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Insurance premiums to increase for faculty, staff

Insurance premiums for faculty and staff could rise by 15 percent - just a year after premiums increased by more than 30 percent. The deadline for faculty and staff to submit insurance coverage changes is Friday.

BY AMY JOHNSON

Walt Redding, an administration program specialist in the Physical Plant, said he can't afford to go without health insurance, even if means paying soaring premiums.

"It's a necessary evil," said Redding, a father of six. "I hate to see payments increase, but I have to have insurance no matter how much it goes up.'

Redding and his family will see an increase in health care costs of \$41.87 a month under the new premium increase.

John Weis, assistant vice chancellor for human resources, said health insurance premiums for faculty and

staff will increase up to 15.1 percent depending on the type of coverage beginning next year — just a year after premiums rose by more than 30 percent. Deductibles for emergency room visits, hospital admissions and brand name drugs will also increase.

That premium increase is similar to others projected nationwide in newspaper reports.

Weis said some groups will be affected more than others by the increases. "It's always difficult to have costs

increase, especially double digit increases," he said. "It will be especially hard on lower paid workers and those with families."

The university changed health care providers from PacifiCare to UnitedHealthcare in January 2001 because of the former's poor service. At that time, premiums increased 14.4 percent, compared to a 17 percent increase that would have occurred had TCU stayed with PacifiCare.

Redding said although he won't have to make any significant lifestyle changes, he will monitor his spending more.

'I'll be more conscious of waste," he said. "I'll have to shave a few corners here and there.

Roger Fisher, director of Residential Services, said TCU kept United Healthcare as the sole university provider because its bid was the lowest.

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East campus gets new upscale eatery

Jazzman's Cafe, the upscale addition to the east campus, provides an alternative to hungry students and faculty looking for food on their side of the university.

BY BILL MORRISON

Everyday, signs of growth on campus can be heard with the roar of tractors and pounding of hammers, but now students will hear something different: Smooth jazz and the blending of smoothies.

After two weeks of delay, Jazzman's Cafe is opening today in the lower level atrium of the William E. and Jean Jones Tucker Technology Center. Jazzman's, a division of Sodexho School Services, will open for a trial run from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. today and Friday. The grand opening is Monday.

Jazzman's will offer such goodies as Seattle's Best Coffee, Happy Muffins, cookies, smoothies, hot and cold sandwiches and soup. This is the first Jazzman's location in the Southwest. The establishment's concept is usually offered at campuses in the Northeast

"The heart of the program is baked goods," Sodexho general manager Rick Flores said. "Jazzman's will offer a lively atmosphere for students to enjoy.'

Flores said they hoped to be open as early as late October but the construction did not begin until six weeks ago. He said the delay came because a decision to open an eatery in the Tucker Technology Center was not decided until recently.

"The space was not intended for any

food service," Flores said. "By the time a space had been agreed on, none of the plumbing or electrical equipment in usual food service locations was here."

Flores said the decision to add a location on the east side of campus originated out of last year's House of Student Representatives' dining services committee, as well as surveys conducted by Sodexho. Chancellor Michael Ferrari also played a role by setting a directive to have more eating options on the east side of campus, Flores said.

Ferrari said Tucker Technology Center would benefit from the upscale cafe because of its professional aura. He said that when plans for Jazzman's were being made, they wanted some-

We knew we didn't want to go with a typical fast food concept," Ferrari said. "(Jazzman's) seems to fit in with students' interest.'

Faculty and staff tested the facilities during a test run Tuesday and Wednesday to get the Sodexho staff ready and to give feedback on the operation.

Louann Bowles, administrative assistant for Provost William Koehler, was one of the staff members who sampled the new menu. She said the food was fresh and tasty.

"The university needs more places (to eat) on campus that are near the academic buildings," Bowles said. "I think this is a great location with really good ambiance.'

Bill Morrison





Donna Lloyd, retail business manager for Sodexho, Sonia Hernandez, Jazzman's Cafe supervisor and Linda Cook, a trained espresso maker, help serve guests Wednesday at the opening of the new Jazzman's Cafe in the Tucker Technology Center.

NewsBriefs

Run-off for House scheduled for Friday

The run-off election for vice president of the House of Student Representatives will be from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, said Nick James, the Student Government Association elections and regulations committee chairman.

James said the final tally should be finished an hour after voting has been completed.

Andrea Reed and Katie Gordon will have a face-off for the position because neither candidate netted more than 50 percent of the total votes cast in the general election Tuesday.

Reed received about 38 percent of the vote, earning 461 votes to Gordon's 382 votes.

In accordance with SGA bylaws, results for the run-off will be posted on campus Monday.

Romano to speak about entrepreneurship

Philip Romano will be the featured speaker at an event hosted by the Collegiate Entrepreneurs Organization at 5:30 p.m. today in Dan Rogers, Hall 234.

As the creator of Fuddruckers, Romano's Macaroni Grill, Spageddies, Cozymel's, Rudy's Country Store and BBQ and eatZi's Market and Bakery, Romano is a nationally-renowned restaurateur.

Romano has been a part of the industry for 30 years and has created more than 20 different concepts that have generated a total of \$8 billion in revenue.

Stephen Mueller, assistant professor of management and faculty advisor for the CEO, said Romano is part of the club's speaker series open to the entire campus.

Mueller said the purpose of inviting guest speakers is to have them share their stories and entrepreneurial experiences. Mueller said he expects Ro-

mano to not only share his business tips and suggestions, but to highlight everyone's chance to be a successful entrepreneur.

