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OnCampus

BYU student claims N'SYNC singer stole song

PROVO, Utah (U-WIRE) — Brigham Young University student and songwriter Clinton Poulsen is accusing Justin Timberlake of N'SYNC of stealing parts of one of his songs and putting it in the group's "Celebrity" album.

Poulsen alleges that while under contract with Wright Entertainment, the song "See Right Through You," which he wrote last March, was placed into Timberlake's hands and put onto the "Celebrity" album under Timberlake's name.

"Justin had at least five different ways of access to my song, including my manager, Doug Brown," Poulsen said.

Brown, vice president and artist developer of Wright Entertainment, also manages N'SYNC. Poulsen said Brown originally denied Timberlake ever heard the song but hinted that it was a possibility and said he would sit down and confront Timberlake about it.

"But we never heard back from him," Poulsen said. "I kind of had to cut ties with him because there was no trust there at all."

Poulsen said N'SYNC producer Max Martin encouraged him to enter a contest on the Internet site Tonos.com. "See Right Through You" is the song that he wrote for that contest.

In legal papers sent to Jive Records and several other record companies, Poulsen's attorney, Wayne Rooks, is ordering immediate ceasing "from any further manufacture, sale, copying reproduction, public performance or other exploitation" of "See Right Through You."

— The Daily Universe

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TOMORROW

High: 56; **Low:** 32; Sunny

SATURDAY

High: 67; **Low:** 41; Mostly sunny

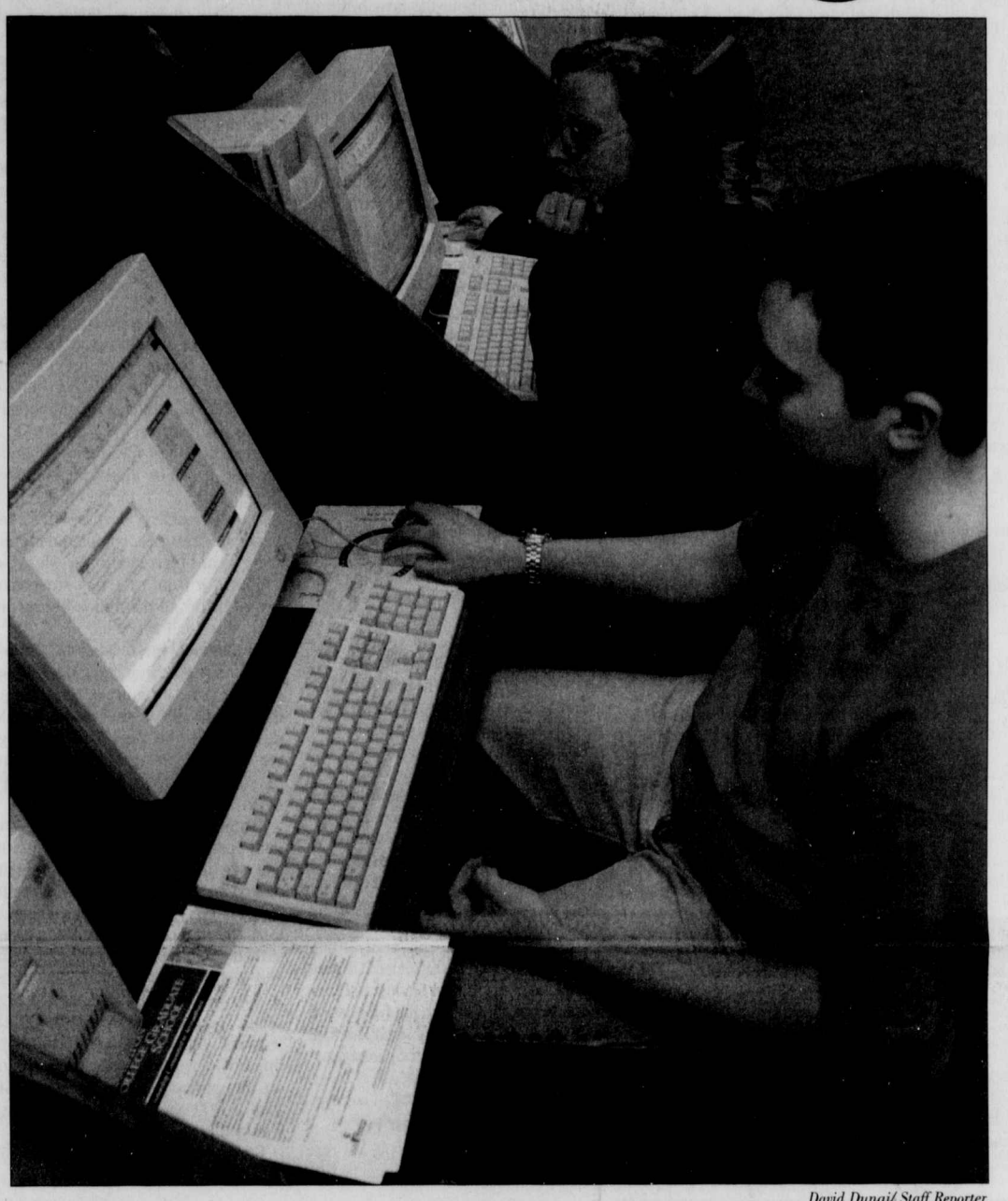
LookingBack

1848 — A millwright named James Marshall discovered gold along the banks of Sutter's Creek in California, forever changing the course of history in the American West.

1908 — The Boy Scout movement began in England with the publication of the first installment of Robert Baden-Powell's *Scouting for Boys.*

1927 — Young director Alfred Hitchcock's first film, *The Pleasure Garden*, was released in England.

Job Hunting



David Dunai/ Staff Reporter

Trevor Hodne, an August 2001 graduate, and Kathryn Ellis, a May 2001 graduate, search for jobs on the Internet at the Career Services office Wednesday. Career Services sponsored Senior Conference 2002 to help with the employment search last weekend.

Economic slowdown may affect employment search

BY DAVID DUNAI
Staff Reporter

Seniors graduating in 2002 will have a tougher time finding jobs than graduates have in previous years because of the economic slow down, Carolyn Ulrickson, director of Career Services, said Wednesday.

Ulrickson said this difficulty does not mean that employment opportunities are not available and that Career Services will continue to help students find the job that would suit them the best.

Doug Brown, assistant director of the Graduate Career Service Center at the M.J. Neeley School of Business, said big employers have been impacted by the economic slowdown.

Currently, big companies work on keeping their employees instead of hiring new ones and they focus more on internships as an option for newcomers, Brown said.

"There is a sense of wait-and-see attitude among companies, but there are signs that yield for some optimism that the economy would start to go up," Brown said.

Ulrickson said financial, investment, banking, energy and industrial companies are the most likely to hire through on-campus recruiting, but generally opportunities are available for everyone.

She said companies hire all majors because they look for employment candidates who have a college degree.

Last weekend, Career Services sponsored the Senior Conference 2002, a two-day series of workshops and lectures with guest speakers and recruitment officers to

(More on JOBS, *page 6)*

TCU PD flyers to notify students susceptible to theft

BY ANTHONY KIRCHNER
Staff Reporter

Students who leave valuables such as compact discs, cell phones and backpacks in their vehicles may find a flyer on their windshield from the TCU Police this semester, Officer Pam Christian with Crime Prevention at TCU, said.

Vehicle theft is something that TCU Police are trying to combat against by starting a new prevention program this semester to educate students about the danger of leaving valuables in their vehicles, Christian said.

The flyer program was created because of the high number of vehicle breaks in the TCU area, Christian said. The department did not have specific numbers regarding the number of break-ins last year. "TCU Police will place flyers on vehicles that have valuables located in plain view as a crime prevention tool that will hopefully cut down some of our property loss at TCU," Christian said.

If a TCU officer sees something obvious that might encourage someone to break into a vehicle, the officer will leave a flyer on the windshield.

"I never thought about this until it was too late. Now I always check to make sure everything of value is hidden when I park my car."

— Devon Glick

Devon Glick, a senior advertising/public relations major, had her vehicle broken into last summer at TCU. She had a backpack, textbooks and a CD Walkman stolen from the back seat of her vehicle.

Glick said she thinks the new flyer program is a good idea.

"I never thought about this until it was too late," Glick said. "Now I always check to make sure everything of value is hidden when I park my car."

Christian said she hopes these flyers will let students know that it's not good to leave valuables in their vehicles.

"We want to keep students from loosing property in the future," Christian said.

The TCU Police officers said removing all valuables, rolling up windows and locking vehicle doors will greatly reduce the chances of students becoming a statistic and will assist police in preventing vehicle theft.

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Faculty debate over CUE proposal continues

Limited faculty input, balance of disciplines top issues of concern

BY BRANDON ORTIZ
Staff Reporter

Amid controversy surrounding the proposed Common Undergraduate Experience, one of the architects of the document said he will send an e-mail response addressing concerns to all faculty Thursday or Friday.

The CUE is a complete overhaul of the university's curriculum that has been in progress for more than a year.

Phil Hartman, a member of the UCR Drafting Committee that created the CUE, said he will send an e-mail rebuttal answering criticisms that the proposed core squeezes out areas in the humanities and was created with little faculty input.

Debate sparked Friday when 15 faculty members sent an e-mail to all faculty calling for a reevaluation of the CUE. The letter, authored primarily by religion professor Claudia Camp and distributed by philosophy professor Gregg Franzwa, criticized the CUE for having a "strong social sciences bent" and failing to provide students with enough courses in the humanities.

Authors of the letter said they had little or no input in drafting the CUE.

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Magazine lists TCU 14th best college value

BY DAVID REESE
Staff Reporter

TCU officials say a recent national ranking that lists the university as one of the, "15 great schools at great prices" is right on the money.

In the November/December issue of *Careers & Colleges* magazine, the university was ranked the 14th best college value in the nation.

Dean of Admissions Ray Brown said TCU is a great value for many reasons.

"TCU has a national-class faculty, national-class student body and world-class facilities," Brown said.

He said TCU is also located in a terrific city with wonderful weather.

Brown said in addition to the great benefits of Fort Worth, TCU's cost is one of the most reasonable in the realm of private universities.

Ben Alexander, director of admissions marketing, said in comparison to other private universities, TCU has a lower cost with higher benefits.

