

## Opera at TCU

For most people, "Hansel and Gretel" is a fairy tale that remains a distant memory from childhood, but Friday the role will be brought to life by the TCU Opera Theater.

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## Harvard students rally for better blue-collar wages

Protesters to stay in president's office until officials increase pay

By Justin Pope  
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CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — With chanting on campus and unshaven students leaning out the windows of an occupied building, Harvard University has the feeling of the 1960s this week.

More than three dozen students have occupied the office of university president Neil Rudenstine since April 18. They are demanding "a living wage" for Harvard's custodians, cooks and other blue-collar workers.

"With a \$19 billion endowment and a governing board of multimillionaires, Harvard has no excuse for perpetuating poverty conditions," Aaron Bartley, a 25-year-old law student, said from an open window of the administration building during a rally Tuesday.

Harvard wasn't the only campus with student demonstrations this week. At Penn State University, more than 100 students spent the night at a student union building protesting reported death threats against the Black Caucus president.

The Harvard students say they won't leave until the university commits to improving workers' wages. The university says it believes in fair wages but won't break collective bargaining agreements or negotiate as long as Massachusetts Hall remains occupied.

The occupation has kept Rudenstine and other top officials from their offices. The school is allowing in food, but university police are permitting only housemasters and faculty to enter the building.

The protests have brought a tent city to Harvard Yard and a string of celebrity visitors.

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., and former Secretary of Labor Robert Reich stopped by last week to show support for the students. Kennedy spoke with Rudenstine in Washington on Tuesday and reiterated his support for a "living wage," a Kennedy spokesman said.

Students want Harvard's laborers to make \$10.25 an hour, the same minimum wage the city of Cambridge pays its employees. Some subcontracted workers at the university make as little as \$6.50 an hour.

Harvard says only about 400 of its 13,000 employees make less than \$10 an hour. Last spring, a university committee recommended Harvard focus on improving career opportunities for its lower-paid workers, through job-skills training, rather than set a minimum wage.

"In the long run, we think that's a better solution," university spokesman Joe Wrinn said Tuesday. "The students simply disagree. We're certainly willing to explain our views and keep talking about it, but certainly not while our building is being occupied."

Lenival Cole, a custodian working on campus Tuesday, said he appreciated the students' efforts and wants a higher wage but worried that their protest could be misguided.

"There are contractors out there that are asking for less, and that might persuade (Harvard) to get us out of here," Cole said.

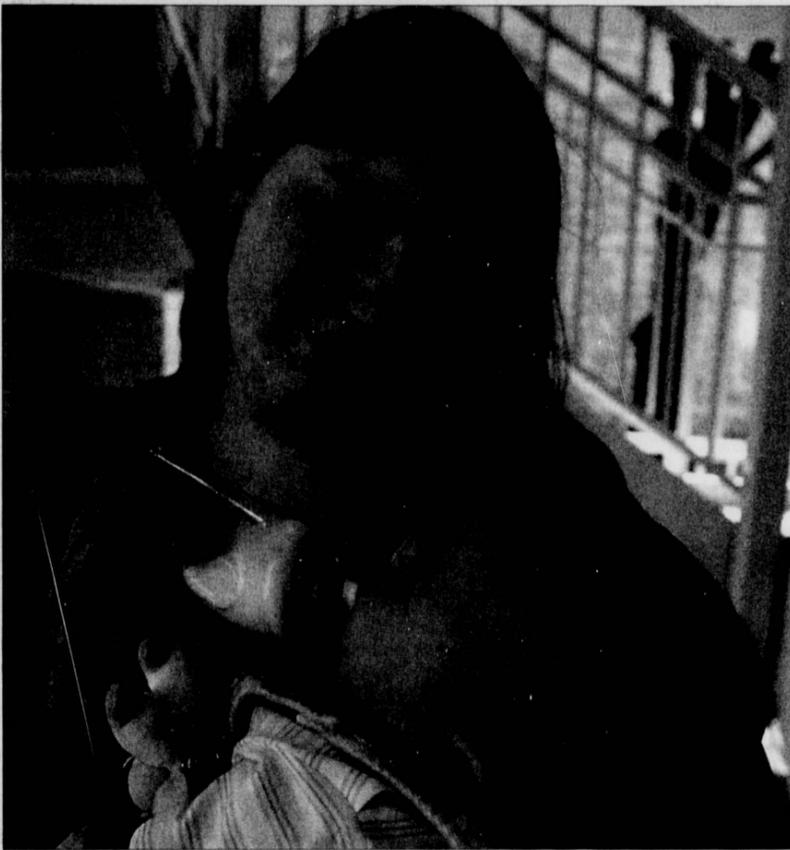
At Penn State, the protesters spent the night at the Hertz Union Building after talks broke off between university administrators and black students upset about recent racial death threats to Black Caucus president LaKeisha Wolf.

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"It would be a great learning opportunity for those whose major is early childhood, because you're dealing with the development of children."

— Jackie Hernandez, a senior elementary education major

## Working Moms



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Karen Bumbulis, a senior speech communications major, feeds 2-month-old Collin Dugas. Students in the Generalist Practice with Communities class are working on a project showing the advantages of establishing a day care at TCU.

## Class studies possible day care

By Reagan Duplisea  
SKIFF STAFF

Like many other college students, junior social work major Sandra St. Don is often late for class. But unlike other students, it's not because she partied the night before or slept through her alarm. The mother of two often dashes into class after the chimes have rung because she must drop her children off at day care.

Meanwhile, User Services Manager Kim Weber has to make the daily commute from Denton, leaving her 1-year-old son at day care an hour away. He

has asthma, and several times she has had to leave work early to pick him up because of an asthma attack.

St. Don and many other students, faculty and staff have said that having an on-campus day care would greatly ease the hassles — and the expenses — in their lives. St. Don pays \$125 a week for her 2-year old to attend a four-hour Mother's Day Out program twice a week.

St. Don and her family run into problems when TCU and the Fort Worth Independent School District's holidays don't match

up, she said. Her husband often has to take time off from work to take care of the children.

About nine years ago, several faculty and staff members pushed for an on-campus day care, but it only got as far as the Faculty Senate agenda. There were also movements in 1979 and 1986.

Social work professor Linda Moore, who helped lead the movement in 1991, said the motion was stalled somewhere in the chain of command. The

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## Passenger vans yield to safety concerns

Rollover potential forces athletes to hitch a ride

By Chrissy Braden  
STAFF REPORTER

TCU Administration has put a hold on the use of 15-passenger vans after an April 9 report from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration showed evidence of an increased risk of rolling over when the vans are fully loaded.

Jack Hesselbrock, associate athletic director for internal relations, said TCU mandated the hold April 10 because of the perceived danger of the vans. He said the vans would not be used to transport teams until another study could disprove the study, which concluded the vans were three times more likely to rollover when carrying more than 10 passengers.

The NHTSA began researching problems with 15-passenger vans after several rollovers occurred, including one in February 2000 at Prairie View A&M University that killed four members of the track team.

Hesselbrock said the accident made him consider the possibility of a similar tragedy happening with TCU students, but it did not call for a change in TCU's policy.

"It makes you think about how you'd react if it happened at your school and wonder if it's an unsafe vehicle," he said.

The National Collegiate Athletic Association does not have a policy regarding van travel by member institutions but issued an advisory to its member schools about the 15-passenger van report April 10.

"I think all member schools are interested in safety issues, and they will see how it applies to them," said Wallace I. Renfro, NCAA director of public relations in an NCAA Web site article.

The golf, tennis and track teams use the 15-passenger vans, which TCU only authorizes to be driven by faculty, to travel to some away contests and to the airport.

The order has already created difficulties for some programs within the athletic department.

"Obviously, we want to do what's safe for the kids," said men's tennis coach Joey Rive. "But we spent \$225 on a van to the airport when it would have been free to use the (15-passenger) vans we already have. We're going to have to come up with more money out of our budget."

Hesselbrock said there would not be a budget compensation this year because it only affects the last five weeks of school. But he said there may be some compensation if the ban is still in place next year.

"This study was done after the budget for next year was already put to bed," Hesselbrock said. "But if this (the ban) is still in place next year, we will have to do something."

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### FRIDAY'S ISSUE

Tomorrow's Skiff is the last issue of the spring 2001 semester. Look for the semester flashback, a collection of photos and quotes from news events that happened this semester. Also look for the two-page debate on the death penalty and its moral and legal arguments.

### TODAY IN HISTORY

In 1865, John Wilkes Booth, the actor who assassinated Abraham Lincoln, died from a bullet wound as Union soldiers burned down the tobacco barn in which he was hiding.

### WEATHER TOMORROW

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## Hope Relay to raise money for Wagner

Funds to benefit paralyzed student

By Kelly Marino  
STAFF REPORTER

The TCU community, family and friends are coming together for the Keith-Ann Wagner Hope Relay Saturday to raise money for Wagner after she sustained a paralyzing injury in a car accident last summer.

Keri McCoy, a junior speech communication major who will be participating in the relay with the Chi Omega sorority, said the event will celebrate Wagner's courage.

