

Get involved

The Student Government Association is about to get moving for the fall semester. Be a part of the action. After all, they're spending your money. See Opinion, page 3.

It's raining stress

Balancing schoolwork and activities is sometimes overwhelming. But with certain skills, stress can be manageable. See Health & Fitness, page 5.

Wednesday, August 29, 2001

Fort Worth, Texas

Dining report spurs changes in campus services

By Aaron Chimbel
STAFF REPORTER

Changes in dining services this semester reflect the results of an outside consulting group's review of TCU's food service offerings, said Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Don Mills.

In spring 2001, students, faculty and staff completed surveys about meal choices and dining locations as part of The Ricca Planning Studio, Inc. study of dining services.

The survey was completed by 742 students and 150 faculty and staff.

Mills said students want more fresh items and foods that are prepared as they watch.

The Edens dining facility in Reed Hall added a Mongolian Wok station this semester in addition to the made-to-order salad station that was introduced last year.

"Since we did this my line has been out the door," food service worker Carolyn Davis said about the wok station. "It just takes a minute or two as soon as they make up their mind."

At both the salad and wok stations diners choose the ingredients and watch as chefs toss and stir-fry. Diners may also choose the type of oil or no oil.

"It actually tastes really good for Main food," said Suzanna Dillard, a sophomore pre-major. "It's healthy."

Rick Flores, general manger of Sodexo, said he is pleased with the increased numbers of people eating at Edens. He said the choices there offer students the chance to see food being made and reduces the lines at other dining locations.

Mills said the survey revealed that students now prefer to have food made fresh. Another change is the Pond Street Grill,

which had been formerly known as the Worth Hills Dining Hall. Flores said the change was made to help end stereotypes associated with Worth Hills. He said in the past it has been viewed as a Greek-only area and students from main campus rarely ate at the facility.

"There is not a big variety so I wouldn't go over there if I lived on main campus," said Mary Loranger, a sophomore elementary education major.

The operating hours for Pond Street are 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday. The grill is closed Saturday.

Flores said Pond Street will offer several promotional events, including a luau Sept. 5, in an effort to bring people to the revamped facility. The following week TCU cheerleaders will be on hand as the grill hosts a pep rally. Flores said pep ral-

lies may become a regular event if successful.

The report estimated \$20 million would be necessary to make the changes. The report also recommend building additional dining facilities on east campus in addition to improving Worth Hills.

Mills said the current facilities were designed in a cafeteria style and cannot be easily changed into restaurant-style facilities students would like to see added.

"When The Main was built students had basically one choice — take it or leave it," Mills said.

Mills also said many of Ricca's recommendations will be long-term projects that could include construction of new facilities.



Emilee Baker, a junior anthropology major, takes her dinner prepared by Angela Castillo in the Main.

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COLLEGE BRIEFS

N.M. lottery funds 10,400 scholarships

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (U-WIRE) — New Mexico Lottery players returned a record-breaking \$25 million profit to the state during the last fiscal year, exceeding expectations by \$400,000, according to data released by lottery officials in early August.

The Lottery Success Scholarship sent 4,314 students to the University of New Mexico during the 2001 spring semester, accounting for about \$4.4 million — almost 50 percent of the university's total semester revenues, said Bruce Hamlett, director of the Commission on Higher Education.

More than 10,400 scholarship recipients attended New Mexico post-secondary schools this past school year.

Changes in the lottery revenue appropriation formula will ensure the scholarships for New Mexico high school graduates until at least 2010.

"We can tell anybody in high school or middle school right now that there's a full tuition waiting for them when they graduate," Hamlett said.

A brief panic ensued last year when the commission and lottery officials announced that an increasing number of applicants, coupled with stagnant lottery sales, would result in a lottery scholarship funding shortfall by 2003.

But the 2001 Legislature passed a bill funneling 100 percent of lottery revenues to the scholarship fund. Previously, profits were split evenly between the scholarship fund and the Public School Capital Outlay Council, which funds school construction and repairs.

In the five years since its inception, the lottery has pumped \$118 million into educational programs and of that \$51 million went to scholarships, according to the release.

— Daily Lobo

TUBAS ON THEIR TOES



Marching band members practice uniform marching style at rehearsal Tuesday. The group's home debut will be Sept. 15 when the Frogs take on Marshall at Amon Carter Stadium.

David Duna/Senior Photographer

Mascot to charge for appearances

Most campus organizations exempt

Erin LaMourie
STAFF REPORTER

The TCU Athletic Department will offset the cost of cleaning and repairing the Superfrog suit by charging \$45 per hour for appearances at off-campus events.

Jeff Tucker, TCU's head cheerleading coach, said the rate has been in effect since January of this year, but there has been some confusion about who will be required to pay to use Superfrog.

Tucker said Superfrog will still do most campus events for free. He said that campus organizations will not need to pay for the use of Superfrog for events centered around students or athletics but said they will be charged if they use Superfrog to market TCU's image.

Tucker said the students who wear the suit will receive about \$30, and the rest of the money will go towards maintenance of the outfit. The cheerleading budget is used to fund any other costs.

Tucker said requests are made daily for Superfrog to attend various events including parades, birthday parties, weddings and Mardi Gras. He said Superfrog became more in demand for off-campus events when the new Superfrog suit was introduced in fall 1999. Taking the suit off-campus places more wear and tear on the

suit, which needs to be cleaned each time it is used, Tucker said.

Tucker said that those who reserved the suit for off-campus events in the past usually offered to pay about \$45. He said schools like Nebraska and Oklahoma State University also charge for use of their mascot and TCU's new set rate would make the payment process official.

Kristi Hoban, director of Alumni Relations, said she would not mind paying a fee for Superfrog.

"I think in the long run it will be better for all of us, because the suits will be better maintained," she said.

Hoban said the fee will not affect how much the Alumni Association will use Superfrog because Superfrog is important to their events.

Tucker said he still wants Superfrog to be on-campus as much as possible.

"Superfrog, when I went to school here, was more sacred than it is now," Tucker said. "We really need to focus on what our mascot is. It is a representative of our school spirit and (Superfrog) probably needs to be more devoted to the campus itself."

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RTVF students to gain from new technology

By Jill Sutton
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Students in the radio-TV-film department starts the year with the addition of \$750,000 worth of new technology.

Roger Cooper, chair of the radio-TV-film department, said the new equipment is long overdue.

"The old equipment was here when I got to TCU, and I think it has been at least 15 years since we began using the equipment," he said.

The department will be setting up two digital television studios, a digital audio lab with 12 new computers, including an instructor's station, and will be expanding the film library to larger rooms for more convenient student and faculty use.

LaVar Veale, a senior theatre and radio-TV-film major, said he is glad these changes are coming before he leaves TCU.

"I think these changes are a great idea," Veale said. "Now we will have experience with the type of equipment that is being used in Hollywood. Instead of starting a job by having to learn everything, we can relate right away and not be on the

back-burner."

Cooper said the equipment will be arriving in the next few weeks, and all of the additions are funded by the university. Cooper said the large price can be deceiving at first glance.

"We got a big bang for our buck," said Cooper.

Charles LaMendola, a radio-TV-film professor, said purchasing so much equipment at once actually saved the department money. "We purchased all Sony equipment because it is a very well-known brand, and by buying in bulk, we got discounted prices," LaMendola said.

The faculty is excited about what the new upgrade to the program will do to elevate the students in the department, Cooper said.

"These improvements will move us to a different level," he said. "This is an area of study that is always changing. This can be exciting and scary, but now we will be prepared in the professional workforce."

Improved facilities will give students a decided edge as they graduate and enter the competitive field in

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House to aim for visibility, communication

By Kristin Delorantis
STAFF REPORTER

The new semester for the House of Student Representatives brings fresh goals, as new residence hall representatives are elected this Thursday.

Permanent Improvements chairwoman Chelsea Hudson said important goals for the House this year are visibility and communication.

"The House is striving to create a presence on campus and a strong link of communication between the students and the elected representatives," Hudson said. "When that happens, things will start to fall into place."

In addition to implementing cam-

pus change, House Vice President Amy Render said she wants residence hall representatives to play a different role this year.

"We really want representatives to take charge," she said. "It is important that they take the initiative to talk to constituents and write the legislation with only a little bit of our help."

Representatives elected Thursday will attend the House meetings at 5 p.m. Tuesdays in the Student Center, room 222, and will serve on one of the committees.

The House will sponsor Constituency Day Oct. 10, when members gather student opinions on what

should be done to improve campus life. House members will survey students in The Main Sept. 5 and 19.

Last year, House members distributed surveys in residence halls, but Render said the group would like to do something different this year to collect public opinion.

"We want to do something more informal, but we also want to reach more constituents and make sure we reach all areas of campus, including commuter students," Render said.

Hudson said she is working on presenting a new bill to clear out the greenery in the courtyard area separating Moudy North from Moudy

South and make it into a sitting area for students to relax.

International Flag Plaza, a fountain surrounded by flags representing different parts of the world, is another idea originated by Hudson last semester that she said will receive further attention this semester. Administration supported the idea and it was passed as a resolution.

"(Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs) Don Mills said the idea was wonderful," Hudson said, "but since the campus is currently undergoing such change, now would not be the

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In tomorrow's Skiff:

A slew of new Texas laws will take effect Sept. 1. Staff reporter James Zwilling has the rundown on what to look for.



Today in history

1957 — United States Sen. Strom Thurmond of North Carolina set a filibuster record of 24 hours and 18 minutes.

CAMPUS LINES

Announcements of campus events, public meetings and other general campus information should be brought to the TCU Daily Skiff office at Moudy 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.



Image magazine will hold an informational meeting for interested students at 5:30 p.m. today in reading room in Moudy Building South. For more information call (817) 257-7429.

The Kino Monda World Film Series will present "Stalker" at 7 p.m. today in the Sid W. Richardson Building, Lecture Hall 1. The series will present "The Adventures of Picasso" at 7 p.m. Sept. 5 in the Sid W. Richardson Building, Lecture Hall 1. Admission for the viewing is free. For more information call (817) 257-7292.

The RTVF Film Series will present the 1939 film "Goodbye, Mr. Chips" at 7 p.m. Sept. 6 in Moudy Building South room 164. For more information call (817) 257-7630.

The fourth annual Gates of Chai Lectureship will feature civil rights attorney Morris Dees at 8 p.m. Sept. 10 in the Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium. Tickets are currently on sale at the Student Center Information Desk or at the University Theatre Box office. TCU students get in free, but must have a ticket. TCU faculty and staff tickets are \$10 each. Reserved seating with reserved parking is \$35 each, and general admission tickets for the public are \$15 each. Call (817) 257-7626 for tickets or for more information call (817) 257-7804.

The 19th annual Fall Art in the Metroplex Exhibition, featuring local artists in a juried show, begins Sept. 8 and runs through Sept. 28 in the Moudy Building. For more information call (817) 257-7643.

The RTVF Film Series will present the 1947 film "Gentlemen's Agreement" at 7 p.m. Sept. 13 in Moudy Building South room 164. For more information call (817) 257-7630.

Circle K will hold its first meeting 9 p.m. today in the Student Center room 203. The meeting will discuss community service and campus activities information.

WORLD DIGEST



ISRAELI TROOPS SEIZE PORTIONS OF PALESTINIAN TOWN IN WEST BANK

BEIT JALLA, West Bank — Israeli troops seized parts of this Palestinian town and fortified positions with sandbags Tuesday as Israel said it was settling in for an indefinite stay — a first in 11 months of fighting.

The U.S. government urged Israel to withdraw and the Palestinians to stop shooting at Israeli residential neighborhoods.

Barely 10 miles away, tens of thousands of Palestinians crying for revenge flooded the streets for the funeral of a senior PLO official killed in an Israeli missile attack a day earlier.

Despite the Israeli operation to stop Palestinian gunfire from Beit Jalla at the nearby Jewish neighborhood of Gilo, sporadic gunfire continued. A machine gun bullet hit an Israel TV truck, the first time Palestinians have aimed heavy weapons at the Jewish neighborhood.

Also, a mortar shell fired from Beit Jalla exploded in a community center in Gilo, police said. The building was empty and no one was hurt.

In other fighting Tuesday, a member of the Palestinian security forces was killed in a gunbattle with Israeli troops near the West Bank town of Dura.

And in Rafah, near the Gaza-Egypt border, an 18-year-old Palestinian was shot in the head by Israeli gunfire after nightfall and died later in the hospital, Palestinian medical staff said. Witnesses said the youth was in a group of people near one of 14 houses torn down by Israeli forces Monday night and was hit by a bullet fired from a nearby Israeli army post. The Israeli military said soldiers opened fire on an armed man planting an explosive device.

But the deserted streets of Beit Jalla and the seething West Bank city of Ramallah, where the Palestinians held their rally, were the focal points of an escalating conflict marked by increasingly tough Israeli military responses to Palestinian attacks.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Richard Boucher called on Israel to pull its forces out of Beit Jalla.

"The Israelis need to understand that incursions like this will not solve the security problems. They only make the situation worse," he said at a briefing. But, he added, "the Palestinians need to stop the shootings and attacks against Israelis in Gilo and elsewhere."

The latest Israeli actions have pushed the Mideast crisis into uncharted territory, raising the possibility of urban combat. During most of the fighting, Israeli troops and Palestinian militants have maintained their distance from each other. Justice Minister Meir Sheerit said Israel was not planning to reoccupy Beit Jalla, but would do so if there was no other way to stop Palestinian attacks. Israel withdrew from Beit Jalla and most other Palestinian communities in the West Bank in 1995, ending 28 years of military rule. For months, Palestinian gunmen have fired at

night from Beit Jalla's hilltops, across a small valley, hitting the Israeli neighborhood of Gilo on the southern edge of Jerusalem. Gilo was built on land Israel captured in the 1967 Mideast war, and the Palestinians want it as part of a future state.

MEXICO MASSACRE VICTIMS RETURN TO VILLAGES FOUR YEARS LATER

X'OYEP, Mexico — They fled their villages in terror, chased and burned out of their simple homes by the same paramilitary gangs that had massacred 45 of their neighbors as they huddled praying in a village chapel.

On Tuesday, four years after they first abandoned their villages, 333 Tzotzil Indian peasants made a joyous pilgrimage back home — assured by President Vicente Fox that government-supported gunmen will no longer be used to resolve the Zapatista rebel conflict.

"We are very happy because we get to return to our land," said a smiling Miguel Gomez Guzman, 56. "We no longer have to fear the paramilitaries so much."

A column of peasants left Tuesday morning on the six-hour walk over muddy, rock-strewn paths toward Yaxemel (pronounced YASH-a-mel) and Puebla, villages some had not seen since 1997.

The peasants were among thousands forced to abandon their communities in the past several years for fear of attacks by paramilitary groups fighting the rebels.

The worst assault came in December 1997, when paramilitaries gunned down and hacked to death 45 men, women and children praying in a chapel in the village of Acteal, accusing them of rebel sympathies.

For years, the gangs had at least the tacit support of the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI, the party that governed both Chiapas state and Mexico as a whole for 71 uninterrupted years.

But Fox, who ended the PRI stay in power in last year's presidential election, promised to resolve the rebel conflict peacefully. Immediately after taking office Dec. 1, he shut down military bases in Chiapas and gave Congress an Indian rights bill backed by the rebels.

Meanwhile, Chiapas Gov. Pablo Salazar, elected last year by a coalition of political parties including Fox's National Action Party and the leftist Democratic Revolution Party, spoke out in favor of Indian rights and the rebels' demands.

But the region's troubles have not disappeared. Although Congress and a majority of Mexican states approved a watered-down version of the rights bill, the Zapatistas flatly rejected it as an insult to the country's 10 million Indians and refused to reopen talks with the government.

Zapatista leader Subcomandante Marcos has been silent since. Some have speculated that he has left the country.

Religious and land disputes also continue to flare up throughout the region, with often-violent clashes leaving some dead and forcing others to find temporary shelter outside their villages.

X'oyep (pronounced shoy-EP), a village of about 15 families, mushroomed to more than 1,000 people as refugees flooded in looking to start over in the wake of the Acteal massacre.

CHINA TURNS ANTI-PIRACY EFFORT INTO MUSIC-BLARING SPECTACLE

ZHUHAI, China — They brought out the big guns for this one: Giant balloons reached toward the clouds. Hundreds of customs agents stood in rows, listening to marching music that included a chunk of "It's a Small World After All." FM 95.1 went live.

And amid it all, outside the Ping Pong Pavilion of the Zhuhai Athletic Center stadium, 15 industrial-strength wood chippers all in a row did just what they were trotted out for Tuesday afternoon — made minced plastic out of 16 million counterfeit CDs, DVDs and CD-ROMS.

"This is one of the most important issues facing us today," said Shi Zongyuan, the official in charge of anti-piracy efforts in southern China. "Getting rid of pirated CDs will give us a much-needed economic boost."

China mounts such a spectacle every few months — though usually on a smaller scale than Tuesday — to show that it is serious about stopping rampant product piracy.

The events get lavish coverage in state media, but the real target audience is abroad — China's angry trading partners. Foreign producers of music, film and software say Chinese pirates are ruining their businesses.

The publicity usually recedes, only to resurface several months later.

But as China's virtually certain membership into the World Trade Organization approaches in November, such crackdowns are being spotlighted — and, China says, being carried out — even more than usual.

Conferences have been convened, harsh statements released. In March, Premier Zhu Rongji went so far as to say that counterfeiting was making him lose sleep.

Last month, China announced investigations of Rolex and Seiko watches, Kodak and Fuji film boxes and medicine bearing well-known British trademarks.

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GET INVOLVED

SGA needs to hear from students

Residence hall representatives will be elected this Thursday to serve for the House of Student Representatives.

This is an opportunity for students to get involved.

All TCU students pay fees that go to the Student Government Association. Wouldn't you like to know where exactly your money goes and how it is being spent?

Invest your precious time to get involved with SGA.

Make that investment worthwhile.

Go to meetings and, most importantly, voice your opinion.

It's easy to sit back and criticize an organization for not getting more accomplished each year. It's even harder to take part in that organization. One way to hold our student government accountable is for students to actually show up and do something. Even if you don't want to be a representative, go the meetings each Tuesday and learn about the issues on campus. The meetings are open for a reason. Besides, being more knowledgeable about TCU is worth that investment?

If that doesn't persuade you, think of it this way: Committees always need committee members. There are several remaining committees to choose from. Whether your interest is in Dining Services or Academic Affairs, take the time to actually ask the questions you've always wanted the university to answer.

Isn't there something in the back of your mind that you've always wanted the answer to? Don't just accept the fact that you don't know and move on. Haven't you ever heard the saying that the only dumb question is that one that doesn't get asked?

Permanent Improvements chairwoman Chelsea Hudson said a goal for the House this year is to increase communication.

"The House is striving to create a presence on campus and a strong link of communication between the students and the elected representatives," Hudson said. "When that happens, things will start to fall into place."

It's time to start communicating.

Make the time to create that link between students and elected representatives. It's the only way you'll get your money's worth.



Tyrannical Taliban oppresses Afghans

Living in the United States, we take for granted not having a government run by a reactionary, right-wing, overly religious fanatic bent on forcing beliefs on the rest of the nation.

