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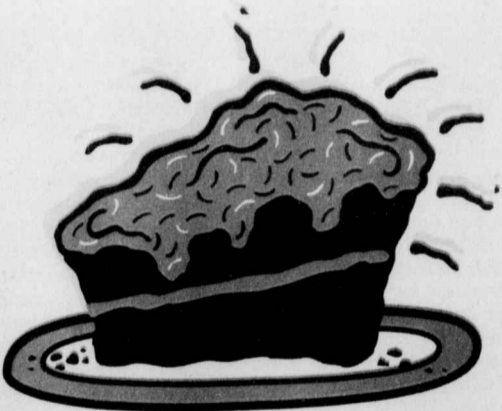
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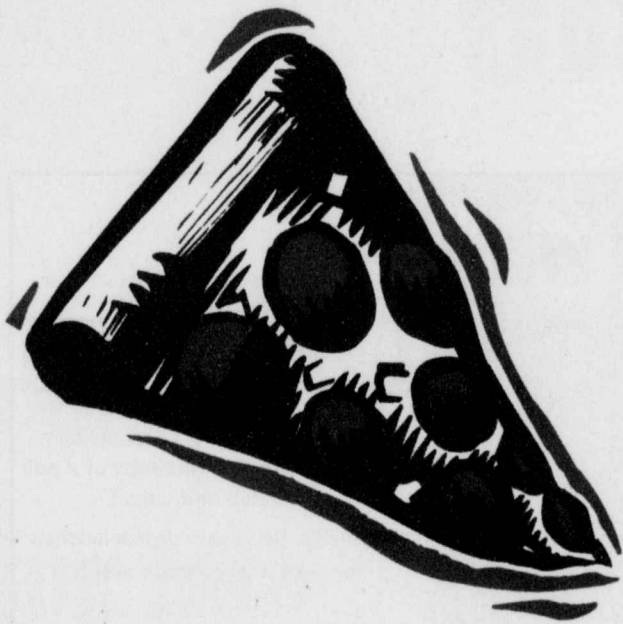
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And, if that isn't enough, bring in your student ID and get 20% off your meal! (Food only and limit one per ID)

