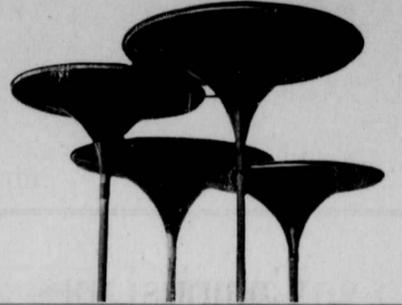


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WASHINGTON — Mailing a letter, bill payment or birthday gift will cost more starting June 30.
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OnCampus

Fundraiser raises awareness of importance of shelter

PITTSBURGH (U-WIRE) — For a few dedicated University of Pittsburgh students, a Towers room is going to look really good this week.

Members of Pitt's Habitat for Humanity will be living in a shack on the lawn of the William Pitt Union until Thursday. The fund-raiser is part of the first annual Habi-fest, a youth initiative instituted by the national chapter of Habitat. According to senior Melissa Clark, the national chapter encourages local chapters to do their part to raise awareness about the need for adequate shelter all over the world.

Last year, Pitt's Habitat built the makeshift shelter for its own purposes.

"We built the shack last year and we thought it was really fun and a good way to get publicity," Clark said.

Some participants will take shifts in the shack while others will be in it every night and all day except for classes, work and bathroom breaks.

The shack, made from 20 sheets of plywood and about 60 two-by-fours, also has a donations box. All proceeds will go to build a house in Uganda, India or Guatemala. Those who donate money will get to vote on the country in which the house is built. Clark said that any amount of money will help.

The house prices vary in different countries due to costs of construction and materials, as well as the standard of living that most people in the country are used to.

Clark said that the timing of Habi-fest with the rush of warm weather should bring more people out to the lawn for the next few days. She said that they have taken precautions for a damper forecast.

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theWeather

THURSDAY

High: 79; Low: 55; Partly cloudy

FRIDAY

High: 78; Low: 57; Afternoon thunderstorms

LookingBack

1847 — Joseph Pulitzer, namesake of the Pulitzer Prize, is born.

1942 — The Japanese army forced American and Filipino troops to take the "Bataan Death March." Captured soldiers were forced to march 85 miles in six days with only one meal, resulting in hundreds of casualties.

Freshmen at high risk for binge drinking

TCU rates at national average, remains same over eight years

BY MARCI KING

Staff Reporter

A study showing 1,400 college freshman students are killed each year in alcohol-related accidents should change the views of people who see drinking on campus as little more than a right of passage, researchers and university officials across the nation said Tuesday.

The federally appointed Task Force on College Drinking estimated that drinking by college students contributes to 500,000 injuries and 70,000

cases of sexual assault or date rape.

Angie Taylor, director of TCU's Alcohol and Drug Center, said a number of factors contribute to the fact that freshman students are the group most at risk for binge drinking.

"The new-

found freedom freshmen feel because of the lack of parental control is a factor," she said. "Another factor is freshmen wanting to fit in."

Taylor said binge drinking is defined as consuming four or more drinks in one sitting for women and five or more drinks in one sitting for males.

TCU remains right at the national average in terms of binge drinking

rates, she said.

"(TCU is) right at 44.6 percent," she said. "This means out of the 600 students surveyed, 44.6 percent consumed five or more drinks in the previous two weeks."

TCU has remained consistent through the past eight years in regard to binge or high risk drinking rates, Taylor said. "We have such a turnover," she

said. "By the time we get the word out that binge drinking is harmful and educate one freshman class, another class is getting ready to come in."

Taylor said the main idea for stu-

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College drinking

Highlights of a new report on alcohol use by U.S. college students, ages 18 to 24:

Alcohol-related incidents per year

■ Deaths: 1,400

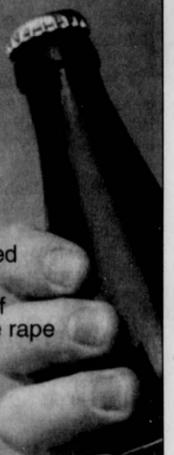
■ Injuries: 500,000

■ Assaults: 600,000 students assaulted by student who had been drinking

■ Sexual assaults: 70,000 victims of alcohol-related sexual assault or date rape

■ Driving: 2.1 million drove under the influence of alcohol

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WEST BANK RAIDS CONTINUE



Palestinians surrender to Israeli forces Monday in the West Bank city of Nablus. Intense fighting continued in a refugee camp Tuesday.

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Intense fighting kills 13 Israeli soldiers, wounds nine

BY GREG MYRE

Associated Press

JENIN, West Bank — Palestinian militants ambushed Israeli soldiers during intense fighting in a refugee camp Tuesday, opening fire from rooftops and setting off explosions that collapsed a building on troops in a narrow alley, the Israeli military said. Thirteen Israeli soldiers were killed and nine wounded.

The attack in Jenin refugee camp, where the military has besieged dozens of Palestinian gunmen for the past week, was the single deadliest incident involving Israeli forces in the past 18 months of violence.

Hours after the ambush, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said in a nationally broadcast address that the incursion into the West Bank would continue until Palestinian militias are crushed — despite U.S. pressure that he halt the 12-day-old offensive.

Earlier Tuesday, Israel pulled out of the West Bank towns of Qalqiliya and Tulkarem, raising

expectations that it would end the offensive altogether and also leave Nablus, Bethlehem, Jenin and Ramallah.

Secretary of State Colin Powell, due to arrive in Israel late Thursday in an effort to work out a truce, praised the withdrawal and said he would meet with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat during his visit.

The Israeli military confirmed 13 soldiers were killed and nine wounded in the Jenin camp — bringing to 25 the number of soldiers killed since Israel launched its offensive after a string of suicide attacks. Palestinian medics have confirmed at least 124

Palestinians killed in the campaign, but the toll was expected to rise amid reports of dead Palestinians still not evacuated from areas of battle.

An Israeli army officer died in Nablus on Tuesday, the military said, adding that he might have been killed by errant Israeli gunfire.

The Jenin camp has seen the heaviest fighting of the offensive. By Tuesday, several hundred gunmen had been pushed back to a small area of the cramped, crowded camp, with Israeli helicopter gunships providing heavy cover fire for ground troops, witnesses said.

Kirk defeats Morales in runoff

Former Dallas mayor to face Coryn for Senate seat

BY LISA FALKENBERG

Associated Press

DALLAS — Democratic Party favorite Ron Kirk defeated school teacher Victor Morales Tuesday in a sizzling Senate runoff to decide who battles the Goliath GOP nominee in the fall.

With 72 percent of precincts reporting, Kirk had 278,106 votes, or 58 percent, and Morales had 201,844 votes, or 42 percent.

In the end, Kirk's money, party support and backing from several high-profile Hispanic leaders hoisted him to victory over Morales, a part-time campaigner who was grossly underfunded.

Kirk, the former mayor of Dallas, is the first black nominated in Texas for a U.S. Senate seat.

"I feel great, absolutely relieved and exhausted," Kirk said after learning of his win.

Kirk battled hard in the neck-and-neck race against Morales, who reached celebrity status in 1996 by crisscrossing the state in his pickup truck in a bid to unseat Republican Sen. Phil Gramm, who is retiring.

Kirk now faces a grueling battle against GOP nominee Texas Attorney General John Cornyn, who boasts President Bush's backing, a deep war chest and the advantage of being a Republican in a state where Republicans hold every statewide office.

"I look forward to a vigorous and civil debate on the issues with Mr. Kirk in the fall," Cornyn said through spokesman Dave Beckwith. "I want to congratulate Ron Kirk on his hard-fought victory and compliment Victor Morales for raising important issues in a strong effort."

Cornyn and Kirk will vie to replace Phil Gramm, who is retiring.

Sniff creators keep identities under wraps

BY BRANDON ORTIZ

Staff Reporter

A man sits in the back corner of Mama's Pizza wearing a plastic nose taped to 1970s style sunglasses, a fake black beard and long brown wig and a red hat that says "50: Still wild and crazy."

As a table full of college-aged customers stare and laugh, the manager of the establishment approaches the table.

"Is everything OK over here?" he asks.

"Yes, we are just having an interview," the disguised man said.

"The cooks are scared of you," the manager said. "They think you are here to rob them."

"No, I am not here to rob them," said the man with the fake nose, who would not reveal his identity and asked to be called Cornelius. "This is for anonymity. That's the only reason."

Cornelius did not rob the restaurant, but he had his reasons for masking his identity: He is the co-founder of *The Sniff*, the satirical newsletter placed next to *TCU Daily Skiff* newsstands that pokes fun at campus figures and the daily happenings of

the university. Even though *The Sniff* has been met with fanfare from students, Cornelius said he doesn't want anyone to know who is behind the fake newsletter.

"With anonymity, you can lampoon sections of TCU society you are even a member of yourself," Cornelius said. "There is no pressure from any professors or other students. ... We are not doing this to make a name for ourselves. We are doing it because we believe in what we are writing."