Commentary

Shaun Salnave

In other places, though, such people in charged exist — places like Afghanistan.

The Taliban of Afghanistan is a fundamentalist militia bent on securing the country for its version of traditional Islam, regardless of whether the rest of the country wants it or not.

So far, it has managed to alienate most of the world with a comprehensive program whose goal seems to be to make Afghanistan the most backward, fundamentalist nation on the planet.

It started with a program requiring all non-Muslims in the country to wear yellow badges, a move many found reminiscent of the treatment of Jews in Nazi Germany. Then came the destruction of some of the nation's greatest treasures: giant Buddha statues.

This move was followed by Afghanistan's harboring of Osama bin Laden, a terrorist from Saudi Arabia accused by the U.S. government of planning several bombings and suspected of being involved in the bombing of the USS Cole on Oct. 12, 2000.

The Taliban has also systematically lower the status of females. Women are forbidden to drive or ride in taxis alone, leave the house without a male escort or work at or attend Afghan universities. They are also required to wear the burqa, a large piece of cloth that covers the woman head to toe, allowing no part of her to be seen.

The Taliban's ferocious advocacy of Islam has resulted in restrictions on foreigners, forbidding them to drink alcohol, eat pork, listen to loud music or have "inappropriate contact" with members of the opposite sex. They are also banned from discussing or distributing information about other religions.

In early August, eight workers for Shelter Now, a German-based Christian aid group, were arrested for promoting Christianity, an offense punishable by death. The workers were kept in seclusion and prohibited from contact with representatives of their governments or any international non-governmental organizations until Sunday, when the Red Cross was allowed to visit them.

Also this weekend, the Taliban forbade the nation access to the Internet. While only a small portion of the population has access to telephones, let alone Internet service providers, the Internet was the last outside source for many to get truth in their news.

The Taliban hasn't released any information about the reason for the ban.

Afghanistan is one of the poorest nations on earth, and the Taliban's restrictions on non-governmental organizations make it more and more difficult for them to provide aid in the form of food for the starving — of which there are many — and disease relief.

The rampant misogyny of the regime is having its effects, too. Suicide, drug use and depression are at all-time highs in the country, with many women who formerly had high-paying jobs now forced to remain in their homes and watch their families go hungry while their education and training goes to waste.

The Taliban's accomplishments, such as they are — increased religious sentiment and a mostly successful war on drugs — hardly outweigh the enormous problems the country is facing. But in the blindness of any government bent on achieving an agenda rather than actually taking care of its citizens, it is ignoring the negative consequences and the censure of most world governments.

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Capitalism not a bad word

Taxes and a welfare system are signs of socialism

Individuals have God-given inalienable rights to their life, to their liberty, to their property and to pursue their definition of happiness.

So what is capitalism? It is the ideal social system because it is based upon the principle of individual rights. The term capitalism is used in the broader philosophical political sense, and not just the narrower economic sense.

The moral justification for capitalism lies in the fact that it is the only system that allows the rich man to keep his wealth and allows the poor man the right and opportunity to create his own wealth without constraints and regulations of the government.

It is financial freedom, and in its purest form, and freedom from taxation. Capitalism defines taxation as the initiation of financial force. One example of financial force is the IRS demanding money from an individual, comparable to the mob taking money from a person.

The core principle of capitalism

is justice. Capitalism does not serve the needs of the many, but it protects the rights of every individual, particularly protecting the individual from the majority.

In capitalism the essential role of government is to protect the individual's rights and ban the initiation of force whether physically through violence, or financially. This is done by forcibly removing one's earned wealth and giving it to another who has not created that wealth.

The government should be a defense from threats abroad, a civil police force, a legal/law-making system and nothing else. Anything more moves us toward socialism.

Capitalism is not egalitarian, nor compassionate; but capitalism is just and is the only cure for poverty.

Wealth is not the property of the state, nor the collective, but belongs to the individual that worked for it. The poor don't need government handouts, they need the government off their backs and most importantly off the backs of those who could really help them; the rich.

Charity is capitalism's way of redistributing wealth voluntarily. Taxes and welfare are socialism's way of redistributing wealth forcibly.

However, what about those who cannot truly help themselves? The

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Chris Diggs

few individuals in a purely capitalist society who are incapable of taking care of themselves, such as the mentally challenged, crippled and orphans are provided for through voluntary means, such as private charity and religious institutions.

When I was younger I said I would rather be a bloodthirsty capitalist republican than a handout socialist democrat.

And I said that when I was poor (and now I'm a libertarian).

However, as I have gotten wiser, and also after hearing Congressman Harold E. Ford Jr. (D-Tenn.) speak, I have changed my opinion.

I see that the powers of evil that be would have the mass individuals of America and the world believe the war is between black and white (the races), rich and poor (the classes) and republicans and democrats (the political parties). However, the truth is the war is between capitalism and socialism. The United States of America just happen to be the biggest and most valuable battlefield.

Unfortunately, our country is a mixed economy/welfare state and whichever side wins America, will subsequently win the world.

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Here to learn, not to commit to a set of beliefs

All my life I have grown up around a wide variety of religious beliefs. My grandmother and mother are both Buddhist, though only my grandmother practices the faith. My grandfather is Protestant. My father was Muslim and my stepfather is a non-practicing Roman Catholic.

As long as I can remember, my family has watched "The Ten Commandments" every Easter, taken pictures of the great gift exchange at Christmas and celebrated Tet every Chinese/Vietnamese New Year.

Neither my sister nor I have ever been baptized under any religion because my mother thought we should have the freedom to commit ourselves to whatever religion we choose.

I understand this is a privately funded institution, but sometimes I feel the pressure to commit to a religious group a little overwhelming. At this point in my life, I consider myself a spiritual person, yet I do not feel I can completely consign myself to any one set of beliefs.

It seems not only the pressure but also the content of these beliefs has sustained this decision.

The other day I got into a conversation with a friend who happened to be Baptist. She explained to me the basis of her religious viewpoints. One of these beliefs happened to concern "accepting

Jesus Christ as Savior." She continued to say that if one expected to be saved, one has to accept this savior or risk being condemned for eternity.

This seemed quite strange to me when I applied this theory to the people I have known all my life. My grandmother, for instance, is the most moral, spiritual and religious person I can think of. She prays nearly every day of the week and visits the Buddhist temple regularly. Almost as often she will donate food and clothing to organizations for the needy.

It is inconceivable to think that a woman so full of goodness and generosity could be condemned for upholding other beliefs beside Christianity.

According to Christian beliefs, God created all people. These people reside on almost every continent on earth.

In my line of reasoning, with these various environments different cultures evolved. From these cultures sprung numerous beliefs and morals to uphold, some of which were expressed in stories and myths. From these myths came structured beliefs and scriptures, which in turn became the basis for religion. Some of the religious beliefs also influenced the way the people chose to be governed.

So if God created so many varieties of people, why would all but a certain religious group be condemned?

Many will have their own version of an explanation to this question and I'm sure each logic could find a roundabout answer that

would continue to uphold and defend a certain set of beliefs. With a background such as mine, the reason for such an inquiry is clear.

I do not mean to offend anyone, especially since I have no one set

of religious beliefs to claim. I simply want to remind students that the reason we are all here is to become "educated individuals that think and act as responsible citizens in the global community."

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UTA alumna one of eight victims from Aaliyah plane crash

By Matt Stiles
THE SHORTHORN

ARLINGTON (U-WIRE) — Texas-Arlington alumna Gina Michelle Smith, a 1993 marketing graduate, died Saturday in the plane crash that killed Grammy-nominated singer Aaliyah.

Smith, 30, was a product manager for Blackground Records, which produced Aaliyah's latest album. She died along with eight others when a twin-engine Cessna went down and caught fire shortly after takeoff in the Bahamas. Smith's parents, Shirley and Clewesto, described Gina as a loving person who enjoyed music, traveling and shopping.

"Everyone she met just fell in love with her. I don't know if I'm going to get over this or not."

the accident.

Shirley Smith said Gina always enjoyed life and was able to adjust quickly to all surroundings.

"She was beautiful inside and out," she said. "She was my heart."

Gina Smith's aunt, Carolyn Tippens, said her niece was a happy person who always set clear goals and then achieved them.

"She was the type of person I would classify as complete," she said. "She has accomplished all her dreams."

Clewesto Smith said his daughter's career excited her. After college, she took a marketing job in Las Colinas, with PC Service Source, an information technology

company. She later moved with the company to Los Angeles before accepting the job with Blackground Records in New York about a year ago.

"She always wanted a job that involved traveling and making money," he said. "She wouldn't have been happy had she not gone that route."

Smith graduated in 1989 from Fort Worth's Southwest High School, where she participated in home economics and concert choir, said Eileen Houston-Stewart, communications director for the Fort Worth Independent School District.

Smith also attended Greater Abyssinian Baptist Church in Fort Worth.

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POSTER PERUSING



Lindsey Smith, a freshman modern dance major, sifts through the wares at the poster sale in the Student Center Tuesday.

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time because it would have to be moved inevitably."

Other new goals for the year are to address political and environmental issues on campus, as well as residential concerns, Render said.

"We are trying to accelerate the use of ID cards in the residence halls," she said. "We want all dorms to allow ID card use for the washers and dryers and

ID card entry rather than key."

The House is hosting an informative retreat for elected representatives from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 8 in the Student Center Woodson Room.

Render said the retreat is a chance for elected representatives to learn necessary information about the House and parliamentary procedure they might not already know.

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Hollywood, LaMendola said.

"The bulk of the money went to the studios," LaMendola said. "They will emulate how it is done in Hollywood, and give students an opportunity to see how it is done in a Hollywood sitcom."

LaMendola said the radio-TV-film program has changed their slant on how students will learn.

"Before, we set it up like a traditional, local studio," LaMendola said. "Now, it will be a different look and philosophy that will let students see how it is done in Los Angeles."

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Alcohol banned from Louisville Greek Row

By April Kirchner & Sarah Dailey
THE LOUISVILLE CARDINAL

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (U-WIRE) — Effective this semester, the University of Louisville's Greek Row will no longer be allowed to have alcohol on the premises. The decision was made by members of the University, specifically Denise Gifford, vice president for student affairs.

The decision was made after many months of debate between representatives of greek organizations and the university and an evaluation by University of Louisville administration. The fraternities on Greek Row recently received a letter from Gifford stating the policy's immediate effect.

"My decision was based on my continued concerns about the ability and willingness of fraternities to manage the risk and liability related to these events," said Gifford. "Since 1998, three of Louisville's five on-campus fraternities have received severe sanctions for alcohol-related incidents. Three received alcohol restrictions on their chapters over the past year and a half, and one was is-

sued warnings for possible violations. In contrast, behavioral problems have dropped significantly in one fraternity that has chosen to have a 'dry' house because of its previous difficulties with alcohol."

According to Gifford, the problems were witnessed firsthand by administration.

"When Dr. Pregliasco (assistant vice president for student life) attended the fraternities' pre-rush parties, she witnessed many unsafe conditions and alcohol-guidelines violations," said Gifford.

Members of fraternities see this differently.

"If Dr. Gifford were to examine on-campus fraternity parties closely, she would see a very controlled environment," said Chris Marlin, a junior finance major. "Instead of punishing the fraternities, and greek system as a whole, the university should compliment the greek system for its efforts to promote alcohol awareness and provide safe environments in which to hold parties."

The University of Louisville ad-

ministration has been increasingly concerned with alcohol related issues for quite some time.

"After a number of years of attempting to tighten up the alcohol guidelines for Recognized Student Organizations, we still see groups not successfully complying with the guidelines and thus taking dangerous risks with their own lives and those of their friends," Gifford said. "Based on this history, the decision was made to restrict alcohol form events in these houses on campus."

The goal, according to administration, was to make sure the policy was implemented before someone was harmed and not after.

"The safety of students is the primary goal here, and I am pleased to act pro-actively and not in response to a tragic accident or death," Gifford said.

Some students feel like this policy is discriminatory against members of the greek system.

"By discriminating against greek organizations in this action, and fraternities in particular, [the administration is] lowering my opinion of this

school," said Cliff Elliot, a senior finance major. "I will be extremely upset if the Wilderness Club or the Mortar Board ever decides to throw a party with alcohol on campus and is allowed to do so. As unlikely as that may be, (Dr. Gifford's) letter does not mention anything about RSO's as a whole, only fraternities."

Greeks are upset at the lack of recognition when it comes to the many positive aspects of greek life.

"Why does the university not embrace the greek system?" Marlin said. "The university is very slow to point out its achievements, and quick to publicize the slightest fault. Greek systems across the country are commended for their contributions to the university, however at this university we are pushed to the side. The greek system, year in and year out, works diligently to thrive in an environment that provides little nourishment. I would ask that the university take a look at this issue and re-evaluate their position."

According to Gifford, the policy is set in stone.

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It's raining stress

Studies, activities can be balanced to avoid overload

For some, stress drives students to work harder. The more that is thrown at them, the more they crave. But for other students, balancing time is an art to be mastered. Entering campus organizations is beneficial to students because organizations can offer more opportunities and expertise to benefit future careers. After all, that is half of the college experience. However, some students find extracurricular activities combined with a full load of classes lead to excessive amounts of stress.

"I really get stressed out when many assignments start to overlap each other," said Holly Houston, a freshman international business major. "But (stress) actually helps me work harder or otherwise I'd probably never get anything done."

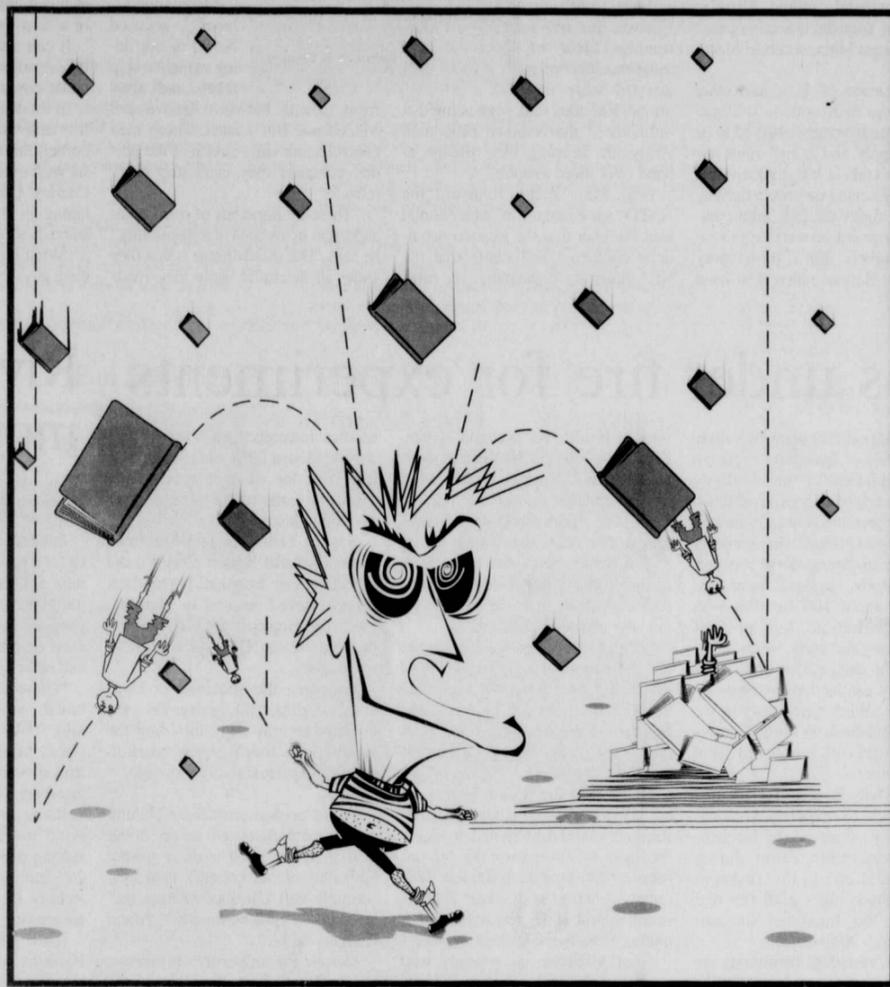
Monica Kintigh, a licensed professional counselor for the TCU Counseling Center, said the more decisions there are for a student to make, the more stress is caused.

"A little anxiety can keep us focused, but when it immobilizes you is when it becomes a problem," Kintigh said.

Real signs of stress, such as frequent headaches, dizziness, stomachaches and fatigue, can be the physiological ways of the body responding to high stress levels, said Kintigh. Experts at Stanford University recommend to lower stress one could exercise more, eat healthy foods and take less stimulants such as caffeine or nicotine.

"To relieve stress, a student could try using breathing techniques, meditation, listening to relaxing instrumental music and above all to keep a sense of humor," Kintigh said.

Anyone can avoid becoming overwhelmed with stress. According to Stanford University research, even simple things like talking to a close friend or putting together a set daily schedule can decrease the amount of stress in one's life. Mandi McReynolds, a junior religion major, said students need to achieve a healthy balance between school and extracurricular activities in order to stay stress-free.



"Too many people are too focused on getting a 4.0 (GPA) and taking harder courses to get into grad schools," McReynolds said. "But it is important to get involved on campus, if only in one or two organizations. Most importantly, at some point you have to stop studying and get out of your room and talk to other people."

Information on time management, stress and ways to avoid burnout are available at the TCU Counseling Center, Center for Academic Services and Campus Life Ministries. The Counseling Center also offers pamphlets on stress management and relaxation techniques.

Not everyone can handle the same amount of stress. While some limit themselves to 12 semester hours and a single activity, others want to take on the world each day. Still, before it feels like burning out from stress, it would be a good idea to get some professional advice before curling up into the fetal position in a corner of your room.

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Strategies for Coping With Stress

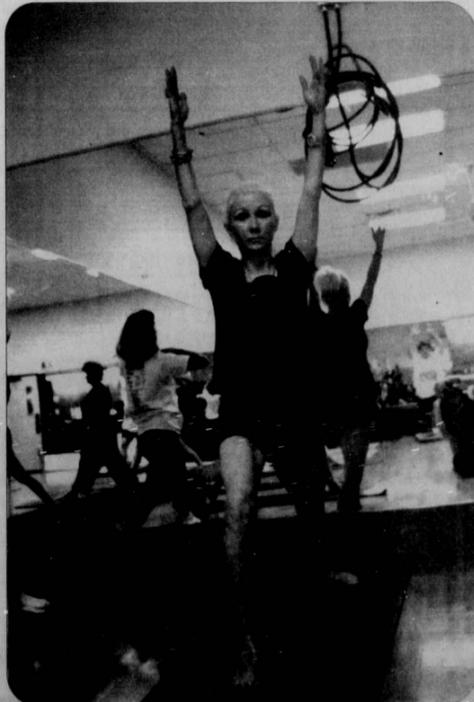
The following list, received from the TCU Counseling Center, presents a few strategies an individual can use in coping with stress.

