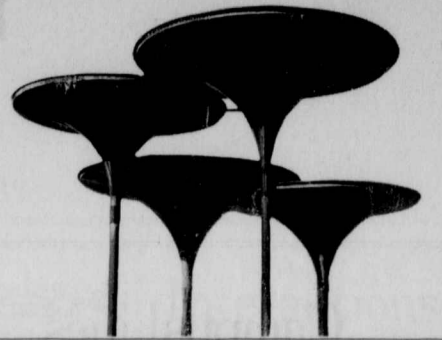


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The Rugby Club finished its sixth official season of play with a second-place ranking in Division III. Though the club has only existed for seven years, the ranking didn't happen overnight. For the full story see page 10.

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STATE NEWS

WHITE SETTLEMENT — A police officer was shot and killed Wednesday afternoon during a standoff at a home west of Fort Worth.

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OnCampus

Conn. requires vaccination for on-campus students

(U-WIRE) STORRS, Conn. — A state law now requires all Connecticut college students living in university housing to get the preventative vaccine for Meningococcal disease.

Meningitis is a bacterial infection that is potentially deadly.

The state law, which takes effect this fall, requires students who attend colleges or universities in the state, public or private and live in housing must receive the vaccine.

State Rep. Mary Eberle, D-Blumfield, the co-chair of the public health committee said the vaccine is very safe and is a preventative measure for students.

The Centers for Disease Control's Web site states that meningitis is an infection of spinal cord and the fluid that surrounds a person's brain. It also states the difference between viral and bacterial meningitis is very important in treating it. According to the Web site, viral meningitis is can be taken care of without specific treatment while bacterial meningitis can be treated with antibiotics.

Michael Kurland, director of Student Health Services at the University of Connecticut, said that Connecticut is the only state that requires college students living in housing to have the vaccine.

According to the state law, by the 2002-2003 academic year students are required to have had the vaccine if they choose to live in campus housing.

The law does provide for a student who has conflicting religious beliefs or a physician's note stating the vaccine would be medically unsafe for the student.

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theWeather

FRIDAY

High: 70; Low: 65; Light rain

SATURDAY

High: 81; Low: 67; Mostly cloudy

LookingBack

1859 — At Port Said, Egypt, ground is broken for the Suez Canal, an artificial waterway intended to stretch 101 miles across the isthmus of Suez and connect the Mediterranean and the Red seas.

1995 — Actress Ginger Rogers, best known for the 10 films she made with dance partner Fred Astaire, dies at the age of 83.

Kappa Sigs investigated for hazing

Fraternity suspended for possible illegal activities

BY COLLEEN CASEY
Staff Reporter

The local chapter of Kappa Sigma fraternity has been suspended from conducting activities because of hazing allegations, and criminal charges could follow, university officials said Wednesday night.

Associate Dean of Campus Life Michael Russel confirmed Wednesday that the university is conducting an investigation into the allegations and that "criminal charges are

pending" against some Kappa Sigma members. Neither Russel nor Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Don Mills would elaborate on the nature of the allegations.

The suspension bars Kappa Sigma from participating in any events or programs on or off campus, Mills said. He said the suspension is in place because the university wanted to be sure Kappa Sigma doesn't violate any TCU policies while under investigation.

Mills said Wednesday night he couldn't remember the exact date of the suspension but said the office of student affairs suspended Kappa Sigma's activities approximately two weeks ago. Russel said he hopes campus life's investi-

gation will conclude this week.

Texas law defines hazing as any intentional, knowing, or reckless act, occurring on or off the campus of an educational institution directed against a student, that endangers their health or safety for a purpose concerning the membership in any organization.

The Texas law also states that hazing is a misdemeanor offense and may be punishable by a fine of at least \$5,000 or not more than double the amount loss or expenses incurred because of injury, damage or loss caused by the hazing.

Kappa Sigma member and Panhellenic and Interfraternity Council chief justice of the

(More on KAPPA, page 7)

Evans sought for ID fraud, police say

Sophomore forward also suspended from workouts

BY KELLY MORRIS AND JAIME WALKER
Staff Reporters

Fort Worth police say a warrant has been issued for the arrest of TCU women's basketball player Tiffany Evans in connection with an identity fraud case involving senior teammate Kati Safaritova. University officials said Wednesday night that Evans has been suspended from team workouts.



EVANS

Fort Worth Officer Jesse Cisneros, who accessed the police report, said it indicates Evans has not been served with the warrant.

According to the report, police had enough information to obtain a warrant after Evans, a sophomore, admitted during an April 8 interrogation to using Safaritova's identity and credit cards without consent.

Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs, said Campus Life investigations have been completed. Officials determined there was a violation of the Student Code of Conduct and disciplinary actions have been taken, he said. He would not comment on specific disciplinary actions, but Mills said Evans is still enrolled in classes.

Head women's basketball coach Jeff Mittie said Evans was suspended from team workouts for a violation of team rules and in an effort to eliminate team distractions.

He said officials and team members have been aware of the investigation, but he would not comment on how long he has known about the case.

"This is an ongoing process," Mittie said. "We will deal with the possibility of permanent suspension if events warrant."

Mittie said he spoke to Evans this week but would not comment further on the investigation.

Fort Worth Police were called Feb. 25 to 4125 S. Hulen St., Apt. 721 where Safaritova reported that an unauthorized check for \$118 was written at the Albertson's at 4650 Southwest Loop 820.

She and roommate Shirley Cauley told police they believed Evans and her boyfriend, Russell May, 24, who also live in the apartment, were connected to the case.

Police began an investigation which included review of the canceled check and bank statements, the report stated.

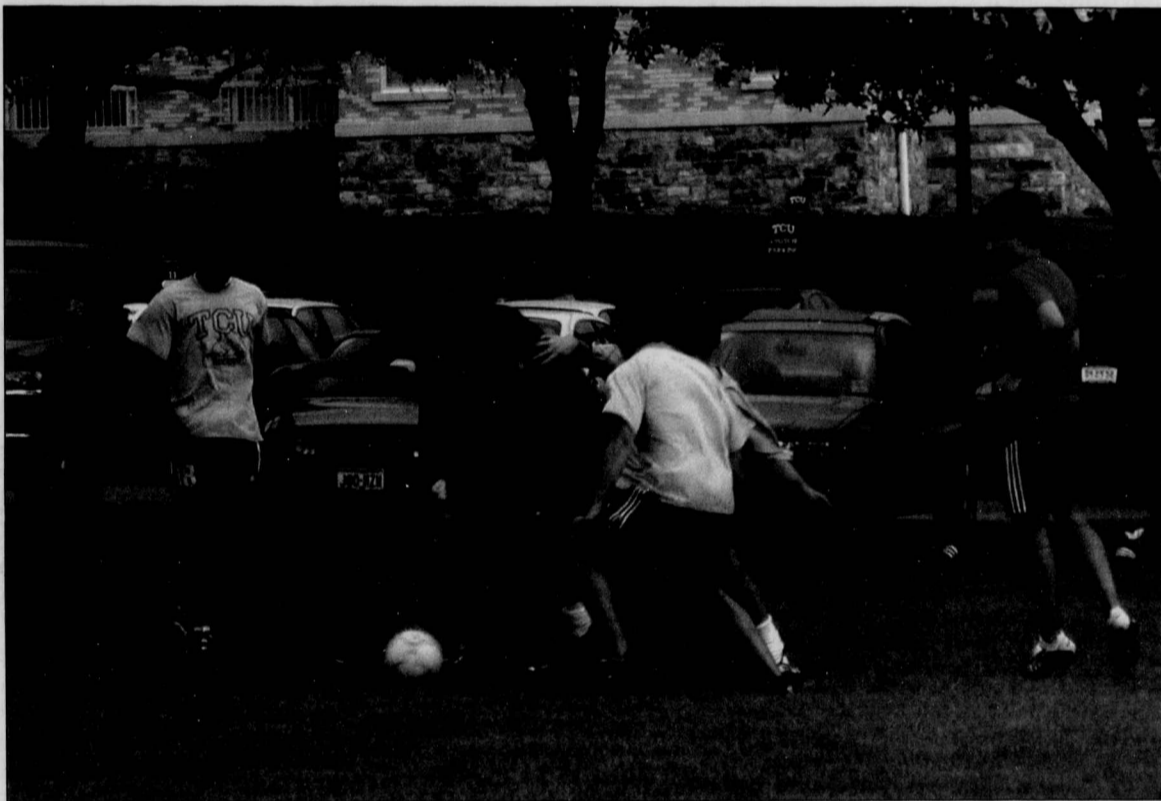
On March 19, Safaritova informed police her MasterCard statement showed unauthorized charges for a Direct TV payment and to pay off phone bills, according to the police report.

At that time, Safaritova indicated to police that she wanted to press charges against Evans for the fraudulent use of her identification, the report stated.

Police reports show that between March 19 and April 5, Safaritova told

(More on WARRANT, page 7)

Afternoon fun



Blair Busch/SKIFF STAFF

Students enjoy the warm weather Wednesday afternoon in a soccer game by Frog Fountain. Temperatures reached an afternoon high of 86 degrees according to the National Weather Service.

Catholic students react to pope's conference

BY KELLY MARIA HOWARD
Staff Reporter

To Aaron Shutt, a priest who molests a child has no place in the Catholic Church.

"I think that once a priest has violated the priesthood, and most importantly the morals of God and being a Christian, they should not be allowed back into ministry," said Shutt, a Catholic and sophomore advertising/public relations major. "I feel that a priest can gain forgiveness, but that he will have violated and lost the truth of his church and community."

Shutt was one of several Catholic students who said Wednesday they would support strict actions against priests who molest children if that is the final decision of the pope and the Catholic Church. After a mile-

stone meeting sparked by a sex abuse scandal, American Roman Catholic leaders agreed Wednesday to make it easier to remove priests guilty of sexually abusing minors — but they stopped short of a one-strike policy to dismiss all abusive clerics.