Cornelius said *The Sniff*, which he said is printed biweekly and has a

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Latin art



Molly Beuerman/SKIFF STAFF

Art Dept. chairman and Gallery Director Ronald Watson shows off artwork from Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú faculty Monday. The artwork will be displayed until April 18 in the Moudy Building Exhibition Hall.

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.

• **Chapel service** will be noon today in Robert Carr Chapel. The service is in honor of Yom HaShoa, the day of remembrance for the Holocaust. Rabbi Ralph Mecklenburger will provide the message.

• **KinoMonda film series** presents the Cuban film "Guan-tanamera" 7 p.m. today in Sid W. Richardson Building, Lecture Hall 1. Edna Rodriguez-Mangual will speak. For more information call (817) 257-7292.

• **National Alcohol Screening Day** is 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday. If you or someone you know is interested in finding out if alcohol is limiting his or her success, have them stop by the Student Center lobby and participate in a confidential screening. For more information, contact the Alcohol & Drug Education Center at (817) 257-7100.

• **Radio-TV-Film film series** presents "Vera Cruz" 7 p.m. Thursday in Moudy Building South, Room 164. The film, made in 1954, stars Burt Lancaster and Gary Cooper. For more information call (817) 257-7630.

• **Miss Juneteenth Pageant Informational Meeting** will be 7 p.m. April 16 at the Downtown Fort Worth Public Library in the Teen Center 500 W. 3rd St. Scholarships and prizes will be awarded to winners. For more information contact Thenisha Smith at (817) 480-2974.

• **The TCU Showgirls dance team** will hold auditions for the 2002-03 team 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. April 27 in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. Prep classes are offered 7 to 8 p.m. every Wednesday in April in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum, and include technique instruction and a dance combination for \$5 a class. Contact the director, Jamie Drake Stephens, at (J.Stephens2@tcu.edu) for more information.

• **Brown-Lupton Health Center** will not offer routine gynecological services during the summer months. April 26 is the last appointment day for the spring semester and the Health Center is booking appointments for the second week of April. Call (817) 257-7940 for an appointment.

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Campus/State Roundup

San Antonio policeman found guilty of cocaine plot

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A former San Antonio policeman was found guilty Tuesday on one count of taking part in a scheme to protect shipments of cocaine that involved at least six of his fellow officers.

Arthur Gutierrez Jr., 39, was convicted during retrial on a charge of aiding and abetting an attempt to distribute more than 30 pounds of drugs on Sept. 21, 2000, in exchange for a payment of \$2,500 made by an undercover FBI agent.

But Gutierrez, who served on the San Antonio Police Department for 15 years, was found innocent on an identical charge for an earlier shipment of cocaine through the city.

He was also acquitted on the most serious charge — being part of a conspiracy to distribute large quantities of cocaine — as well as two counts of carrying a gun as part of a drug-trafficking crime.

Defense lawyer Jimmy Parks said the guilty verdict would be appealed.

Gutierrez was one of eight city police officers arrested in March 2001 as a result of the three-year FBI sting operation to root out corrupt officers. Packages of gypsum were used to simulate cocaine in the shipments.

Gutierrez was the first officer to opt for a trial.

New toll road will ease traffic on Interstate 35

AUSTIN (AP) — State officials have picked a group of companies to design and build a 90-mile toll road that would sidestep the capital to ease congestion on Interstate 35.

State officials have estimated the project's cost at \$1.5 billion. It is the centerpiece of an estimated \$3.3 billion package of four toll roads planned for Central Texas.

The Texas Department of Transportation on Monday recommended the Lone Star Infrastructure consortium, a group of 19 engineering and construction companies led by Fluor Daniel Inc., a unit of Aliso Viejo, Calif.-based Fluor Corp.

The Texas Transportation Commission, which oversees the department, is expected to officially award the contract at its next meeting April 25.

Abandoned truck found with \$1.6 million in drugs

ROMA (AP) — Federal agents have found an estimated \$1.6 million worth of marijuana and methamphetamine stashed in an abandoned truck alongside the Rio Grande.

Agents seized the drugs at about 11:30 p.m. Monday from a white 1993 Ford found by the riverbank.

A search revealed 40 bundles of marijuana weighing 1,260 pounds and valued at \$1 million. One bundle had 10 cans containing a total of 21 pounds of methamphetamine valued at \$672,000. No suspects were found.

Associated Press photo exhibition chronicles events

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — The photos chronicle some of the most significant events over the past century.

Lining a brightly lit hall at the George Bush Presidential Museum, 130 photographs run the gamut of emotion, telling stories of victory, heartache, tragedy and joy. Some are humorous. Others painful.

The exhibit, called "Flash! The Associated Press Covers the World," formally opens Wednesday at the Bush Library and Museum at Texas A&M University.

Curated by the Arlington, Va.-based Newseum, it runs through May 19.

With the exception of a 1960 photo of John Kennedy arriving at the Democratic National Convention, most of the photos are black and white until the late 1980s, reflecting the technology of the day.

Founded in 1848 by six New York City newspapers, the AP is the oldest and largest news organization in the world, serving as a source of news, photos, graphics, audio and video for more than one billion people a day.

Baytown man sentenced for impersonating U.S. marshal

HOUSTON (AP) — A Baytown man has been sentenced to 30 months in prison for impersonating a U.S. marshal in a bar.

Rex Kramer, 54, pleaded guilty on Jan. 22 to falsely representing himself as a U.S. marshal and to possession of an unregistered firearm silencer.

Witnesses said Kramer approached female customers at a bar in Novem-

ber and told them he was a deputy U.S. marshal conducting an anthrax investigation.

He reportedly grabbed a woman's arm and told her she would be arrested and would need to go with him. The woman broke loose and called police.

When authorities arrived, Kramer continued to identify himself as a U.S. marshal. He ultimately told the officers he used a phony badge to pass as a marshal.

Michael DeGeurin, Kramer's public defender, argued Monday for a lighter sentence. He blamed his client's actions on alcohol abuse stemming from his fall from fame as a former boyfriend of Liza Minnelli.

U of Virginia plagiarizing case draws to an end

It began with a blare of publicity — interviews on CNN and "The Today Show," headlines from New York to London: More than 100 students at the University of Virginia, home to a 160-year-old honor system, accused of plagiarizing their physics papers.

Nearly a year later, the "cheating scandal" is dribbling to a close — quietly and, students and professors say, successfully.

Of 157 cases investigated by the student Honor Committee, only 17 remain unresolved, according to statistics released last week. Of the others, 39 students — less than one-third — have either dropped out of the university, admitting guilt, or been found guilty. A student found guilty of any honor offense must leave U.Va.

"It's too bad that the results of the cases have not been emphasized as much as the initial shock," said senior Thomas Hall, the chairman of the Honor Committee, whose hectic two-year term ended last week. "They say the honor system does work, that it does process cases fairly. If students cheat, there are going to be consequences."

The cases were brought by physics professor Louis A. Bloomfield, who teaches an introductory course for non-science majors. For years, he has asked students in their final papers to explain the physics behind an everyday object or action.

In the spirit of the honor system, Bloomfield had left copies of past papers in a hallway for students to get a

flavor of them. After a student told him she suspected cheating, he concocted a computer program to detect six-word strings in papers. He analyzed 1,200 papers from past years. The students he referred to the committee had at least 500 words in common.

The Honor Committee has not revealed details of the cases or names of students but has regularly released statistics.

New campaign discourages handouts to homeless

TUCSON, Ariz. (U-WIRE) — Hoping to help the homeless get off the streets near the University of Arizona campus and downtown, a new campaign supported by a citywide coalition is working to persuade people not to give handouts to panhandlers.

The campaign, called "Stop Giving to Panhandlers -- Don't feel guilty," suggests people give money to charitable "partners" rather than people on the street.

The program is voluntary for businesses in the East University Boulevard and North Park Avenue area, as well as those downtown and along Fourth Avenue. Participating businesses put posters in their windows and provide a list of partners.

"The basic message is that giving money only empowers panhandlers to stay on the street — doesn't allow them to get off the streets, to become a productive member of society again," said Sam Spencer, events director for the Fourth Avenue Merchants Association.

Instead, money would be going to organizations that help the homeless with food, shelter, employment and other services.

The campaign is supported by a coalition consisting of the UA, the city of Tucson, Ariz., the Tucson Downtown Alliance, the Fourth Avenue Merchants Association and eight social services organizations.

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The Skiff View HUMOR

The Sniff provides comic relief for campus

In journalism, we pride ourselves on credibility, accuracy and usefulness.

But sometimes even staunch, news-type people enjoy a good laugh.

The Sniff unarguably has a unique tone that sets its publication apart from others. Free from administrative oversight, the newsletter pokes fun of campus figures and the daily happenings of the university.

The authors, who have chosen to remain anonymous, admit they are not criticizing but rather challenging the "tunnel-vision" outlook that is apparent on campus. This outlook happens when people are unaware or don't care what happens outside their world and their country, the authors said.