"TCU has a national-class faculty, national-class student body and world-class facilities."

— Ray Brown

The TCU Web site estimates that with tuition and all other expenses including living on campus, a student will pay approximately $20,762 a year.

In comparison, according to the Southern Methodist University Web site, a student's total cost is estimated at $28, 349. The Web site of Rice University said that tuition and fees are approximately $23,294.

Brown said that the cost of the TCU education is

(More on VALUE, *page 6)*

Testing the limits

Molly Beurman/SKIFF STAFF

Jennifer Hawkins, a sophomore biology major, and Yi Zhang, a graduate student, experiment in an organic chemistry lab Wednesday.

THE PULSE

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CampusLines

Your bulletin board for campus events

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.

• **The Computer Help Desk** has moved to the new Information Commons area located in the Mary Couts Burnett Library. The phone number and e-mail address are the same as before. For more information call (817)257-6855.

• **The Intensive English Program** has moved to the south part of the Student Center basement, Rooms B16 and B17. The phone number and the address is the same.

• **RTVF film series** will present the 1946 film "Notorious" 7 p.m. tonight in Moudy Building, Room 164S. The film stars Cary Grant and Ingrid Bergman.

• **Insights-faculty artists exhibit** will run through Feb. 14 in the Moudy Building North foyer. The exhibit will feature the newest works of TCU faculty artists.

• **Leadership Center** deadline to sign up for leadership classes is Friday. Sign up online at www.sds.tcu.edu.

• **Free movie passes** are available now for "Kissing Jessica Stein" previewing 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at AMC Palace 9. The passes can be picked up at the TCU Daily Skiff office, Moudy Building South, Room 291.

• **"In a New York Minute" art-show** deadline for turning in pieces is Friday. Works should be brought to Moudy Building North, Room 212N or 214N. The show will run from Jan. 28 to Feb. 8 in the Student Center.

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Campus/StateRoundup

University of Texas deals with meningitis death

AUSTIN (AP) — Officials at the University of Texas at Austin on Wednesday planned to notify more students who may have been in class with a student who died of suspected bacterial meningitis.

Joseph Slade Blackstock, 21, of Benbrook, died Tuesday shortly after arriving at Brackenridge Hospital about 4 a.m. He was a junior studying business and lived in an off-campus apartment.

University officials on Tuesday began contacting Blackstock's friends who may have gone back to Benbrook with Blackstock over the weekend.

Tarrant County health officials also are contacting individuals who spent time with Blackstock, the Austin-American Statesman reported Wednesday.

The disease is spread by sneezing, coughing, kissing or sharing food, drinks or cigarettes.

University officials say because of the timing of his illness, it's unlikely there is a risk to classmates.

Health officials from the university, country and state on Tuesday began trying to figure out Blackstock's whereabouts to make sure anyone who may have had close contact with him recently seeks medical attention.

Officials say Blackstock probably did not attend classes Friday and went home to North Texas over the weekend, where he spent time with as many as 15 people from various colleges before returning to Austin on Sunday.

He began showing symptoms Monday, a school holiday, and arrived at the hospital about 4 a.m. Tuesday. He died about 10 a.m.

Based on that scenario, UT health officials say it is unlikely there was a risk to students in his class.

On Tuesday, university health officials distributed the antibiotic Cipro to about 150 students who attended class last Thursday with Blackstock. Officials stopped distributing the medicine when it was determined that he did not show symptoms until Monday.

Blackstock had just transferred to Austin from Texas Tech, where he enrolled after graduating from Western Oaks High School near Fort Worth.

Qatar, University of Texas discuss new campus

AUSTIN (U-WIRE)—University of Texas President Larry Faulkner said Tuesday representatives from the Persian Gulf country of Qatar have approached him about the possibility of starting a satellite business campus in the oil-rich region.

Faulkner said UT officials already had "feelers out" for about a year regarding the potential creation of a petroleum engineering campus outside the capital city of Doha, where the country plans to create an "education city." Qatar has contracted with Cornell University to start a medical school in the area in the fall, according to The Associated Press.

Since June 2001 the Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development has been negotiating with University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill about establishing an undergraduate business degree program. While Faulkner said he doesn't know if discussion between the two groups faltered, he did say a representative of Qatar's head of state visited the UT campus recently.

Faulkner said he would soon contact Cornell officials about their dealings with the foundation and then possibly discuss the opportunity further with the Qatar representatives.

Faulkner said the move probably would give some UT professors the chance to teach in the country. He added, however, he isn't sure of the possible size of the operation or how many faculty openings would be available.

The parties did not go into too much detail regarding the project's timeframe or what the program's curriculum would be, Faulkner said.

Capital for the project, Faulkner said, would have to come from Qatar and supporters of the would-be agreement -- not from the University.

According to The Associated Press, North Carolina school leaders submitted a proposal by which the foundation would pay $28 million a year, including faculty pay and benefit packages.

A & M gets low voter turnout in Bonfire survey

COLLEGE STATION (U-WIRE)— Bonfire 2002 planners are disappointed at the dismal response to the survey undertaken last week to gauge student support for the drastically revamped Aggie Bonfire. Only 12,000 Texas A&M University students responded to the survey, including less than a third of the undergraduate student population.

"I would have expected considerably more because of the high visibility of this issue," said Bonfire 2002 Steering Committee Coordinator Dr. Bryan Cole.

Based on the low turnout, Cole said he would not feel confident reporting to A&M President Dr. Ray M. Bowen that the student body wants to have Bonfire. Bowen is expected to make a final decision Feb. 8 if Bonfire will burn next fall.

Among those who completed the survey, more than 90 percent said they supported having Bonfire under the strict new safety parameters, but students were less enthusiastic about having to pay for it.

Student Body President Schuyler Houser, a senior industrial engineering major, said that compared to turnout in student elections the number of students who completed the survey is an overwhelming show of support for Bonfire. Every student received a link to the online voting site through e-mail accounts.

Students were asked to choose from three potential stack designs selected by the committee, and almost 97 percent chose the wedding-cake design. All the logs in the design would touch the ground, but would be cut to different heights to give a multi-level appearance.

Because of the overwhelming student preference, that is the design the steering committee will recommend to Bowen in its final report, Cole said. All designs meet Bowen's parameters, which include the use of professionally cut lumber, a one-tier stack and work on Bonfire will be limited to two weeks. Cole said each design could accommodate up to 2,500 workers, but each student would be limited to working only a few hours on the project. In the survey, more than 5,000 students indicated they would like to work on Bonfire.

Student reluctance to foot the bill for Bonfire could be a stumbling block to continuing the tradition, Cole said. If Bonfire burns next fall, the final price tag could be as much as $2 million.

However, many of those costs are one-time expenses, such as professional fees to craft a stack design, Cole said, and future Bonfires could be built for between $500,000 to $750,000. But more than 60 percent of respondents said that price was too steep.

Cole said a $20 per semester fee would fully fund Bonfire, but only 30 percent of students said they would be willing to pay that much.

The profile of the students who took the survey also indicates where support for Bonfire is the strongest. Respondents were disproportionately white and on-campus residents or Corps of Cadets members. Cole said one of the main goals of Bonfire 2002 planners was to include groups, especially minorities, from the 90-year-old tradition. Only about one in seven African-American students took the survey, compared to one in three white students.

Of the students who took the survey, less than 20 percent have been involved in building a Bonfire, and less than half have ever seen one burn. Also, 78 percent strongly agreed that safety must be an essential part of future Bonfires.

Ohio University proposes new policy for hate crimes

(U-WIRE) ATHENS, Ohio— Ohio University officials are revisiting their policy to allow students who are victims of alleged hate crimes to report the offenses anonymously.

The proposed system, undergoing legal review, is designed to allow students who feel they have been victims of hate-motivated crimes to report the incident without going through the OU Office of Judiciaries, said Janice Edwards, associate vice president of student affairs.

OU officials have been working on the plan since last year but would not comment on specific aspects of the plan because of legal concerns.

According to OU Student Code of Conduct, students accused of violating the code can request their hearings to be open to the public.

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The Skiff View

NICE TRY

Flyers a good idea but not final solution

Imagine this.

You regularly leave your house unlocked in the small town where you live.

As you pull into your driveway after a long day of work, you notice a sign in your yard that says, "This house is unlocked. Anyone could break in right now and take everything."

Would you be pleased?

The TCU Police Department is now putting flyers on cars to warn the vehicles' owners that their valuables are in plain view and susceptible to theft.

From CDs, backpacks to clothing anything deemed "valuable" is suspect.

It's a good idea in theory, but are flyers the best solution?

The flyers may simply bring more attention to cars holding valuables instead of alerting the owner to the danger of theft. They will simply increase litter on campus as students throw them aside and drive off after classes. They will be ineffective to students.

What about students who park their car in a lot and don't drive it all week? Phone calls. E-mail. A letter in the mail. This information is provided to TCU Police when students buy their permits. Any of these forms of communication will reach the overall student body faster.

TCU Police should be commended for trying to come up with something new and different to deter theft, but they should continue to look for ways to increase student awareness of theft rather than simply alert would-be thieves to the valuables in each car.

The Other View

Opinions from around the country

Several professors in the Indiana University political science department are punishing students with an "F" for selling or buying notes. While these professors are free to set their own standards of academic honesty, the implications of a note-selling prohibition are dubious. Currently the university does not have a blanket policy regulating the sales of notes.

Professors who outlaw note sales aren't employing private detectives to monitor their students, but their message is loud and clear. Which instructor with a Ph.D. wants their thunder stolen by someone pursuing a degree in "get rich quick" schemes?

Students are prone to using purchased notes as a crutch for classes they could walk through with little trouble. Also, notes are very personal and nuanced. Isolated words and phrases that make perfect sense to the original taker may seem cryptic to a person who chooses not to attend lectures.

Buying notes is obviously a situation for which the concept "buyer beware" applies doubly. A student note taker who does not have a grasp on the topic might hurt the buyer more than help them. Notes can be inaccurate and misleading, not to mention incomplete. They are to be used as a supplement to the lecture and a study aid, rather than a substitute for critical thought about the material.

But prohibiting the sale of notes erodes the ownership rights of the author based in copyright law. The facts presented in a lecture belong to no one and become the property of the note taker once committed to paper. Students have the legal right to do what they wish with their notes. When a professor regulates that commerce of notes, he or she effectively undercuts that student's constitutional rights.