"There are around 100 teams with 10 members each that will take part in the relay," said McCoy. "The teams will consist of mothers, high schools, grade schools, fraternities and sororities and teams from colleges such as Southern Methodist University and Texas A&M University. It is amazing how much support this event will receive."

Bonnie Ferrell, a friend of Wagner, said other events will show Wagner and her family how much everyone cares.

"A silent auction will take place where Texas Rangers memorabilia will be auctioned off along with other items such

as a helmet signed by LaDanian Tomlinson," said Ferrell. "Raffle tickets will be sold for \$5 for various gift certificates and the bands 'Morning People' and '24 Days' will perform."

The money raised during the 4-hour event will go to the Keith-Ann Wagner Trust Fund, which will help pay for her therapy and medical bills. The event will provide food, drinks and prizes for the teams that participate in the relay.

David Rubinson, head soccer coach, said that as a player, Wagner was hard working, easy to work with, team-oriented, and gave everything she had trying to succeed.

"Her willingness to keep on trying has made a difference to the TCU athletic department and will for years to come," said Rubinson. "Her determination is what we look for in our players and her positive outlook is the reason she has made it this far."

Opening ceremonies will begin at 10:45 a.m. at TCU's London Track and Field Complex.

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## SEARCHING FOR SATISFACTION

Students protest food disservices in boycott of Marriott eateries

By Chrissy Braden  
STAFF REPORTER

Food Service Manager Imogene Bundage kicked up flyers taped to the ground with the heels of her dress shoes Wednesday. The flyers advertised a boycott of Marriott Food Services.

But the empty tables in The Main at noon showed her efforts were not enough to curb the effect of the boycott, which four students designed in an effort to change what they describe as poor quality, over-priced food and the dining plan increase for students living on campus next semester.

One of the organizers of the boycott, Dana Szucs, a sophomore graphics design major, said the group did research on Dining Services, including a survey of 100 students.

Szucs said they also received support from some area restaurants, such as Jons Grill and Mr. Gatti's Pizza, which offered discounts for students Wednesday.

Aaron Pilgrim, a freshman kinesiology major, did not take advantage of the restaurant discounts but said he bought his lunch at the grocery store instead of The Main.

"I think (the boycott) is a good idea," he said. Kevin McVey, a sophomore geology major, chose not to participate in the boycott.

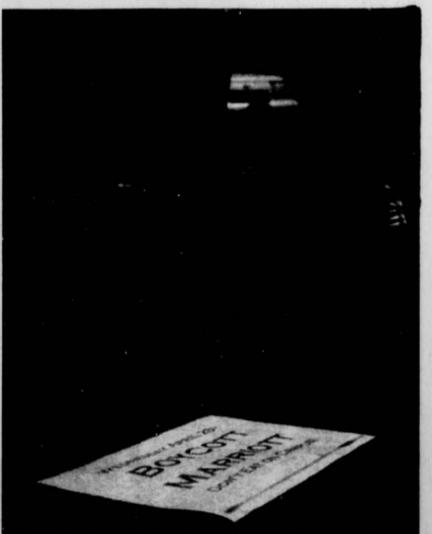
"I'm hungry, and I'm broke," he said. "I may have done something, but I just found out about it this morning."

Szucs, along with John Valentino, a sophomore music major, Tricia Patterson, a sophomore criminal justice major, Scott Wiperman a sophomore engineering major, organized the boycott based on an assignment for Carrie Leverenz's sophomore English class.

The assignment required students to design a pro-



David Dunai/SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER  
Fliers were handed out and posters were taped to the ground Wednesday to promote the boycott of Marriott Food Services. Some students opted not to boycott Marriott by still eating in campus eateries.



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**PULSE**

campus lines

Announcements of campus events, public meetings and other general campus information should be brought to the TCU Daily Skiff office at Mowdy Building South, Room 291, mailed to TCU Box 298050 or e-mailed to (skiffletters@tcu.edu). Deadline for receiving announcements is 2 p.m. the day before they are to run. The Skiff reserves the right to edit submissions for style, taste and space available.

■ **The first all-inclusive Homecoming 2001 meeting** will be at 9 p.m. Thursday in the Student Center, Room 222. If an organization plans to compete in any Homecoming event, a representative from the organization must be present at the meeting. For more information call (817) 257-5233.

■ **The May 2001 Graduating Senior Toast** will be from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday in the D.J. Kelly Alumni and Visitors Center. For more information contact Judy Clark at (j.clark@tcu.edu).

■ **The TCU Opera Theater** will present "Hansel and Gretel," at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium. Tickets to the presentation are free. For more information call (817) 257-7619.

■ **Tryouts for TCU Showgirls** will be from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday in the Rickel Building, Room 318. For more information call Jamie Drake-Stephens at (903) 238-5707 or Rebecca Mouch at (817) 884-9391.

■ **The deadline to reserve rooms in the Student Center for 2001-2002** is Monday. 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.

■ **The Celebration of University Leadership** will be Wednesday on the Sadler Lawn or, if raining, in the Student Center Ballroom. Entertainment and refreshments begin at 3:30 p.m. with an awards program at 4 p.m. For more information call (817) 257-7855.

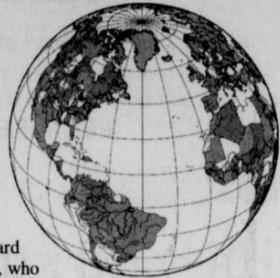
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**WORLD DIGEST**



**32 killed in Sri Lanka fire on guerrilla positions**

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka — Hours after a unilateral rebel cease-fire ended, Sri Lankan soldiers and air force jets launched an attack Wednesday on guerrilla positions in the northern Jaffna Peninsula, officials said.

The Sri Lanka military had ignored the four-month-old cease-fire by the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, although soldiers launched no major attacks while it was enforced by the rebels.

But early Wednesday, the military operation started in Eluthumadduval, 18 miles east of Jaffna, the historic city that was once the rebel capital and which they have repeatedly tried to recapture, said Brig. Sanath Karunaratne.

Thirty-two soldiers were killed, while 180 were wounded, mostly by rebel artillery, mortars and land mines, he said. Rebels lost 75 fighters and 300 were wounded, said Karunaratne, citing rebel radio transmissions in the northern war zone. Rebels did not release information on the attack.

The soldiers were backed by air force fighter jets in an operation that will push south toward the strategic Elephant Pass, which is under rebel control, Karunaratne said. The military is currently about 18 miles from the pass.

The rebel truce ended at midnight Tuesday. President Chandrika Kumaratunga was quoted by the state-run Daily News on Wednesday as saying that her government remained open to Norwegian-sponsored peace talks.

Norwegian peace envoy Erik Solheim has been shuttling between the two warring sides to guide them toward the negotiating table. Norway has been involved in the process since 1999.

"The doors are open for talks with or without a truce," said Ariya Rubasinghe, a government spokesman. "The government did not ask for a truce."

The Tigers had renewed their truce three times, and demanded the government also halt fighting and lift a ban on the organization so that peace talks could begin. The government has said the truce was a ruse and that the rebels were only regrouping.

Rebels had broken the cease-fire on 224 occasions since Dec. 24, when they first declared the truce, the government said. Rebels said that 160 fighters had been killed and 400 wounded since then.

Before it expired Tuesday, 22 security force personnel were wounded by rebel mortar fire, the government said in a report posted on its Web site on Wednesday. The fighting, near Kilali in Jaffna Peninsula, took place about six miles southwest of Eluthumadduval.

The rebels have been fighting since 1983 for a

separate Tamil homeland in the country's north and east. More than 63,000 people have been killed.

The last round of talks in 1995 ended abruptly when the rebels resumed fighting.

Also Wednesday, a parcel bomb exploded in a high security area near the president's residence, injuring a police officer. The officer had minor burns on his hand, said Patrick Edema, chief of the bomb squad. He did not immediately link the blast to the rebels.

**Nigerian man charged in abduction of men**  
NAIROBI, Kenya — A Nigerian man was charged Wednesday with kidnapping three Americans that he allegedly lured to Kenya in a phony business deal and then held for ransom.

The three men were freed unharmed by police Tuesday from a house in a residential neighborhood where one had reportedly been held in chains since January.

Augustine Azubuike Nwanga, who was also accused of demanding \$80,000 for the release of the Americans, pleaded innocent to the charges at his arraignment.

The Nigerian is said to be one of three involved in luring the Americans to Kenya through an Internet contact offering them lucrative deals in fish and diamonds.

Police said the other two Nigerians escaped during the raid Tuesday.

Rev. William Danny Marrow, 60, of Norfolk, Va., Jurgen Robert Ahlmann, 58, of Escondido, Calif. and James Edward Harrel, 67, of San Diego, appeared in court Wednesday but refused to speak to the press.

Chief Magistrate Boaz Olao told the three they would have to appear in court again on Friday to give evidence.

Police spokesman Dola Indidis said the Nigerians paid the Americans' air fare to Kenya. He said they were booked at a hotel but were "kind of hijacked, and they never reached the hotel."