1. Maintain nutritional needs. Eat a balanced diet and get sufficient physical rest. The needs of the body must be maintained for healthful living. When someone is feeling well physically, stress can be coped with more readily and more economically.
2. Employ constructive time management procedures. Plan the day's activities. Construct a plan for the week. Scheduling in the present for what needs to be done in the future helps individuals to "stay on top" of work and play.
3. Exercise regularly. The benefits of physical exercise are well documented. A planned and implemented physical exercise program constitutes one of the most effective means for managing tension and coping with stress. Exercise is an excellent preventative.
4. Be progressive in activities. After doing as much as possible about a possible stress situation, move on to other activities. If necessary, consciously block thoughts about the stress situation. Become immersed in other activity.
5. Save and use alone time. It can be very helpful in the management of tension. Use the time for reflection, for single person activity or for just doing nothing.
6. Be assertive. Much stress occurs and lingers because people react to tension in a passive or aggressive way. Learning to clearly express thoughts and feelings without violating the rights and needs of others can lead to positive self feelings and lessened pressure to meet expectations of others.
7. Develop a social support system. Give and receive love. Friends are necessary.
8. Select and participate in a volunteer program. Get involved in services for others in an organized program.
9. Remember that growth involves risk. Living does involve risk taking. Change is inevitable but growth does not come automatically, without effort or without some risk.

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Sweet release



Laura McFarland/SKIFF STAFF
Susan Bandy clears her mind and strengthens her body at a yoga class at the Health and Fitness Connection.

Yoga offers participants a soothing break from reality

By Laura McFarland
SKIFF STAFF

Gemma DePrang laughs when she remembers one of her student's reaction to her first yoga class. The woman, a stressed mother of three, finished the class and told DePrang that she felt "all tingly."

She, like a growing number of TCU students, is one of the many stressed, frazzled or just plain burned out people who have discovered the benefits yoga can have on a stressful life.

"It's kind of like taking a vacation," said DePrang, a yoga instructor at the Health and Fitness Connection. "Workaholics don't do it, but when they finally do it, they think, 'Why didn't I do that sooner? I'm getting so much more done.'"

When DePrang talks about yoga, she easily lists the many benefits she credits to the exercise, which she said will help TCU students deal with stress from the many responsibilities they take on.

"It benefits everything as far as your mental, physical and spiritual well-being," DePrang said. "It gets all three. It helps you settle your mind, it helps you tone your body and it helps you gain flexibility, which releases some tightness. You just feel better, and when you feel better, you do better. You'll think more clearly."

Yoga, DePrang said, also has other

excellent health advantages. She said the most important focus in yoga is correct breathing, where the breath is taken from the diaphragm rather than the chest.

DePrang said that many people stay away from yoga because they expect chanting will be taking place, but she describes what people will find Fort Worth as "Western yoga," which emphasizes strength, balance, flexibility and then some stillness at the end.

"Fort Worth is pretty conservative so we don't chant," DePrang said.

In addition to the stigma of yoga being a strictly Eastern and mystical practice, DePrang said another reason people avoid classes is because they are worried they're not in the right physical condition, DePrang said.

"People of all fitness levels can come here," she said. "On a Monday morning I'll have a 19-year-old in my class and an 85-year-old in my class and we'll all sit there and go through it together."

Yoga continues to increase in popularity as people gain more knowledge about it and the healthy affects it can have.

Julie Pummill, a senior piano performance major, said she practices yoga to relax as well as to increase strength and tone her body.

"Yoga is a good way to start the morning because it refreshes the



Laura McFarland/SKIFF STAFF
Juanita Parish holds a position at her Monday morning yoga class at the Health and Fitness Connection.

mind," Pummill said. "It increases your consciousness of your body because you have to concentrate on positioning it. Yoga also helps me be aware of my breathing."

A growing number of people with tense, driven natures are being attracted to yoga, DePrang said, but many of these people, who may have a hard time settling, choose not to try yoga because they think it doesn't involve much movement.

"I can spout the benefits all day, but until they come visit the class, they don't get it," DePrang said. "Some people still feel like it's too slow, and they're the ones who need it the most."

Those who want the stress-relieving benefits yoga offers without the stillness have an option in Pilates, a more rhythmic exercise that emphasizes breath, like yoga, but it emphasizes stronger, more powerful breaths.

Pilates, said Jacque Crossin, a yoga

and pilates instructor at the Health and Fitness Connection, is a non-impact exercise system that uses a person's own body for resistance. Like yoga, Pilates helps with posture, flexibility, balance and strength.

Crossin, who has been teaching Pilates for the past year, said there is not very much stress in pilates.

"I have heard people mention that it is hard, especially people who are not in connection with their bodies," Crossin said. "People who come to the classes say that (the exercises) looks so simple, but they're really hard."

Both DePrang and Crossin agree that yoga and Pilates would be a beneficial addition to any student's life, because it gives them the time to slow down and spend one hour focusing solely on their mind and body.

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U.S. troops playing behind-the-scenes role in Macedonia

By Fisinik Abrashi
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DEBELDE, Yugoslavia — Deep in the flinty mountains that separate Kosovo from Macedonia, American GIs in face paint and full combat gear lurk in the thick brush and peer out through night-vision goggles.

When suspected ethnic Albanian militants pass by, the U.S. troops take full advantage of the element of surprise. "Freeze and drop your weapons" they scream, bursting from their hiding places to seize arms and make arrests.

American forces may be playing a behind-the-scenes role in Macedonia, where only a few hundred are involved in support roles in NATO's British-led mission to collect arms from the insurgents. But they're on the front lines just over the border in Kosovo, intercepting hundreds of suspected rebels and thousands of weapons — a key demand of the Macedonian government.

weapons, and we'll take away as many as we can from the rebels," said U.S. Army 1st Lt. Charles Canon, 25, of Clarksville, Tenn.

Over the past few days, U.S. troops with the NATO-led peace-keeping force in Kosovo have detained and questioned about 200 suspected rebels believed to have crossed into Kosovo from Macedonia, spokesman Howard Rhoades said.

Militants have been streaming into the predominantly ethnic Albanian province of Yugoslavia since a peace deal was signed this month in Macedonia.

The presence of U.S. and other NATO troops in Kosovo is strategic: The province is widely believed to be a main supply and transit route for Macedonia's rebels, who took up arms in February, saying they were fighting for greater rights for their ethnic minority. American forces will try to ensure the rebels don't stash away weapons in Kosovo rather than hand

them in to NATO soldiers.

In mid-June, the Kosovo peace-keeping force launched Operation Eagle, stepping up surveillance and interdiction. Two thousand Americans are taking part in the operation along with Germans, Poles, Ukrainians, Turks and Austrians.

"What is dangerous out there is that these guys carry their weapons cocked and loaded as they walk. All they have to do is point and shoot ... that's a scary thing."

—Sgt. Kenneth S. Chaney

The detainees are brought to Camp Bondsteel, the sprawling U.S. military base in Kosovo, for questioning. Most of those most recently arrested were unarmed, Rhoades said, suggesting that militants of the National Liberation Army are keeping their pledge to hand over their weapons.

U.S. Maj. Barry Johnson, the NATO spokesman in Macedonia, said Tuesday that the Kosovo detentions confirm "our beliefs that the NLA units are disbanding, are turn-

ing in their arms."

Canon's unit, the 2nd Squad, 2nd Battalion Charley Company out of Fort Campbell, Ky., patrols regularly and mans barbed-wire checkpoints set up to intercept known rebels and their supporters. The militants have used mules, horses, tractors and even trucks with false floors to transport weapons.

Macedonians have accused NATO of not doing enough to stop rebels and arms from moving between Kosovo and Macedonia. But Canon, whose men control a four-mile stretch of the border, concedes they can't stop every rebel.

"There are hundreds of small paths and tracks in my area of responsibility," he said. "Our disadvantage is that they know all the trails, since they made

them for years. You walk on a trail, and then that trail leads to another trail, and that one leads to a third trail. Since we are here, and they can see us, they have stopped using these roads."

The work can be dangerous. Certain areas were heavily mined by Yugoslav forces as they withdrew after their crackdown on ethnic Albanians in Kosovo in 1998-99; in June, a U.S. soldier lost a foot when he stepped on a land mine. Last weekend, peacekeepers in another border sector exchanged gunfire with five rebels, one of whom was shot in the leg.

It can also be exhausting, involving surveillance work done overnight under cover of darkness.

In the Kosovo town of Vitina, just five miles north of the Macedonian border, Staff Sgt. Kenneth S. Chaney sat with other red-eyed soldiers from Charley Company after a night of hiding in the brush for "non-lethal ambushes" of suspected rebels.

"What is dangerous out there is that these guys carry their weapons cocked

and loaded as they walk," said Chaney, 24, of Middletown, Ohio. "All they have to do is point and shoot ... that's a scary thing."

But it's the rebels, caught by surprise by following GIs, who are most frightened.

"They know that if we catch them, they're going to prison," Chaney said, proudly displaying photos of a recent interdiction: 27 AK-47 machine guns, a 90mm cannon with six rounds, 43 rocket-propelled grenades, 19 small rockets, 140mm high explosive rounds, cell phones, cigarettes and clothes.

Since the operation began, the peacekeepers have seized more than 155 assault or sniper rifles, 59 heavy machine guns, 65 anti-tank weapons and hundreds of thousands of rounds of ammunition, said Maj. Randy Martin, spokesman for the 5,400 U.S. troops currently in Kosovo.

"We are not here to help any war," Canon said. "We are here to promote the peace."

Johns Hopkins under fire for experiments

By John Biemer
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BALTIMORE — Johns Hopkins University, one of the world's top medical research institutions, has come under fire over a deadly asthma experiment and a lead-paint study on poor city children that has been likened to the infamous Tuskegee syphilis experiment.

The incidents have raised questions about whether medical institutions undertake more research than they can safely monitor.

"It's unfortunate that the premier medical research institute in the U.S. has all of these problems conducting basic peer review and review of the ethical component of the research it's conducting," said John H. Noble, a Catholic University health policy professor and member of the Alliance for Human Research Protection. "We need checks and balances, and that's the fundamental flaw in the system."

After healthy 24-year-old volunteer Ellen Roche died after inhaling a drug in the asthma study in June, the federal Office for Human Research Protections said, among other things, that Hopkins' review board was overworked.

The government shut down most of Hopkins' 2,400 federally funded experiments for five days, an action the university called unwarranted. Regulators are allowing the studies to resume one at a time.

Two weeks ago, the Maryland

Court of Appeals condemned a study testing levels of lead-paint exposure in poor children by the Kennedy Krieger Institute, a Hopkins affiliate. The ruling permitted lawsuits filed on behalf of two children who allegedly suffered brain damage to go forward.

In the study, landlords were paid to recruit about 100 families with healthy children to live in their homes during the early 1990s. Children — who can develop brain damage if they eat lead paint chips — were to be tested periodically to see how well methods developed to reduce the levels of lead-based paint were working.

Judge Dale R. Cathell likened the research to experiments conducted on prisoners at the Buchenwald concentration camp during World War II and to the Tuskegee Syphilis Study, in which the disease was left untreated in poor black men in Alabama.

All U.S. research institutions are required to have review boards by the federal government, which sets and oversees the guidelines.

The review boards — which consist largely of university-affiliated doctors and administrators — are there to weigh the potential risks and benefits of various experiments and to make sure that subjects have been properly informed and have given their consent.

When an institution applies for a federal grant for the research, the federal agency — the National Insti-

tutes of Health, for example — generally does not get involved in oversight of risks. An exception is when an experimental drug is tested on humans. The Food and Drug Administration then must approve the use.

Tom Tomlinson, a Michigan State medical ethics professor, said more resources need to be devoted to reviewing institutional research.

"With the tremendous increase in the sheer number and complexity of research going on, it's becoming harder and harder for these committees to find the time they need to really look at these protocols carefully," he said.

Noble said the review boards are not just stretched thin, but also suffer conflicts of interest rooted in doing "business as sub-units of the very institution that gets them funded." The review boards may even rubber-stamp approval if a researcher's reputation is well-established, he said.

Alan Milstein, an attorney who sued the University of Pennsylvania on behalf of the family of an 18-year-old man who died in a 1999 gene therapy experiment, said centers such as Hopkins are "conducting more studies than they can possibly monitor."

"What I've been saying all along is where we're going to see the problems is the top institutions," Milstein said. "That's where the money is, that's where the arrogance is, and that's where the studies are."

Johns Hopkins stands tall among

medical research institutions. Its doctors developed CPR and won the Nobel Prize for discovering enzymes that gave birth to the genetic engineering industry.

For the 11th year in a row, U.S. News & World Report ranked it the top American hospital. Its medical school ranked second to Harvard. Last year, Hopkins got \$301 million in grants from NIH — the most in the country.

Following the shutdown of Hopkins' studies, the university announced several steps, including the creation of a fourth review board to oversee experiments. A year ago, it had two.

"If we can demonstrate, and I think we have demonstrated, we are doing everything we need to do to ensure the safety of our patients, then they certainly will continue to trust us," Hopkins spokeswoman Joann Rodgers said.

Despite the university's problems, Dr. Jordan Cohen, president of the Association of American Medical Colleges, said Hopkins' reputation — and federal funding — are not threatened.

"I think, in the aggregate, Johns Hopkins is such a spectacularly successful research institution that it certainly deserves all the respect that it gets," he said. "There are always risks involved in any research, and bad things happen from time to time."

Rivas defends escapees' motives on the stand

By Susan Parrott
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS — Convicted killer George Rivas took jurors step-by-step through his Dec. 13 prison escape Tuesday, portraying himself and his gang as humane men who went to great lengths to avoid hurting guards and other inmates in the breakout.

"Quite honestly, if we wanted to be brutal, we had sledgehammers," he said. "We had axes. We had huge pieces of steel rebar and pipes. The reason every single one is alive is because we didn't want to hurt them."

Rivas took the stand in an effort to avoid the death penalty in the sentencing phase of his trial in the Dec. 24 death of Irving police Officer Aubrey Hawkins. Defense attorneys are seeking a life sentence.

Rivas said he intended to handcuff Hawkins and shot him once in each shoulder because he thought the officer was reaching for his gun. Rivas said his gun may have been fired an-

other time but he doesn't remember.

"Someone told me I ran over one of the duffle bags," he said as the officer's widow, Lori, cried. "Not until I came into this courtroom did I know it actually was Mr. Hawkins."

Prosecutors have said the shooters used bullets carved to have greater impact. But Rivas said he used the least damaging bullets available.

"It's got very little penetration," he said. "It's the least deadly you can buy except for a rubber bullet."

While testifying about the escape and the gang of seven's time on the lam, Rivas smiled at times and was animated while detailing the plans.

"I wasn't going to die an old man in prison," Rivas, 31, said.

When Rivas escaped, he was serving 17 life sentences for two robberies, along with another life sentence for violating probation for a home burglary.

"I'm a convict," Rivas said. "I robbed and I'm wrong for it, but I'm still a human being."

Former Teamsters pres faces perjury charges

By Larry Neumeister
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Former Teamsters President Ron Carey went on trial on perjury charges Tuesday, with a prosecutor saying he lied about the diversion of union funds to his re-election campaign to protect his image as a crusader against corruption.

Carey, 64, is accused of perjury and making false statements to a grand jury, a review board and investigators.

His 1996 re-election victory over James P. Hoffa was overturned after investigators found that his campaign had indirectly used about \$885,000 in union money. Unions are not allowed to use their own money to fund election campaigns.

If convicted, Carey could get up to five years in prison on each of seven counts.

Carey, a former truck driver, is a decent and a honorable man, "neither a liar nor a perjurer," defense attorney Mark J. Hulkower said. "He would not be and was never party to a scheme to divert money from the union."

Carey rose to the Teamsters presidency in 1991 in an election super-

vised by the Justice Department as a part of a government effort to rid the 1.4-million-member union of mob influence.

But by the time Carey faced re-election, the union was facing a financial crisis; its net worth had fallen from \$152 million to less than \$20 million.

The crisis, Landis said, came as Carey's campaign was running out of cash, and unable to counter Hoffa's heavy advertising.

Carey's team devised a scheme calling for the Teamsters to make large donations to political action committees with the understanding that private individuals would in turn make large contributions to Carey's campaign, Landis said.

At first, Carey did not know about the deal and rejected the first \$225,000 Teamsters donation, she said. But a telephone call from his political consultant, Jerre Nash, changed things, she said.

To cover up what he knew about the scheme, Carey lied 63 times to an election officer, a grand jury, the chief investigator for a review board, and the board itself, prosecutors said.

San Antonio lawyer named to state's high court

By Kelley Shannon
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — A San Antonio attorney who specializes in labor and employment law at a prominent firm was named Tuesday to the Texas Supreme Court by Gov. Rick Perry.

Xavier Rodriguez, a partner at Fulbright & Jaworski, replaces Greg Abbott, who resigned from the state's highest civil court to run for lieutenant governor.

"As a governor, I'm committed to appointing the best and the brightest among our state's legal community to places on the bench," Perry said.

Accompanied by his wife, Raenell, and two young daughters as Perry announced his appointment at the Texas Capitol, Rodriguez joked that his children once called the building "Cinderella's palace."

"But in many ways, as a first generation Mexican-American and a native of south San Antonio, I guess this is sort of a dream come true to be standing in this building today," he said. "I appreciate the opportunity."

He said he hopes to start his new job by Sept. 12.

Rodriguez is the second San Antonio lawyer Perry has appointed to the nine-member court. Wallace Jefferson, also an appellate lawyer in private practice, was appointed earlier this year, becoming the court's first black justice.

Rodriguez, 39, said that, like many Hispanics, he grew up in a Democratic household. He became a Republican as an adult.

He said he would not bring a particular ideological stance to the court and said he expected to follow the

court's "moderate" tradition of the past few years.

"He understands members of the judiciary have a mandate to interpret the law, not create it," Perry said.

The judicial seat will be on the statewide election ballot in 2002, and Rodriguez plans to run for the post.

He earned a bachelor's degree from Harvard in 1983. He entered a joint degree program at the University of Texas and in 1987 received a law degree from the UT law school and a master's degree from the LBJ School of Public Affairs.

The governor said Rodriguez's Hispanic heritage was not the main factor in his selection.

However, Rodriguez said that in addition to having qualified judges on the court, it is important to have diversity. Susan Weddington, chairman of

the Republican Party of Texas, said with Rodriguez's selection, Perry "has once again reaffirmed his commitment to appointing qualified minorities to the highest levels of Texas government."

Texans For Public Justice, a self-described government watchdog group, praised the ethnic diversity Rodriguez's appointment provides the court. But Cris Feldman, the organization's staff attorney, said his selection underscores a growing appearance that the court is beholden to large corporate defense firms.

"Mr. Rodriguez comes from a silk stocking firm, just as all the other sitting justices," Feldman said.

Texans For Public Justice has spoken out against signing bonuses paid to Texas Supreme Court law clerks by private firms.

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Horoscopes

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Don't let your guard down yet. An authority figure could pop into your life at any moment, wanting a full report on your recent activities. Your homework had better be done. Be prepared!