- Sarah McNamara

Programs created to prevent eating disorders | Safe and sound

Women at TCU have a higher drive for thinness than women at other local universities.

Skiff Staff

More than 90 percent of college women have been on a diet and 13.6 percent of college women will develop an eating disorder, according to Anorexia Nervosa and Related Eating Disorders Inc. The number of students at TCU deal-

ing with an eating disorder is unknown because neither the Health Center or Campus Life keep these records on file. Although no university statistics are

available, the university has recognized that there is a problem and has established two new programs spearheaded by the Mental Health Services and Women's Resource Center.

The Women's Resource Center has also formed an eating disorder prevention group composed of faculty, staff, students and community members called Disordered Eating Networking Team. Carla Garber, a licensed profes-

sional counselor, is in charge of the

Mental Health Services' group where students discuss issues dealing with eating disorders such as body image, food and the media. This new program started this semester and holds meetings from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. every Thursday in Mental Health Services.

Garber said the group was started because eating disorders are an increasing epidemic on college campuses.

"To me it's the biggest issue on campus," Garber said. "What most women think is normal is disordered."

Women's quest for thinness is more extreme now than it was 20 years ago. Garber said. In her dissertation, which she did on female body image in 1999, she found women at TCU had a larger discrepancy in what size they are and what they considered an ideal weight than women at other local universities.

Her research also found that at TCU there was more intentional weight loss and the lowest average weight body mass index, a ratio of height and weight that can be used to determine if someone is their correct weight.

"(TCU has) by far the highest scores on a factor measuring degree to which one believes one is a 'better person' if they deprive themselves of food," Garber said.

Garber commonly sees a mixed disorder — the combination of two or more disorders such as under-eating and overexercising.

"Some students exercise even more than Olympic ath-

letes do," Garber said. "It is a form of purging, your body is even more depleted and there are not enough calories so your body starts eating its own muscle."

In high school, Karrie Queal, a senior speech communication major, ran cross country and was a cheerleader. Queal said she was very thin, but once she started college, she exercised less and began eating more.

When she came home after her first semester some of her friends commented on her weight gain, so she began to workout

more and eat less. By her sophomore year she was continually getting comments on how good she looked. At this point she said her weight consumed her life

"I went to school then I worked out," Queal said. "The whole rest of my life I had always been a real big socializer. but I was putting working out over going out and socializing. (With anorexia)

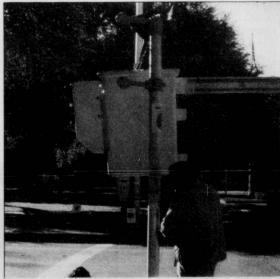
- Carla Garber

you put yourself in extreme isolation. In

spring of her sophomore year, Queal said she had to go to the

hospital for a swollen leg and was referred to a leading cardiologist who told her she had an extremely low heart rate and if it didn't improve in a month, he would have to install a pace maker. She said she began to see a nutritionist and was hospitalized in April. Queal said she spent two

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to editor/Sarah McClellan Fort Worth traffic services technicians Alvin Davis, J.R. Hall and Derek Freshour install an audible pedestrian signal for blind people Wednesday on University Drive.

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High: 64; Low: 41; Mostly Sunny

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1945 — Tony Hulman purchased the Indianapolis Motor Speedway from Edward Rickenbacher for \$750,000 even though the speedway was in a deplorable condition after four years of disuse during World War II.

1969 — Apollo 12, the second manned mission to the surface of the moon, was launched from Cape Canaveral, Fla., with astronauts Charles Conrad Jr., Richard F. Gordon Ir. and Alau I. Rean aboard.

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Check in with Friday's edition of the Skiff for our 2002-03 basketball preview. We'll have in-depth coverage of the Frogs and Lady Frogs, as they begin their sec-ond season of Conference USA play.

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CampusLines

Your bulletin board for campus events

· The TCU Staff Assembly will host a brown bag lunch from noon to 1 p.m. today in the Student Center, Room 207. The topic is "Leadership: What am I and what do I need?" presented by Russell Elleven, former assistant director of Residential Life. Bring your own lunch, but dessert and drinks will be provided.

• The deadline for the annual Creative Writing Contests is Friday. Nearly \$3,000 will be awarded to students for essays, fiction and poetry. Rules and entry forms are available from the English department in Reed Hall, Room 314 or from the Writing Center, Student Center Basement,

· eQ Alliance and Programming Council will present "Gay, Greek and Proud" at 1 p.m. Tuesday in the Student Center Lounge. In his multi-media presentation, Leif Mitchell will draw on his experience and knowledge of gay and lesbian issues as they relate to students to provide concrete ways to make fraternities and sororities more inclusive of gay, lesbian and bisexual people

Announcements of campus events, public meetings and other general campus infor-mation should be brought to the TCU Daily Skiff office at Moudy Building South, Room 291, mailed to TCU Box 298050 or e-mailed to skiffletters@tcu.edu. Deadline for receiving announcements is 2 p.m. the day before they are to run. The *Skiff* reserves the right to edit submissions for style, taste

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Texas lawmakers support tougher standardized assessment tests

BY CONNIE MABIN

AUSTIN - Texas Education Commissioner Felipe Alanis and two key lawmakers were among those Wednesday who stood by the state's decision to use a tougher standardized test this school year.

Alanis, state Sen. Teel Bivins and Rep. Kent Grusendorf told a meeting of the Texas Business and Education Coalition that the more difficult test is the necessary next step in improving the state's education system despite fears that there will be too many failures.