He said Marrow had been held since January and the other two Americans for about 10 days after their arrival earlier this month.

"The thing only came to light when the suspects demanded ransom from family members," Indidis said. "The Nigerian was arrested after police set a trap for the delivery of the first installment of the ransom, \$7,000."

U.S. Embassy spokesman Peter Claussen said there would be no comment on the case because of U.S. privacy laws. He said FBI agents stationed at the embassy had assisted Kenyan police.

Residents of the housing estate where the Americans were held called their Nigerian neighbors very friendly.

"I used to chat with them. They were very friendly," said Bernard Ochieng, 31, who runs an electric repair shop. "I even repaired their radio once."

**Putin approval rate is high despite concerns**

MOSCOW — President Vladimir Putin's approval rating slipped slightly in the past month, but remains sky high despite concerns about press freedom and continuing casualties in the war in Chechnya, according to a poll released Wednesday.

Seventy percent of those questioned in the poll, taken April 20-23, approved of the job Putin was doing, while 24 percent disapproved. That was down from 75 percent approval the month before, but Yuri Levada, head of the respected VTsIOM polling agency, said that the drop was not especially significant. The poll had an error margin of plus or minus 3.8 percent.

Levada said the March figures were slightly pushed up by the March 26 anniversary of Putin's election, which got several days of prominent press coverage including newspaper articles reviewing Putin's record. February's approval rating was 69 percent.

Putin's trust rating experienced a similar small drop, with respondents who mentioned him as one of their trusted figures falling from 47 percent to 39 percent during the same period. Communist Party head Gennady Zyuganov came in second, with 20 percent mentioning him.

Zyuganov accused Putin Wednesday of plunging the nation deeper into poverty in the interests of the West, his harshest attack on Putin since his election more than a year ago.

Since losing their dominant position in the lower house in December 1999 parliamentary elections, the Communists have supported most government bills and avoided criticizing Putin.

Breaking the armistice with the Kremlin, Zyuganov harshly criticized Putin's recent state-of-the-nation address at a meeting with a delegation of Chinese Communists on Wednesday.

"If it's implemented, the situation of 90 percent of the population will worsen further," Zyuganov told the Chinese, according to a statement from his office.

Zyuganov accused Putin of betraying his earlier pledges of a stronger state and a broader social safety net and addressing his state-of-the-nation speech "more to Americans and pro-Western liberals than to the Russian people."

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## Editorials

### BOYCOTTS MATTER

Argue for something important

Wednesday saw a group of students boycotting Marriott Food Services. The protest, aiming for lower prices and a better quality of food, started out as an English project, but it soon turned into a campus-wide activity.

However, at Harvard University, more than three dozen students have occupied the office of university president Neil Rudenstine since April 18. The students are demanding higher wages for the school's custodians, cooks and other blue-collar workers. And, at Penn State University, more than 100 students spent the night in the student union protesting the reported death threats against its Black Caucus president.

Being able to protest is one of the freedoms granted to Americans in the First Amendment. It's a freedom people, especially college students, need to exercise when they feel the ruling powers aren't working for them.

To the students who participated in the boycott, congratulations on trying to change things. Next time, let's try to change an important issue.

### DAY CARE DEBATE

On-site childcare facility needed

The assignment was to work for a social change at TCU, a local, state or national level.

The result could be the 22-year-overdue establishment of an on-campus childcare facility for TCU faculty, staff and students.

The students began their endeavor as part of their General Practice with Community class project to make the childcare needs of those in the TCU community known.

There are no answers about why the last attempt to establish on-site childcare failed — not from administrators, not from those involved in the process and not from the Faculty Senate with whom the effort ultimately ended.

It doesn't matter.

On-site childcare is needed and deserved. It's now up to the students, faculty and staff to support this proposition so that this time, it will not be overlooked, but made available to all.

### END OF THE ROLL

Timing hurts sports travel budget

On April 10, the National Highway Transportation Safety Board reported 15-passenger vans are three times as likely to roll over with 10 or more passengers.

TCU owns nine of these vans, and as of April 10 the administration prohibited the use of these vehicles by any campus organization.

Good for the administration.

Good for the university.

The only problem is that the athletic budget for next semester was already formulated before the report came out. Now there is not enough money for the teams that might use these vans to charter buses for road trips.

For the safety of students, the university made the right decision. However, further reports must be examined before final budget adjustments are implemented.

For the sake of sports at TCU, it better be before the start of next season.

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## Nostalgia complex taking over

High school memories are still being made back home in Mo.

My younger sister will graduate from high school in a little more than a month, and the repercussions can be felt (at least by me) all the way down here in Fort Worth. It takes very little to trigger my nostalgia complex, but this year, more than ever, my every waking moment seems to be spent in misty-eyed longing for that period of adolescence.



Bullion

Things are a little more chaotic back at headquarters. Mom fusses over which laptop computer to buy her for a graduation present, while Dad ponders his post-"human alarm clock" existence. Only Bud the family dog remains placid, dreaming only that someone might mow the darn lawn again so he can growl at the lawnmower under the pretense that it's an unwelcome intruder.

Since I'm missing out on all the turmoil at home, I attempt to add to it however I can by living vicariously through my sister. Our phone conversations consist mainly of rapid-fire question and answer sessions wherein I try to situate her senior year experience against that of my own. I want to know how hard she's working, or if she enjoys Mrs. Grupe's AP Euro class. I want to know which teachers still talk about me in glowing tones (to my dismay the number is dwindling), and which ones teach classes like they're catatonic schizophrenics. I want to know where she hangs out on Friday nights, and which friends of hers have the fake IDs.

The fact is, I'm insanely jealous of her. I'm about to complete my junior year at this university, and something tells me that my second and last senior year is going to be a lot less exciting than my first one. Those last few weeks of high school are rife with infinite possibilities and a seemingly inexhaustible sense of newfound liberty. Senior year at col-

lege brings with it possibilities as well, albeit ones that are cloaked in a crushing awareness of reality and its rent notices, résumés, tax forms and internships. The most forethought I remember having to exercise during the summer after I graduated high school was whether or not I'd rather go to Six Flags or see "Lethal Weapon 4" again.

For this column, I thought about being a helpful older brother and giving her advice on what she'll be facing at college, but then I remembered the three times she's willfully listened to my advice in her lifetime. Besides, she forfeited any brotherly aid when she spurned TCU for another school in this area whose name I dare not mention but rhymes with "UNT."

So forget college advice, I'd really rather give her advice on how to spend these next few weeks, how to think, how to feel, how to get the very best out of a time in her life that's going to be a whole lot more fleeting than she realizes. Whether or not she decides to follow my advice is up to her. She may be better off dismissing it, since that might damage the great job she's done thus far of warding off the senioritis that hit me some time around September of my senior year (some effects still linger). But what follows is from someone who knows.

Like me, she's going to tell herself that she doesn't need Mom and Dad. My sister is completely self-contained. She's way better than I was at getting home, taking about an hour-long break, attacking all her homework and getting to bed at the unreasonably reasonable hour of 11 p.m.

She doesn't need any help; she just sits herself right down and does everything by herself. To her it must seem like Mom and Dad came with the house, that they're cyborgs with only two settings: "guilt trip" and "bottomless wallet." But time away from them, at least on my end, tends to only magnify their importance. She'll miss more than the laundry service and the home cooking. I hope that she

doesn't miss a chance to go shopping with Mom, or watch "The Simpsons" with Dad. It'll be time well spent.

She'll tell herself that she won't miss her hometown. She'll dress it up as a sort of liberation from the stifling, backward Midwestern way of life. Yeah, sure. As soon as she exits onto southbound I-63, she's going to miss driving down all those roads she knows by heart. She'll miss that homeless guy dressed as a cowboy on the corner, directing traffic downtown. She'll miss the alternative movie theater she and her friends go to. And "snow days" are going to wave bye-bye when she's going to school here on the equator. Some days, Columbia, Mo. isn't going to be as bad as it seemed. The lesson here? It's okay to move on in life. Just don't let yourself get too jaded too soon.

Sometimes, when I'm feeling particularly egotistical, I find myself wishing that she could have the same experience that I did. Only then would she truly understand just how special this time in her life is. I feel like giving her a laundry list of items. Start fight with men's swim team at mud volleyball tournament. Get up on-stage with your idiot friends at the Senior All-Night Party at 5 a.m. and perform what is quite possibly the worst version of "Tainted Love" in recorded history. Spend prom night in a daze, in crowded, loud hotel rooms, fatigued and half-conscious, living life in snapshots.

Then I come back down to earth and realize that, like me, she's going to make her own memories, ones that will leave her appreciating the slop we all go through to wear a cap and gown, pretending we've accomplished something a lot more mystical than just growing up. I know; I've been through it. And also, I'm her older brother, so I know everything anyway.

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## College gives people chance to explore

In May 1997, I graduated from John L. LeFlore Magnet High School in Mobile, Ala. I applied to TCU in June 1997. I was accepted to TCU in July, and I arrived in August. I had never seen TCU when I left home for this "TCU experience."