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — You're coasting. You have it made, but you may not even know it yet. Be a student. Let a special person teach you something about love. All you have to do is listen.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Business comes before pleasure again. Get serious. Do you have a retirement plan? Health insurance? Stop waiting for others to take care of you. Take care of yourself.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Sometimes it's nice to be told what to do. By somebody you trust, of course — somebody who actually knows what they're talking about. If you know somebody like that, you're in luck. If they haven't already told you, call them up and ask.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — You keep grinding through the same old routine. You should have it

memorized by now. No point in resisting. You might as well get good at it. Looks like whatever you're doing is profitable, even if it is a drudge at times. Think of a way to make it better.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Follow through on a promise you made to a person you love very much. Be there when this person wants someone to talk to. Being there is one of the most important things there is.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct 22) — If you have company over tonight, have them bring the food. Pot lucks are great. Or maybe you could send out for Chinese. Don't volunteer to cook a big feast or host a slumber party for the kids. You won't be in the mood. Better yet, take your mom's advice: chicken soup and lots of rest.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Your friends can teach you a thing or two. Whatever it is you want to know, just ask them. Money you send far away can help you achieve a dream close to home.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — You've

proven you're a responsible adult and not just a clown. Sure, you have a great sense of humor, but you know how to keep a lid on it. Make it work for you, not against you. Don't make a joke about the boss's nose just as she's about to give you a compliment.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You could get further than you ever thought possible. You've hoped and schemed and struggled and saved up, but it might be kind of scary to actually get there. Don't worry. You can be counted on to come up with another challenge. Relax and enjoy the view!

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Finish old business, and stay awake. Changes could come quickly, and you don't want to be caught off guard. Keep an eye on the details and the bottom line. Keep costs down, and you'll be rewarded.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — You are so cute! How can anybody resist you? They can't, but you should still play by the rules. True, you're drawing attention, but don't forget that you're also setting an example for the others.

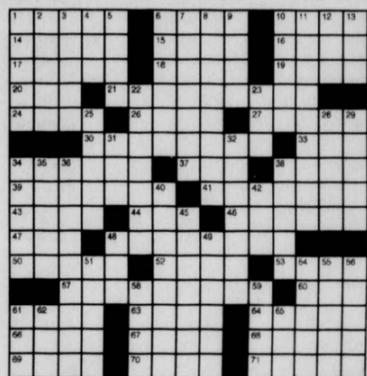
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 - 6 Fall to hit
 - 10 Invitation letters
 - 14 Bind anew
 - 15 Not taken in by
 - 16 Mayberry kid
 - 17 Antilles island
 - 18 Ungulate's foot
 - 19 Treaty
 - 20 Scand. country
 - 21 Movie mogul, perhaps
 - 24 White metal
 - 26 Verdi opera
 - 27 Novel thoughts
 - 30 Engraver Durer
 - 33 Org. of Price and Love
 - 34 "This Is ___ Tap"
 - 37 Pl follower
 - 38 "That ___ Cat"
 - 39 Asserts before proof
 - 41 No longer drunk
 - 43 Chums
 - 44 Little 'un
 - 46 Connecting rooms
 - 47 Chill
 - 48 Overthrowing
 - 50 Painter of ballerinas
 - 52 Crooner Jerry
 - 53 Slangy negative
 - 57 "Fame" star
 - 60 No ___ intended
 - 61 Hamburg's river
 - 63 Modular component
 - 64 Small, silvery fish
 - 66 Singer Falana
 - 67 Have supper
 - 68 1946-52 N.L. home-run leader
 - 69 Grafton and Lyon
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SPORTS BRIEFS

NCAA places USC on probation for fraud

Los Angeles, Calif. (U-WIRE) — Following a lengthy academic fraud investigation, the NCAA placed the University of Southern California on two years probation Thursday and stripped the school of two football scholarships and half of a swimming and diving scholarships.

The penalty, which does not include a ban from postseason play or television appearances, calls for the two and a half scholarships to be deducted for the 2002-2003 academic year.

The academic fraud violations included three separate occurrences, from the summer of 1996 to the spring of 1998, when employees of the university's Student Athlete Academic Services (SAAS) substantially composed academic papers for three student-athletes.

In all three instances a tutor was asked by an assistant coach or a student-athlete to assist in preparing a paper for specific class assignments.

Two of the three violations were discovered during a USC investigation into its SAAS program in 1997 and all incidents were reported to the Pacific-10 Conference.

The first violation occurred in the summer of 1996 when Christopher Kit Cairney, the Learning Support Coordinator for SAAS, completed a political science paper for wide receiver Mike Bastianelli.

—Daily Trojan

they said it



"It makes me feel good they appreciated the game. It shows what kind of fans they have when they don't

boo you and have no remorse. Compared to other teams' fans, they were pretty decent."

— junior defensive tackle

John Turntine, referring to the standing ovation he received Saturday in Nebraska when he was carted off the field.

today in sports history

1971 — Hank Aaron became the first baseball player in the National League to drive in 100 or more runs in each of 11 seasons.

1977 — Lou Brock achieved the 893rd stolen base of his baseball career — breaking the major-league mark set by Ty Cobb.

1984 — Edwin Moses won the 400-meter hurdles in track competition in Europe. It was the track star's 108th consecutive victory.

Getting to know

East Carolina Pirates

Location: Greenville, N.C.
Enrollment: 17,479
Founded: 1907

Colors: Purple and gold
President: William V. Muse
Sports: Baseball, football, men's and women's golf, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's cross country, men's and women's soccer, men's and women's swimming and men's and women's track
History: ECU, founded in 1907, is the third-largest institution of the 16-campus University of North Carolina system. It has a work force of more than 3,700, a faculty numbering more than 1,200 and a budget of \$450 million.

to our readers

The Skiff sports staff wants to know how we are doing. We welcome your comments, suggestions, rants and raves. E-mail us at (skiffletters@tcu.edu) or drop by Moudy 291S. Selected letters will be printed on the sports page.

Tryouts cancelled due to lack of participation

By Colleen Casey
SKIFF STAFF

The first ever open tryout for walk-on volleyball players was cancelled Tuesday because no prospective players showed up for it.

Head coach Sandy Trout said she scheduled the tryout with good intentions and uncertainty. TCU volleyball was searching for new talent within the student body.

"It's wide-open and we just (had) to

see what we get," Trout said.

Senior middle blocker Allison Lynch said the no-show was not caused by a lack of interest in the program.

"I think the support is growing and more fans are showing up each year," Lynch said. "People are always telling me on campus they're excited about coming to the matches this year so I don't think it is a negative at all."

Despite this year's absence of walk-

on prospects, the coaching staff hasn't decided if they will conduct a similar open tryout next season.

The NCAA does not have a rule that addresses mandating open tryouts for any sport. It allows a particular institution's coaching staff to make the decision, a spokeswoman for Conference USA said.

The team has been very open to recruiting walk-on athletes, assistant coach Chris Rudiger said.

"We've always tried to encourage non-scholarship players as best as we can," Rudiger said.

Rudiger said one interested student contacted her earlier, however the prospect did not attend the tryout.

Lynch didn't think the canceled tryout would hurt the program.

"I don't think a lot of Division I programs have many walk-ons," Lynch said. "It would have been nice if someone would have shown up and con-

tributed, but it wasn't really expected."

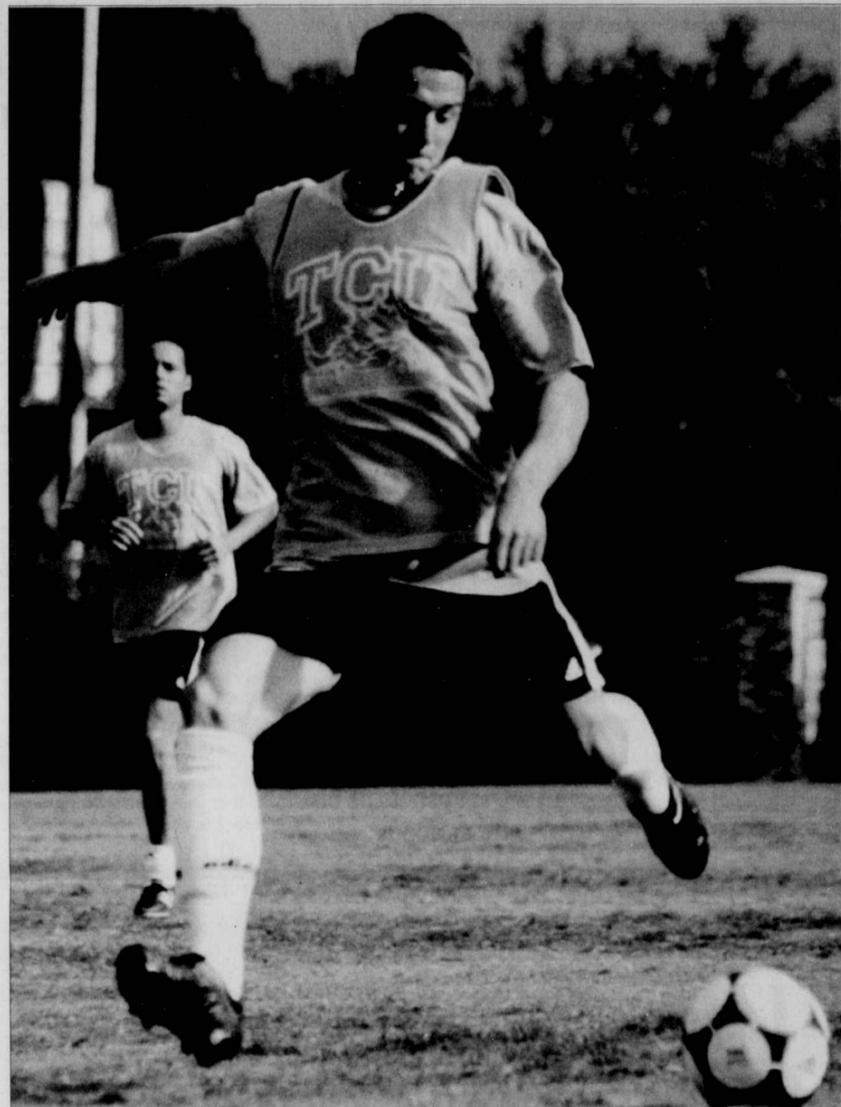
The 2001 Volley Frogs currently have two freshman non-scholarship players, setter Elizabeth Bateman and defensive specialist Amber Buehler, who were both previously recruited.

Staff reporter Jordan Blum contributed to this report.

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FANCY FEET



Junior defender Michael Blackburn dribbles the ball in practice Tuesday. Blackburn is one of four men's soccer players on scholarship. The Frog's first game is 8 p.m. Friday at Vanderbilt.

David Duna/Senior Photographer

Violations review expanded at SWT

More student-athletes suspected of receiving financial benefits

ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN MARCOS — A review of athletes who received "extra financial benefits" from the Southwest Texas State bookstore has been broadened, athletic director Greg LaFleur said Tuesday.

Suspected violations occurring during the 2001 spring semester were reported to the Southland Conference and the NCAA in May, LaFleur said, and 11 baseball players, two softball players and four track and field athletes were withheld from contests for the violations.

Expansion of the review to cover the fall 2000 semester probably means that athletes in most of the athletic programs may be affected and will be withheld from future competitions, LaFleur said.

The softball, baseball and track and field teams might again lose athletes for a specific number of contests, as well as the basketball and women's tennis programs, LaFleur said.

It was discovered in May, the athletic director said, that the University Bookstore had changed its procedure several semesters previously on how textbooks are checked out to athletes — a change that led some athletes to assume after receiving their required textbooks that they still had a credit on their bookstore account.

The "extra financial benefits," LaFleur said, were books received that were not required for

the athletes' classes.

The university is awaiting a reply from the Southland Conference and the NCAA as to the number of football players that may be withheld from Thursday's opening game with the University of Arkansas-Monticello, LaFleur said.

NCAA regulations dictate that only required textbooks can be provided to student athletes. In some cases, LaFleur said, athletes received books that were recommended, but not required. In other cases, the athletes gave extra books to teammates who were not on athletic scholarships, or to friends.

When a student athlete receives an extra financial benefit, NCAA regulations dictate that the athlete must pay back the amount of money of the benefit received and be withheld from competitions based on a sliding scale of the dollar amount of the benefit:

— For amounts under \$100, no further penalty.

— Between \$100 and \$300, the athlete is withheld from 10 percent of the competitions for that season, or a future season if the season has already been completed.

— Between \$300 and \$500, the athlete is withheld from 20 percent of the competitions.

In addition to these penalties, the involved SWT athletes will lose the book portion of their scholarship for at least one semester.

Family of late Florida State football player planning lawsuit

ASSOCIATED PRESS

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — The family of a Florida State linebacker who died after an off-season workout has notified the university it will sue the school, alleging negligence contributed to Devaughn Darling's death.

A law firm representing Darling's parents, Dennis Darling Sr. and Wendy Smith, notified university of-

icials of the pending suit in a letter Aug. 8.

Under state law, plaintiffs must inform state agencies, including universities, if they intend to sue.

The letter, by lawyer Michael A. Lewis, alleged that Florida State trainers ignored Darling's signs of extreme fatigue and that he was deprived of fluids during the off-season conditioning drills, the Orlando Sen-

tinel reported.

Lewis told Houston television station KRIV-TV: "We have filed a notice of intent to sue, which basically puts the university on notice there's a potential lawsuit coming up if we can't settle within the six-month period typically used to see if these matters can be resolved."

Florida State University general counsel Richard McFarlain could not

be reached for comment Tuesday.

Darling, who was 18 and from Houston, collapsed Feb. 26 at an athletic building on campus after a 90-minute workout with teammates.

The medical examiner found no conclusive cause for Darling's death, but did find a sickle-cell trait which has been linked to lower resistance to a possible irregular heartbeat during intense exercise.

A team doctor pointed out shortly after Darling's death, however, that the sickle-cell trait, which is not the same as sickle cell anemia, is carried by thousands of athletes at top competitive levels.

An investigative report released in April by the university police cleared coaches and trainers of blame in Darling's death.

Rangers' utility player close to qualifying as a batting leader in the American League

By Stephen Hawkins
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ARLINGTON — Frank Catalanotto wasn't expected to be an everyday player for the Texas Rangers this season. As a utility player, he was only rarely expected to appear in the outfield.

Now Catalanotto is the starting left fielder for the Rangers — and about to be in the thick of the American League batting race.

Catalanotto has the AL's longest current hitting streak at 12 games and is batting .341 in 396 plate appearances — 10 away from qualifying to be among the league leaders.

Once Catalanotto catches up, he'll be closing in on Seattle's Ichiro Suzuki (.347), the AL's top hitter, and Cleveland's Juan Gonzalez (.344), a former two-time AL MVP for the Rangers.

"I really can't explain it," Catalanotto said. "Playing every day, you just get more comfortable, and that's basically what it's been for me. I always knew I was a .300 hitter, but to be hitting this high, I didn't know about that."

Catalanotto's primary role last season — after coming from Detroit in a nine-player deal that sent Gonzalez out of Texas — was as a backup infielder and pinch-hitter when he hit .291. He played 103 games, making 66 starts at second base, DH and first base while also going 10-for-28 (.347) as a pinch-hitter.

Former manager Johnny Oates gave Catalanotto limited work in the outfield during spring training this year just to increase his versatility.

But it wasn't until three days after Oates resigned that Catalanotto played in the outfield. When Ruben Mateo complained of headaches and dizziness before a game May 7 against the Chicago White Sox, new manager Jerry Narron started Catalanotto in right field.

Then Chad Curtis was sidelined with a pulled right hamstring, and Ricky Ledee was out because of arthroscopic surgery on his left knee. Mateo struggled so much that he was sent back to the minors and eventually traded. Then left

fielder and leadoff hitter Rusty Greer went on the disabled list June 12 because of a pulled left hamstring.

As a result, Catalanotto has started 48 games in left field and 14 in right field — even with Ledee and Curtis healthy again.

"The big thing is that he's just gotten a chance to play and he's taken advantage of it," Narron said.

Catalanotto is hitting a major league-best .453 (43-for-95) in August, even after going 1-for-9 in the Rangers' 18-inning win against Boston over the weekend. His fourth-inning single Sunday extended his hitting streak and snapped an 0-for-10 slump at the same time.

Greer, who had season-ending back surgery Aug. 3, is signed through 2004. His return could displace Catalanotto, or the Rangers could utilize Greer as a DH and part-time first baseman.

"I really haven't thought about it," Narron said. "You don't even know exactly what the makeup will be of this club next spring. But Catalanotto will get a lot of play-

C-USA roundup

Football

	C-USA games				All games					
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.	Hm.	Rd.	Neutral	Strk.
Louisville	0	0	—	1	0	1.000	1-0	0-0	0-0	W1
Army	0	0	—	0	0	—	0-0	0-0	0-0	—
Cincinnati	0	0	—	0	0	—	0-0	0-0	0-0	—
East Carolina	0	0	—	0	0	—	0-0	0-0	0-0	—
Houston	0	0	—	0	0	—	0-0	0-0	0-0	—
Memphis	0	0	—	0	0	—	0-0	0-0	0-0	—
Southern Miss	0	0	—	0	0	—	0-0	0-0	0-0	—
UAB	0	0	—	0	0	—	0-0	0-0	0-0	—
TCU	0	0	—	0	1	.000	0-0	0-1	0-0	L1
Tulane	0	0	—	0	1	.000	1-0	0-1	0-0	L1
Last week's results										
TCU	.7									
Nebraska	.21									
Next week's games										
New Mexico St.	.24									
Louisville	.45									
Next week's games										
Tulane	.35									
BYU	.70									
Saturday's games										
TCU at North Texas	7:05 p.m.									
Montana State at UAB	7 p.m.									
Oklahoma State at Southern Miss	11 a.m.									
Louisville at Kentucky	12:30 p.m.									
Wake Forest at East Carolina	7 p.m.									
Last week's players of the week										
Special teams — TCU junior Joey Biasatti returned eight punts for 143 yards. Returned his first punt 85 yards for a touchdown										
Offensive — Louisville quarterback Dave Ragone, threw for 272 yards and three touchdowns, including a 44-yarder to Deion Branch.										
Defensive — TCU freshman Marvin Godbolt, had five tackles for 37 yards lost in his first game.										

Get involved

The Student Government Association is about to get moving for the fall semester. Be a part of the action. After all, they're spending your money. See Opinion, page 3.

It's raining stress

Balancing schoolwork and activities is sometimes overwhelming. But with certain skills, stress can be manageable. See Health & Fitness, page 5.

Wednesday, August 29, 2001

Fort Worth, Texas

Dining report spurs changes in campus services

By Aaron Chimbel
STAFF REPORTER

Changes in dining services this semester reflect the results of an outside consulting group's review of TCU's food service offerings, said Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Don Mills.

In spring 2001, students, faculty and staff completed surveys about meal choices and dining locations as part of The Ricca Planning Studio, Inc. study of dining services.

The survey was completed by 742 students and 150 faculty and staff.

Mills said students want more fresh items and foods that are prepared as they watch.

The Edens dining facility in Reed Hall added a Mongolian Wok station this semester in addition to the made-to-order salad station that was introduced last year.