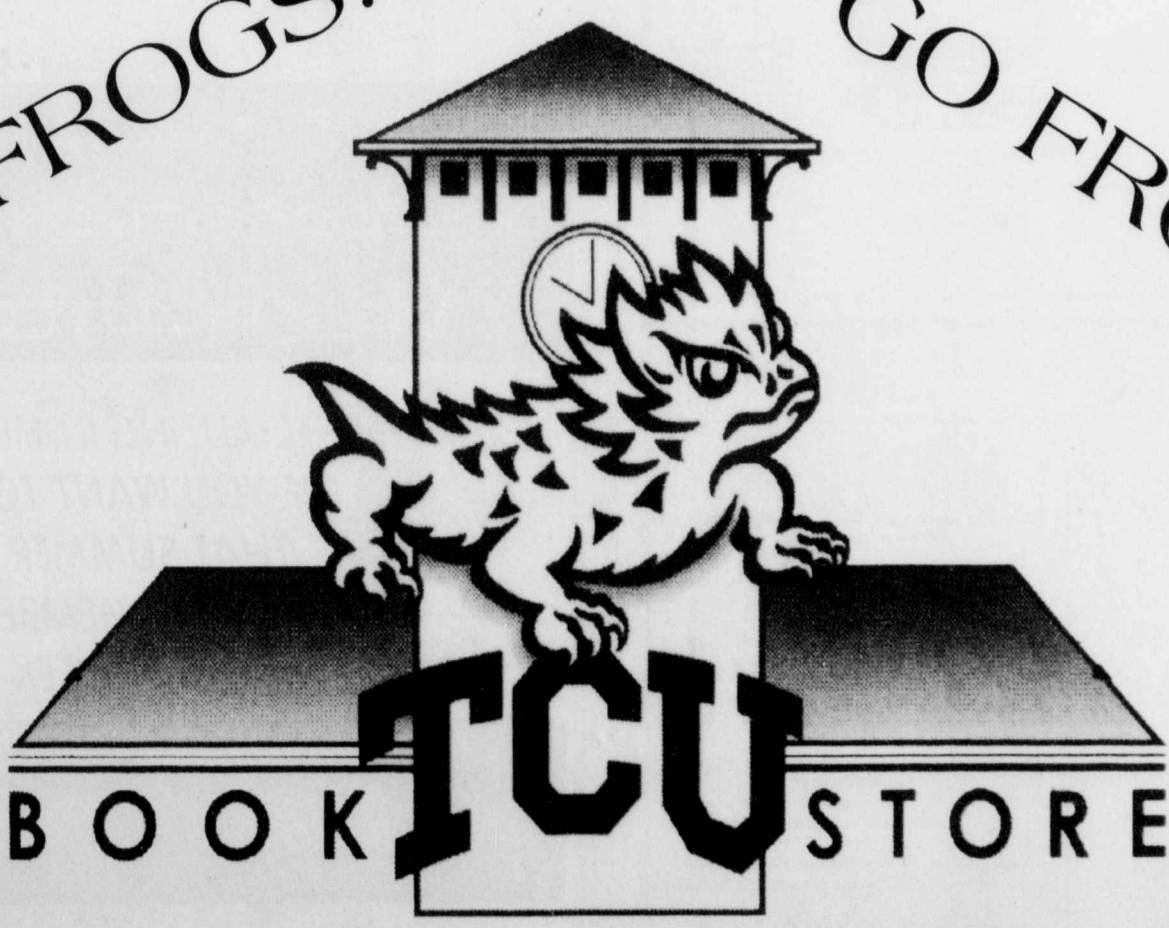
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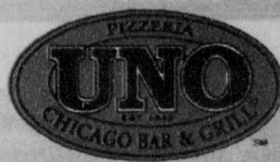
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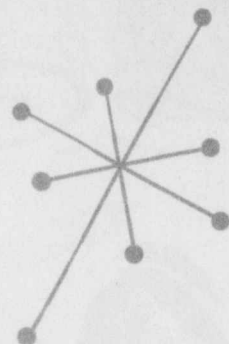
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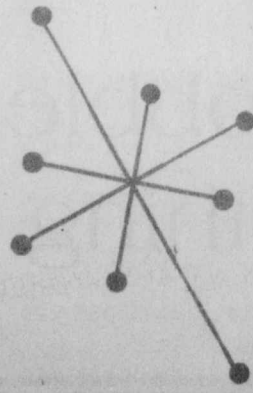
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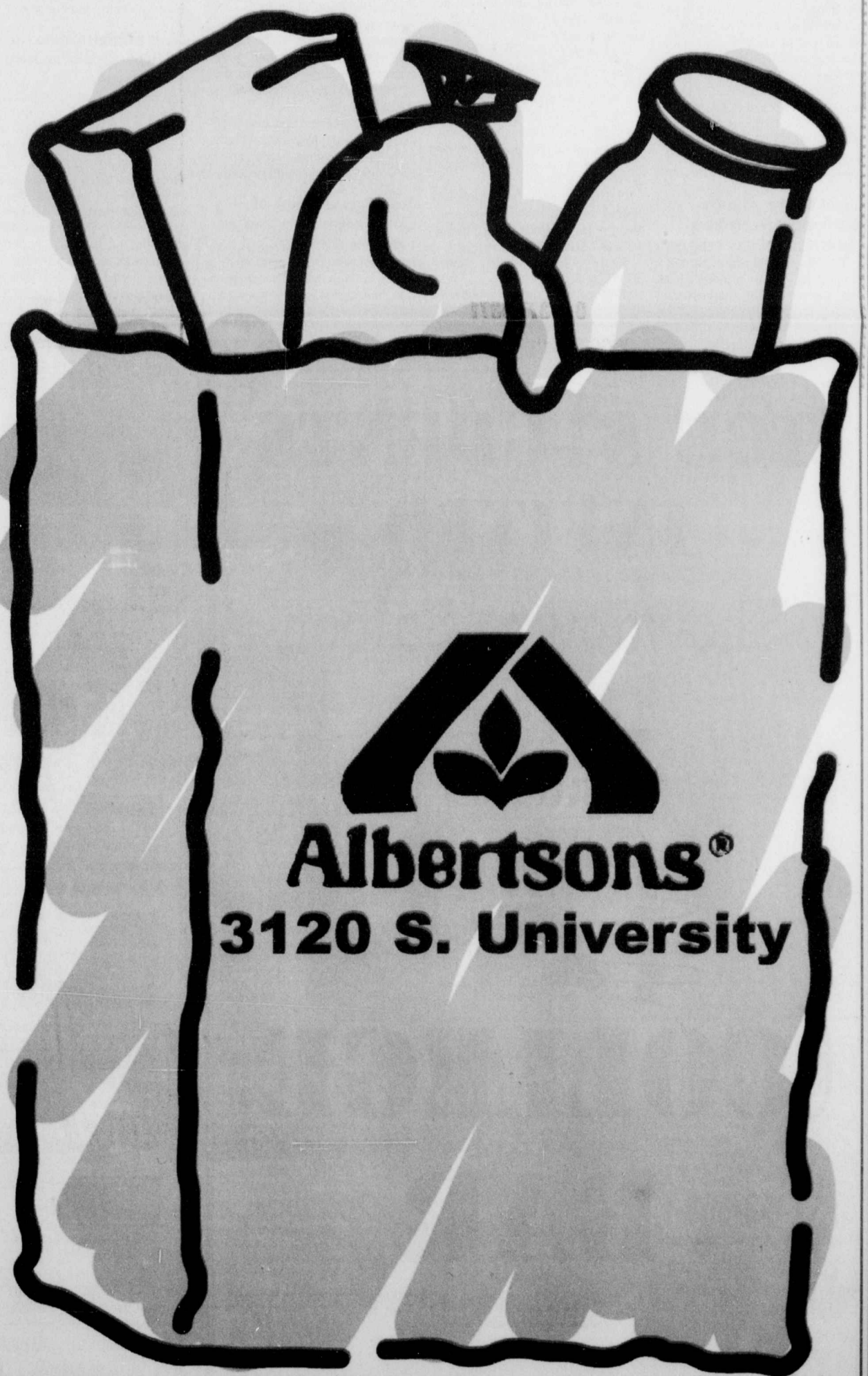