The American church leaders said they would recommend a special process to defrock any priest who has become "notorious and is guilty of the serial, predatory sexual abuse of minors." But, in cases that are not "notorious" they would leave it up to the local bishop to decide if such a priest is a threat to children and should be defrocked.

Sandy Stafford, a Catholic and

theatre/TV major, said she would agree with a "zero-tolerance" policy because it might stop future abuse.

"I think Catholics will respond favorably to measures designed to prevent future abuse," Stafford said. "Most priests are doing a great job and I think we will

all be happy to have this scandal resolved so that good priests can continue their ministry."

Several cardinals had suggested they had wanted stronger language to turn over clergy offenders to civil authorities, indicating that major battles lie ahead when all U.S. bishops gather in Dallas in June.

"I think it (would) send a very clear message as to what is appropriate behavior."

— Aaron Shutt

The reference to "serial" attacks appeared to contradict a statement earlier Wednesday by Cardinal Theodore McCarrick of Washington, who indicated that the American cardinals meeting with Pope John Paul II reached consensus on a "one-strike-you're-out" policy that would dismiss any priest involved in a future sex abuse case.

Shutt said the Catholic Church needs a "one-strike" policy because it would prevent future occurrences. "I think it (would) send a very clear message as to what is appropriate behavior," Shutt said. "A priest dedicates himself to God and the priesthood, and that should be his focus."

The Associated Press contributed to this story.

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Daughters come to work today, sons come next year

Program organizers mark 10th anniversary by inviting boys

BY SAM EATON
Staff Reporter

Starting next year, boys will get to punch the clock, too.

After a decade of successfully promoting "Take Our Daughters To Work Day," organizers said Tuesday they will open the annual event to sons as well.

At TCU, the program already welcomed both sons and daughters to join their parents at work, said Joanne Green, an associate political science professor.

Today will be the 10th and final daugh-

ters-only day. In April 2003, the Ms. Foundation for Women will promote "Take Our Daughters & Sons To Work Day."

"It's a work in progress in terms of the details, but not in terms of the aim, which is creating truly equitable workplaces," Marie Wilson, the foundation president, said Tuesday.

She said the new initiative, like its predecessor, would highlight career opportunities, but also would include a new emphasis on the challenges of balancing work and family. Background materials for the program will be distributed to businesses and schools this fall.

Begun in 1993, "Take Our Daughters To Work Day" caught on in many communities.

(More on WORK, page 6)

Student Government Association members finish another semester, look forward to fall

SGA faced challenges but claim progress made throughout year

BY ALISHA WASSENAAR
Staff Reporter

The last meeting has adjourned, the finances have been settled and the books have been shut for the summer break. The Student Government Association is ending its spring semester business and is satisfied with the progress it made communicating with the students, said Brad Thompson, SGA secretary.

"Going out and communicating

with the entire campus has been a huge challenge," Thompson said. "We had to break down the stigma that SGA has had in the past of not communicating with the students or being accessible."

Thompson said that FrogStock, an outdoor event for each campus organization to talk about its schedule and motives, was the first event to open a line of communication between all of the organizations on campus.

"After FrogStock, we now have an up-to-date list of the organizations and their presidents so we can get in touch with them," Thompson said. "In the past there was no communication between SGA and most

(More on SGA, page 6)

Results of Tuesday's Board Elections

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Greg Beauchamp

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• **Radio-TV-Film series** presents "Witness for the Prosecution" at 7 p.m. today in the Moudy Building South, Room 164. The movie stars Tyrone Power and Marlene Dietrich. For more information, call (817) 257-7630.

• **TCU Jazz Combo recital** is 7:30 p.m. today in PepsiCo Recital Hall. For more information, call (817) 257-7602.

• **Helping Skill Workshop** will be 2 to 4 p.m. Friday in the Counseling Center. The workshop is sponsored by Mental Health Services. To register, call Megan Botte at (817) 257-8611 or e-mail (m.r.botte@student.tcu.edu).

• **Third Annual TCU Student Art Sale** will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday in the Moudy Building North, Room 133. Ceramics, photography, paintings, sculpture and jewelry will be for sale. There will also be various art demonstrations. For more information, contact Russell Matthews at (griffenram@hotmail.com).

• **The TCU Showgirls dance team** will hold auditions for the 2002-2003 team from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. Prep classes are offered 7 to 8 p.m. every Wednesday in April in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum, which include technique instruction and a dance combination. Classes cost \$5. Contact the director, Jamie Drake Stephens, at (J.Stephens2@tcu.edu) for more information.

• **School of Nursing** presents speaker Lillian Nail at 9 a.m. Monday in PepsiCo Recital Hall. Nail, an oncology nurse researcher, will speak on "Putting the 'Quality' back into Quality of Life: Building and Using and Knowledge Base for Symptom Management in Cancer Care." The talk is free and open to the public. For information, call (817) 257-7652 or e-mail (j.callanan@tcu.edu).

• **The Rally For Human Rights in Palestine** has been postponed until 3 to 7 p.m. Monday in front of Frog Fountain. The forum on Palestine will be held from noon to 2 p.m. Monday in the Student Center.

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Campus/State Roundup

Police officer killed during afternoon standoff

WHITE SETTLEMENT (AP) — A police officer was shot and killed Wednesday afternoon during a standoff at a home west of Fort Worth.

Police Capt. George Scott Monier died at Harris Hospital shortly after the 12:30 p.m. shooting.

Monier, 34, was among officers who responded to a call at a house near an elementary school, White Settlement police spokesman John Clapp said. The officers were dispatched to the scene after reports of shots fired, but few details of how the standoff began were available.

Clapp said he did not immediately have details of why Monier, an 11-year veteran of the force, entered the house.

Fort Worth police were among officers at the standoff scene on Wednesday afternoon.

White Settlement Police Department has about 30 officers. The community is about 10 miles west of Fort Worth.

Bryan council approves rule limiting people in residence

BRYAN (AP) — Any more than four is definitely a crowd for city leaders in Bryan.

The city council on Tuesday approved an ordinance that allows only up to four unrelated individuals to live together in one house.

Lloyd Joyce, a former Bryan mayor, said as many as eight students who attend Texas A&M University in nearby College Station are living in some houses.

"I feel strongly (that) we're being invaded in our neighborhoods by students, and it's just damaging our property," Joyce said.

College Station has a similar ordinance.

City officials say the ordinance — part of a council plan to improve the quality of neighborhoods — will reduce noise and parking problems.

The council added amendments that exempt foster families and allow two families to share a house for a maximum of six months.

Existing leases for houses with more than four unrelated residents will be exempt until the agreements expire or until Sept. 1, 2003,

whichever comes first.

The ordinance was approved by a 6-0 vote. Councilman Mike Beal, a real estate agent, abstained.

Former clerk pleads guilty for stealing from the dead

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A former courthouse clerk accused of stealing millions of dollars from the dead to finance a ritzy lifestyle that included six Ferraris pleaded guilty in exchange for a maximum 10-year prison term.

Prosecutors believe the scheme may have spanned more than 14 years, the San Antonio Express-News reported Wednesday.

They said Mel Spillman would fake papers naming himself temporary administrator of an estate, stamp them with stolen Bexar County seals and then use the documents to withdraw bank funds and take control of houses and other properties.

The ex-clerk, who had earned \$33,000 a year from the county, lived in a \$400,000 home.

Spillman, 54, was charged with defrauding at least 65 estates out of an estimated \$4.9 million through forgery, tampering with government records and impersonating a public servant. He pleaded guilty Tuesday.

Sentencing was set for June 4.

DFW may not meet Dec. 31 installation deadline

FORT WORTH (AP) — The Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport may not meet a Dec. 31 deadline for installing bomb-detection equipment because of a delay in obtaining federal approval for its plan to reconfigure terminal space, officials say.

D/FW hoped to begin design work this month on the \$193 million project to make space for a massive luggage-screening system. Fast-track construction was to begin in mid-May to meet a congressional mandate that all bags be screened with bomb-detecting machines by year's end.

But discord between the Transportation Security Administration and a House subcommittee has delayed funding and regulatory approval of security plans at all airports. D/FW had sought approval by April 15.

"We have not started any of the work," said Jim Crites, D/FW executive

vice president of operations, on Tuesday. "We cannot guarantee that the facilities we identified for the plan will be available by the statutory deadline."

Many in the industry wonder whether enough machines can be manufactured by year's end for the nation's 429 commercial airports.

Man found guilty of killing two daughters for revenge

DALLAS (AP) — An accountant was found guilty of capital murder Wednesday for shooting to death his two young daughters while their anguished mother listened on the telephone.

Jurors deliberated 20 minutes before convicting John Battaglia, 46, in the deaths of 9-year-old Faith and 6-year-old Liberty.

Defense attorneys for Battaglia rested their case Tuesday without calling any witnesses and said they planned to turn their attention to saving his life. He faces life in prison or the death penalty.

In closing arguments Wednesday, prosecutors called the crime an act of vengeance against Battaglia's ex-wife, Mary Jean Pearle.

The punishment phase of the trial was scheduled to begin Wednesday afternoon.

"This case was just never about guilt or innocence," defense attorney Paul Johnson said Tuesday. "We've never tried to deny guilt."

Virginia revamping honor code video for students

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (U-WIRE) — Incoming University of Virginia students will get a fresh look at the honor system in June when they view a revamped version of the honor video "On My Honor."

The new video, currently being shot for the Honor Committee by the educational technologies department of the School for Continuing and Professional Studies, stars ABC Sportscaster and University alumna Melissa Stark and features New York Giants running back and University alumnus Tiki Barber.

"This is part of re-energizing honor education," Committee Chairman Chris Smith said. "We want to reach out to new classes with a new video that is vibrant and more relevant."

The tape is the third generation of such honor recordings, which originated with a film shown on a big screen during convocation. The current video, which has been distributed to all incoming students since, was shot six years ago.