Robinson

Four years have now come and gone, and it still hasn't hit me that I graduate in less than two weeks. As of this day, the only thing I'm certain of is that I'm going home to Mobile for a week the Monday after graduation. But I leave here with the same inexplicable peace of God that I had when I came my freshman year.

I'm not scared or apprehensive about preparing to enter "the real world." God has been preparing me for this moment.

But I'm remembering a conversation about life after college I had last week with a guy who has been out of college for about two years. Everyone told us in high school that "a college degree is the key that opens the door to a world of opportunities." The reality is that your degree only gives you the right to ask for the key.

I know a lot of people with college degrees who have yet to find the correct door behind which all these supposed opportunities lie. I say all this because a college degree doesn't mean you can stand out on Interstate 30 and say "Here I am world!" It doesn't mean hundreds of employers will run to you like you're the hottest thing on the New York Stock Exchange.

College affords you with the chance to learn the skills you'll need to do whatever it is you want to do. You still have to prove you've got it. And just because you've graduated doesn't mean you have it. A lot of people graduate but you still have to show you're better than a lot of people to get whatever you're seeking. I know that sounds competitive, but that's reality.

I am eternally grateful to God for leading me to TCU and al-

lowing me to have this experience.

A lot goes on here that would prepare any student for just about anything he or she might be once the person leaves 2800 S. University Drive. But this isn't a recruiting push because if I had my way, I'd be at Howard University in Washington, D.C. or Hampton University in Virginia. But I am not my own. I belong to Christ.

And from here, in two weeks, I will be an alumna. The question is if I had to do it over, would I? Maybe others wouldn't. Even though at times my soul longed to be at a black college, when I had the chance to go, I didn't. So I guess I would do it again.

I had to leave my comfort zone and go to the mark of my calling. Right now, I encourage each of you to reach towards your calling. Leave behind what makes sense and what's easy and what you're used to doing.

To the members of the Word of Truth Gospel Choir and IMPACT and my sorors of the Iota Eta Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., it is my prayer that you don't get discouraged.

The race is still given to the one who endures until the end. Your faith in knowing God will get you to the end is what will get you there in due time.

To my other people of color here, please remember we are part of a legacy. Like Dr. Maya Angelou said, "we are the dreams of slaves." Everyone here might not support the dream but never let them take it away. This city is full of nay-sayers, but don't live for the people of the city nor the life it may bring.

To everyone else, may the only true and living God, whose grace and mercy is able to escort you down the streets of gold, keep you from everlasting to everlasting. Sincerely,

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## Years lead to most notable experiences

Four years. Has it been that long? It seems like just yesterday I flew into Dallas/Fort Worth airport with my mom on an icy winter day in January. When I first came to TCU, not only was I taking a big step by going to college, but I was also leaving my parents in a country I call home — Mexico. I had spent years growing up in Guadalajara, Mexico, and coming to college in the United States seemed like a confounding idea at the time. Things were different in the United States.



Herrera

The first time I went to buy a pack of Camels at Albertsons, the lady asked for my ID. I couldn't help but laugh. I hadn't been carded for a bottle of Absolut Vodka since I was 16, much less a pack of cigarettes. So, when I gave her my U.S. passport, she told me she couldn't take it. She needed a Texas ID.

So, first of all, I'm being carded, and secondly I show the lady an official U.S. document, stating I'm 18, going on 19 in only three months, but she still wouldn't sell me the cigarettes. I immediately asked to see

a manager while about five other people stood in line, frustrated with the fact that a 5-foot-5-inch, 95-pound, "Mexican" was complaining about not being able to buy cigarettes. Needless to say, I got my pack of Camels, and at the time felt the urge to smoke almost the entire pack.

Two months later when I tried to quit smoking and returned to Albertsons to buy a patch. The lady behind the counter suggested I buy the strongest one, being that I smoked about a pack of Camel Filters a day. So I bought the patch, and five hours later I found myself sitting in the waiting room of Harris Methodist Hospital. The

nurse asked me questions like, "What's your name?," "What day is it?" and "How old are you?" When I told him I was born April 19, 1978, he responded by saying, "Oh, so you're fixin' to be 19."

Confused, I looked at my friend sitting next to me, who grew up with me in Mexico, and said, "Que?" She explained to me that "fixin'" meant "about to be." I had just assumed the word fix meant to make something better. I had no idea Texans used the word for meanings other than those stated in Webster's Dictionary.

I admit, I felt lonely when I first came to TCU, but as the years passed, I realized that my college experiences would become some of my best memories. In fact, I'd say I've learned a lot while at TCU. My first semester here, a freshman who lived in Colby Hall told me that women are supposed to put mascara on the bottom eye lashes, and not just the top. I also learned that you have to be 21 to drink in Texas, but if you walk down the strip, you're bound to find a bar (Scooners) that will let you in the door.

I've gone nine weeks without doing laundry. Of course, the 20 loads that I ended up with took me an entire day to do. And, yes, that "freshman 15" is true. Of course, I think I needed to gain 15 pounds.

About 250 sheets of paper are used by one student throughout the course of each semester. That's a total of 2000 sheets by the time graduation comes around. Of course, that doesn't include all of the toilet paper, parking tickets, term papers and books we buy from the bookstore. All of this is enough to kill at least three trees by the time we graduate. That's about 16 million trees that students contribute to killing while at TCU. For the love of trees ...

I will take my three trees and proudly walk across the stage May 12 in the Daniel Meyer Coliseum as the first to graduate in my family. As for the future, it looks like a long road.

What lies ahead is unsure, but I do know one thing. It's been a notable four years.

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**VANS**

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Women's tennis coach Roland Ingram said the tennis team used the vans every time they took a trip.

"If we play a tournament that's at two sites, then we can take a van to each site," Ingram said. "You can't do that with one big bus."

Head swimming coach Richard Sybesma said the swimming team uses buses 80 percent of the time and has only used vans twice this year, but he said the ban on the use of 15-passenger vans will still affect his department.

"We use vans when we're team

traveling for a fairly close trip like San Antonio or Dallas," Sybesma said. "But we're using buses only now."

Hesselbrock said it may be possible to continue using the vans if the drivers have special training with 15-passenger vans or if they are only filled to a certain capacity.

"Ideas have been tossed around on a driver's training course to alert you to the dangers of (rollovers)," he said.

Until a study disproves the NHTSA report or measures to make the vans safer are found, TCU's vans will sit in parking lots reserved for coaches' errands instead of team travel.

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Collegiate athletics teams, which were involved in rollover accidents involving 15-passenger vans in the last year

■ Prairie View A&M University men's track team

■ Oshkosh-Wisconsin University swim team

■ DePaul University women's track team

■ Kenyon College swim team

Source: Associated Press

**Stances vary on executions**

Call for worldwide moratorium on death penalties fails

By Jonathan Fowler  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

GENEVA — The top U.N. human rights body called Wednesday for a worldwide moratorium on executions as a step toward ending capital punishment.

But the United States was joined by Japan, China, Indonesia, Saudi Arabia and other countries in opposing an anti-death penalty resolution put forward by the European Union to the U.N. Human Rights Commission. The vote was 27-18 in favor of the EU proposal. Seven countries abstained, and one — Liberia — was absent.

U.S. Ambassador George Moose told the commission that there was public debate on the death penalty in the United States, but all agreed that "due process must be rigorously applied" if it is used.

"Each nation should decide for itself through democratic processes whether its domestic law should permit capital punishment," he said.

The EU motion urged countries that allow the death penalty "to establish a moratorium with a view to completely abolishing the death penalty."

The resolution also urged countries to refuse extradition "in the absence of effective assurances ... that capital punishment will not be carried out."

Swedish Ambassador Johan Molander, who spoke for

the EU, said abolition of the death penalty was fundamental to EU human rights policy.

In previous years the 53-nation commission has endorsed four similar death penalty resolutions.

Human rights campaigners welcomed the resolution even though it is nonbinding.

"It weakens the argument that the death penalty is an internal affair," Mario Marazziti, spokesman for Italy's Community of Sant'Egidio, told The Associated Press.

In December, the group handed the United Nations a 3 million-signature petition supporting a moratorium.

"It's really a human rights issue," he said. And more countries are joining the abolitionist camp, he said: "Only two weeks ago both Chile and Ukraine passed abolition laws."

By keeping the death penalty the United States is isolating itself from democratic, abolitionist countries, said Amnesty International spokeswoman Anna Wegelin.

Amnesty says 108 countries have either abolished the death penalty or do not apply their death penalty laws, but 87 still use it.

On Tuesday, an Amnesty report said the high-profile execution of Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh risks turning him into a martyr for those who share his radical beliefs.

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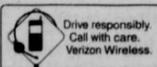


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**DAYCARE**

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administration in place at the time is no longer employed at TCU, she said.

Mike Sacken, a professor of education, said one thing that may have deterred the motion was that TCU used to be a very undergraduate-focused university.