The existence of notes for sale can be a constructive support for students seeking a supplement to their own studies, and provide a way to keep up if they miss class for any reason. Note exchanges are a part — albeit a questionable one — of the dizzying exchange of information in the modern age.

Ultimately, the laissez faire stance of the University is commendable. Student behavior is nearly impossible to regulate, and attempts only appear to inflame undesirable actions. As professors continue to choose whether or not to allow note selling, they should consider copyright law, academic realities and the intelligence of the students they teach.

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Priorities misplaced within absence policy

COMMENTARY

Sandy Stafford

I have an issue with Campus Life. It is unclear whether TCU has a ridiculous policy or simply uninformed employees. However, something is definitely amiss on Sadler Hall's first floor.

I missed my entire first day of classes because of a family funeral, and as a conscientious student, I headed to the Campus Life office Jan. 15 so my absence would be properly excused.

Upon requesting a letter or another official form to avoid any potential problems with my professors, I was told that the funeral was "not really an excused absence." I looked confused for a second until the wonderful Campus Life employees explained that an excused absence would only be for an official university activity, such as a sports team traveling to an away game.

However, apparently a professor may use his or her own discretion in excusing a student for a death in the family, within departmental guidelines. Thank goodness! For a minute there it seemed TCU might actually have had its priorities out of sync. Phew!

There's no problem with excused absences for university functions, but I cannot understand how a grandmother's funeral could possibly be less important than a sporting event or another designated "excused" absence.

The Campus Life employee with whom I spoke even suggested I bring a program from the funeral or a copy of the obituary to my professors. Then she gave me her card so that if professors doubted me, they could call her and hear for themselves that Campus Life does not excuse TCU students for funerals.

Perhaps students might abuse such a policy, but asking us to individually bring an obituary to each professor is ridiculous. In the wake of a family trauma it is just downright cruel.

If dishonesty is the issue, bringing one copy of an obituary to Campus Life so they could communicate with professors should be enough. Their office supposedly exists to improve students' lives and to ease student-teacher relations, not to complicate our transition back to class after a legitimate family tragedy.

I am still puzzling over Campus Life's decision to shrug off funeral excuses. Luckily, my professors were much more helpful and sympathetic than the current policy of this fine academic institution.

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Time for another King to speak up

COMMENTARY

Tom Daniels

"We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness" — Thomas Jefferson, the Declaration of Independence, 1776.

"Four score and seven years ago, our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation: Conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal" — Abraham Lincoln, Gettysburg Address, 1863.

The above quotes are from two of the most highly regarded documents in American history, yet the equality they both call for has never existed in this country. From the time when Christopher Columbus took slaves after his landing in San Salvador in 1492, until today, with the U.S. government's federally-mandated racial discrimination policy, a barrier between the races in this "great melting pot" has existed and continues to exist.

America has been divided into "politically correct" ethnic groups such as African American, Hispanic American, Asian American, Latin American, Mexican American, Arab American and several others listed on federal job applications.

Martin Luther King Jr. is probably the most famous civil rights activist in American history. His "I Have a Dream" speech is still quoted by civil rights leaders today. But his most famous appeal to human decency is his "Letter From a Birmingham Jail," which he wrote to seven clergymen in 1955. This letter was later translated and used by the solidarity movement in Poland. It was also read over loudspeakers throughout the Philippines in 1986 and became responsible for the "peaceful" overthrow of the Ferdinand Marcos regime.

On April 4, 1968, this strong voice of racial equality was silenced by a blast of James Earl Ray's Remington 30.06 rifle. King's voice may have been silenced, but his dream lives on in the minds and hearts of people all over the world.

In contrast to the peaceful message of true equality preached by King, many black leaders of today have twisted or forgotten the dream.

Leaders such as Jesse Jackson and Louis Farrakhan seek to profit from the atrocities committed to black Americans in the past. They purposely ensure that racial tensions are strained and strive to inflame people's hatred of one another. These preachers of hate must share in the responsibility for continued racial tensions, and new messengers of peace, in the spirit of King, need to step up and take their place.

As citizens of the United States, we are all Americans and should collectively view ourselves as Americans and not by labels. Education is also extremely important to the furthering of racial equality in our country. The atrocities and other wrongs that have been committed to members of all races in the history of our nation should be remembered. But we must also be careful. Our children are not the ones who committed the wrongs of the past, so we must not burden them with the guilt of these misdeeds but give them the awareness of the crimes so they will not be repeated.

"And when this happens, and when we allow freedom to ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men, white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of that old Negro spiritual, Free at Last! Free at Last! Thank God almighty, we are free at last!" — Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., "I Have a Dream" speech, 1968.

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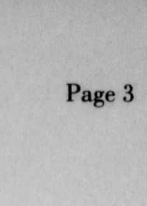

Chelsea Hudson

Every year that I have been at Convocation, I hear the plan for TCU to become a tier-one university. This is the highest annual rating for colleges from U.S. News and World Report based on retention, alumni donations, GPA and various other factors.

Some people think it is too big a task to tackle. You could ask a variety of faculty, staff and students, "Do you think TCU will become a tier-one university?" The answers generated could range from pure idealism to utter disbelief.

TCU is in the midst of great change. Everywhere you look, a new building is being built, a new UCR is being created and a new fundraising plan is in the works. There is a desire from people on campus for TCU to be better than it has ever been. Our athletic teams are constantly striving to be the best. There is also a hunger for more diversity, so our ways of thinking can be broadened.

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Our university is striving to find its identity. Right now, we are at a pivotal point. We are not reading about history, we are a part of it. Twenty years from now, what will we read about TCU? As student government president, I know what I want to read.

I want to see that we became a tier-one university as a TCU community. We set a goal and we made it happen. I want us to be the tier-one university that is the model for academic thought, athletic talent and leadership potential. I want to walk into my classrooms and know I have professors who are stellar in their field of expertise. I want to walk into a stadium that is packed and feel a sense of pride when the Horned Frogs win the game. I want to see TCU graduates succeed in the workforce.

Sometimes it's difficult to see the big picture. We are a fast-paced society that is moving in many directions. People want results, and they want them fast. But everyone needs to just take a moment and enjoy the world around us.

We are a part of something monumental. Someday you just might be able to say you were a part of making TCU a tier-one university. Every time you stop by a newly-renovated classroom, remember you have to start somewhere and TCU is just beginning the race.

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Pope to meet with World Religious Leaders in Assisi

ASSISI, Italy (AP) — Pope John Paul II, deeply concerned about the impact of the Sept. 11 attacks, urged prayers Wednesday so that a gathering of world religious leaders in Assisi can contribute to an "authentic and lasting peace."

Representatives of 11 religions were joining Roman Catholics and other Christian denominations Thursday, responding to the pope's call to proclaim that religion should never become a motive for conflict.

They include Muslims, Jews, Buddhists, Hindus, Japanese Shintoists and representatives of African traditional religions.

Speaking at his general audience at the Vatican, the pope stressed the need for "justice and forgiveness" and expressed hope that the gathering can make an actual contribution toward real peace.

This ancient hill town, the birthplace of St. Francis, has played host to two earlier such gatherings called by John Paul: A daylong fast and prayer against nuclear war in 1986 and a rally for peace in the Balkans in 1993.

The pope announced the latest peace day in November, emphasizing that religion must never be used as an excuse for violence and hatred.

The ecumenical patriarch, Bartholomew I, spiritual leader of the world's 300 million Orthodox Christians, accepted the invitation. The Vatican listed a 29-member Islamic delegation and 10 Jewish representatives.

John Paul was scheduled to arrive Thursday morning on what Italian media have dubbed the "train of prayers," bringing the religious leaders with him on a two-hour trip from the rarely used train station in the Vatican. Italy's state railroad provided a seven-car train for the occasion.

Italian media said authorities planned to deploy some 1,000 police along the route and to seal off this tiny town on their arrival. Premier Silvio Berlusconi was scheduled to welcome the pope.

Workmen put up a giant plastic tent in the square in front of the Lower Basilica of St. Francis, where the main ceremony will be held.

Franciscan monks took down crosses from the walls and removed other religious objects from rooms in a U-shaped convent near St. Francis' tomb where a number of the religious guests will pray. As in the previous meetings, it was decided that the various religions would pray separately.

The Vatican expressed satisfaction over the announced turnout, although several leaders said they could not attend because of prior commitments, including the Dalai Lama, who was in Assisi in 1986.

John Paul last visited Assisi in January 1998, several months after a devastating earthquake wrecked much of the basilica which has been restored.

More leaks found at Australian radioactive spill

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — Officials investigating a large spill of radioactive waste at a uranium mine in the Australian outback found there have been 24 other leaks at the site.

Details of the leaks, which were not publicly disclosed at the time, have prompted the South Australian state government to review reporting procedures of all such spills, officials told The Associated Press on Wednesday. The officials said the leaks were not considered harmful to the public.

Earlier this month, some 15,600 gallons of radioactive fluid leaked from a pipe at the Beverley uranium mine, 370 miles north of the state capital, Adelaide. The spill was not publicly disclosed until more than 24 hours later.

Mine operator, Heathgate Resources, said the liquid was composed of salty ground water, sulfuric acid, uranium and oxygen and was "naturally radioactive." A spokesman, Stephen Middleton, said the spill was contained in a drain surrounding the complex and had posed no threat to the environment, the public or mine workers.

The Jan. 11 spill brought calls from environmentalists for the closure of the mine, located in an isolated, sparsely populated desert area.

A full report into the spill and conditions under which the Beverley mine could resume commercial operations would be released later this week, said a spokeswoman for the South Australia state mines minister.

Investigations after the spill found there have been 24 other leaks at the mine over the last two years, three of which were listed as more than 520 gallons, government officials said. All the spills were considered minor and were not harmful to the public.

Concerned that the leaks went little noticed for so long, the state government will review the system for reporting radioactive spills at uranium mines, said a spokeswoman for state Mines Minister Wayne Matthew.

Environmental groups said the spills pose dangers to workers and the underground water supply and have called for the mine to be closed.

Earthquakes plague Congo region of Africa

GOMA, Congo (AP) — Moderate earthquakes and a cold, heavy rain Wednesday added to the misery of hundreds of thousands of people in northeastern Congo, where a volcanic eruption destroyed 40 percent of the largest city in the region.