And you know what? They're right.

Tests, term papers, appointments. It's easy to become overwhelmed in an environment like college where there is always something that needs to be done and something else that has to be put on hold because our calendars are splitting at the seams.

With a circulation of 500, the creators of *The Sniff* have provided a differing viewpoint to students on a shoe-string budget. They have shown to students and other departments that a publication can be put together that challenges popular belief and the status quo.

Way to go. In a world where forums and meetings seem so real and pressing, it's good to have someone remind us that there are people and views outside of our pressing schedules.

Humor is a universal language, and *The Sniff* communicates a needed message.

Now if only we could be so clever.



A little humility can help bridge cultural gaps

Diversity is an ever-present issue in the development of our university.

Campus billboards and brochures seem to project the image that we are an incredibly diverse community living harmoniously in a utopian environment. If you believe this, it would be recommended you stop reading now and crawl back under your shell, or get back into your Lexus at least.

The diversity on campus is clearly lacking, but TCU is trying to improve this situation. Groups such as the International Student Association help create a community where foreign students can relate to each other, which should definitely help attract more minorities to choose TCU to further their education.

Last year's freshman class comprised of 13 percent minority students, who represent countless political and religious viewpoints. However, with the many different perspectives our foreign students possess, are the other 87 percent of incoming students going to learn anything about these other cultures

in their 4 (to 6) years at TCU?

In The Main, there is a vast array of people with different backgrounds, but they always seem to be bunched together. Anyone who frequents The Main knows where the athletes sit, or where the Brothers Under Christ or the Lambda Chi Alpha members usually sit. We are so consumed with making sure we sit in our "group" that the same people are often left out of the mix. Those who do always have a group to sit with are continually shielding themselves from anyone outside of their group.

As you may be thinking, altering seating arrangements in The Main is not the solution for changing the diversity situation in the student body, but unfortunately it seems to be a model of what diversity is like in other areas of the university.

In the classroom, we have Caucasian professors lecturing about other cultures to a room almost entirely comprised of Caucasian students of similar backgrounds, yet the professor fails to even ask the few minorities to give a first-hand perspective of his or her own culture. Though they might not be able to quote specific statistics from their culture, a first-hand viewpoint can make a much larger impression than a PowerPoint

presentation with endless charts and graphs.

Another problem in the classroom is the avoidance of diversity-related discussions for fear of offending someone. For example, I have heard students say they were glad a certain minority person wasn't present in class on a day when discussions were related to diversity because they were afraid of saying something that would offend that person.

If what you are saying could be deemed offensive to another race or sex, then maybe you should re-think your stance and look at why this is the case. If you are stating an opinion or viewpoint you wholeheartedly believe in, then don't be afraid to say it. The only way we can learn from each other is to express our views and inform fellow students about how our background influences these views.

Maybe you will offend someone, but when they give their side of the issue, you'll get to hear why they believe what they do. Maybe you'll even learn something, and hopefully, they will too. It's amazing how just a little humility can help bridge even the greatest of cultural gaps.

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Jeff Dennis

The Other View

Opinions from around the country

A recent study by Jeffrey Johnson of Columbia University has confirmed what several studies already have said about the link between violence and watching television. The study reports watching television for more than one hour a day leads to an increase in "assaults, fights, robberies and other aggressive acts."

But this evidence obscures the complexity of what causes youth violence and gives a massive issue too simple an explanation. According to the Columbia University study, it isn't what the kids are watching; too much of any type of television leads to an increased aggression rate in later adolescence.

But a study such as this is dangerous because it allows another scapegoat to explain adolescent problems. It provides a quick fix. We might assume that restricting our children's TV viewing would result in a less-violent youth population, which isn't likely.

Television is just one of many problems. Assigning it the bulk of the blame lessens individual responsibility in the situation. Television is always an option to entertain children. Pay your electricity bills, and it will always be there. Of course kids watch too much of it — it's always there

when there's nothing else to do.

The Columbia study is worth something. It concludes that too much television makes a child more aggressive. But parents have to be careful with what they make of this finding. Children want attention. That's the heart of the matter. Less television will not solve anything in and of itself.

We may look at the finding as one cause of later childhood aggression. But the matter is a finely woven tapestry, not a single string of yarn.

Pay attention to kids. Children need and crave activity outside the living room. When activities are not supplied, they tend to turn to television. They become forced to shelter themselves from the world. Then, almost suddenly, the world is in front of them, and many have no idea how to deal with it.

Societal interaction at a young age gives children a foundation upon which to build their interpersonal skills. If kids knew how to properly develop relationships, surely there would be a decrease in teenage aggression.

So, yes, turn off the TV sets, but don't forget to find something better to do.

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Human cloning: A way to realize events in the Book of Revelations

If this weekend's scientific reports are true, then humankind has crossed another questionable boundary in our species' storied history of boundary-crossing. Two egghead doctors, Severino Antinori and Panos Zavos, sacrificed their medical and scientific credibility in order to be the first people to clone people.

According to reports, the cloned human is living it up in the warm uterine confines of an anonymous test-female in an undisclosed location somewhere. The woman is the first successful test subject out of thousands of infertile women who entered Zavos & Antinori's human cloning program.

Right now, much of the world's respectable medical establishment is aghast — and it's really no wonder. While clones have successfully been produced in at least five mammalian species, the vast majority of cloning attempts have been failures. Take, for instance, Dolly the sheep: The world's first high-profile animal clone was the lone success in 247 pregnancies. It's the 246 failures that cause the global scientific community to cringe.

Cloned fetuses are frequently prone to abnormally quick growth rates that cause them to sponta-

neously abort, putting the health of the mother at risk. Those clones that do make it to term (slightly more than 1 percent) typically feature severe defects. Since cloning is largely unnecessary and carries with it the potential for a tremendous amount of pain, it's easy to understand the widespread revulsion of the medical community.

However, what's always confused me is the fact that the most vocal and strident condemnation of cloning typically comes from the religious right.

"Playing God" is the over-used cliché that's usually uttered when science starts experimenting with the basic building blocks of life. The idea is that human life is sacred and scientific inquiry into this is akin to traipsing across hallowed ground. If making new life is "playing God," then humans already do that regularly — less than regularly, in my case — when they copulate. What does it matter if it's performed awkwardly by naked teenagers in the backseat of a car or in a sterile fashion by geeky technicians in labcoats?

Besides, if I've ever learned one thing about the Judeo-Christian version of God, it's that we don't "play" him — he plays us. If God is aware of every move we'd make long before we were

even born, and if the prospect of cloning really does annoy or threaten him, then he could've created a human race incapable of ever denucleating and renucleating fertilized eggs in test tubes. Or, at the very least, he could've forbid the futuristic practice by issuing an eleventh commandment or something.

What the religious right (specifically mainstream Christianity) doesn't understand is that cloning can be highly beneficial in its potential to expedite the cheery events prophesied in the Book of Revelations. If the famed "Shroud of Turin" is the legitimate burial cloth of Christ, and if globules of his blood are trapped in the fibers of the garment, then it's suspiciously convenient that a specimen of The Carpenter's DNA is in the possession of the Catholic Church — Jesus' biggest and most powerful fan club.

For once, mainstream Christianity seems to be in agreement with the mainstream scientific community. The irony is that their position blinds them to the possibility that they could be sitting on an eschatological goldmine.

Jon Watkins is a columnist for the *Rocky Mountain Collegian* at Colorado State University. This column was distributed by U-Wire.

Sampling of current events; 'full of vile crap'

Rolling Stone columnists Jason Cohen and Michael Krugman broke their latest critique article down using the title of art critic Hilton Kramer's latest *New York Observer* review, "Jewish Museum Show: Full of vile crap, not to be forgiven." So I've cribbed it for this week's rant. Gee, I guess everything good is borrowed.

COMMENTARY



Tim Dragga

ABC's "The Bachelor," full of vile crap, not to be forgiven.

If this isn't the most blatant network endorsement of chauvinism since NBC ran that special "Playmate Fear Factor," then I'll eat my grandmother's cat, and she doesn't even have a cat. I wonder how the public might react if a strong, intelligent, beautiful, financially affluent woman was auditioning husbands.

Pat Buchanan, full of vile crap, not to be forgiven.

Pat's new book talks about how immigration is destroying the country. I'm sure the Native Americans would agree. Buchanan is a Scottish name, isn't it? This guy really holds no purpose anymore other than to serve as right-wing xenophobia's most common talking point. Buchanan would do well to check out Michael Moore's new book. It's called "Stupid White Men."

Henry Jaglom, pretentious director of "Festival in Cannes," full of vile crap, not to be forgiven.