Once again, a group is trying to make day-care needs known, but this time the loudest voices are those of the students. As part of their Generalist Practice with Communities class project, St. Don and some of her classmates are championing the advantages of establishing a day care at TCU.

The assignment was to work for a social change at TCU, a local, state or national level, said David Jenkins, an associate professor of social work, who teaches the Generalist Practice course.

Today, little evidence remains of the previous fight, and no one knows why.

Moore said her files from the previous fight have been misplaced, but they probably got lost in the two moves the department's trailer has had to make.

"I'm just fearful they are never to be found again," she said. "We're still searching, though."

Since much of the information is missing, the students had to start from scratch.

"What got me interested in this project was that no one knew anything about it," said John Hussman, a senior English major working on the social work project. "We've talked to faculty who were involved, and they said there were no specific reasons why the measure didn't go through, but there was a lot of opposition."

The students sent out a needs-assessment survey to faculty and staff and have already received over 100

responses of people who would be affected by a day care. Jenkins' mailbox was full of responses, St. Don said.

Although only about 30 professors said they would use the day care, many people said they would have used one several years ago or said they thought it was a good idea, according to the surveys.

Jenkins, a father of triplets; said having a day care would be an asset to the university.

"TCU ought to do as much as it can to enrich the work and educational experience," Jenkins said.

St. Don said she is struggling with how to get a needs assessment of students with children. She is worried that fliers and campus-wide e-mails will just be ignored.

The students are currently gathering all the data and numbers so they can present their findings to the Faculty Senate. However, getting on the docket is a difficult process, Hussman said.

The students said the day care wouldn't just be an asset to those with children, but could serve as a teaching tool and volunteer opportunity.

Weber said she wouldn't mind if students worked at the day care.

"The day care my son goes to uses high school students and students from the University of North Texas," she said.

Texas Woman's University has had a child development center on campus since 1928, director Angela Buchanan said. Student volunteers and assistants from a variety of departments from music to dental hygiene gain experience at the facility.

Elementary education major Jackie Hernandez said she would volunteer at an on-campus day care if it counted toward her required observation hours.

Hernandez, who does not have a car, often had to depend on others for rides to the local schools where she did her observation hours.

"It would be a great learning opportunity for those whose major is early childhood, because you're dealing so much with the development of children," she said. "You can learn so much just from watching how they learn and how their motor skills and their ability to communicate develops."

"It would be a great advantage for students to see it on an everyday basis — it wouldn't require you to go to other places."

Having an on-campus day care would also provide an opportunity for fraternity and sorority members to volunteer, Hernandez said.

"The idea really lends itself to becoming important to TCU and the community," she said.

When the idea was being explored before, the university looked into having a company such as Kinder-Care run the program. At the time, company officials said they would build the facility and run the day care if TCU rented them land.

"It would really make it easier in terms of licensing," Moore said.

One problem may be liability, Hernandez said.

"If anything happened, it would fall on TCU's shoulders," she said. "Children are so prone to accidents."

St. Don and her classmates are fully aware that the day care will not be implemented any time soon, she said, but right now they just want to make everyone aware of the issue. Anyone with input can e-mail St. Don at (S.E.Wagner@student.tcu.edu).

Sacken said TCU should take on the responsibility to its faculty and students with small children.

"I can't believe we're this far behind," he said. "We already have two other schools on campus. It's not like we don't have kids running around already."

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**Chrysler announces voluntary recall of vans**

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AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — The Chrysler arm of DaimlerChrysler AG announced Wednesday a voluntary recall of some new minivans, citing a possible front suspension problem.

Nearly 11,000 customers are af-

ected by the recall of the 2001 Chrysler Town & Country, Chrysler Voyager, Dodge Caravan and Dodge Grand Caravan minivans built between March 22 and April 21.

Owners of recalled vehicles are urged not to drive them.

The automaker said a bolt on the

lower control arm of the front suspension can break, resulting in a loss of vehicle control. The company said it discovered several supplier shipments of bolts which were not manufactured to proper specifications during this period.

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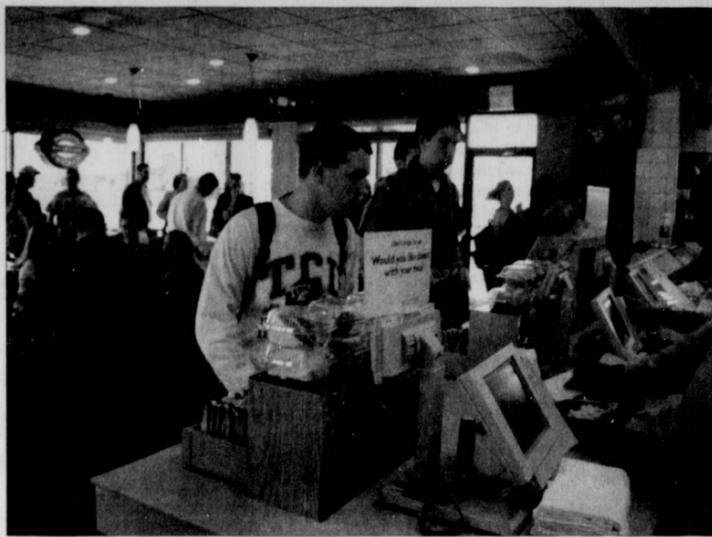
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An effort to boycott Marriott Food Services prompted many students to find alternative places to eat. Nearby restaurants like Boston Market saw a bigger lunch crowd Wednesday afternoon.

**BOYCOTT**

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posal to improve a problem on campus, but students were not required to enact the proposal. Szucs said the group chose their topic because the administration and Marriott have not listened to student input on dining services.

Don Mills, vice chancellor of student affairs, said TCU has an annual contract with Marriott that can be canceled by either side with a 60-day notice.

But Szucs said neither Mills nor Rick Flores, general manager of Marriott, would give her a copy of TCU's contract with Marriott.

"Part of the agreement is proprietor information and isn't public documentation," Mills said.

Szucs said they didn't tell her why she couldn't see the contract.

"It's a monopoly," she said. "As students, we have a right to know why it's this way, and if we are under a contract, we have a right to see that."

Mills said he was pleased to see TCU students concerned about something, but he did not think a boycott was the most effective way for them to make their point or spread information.

"Students should voice their concerns through student publications and organizations or a Dining Services organization," he said. "Students need to make their point in a consistent and organized way. It's difficult to respond to something (happening) chaotically."

But Patterson said the group will continue fighting for the cause, and late Wednesday afternoon, many signs for the boycott remained taped to campus sidewalks.

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**HARVARD**

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Black Caucus members say the university's failure to embrace diversity has created a climate where people feel safe expressing racist thoughts.

"I'm going to stay as long as I have to," student Karissa Burns said Wednesday morning. "If my life is in danger, then this

is what I'm going to do. It's that important to me."

Penn State president Graham B. Spanier did not comment on Tuesday's talks.

Last week, an anonymous letter sent to a reporter at the campus newspaper, *The Daily Collegian*, included a death threat against Wolf and a threat to bomb a ceremony honoring black graduates. Federal, state and local law enforcement agencies are investigating.

**Court looks at ad limits**

**Massachusetts' cigarette regulation under attack**

By Anne Gearan  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — In lively arguments, the Supreme Court considered Wednesday whether state curbs on cigarette ads are unconstitutional or regulatory overkill.

Massachusetts' proposed ad bans near schools and playgrounds could give the conservative-led court cause to reconsider whether government limits on commercial speech violate the First Amendment.

The court generally has held that commercial speech such as advertising may be regulated but not banned. Tobacco companies and other business interests would like to see advertising accorded free-speech protections more like political and artistic expression.

That was part of the argument that tobacco company lawyer Jeffrey Sutton made Wednesday, and the portion of the case that occasioned a rare from-the-bench query from Justice Clarence Thomas.

Usually silent and often leaning far back in his chair during oral arguments, Thomas leaned forward to address the federal government's lawyer, Barbara Underwood, the acting solicitor general.

Underwood was making the point that the rules are different for tobacco because of the danger it poses, especially to children.

Assume, Thomas said, that it has been proved that children suffer long-term health dangers from eating a lot of fast food. Would the government step in there, as well?

"What's your rationale for regulating ads by McDonald's?" he asked.

A flustered Underwood did not answer the question directly.

Courtroom regulars recall Thomas speaking only one other time during oral arguments this court term. Wednesday was the last day of arguments, although the court remains in session through June.

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg challenged Sutton to explain why states should not try additional ways to keep an addictive product — she called it a drug — away from children.

"We're dealing with a commodity like no other," Ginsburg said. "This is highly addictive and especially dangerous to children, who can get hooked at age 13 and not get off it for the rest of their lives."

The justices spent most of the hour-long argument session focused on a narrow legal question rather than the broader constitutional issue.

Tobacco companies say Massachusetts cannot take this kind of unilateral step because of the way Congress wrote the 1969 law that took cigarette ads off the airwaves and added warning labels to tobacco packaging.

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## Opera at TCU

Photo and Story by Laura McFarland

For most people, "Hansel and Gretel" is a fairy tale that remains a distant memory from their childhood, but this Friday the tale will be brought to life by the TCU Opera Theater.