The eruption of Mount Nyiragongo on Jan. 17 has left 10,000 families without shelter and hundreds of thousands without any livelihood.

Earthquakes continue to shake the region, some of them strong enough to destroy buildings that escaped the three huge lava flows that cut through the center of the city.

Across the border in Rwanda, which escaped the lava, the Ministry of Local Government reported that 288 homes and 19 schools had been destroyed by the almost hourly earthquakes. Vulcanologists have said Nyiragongo's eruptions are over, but the earthquakes will continue as the magma inside the mountain settles.

In the Rwandan town of Ruhengeri, 30 miles northeast of Goma, the aid agency Oxfam said it was preparing an isolation space for possible cholera cases after some Congolese refugees in its camp complained of feeling ill.

Bush: Up military funds

BY SANDRA SOBIERAJ
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush called Wednesday for nearly $50 billion in additional military spending for the war on terrorism, the largest increase for the Pentagon in two decades.

Privately, he assured Republican and Democratic leaders that he has "no ambition whatsoever" to exploit the war on terrorism for political gain in this election year.

With his chief political strategist, Karl Rove, seated behind him in the Cabinet Room, Bush gave House and Senate leaders an update on the fight against terrorists and added: "I have no ambition whatsoever to use this as a political issue. There is no daylight between the executive and the legislative branches."

No one in the room for the closed-door morning meeting responded, according to congressional and White House sources who related the scene to the *Associated Press*.

Rove had caused a stir among Democrats last week when he told a GOP conference that Republicans would do well to talk up the popular war in this year's midterm elections.

In an afternoon address to the Reserve Officers Association, Bush gave the first details of the $2 trillion budget that he submits to Congress on Feb. 4. That spending plan will ask Congress to give the Pentagon an increase of $48 billion, bringing its budget within range of $380 billion. If approved by the House and Senate the funds would amount to the largest increase in military spending in 20 years, Bush said.

The extra money would give service personnel another pay raise, acquire more precision weapons and build missile defenses.

"Buying these tools may put a strain on the budget but we will not cut corners when it comes to the defense of our great land," Bush said to cheers from the Reserve officers.

The new spending would include a $10 billion "war reserve" that Bush wants to have on hand for active military operations, said White House budget chief Mitchell Daniels.

Sen. Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii, chairman of the Appropriations subcommittee on defense, was skeptical that lawmakers would support the big increase in these tight budget times. "They'd be reluctant to, unless the president can justify it," Inouye said.

To keep Americans safe from terrorists here at home, Bush said his budget will also call for hiring 30,000 airport security workers and an additional 300 FBI agents, buying new equipment to improve mail safety, and beefing up research on bioterror threats.

For the budget year beginning on Oct. 1, Bush is expected to request roughly double the current $13 billion for homeland security, a spending item that did not exist a year ago.

After four straight years of federal surpluses, Bush's budget will project deficits of $106 billion for this year, $80 billion for 2003, with a stream of surpluses beginning again in 2005 with $61 billion in black ink, Daniels said.

To address the recession, which Bush blames for the return to deficits, lawmakers emerged from their White House meeting and expressed commitment on both sides to a compromise economic package.

Senate Republican Leader Trent Lott told reporters in the White House driveway that the middle-ground plan offered by Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., has potential to break the long partisan stalemate over how to boost the economy and help millions of unemployed Americans.

"It is a focus of our attention. It's a process that could get us into considering the bill and reaching a conclusion," said Lott, R-Miss.

House Speaker Dennis Hastert agreed, for the most part.

Lindh scheduled for court Thursday

US Government says prepared for every possible contingency

BY LARRY MARGASAK
Associated Press

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — John Walker Lindh, the American captured as a Taliban soldier, was headed toward the United States aboard a military plane under heavy security Wednesday to face charges he conspired with terrorists to kill fellow U.S. citizens.

The 20-year-old Californian has a Thursday morningscheduled court appearance in this Washington suburb not far from the Pentagon. The hearing was scheduled by U.S. Magistrate Judge W. Curtis Sewell.

John Hackman, deputy chief of the U.S. Marshals Service for eastern Virginia, said the marshals would take custody of Lindh from the FBI when he appears in court adding, "we're prepared for every possible contingency."

U.S. aircraft took Lindh Tuesday from the USS Bataan in the Arabian Sea to Kandahar, Afghanistan, where he was transferred to a plane headed for the United States.

Lindh is charged in a criminal complaint with conspiring to kill U.S. citizens in Afghanistan. Conviction could mean life in prison.

The former Taliban fighter will appear in the same courthouse where the government is prosecuting Zacarias Moussaoui, accused of conspiring with the Sept. 11 airplane hijackers and Osama bin Laden to kill and maim thousands of people.

In Lindh's initial appearance, the magistrate will read the charges in a federal criminal complaint and ensure that he receives legal representation. The next step would be a detention hearing where bail conditions would be set. The case would then go to a federal grand jury.

Hackman would not reveal where Lindh was to be held overnight.

"He'll be in a safe and secure and humane area," Hackman said.

Earlier, White House spokesman Ari Fleischer told reporters, "He will now have his day in court, and he will be judged impartially and fairly."

One U.S. official familiar with the process, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Lindh would be handed over to the U.S. marshals after the military cargo plane lands, then fingerprinted. Marshals were expected to take Lindh to a federal detention center and transport him Thursday to his court appearance.

> *"When people are moved, they are restrained. That is true in prisons across the globe It is not anything new. It is because in transit, movement from one place to another is the place where bad things happen."*
> **— Donald Rumsfeld**

Meanwhile, Lindh's parents and attorney James Brosnhan were headed east from San Francisco, said a source familiar with the situation. This person, who spoke on grounds of anonymity, said it wasn't known when they would see Lindh.

The Pentagon officially was not confirming the Lindh's transfer from military custody to the FBI, saying it would be dangerous to release any information about his movements. Journalists were kept away from the area.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said Tuesday that Lindh was restrained during the flight. "When people are moved, they are restrained," Rumsfeld said. "That is true in prisons across the globe. It is not anything new. It is because in transit, movement from one place to another, is the place where bad things happen."

Lindh converted to Islam four years ago and took up the cause of Muslim radicals, fighting alongside the Taliban in Afghanistan and meeting with Osama bin Laden at an al-Qaida terrorist training camp, his federal indictment says.

Held by the military since shortly after his capture in Afghanistan, Lindh was turned over to the Justice Department on Tuesday and will not be sent to the Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, base where other prisoners from the Afghan conflict are being held.

Lindh was sent to the United States because he is an American. President Bush's order allowing terrorism suspects to be tried by military tribunals does not apply to U.S. citizens.

Stewart, Kmart keep ties

BY ALEXANDRA R. MOSES
Associated Press Writer

DETROIT (AP) — Martha Stewart won't pull her line of home and garden products from Kmart stores "for the foreseeable future," despite the retailing giant's Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing.

The Martha Stewart Everyday brand, which includes sheets, towels, paints and kitchenware, is Kmart's largest volume-producing label, generating about $1.5 billion in sales last year.

Stewart said Kmart owed about $13 million to Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia at the time of Tuesday's filing, but added that the company is confident Kmart will take steps to make payments as fully and promptly as possible.

"Going forward, Kmart will continue to sell Martha Stewart Everyday brand products under the terms of our contract for the foreseeable future," she said in a statement Tuesday.

Martha Stewart Omnimedia has a provision in its contract allowing it to leave Kmart in bankruptcy, but that would have to be approved by a bankruptcy judge.

Analysts say keeping the brand is a must for the No. 3 discount retailer. Losing Martha Stewart "would be a huge loss to the company," said Eric Beder, an analyst with Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co.

Beder and others say retaining those brands that are exclusive to Kmart, including Martha Stewart, are key to keeping customers.

"What makes people come to your store ... is the type of merchandise that you yourself have exclusively," said Ulysses A. Yannas, an analyst with Buckman, Buckman & Reid.

Martha Stewart brands give Kmart an edge over other discount retailers, Yannas said.

"When you have Martha Stewart in the bedroom and in the bathroom area, you really don't need to compete with the Wal-Marts and the Targets, because they're not especially strong in that area. You compete with the Bed, Bath and Beyond and similar stores," Yannas said.

But some said Kmart can't rely solely on Martha Stewart.

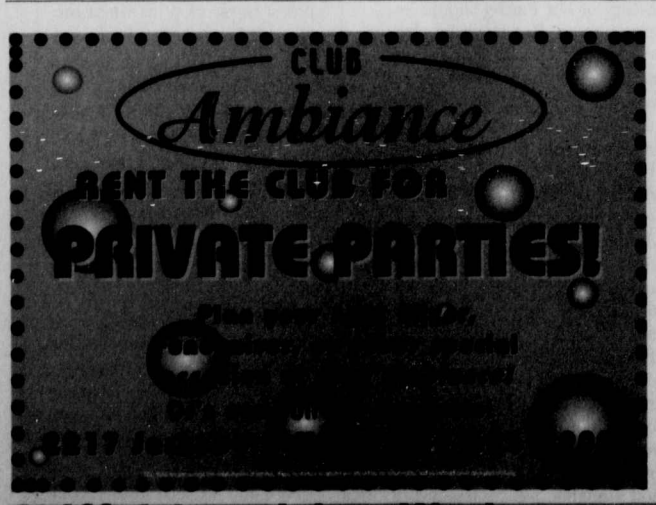
William A. Brandt Jr., president and CEO of Development Specialists Inc., said Kmart must get its brand-name niche in order.

"Their desire to keep Martha Stewart, which is a good brand, shouldn't be looked at in a vacuum," Brandt said.

Kmart also carries Sesame Street and Disney brands, but analysts have said the company needs to do more to make sure customers associate those brands with the Troy-based discount retailer.

As much as Kmart might need Martha Stewart, some said she also needs them and is unlikely to leave.

"Considering how much sales she gets at Kmart ... I don't think she can easily do without for any period of time," Yannas said.



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Scaly Skin

Prevent chapped flaky skin with a few precautions

BY KAREN UHLENHUTH
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Think of yourself as a humidifier — a chapped, flaking, scaly, itching humidifier. Because in effect, come January and cold temperatures and forced-air heat, that's what you become.