"Since we did this my line has been out the door," food service worker Carolyn Davis said about the wok station. "It just takes a minute or two as soon as they make up their mind."

At both the salad and wok stations diners choose the ingredients and watch as chefs toss and stir-fry. Diners may also choose the type of oil or no oil.

"It actually tastes really good for Main food," said Suzanna Dillard, a sophomore pre-major. "It's healthy."

Rick Flores, general manger of Sodexo, said he is pleased with the increased numbers of people eating at Edens. He said the choices there offer students the chance to see food being made and reduces the lines at other dining locations.

Mills said the survey revealed that students now prefer to have food made fresh. Another change is the Pond Street Grill,

which had been formerly known as the Worth Hills Dining Hall. Flores said the change was made to help end stereotypes associated with Worth Hills. He said in the past it has been viewed as a Greek-only area and students from main campus rarely ate at the facility.

"There is not a big variety so I wouldn't go over there if I lived on main campus," said Mary Loranger, a sophomore elementary education major.

The operating hours for Pond Street are 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday. The grill is closed Saturday.

Flores said Pond Street will offer several promotional events, including a luau Sept. 5, in an effort to bring people to the revamped facility. The following week TCU cheerleaders will be on hand as the grill hosts a pep rally. Flores said pep ral-

lies may become a regular event if successful.

The report estimated \$20 million would be necessary to make the changes. The report also recommend building additional dining facilities on east campus in addition to improving Worth Hills.

Mills said the current facilities were designed in a cafeteria style and cannot be easily changed into restaurant-style facilities students would like to see added.

"When The Main was built students had basically one choice — take it or leave it," Mills said.

Mills also said many of Ricca's recommendations will be long-term projects that could include construction of new facilities.



Emilee Baker, a junior anthropology major, takes her dinner prepared by Angela Castillo in the Main.

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COLLEGE BRIEFS

N.M. lottery funds 10,400 scholarships

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (U-WIRE) — New Mexico Lottery players returned a record-breaking \$25 million profit to the state during the last fiscal year, exceeding expectations by \$400,000, according to data released by lottery officials in early August.

The Lottery Success Scholarship sent 4,314 students to the University of New Mexico during the 2001 spring semester, accounting for about \$4.4 million — almost 50 percent of the university's total semester revenues, said Bruce Hamlett, director of the Commission on Higher Education.

More than 10,400 scholarship recipients attended New Mexico post-secondary schools this past school year.

Changes in the lottery revenue appropriation formula will ensure the scholarships for New Mexico high school graduates until at least 2010.

"We can tell anybody in high school or middle school right now that there's a full tuition waiting for them when they graduate," Hamlett said.

A brief panic ensued last year when the commission and lottery officials announced that an increasing number of applicants, coupled with stagnant lottery sales, would result in a lottery scholarship funding shortfall by 2003.

But the 2001 Legislature passed a bill funneling 100 percent of lottery revenues to the scholarship fund. Previously, profits were split evenly between the scholarship fund and the Public School Capital Outlay Council, which funds school construction and repairs.

In the five years since its inception, the lottery has pumped \$118 million into educational programs and of that \$51 million went to scholarships, according to the release.

— Daily Lobo

TUBAS ON THEIR TOES



David Duna/Senior Photographer

Marching band members practice uniform marching style at rehearsal Tuesday. The group's home debut will be Sept. 15 when the Frogs take on Marshall at Amon Carter Stadium.

Mascot to charge for appearances

Most campus organizations exempt

Erin LaMourie
STAFF REPORTER

The TCU Athletic Department will offset the cost of cleaning and repairing the Superfrog suit by charging \$45 per hour for appearances at off-campus events.

Jeff Tucker, TCU's head cheerleading coach, said the rate has been in effect since January of this year, but there has been some confusion about who will be required to pay to use Superfrog.

Tucker said Superfrog will still do most campus events for free. He said that campus organizations will not need to pay for the use of Superfrog for events centered around students or athletics but said they will be charged if they use Superfrog to market TCU's image.

Tucker said the students who wear the suit will receive about \$30, and the rest of the money will go towards maintenance of the outfit. The cheerleading budget is used to fund any other costs.

Tucker said requests are made daily for Superfrog to attend various events including parades, birthday parties, weddings and Mardi Gras. He said Superfrog became more in demand for off-campus events when the new Superfrog suit was introduced in fall 1999. Taking the suit off-campus places more wear and tear on the

suit, which needs to be cleaned each time it is used, Tucker said.

Tucker said that those who reserved the suit for off-campus events in the past usually offered to pay about \$45. He said schools like Nebraska and Oklahoma State University also charge for use of their mascot and TCU's new set rate would make the payment process official.

Kristi Hoban, director of Alumni Relations, said she would not mind paying a fee for Superfrog.

"I think in the long run it will be better for all of us, because the suits will be better maintained," she said.

Hoban said the fee will not affect how much the Alumni Association will use Superfrog because Superfrog is important to their events.

Tucker said he still wants Superfrog to be on-campus as much as possible.

"Superfrog, when I went to school here, was more sacred than it is now," Tucker said. "We really need to focus on what our mascot is. It is a representative of our school spirit and (Superfrog) probably needs to be more devoted to the campus itself."

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RTVF students to gain from new technology

By Jill Sutton
STAFF REPORTER

Students in the radio-TV-film department starts the year with the addition of \$750,000 worth of new technology.

Roger Cooper, chair of the radio-TV-film department, said the new equipment is long overdue.

"The old equipment was here when I got to TCU, and I think it has been at least 15 years since we began using the equipment," he said.

The department will be setting up two digital television studios, a digital audio lab with 12 new computers, including an instructor's station, and will be expanding the film library to larger rooms for more convenient student and faculty use.

LaVar Veale, a senior theatre and radio-TV-film major, said he is glad these changes are coming before he leaves TCU.

"I think these changes are a great idea," Veale said. "Now we will have experience with the type of equipment that is being used in Hollywood. Instead of starting a job by having to learn everything, we can relate right away and not be on the

back-burner."

Cooper said the equipment will be arriving in the next few weeks, and all of the additions are funded by the university. Cooper said the large price can be deceiving at first glance.

"We got a big bang for our buck," said Cooper.

Charles LaMendola, a radio-TV-film professor, said purchasing so much equipment at once actually saved the department money. "We purchased all Sony equipment because it is a very well-known brand, and by buying in bulk, we got discounted prices," LaMendola said.

The faculty is excited about what the new upgrade to the program will do to elevate the students in the department, Cooper said.

"These improvements will move us to a different level," he said. "This is an area of study that is always changing. This can be exciting and scary, but now we will be prepared in the professional workforce."

Improved facilities will give students a decided edge as they graduate and enter the competitive field in

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House to aim for visibility, communication

By Kristin Delorantis
STAFF REPORTER

The new semester for the House of Student Representatives brings fresh goals, as new residence hall representatives are elected this Thursday.

Permanent Improvements chairwoman Chelsea Hudson said important goals for the House this year are visibility and communication.

"The House is striving to create a presence on campus and a strong link of communication between the students and the elected representatives," Hudson said. "When that happens, things will start to fall into place."

In addition to implementing cam-

pus change, House Vice President Amy Render said she wants residence hall representatives to play a different role this year.

"We really want representatives to take charge," she said. "It is important that they take the initiative to talk to constituents and write the legislation with only a little bit of our help."

Representatives elected Thursday will attend the House meetings at 5 p.m. Tuesdays in the Student Center, room 222, and will serve on one of the committees.

The House will sponsor Constituency Day Oct. 10, when members gather student opinions on what

should be done to improve campus life. House members will survey students in The Main Sept. 5 and 19.

Last year, House members distributed surveys in residence halls, but Render said the group would like to do something different this year to collect public opinion.

"We want to do something more informal, but we also want to reach more constituents and make sure we reach all areas of campus, including commuter students," Render said.

Hudson said she is working on presenting a new bill to clear out the greenery in the courtyard area separating Moudy North from Moudy

South and make it into a sitting area for students to relax.

International Flag Plaza, a fountain surrounded by flags representing different parts of the world, is another idea originated by Hudson last semester that she said will receive further attention this semester. Administration supported the idea and it was passed as a resolution.

"(Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs) Don Mills said the idea was wonderful," Hudson said, "but since the campus is currently undergoing such change, now would not be the

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In tomorrow's Skiff:

A slew of new Texas laws will take effect Sept. 1. Staff reporter James Zwilling has the rundown on what to look for.



Today in history

1957 — United States Sen. Strom Thurmond of North Carolina set a filibuster record of 24 hours and 18 minutes.

CAMPUS LINES

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■ **Image magazine** will hold an informational meeting for interested students at 5:30 p.m. today in reading room in Moudy Building South. For more information call (817) 257-7429.

■ **The Kino Monda World Film Series** will present "Stalker" at 7 p.m. today in the Sid W. Richardson Building, Lecture Hall 1. The series will present "The Adventures of Picasso" at 7 p.m. Sept. 5 in the Sid W. Richardson Building, Lecture Hall 1. Admission for the viewing is free. For more information call (817) 257-7292.

■ **The RTVF Film Series** will present the 1939 film "Goodbye, Mr. Chips" at 7 p.m. Sept. 6 in Moudy Building South room 164. For more information call (817) 257-7630.

■ **The fourth annual Gates of Chai Lectureship** will feature civil rights attorney Morris Dees at 8 p.m. Sept. 10 in the Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium. Tickets are currently on sale at the Student Center Information Desk or at the University Theatre Box office. TCU students get in free, but must have a ticket. TCU faculty and staff tickets are \$10 each. Reserved seating with reserved parking is \$35 each, and general admission tickets for the public are \$15 each. Call (817) 257-7626 for tickets or for more information call (817) 257-7804.

■ **The 19th annual Fall Art in the Metroplex Exhibition**, featuring local artists in a juried show, begins Sept. 8 and runs through Sept. 28 in the Moudy Building. For more information call (817) 257-7643.

■ **The RTVF Film Series** will present the 1947 film "Gentlemen's Agreement" at 7 p.m. Sept. 13 in Moudy Building South room 164. For more information call (817) 257-7630.

■ **Circle K** will hold its first meeting 9 p.m. today in the Student Center room 203. The meeting will discuss community service and campus activities information.

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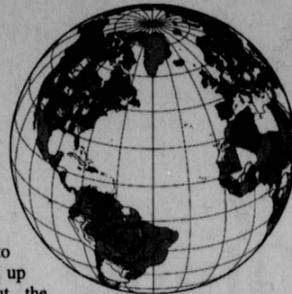
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WORLD DIGEST



ISRAELI TROOPS SEIZE PORTIONS OF PALESTINIAN TOWN IN WEST BANK

BEIT JALLA, West Bank — Israeli troops seized parts of this Palestinian town and fortified positions with sandbags Tuesday as Israel said it was settling in for an indefinite stay — a first in 11 months of fighting.

The U.S. government urged Israel to withdraw and the Palestinians to stop shooting at Israeli residential neighborhoods.

Barely 10 miles away, tens of thousands of Palestinians crying for revenge flooded the streets for the funeral of a senior PLO official killed in an Israeli missile attack a day earlier.

Despite the Israeli operation to stop Palestinian gunfire from Beit Jalla at the nearby Jewish neighborhood of Gilo, sporadic gunfire continued. A machine gun bullet hit an Israel TV truck, the first time Palestinians have aimed heavy weapons at the Jewish neighborhood.

Also, a mortar shell fired from Beit Jalla exploded in a community center in Gilo, police said. The building was empty and no one was hurt.

In other fighting Tuesday, a member of the Palestinian security forces was killed in a gunbattle with Israeli troops near the West Bank town of Dura.

And in Rafah, near the Gaza-Egypt border, an 18-year-old Palestinian was shot in the head by Israeli gunfire after nightfall and died later in the hospital, Palestinian medical staff said. Witnesses said the youth was in a group of people near one of 14 houses torn down by Israeli forces Monday night and was hit by a bullet fired from a nearby Israeli army post. The Israeli military said soldiers opened fire on an armed man planting an explosive device.

But the deserted streets of Beit Jalla and the seething West Bank city of Ramallah, where the Palestinians held their rally, were the focal points of an escalating conflict marked by increasingly tough Israeli military responses to Palestinian attacks.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Richard Boucher called on Israel to pull its forces out of Beit Jalla.

"The Israelis need to understand that incursions like this will not solve the security problems. They only make the situation worse," he said at a briefing. But, he added, "the Palestinians need to stop the shootings and attacks against Israelis in Gilo and elsewhere."

The latest Israeli actions have pushed the Mideast crisis into uncharted territory, raising the possibility of urban combat. During most of the fighting, Israeli troops and Palestinian militants have maintained their distance from each other. Justice Minister Meir Sheerit said Israel was not planning to reoccupy Beit Jalla, but would do so if there was no other way to stop Palestinian attacks. Israel withdrew from Beit Jalla and most other Palestinian communities in the West Bank in 1995, ending 28 years of military rule. For months, Palestinian gunmen have fired at

night from Beit Jalla's hilltops, across a small valley, hitting the Israeli neighborhood of Gilo on the southern edge of Jerusalem. Gilo was built on land Israel captured in the 1967 Mideast war, and the Palestinians want it as part of a future state.

MEXICO MASSACRE VICTIMS RETURN TO VILLAGES FOUR YEARS LATER

X'OYEP, Mexico — They fled their villages in terror, chased and burned out of their simple homes by the same paramilitary gangs that had massacred 45 of their neighbors as they huddled praying in a village chapel.

On Tuesday, four years after they first abandoned their villages, 333 Tzotzil Indian peasants made a joyous pilgrimage back home — assured by President Vicente Fox that government-supported gunmen will no longer be used to resolve the Zapatista rebel conflict.

"We are very happy because we get to return to our land," said a smiling Miguel Gomez Guzman, 56. "We no longer have to fear the paramilitaries so much."

A column of peasants left Tuesday morning on the six-hour walk over muddy, rock-strewn paths toward Yaxemel (pronounced YASH-a-mel) and Puebla, villages some had not seen since 1997.

The peasants were among thousands forced to abandon their communities in the past several years for fear of attacks by paramilitary groups fighting the rebels.

The worst assault came in December 1997, when paramilitaries gunned down and hacked to death 45 men, women and children praying in a chapel in the village of Acteal, accusing them of rebel sympathies.

For years, the gangs had at least the tacit support of the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI, the party that governed both Chiapas state and Mexico as a whole for 71 uninterrupted years.

But Fox, who ended the PRI stay in power in last year's presidential election, promised to resolve the rebel conflict peacefully. Immediately after taking office Dec. 1, he shut down military bases in Chiapas and gave Congress an Indian rights bill backed by the rebels.

Meanwhile, Chiapas Gov. Pablo Salazar, elected last year by a coalition of political parties including Fox's National Action Party and the leftist Democratic Revolution Party, spoke out in favor of Indian rights and the rebels' demands.

But the region's troubles have not disappeared. Although Congress and a majority of Mexican states approved a watered-down version of the rights bill, the Zapatistas flatly rejected it as an insult to the country's 10 million Indians and refused to reopen talks with the government.

Zapatista leader Subcomandante Marcos has been silent since. Some have speculated that he has left the country.

Religious and land disputes also continue to flare up throughout the region, with often-violent clashes leaving some dead and forcing others to find temporary shelter outside their villages.

X'oyep (pronounced shoy-EP), a village of about 15 families, mushroomed to more than 1,000 people as refugees flooded in looking to start over in the wake of the Acteal massacre.

CHINA TURNS ANTI-PIRACY EFFORT INTO MUSIC-BLARING SPECTACLE

ZHUHAI, China — They brought out the big guns for this one: Giant balloons reached toward the clouds. Hundreds of customs agents stood in rows, listening to marching music that included a chunk of "It's a Small World After All." FM 95.1 went live.

And amid it all, outside the Ping Pong Pavilion of the Zuhai Athletic Center stadium, 15 industrial-strength wood chippers all in a row did just what they were trotted out for Tuesday afternoon — made minced plastic out of 16 million counterfeit CDs, DVDs and CD-ROMS.

"This is one of the most important issues facing us today," said Shi Zongyuan, the official in charge of anti-piracy efforts in southern China. "Getting rid of pirated CDs will give us a much-needed economic boost."

China mounts such a spectacle every few months — though usually on a smaller scale than Tuesday — to show that it is serious about stopping rampant product piracy.

The events get lavish coverage in state media, but the real target audience is abroad — China's angry trading partners. Foreign producers of music, film and software say Chinese pirates are ruining their businesses.

The publicity usually recedes, only to resurface several months later.

But as China's virtually certain membership into the World Trade Organization approaches in November, such crackdowns are being spotlighted — and, China says, being carried out — even more than usual.

Conferences have been convened, harsh statements released. In March, Premier Zhu Rongji went so far as to say that counterfeiting was making him lose sleep.

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GET INVOLVED

SGA needs to hear from students

Residence hall representatives will be elected this Thursday to serve for the House of Student Representatives.

This is an opportunity for students to get involved.

All TCU students pay fees that go to the Student Government Association. Wouldn't you like to know where exactly your money goes and how it is being spent?

Invest your precious time to get involved with SGA.

Make that investment worthwhile.

Go to meetings and, most importantly, voice your opinion.

It's easy to sit back and criticize an organization for not getting more accomplished each year. It's even harder to take part in that organization. One way to hold our student government accountable is for students to actually show up and do something. Even if you don't want to be a representative, go the meetings each Tuesday and learn about the issues on campus. The meetings are open for a reason. Besides, being more knowledgeable about TCU is worth that investment?

If that doesn't persuade you, think of it this way: Committees always need committee members. There are several remaining committees to choose from. Whether your interest is in Dining Services or Academic Affairs, take the time to actually ask the questions you've always wanted the university to answer.

Isn't there something in the back of your mind that you've always wanted the answer to? Don't just accept the fact that you don't know and move on. Haven't you ever heard the saying that the only dumb question is that one that doesn't get asked?

Permanent Improvements chairwoman Chelsea Hudson said a goal for the House this year is to increase communication.

"The House is striving to create a presence on campus and a strong link of communication between the students and the elected representatives," Hudson said. "When that happens, things will start to fall into place."

It's time to start communicating.

Make the time to create that link between students and elected representatives. It's the only way you'll get your money's worth.

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Capitalism not a bad word

Taxes and a welfare system are signs of socialism

Individuals have God-given inalienable rights to their life, to their liberty, to their property and to pursue their definition of happiness.

So what is capitalism? It is the ideal social system because it is based upon the principle of individual rights. The term capitalism is used in the broader philosophical political sense, and not just the narrower economic sense.

The moral justification for capitalism lies in the fact that it is the only system that allows the rich man to keep his wealth and allows the poor man the right and opportunity to create his own wealth without constraints and regulations of the government.

It is financial freedom, and in its purest form, and freedom from taxation. Capitalism defines taxation as the initiation of financial force. One example of financial force is the IRS demanding money from an individual, comparable to the mob taking money from a person.

The core principle of capitalism

is justice. Capitalism does not serve the needs of the many, but it protects the rights of every individual, particularly protecting the individual from the majority.