Richard Estes, associate professor of music and the opera theater director, will direct the English version of Engelbert Humperdinck's German opera.

"Hansel and Gretel" will run at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium, with different students performing the major roles Saturday. The TCU Symphony Orchestra, which has been working on the score for more than two weeks, will accompany the students.

"In an opera, you can't make up how long it takes to deliver a line," Estes said. "All of the timing of the drama is dictated by the music. With the opera, you have to make the timing of the composer work."

Emily Lee, a voice performance and pedagogy graduate student, said this is the first time she has worked with a full orchestra, and she said the experience has been amazing.

"It's like you're floating," Lee said. "You have this full sound to ride on."

Megan Bartlett, a sophomore music major who will play Gretel at the Saturday performance, said her first opera performance is making her a little nervous.

"I was very frightened when I found out I got Gretel because I knew I had a lot of hard work ahead of me," she said. "It's very intimidating to work with a full orchestra because there are so many wonderful musicians."

Margaret Tyler, a junior vocal performance major who will play the Sandman on Friday and Saturday, said she performed alongside full orchestras when she was in high school, but she is particularly excited that German Gutierrez will direct the orchestras.

"He is very passionate and he's just a wonderful conductor," Tyler said. "We're lucky to have him."

Estes said he finds most interesting is the way the musical score and the plot of "Hansel and Gretel" fit together.

"Even though the story is a tale that we tell young children, the music is rather heroic and large scale," Estes said. "It's an interesting combination of heroic German music and a simple folk tale."

Humperdinck adapted his opera from the fairy tale created by Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm, but Bartlett said this performance is supposed to be more cheerful.

"I think it's exciting to be able to portray a character I've known since childhood," Bartlett said.

Even though Lee, who will play Hansel on Friday and Sunday, said she knew the story of "Hansel and Gretel," she at first didn't know if she would enjoy her role.

"It's my first time playing a boy, so it's a really new experience," Lee said. "There's a whole body language associated with being a boy that I never thought of. Until we started the blocking I didn't really think about Hansel's physicality, but it's a lot of fun."

Lee will not be the only singer playing outside his or her gender. Christina Hager, a sophomore English and vocal performance major, will be playing Hansel on Saturday and Carlos Vicente, a junior vocal performance major, will play the witch.

Estes said when he was deciding what opera to perform, he had to take in a number of considerations — the opera needed to be a project which works well with the orchestra, could be staged with their current resources and could be cast with the students available.

Most of the cast is comprised of undergraduate students, a fact that isn't common in a college opera, Estes said.

"One of the things that is unusual about our opera program at TCU is that undergraduates have a great deal of opportunity to get stage experience in opera," Estes said. "In some of the larger universities, all the major roles are cast with graduate students because they're older voices, more mature."

On alternate nights, the leads will sing the parts of the gingerbread children and the angels. Senior music major Hannah Smith, who will be playing the mother on Saturday night, said she didn't think she would like the opera when she first got the part.

"It's contemporary, so I thought I would really hate it at first, but I've grown to love it," Smith said. "It is hard because it requires you to put both your musical and acting skills together, but it is really rewarding."

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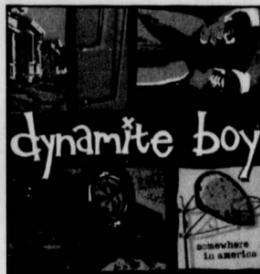
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"Hansel and Gretel" begins Friday with performances by both undergraduates and graduates.

## Reviews by Victor Drabicky



When Dynamite Boy released its last album, "Finders Keepers" (Fearless, 1999), the disc did little to distinguish itself from the thousand or so other pop/punk discs that were flooding CD stores across the nation.

But when Dynamite Boy released "Somewhere in America" (Fearless 2001) earlier this year, the disc made waves not only throughout its label, Fearless Records, but with other bands of the genre as well.

The band's brand of pop/punk that originally hit Austin nine years ago, is finally catching on — with good reason.

"Catching On," the disc's opening track, was an attempt to tell the world that the band has finally caught on to the idea that professionalism, both on stage and in the studio, can pay off.

The band's transition from lackluster, run-of-the-mill punk band to a more professionally presented group of musicians has resulted in improvements

**These bands are playing together at 7 p.m. today at The Door in Dallas.**

lyrically, musically and in composition. Lead singer Sean Neil's voice has strengthened to a point where it is no longer competing with the music for attention.

Now, the music clearly plays second role to Neil's voice, and if anything, strengthens it even further. Nowhere is this more evident than in "No Way Out," when Neil is paired with fellow punk singer Stella Maxwell of Cruiserweight. Maxwell's voice, which unfortunately is above average in the punk world, always seems to be a little off key and out of place, while Neil's always seems to fit seamlessly.

Musically, the band has greatly improved. Gone are the days of overdrumming and sometimes pointless and random guitar riffs. "Somewhere in America" is filled with well-placed guitar solos and well constructed bass lines complimented by intelligent drumming often absent from punk CDs.

However, "Somewhere in America" is not without its low points. "Kaleidoscope" and "Little Bobby" seem to revert to a more stereotypical type of punk that is less creative both musically and lyrically. They are obviously the weaker songs on the CD.

Overall, "Somewhere in America" is a good disc, head and shoulders above the industry standard. However, if Dynamite Boy is hoping to catch on like the Get Up Kids and New Found Glory did, there is still work to be done.

Victor Drabicky is a music critic and author of the book "Punk Rock: A Beginner's Guide." He can be reached at v.drabicky@student.tcu.edu.



I can't remember the last time something came out of New Jersey that I liked. Honestly, I can't even remember the last time anything of note came out of New Jersey.

But when I heard Midtown's first, full-length compact disc, "Save the World, Lose the Girl," my attitude changed.

Too smart to fall in the punk category, too punk to fit in the pop category, "Save the World, Lose the Girl" is a wonderful mix of intelligently written lyrics and beautifully performed music establishing Midtown in any musical category.

While more than successful with emotion-filled pop ballads like "No Place Feels Like Home," Midtown continues to shine in songs like "Direction" and "Just Rock and Roll," which clearly establish Midtown in the rock world.

Making sure not to leave any stone unturned, Midtown falls into the punk genre with "Another Boy."

Although Midtown does not fall into any specific musical category, singer Gabe Saporta said the band is comfortable with its lack of classification and feels that audiences enjoy Midtown's diverse abilities.

Musical classification aside, "Save the World, Lose the Girl" is a masterpiece filled with superb writing and even better performance.

Nowhere is the writing strength more obvious than in "No Place Feels Like Home" and the closing ballad "Frayed Ends." The well-constructed "No Place Feels Like Home" can make even the most emotionless listener feel alone and homesick, while the acoustic guitar and creative phrasing of "Frayed Ends" shows why it is so hard to label the genre Midtown best fills.

Despite having three people share the role of lead vocalist, Saporta, Heath Saraceno and Tyler Rann, the vocals are exceptional. Younger punk bands, like Fort Worth's own Soviet Space, should take note of not only the strength, but also the uniqueness with which each line is delivered.

Despite strong vocals and good writing and composition, perhaps the best thing about the compact disc is the emotion put into each song. From the feeling of emptiness in "Just Rock and Roll" to the homesickness of "No Place Feels Like Home," the disc runs the gamut.

Saporta said the songs keep certain emotions in mind, but whatever feeling the listener gets is the right one.

"I wrote 'Just Rock and Roll' about leaving my last band, but a lot of people think it is about a girl," Saporta said. "I was feeling angry and betrayed, but people think the song is about a girl and get a different feeling."

I always try to find something wrong with each compact disc I review, but if I were to find anything wrong with this compact disc, I would have to stretch.

Although Midtown has not yet become a household name and is on their first headlining tour, if they continue to create music as solid as "Save the World, Lose the Girl," it won't be long before they join Blink 182 and the Get Up Kids at the top of the pop/punk/rock charts.

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## IN the metroplex

### Restaurants

Joe T. Garcia's has opened its patio and fiesta gardens. The restaurant is open from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and from 5 to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday and from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday. Margaritas are \$4.25 and beer ranges from \$2.75 to \$3.25. Joe T. Garcia's is located at 2201 N. Commerce. Call (817) 626-4356 for more information.

Blue Mesa Grill will be having a Tequila party Tuesday in honor of a new tequila they will be serving. Herradina Reposado. Free salsa lessons will be provided while the Cruellismo spices up the night with their new salsa music. The party runs from 5 to 8 p.m. Blue Mesa has happy that includes a complimentary quesadilla bar from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday. Margaritas are \$4, well drinks start at \$3.75, domestic bottles are \$2, import bottles are \$2.50 and all beers on tap are \$2. Blue Mesa is located at 1600 S. University Drive. Call (817) 332-6872 for more information.

Pappadeaux Seafood Kitchen has happy hour from 3 to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday. Draft beers are \$3, all frozen drinks are \$3.50, including the swamp thing, pina colodas and more. Margaritas are \$2.50 and hot appetizers from the bar are half price. Pappadeaux is located at 708 W. Freeway. Call (817) 827-8813 for hours of operation and more information.