Consider the physics. Your body is 60 percent water, more or less. The humidity of indoor winter air tends to hover closer to 30, and easily can plummet into the single digits, depending on how cold it is outside and where you set your thermostat.

You see the problem. Your body has too much water, the air doesn't have nearly enough ... and you can almost hear that giant sucking sound as nature tries to achieve equilibrium by snatching water molecules from the backs of your hands, the edges of your red and raw nostrils. Ouch!

Although you can't do much about the laws of physics, there are some tactics you can employ to hang on to a little more of your body's H2O. One is to change the humidity in your room by using a humidifier. A setting somewhere between 35 percent and 60 percent is generally recommended for maximum comfort.

"It's very important for humidity to be reasonably high in both home and workplace," said Jennifer Ashby, a Kansas City area dermatologist.

You also can stop doing things that exacerbate your body's loss of moisture. Hot showers, for one, strip the natural oils from your skin. Try taking fewer showers, and making them shorter and cooler.

Soaking in a tub of water can help, especially if you add one-third to one-half cup of common kitchen salt to it. That "increases the osmotic pressure of the skin," and draws water from the capillaries to the skin's surface, according to J. Matthew Knight, a dermatology resident at the University of Kansas Medical Center.

Soap is another important factor in drying skin. You might try lathering up very selectively — in only your underarms and groin area, for example.

Ashby advises using "a gentle cleanser instead of a strong soap," and recommends Dove and Oil of Olay in particular. Knight added Cetaphil and Lever 2000 to the list.

In general, soaps that are "superfatted," or that contain glycerin, are preferable when dry skin is a problem, according to the Mayo Clinic Health Letter.

And when you're done bathing, do not rub yourself vigorously with a towel. Pat or blot your skin, leaving some moisture on the surface.

Moisturize. That's right. "The key point in winter is to combat drying forces by using lots of moisturizers," Knight said.

People tend to misunderstand the function of moisturizers, he said. "Some people think moisturizers add moisture. What they do mostly is protect your body's natural water from drying out."

In other words, they put a barrier on the surface of your skin. And that, Knight said, is why good old petroleum jelly is the most effective moisturizer, bar none.

"A lot of people walk into our clinic with dry skin, and walk out using Vaseline and doing well," Knight said.

The only problem, of course, is that petroleum jelly is close kin to the gunk they pack around the ball bearings in the wheels of your automobile. And don't you just want to coat yourself with that crud?

"Medically it's fine," Ashby said. "But it's messy and can clog your pores. I would never use it. None of my patients use Vaseline on their skin. You can use Crisco too, but I don't recommend it."

She advocates instead looking for lotions or creams that contain an alpha hydroxy acid or a poly hydroxy acid. On product labels, they're generally referred to as AHA or PHA. Those compounds improve the skin's ability to act as a barrier by stimulating cell turnover and helping slough off dry dead skin, she said.

"If you get new fresh skin from underneath, it's moister," she said. "So anything that stimulates cell turnover helps the barrier. If your barrier is good, you don't lose as much water."

Another ingredient that makes for a more effective moisturizer is what's known as a humectant. This is a class of compounds that attracts water to the skin. One that Knight recommends is vitamin B-5.

Hands and feet, which are more prone to drying, need a heavier product than the rest of the body, Ashby said. Moisturizers generally are formulated as oil-in-water products, or water-in-oil products. Water-in-oil products are heavier and therefore better suited to hands and feet. Creams generally are heavier than lotions.

Among the heavier preparations recommended by the Mayo Clinic are Cetaphil cream, Eucerin, Advanced Therapy Lubriderm, Moisturel and Vanicream.

Although moisturizing compounds are helpful any time, they are most effective when applied to damp skin, directly after showering or washing your hands.

You also can address dry skin problems from the inside-out, Ashby said. She emphasizes drinking lots of water, although she prefers not to prescribe any set amount.

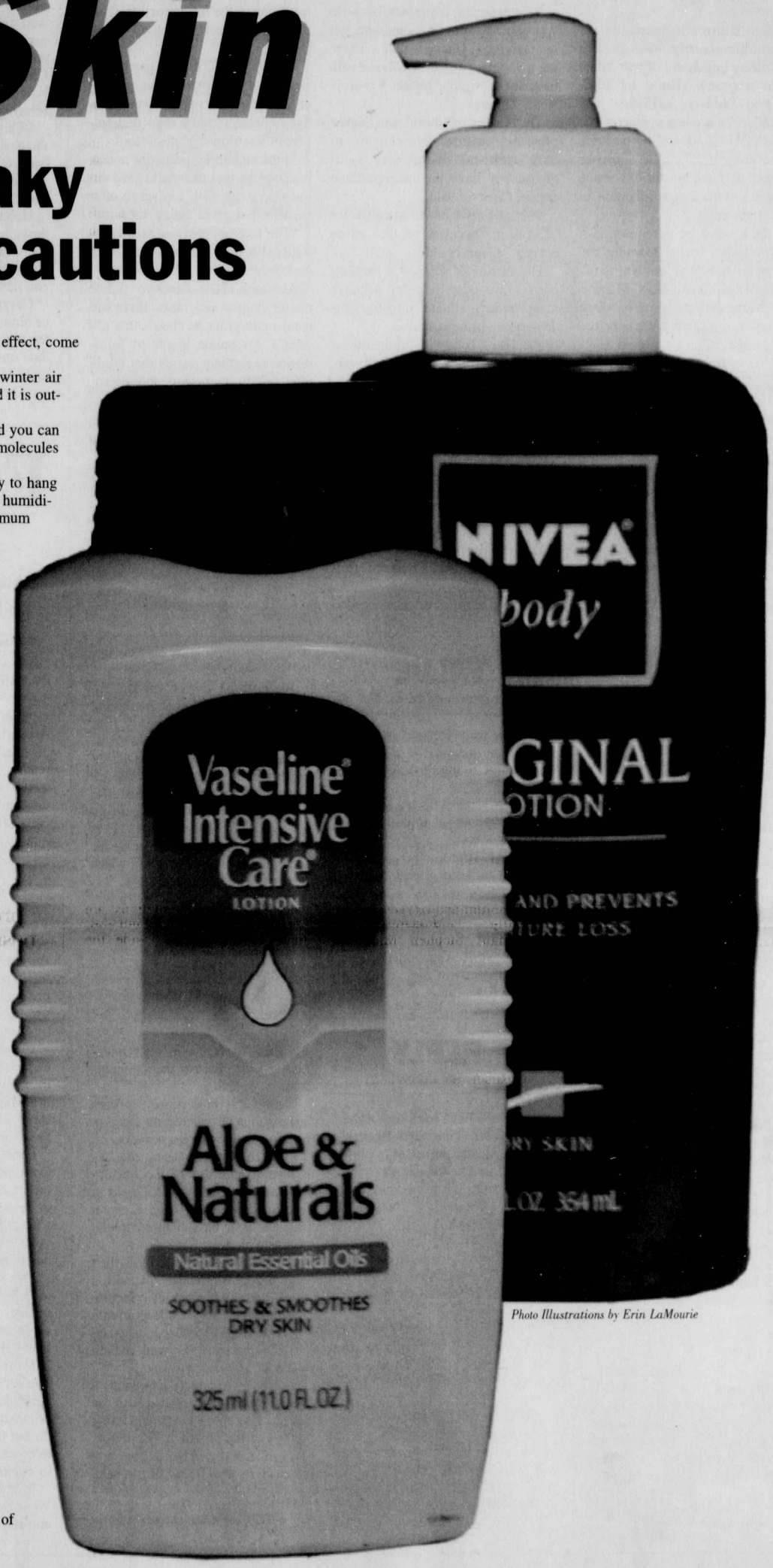
"It depends how much you sweat, how hot the environment is," she said.

Eating oil, especially the oils found in fish, also helps to lubricate the skin, Ashby said.

Dry skin in most cases is a matter of comfort and aesthetics, although extremely dry skin can lead to health problems, Knight said. Skin that has dried to the point of cracking provides pathogens with an entryway into the body.

"It's not common, but it can happen, especially in people who are diabetic or have any kind of disease that would decrease immune function," he said.

For most of us, however, it just makes the winter months a little easier to bear.



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Five quick ways to protect your skin:

- **Use a humidifier to increase the amount of water in the air in your home or work place.**
- **Limit your showers to no more than 15 minutes and use lukewarm water.**
- **Apply a moisturizer to your skin while it's still wet after you've showered or washed your hands.**
- **Seek out moisturizing products that contain alpha or poly hydroxy acids, and humectants such as vitamin B-5.**
- **Drink lots of water, and eat plenty of oily fish such as tuna and salmon.**

— Knight Ridder Newspapers

Online grad classes, options increase

BY COLLEEN CASEY
Staff reporter

Online courses increased in enrollment this semester as a result of the growing popularity of two online degree programs offered by TCU, said Leo Munson, associate vice chancellor for academic support.

The TCU Global online master's degree programs include a master of liberal arts and master of science in nursing with a specialization in clinical nursing.

"I think what we've chosen is a growing trend, online learning has become the most efficient way to offer supplement instruction" Munson said. "Niche-programming is where the world is now going. We're on the cutting edge."

All six online liberal arts classes are filled to capacity this semester with 15 students in each class, Munson said. However, when the program started in the summer of 2000, there were only five courses, and not all of them were filled, he said.

The programs are popular because of flexibility, which is convenient for non-traditional students with busy schedules who seek career advancement, said Don Coerver, a history professor and director of the master of liberal arts program.

"The program is perfect for those who want to stay at home and get their degree," Coerver said. "There are a variety of people who enroll, basically to simply obtain a professional degree."

The master of liberal arts degree provides cultural enrichment to those with no liberal arts background but have an undergraduate degree, Coerver said.

"We've been able to attract a lot of students because of the online courses," Coerver said.

The master of science in nursing courses are also popular because many undergraduate nursing students take online courses.

Kathleen Baldwin, director of graduate studies in the Harris School of Nursing, said the nursing program works best for nurses who work off-shifts and can't attend traditional classes.

"The degree will really help the working professionals and give them more job opportunities," Baldwin said.

The online degree was established in fall 2001 because TCU didn't offer a nursing master's degree, Munson said.

Online degrees and classes also are cheaper for the university to offer because the infrastructure is on the eCollege network based out of Denver.

