

Suspect arrested in connection with artifact theft

Former Physical Plant employee apprehended in Houston

By Jaime Walker
SENIOR NEWS EDITOR

A suspect was arrested Thursday night in connection with the theft of 112 Peruvian, pre-Columbian artifacts from the Mary Coats Burnett Library, said Kelly Ham, TCU detective of criminal investigations. David Earl Word, 51, was charged with theft over \$200,000, a first degree felony, and is being held at the Tarrant



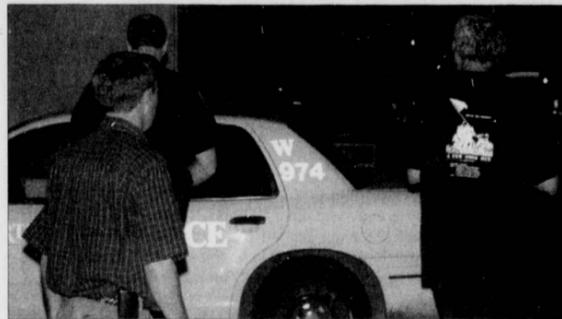
Word

County Jail. Word worked as a temporary painter for the Physical Plant periodically from 1998 to 2000, said TCU police chief Steve McGee. The dates of his employment were unavailable at the time of publication. "At this time, we aren't sure just exactly how the suspect gained access to the storage room or what he planned to do with the collection," he said. "He has told us that he just stumbled on the pottery when he was reading at the library." TCU Police received word Saturday from Houston police that someone had come by the department

concerned they received 10 pieces of the pottery from TCU's Moorhead collection as collateral for driving Word from Fort Worth to Houston. "The witness, who came forward, heard about the theft on the radio in Houston," Ham said. "The extensive media coverage we got in this case, helped us find the suspect." Ham said he recovered the 10 pieces from Houston, met with the witness and made initial contact with Word following the tip. He returned to Houston Wednesday to bring Word back to Fort Worth. McGee said a bulk of the collection has been recovered. A private

investigator facilitated the recovery of 66 pieces last Friday morning. Although Word has yet to give a written statement in the case, Ham said the suspect is willing to cooperate with police officials. "We recovered these artifacts and made this arrest because we got tips and followed leads," McGee said. McGee said the citizens who came forward with information in this case were not paid for their assistance. Police officials will continue meeting with the suspect Friday. Ham said a court date has not been set.

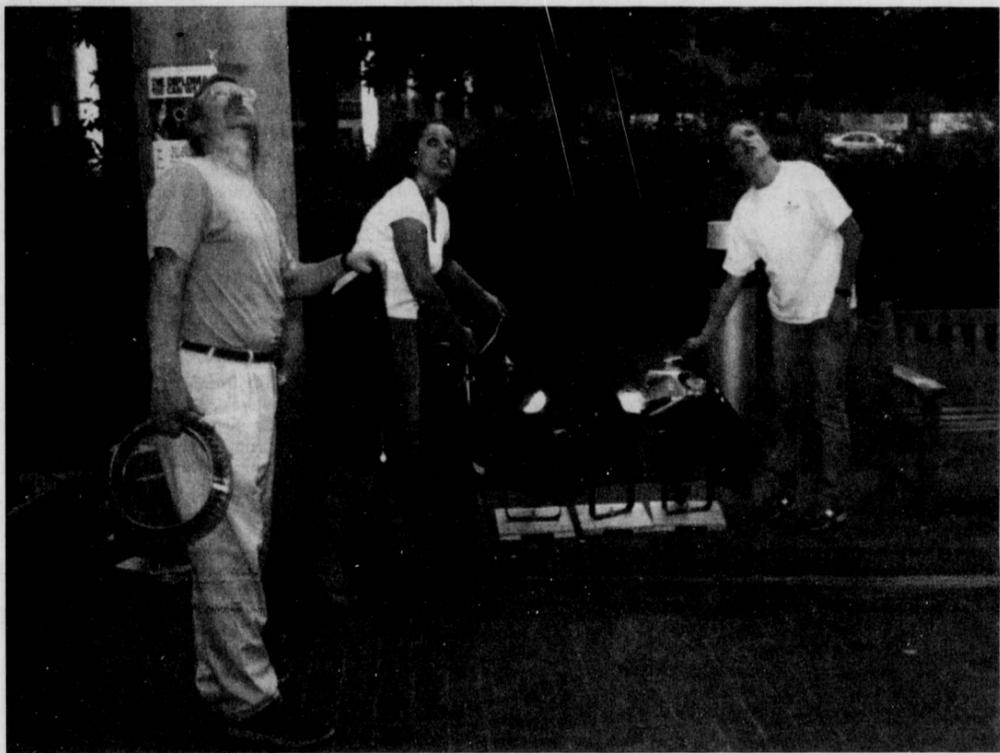
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Kelly Ham, TCU detective of criminal investigations, escorts David Earl Word, 52, to a Fort Worth Police Department-issued car Thursday. Word was arrested in connection with the theft of 112 artifacts from the Mary Coats Burnett Library.

SOMEBODY GET THE LIGHTS



David Dunai/SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Jonathan Speirs, guest lighting designer from Edinburgh, Scotland; Madeleine Clement, a senior interior design major; and Melanie Keig, a junior interior design major, arrange lights Wednesday for today's light show, themed "Transforming Architecture." The event will begin at 9 p.m. at the Moudy Building atrium.

Professionals to stage light show

By Melissa Christensen
STAFF REPORTER

Two professional lighting designers are performing magic this week for 10 upper-division lighting students. Paul Gregory and Jonathan Speirs donated \$300,000, so students can turn the Moudy Building atrium into a colorful display of light from 9 to 11 p.m. today. "We are going to turn this space into an event," said Gregory, owner of the New York-based Focus Lighting. The designers were invited by Fred Oberkircher, associate professor of interior design, to speak about their specialty and to critique student work. Gregory said he and Speirs, owner of Lighting Architects Group in London, have collaborated for 15 years to develop proj-

ects like the atrium lighting and to help students gain invaluable experience. "Students really learn seeing it with their own eyes," Gregory said. "Subtle variations make all the difference." Dallas Rainey, a senior theater production major and student of the Lighting for Visual Presentation class, said the professionals have been completely open to student ideas. "They'll sit down with us to rewire an instrument, or they'll talk to us about high-level color theory," he said. "They've been amazing because they have a real interest in us learning. It's exciting to enhance a building like this." Technicians Bobby Harrel of Strand Lighting, Bill Bellevue of ETC Americas and Kirk Lewis of Lighting Alliance have

assisted in setting up and organizing the equipment for today's show. "The companies donated these technicians to the cause of TCU," Speirs said. "They are all top people who are well-known in their field, and they have been incredibly helpful." Oberkircher said he was impressed that the designers suggested the hands-on project and twisted the arms of major companies to donate the equipment and manpower. "The atrium will become a theatrical canvas to be painted with light," Oberkircher said. "If we are successful, that whole atrium will glow." Melissa Christensen
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\$1 million provided to deal with compensation

Money to be spread between faculty, staff

By Alisha Brown
STAFF REPORTER

Salary compression is real, Staff Assembly chairwoman Jean Andrus said in a letter to Chancellor Michael Ferrari regarding plans for the 2001-2002 budget. Compression is when entry level employees are hired at a higher rate, because of higher market values, than existing employees were. The difference between the figures is compressed over time. In response to the Staff Assembly's concerns, the Board of Trustees approved a \$189 million operating budget with a \$1 million provision to deal with the issue, said Carol Campbell, vice chancellor for finance and business. Campbell said the \$1 million will be proportioned out equally, based on a percentage of the salary pool for both faculty and staff. Human Resources will make recommendations as to where compression is the

most intense, she said. William Koehler, vice chancellor for academic affairs, said that based on those recommendations and need, the portions will then be allotted to the vice chancellors for distribution. "For my portion, I asked each dean and associate or assistant vice chancellor for a list of priority issues, and then I tried to find some equitable way to appropriate the funds," he said. "But in my department, each dean will get less than they asked for." Nowell Donovan, chairman for the Faculty Senate, said compression is a delicate issue. "I don't think there is a blanket solution that can be applied," Donovan said. "You have to examine each individual circumstance." The \$1 million will aid in increasing the range between newer faculty and staff, who were hired at higher current market rates, and the next level up of employees, hired at lower rates. "It's based on supply and demand," Koehler said. "Where there is a higher demand for faculty and a lower supply, you will see greater compression." Andrus said that although the \$1 million is allocated to decrease compression, the \$1.5 million was allotted in the budget this year to unfreeze positions and hire on new faculty and staff, which could further increase compression. Campbell said she realized over the summer that due to inflation and increasing energy costs, \$1 million in faculty and staff positions could not be compensated for. "We saw that the budget that was passed was not going to be balanced," she said. "We essentially had to tell departments not to fill those positions." The positions where vacancies or turnovers had occurred were frozen to avoid hitting a negative bottom line, Koehler said. "We already know the salary rates that we will be hiring at," he said. "So we'll factor that dollar amount in when dealing with compression and look at where the money will be the most beneficial." Andrus said that in theory, the \$1.5 million could counteract the \$1 million. "But we're a million (dollars) better off than we would be without it," she said. "We understood from the beginning that there would be great demands on the budget."

See Page 4 for more information about faculty pay and benefits.

Changes for faculty and staff:

- 3 percent performance-based pay increase
- \$1 million in compression aid
- \$1 million to unfreeze positions
- \$500,000 for new positions
- 15 percent increase in cost of health care

Changes for non-exempt staff only:

- 1 percent increase in retirement rate

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ACTIVE ABUSE

Some students use Ritalin despite not having prescription

By Chrissy Braden
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Some students have found a way around the commonly-known side effects caused by caffeine when trying to study until the wee hours of the morning. These students use Ritalin, a drug often prescribed to highly active people and those with Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, to help them stay awake and focus when studying for tests. One student, who wished to have her name withheld, said she uses Ritalin, the trade name for

methylphenidate, when she wants to stay up through the night studying. "You have to take one to understand it," she said. "It just lets you really focus, and it doesn't make you nauseous or jittery like caffeine pills." She, like others using the drug to study, has not been diagnosed with ADHD, nor does she receive Ritalin by prescription. She gets the drug from a friend who has a prescription. One student, who also wished not to be identified, said he gets his Ritalin prescription at the Health Center or from his private physician at home. He said he then sells each pill for \$2 to \$3. "I'm willing to do it every so often for a friend," he said. "But

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TODAY IN HISTORY
In 1857, the U.S. Supreme Court handed down its decision on *Sanford vs. Dred Scott*, a case that intensified national divisions over the issue of slavery.