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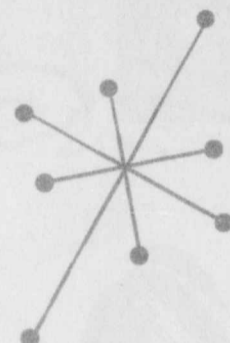


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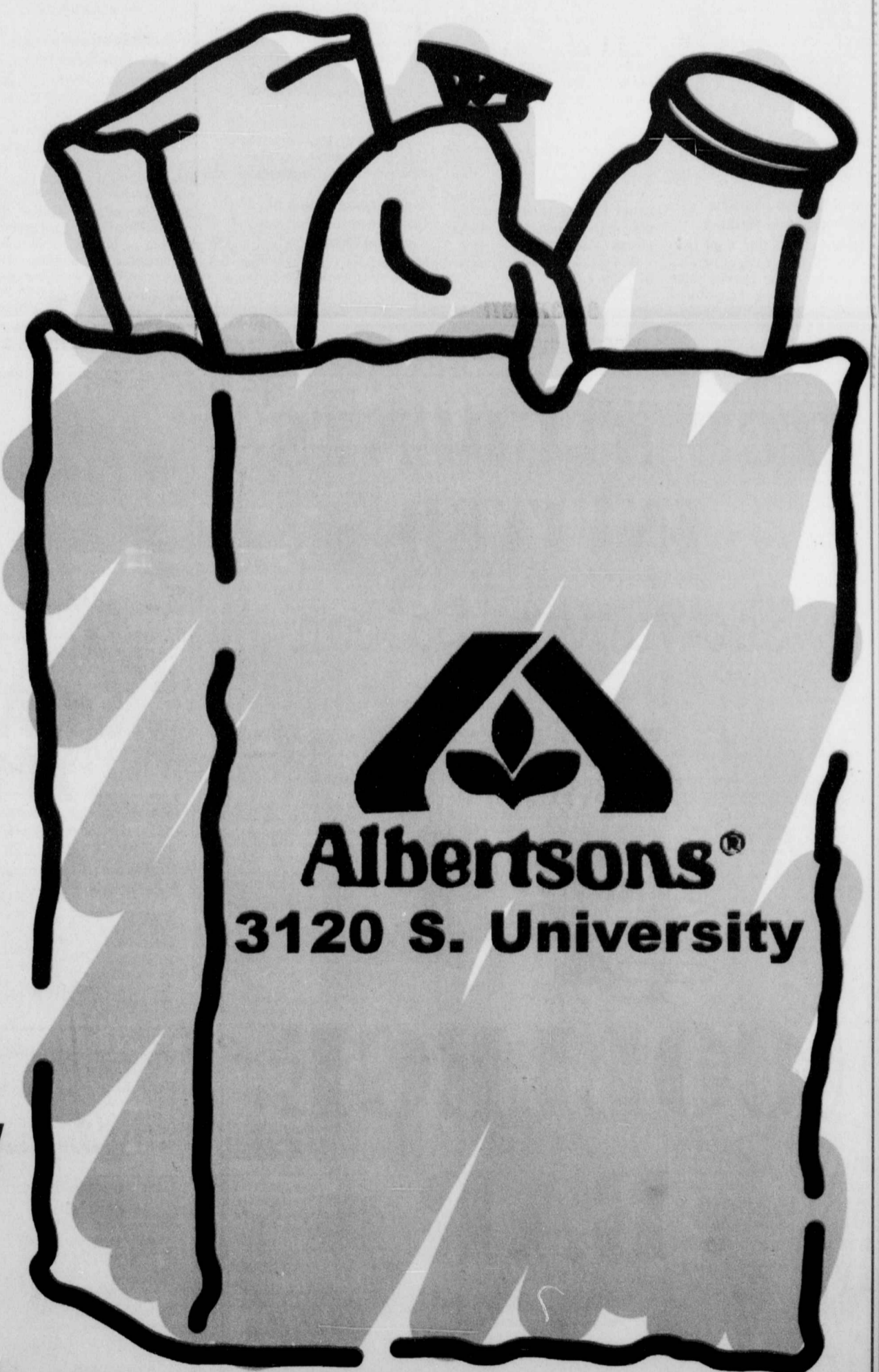
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National/International Roundup