Although TCU doesn't pay for the support of the program, the amount of time professors put into their online courses is more than in traditional classrooms, Munson said.

Munson said he also sees undergraduate classes moving toward online resources. TCU has yet to offer bachelor's degrees online, he said.

"The Internet provides faculty resources to do what they want with traditional students," Munson said.

Although TCU has two online master degree programs, there are many undergraduate classes that use webCT, an online source of information regarding classes that could offer syllabi, homework and tests.

TCU implements programs that utilize the Internet to serve as additive resources that should add to the learning experience, he said.

Munson said the Brite Divinity School and the M.J. Neeley School of Business have plans to make courses and extended education programs available online.

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JOBS

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help students find employment, Ulrickson said.

Bree Bouma, a junior elementary education major, said she learned useful techniques at the conference that will help her find a job when she graduates in December.

Bouma said she learned practical information about job interviews and financial planning after graduation by listening to experiences of TCU graduates.

Ulrickson said companies will start their on-campus interviews during the first week of February. Career Services will organize the TCU Career Week, which will be another opportunity to learn about the methods that are necessary for a successful job search, in the second half of February, she said.

Ulrickson said graduating seniors should use Career Services because students who have used Career Services in the past tended to find jobs with higher salaries than students who didn't use Career Services.

Tom Justis, human resources specialist at Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company, said Lockheed Martin will hire 3,000 new employees because the company's sales increased due to new contracts, including the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter.

Justis said Lockheed Martin plans to recruit from TCU and will conduct interview sessions three times this semester. The aeronautics company looks for engineering and information systems majors with a 2.0 GPA or higher.

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VALUE

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approximately $11,000 more than what students actually pay because the university's endowment subsidizes tuition.

He also said TCU is unusual because it has incredible athletic and music programs.

Brown said this is unique because many smaller sized universities are not able to have strong programs in different spectrums.

Alexander said the admissions department will use the endorsement from the magazine to support their efforts to promote the value of TCU to prospective students.

He said he thinks outside endorsements are a great marketing tool since admissions already tries to show TCU as being a great value.

Alexander said they will use the endorsement on brochures and the admissions Web site to attract prospective students.Freshman biochemistry major Kaveh Nezafati said that TCU offers lots of opportunities in both academic and extracurricular involvement which makes TCU a good value.

"I don't think you can get a better education for $8,000 (more from SMU)," said Nezafati.

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REPLY

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"It would have been nice to have had a greater voice," said Blake Hestir, an assistant professor of philosophy, who signed the letter.

Hestir said he had no voice in the drafting of the CUE because "I haven't been asked."

George Brown, chair-elect of Faculty Senate, said faculty members have had ample opportunities to voice their opinions and will continue to have them.

"I would be surprised if voices are not heard given the depth of (the) process," Brown said. "There is not a college on campus that doesn't have a voice in the Faculty Senate."

The CUE still has a myriad of committees to make it through for final approval, which Faculty Senate members say is targeted for April. The CUE would take effect in the 2003-2004 school year for incoming freshman.

Faculty will discuss the CUE Jan. 30. The next day, the Faculty Senate will discuss the concerns from the meeting.

During this time period, colleges and departments will discuss and propose revisions to their respective deans.

Once this occurs, deans, the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate and the provost will meet to reach a consensus. From there, a proposal will be submitted to the Faculty Senate.

If approved, the CUE will then go to the Undergraduate Council, a committee comprised of faculty members. The Undergraduate Council will then create a proposal for the University Council, which will have final approval.

At anytime during this chain, a faculty assembly meeting can be called to scrap the CUE, according to the Faculty and Staff Handbook.

"This document is not by any means in its final form," Brown said.

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TCU Alumni presidents to meet, discuss new ideas

BY RAUL MARTINEZ
Staff Reporter

Presidents from all 20 chapters of the TCU Alumni Association will discuss issues concerning the organization when they meet Friday and Saturday for their annual Chapter Presidents' Council, said Kristi Hoban, director of alumni relation.

"This weekend's council allows the chapter presidents to learn from each other and think of new and creative ideas for their upcoming events," she said.

Hoban said the chapter presidents will share new ideas with each other at the meeting, but they also plan to get to know one another and have fun.

Caryn Barber, assistant director of alumni relations, said the chapter presidents will receive an update on what is currently going on at TCU.

"They will all get a tour of the campus in order to see the new additions to our university," Barber said. "We (will) also bring them up to date on what has occurred with the alumni relations department."

Barber said the chapter presidents are also informed about the way recruiting is done at TCU.

"A member from the admissions department will come and give them an update on what the university is looking for when recruiting students," she said. "Every chapter really wants to recruit students from their area."

Barber said near the end of the council, the presidents will have time to talk about their own chapter.

"This is kind of their time to brag," she said. "They will give an update on their chapter and what they have done this past year."

Kerby Smith, co-president of the Fort Worth Young Alumni Chapter, said this weekend is a great opportunity to hear current presidents' ideas on how to create more participation and excitement for their chapter.

"My expectation is that a majority of the time we will spend brainstorming and sharing ideas on how to better our respective alumni chapter," Smith said. "Most importantly, this is a great chance to meet other Frogs who share the same commitment and excitement for TCU."

Barber said this weekend will be fun and rewarding for all the chapter presidents.

"These people have full time jobs and are active in other areas of the community," Barber said. "They put so much time and effort into TCU, so this is our way of saying thank you."

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Enron hearing hold-up

Auditor refuses to testify to Congress about the shredding

BY MARCY GORDON
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Arthur Andersen auditor fired for his role in the destruction of Enron-related documents is refusing to testify to Congress about the shredding, his attorney said Wednesday. He still must show up at the hearing, however.

The House Energy and Commerce Committee served a subpoena Wednesday morning on the auditor, David Duncan, to testify at a hearing Thursday.

But one of Duncan's attorneys, Robert Giuffra, told the committee in a letter that "he will rely on his constitutional right not to testify" unless he is given immunity by the panel.

Congress can compel witnesses to show up, but cannot force them to answer potentially incriminating questions without granting them immunity from criminal prosecution.

Giuffra said the Energy and Commerce investigative subcommittee is taking the unusual step of requiring Duncan to come before it publicly Thursday and invoke his Fifth Amendment right not to testify.

"He's now flying (to Washington) from Houston and the committee is going to make him exercise his constitutional rights on national television," Giuffra said.

Most often, when a witness expresses a desire to invoke the Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination, congressional panels do not require a public appearance to do so. Duncan already has talked to committee investigators.

Subpoenas also were served Wednesday morning on Andersen attorney Nancy Temple and risk manager Michael Odom for their testimony at Thursday's hearing.

"No one's getting a free pass on this one," said Ken Johnson, spokesman for the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

The committee had planned to also subpoena Andersen chief executive officer Joseph Berardino. But the accounting firm agreed late Tuesday to send another top official familiar with Andersen's internal investigation into the document destruction, Johnson said.

He said committee investigators were negotiating with Andersen officials over which official would appear.

Andersen spokesman Patrick Dorton said "We have offered and plan to send" Dorsey Baskin, a top expert at the firm on auditing standards.

Enron's own alleged shredding, meanwhile, is being investigated by FBI agents at the bankrupt energy company's Houston headquarters.

In a sprawling inquiry with both financial and political overtones, 11 House and Senate committees are investigating the Enron debacle, while the Justice Department and the Securities and Exchange Commission pursue their own less-visible probes.

Enron's slide into the biggest bankruptcy in U.S. history on Dec. 2 left thousands of employees out of work and stripped of their retirement savings after Enron temporarily barred them from selling company stock from their Enron-dominated 401(k) accounts. Investors around the country were burned.

President Bush said he was angered that his mother-in-law, Jenna Welch, lost about $8,000 on her investment in Enron stock.

"A lot of the stockholders didn't know all of the facts. And that's wrong," Bush said Tuesday.

The president has received large political contributions over the years from Enron Chairman Kenneth Lay, who is expected to testify before two congressional committees on Feb. 4.

Bush also urged Congress not to be distracted by the Enron investigation.

"I'm confident that all the facts will come out on Enron. And I'm also confident that if Congress has the right attitude, we can get a lot done," he said in a pitch for his economic revival plan.

In Houston on Tuesday, FBI agents arrived at the soaring headquarters building to look into other alleged shredding while attorneys for investors suing Enron asked a federal judge to bar the company and Andersen from destroying any more records.

Enron said it had posted security guards to block employees from floors holding accounting and finance records.

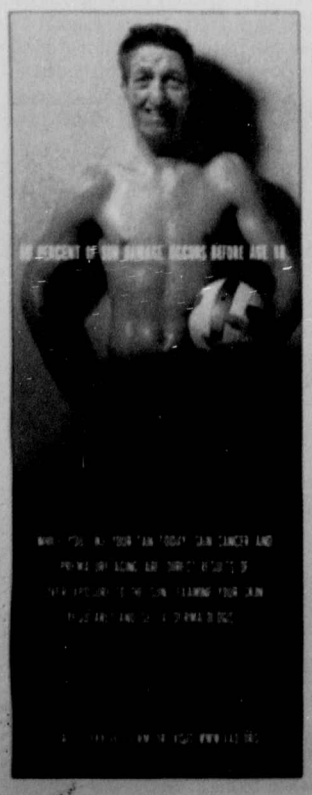
The judge urged attorneys for Enron and the investors to come up with a plan to protect company documents and get back to her on Wednesday.

Chicago-based Andersen fired Duncan last week for his role in the extensive destruction of Enron-related documents after federal regulators began investigating possible accounting improprieties.

Temple and Odom, while expressing willingness to testify, have raised concerns about protecting confidential information relating to the investigation, Johnson, the committee spokesman, said.

A former Enron executive, Maureen Castaneda, has alleged that document destruction took place openly at the company headquarters starting after Thanksgiving and continuing until as recently as last week.

The Securities and Exchange Commission started looking into Enron's accounting in mid-October, after the company reported a third-quarter loss of more than $600 million. The SEC's inquiry eventually included demands for financial documents from Enron and Andersen.



