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Chancellor search group seeks faculty, student input

Meetings are scheduled to assist in the search for a new chancellor. National advertisements are being placed in hopes to attract candidates.

BY ANTOINETTE VEGA
Staff Reporter

In order to gain more input on what is wanted in the next chancellor, a search committee official said he and a consultant will soon meet with faculty, alumni, staff and students.

Denny Alexander, chairman and spokesman for the committee, and a search consultant of Korn Ferry International are scheduled to meet today with the faculty and Friday with the alumni. They will attend the meeting of the Staff Assembly and the House of Student Representatives on Tuesday.

"The main purpose of the meetings is to listen to anything that is expressed about the search and the committee," Alexander said.

Advertisements were also placed in the *Chronicle of Higher Education* and the *Wall Street Journal* last week, announcing the university's need for a new chancellor and the criteria required in the anticipated leader, he said.

According to the advertisement, the next chancellor must demonstrate an appreciation for academic excellence, student development and diversity and commitment to these visions. Further qualifications included in the advertisement are integrity and a passion for educating students.

Opinions such as Todd Kerstetter's, an assistant professor of history, are what Alexander said he hopes to gain from the meetings and advertisements.

Kerstetter said he thinks the most important criteria listed is the focus on academics.

"Candidates who might not have as much leadership experience, but focus on the university's central mission of academic excellence need to be considered," he said.

Kerstetter said everyone should attend the session to get a sense of what the university community wants.

"The chancellor is the person who sets the agenda so getting input from the community makes sense," he said.

Maya Pouncey, a junior Spanish and sociology major, said she believes other students should be knowledgeable about what they want in a new leader and attend the meeting in order for their voices to be heard.

"The students make up the school and should want to give their opinions," she said.

The search committee will have their next meeting in October to review information gathered from the meetings and to accumulate names of nominees, Alexander said.

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100 years later, Skiff still sailing university waters

The Skiff is still afloat after 100 years of service to students and faculty. From its humble beginnings to the present, the Skiff has strived to be an honorable newspaper.

BY ALISHA BROWN
Associate Editor

One-hundred years ago today, the first edition of the *Skiff* was sent to press as a financial endeavor of a young football player.

"It won't last three weeks," Ed S. McKinney, founder of the *Skiff*, was told when he started the TCU newspaper Sept. 19, 1902, in Waco, according

to past *Skiff* articles.

McKinney, a football player for the university, arrived in Waco with \$13 and a determination to earn a college education. By charging 25 cents for a semester's subscription, he hoped to finance his diploma with the *Skiff*, a Saturday newspaper meant for the faculty of TCU.

President E. V. Zollers recommended that McKinney be allowed tuition, room and board for publicizing the school in the *Skiff*, which only had 300 students at the time.

The chances for the financial success of a weekly newspaper seemed

meager, but 100 years later the *Skiff* remains afloat.

The first edition of the *Skiff* had four pages of four columns each, with only a third of the pages' space devoted to "real" news. It was printed by B.H. Simpson who ran a print shop near the TCU campus.

"Rowing, not drifting," was the newspaper's motto, and it was and still is the *Skiff's* policy "to do business through merit, not pity; to give honor where honor is due, and gravel in the dust for none."

In 1905, Alonzo Ashmore, also a football player, became the editor. L.

Edwin Brannin filled the position as business manager. Ashmore and Brannin personally received all the profits from the *Skiff*. This practice of the editor and business manager splitting whatever profit they made continued for the next 23 years.

The business manager was appointed annually by the Committee of Publications and the editor was elected.

In 1906, the *Skiff* had a circulation of 2,000 copies a month. Dean Colby D. Hall, whom the freshman woman's dormitory is named after now, was the faculty adviser. During

this time, the *Skiff's* greatest rival in college journalism was the Baylor University *Lariat*.

The *Skiff* was taken under the journalism department's wing in 1928. It began publishing twice a week in 1958 and became a daily newspaper — publishing Tuesday through Friday — in 1971.

The first offices of the *Skiff* were in "cubby holes" in the administration building until the early '40s when it moved under the same roof as the journalism department — the

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Extended education program growing



Dennis Beck demonstrates a pose while instructing the extended education Tai Chi class at the Japanese Garden Tuesday.

Photographer/Vichitraweer Singh

The Office of Extended Education has developed a fall line-up of 46 new classes with hopes of attracting more students.

BY SARAH MCNAMARA
Staff Reporter

Since most students are rarely aware of the opportunities and resources available to them, the Office of Extended Education has created

a marketing campaign and revamped a majority of its courses with hopes of drawing in students, said Julie Lovett, coordinator of corporate and community education.

"We are trying to get new blood and reach new markets," she said. "We're really trying to broaden what it is that we do."

With a mission of educating people for a lifetime, the Office of

Extended Education has been providing creative learning outlets to students, faculty, staff and the Fort Worth community for close to 30 years, Lovett said.

This semester there are 223 different classes offered and 85 percent take place on campus. These short-term, non-credit classes cover a wide range of topics to meet the interests of the people who enroll each term.

Students, faculty and staff also receive a 50 percent discount on selected courses.

This year the office has made an effort to offer a more creative and unique selection of courses, Lovett said. Classes offered this semester include swing dancing, the ancient art of stargazing, meditation and uncovering the mysteries of the wedding industry.

One facet the marketing plan looks at is creating partnerships within the community, most significantly the Fort Worth Botanic Garden, Lovett said. Of the 17 different courses being taught in the gardens this semester, T'ai Chi, in the Japanese Garden, is by far the most popular, Lovett said.

Dennis Beck, the T'ai Chi instructor has been involved with the

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NewsBriefs

1st in year-long forum series starts today

John Singleton, director of International Services, said the assimilation of international students in the United States and at TCU will be among the topics he addresses today during Chancellor Michael Ferrari's lunch forum.

Sponsored by the Chancellor's Council on Diversity, the forum is supposed to broaden perspectives on "diversity and inclusiveness," said Cornell Thomas, special assistant to the chancellor for diversity and community.

"We hope to convey that differences don't necessarily constitute inequalities," Thomas said.

Singleton will be the first speaker in the year-long series of discussions intended to

raise awareness of various issues affecting the community.

The luncheon will be at 11:30 a.m. today at the Dee J. Kelly Alumni and Visitors Center.

— Joi Harris

Judge closes hearing on workers from clinic

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — A judge Wednesday closed to the public a hearing to determine whether workers at the

drug rehabilitation center where Gov. Jeb Bush's daughter is being treated must answer police questions about her.

Police received a report last week that Noelle Bush had crack cocaine in her shoe, but workers at the center have refused to cooperate with the investigation, citing privacy concerns. Prosecutors have subpoenaed four workers to compel them to answer questions.



Virginia Dias, public relations officer of the Nontraditional Students Organization, led the group's weekly lunch meeting Wednesday.

The Weather

THURSDAY

High: 83; Low: 60; Scattered Thunderstorms.

FRIDAY

High: 83; Low: 62; Mostly Sunny

SATURDAY

High: 85; Low: 62; Mostly Sunny

Looking Back

1959 — In one of the more surreal moments in the history of the Cold War, Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev explodes with anger when he learns that he cannot visit Disneyland
1900 — Robert Parker and Harry Longbaugh, better known as Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid, rob the First National Bank in Winnemucca, Nev., marking the first time that the duo worked as a team.

1827 — After a duel turns into an all-out brawl on this day in 1827, Jim Bowie disembowels a banker in Alexandria, La., with an early version of his famous Bowie knife.

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There are no delays this year for television's most awaited awards show. Coming Friday

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CampusLines

Your bulletin board for campus events

• **The Frog Camp Video Reunion** will be at 5:30 p.m. today in the Student Center Ballroom. All students who attended Frog Camp this year are invited to attend to reunite with facilitators, faculty and staff. Snacks will be provided. For more information, call Student Development Services at (817) 257-7855.

• **The Charles Tandy Executive Speaker Series**, featuring Dr. Robert Quinn, will be at 7 a.m. Friday at the Dee J. Kelly Alumni and Visitors Center. For more information, call (817) 257-7122.

• **A Fall Community Reading Festival** will be 9 to 11 a.m. Monday at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. The festival is being sponsored by the Office of Community Relations and the Score a Goal in the Classroom organization. Elementary students from the area will be invited to the event. All TCU students are also welcome to come.

• **The Ladies of Delta Sigma Theta** will present their annual high school step show from 7:13 to 10:10 p.m. Wednesday at Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium. Admission is \$5. The show will promote staying in school.

• **TCU LEAPS**, an all-campus community service day, will begin at 8 a.m. Sept. 28 and will conclude by 1 p.m. For more information and to register, visit (www.studentaffairs.tcu.edu).

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

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Study shows rise in costs of medicating allergies, asthma, infections in children

Medicating children is becoming a more common concern for many parents and cost is an important factor which they must consider.

BY THERESA AGOVINO
Associated Press

NEW YORK — When Christy Olson's daughter developed asthma as a toddler 12 years ago, she was reluctant to put her on prescription drugs.

"I was so worried about side effects. I didn't want to give it to her unless I had to," said Olson, who lives in Rochester, Minn., and is a nurse herself. She decided it was a necessary move, and her daughter, now 15, still takes medicine for her condition.

While parents then and now are often nervous about medicating children, it is becoming more common. Use of prescription drugs is growing faster among children than it is among senior citizens and baby boomers, the two traditionally high consumer groups, according to a new study.

Spending on prescription drugs for those under 19 grew 28 percent last year, according to the survey by Medco Health Solutions, a Franklin, N.J.-based pharmacy benefits manager.

Meanwhile, spending per patient rose 23 percent for those between the ages of 25 and 49 and less than 10 percent for those above 65.

Children are also spending 34 percent more time on medication than they were five years ago, the study found.

Treating children is still relatively inexpensive, costing an average of \$84.72 per patient each year. That compares to an average expense of \$944.40 per year for people aged 65 to 79.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, a government agency, estimates that overall spending on prescription drugs rose 16.4 percent to \$142 billion last year.

Among children, the most prescribed drugs were for allergies, asthma and infections. Prescriptions for Ritalin and other medicines for

neurological and psychological disorders were also substantial — a finding that renewed concern among some experts who worry that such drugs may be over-prescribed for children.

Some doctors also were alarmed that spending on prescription drugs to treat heartburn and other gastrointestinal disorders surged 660 percent over five years, according to the study. The jump was seen as linked to the increasing number of overweight children in the United States.

Some of the findings on prescription drugs mirrored trends seen in disease patterns. For example, the incidence of asthma and allergies are generally increasing, so doctors said it wasn't surprising that children's prescriptions for such ailments would also grow.

"It is good news that more kids are getting treated for asthma because it means less trips to emergency rooms and hospitals," said Dr. Robert Epstein, chief medical officer of Medco Health.

About 7 percent of children have asthma and 25 percent have allergies, approximately double the incidence 25 years ago, according to Dr. Michael Blaiss, a pediatrician who specializes in such ailments.

Olson, the Minnesota nurse, also has a 13-year-old son who has asthma and is receiving medicine. She suffers from asthma herself.

Medicating her children has at times been a difficult process. Her daughter, when she was 9, had a severe reaction to steroid she was taking and went into shock. It took 18 months of experimenting to find a correct dosage.

Even so, she's more comfortable now than she was at first with having her daughter taking drugs. "I feel differently now because I see that she needs it and she is better because of it," Olson said.

"I know things have gotten better

since that time, but drugs are such an important part of treatment that we need more studies," she said.

The survey also found that spending on antibiotics among children increased 42 percent. Doctors say antibiotic resistance is a widespread problem.

Spending on drugs for Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder increased 122 percent over the past four years and accounted for 8 percent of the total spent on prescription drugs for children, up from 7 percent in 1997. Spending for depression medicines held steady at 5 percent of the total.

Dr. Lawrence Diller, author of "Should I Medicate My Child?" worries that such drugs are over-prescribed. He also pointed out that, while Ritalin and other drugs for ADHD are generally seen as safe for children, there haven't been many studies of the effects of antidepressants on children.

"The antidepressants are known to have sexual side effects. I wonder what the long-term effects of that is going to be on adolescents," Diller said.