Some critics have proposed postponing this year's test until students have more time to prepare

"I urge you to stay the course," ficult exam.

said Bivins, the Amarillo Republican who chairs the Senate Education Committee.

"We're continuing to move this. We can't stay still," agreed Grusendorf, R-Arlington.

The State Board of Education on Thursday will decide how to grade the new Texas Assessment for Knowledge and Skill, which will be given for the first time this spring. It will be used to determine whether third-graders pass and if high school students raduate

Earlier this week, some board members expressed concern about Texas Education Agency projections that show one out of four third-graders would fail the test unless the board gives pupils more time to adjust to the more dif-

Alanis has recommended that the board do exactly that by grading the test more easily this year and next.

"The worst thing that could happen would be to shock the system," Alanis said after speaking to the group of business and education leaders.

The passing rate is especially important for third-graders because beginning this school year they must pass the reading portion of the test to advance to the fourth

The most difficult scenario under Alanis's proposal would mean third-graders would immediately have to answer 24 out of 36 questions correctly on the reading test to earn a passing score. An estimated 65,000 of the state's 280,000 thirdgraders would fail under that rate.

Reward offered for news that stops cash flow to terrorists

A \$5 million reward is being offered for any information leading to the dismantling of funding to terrorist organizations. It is an effort to prevent any "deadly purposes" the money may support.

BY JEANNINE AVERSA

WASHINGTON - The Bush administration is offering up to \$5 million for information that allows the government to stop the flow of money to terrorists.

The Treasury and State departments announced the reward Wednesday, marking the government's latest effort to sever terrorists from their funding sources, a key component in

INSURANCE

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"The good news is we still

have an insurance program and

were able to negotiate costs

down," he said. "The bad news is

Fisher said health insurance

costs have increased because

health care has become more ex-

pensive, pharmaceutical drug

costs have increased, people use

more prescription drugs and em-

ployees utilize their benefits more

"We always want to blame some-

costs will still increase.'

President Bush's war on terror.

The reward would be offered for 'information leading to the dismantling of any system or scheme used to finance a terrorist organization," and information leading to the arrest or conviction of anyone who planned or aided in terrorism against the United States, said Jimmy Gurule, Treasury's undersecretary for enforcement.

The bounty would come from a long-standing "Rewards for Justice" program administered by the State Department. That program, created by a 1984 law, has paid out more than \$9.5 million to 23 people. The government doesn't discuss specifics for fear of endangering informants.

ways we're doing it ourselves be-

Insurance companies look at

TCU as low risk but expensive

when determining rates, Fisher

said. He said university em-

ployees typically use more

health care than workers in

sion that we were low risk peo-

ple," he said. "This is not true

because we're a people intensive

probably go to the doctor only

when they are really sick or

Weis said TCU has a high

"People working at a factory

"We were under the impres-

other professions.

cause we are using the service."

Last year, the government announced a \$25 million reward for information leading to the capture of Osama bin Laden.

The United States also launched a campaign — using posters, fliers and advertisements — to publicize the \$5 million reward and wants to work with trade associations representing banks, convenience stores, pawn shops and others to spread the word, Gurule said.

The government also believes that by offering the reward it may "generate critical leads that will stop the flow of money to terrorists," said Frank Taylor, the State Department's counterterrorism co-

claim utilization rate, which in

turn drives up premiums. Fisher said TCU spent \$4.9

million on health care this year

and is expected to spend \$5.6

Redding said he trusts his em-ployer and won't look elsewhere

"I'm confident that TCU is look-

ing out for our best interests," he

said. "Our plan is probably as good

The deadline for staff and fac-

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- Unconfirmed Speaker

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Osama bin Laden

Osama bin Laden is alive after an Arabic television station broadcasted an audiotape with the al Qaeda leader's voice.

BY JONATHAN S. LANDAY

WASHINGTON — An Arabic satellite television station broadcast an audiotape Tuesday that was purported to be Osama bin Laden praising recent terrorist attacks and warning America's allies against further cooperation in the U.S.-led war against terrorism.

senior American intelligence official, who asked to remain anonymous, asserted that the voice be longed to bin Laden and that the founder of the al Qaeda terrorist network was alive, at least as of last month

Another U.S. official said

American intelligence analysts were working to verify the authenticity of the tape played by al Jazeera, a TV

station in the Persian Gulf nation of "We are evaluating it," said the of-

ficial, who also asked not to be

named. "We want to be as sure as we can be, but, that said, it does sound like him." Bin Laden's whereabouts have been a subject of intense debate

since he was last monitored by U.S. intelligence agencies exhorting his fighters over a walkie-talkie at his former mountain stronghold of Tora Bora in eastern Afghanistan last December. Many intelligence experts and American military officials have

come to think that bin Laden and hundreds of his followers survived U.S. airstrikes and an assault by U.S.-backed Afghan fighters, crossed into Pakistan and found sanctuaries in other parts of the world. Their dispersal may be behind the recent spate

of terrorist attacks from Indonesia to

lowers has complicated the Bush administration's efforts to eradicate al Qaeda, but President Bush and his senior aides say the hunt can

continue without detracting from preparations for a possible U.S.-led invasion and occupation of Iraq. On Tuesday's tape, the speaker referred to last month's bombings in the Indonesian resort of Bali, which killed nearly 200 people, the killing of a U.S. Marine in Kuwait and the bombing of a French-owned oil tanker off the coast of Yemen. The speaker also mentioned a killing in

cently outside his home. The speaker referred to the drama Oct. 26 in Moscow in which Russian

Amman, Jordan, where an Ameri-

can diplomat was gunned down re-

security forces using a knockout gas stormed a theater in which Chechen rebels were holding hundreds

hostages. The voice said all the inci-

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dents "were carried out by the zealous sons of Islam in defense of their religion," according to an unofficial U.S. government translation.