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### Music

The Denton Arts and Jazz Festival begins at 5 p.m. Friday at the Civic Center Park, 321 E. McKinney. Admission is free. The festival includes dancers of all ages, theatrical performances, jazz music, all weekend long and food from Yum Ice Cream Co., Festival Foods and more. Some activities throughout the weekend include a dunking booth, rock climbing, airbrush face painting, and a used book sale.

The songs of John Kander and Fred Ebb will be featured in Theatre Three's final production of the season, "And the World Goes Round." The show begins at 7 p.m. today and runs through Monday. Ticket prices

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### Art

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### Miscellaneous

The 31st Annual USA Film Festival begins tonight at the Cinemark 17 Theatres, located at 11819 Webb Chapel at I-37 Freeway in Dallas. Opening night will include "75 Degrees in July," a film featuring Fort Worth native Hyatt Bass. Other events in the festival include bad movies people love, such as "The Poseidon Adventure" and "The Last Hope."

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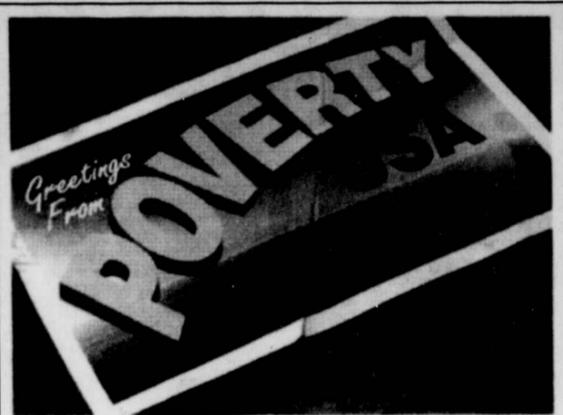
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# Christianity sees growing numbers, shift in direction

## Change may expand understanding

By Bethany McCormack  
STAFF REPORTER

With the number of Christians in third-world countries increasing rapidly, Christianity is changing. This change can broaden our understanding of religion in America, said Jack Hill, assistant professor of religion and social ethics.

"There's going to be a greater opportunity for learning from how Christianity is practiced in other contexts to rejuvenate our understanding of Christianity in America," he said. "It may spark another religious awakening in the 21st century."

"It's so materialistic here that there is no need for God. In poorer countries it's not like that."

— Tiffany Wolf, freshman interior design major

growth of churches in these countries is important because mainline churches in the United States have seen a slight decrease in membership.

Tiffany Wolf, a freshman interior design major, grew up in a missionary family in the Philippines, and she said she thinks the decrease in church attendance in the United States reflects the lifestyle of Americans.

"I think in America everyone is too busy for God and religion,"

Wolf said. "It's so materialistic here that there is no need for God. In poorer countries it's not like that."

Stone, who did mission work in Mexico last summer, said she thinks

Christians can learn a lot from the faiths of people in other countries.

"It's important as Christians to see God working in other cultures, because God isn't just working here," she said. He's working all over the world."

Hill said one effect of the growth of Christianity in these countries is enculturation. This incorporates Christianity with the culture of the people of the region.

"In South Africa, one sees the rise of African Initiated Churches, which are a mixture of traditional African religious forms of dancing, singing, healing rituals and missionary Christian beliefs and worship practices," he said.

Hill said it's important for students to understand religion and life from different perspectives to become global citizens.

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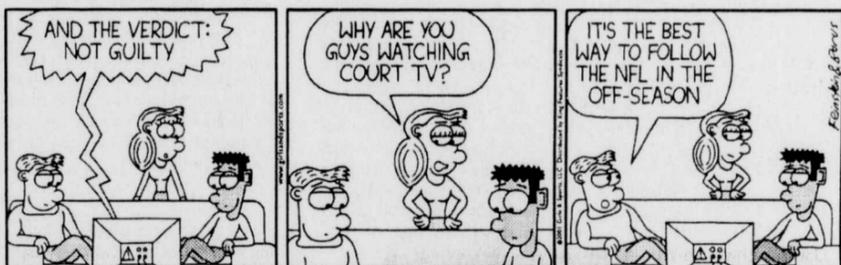
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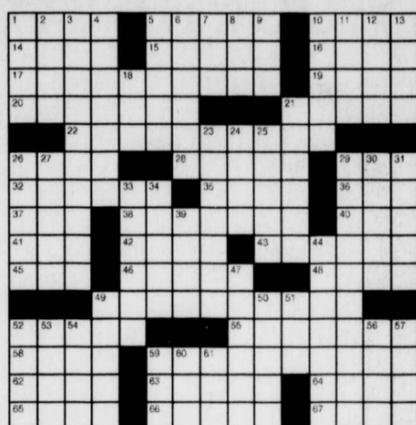
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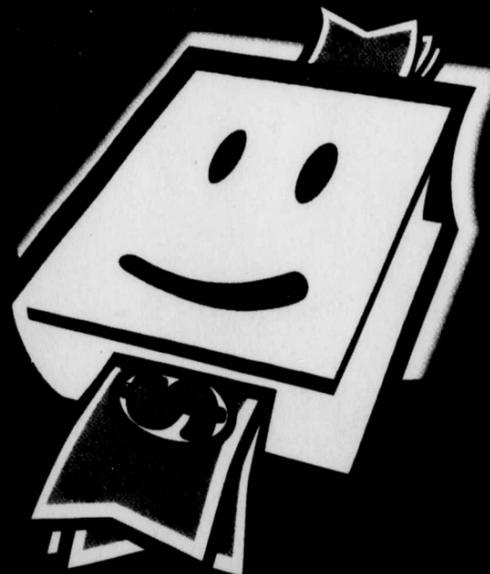
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## Student copes through rehab

By Erin Munger  
SKIFF STAFF

Lying with her back on a mat in the TCU athletics weight room, she strains to roll over onto her stomach. Once there, she rests before trying to sit back on her knees. With her mother and a trainer spotting her, she moves into the position. She extends her left arm, then her right with a look of sheer determination on her face.

She's on all fours.

Now, the hard part.

She moves her hips from left to right flexing her tender back and abdominal muscles that have been idle for about nine months.

With her spotters ready, she moves back to her stomach on the mat.

Then, she does it all again.

At this time last year, Keith-Ann Wagner, a junior finance and accounting major, was leading her team on the soccer field and keeping the opponent from putting the ball into her goal.

But a car accident last July 4 changed everything, leaving her paralyzed from the neck down.

"I shouldn't be doing this," Wagner said. "I should be playing soccer and complaining about being sore."

Instead, she spends her days and nights teaching her body how to work again.

All of her friends and relatives agree that she has made tremendous progress since the accident, but that doesn't make each step any easier.

"I just think that if I can take one step, I'll be fine," Wagner said. "Then I think if I can walk the length of the parallel bars, I'll be fine. Then, if I could just get my halo taken off, I'll be fine."

Struggling to recover doesn't stop Wagner from enjoying life. She continues to attend school, taking nine hours this semester, and she spends a lot of time with her friends, who gladly do everything they can to ensure Wagner is with them.

"The first night, we all went out after the accident, we had to carry Keith-Ann and her wheel chair upstairs," said Ali Schloegel, a junior education major and teammate.

"Somebody else might have been scared to let us do that, but Keith-Ann trusted us completely."

Wagner also continues to participate in activities she has enjoyed for the majority of her life — sports. She recently threw the honorary first pitch of the TCU baseball game at The Ballpark in Arlington.

"She still does everything, and she never gives up," said Leigh Hogan, a junior finance and accounting major.

It is this determination and fighting spirit in Wagner that inspires her teammates, family and friends.

"Keith-Ann is as inspiring off the field as she was on," said Jackie Rodriguez, last year's captain of the women's soccer team.

"When you hear Keith-Ann's voice on the field, it's inspiring, and it makes you want to push yourself that much more."

Wagner's voice has been heard on many fields throughout her life.

She began playing soccer at age 6 in Corpus Christi. She continued playing when her family moved to Arlington. As she grew older, she played on successful club teams and on the Arlington Martin Senior High School team.

Her club team, the Texas Lightning, continually finished in the top four of the Lake Highland Girls Classic League, Division 1.

Her success continued throughout her high school soccer career. As a junior at Martin, Wagner joined her team at the UIL Class 5A State Championship tournament.

Although they didn't win the tournament, Wagner won a position on the All-State team. During her senior year, she and her team returned to the state tournament and won.

Once again, she joined the ranks of the All-State team. In that same year, Wagner assisted her club team in a state championship.

The following year, Wagner played on an amateur women's under-20 team, North Texas United. The team went on to win the North Texas State Cup and the Regional Championship in 1999, which allowed them to represent North Texas at the national tournament in St. Louis.



Graduating in the top 3 percent of her class, Wagner received a soccer-academic scholarship to TCU, and as a freshman, she was the starting goalie for the women's team.

