packed blankets and sleeping bags into vans and cars before leaving town. Some were already looking ahead to the next time.

"The fact that we held up the containers for so long will encourage those who thought, why bother?" said student Markus Bogalski from Bremen, 120 miles to the west.

Two nuclear waste shipments a year to Gorleben are scheduled under a German-French accord last January to resume transports after a three-year break, imposed by the previous German government because radioactive leakage was discovered on some containers.

Germany sends spent nuclear fuel from its power plants to France for reprocessing under contracts that oblige it to take back the waste.

German Interior Minister Otto Schily warned protesters who blocked the shipment or caused damage that they risked criminal charges.

But as activists met at a Gorleben restaurant to review their struggle after the transport, they shouted: "Encore, encore."

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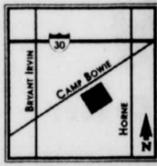
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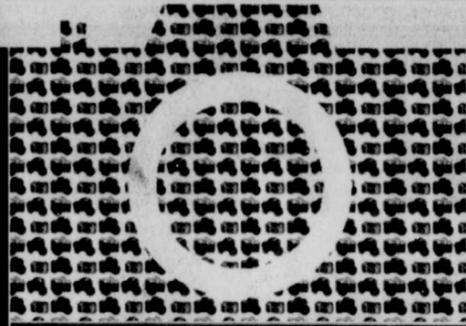
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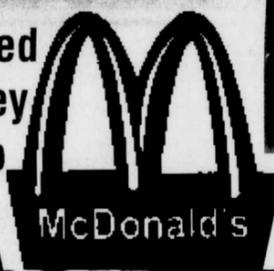
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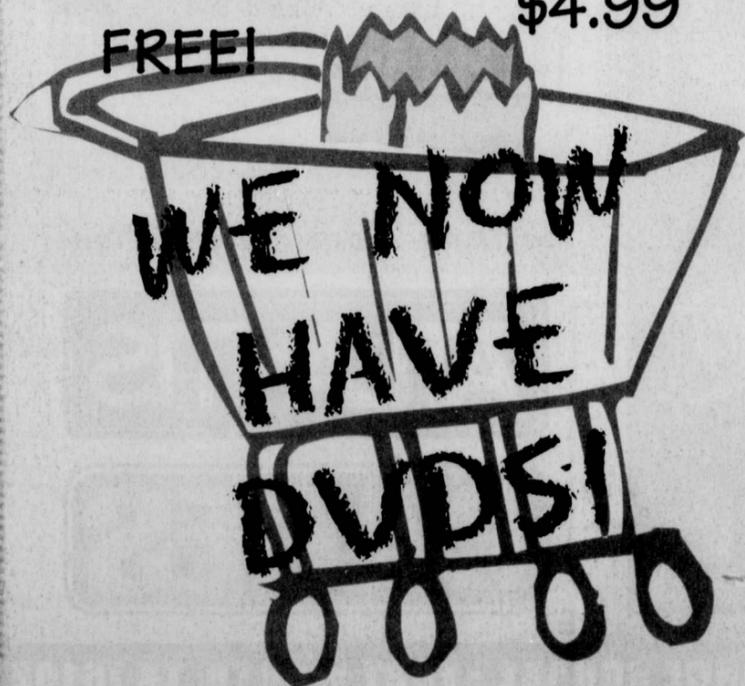
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The Muslim Student Association began in the fall with the purpose of helping Muslim students from abroad adjust to life in America, said Awais Mazhar, a senior computer science major and president of MSA.

"The organization could help (international students) find a Mosque, keep up with activities and understand the culture," Mazhar said. "As far as helping international students, it's great. It really helps out."

Mazhar said the group attends dinner at a Mosque on the first Friday of every month and travels together to various activities at the Mosque.

Matthes said being involved with the Wesley Foundation allows her to feel comfortable and not worry about being judged. For her, the Wesley offers a feeling of belonging that she doesn't find elsewhere, she said.

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Anti-abortion fugitive found in France

By Carolyn Thompson
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BUFFALO, N.Y. — The man wanted in the 1998 slaying of a Buffalo abortion doctor who was cut down by a sniper's bullet in his kitchen was captured in France on Thursday.

James Kopp, a 46-year-old man known as the "Atomic Dog" in anti-abortion circles, became one of the FBI's most wanted fugitives after the slaying of Dr. Barnett Slepian. Kopp is also wanted by Canadian authorities for allegedly wounding an abortion doctor there in 1995.

FBI Agent Joel Mercer said Kopp was arrested outside a post office in the northwestern French community of Dinan, where he had gone to pick up a package from New York containing \$300. He had arrived from Ireland less than three weeks earlier.

Two people described as anti-

abortion activists were also arrested Thursday for allegedly plotting to hide Kopp in New York City. One of them was previously convicted of bombing a New York abortion clinic.

"I felt greatly relieved because I think this area cries for justice. And, quite frankly, I let out a little 'Whoopie!' too," said Erie County District Attorney Frank J. Clark.

One of the federal charges Kopp faces carries a potential death penalty. He also faces state charges, including murder. U.S. Attorney Denise O'Donnell said no decision has been made on whether Kopp will be tried first in state or federal court.

Slepian, 52, an obstetrician who also performed abortions, had just returned from synagogue and was heating soup in his suburban Amherst home in October 1998 when he was killed by a rifle shot

that came through a window.

Kopp, who is from St. Albans, Vt., became the subject of an international manhunt a month later.

He had used at least 28 aliases and been arrested in more than two dozen places in the United States and Italy for protesting abortion. He was last seen Nov. 3, 1998, the day before authorities issued a warrant in the Slepian shooting in hopes of questioning him.

A month later, Kopp's car was found abandoned at the Newark, N.J., airport. Authorities have said it was seen in Slepian's neighborhood in the weeks before the shooting.

Law enforcement sources have also said that Kopp has been linked, through DNA testing, to a strand of hair found near where the sniper fired. A scope-equipped rifle found buried near the Slepian home provided what authorities

called a major breakthrough.

Kopp had been in Ireland for about a year, living in hotels and doing clerical work, FBI agents in Buffalo said. He left the country March 12 as Irish police were closing in.

"It was getting a little warm in Ireland," said Hardrich Crawford Jr., the FBI's agent in charge.

Kopp was arrested in Dinan, a town in the Brittany region in northwestern France. Police followed him for several days before apprehending him.