The vast majority of prescription drugs are developed for adults, and drug makers are not obliged to test them on children. In 1997, Congress passed legislation that gave drug companies an additional six months of market exclusivity if they tested their drugs on children. That has sparked more tests, but experts say more studies are needed.

"I think practitioners feel more confident now that there is more data to back up prescription patterns," said Dr. John Ring, who sits on the American Academy of Pediatrics' Committee on Drugs.

But he said most of the prescriptions written for children are still written for drugs that haven't been approved for youngsters.

Lovett said the new and inventive courses offered this semester are intended to challenge people's thoughts and spark dialogue. They are also geared toward attracting a wider spectrum of interest, like students, she said.

"The numbers are very low (for students) and I don't know why. The market has always in the past been to the adult, non-campus community," Lovett said. "And I think that can be pretty short-sighted."

"We have not sought after the TCU students," Lovett said. "And if you don't know these classes exist, what good is it?"

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Some Entrepreneurs banking on Web art

Historic artwork offered on the Internet allows more public access and gives a different perspective, for a price.

BY CHARLES SHEEHAN
Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — You can see, even download a 1902 map of Pittsburgh for free from the Library of Congress. But some Internet entrepreneurs are banking on the prospect that you'd pay for its delivery to your home or office as a poster.

And that's just fine, say many curators, who figure those commercial Internet sites, while making money, also help expose historical images to thousands of people who otherwise might never be aware of them. "Our basic philosophy at the library is that we provide the vanilla item and someone else can add value," said Gary Fitzpatrick, a cartographic specialist for the Library of Congress.

The digital age has greatly improved the accessibility of historical maps and images that have entered the public domain. A number of private Web sites are offering those images for sale.

Demand is growing as individuals and businesses look to give their homes and offices a flavor of history, said James Lantos, who runs Historic Panoramic Maps in Pittsburgh. "It looks like somebody painted it, if you don't know anything," Lantos said, standing next to a reproduced map of Harrisburg, Pa., printed on canvas and framed in pine.

Across the room, also printed on canvas, is a framed map of Man-

hattan. "There's a lot of potential here," Lantos said.

Lantos' site offers for sale some 4,000 images, all from the Library of Congress' collections. Many were created more than a century ago by the once-famous cartographer/artists Albert Ruger, Thaddeus Mortimer Fowler, Lucien R. Burleigh, Henry Wellge and Oakley H. Bailey.

Once he downloads the images, Lantos cleans up vague, faded areas and retouches colors, if necessary. The process can take minutes or hours.

Prices run from \$20 to \$500. Lantos said he sold about 8,000 items last year through his Web site and eBay. He said his revenues were in six figures last year but declined to say how much he made in profits.

Lantos acknowledged that the images are in the public domain — their copyrights expired long ago — but says he spends a lot of time and money to make sure the maps are suitable for his customers. As he does so, he says he adds value to them and may be able to copyright the images himself.

People could download images themselves and print them out, he says, "but they'll quickly realize they can't make what I'm making for free." He said he has put about \$100,000 into his business in start-up costs, including equipment and marketing.

Matt Jackson, an assistant professor in copyright law and the Internet at Pennsylvania State University, said Lantos and others can legally copyright works offered on their Web sites.

Pakistan arrests man suspected of masterminding car bombing

BY AFZAL NADEEM
Associated Press

KARACHI, Pakistan — Pakistan's government announced the arrest Wednesday of a Pakistani, suspected of masterminding the May 8 car bombing that killed 11 French engineers and three other people — the deadliest terrorist attack on foreigners in Pakistan this year.

A government statement said the suspect was among seven Pakistanis seized in raids throughout Karachi, and a large quantity of weapons was also seized. It did not identify the suspect.

A senior police official said he was also believed involved in the June 14 car bombing at the U.S. Consulate in Karachi and two attempts to kill President Pervez Musharraf. Twelve Pakistanis were killed in the consulate attack.

Some of the arrests were made near a Karachi convention center where Musharraf visited Tuesday, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

All those arrested were believed to be members of an offshoot of the al-Qaida linked group Harkat-ul-Mujahdeen, a militant organization fighting Indian rule in the disputed Himalayan region of Kashmir.

The announcement followed the arrest last week in Karachi of about a dozen al-Qaida suspects, most believed to be Yemenis. They included a key organizer of the Sept. 11 terror attacks in the United States, Ramzi Binalshibh.

He and four others were handed over to U.S. custody Monday and flown out of the country. The arrests prompted Musharraf to declare that security forces "have broken the terrorist network" in Pakistan.

The May car bombing led to an exodus of foreign diplomats, businessmen and their families from Pakistan's largest city.

The French victims were engineers at France's state-owned naval construction service who were building a second Agosta submarine Pakistan purchased from France. They were preparing to board a bus to go to work when the car bomb exploded.

EDUCATION

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extended education program since 1988 and has been teaching at TCU since 1994. When Beck found out about teaching his classes in the Japanese Garden, he said he has never been more excited.

"It's magical because the two things match up perfectly," he said. "I'm never going to teach in a better place."

Another popular class this semester is The World of Wine taught by Ray Raney, wine consultant and vice president of Kings Liquor.

Raney said the course is more about exploring different countries' wines, where they come from and

distinct varieties of grapes, than actually tasting the end product.

"We've gotten great evaluations, so I think it's going to be a pretty successful class," he said.

Anne Mitchell, a 1997 graduate currently enrolled in Raney's course, said she thought it would be something new to do with a group of friends and is anticipating what it will be like. But The World of Wine will not be Mitchell's first extended education class. She has also taken beginning Italian classes.

Lovett said the total enrollment for last fall peaked at 858. As of last week, she said more than 960 people are enrolled in classes. However, this number may rise as registration continues, she said.

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The Skiff View HISTORY

Skiff hits milestone with 100-year anniversary

High on courage but low on money, Ed S. McKinney founded the *Skiff* "to sail through the financial weather" and get his degree from TCU.

Yeah, we know, it's a silly story. But what's not silly is our commitment to high quality journalism. McKinney's pioneering spirit lives on, 100 years later. The *Skiff* has chronicled the university's growth and expansion, and is one of the oldest institutions on campus. When the university packed its bags and moved after fires decimated the Waco campus, the *Skiff* rowed to Fort Worth, too.

We are a living history book of sorts for the university. We've covered homecomings, SGA meetings and Howdy Weeks. We've also covered instances of heroism, tragedy and comedy.

One such heroic instance was in 1962, when students picketed downtown movie theaters for refusing to desegregate. Such activism is unheard of at TCU today.

We've covered the tragedies — too many, really. We experienced the same emotions the campus, and nation, went through last year covering Sept. 11. But most of us on that staff felt an obligation to chronicle history, no matter how distraught we were.

And, of course, we've covered those weird, strange things we couldn't possibly make up. One occasion was in 1950 when the Student Congress was so irritated at a *Skiff* editorial that they passed a resolution saying the governmental body should approve all opinion pieces that run in the paper.

We admit we've started a fight or two. Perhaps some were not justified.

But a great many were.

Hopefully, we'll record history — and pick fights — for another 100 years.

The Other View

Opinions from around the country

President George W. Bush recently informed members of the United Nations he will take military action against Iraq with or without the international body's consent.

Ironically, the merits of Bush's stance have yet to be brought before Congress for discussion.

A petition signed by thousands of historians brought before senators and representatives Tuesday urges the legislative branch to step up and assume its constitutional obligations for debating war.

The historians, including five from the University of Florida, assert that by not staking their claim in war declaration discussions, members of Congress would be in violation of the Constitution.

Even though Iraqi officials have stated they unconditionally will accept the return of weapons inspectors, the root problem of the president overstepping his bounds remains evident.

Congress shall have the power to declare war, not Bush. The highest law in the land explicitly guarantees the responsibility of initiating military conflict with other countries to the legislature.

As the commander-in-chief of the armed forces, the head of the executive branch must ensure all military action falls within the bounds of legality. Those two branches must work together before the nation hears the martial call.

But presidents have a funny way of circumventing that restrictive and

annoying clause. In the past, congressional resolutions essentially were offered as blank checks to presidents to ensure military operations were carried out absent a declaration of war. This proved a quick fix, but when the undeclared Vietnam War created sanguine spillover into Cambodia and Laos, legislative officials and the American people witnessed the scope of power an uninhibited commander-in-chief can wield.

In the wake of our nation's involvement in Southeast Asia, Congress passed the 1973 War Powers Resolution over the veto of President Richard Nixon.

This measure calls for a strict accounting before Congress by the executive branch when members of the armed forces are deployed against hostile foes. The resolution also sets a 90-day limit on the time troops can be engaged without congressional approval.

That legislation was a good first step, and the petitioners see it as just that — a first step.

The writers, Joyce Appleby and Ellen DuBois, initially sent the document to about 150 historians who forwarded it to others. By mid-August, they began receiving up to 300 signatures a day from public historians and librarians specializing in American history.

This is a staff editorial for the Independent Florida Alligator at the University of Florida. This editorial was distributed by U-Wire.

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Military serves proudly for apathetic Americans

Whether Americans care or not, the men and women that serve in the military are willing to sacrifice their lives to protect their country and its people.

Ever walk past a group of people and pick up parts of their conversation? I was walking to class last Wednesday — Sept. 11 — and some bits of a conversation that floated to my ears hit me like a gut-punch.

A few ROTC cadets stood guard at the flag pole all day that day. The students having the conversation I picked up on were laughing. They said, "That is so stupid. Why would anybody stand there for how-ever long staring off for no reason? Who is going to steal the flag?"

Stupid? How could anyone use that word to describe our servicemen and servicewomen? These are people who voluntarily say, "Everything will be okay. I am willing to kill and be killed just to protect you — to make sure you are safe." These men and women are our personal bodyguards, if you will. They are willing to give their own life just so each of us never has to know the pain and destruction of war. They fight so we don't have to. Many of them died in our place because if they didn't go, we would have had to.

How could anybody use the word

"stupid" to describe the symbol of those servicemen and servicewomen who died to ensure our safety?

In my opinion, guarding the flag of our country is the highest honor any military person can experience aside from dying for the country. As a civilian, I feel a great deal of pride when I post the flag outside my apartment door each morning and a great sense of humility when I retire the flag each evening before the sun goes down.

Think of the words to our national anthem. Even through a long battle, the flag remained. The flag survives — and so will we as Americans — all because our military is there to ensure it.

These days the word "hero" is so overused. But, each person

who ever put on a military uniform and obeyed the command of Uncle Sam is a hero because they each have the guts, dedication and selflessness many of the rest of us — including me — lack.

Even if we don't quite have those guts, dedication and selflessness, it doesn't take a whole lot of effort to be thankful for the sacrifices made by those who are in, or have been, in the military. In fact, I can't comprehend why thankfulness for them wouldn't come naturally to all of us.

Ask a soldier or sailor or ROTC cadet what it means to them when

someone actually tells them "thank you." I promise their eyes will shine.

A couple of years ago, I interviewed a lance corporal in the Marine Reserve for a newspaper special on Veterans Day.

I asked him, "Why did you join the Marine Corps?"

"To serve my country, ma'am."

"What exactly does that mean?" I asked him.

"To be willing to give my life for people who don't appreciate that sacrifice, ma'am," he said, as his crystal blue eyes burned through my sympathies. I learned then not to feel sorry for people who choose such a life of sacrifice but instead to feel proud of

"As a civilian, I feel a great deal of pride when I post the flag outside my apartment door each morning and a great sense of humility when I retire the flag each evening before the sun goes down."

— Emily Baker

them. "Does that ever bother you, that they don't care?" I proposed.

"A little. But they are all Americans — the ones who care and the ones who don't — and that's all that matters. I'd lay my life down for all of them if I have to. Maybe the next time a Marine dies, the ones who don't care will think of that and have a pain in their conscience. Either way, it's an honor to serve, ma'am."

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Telemarketing bulletin board invades telephones, slows voicemail process

While the bulletin board may be an effective way to reach students, it lengthens message checking and shouldn't be over used.

Picture this familiar scene: A student walks into his or her residence hall room and realizes that someone has left a voicemail. The student dials the voicemail extension, enters his or her password, and ... hears an announcement about the bulletin board?