It said the attacks were in response to "what Bush, the pharaoh of this age, was doing in terms of bombing houses that shelter old people, women and children with U.S.-made aircraft in Palestine."

The voice admonished Britain, France, Italy, Canada, Germany and Australia for cooperating in the U.S.led war on terrorism, and warned that it is time we get even. You will be killed just as you kill, and will be bombed just as you bomb."

"Do your governments not know that the White House gangsters are the biggest butchers of this age?" the speaker said. "What do your governments want from their alliance with America in attacking us in Afghanistan?"

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months at Dallas Presbyterian Hospital and spent the rest of the summer in recovery. "It's something you have to

completely change your life style if you want to get rid of it," Queal said. "But recovery is possible."

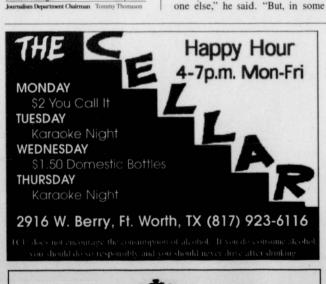
Oueal said that anorexia is a very evil disorder that you can easily slip back into. She said that she sees a therapist and that you have to talk to people to get through recovery.

Marcy Paul, coordinator of Women's Resource Center, said Queal has spoken with student groups about eating disorders. Paul said this is just one part of the new DENT program, adding that its goal is to create and implement an eating disorder prevention program.

Amy Tramm, a nutritionist, said eating disorders can lead to endema, which is a swelling of the body. She said this can have a damaging psychological effect, because they will perceive themselves as gaining weight.

Continued eating disorders can affect almost every organ in the body, including heart problems, kidney failure and infertility, Tramm said.

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The Skiff View

Students should go to forum tonight

Today at 7 p.m. in Ed Landreth Auditorium, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram and TCU are co-hosting a town hall meeting, "The Imprint of the Past; The Face of the Future A Fort Worth Dialogue on Community and Race Relations in the 21st Century," to discuss the state of race relations in our community.

The meeting is in response to the newspaper's recent series "The Color of Hate," which is about racism in Fort Worth during the Jim Crow era.

Discussion will center on the progress since the days of Jim Crow and the challenges we still face.

Because there still are challenges, even if we don't see it in our protected little environment.

It is important for students to be at this meeting because it is about racism and tolerance - difficult subjects facing our community that need thorough discussion.

And because we need to be more aware. We need to know what is happening to our neighbors and friends. And then we need to do something about it.

Chancellor Ferrari has preached this year about students needing a greater emphasis on civic engagement. Well,

People from all professions and areas in this community will be there to share differing points of view, and ours is needed.

Among the speakers will be retired Air Force Maj. Gen. Titus Hall, a 1944 graduate of a formerly all-black Fort Worth high school. Star-Telegram columnist Bob Ray Sanders will moderate and Fort Worth City Cable will film the meeting for rebroadcast.

Admission is free. To R.S.V.P., call (817) 390-7834. Please take time out tonight to share your thoughts.

Your View

More resources needed to achieve fund-raising goal

TCU's fund-raising campaign is vital to the university's future. The mechanics of the campaign and its implications for the university's continued success are complex issues, and I applaud Colleen Marie Casey's willingness to take up the challenge of reporting on them. However, since we all have a stake in this campaign, I would like to clarify some major points that were discussed in the a Skiff article on

The Commission on the Future of TCU - which had task forces for each school and college - identified the initiatives that are being funded through the "The Our Time, Our Future" campaign. These university priorities will strengthen TCU, help us better meet the needs of our students, our city and our region and move the university to a new plateau of excellence.

To realize these priorities, TCU needs resources in addition to tuition and endowment income. The campaign is designed to provide that revenue though gifts from individuals, corporations and foundations.

Though still in a "quiet" phase when only those closest to the university, such as TCU Trustees, are to continue the wonderful progress solicited), the campaign already has raised \$72.6 million, about one- years. third of the proposed total. All \$72.6 million is being used to improve the university and is providing the resources for new buildings.

academic programs and positions, scholarships and other vital needs.

A working campaign goal of \$230 million has been discussed. However, that amount would not fund all proposed projects. To a large degree, donor interest will determine which projects ultimately are funded.

Because of the challenging economic environment, the retirement of Chancellor Michael Ferrari and other concerns, the Board of Trustees will be assessing the campaign's final goal, the date of the public kickoff (after which TCU will ask a broad audience for gifts). the length of the campaign and additional fund-raising matters. Then the new chancellor will weigh in on these issues.

Regardless of what direction the campaign may take in the future fund raising is now under way and will continue - on a variety of Commission on the Future priorities. This effort is led by the Trustee Steering Committee and is concentrating on the university's top prospects.

Though there may be variables not yet contemplated, one thing we do know for certain: TCU needs the we have made over the last five

> - Bronson C. Davis Vice Chancellor for University Advancement

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Christmas songs may be listened to all year long

Holiday cheer may be spread yearround, not just during the conventional "holiday season."