In Washington, FBI Director Louis Freeh said Kopp had tried to elude capture by using public telephones and anonymous e-mail messages.

"Going back several weeks, we had some very strong leads," Freeh said, when asked how long the FBI knew Kopp was in France. "Our investigation determined that he was about to leave France.

Had he left, it would have further complicated" the investigation.

Freeh said Kopp's extradition from France would be a long process.

"We have extradited many people back from France including people who were originally charged in capital cases," he said.

Marilynn Buckham, director of Buffalo GYN Womenservices, the clinic where Slepian practiced, said the arrest will provide some relief for the staff and Slepian's family, calling him "our doctor and our friend and our colleague."

Canadian authorities issued an arrest warrant for Kopp last year in the attempted murder of Dr. Hugh Short, an abortion doctor shot at his home in Ancaster, Ontario, in 1995.

Police also want to talk to Kopp about the shootings of a doctor in Vancouver in 1994 and another doctor in Winnipeg in 1997.

SOUND OF MUSIC



David Dunai/SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Harold Martina, a professor of music, practices piano pieces in Ed Landreth Hall. He has a recital April 23 at PepsiCo Recital Hall.

Victims read book, critique McVeigh

By Thomas Mullen
ASSOCIATED PRESS

OKLAHOMA CITY — Kathleen Treanor said she felt sick to her stomach after reading excerpts from a new book about Timothy McVeigh and the Oklahoma City bombing.

"Thank you for making him a martyr," she said Thursday, mockingly addressing its authors.

Treanor lost her 4-year-old daughter Ashley Eckles and her husband's parents in the April 19, 1995, bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building, which killed 168 people including 19 children.

The book, "American Terrorist: Timothy McVeigh and the Okla-

homa City Bombing," represents the first time McVeigh has explicitly and publicly admitted the crime. In the book, McVeigh, who is awaiting execution May 16, says he had no sympathy for those affected by the bombing and dismisses the children who died as "collateral damage."

"This book just negates the whole purpose behind executing him," Treanor said. "It gave him the forum he was looking for."

She also criticized the publisher and the authors, Buffalo News reporters Lou Michel and Dan Herbeck.

She said after she read some of the excerpts Wednesday night, she spent all night pacing and

"figuring out how I could stop this" book. She urged people not to buy it.

"Every person who buys this book is an accomplice to murder and has validated what he stands for. The only reason to purchase that book is to take time out to burn it," she said.

In an episode of ABC's "PrimeTime" airing Thursday night, Michel was asked if McVeigh was using the authors to advance his own agenda.

"If we hadn't spoken with Timothy McVeigh," Michel said, "if he had taken his secrets to the grave, it would have left a gaping hole in the American consciousness, you know, not unlike the

Kennedy assassination."

Michel and Herbeck were not available for interviews, said a spokeswoman at the book's publisher, Regan Books, a division of HarperCollins Publishers.

In a statement Thursday, Regan Books said the book, which was based on 75 hours of prison interviews with McVeigh, was newsworthy and deserved to be published. The publisher said the book's release date was set last fall, months before McVeigh's execution date was scheduled in January.

Tom Kight, whose stepdaughter Frankie Merrell died in the bombing, said he is friends with its authors and believes they meant well.

San Antonio police hit with drug charges

ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN ANTONIO — Two San Antonio police officers quit their jobs and two others were suspended without pay Wednesday following their arrests along with five police officers on federal drug charges.

Police Chief Al Philippus was working Wednesday to get rid of four others, including two who have been denied bond, according to the *San Antonio Express-News*' Thursday editions.

The resignations and suspensions came just hours before an undercover FBI videotape apparently showing police officers

laughing and flashing their guns and sharing cash from drug deals was aired on local television news stations.

The FBI says the video shows San Antonio police officers protecting loads of fake cocaine being sold by a midlevel drug dealer who really was an FBI agent.

Philippus declined to discuss the suspensions, but publicly condemned the actions the federal authorities have attributed to accused officers.

The FBI last Thursday arrested San Antonio police officers Sgt. Conrad Fragozo Jr., Patrick Bowron, Peter Saenz, Arthur Gutierrez Jr., Lawrence Bustos,

Manuel Cedillo Jr., Alfred Valdes and David Anthony Morales.

Gutierrez and Saenz resigned. Bustos and Cedillo were suspended.

Valdes is also expected to be suspended, the newspaper said.

Also charged in the FBI's sting were Bexar County Sheriff's Deputy Richard Rowlett Buchanan; former Bexar County Reserve Deputy Constable Gilbert Andrade Jr.; and civilians Edward Fragozo, the uncle of Fragozo, and Albert Mata.

"They were very somber," Philippus said after meeting with Bustos and Cedillo. "Some come in here with their young wives,

and you can see it in their faces that their family are the true victims here."

The chief said he was consulting with the department's legal office to determine how to serve the same kinds of suspensions on the other three officers.

More than 3,000 state criminal cases ranging from drunken driving to narcotics trafficking could be in jeopardy because they involve at least one of eight law enforcement officers.

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Baseball team to face Rice in weekend series

Battle with Owls for respect, first place in WAC

By Brandon Ortiz
SKIFF STAFF

For senior pitcher Chris Bradshaw, the TCU baseball team's series this weekend against Rice is more than just a battle for first place.

It is a test. "It is a real big test for us," he said. "Everyone is pumped. We have been doubted by everyone. We are going to prove we can play with them."

The Horned Frogs (20-9, 11-2 Western Athletic Conference) will play game one of a three-game series against WAC leader Rice (25-6, 14-1 WAC) at 2:35 p.m. today at the TCU Diamond. Rice is ranked No. 2 in the nation by *Baseball America* and has won 11 straight WAC series.

Head baseball coach Lance Brown said he is not sure how the Horned Frogs would fair against the Owls.

"We haven't been able to work out," Brown said.

Players were more optimistic.

Sophomore first baseman Walter Olmstead said the Frogs can win the series if the team plays well.

"We are going to approach it like any other game," Olmstead said. "It is going to be a matter of who wants it."

It is also going to be a matter of who can score runs.

Rice has a team ERA of 2.75. The Owls are likely to start right handers Kenny Baugh (6-1, 1.42 ERA), Jon Skaggs (5-0, 2.38 ERA) and ei-

ther Jonathan Gonzalez (3-1, 3.05 ERA) or Jeff Nichols (2-1, 3.93).