The video will not discuss the plagiarism and cheating cases initiated by physics professor Louis Bloomfield that dominated the Committee's efforts this year and received national attention.

Student diagnosed with meningitis after visiting OU

NORMAN, Okla. (U-WIRE) — A student from Dallas Baptist University who visited Norman last weekend was diagnosed with meningitis, University of Oklahoma President David Boren said Tuesday.

The person was on campus visiting friends and family, arriving Thursday evening. By Sunday, he began to show symptoms of the disease. He has been hospitalized in Norman. An emergency response center was established Tuesday at the McCasland Field House to accommodate students, faculty and staff who feel they might have come in contact with this person.

Those determined to have been at risk will be given Cipro, an antibiotic, said Jerry Vannatta, dean of the OU medical college.

Boren said the safety of the student body is the university's first concern. "I want to stress that there is no reason for any kind of panic in this situation," Boren said. "We want to err on the side of caution."

Mayors along Bosque River upset over proposed rules

CLIFTON (AP) — After years of blaming each other for polluting the North Bosque River, nearby cities and dairies now may be joining forces in fighting stricter state regulations.

Leaders from seven towns met Wednesday about the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission's order to reduce phosphorus levels by 50 percent while additional studies of the watershed are conducted.

The Federal Environmental Protection Agency approved that plan in December, and the commission's requirements on how to achieve those reductions will be released this summer.

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The Skiff View

TOO SOFT

Molesters should be booted from Church

Coinciding with Pope John Paul II's strong statements Wednesday, it appeared a much talked about "zero-tolerance policy" for priests would be issued by the Catholic church.

However, the stance of many attending the pope's two-day conference unfortunately softened.

The proposal currently gaining support calls for a special process to remove any priest who has "become notorious and is guilty of the serial, predatory, sexual abuse of minors."

So far so good. But in cases where a priest isn't considered "notorious," it would be left up to the local bishop to decide if the priest is a threat to children and should be thrown out or allowed to enter into rehabilitation.

But giving bishops and cardinals this subjective power is part of the problem. After all, wasn't Boston's Cardinal Bernard F. Law the man responsible for much of the current controversy when he spent years hiding molestation claims and covering up wrongdoings?

There's nothing wrong with the Catholic church's strong belief of forgiveness, but priests can be forgiven of crimes eventually without serving mass ever again.

However, with all this talk of forgiveness and rehab in response to "zero-tolerance" initiatives, the pope remains a supporter of the hard-line approach. The pope said Tuesday that priests molesting children "is by every standard wrong and rightly considered a crime by society."

Also, Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, the Archbishop of Washington, said Wednesday, "I would say it is pretty clear that the Holy Father is calling for zero-tolerance."

So even with the pope's strong stance, it appears some bishops and cardinals still wish to keep certain sexual abusers in the priesthood if they're not seen as a threat.

Gee, that'll make parents comfortable about letting their kids become altar servers.

The Other View

Opinions from around the country

On Friday, Abercrombie & Fitch recalled a new line of Asian-themed graphic T-shirts, wisely but belatedly recognizing that they are patently offensive and lack any comedic value. Five such shirts had already reached its retail stores, Web site and catalogue, including one with the racist message, "Wong Brothers Laundry Service: Two Wongs Can Make It White," which mockingly depicts two men with slanted eyes and conical hats.

Abercrombie & Fitch spokesperson Hampton Carney issued a statement designed to demonstrate the depth of the company's regret, saying "We're very, very, very sorry. It has never been our intention to offend anyone." But in the same breath, he claimed ignorance of the bitterly offensive and disrespectful character of those shirts, demonstrating the lack of cultural awareness among decision makers at Abercrombie & Fitch. "These graphic T-shirts were designed with the sole purpose of adding humor and levity to our fashion line," Carney said.

To its credit, the company's strongly worded statement and quick removal of the offending shirts from retail stores shows at least some recognition of the gravity of its mistake. As many protesters have demanded, Abercrombie

should communicate that recognition to all of its customers by displaying an extended apology in its stores, catalogues and Web site.

But regret is not enough to prevent egregious lapses of judgment in the future, and Abercrombie & Fitch's apology should describe measures that it will take to prevent jokes of such poor taste from ever leaving the design studio. Of course, they should not even make it that far.

Some have claimed that the uproar over the latest line of shirts is an overreaction, one predicated on a kind of knee-jerk political correctness that refuses to allow America's diversity a place in intelligent humor. But on the contrary, this outrage represents the understanding that blatant and degrading stereotypes are destructive not only to the groups directly targeted but also to an inclusive American society as a whole.

Such racist stereotypes, by their very nature, are not funny. The fact that diverse groups have rallied together in large numbers to resist this latest incarnation of cultural ignorance is a promising sign that more and more people respect the distinction between comedy and condescension.

This editorial comes from the Harvard Crimson at Harvard University. This column was distributed by U-Wire.

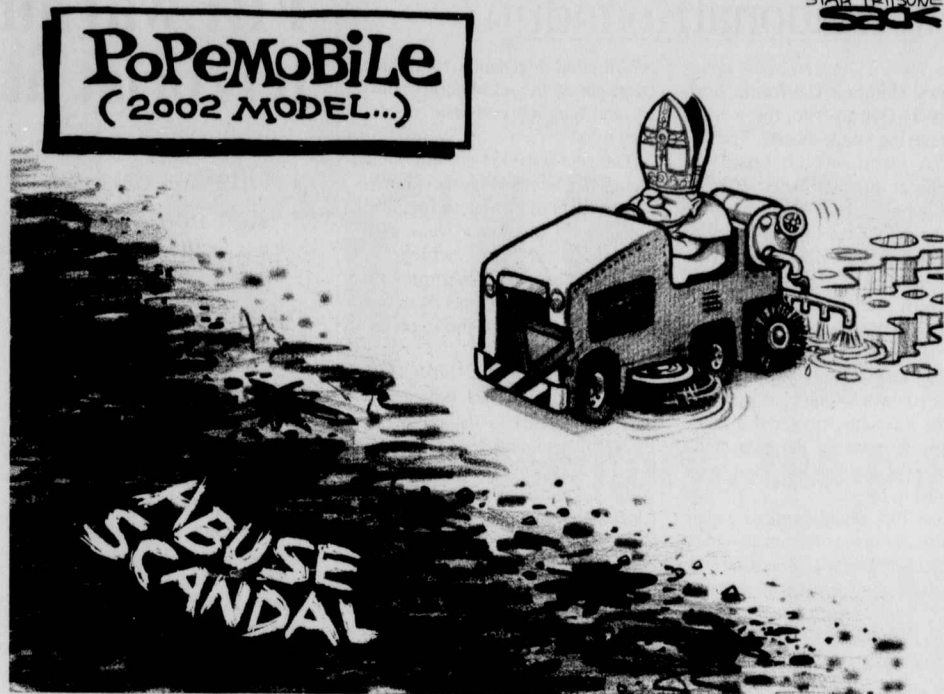
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Texas adventure ends with memories, but no cowboy

Let me tell you a story. A story about a California girl who had this crazy idea in her head to travel half way across the country to become a Horned Frog.

As far as I was concerned, it was an adventure I wasn't willing to miss.

As far as my family was concerned, it was only a temporary relocation.

As far as my close friends were concerned, I was traveling to another country. A country stocked with trucks, gun racks, cowboys and cattle. Home may be where the heart is, but I wanted to make sure I stayed a Californian.

At least, I thought I did. A lot can happen in four years, and a lot can change.

I've stayed up all night studying astronomy and then celebrated the grade I earned. I've typed more words than I care to count for English classes and journalism assignments. Of course, there have been tests I should have studied harder for and essays I should have spent more time on. Post-

poning procrastination would not have hurt either.

I've also stayed up all night laughing with friends, playing crazy games like Taboo or watching movies. I've walked in the dinosaur tracks in Glen Rose. I rode the Ferris wheel at the Texas State Fair. I cheered for the bull riders at the rodeo, but more often I cheered on the Frogs in football or basketball or something else altogether. I wandered the stalls at the Fort Worth Stock Show. I've accepted that Tex-Mex dining is something all its own and that belt buckles are meant to be seen. I've walked the cobblestones of Cowtown and have learned to love country music.

In just over two weeks I'll be walking across a stage to receive my bachelor of arts degree after four years on a campus and in the state that has become home. Wherever my future takes me, I will carry the wildness, friendliness and tradition of TCU and the Lone Star State with me.

I have a lot of purple in my wardrobe, and I can talk Horned Frog football with the best of them. My friends catch me saying "y'all" on a regular basis, and I have my own pair of black Justin ropers, not

to mention a great western hat. And, of course, I'm a veteran two-stepper (however, I'm still waiting for a dancing cowboy to sweep me off my feet).

I've accomplished a lot in my four years on campus. I've had opportunities and experiences I never would have had otherwise. After all, not every college journalist can say she interviewed a Noble Peace Prize laureate or attended a presidential media conference. And not every Californian has experienced her share of earthquakes and tornados.

I occasionally wonder what would have happened had I stayed in California, yet I would not trade my time here at TCU for anything in the world. It sounds like a cliché, but college really can be the best years of your life.

But in the end, you make your years — and your life — the way you want them to be.

Oh, and if there is someone out there who can dance, and would like to meet a California girl and honorary Texan, you know how to reach me.

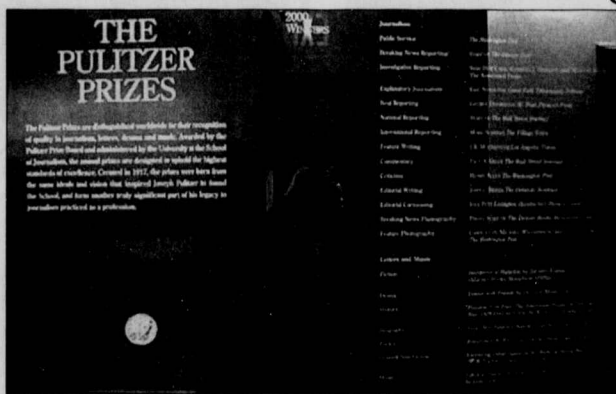
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COMMENTARY



Kristina Iodice

Graduating photographer sees world and TCU through a lens



I took this photograph on the seventh floor of the journalism department of Columbia University in New York. I hope one day my name will be next to Joseph Pulitzer's, who founded the award and was Hungarian, too.