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Tyson speaks on job, life

Astrophysicist tells how universe is connected to everyone

By LaNasha Houze
STAFF REPORTER

At the 39th Annual Honors Convocation Thursday in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium, speaker Neil deGrasse Tyson, described his job, as an astrophysicist, as his life. "Above all else there are two things that I am," Tyson, the director of the Hayden Planetarium, said. "First I am an American. I am also a scientist. It's not a job, it's my life." With humor and quirky facts, such as the 99 billion McDonald's hamburgers wrapping the surface of the Earth and stacking to the moon, Tyson illustrated to the audience that science is a pertinent aspect of American culture. "Science literacy has an impor-

tance like never before," he said. "I try to carry with me a cosmic perspective and share the breath and depth of this universe." Melissa Sky-Eagle, a senior piano performance major, said Tyson showed the audience scholars are not always dull. "He was interesting, funny and entertaining," Sky-Eagle said. "The first misconception that people have about keynote speakers is that they are boring." Tyson's speech was titled "The Adventures of an Urban Astrophysicist." He derived his speech from his memoir "The Sky is not the Limit," which describes the challenges he faced throughout his career. "There aren't that many stars visi-

ble in New York," he said. "There are actually four, and I know all of them." Tyson said at the age of 9, after seeing a blanket of stars for the first time at Hayden Planetarium, that he knew his career would be as a future scientist. "Sometimes I bubble up and can't contain myself," said Tyson. "It was as though the universe called to me. From then on I was like the nerd kid. I wear that badge proudly." As an astronomer, Tyson described the elements within the human body as being equivalent to the elements within the universe. Tyson said these similarities united all mankind and were the direct result of man being created by a supernova explosion. "We are all children of the universe," he said. "The universe is in us, and that is the element of unity that I carry with me." Valena Brown, a freshman premajor, said she would have preferred if

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Darren Middleton, an assistant professor of religion, was awarded the Teacher of the Year Award. Middleton dedicated the award to Kim Jones, a TCU alumna who was killed in the Wedgwood Baptist Church shooting.

PULSE

campus lines

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

► **The ballet and modern dance department will present the spring dance concert, "Dancing up a Storm,"** at 8 p.m. today and Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sunday in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium. The concert is free.

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

► **TCU Career Services** will host the annual Junior Jumpstart conference for juniors and seniors with up to 89 hours from 8:15 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday. The theme is "Racing Toward Tomorrow" and the place is the conference center overlooking 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.

► **An open house and information session** for anyone interested in receiving an MBA degree from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday at Tandy Hall. For more information visit (www.mba.tcu.edu/visit/openhouse.htm) and call (817) 257-7531 to RSVP.

► **The Sixth Annual Joseph Morgan Lecture** will be Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in Sid W. Richardson Lecture Hall 2. Lawrence M. Krauss of Case Western Reserve University will give a lecture titled "Science, Non-science and Nonsense: From Aliens to Creationism." For more information call (817) 257-7375.

► **The deadline to reserve rooms in the Student Center for 2001-2002** is April 30. Priority is given to recognized student organizations and university departments, but are on a first-come, first-serve basis. Reservation forms can be printed off the Student Center Web site at (www.sc.tcu.edu) and then faxed to the reservations coordinator at (817) 257-5788.

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WORLD DIGEST



Small dealers fill growing Russian drug market

MOSCOW — Russia is facing an explosive growth in drug consumption and trade but its crime rings haven't yet plunged into the market, which is filled with a multitude of small dealers, according to a U.N.-sponsored report released Thursday.

Russia's large criminal groups accumulated so much wealth during the country's turbulent transfer to a free market economy during the 1990s, that they "have no interest to 'dirty their hands' with drugs,"

Dr. Letizia Paoli said in the report, which was commissioned by the U.N. office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention.

The "illegal drug trade still represents a relatively small part of the booming Russian illegal and semi-legal economy and is far from being a primary source of revenue for the galaxy of Russian organized crime," Paoli said.

The report, based on an extensive survey of police, doctors, journalists and drug-addicts in several regions of Russia, concluded that there was scarcely any evidence to support the Russian official view that the drug trade was increasingly monopolized by powerful crime syndicates.

Vladimir Yegorov, the chief narcotics expert at the Russian Health Ministry, disagreed, saying that his own data show that "the drug trade in Russia is a controlled process."

According to the Russian Interior Ministry's statistics, the number of drug seizures more than tripled between 1990 and 1999, reaching almost 66 tons in 1999. The number of drug users quadrupled in the 1990s, reaching 450,000 registered users last year.

Immigrant-smuggler convicted of manslaughter

LONDON — A Dutch driver who watched movies and ate dinner while 58 Chinese immigrants slowly suffocated in the back of his sweltering tomato truck was convicted Thursday of manslaughter and sentenced to 14 years in prison.

The case exposed a murky underworld of smuggling gangs, known as "snakeheads," who profit from immigrants' hopes for new lives in the West.

Justice Alan Moses laid much of the blame for the tragedy squarely on the shoulders of driver Perry Wacker, 32.

"You took no care for the people in the trailer in that confined space," Moses told Wacker, of Rotterdam, as he sentenced him at Maidstone Crown Court. "When you closed the vent you deprived them of the air they needed to stay alive. You did not once check on them."

Wacker, also convicted of four counts of con-

spiracy, swallowed hard but otherwise showed no reaction.

Ying Guo, 29, of South Woodford, England, a Chinese interpreter who served as the victims' British contact, was found guilty of one count of conspiracy to smuggle immigrants and sentenced to six years in prison.

Prosecutors said 27 of the dead were carrying Guo's telephone number.

"They looked to you for guidance, you failed them," the judge said.

Wacker and Guo had pleaded innocent.

The dead — 54 men and four women — had paid tens of thousands of dollars each for the chance to begin a new life in the West. Only two immigrants survived.

Claude Moraes, former director of the Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants, said hundreds risk their lives each week trying to enter Europe.

"The smuggling of humans has become as profitable as drugs," prosecutor Karen Wiseman said. "This trade hinges on the promise that at the end of the journey the illegal immigrants are heading for a better life. Tragically for these 58 victims, commercial gain took precedence over human life."

Shocked port officials in Dover, England, found the lifeless bodies packed with a shipment of tomatoes in a hot, nearly airless container that had just crossed the English Channel by ferry from Zeebrugge, Belgium, on June 18.

Prosecutors said Wacker sealed the immigrants' fate during the voyage when he closed the container's only air vent to muffle any noise. He then went to the upper decks for a meal and a movie, without checking on his human cargo during the five-hour voyage, they said.

"This was a callous and calculated act to ensure no one could hear this human cargo," Wiseman said.

Wacker testified at the six-week trial that he did not know the Chinese were there, and said he did not shut the vent. He claimed to have taken the driving job from a friend of a friend without asking questions because he needed money.

Prosecutors said he took an active part in the smuggling effort, shopping for the truck, the trailer, and the load of tomatoes that was used for camouflage.

One survivor, Ke Shi Guang, 22, said at the trial that the group was calm until oxygen ran short.

"They started panicking after about two to three hours because the vent was shut and there was no air," he testified. "Some people removed tomatoes and tried to kick open the doors. There was also a lot of shouting and screaming, but nobody came to help."

Kent police said many of the victims apparently became resigned to death.

"They settled down, held hands and ate tomatoes because, in China it is believed that you

should not die on an empty stomach," the police statement said. "You should not be a hungry ghost."

Friends, family mourn journalist killed in Kosovo

LONDON — Friends and family grieved Thursday for Kerem Lawton, an Associated Press Television News producer slain in a mortar attack in Kosovo, remembering him for the passion with which he approached each day and the joy he took in the coming birth of his first child.

As a soft rain touched the stained glass windows, four pallbearers dressed in tan photographers' vests carried Lawton's dark wooden casket into St. Anne's Church for a simple one-hour funeral service.

Among the pallbearers was APTN cameraman Sylejman "Suki" Kllokoqi, who was with Lawton a week ago when a mortar round landed barely a foot from his car, spraying shrapnel into his head and side.

They were one mile inside Kosovo's border with Macedonia, where Macedonian government forces had launched an offensive to quash ethnic Albanian insurgents.

Dennis Redmont, a longtime family friend and AP's Rome bureau chief, shook as he stood at the pulpit and wondered aloud why Lawton should die in Kosovo, the troubled province of southern Yugoslavia.

"We feel God has stolen him from us," Redmont said. "But why? Why? Why? We will not cease to ask this question."

Lawton had gone to cover the deployment of NATO peacekeepers along the border when he broke off from other journalists to move closer to the village of Krivenik, where NATO forces were fanning out.

Before leaving for the border area, Lawton told other reporters he was doing his job and needed pictures.

Grief over the loss of the 30-year-old producer spilled out of every speech and prayer, as speakers addressed the injustice of his death and the accomplishments of a man who tried to touch the conscience of the world through his pictures from conflicts in Iraq, Albania and Kosovo.

These stories are from the Associated Press.

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IT'S THE LAW

Information should be provided

"Built in 1963 as part of the Brown-Lupton foundation, the Brown-Lupton Health Center provides full medical care and a pharmacy to TCU students. The Health Center is also a source of information about medical issues that students face."

Or so the TCU Web site states.

In actuality, the Health Center employees refuse on a regular basis to provide information regarding medical issues that plague the student body.

In stories about topics as sensitive as depression and as arbitrary as allergies, Dr. Burton Schwartz, a doctor at the Health Center, has not been a source of information to the Skiff.

Employees of the Mental Health Center said they didn't have records of the number of students that come in on a day-to-day basis, and they declined to explain their procedures in cases of extreme depression. Schwartz wouldn't release the number of prescriptions the Health Center fills for allergies or the number of students who come into the Health Center in reference to allergies. He also refused to explain the Health Center's procedures for testing students for Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, and he withheld the number of prescriptions of Ritalin granted by the Health Center.

His reasoning for being so tightlipped?

"I have all of this information, but that information is for us," he said. "It is not for the pages of the Skiff."

In fact, Health Center employees said Schwartz has put a gag order on the staff, and no employee is permitted to talk to Skiff employees without his permission.

According to the Freedom of Information Act, these numbers must be released.

Schwartz and his staff at the Health Center may need to be reminded that students run the Skiff. And students are the very people to whom the Health Center is supposed to "provide information."

YEE-(COUGH)-HAW

Environment suffers under Bush

Texas is always on top of things. It is, after all, the biggest state in the contiguous United States. We're also No. 1 in pollution.

According to the Environmental Defense Fund, Texas is also No. 1 in overall toxic releases, recognized carcinogens in the air and developmental toxins, which affect the brain and nervous system in children and increase the risk of cancer.

The environment has been this way since the 1980s, and it seems things aren't going to change with George W. Bush as president. European Union leaders are upset about Bush's decision to pull out of a global warming agreement.