I was sitting in front of my computer at 11:45 p.m. wondering why I am in a constant state of sickness this semester. For in-COMMENTARY

spiration, I played a game Chris Suffron

Minesweeper and put on the next Christmas al-bum, which made a total of four in one night

Christmas music? It's the middle of November, so some would say it is too early to listen to Christmas music. Actually, it's not. A friend of mine once told me that it is acceptable to put on a Christmas album after Halloween. Actually, I have been listening to Christmas music since I

moved back here in August. But Christopher, aren't you the guy that argued that Halloween has crept too far into September and that was a bad thing? Yes. But, there is a fundamental differ ence between Christmas and Halloween: Christmas is a much

While Halloween is about death, Christmas is about life. While Halloween is about evil. Christmas is about good. While Halloween is about fear, Christmas is about peace. Halloween celebrates darkness, while Christmas celebrates

Around Halloween, people have tombstones in their yard, but around Christmas they have nativity scenes. On Halloween you eat candy, while on Christmas you eat turkey. I could go on forever. Plus, besides "Hinx Phinx the Old Witch Stinks," Halloween doesn't really have any songs. Thanksgiving, the forgotten holiday, has

more songs than Halloween does. What kind of holiday doesn't have fun songs to sing? A bad

Christmas, on the other hand, has plenty of great songs that can lift your spirits and take you to back to a pleasant time in your life. From songs celebrating the birth of Christ to songs about a fake fat man who brings you presents, you can't help but be in a better mood while listening to them. Even the sappy love songs have the ability to put a smile on

your face rather than throw you into a deep depression like those types of tunes do to us single guys around Valentine's Day. These songs should be played all

year long.
The 10 best Christmas songs of all time are as follows: "O Holy Night," "We Three Kings," "Little

Drummer Boy," "I'll Be Home for Christmas," "What Child is This?," "A Christmas Song," "Winter Wonderland," "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing," "Away in a Manger" and "Silver Bells."

One would be hard pressed to find a list of 10 songs better than this one in any genre. These songs are fun, easy to memorize, mean ingful and not hard to sing. While most songs get way too high way too fast, these songs stay in a decent range.

Christmas music is cool and people should allow others to listen to it year-round. So when our neighbor starts listening to The Carpenters' Christmas album tomorrow, leave him alone. You never know, you just might enjoy

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Women expect proper conduct from men in clubs, not sexual harassment

Guys need to learn what lines to never cross when flirting or interacting in a bar or a club

Be warned, it's a whole other world out there. Or should I say in there - in the bars and clubs that neighbor TCU.

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The rooms are dark and filled with smoke. The few lights are used to blind those few brave souls who chose to perform on the stage. People sit on ripped stools clustered around small wob-

Jacque Petersell bly tables. The settings are similar everything from the music and appearance down to the guy eve-

ing you from across the room. Yeah, that guy. He's like you in many ways. You're both out with friends. You're both at the same bar. And you're both just looking to have a little fun. Just a note, guys: The majority of women aren't there for your enjoyment. We're there for ours.

We've done our homework. Laugh if you must, but Cosmo and Glamour don't have high subscription rates for nothing. At least through various magazines. we've gotten a little bit of insight on your psyche.

And if you're in the TCU area, it can almost be guaranteed that someone at the table already knows something about you, and has probably told the woman you've been eyeing

some of your faults. Even what you think is the most innocent of activities can turn bad, such as buying a woman a drink. If you buy her one, do it because you want to. Don't do it because you want something in return.

Be a gentleman, for once. If she offers to buy the next drink, do not reply by saying she can pay you back in other ways. (Do you know how many times women hear that phrase? In a work setting, that might be considered sexual harassment.)

If you're at a club, a word of advice: Watch your space. Sure its fun to dance with you at a club, but it's not an open invitation for getting too close. We'd rather not be covered in your sweat.

Also, watch your hands. Things have a time and a place, and the dance floor is neither. As one college woman said, "Make sure you keep your hands where if a preacher saw you, you wouldn't be embarrassed.'

And then there are the guys who make a beeline for a woman as soon as eye contact is made. Even an unintentional wink could be cause for instant contact.

Eve contact may or may not mean anything. Sure, I may have glanced your way. Maybe I was

looking at the guy standing next you. Then again, I may have just had something in my contact lens.

While most guys are being, well, guys, and we can laugh at their antics and maybe even call their lines cute, there does come a point when the trying goes too far.

Do not hover around our table. If you talk to a woman at the bar, and she rejoins her friends, it's not always an open invitation for you to join as well. And just standing there, watching, freaks us out.

Also, do not follow us around. While you're watching one woman in particular, the rest of the table is watching you. If she goes to the bathroom and you follow her, even if your intentions are harmless, be assured she's got a friend or two trailing you to grab her arm and lead her in another direction.

Consider yourself warned. Do not cross these lines.

Come on, we're women. We like to get dressed up and go out. We like to hang out with our friends, listen to good music and maybe take a few glances at the cute bass player.

And we do like to flirt, but we know where our limits are. It's time you learned yours

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Some staff should stop whining

The Staff Assembly is still relentlessly continuing its inappropriate monetary demands and refuses to consider TCU's generosity during the recent economic troubles in mind.

I've been working at TCU for about two years. During that time, I've sort of followed the activities of the Staff As-

sembly, primarily GUEST COLUMN meeting Dave Mestemaker minutes and Skiff articles.