Hale House head, husband sentenced for embezzling

NEW YORK (AP) — Lorraine Hale, who headed the world-famous Hale House shelter founded by her mother, was sentenced along with her husband to five years' probation Thursday for stealing from the charity. The sentences for Hale, 76, and husband Jesse DeVore, 70, were part of a deal in which they pleaded guilty to reduced charges and promised to give back as much as they could of the \$766,000 they were accused of embezzling.

Hale's lawyer, William Dowling, said the couple had returned about \$125,000 to Hale House, everything they had.

Hale and DeVore could have gotten up to 15 years in prison if convicted of all 72 charges.

Hale House was created 30 years ago by Clara "Mother" Hale amid Harlem's meanest streets as a refuge for the sick and abandoned babies of drug addicts and AIDS sufferers.

The charity attracted the support and admiration of thousands, including John Lennon, Princess Diana and Rosie O'Donnell. In 1985, Mother Hale was lauded by President Reagan as an "American hero." After her mother's death in 1992, Lorraine Hale became executive director. DeVore was public relations director.

After they were accused of pocketing donations and other money, Lorraine Hale was removed from the charity in 2001. A board of directors chaired by a former federal prosecutor now runs Hale House.

Son of British politician pleads guilty to stalking

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. (AP) — The 25-year-old son of Britain's top judicial officer pleaded guilty Thursday to stalking the boyfriend

of a 19-year-old woman he met at a tanning salon.

Alastair Irvine pleaded guilty to felony counts of stalking, burglary, vandalism and making threats and a misdemeanor count of having a concealed weapon.

Irvine is the son of Lord Chancellor Alexander "Derry" Irvine, head of Britain's judiciary and a senior member of the government of Prime Minister Tony Blair.

Authorities said Irvine became infatuated with the woman he had met, telephoning and showing up at the salon, though she repeatedly told him she wasn't interested and had a boyfriend. He threatened the boyfriend and threw acid on his truck in June, causing \$5,700 in damage, authorities said.

The case has generated huge interest in England, where the lord chancellor's office has confirmed British media reports that the younger Irvine has undergone treatment in the United States for drug addiction.

FBI arrests 'Puffy Cheek Bandit' for bank robberies

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — The FBI has arrested a postal worker believed to be the "Puffy Cheek Bandit" responsible for 27 bank robberies in five states since 1998.

Cazzie Williams, 30, was taken into custody Wednesday at a restaurant near his home in East Orange. He awaited a court appearance Thursday.

The Puffy Cheek Bandit would typically pass tellers a note threatening to shoot people, but he did not show a weapon, FBI agent Steve Kodak said.

"It looks like he's got swollen cheeks. I don't know if he put something in his mouth or that's the way he was," Kodak said.

Each holdup usually netted \$3,000 to \$5,000.

Eighteen of the 27 robberies

were in New Jersey. The others were in Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Virginia.

Pacific Rim diplomats meet to try to unite economies

CABO SAN LUCAS, Mexico (AP) — Looking to unite 21 economies in more prosperous trade, top diplomats from Pacific Rim nations wrestled Thursday with the specter of terrorism and trying to help a free economic system thrive in a new century fraught with unprecedented dangers.

Concerns about North Korea's nuclear-weapons program also topped the agenda as ministers attending the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum cloistered themselves for two days of meetings centered around the alliance's core mission of liberalizing trade.

"It is so important in the aftermath of Sept. 11 for all of us to draw closer together," said Colin Powell, the U.S. secretary of state. "When people see hope in the future, when they see an opportunity to make a living, then there's no room for anger, no room for the type of terror activity we see."

After the Sept. 11 attacks — and, more recently, after the deadly bombing this month in the Indonesian vacation haven of Bali — terrorism is hanging over the meeting of the economies that make up the APEC trade bloc.