Environmentalists say that because of air pollution and other misguided funding priorities done by the Bush administration, national parks are in danger. Bush has issued \$4.9 billion to the parks budget this year, but environmentalists said they think he will use this money for "brick and mortar" projects rather than plant and animal species.

When it comes to air pollution, Bush has lobbied to weaken the Clean Air Act. In his position papers, there is no mention of clean water. In fact, Bush opposes the ban of logging on roadless areas of national forests.

Rather than killing the trees and allowing our environment to go to waste, more people need to pressure the Bush administration to take steps into making this world a cleaner place to live.

New Neeley requirement unfair

Problem comes from university's weakness in managing employment

Either by the grace of God or a lot of good luck, I have always been able to enroll in the required classes for my major every semester. Perhaps this is because there are not a lot of people in my major (math), or maybe it has to do with the flexible nature of the classes I take. Either way, the majority of TCU students are not as lucky as I am in this aspect.



Ward

One group of people who will be butting heads with enrollment problems for the next two weeks are those majoring in advertising/public relations. According to a Skiff article printed March 30, about 150 to 200 advertising/public relations majors will be affected by a new enrollment policy that will only allow students formally accepted into the M.J. Neeley School of Business to enroll in upper-division business classes. The only exception to this rule applies to students whose majors explicitly require business courses in the current catalogue.

The problem with this? Advertising/public relations majors who have an emphasis in marketing or management will not be able to enroll in these re-

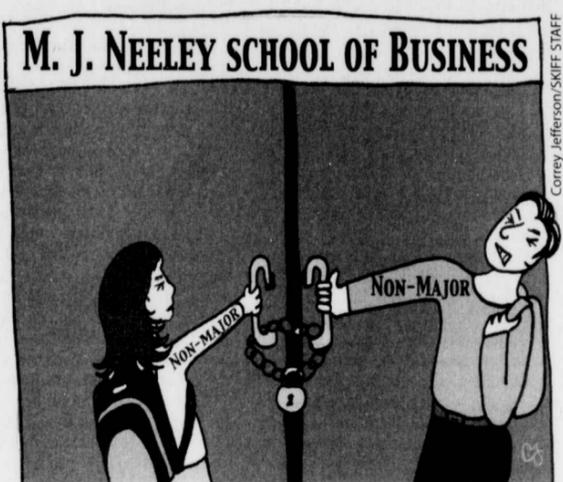
quired courses because their emphasis requirements are not specifically listed in the catalogue. In other words, if you are a journalism student in the advertising/public relations sequence (which is the largest sequence in the journalism department), good luck figuring out your summer and fall semester schedules this year.

The reason for this massive inconvenience is that the business school has expanded so quickly they can't allow in excessive numbers of students into the classrooms. So sacrifices must be made on the part of many advertising/public relations students.

At first glance, I was infuriated when I found out that advertising/public relations majors would have to suffer because the business school decided to be selfish and exclusive. After some thought, however, it became obvious that this was not something the business school wanted to do, but rather a situation in which they had no other choice.

But like they say in the FBI, blame must be assigned somewhere.

The problem is with TCU's weakness in managing the employment of professors. The business school can't allow non-business majors into certain classes because the classes are filling up faster than they can count. If there were more professors to teach classes, this enroll-



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ment policy would not even be considered.

Take the philosophy department for another example. It has four full-time faculty members. After Ted Kline retires at the end of this semester, will TCU ensure he has a replacement? The department is already struggling with what little help it gets, and there is no way they can afford to lose any more.

The philosophy department and business school are by no means the only academic units in dire need of more professors. The departments of speech communication, ballet and modern

dance and journalism are just a few that are lacking professors. The problem is occurring campus-wide, and sooner or later, a remedy will have to be made.

For anybody who has to postpone his or her graduation for another semester or two because classes have filled up, I sympathize with you. Let's just hope somebody will find a way to rectify this situation.

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White House frames press coverage

No more Bush press conferences means media will conform to PR tactics

The most domestically unfortunate news that came out of the White House last week involved neither tax cuts nor campaign finance reform, but rather Press Secretary Ari Fleischer's somewhat overlooked announcement that President George W. Bush has decided not to hold formal news conferences. Instead, the president will "be accessible" to the press during his public appearances and meetings with world leaders. While some regular critics of the new administration rush to point to this as yet another move done to protect a president ill at ease with eloquent phraseology and spontaneous thought, in actuality, this is the continuation of a long trend of presidents becoming less and less accessible to the press in formal settings, and yet another victory for media imagery over

newsworthy substance.

According to Fleischer, the president thinks that the American people "don't really care a whit" about whether he addresses the press in a formal or informal manner. While it may be true that the public at large has no definitive opinion on the manner in which the president deals with the press, the president's maneuver has everything to do with how he talks to the populace. A president removing himself from formal televised press conferences is not simply bad news for the correspondents up against tight deadlines and cranky editors, but also for the public, who will get to see their chief executive in more canned appearances done for purposes of creating a "line of the day" rather than fulfilling the

ultimate purpose of a republic, keeping in touch with the people on the matters of the nation.

Since its advent, the presidential press conference has gone from a high-profile forum to a begotten nuisance. Whereas FDR gave 6.9 press conferences a month, Richard Nixon held just 0.5 a month, and when he did so, he used them as opportunities to lie about the Watergate scandal. Ronald Reagan, not the most mentally swift of men, held just 0.3 month, and during the Iran-Contra scandal, he held none at all. George H. W. Bush held his mini-conferences in the mornings, so attendance and viewership was lessened. Bill Clinton held even fewer press conferences throughout his two terms, and during the Lewinsky scandal, answered to the press almost never.

Despite this downward trend, we still see a lot of our president in the newspaper and on the television screen, regardless of who he is or how popular he may be. Shaking

hands with a diplomat, waving to a camera, signing a document, getting into his helicopter, we are always being treated to knowledge of the president's whereabouts and actions; he is still the center of the American political landscape, yet he answers directly into a camera very little.

This is exactly what the White House wants from this most recent announcement, that you see the president busy at work, in bits and pieces, giving off-the-cuff answers to reporters in more informal settings, as opposed to propped up behind a podium, where we all know this president does not do his best work. You get to see his partial answers to questions done in the Briefing Room as opposed to long and drawn out answers in the lavish East Room. Indeed, this is an administration that focuses hard on imagery and symbolism, planning out the president's every handshake, spoken word and small talk joke, and this announcement is a continuation of that unfortunate strategy.

This is not wholly, however, an indictment of the Bush administration, nor is it an indictment of the press, but perhaps it is a general comment on our civil society as a whole. With the press's feeding frenzy for scandal and gossip, and the public consuming nothing but stories about affairs and kickbacks, public officials see little choice but to escape further into a cocoon of silence about both their private and public business. They opt to put out, in assembly line-like fashion, 10-second sound bites, pre-packaged photo ops, and positions taken in the name of "national security" and the public's "general welfare" when one look deeper will show a society of backroom politics and money changing hands. This cancer's latest victim is the Office of the President, and in an era of quick fixes, no cure is in sight.

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"Everybody knows he is the best player in college tennis when he feels like it. We beat them last year, and Esteban lost. I think those things played into (their victory today)."

— Peter Smith, Pepperdine University's men's head tennis coach, on senior Esteban Carril's athletic ability.

"This race has built-in apprehensions. That's why it's a great spectator event. It's the greatest event in track and field unless you're the coach of the team entered in it."

— Monte Stratton, head track and field coach, on the excitement of the 4x100-meter relay event.

"They are taking their sweet time returning the results."

— Gary Patterson, head football coach, on the results of junior tailback Andrew Hayes-Stoker's MRI.

"I was a \$1 girl."

— Marisa Schenke, a junior advertising/public relations major, on her strategy for winning at "The Price is Right."

"We hate them. Everybody hates them because of the way they play. They try anything to win. We really didn't want them to come in here and beat us."

— Petr Koula, a senior tennis player, on the team's victory against Baylor.

"I am not a career woman. I just believe very much in family and in these young lives."

— Sarah Smith, newly-elected trustee, on her qualification to join the board.

"The atrium will become a theatrical canvas to be painted with light. If we are successful, that whole atrium will glow."

— Fred Oberkircher, associate professor of interior design, on the light show to be presented tonight at the Moudy Building atrium.

CONVOCATION

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the speaker did not mention religion in his speech.

"He had me interested, until the end where he stated that we are all children of the universe," she said. "I was disappointed when he failed to acknowledge the existence of some creator, some person, some being higher than us. I have heard that kind of stuff before, but I did not agree with him not acknowledging God."

Sky-Eagle said she could relate to Tyson's theory of the cosmos as well as the uniqueness of Tyson's position as the first director of the Hayden Planetarium.

"I like to think that music is the same way," she said. "There are not that many people who are able to make it in that field."

Tyson said he was fascinated by what happens in the sky because within the sky are the answers to questions that plague all mankind.

"If you look back through time, across cultures, I don't think there is a single civilization that has not asked why we are here," he said. "Not until the 20th century could we address these questions in a scientific manner."

Trustees increase benefits

Pay to rise by 3 to 4 percent for faculty, staff

By Alisha Brown
STAFF REPORTER

On March 30, the Board of Trustees approved a pay raise and an increase in retirement benefits for faculty and staff.

A general pay raise is offered each year across the board and averages between 3 to 4 percent, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Business Carol Campbell said.

"The rate was lower this year, because the budget was much tighter," Campbell said. "Every year when you do the budget you're trying to balance all kinds of things. Three percent was all we could do this year with all of the other increases we made."

Last year, the minimum wage for non-exempt staff was raised from \$5.73 to \$7.25 an hour, according to Skiff reports. The

board also approved a 5 percent merit/adjustment increase for continuing non-exempt staff, who were not affected by the raise in minimum wage and a 4 percent merit/adjustment pool for continuing faculty.

"Its annual increases are the university's way of moving us toward the goal of better salaries," Jean Andrus, chairwoman for the Staff Assembly, said.

"Salaries were so low a few years ago that we were losing people all the time."

In furthering that goal and as a result of the board meeting, retirement pay rates for non-exempt faculty were also raised, she said.

"There is a differential in retirement salaries," Campbell said. "Retirement is funded based on a percentage of a salary. There are two different rates

— one for faculty and exempt staff and a different lower rate for non-exempt staff."

When Chancellor Michael Ferrari came to the university in 1998, non-exempt staff were paid 6 percent of their salary upon retirement. Faculty and exempt staff received 11 percent, Ferrari said.

"I feel strongly that all members of our staff in the non-exempt category work hard for the university, and I want to bring their rates up to parity," he said.

The rate was raised to 8.5 percent last year and again to 9.5 percent this year.

"We hope to continue to raise the rate 1 percent each year until it equalizes with the faculty and exempt staff rates," Campbell said.