And until now, as hard as it has been at times, I've quietly kept my mouth shut as I've listened to and/or read comments from Staff Assembly representatives, especially as they relate to salaries and benefits for non-exempt university employees. But after reading the article on the front page of the Nov. 6 Skiff, I can

no longer remain silent. Even during my short tenure here I have witnessed Chancellor Michael Ferrari and other prominent members of this university go to extraordinary lengths to ac-commodate the Staff Assembly, especially in efforts to improve the quality of life for non-exempt employees. But it seems that no matter what the university does, it's never enough, at least for certain Staff Assembly representatives. Never in my life have I heard so much whining or seen so much ungratefulness. It's truly disgraceful and irresponsible.

Statements in the article like "It's neither ethical nor responsible to pay wages that keep people working in poverty" are totally inappropriate, and serve as a slap in the face to the honest and sincere efforts of this university. But even more than that, where does it say that the university owes anyone here a living? Or that employees should be paid without regard for education, qualifications, experi-ence, work ethic, etc? How many employees were forced to sign their employment agreements (where they agreed to accept a specific salary offered by the university) when they started working here?

Another comment in the article says, "If you work full time, whatever your job is (my emphasis), it's essential that you should be able to support you and your family on one income." Has anyone told McDonald's (and every other organization that pays at or below the minimum salary) this revelation? And does that mean that if I have 10 kids, then I get paid that much more than the person working next to me with just one child? And what about the seemingly lost concept of personal responsibility? How about at least some level of accountability for personal decisions, or opportunities not taken advantage of, that place employee in the position he/she is in today?
While I acknowledge that the

Staff Assembly has probably done some nice things for the commu-nity in the name of the university, it remains extremely disappointing to read the kinds of comments from the Staff Assembly as expressed above. Again, they are reckless and unfair, as they do an injustice to the many positive efforts of this university on behalf of its employees. And for any who may still disagree with my as-sessment, just take a look around you don't have to look too far to find a sputtering economy that has been depressed for the past two years, with layoffs galore across the country.

In short, enough is enough. It's

time for the Staff Assembly to start being fair and realistic with the university. Stop labeling it as unethical (this isn't the first time the Staff Assembly rep has applied that label); cease whining over salaries and benefits (which in total are very generous); and be thankful for all you have been given, not the least of which is continued employment during very tenuous times

And if that can't happen, and the Staff Assembly chooses to continue to push the narrow, selfserving position represented in the article, then I would go so far as to suggest that it be disbanded as an organization on-campus.

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National/InternationalRoundup

Iraq accepts U.N. weapons inspectors, new resolution

UNITED NATIONS (AP) - Iraq, facing a Friday deadline and the threat of war, has accepted a tough new U.N. resolution that will return weapons inspectors to the country after nearly four years, the country's U.N. ambassador said.

Al-Douri delivered the letter to Secretary-General Kofi Annan's office. Annan was in the Washington area on Wednesday to deliver a speech and meet with President Bush, who has repeatedly threatened Iraq with a U.S.-led war if it fails to comply with inspectors.

· Iraq's acceptance would clear the way for the arrival of an advance team of U.N. inspectors on Monday.

The team will be led by U.N. chief inspector Hans Blix, who is in charge of biological and chemical inspections, and Mohamed ElBaradei, head if the International Atomic Energy Agency, which is in charge of nuclear inspections.

The resolution demands that Iraq cooperate fully with the inspectors, who can go anywhere at any time to search for weapons of mass destruction.

It warns that Iraq faces "serious consequences" if it doesn't comply and the United States has made clear that an Iraqi failure to cooperate will almost certainly mean a new war.

Recent economic dangers force lower interest rates

WASHINGTON (AP) - Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan warned Wednesday that shocks from falling stock prices and worries about war with Iraq are dimming business prospects, even though the economy has proven "remarkably resilient" over the past year.

Greenspan said the Fed's decision

last week to cut interest rates by a largerthan-expected half point was the central bank's response to the growing dangers and he repeated the Fed's view in its rate cut announcement that the central bank believed the economy would be able to pull out of the current weak period.

In response to questions, Greenspan told the committee that he believed that the most likely outcome for economic growth is "to come out of this soft spot and to start accelerating.

He said if this occurs, the central bank will be ready to quickly reverse course and start pushing interest rates higher to make sure that inflation does not get out of control.

Greenspan, however, said if the central bank's expectations are wrong and the current sluggish period gets worse, then the Fed will cut rates further.

Ice determined as cause of deadly small plane crash

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. (AP) — Ice buildup may have caused the deadly crash of a small plane west of Flagstaff last week

Coconino County Sheriff's Detective Mike Rice said the pilot had radioed air traffic controllers in Albuquerque, N.M., asking to change his altitude because ice was building on the wings of the plane.

The Cessna 208 went down on Friday, killing the pilot and all three Texas businessmen aboard.

The victims were identified as Robert Fry of Fort Worth, James Randolph of Brownwood, Brad Galloway of Brownwood and pilot Wade Silvey of Weatherford.

The plane had been en route from Las Vegas to Midland, Texas, following an auto show the three men had attended.

Three men surrender to horse racing computer heist

NEW YORK (AP) — Three former

Aardvark

fraternity brothers will surrender Tuesday on charges they nearly pulled off the biggest heist in horse racing history, the New York Daily News has learned.

Glen DaSilva, Chris Harn and Derrick Davis are accused of an elaborate computer scheme that rigged bets for a \$3 million payout at the Breeders' Cup, America's richest day in horse racing.