The well-known computerized voice describes the bulletin board as a "new feature" that

has been added to the voicemail system. Before the student can listen to an voicemail messages, there may be announcements on the new bulletin board.

This past Friday's bulletin was from Coach Patterson. The general idea of the message was something like, "Come support the Horned Frogs against the SMU Mustangs this Saturday at 6 p.m. Watch us win the Iron Skillet. Go

Frogs!"

Before writing a letter to the editor, please understand that this is neither an attack against Coach Patterson nor against his football team. Kudos to those guys, in fact, for winning the Iron Skillet on Saturday.

Instead, this is a grievance about the "new feature" in rooms campus-wide. Publicizing TCU football is understandable, but must it go as far as telemarketing? Will other coaches also be leaving bulletins on students' phones? What about deans or sponsors of student organizations?

Hopefully the new audio bulletin board will not have to support traffic like that found in TCU e-mail accounts. If e-mails from TCU Announce, different sports teams and sundry other school-related lists cannot capture students' attention, will bulletins on their phones really do the job? At least with e-mails, students have the option to read them in any order they

see fit and to skim over and delete the ones in which they are not interested, with minimal irritation.

In fairness, a student can also skip the bulletins on his or her phone by pressing the pound key twice, and he or she can delete them with 7.

But this only adds more buttons to the long list of numbers and passwords already on the way to voicemail from people the student actually knows who perhaps have left important messages.

Some students were surprised by the bulletin on Friday and frankly found it somewhat invasive. Even with the best intentions, this form of telemarketing is annoying. TCU should stick to other marketing methods and leave students' voicemail system in peace.

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Abstinence program won't ease unwed sex

Government proposes spending millions to convert teens to abstinence.

What activity do most Americans participate in that scares our government into spending hundreds of millions of our tax dollars, and yet is enjoyed daily by citizens across the nation? The little word that is free but costing us millions: sex.

The Bush administration wants a 33 percent increase of \$133 million in the 2003 budget for abstinence-only education, defined federally as, "teaching the social, psychological and health gains to be realized by abstaining from sexual activity." Between 1997 and 2002, approximately \$500 million will have been spent on our government's ignorant decisions concerning sexuality.

Our government is ignoring a fundamental need of humans and in the process victimizing our nation. Politicians are making the assumption that Americans will abstain from all sexual activity if not provided sexual health education. They are doing this without thoroughly researching the effects of abstinence-only education, and certainly not proving abstinence-only education as effective. Must our government be reminded that the "just say no" drug campaign didn't exactly halt the drug war?

The United States has the highest pregnancy and abortion rates in the West, one in four sexually active teens, (3 to 4 million) will become infected with a sexually transmitted infection this year. This alone beckons for a shift in the way we perceive sex in our society, denial will only spawn backlash. As a nation we must move sex out basements and back seats and into classrooms and dinner conversations.

A survey performed by Teen Wire revealed most teens get their information about sex from the media. We are letting Britney Spears play the sex-ed substitute teacher while our government pretends teens don't have sex. Is the Bush administration now going to request millions of dollars to buy everyone on television, on a billboard, in a movie or magazine a turtle-neck? The government cannot deny sex is a substantial part of our daily lives.

Abstinence-only education is not what the people want. According to Planned Parenthood, seven out of 10 Americans oppose abstinence-only education. Eighty-five percent of voters believe students need "age-appropriate information" on contraception and STD prevention, two thirds of parents believe sex education will delay sexually activity, and nine of 10 public school teachers believe we must inform students about contraception. In spite of the above, our government continues to impose an archaic sexual ideology making half a billion-dollar decisions that are out of sync with Americans' beliefs.

Our government is foolish in presuming that our nation will remain celibate when 90 percent of our population is engaging in intercourse before marriage. Expecting to convince 90 percent of our nation to ignore their sexuality until they are bound in wedlock by strategically eliminating sex-ed in public schools is absurd.

Sex is not a problem. Sex can be our friend or our foe; we can continue to fight sex, or we can invite sex in for a cup of tea and a game of Scrabble. Let's read our children nursery rhymes about condoms and teach our children lullabies about exploring their bodies. Please President Bush, let us make some love and not so much war.

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National/International Roundup

Farm labor leader Chavez featured in new stamp

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new stamp honoring farm labor leader Cesar E. Chavez was released Wednesday by the Postal Service.

The 37-cent stamp will be issued next April.

"It is a proud moment for the Postal Service to pay tribute to this great man who stands as a true American hero," said Benjamin Ocasio, postal vice president. "The significance of his impact transcends any one cause or struggle."

Paul Chavez, son of the civil rights campaigner, said the stamp "is a powerful vehicle to introduce a new generation of Americans to his vital legacy, teaching them that through determination and hard work they can improve their own lives and communities."

Chavez is best known as the founder of the United Farm Workers of America, which he led for nearly three decades. He worked as an advocate for nonviolent social change.

Failure in HMO care may cause thousands of deaths

WASHINGTON (AP) — Patients in HMOs are continuing to receive better access to lifesaving treatments, according to an annual study by an accrediting group. But the study also estimates that thousands of deaths could have been prevented last year if all health care providers offered the top medical care.

The National Committee for Quality Assurance, a Washington-based HMO accrediting group, describes "a slow but steady improvement in the quality of care being delivered to Americans" enrolled in participating managed care plans.

The study, released Wednesday, found HMOs and point-of-service plans improved for the third straight

year, despite rising health care costs.

NCQA said that if all health care providers — not just managed care plans — provided the care that the top 10 percent of those in the report did, 6,000 deaths and nearly 23 million sick days could have been avoided last year.

The largest share of those deaths, 4,700, could have been prevented by better cholesterol management, the study said.

"If everybody in the entire industry reported the data, maybe we'd get there a lot sooner," said Mohit Ghose, a spokesman for the American Association of Health Plans, a trade group for HMOs and similar health plans.

Coffee farmers starve as prices drop to all-time low

EL PARAISO, Nicaragua (AP) — Fourteen people have starved in the mountains of Paradise already this year.

So say the people here, desperate for food and medical treatment. Children hold rags to their red and swollen eyes. They stand along the highway with parents who try to flag down the occasional passing car to beg for help.

Like many coffee growing regions, residents of this community — whose name means Paradise in English — once could provide for their families.

But coffee prices have plummeted, despite the growing popularity of mochas and lattes among the well-to-do in the world's prosperous cities, and coffee farmers are increasingly going hungry. Their plants die on steep mountainsides.

A report released Wednesday by the international relief agency Oxfam said coffee prices are at their lowest level in real terms in 100 years. A glut of low-quality beans has left 25 million coffee farmers in crisis. Families

are going hungry. Banks in coffee regions have collapsed.

In Vietnam, one of the world's most economical producers, farmers are covering only 60 percent of their costs, while Ethiopia's export revenue from coffee fell 42 percent in one year, Oxfam said.

Killings along West Bank halt progress for truce

UMM EL-FAHM, Israel (AP) — Palestinians ended a six-week lull in attacks on Israelis Wednesday when a policeman died after challenging a suicide bomber and Palestinian militants killed a motorist and a settler in the West Bank.

Two Palestinians also died Wednesday — one killed by Israeli troops and the other apparently by Palestinians who suspected him of being a collaborator.

The renewed attacks on Israelis came a day after Israel rejected a Palestinian proposal for a two-stage truce. Israel said the Palestinian offer to halt attacks in Israel proper during the first phase implied Palestinians still would feel free to strike Israeli soldiers and settlers in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Speaking at the start of a Cabinet meeting Wednesday, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said no progress could be made without "total cessation of violence and terror."

Just hours later, a blackened, burned-out police van bore witness to the power of the latest suicide blast, which was apparently planned for the bus station near the Israeli Arab town of Umm el-Fahm, one mile from the Israel-West Bank border.

It was the first suicide bombing since Aug. 4, one of the longest lulls in such attacks in a two-year conflict marked by more than 70 Palestinian suicide bombings that have killed more than 250 Israelis.

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Muslims view adult film as attack against religion; Houston theater, newspaper receive backlash

An adult film playing at a Houston theater angers Muslims who feel that their religion has been singled out and attacked. Protesters demonstrated outside the theater during the opening of the film.

BY MARK BABINECK
Associated Press

HOUSTON — About 100 Houston-area Muslims peacefully protested an adult cinema Wednesday, upset over a film advertised as "Sex Life of the Prophet Muhammad" in a weekly newspaper.

The protesters lined up along Telephone Road in front of a de-

caying neighborhood theater, known decades ago as the Santa Rosa that once featured Saturday morning cartoons and serials and classic movies of yesteryear.

Today, the southeast Houston building is called the Stars Theater and claims to be the only remaining full-screen adult cinema in Houston. Its current feature, which actually is titled "Sex Life of the Prophet," began running last week and will continue through at least Friday.

"What kind of mind does it take to come up with foolishness like that?" said Houston firefighter Kenneth Thomas, a Muslim who urged children in a passing school bus to

avert their eyes from the theater marquee as they went by.

Several of the protesters acknowledged they had not seen the film, citing religious beliefs that prevented them from entering the building. That didn't stop them from demonstrating outside with signs such as "Don't Abuse Freedom" and "Respect All Religions."

The theater's manager, who declined to give his name, said the owner contracted an exclusive run of the film. The manager, standing behind a glass counter that contained concessions in bygone days but now holds sex toys and related products, said he was harassed Tuesday in the lobby.

American Airlines to start new Northeast shuttle service between LaGuardia, Logan airports

American Airlines is hoping to boost their revenue after the bad blow they received on Sept. 11 when two of their planes were lost in the terrorist attacks.

BY ANGELA K. BROWN
Associated Press

FORT WORTH — One month after announcing it was laying off 7,000 employees and reducing flights, American Airlines is starting a new Northeast Corridor shuttle service to compete with two other shuttles.

American will start 10 weekday round-trip flights between New York's LaGuardia Airport and

Boston's Logan Airport beginning Tuesday, and add 10 round-trip flights between LaGuardia and Washing-

ton's Ronald Reagan National beginning Oct. 1, said Tara Baten, a spokeswoman for American parent company AMR Corp.

The decision for the new hourly service was based on customer requests, and the company saw an opportunity to boost revenue, she said Wednesday.

"New York is a very competitive

market, and we were prepared to serve the market with our regional jets," Baten said.

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She would not disclose the fare for the shuttle, operated by the airline's regional American Eagle. A walk-up, one-way ticket from New York to Boston or Washington on the Delta Air Lines

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Tension keeps mounting as U.S. plans to move B-2 bombers to Iraq

United States is planning to launch an attack on Iraq along with Britain in an attempt to remove President Sadaam Hussein, though he had agreed to let the United Nations weapon inspectors into the country after about four years. Officials from different countries have different opinion on this issue.

BY DAFNA LINZER
Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — Bucking an anti-war mood among their U.N. Security Council partners, the United States and Britain began crafting a toughly worded resolution Wednesday that would narrow the timetable for Iraqi compliance with weapons inspections and authorize force if Iraq fails to cooperate, diplomats said.

The two allies plan to complete and circulate the draft next week to the three other permanent members of the Security Council — France, Russia and China — diplomats told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity. France, Russia and Arab nations oppose a new resolution.

"Nothing is on paper yet," said Rick Grennel, spokesman for the U.S. mission at the United Nations, who confirmed American and British diplomats met on a resolution.

Iraq's surprise announcement this week that it would accept the return of international weapons inspectors nearly four years after they left, has divided the council, with the United States stepping up preparations for war even as weapons inspectors planned their return to Baghdad.

In Washington, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld told Congress that it should authorize the use of military force against Iraq before the Security Council makes a move.

"No terrorist state poses a greater and more immediate threat

to the security of our people and the stability of the world than the regime of Saddam Hussein in Iraq," Rumsfeld told the House Armed Services Committee Wednesday.

President Bush, also speaking Wednesday, said Iraq would not "fool anybody" with its about-face and predicted the United Nations would rally behind the United States despite Iraq's "ploy." His administration disclosed plans for moving B-2 bombers closer to Baghdad, preparing for possible war to remove President Saddam Hussein.