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Mob boss to testify against ex-cellmate

By Michael Rubinkam
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PHILADELPHIA — Mob boss Ralph Natale once talked about the "special bond" he shared with his reputed successor, Joseph "Skinny Joey" Merlino.

While sharing a prison cell in the early 1990s, the older man and his protege allegedly plotted to rule the Philadelphia underworld. In government tapes, Natale is repeatedly heard telling Merlino he loves him, once saying: "I think about you 24 hours a day."

So much for mob loyalty.

This week, Natale is committing the ultimate Mafia sin: He is testifying for the government in Merlino's racketeering trial.

"Whenever I wanted something done on the street — whether it was an extortion, a beating, or a murder — I would pass the order on to Joey Merlino, and then he would have to go find the men within our family to go ahead and do it," said Natale, who is in his 60s and hopes to win a reduced jail sentence in return for his testimony.

Natale's premiere as turncoat came last year during the federal corruption trial of Mayor Milton Milan of Camden, N.J., who was convicted in December of charges that included taking mob payoffs and laundering drug money.

The FBI brags that Natale is the only American mob boss ever to flip. Merlino and his six co-defendants call Natale a rat, a liar and worse.

For Natale, jailed since 1998, "Joey Merlino is better than having a key to the prison," said Edwin Jacobs Jr., Merlino's lawyer.

Although the Mafia code of silence has crumbled in recent years, underworld figures are still aghast at Natale's betrayal.

Courtroom spectators, most of whom are friends and relatives of the defendants, snicker and whisper insults and jokes about him. One wiseguy talked about Natale buying a "mob starter kit" from Toys R Us.

During a break in the testimony, reputed mob consigliere and co-defendant George Borges turned to family members and said, "I never thought I'd say it: This guy's a bigger lowlife than Sammy the Bull!" — a reference to mobster Sammy Gravano, who testified against New York crime boss John Gotti.

Natale and Merlino cemented their relationship at the federal prison in McKean in 1990-91. Natale was doing 27 years for drug trafficking and arson, and Merlino had been convicted in an armored car heist.

The two men shared an intense dislike of John Stanfa, who took over the mob in the late 1980s after Nicodemo "Little Nicky" Scarfo went to prison. With several of Merlino's friends, they began plotting a bloody war against the Stanfa faction, with the ultimate aim of ruling the Philadelphia mob, Natale said.

Merlino, the son of a jailed mobster, "needed someone to legitimize him and the young men in Philadelphia," said Natale, a long-time mob figure who claimed to be a close friend of legendary Philadelphia crime boss Angelo Bruno, the "Docile Don."

After nearly 16 years behind bars, Natale was finally paroled in 1994. Merlino initiated him into the mob several weeks later, and Natale began assembling a new crime family, according to testimony.

Philadelphia was theirs for the taking; Stanfa and his men had been convicted of racketeering and were serving long prison terms.

Competing interests reason for Senate openings

By Jillanne Johnson
STAFF REPORTER

Lack of interest in Faculty Senate positions is only compounded by competing interests, Peggy Watson, an associate professor of Spanish, said Thursday at the Faculty Senate meeting.

For the M.J. Neeley School of Business, College of Communications and College of Fine Arts, the Senate has more openings than volunteers.

Watson said there is a lack of interest at the end of every year, but the separation of colleges and demands of the accreditation process are requiring

more service of faculty.

"Virtually all faculty are serving on the self-review committee (for the accreditation process) in some way," Watson said. "They just don't feel there's time for this too."

Watson is not surprised about the openings in the College of Communications and the College of Fine Arts because the two colleges just split.

According to the Handbook for Faculty and Staff 2000-2001, a representative is elected for every 11 full-time faculty members with no less than three representatives a school.

The TCU Fall 2000 Factbook shows the split of the College of Com-

munications and the College of Fine Arts requires two more representatives than before.

Deans of these schools were unavailable for comment.

Nowell Donovan, chairman of the Faculty Senate, said the lack of interest is also part of the culture of the profession.

"We have joint loyalties between teaching and our (individual research fields)," he said. "The two can get in the way."

However, a healthy institution is one where the faculty identify more with their university, Donovan said. TCU is not bad in that respect, he said.

But he thinks the openness that Chancellor Michael Ferrari has created is improving the university climate.

Watson agrees that this is a prime time to become involved in the Faculty Senate.

Watson said all positions in the Senate are normally filled eventually, but it takes some arm twisting.

"Some people are flattered just by being asked individually," Watson said.

Watson and Donovan said it would be advantageous if individual departments and senior faculty approached their colleagues and encouraged them to volunteer.

Phone explosion kills Palestinian

Murder comes one day after inconclusive Mideast peace talks

By Greg Myre
ASSOCIATED PRESS

JERUSALEM — A leading Palestinian militant was blown up Thursday when a booby-trapped public phone exploded as he used it on the street outside the West Bank jail where he was held on-and-off by Palestinian authorities.

Palestinians immediately blamed Israel for the killing, which came a day after the sides held heated and inconclusive talks on ending more than six months of Mideast violence.

Israelis and Palestinians also traded angry accusations over an incident in which Israeli soldiers fired on a four-car convoy carrying Palestinian security chiefs as they returned to Gaza at 2 a.m. Thursday after the talks inside Israel.

The Palestinians charged that Israel was trying to kill the officials. Israel insisted that the Palestinians opened fire first, prompting return fire from the Israeli soldiers.

The shooting and recriminations reflected the hardening attitudes on both sides of the conflict, which has been marked by Palestinian suicide bombings,

Israeli airstrikes and gunbattles in recent weeks.

After nightfall, three mortar shells fired from Palestinian areas in Gaza landed near Netiv Haasara, a village in Israel next to Gaza. No casualties were reported. It was only the third time Palestinians have fired mortar rounds at Israeli villages outside Gaza.

In the West Bank town of Jenin, Iyad Hardan, 30, a leading militant in the radical Islamic Jihad movement, was killed instantly when an explosive device detonated as he spoke on a pay phone he often used just outside the Palestinian jail, witnesses said.

Israel did not immediately comment on the blast, but it had named Hardan one of the most dangerous members of Islamic Jihad, and accused him of masterminding major bomb attacks against Israel.

Without saying directly that Israel was responsible, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said that his government would conduct a constant struggle against terrorism.

"Sometimes we will announce what we did, sometimes we will

not announce what we did," he told a political meeting in Tel Aviv. "We don't always have to announce it."

Hardan escaped from a Palestinian jail in October, in the first days of the Palestinian uprising. After a manhunt, he was re-arrested by the Palestinians, only to be released in November. Israel says he then orchestrated a December bombing in northern Israel that killed two Israelis and injured 60.

Hardan was arrested again by the Palestinians, but has been allowed to come and go from the jail. He went to a university in Jenin on Thursday morning where he was studying history, and was returning to the jail in the afternoon.

But before he entered, he made a call from his regular phone, just a few paces from the entrance to the facility, which also houses offices of the Palestinian Authority.

"We knew he was a target for the Israelis," said Abedil Izzedine, Hardan's cellmate at the prison. But Hardan believed the phone was safe because Palestinian security guards stood watch nearby.

RITALIN

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I don't want to be known as a supplier."

Dr. Burton Schwartz, a physician at the Health Center, said he refused to discuss testing procedures for diagnosing ADHD or to provide the number of prescriptions for Ritalin the Health Center fills.

"We do handle and are aware of (the drug abuse)," he said. "And when medication is used, we spend a lot of time going over proper use with the patient."

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration has strict controls on the manufacturer, distribution and prescription of Ritalin because it's a stimulant and has the potential for abuse, according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse's Web site, (www.nida.nih.gov/Infobox/ritalin.html).

According to the Web site, il-

licit methylphenidate appears to be more available in Texas and Michigan than anywhere else in the country.

Staci Walters, a pharmacist at Walgreens on Oak Park Lane, said Texas may have a higher use of illicit methylphenidate because of the willingness of doctors to prescribe it.

"We fill an awful lot of prescriptions for Ritalin," Walters said. "Doctors don't have a problem prescribing it."

Walters said doctors risk being audited for prescribing large quantities or a lot of prescriptions of Ritalin to the same person.

"It's really closely regulated," she said. "It's a drug people can become highly dependent upon, and it has a high percentage of abuse."

According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse's Web site, Ritalin stimulates the central nervous system, with effects similar to, but less potent than, amphetamines. The effects, however,

are more potent than caffeine, according to the Web site.

"(Ritalin) has a notably calming effect on hyperactive children and a focusing effect on those with ADHD," according to the Web site.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration found that Ritalin can cause liver tumors in male mice, but the FDA also notes that this cancer is extremely rare in humans, and its occurrence is not increasing as Ritalin becomes more popular.

Walters said people should be careful not to abuse the drug, even if long-term side effects have not been found.

"Ritalin is a drug that has to be introduced to the body," she said. "Taking it sporadically can be really hard on someone who's not used to it."

Walters said she doesn't think Ritalin will ever be prescribed as a study aid, because doctors don't want to jeopardize the drug's reputation.

"There could be doctors doing that now, though," she said. "They have a legal right to prescribe drugs off the record."

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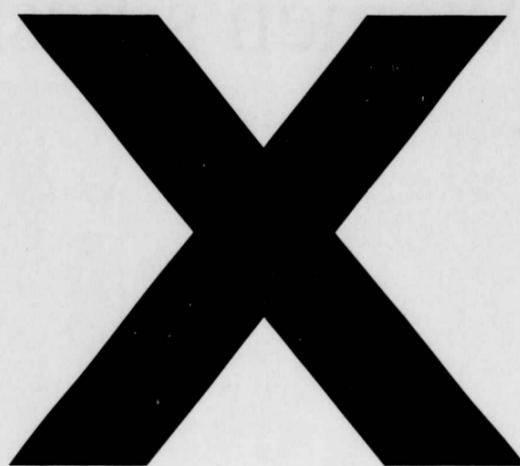
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ECSTASY

ON THE RISE



Facts about Ecstasy

- Ecstasy was made illegal in 1985.
- Ecstasy is MDMA, a "mood elevator," that produces a relaxed, euphoric state. It does not produce hallucinations.
- The effect takes 20 to 40 minutes after taking the tablet, with rushes of exhilaration that are sometimes followed by nausea.
- Sixty to 90 minutes after taking the drug, the user feels the peak effects.
- Black market tablets usually contain other drugs.
- A normal dose of ecstasy is 100 to 125 mg.
- Ecstasy is not physically addictive.
- Ecstasy is illegal and a conviction for possession can carry a prison sentence.
- Frequent high doses have been linked to neurotoxic damage in laboratory animals. It is still unknown whether such damage occurs in humans.
- Some people experience depression after taking MDMA.
- There have been deaths associated with MDMA. They are usually the result of heatstroke from dancing for long periods of time in clubs without replenishing lost body fluids.
- Mixing ecstasy with alcohol or other drugs increases the risk of adverse reactions.