The Frogs will counter with Bradshaw (6-1, 2.54 ERA), junior Justin Crowder (4-2, 2.94) and either seniors Chad Durham (2-1, 4.50) or David Tombrella (4-1, 3.62).

Brown said the Frogs can't worry about hitting and need to worry about things they have more control over — good base running, defense, bunting and fundamentals.

"That is what you can control," Brown said. "You can't control hitting. I think when you are off a long time, your timing is off."

Brown said the Frogs may try to steal more often if the opportunity is right.

"We will try to get a run at a time," Brown said. "We will do what ever we can do to get a run."

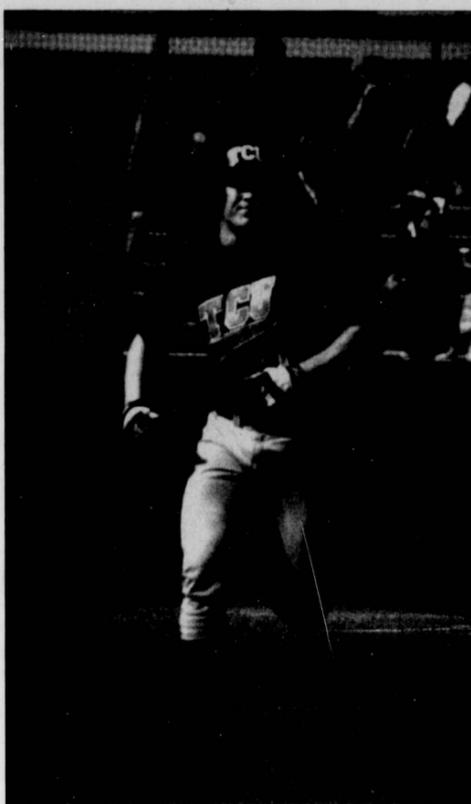
Olmstead said the Frogs need to continue to do what they have been doing during their current seven-game winning streak — pitch well, play solid defense, move runners over and get timely hitting.

"We have been bunting the ball well, and our team defense has been good," he said. "We need to continue that."

And if the Frogs do that, they will pass this weekend's test.

"For us to play well, it will give everyone the realization that we are serious," Olmstead said.

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File Photo
Senior designated hitter Cade Harris sprints to first base in a game this season at the TCU Diamond. The Horned Frog baseball team opens three-game series today at 2:35 p.m. at home against Rice. The series is a battle for first place in the Western Athletic Conference.

Schedule has Knight back at IU in 2002

By Michael Marot
ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — Bob Knight could be back in Bloomington in late 2002 — if Indiana and Texas Tech keep their date to play at Assembly Hall.

Indiana athletic director Clarence Doninger, who signed the deal in 1999, said he expects the game to be played although no date has been set.

"I don't know why it wouldn't be," Doninger said. "It's scheduled and I don't know any reason why you wouldn't play it."

Knight led the Hoosiers to 661 wins and three national championships during his 29-year tenure as Indiana coach before being fired Sept. 10 for violating the university's zero-tolerance behavior policy after he grabbed the arm of a freshman student.

Knight accepted the job at Texas Tech last week.

Doninger once was Knight's attorney, but the two became embroiled in a rift that went public last spring when Knight was under a university investigation into allegations that he choked a former player.

Since the firing, Knight has been an outspoken critic of Doninger, who is retiring in June after 10 years as Indiana's athletic director.

Texas Tech agreed to a two-for-one deal in which the Hoosiers visited Lubbock, for the opening of the United Spirit Arena in 1999.

Texas Tech traveled to Bloomington last season for the Indiana Classic. The final game of the deal is scheduled for late 2002 and would put Knight on the visitors bench at Assembly Hall.

"It would be interesting," Doninger said. "But that's a long way off."

TURMOILS & TENNIS

Aburto finds happiness despite pressure, many sacrifices

By Natasha Terc
SKIFF STAFF

Born and raised in Xalapa, Mexico, Paty Aburto did normal girl things: ballet, piano and swimming lessons.

Now the No. 2 player on the TCU women's tennis team, the freshman marketing major said she cannot imagine her life without tennis despite what she had to give up to get to TCU.

"I believe in destiny," Aburto said. "And I know it was my destiny to play tennis at TCU."

While in high school, Aburto never thought about attending TCU, and the university never thought about recruiting her. She had planned for two years to go to the University of Mississippi until poor test scores on the international entrance exam shattered her hopes.

"I had a projection of my future at the University of Mississippi, and I was crying after the coach told me I didn't make it," she said. "It wasn't 15 minutes later when a TCU coach called me and said they wanted to give me another shot at the test."

Head women's tennis coach Roland Ingram relied solely on a friend's advice to offer Aburto a scholarship.

"I remember telling my assistant I just didn't think Aburto could speak English well enough," Ingram said. "When she was accepted to TCU, I didn't know what kind of player I had, only that we'd have to work really hard on her. The professors at TCU deserve much of the credit for helping international students adjust to university life. No one ever talks about their professors at TCU, but I know that 99 percent of them will look after their students and will help them in any way they can."

"These professors have turned marginal students into Dean's scholars, and I knew that I just needed to get her here." Ingram said the more Aburto played the

better she got.

On March 18, Aburto was honored by the Western Athletic Conference as its player of the week.

"To say she has exceeded my expectations is a gross understatement," Ingram said. "In my 19 years as coach, I've had very few players who could play at the No. 2 spot and have the record she does. She is exceptional."

Aburto took up tennis when she was 8-years old, following in the footsteps of her older brother, who began playing one year earlier as a hobby.

"I loved it so much that I dropped all my other activities, so I could focus on tennis," Aburto said. "My parents couldn't believe it, because they were used to me doing typical girl activities."

Aburto, her brother and their parents all play tennis now.

"I didn't grow up in a tennis family," Aburto said. "We all started learning at the same time."

Aburto said she tries to imagine what her life would be like without tennis and TCU.

"If my brother hadn't started playing tennis, I would still be playing piano and ballet and all that stuff," Aburto said. "I'm so stressed with my studies now, that just the other day I was thinking what I'd be doing if I were in Xalapa. My career path would be law, like my dad and brother, and I wouldn't be in nearly as good of shape."