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Rotisserie chicken
Chef choice salad

DINNER

Chicken Parmesan
Stuffed shell casserole
Grilled pork chops with applesauce
Broccoli cheese bake
Rice pilaf
Carved brisket with brown gravy
Baked mac and cheese
Chef choice salad

Tomorrow's menu

LUNCH

Linguine/moscatoli
Stuffed shells
Fried talapia
Roasted vegetable paella
Popcorn chicken
Carved roast beef
Chef choice salad

DINNER

Pasta sauté
Cheese ravioli casserole
Fried catfish
Grilled chicken strips
Rotisserie chicken
Chef choice salad

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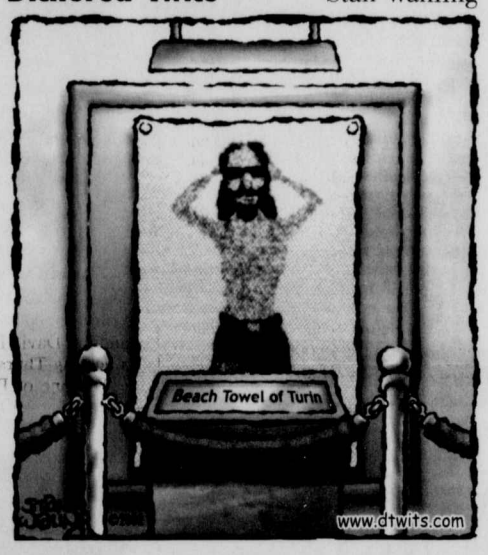

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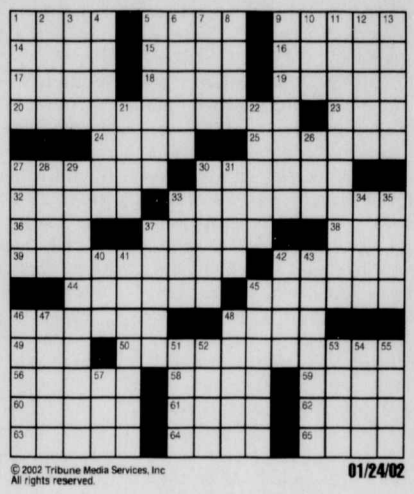

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39 Advancing
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46 Skoal!
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49 Charleson of "Chariots of Fire"
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64 New driver, usually
65 Times of note

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10 Here, in Paris
11 Gets tough
12 Holliman and Scruggs
13 Barrel slat
21 Charming instrument
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27 Approximately
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29 Sotheby's employee
30 Tee shot
31 Memorizing process
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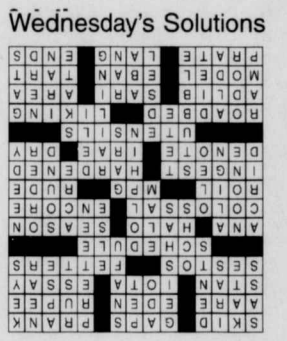

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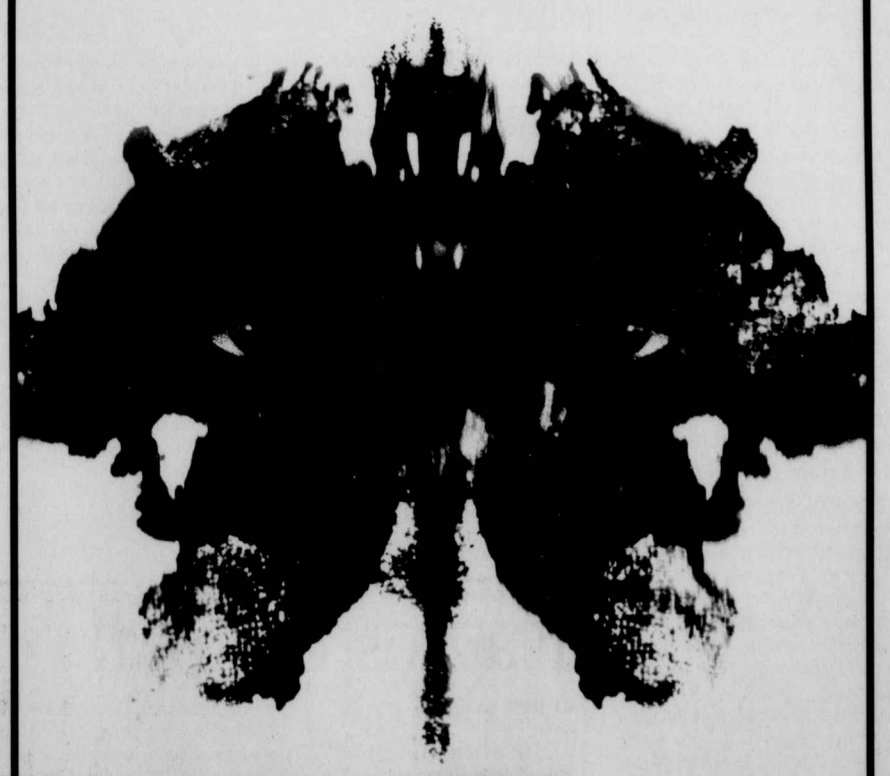

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Twins ask state supreme court to appeal injunction

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — The Twins and major league baseball asked the Minnesota Supreme Court to hold a hearing by Feb. 11 — just three days before the start of spring training — on the injunction that forces the team to play this season.

A day after the Court of Appeals voted 3-0 to uphold the injunction that forces the Twins to honor their lease at the Metrodome, the team and baseball filed papers Wednesday with the Supreme Court requesting permission for an expedited appeal.

"The Court of Appeals decision is an unprecedented intrusion into a private business's right to cease operations," wrote Roger Magnuson, a lawyer for the Twins and baseball commissioner Bud Selig.

Separately, Twins owner Carl Pohlad met with Alabama businessman Donald Watkins on Wednesday to discuss Watkins' desire to purchase the team.

The appellate court upheld a Nov. 16 decision by a district judge, who said any breach of the Twins' lease wouldn't be satisfied by money alone.

"The critical timing issues presented in this case make expedited determination necessary if meaningful review is to occur," Magnuson wrote.

Donnie Nelson leads his father's team to two wins

DALLAS (AP) — Donnie Nelson joked that for the two games he replaced his dad as coach of the Dallas Mavericks, his responsibility was the equivalent of a co-pilot keeping an airplane on its path while the pilot napped.

Sticking with that theme, the younger Nelson did a fine job handling some turbulence, enabling him to turn the team back over to his father Wednesday better than he left it.

Don Nelson left Donnie in charge for games against New Jersey on Monday and Houston on Tuesday so he could be with his wife, Joy, as she underwent surgery to fight breast cancer. Last season, Donnie was acting coach for 21 games while his father battled prostate cancer.

The two victories this week upped Donnie's record to 15-8. So, has Donnie, 39, prove that he's qualified to make the Nelsons the first father-and-son head coaching tandem in NBA history?

No more than he already was, said Donnie, who spent 18 years working in the league.

"I'm a coach — that's what I do for a living," he said. "Whether it's 18 games, two games or a whole season, I just go out and do it. I'm not trying to be cute, but I don't feel like I need to prove anything."

High-priced veterans in NFL expansion draft

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Texans will have plenty of high-priced veterans to consider in next month's expansion draft.

Current NFL teams, looking to ease their salary caps, have exposed players with big contracts, such as Denver linebacker Bill Romanowski, Miami defensive tackle Tim Bowens, Atlanta running back Jamal Anderson, Jacksonville offensive tackle Tony Boselli, and New Orleans quarterback Jeff Blake and offensive tackle Willie Roaf.

Texans owner Bob McNair, who was in Mobile, Ala., for the Senior Bowl and a chance to meet with Fresno State quarterback David Carr, wouldn't elaborate on the growing list of available players for the Feb. 18 expansion draft.

"We've heard some pretty interesting names, and we hope there will be some surprises," McNair said. "But we're not going to get into talking about specific names at this time."

The 27 teams not still playing had until Tuesday to submit five unprotected players from their rosters. The NFL won't release the full list of 135 players until Friday, but many of the names have been made public through individual teams and numerous media reports.

Diamond in the Rough

Women's tennis No. 1 player focusing efforts on another championship

BETHANY MCCORMACK
Copy Desk Chief

Katrin Gaber wears a reminder on her finger of the success she and her tennis teammates shared last year. The ring, set with a large purple rectangular stone sparkles on her finger. All the members of the last year's team received one after becoming the Western Athletic Conference champions.

Another conference title is a goal for Gaber and the rest of the team, but instead of a WAC crown Gaber is in the hunt for a title in Conference USA. This season will mark the first for TCU in C-USA.

"We (are) trying to get another one," she said. "... If we win again this year."

Gaber is set to play at the number one position on the team's lineup, which is ranked No. 22 according to the preseason Intercollegiate Tennis Association polls. The senior international marketing major from Anger, Austria transferred to TCU from Campbell University in North Carolina in August 2000.

Roland Ingram, head women's tennis coach, said Gaber almost didn't make it onto the TCU team.

"I almost didn't take her—I didn't think she was good enough," he said. "Now she plays No. 1 for us."

Ingram said Gaber has proved her worth through her hard work and determined motivation.

"She works very, very hard. She always give 100 percent on the court and in practice," Ingram said. "I wish I had a dozen of them on the team like her."

Gaber won the Flight A bracket of the 2001 Conference USA Individual Women's Tennis Tournament in November. She said she was surprised to learn during the tournament that she was selected as the top seed.

"I was kind of shocked. I thought now I have to be good," she said. "I had so (many) troubles during that time—my car broke down and I was behind in my studies...But I forgot all about it on the court and I actually played my best tennis."

Gaber started playing tennis when she was about 9 years old, playing for fun with her family, but she didn't start practicing seriously until she was older, she said.

"I played my first tournament when I was 14, which was very late," Gaber said. "I only caught up maybe two or three years ago, when I moved up in ranking."

Her brother, Hanspeter, who is 10 months younger than she, plays tennis at Denver University and played on the professional tour for a year.

Gaber said her motivation for tennis and for school has increased over time.

"When I was 16 or 17, sometimes coaches tell you... to go running and you (complain). Now instead of the coach saying it, I will (say) 'Coach, you know I think we should go running.' And the same with studies. I know what I (have to) do."

Gaber returns home to Austria about two times a year, at Christmas and during the summer, she said.

"It's not a big problem being far away because ever since I was little I used to travel a lot for tournaments. So I'm used to it," she said.

When she is home, Gaber said she spends time playing various sports, such as skiing, swimming, jogging and hiking.