Powell said President Bush would discuss North Korea's revelation with APEC leaders when he arrives for a summit here Saturday.

Team trying to link al Qaeda network to Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — A high-level Defense Department team is sifting through intelligence information, looking for links between the al

Qaeda network and terrorism sponsors such as Iraq, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfelds said Thursday.

The team, created in the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, is using powerful computers and other methods to analyze information about terrorism gathered by the CIA, the Defense Intelligence Agency and other spy agencies.

Rumsfeld said the team has about four members who work for Douglas Feith, the undersecretary of defense for policy. He said the team's analysis was meant as an aid to policy-makers, not as competition to the CIA or other intelligence agencies.

A CIA report to Congress, for example, concluded that Saddam was unlikely to use his chemical or biological weapons or give them to terrorists unless Iraq is attacked. Rumsfeld, on the other hand, has repeatedly argued that Saddam cannot be trusted to use any restraint, noting his invasions of Iran and Kuwait and use of chemical weapons on Iraqi citizens.

Rumsfeld has repeatedly denied persistent news reports of tension between the Defense Department and the CIA — as well as between Rumsfeld and George Tenet, the director of central intelligence.

Bush administration sued for Sept. 11 information

WASHINGTON (AP) — The American Civil Liberties Union and three other groups sued the Bush administration Thursday, demanding information about expanded Justice Department surveillance in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 attacks.

The private organizations are seeking information about how the government is carrying out record-gathering at libraries, bookstores and Internet service providers. The lawsuit comes almost a year after President Bush signed the USA Pa-

triot Act, which widened the government's surveillance power as part of the effort to prevent further terrorist attacks.

The case filed in U.S. District Court alleges that the Justice Department has provided no information on parts of the Patriot Act that have "obvious and serious implications for individual privacy and the freedom of speech."

Other groups joining the suit were the Electronic Privacy Information Center, the American Booksellers Foundation for Free Expression and the Freedom to Read Foundation.

'Banzai' ride kills worker at North Carolina State Fair

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — A pendulum-style ride at the State Fair struck and killed a worker who apparently slipped on the ride platform Thursday, officials said.

A teenage girl on the ride also suffered a minor leg injury and was taken to a hospital, said Mike Blanton, spokesman for the Agriculture Department.

The "Banzai" ride, which has seats at the bottom of a column and swings riders back and forth, was functioning properly, Blanton said. He said it wasn't clear why the worker was close enough to be hit in the head by a steel footrest attached to one of the seats.

A second worker immediately stopped the ride after the man was hit, and a safety investigation was being conducted, Blanton said. The state Labor Department had inspected the ride before it opened Oct. 16.

Midway operator Amusements of America, based in Monroe Township, N.J., said the worker was one of its longtime employees.

Amusements of America has worked 34 fairs this year around the eastern United States. Two men

were injured in August on a ride that the company was operating at the Ohio State Fair after a car fell 15 feet to the ground from the Re-Mix. The ride was owned by San Antonio-based Wood Entertainment Co.

Rusnak pleads guilty to largest bank fraud in U.S.

BALTIMORE (AP) — A former currency trader accused of hiding \$691 million in losses at Allfirst bank pleaded guilty Thursday in one of the largest bank fraud cases in U.S. history.

Under the plea agreement, John Rusnak will serve 7 1/2 years in federal prison for making a series of fictitious currency trades to cover up the trading losses he suffered in the 1990s.

Rusnak was indicted in June in the biggest bank fraud case since Nick Leeson, a trader in Singapore for Barings Bank, lost more than \$1 billion on futures trades, leading to Barings' 1995 collapse.

Rusnak allegedly ran up the losses at Allfirst Financial over five years, mostly from trading Japanese yen. While trying to recoup those losses, prosecutors say, he dug himself a deeper hole by taking ever-larger risks.

Prosecutors said Rusnak did not directly profit from the trading losses, but by manipulating Allfirst's computerized system for tracking trading activities, they said he was able to generate a record appearing to show profits for the bank between 1997 and 2001.

That appearance of profits earned Rusnak bonuses of more than \$650,000. He collected about \$433,000 of that amount before the fraud was discovered last winter, authorities said.

Allfirst was under parent company Allied Irish Banks at the time Rusnak worked there.