I wanted to get a trumpet. On my second day at TCU I got one. But at the same time I was tricked into joining the marching band. Let me explain.

Since I had no clue about what a marching band on a U.S. college campus was coming from Hungary, I learned it the hard way.

After practicing the drills behind the stadium for hours in the 110-degree Texas heat, I thought that joining the French Foreign Legion in North Africa would have been a better idea.

Then I heard that if you work for the campus newspaper you can actually get paid and the newsroom has air conditioning. Getting paid \$5.15 for a story or a picture sounded great to me, because in

Budapest, my hometown, you could buy five or six beers for that price.

However, I had to realize that not only could I not buy a beer here because I was still 19, but \$5.15 was only enough for a cheesy burger, which we call a sponge-sandwich in Hungary.

Since my English was not exactly Shakespearean yet, the obvious solution for me was to take pictures. So, I got my first photo assignment from the TCU Daily Skiff, which pretty much set the direction I was to head in the next four years, and hopefully the direction I will follow after graduation too.

I have taken a lot of pictures at TCU since then (about 36,864). I enjoyed pressing the shutter on

the camera every time, because in that instant the world stops around you, and you have a machine to capture that frozen moment from the stream of time.

I floated between the art and the journalism departments for two years because it took me that long to pass the Grammar, Spelling and Punctuation (GSP) test. As a result, I had a front page picture in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram before I could officially become a journalism major at TCU.

Coming from a totally different part of the world gave me a different perspective about TCU and Texas than the rest of the graduating seniors have. People can be young here longer, because time goes by slower. TCU in particular, feels like an island under a glass cover that protects the campus from outside impact, but efforts for increased diversity may break a hole through that cover.

This is why I encourage everyone to use the study abroad programs the university offers, so people will know what else is out there.

Outside of this country people say that streets are paved with gold in America. I think this is a true statement; the only addition I would make is you just have to find those streets. After spending four years at TCU, I think I am on the right track.

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Interactions with others in college shapes life

College is not about finding yourself.

College is about cultivating your spirit so you better understand who you are.

What I now know beyond a shadow of a doubt is that I am a people person. Granted, some who know me well might say this fact was never in question. They might be right. But one of the best lessons I have learned at TCU is how I define "people person."

Very simply, a people person is a human interaction sponge.

I am what William Shakespeare would call "a passionate player with a keen eye for observation." Translated into modern day vernacular this means I would not be afraid to talk to a tree stump if I thought the conversation would be stimulating. Friends will confirm I have been known to carry on conversations at grocery stores, in restaurants or elevators and even from time to time in stop-and-go traffic. I am notorious for meeting people at the gas station. This ability to develop an easy rapport with strangers makes interviews go more smoothly. It also serves me well in my personal life.

It also means I live life with the gusto one might consider worthy of the stage. I often chastise friends who joke that my life is drama filled. I see things differently. Their interpretation of drama suggests my experiences are riddled with a fascinating complexity that, despite its occasional entertainment value, often presents insurmountable challenges. Not so.

The life and times of Jaime Walker are surely unique, but they are not monumentally different from anyone else. Life for all of us is a wacky series of human interactions — an often bizarre combination of meetings and separations. Every interaction we have with another person is an opportunity. Whether you chose to believe people come and go from your life by God's will, chance, luck, mistake, destiny or some combination is up to you.

The important thing to understand is that each meeting makes a difference, even if it may seem unrecognizable. College is full of such encounters. Life is shaped by the sum total of them.

I have honed some of my academic skills at TCU, but most of the time I trained my eye and maybe my heart to recognize the treasures that can be uncovered in relationships.

Author and journalist Anna Quindlen once said, "Being a reporter is as much a diagnosis as a job description."

She was right. My chaotic, adventure-filled experiences as a reporter/student have taught me that this writing bug is in my blood. Call it a blessing or a curse, I won't be satisfied in career or life unless I feel what I'm doing or saying matters in a small way.

I always try, whether in personal relationships or professional interviews, to get to the heart of the matter — the humanness if you will. It's where the real beauty of this life can be discovered. I have witnessed extraordinary beauty in my 21 years — particularly over the past four years.

On May 11, 2002, I will receive a diploma from TCU that'll show I earned the proper credits for a bachelor's degree in journalism. It won't indicate to future employers whether or not I will be a good or even mediocre journalist. And, it certainly will not give anyone an indication if I am good person or not.

It will serve as a reminder of all the lessons this people person learned — about people and passions, dedication and desire, matters of the mind and the ways of the heart.

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National/International Roundup

Bush seeks funds for Thune, attacks Dems

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — In a double shot at Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, President Bush came to the Democrat's home state Wednesday to complain about Senate inaction on trade legislation, and to raise money for a candidate who could help tilt the Senate back to Republican control.

But Daschle and the senator Bush was working to oust, Democrat Tim Johnson of South Dakota, flew here to appear with the president at a farm event.

Johnson is engaged in one of the hottest Senate contests in the nation, facing Republican Rep. John Thune. The president aggressively courted Thune to run against Johnson, personally wooing him over dinner at the White House.

Bush was pressing anew Wednesday for new powers to negotiate trade agreements that Congress could accept or reject but could not amend. Early this month, he called on the Senate to pass both measures by Monday — a deadline that came and went with no action.

The legislation is vital to South Dakota, which could benefit from increased trade that would likely come with broadened presidential trade powers.

Bush's fund-raiser here, his 18th of the year, was expected to help bring in \$350,000 for Thune and the state GOP.

Millionaire space tourist to visit international station

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Another rich adventure-seeker is headed to the international space station. This time, though, the astronauts on board won't have to baby-sit him.

To the relief of the three men living on the space station, NASA has given its blessing to the visit by South African millionaire Mark Shuttleworth, who is part of a crew of cosmonauts due to lift off aboard a Russian rocket Thursday from Kazakhstan.

It is an about-face from a year ago, when America's space agency shunned California businessman Dennis Tito, the world's first paying space tourist.

The two NASA astronauts on board the space station were under strict orders not to hug Tito in front of the cameras and had to make sure he did not venture alone into the U.S. compartments.

NASA was dead set against Tito's joy ride last spring, saying a tourist could disrupt work at the space station and endanger the crew. His week-long visit, courtesy of the Russians, triggered a battle of words between the two countries' space programs that took months to heal.

Like Tito, Shuttleworth is paying the Russian space program about \$20 million for a Soyuz seat and an eight-day, seven-night space station cruise

Pilot not to be sent to U.S. on terrorism charges

LONDON (AP) — The extradition case against an Algerian pilot once described by U.S. authorities as a trainer for the Sept. 11 hijackers fell apart Wednesday when a British judge ruled the United States had not provided sufficient evidence that the man was involved in terrorism — or had committed any crime.

It was the first Sept. 11 related case outside of the United States to crumble since the attacks. The defendant, Lotfi Raissi, had been free on bail since February.

Judge Timothy Workman turned down a U.S. request seeking Raissi's extradition on lesser charges of lying to the Federal Aviation Authority when he filled out a form seeking to extend his pilot's license in April 2001.

Workman also said during the day-long hearing at Bow Street Magistrate's Court in London that U.S. authorities had provided no evidence Raissi was linked to terrorism.

House passes bill tightening accounting disclosure rules

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House on Wednesday adopted En-

ron-inspired legislation to tighten oversight of the accounting industry and toughen corporate disclosure rules.

The vote was 334-90, but some Democrats accused House Republican leaders of bowing to financial interests by passing a weak bill. Houston-based Enron, which entered the biggest bankruptcy in U.S. history in December, was one of President Bush's largest corporate donors.

In House debate, the bill's GOP authors said it would bolster investor confidence — shaken by Enron's collapse and by accounting failures at other big companies — without creating needless red tape for business.

The legislation would establish a new regulatory body to oversee the accounting industry and discipline auditors, replacing the current system in which the industry largely polices itself.

The Democrats, consumer groups and the AFL-CIO said the bill lacked teeth.

Among other things, they wanted the new oversight body to have its duties and powers spelled out, warning that the body created by the bill could be dominated by the accounting profession.

Quake jolts Yugoslavia; 1 man killed, 60 injured

GNJILANE, Yugoslavia (AP) — An earthquake jolted parts of the central Balkans on Wednesday, knocking down a minaret and killing one man. Sixty other people were injured, a U.N. spokesman said.

The quake's preliminary magnitude was measured at 5.1, with its epicenter some 175 miles south of Belgrade, near the town of Vitina in the southern province of Kosovo, said Slavica Radulovic of the Seismological Institute of Serbia. The earthquake was first felt at 12:50 p.m.

In Gnjilane, one man was killed when a mosque's minaret collapsed, sending debris flying, said U.N. spokesman Andrea Angeli.

FBI warning issued about further terrorist attacks on supermarkets

Officials caution that information is unsubstantiated

BY TED BRIDIS
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The FBI quietly warned its agents nationwide of unconfirmed information from a captured senior al-Qaeda official that terrorists may be planning attacks against supermarkets or shopping centers, law enforcement officials said Wednesday.

The warning, sent Tuesday to all FBI field offices and relayed to some state and local police, cautioned that the information was unsubstantiated and did not include specific information about possi-

ble targets, timing, numbers of people involved or any particular method of attack.

The warning said that al-Qaeda operatives inside the United States may be planning attacks against civilian targets, possibly including banks, shopping centers, supermarkets and shops, law enforcement officials said. The information came from Abu Zubaydah, the highest-ranking al-Qaeda terrorist leader in U.S. custody, they said.