"We live in the countryside so we spend a lot of time outdoors," she said.

"Coach (Ingram) never wants me to go home because he's afraid I'm going to get injured."

Gaber transferred to TCU because of the tennis program, which is larger here than at Campbell, she said. Gaber said she likes the professional feel of the practices and said she only has good things to say about Coach Ingram.

"He just always has a positive attitude. He would always help us," she said. "Even if it's not on the court. He's kind of like a Dad."

Gaber said that everyone on the tennis team is positive about the coming season.

"We're all working hard and nobody wants to give up," she said. "We got new players last year and they integrated perfectly already. I think we are all really close and we all get along. Every single one of us is really motivated."

Gaber will graduate in May 2003, but this is her last semester playing tennis with TCU. Gaber said she is considering playing tournaments in the future.

"If this works out well this year, I'll play tournaments. But I will only do it if I find a sponsor. It gets very costly, the tournaments," she said. "I wasn't even sure if I should do it, but my brother thought I should give it a try. All my friends tell me I should try."

Gaber said if she doesn't find a sponsor she will probably continue her education and get her master's degree in business.

"(My) dream would be being successful in turning professional. Staying healthy is the main thing. So many people try and get injured," she said.

Ingram said he has seen Gaber improve since coming to TCU and he's seen her win some difficult matches.

"She's good for TCU. She represents this university very well," Ingram said.

While Gaber is still unsure of the direction her future will take after TCU, she said she is focused on having fun this season and playing well. Gaber said she is fairly confident the team will win the conference championships this year.

"I think we will win it. We know the teams and we know we could win the whole thing again," she said. "Our main goal is to (make it to) Nationals...."

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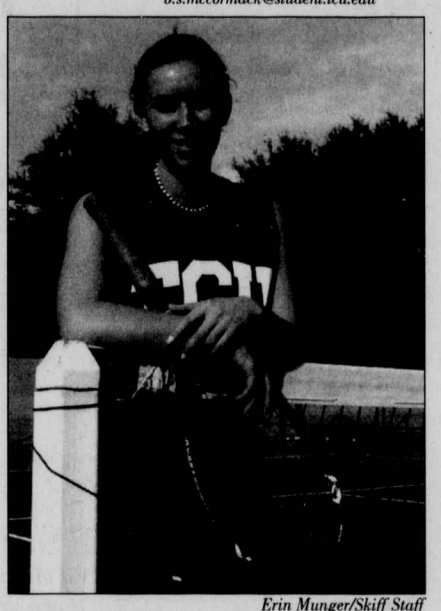

Erin Munger/Skiff Staff

Katrin Gaber holds the No. 1 spot on the women's tennis team. The team is ranked No. 22 in a preseason polls by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association.

Lounsbury named assistant at Tulsa

BY NATHAN LOEWEN
Assistant Sports Editor

TCU quarterbacks coach Dan Lounsbury will be the offensive coordinator for Tulsa next season, Golden Hurricane head coach Keith Burns announced Tuesday.

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Lounsbury leaves TCU after one year as the quarterbacks coach.

Burns said he tried to hire Lounsbury two season ago when Burns came to Tulsa from Arkansas, where he was defensive coordinator.

"We're thrilled to have him coming to Tulsa," Burns said. "He is one of the first coaches I wanted to hire, but the timing did not work out as well as it did this time."

Head coach Gary Patterson could not be reached for comment Wednesday. Patterson is traveling to recruit high school players.

Lounsbury, 49, served a stint as quarterbacks coach at Kentucky and was an offensive assistant under Fred Akers at Texas and Purdue in the 1980s. He was head coach at Southeastern Oklahoma State in Durant from 1983 to 1985 and was an assistant in the World Football League.

At East Texas State, Lounsbury coached former NFL quarterback and current Dallas Cowboys quarterback coach, Wade Wilson.

Tulsa scrounged up a 1-10 record last season and finished last in the Western Athletic Conference.

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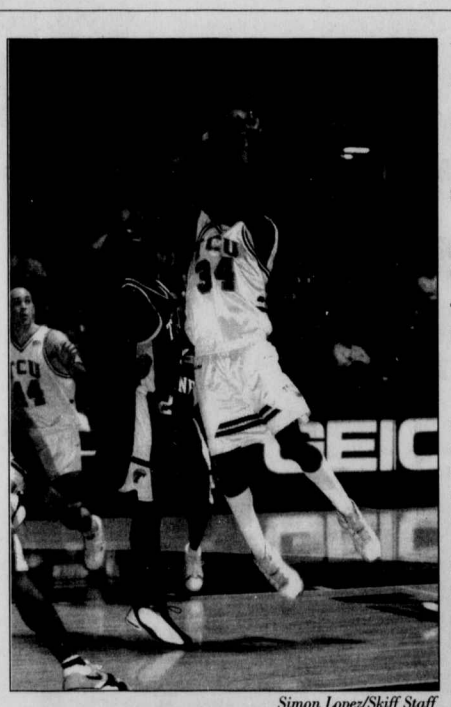

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Junior forward Bingo Merriex shoots the ball against Tulane Saturday. Merriex was held to seven points in the Frogs 83-72 loss to the Marquette Golden Eagles Wednesday night.

Frogs continue skid with loss to Eagles

Skiff Staff

The TCU men's basketball team extended its losing streak to a season-high six games as the Frogs lost to the Marquette Golden Eagles, 83-72, Wednesday night at the Bradley Center in Milwaukee.

TCU	**72**
Marquette	**83**

The losing streak marks the longest since the 1992-93 season when the Frogs dropped eight straight games.

TCU (10-10, 0-6 Conference USA) was led by the 18 points scored by junior-transfer guard Junior Blount. Sophomore Nucleus Smith scored 11 of his 15 points in the first half and senior Marlon Dumont recorded a double-double (13 points, 15 rebounds) in the loss. Junior Jamal Brown was two points shy of a double-double in the contest (8 points, 16 rebounds).

TCU led at half-time 42-35. It marked the second time the Frogs have led against a C-USA opponent. The seven-point margin against the Golden Eagles marked the largest difference at half-time since Dec. 20 when TCU led 44-29 against Appalachian State.

"We made some bad plays late in the game, but again I think our guys continued to battle back against a lot of adversity," head coach Billy Tubbs said after the game. "They made shots and we did not make shots. That's it."

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Eagles enjoy flying as underdogs against Rams

BY ROB MAADDI
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — The Philadelphia Eagles are used to being underdogs.

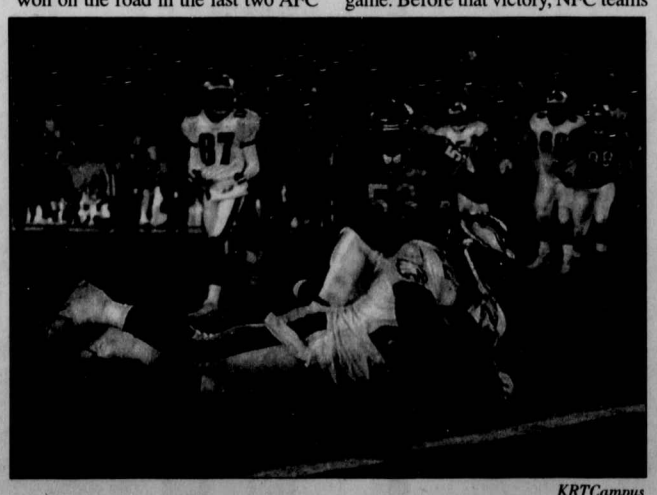
Not many people outside their own locker room thought the Eagles would reach the NFC Championship game this season. Even fewer people give them a chance against the faster and explosive St. Louis Rams on Sunday.

"We've been the underdog all year so it's nothing new to us," quarterback Donovan McNabb said Wednesday. "Going into this game where many people aren't even bringing up the fact the Eagles have a good chance of winning makes it even sweeter to us. We're going to a hostile environment, we're playing against a tough team, we know it's going to be a dogfight and we're just excited about the opportunity."

The Rams, who won the Super Bowl two years ago, are 12-point favorites over the Eagles, who haven't advanced this far in 21 years. But the home team is just 3-5 in conference title games over the last four years.

The Atlanta Falcons were double-digit underdogs on the road when they beat the Minnesota Vikings in the NFC championship game three years ago. Baltimore and Tennessee each won on the road in the last two AFC championship games.

The Eagles already overcame heavy odds by beating Chicago 33-19 in last weekend's divisional playoff game. Before that victory, NFC teams playing on the road in the second round of the playoffs were 1-21 since 1990.



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Philadelphia running back Duce Staley dives into the endzone past Chicago's Warrick Holdman for a third-quarter touchdown of Saturday's NFC Divisional playoff between the Eagles and Bears at Soldier Field in Chicago.

"A lot of people didn't think we'd beat the Bears, but we went out there and showed we are the better team," rookie wide receiver Freddie Mitchell said. "We just have to play our game. We don't worry about point spreads."

The Rams certainly aren't overlooking the Eagles.

"You don't get to this point of the season — nobody does — and think that anybody is going to kill anybody," St. Louis head coach Mike Martz said. "That just doesn't happen. This is an outstanding team we are about to play, and I think it will be much the same as the first time we played them. It will be nip and tuck down to the wire."

St. Louis beat Philadelphia 20-17 in overtime in Week 1 at Veterans Stadium. But both teams are much different than they were in the opener.

The Eagles made great strides on offense late in the season, capped by a 33-point performance against the Bears — the NFL's stingiest defense.

The Rams' overhauled defense — there were eight new starters in the first game — improved dramatically over last season, when it allowed the most points in the league. The defense even showed it could be as dangerous as NFL MVP Kurt Warner, NFC Offensive Player of the Year Marshall Faulk and the rest of the offense, scoring three touchdowns in last weekend's 45-17 victory over the Green Bay Packers.

"It's going to be very important for us to sustain drives, and make sure we attack them straight ahead and take advantage of what they do," running back Duce Staley said.

While the Eagles are a young, rising team with a franchise quarterback, a strong defense and an excellent salary-cap situation, there is no guarantee that they'll again be within a game of the Super Bowl in future years.

"We have a lot of guys that are mature on this team," middle linebacker Jeremiah Trotter said. "They know the magnitude of this game and they know you could never get back to this point so you have to take advantage of it now."