In capitalism the essential role of government is to protect the individual's rights and ban the initiation of force whether physically through violence, or financially. This is done by forcibly removing one's earned wealth and giving it to another who has not created that wealth.

The government should be a defense from threats abroad, a civil police force, a legal/law-making system and nothing else. Anything more moves us toward socialism.

Capitalism is not egalitarian, nor compassionate; but capitalism is just and is the only cure for poverty.

Wealth is not the property of the state, nor the collective, but belongs to the individual that worked for it. The poor don't need government handouts, they need the government off their backs and most importantly off the backs of those who could really help them; the rich.

Charity is capitalism's way of redistributing wealth voluntarily. Taxes and welfare are socialism's way of redistributing wealth forcibly.

However, what about those who cannot truly help themselves? The

few individuals in a purely capitalist society who are incapable of taking care of themselves, crippled and orphans are provided for through voluntary means, such as private charity and religious institutions.

When I was younger I said I would rather be a bloodthirsty capitalist republican than a handout socialist democrat.

And I said that when I was poor (and now I'm a libertarian).

However, as I have gotten wiser, and also after hearing Congressman Harold E. Ford Jr. (D-Tenn.) speak, I have changed my opinion.

I see that the powers of evil that be would have the mass individuals of America and the world believe the war is between black and white (the races), rich and poor (the classes) and republicans and democrats (the political parties). However, the truth is the war is between capitalism and socialism. The United States of America just happen to be the biggest and most valuable battlefield.

Unfortunately, our country is a mixed economy/welfare state and whichever side wins America, will subsequently win the world.

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Commentary



Chris Diggs

Here to learn, not to commit to a set of beliefs

All my life I have grown up around a wide variety of religious beliefs. My grandmother and mother are both Buddhist,

though only my grandmother practices the faith. My grandfather is Protestant. My father was Muslim and my stepfather is a non-practicing Roman Catholic.

As long as I can remember, my family has watched "The Ten Commandments" every Easter, taken pictures of the great gift exchange at Christmas and celebrated Tet every Chinese/Vietnamese New Year.

Neither my sister nor I have ever been baptized under any religion because my mother thought we should have the freedom to commit ourselves to whatever religion we choose.

I understand this is a privately funded institution, but sometimes I feel the pressure to commit to a religious group a little overwhelming. At this point in my life, I consider myself a spiritual person, yet I do not feel I can completely consign myself to any one set of beliefs.

It seems not only the pressure but also the content of these beliefs has sustained this decision.

The other day I got into a conversation with a friend who happened to be Baptist. She explained to me the basis of her religious viewpoints. One of these beliefs happened to concern "accepting

Jesus Christ as Savior." She continued to say that if one expected to be saved, one has to accept this savior or risk being condemned for eternity.

This seemed quite strange to me when I applied this theory to the people I have known all my life. My grandmother, for instance, is the most moral, spiritual and religious person I can think of. She prays nearly every day of the week and visits the Buddhist temple regularly. Almost as often she will donate food and clothing to organizations for the needy.

It is inconceivable to think that a woman so full of goodness and generosity could be condemned for upholding other beliefs beside Christianity.

According to Christian beliefs, God created all people. These people reside on almost every continent on earth.

In my line of reasoning, with these various environments different cultures evolved. From these cultures sprung numerous beliefs and morals to uphold, some of which were expressed in stories and myths. From these myths came structured beliefs and scriptures, which in turn became the basis for religion. Some of the religious beliefs also influenced the way the people chose to be governed.

So if God created so many varieties of people, why would all but a certain religious group be condemned?

Many will have their own version of an explanation to this question and I'm sure each logic could find a roundabout answer that

would continue to uphold and defend a certain set of beliefs. With a background such as mine, the reason for such an inquiry is clear.

I do not mean to offend anyone, especially since I have no one set

of religious beliefs to claim. I simply want to remind students that the reason we are all here is to become "educated individuals that think and act as responsible citizens in the global community."

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Tyrannical Taliban oppresses Afghans

Living in the United States, we take for granted not having a government run by a reactionary, right-wing, overly religious fanatic bent on forcing beliefs on the rest of the nation.

Commentary

Shaun Salvave

In other places, though, such people in charged exist — places like Afghanistan.

The Taliban of Afghanistan is a fundamentalist militia bent on securing the country for its version of traditional Islam, regardless of whether the rest of the country wants it or not.

So far, it has managed to alienate most of the world with a comprehensive program whose goal seems to be to make Afghanistan the most backward, fundamentalist nation on the planet.

It started with a program requiring all non-Muslims in the country to wear yellow badges, a move many found reminiscent of the treatment of Jews in Nazi Germany. Then came the destruction of some of the nation's greatest treasures: giant Buddha statues.

This move was followed by Afghanistan's harboring of Osama bin Laden, a terrorist from Saudi Arabia accused by the U.S. government of planning several bombings and suspected of being involved in the bombing of the USS Cole on Oct. 12, 2000.

The Taliban has also systematically lower the status of females. Women are forbidden to drive or ride in taxis alone, leave the house without a male escort or work at or attend Afghan universities. They are also required to wear the burqa, a large piece of cloth that covers the woman head to toe, allowing no part of her to be seen.

The Taliban's ferocious advocacy of Islam has resulted in restrictions on foreigners, forbidding them to drink alcohol, eat pork, listen to loud music or have "inappropriate contact" with members of the opposite sex. They are also banned from discussing or distributing information about other religions.

In early August, eight workers for Shelter Now, a German-based Christian aid group, were arrested for promoting Christianity, an offense punishable by death. The workers were kept in seclusion and prohibited from contact with representatives of their governments or any international non-governmental organizations until Sunday, when the Red Cross was allowed to visit them.

Also this weekend, the Taliban forbade the nation access to the Internet. While only a small portion of the population has access to telephones, let alone Internet service providers, the Internet was the last outside source for many to get truth in their news.

The Taliban hasn't released any information about the reason for the ban.

Afghanistan is one of the poorest nations on earth, and the Taliban's restrictions on non-governmental organizations make it more and more difficult for them to provide aid in the form of food for the starving — of which there are many — and disease relief.

The rampant misogyny of the regime is having its effects, too. Suicide, drug use and depression are at all-time highs in the country, with many women who formerly had high-paying jobs now forced to remain in their homes and watch their families go hungry while their education and training goes to waste.

The Taliban's accomplishments, such as they are — increased religious sentiment and a mostly successful war on drugs — hardly outweigh the enormous problems the country is facing. But in the blindness of any government bent on achieving an agenda rather than actually taking care of its citizens, it is ignoring the negative consequences and the censure of most world governments.

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UTA alumna one of eight victims from Aaliyah plane crash

By Matt Stiles
THE SHORTHORN

ARLINGTON (U-WIRE) — Texas-Arlington alumna Gina Michelle Smith, a 1993 marketing graduate, died Saturday in the plane crash that killed Grammy-nominated singer Aaliyah.

Smith, 30, was a product manager for Blackground Records, which produced Aaliyah's latest album. She died along with eight others when a twin-engine Cessna went down and caught fire shortly after takeoff in the Bahamas. Smith's parents, Shirley and Clewesto, described Gina as a loving person who enjoyed music, traveling and shopping.

"Everyone she met just fell in love with her. I don't know if I'm going to get over this or not."

—Clewesto Smith
father of Gina Smith

the accident.

Shirley Smith said Gina always enjoyed life and was able to adjust quickly to all surroundings.

"She was beautiful inside and out," she said. "She was my heart."

Gina Smith's aunt, Carolyn Tippens, said her niece was a happy person who always set clear goals and then achieved them.

"She was the type of person I would classify as complete," she said. "She has accomplished all her dreams."

Clewesto Smith said his daughter's career excited her. After college, she took a marketing job in Las Colinas, with PC Service Source, an information technology

company. She later moved with the company to Los Angeles before accepting the job with Blackground Records in New York about a year ago.

"She always wanted a job that involved traveling and making money," he said. "She wouldn't have been happy had she not gone that route."

Smith graduated in 1989 from Fort Worth's Southwest High School, where she participated in home economics and concert choir, said Eileen Houston-Stewart, communications director for the Fort Worth Independent School District.

Smith also attended Greater Abyssinian Baptist Church in Fort Worth.

Funeral services were still pending Monday as arrangements were made to return Smith's body from the Bahamas, said an employee at Morris-Bates Mortuary in Fort Worth.

POSTER PERUSING



Lindsey Smith, a freshman modern dance major, sifts through the wares at the poster sale in the Student Center Tuesday.

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time because it would have to be moved inevitably."

Other new goals for the year are to address political and environmental issues on campus, as well as residential concerns, Render said.

"We are trying to accelerate the use of ID cards in the residence halls," she said. "We want all dorms to allow ID card use for the washers and dryers and

ID card entry rather than key."

The House is hosting an informative retreat for elected representatives from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 8 in the Student Center Woodson Room.

Render said the retreat is a chance for elected representatives to learn necessary information about the House and parliamentary procedure they might not already know.

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Hollywood, LaMendola said.

"The bulk of the money went to the studios," LaMendola said. "They will emulate how it is done in Hollywood, and give students an opportunity to see how it is done in a Hollywood sitcom."

LaMendola said the radio-TV-film program has changed their slant on how students will learn.

"Before, we set it up like a traditional, local studio," LaMendola said. "Now, it will be a different look and philosophy that will let students see how it is done in Los Angeles."

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Alcohol banned from Louisville Greek Row

By April Kirchner & Sarah Dailey
THE LOUISVILLE CARDINAL

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (U-WIRE) — Effective this semester, the University of Louisville's Greek Row will no longer be allowed to have alcohol on the premises. The decision was made by members of the University, specifically Denise Gifford, vice president for student affairs.

The decision was made after many months of debate between representatives of greek organizations and the university and an evaluation by University of Louisville administration. The fraternities on Greek Row recently received a letter from Gifford stating the policy's immediate effect.

"My decision was based on my continued concerns about the ability and willingness of fraternities to manage the risk and liability related to these events," said Gifford. "Since 1998, three of Louisville's five on-campus fraternities have received severe sanctions for alcohol-related incidents. Three received alcohol restrictions on their chapters over the past year and a half, and one was is-

sued warnings for possible violations. In contrast, behavioral problems have dropped significantly in one fraternity that has chosen to have a 'dry' house because of its previous difficulties with alcohol."

According to Gifford, the problems were witnessed firsthand by administration.

"When Dr. Pregliasco (assistant vice president for student life) attended the fraternities' pre-rush parties, she witnessed many unsafe conditions and alcohol-guidelines violations," said Gifford.

Members of fraternities see this differently.

"If Dr. Gifford were to examine on-campus fraternity parties closely, she would see a very controlled environment," said Chris Marlin, a junior finance major. "Instead of punishing the fraternities, and greek system as a whole, the university should complement the greek system for its efforts to promote alcohol awareness and provide safe environments in which to hold parties."

The University of Louisville ad-

ministration has been increasingly concerned with alcohol related issues for quite some time.

"After a number of years of attempting to tighten up the alcohol guidelines for Recognized Student Organizations, we still see groups not successfully complying with the guidelines and thus taking dangerous risks with their own lives and those of their friends," Gifford said. "Based on this history, the decision was made to restrict alcohol form events in these houses on campus."

The goal, according to administration, was to make sure the policy was implemented before someone was harmed and not after.

"The safety of students is the primary goal here, and I am pleased to act pro-actively and not in response to a tragic accident or death," Gifford said.

Some students feel like this policy is discriminatory against members of the greek system.

"By discriminating against greek organizations in this action, and fraternities in particular, [the administration is] lowering my opinion of this

school," said Cliff Elliot, a senior finance major. "I will be extremely upset if the Wilderness Club or the Mortar Board ever decides to throw a party with alcohol on campus and is allowed to do so. As unlikely as that may be, (Dr. Gifford's) letter does not mention anything about RSO's as a whole, only fraternities."

Greeks are upset at the lack of recognition when it comes to the many positive aspects of greek life.

"Why does the university not embrace the greek system?" Marlin said. "The university is very slow to point out its achievements, and quick to publicize the slightest fault. Greek systems across the country are commended for their contributions to the university, however at this university we are pushed to the side. The greek system, year in and year out, works diligently to thrive in an environment that provides little nourishment. I would ask that the university take a look at this issue and re-evaluate their position."

According to Gifford, the policy is set in stone.

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It's raining stress

Studies, activities can be balanced to avoid overload

For some, stress drives students to work harder. The more that is thrown at them, the more they crave. But for other students, balancing time is an art to be mastered. Entering campus organizations is beneficial to students because organizations can offer more opportunities and expertise to benefit future careers. After all, that is half of the college experience. However, some students find extracurricular activities combined with a full load of classes lead to excessive amounts of stress.

"I really get stressed out when many assignments start to overlap each other," said Holly Houston, a freshman international business major. "But (stress) actually helps me work harder or otherwise I'd probably never get anything done."

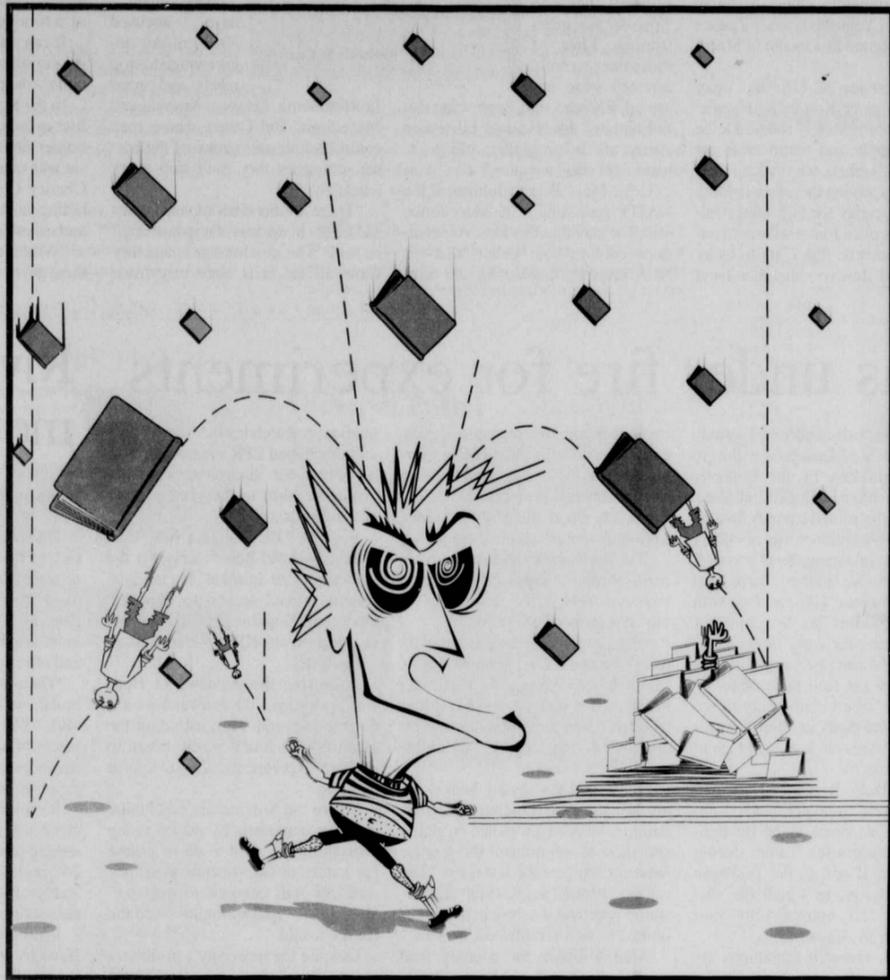
Monica Kintigh, a licensed professional counselor for the TCU Counseling Center, said the more decisions there are for a student to make, the more stress is caused.

"A little anxiety can keep us focused, but when it immobilizes you is when it becomes a problem," Kintigh said.

Real signs of stress, such as frequent headaches, dizziness, stomachaches and fatigue, can be the physiological ways of the body responding to high stress levels, said Kintigh. Experts at Stanford University recommend to lower stress one could exercise more, eat healthy foods and take less stimulants such as caffeine or nicotine.

"To relieve stress, a student could try using breathing techniques, meditation, listening to relaxing instrumental music and above all to keep a sense of humor," Kintigh said.

Anyone can avoid becoming overwhelmed with stress. According to Stanford University research, even simple things like talking to a close friend or putting together a set daily schedule can decrease the amount of stress in one's life. Mandi McReynolds, a junior religion major, said students need to achieve a healthy balance between school and extracurricular activities in order to stay stress-free.



"Too many people are too focused on getting a 4.0 (GPA) and taking harder courses to get into grad schools," McReynolds said. "But it is important to get involved on campus, if only in one or two organizations. Most importantly, at some point you have to stop studying and get out of your room and talk to other people."

Information on time management, stress and ways to avoid burnout are available at the TCU Counseling Center, Center for Academic Services and Campus Life Ministries. The Coun-

seling Center also offers pamphlets on stress management and relaxation techniques.

Not everyone can handle the same amount of stress. While some limit themselves to 12 semester hours and a single activity, others want to take on the world each day. Still, before it feels like burning out from stress, it would be a good idea to get some professional advice before curling up into the fetal position in a corner of your room.

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Strategies for Coping With Stress

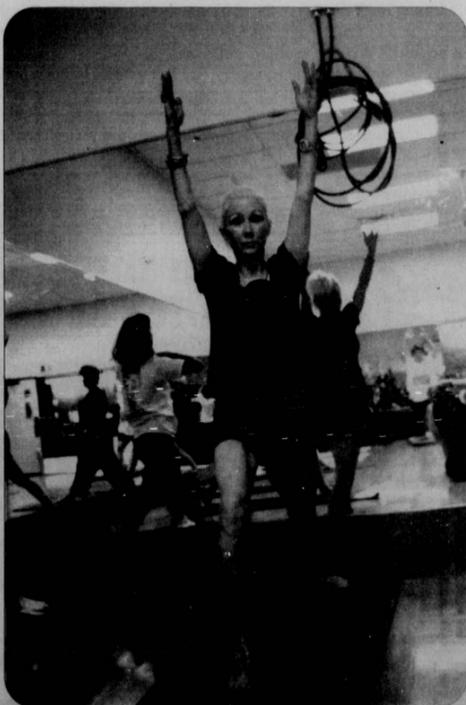
The following list, received from the TCU Counseling Center, presents a few strategies an individual can use in coping with stress.

1. Maintain nutritional needs. Eat a balanced diet and get sufficient physical rest. The needs of the body must be maintained for healthful living. When someone is feeling well physically, stress can be coped with more readily and more economically.
2. Employ constructive time management procedures. Plan the day's activities. Construct a plan for the week. Scheduling in the present for what needs to be done in the future helps individuals to "stay on top" of work and play.
3. Exercise regularly. The benefits of physical exercise are well documented. A planned and implemented physical exercise program constitutes one of the most effective means for managing tension and coping with stress. Exercise is an excellent preventative.
4. Be progressive in activities. After doing as much as possible about a possible stress situation, move on to other activities. If necessary, consciously block thoughts about the stress situation. Become immersed in other activity.
5. Save and use alone time. It can be very helpful in the management of tension. Use the time for reflection, for single person activity or for just doing nothing.
6. Be assertive. Much stress occurs and lingers because people react to tension in a passive or aggressive way. Learning to clearly express thoughts and feelings without violating the rights and needs of others can lead to positive self feelings and lessened pressure to meet expectations of others.
7. Develop a social support system. Give and receive love. Friends are necessary.
8. Select and participate in a volunteer program. Get involved in services for others in an organized program.
9. Remember that growth involves risk. Living does involve risk taking. Change is inevitable but growth does not come automatically, without effort or without some risk.