The information that prompted the new warning was considered less reliable than last week's about possible attacks on banks in the northeastern United States.

"We're trying to downplay this," said one law enforcement official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Unlike last week, the latest warning was issued only to FBI field of-

fices, which quietly relayed the information to local joint-terrorism task forces typically made up of state and local police agencies.

"There is no official alert," a law enforcement official said.

Last week, authorities cautioned that they similarly had no information about a specific plot or threats to any specific financial institution. But the FBI warned publicly about possible "physical attacks," based in part on information from Zubaydah, two officials said. But it was unclear if he was telling the truth, and officials said he could be lying in an effort to create a panic.

Abu Zubaydah is alleged to have been one of Osama bin Laden's top planners of terrorist operations, with knowledge of al-Qaeda plots and operational cells. He was captured in Pakistan on March 28.

Supreme Court hears case of Gonzaga graduate falsely accused of date rape

BY ANNE GEARAN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — After being falsely accused of date rape, Gonzaga University graduate Rue Paster wants to collect \$450,000 from university officials who released details of the allegation to a potential employer.

The Supreme Court heard Paster's story Wednesday and is expected to use it to clarify the rights of students or parents to enforce federal privacy law.

University officials told him they could not give him a character recommendation he needed for a teaching certificate because of allegations that he stalked and assaulted a fellow student.

The school had passed the allegations on to state authorities in Washington. The rape allegations came to

the school third-hand, and the alleged victim denied them.

Paster sued, charging that the university violated the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

A jury ordered the Jesuit college to pay Paster \$1.1 million for defamation and other claims, including violations of the federal act. He has collected about \$600,000 for the claims not connected to the federal law.

The issue for the Supreme Court is whether Paster can sue to enforce the privacy law. The university and the Bush administration, which sides with the school, argued that Congress never intended to give individuals that right, but Paster's lawyer said other courts have used the law to uphold the right to sue.

The court ruled earlier this year

that the practice of having one student grade another's paper does not violate the same federal law. In considering that case, the court assumed that the family at the heart of the case did have the right to sue. The court then agreed to hear the Gonzaga case to settle the matter.

The federal law divides student information into two broad categories: directory information such as name and address, and everything else.

The second category includes race, religion, grades, courses taken, attendance and disciplinary actions. This is restricted information, generally available only if a student allows access.

Congress has carved out exceptions, including one allowing parental notification if a student is disciplined for alcohol use.

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ANIMAL INSTINCTS

Zoo educators, animals mark a new territory...the classroom

BY ELISE RAMBAUD
Skiff Staff

It's 8 a.m. and Kim Keith is momentarily greeted by the sound of chirping crickets when she arrives at work. Seconds later, the peaceful silence is shattered by a cacophony of hoots, howls, shrieks, squawks, meows and moans.

A jarring way to start the morning for many, but this is just a typical day at the office for Keith.

Keith's charges are sounding off their morning salutations because they know it's breakfast time, and she's there to feed them. Tomorrow morning, there will be fewer crickets chirping because some will be the featured entrée today.

As she slides off her shoes and slips into calf-high rubber boots and snaps on a pair of latex gloves, Keith, an outreach educator in the Fort Worth Zoo's Wild Wonders program, said she never thought she would spend her mornings cleaning up animal waste.

"It's not the most glamorous part of the job, but I wouldn't give up the interaction with the animals for the world," Keith said.

The daily routine of caring for and training the 40 to 50 exotic animals in the program is tedious, but she and her other team members are working toward a much loftier goal.

The Wild Wonders program travels throughout the Dallas/Fort Worth area with its "animal ambassadors" to show the beauty of wildlife and encourage people to actively participate in wildlife conservation.

"We hope to instill an appreciation for these animals," Kiersten Anderson, another outreach educator said. "When people learn about and get to see (the animals) up close, they might think twice about not recycling, littering or about any way they can help the wildlife."

Endangered species such as Kanga, a Hyacinth Macaw, and Sky and Storm, nine-month-old clouded leopard cubs are often taken out on tour to illustrate human impact on the environment. Indigenous to the clouded forests of Southeast Asia, the leopard cubs are hunted for their spectacular coats, while Hyacinth Macaws are endangered because of the destruction of their tropical forest habitats.

Wild Wonders spreads their message to schools, churches, social organizations such as the Girl Scouts and the Rotary Club, professional associations, day care facilities, and festivals.

On May 2, KTCU will air a Wildlife Radio show featuring the Wild Wonders staff and various guests.

Today, the sixth grade class at Meadow Creek Elementary School will meet a black-footed penguin; a leopard cub; a seven-foot Burmese python; a baby American alligator; a tenrec; a binturong, also known as a bear cat, and Madagascar hissing cockroaches.

By 11 a.m., the animal room floor is hosed down, and all of the animals have clean cages and full stomachs. Anderson waits outside the zoo's educational facility classrooms with one of the leopard cubs. Keith enters a training room for the third time this morning, in hopes that Cricket, a wrinkled hornbill, will fly on command.

"This job takes a great deal of patience, but it's incredibly rewarding when an animal finally responds to you," Keith said.

The cub paws at Anderson, and she lifts him into her arms and showers him with kisses with the same tenderness and familiarity as a child.

"We've bottle fed some of these animals from infancy, so it's easy to get attached," Anderson said. "But we know that these are not pets because they are a handful even to trained animal professionals."

Keith said one of the hardest things about the job is the moral quandary of whether or not to keep animals captive.

"Occasionally, I see the animals in the cages and wonder how they would be in the wild," Keith said. "But the animals in this program are trained to be handled by humans and act as spokesmen for animal protection and wildlife conservation."

Anderson carries the cub into a zoo classroom of pre-kindergartners as oohs and ahhs spread across the crowd.

Anderson, a former teacher, said the expression on their faces when they see an exotic animal is priceless every time.

By 1:15 p.m., the animals are packed into the van with precision and habitual ease and Anderson and Keith are off to Meadow Creek for their final afternoon presentation.

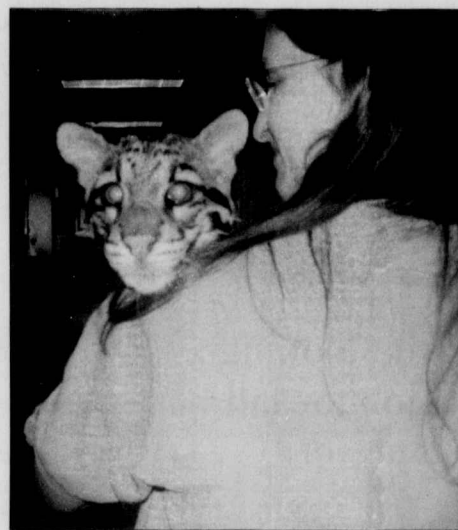
The money made from outreach programs is used in part to fund animal conservation projects.

As each animal is presented, students are called up as volunteers. Two boys and a teacher assist in holding the python stretched out to its full length. One terrified-looking girl gingerly strokes a baby alligator at an arm's length. Two boys stand paralyzed while enormous cockroaches crawl on their shirts, and another boy is invited to smell the musty, burnt popcorn scent of the binturong's fur. A penguin waddles through the aisles, and a hawk flies on command over their heads.

"Kids often think of the program as a rare treat," Anderson said. "It's really an opportunity to see something that they don't soon forget."

At the end of the day, the cages are tidied and some animals get their afternoon meals.

"My hair smells like popcorn after the binturong crawled all around my head all afternoon," Keith said. "I can't wait to get home to take a long hot shower."



Elise Rambaud/SKIFF STAFF
Kiersten Anderson, an outreach educator in the Fort Worth Zoo's Wild Wonders program, holds a 9-month-old clouded leopard cub.

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Elise Rambaud/SKIFF STAFF
Kim Keith, an outreach educator in the Fort Worth Zoo's Wild Wonders program, presents a barn owl to students.



Elise Rambaud/SKIFF STAFF
Kim Keith, an outreach educator in the Fort Worth Zoo's Wild Wonders program, cleans cages of the educational facilities at the Fort Worth Zoo.

Professor retires after changing students' lives that changed his own

BY KELLY MARIA HOWARD
Staff Reporter

Chuck Becker released his students from class at 3:20 p.m. Tuesday, but he didn't leave until 20 minutes later.

He needed to help his students with their assignments.

After that, he walked over to the economics department so he could help them more extensively.

He did this until 5:30 p.m. — with a smile. These help sessions

Becker is known for will soon come to an end. The associate professor of economics and finance said he is retiring from TCU after 35 years of teaching — a profession he has admired since childhood.

"There's going to be a loud cheer when I'm gone," Becker said with a laugh. "No, they're going to have a jubilee. They're going to say that I ruined more 4.0 averages in my teaching history here than anyone else and, 'Thank gosh the old buzzard is kaput.' That is exactly what is going to be said."

Becker said he came to TCU in September of 1967 after receiving a doctorate from the University of Arizona, where he also received his bachelor's and master's. He also had a brief career as a professor at what is now known as the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

"I still, to my knowledge, hold the record for the earliest tenure decision ever made in the history of the University of Nevada system," Becker said. "I was tenured after only two years on the faculty there, just in time for me to renounce it and come to TCU. I got tenure and then I parted, which isn't very smart. You're suppose to get tenure and stay some place, but I wasn't that intelligent."

Becker became a tenured professor at TCU in 1971. This time around, he decided to stay.

Becker said as he has matured over the years, he has become more mellow and more interested in his students. He said positive teaching gives him a better response from students, and he hasn't been mad at too many students.

"The greatest single thing I am going to miss in retirement is my students," Becker said. "It's not just the ones that are here currently, it is all the, I guess, thousands that have passed before."

Brett Gall, a junior business major, said Becker is a nice professor and funny in class.

"Random is a word you could definitely use to describe him," Gall said. "He is too smart."

Kelley Brown, a sophomore economics and philosophy major, said Becker loves his job, and you can tell by the way he teaches.