Source: (www.dancesafe.org)

RAVERS TAKING A STAND

By Mike Schneider
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ORLANDO, Fla. — After two of David Curiel's rave-scene friends died of drug overdoses, he realized something needed to change.

about 20 rave regulars who try to educate fellow ravers about drugs and safe sex in a nonjudgmental manner. They spread the word when bad drugs are circulating and pass out condoms at raves, the all-night parties that have a backdrop of hypnotic, electronic dance music.

"We're just trying to save lives," said Curiel, who wears a nose ring, earrings in each ear and a stud under his lip. "I don't want to see any more of my friends die."

They've also tried to counter the socially irresponsible image of ravers by volunteering at a nursing home, an Adopt-a-Highway program and helping build homes for Habitat for Humanity. One Future Tribe flier says getting high is not what raves are about.

"It's about dancing, the music, having a good time, opening your mind, connecting with others," the flier reads. "We are not the slacker losers they want you to believe we are. We are creative, dynamic, young, peaceful, evolving, beautiful people."

The public relations campaign can't come soon enough. Orlando's rave scene has become public enemy No. 1 for the community's politicians, law enforcement officers and religious leaders.

The fans of electronic dance music, usually teen-agers or those in their early 20s, have been blamed for drug overdoses, sex crimes, vandalism and excessive noise in the city. Club drugs, such as Ecstasy, GHB and crystal meth, were responsible for 230 deaths statewide between 1996 and 1999, according to the Florida Office of Drug Control.

"Ladies and gentlemen, our children are being poisoned," Orange County Sheriff Kevin Beary said in February during a hearing on the rave scene.

The most recent attack against the rave scene comes from the Orange County Commission. It is expected to vote in several weeks on an ordinance that would tightly regulate after-hour venues that don't serve alcohol but attract segments of the rave scene. The so-called rave clubs would have to be licensed every year, subject to inspection at any time, and required to have

off-duty police officers and paramedics on the premises.

"The idea is to create consistency between clubs that would cater to underage folks and those that would cater to adults," said Orange County Chairman Richard Crotty. "Clubs for adults are licensed."

The Orange County ordinance comes almost four years after the Orlando City Council forced bars and nightclubs to close at 3 a.m. in an effort to stop raves at after-hour bars. The city's ordinance effectively moved the rave scene underground into warehouses, parks and private homes, although a few clubs outside the city began playing rave-style dance music.

One of those places was Cyberzone, outside the city in Orange County. Last September, Cyberzone patron David Stieb purchased what he thought was Ecstasy from another patron and died of an overdose. In a wrongful death lawsuit, his parents accused Cyberzone employees of throwing Stieb out of the club while he was overdosing and not seeking medical help for him.

Drug deaths are a prime concern for The Future Tribe Project. It is affiliated with DanceSafe, an Oakland, Calif.-based group that began testing drugs in clubs several years ago to stop deaths related to the consumption of fake or impure drugs. DanceSafe now tests drugs by mail and posts the results on its Web site.

Members of the Future Tribe Project frown on places like Cyberzone. Still, they say no more drug use goes on at raves than anywhere else.

"I really, really doubt that you would have an easier time finding drugs at a rave than you would at your standard Pink Floyd concert or Doobie Brothers' concert," said Brad Lyons, a 20-year-old University of Central Florida student and member of the Future Tribe Project.

Legislating the problem away won't work either, Future Tribe members said.

"Everything they've done to shut us down has done nothing to stop the drug deaths," said Greg Shultea, 22, a light and sound technician.

"I really, really doubt that you would have an easier time finding drugs at a rave than you would at your standard Pink Floyd concert or Doobie Brothers' concert."

So two years ago, the 30-year-old industrial designer formed The Future Tribe Project. The group consists of

CONSEQUENCES OF ECSTASY NOT CONSIDERED

By Sarah McClellan
SKIFF STAFF

Within five minutes of entering a dance club, Chris (*) can tell who is "rolling" on ecstasy or "X," a pill that gives the user a euphoric high and has been dubbed a "club drug." He can also easily tell who is selling it.

Within another couple of minutes, Chris, who is a 29-year-old registered nurse at a Dallas/Fort Worth area hospital, can purchase as many "hits" or tablets of ecstasy as he needs to keep his high for the entire evening. The cost is usually between \$20 and \$25.

"It has become a lot more popular lately," he said. "It is probably because it is easy to get, it is cheap and one tablet can last you all night. Out of three people you ask, at least one will have it."

Chris used ecstasy on a regular basis from when he was 23-years old to when he was 27-years old. Though he said that he doesn't think the drug is addictive, he stopped using, because he became aware of the consequences involved.

"People don't realize what the consequences are," Chris said. "They'll buy it from anyone. It could be someone they've never met and will never see again. Anything could happen."

Chris also said the popularity of ecstasy is rising, because it has been brought to the public's attention through the media.

"It's so much easier to get now and so many more people are doing it, because people are being exposed to it more," Chris said. "Now when I go to clubs it definitely seems like more people are using it."

Braden Howell, a sophomore premajor, also thinks ecstasy use is rising.

"Even my friends who don't do drugs are trying 'X,'" Howell said. "Some of them feel like they're

not really doing drugs, because it's not like heroin or cocaine."

Lt. Ric Clark, commander of the narcotics section of the Fort Worth Police Department, agrees.

"That's what they say when we pick them up," Clark said. "They say, 'We're not out doing heroin or cocaine.' They say there's a big difference between ecstasy and other drugs. They don't see that this is a big deal. But this drug does a lot of brain damage."

Howell also said the drug has become more available in the past year.

"It's in the mainstream now, and a lot more kids are doing it," Howell said. "The more popular it gets, the more accessible it gets, and the more accessible it gets, the cheaper it gets."

Howell said he has been offered the drug at various bars and clubs more in the past year than before.

In a June 5, 2000 government report, Francis E. Seib, acting special agent in charge of the Dallas Field Division of the Drug Enforcement Administration, told the House Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, "Ado-

lescents in the Dallas area are experimenting with, and abusing, a wide vari-



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Women's basketball ends season at banquet



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Members of the women's basketball team surround head coach Jeff Mittie after receiving their awards for individual achievements during the season. The Frogs finished at 25-8 after winning their first-ever conference championship and making their first appearance in the NCAA Tournament.

Six players honored with awards for activities on, off court

By Kelly Morris
SPORTS EDITOR

The women's basketball team had plenty to celebrate Thursday at its postseason banquet at the River Crest Country Club Ballroom despite the fact that it was eliminated in the second round of the NCAA Tournament in March.

After recording their best season in school history, the Frogs' season became the year of firsts. With an overall record of 25-8, the Frogs had their first 20-win season. The Frogs also won their first Western Athletic Conference regular season title and first WAC Championship. But their season did not end there as they received their first bid to the NCAA Tournament. As the 11th seed in the tournament, they upset their first-round opponent Penn State. TCU was

ousted from the tournament by Louisiana Tech, which went on to the Final Four.

Head coach Jeff Mittie said this year's Frogs will be a tough act to follow.

"This team has left a great mark on TCU women's basketball on and off the court," Mittie said. "We will lose a very special group."

Thursday was also a first of sorts as over 200 people attended the banquet, the largest turnout ever.

"Coming here, I didn't know how emotional it would be," senior guard Amy Porter said. "It was a great evening. Having the fans here that supported us all year long made this evening that much more special."

Besides celebrating the Frogs' season, six athletes were honored with awards. Forward Tiffany Evans was

named the Freshman of the Year. Evans averaged 20.3 minutes a game in the 32 games she played. She also grabbed 172 rebounds for the season, averaging 5.4 a game.

With her 257 rebounds and 9.3 points a game, senior forward Janice Thomas was named the Defensive Player of the Year. Thomas led the team in rebounds by almost 100. Junior forward Kati Safaritova, who led the team in scoring with 12.2 points a game, was named Offensive Player of the Year, and senior guard Jill Sutton was named as the winner of the Janice Dzuik Award. The award is named for TCU's all-time leading scorer. Sutton currently holds second place with 1,300 career points. Junior forward Quinn Tedder won the Academic Award with a 4.0 GPA for the second year in a row.

Junior forward Tricia Payne, who was named the Player of the Year, said the honor meant a lot to her.

"It was special to be recognized, but I couldn't have done it without my teammates," Payne said. "I was tearing up a couple of times. I can't believe it's over, and the seniors are going to be gone. They meant so much to me. I thought I had played with them forever."

"But it was a perfect ending to a perfect season. This evening topped it off for us."

The evening ended with the team's highlight video. The final frame read "Final Four — San Antonio 2002."

"You can dream a little can't you?" Mittie asked.

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Cross-country athlete runs 'cross the world'

Keitany uses track to prepare skills for home

By Jennifer Koesling
STAFF REPORTER

Coming to America from Kenya was something senior Gladys Keitany never considered doing. But the way she got here was even more surprising.

Figuratively speaking, she ran.

When Keitany was 13 years old, she participated in Kenya's national 3,000-meter race for all eighth graders. She won first place.

"I had never run before, so I had no idea that I would do so well," Keitany said.

Keitany's first-place honors not only helped her discover a passion for running, but also financed her high school education. Following the meet, she said, the Kenyan government paid for her to attend Kipsosen Secondary School in her hometown of Iten.

Keitany said most Kenyans don't aspire to continue into high school because it is too expensive, and it's not a big part of the culture.

"Running is a way of life for most Kenyans," she said. "Most people do not go to high school. They just go on to run for their country in international events and get money for it."

In 1994, Keitany received a silver medal in the World Junior Cross Country Competition in Durham, England.

She then traveled to Lisbon, Portugal, in 1996 for the World Junior Track and Field Competition and received a bronze medal in the 5,000 meters.

Keitany said she was born third in line after two older brothers, one who currently runs competitively for Kenya.

She said she paid for her other older brother to attend high school with the money she made from competitive international races.

Born into a polygamous family of nine children, Keitany is third behind her mother's two older sons and sixth to her father behind three other brothers from her father's first wife. Keitany said although her experiences were different, they are a part of who she is.

"My father has been my inspiration because he has always shown such an interest in my life," Keitany said. "One day, I asked him to wake me up at six the next morning so I could run, and ever since that day, he continued to wake me up at six to run because he was excited for me and wanted me to do well."

Even though her father has been her inspiration, it is hard for Keitany to contact her family. She said she has to schedule a time to call her



Tim Cox/SKIFF STAFF

Senior Gladys Keitany gets set to run at the UTA Invitational Saturday. Dan Waters, head coach of the TCU cross country team, said Keitany is the backbone and the pace setter for the team.