What could be more pretentious and trite than a complacent and self-congratulatory film festival? Maybe a pretentious and trite film about a complacent and self-congratulatory film festival. Henry Jaglom's "indie" flick "Festival in Cannes" promises to give us "the scene behind the scenes" but winds up patting itself on the back while playing off the easy irony of having the actors laugh about how tawdry and shallow the film industry must be from the comfort of their million dollar suites. If I had a dollar for every rich suburban kid I grew up with who wanted to be a filmmaker and foist his "unique and unconventional" vision upon the world I sure wouldn't have to write for the *TCU Daily Skiff*. Independent films these days have become the movie version of a triple AAA farm league for directors who can't wait to prove their chops and then cash in to make the big budget summer studio blockbuster. Just look at Sam Raimi's ascension from the low-budget *Evil Dead* series from "The Quick and the Dead" and now to "Spiderman."

"7th Heaven," full of vile crap, not to be forgiven.

This show is little more than conservative middle-class pandering and the propagation of naiveté passed off as family entertainment. Anyone ever wonder if the reason kids perceive that they have to drink to fit in isn't partially because every family show that deals with the subject frames the problem in exactly that way? It seems like the impression that drinking (or drugs) equals acceptance is being circulated more often by the shows attempting to teach the opposite message just so they'll have something to tritely preach against.

Ralph Nader, full of vile crap, not to be forgiven.

Since he doesn't have national elections to bugger up anymore, Nader's taken to showing up on CNN's "Crossfire" to spout his various conspiracy theories and liberal fear mongering. Nader is so full of himself sometimes I wish he'll just forget to breathe so he could die flailing, useless and forgotten just like the Green Party. It's not that the Green Party had ideas I personally disagreed with, but they managed to pick the only candidate less qualified for the presidency than the guy currently serving.

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National/International Roundup

Afghan poppy farmers angry with new government

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Protests by poppy farmers furious over a new government anti-drug campaign have stranded thousands of Afghan refugees seeking to return home from Pakistan, a U.N. spokesman said Tuesday.

About 14,000 Afghan refugees are stranded between the Pakistani border town of Torkham and Jalalabad because Shenwari tribesmen who grow poppies have blocked the highway to protest the government campaign.

Afghanistan's interim administration is offering cash to growers of heroin-producing poppy in exchange for destroying their crop. Farmers say the compensation is inadequate, and the campaign has triggered violent incidents in several major poppy-growing areas.

Government troops in the southern province of Helmand, the largest poppy region, shot and killed eight farmers Sunday and wounded 16 others when a protest by about 2,000 farmers got out of control, authorities said.

The country's defense minister, Mohammed Fahim, escaped assassination Monday during a bomb blast as he arrived in Jalalabad to discuss the poppy eradication campaign. At least four people were killed and 16 injured.

The unrest has added to the problems facing the United Nations as it tries to return refugees from Pakistan to Afghanistan, according to U.N. spokesman Yusuf Hassan.

Postal Service stamp increase effective June 30th

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mailing a letter, bill payment or birthday gift will cost more starting June 30.

Higher postal rates, including a 3-cent boost to 37 cents for first-class mail, were approved in February. The effective date was announced Tuesday by the Postal Service board of governors.

"The governors recognize that raising rates is not the long-term solution to retaining universal service," board Chairman Robert Rider said. But he said the higher rates will help the agency cope with its current economic problems.

The increases affect only domestic mail. The international letter rate of 60 cents for the first ounce to Mexico and Canada and 80 cents to other countries remains unchanged.

The increase will give the cash-strapped postal service a boost as it tries to cope with declining business and hundreds of millions of dollars in costs from the terror attacks and anthrax contamination last fall.

Postmaster General John Potter repeated his promise that there won't be another increase until at least 2004.

Iraqi oil suspension leads to drop in oil prices

LONDON (AP) — Oil prices retreated Tuesday as Iran and Libya held back from joining Iraq's suspension of crude shipments to countries allied with Israel.

OPEC Secretary-general Ali Rodriguez said the oil producers' group is opposed to an oil embargo, and some analysts expected Saudi Arabia and other moderate OPEC members to quietly boost their output to cover any serious shortfall in global supplies.

The incentive of higher oil prices might encourage non-OPEC producers such as Russia and Mexico to do the same, analysts said.

Signs of a partial Israeli withdrawal from Palestinian territories also helped to calm futures markets, a day after Iraq's cutoff triggered a 6 percent surge in prices. Markets seemed initially to shrug off a flare-up in fighting Tuesday in which at least 13 Israeli soldiers died.

The European Union's head office said it was convening a special meeting later this week to discuss rising oil prices. However, the European Commission played

down fears of a looming world fuel emergency.

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein announced Monday that he was halting oil exports for 30 days or until Israel withdrew from the territories. A political dispute at Venezuela's state-run oil company exacerbated the turmoil.

Young boys rescued from mine after cave-in

THIDA, Ark. (AP) — Dreams of gold drew them in. Teams of rescuers pulled them out.

Three boys who went looking for riches in a Civil War-era mine got caught in a cave-in that trapped them in a crawl space 200 feet underground for a day and a half. Rescuers dug with their hands and small shovels and crawled on their bellies to reach the three, who were a little dehydrated and scared but unhurt.

William Zachary Foster, 9, had feared the worst. "We wasn't going to get out. We didn't have any food and we'd starve to death," he said Tuesday at a hospital in Batesville, where the three boys were treated.

The boy had been eager to search for gold after finding sparkling dust on his shirt in a previous trip to the mine. On Sunday morning, he and his brother, David Keith Foster, 11, and their 19-year-old cousin, Jeffery Keith Foster, set out with their black Labrador, Precious, to explore.

Though no gold has ever been found in the mines, local lore has it that the walls hide treasure left by train robbers who escaped through the mines in the late 1800s.

Five minutes into the boys' trek, the ground rumbled and the dirt ceiling collapsed. What was once a 5-by-5-foot entranceway into the hillside was nothing more than a pile of rubble.

Now firefighters are deciding what to do with the remaining mines — a popular hangout for teen-agers around Thida, population 150.

TCU Daily Skiff, Image magazine awarded for 2001 publications

BY RAUL MARTINEZ IV
Staff Reporter

The Texas Intercollegiate Press Association recently awarded TCU journalism students for their work in 2001 on *Image* magazine and the *TCU Daily Skiff*.

Image magazine won a total of 16 awards including the Sweepstakes 2002 award. The *Skiff* won a total of 11 awards and Skiff TV came away with second place in the television feature category. The awards were presented March 30.

The Society of Professional Journalists acknowledged the *Skiff* with four Mark of Excellence Awards and three for *Image*. The *Skiff* also received an honorable mention award from the Texas Associated Press Managing Editors.

Student Publications Director

Robert Bohler said the great part about winning these awards is that they are given by a professional organization.

"These students are being recognized by professionals," Bohler said. "That shows the quality of work they have done."

James Zwilling, current editor in chief of *Image* magazine, said the experience he received from working at the magazine and the *Skiff* was better than any award he could win.

"Training to be a journalist goes way beyond the classroom," Zwilling said. "Working for student publications allows students to be not only those people being taught, but also the people doing the teaching. The benefits from this experience far outweigh any benefits that may come from these awards."

Ram Luthra, fall 2001 *Skiff* editor in chief, said last semester's focal point was the Sept. 11 edition.

"That day the staff came together and showed a lot of responsibility," Luthra said. "That experience gives everyone involved a good base to build a professional career."

Bohler said although the *Skiff* did not win as many awards overall this year, it did win more news writing awards.

"The bright side of winning more news writing awards is that we have become more aggressive in our stories," he said.

For a complete list of student publications awards visit www.skiff.tcu.edu.

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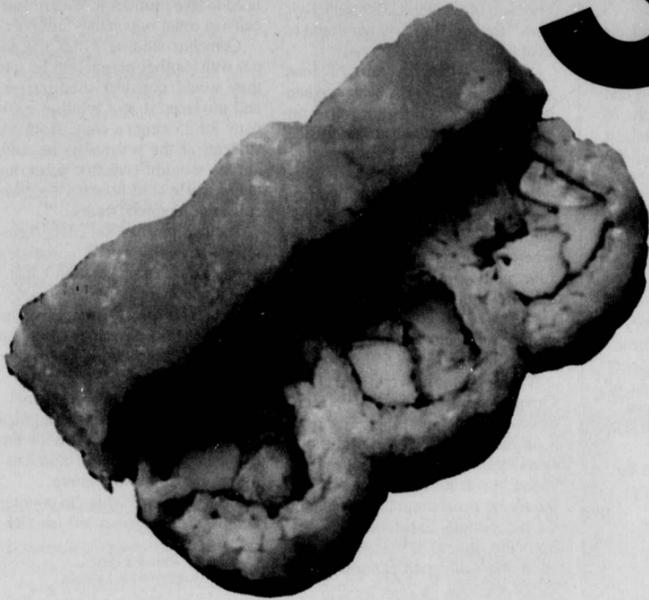
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The truth about

Sushi

It's not just raw fish, you see?



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BY JOHN-MARK DAY
Skiff Staff

Sushi. The very word conjures up connotations of something slimy and writhing.

"Dude, I saw this guy swallow a live goldfish at a party once. Is that the same thing?"