"I think a lot of professors forget that that's why we're here and that's what makes Dr. Becker so refreshing," Brown said. "I have learned more in this class than is typical to learn in three classes and that's not to mention all of the life advice that he's passed my way."

Brown said Becker cares about what and how much his students learn. She said that he has continued to teach even after several prestigious job offers and she believes it is because he cares so much for his students.

"I'm coming away from this class with knowledge that will help me all throughout my life — knowledge that I most certainly would never have had if it weren't for Dr. Becker," Brown said. "Besides, you can't help but come away from his class in a good mood. He's always so pleasant to be around."

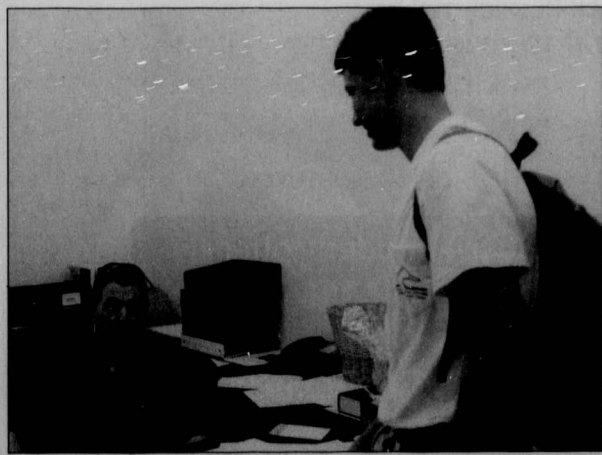
Matt Moore, a senior philosophy major, said he likes Becker's vast knowledge, enthusiasm for teaching and his interest in each student.

"He enjoys passing on his knowledge in order to improve the lives of students," Moore said.

Becker said although this is his last semester, his retirement is official at the end of the 2002 fall semester. He said he will move with his wife Natalie to Delaware to get away from the Texas summer and to buy land where they will build a house.

Brown said she will always remember Becker.

"He's just one of those people that goes out of his way to touch your life," Brown said. "You don't forget people like that."



Kelly Howard/STAFF REPORTER
Chuck Becker, an associate professor of economics and finance, talks with Blake Nelson, a sophomore economics and accounting major.

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SGA

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of the organizations because people didn't know how to get in touch with each other."

Another accomplishment Thompson said he is proud of is the addition of Community Council, sponsored by the Programming Council, where students come to voice their opinions about what programs they want.

"In the past, it's been about convincing people to come to events that PC wants to do," Thompson said. "But when we use ideas from people on campus, there's less work to do to get them to come to the events because they are already excited."

Glenn Pfenninger, PC recruitment and retention chairman, said one of the organization's goals for the fall semester is to include more students in SGA by making Community Council

a more integral part of PC. He said he is proud of programs, such as Culture Shock, that PC hosted.

"We always face the challenge of coming up with an event that captures the student body and Culture Shock did that," Pfenninger said.

Pfenninger said programming in the fall will emphasize campus unity. "Homecoming will be an all-campus event with more emphasis placed on getting the entire campus and alumni involved," he said. "With Howdy Week, we're working more on inviting all athletic teams, not just being exclusive to football."

Karl Kruse, University Affairs Committee chairman, said he would like SGA to increase awareness about building a new student center.

"We need students rallying behind it," he said. "The new student center will help the TCU community by making people feel part of a community." Kruse said he wishes his commit-

tee would have worked more on a new student center earlier in the semester. "There are blueprints," he said. "But administrators don't know if students think it's a big priority."

SGA has dealt with pessimism from the administration in gaining student support and heightening awareness, said Chelsea Hudson, the SGA president.

"Generally, there was a feeling from the administration that the enthusiasm wouldn't last throughout the semester," she said. "But it's evident from the productivity this semester that we have gained momentum."

Hudson said she is generally pleased with the current state of SGA. "I think we did a great job," she said. "It will be exciting to see what direction SGA heads in the fall now that we have more experience under our belt."

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First Lady renews call for public service

Mrs. Bush says nation more compassionate after terrorist attacks

BY MICHAEL GRACZYK
Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — The legacy of last year's terrorist attacks is that America has become a more compassionate nation, first lady Laura Bush said Wednesday, renewing her husband's call for people to greater participate in public service. "The attacks made many of us reassess our priorities and our values," Mrs. Bush told an overflow crowd of more than 2,500 people at Texas A&M University's Rudder Auditorium. "Rather than fear death, we embrace life — life that now seems more precious, more meaningful than before that tragic September day.

"We are a kinder nation. We are opening our hearts to strangers and our doors to our neighbors."

Mrs. Bush, returning to her na-

tive Texas to deliver a lecture sponsored by her father-in-law's George Bush Presidential Library Foundation, which is based at Texas A&M, said the Sept. 11 attacks would be viewed by today's generation as their "day of infamy" like Dec. 7, 1941, for her parents' generation and Nov. 22, 1963, for her peers.

"On Sept. 11, we experienced another one of those days in our national life — a day that will be forever seared in our hearts and minds," she said after being introduced by the former president. "Since that day, though, I have seen many examples of kindness and compassion in America — in our communities, and especially in our children who have helped make a difference in remarkable ways."

She told of a 12-year-old cancer survivor in Texas, an artist she identified only as Olivia, who has raised \$33,000 for America's Fund for Afghan Children by selling prints of her painting of a rose called "Let Freedom Bloom."

And she recalled 70,000 Aggie football fans responding to an effort

started by a handful of A&M students last fall to sell red, white and blue T-shirts for a football game and turn Kyle Field into an "incredible display of America's colors in the stadium — showing that we are Americans first and foremost."

"In that one day, A&M students raised about \$200,000 for the New York Firefighters 811 Relief Fund and the WTC Police Disaster Relief Fund."

"Thanks, Aggies," she said, drawing applause.

She then asked her audience to think of the powerful influences in their lives.

"You don't have to walk into a burning building or wear a badge to rescue someone," Mrs. Bush said. "You don't have to score a touchdown to win points with someone... Many acts of kindness never make the evening news or the morning paper."

She said President Bush, in his State of the Union Address in January, called on Americans to dedicate at least two years, or 4,000 hours over their lifetime, to serving the nation.

WORK

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often with the backing of employers, civic leaders and school officials. Millions of families have participated, and the program has been praised for expanding the career aspirations of many girls.

Jeff Roet, a geography lecturer, said his daughter was too young to come with him to work, but that the program seemed like it would be useful to both sons and daughters.

"My daughter is only two, but I look forward to when we can participate," Roet said. "I think it's great if you can take your son or your daughter to work."

Green said she had taken her now 9-year-old daughter to work in the past, but this year school conflicted.

Despite its success, "Take Our Daughters To Work Day" encountered occasional opposition. One conservative group, the Clare Boothe Luce Policy Institute, called it a "stealth feminist holiday that breeds victimology in girls."

Officials in Fostoria, Ohio, dis-

avowed the April event two years ago, and instead encouraged both boys and girls to join their parents at work on a weekday after school recessed for the summer.

In California, a man filed a civil rights suit last month against the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors for its support of "Take Our Daughters to Work Day," saying the event discriminates against boys.

The Associated Press contributed to this story.

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Judicial board Seth Duplantis said Wednesday he had no comment on what the allegations were about but he said Monday he had "heard some rumors" of the suspension.

Director of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs Tom Sullivan, who said Monday he did not have a comment at this point in the investigation, did not return phone calls Wednesday night.

Kappa Sigma is the second fraternity that has been under investigation by campus life this semester. The earlier investigation and disciplinary pro-

cedures began in February, as reported in the TCU Daily Skiff Feb. 22. In that article Russel said members of the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity and some student athletes were involved in the investigation into the use of a slingshot to launch water balloons on a disabled car, the report stated. Mills said Wednesday that the resolution to this investigation was reached several weeks ago and Russel said there are currently sanctions against individual Pi Kappa Phi members.

Efforts to contact Kappa Sigma president Richard Colvin have been unsuccessful.

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WARRANT

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Investigators a new account had been opened in her name for an AT&T MasterCard. Safaritova and Cauley were deposed by investigators April 5.

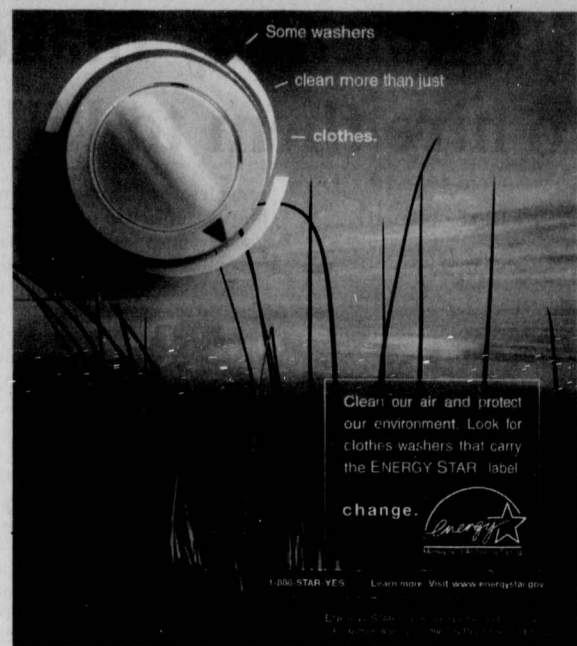
Detectives separately interviewed the suspects, Evans and May, April 8, police reports stated. During questioning, May admitted to using the credit cards, but did not know they were used without Safaritova's consent, according to the report.

At that time, police told Evans they had an audio tape on which she discussed her involvement in the incident, according to the report. The report did not state how the audio tapes were obtained.

Safaritova, who was apprehensive about discussing the incident, said she wants the issue resolved.

"It's been a pretty long two months for me," she said. "It's pretty hard, but I'm trying to get through it."