But at the United Nations, plans moved ahead for the return of weapons inspectors and U.S. allies on the Security Council seemed determined to stave-off a resolution.

On Tuesday, Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov said he saw no need for another resolution on Iraq. But in Moscow Wednesday, Vladimir Lukin, a deputy speaker of the Russian parliament's lower house, who once served as Russia's ambassador to the United States, said Russia would likely compromise.

"We are certainly against that, but, being realistic, we understand that the United States would get something anyway," Lukin said.

French diplomats said they were opposed to any resolution that provided Washington with a "green light" to use military force and that they saw no need to replace a resolution drafted primarily by the United States in December 1999.

The existing resolution gives inspectors 60 days from the time they begin work on the ground to give the council a work program. Once the council approves the program and the inspectors and the International Atomic Energy Agency become fully operational, Iraq will need to cooperate and comply for a 120-day period. If it does, the council will be asked to suspend sanctions for 120 days, a period

which could be renewed as long as the Iraqis continue to cooperate.

Western diplomats said the U.S.-British draft would lay out a tighter timetable to get Iraqi compliance and include new instructions for weapons inspectors. That could alter a deal Annan cut with the Iraqis in 1998 placing conditions on inspections of eight so-called "presidential sites." The deal was a sore spot for the previous inspection team, which was disbanded in December 1998 amid allegations that some members were spying for the United States.

But ambassadors said it was important to give chief weapons inspector Hans Blix time to do his job.

"We should concentrate on the return of Blix to Iraq. Two days after, if Blix says they're not cooperating, then we can take action. Right now, we don't see any need," said Mauritius' U.N. Ambassador Jagdish Koonjul.

Blix, who is in charge of dismantling Iraq's biological and chemical weapons and the long-range missiles to deliver them, has scheduled talks with Iraqi experts in Vienna, Austria, to work out details for the inspectors' return. The arrangements should be completed by Oct. 6.

Arab diplomats, who led the campaign to get Saddam's government to allow the inspectors back, also oppose another resolution.

"We don't see any need for a resolution after the measures taken by the Iraq government," Syria's deputy ambassador, Faysal Mekdad, said Wednesday.

Sanctions were imposed on Iraq after its 1990 invasion of Kuwait and cannot be fully lifted until U.N. inspectors certify that the country's weapons of mass destruction have been destroyed.

Inspectors worked toward that goal from 1991-1998, until they left in December 1998, complaining that Iraq was refusing to cooperate. The departure was followed by four days of punishing U.S. and British airstrikes on Iraq.

Auction to boast surplus of 10,000 items from offices of bankrupt Enron

Items from shut down Enron offices will be auctioned off Sept. 25-26 to pay creditors. A large turnout is expected to bid for the variety of objects.

BY KRISTEN HAYS
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Kenneth Lay's former desk at Enron Corp. is one of the few things that won't be auctioned off next week when bidders compete to buy at least 10,000 items from computers and artwork to Enron stress balls and a five-foot-tall stainless steel "E."

The bankrupt company's Houston-based headquarters will have the first of several auctions Sept. 25-26 to sell off equipment and assets from businesses long shut down, such as its former broadband and retail energy units.

But buyers seeking items from executive offices used by Lay, former chairman and company founder, former chief executive Jeff Skilling or other one-time top officers will be out of luck.

"Executive offices have been left intact because they're still being used" by the team of restructuring specialists guiding the company through bankruptcy, spokeswoman Karen Denne said Wednesday in a warehouse stuffed with assets to be sold. "This is all surplus."

Enron retained Dovebid, a Foster City, Calif.-based business auction company, to handle the two-day sale at a Houston hotel. Bidders can participate in person or online, said Todd Moutafian, Dovebid's manager in charge of the auction.

Moutafian and Enron employees have spent three months preparing for

the auction by grouping 3,000 computers, 2,000 flat panel monitors, 500 ergonomic desk chairs and hundreds of servers, printers and flat-screen televisions from Enron trading floors. Some computer setups can be purchased individually, while others will be sold in packages of 36 machines.

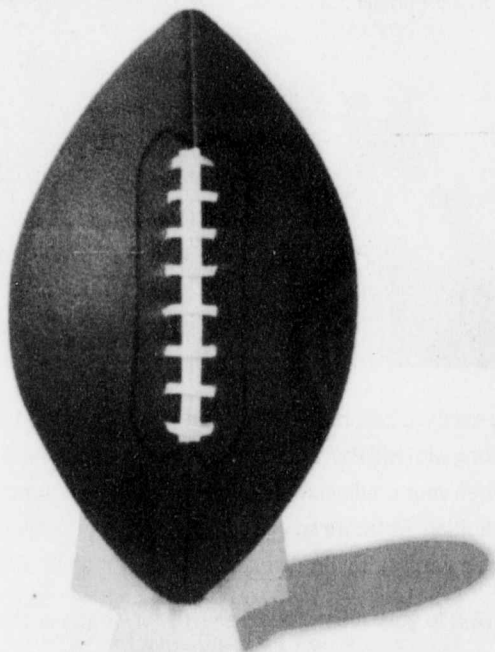
But all is not typical office equipment. The steel "E" used to sit outside one of Enron's offices near its downtown Houston headquarters atop a marble base. A similar "E" from Enron Europe sold for \$15,000 at the company's first surplus asset auction in London in February, Denne said.

Foosball and air hockey tables from the company's cafeteria and a portable basketball hoop and backstop from the defunct broadband unit also will be available.

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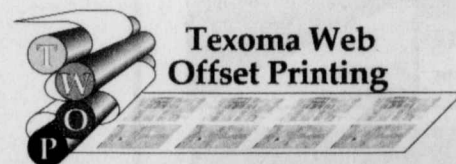
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Long hours just another day to Skiffers

Every day, about 75 students gather and work almost all day to produce one issue of the TCU Daily Skiff.

BY MELISSA DELOACH
Skiff Staff

Editor's note: This story chronicles a day in the life of the production of the Sept. 18, 2002, issue of the TCU Daily Skiff.

It's 9:06 a.m. in Fort Worth and only a handful of students are visible walking around campus on S. University Drive.

While 8 a.m. classes are reaching the final stretch, Antoinette Vega, the reporter on the administration beat, is huddled over a computer monitor in the TCU Daily Skiff newsroom trying to finish a story on the administration's reaction to U.S. News and World Report's recent ranking of TCU in the America's Best Colleges 2003 issue.

Vega, a senior news-editorial journalism and Spanish major, has been in the newsroom since 8:30 a.m. And it's not uncommon for her to be up this early, she said.

"I have other things this afternoon so I have to start this early," Vega said. "I have to wake up earlier to manage my time. I'm not even a morning person. I'm learning to be one."

Vega is one of 75 students currently employed by the Skiff. Business Manager Bitsy Faulk said. Since the paper's inception Sept. 19, 1902, nearly 2,000 students have contributed to its content.

Early mornings are nothing new to Faulk, who arrives to work at 7:30 a.m. each day. She is in charge of payroll and bookkeeping for the employees of the student publications.

At 9:15 a.m., advertising representatives and reporters start coming to check on ads and stories that appeared in the newspaper that day.

Erin McBrayer, a senior advertising/public relations major, said she normally gets to the Skiff by 9 a.m. to return phone calls and contact clients.

"We have to constantly do follow-up work to make sure the art work was done correctly," she said.

The number of ads sold a day determines the number of pages the newspaper will run two days in advance. Advertising Manager Bradley Bennett will notify the editorial department of the number of pages by noon the next day.

Bennett, a senior business management and marketing major, said while people know about the Skiff, many do not understand the extent to which the advertising staff operates.

"For the most part, people probably don't know we're here," he said. "I don't think people understand what the Skiff — in general, editorial and advertising — go through to put out a paper every day."

On average, the pace of the newsroom and advertising department is steady until 9:30 a.m. when the rooms empty because of students leaving for classes.

Activities do not pick up again until 11 a.m. when the reporters return from their reporting class.

Going through the motions

This semester, as in the past, each of the seven reporters are expected to write a minimum of 16 by-lined stories — usually at least 500 words a piece — for the newspaper. However, reporters usually exceed that number.

For instance, junior news-editorial journalism major Kelly Morris, a former administration reporter, wrote 20 stories in spring 2002.

News editors Colleen Casey, a junior news-editorial journalism major and David Reese, a senior news-editorial journalism and speech communication major, are in charge of assigning stories. At 11 a.m., they meet with Managing Editor Priya Abraham, a senior international communication major, to discuss the progress of stories scheduled to run the next day.

Meanwhile, on a lighter note, Sports Editor Danny Gillham, a sophomore broadcast journalism major and reporters Joi Harris, a senior broadcast journalism major and Bill Morrison, a junior broadcast journalism major, toss a two-foot inflatable football across the newsroom.

"We need to use this in our next flag football game," Gillham said, laughing.

At 11:30 a.m., Skiff Adviser Robert Bohler, walks through the newsroom and briefly joins the fun. Bohler also teaches the reporting class.

Minutes later business returns to normal. Harris revises a story about homosexuality and Morrison reads the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

The reporters are working on stories to be published in the Skiff for Thursday, as well as working on revising stories for Wednesday's issue.

Reese said the stories are turned in two days ahead of time to ensure accuracy. "If there are any questions, it gives the

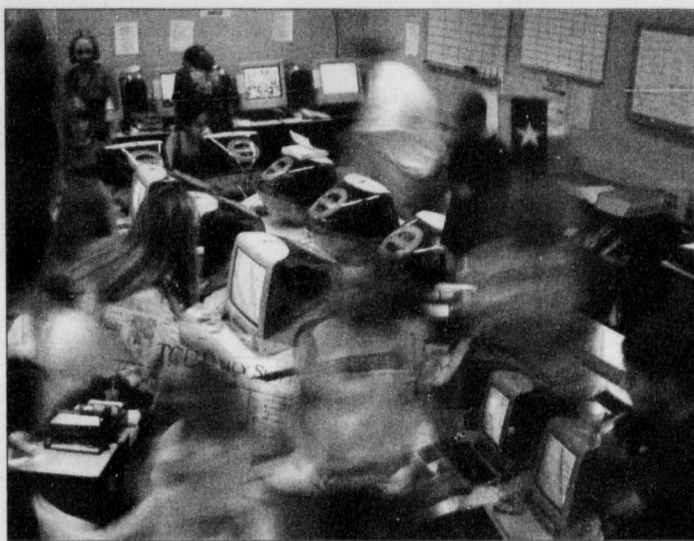


Photo Editor/Sarah McClellan
There is always activity in the Skiff newsroom where all of the editors work at top speed.

reporter time to clear up any confusion," Reese said.

Casey and Reese are not the only ones reading the reporter's stories. In fact, stories go through at least four reads before they are published.

At 2 p.m., senior broadcast journalism major Angie Chang comes in to read news, opinion and sports stories after the section editor's initial reads.

Once Chang checks the story, she sends it to a section called Rim where copy editors like Jenny Hoff, a senior advertising/public relations major, who comes in at 3 p.m., look over the story for Associated Press and Skiff style errors and write headlines.

Reporters, editors and staff spend anywhere from three to 60 hours a week working on the Skiff, outside of other classes, other work and extracurricular activities.

The final push

The official business of the editorial board is taken care of when editors meet for Budget — the daily planning meetings of the Skiff. Mondays and Wednesdays editors meet at noon and 5 p.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays the first meeting is at 4 p.m.

"That's when the real stuff happens as far as I'm concerned," said Editor in Chief Brandon Ortiz, a junior news-editorial journalism major. "This is the only time I have all the editors at once. This is where we find out what stories are coming in."

The editors rank the stories in order of importance, decide the Purple Poll question for the day and their stance on the house editorial at the meeting.

The design editors draw up the pages from the space left after the advertising department places the ads on the pages.

Leslie Moeller, a senior advertising/public relations major, serves as design editor. She said pages can be designed within an hour following Budget.

At 6 p.m. production assistants arrive and begin placing stories, art and pictures on the pages. Copy editors are writing headlines and sending stories to the top editors for a final review.

Only a handful of staff members remain past 9 p.m., working on the design of the paper.