No, no it's not. Actually, sushi, a longtime staple of the Japanese diet, doesn't even have to mean anything raw (and whatever is raw is very dead), explained Yumiko Keitges, director of the Japanese studies program.

"There aren't that many raw fish sushi," Keitges said. "Raw fish is expensive."

Sushi refers to the type of rice used to make the dish. Sashimi is the raw fish. Although there are several different types of sushi, Keitges said the key to good sushi is always the same.

"You have to get the right ingredients," she said. "It has to be good nori, good rice, good vinegar. If any of these is bad, it doesn't taste good."

Nori is the dried seaweed used to wrap the temaki and maki types of sushi. These are the types most people are familiar with — sushi like California and shrimp rolls.

Nigiri sushi is made with strips of the raw fish pressed with the rice.

For those adventurous enough to make sushi at home, some recipes are available. For others, who would rather let an experienced chef handle the seafood, Keitges recommends trying an all-you-can eat sushi restaurant such as Tokyo One in Addison or Todai in Plano.

Wherever you go, Keitges has a few tips on what to watch out for.

"Good raw fish should not smell fishy. Color should be bright. If it's dull color, it's old," she said. "It's supposed not to be chewy...unless it's octopus."

"Good sushi should still have a little warmth, then put on the cold fish."

Keitges said the ingredients can range from the plain (mackerel, shrimp or salmon) to the scary (octopus or squid). She recommends beginners start slow, though.

"Start with temaki (the rolls)," she said. "No raw fish, maybe imitation crab meat. Something more familiar inside."

Be prepared to move on to more exotic tastes, she said.

"I can handle anything," she said. "As long as it doesn't move."

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Restaurants

If you feel like going out, Keitges suggests a few sushi buffets to try:

Tokyo One

4350 Belt Line Road at Midway Road

Addison

(972) 386-8899

\$11.99 for a weekday lunch

\$15.99 for a weekend lunch

\$22.99 for dinner

Todai

6121 West Park Blvd. at Dallas North Tollway

Plano

(972) 202-8433

\$12.95 for weekday lunch

\$14.95 for weekend lunch

\$22.95 for weekday dinner (Monday through Thursday)

\$23.95 for weekend dinner (Friday through Sunday)

Sushi Rice

3 cups short-grain white rice
1/4 cup rice wine vinegar
1/4 cup sugar
1 teaspoon salt

Before cooking the rice, rinse several times in running water until the water runs clear. Drain in a colander for about 1 hour. Cook on the stovetop or in an electric rice cooker according to package directions.

In a small saucepan over low heat, combine vinegar, sugar and salt. Stir gently to dissolve salt and sugar. Cool to room temperature.

While the rice is still warm, transfer to a large non-reactive bowl. Gradually drizzle the vinegar mixture over the rice, fanning the rice as you go. Use a rice paddle to mix gently without mashing the grains. Keep the rice covered with a damp cloth at room temperature until ready to make sushi. Do not refrigerate.

Yield: 4 servings

California Roll

Nori seaweed
Prepared sushi rice
Crab meat, cut in pieces
Avocado, peeled and cut in fine pieces
Cucumber, peeled, seeded and cut in fine strips
Sesame seeds, toasted

Cut nori sheet in half and place it on bamboo mat, shiny side down. Dampen your fingers in water. Spread a thin layer of sushi rice over the seaweed, do not cover completely. Leave a 1-inch margin at the ends uncovered to seal the roll. Lay crabmeat, avocado and cucumber lengthwise. Sprinkle with sesame seeds. To roll; slowly fold the end of the mat closest to you over the filling and tuck it in. Use medium pressure to create a compact tube. Remove the mat from around the roll, press in the loose ends and place it on a cutting board, seam side down. Using a wet, sharp knife, slice the roll in half then into 6 equal pieces. Serve with wasabi, soy sauce and pickled ginger.

Yield: 4 servings

Spider Roll

1 Soft-shell Crab
2 cups tempura batter
1 Nori Sheet
1/2 cup sushi rice
1/8 avocado
2 tablespoons spicy mayonnaise

Preheat oil to 350 degrees. Dip soft-shell crab into tempura batter. Fry crab until it turns golden brown. Remove and place on paper towels to drain. Cut into thirds. Place all ingredients on bamboo mat in the following order: nori, rice, crab, avocado, spicy mayonnaise and roll in a jelly roll fashion.

Spicy mayonnaise:
3 egg yolks
1 teaspoon shallot (chopped)
1/2 clove garlic
3 tablespoons lime juice
2 teaspoons seasoned rice vinegar
1 teaspoon miso paste
2 teaspoons chile paste
2 teaspoons cayenne pepper
1 1/2 cups vegetable oil

Place all ingredients except oil in blender. On medium speed, slowly add the oil to emulsify into mayonnaise.

Tempura batter:
1 cup all purpose flour
1/2 cup cornstarch
1 whole egg beaten
1 to 2 cups seltzer
A few ice cubes

In a mixing bowl, blend the dry ingredients. Stir in the egg, and while stirring, pour in the seltzer, 1/2 cup at a time. Stir to completely combine ingredients. Add enough seltzer so that the blend is the consistency of unwhipped heavy cream. Stir in a few ice cubes to keep the batter very cold.

Dictionary

If you're just starting out in the world of sushi, here are some words you'll probably come across:

Nori - Sheets of dried seaweed used for maki-sushi and temaki sushi.

Sakana - Fish

Wasabi - Japanese horseradish used to flavor sushi.

Kome - Rice (uncooked)

Resutoran - Restaurant

Otearai wa do desu ka - Where is the bathroom? (Just in case!)

Personnel shifts planned for fall

Resident assistant, hall director changes not unusual

BY KAMI LEWIS
Staff Reporter

Residential assistants and hall directors are on the move across campus as transfers, new hires and personnel shifts are planned for the fall semester, said Russell Elleven, associate director of Residential Life.

But the number of changes planned for the fall are not unusual, he said.

"We've hired one new hall director and 28 new RAs, and there were eight transfer requests granted," Elleven said. "That's about normal for a fall semester."

Nannie Mead, hall director for Colby Hall keeps track of RA requests to move and is involved in the hiring process. She attributed most transfer requests to openings in the Tom Brown/Pete Wright Apartment Community.

"Every year RAs request to be transferred, especially to the Tom Brown/Pete Wright complex," Mead said. "This year, of the eight requested transfers, four were to openings in Tom Brown, so it's re-

ally not a large number of changes." Wiggins Hall in Worth Hills will have a 100 percent turnover in staff for the fall.

Mead said that while a completely new staff can impact the residents of a hall, the culture of a residence hall is maintained mostly by the residents who live there, not so much by the staff.

"As a hall director, when you build a staff you consider the type of residents you have and make sure that the staff members you choose are a good fit with your residents," she said. "In Colby, I have mostly fun-loving, active freshmen, so I don't necessarily choose RAs like the residents, but ones that will work well with them."

Megan Clawson, a senior RA in Foster said that the timing of staff changes is important and that many times the fall semester brings major changes across campus.

"When it comes at the end of the school year like it is for Wiggins Hall, a completely new staff isn't that stressful for residents," she said. "Especially in this case, since Wiggins is not at full occupancy right now, and typically many students change dorms at the end of the spring semester anyway."

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Sniff garners laughs at TCU's expense

BY BRANDON ORTIZ
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The Sniff has an affinity for lampooning the Greek system.

Annie Hodges is a sorority member.

So do the jokes offend her?

"No," the sophomore interior design major said. "I think it is great. Everybody needs a sense of humor. It is a nice sense of relief."

Such was the reaction of students who saw the satirical newsletter, regardless of whether or not they were the butt of its witty jabs. Several students said *The Sniff* was hilarious.

Miranda Goodsheller, a sophomore advertising/public relations major, said *The Sniff* sends a funny but serious message. "TCU is projected as such a perfect campus, and it just brings to life some of the things that people know exist," Goodsheller said. "And it's good writing, it is funny. I laugh out loud at it. Some of the things TCU does are ridiculous. I think it makes people think about it."

Kyle Janak, a sophomore business major, said the occasional jabs made at the M.J. Neeley School of Business' expense do not bother him.

"They have some pretty funny stories," Janak said. "They talk about some serious issues. They have a funny way to get the point across."

Sue Lipka, a sophomore art history major, said *The Sniff* helps burst the TCU bubble.

"I think anything that helps this campus not take itself so seriously is a good thing," she said.

Goodsheller said most students aren't offended by the jokes.

"Most people have a good enough sense of humor to take it as what it is," she said. "Most people should know it is not someone purposefully trying to be mean to their organization or whatever they may be a part of. The administration can take it."

Apparently, it can.

The first issue featured a story in which Chancellor Michael Ferrari "was found leading party goes through an a cappella version of Bob Marley's 'Buffalo Soldiers.'"

After the article ran, Ferrari said it did not bother him.

"It is rather humorous," Ferrari said. "It showed a fair deal of creativity."

The students agree.