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Sweet release



Susan Bandy clears her mind and strengthens her body at a yoga class at the Health and Fitness Connection.

Yoga offers participants a soothing break from reality

By Laura McFarland
SKIFF STAFF

Gemma DePrang laughs when she remembers one of her student's reaction to her first yoga class. The woman, a stressed mother of three, finished the class and told DePrang that she felt "all tingly."

She, like a growing number of TCU students, is one of the many stressed, frazzled or just plain burned out people who have discovered the benefits yoga can have on a stressful life.

"It's kind of like taking a vacation," said DePrang, a yoga instructor at the Health and Fitness Connection. "Workaholics don't do it, but when they finally do it, they think, 'Why didn't I do that sooner? I'm getting so much more done.'"

When DePrang talks about yoga, she easily lists the many benefits she credits to the exercise, which she said will help TCU students deal with stress from the many responsibilities they take on.

"It benefits everything as far as your mental, physical and spiritual well-being," DePrang said. "It gets all three. It helps you settle your mind, it helps you tone your body and it helps you gain flexibility, which releases some tightness. You just feel better, and when you feel better, you do better. You'll think more clearly."

Yoga, DePrang said, also has other

excellent health advantages. She said the most important focus in yoga is correct breathing, where the breath is taken from the diaphragm rather than the chest.

DePrang said that many people stay away from yoga because they expect chanting will be taking place, but she describes what people will find Fort Worth as "Western yoga," which emphasizes strength, balance, flexibility and then some stillness at the end.

"Fort Worth is pretty conservative so we don't chant," DePrang said.

In addition to the stigma of yoga being a strictly Eastern and mystical practice, DePrang said another reason people avoid classes is because they are worried they're not in the right physical condition, DePrang said.

"People of all fitness levels can come here," she said. "On a Monday morning I'll have a 19-year-old in my class and an 85-year-old in my class and we'll all sit there and go through it together."

Yoga continues to increase in popularity as people gain more knowledge about it and the healthy affects it can have.

Julie Pummill, a senior performance major, said she practices yoga to relax as well as to increase strength and tone her body.

"Yoga is a good way to start the morning because it refreshes the



Juanita Parish holds a position at her Monday morning yoga class at the Health and Fitness Connection.

mind," Pummill said. "It increases your consciousness of your body because you have to concentrate on positioning it. Yoga also helps me be aware of my breathing."

A growing number of people with tense, driven natures are being attracted to yoga, DePrang said, but many of these people, who may have a hard time settling, choose not to try yoga because they think it doesn't involve much movement.

"I can spout the benefits all day, but until they come visit the class, they don't get it," DePrang said. "Some people still feel like it's too slow, and they're the ones who need it the most."

Those who want the stress-relieving benefits yoga offers without the stillness have an option in Pilates, a more rhythmic exercise that emphasizes breath, like yoga, but it emphasizes stronger, more powerful breaths.

Pilates, said Jacque Crossin, a yoga

and pilates instructor at the Health and Fitness Connection, is a non-impact exercise system that uses a person's own body for resistance. Like yoga, Pilates helps with posture, flexibility, balance and strength.

Crossin, who has been teaching Pilates for the past year, said there is not very much stress in pilates.

"I have heard people mention that it is hard, especially people who are not in connection with their bodies," Crossin said. "People who come to the classes say that (the exercises) looks so simple, but they're really hard."

Both DePrang and Crossin agree that yoga and Pilates would be a beneficial addition to any student's life, because it gives them the time to slow down and spend one hour focusing solely on their mind and body.

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U.S. troops playing behind-the-scenes role in Macedonia

By Fisk Abrashi
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DEBELDE, Yugoslavia — Deep in the flinty mountains that separate Kosovo from Macedonia, American GIs in face paint and full combat gear lurk in the thick brush and peer out through night-vision goggles.

When suspected ethnic Albanian militants pass by, the U.S. troops take full advantage of the element of surprise. "Freeze and drop your weapons" they scream, bursting from their hiding places to seize arms and make arrests.

American forces may be playing a behind-the-scenes role in Macedonia, where only a few hundred are involved in support roles in NATO's British-led mission to collect arms from the insurgents. But they're on the front lines just over the border in Kosovo, intercepting hundreds of suspected rebels and thousands of weapons — a key demand of the Macedonian government.

"You cannot fight without

weapons, and we'll take away as many as we can from the rebels," said U.S. Army 1st Lt. Charles Canon, 25, of Clarksville, Tenn.

Over the past few days, U.S. troops with the NATO-led peace-keeping force in Kosovo have detained and questioned about 200 suspected rebels believed to have crossed into Kosovo from Macedonia, spokesman Howard Rhoades said.

Militants have been streaming into the predominantly ethnic Albanian province of Yugoslavia since a peace deal was signed this month in Macedonia.

The presence of U.S. and other NATO troops in Kosovo is strategic: The province is widely believed to be a main supply and transit route for Macedonia's rebels, who took up arms in February, saying they were fighting for greater rights for their ethnic minority. American forces will try to ensure the rebels don't stash away weapons in Kosovo rather than hand

them in to NATO soldiers.

In mid-June, the Kosovo peace-keeping force launched Operation Eagle, stepping up surveillance and interdiction. Two thousand Americans are taking part in the operation along with Germans, Poles, Ukrainians, Turks and Austrians.

The detainees are brought to Camp Bondsteel, the sprawling U.S. military base in Kosovo, for questioning. Most of those most recently arrested were unarmed, Rhoades said, suggesting that militants of the National Liberation Army are keeping their pledge to hand over their weapons.

U.S. Maj. Barry Johnson, the NATO spokesman in Macedonia, said Tuesday that the Kosovo detentions confirm "our beliefs that the NLA units are disbanding, are turn-

ing in their arms."

Canon's unit, the 2nd Squad, 2nd Battalion Charley Company out of Fort Campbell, Ky., patrols regularly and mans barbed-wire checkpoints set up to intercept known rebels and their supporters. The militants have used mules, horses, tractors and even trucks with false floors to transport weapons.

Macedonians have accused NATO of not doing enough to stop rebels and arms from moving between Kosovo and Macedonia. But Canon, whose men control a four-mile stretch of the border, concedes they can't stop every rebel.

"There are hundreds of small paths and tracks in my area of responsibility," he said. "Our disadvantage is that they know all the trails, since they made

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—Sgt. Kenneth S. Chaney

them for years. You walk on a trail, and then that trail leads to another trail, and that one leads to a third trail. Since we are here, and they can see us, they have stopped using these roads."

The work can be dangerous. Certain areas were heavily mined by Yugoslav forces as they withdrew after their crackdown on ethnic Albanians in Kosovo in 1998-99; in June, a U.S. soldier lost a foot when he stepped on a land mine. Last weekend, peacekeepers in another border sector exchanged gunfire with five rebels, one of whom was shot in the leg.

It can also be exhausting, involving surveillance work done overnight under cover of darkness.

In the Kosovo town of Vitina, just five miles north of the Macedonian border, Staff Sgt. Kenneth S. Chaney sat with other red-eyed soldiers from Charley Company after a night of hiding in the brush for "non-lethal ambushes" of suspected rebels.

"What is dangerous out there is that these guys carry their weapons cocked

and loaded as they walk," said Chaney, 24, of Middletown, Ohio. "All they have to do is point and shoot ... that's a scary thing."

But it's the rebels, caught by surprise by bellowing GIs, who are most frightened.

"They know that if we catch them, they're going to prison," Chaney said, proudly displaying photos of a recent interdiction: 27 AK-47 machine guns, a 90mm cannon with six rounds, 43 rocket-propelled grenades, 19 small rockets, 140mm high explosive rounds, cell phones, cigarettes and clothes.

Since the operation began, the peacekeepers have seized more than 155 assault or sniper rifles, 59 heavy machine guns, 65 anti-tank weapons and hundreds of thousands of rounds of ammunition, said Maj. Randy Martin, spokesman for the 5,400 U.S. troops currently in Kosovo.

"We are not here to help any war," Canon said. "We are here to promote the peace."

Johns Hopkins under fire for experiments

By John Biemer
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BALTIMORE — Johns Hopkins University, one of the world's top medical research institutions, has come under fire over a deadly asthma experiment and a lead-paint study on poor city children that has been likened to the infamous Tuskegee syphilis experiment.

The incidents have raised questions about whether medical institutions undertake more research than they can safely monitor.

"It's unfortunate that the premier medical research institute in the U.S. has all of these problems conducting basic peer review and review of the ethical component of the research it's conducting," said John H. Noble, a Catholic University health policy professor and member of the Alliance for Human Research Protection. "We need checks and balances, and that's the fundamental flaw in the system."

After healthy 24-year-old volunteer Ellen Roche died after inhaling a drug in the asthma study in June, the federal Office for Human Research Protections said, among other things, that Hopkins' review board was overworked.

The government shut down most of Hopkins' 2,400 federally funded experiments for five days, an action the university called unwarranted. Regulators are allowing the studies to resume one at a time.

Two weeks ago, the Maryland

Court of Appeals condemned a study testing levels of lead-paint exposure in poor children by the Kennedy Krieger Institute, a Hopkins affiliate. The ruling permitted lawsuits filed on behalf of two children who allegedly suffered brain damage to go forward.

In the study, landlords were paid to recruit about 100 families with healthy children to live in their homes during the early 1990s. Children — who can develop brain damage if they eat lead paint chips — were to be tested periodically to see how well methods developed to reduce the levels of lead-based paint were working.

Judge Dale R. Cathell likened the research to experiments conducted on prisoners at the Buchenwald concentration camp during World War II and to the Tuskegee Syphilis Study, in which the disease was left untreated in poor black men in Alabama.

All U.S. research institutions are required to have review boards by the federal government, which sets and oversees the guidelines.

The review boards — which consist largely of university-affiliated doctors and administrators — are there to weigh the potential risks and benefits of various experiments and to make sure that subjects have been properly informed and have given their consent.

When an institution applies for a federal grant for the research, the federal agency — the National Insti-

tutes of Health, for example — generally does not get involved in oversight of risks. An exception is when an experimental drug is tested on humans. The Food and Drug Administration then must approve the use.

Tom Tomlinson, a Michigan State medical ethics professor, said more resources need to be devoted to re-viewing institutional research.

"With the tremendous increase in the sheer number and complexity of research going on, it's becoming harder and harder for these committees to find the time they need to really look at these protocols carefully," he said.

Noble said the review boards are not just stretched thin, but also suffer conflicts of interest rooted in doing "business as sub-units of the very institution that gets them funded." The review boards may even rubber-stamp approval if a researcher's reputation is well-established, he said.

Alan Milstein, an attorney who sued the University of Pennsylvania on behalf of the family of an 18-year-old man who died in a 1999 gene therapy experiment, said centers such as Hopkins are "conducting more studies than they can possibly monitor."

"What I've been saying all along is where we're going to see the problems is the top institutions," Milstein said. "That's where the money is, that's where the arrogance is, and that's where the studies are."

Johns Hopkins stands tall among

medical research institutions. Its doctors developed CPR and won the Nobel Prize for discovering enzymes that gave birth to the genetic engineering industry.

For the 11th year in a row, U.S. News & World Report ranked it the top American hospital. Its medical school ranked second to Harvard. Last year, Hopkins got \$301 million in grants from NIH — the most in the country.

Following the shutdown of Hopkins' studies, the university announced several steps, including the creation of a fourth review board to oversee experiments. A year ago, it had two.

"If we can demonstrate, and I think we have demonstrated, we are doing everything we need to do to ensure the safety of our patients, then they certainly will continue to trust us," Hopkins spokeswoman Joann Rodgers said.

Despite the university's problems, Dr. Jordan Cohen, president of the Association of American Medical Colleges, said Hopkins' reputation — and federal funding — are not threatened.

"I think, in the aggregate, Johns Hopkins is such a spectacularly successful research institution that it certainly deserves all the respect that it gets," he said. "There are always risks involved in any research, and bad things happen from time to time."

Rivas defends escapees' motives on the stand

By Susan Parrott
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS — Convicted killer George Rivas took jurors step-by-step through his Dec. 13 prison escape Tuesday, portraying himself and his gang as humane men who went to great lengths to avoid hurting guards and other inmates in the breakout.

"Quite honestly, if we wanted to be brutal, we had sledgehammers," he said. "We had axes. We had huge pieces of steel rebar and pipes. The reason every single one is alive is because we didn't want to hurt them."

Rivas took the stand in an effort to avoid the death penalty in the sentencing phase of his trial in the Dec. 24 death of Irving police Officer Aubrey Hawkins. Defense attorneys are seeking a life sentence.

Rivas said he intended to handcuff Hawkins and shot him once in each shoulder because he thought the officer was reaching for his gun. Rivas said his gun may have been fired an-

other time but he doesn't remember. "Someone told me I ran over one of the duffle bags," he said as the officer's widow, Lori, cried. "Not until I came into this courtroom did I know it actually was Mr. Hawkins."

Prosecutors have said the shooters used bullets carved to have greater impact. But Rivas said he used the least damaging bullets available.

"It's got very little penetration," he said. "It's the least deadly you can buy except for a rubber bullet."

While testifying about the escape and the gang of seven's time on the lam, Rivas smiled at times and was animated while detailing the plans.

"I wasn't going to die an old man in prison," Rivas, 31, said.

When Rivas escaped, he was serving 17 life sentences for two robberies, along with another life sentence for violating probation for a home burglary.

"I'm a convict," Rivas said. "I robbed and I'm wrong for it, but I'm still a human being."

Former Teamsters pres faces perjury charges

By Larry Neumeister
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Former Teamsters President Ron Carey went on trial on perjury charges Tuesday, with a prosecutor saying he lied about the diversion of union funds to his re-election campaign to protect his image as a crusader against corruption.

Carey, 64, is accused of perjury and making false statements to a grand jury, a review board and investigators. His 1996 re-election victory over James P. Hoffa was overturned after investigators found that his campaign had indirectly used about \$885,000 in union money. Unions are not allowed to use their own money to fund election campaigns.

If convicted, Carey could get up to five years in prison on each of seven counts.

Carey, a former truck driver, is a decent and a honorable man, "neither a liar nor a perjurer," defense attorney Mark J. Hukower said. "He would not be and was never party to a scheme to divert money from the union."

Carey rose to the Teamsters presidency in 1991 in an election super-

vised by the Justice Department as a part of a government effort to rid the 1.4-million-member union of mob influence.

But by the time Carey faced re-election, the union was facing a financial crisis; its net worth had fallen from \$152 million to less than \$20 million.

The crisis, Landis said, came as Carey's campaign was running out of cash, and unable to counter Hoffa's heavy advertising.

Carey's team devised a scheme calling for the Teamsters to make large donations to political action committees with the understanding that private individuals would in turn make large contributions to Carey's campaign, Landis said.

At first, Carey did not know about the deal and rejected the first \$225,000 Teamsters donation, she said. But a telephone call from his political consultant, Jerre Nash, changed things, she said.

To cover up what he knew about the scheme, Carey lied 63 times to an election officer, a grand jury, the chief investigator for a review board, and the board itself, prosecutors said.

San Antonio lawyer named to state's high court

By Kelley Shannon
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — A San Antonio attorney who specializes in labor and employment law at a prominent firm was named Tuesday to the Texas Supreme Court by Gov. Rick Perry.

Xavier Rodriguez, a partner at Fulbright & Jaworski, replaces Greg Abbott, who resigned from the state's highest civil court to run for lieutenant governor.

"As a governor, I'm committed to appointing the best and the brightest among our state's legal community to places on the bench," Perry said.

Accompanied by his wife, Raelen, and two young daughters as Perry announced his appointment at the Texas Capitol, Rodriguez joked that his children once called the building "Cinderella's palace."

"But in many ways, as a first generation Mexican-American and a native of south San Antonio, I guess this is sort of a dream come true to be standing in this building today," he said. "I appreciate the opportunity."

He said he hopes to start his new job by Sept. 12.

Rodriguez is the second San Antonio lawyer Perry has appointed to the nine-member court. Wallace Jefferson, also an appellate lawyer in private practice, was appointed earlier this year, becoming the court's first black justice.

Rodriguez, 39, said that, like many Hispanics, he grew up in a Democratic household. He became a Republican as an adult.

He said he would not bring a particular ideological stance to the court and said he expected to follow the

court's "moderate" tradition of the past few years.

"He understands members of the judiciary have a mandate to interpret the law, not create it," Perry said.

The judicial seat will be on the statewide election ballot in 2002, and Rodriguez plans to run for the post.

He earned a bachelor's degree from Harvard in 1983. He entered a joint degree program at the University of Texas and in 1987 received a law degree from the UT law school and a master's degree from the LBJ School of Public Affairs.

The governor said Rodriguez's Hispanic heritage was not the main factor in his selection.

However, Rodriguez said that in addition to having qualified judges on the court, it is important to have diversity. Susan Weddington, chairman of

the Republican Party of Texas, said with Rodriguez's selection, Perry "has once again reaffirmed his commitment to appointing qualified minorities to the highest levels of Texas government."

Texas For Public Justice, a self-described government watchdog group, praised the ethnic diversity Rodriguez's appointment provides the court. But Cris Feldman, the organization's staff attorney, said his selection underscores a growing appearance that the court is beholden to large corporate defense firms.

"Mr. Rodriguez comes from a silk stocking firm, just as all the other sitting justices," Feldman said.

Texas For Public Justice has spoken out against signing bonuses paid to Texas Supreme Court law clerks by private firms.

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Horoscopes

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Don't let your guard down yet. An authority figure could pop into your life at any moment, wanting a full report on your recent activities. Your homework had better be done. Be prepared!

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — You're coasting. You have it made, but you may not even know it yet. Be a student. Let a special person teach you something about love. All you have to do is listen.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Business comes before pleasure again. Get serious. Do you have a retirement plan? Health insurance? Stop waiting for others to take care of you. Take care of yourself.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Sometimes it's nice to be told what to do. By somebody you trust, of course — somebody who actually knows what they're talking about. If you know somebody like that, you're in luck. If they haven't already told you, call them up and ask.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — You keep grinding through the same old routine. You should have it

memorized by now. No point in resisting. You might as well get good at it. Looks like whatever you're doing is profitable, even if it is a drudge at times. Think of a way to make it better.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Follow through on a promise you made to a person you love very much. Be there when this person wants someone to talk to. Being there is one of the most important things there is.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — If you have company over tonight, have them bring the food. Pot lucks are great. Or maybe you could send out for Chinese. Don't volunteer to cook a big feast or host a slumber party for the kids. You won't be in the mood. Better yet, take your mom's advice: chicken soup and lots of rest.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Your friends can teach you a thing or two. Whatever it is you want to know, just ask them. Money you send far away can help you achieve a dream close to home.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — You've

proven you're a responsible adult and not just a clown. Sure, you have a great sense of humor, but you know how to keep a lid on it. Make it work for you, not against you. Don't make a joke about the boss's nose just as she's about to give you a compliment.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You could get further than you ever thought possible. You've hoped and schemed and struggled and saved up, but it might be kind of scary to actually get there. Don't worry. You can be counted on to come up with another challenge. Relax and enjoy the view!