Production Manager Jeanne Cain Pressler oversees the final stages of the newspaper's creation. Her staff places the pictures and stories on the pages. A photo artist assists by making sure pictures used are of the best color quality.

"I view production as putting on the polish or the finishing touches," she said. "It is so important to pay attention to every detail of every page."

Once the pages are proof-read and finalized, the staff uploads the pages via the Internet to Texoma Web Off-Set Printing. Once the printer confirms the receipt, editors and staff may leave, but it doesn't mean the work is complete.

The paper must now be printed. While the total printing time for the 6,000 copies of the Skiff is only 15 minutes, it takes three hours from the time the pages are transmitted electronically for the publishing cycle to be completed.

Steven Sulton, pre-press supervisor for Texoma, said they try to have the Skiff delivered to the 35 drop sites on campus by 7 a.m. before students, like Vega, begin their day again.

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Sept. 19, 1902 — First edition of the Skiff was printed

1906 — The Skiff had a circulation of 2,000 copies a month

1936 — "Campus news covered by Department of Journalism students" slogan replaced with teasers

Summer 1943 — The Skiff began publishing in the summer because the university was on a trimester system due to World War II

1948 — Format converts to tabloid

1946 — All-American Rating

1955 — First on-campus print shop

1958 — Began publishing twice a week on Tuesdays and Fridays

1962 — One of the first color photographs ran of the Homecoming candidates

1963 — Became member of The Associated Press

1965 — The Skiff Wins Pacemaker Award — one of the top five college newspapers in the country — from the American Newspapers Publishers Association and the Associated Collegiate Press

September 1967 — Journalism department accredited

November 1967 — "Negro actress" performs at TCU

January 1968 — All-American rating.

1971 — The Skiff becomes daily publication

September 1975 — Start of editorial page policy

September 1975 — Bias charges held against TCU

November 1975 — Student Publication Committee chosen September

1980 — Chancellor Tucker wants task force started to look at creating a college of communication

November 1980 — Plans to have Moudy building completed by fall 1981

January 1981 — The Skiff polls 410 students:

- 97 percent read the Skiff once a week
- 83 percent said the Skiff is important part of campus
- 76 percent said it is fun to read
- 72 percent said it had good coverage
- 67 percent said it was a good newspaper
- 75 percent said they looked forward to reading it
- 47 percent said it was accurate
- 49 percent said it was fair
- 37 percent said it was personally important
- 78 percent said they read front page
- 44 percent said they read the editorial page
- 56 percent said they read third page
- 44 percent said they read sports
- 33 percent said they read Et Cetera

September 1981 — The Skiff address changed to Moudy Building South, Room 291. Building not fully completed.

November 1981 — Journalism classes start in Moudy

January 1985 — The Skiff does major redesign. Staffs change every semester.

October 1986 — Grammar Spelling and Punctuation test made requirement for Media writing

August 1989 — The Skiff gains All American status again

August 1992 — Purple Poll appears but doesn't stick around

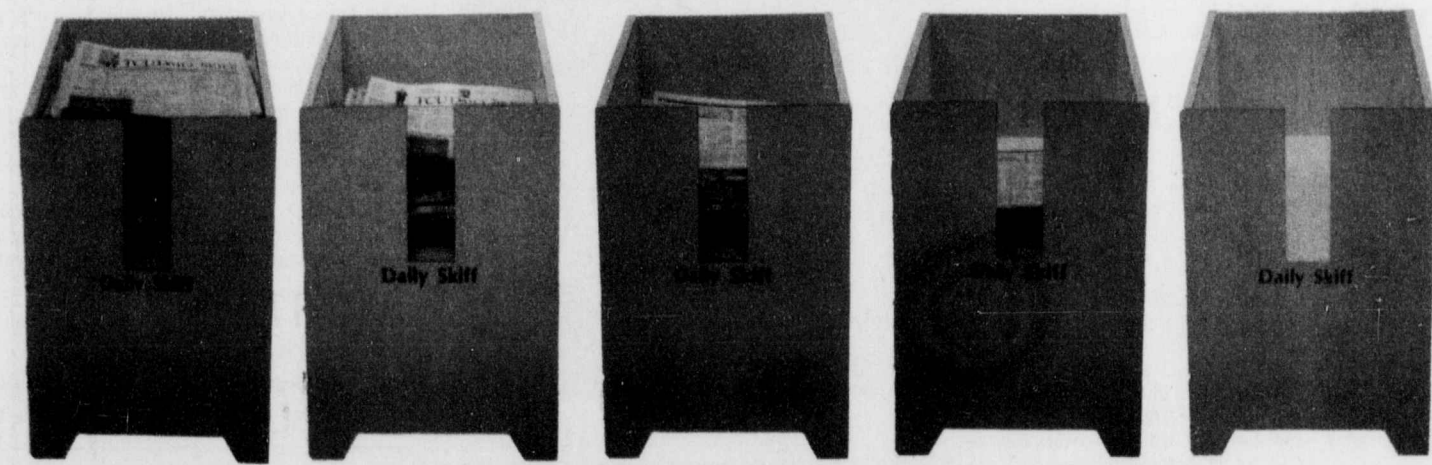
January 1996 — Purple Poll back for good

August 1998 — The Skiff published online

November 1999 — Skiff TV makes debut online

Spring 2001 — The Skiff gains Sweepstakes from Texas Intercollegiate Press Association

Sept. 19, 2002 — Skiff's 100th Birthday!



HISTORY

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as the journalism department — the basement of what is now Clark Hall. In 1949 the first photography lab was built for student publications. The Skiff moved again with the department in 1957 to a room on the first floor in the south wing of Dan Rogers Hall. From 1925-57, however the newspaper was housed with the department in temporary wooden structures behind Mary Coats Burnett Library, an area referred to as "Splinter Village."

Journalism professor Doug Newsom said at that time the newspaper was using "hot type" to set the pages.

"They nearly burned the place down once," said Newsom, who went on to become chairwoman of the department in 1980.

The first on-campus print shop was built because of a fund-raising campaign in 1955 in honor of J. Willard Ridings, the first dean of the college. The equipment consisted of a proof press that was

donated by the All-Church Press, two typesetting machines, a Model 8 Linotype, a model 14 Linotype, make-up tables and fonts of foundry type for larger headlines. One of the first color photographs ran in 1962 of Homecoming candidates.

The Skiff became a member of the Associated Press since 1963 and covered some of its most controversial stories during this time. Students picketed for racial desegregation outside Ridglea theater and the Palace in the same year.

In the 1970s, race relations and new technology were the hot topics for the press.

Preparing for the move into the J.M. Moudy Building, Newsom ordered 200 electric typewriters for the department which were outdated by the time they arrived. The department sent the typewriters back for a refund.

"I never even took them out of their boxes," she said. By that time the need for computers was evident.

In spring 1981, Anantha Babbili became department chairman and the last move for the Skiff was made Aug. 25 into the J.M. Moudy Building, where the

office rests, comfortably, now in Room 291.

Assistant professor of journalism Earnest Perry remembers when the section editors wrote, edited and printed all the copy for their page in the 1980s.

"We didn't have a reporting class to do the writing for us," he said. "We wrote because that's the way it was done. We didn't have pagination. We worked off waxers, light boards and exacto knives."

More technology upgrades came under current journalism department chairman Tommy Thomason's watch.

Babbili said, "We had finally caught on to the ballgame. We were pulling in a little more of our resources and were ahead of the curve by the '90s."

The latest technology upgrade was made just last January with the addition of two new servers and an upgrade in staff computers from Macintosh G3s to G4s. Now nearly all pictures are taken with digital cameras. And producing and designing the pages can be done from the newest toy, a Powerbook.

The Skiff has won many awards in its 100 years of service to the university, including the Associated Press Managing

Editors Best Students Newspaper in Texas, the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association Sweepstakes Award and the All-American Award.

The Skiff is now governed by the Student Publications committee, a group of 15 faculty, administration and student members who select the editors and advertising managers of both publications. However, the editors of those publications control the content. The newspaper and magazine are not laboratory publications, but journalism department classes contribute to the content and editing of both.

The student publications are funded by the university as part of the College of Communication, which is under the university oversight of the vice chancellor for academic affairs.

The "dream boat" that McKinney founded 100 years ago, by which Skiff editors, faculty and staff hope will carry the newspaper's reputation, remains committed to excellence in journalism for the next century to come.

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TCU DAILY Skiff



Editor recalls stories of hijinks, hard work, late nights in Skiff newsroom

Late night antics and quirky personalities mix in the fishbowl we call the Skiff.

If these newsroom walls could talk, the stories they would have to tell people.

And everyone involved at the Skiff would probably be fired.

But it comes with the territory. Late nights spent in close quarters with the same people you spend between 40 to 60 hours a week with can cause momentary lapses of sanity. And judgment.

Most people aren't brave enough to venture into the newsroom (unless you are a journalism major and are forced into it, kicking and screaming). So, on the 100th birthday of the Skiff, I thought I'd share some stories that only a few know and probably fewer remember.

From the outside, our newsroom (or fishbowl, thanks to the windows) may appear to be a normal newsroom — reporters typing away, others doing interviews over the phones, staff members going through old Skiffs from the fax room and editors staring glossy-eyed at screens while editing. But appearances can be deceiving.

Those windows are no ordinary windows. Various sport's schedules, pictures from home, reminders to pay parking tickets, court notices and terrible staff mug shots, among other things, used to grace their glass. It was a way for staff members to block those who walked by from staring at us and have a little personal space, too.

Now you'll notice only the walls covered in daily reminders and upcoming schedules. They are smeared with a little dirt, ink and

toner. And while some marks or scratches were accidental, certain ones were not.

In fall 2000, associate editor Rusty Simmons, decided he wanted to see how tall he was. He wanted it marked on the doorway to the production room. He wanted me to mark it, and he wanted it no other way.

What started as a small activity turned into a staff event as other editors, copy editors and reporters lined up to leave part of themselves on the wall. When we were done, Simmons tried to wash off the marks — but they wouldn't budge. They remained, mostly unnoticed, for almost a year, until a fresh coat of paint covered our graffiti.

And then there's the fax room. Years ago, (and I can say that now) when I was a newbie to the newsroom in fall 1999, the fax room was used as a punishment room. Eva Rumpf, the Skiff adviser at the time, grew tired of sexually suggestive comments made between staff members. The editors decided that anyone making such comments would spend time in the fax room to "think about what they had done." Uh-huh.

The first day the policy was instituted, Laura Head, the opinion editor in fall 1999, was sent to the room for an obscene comment. She was shortly followed by Lety Laurel, the assistant news editor.

Head called from the fax machine phone to ask if they could be allowed out. Their request was denied, but they snuck out within a few minutes anyway.

Other fax room purposes include a make-out room, a place to take naps, and sometimes, it was both at once.

The newsroom (and fax room) wasn't the only place reserved for late-night antics and action. The hallway on the second floor of the Moudy Building South gets taken

over by Skiff staff during the after-hours of the university as well. Talks about life — and what we are really doing at the Skiff — shouting matches that started from fights within the newsroom, and even some sporting events continue outside the newsroom as a way for staff members to relieve stress. The scooter of Jaime Walker, the spring 2001 news editor, was a particularly fun toy. If you heard something running into doors, walls, garbage cans or other people, you could bet that John "Johnny Baby" Weyand, a reporter in the same semester, had hijacked it for a joyride. Co-sports editor Victor Drabicky brought a moped to the second floor one night and raced Walker around locked computer labs and faculty offices. Walker won, but only by a headlight. Gone are the days when the staff needed a collection jar for every time a certain obscene word was said before 10 p.m., but certain quirks still remain.

This semester we have four returning editors and a bunch of newbies on the editorial board. The football, that has remained in the newsroom for years, still gets taken out for a quick game every now and then. Funny comments are kept on a computer now instead of plastered on the walls. But the spirit is the same.

Despite all the mayhem that goes on behind, well, open windows, somehow we still have managed to provide the campus with news and important issue coverage. We've also managed to pick up a few impressive awards along the way.

So maybe we do know what we are doing after all.

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Petersell

Alumni staffers look back at Skiff with fondness, amusement

The Skiff caught up with some of its more distinguished alumni and asked them to reflect on their time at TCU.