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Women win 10th in a row

Next match offers Ingram a chance at his 300th victory

By John Weyand
STAFF REPORTER

In its match against TCU Thursday, the North Texas women's tennis team tried to make the Frogs beat themselves.

Try as they might, the Eagles were unsuccessful.

The No. 26 Horned Frogs defeated North Texas, 6-1, at the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center to extend their winning streak to 10 matches. The Frogs won all three doubles matches and the No. 1 through 5 singles matches against UNT.

TCU head coach Roland Ingram said that although the Frogs played well, they needed to stay focused to win the match.

"The (UNT) players wanted to make (us) hit as many balls as possible," Ingram said. "As a result, my players got a little sloppy and a little lazy. It's a good time to practice concentration and discipline on the court."

The Frogs' concentration netted them a convincing victory over the Eagles. In singles, No. 98 Pamy Aburto, a freshman at TCU, extended her winning streak to nine matches with a 6-2, 6-0, victory against UNT's Kristin Beedy at the No. 3 position. At the No. 1 spot, sophomore Rosa Perez defeated the Eagles' Melissa Hodges, 6-2, 6-1, and at No. 2, junior Leoni Weirich had a straight-set victory against Catherine Alain of UNT.

In doubles, the TCU pairing of Perez and freshman Saber Pierce recorded its 19th win this season, defeating UNT's duo of Benita Bittner and Natalie Clore, 8-2.

The Eagles' only win came at the No. 6 singles position, where UNT's Christine Huynh defeated freshman Emily Waters, 6-1, 6-2. Despite the loss, UNT's head coach Dawna Denny said that she thought her players performed well.

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Baseball team opens crucial series with win

SKIFF STAFF

Sophomore outfielder Terry Trofholz hit a three-run home run in the bottom of ninth inning to extend TCU's lead to 11-7, and the Frogs went on to break a four-game losing streak Thursday with a 12-7, victory against Nevada.

The Frogs (21-13, 12-5 Western Athletic Conference) and the Wolf Pack were playing in the first game of a key four-game series. The Frogs were swept last weekend by top-ranked Rice, ending a seven-game winning streak. Nevada (18-15, 9-9 WAC) has won 13 of the last 16 games, including two of three last

weekend at Fresno State.

Both the Frogs and the Wolf Pack brought their top offenses to the ballpark Thursday. TCU pounded out 14 hits, while Nevada recorded 17 hits.

But the difference was timely hitting as the Frogs came through in clutch moments. The Wolf Pack stranded 13 base runners.

"I was glad our offense played so well," junior pitcher Patrick Newburn said on 88.7-FM KTCU. "We put up four runs in the first inning, and that really helped to take the pressure off."

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	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
		Women vs. Houston 11 a.m. Men at Rice 1 p.m.			Women at SMU 2 p.m.		
	at Nevada 4 p.m.	at Nevada 3 p.m.	at Nevada 3 p.m.				
	at Texas Relays in Austin	at Texas Relays in Austin					
	Men at Ford U.S. Collegiate in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico	Men at Ford U.S. Collegiate Women at Lady Sun Devil Invitational	Men at Ford U.S. Collegiate Women at Lady Sun Devil Invitational	Women at Lady Sun Devil Invitational in Phoenix, Ariz.			

Sports glance

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

SPORTS BRIEFS

Fielding honored by WAC

Senior Trace Fielding was announced Wednesday as the Western Athletic Conference Men's Tennis Player of the Week.

In the Frogs match against No. 30 California March 27, Fielding, who is unranked, defeated No. 85 Balazs Vess in three sets. Fielding won again in the Frogs next match March 28 against No. 71 Santa Clara when he defeated Michael Duong in straight sets. Fielding then defeated No. 34 Stefan Suter of No. 7 Pepperdine.

He is currently 10-5 in singles play and 9-8 in doubles play this spring.

Patterson garners golf award

Junior Jennifer Patterson was named the WAC Women's Golfer of the Week during the week of March 26.

She shot a 70 in the final round of the Lady Rainbow Invitational March 27 to 29

in Hawaii. With a two-round score of 153, Patterson was in 19th place. But a career-best round of 70, catapulted her to a sixth-place finish.

The finish was her second consecutive top-10 finish. At the Betsy Rawls Longhorn Invitational March 12 to 14, Patterson placed ninth. In the five tournaments Patterson has played this season, she has recorded three top-10 finishes.

Patterson has been named to the WAC all-Academic Team twice and was also a 2000 Academic all-American.

Hayes-Stoker out for five to six weeks

The results of Andrew Hayes-Stoker's MRI showed a tear in the cartilage of his right knee, head coach Gary Patterson said.

The junior tailback was injured on the first play of Saturday's scrimmage, and he will miss practice until the middle or late part of May.

Stoker, who was being challenged for the starting tailback position, will have surgery Tuesday.



BASEBALL

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After TCU got out to the 4-0 lead, Nevada rallied for four straight runs to tie the score. But every time the Wolf Pack scored, the Frogs had an answer.

TCU scored three runs in the bottom of the third inning, highlighted by back-to-back RBI hits by senior catcher Jason Price and sophomore third baseman Mike Settle.

Following a Nevada home run in the fifth inning, sophomore first baseman Walter Olmstead hit his team-leading sixth home run.

The Wolf Pack, in a final rally, cut the Frogs' lead to 8-7 in the seventh inning. But again, the TCU answered as Trofholz and junior shortstop Erick Macha each hit ninth-inning home runs.



Tim Cox/SKIFF STAFF

The TCU baseball team managed to find itself in a bit of a pickle upon losing four consecutive games after a 20-9 start to the season. The Frogs started a four-game series Thursday at Nevada with 12-7 win.

TENNIS

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"They fought really hard," Denny said. "(The Horned Frogs) just outplayed us today."

Ingram agreed that the Eagles put a solid effort forward.

"They played us closer than I thought they would," Ingram said. "We did have to win the points, and the points they won were mostly on

our errors."

Denny said playing TCU is a good experience for reasons beyond getting to face a talented team.

"They're polite girls," Denny said. "It doesn't sound that important, but it actually matters."

Ingram said the next four matches the Frogs have will be tough. The first match will be against Houston at home on Saturday. Ingram said lately he is more threatened by the Cougars than he

was originally.

"I thought Houston was down this year, but they just beat Tulane," Ingram said. "Thank God for the Internet."

The match will be at the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center at 11 a.m. and will offer Ingram a chance at his 300th win. Ingram is 299-149 in his 18 seasons coaching at TCU.

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BOXES

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because no other type of container can keep items hot or cold as well as Styrofoam.

Trafton said he agrees that Styrofoam maintains heat better, but it's a decision the university made.

Diane Sullivan, food service director at the University of Texas at Arlington, said the students there can also take food to go, but they use recycled Styrofoam.

Flores said, unlike UTA, TCU doesn't use recycled paper in The Main, however, Pizza Hut and Starbucks do. Flores said he would be interested to find out how UTA uses recycled Styrofoam.

"We realize there's a problem, but the issue needs to be directed by the student body," Flores said. "If we eliminated Styrofoam, students would be unhappy, because they are accustomed to taking food to go and they like the availability."

April Gonzalez, a junior interior design major, said the reason she uses the containers is primarily due to convenience.

"I guess I just assume, that my one (container) isn't going to harm the environment, but I didn't realize there are so many used daily," Gonzalez said.

Chris Mattingly, a sophomore



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Styrofoam boxes sit in a trash can in The Main. According to Dining Services, between 2,000 and 3,000 Styrofoam boxes are used daily.

international finance major who is a sub committee chairman on the Dining Services Committee, said the key is to get the student body to act.

"We can't do it on our own," Mattingly said. "It takes the effort of the entire school."

By raising an awareness of the

amount of Styrofoam used, the use of it would be reduced, Mattingly said.

"Students have to make the push to be environmentally conscious," Mattingly said.

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Average baseball salary breaks \$2 million for first time

By Ronald Blum
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Baseball's average salary burst past \$2 million for the first time, and nearly half the players in the major leagues — 425 of 854 — will make \$1 million or more, according to a study by the Associated Press.

The average salary increased 13.9 percent to \$2,264,403, according to the AP study, which reviewed the contracts of all major leaguers on opening-day rosters and disabled lists.

Since 1967, the average salary has increased 118-fold from \$19,000 while the Consumer Price Index has merely quadrupled. Opening-day salaries totaled \$1.934 billion.

New York Yankees lead Majors with highest payroll for third straight year

"If the owners have got it, the players are going to get it," Chicago Cubs outfielder Rondell White said. "You hear owners complaining, but they're still paying."

Texas shortstop Alex Rodriguez led the way with a \$22 million salary, including a prorated share of his \$10 million signing bonus. Rodriguez, beginning a record \$252 million, 10-year contract, alone is responsible for adding \$25,761 to the average salary.

Los Angeles pitcher Kevin Brown was a distant second at \$15,714,286, followed by New York Mets catcher Mike Piazza (\$13,571,429) and Arizona pitcher Randy Johnson (\$13.35 million).

The World Series champion New York Yankees opened with the top payroll for the third straight year, at \$109,791,893.

Boston was just behind at \$109,558,908, followed by Los Angeles at \$108,980,952.

"No question, it's a great, wonderful time for guys to earn an incredible living playing ball," Yankees third baseman Scott Brosius said.

At the other end, Minnesota is last at \$24.4 million. Oakland, regarded as baseball's best young team, is 29th at \$33.8 million.

The median salary — the point which has an equal number of players above and below — rose to

\$975,000 from \$750,000 at the start of last season and \$500,000 two years ago.

"It's unbelievable," said Lee Stevens, a 33-year-old first baseman with Montreal who will make \$4 million this season. "It's mind-boggling to me. I'm glad I stuck around."

"Baseball's very popular right now," he said. "The economics of the game are growing. Where it will end, nobody knows. It depends on how much the owners are willing to spend."

Still, it's less than the NBA's estimated average of \$3.53 million this season. The NFL average last year was \$1.2 million and the estimated

NHL average this season is \$1.4 million.

Contrasting with the millionaires in sports, the median household income last year in the United States was \$40,816, according to the Census Bureau, and the average was \$54,842.

With a \$21 million base salary, Rodriguez earns \$114,754 a day this season.

"I'm almost embarrassed and ashamed of this contract," Rodriguez said after reporting to spring training. "Now, there's this '252' tag over my head."

Because the Yankees and Red Sox have more players on the disabled

list, the Dodgers have the highest average salary at \$3,757,964, compared to \$3,541,674 for the Yankees and \$3,423,716 for the Red Sox.

Boston would leap past the Yankees into the No. 1 spot when David Cone is activated from the disabled list. The pitcher's base salary increases from \$1 million to \$2 million as soon as he is on the active roster.