The three men, all 29 and alumni of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity at Drexel University in Philadelphia, are expected to turn themselves in to the Southern District U.S. attorney's office in White Plains, N.Y. They are expected to be with wire fraud onspiracy

The men have been the targets of a huge investigation ever since their stunning payoff two weeks ago. Authorities say they didn't fix the race but fixed the computers to win.

DaSilva's attorney, Ed Hayes, confirmed his client would turn himself in but said the government has no proof that DaSilva or his friends did anything wrong

"They made bets. They won. They got paid. These are very risky bets. They have very high payouts," Hayes said. "Can the government show the bets they placed are different than the bets they won? I don't

The charges are the culmination of probe into what authorities call the biggest ripoff in horse racing history.

Comcast/AT&T Broadband merger federally approved

WASHINGTON (AP) - The \$29.2 billion merger of Comcast and AT&T Broadband was approved by federal regulators Wednesday, clearing the way for creation of the nation's largest cable television company.

The Federal Communications Commission decision is contingent on AT&T and Comcast selling their

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The FCC voted 3-1 for the deal over the objections of consumer groups, which filed a motion last week asking the agency to delay its decision. The groups claim the new cable giant would limit customers' choices in television viewing and Internet access.

Comcast, the nation's thirdlargest cable operator with about 8.5 million subscribers, would acquire AT&T Broadband, the largest cable operator, to form a new AT&T Comcast with 22.3 million subscribers.

The new company would control 29 percent of the market and have nearly twice as many customers as the No. 2 cable company, AOL Time Warner Inc.

Consumer groups said in their motion to the FCC that creation of such a large cable company would reduce competition, resulting in higher rates, less diverse programming and fewer choices of highspeed Internet service providers available via cable.

University president leaves after long, influential tenure

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - University of California President Richard Atkinson announced Wednesday that he will step down next fall after shepherding the 170,000-student system through its first years without affirmative action and prompting changes in the nation's top college entrance exams.

Atkinson, a former director of the National Science Foundation, was named president in 1995, a month after the regents voted to stop considering race or gender in admissions.

He lobbied for a number of changes to maintain diversity, including an admissions system that weighs socio-economic backgrounds as well as academic performance.

Atkinson also steered the university through a number of crises, including high-profile fiascos at the nuclear weapons lab the university manages for the Energy Department.

Last year, Atkinson suggested dropping the Scholastic Aptitude Test as an admissions requirement, arguing it failed to test student knowledge and noting it had been criticized as unfair to minorities.

Officials at the College Board later agreed to change the SAT, adding an essay, dropping the analogy questions and making the math more difficult. The other major college exam, the ACT, also added an

Negotiations end over raise for New York firefighters

NEW YORK (AP) - The firefighters' union announced a tentative agreement with the city on a wage increase Wednesday after drawnout negotiations complicated by a budget crisis and the hero status accorded New York's bravest after

The firefighters would receive a retroactive 10 percent raise for the two years they worked without a contract, union president Steve Cassidy said. The agreement is subject to ratification by the union's 9,000 firefighters.

At public rallies, union leaders, politicians and celebrities have called for firefighters to receive what they call just compensation for their Sept. 11 sacrifices. A total of 343 firefighters died in the attacks. The period covered by the raise

ended in June. Cassidy said the union will immediately begin negotiating another contract. "By no means do I feel this pack-

age represents the value of what our members are truly worth," he said. "Given the circumstances, given the

hand we were dealt from, we felt that this is the best we could do."

Rank-and-file firefighters have worked for more than two years without a raise or union contract. A new recruit earns about \$31,000 a year. After 20 years, salaries can reach about \$55,000.

With a roughly \$42 billion annual budget, New York City faces an estimated deficit of \$5 billion to \$6 billion next year.

Senator offers Texans chips and salsa as state snack

AUSTIN (AP) - Amid a slew of bills addressing conservative socialreform, one South Texas lawmaker. was thinking about snacking.

State Rep. Kino Flores, on the second day of filing bills to be addressed during the upcoming legislative session, filed a bill to make tortilla chips and salsa the official state snack.

The move comes after some second-grade students at Leo Marcell Elementary School in Mission decided Texas needed a state snack. They went to Flores, D-Mission, with their idea.

If approved, the legislation would lump chips and salsa with the bluebonnet, jalapeno, blue topaz and prickly pear cactus as official symbols

Flores visited with the students in May to explain the legislative process.

A group of students were expected to travel to Austin during the session to present testimony supporting the snack.

Other bills filed Wednesday included an item that would exempt military discharge records from public disclosure and a bill that would make it an offense to not report the commission of a felony.

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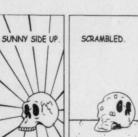


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TheSideline

Lineman Allen returns to practice after ankle injury

IRVING (AP) - Dallas Cowboys offensive lineman Larry Allen returned to practice Wednesday, but the team isn't sure whether the seven-time Pro Bowler will play Sunday at Indianapolis.

Allen has missed the past three games because of a left ankle in-

"He worked into every drill," coach Dave Campo said after Wednesday's two-hour practice. "We'll evaluate it in the morning. It's just a day-to-day thing. He'll make some progress.

Allen was hurt in the first half against Tennessee on Sept. 15. He missed one game before his return two weeks later at St. Louis, only to re-aggravate the injury. He played sparingly in two games before sitting out the three games before last weekend's bye.

Ross Tucker will take over at left guard if Allen doesn't play.