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Stuntmen say Blake attempted to hire them to kill his wife

Both men will likely be key witnesses in murder trial

BY LINDA DEUTSCH
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Two stuntmen who worked on the "Baretta" television series with Robert Blake are expected to testify that he tried to hire them to kill his wife, Blake's lawyer said Wednesday.

Gary McLarty and Ronald "Duffy" Hambleton will probably be key witnesses in Blake's murder trial, according to attorney Harland Braun and another source close to the case who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Blake was formally charged Monday with shooting his wife, Bonnie Lee Bakley, 44, to death after a dinner outing last May. Prosecutors said the 68-year-old Blake and his bodyguard, Earle Caldwell, plotted the slaying for about four months.

Caldwell, 46, is charged with

conspiracy to commit murder. Both men pleaded innocent.

Prosecutors said Blake asked two other people to kill Bakley last year before doing it himself. They have not identified the two and Sandi Gibbons, a spokeswoman for the district attorney's office, declined to comment Wednesday on the names of any witnesses.

Braun is familiar with McLarty from another high-profile Hollywood case: the 1982 deaths of actor Vic Morrow and two children in an accident on a "Twilight Zone" movie set. In 1991, McLarty killed a house guest in a shooting that was ruled justifiable self-defense. Authorities said the victim, Donald Deppe, 50, was an ex-convict with a history of violent assaults and had threatened McLarty.

According to the source close to the case, Hambleton approached Blake last year and asked if they could get together and do a movie. He was part of a group called Stunts Unlimited and wanted to do an action movie.

Blake told Hambleton he could not get involved in a movie deal

because he was distracted by his involvement with Bakley and the birth of their child, the source said.

San Bernardino County court records show Hambleton, 65, is facing two misdemeanor counts of brandishing a firearm and one count of resisting arrest for a 1999 incident at his ranch. Authorities said he had called sheriff's deputies about an intruder, but no one was found.

Also expected to testify is William Welch, a retired police officer who works as a private investigator. The source said Welch will claim Blake told him that his life would be much better if Bakley was dead.

In another development, Blake's adult daughter, Delinah, this week petitioned for temporary guardianship of Rosie, the nearly 2-year-old girl he and Bakley had. Blake currently has custody.

The matter was put off until a court commissioner can hear the case. Attorney Barry Felsen, who represents the adult daughter, said she was anxious to have legal authority in case any medical emergency arose.

Texas A&M presidency selection down to Sen. Gramm, former CIA director

BY SUZANNE GAMBOA
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Sen. Phil Gramm and former CIA director Robert Gates have emerged as the top candidates for the Texas A&M president's job, with the board of regents deadlocked, three sources with ties to the Republican Party told The Associated Press.

Five regents favor Gates, while three prefer Gramm, according to the sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The ninth board member, Gramm's wife, Wendy, has recused herself from the process.

The three regents who prefer Gramm are more closely tied to Republican Party politics and favor his political connections, while Gates' appeal is his academic background, said two of the sources, a Republican elected official and a consultant.

The board wants to reach a consensus before naming its selection, one source said.

Gramm announced in August that he would finish his third term and then retire. That disclosure came soon after A&M's outgoing Presi-

dent Ray Bowen said he would retire this summer.

Gramm has been denying rumors since last week that he was considering stepping down early, but has left open the possibility that he would accept an attractive offer. Spokesman Larry Neal said no such offer has come from A&M.

"He has no reason to believe that he's a candidate," Neal said. "Literally all we know about the presidency at Texas A&M is what we read in the newspapers."

If Gramm were chosen, he could leave his Senate

job before his term ends in January 2003. Gov. Rick Perry then would appoint someone to fill Gramm's seat — possibly

GOP Senate candidate John Cornyn. The winner of the November race to replace Gramm —

either Cornyn or Democrat Ron Kirk — would take the job permanently in January.

Gramm flatly denied the scenario

to The Dallas Morning News.

"It sounds to me like it's a bunch of Democrats who got drunk in Austin and decided how could they make Christmas come early," he told the newspaper for Wednesday's editions. "They're wrong. I'm not going anywhere."

Cornyn, too, called the suggestion "unsubstantiated rumor."

"I'm running for election and that's the way I intend to get to the United States Senate is through election," he told the AP.

Gates is a board trustee for the Forum for International Policy in

Washington, D.C., a non-profit, nonpartisan think tank of nationally recognized foreign policy experts. He could not be reached by

phone calls.

Regents Chairman Erle Nye said board members have pledged not to discuss the board's deliberations.

"Between the candidates, there is a diversity of opinion on the board," Nye said.

"It sounds to me like it's a bunch of Democrats who got drunk in Austin and decided how could they make Christmas come early."

— Phil Gramm

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- Penne/angel hair pasta
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- Chicken a la king
- Broccoli tofu stir fry
- Sticky rice
- Oriental blend
- Buttered spinach
- Hot crisp
- Baked corn dog
- Onion rings
- Yankee pot roast
- Country mashed potatoes
- Mixed veggies
- Green beans

DINNER

- Bow tie/linguine pasta
- Tortellini casserette
- Sauté veggies
- Visiting chef
- Popcorn chicken
- Onion rings
- Meat loaf
- Mashed potatoes
- Buttered cauliflower
- Veggie blend
- Chef choice salad

Tomorrow's menu

LUNCH

- Rotini/ziti/linguine pasta
- Self-serve veggies
- Fried tilapia filets
- Vegetable ragout
- Au gratin potatoes
- Buttered peas
- Steamed squash
- Hot cobbler
- Corn nuggets
- Onion rings
- Dijon pork loin
- Rice pilaf
- Buttered squash
- Chef choice salad

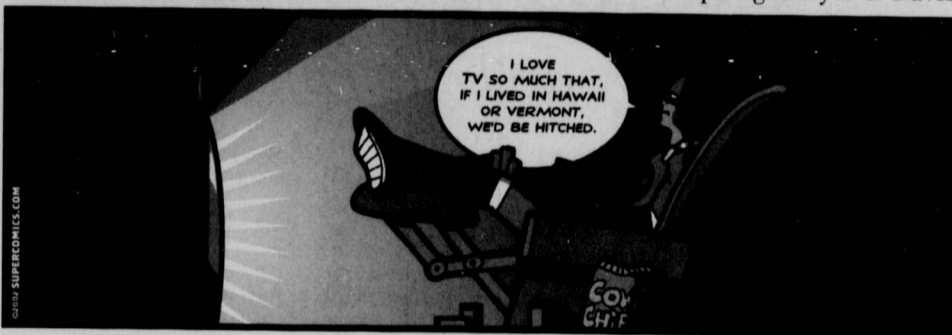
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- Fried catfish strips
- Eggplant parmesan
- Roasted potatoes
- Carrots
- Veggie blend
- Teriyaki chicken strips
- Mozzarella sticks
- Onion rings
- Hamburgers
- Chicken sandwiches

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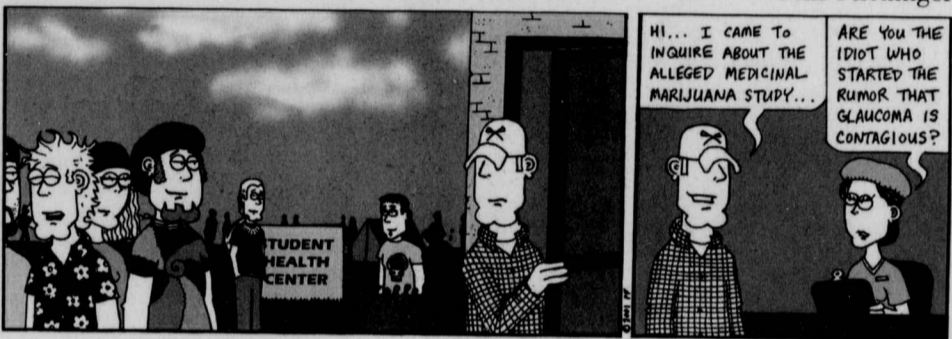
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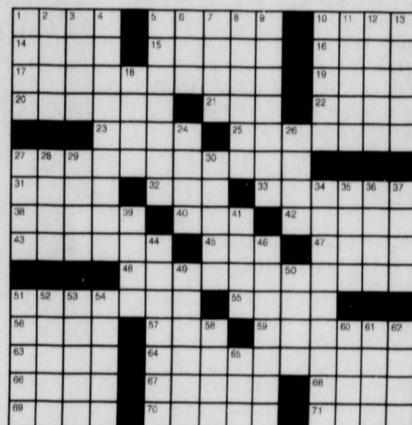
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- 20 Admiration
- 21 Mauna
- 22 Call from pews
- 23 Police bust
- 25 Art of fishing
- 27 Twyla Sharp's domain
- 31 Oklahoma city
- 32 Gangster's rod
- 33 Enclose
- 38 Alaskan language
- 40 You betcha!
- 42 Muse of poets
- 43 Maidenly minor deities
- 45 Intense anger
- 47 Privy to
- 48 Jumbo product
- 51 Durante movie, with 'The'
- 55 Food fad
- 56 Top Norse god
- 57 SONY rival
- 59 Synagogue leaders
- 63 Beatles song, 'Penny'
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- 66 'Of...I Sing'
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The Sideline

Slowly honored as male track co-athlete of the week

Senior Steve Slowly was selected the Conference USA Male Track Co-Athlete of the Week for the week of April 15.

Slowly sprinted to a NCAA automatic qualifying time in the 200-meter dash at the TCU Invitational Saturday with a personal best time of 20.27. It marks the second fastest time recorded for a collegian during the outdoor season. It also is the sixth fastest time in the 200-meter dash at TCU. Slowly was also a member of TCU's winning 4x100-meter and 4x400-meter relays teams at the TCU Invitational.

Slowly shares the award with sprinter Julien Dunkley from East Carolina.

Newton pleads guilty to drug trafficking

DALLAS (AP) — Former Dallas Cowboys offensive lineman Nate Newton pleaded guilty Wednesday to a federal drug trafficking charge after accepting a plea agreement.