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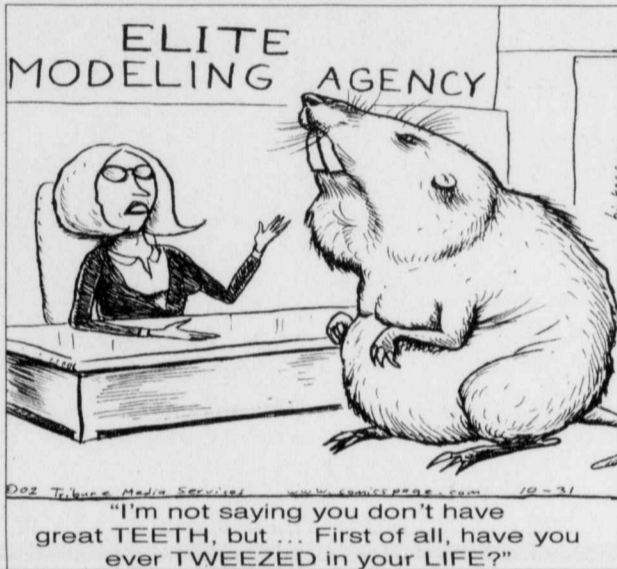
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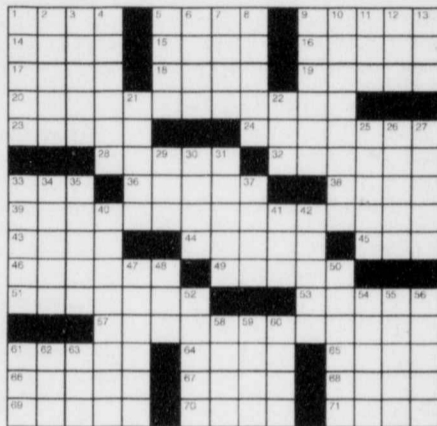
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A: YES 12 NO 88

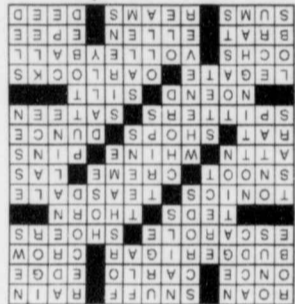
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Today's Crossword

- ACROSS
 1 Narrow opening
 5 Doe's mate
 9 Military muddle
 14 Turner of Hollywood
 15 Follow secretly
 16 Sugar portions
 17 That hurt!
 18 "Paper Lion" star
 19 Bewildered
 20 Pathfinders
 23 "... la vista, baby!"
 24 Cast a spell upon
 28 River of Pakistan
 32 Playground ride
 33 Mr. Ziegfeld
 36 Blood passage
 38 Cash in Comco, formerly
 39 Starting point
 43 Spoken
 44 Blooper
 45 Incline one's head
 46 Go over again
 49 Plucky courage
 51 Extreme
 53 Make merry
 57 Devices for tailors
 61 Mary's flock
 64 Small arrow
 65 Dang!
 66 Wisdom unit?
 67 Moreover
 68 Comfort
 69 Cheer up
 70 McNally play, with "The"
 29 Arneche or Johnson
 71 Woad and anil



Thursday's Solutions



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Women's golf team readies itself to travel east for Furman Invitational

Team hopes they can "put it all together" and give a good performance at this tournament.

BY CHAD MURRAY
Skiff Staff

The women's golf team swings into action today in its third tournament of the year, the Furman Lady Paladin Invitational in Greenville, S.C.

Head coach Angie Ravaioli-Larkin said she is looking for a good performance from the squad.

"We really haven't played like we think we can play," Ravaioli-Larkin said. "We're looking to put it all together (at this tournament)."

In the first tournament of the season, the University of New Mexico Dick McGuire Invitational in late September, the team finished eighth out of 19 teams.

Earlier this month, the team competed in the Price's "Give 'em" Five-

New Mexico State University Invitational and again finished eighth out of 20 teams.

The team is anchored by junior Brooke Tull, who leads the team in scoring average with a 73.6 a round average and recorded the best finish of her collegiate career at the NMSU Invitational, finishing second place overall. Shannon Barr, the only senior on the squad, has placed in the top 50 in both tournaments this year and sophomore D'Rae Ward jumped from a tie for 62nd place in the Dick McGuire Invitational to a tie for 45th place in the NMSU Invitational.

The Furman Invitational marks the first tournament in which the women's golf team has headed east to compete this season. It also marks the first time that the squad will face some of its Conference USA foes, which the team last saw in April during the C-USA tournament, where the team took first place.

"There are lots of Conference USA teams here, and that should give us motivation to do well," Tull said.