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Finish old business, and stay awake. Changes could come quickly, and you don't want to be caught off guard. Keep an eye on the details and the bottom line. Keep costs down, and you'll be rewarded.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — You are so cute! How can anybody resist you? They can't, but you should still play by the rules. True, you're drawing attention, but don't forget that you're also setting an example for the others.

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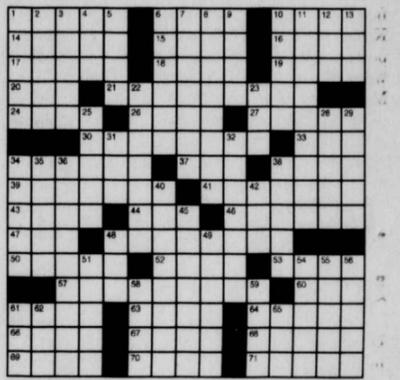


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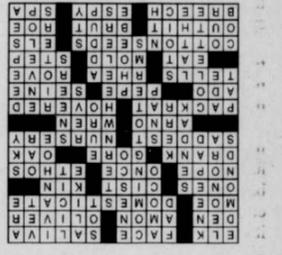
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Phil Flickinger



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Aaron Brown



THIS IS SO SWEET! NO MORE DORM ROOM BLUES, SPEECH WE'VE GOT OUR VERY OWN HOUSE! BUT MOVING IN CAN BE SUCH A PAIN.

JOHN! WHAT ARE YOU DOING? I FOUND THIS PLACE, I PLAYED THE DEPOSIT, I SHOULD GET THE MASTER BEDROOM!

NOT SO, RUDY-POD. I HAVE A GIRLFRIEND. YOU PROBABLY WILL NEVER HAVE A DATE. THE GETTING-SOME RULE SUPERCEDES ALL OTHER ROOM PRIORITIES.

HEY NOW RUDY, GET OFF MY BED BEFORE YOU JINK IT WITH YOUR ANTI-MOJO.

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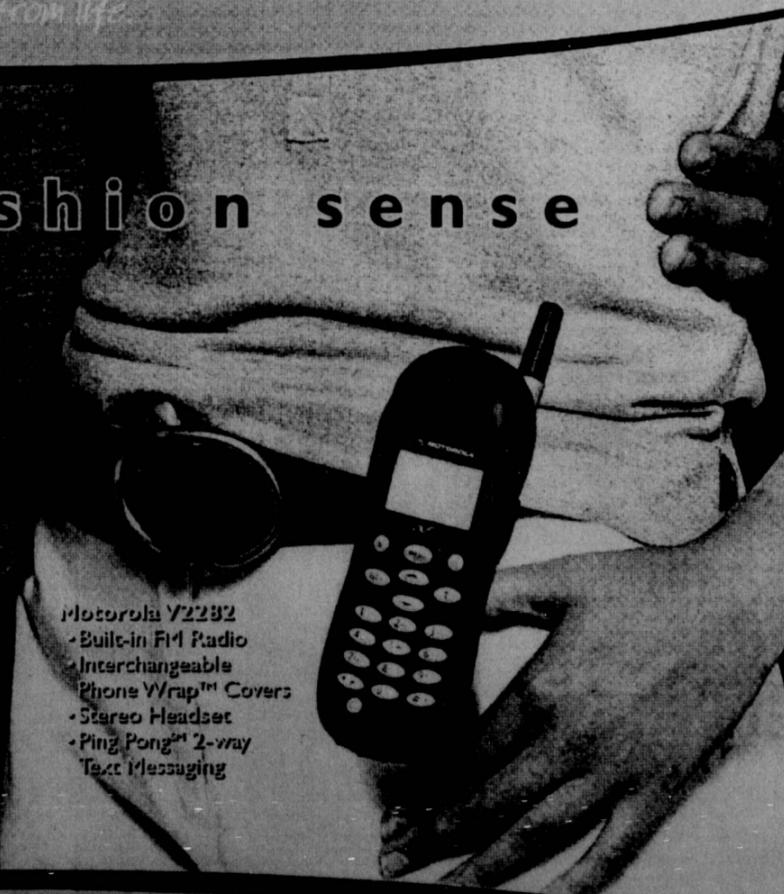
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SPORTS BRIEFS

NCAA places USC on probation for fraud

Los Angeles, Calif. (U-WIRE) — Following a lengthy academic fraud investigation, the NCAA placed the University of Southern California on two years probation Thursday and stripped the school of two football scholarships and half of a swimming and diving scholarships.

The penalty, which does not include a ban from postseason play or television appearances, calls for the two and a half scholarships to be deducted for the 2002-2003 academic year.

The academic fraud violations included three separate occurrences, from the summer of 1996 to the spring of 1998, when employees of the university's Student Athlete Academic Services (SAAS) substantially composed academic papers for three student-athletes.

In all three instances a tutor was asked by an assistant coach or a student-athlete to assist in preparing a paper for specific class assignments.

Two of the three violations were discovered during a USC investigation into its SAAS program in 1997 and all incidents were reported to the Pacific-10 Conference.

The first violation occurred in the summer of 1996 when Christopher Kit Cairney, the Learning Support Coordinator for SAAS, completed a political science paper for wide receiver Mike Bastianelli.

—Daily Trojan

they said it



"It makes me feel good they appreciated the game. It shows what kind of fans they have when they don't boo you and have no remorse. Compared to other teams' fans, they were pretty decent."

— junior defensive tackle John Turntine, referring to the standing ovation he received Saturday in Nebraska when he was carted off the field.

today in sports history

1971 — Hank Aaron became the first baseball player in the National League to drive in 100 or more runs in each of 11 seasons.

1977 — Lou Brock achieved the 893rd stolen base of his baseball career — breaking the major-league mark set by Ty Cobb.

1984 — Edwin Moses won the 400-meter hurdles in track competition in Europe. It was the track star's 108th consecutive victory.

Getting to know

East Carolina Pirates

Location: Greenville, N.C.
Enrollment: 17,479
Founded: 1907

Colors: Purple and gold
President: William V. Muse
Sports: Baseball, football, men's and women's golf, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's cross country, men's and women's soccer, men's and women's swimming, men's and women's track
History: ECU, founded in 1907, is the third-largest institution of the 16-campus University of North Carolina system. It has a work force of more than 3,700, a faculty numbering more than 1,200 and a budget of \$450 million.

to our readers

The Skiff sports staff wants to know how we are doing. We welcome your comments, suggestions, rants and raves. E-mail us at (skiffletters@tcu.edu) or drop by Moudy 291S. Selected letters will be printed on the sports page.

Tryouts cancelled due to lack of participation

By Colleen Casey
SKIFF STAFF

The first ever open tryout for walk-on volleyball players was cancelled Tuesday because no prospective players showed up for it.

Head coach Sandy Trout said she scheduled the tryout with good intentions and uncertainty. TCU volleyball was searching for new talent within the student body.

"It's wide-open and we just (had) to

see what we get," Trout said.

Senior middle blocker Allison Lynch said the no-show was not caused by a lack of interest in the program.

"I think the support is growing and more fans are showing up each year," Lynch said. "People are always telling me on campus they're excited about coming to the matches this year so I don't think it is a negative at all."

Despite this year's absence of walk-

on prospects, the coaching staff hasn't decided if they will conduct a similar open tryout next season.

The NCAA does not have a rule that addresses mandating open tryouts for any sport. It allows a particular institution's coaching staff to make the decision, a spokeswoman for Conference USA said.

The team has been very open to recruiting walk-on athletes, assistant coach Chris Rudiger said.

"We've always tried to encourage non-scholarship players as best as we can," Rudiger said.

Rudiger said one interested student contacted her earlier, however the prospect did not attend the tryout.

Lynch didn't think the canceled tryout would hurt the program.

"I don't think a lot of Division I programs have many walk-ons," Lynch said. "It would have been nice if someone would have shown up and con-

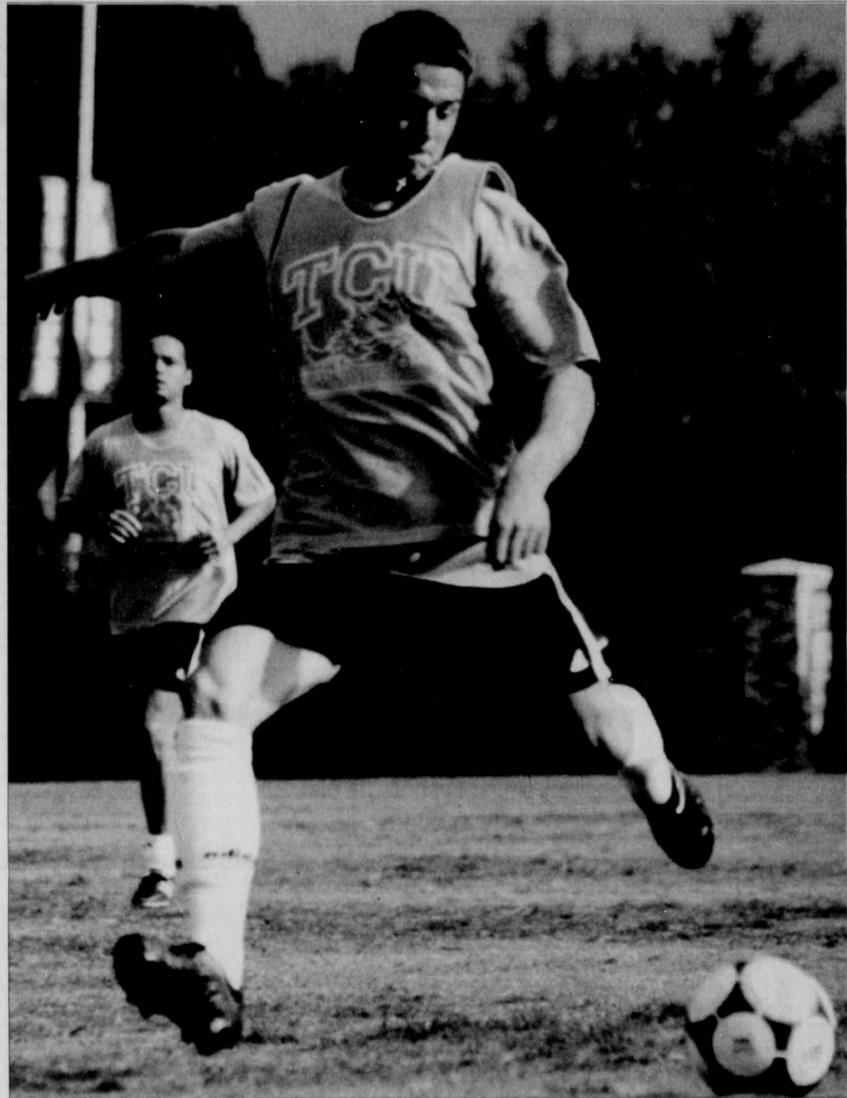
tributed, but it wasn't really expected."

The 2001 Volley Frogs currently have two freshman non-scholarship players, setter Elizabeth Bateman and defensive specialist Amber Buehler, who were both previously recruited.

Staff reporter Jordan Blum contributed to this report.

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FANCY FEET



Junior defender Michael Blackburn dribbles the ball in practice Tuesday. Blackburn is one of four men's soccer players on scholarship. The Frog's first game is 8 p.m. Friday at Vanderbilt.

David Dunai/SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Violations review expanded at SWT

More student-athletes suspected of receiving financial benefits

ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN MARCOS — A review of athletes who received "extra financial benefits" from the Southland Conference and the NCAA in May, LaFleur said, and 11 baseball players, two softball players and four track and field athletes were withheld from contests for the violations.

Expansion of the review to cover the fall 2000 semester probably means that athletes in most of the athletic programs may be affected and will be withheld from future competitions, LaFleur said.

The softball, baseball and track and field teams might again lose athletes for a specific number of contests, as well as the basketball and women's tennis programs, LaFleur said.

It was discovered in May, the athletic director said, that the University Bookstore had changed its procedure several semesters previously on how textbooks are checked out to athletes — a change that led some athletes to assume after receiving their required textbooks that they still had a credit on their bookstore account.

The "extra financial benefits," LaFleur said, were books received that were not required for

the athletes' classes.

The university is awaiting a reply from the Southland Conference and the NCAA as to the number of football players that may be withheld from Thursday's opening game with the University of Arkansas-Monticello, LaFleur said.

NCAA regulations dictate that only required textbooks can be provided to student athletes. In some cases, LaFleur said, athletes received books that were recommended, but not required. In other cases, the athletes gave extra books to teammates who were not on athletic scholarships, or to friends.

When a student athlete receives an extra financial benefit, NCAA regulations dictate that the athlete must pay back the amount of money of the benefit received and be withheld from competitions based on a sliding scale of the dollar amount of the benefit:

— For amounts under \$100, no further penalty.

— Between \$100 and \$300, the athlete is withheld from 10 percent of the competitions for that season, or a future season if the season has already been completed.

— Between \$300 and \$500, the athlete is withheld from 20 percent of the competitions.

In addition to these penalties, the involved SWT athletes will lose the book portion of their scholarship for at least one semester.

Family of late Florida State football player planning lawsuit

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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — The family of a Florida State linebacker who died after an off-season workout has notified the university it will sue the school, alleging negligence contributed to Devaughn Darling's death.

A law firm representing Darling's parents, Dennis Darling Sr. and Wendy Smith, notified university of-

ficials of the pending suit in a letter Aug. 8.

Under state law, plaintiffs must inform state agencies, including universities, if they intend to sue.

The letter, by lawyer Michael A. Lewis, alleged that Florida State trainers ignored Darling's signs of extreme fatigue and that he was deprived of fluids during the off-season conditioning drills, the Orlando Sen-

tinel reported.

Lewis told Houston television station KRIV-TV: "We have filed a notice of intent to sue, which basically puts the university on notice there's a potential lawsuit coming up if we can't settle within the six-month period typically used to see if these matters can be resolved."

Florida State University general counsel Richard McFarlain could not

be reached for comment Tuesday.

Darling, who was 18 and from Houston, collapsed Feb. 26 at an athletic building on campus after a 90-minute workout with teammates.

The medical examiner found no conclusive cause for Darling's death, but did find a sickle-cell trait which has been linked to lower resistance to a possible irregular heartbeat during intense exercise.

A team doctor pointed out shortly after Darling's death, however, that the sickle-cell trait, which is not the same as sickle cell anemia, is carried by thousands of athletes at top competitive levels.

An investigative report released in April by the university police cleared coaches and trainers of blame in Darling's death.

Rangers' utility player close to qualifying as a batting leader in the American League

By Stephen Hawkins
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ARLINGTON — Frank Catalanotto wasn't expected to be an everyday player for the Texas Rangers this season. As a utility player, he was only rarely expected to appear in the outfield.

Now Catalanotto is the starting left fielder for the Rangers — and about to be in the thick of the American League batting race.

Catalanotto has the AL's longest current hitting streak at 12 games and is batting .341 in 396 plate appearances — 10 away from qualifying to be among the league leaders.

Once Catalanotto catches up, he'll be closing in on Seattle's Ichiro Suzuki (.347), the AL's top hitter, and Cleveland's Juan Gonzalez (.344), a former two-time AL MVP for the Rangers.

"I really can't explain it," Catalanotto said. "Playing every day, you just get more comfortable, and that's basically what it's been for me. I always knew I was a .300 hitter, but to be hitting this high, I didn't know about that."

Catalanotto's primary role last season — after coming from Detroit in a nine-player deal that sent Gonzalez out of Texas — was as a backup infielder and pinch-hitter when he hit .291. He played 103 games, making 66 starts at second base, DH and first base while also going 10-for-28 (.347) as a pinch-hitter.

Former manager Johnny Oates gave Catalanotto limited work in the outfield during spring training this year just to increase his versatility.

But it wasn't until three days after Oates resigned that Catalanotto played in the outfield. When Ruben Mateo complained of headaches and dizziness before a game May 7 against the Chicago White Sox, new manager Jerry Narron started Catalanotto in right field.

Then Chad Curtis was sidelined with a pulled right hamstring, and Ricky Ledee was out because of arthroscopic surgery on his left knee. Mateo struggled so much that he was sent back to the minors and eventually traded. Then left

fielder and leadoff hitter Rusty Greer went on the disabled list June 12 because of a pulled left hamstring.

As a result, Catalanotto has started 48 games in left field and 14 in right field — even with Ledee and Curtis healthy again.

"The big thing is that he's just gotten a chance to play and he's taken advantage of it," Narron said.

Catalanotto is hitting a major league-best .453 (43-for-95) in August, even after going 1-for-9 in the Rangers' 18-inning win against Boston over the weekend. His fourth-inning single Sunday extended his hitting streak and snapped an 0-for-10 slump at the same time.

Greer, who had season-ending back surgery Aug. 3, is signed through 2004. His return could displace Catalanotto, or the Rangers could utilize Greer as a DH and part-time first baseman.

"I really haven't thought about it," Narron said. "You don't even know exactly what the makeup will be of this club next spring. But Catalanotto will get a lot of play-

C-USA roundup

Football

	C-USA games			All games						
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.	Hm.	Rd.	Neutral	Strk.
Louisville	0	0	—	1	0	1.000	1-0	0-0	0-0	W1
Army	0	0	—	0	0	—	0-0	0-0	0-0	—
Cincinnati	0	0	—	0	0	—	0-0	0-0	0-0	—
East Carolina	0	0	—	0	0	—	0-0	0-0	0-0	—
Houston	0	0	—	0	0	—	0-0	0-0	0-0	—
Memphis	0	0	—	0	0	—	0-0	0-0	0-0	—
Southern Miss	0	0	—	0	0	—	0-0	0-0	0-0	—
UAB	0	0	—	0	0	—	0-0	0-0	0-0	—
TCU	0	0	—	0	1	.000	0-0	0-1	0-0	L1
Tulane	0	0	—	0	1	.000	1-0	0-1	0-0	L1
Last week's results										
TCU	.7									
Nebraska	.21									
Saturday's games										
TCU at North Texas	7:05 p.m.									
Montana State at UAB	7 p.m.									
Oklahoma State at Southern Miss	11 a.m.									
Louisville at Kentucky	12:30 p.m.									
Wake Forest at East Carolina	7 p.m.									
Last week's players of the week										
Special teams — TCU junior Joey Blassatt returned eight punts for 143 yards. Returned his first punt 85 yards for a touchdown.										
Offensive — Louisville quarterback Dave Ragone, threw for 272 yards and three touchdowns, including a 44-yarder to Deion Branch.										
Defensive — TCU freshman Marvin Godbolt had five tackles for 37 yards lost in his first game.										