Aburto said she realizes that when things are stressful, the first instinct is to give up.

"At the beginning of my tennis career, I felt a lot of pressure," Aburto said. "But now that I'm playing for my team, I don't have those pressures. I'm relaxed because we're all playing for the same goal."

Her most important contribution to the team is her positive attitude, Aburto said. "I want to play in a good environment

and have good relations with my teammates," Aburto said. "I feel happy for myself and my teammates because we're growing both as a team and as individuals."

Rosa Perez, Aburto's teammate and best friend, said Aburto's magnetic personality was evident from the moment she arrived at TCU.

"From the beginning, she was very involved with everyone on the team despite language barriers," Perez said. "She's just so friendly. She even has gotten to know the workers in The Main."

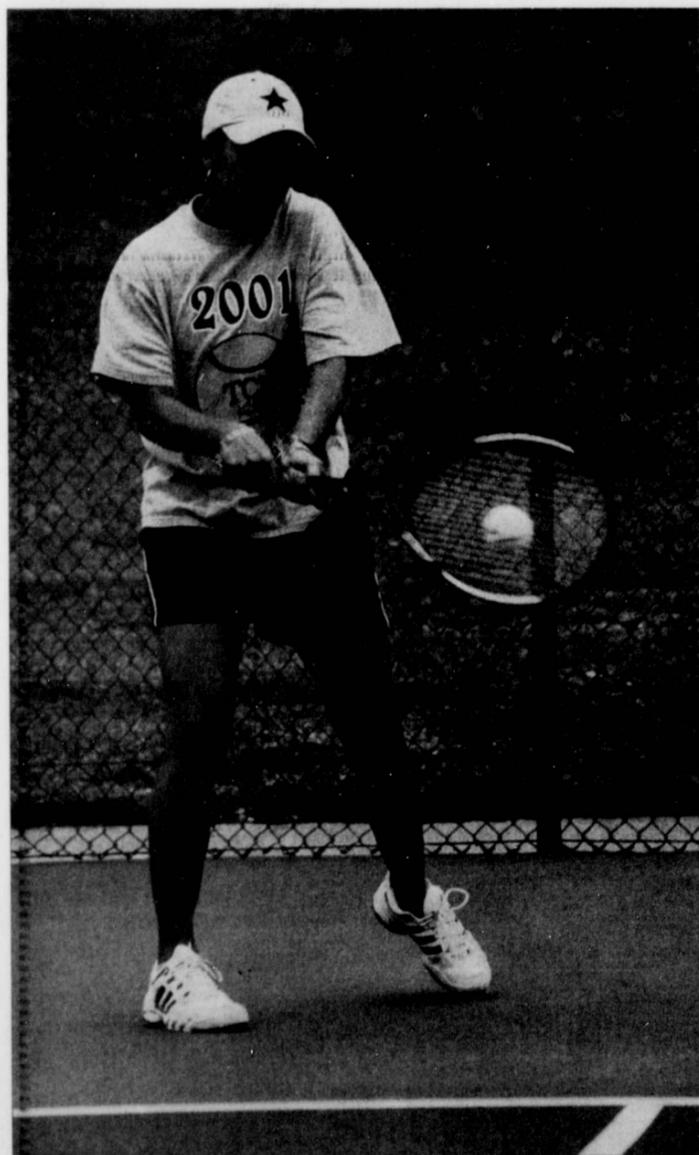
Perez said Aburto is doing great to play under so much pressure.

"It's a lot of pressure for your freshman year to play No. 2," Perez said. "Even when she is struggling with her studies, she fights really hard on the tennis court."

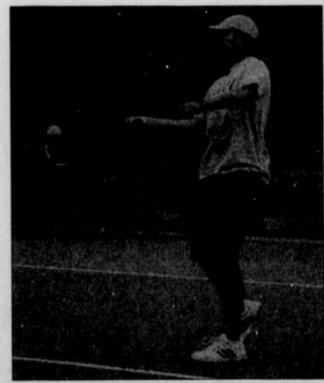
Ingram said Aburto's cheerful personality contributes to both her individual and her team's performance.

"As a person, she's always happy," Ingram said. "To have someone who's smiling and happy helps the rest of the team."

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David Duna/SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Paty Aburto, the No. 2 player on the TCU women's tennis team, practices at the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center.



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On March 18, Aburto received WAC player of the week honors.

Sports glance

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

	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
		Women at Rice 11 a.m.	Men vs. Pepperdine 1:30 p.m.			Men vs. Baylor 2:30 p.m.	Women vs. North Texas 2 p.m.
	vs. Rice 2:35 p.m.	vs. Rice 1:05 p.m.	vs. Rice 1:05 p.m.		at Oklahoma 6:35 p.m.	at Oklahoma 6:35 p.m.	
		at UTA Invitational in Arlington					at Texas Relays in Austin

SPORTS BRIEFS

Football team to compete in first intrasquad scrimmage Saturday

The TCU football team is scheduled to play its first intrasquad scrimmage Saturday at Amon Carter Stadium.

After taking a week off for Spring Break, the Frogs returned to the field, practicing two times this week.

TCU, which is preparing for its first season under head coach Gary Patterson and its first in the Conference USA, has 15 workouts scheduled during the spring drills.

Volleyball squad to host spring invitational at Rickel Building

The TCU volleyball team will host the fifth annual TCU Volleyball Spring Invitational Saturday at

the Rickel Building.

Other local schools, like Southern Methodist, North Texas and Texas-Arlington will compete in the tournament. Competing in a field of at least 12 teams will be Texas Tech, Arkansas, Houston, Texas-San Antonio, Sam Houston, Baylor, Abilene Christian and Southern Arkansas.

Spring matches are played in a best-of-three version. The first two matches are played to 30 points, using rally scoring, and if a tiebreaker game is necessary, the score will start 8-8 and the match will be played to 15 points.

The Frogs will also play in the SMU Spring Invitational (April 7), the South Florida Invitational (April 14) and at Texas A&M (April 19).

TCU alumnus Foyt, to race at Texas Motor Speedway Saturday

Larry Foyt, a TCU graduate, will take part in the NASCAR Busch series at the Texas Motor Speedway this weekend.

Foyt will be driving the Harrah's Casino-sponsored No. 14 Monte Carlo stock car in the Jani-King 300 Saturday.

He will also be signing autographs from 7 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Stockyards.