Baseball owners, many looking for major changes after their labor contract with players expires Oct. 31, can take heart from one thing: The rate of increase slowed for the third straight season, down from 5.6 percent last year and 19.3 percent two years ago.

The average salary broke the \$100,000 barrier in 1979 and topped \$1 million in 1992.



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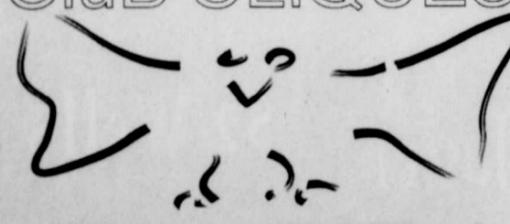
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KEITANY

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family every couple of months because they do not have a phone.

"I have to ask someone I trust who lives in town to give my family the message that I will call them on a certain day at a specific time," Keitany said. "After that, my family will travel in our car for five hours to town and wait for me to call on that day."

Keitany has not seen her family since December 1999, but she said she wants to try to visit every two years.

She came from a poor farming community, where families divide their lands between the products the family will use and the products to be sold.

"My parents have always been unemployed, but we used what we farmed on our land -- it's a way of life in our community," Keitany said.

Dan Waters, head coach of the TCU cross country team, contacted Keitany in 1998 and offered her an athletic scholarship.

Although Keitany was offered a scholarship to attend TCU and she always wanted an education, she said leaving Africa was difficult.

"It was very hard to get a visa and a ticket, but I arrived here three months after he contacted me," Keitany said.

She didn't know how she would pay for a flight to Texas, so she contacted a couple from Kenya that she had been friends with since her international running competitions.

"I just called them on Friday and

said I had to be in Texas on Sunday, and they bought a ticket for me," she said.

Keitany said the culture shock she experienced set her back the first semester. But after the summer passed, things began to fall into place. Friends were made, and she felt more comfortable and was ready to run.

"It was so different, but I got involved in a group for international students, and they became the people I spent time with," Keitany said. "Things got better with that."

Waters said her work ethic and the confidence she exudes has been a great advantage for the team.

"She came over here with a goal, and it's apparent because the team always counts on her to be a first-, second-, or third-place setter at the meets," Waters said. "She's the backbone of the team, as far as confidence goes, and she's also the pace-setter. At practice, she's always up at the front, and everyone is trying to catch up"

Fellow distance runner and friend Herbert Mwangi, also from Kenya, said they train together, and when they are not training, they are studying and researching for their premed classes.

When asked for his opinion about Keitany's life, particularly her running and studying habits, Mwangi laughed and said she needs to concentrate more.

Keitany doesn't discount the importance of her education in relation to being an athlete.

"Running and going to school have always been so important to me," Keitany said. "I couldn't have one without the other -- it's



Tim Cox/SKIFF STAFF

Senior Gladys Keitany runs Saturday at the UTA Invitational. Keitany's running career began at age 13 when she won first place at Kenya's national 3,000-meter race for eighth graders.

my balance."

Keitany plans to go to medical school after she graduates next May.

Even though she didn't plan to use the education she gained here back in Kenya.

"Africa is in need of more doc-

tors and better health care," she said. "I love children so much, and I am always reminded of their hard, little lives. It's sad that so many die at such a young age. I want to move back and be a doctor there."

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BUSH

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No industrial country has yet ratified the Kyoto treaty. An effort last November to come up with a plan for implementing the accord collapsed in a disagreement between the United States and Europe over trading pollution credits.

Meanwhile, a U.N. panel of scientists met in Nairobi, Kenya on Thursday and announced that global climate change could be slowed using new technologies, as long as the United States participates in the international effort to reduce greenhouse gases.

Robert Watson, a lead scientist on the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, said half of the expected increase in green-

house gases between now and 2020 could be prevented at no cost by using new techniques, such as hydrogen power and fuel cell technologies.

The panel met at the U.N. Environment Program's headquarters in Nairobi to work on a final synthesis report on global climate change. The panel, formed as part of the Kyoto Protocol, is responsible for advising governments on

the latest scientific evidence of global warming, what effect climate change is having on the planet and the availability of new technologies to fight climate change.

Also Thursday, the environmental group Greenpeace threatened the top 100 U.S. companies with a consumer revolt unless they distance themselves from Bush's policy on global warming.

Death case thrown out

Federal appeals judges say Gardner's Fifth Amendment rights were violated

ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW ORLEANS — A federal appeals court threw out Texas death row inmate David Allen Gardner's sentence Thursday, ruling his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination was violated by a psychiatrist's testimony.

A three-judge panel of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals sent the case back to a lower court to vacate the sentence. It said the state could conduct a new sentencing proceeding or resentence Gardner to life in prison.

Gardner was convicted of the Aug. 26, 1980, kidnapping and stabbing of Kandi Kae Reynolds, 14, in Parker County. Kandi and a 14-year-old boy were runaway hitchhikers, picked up by Gardner. The court said Gardner stabbed the boy several times and left him for dead. Kandi was stabbed and hit on the head with a rock.

In the sentencing phase of Gardner's trial, Clay Griffith testified that he was 100 percent certain that Gardner would commit violent acts again. He also told the jury that Gardner "would continue to be vi-

olent even if placed in incarceration; and this would not prevent his violence and his brutality."

The psychiatrist also said Gardner showed no remorse.

The appeals court ruling focused on the psychiatric examination of Gardner by Griffith and James P. Grigson after Gardner's arrest.

The court on Thursday said Gardner's attorney wasn't present when Gardner agreed to the examination or when it occurred. It said the state made little or no effort to contact the defense attorney.

Gardner argued in the appeal that it wasn't made clear to him that what he said could be used against him in court to obtain the death penalty.

The appeals court agreed.

"This warning — given well in advance of trial, to a layman with no legal training, out of the presence of his counsel — simply cannot be stretched to the point of having 'apprised(d) (Gardner) of his rights' and allowed him 'knowingly (to) decide to waive them,'" the court said.

Fugitive arrested in Texas after faking death

By Theo Emery
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOSTON — A fugitive who allegedly faked his own death in 1984 to avoid rape and kidnapping charges in New England was arrested in Texas on Thursday.

U.S. marshals and Massachusetts state police arrested Charles Carr, 44, early Thursday morning in Fort Worth after his photo posted on the Massachusetts State Police Web site generated a tip.

"They had not one but two experts look at his fingerprints," said Massachusetts State Police detective Lt. Kevin Horton. "We're 100 percent sure that we have the man now that we're looking for."

Carr was wanted on three counts of child rape. In 1984, he allegedly kidnapped and raped a 15-year-old girl in Boston.

At that time, he had been on probation for a 1983 kidnapping conviction in New Hampshire, and was out on \$10,000 bail on another New Hampshire rape charge.

Carr has been missing since December 1984, when a car rented in his name was found in a submerged in a river in Portland, Maine. A suicide note was in the car with Carr's wallet, but no body was found.

Police reports at the time noted that the accident appeared staged and that Carr was probably still alive, Horton said.

"All the police reports from those days ... said the same thing: that they didn't believe he was dead," Horton said. "There were certain things that didn't make sense."

Last year, Boston Police detective Kathy Doris reopened the 16-year-old case and asked state police for assistance, Horton said.

Carr's photo, posted on the state police Web site three weeks ago, generated a tip from New England that directed police to Fort Worth.

A Massachusetts State Police officer, with U.S. marshals, staked out Carr's home Thursday. When Carr emerged, police questioned him, then took him into custody.

Sides agree on plan for tutoring programs

Proposal to give money directly to families instead of to private schools

By Greg Toppo
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Senate and White House negotiators agreed Thursday to a plan that takes money from persistently failing schools and gives it to families for tutoring programs.

The plan attempts to restore vestiges of President Bush's school voucher proposal without directly giving money to private schools. It also includes provisions, supported by centrist Democrats, that would force failing schools to give students the option of transferring to another public school. As a last resort, the failing school would be reopened as a charter school with a new staff and curriculum, two Senate sources familiar with the negotiations said.

The Senate will debate the education package later this month.

Bush's original proposal would have allowed the families to use their share of the federal funds given to low-performing schools for tuition to private schools, for transportation to other public schools or for other educational services.

In a compromise worked out by Senate and White House negotiators this week, the parents could use some of the money only on supplementary afterschool, weekend or summer tutoring programs, sources said.

The programs could be run by community-based groups, for-profit businesses or local school districts.

Sen. Judd Gregg, R-N.H., had tried to attach the tuition voucher plan to the education bill in committee, but withdrew it in the face of almost certain defeat. At the time, he left open the possibility of introducing a voucher amendment when the bill reached the Senate floor.

Democrats have raised the possibility of a filibuster over vouchers, saying they would drain money from struggling public schools.

But in negotiations this week, the two sides agreed on some of the top goals of Bush's education agenda, including testing, more school accountability and block grants for schools to upgrade their teaching skills.

One of the Senate sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity,

said the block grant program, if approved by Congress and signed into law by Bush, initially would be tried in a limited fashion.

In another compromise, lawmakers agreed to include charter schools and public school choice plans championed by Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn.

"It was incumbent on us, if we didn't like vouchers, to come back and provide an answer," a Democratic aide said.

The two sides were still negotiating Thursday on the actual amount of money the Senate would propose for education spending, a Republican Senate aide said, adding that disagreements over funding could affect some Democrats' support of the proposals.

"If you don't get agreement on funding levels, then you have to worry that support for the bill might not be as strong," he said.

The president has promised to boost spending on education and has proposed a \$44.5 billion budget for the Education Department, an 11.5 percent increase over the original budget proposal for this year.

Democrats want to double the education budget over the next 10 years. The Senate on Wednesday approved an amendment by Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, that would increase funding for education by \$250 billion in that period.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., has said he wants to take up the education bill on April 23, when the Senate returns from its two-week Easter recess.

The Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee last month unanimously approved a bill that closely resembles Bush's education blueprint. It includes giving schools increased flexibility for spending federal dollars in exchange for more accountability, requiring them to test students annually in math and reading from third through eighth grade.

The committee rejected a proposal from Sen. Ted Kennedy, D-Mass., that would have required schools to set aside \$1.5 billion for teachers' professional development, and an amendment from Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., that would have provided \$2.4 billion to reduce elementary school class sizes through third grade.

today's menu

April 6, 2001

The Main

Lunch
Potato bar
Rotisserie chicken

Dinner
Fried fish sandwich

Worth Hills

Lunch
TBA

Dinner
TBA

Eden's Greens

Lunch
Salisbury steak
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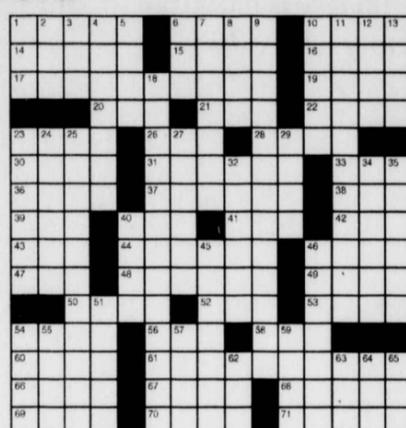


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Bush's mistakes may leave world under water

I knew President Bush would do something that would give me material for a column beyond a little mockery. Well, it's happened.