Wagner has made numerous friends at TCU, on the soccer team and in her sorority, Chi Omega. Since the accident, her friends never miss a chance to show their support.

At the first home game of the 2000 fall season, the team dedicated the season to Wagner.

Now, the team and other friends and family are taking further action to support Wagner in her recovery. Shelia LaDuke, Wagner's aunt,

developed a fund raiser called the Hope Relay to provide payment for Wagner's very expensive and very selective rehabilitation program, which insurance doesn't cover.

Through every step of her recovery, Wagner's friends always admire her positive attitude and smile.

"She is unbelievable," Hogan said. "She accepts where she is and looks forward to the next day. I have never met anyone so optimistic or determined."

That determination shows as she approaches another day of rehabilitation.

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## Women's tennis travels confidently to WAC tourney

By Ram Luthra  
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Head women's tennis coach Roland Ingram said he doesn't want to compare last year's Western Athletic Conference championship-winning team to this year's, but he does make the connection that this year's squad can successfully defend the WAC crown.

"These women will be bright-eyed and have their hair bushy-tailed and be ready to go," Ingram said. "They are going to win the WAC by going out and playing like they have nothing to lose."

The Frogs, who enter the tournament as the second-seeded team, will play against the seventh-seeded Rice Owls Friday at the Spalding G. Wathen Tennis Center at Fresno State.

Junior Leoni Weirich, who is one of two players remaining from last year's team, said she thinks they will win the tournament.

"We are currently in great shape," she said. "Everyone is doing all the little things and playing every match with the notion of winning. Since the beginning of the season, we have played without any expectations, but at this point in the season, we need the expectation to win this tournament. We are very motivated to bring the WAC trophy back here, and it would be even better if we win it for the second straight year, especially with this being our last year in the WAC," Weirich said.

Freshman Patricia Aburto, who is ranked 66th in the nation with a 24-4 record, said she has prepared extensively for the tournament.

"Coach has been training us all year for the WAC and NCAA tournaments," Aburto said. "Lately, I have tried to play one notch better, and it has paid off because I am going to play at the No. 2 spot. We have been having shorter practices, but they have been intense and hard."

Even though TCU defeated Rice March 29, 6-1, Ingram said he doesn't want that victory to be a measuring stick.

"(Rice is) a solid team who can sneak up on anyone," Ingram said. "I have been trying to tell this team that (Rice's) record is very misleading, and we should not look past them."

Weirich said Rice is a team that can't be overlooked in the regular season or at the conference tournament.

"You can never expect too little from a team, especially Rice," she said. "They run down a lot of balls and play with a lot of fire."

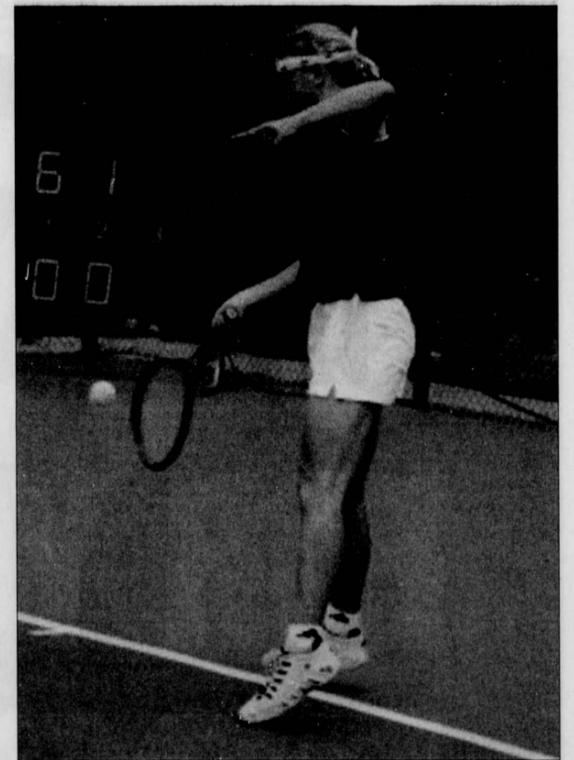
Weirich said the team wants to win the tournament for two reasons.

"Not only do we want to win the tournament for ourselves, but the most important thing is to win it for (Ingram)," Weirich said. "This would be great for coach, because he deserves it for all the years he has been in the WAC."

Ingram recorded his 300th career victory earlier this season. If the Frogs advance to the quarterfinal round, they will play the winner of the third-seeded Tulsa and sixth-seeded Texas-El Paso match at 10 a.m. Saturday.

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Freshman Karolina Roubickova hits a forehand from the baseline in a match at Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center. She finished the spring season with a 17-2 record and an over all record of 25-4.



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Shirley Wagner, Keith-Ann's mother looks on as her daughter, a junior finance and accounting major and women's soccer player, does her rehabilitation workout (left) in the TCU athletics weight room. (Above) Keith-Ann, who remains optimistic despite her injury, works on strengthening her arms during a therapy session.

### SPORTS BRIEFS

**Women's golf finishes second at WAC Tournament**  
For the third consecutive year, the TCU women's golf team finished as the conference runner-up to Tulsa at the Western Athletic Conference Tournament Wednesday.

In their final effort as WAC Tournament competitors, the 14th-ranked Horned Frogs fell to the 12th-ranked Golden Hurricane by 25 strokes. In the final round, Tulsa shot a 275, increasing its lead by 23 strokes and finishing at even par (864) at the Golf Club at Castle Hills in Lewisville. The Frogs shot a three-day score of 889, edging out the third-place finisher San Jose State by five shots.

Three TCU players finished among the field's top 10 performers, while all five finished in the top 20. Freshman Courtney Wood led the Frogs, recording a personal-best and TCU season-best third-place finish. Wood, who has finished in the top 10 three times this season, furthered her campaign for WAC Freshman of the Year honors as she tallied a three-over 219 for the tournament, beating fellow freshman Suzie Fisher of Tulsa by one stroke.

Joining Wood in the top 10 were senior Brenda Anderson and sophomore Shannon Barr, who shared 10th place with three-day scores of 225.

## Mavericks prepare for Game 3 vs. Utah Jazz

Trailing 2-0 in the best-of-five series, Dallas will look for more production out of Nowitzki

By Jaime Aron  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS — Dirk Nowitzki caught a pass, squared his 7-foot body and fired a 3-pointer. Swish.

Then he did it again. And again.

During practice, after practice and in a late-night workout with his longtime coach from Germany, the Dallas Mavericks' leading scorer appeared to have gotten the kinks out of his jump shot.

Then came Game 2 of Dallas' first-round series against Utah on Tuesday night, and the bricks were back.

Nowitzki didn't make a field goal until late in the third quarter as the Jazz beat the Mavericks 109-98 to take a 2-0 lead in their best-of-five series. Game 3 will be Saturday in Dallas.

If the Mavericks are going to become the sixth team to ever climb out of an 0-2 hole, or if they're at least going to get their first playoff win in 13 years, they've

got to get more out of Nowitzki.

"I don't know why we are missing some of those shots, but you have to give credit to the Jazz," Nowitzki said. "They have good defenders and they make it tough for you."

Utah realizes the easiest way to a sweep is keeping Nowitzki in his rut.

"When we go over them on film we all say he's a dangerous player," Jazz forward Bryon Russell said. "He's the key to their offense. He's really a 7-footer. He can do it off the dribble or in the post. I hope he has another bad game Saturday so we can end it."

Dallas won 53 games this season and was seen as a playoff threat because of an offense led by Nowitzki, Michael Finley and Steve Nash. Their fresh legs were supposed to wear out the aging Jazz.

But the Mavericks haven't done much running and their halfcourt game hasn't gotten in gear. With Nowitzki's jumpers

not falling, Utah feels less obligated to cover the perimeter and is able to clog the lane.

Nowitzki is just 3-of-14 from 3-point range and 10-of-31 overall from the field. His 17.5 points per game in this series is a steep drop from his 21.8 average in the regular season.

The third-year forward admitted to lacking the confidence to take the potential game-winning shot at the end of Game 1, then spent the days between games at the gym trying to regain his touch.

Yet in Game 2 he was so timid that he didn't take a shot until midway through the second quarter. His first field goal came with 5:20 left in the third and Dallas down by 13. He fouled out with 15 points, eight on free throws.

Nowitzki isn't the only misfiring Mav. The center tandem of Shawn Bradley and Calvin Booth have barely made an impact and Dallas' entire bench has scored

nine points in two games.

"We're not playing our best basketball offensively, but we sure are trying hard, working hard and doing a lot of good things," Dallas coach Don Nelson said. "We're learning a lot of lessons and that's important in this series because it's the first time we've been here. We couldn't learn from a more veteran team than the Utah Jazz."

Among the lessons Nowitzki is learning is the one about playoff decorum.

After a two-point loss in Game 1, he said the Mavericks would've blown out the Jazz had they been hitting their shots.

Then, in explaining why the team returned to Dallas between games, he said "Utah is a bad city," which led to boos every time he touched the ball Tuesday night.

Nowitzki has to be looking forward to playing at Reunion Arena as much as any of the Mavericks.