Women's golf slides to seventh place in Hawaii Tournament

With one round remaining, the TCU women's golf team slipped four places (into seventh place) at the Dr. Thompson Rainbow Tournament in Waimanalo, Hawaii.

VIOLENCE

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"I guess sometimes I can be a bit neurotic and overprotective of my kids," she said with a sigh. "But things just aren't the way they used to be. I feel safer if I know where they are, what they are doing, who they are going out with."

"Think about it. If some crazy (person) can take a gun into a church (like) Wedgwood, and kids all over are bringing guns to school, what's to say that kind of thing can't happen here? It's scary — first Columbine and now California. It's sad, and as a parent, it scares me."

Treva Hall of Waco shares Hartnell's concern. As a mother of a high school senior and a college freshman, Hall said she struggles to find a balance between her instinct to protect her 18-year-old daughter, Kendra, and her desire to let her grow up.

"There are some nights I want to keep Kendra in the house and not let her out, but that is just not

the real world," she said. "I understand that her school is safe, but (society) ignores what's been going on. I sure can't."

The media coverage of school violence is impossible to ignore, but the incidents reported on the news are misleading the public about the nature of the problem, said sociology instructor Keith Whitworth.

"National tragedies like the Columbine High School shooting raised the public consciousness about school violence," he said. "But it is important to remember that data indicates that violence in Texas schools, in relation to student population, is not on the rise at all."

Whitworth said according to research, parents and teachers have a higher perception about the prevalence of violence in schools.

"Media attention to these incidents might be feeding the fears of teachers and parents," he said. "That same coverage is impacting students as well, but when your teachers, your parents and adults on (television) are afraid, it can add to student concern, too."

Whitworth said the shooting at Columbine, when combined with the other attacks nationwide, shouldn't necessarily indicate that violence is on the rise, but rather they should make the public more aware of the changing societal factors which are driving America's children to resolve to using guns to solve their problems.

"Most of these attacks had warning signs," he said. "The issue is complicated, and there is no simple answer. Although it might sound trite, until we return to the idea that our communities raise our children and begin to rebuild the family system, the downhill spiral will continue."

Finding a solution

Hartnell works as a computer technician at Faubion Elementary School where her children attend. She said each day she comes home reminded how important it is to spend time with her family.

"I would never want to be a kid again," she said. "I see how hard it is for some of them, and I thank God that I get to spend time with my kids. Those moments are pre-

cious and critical.

"There are so many kids who aren't getting the attention they need. Parents need to take responsibility. All of us should be talking to teachers, helping with homework and participating in the lives of our children."

Hall said if more parents taught their kids not to tease others and to show respect to those around them, she thinks kids would have the skills and understanding they need to handle conflicts more positively.

"It amazes me how many kids don't know right from wrong," she said. "It's a parent's job to teach children common sense, conscience and compassion. Families are decaying. As a parent I understand how busy life can get, but that's no excuse for letting kids raise themselves."

Whitworth said following the rash of violent school shootings, teachers and school administrators began to look for innovative ways to address the issue.

"There is a tremendous amount of research out there about the subject of violence in schools, and

that should be a comfort to parents and teachers," he said. "Schools are developing prevention programs, starting parent support groups, conducting workshops about how to identify potential victims and victimizers and taking lots of steps in the right direction."

No guarantees

Beck said one of the biggest challenges he faces when he comes to work each day is dealing with the students who have grown up without having to deal with the consequences of their actions.

"We have a lot of kids who either have raised themselves or have their parents take care of everything for them," he said. "Parents want me to make up-standing citizens of their kids, but that's hard to do when they don't teach them that every thing they do, good, bad or with a gun, has consequences."

For Beck, the idea of having one of his students bring a gun to school is frightening. But he doesn't think living in fear is going to

help his students see the value of the education they receive at Stephenville High.

"Sure something could happen, and I worry about it," he said. "But my real job is not to worry about those kind of maybes. It is to help my students, the ones who will be going on to college and the ones who will go on to be plumbers and electricians that school is valuable and so are they."

There is no guarantee that the shootings in San Diego mark the end of the nation's long, bitter and tragic pattern of school violence. But for parents like Hall and Hartnell and administrators like Beck, there is always hope that the violence can be stopped before it strikes too close to home.

"No one is immune," Hall said. "We are all in this together. We won't stop the hurt or solve the crisis until we come together as a nation. This is about America. It's about our kids."

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WILSON

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"TCU is a good place to work," Wilson said. "Most people tend to miss this area if they leave it. It was a good job opportunity. I really did get tired of shoveling snow in North Dakota and Ohio."

Wilson became assistant director of bands and assistant professor of music in 1976. In 1980, he was given the title of director of jazz studies, although he said his job remained the same.

"He said his love of teaching is as strong as his love of music, making his job enjoyable."

"I would recommend it to anyone," Wilson said.

In 1986, Wilson arranged "Short Stop", which was on the Grammy nominated album "Transforming Traditions" by Trumpets, a jazz group from San Francisco. Mike Vax, the leader of the group, asked Wilson to arrange a song for the group. Wilson was overjoyed when he found out the album had been nominated for a Grammy.

"I was very happy," Wilson said. "But as Mike told me, 'Don't quit your day gig.' I am glad I didn't."

Wilson has played with many groups and performers, including the Tex Beneke-Glenn Miller Orchestra and Cal Lewiston Orchestra. He has also appeared with, among others, Bob Hope, the Osmond Brothers and Bill Cosby.

John Dyer, a senior religion and history major, has known Wilson for the past four years. Dyer

said Wilson has a good teaching style.

"He has a very laid back approach to teaching," Wilson said. "He likes to have fun and joke around, but he is serious about the music. You can tell that he loves it and appreciates the music. He takes a kind of forceful approach, and you feel like you've got to practice and you have the desire to be good because you want him pleased."

Wilson's love of music helps him teach better, Dyer said.

"Every time I have had a conversation with him in some way or another it has led to some famous jazz artist or some experience he has had," Dyer said. "He has so many anecdotes and things like that about his life with jazz music. You can tell he views everything through music."

Dyer was not in jazz band when he was in high school, and he said he struggled adapting to jazz his first year. He said that with Wilson's help, he was motivated to get better.

"I felt kind of a lull in my music," Dyer said. "I wasn't really inspired anymore. I didn't have anywhere to go and he just gave me a whole new drive and a whole new passion. He (taught) me to love jazz and to keep playing it. And to want to play it."