Rodriguez loses AL Gold Glove after 10 year streak

ARLINGTON Catcher Ivan Rodriguez's streak of 10 straight Gold Gloves ended Wednesday, the same day that Texas Rangers shortstop Alex Rodriguez won the award for the first time and pitcher Kenny Rogers got his second.

Alex Rodriguez won the Gold Glove a day after finishing second in the AL MVP balloting to Oakland shortstop Miguel Tejada. He played in all 162 games with just 10 errors in 741 chances (the .987 fielding average was a career high) and he led the AL in putouts (259) and double plays (108).

Lady Frogs ink four letters of intent from Southwest recruits

The Lady Frogs went west for three commitments, then signed a player close to home. Head coach Jeff Mittie made the announcement Wednesday on National Signing Day.

BY JAY ZUCKERMAN

Head women's basketball coach Jeff Mittie announced Tuesday that four high school players signed letters of intent to play for TCU in the 2003-04 basketball season.

Guards JimAnne Baker, Natasha Lacy, Adrienne Ross and center Jenna Lohse all officially commit-

ted to become Lady Frogs Tuesday.
"We went into the class looking for speed on the perimeter and we wanted to get more physical inside," Mittie said. "I really feel that these players fit that bill.

Baker is a 5-foot-10-inch guard from Cisco High School. She averaged 25 points, 12 rebounds and four assists a game in her junior season. She received the 2002 Texas Association of Coaches Class 2A Player of the Year honors as a junior. A highly-decorated runner who won five gold medals in varsity track as a junior, she will also run for the track team.

"She is just now moving to the perimeter more as a player and you'll see her best basketball ahead of her," Mittie said.

A 6-foot guard from El Paso, Lacy averaged 23 points, six rebounds, and six assists a game as a high school sophomore. She could not participate during the 2001-02 season due to transfer rules, but she will play her senior season for Montwood High School. She is rated as the ninth-best point guard in America by the All-Star Girls'



Adrienne Ross (sitting, middle) signs her letter of intent to play basketball for TCU Wednesday. Ross was one of four recruits, and the only one from out of the state, to sign with the Lady Frogs.

Ross is the only signee not from Texas. A 5-foot-8-inch guard from Hobbs, N.M., Ross is rated as the third best high school point guard in the nation. She averaged 23.7 points, 7.0 rebounds and 6.5 assists a game for Hobbs High School. She earned all-state honors in 2002.

Mittie had to look no farther than the Dallas/Fort Worth area to find 6foot-3-inch center Jenna Lohse, a junior at Richland High School. Lohse averaged 15 points, 11 rebounds and four blocks a game in her junior season

"Lohse gives (us) a physical

Neil Dougherty

Art Pierce

player who can play inside," Mittie said. "She will be able to play the power forward spot as she progresses into college."

ers are good fits in his system.

they want to be here as part of our women's basketball program," Mittie said. "They started on the top of our list and that is what's exciting about getting this group together."

Jay Zuckerman

According to Sam Lowe at (TexasHoops.com), the men's basketball team has received early commitments from four Texas recruits. They include the following:

6-5 (Aldine Nimitz) Blake Adams 6-5 (Lon Morris J.C.) Aaron Curtis

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Mittie believes that all four play-

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backer Kevin Hardy will have a chance to make more sacks.

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IRVING - Even though he's the second-leading tackler on the team, Kevin Hardy hasn't done exactly what the Dallas Cowboys had expected.

After his first nine games with the Cowboys, Hardy — a Pro Bowler in 1999 when he had 10 1/2 sacks with Jacksonville - has just one sack. Dallas had signed the linebacker with the intention that his main job would be to rush the quarterback.

OK, so the lack of sacks isn't really Hardy's fault. And the Cowboys know it.

The approach with Hardy had to change when middle linebacker Dat Nguyen broke his wrist in the season opener. With rookie Keith Adams or second-year player Markus Steele playing in the mid-dle instead of Nguyen, the Cow-boys had to adapt their defensive playcalling.

"Considering the role that I've been playing, it's been pretty good. I've been able to run around and make some plays, make tackles, break up some passes and get pressure on the quarterback," Hardy said after practice Wednesday. "I haven't gotten the sacks, I haven't had as many opportunities.

Hardy has 81 tackles, including at least 12 in three of the past four games, with nine quarterback pressures and six pass breakups. But he's gone seven games since his lone sack in Week 2 against Tennessee.

looking forward to the opportunity to use Hardy like they had planned. They want to set him loose after quarterbacks, starting with the Colts' Peyton Manning.

"That allows us to do a few more things with Kevin Hardy because Kevin was forced into doing some things that weren't his forte in some packages when Dat was not there," said Cowboys coach Dave Campo. 'We get back one of our better players, plus the fact it allows us to free up a little bit of what Kevin Hardy can do.'

Nguyen, the team's leading tackler a year ago, missed eight games before returning to practice last week during the Cowboys' bye week. He hasn't had any problems with the wrist so far.

While pleased with what he's been able to accomplish, Hardy is even more excited about the rest of the season with Nguyen back at his side.

"The whole team needs to be excited about the return of Dat because of what he brings to the team," Hardy said. "For me personally, it will give me a chance to do more things like we were doing in the first game, and that's bring a couple of different packages and the ability for me to be able to rush the quarterback a little more."

In the opener at Houston, Nguyen continued to play after breaking his wrist and finished with 11 tackles and a sack. Hardy was the second-leading tackler in that game with seven stops - two of them for losses - and broke up two passes.



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