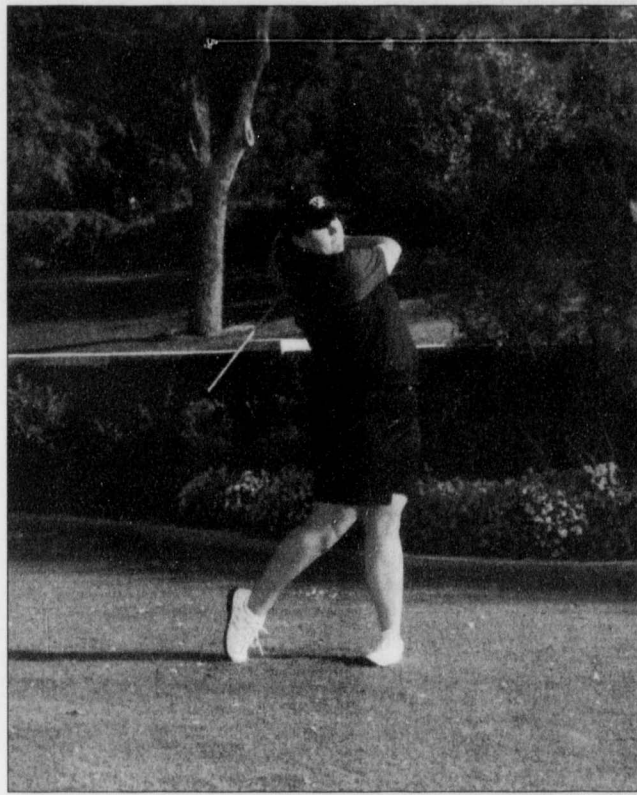
The fall visit to South Carolina has become a mainstay for the team in recent years, with seventh and eighth place finishes in 2001 and 2000, respectively.

And to experienced team members like Tull, the course offers few surprises.

"It's very straightforward and it's not very long," Tull said. "Putting and short games will be the key."

Ravaioli-Larkin sees the players' destiny this weekend resting in their own hands.

"We have the talent and the players, and it all comes down to believing in ourselves," Ravaioli-Larkin said. "There is so much parity and equality in women's golf that it's only a matter of getting out top five (golfers) to-



Sophomore Brooke Tull and the women's golf team are in South Carolina this weekend, competing in the Furman Lady Paladin Invitational. *Special to Skiff*

gether for three days and hope they do well."

After the tournament in South Carolina, the team will head to Alabama for the Auburn Invitational, to be held Friday to Nov. 3. Then the women's golf team returns home and will not take part in another tournament until February. Ravaioli-Larkin feels that it

is important for the team to place well in these two tournaments before the roughly three-month break.

"Really strong finishes make for a very happy off-season and build momentum for the spring," Ravaioli-Larkin said.

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TV may get its way, but college athletes forced to play when priorities conflict

Sports is a big business, and ESPN and Conference USA are partners, but is it at the athletes' expense?

BY DANNY GILLHAM
Sports Editor

ESPN came knocking, and Conference USA answered the door.

When the sports television juggernaut proposed a TV deal, the conference that hasn't had respect or recognition in football accepted. It would allow more games to be seen, and more teams to get noticed.

But at what price?

Sure the mid-week games are put on with no other football games as competition.

And yes, the Frogs have benefited from the coverage. Last season the team had national coverage at home against East Carolina, and played a Monday game this year at Cincinnati. It will now play this upcoming Wednesday against Southern Mississippi.

Yet while the team and TV seemingly get what they want, is it really beneficial to the players?

"It throws off your routine, you got to prepare differently," senior linebacker LaMarcus McDonald said. "It's not like Saturday, after the game you got to get up and go to school the next day."

College football players have to

pull double duty with school and playing, and intertwining them has the potential to be a severe distraction.

Just look at it from a simple football standpoint. Sure TCU had plenty of time to prepare for Cincinnati, but conference games are normally not played that early in the season. However, with ESPN's package with the league, the game was set then because no other time could be found.

"I just wish we wouldn't have played (Cincinnati) so early in the year," head coach Gary Patterson said. "We got one of their better games, and now they are not playing as good. I wouldn't mind playing them right now."

There are some pros to match the cons. This game gives the team 10 days between games instead of seven, allowing more time to prepare and rest. The Frogs also have the benefit of full national attention, because when it comes to football, it's the only game being played.

Still, college football is something you associate with Saturday, not Tuesday or Wednesday. It may be good for TV and the school, but not for the players.

But TV seems to get its way, proof of which came from senior quarterback Sean Stillely:

"You can't complain about being on ESPN."