Wilson said watching students develop is what drives him.

"When I go into a jazz ensemble or rehearsal with my students, I sometimes can't contain myself," Wilson said. "I can't wait to hear what it is going to sound like."

"I get so motivated by what students will bring

into me. If a teacher doesn't approach their discipline as a give and take and a constant learning situation on their part, then I think they are missing the beat, too."

Wilson learns right along with his students. Every semester, he said he learns a new perspective on what he is teaching which motivates him further.

"What keeps my enthusiasm alive is that there is so much that I do not know," Wilson said. "I learn from my students — what they have written. And I learn things by explaining things to them."

Over the years, Wilson has become a better teacher, he said.

"I have been doing this for 33 years and I feel that I am better now than I have ever been," Wilson said. "There is nothing like experience. I think I do nearly everything better now than I did 10 years ago or 20 years ago or 30 years ago. I have not lost one ounce of energy. I guess I should consider myself lucky for that."

"I think sometimes a professor is lucky to be along for the ride. Feel fortunate."

Once the learning process stops, so does Wilson's career as a teacher, he said.

"I amaze myself at how things work musically now that I didn't think (would) worked 20 years ago," Wilson said. "Everyday is an eye opener. Once I shut that out, I'll retire. When I shut down from that, I'll hang it up because I won't be any good to anybody."

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TENNIS

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not to mention the fact that she's playing and usually winning against the second-best girls on every team we play, which is really difficult."

Ingram said he hopes Aburto will get stronger and quicker at her game.

"I think once she adjusts to the fried foods and learns more about college tennis, she's really going to mature even more," Ingram said.

The women's team has an 11-3 record for the season, and Aburto is currently on a seven-match winning streak. The Frogs end their five-match road trip Saturday at Rice.

"If someone had offered me an 11-3 record at this point, I would've taken it in a heartbeat," Ingram said. "If they'd offered me 6-5, I would've taken it."

Aburto said the journey from her teenage years to her year at TCU have been full of sacrifice.

"I regret not being with my friends the three years in high school because I was playing ten-

nis," Aburto said. "We lost the relationships we had, and I don't have any friends back home now except for other tennis players who live in other parts of Mexico."

Aburto said she wants to improve her self-confidence and willingness to try new things.

"There are a lot of times that I've regretted not doing certain things," Aburto said. "I don't want too many more regrets."

But one thing she hasn't regretted is coming to TCU and playing tennis.

"My mom told me sticking with all the practicing, sacrificing high school activities and continuing even when I wanted to quit, has finally paid off for me," Aburto said. "I agree that I deserve my happiness, and I know it was destiny to come to TCU."

Aburto said her dream is to play professionally at Wimbledon and the U.S. Open.

"In the United States, there are so many opportunities to improve," Aburto said. "Not just in tennis but in everything."

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Campaign finance bill awaits Bush's approval

By David Espo
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WASHINGTON — The Senate swept away the last major obstacle Thursday to passage of campaign finance legislation as Sen. John McCain and his allies fended off a fresh attack on the bill's centerpiece, a ban on big-dollar donations to the political parties.

The vote was 57-43 to preserve the so-called soft money ban even if the Supreme Court rules that other key provisions of the legislation are unconstitutional.

"This bill is going to pass ... and if I were a betting man I'd bet it's going to be signed into law," said Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., the Senate's most outspoken foe of the measure designed to curtail the role of big money in politics.

At the White House, President Bush declined to answer directly when asked whether he would approve the bill. Instead, he told reporters he would sign any legislation that "improves the system" now in place.

The vote on the issue of constitutionality and the Supreme Court marked the latest in a nearly unbroken string of victories for a bipartisan coalition that has held together throughout nearly two weeks of turbulent debate.

"This is where the Senate takes a stand," said Sen. Russell Feingold, D-Wis., shortly before the vote. "This is the test." Forty-four Democrats and 13 Republicans rejected a proposal to direct the high court to lump three main provisions together when ruling on the bill's constitu-

tionality. Among them were some Democrats who had previously spoken on the other side of the issue, and lawmakers involved in the bill said Democratic leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota, played a key role in lining up votes.

"I believe that we've gone over the last hurdle, but I just don't know," McCain, R-Ariz., said a short while after the vote, and a few hours later came the official announcement that he was correct.

After making a stab at finishing the measure Thursday night, the Senate agreed to take the final vote Monday.

McConnell couped his concession with an announcement that he would join in a lawsuit challenging the bill's constitutionality. He added that passage would mark a

"stunningly stupid" act that would disadvantage political parties and their candidates, while strengthening the hand of well-heeled, outside interest groups.

Previous attempts to push campaign finance legislation through the Senate have perished as the result of Republican filibusters.

But public outrage over the current system has slowly increased as the result of scandals in recent years. After President Clinton's re-election campaign in 1996, Congress held hearings over the coffees the president held at the White House for high-dollar donors, the fund-raising calls that Vice President Al Gore made from his office and allegations that the Chinese government had covertly made huge campaign donations in an attempt to influence

American elections.

More recently, there has been much criticism of last-minute pardons issued by Clinton, one of which went to a billionaire fugitive, Marc Rich, whose ex-wife made six-figure donations to Democratic causes and the ex-president's library fund.

In addition, McCain made the issue the centerpiece of a surprisingly strong White House bid in 2000, and Democrats picked up several Senate seats last fall, adding to the reservoir of support.

The main features of the bill would ban so-called soft money, the unlimited, loosely regulated donations that now flow to political parties — \$480 million in the last two years alone. The bill also would restrict late campaign broadcast advertising by outside groups

as well as the parties that support or attack candidates but escape regulation because they stop short of explicitly advocating anyone's defeat or election.

The third main provision would ease 27-year old restrictions on donations to candidates and parties for use in direct campaign activities.

The developments unfolded on the Senate floor as President Bush said he would sign any legislation that "improves the system" now in place. Bush refused consistently to embrace a soft money ban on individuals during his Republican presidential primary battle with McCain last year, but he and the White House have issued increasingly strong signals in recent days that his misgivings wouldn't rule out his signature.