Under the terms of the agreement, Newton pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to distribute and possession with intent to distribute marijuana. The other charges, aiding and abetting to possess and distribute marijuana, will be dropped.

Sentencing was scheduled for July 19 before U.S. District Judge Barbara M.G. Lynn.

Steven Rozen, Newton's attorney, said he expects Newton will serve up to 30 months with credit for time served.

Newton was returned to the detention center in Seagoville, a southeast Dallas suburb, where he has been since his Dec. 12 arrest.

Johnson nominated for admission to Hall of Fame

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (AP) — A few years later than he wanted, Magic Johnson is in position to join friend and rival Larry Bird in the Basketball Hall of Fame.

Johnson, unable to persuade the hall to waive its five-year retirement requirement so he could enter alongside Bird in 1998, was nominated for induction Wednesday in his first year of eligibility.

Johnson, who led the Los Angeles Lakers to five NBA championships, was nominated along with 13 other players and coaches and the Harlem Globetrotters.

The other players nominated are Portland coach and former 76ers guard Maurice Cheeks; scoring star Adrian Dantley; defensive ace Bobby Jones; seven-time All-Star Chet Walker; and James Worthy of the Lakers.

Nominees need 18 of 24 votes from the Honors Committee for induction.

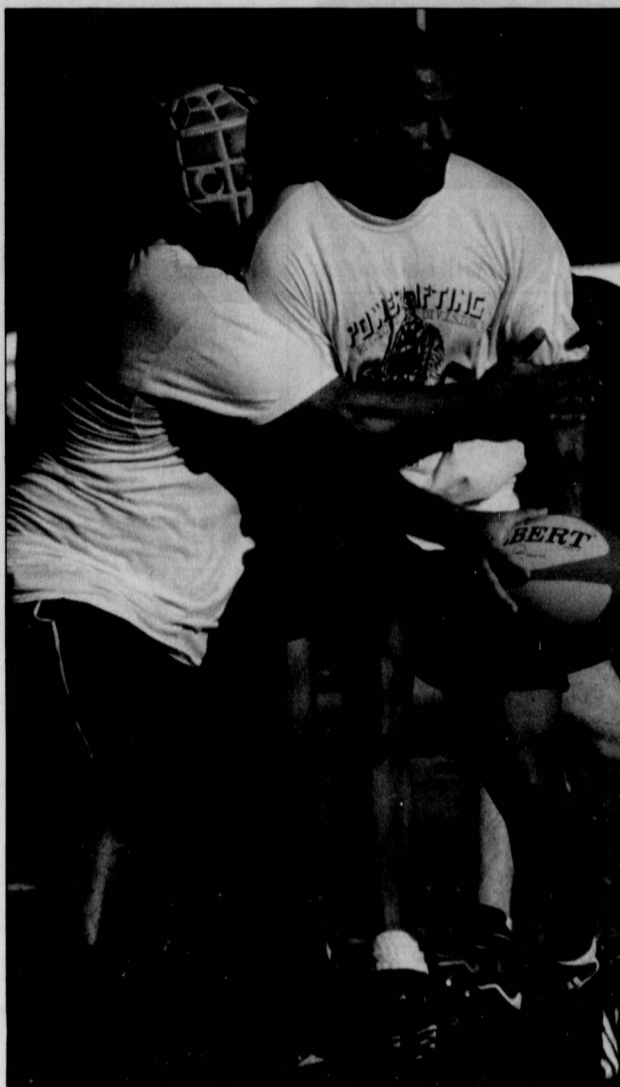
Grizzlies' Gasol wins Rookie of the Year honors

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Memphis Grizzlies forward Pau Gasol won the NBA's Rookie of the Year Award on Wednesday as a near-unanimous pick.

Gasol, a native of Spain, is the first European to win top rookie honors. He received 117 of a possible 126 votes from a panel of sports writers and broadcasters

Lucky bounce

Rugby Club bruises its way to the top after humble beginnings



SPECIAL TO THE SKIFF
Senior Uzair Muhammed tackles Lem Taylor as he tries to pitch the ball to a teammate.

BY JOHN WALLS
Skiff Staff

The Rugby Club finished its sixth official season of play with a second-place ranking in Division III. Though the club has only existed for seven years, the ranking didn't happen overnight.

Keith Dalton, a TCU alumnus, started the club in 1994 while playing rugby for the Fort Worth Rugby Club.

"Every year we would host a Cowtown rugby tournament in the fall," said Dalton, who graduated in 1994. "As the collegiate division got bigger and bigger, we realized that TCU was really the only prominent university in the Southwest Conference that didn't have a rugby team."

Hundreds of flyers later, Dalton had 30 students show up to the club's first official meeting. But after the first few practices, the number of active members quickly dropped to 16.

During the next few years the club saw drastic change. In 1995, Dalton became the head coach of the club and decreased his involvement in the Fort Worth Rugby Club. Then, in 1996, the Rugby Club became certified by the Texas Rugby Union, which allowed the club to officially play in a division.

During its first year of competition, then in Division II, TCU finished in the top 16 in the country.

"We had a really successful first couple of seasons, much more than we had any right to expect, but there was just kind of a natural drop after that," Dalton said.

The "natural drop" occurred and the club athletes soon found themselves moved down to Division III because of a last place finish in 1998.

However, as the seasons progressed, TCU has become more determined to win its division and win the support of fans, club members said.

"The interest for TCU rugby is definitely growing," said Jamie Hutchinson, a sophomore and member of the rugby club. "It's an uphill battle just because of the lack of knowledge about rugby."

Hutchinson said that even though rugby is gaining popularity, it still has a ways to go.

"Rugby is not an American game," Hutchinson said. "Rugby, especially in Texas, can't compete with football."

This is mainly due to the misconception that rugby is a barbarian sport, Dalton said.

"People look at football and they think that the players wear all those pads for safety, but the pads are really weapons," he said. "If the guy that is hitting you doesn't have any pads on, it is a much more controlled atmosphere than you think."

But Hutchinson said rugby is a logical game for football enthusiasts to follow.

"Once somebody comes out and watches a game, they realize that in most cases rugby is football without pads and no blocking, so you're going to get hit every time you run the ball," he said.

Ironically, athletes from other sports are what usually supply the club with new players each year.

"Most of our players are ex-athletes from high school, either they are ex-football players or ex-soccer

players who aren't playing anything in college," said Hutchinson, who played soccer during high school.

Ryan Matthews, a sophomore and member of the rugby club, said that after playing six years of football and joining the rugby team, he has noticed a significant difference in the intensity level between the two sports.

"There's more running on the field in rugby," Matthews said. "In football you get breaks. When I played football, I played on the offensive line, and when the defense was out there, I got a break. You don't get a break when you're out there on the rugby field."

During this past season, the Rugby Club finished higher in the standings, which may help next year's team, Hutchinson said.

"To turn around and make a jump and finish second this year is a really big improvement," Hutchinson said.

With the exception of St. Edward's University and the University of Austin, TCU defeated every team on its schedule along with two Division II teams: the University of Dallas and the University of Texas at Dallas.

But now with the season over, Dalton said, expectations for next year's club have already been set.

"We plan on beating all of the Division II teams and win Division III and the year after that win Division II," he said. "There's no reason that these kids can't do it. I just got to get them all out to practice."

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Track enters meet banged up

Frogs face top teams and huge crowds at upcoming Penn Relays

BY DANNY GILLHAM
Skiff Staff

The baseball team has played in front of an average crowd of 1,642 fans this season. Last fall, the football team played in front of 28,990 spectators a game.

Today, 45,000 people will watch the track and field team compete in the Penn Relays, head coach Monte Stratton said.

"The crowd is the best I have ever seen at a collegiate meet," Stratton said. "There will be 45,000 there, and it will be packed."

Starting today, the Frogs, ranked No. 17 in the nation by Trackwire Online, will compete in the three-day event in Philadelphia, which is the best-attended track meet in the world besides the Olympic Games and the World Championships.

Stratton said the Frogs have an opportunity to gain exposure to help draw top recruits, but they will be battling the injury bug and have to face stiff competition.

"It's a very limited squad," Stratton said. "It will be around nine guys and 13 to 14 women due to all of our injuries. Those who go will be the ones who are expected to do well at the national meet."

Stratton said a good showing could make it easier for the Frogs to recruit in the Northeast.

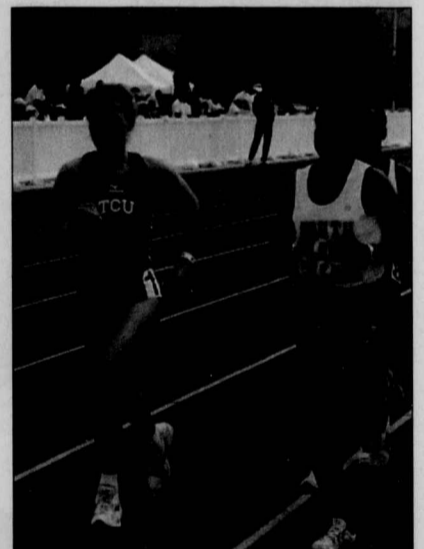
"It is national exposure in a part of the country where we normally do not run," Stratton said. "So it's a recruiting tool ...

for people in the Northeast who may not know what TCU is until they see our track team."

The Frogs return to the meet looking to defend several titles. First is the 4x100-meter relay, which the Frogs have won eight times and last year set a Penn Relays record of 38.68 seconds. There is also the 4x200-meter relay, which the Frogs have won six times and last year captured in 1:19.99. Both titles were also won by the team in 2000.

This will be the 108th running of the historical meet. According to (<http://www.thepennrelays.com>), over 100,000 people of all ages have competed in the tournament in past 10 years.

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Junior Robin Schacht competes in the 5000-meter run Saturday in the TCU Invitational at the Londown Track and Field Complex. The Frogs will compete in the Penn Relays today in Philadelphia.

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