BY BRANDON ORTIZ
Editor in Chief

Editor's note: In its 100-year history, the Skiff has employed hundreds of students, many of whom went on to be highly successful in journalism or other fields. While we acknowledge the accomplishments of a few, we recognize the department has seen many of its graduates go on to lead successful careers.



Schieffer

Bob Schieffer didn't want to be a doctor, regardless of mom's wishes. But his experiment as a pre-med student didn't pan out.

"People ask me what drove me to journalism, and I always answer comparative anatomy," Schieffer said. "I didn't agree with it, and it didn't agree with me."

Schieffer, a graduate of the class of 1959, didn't turn out too bad as a journalist. Today he is the host of "Face the Nation," a Sunday morning news program that attracts

Washington pundits and politicians alike.

In Schieffer's day, the Skiff was still a small weekly paper with a staff of no more than a dozen people.

"It was great practice, and it was a lot of fun," Schieffer said.

When Dan Jenkins ('59) worked at the Skiff, it was located in Goode Hall, an athletic dormitory that was one of the newspaper's many homes.

He said the bunch in charge then didn't take things too seriously. Among the Skiff's exploits was endorsing a white collie dog for student body president.

"I'd hate to go back and look at it," Jenkins said. "I didn't try very hard. I look at the Skiff now, and I am impressed. They work hard."

Jenkins eventually went on to become considered a great American sports novelist. His 1974 masterpiece, "Dead Solid Perfect," is thought to be a classic.

The Skiff was in abandoned World War II Army barracks when Gary Cartwright ('57) joined the staff.

"The newsroom was probably as big as my closet is now," he said.

Cartwright, now a senior editor at Texas Monthly magazine, wrote for the Skiff as part of a class that wrote more fiction than fact.

"It ran inside," Cartwright said.

"It had to be some dry story nobody read about the budget or Chancellor Sadler getting a dog for the front page."

John Lumpkin ('95) presided over an editorial board that was often at odds with the student body.

"Our editorial page was one of the most liberal institutions on campus outside of Andy Fort's office," said Lumpkin, who now covers the CIA for the Associated Press.

But the board also stepped up crime coverage and covered a campus flasher.

Ken Bunting ('70) was part of the editorial board that rallied against plans to build Frog Fountain, saying the funds would be better used for minority scholarships. Bunting, the journalism department's first black student, has come around to liking the fountain — he thinks it is beautiful.

Bunting said he looks back at his time at TCU fondly.

"It is hard to reduce it to words," said Bunting, who is now the executive editor of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. "I owe a lot to TCU. I don't think I would have been successful as I would have been without the grounding from the school."

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Editor's note: The Skiff staff viewed nearly every copy of this newspaper in its 100 year history. The following is a list of some of the biggest stories the paper has covered.

MAY 7, 1948

TCU Student Body Constitution Illegal; Brothers Declares Existing Emergency

Pres. Sadler will appoint same officers

After a thorough investigation by members of the Student Council and the Skiff, it has been discovered that the student body government has been operating under an illegal constitution. In fact, the students of T.C.U. have been operating under an illegal constitution for at least 16 years.

The investigation was done when the present constitution was being checked to establish the procedure for the coming elections of the yell leader and editors. It was found that this present constitution had not been legally ratified in accordance with the previous constitution.

FEB. 25, 1949

Repeal of Student Constitution Called for in Current Petition

Document has 100 signatures; would abolish Congress, set up new government

A petition now circulating on campus calls for the Student Congress to hold an election to repeal the present constitution.

When the required 10 per cent (sic) of the student body signs, the petition will be presented to congress, it is reported by ... (a) spokesmen for the group behind the petition.

... In a statement to The Skiff, they said.

"The present constitution, if we may flatter the document by calling it such, is too complicated and legally involved to meet the simple needs of our student body."

MARCH 11, 1949

Court Stops Unpublicized Election

Injunction Prohibits Vote on Petition Thursday

"The Student Court is deferring decision on this case until further arguments are heard and some of the issues clarified," said Chief Justice Ben Hearn yesterday after the hearing of the student petition requesting repeal of the constitution was resumed. ...

An injunction restraining the Student Congress from holding an unpublicized election was ordered by Chief Justice Ben Hearn at a special session of the Student Association Court Tuesday.

The court action followed Monday night's heated Congress meeting at which seeking repeal of the associations constitution was presented.

MARCH 13, 1963

Students Picker Theaters

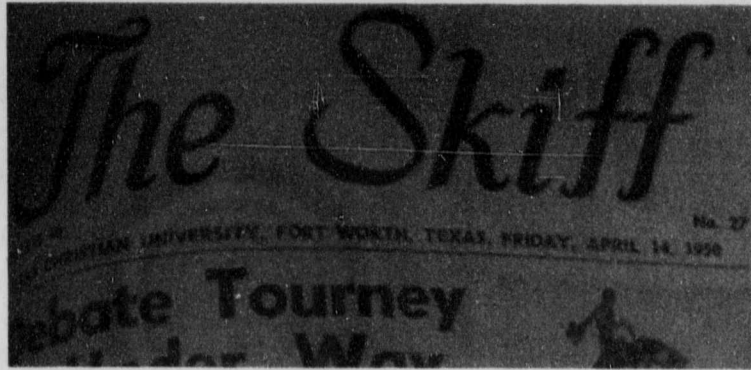
20 Protest Segregated Movie House Facilities

There was a "double feature" at the Worth "un

SEPT. 12, 2001



"I don't think I would have been successful as I would have been without the grounding from the school." — Ken Bunting



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Responsibilities to readers, can-do spirit among lessons learned by former *Skiff* editor

...ed nearly 100 year his- the biggest Theatre last Friday night, but the manager of the theatre hadn't planned for one of the "shows." Inside, an all-white audience was watching Gregory Peck in "To Kill a Mockingbird," a movie about racial prejudice in the South. Outside, five TCU students and a Negro girl were parading up and down the street, carrying picket signs asking for integration in the Fort Worth theaters.

...ion Illegal; ...gency The situation was the same at three other theatres, all members of the large Interstate Theatres Inc. chain — the Palace, the Ridglea and the 7th Street. The picketers at each were TCU students and local Negroes.

NOV. 26, 1963

President Kennedy assassinated University Solemn After Tragic News

When the campus learned of the death of President Kennedy Friday, it wore a long face. The air was filled with the sound of a single church bell, tolling the tragic news. Its steady beat was almost in time with the steps of many students entering campus churches.

Professors dismissed classes. Some locked their doors and went home for the day. The flag, flying high on its staff in front of Reed Hall, was taken in half-mast, its proud colors waving in a heavy wind.

The Student Center was filled with people listening to the voice of a news commentator, telling of the President's death in Dallas.

DEC. 6, 1963

Ease Race Barriers, TCU Congress Asks Academic Restriction Target of Resolution

By an overwhelming majority — unanimous except for three abstentions — Student Congress Tuesday called on the administration to open the TCU academic program to Negroes. The sole test for qualification, Congress argued, should be scholastic qualification.

The resolution, which asks the University's Board of Trustees "to remove any racial restriction from admission requirements to any part of our academic program and that this be done by the end of the academic year if possible," is to be forwarded to Chancellor M. E. Sadler.

SEPT. 21, 1985

Skiff Special Dust Settles on Dismissals

As the dust begins to settle on Thursday's announcement that six football players have been accepting cash payments from an alumnus, the strange sequence of events has become a little bit clearer.

The first official word of the dismissal came in a prepared statement read by TCU athletic director Frank Windegger shortly before midnight.

Windegger said that six players recruited prior to Wacker's arrival at TCU had been illegally recruited and had received cash payments until recently.

SEPT. 16, 1999

8 killed in local church shooting

Gunman opens fire on youth, kills self at Wedgwood Baptist

Eight people were killed at a southwest Fort Worth church after a gunman entered an area-wide youth rally and opened fire. Six people were gunned down during the attack before the gunman fatally shot himself. One person later died at a local hospital.

Shortly after 7 p.m., members of Wedgwood Baptist Church, located at 5522 Whitman Ave., walked into the large prayer group and began shooting. One body was found in the entryway, one was found in the foyer and the other bodies were found in the sanctuary. Seven other people were wounded in the attack.

The gunman was described as a slender, white male in his mid-30s wearing a black jacket, white shirt and blue jeans and smoking a cigarette, said Lt. David Ellis of the Fort Worth Police Department.

When police officers located his body on the last pew in the sanctuary, the gunman was armed with a 9mm handgun and had several rounds of ammunition in his pocket.

MARCH 28, 2000

Twister rips downtown, misses campus

Students forced to take shelter during storms

A tornado that caused extensive damage in downtown Fort Worth Tuesday evening forced students on campus into basements and lower-level floors of residence halls and buildings.

Amateur radio spotters detected the tornado at 6:22 p.m. on West Seventh Street and again at 6:45 p.m. east of downtown Fort Worth, according to the National Weather Service. TCU Police reported that the powerful winds caused no damage on campus.

During the storm, police officers evacuated students and staff to the lowest level of each building, said Jon Carter, a TCU police officer.

"We sent all of the kids down to the basement of the (residence halls) and in all the buildings," Carter said. "We just got word of the possibility of severe weather and went into action."

SEPT. 12, 2001

Students react with multitude of emotions

Terrorist attacks lead to shock, fear, disbelief among students

Students gathered from all over campus Tuesday and stared in shock at the Student Center Lounge television as events that will change the world unfolded in New York City and Washington, D.C.

At least half of the more than 100 students in the lounge had tears in their eyes as they watched hijacked planes destroy the World Trade Center and the Pentagon in possible terrorist attacks that caused numerous American fatalities.

For the *Skiff's* 100th birthday, Ken Bunting reminisces on memories cultured at TCU and the professors that made an impact on him. Bunting is now the Executive Editor of the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*.

But for the conversation between my assistant and Brandon Ortiz, the *Daily Skiff's* impressive young editor, I might still be stuck for a lead.

I mean, how the heck should I start?

For sure, getting to salute the *Skiff* on its 100th birthday is special. It is something that would make any alumnus feel good, something of an honor to boot. Simply having the chance to share a few words and thoughts with the current student and faculty population on campus is, in itself, an enticing enough prospect.

But if there is an obvious, no-brainer approach for starting a column like this one, it was entirely lost on yours truly.

Lost, that is, until my able assistant Michele Mosher, having spoken to Brandon moments earlier, came into my office and popped the magical question.

"Do you know how that paper got its name?" Michele asked, amused at what she had just heard and absolutely certain she was about to teach me a bit of TCU history.

A funny and almost mystical coincidence is that a few minutes before, I had just told the story to John Joly, the public affairs director at my newspaper. Michele questioned Brandon because she remembered Fort Worth is "landlocked." John just thought it was a funny name for a newspaper.

Although it is published history now, I have always considered the story more lore than historical fact. I still do. So, it mattered not that Brandon's version, as relayed by Michele, has a few nuances and twists different from what I recall.

The founding editor, whose name now escapes my fuzzy memory, began the paper as an entrepreneurial endeavor. He had lobbied mightily for administration financial support. Nothing doing. Then, he tried some well-heeled alumni. Nada. Discouraged, but not dissuaded, he and some friends went on to start the *Skiff* as a business, knowing they would sink or swim on luck and their own business savvy.

He named it *The Skiff*, the legend goes, because he saw it as the "dream boat" that would pay his tu-

ition and launch him on the way to success.

Now, the way I wrote that doesn't begin to do justice to the way I heard it. No one could tell the story like the late Lewis C. Fay.

For my money, the way the *Skiff* got its unusual name was Professor Fay's second best lecture. The moral of it had something to do with perseverance, determination and the can-do spirit. But it was his dramatic recitation that made it so good.

Professor Fay, or "Big Lew" as he was known both affectionately and sometimes derisively, had a striking resemblance to John Houseman, the late Romanian-born character actor known for his stern, no-nonsense demeanor. But Fay, who came to teach at TCU after being Sunday editor of Hearst's then-dominant *San Antonio Light*, was a real professor, long before Houseman's Oscar-winning performance in "The Paper Chase." Too, Fay was far more intimidating and had a greater dramatic presence. He was faculty advisor to the *Skiff* during my years, and then later became department chair.