"I'm worried about the economy. I'm worried about the lack of an energy policy. I'm worried about rolling blackouts in California. It's in our national interest that we develop a strong energy policy, with realistic, common-sense environmental policy," Bush said at a press conference Thursday in response to questions about his energy policy and criticism about the U.S. withdrawal from the Kyoto Protocol.

I, too, am worried about the economy, and I'm worried about energy crises. But I'm far, far more worried that Bush refuses to admit the environment is important to the American public.

Bush has made statements to the effect that he doesn't understand why everyone is worried about global warming.

It's pretty simple, actually. The Environmental Protection Agency's Web site on global warming has a very conservative list of possible consequences, including threats to human health, expansion of deserts, rising sea levels and increased heat.

Maybe some people don't quite understand what this means. Let me explain, briefly — and I'll use small words so people like Bush can understand.

It's going to get hotter. A lot hotter. An article in *Time* magazine estimated it's gotten about one degree warmer in the past century, but by the year 2100 the temperature might increase by as much as 10 degrees. In the next 15 years, if trends continue, it may be hot enough to melt the snow cover off Mount Kilimanjaro.

Furthermore, the hotter it gets, the more the polar ice caps will melt, increasing the sea level by as much as three feet. That will be enough to put almost all of Louisiana under water, along with parts of Florida, the Nile Delta, Bangladesh and a few hundred other places.

Not only that: Climates will shift. People will get sick. Houston's weather will be even more unbearable.

We tend to ignore these things, which is almost understandable because they sound like exaggerations meant to scare us. They're not.

A recent *Time* poll said 75 percent of Americans think global warming is a "very serious" or "fairly serious" problem. That is a larger percentage of people than those who thought Bush should be in the White House. So, we've established why we ought to worry about "this global warming thing."

Bush's other objection seems at first to have a little more substance to it: He thinks the protocol is unfair to the United States.

The New York Times reported Bush objects to the fact that the United States is under regulations that developing nations are not, and would be required to make specific cuts that other countries are not.

True, the United States is under special restrictions. However, Canada is also under these limits, and the Canadian government doesn't seem to have a problem with it.

As for the fact that developing nations are not under carbon dioxide limitations, that seems more of a practical matter: Developing nations average only two tons of emissions per capita versus an average of 15 tons per capita in developed nations. The United States produces 20 tons per capita.

So, yes, the requirements are unequal, and that may offend the supposed American egalitarianism. The fact is, the United States, despite having only 4 percent of the world's population, accounts for 25 percent of the world's greenhouse gases. That's not very equal.

Of course, fixing our problems would require the average citizen to be inconvenienced. It will damage the economy.

Never mind how damaged the economy will be when it's under water.

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It's not a Dallas-Fort Worth question.
It's not a Texas issue or even an American issue.
It's a world problem.

Examining planet earth

DFW air quality under par, water better

By Melissa Christensen
STAFF REPORTER

In the 2000 census, Dallas-Fort Worth joined an elite group of nine U.S. metropolitan regions with populations exceeding 5 million people. The metroplex also joined an elite group of metropolitan regions with major environmental concerns.

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Dallas-Fort Worth is among four areas in Texas that do not meet federal air quality standards.

If Texas was to ignore the problem in those four urban areas, the EPA and U.S. Department of Transportation could withhold highway funds. However, EPA spokesman Dave Bary said the possibility of such economic sanctions is remote because the state is taking action.

Recently the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission and EPA developed a 15-point clean-air plan for the Dallas-Fort Worth area which, if passed, would require:

- implementing an annual strict emissions check for the more than 1 million cars registered in the metroplex area
- electrifying ground support equipment at airports
- reducing emissions from surrounding and nearby power plants
- delaying use of heavy-duty diesel construction equipment until afternoon
- development of cleaner-burning fuels and engines

Bary said the plan would have Dallas-Fort Worth in compliance with EPA standards by 2007.

"This is a very dedicated effort to improve air quality," he said.

Leo Newland, director of the environmental science program at TCU, said the Dallas-Fort Worth area has poor air quality because there are too many cars. He said that several years ago, Texas required emissions checks by the Tejas Testing company, but one month into the program, then-Governor George W. Bush canceled it.

Newland said the program cost the state millions of dollars, first to build the facilities and then to reimburse the company after it sued the state.

"Our quality should have improved because the testing was stricter, but Bush decided it was too much trouble," he said.

Still, Newland said that solutions to the air quality problem can be started at TCU. He said two simple ideas would be to use brooms to clear leaves rather than gas-powered leaf blowers and to use public transportation.

"We need to get TCU students out of their SUVs and pick-up trucks," he said. "The Trinity Express is an effort in that direction."

While the air quality in the metroplex is sub-par, water quality in the Dallas-Fort Worth area is above the state average. Brian Camp, environmental coordinator for the Texas Department of Environmental Management, said there are no major water quality problems in Fort Worth.

"The diversity in the fish and aquatic insects is in much better shape than 20 years ago or even 10 years ago," Camp said. "That's a good indicator that the water quality is much improved."

The Texas Department of Health runs a risk assessment of fish and the bodies of water in which they live based on formulas provided by the EPA. Camp said calculating the EPA formulas is a complex science.

"We're talking volumes of text (containing those formulas)," he said. "They take many factors into account, even things like how many fish a person is estimated to eat (during) 70 years."

With the risk assessment results, the health department may place a body of water under advisory, meaning consumption of fish from that water is not recommended, or under a consumption ban, meaning a fine may be issued by a state game warden if a person has fish from that body of water in his or her possession.

In Tarrant County, Lake Worth is under advisory, and Echo Lake, Lake Como and Fosdic Lake are under a consumption ban for the presence of pesticides, such as chlordane and derivatives of DDT, or industrial chemicals, like polychlorinated biphenyls.

Camp said the chemicals found in fish

from Fort Worth lakes are not in the water, but in the sediments under and around the bodies of water.

"These are chemicals that were banned years ago and are slowly breaking down," he said. "They have a long life."

Newland said he is optimistic that the

metroplex will continue to improve its water quality.

"Water is one of the bright lights of our environmental issues," Newland said.

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EU outraged over U.S. rejection of treaty; 'too soon' to plan retaliation against Bush

By Raf Casert
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BRUSSELS, Belgium — Despite outrage over U.S. rejection of the international agreement on global warming, the European Union said Thursday it does not yet plan to retaliate against the Bush administration.

EU Environment Commissioner Margot Wallstrom said it was too soon to discuss sanctions, after a two-day visit to Washington to discuss the policy reversal that abandoned the Kyoto Protocol, the 1997 agreement by industrial countries to reduce carbon dioxide emissions.

"We should see now what we can do and from there on we might have to think about exactly how to act," Wallstrom said.

Wallstrom held out hope the United States could still contribute to the debate, and said any action would have to wait until after an international meeting on the issue in July in Bonn, Germany.

"We are still having these contacts," she said. "They are important partners in trade and other aspects as well."

She said it remained unclear what "creative solutions" the Bush administration would be able to come up with, but left no doubt that the essence of the Kyoto agreement would be ripped out of any U.S. government position.

"Kyoto has become somewhat of a dirty word in the Bush administration," she told journalists. "I don't think the United States will change their mind. The kind of harsh statements made, make it very difficult to back off."

President George W. Bush was severely criticized by European officials Wednesday for turning his back on the landmark global warming agreement.

Bush reversed a campaign promise to treat carbon dioxide from power plants as a pollutant and source of global warming. He said the Kyoto accord's mandatory cuts on carbon dioxide emissions and short timetable were no longer acceptable, highlighting the economic costs and the increased risks of higher unemployment.

Christie Whitman, the Environmental Protection Agency administrator, said the Kyoto treaty was unfair to the United States but pledged cooperation in seeking technologies and incentives to address climate change.

The 1997 Kyoto treaty calls for countries to agree to legally binding targets for curbing heat-trapping greenhouse gases, mainly carbon dioxide from burning fossil fuels, like oil, often in power plants that produce electricity.

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— Rick Flores, general manager of Dining Services

Campus issue: Oh, those Styrofoam woes

By Jessica Cervantez
STAFF REPORTER

Students use them everyday, don't think twice about them and may not realize what they are doing to the environment. The overlooked item — Styrofoam boxes in The Main.

Rick Flores, general manager of Dining Services, said between 2,000 and 3,000 Styrofoam trays are used daily, but students aren't willing to give up their freedom to take food out of The Main to prevent the excessive use.

Paper and paper board, which are in the same category as Styrofoam, fills 31 percent of landfills, accord-

ing to U.S. Municipal Solid Waste Disposal.

Flores said the Dining Services Committee is striving to make the student body more aware of the problem. By ensuring that students are aware of the damages Styrofoam does to the environment, it will enable them to make good decisions, he said.

"It is ultimately up to the students," Flores said. "They say they want their food to go, but then you see them eating in The Main."

Flores said he even approaches students that use Styrofoam trays while eating in The Main, but he often gets the reply that they

changed their mind.

Leo Newland, director of environmental services, said the problem lies principally around the fact that Styrofoam doesn't disintegrate easily, so if The Main used some other type of to-go box then it would help keep landfills from overflowing.

Flores said the issue has been addressed in years past. Before he arrived to TCU, the Dining Services tried to enforce Styrofoam recycling, but were unable to overcome obstacles, he said.

"It didn't go off well because you could only recycle Styrofoam that was

completely clean," Flores said. "It absolutely couldn't have food in it, and students weren't willing to do that."

Flores said the dining facility tried to use compactors that would separate the Styrofoam, but the Styrofoam couldn't be contaminated in any way, and it was nearly impossible.

Flores said that most universities don't have the availability of taking food out of the cafeteria, and because TCU does allow it, it's a give and take relationship.

"The issue is to decide what is more important; it's a tough call," Flores said. "It's impossible to com-

pletely get rid of Styrofoam, because the demand of having the luxury to take food out of The Main is a high priority to the students."

Tom Trafton, assistant food service director at Trinity University in San Antonio, said students at Trinity are allowed to order food to go, but they use Styrofoam minimally.

Instead, Trafton said that they use paper plates and plastic containers, but only about 25 percent of students ask for items to go.

Flores said the main reason Styrofoam is used is

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