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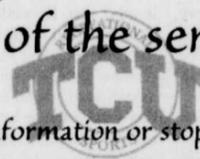
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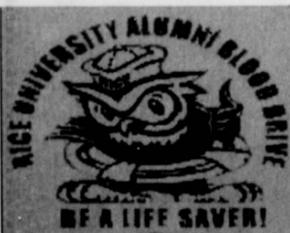
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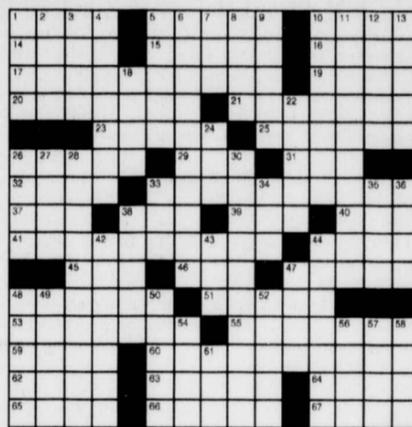


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 - Calculates a score
 - Humiliator
 - Stares at
 - Hip boots
 - Spills the beans
 - Cap
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 - Ancient Persian
 - "The Lower Depths" playwright
 - Unmatched
 - Comic Costello
 - Get the point
 - Golly!
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 - Sluggo Williams
 - "Ben"
 - Hues
 - Sacred Egyptian birds
 - Motorist's lodging
 - Digs for
 - Quantities in large barrels
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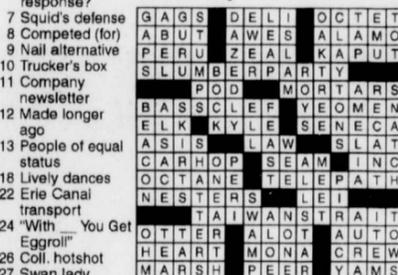
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 - Nail alternative
 - Trucker's box
 - Company newsletter
 - Made longer ago
 - People of equal status
 - Lively dances
 - Erie Canal transport
 - "With ... You Get Eggroll"
 - Colt. hotshot
 - Swan lady
 - For an extra charge
 - Refuting
 - A Stooze
 - Shea player
 - Retained
 - Those in favor
 - Mineral deposits
 - Put on a revival
 - M-m-m good!
 - Steals
 - Hanoi holidays
 - Hussein, for one
 - Unexpected sum
 - Rides waves
 - Jobs to do
 - Marco
 - Caspian feeder
 - Turkish money
 - Leak slowly
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Girls and Sports

Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



Purple Poll

Q: Who is to blame for school violence?



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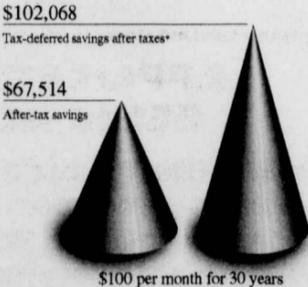
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BACK PAGE NEWS

Award-winning alumnus to sign book

By Jennifer Koelsing
STAFF REPORTER

Author and TCU alumnus David Alan Hall said his life has not been the same after he received a letter from a man who thanked him for rekindling his desire to read.

Hall said receiving that response after publishing his second novel *The Paradise Vendor* meant he was doing something right with his life, because his writing had affected someone's views.

"Winning a Pulitzer would be great, but this is the next best thing," Hall said. "Knowing that what I have writ-

ten has had an effect on some person, keeps me going."

Hall will be signing copies of his novel from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday at the TCU Bookstore.

After graduating from TCU in 1987 with a bachelor's degree in radio-TV-film, Hall moved to Hollywood and pursued a career in writing because it matched his talents.

Hall said he decided not to develop a career in film because having cerebral palsy creates some physical challenges.

"It limited me in that respect, but I'm not complaining because it also focused me," Hall said. "I spent more time working on skills to become a better writer."

He said having cerebral palsy has not affected his success as a writer, and most of the time, his disability goes unnoticed.

"For me, having been able to consistently work is a freedom, and I feel very fortunate," Hall said.

Hall said he has been writing consistently for the past 12 years, while working different jobs as a story analyst for movie studios, a story board consultant for short stories, a screenplay writer and film director.

After many years of writing, rewriting, and nearly 200 rejection slips later, Hall published *The Paradise Vendor* in 1998, and he said he expects two more publications later this year.

He has twice won the Edward E. Bryson award for fiction, received an award from the American Film Institute for his film "Shadow Games," which was broadcast on the Movie Channel, received the Barry Levinson Award for best feature

screenplay, the ABC-Capitol Cities Scholarship Award for best teleplay and an honorable mention for his unpublished novel, *The Three Pound Universe*.

Hall plans to speak to a few English classes next week about writing and his experiences, because he said he thinks this is an opportunity for him to give something back to TCU.

"I don't believe creative writing can be taught, but I can save someone the time, money and grief with some practical knowledge about how things work in this industry," Hall said.

He said he is currently working with his agent to sell movie rights for *The Paradise Vendor*.

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Books line a table at the TCU Bookstore in preparation for David Hall's arrival. Hall, an author and TCU alumnus, will be signing his second published book, *The Paradise Vendor*, Saturday at the bookstore.



Hall

SYMPHONIC SOUNDS



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German Gutierrez, an assistant music professor, conducts the TCU Symphony Orchestra Thursday evening in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium.

Young Alumni having trouble with participation

Graduates' focus turning away from university

By Jessica Cervantez
STAFF REPORTER

Participating in the TCU Young Alumni contributes to networking, promotes continued ties to TCU and develops new friendships, but there are problems locating graduates and getting them involved, said Assistant Director of Alumni Relations Jeff Crane.

Crane, who also oversees the Dallas Young Alumni Chapter, said the biggest problem the organization faces is keeping up with graduates, because so many addresses are incorrect.

"People are constantly moving, and the last thing on their minds is to call TCU and update their addresses," Crane said. "This makes communication difficult, but e-mail helps cure some of these problems."

Kelly Mooney, who is currently the president of the Fort Worth Young Alumni Board, said she thinks that when alumni receive mail from the organization, they either think it's a solicitation, or they just want a break from TCU for awhile.

Kristi Hoban, president of the Alumni Association, said the TCU Young Alumni, which began in 1989, gives alumni who graduated within the last 10 years the opportunity to stay involved.

"The events are geared toward young alumni and their interests," Hoban said. "There are events that (the young alumni)

would fit into socially."

Hoban said there's a continuing trend for graduates not to participate in the TCU Young Alumni right after graduation.