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SNIFF

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circulation of 500, draws its inspiration from *The Onion* and "The Daily Show." In each story, he said an implicit message is mixed in with doses of absurdity and fiction.

"It seems at first that it is just a good laugh, but it disguises like that," Cornelius said. "It actually says something a lot of the time. Not every time of course."

The message is neither liberal nor conservative, Cornelius said, but a criticism of what he calls "tunnel-vision." He says TCU students tend to take themselves too seriously.

"(Tunnel-vision) is very obvious when it happens in America, when people are totally unaware or, worse, don't care what lies outside their world, outside their country," Cornelius said. "It is unfortunate when it happens on the national scale but that is kind of understandable. What is really funny is when it happens on a smaller scale. Like petty microcosms, like high school cliques whose members fail to see how silly and insignificant their mini-society is. We see the same thing at TCU."

Two common targets are the Greek system and the M.J. Neeley School of Business.

In the first issue of the fictitious newsletter, March 18, one story focused on fraternity and sorority members protesting the Common Undergraduate Experience for being "too much of an imposition upon the collegiate experience of

partying and networking."

In the April 1 issue, another story was about the business school successfully leading a drive to change the C in TCU from Christian to Capitalist. It also included comments from Satan and Jesus Christ, who was "deeply disappointed" that TCU "would fire me."

Cornelius said that although *The Sniff* certainly has its favorite targets, the paper doesn't mean to go after anyone in particular.

"We have no vendettas against any groups," Cornelius said. "We don't believe the chancellor is Satan and we need to take him down. We are basically an equal opportunity offender."

Cornelius said he writes the paper with another person (but he said they would consider submissions) and produces it at a printing company for 25 cents a copy. Both are students at the university, he said, but he wouldn't clarify what his major is. He said he wasn't a journalism or business student.

The two pay for the costs themselves, he said, but "if somebody wants to send us money, that's fine."

"This shows that we are not trying to take a profit from this," he said. "We are not trying to get fame out of it. We aren't trying to do anything but print satire."

And keep their identities secret.

Cornelius stuffed his belongings into a box and walked out of the restaurant as employees and customers eyed his every move.

As he walked away in the pouring rain, the disguise never left his face.

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Crowds mourn Queen Mother at funeral Tuesday

BY AUDREY WOODS
Associated Press

LONDON — Kings, queens and royalty from around the world mourned the Queen Mother at her funeral Tuesday in ancient Westminster Abbey as huge crowds stood outside, honoring a woman beloved for her kindness and dedication to duty.

In a centuries-old burial service, bishops and priests gave thanks for the life of the Queen Mother Elizabeth, saying that she gave royalty a smiling face even in the darkest days of World War II.

"In gratitude we bid farewell to a greatly loved queen, for her grace, humanity and sympathy, for her courage in adversity, for the happiness she brought to so many," said the Very Rev. Dr. Wesley Carr, Dean of Westminster.

Massed choirs in red and white chanted prayers as the congregation of 2,100 mourners led by Queen Elizabeth II and her family prayed for the Queen Mother in the darkened abbey. Four large candles burned at the corners of the coffin, which was placed before the high altar, covered in her personal flag.

Police said some 400,000 people stood outside the abbey or along the

funeral route, many following the service and singing the hymns as it was broadcast over loudspeakers from the abbey.

In a great display of regal pageantry, 192 bagpipers and drummers of royal regiments escorted the royal matriarch's coffin to the abbey as people across Britain and around the world mourned her death March 30 at age 101. The shrill lament of the bagpipes was punctuated by the staccato beat of the drums.

The Archbishop of Canterbury Dr. George Carey spoke for many when he told the congregation in the abbey that the Queen Mother had enriched the lives of many people through decades of service.

"Like the sun, she bathed us in her warm glow. Now that the sun has set and the cool of the evening has come, some of the warmth we absorbed is flowing back towards her," he said in a sermon.

The 13th-century abbey's great Tenor Bell was rung 101 times before the funeral to mark the age of the Queen Mother, its mournful tones echoing across the surrounding squares and streets crowded with mourners.

The Queen Mother's coffin was carried to the Abbey on a gun carriage

pulled by six black horses of the Royal Horse Artillery. The same gun carried the coffin of her husband King George VI at his funeral in 1952.

Princes Philip, Charles, Andrew and William along with most of the senior members of the royal family, many dressed in uniforms, walked silently behind the coffin as it was taken to the abbey. Queen Elizabeth, dressed in a simple black dress, greeted her mother's coffin at the abbey.

Leaders and representatives from across the world attended the funeral in a great display of Europe's royal houses. Some 25 foreign royals, including the monarchs of Spain, Sweden, Denmark, Belgium, the Netherlands and royals from Asia and the Middle East, attended, along with first lady Laura Bush, and the leaders of Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the representatives of many other countries.

Along the funeral route, tens of thousands of people stood silent, their heads bowed in remembrance, some dabbing away tears, as the coffin passed. Royal guards in red jackets and black bearskin hats, sailors and Royal Marines in deep blue and Royal Air Force troops in light blue lined the route.



Queen Mother
Britain's Queen Mother Elizabeth, mother to the current queen, died at age 101.

- 1900: Born Lady Elizabeth Angela Marguerite Bowes Lyon
- 1923: Marries Prince Albert, second son of King George V; has daughters Elizabeth (1926) and Margaret (1930)
- 1940: Queen refuses to leave Britain during WWII; revered for boosting morale
- 1952: King George VI dies; queen becomes queen mother; daughter becomes queen
- 1995: Hundreds of thousands cheer queen mother on 50th anniversary of V-E Day
- 2000: Celebration of queen mother's 100th birthday

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BINGE

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stand is that binge drinking is not the norm.

"Many times the amount of drinking that students feel goes on in college is just not the case," she said. "Yes, students do drink, but not nearly as much as freshmen may think."

Task force members said teaching students to resist peer pressure, strictly enforcing the drinking age and showing students how alcohol may inter-

fere with academic goals are the best ways to prevent binge drinking.

Angela Hancock, the substance abuse prevention coordinator for University of Texas at Arlington, said their university does not do a survey and thus has no national average.

"We do a social norm survey on our campus," she said. "We know that 33 percent of our students abstain from drinking altogether."

Hancock said the survey focuses on what types of students are drinking at the university and why.

Sparkle Greenhaw, assistant direc-

tor of the Alcohol and Drug Center, said there are many ways the center tries to educate students about the harmful effects of binge drinking.

"We have alcohol education classes and we meet individually with students," Greenhaw said. "Most students are sent to us because of alcohol violations, but some do come to us on their own."

She said the center averages 350 to 400 visits a year.

Taylor said the consequences of binge drinking are serious. High risk drinking can lead to ulcers, an al-

tering of a student's ability to think clearly, social changes in students that make drinking a priority and other health risks, she said.

"We have a motto that we tell students when we are teaching them life-saving tips in case they do engage in binge drinking," she said. "Just because you are stupid, doesn't mean you deserve to die."

The Associated Press contributed to this story.

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THE MAIN

Today's menu

LUNCH

- Cheese tortellini/angel hair pasta
- Chicken Alfredo
- Sauté veggies
- beef lasagna
- Veggie lasagna
- Roasted potato wedges
- Steamed green beans
- Hot bread pudding
- Beef fingers
- Onion rings
- Rotisserie chicken
- Vegetarian black beans

DINNER

- Rotini/vermecelli
- Chicken pesto
- Chicken rotini pesto casserette
- Basil and chive chicken breast
- Curried veggies
- Potato skins
- Corn cobettes
- Hot bread pudding
- Mozzarella sticks
- Onion rings
- Smoked pork ribs
- Baked beans
- Red potato salad

Tomorrow's menu

LUNCH

- Penne/fettucine pasta
- Sauté veggies
- Hungarian pork goulash
- Eggplant cheese bake
- Garlic smashed potatoes
- Steamed mixed veggies
- Hot cobbler
- Baked corn dog
- Onion rings
- Roast turkey with gravy
- Buttered peas
- Chef choice salad

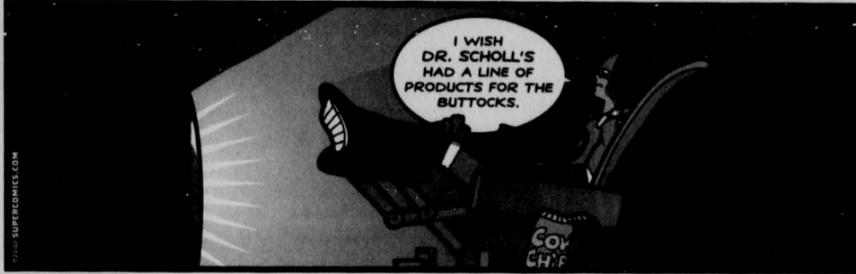
DINNER

- Bow tie/linguine pasta
- Tortellini casserette
- Beef enchilada
- Spanish rice
- Charro beans
- Steamed mixed veggies
- Mini quesadillas
- Onion rings
- Rotisserie chicken
- Mashed potatoes