So, if how the *Skiff* got its name was his second best lecture, you might be asking what was his best?

That would be the one that wasn't a lecture at all. I heard it four times, once as a *Skiff* reporter and three times as an editor. As each semester began, Fay would gather the new staffers, within earshot of the veteran staffers and editors, and begin to explain that he wasn't lecturing, but introducing himself. This wasn't a class in the traditional sense, but a "news lab" with a real product to produce. He wasn't the editor, but the faculty adviser. The assignments, the editorial decisions and most of the feedback would come from the editors, not him.

"I'll be right behind that door," he would say, pointing to his tiny office in the corner of the Neely Building.

He went on to explain that *Skiff* staffers had no greater responsibility at TCU or in life than to fulfill their staff obligations to the *Skiff*. He never said it, but one gathered that his or her grades depended in a big way on getting his point about responsibility.

The non-lecture always ended with a dramatic flourish. With his voice trembling, Fay would explain that if a reporter on assignment drove his car off a bridge and into the Trinity River, it was his or her responsibility to muster all his or her strength, climb the banks, plop a quarter into a telephone and file a

story — before deadline!

There was nothing in his voice to suggest he wasn't at least half-serious.

I'll spare you the details of the time Fay angrily dismissed a class early because I had fallen asleep, while seated too close to the front. He had been delivering a lecture on editorial writing that closely followed the chapters of a textbook he had just written.

I will say, though, that something about responsibility to a newspaper and its readers, and something about the can-do spirit, has stuck with me all these years. Lots of lessons from TCU have stuck with me.

If I'm not mistaken, Doug Newsum, my dear friend and mentor, is the only faculty member still at TCU who goes back to my days there. I remember her fondly, as well as her late husband, Bob Carroll, who recruited me out of community college.

I was the TCU journalism department's first black student, only the second African-American to earn an undergraduate degree at TCU and the first with a journalism major.

When I mention that, people often ask me about the difficulties I faced. Or even more pointedly, they ask if I remember bigotry and ignorance. Yes, I do, if I force myself. But I have far more vivid memories of kindness and encouragement from people like Doug and Bob. And yes, "Lew" Fay in all his toughness.

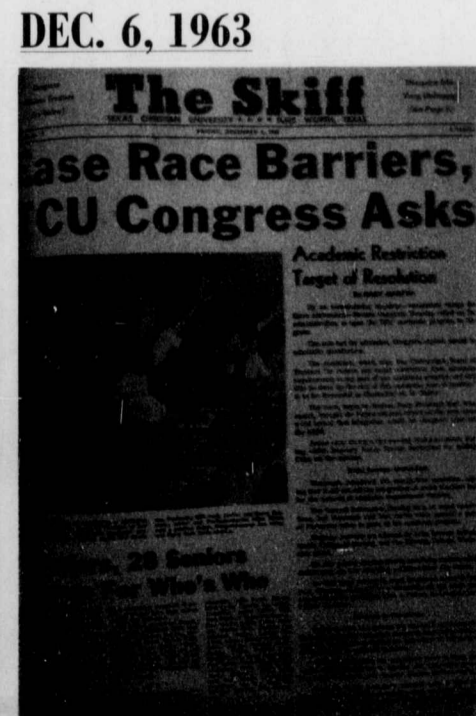
Then, there was Professor Jay Milner, the brilliant Texas writer who parted more than he wrote and nurtured more than he taught. One night after a big on-campus awards banquet, I tried to slip out of an after-party at Jay's house to retrieve my car from the old Pete Wright parking lot. I needed to drive my parents to Love Field for their late-night flight back to Houston.

"Stay a little longer," Jay insisted, saying I could drive Mom and Dad to the airport in his wife's new station wagon. "Just bring it back in the morning."

I hope the current crop of TCU students know they are attending a university, rich in history, rich in lore, rich in tradition. I especially hope that all TCU Journalism students hear that hokey story about how the *Skiff* was named.

Happy 100th Birthday *Skiff*! You've been a "dream boat" for lots of us.

Kenneth F. Bunting is the Executive Editor of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. He graduated from TCU in 1970.



Hershey Foods votes to stay afloat despite recent worries candy company might sell assets

Hershey Foods board votes 10-7 keeping 108-year-old company from possible sale. The company employees 6,200 people in central Pennsylvania.

BY MARTHA RAFFAELE
Associated Press

HERSHEY, Pa. — Shirley Reale has long enjoyed the perfume of roasted cocoa beans from the big Hershey Foods plant on Chocolate Avenue, and she worried the aroma would vanish after the company was put up for sale. But those worries vanished Wednesday after the trust that con-

trols the chocolate company dropped the idea.

"All I can say is hooray. The only thing I could see was the deterioration of the town if the company was sold," she said in front of the mansion that is the former home of chocolate magnate Milton S. Hershey and the current home of the charitable Hershey Trust Co.

The prospect of a sale drew opposition from many corners, including residents who mounted a "Derail the Sale" campaign of petitions and rallies, and alumni of the Milton Hershey School for disadvantaged children, which is the trust's sole beneficiary.

The 108-year-old company em-

ployes 6,200 people in central Pennsylvania, man of them in this town of 13,000.

"Hershey is unique in that the chocolate plant depends on everything else in the community, and the people in town depend on the chocolate plant," said Jean Baiocchi, who retired from Hershey in 1987 after 44 years as an administrative secretary. "If you break one part, the other part would certainly be devastated."

State Attorney General Mike Fisher had sought a court order requiring the trust to obtain court approval of any sale, saying he feared plant closings and widespread layoffs if the company were sold.

Frog Camp Video Reunion

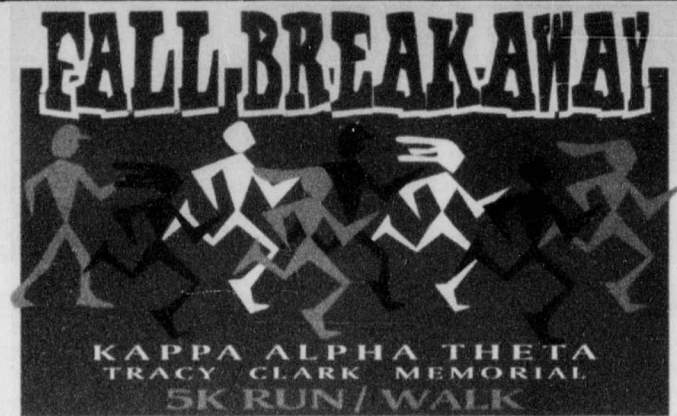
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Administration urges Congress to act before U.N., denounces Iraq

BY TOM RAUM
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration pressed Congress to take the lead against Iraq as it prepared to send lawmakers a resolution Thursday authorizing the use of military force.

The White House talked tough Wednesday as the U.S. campaign for a strong new U.N. resolution was undercut by Saddam Hussein's offer on inspections. At the same time, United Nations weapons inspectors began planning their return to Baghdad.

"It serves no U.S. or U.N. purpose to give Saddam Hussein excuses for further delay," Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld asserted.

Iraq's announcement that it would accept the return of international weapons inspectors nearly four years after they left divided the Security Council. The United States and Britain pursued a resolution to force Iraq to disarm. But Russia and France were opposed, as were Arab nations.

Secretary of State Colin Powell on Wednesday brought President Bush a progress report on U.S. efforts at the United Nations. He was due back at the White House Thursday morning for more strategy-plotting on the administration's next moves with wary allies, a senior White House official said.

Rumsfeld, in testimony to the House Armed Services Committee, and Bush, in a White House meeting with top congressional leaders, dismissed the Iraqi leader's 11th-hour overture as a stalling tactic.

"He's not going to fool anybody," Bush said.

Rumsfeld suggested that Iraq had concealed evidence of its weapons programs in a labyrinth of tunnels and other elaborate hiding places, certain to complicate and prolong any new inspection effort.

While United Nations officials in New York prepared for the inspectors return, the United States and Britain began working on a new resolution aimed at authorizing use of force should Baghdad fail to comply with U.N. Security Council resolutions.

Western diplomats said the U.S.-

British draft would likely include new instructions for weapons inspectors and a timetable for disarmament that would be tighter than one laid out in an existing resolution passed in December 1999.

U.S. officials said they did not intend to let Iraq's maneuver blunt their efforts for such a resolution. "I see nothing to suggest that the timing has changed for what the United Nations Security Council is considering," said Bush press secretary Ari Fleischer.

Still, Iraq's invitation to give international inspectors unfettered access to suspected weapons sites after a four-year absence divided the Security Council and prompted the White House to step up its pressure on both allies and Congress.

"Only certainty of U.S. and U.N. purposefulness can have even the prospect of affecting the Iraqi regime," Rumsfeld said. "It is important that Congress send that message as soon as possible — before the U.N. Security Council votes."

Rumsfeld testified as the White House put the finishing touches on its proposed congressional resolution.

According to three senior White House officials familiar with the draft, it would give Bush maximum flexibility to confront the threat posed by Saddam's weapons of mass destruction, including an explicit authorization of military force. One of the officials said the resolution also would use much of the same language found in the 1998 law calling for a regime change in Iraq.

The legislation is expected to win overwhelming bipartisan approval in the House and Senate, possibly within two weeks. Both Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle and House Democratic Leader Dick Gephardt have expressed support for steps to oust Saddam.

Several liberal Democrats raised objections to the administration's plans during the day, speaking out at a closed-door meeting of the Democratic rank-and-file, officials said.

Outlining the administration's case, Rumsfeld told the House panel: "No terrorist state poses a

greater and more immediate threat to the security of our people and the stability of the world than the regime of Saddam Hussein in Iraq."

But some members voiced skepticism about moving so quickly. "We must think carefully before we authorize the use of military force," said Rep. Ike Skelton of Missouri, the senior Democrat.

Rep. John Spratt, D-S.C., asked what was wrong with agreeing to another round of inspections before waging war, so long as they were "robust and unfettered."

"The goal is disarmament," Rumsfeld said. At another point, Rumsfeld asked tersely: "How many years does one want to pass?"

Earlier, Bush thanked leaders of both parties for agreeing to press for Iraq votes before the Nov. 5 elections.

He also urged allies — particularly fellow Security Council members France and Russia — not to be misled by Saddam's promise of inspections. He said he believed the U.S. position would prevail.

"Reasonable people understand this man is unreasonable," Bush said.

It was the second straight day Bush has prodded the U.N. to move against Saddam, reflecting concerns by senior advisers that Iraq has gained the upper hand in the public relations battle.

Democratic leaders sounded a note of bipartisanship after meeting with the president. "I think this is an important moment for our country and for the international community to work together," said Daschle, D-S.D.

State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said there might be several resolutions in the United Nations on Iraqi compliance — but that all should specify consequences if ignored. "It's not up to Iraq to pick and choose," he said.

Powell spoke by phone Wednesday British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw, and has been in touch regularly with Foreign Ministers Igor Ivanov of Russia and Dominique de Villepin of France, and U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan.

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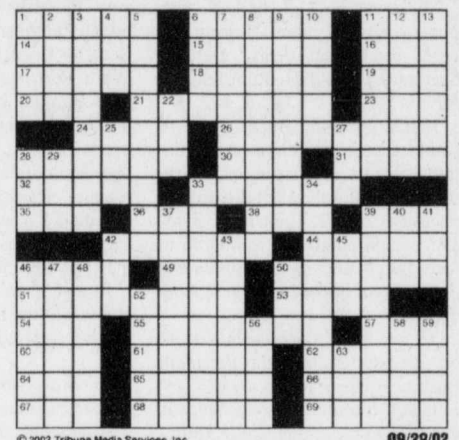
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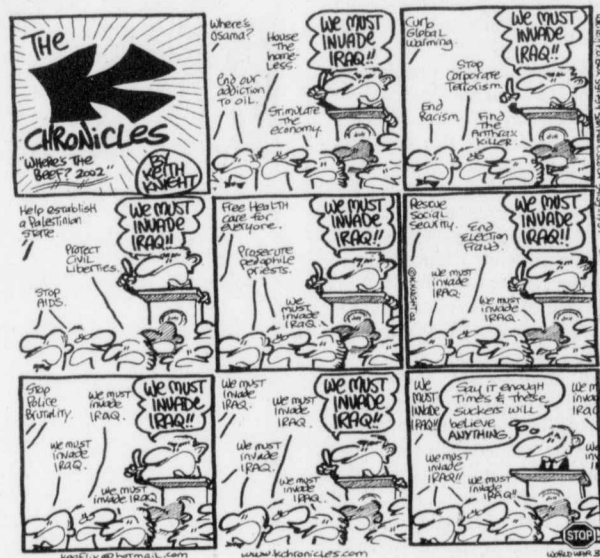
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NewsBriefs

Langat and Barth named C-USA Athlete of Week

After claiming individual honors at the UNT Opener, TCU's Jackson Langat has been named the Conference USA Cross Country Male Athlete of the Week.