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COMMENTARY



Danny Gillham

On the Course

Furman Lady Paladin Invitational
Oct. 25-27

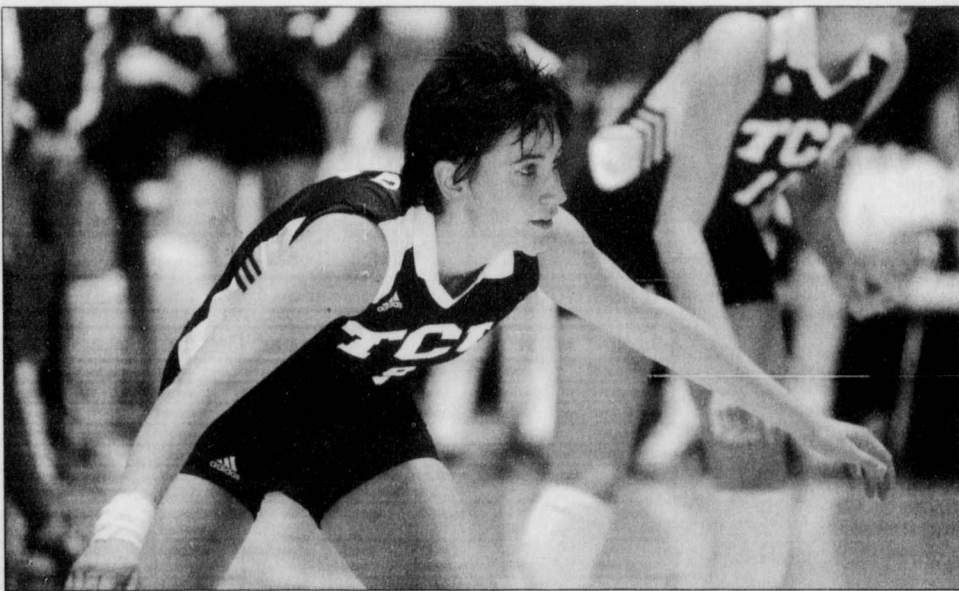
Records: The women's golf team finished eighth in both its tournaments this fall.

About the tournament: This is the 32nd edition of the Lady Paladin Invitational, with previous winners being LPGA names like Nancy Lopez, Betsy King and Dottie Pepper. The course is 5,984 yards long and a par-72.

About TCU: This is the third of four fall tournaments the Frogs are playing in the fall. As a group the team has a 306.83 scoring average a round, averaging to 76.71 an individual.

About the competition: The Frogs will get their first look at Tulane, Louisville and Memphis since last spring's conference tournament.

Volleyball team returns home for two weekend C-USA matchups



Sophomore outside hitter Dominika Szabo and the volleyball team have matches against Alabama-Birmingham Friday and South Florida Saturday, both of which are at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. *Photographer/Simon Lopez*

The volleyball team will attempt to halt the three-match winning streak of UAB Friday, before tackling first-place South Florida Saturday.

BY JAY ARMSTRONG
Skiff Staff

The TCU volleyball team will look to rebound from a 1-4 start in Conference USA beginning this weekend with two home matches against ninth place Alabama-Birmingham and conference leader South Florida.

Despite the slow start, the coaches and team members said their confidence remains unshaken.

"Our players come in every day to work," head coach Prentice Lewis said. "We would love to be 3-4. The games that we've lost are errors that we've made and we need to make adjustments."

The team will need to be confident this weekend for two key matches. While South Florida sits atop the conference standings with only five games lost all season, it may be the UAB match on Friday night that matters most.

The team trails the Blazers by one spot in the C-USA standings. Since

the C-USA tiebreaker is determined by head-to-head competition, this match could play a role in conference seeding at the end of the season.

For the team to win this match, Lewis said it must contain UAB's dual threat of Allison Magner and Martina Shields. The two lead the team in blocks and kills respectively.

"We need to have a minimum of three players making kills to win the rest of our matches. We can't have any hitters getting a zero (hitting percentage)," Lewis said.

South Florida is paced by nationally-ranked outside hitter Michelle Collier, who leads the Lady Bulls in both kills (5.51/game) and service aces (1/game).

The team said it still must make several adjustments to reach postseason play.

"We must work on our consistency and be able to respond to what coaches tell us," freshman setter Jackie Choi said.

The team is only 1-4 at home this season, and said advancing further than the regular season will require taking advantage of Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

"We must use our home court ad-

vantage," junior outside hitter Courtney Beach said.

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Opening Set

Alabama-Birmingham at TCU

7 p.m. at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum

Radio: None

TV: None

Records: TCU (9-12, 1-4) UAB (10-13, 3-3)

About the match: This is the third career meeting between the Frogs and Blazers, with the series currently tied 1-1.

About TCU: This is the first of two weekend matches for the Frogs, who play conference leader South Florida Saturday. A win against UAB would give them one less win than the Blazers in conference standings.

About UAB: The Blazers have won three consecutive matches, with their latest coming over Saint Louis. They currently sit in ninth place in the conference.

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