Today's Funnies

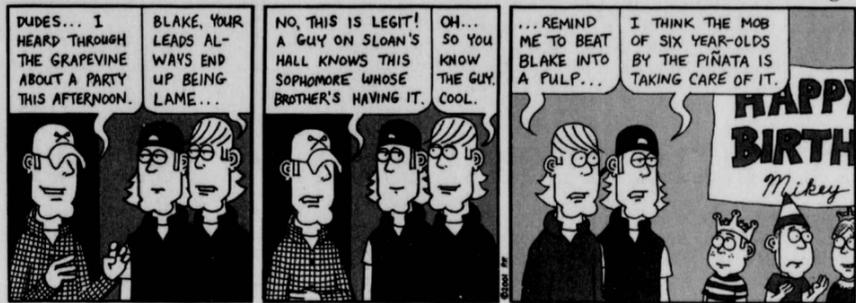
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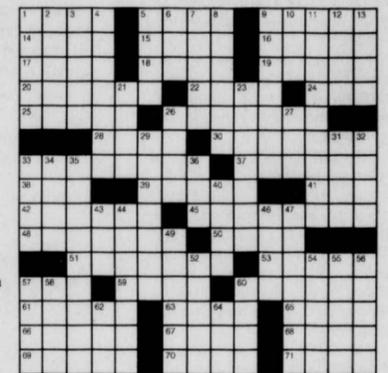


Q: Is binge drinking a problem among TCU students?

A: YES 48 NO 52

Data collected from an informal poll conducted in TCU's Main Cafeteria. This poll is not a scientific sampling and should not be regarded as representative of campus public opinion.

Today's Crossword

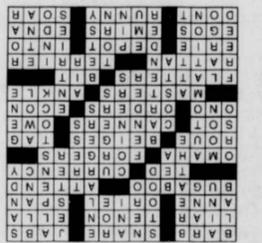


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 - 19 Gaze fixedly
 - 20 Worked for
 - 22 Coarse file
 - 24 Coffee holder
 - 25 More crafty
 - 26 Trace
 - 28 French resort city
 - 30 One who questions dogma
 - 33 Well-balanced
 - 37 Experience again
 - 38 Hail to Horace
 - 39 Muse of poetry
 - 41 British isle
 - 42 Portans
 - 45 Quantity of cargo
 - 48 Mars and Venus
 - 50 Conception
 - 51 Iterates
 - 53 Drastically reduce
 - 57 Sapporo sash
 - 59 Inactive
 - 60 Sculptor's creation
 - 61 React to a bad pun
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 - 65 Eye part
 - 66 Highway
 - 67 Portal
 - 68 Makes a lap
 - 69 Zigzag turns
 - 70 Elixir
 - 71 Relieve

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Tuesday's Solutions



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 - 21 Great Lake
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 - 47 Vague illness

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The Sideline

Stern may soon approve Charlotte Hornets move

NEW YORK (AP) — As much as it pains him, NBA commissioner David Stern is close to giving his approval for the Charlotte Hornets to move to New Orleans.

Stern announced Tuesday that the Hornets have not yet met all the benchmarks set by the league, but team owners George Shinn and Ray Woodrige have been given more time to complete the process.

Stern said work remains to be done in New Orleans before an ownership relocation committee will recommend that the move be approved.

"They're not quite there yet, but when they get there — and I'm hoping it's a when — I believe we're in a position where the committee will in fact recommend it," Stern said. "If the benchmarks are met, I would be inclined to forcefully urge the ownership to allow the team to move to New Orleans. Absolutely."

Deputy commissioner Russ Granik said the league would like the issue to be settled by the end of the month, and Woodrige said he was confident the team would be able to fulfill the league's requirements by then.

Once the seven-man relocation committee issues its recommendation, a minimum of seven days must pass before the 29 teams can vote on the move.

If approved, it would be the NBA's second franchise relocation in as many years after the league had gone 16 seasons without one. Last year, the Vancouver Grizzlies moved to Memphis.

The Hornets led the league in attendance a decade ago, but the relationship between the fans, the owners and the local politicians has soured to such a degree that the team is now last in the league in attendance.

Graham signs contract with Houston Texans

HOUSTON (AP) — Ten-year veteran Kent Graham signed a contract with the Houston Texans Monday, giving the expansion team an experienced quarterback to join rookie David Carr.

The Texans have announced they intend to make Carr the first pick in the April 20-21 NFL draft. Graham has played in 83 career games with 38 starts with the New York Giants, Arizona, Detroit, Pittsburgh and Washington.

Graham played in three games for the Redskins last season in relief of Tony Banks. In 2000, he played in 14 games with Pittsburgh including five games as a starter.

Graham was an eighth round draft pick of the Giants in 1992 and started three games as a rookie.

The Texans also announced the signing of cornerback Jason Simmons, who played with the Pittsburgh Steelers the past five seasons.

Griffey Jr. hopes to avoid knee surgery

CINCINNATI (AP) — Ken Griffey Jr. is off to a good start rehabilitating his knee, and the Cincinnati Reds hope he can avoid surgery that might end his season.

Dr. Timothy Kremchek, the team physician, is to re-examine Griffey on Wednesday and consult again with Dr. James Andrews, a Reds consultant. Andrews is to examine an MRI scan of Griffey's right knee.

Kremchek and Andrews hope an operation won't be necessary. "I'm not going to say he won't need it," Kremchek said. "But this is the plan right now."

Griffey began twice-daily physical therapy sessions Monday. He felt better and reported increased range of motion in the knee, Kremchek said.

Griffey partially tore the patella tendon and partially dislocated his right kneecap during a rundown in Sunday's game against Montreal. The All-Star center fielder was placed on the 15-day disabled list and stayed behind in Cincinnati as the Reds began a road trip in Pittsburgh.

He was declining requests for interviews, Reds spokesman Rob Butcher said Tuesday.

The Reds hope Griffey can return in 3-to-6 weeks with rest and rehab. If not, the option is surgery. That could sideline him for the rest of the season.

Senior forward earns spot at Combine

Safaritova has good chance to make it in WNBA, coaches say

BY NATHAN LOEWEN
Assistant Sport Editor

Senior forward Kati Safaritova received an early birthday present on Monday morning when she was invited to the Women's National Basketball Association Combine.

Head coach Jeff Mittie said everyone on his staff is happy for Safaritova, who is the first Lady Frog to be invited to the combine.

Safaritova celebrated her 24th birthday on Tuesday.

Safaritova will begin Thursday with administrative duties and a physical. On Friday, she will begin working out at the combine.

Mittie said this proves TCU is gaining more quality players which helps with recruiting additional good players from high schools across the nation.

"It helps with recruiting because now girls are coming in wanting to see if all of their hard work will result in a future in basketball," said Mittie.

Associate head coach Larry Tidwell said she has good chances of playing professionally in the WNBA. "She is a mobile big kid who can shoot the ball," Tidwell said.

Missy Becket, a recruiter for the Seattle Storm, said Safaritova is a

good player.

"Safaritova can shoot the ball and is very skilled," said Becket. "She also has a great knowledge for the game."

Becket said she also believes Safaritova will make it in the WNBA draft.

"Being invited to the combine pretty much guarantees that she will be drafted,"

said Becket. "She should go in around the first round according to what teams need. She is a big player and can shoot the three and a lot of teams like that because she

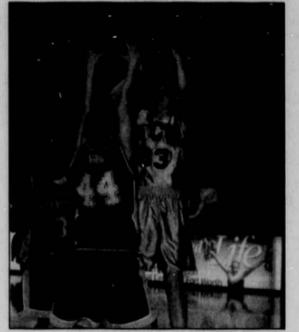
will be able to help spread out the floor."

Tidwell said Safaritova is gaining interest from overseas as well as the WNBA.

"(Safaritova) is getting a lot of interest from people across the big pond," said Tidwell. "She is a really hot commodity right now."

Becket said Safaritova can go either to the WNBA or overseas.

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Simon Lopes/SKIFF STAFF
Kati Safaritova, a senior from Slovakia, will be playing in the WNBA next season. Scouts in the WNBA are impressed with Safaritova's size and mobility.

Still searching for ways to fill the stands

Student attendance numbers still not up to par

BY KELLY MORRIS
Staff Reporter

Junior Ashley Beaudry has only attended one football game in her three years at TCU, and she does not plan on attending any more games before she graduates.

"No matter what the school does, I'm not going to be interested in attending games," she said. "I'm not interested in college sports or the preferential treatment the players receive. Part of it is I don't know the players. If I don't know them, I can't get as interested."

"I'm just cheering for a number, not a person."

And she is not the only one who thinks attendance at sporting events is a problem for students on campus.

Junior Kyle Engelbrecht said student attendance at athletic events is definitely a problem.

"I honestly don't know why students don't go to games," he said. "I wish I knew the answer because then I think we could solve the problem."