Langat, a junior transfer from Tarleton State, posted a time of 20:35 in the men's four-mile race to lead the TCU men to a third-place finish. Langat's time was 30 seconds ahead of his nearest competitor as UTA's Jacob Cedertun was second with a time of 21:05.

"Jackson has made great strides in his cross country running," said cross country coach Derek Koontz. "He worked very hard over the summer, and that became apparent with his showing at the UNT Opener."

Marquette's Susan Barth was named the C-USA Cross Country Female Athlete of the week for the second consecutive week. Langat and the rest of the Cross Country Frogs will return to action on Friday, September 20, when they participate in the Sam Houston Invitational.

American paraplegic swims English Channel

SAN ANTONIO — Jason Pipoly is a man of his word.

He swam the English Channel, delivering on a promise he made 20 years ago when he was 11 years old and still had the use of his legs.

The San Antonio resident made the vow on Johnny Carson's "Tonight" show after having fallen short of his goal to become the youngest swimmer to cross the 21-mile stretch of chilly water between England and France.

Last month, after 13 hours and 48 minutes of slicing through the cold waves, a flotation device strapped between his legs to hold them up, he made it.

Pipoly is the first American paraplegic to make the crossing; Australian paraplegic John McLean swam the channel in 1998.

"When I got to France, I really wasn't thinking about much," Pipoly said after his return to San Antonio. "I kind of had a smile and that was it."

Pipoly was paralyzed in a 1998 car wreck in Colorado.

Thoughts of crossing the channel, as his father had done before him in 1980, had faded as Pipoly grew up. The self-described adventurer followed new pursuits.

But one day after his accident, his mother pulled out the "Tonight" show tape and there it was, that promise he'd made.

He began to train, adding longer practice swims to his routine. In June, the substitute teacher swam Canyon Lake for more than 11 hours in preparation for the channel.

Now that he has met his goal, Pipoly said the crossing itself came only after thousands of training hours and hard work.

"It's been kind of like the cherry on top of the sundae," he said. "The true accomplishment is to get people to try to go after their dreams."

Pipoly's father, who watched his son swim the same channel he himself navigated 22 years ago, said his son had made him proud.

"When you see someone with that kind of determination and drive, it's kind of a foregone conclusion," Carl Pipoly said.

"It makes me feel happy as a parent that he's not sitting around feeling sorry for himself and asking people to do things for him because he's a paraplegic," the father added.

Jason Pipoly's crossing isn't sanctioned by the Channel Swimming Association, whose rules forbid the use of any type of flotation device. But an association representative witnessed and timed his swim, and an official confirmed his accomplishment in an e-mail.

Duncan Taylor, secretary of the Channel Swimming Association, added: "Long may his achievement act as a magnificent example to other sportsmen."

Next up? The Catalina Channel, where Jason Pipoly said he'd try to make a 42-mile round-trip swim.

Though hardly seen, snappers important to Horned Frog team

It's a position that doesn't garner much attention, but Frogs Andy Boerckel and Cliff Alexander know how important a snapper is to a team.

BY DANNY GILLHAM
Sports Editor

The position of snapper is not one that many people know about, or for that matter, even care about.

The common fan probably thinks that it's not that hard. All you do is play on special teams, and make sure that the ball gets back to the holder or punter.

Football coaches would disagree.

It's the reason that the Dallas Cowboys signed a backup tight end, Jeff Robinson, to a four year, \$4.8 million dollar contract. His sole purpose on the team was to serve as the team's deep snapper.

The fact is that in football games, special teams can determine the outcome of the contest, and that is why junior Andy Boerckel and sophomore Cliff Alexander play such a critical role for the Horned Frogs.

Both centers in high school, Boerckel and Alexander were undersized to play lineman in Division I college football (Boerckel weighs 220 pounds, and Alexander is 205).

So they tried their luck at deep snapping.

"I have been snapping since I was in seventh grade," Boerckel said. "Size wise, I'm not physically as big, so I decided that I



Andy Boerckel (holding ball) snaps the football in the SMU game Saturday.

Photographer/Simon Lopez

could probably keep up and help a team out."

Alexander handles the short snaps, which are for field goal and extra point attempts, while Boerckel takes the deep snaps, given to Frog punter Joey Biasatti.

Boerckel served as the team's starting snapper last season, and head coach Gary Patterson said the contribution is key for the team.

"It means you don't have to have as good of protection," Patterson said, "and it makes a difference when you don't have to worry about that side of the game. It was

important enough that I put him on scholarship."

Alexander is in his first season of starting for the Frogs, after being a squadman as a redshirt freshman.

Alexander said that with deep snapping, repetition and practice is good, and the mental aspect is not much of a factor.

"To me it's not a thinking thing," Alexander said. "It's more or less just feel and rhythm, and you get out there and know what to do. It's all reaction."

— Cliff Alexander
TCU Junior

Between our guy being seven for seven this year, instead of four of seven."

With both guys so close together in classification, Sharp said the search for a replacement becomes critical when the old snappers graduate.

"I wish they weren't so close together," Sharp said. "As a coach you kind of go into a panic mode in trying to find a replacement for the guy who has just done a good job for you. At least it's a problem we don't have to worry about for a few years."

While Alexander and Boerckel understand the importance of their roles, they give credit to the people on the receiving end of their snaps, Biasatti and junior kicker Nick Browne.

"Without Nick and Joey, we don't have a job," Boerckel said. "If they don't get off a good kick, it kind of takes what we do away. Those two guys do a great job all year. It goes hand and hand with what we do."

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Sophomore Cliff Alexander (left) and junior Andy Boerckel don't get much attention as snappers, but the TCU coaching staff understands their importance.

Frogs swing into early play with new recruits

Three newcomers pace the men's golf team, but in their first two tournaments, the team hasn't missed a beat from last spring's success.

BY DANNY GILLHAM
Sports Editor

Head coach Bill Montigel wasn't sure what he was getting with his new golfers.

Freshman Drew Pigg and Colby Beckstrom, as well as sophomore transfer David Schultz were joining a squad that lost three talented seniors who helped lead the Frogs to the NCAA Championships last spring.

Montigel wouldn't know what they really had until the trio joined sophomore J.J. Killeen, junior Stephen Polanski, and senior Adam Rubinson for the first two tournaments of the season, played back to back.

He found out this week, and the results were impressive.

At the Ridges Intercollegiate in Tennessee, the Frogs finished third as a team, and were highlighted by Schultz capturing top individual honors.

Just one day later, the team was in Frisco competing in the Sooner Invitational. The team fired an impressive 54-hole score of 839 (-25), with Beckstrom and Rubinson finishing in a tie for second individually.

Montigel said he was greatly impressed with the performance of his squad.

"I didn't know what to expect heading into these tournaments," Montigel said. "I like this team a lot, and I feel we can accomplish some good things. We played well enough to win the first one, and we got out to a great start in this one and kept it up."

Rubinson is the most experienced of the returning golfers. The runner-up at the NCAA Championships last spring, Rubinson was pleased with his new teammates.

"They are great," Rubinson said. "It was very impressive the way we have all handled this. We got in late on Sunday, and to turn around and shoot like this, it shows the mental toughness of the guys."

Beckstrom said his first collegiate tournament came with a lot of nerves, but Rubinson has helped him to stay focused.

"Just watching him carry himself tells me everything I need to know," Beckstrom said. "His attitude when he steps out onto the golf course helps and teaches me some of the things I need to do to be successful."

Montigel said he is poised about the tournaments ahead, but isn't getting carried away.

"The first two tournaments were a good sign," Montigel said, "but I tell the guys all the times to get ahead of themselves. We have to go tournament by tournament."

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Men's schedule includes home matchups with Tech, Cincinnati

Team looks to gain more control of schedule and add teams such as Kansas and Indiana.

BY DANNY GILLHAM
Sports Editor

The men's basketball team's schedule was announced recently, and head coach Neil Dougherty is already looking ahead in the benefit of the program.

The schedule, which consist of 14 home games and 14 road games, is one that the team at this point cannot do much about.

"I think in the future as we get more control of our schedule, I'd like to play more home than away," Dougherty said. "We are at a level in our program where we don't have that kind of leverage. If we want a good game, sometimes we have to travel to do that."

Usual suspects like Virginia Commonwealth and SMU make appearances versus the Frogs, but there are some quality teams on the schedule. Of the 28 games, 12 are against teams that played in post-season tournaments last season.

Some of these games are revenge games for the Frogs, senior guard Junior Blount said.

"I think we are looking to teams like Louisville," Blount said. "Most of the teams we are looking forward to playing are teams that beat us last

year. This year we have a whole new concept, and our attitudes will be a whole lot different going out in those games."

Of the games on this year's schedule, two stand out above the rest: Texas Tech and Cincinnati.

The home matchup with the Red Raiders in December brings the chance for Frog fans to see legendary coach Bobby Knight patrolling the sidelines of Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

"I think the crowd is going to be crazy," senior forward Bingo Merriex said. "My teammates and I are looking forward to that game. He'll get a lot of attention, and I think we'll have a sellout crowd just because of the name coach Knight."

Cincinnati is a conference team that wasn't on TCU's schedule last season. They were a No. 1 seed in last season's NCAA Tournament, and are considered one of the upper programs in college basketball.

"I think that's a huge game," Dougherty said. "A few years ago when the talk of TCU moving to Conference USA began, you can't help but picture yourself playing Cincinnati. We get to host them, so I would think there would be a buzz in the air the week that they come down."

When contracts to play some teams expire, Dougherty is looking ahead to the future to playing teams that our fixtures of college basket-

The Sideline

Dallas Cowboys replace Gibson with McFadden

IRVING (AP) — Offensive tackle Aaron Gibson, the NFL's heaviest player, was released by the Dallas Cowboys on Wednesday.

Gibson, listed at 6-foot-6, 410 pounds, played sparingly in the season opener at Houston and wasn't available for last week-end's game against Tennessee because of a strained left shoulder.

He rarely practiced after spraining his left knee early in training camp.

The Cowboys replaced Gibson with offensive lineman Marques McFadden, signed off Atlanta's practice squad.

Gibson joined Dallas during last season, but the only game he played in was the season finale.

The Detroit Lions took Gibson in the first round of the 1999 draft. He missed all of his rookie season with a left shoulder injury, started 10 games in 2001 before a right shoulder injury, and was slowed by a bruised knee last season. He was released by the Lions in October.

Hall of Fame welcomes a healthy Magic Johnson

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (AP) — Magic Johnson's latest checkup confirmed he is free of AIDS symptoms, 11 years after he first tested positive for HIV.

The former NBA star, who will be inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame next week, said his doctor told him last week he is still healthy.

"He said, 'Man, whatever you're doing, just keep it up, cause you look great,'" Johnson said Wednesday in a conference call to discuss his induction. "I passed all the tests again."

Johnson will be inducted into the Hall on Sept. 27 along with coaches Larry Brown and Lute Olsen, the late Drazen Petrovic, North Carolina State women's coach Kay Yow and the Harlem Globetrotters. The ceremony precedes a grand opening of the Hall's new building the following day.

Johnson, who won five NBA titles with the Los Angeles Lakers in the 1980s, first retired at age 32 after testing positive for HIV while being examined for an insurance policy.

Johnson has kept the disease at bay by working out regularly and taking his medication. "I don't feel ill. I never have," he said. "I still work out every day. Everything has been super since Day 1."

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