"Priorities are different, and alumni are getting settled," Hoban said. "Usually after a couple of years, alumni get involved again."

Crane said other reasons alumni don't participate directly after graduation is because they work long hours or participate in other organizations.

Meredith McClure, another member of the Dallas board, said she wished others would get involved, because being a part of the association has had a positive effect on her life.

"It's nice to know I'm involved and it doesn't take a lot of time out of my life," McClure said.

Hoban said Fort Worth, Dallas and Houston are the only cities which officially participate in the TCU Young Alumni because of the large TCU alumni population in those areas.

The TCU Young Alumni is a branch off the entire alumni organization, Hoban said. Graduates are invited to participate in all the alumni events, but there are certain events such as happy hours that are exclusively geared toward young alumni.

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Up 'til Dawn gives students chance to help cancer victims

Hands-on experience with patients make event stand apart from rest

By LaNasha Houze
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More than 200 students will dance the night away to raise funds for the fight against cancer at the Up 'til Dawn event Saturday. Up 'til Dawn, a 24-hour fund raiser, will benefit the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. A total of 36 pre-registered teams will gather in the Student Center Ballroom at 6 p.m. to listen to patients' stories and live local bands.

The event started last fall, when students campaigned for hospital donations through letters and company sponsorships.

Jennifer Wooton, associate director of the St. Jude's Dallas office, said the contributions from Up 'til Dawn will pave the way for the program to extend nationally.

"TCU was one of the first schools to have this program," Wooton said. "Because of the generosity of TCU students,

we are able to keep the doors of St. Jude alive."

Cat Berry, vice director of the event, said that two years ago the council was unsuccessful in starting the event because of a lack of student participation and time for fund raising.

"A student learned about the event at a national conference and tried to hold the event that same spring semester," Berry said. "But we didn't have enough time to work with the St. Jude fund-raising affiliate."

Berry said participation improved for the first official event, because the council had a year to organize the activities and public relations.

St. Jude is a hospital dedicated to helping children, who battle cancer. Since no child is turned away due to financial difficulties, the hospital depends on donations from the community. Last year, the

event raised \$26,677 with only 20 teams, 16 less than this year. Total contributions for this year will not be available until after the end of registration at 6 p.m. Saturday.

Jenna Meriwether, director of the event, said the hands-on interaction with the patients and the facility make this philanthropy stand apart from others. During her visit to the hospital last fall, Meriwether said that she saw a videotape of a child receiving treatment for spinal cancer.

"You can see what (the hospital) does for the children and their families," she said. "The videotape was the closest we actually came to see them treat a patient. To see what little things they did to make it easier for him made (the philanthropy) more real."

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File Photo

Students dance at last year's Up 'til Dawn event, which raised \$26,677 to fight against cancer. More than 200 students are expected to attend this year.

Helping find a niche on campus

Religious organizations offer support to students of all beliefs

By Bethany McCormack
STAFF REPORTER

Despite many intentions to visit the TCU Wesley Foundation, it took Christine Matthes more than a semester to finally attend a meeting of the United Methodist student ministry organization. But soon after her initial visit, the campus activity became her second home, she said.

The Wesley Foundation is one of 22 religiously affiliated student organizations TCU offers among its total 140 groups, according to the TCU Factbook. From a second place to hang their hat to an outlet for spiritual expression, religious organizations frequently become a major part of many students' lives.

Matthes, a junior nutrition major, said she liked the warm and welcoming atmosphere of the Wesley Foundation, which now serves as her main extracurricular activity.

"The Wesley is always my first

priority -- just because I love it," she said.

Aaron McClatchy, a junior religion major, visited the Wesley Foundation after transferring to TCU last fall and is now leading music at the organization, he said.

"I was new here," he said. "I live off campus and was looking for things to get involved with. I thought I'd give it a chance, and when I went, everyone was very friendly."

McClatchy said he enjoys the broad variety of activities the Wesley Foundation offers.

"It's a real dynamic ministry," he said. "It gives me opportunities to play my guitar, go out and do fun stuff, do service work and mission work."

Catholic Community, another religious organization on campus, holds Mass on Sundays in the Student Center Ballroom. Some of the organization's activities include

service projects, social events, discussion groups and retreats.

George Havrilla, a junior mechanical engineering major, said he has been involved with Catholic Community since he was a freshman.

"The thing that was most striking to me is being able to go to Mass on Sundays and the whole congregation is mostly students," Havrilla said. "The homilies are really directed at us, and it's really easy to relate to."

Leigh Ann Trahan, a sophomore education major, said she attends Sunday Mass at Catholic Community in place of attending a community church.

"There's really no Catholic church within walking distance," she said. "I enjoy Catholic Community because it's among your peers, and it's right there in the ballroom."

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Quartet to perform works by Mozart

By Kelly Marino
STAFF REPORTER

The TCU School of Music is presenting the Faculty Quartet Concert's evening of chamber music at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the Pepsico Recital Hall.

Pianist John Owings, violinist Curt Thompson, violist Misha Galaganov and cellist Brinton Averil Smith will perform musical works from Mozart and Faure.

Galaganov, a lecturer in viola at TCU, said the pieces are an interesting combination, and she said she is excited to perform them for an audience.

"Chamber music is much more intimate than other music, and I hope to communicate how great it is to the audience," Galaganov said. "I hope it has a huge (impact) on students and will allow any non-music

majors to become more interested."

Owings, a music professor, said it is important for students to attend because the concert will be an educational experience.

"We are all teachers and this per-

forming the quartet in Houston today at the High School of Performing Visual Arts. Owings said that when they perform in Houston, they hope to reach other people outside of the TCU community.

"We hope with this performance we can encourage students to come to TCU, and we want to get our name out to other communities," he said.

Thompson, assistant professor of violin and director of chamber music, said

this performance is a nice balance of musical work.

"We hope that the audience will fill the house," Thompson said. "We have rehearsed and prepared for this concert and would love to share it with everyone."

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Evening of Chamber Music
who: Faculty Quartet
what: Concert with work of Mozart
when: At 7:30 pm, Monday
where: Pepsico Recital Hall

formance is another way of teaching," Owings said. "The performance is important because it involves the piano, strings, voice and is comprehensive."

Even though this is not the first chamber music performance, this is the first time these performers will play together as a quartet. The performers will also be per-