Jeff Crane, assistant director of sports marketing, said a TCU sports marketing student survey, which will be available in the Student Center beginning Monday, could help the department determine why students do not attend men's and women's basketball games.

"Because the basketball season just ended, we thought now would be a good time to evaluate the situation," he said. "The survey can help guide us to better market games for students. It won't give us every answer, but it will get us on the right track."

An e-mail was first sent to students April 2 about the survey, but because of the high number of responses from students the Web site shut down indefinitely, Crane said.

"The survey was posted through a Web site, but it only allowed a certain number of people to access it at one time," he said. "After that, it maxed out and wouldn't let other people access it."

Associate women's basketball head coach Larry Tidwell said athletes attending other sports would help increase attendance.

"I think it should start with support from all of the athletes," Tidwell said. "We have 1,500 athletes on campus here. If athletes came out and supported every team, then student attendance could rise from there."

According to (www.gofrogs.com), the women's basketball team averaged 2,773 people a game at home. This is a 49.5 percent increase from last season's attendance average, according to a previous TCU Daily Skiff article.

According to (www.gofrogs.com), the men's basketball team averaged 3,988 a game at home. This represents a 9.3 percent decrease from last season's average attendance, according to a Skiff article. The basketball media guide states a sell-out crowd at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum is 7,201 people.

However, the women's basketball team finished the season ranked No. 1 in attendance at Conference USA home games, Crane said.

Crane said a student percentage of the average basketball attendance could not be determined because the marketing department does not have a solid method to track it.

HyperFrogs President Marna Jane Williams said one of the reasons the attendance is not higher at basketball games is because of student scheduling conflicts.

"It's easier to take one day out of your weekend to see a football game," Williams said. "When it comes to basketball games, you can't expect as many people to go to them. It is not as regular and it is during the week."

Of the 18 games that the men's basketball team played at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum this season, one was on Friday, six were on Saturday, two were on Sunday, and nine were during the week. The women's basketball team played 13 of its 16 games at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum on Friday, Saturday or Sunday this season.

Williams said HyperFrogs, a student organization that supports TCU athletics, is trying to have representation at more sporting events.

"HyperFrogs is working together to form teams for different, smaller sports," Williams said. "By doing that, at least someone's at a more variety of sports. HyperFrogs can't really affect if other students go, but we try to show other students how fun the games are."

Crane said the athletic department's first goal in improving attendance is to first have the best conference attendance records in all sports.

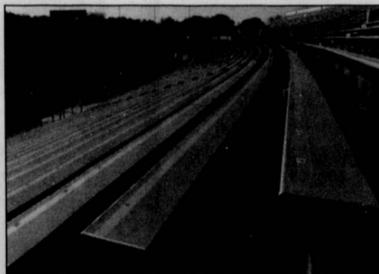
"After that, that's not where we want to stop," he said. "The next step in the process is to start looking on the national scale. The idea is that if have the best attendance in the conference, then we could have one of the best in the country."

Crane said the TCU football team ranked fourth in C-USA attendance. In its four home games this season, TCU averaged 28,972 people a game at Amon G. Carter Stadium, which holds 46,083 people. Louisville led C-USA in attendance averaging 37,682 people a game, he said.

Senior Amanda Fulton said while the marketing department might help attendance by giving incentives such as \$500 to the student organization with the highest member turnout at games, it will only increase it for one game.

"It's pretty much impossible to instill passion in someone about a sport," Fulton said. "The marketing department has put effort into the attendance problem, but I don't feel it should be obligated to give away large monetary prizes in order to increase attendance. By doing that, it loses the meaning of what school pride is."

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David Dunai/STAFF REPORTER
The bleachers at Amon G. Carter Stadium are usually empty during the spring. But the athletics department wants to find ways to increase the student attendance numbers for both football and men's and women's basketball games.

New coach, ranked women's team should be enough for fans

A new dawn looms on the horizon for the TCU men's and women's basketball teams. The women finished the 2002 season ranked 25th in the nation, while the men look to an energetic new coach to revive the program. However, one question remains — will anyone be there to watch?

With a capacity of 7,200 Daniel-Meyer Coliseum is usually filled halfway for basketball games. The women's basketball attendance average for this year was approximately 2,700, while the men's average was just under 4,000, according to the official athletics Web site on (www.gofrogs.com).

In comparison to other Conference USA schools, TCU's attendance levels are not quite as bad as the numbers might suggest, said Jeff Crane, assistant director of sports marketing. "Our women's team has one of the top attendance levels in Conference USA," Crane said. "Additionally, the excitement of having a new men's coach is definitely increasing interest in our men's basketball program."

However, in the most recent NCAA statistics from the 2000-01 season, TCU women ranked 46th in attendance, while the men did not even make the top 100.

If TCU is ever going to reach the next level of competition, it will require a large devotion of fans who come to games on a regular basis and who are interested in being vocal enough to actually give our teams something they don't get very often — a home team advantage.

Though the attendance numbers may be decent in comparison to our C-USA opponents, no statistics can illustrate what the atmosphere is like at the Coliseum. Rarely does the crowd get excited about anything.

Students tend to show up late and leave early, talking on their cell phones half the time, making plans for what they're going to do when TCU gets behind and they lose interest and leave. The crowd

will occasionally gain interest when the score is close, but often they don't expend their energies on cheering until the last five or six minutes of the game.

As TCU attempts to boost the basketball program, an ongoing dilemma exists as to what it will take to get students to come to games. Certain lucrative promotions have been offered to fans, with chances to win a Jeep Cherokee or \$500 cash as prizes.

Crane said they had success with these promotions and look to do more of them next year.

"Though our attendance levels are good compared to other C-USA teams, we are always looking for new ways to attract students and fans to the games," Crane said.

One problem that TCU must consider involving the DMC, may be the venue itself, or at least the seating arrangement inside. The TCU student section is far removed from the action on one end of the DMC, whereas many schools with spirited student sections have students sit on floor level near the players' bench. A slight alteration such as a rearrangement in seating might increase student attendance.

TCU is working on many fronts to make attendance grow, but as long as we make the individual decision to ignore our teams, they will always lack the support that a strong fan base can provide a team. It is a sad state of affairs that school spirit has dropped to a point that we are too pre-occupied with ourselves to support our fellow students in their athletic ventures.

All hope is not lost, as the women's team is clearly gaining respect both locally and especially nationally, while the men's team looks to make a turnaround under the leadership of new coach Neil Dougherty. There might be a rough year or two in the future. Nonetheless it will take the effort of more than a few students, but TCU can create a basketball legacy that is dependent on the fans as much as it is on the players.

So make an effort to show up to a few games next year. Grab a Coke and maybe a hot dog, turn off your cell phone for a few minutes and be a Horned Frog.

A Horned Frog fan, that is.

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Inconsistency plagues TCU baseball team

Near the halfway point of the baseball team's conference schedule and already halfway past the total schedule of games, it seems there is one thing the Frogs continue to seek .

Balance. At 17-17, the team has had its share of ups and downs.

Whether it's their record, their level of opponents, or even the components of the team, TCU baseball has gone from one extreme to the other this season.

One variance is the difference in their level of opponents. The Frogs

seem to step up when it comes to playing against some of the higher level teams in the country. TCU is currently 7-2 against ranked teams this year. They have defeated ranked opponents Texas, Baylor (twice), Notre Dame and East Carolina (three times).

At the same time, the team has lost some games against teams that traditionally have not had quality teams. These include losses to Southwest Texas, Texas Pan-American, Texas-Arlington and losing two of three in a conference series to Southern Mississippi in what head coach Lance Brown called "our worst three games of the year."

TCU has also played Texas Tech six times this year, going 0-6.

At opposite ends of the pole are different areas of the team.

The hitting remains well above average for the Frogs. TCU has no problem putting up lofty numbers at the plate, and it shows up in the statistics. They currently rank high in many categories in the conference, including batting average (.308, 3rd), hits (368, 2nd), home runs (32, 2nd) and runs scored (239, 3rd).

However, the pitching has struggled, and the defense has its share of lapses.

The Frogs struggled through the early parts of the season with pitching. Although the starters have been giving quality starts of late, the bullpen has been erratic and

hasn't always stepped up to meet a challenge.

Brown attributes this to the relatively young staff the team has.

"We don't have many experienced guys back," Brown said. "Many of the people we have pitching now are coming from either junior college or straight from high school. They must get adjusted to the higher level of play."

Brown also said that injuries in the fall to the staff hampered the ability of the coaching staff to work and evaluate.

However, things have been improving for the Frogs. TCU is currently in a three-way tie for second in the conference at 8-4, just one game out of first. And it's not like

the Frogs are playing in the Western Athletic Conference anymore either.

In their first season of Conference USA play, the Frogs have played teams with more established baseball programs in a trial by fire method.

"We really don't know about these teams until we play them," Brown said. "Now we basically go on the stat sheets we get and what little we have seen on footage."

The balancing act continues this Friday when the Frogs take on Saint Louis in a three-game series at the TCU Diamond.

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