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Alcohol sales OK'd near coliseum

Officials look to increase enjoyment and attendance at games by selling alcohol. A two-drink limit was placed for each sale.

BY JOI HARRIS

Staff Reporter

Despite having to watch both the men's and women's basketball teams play in losing efforts Tuesday night, fans were introduced to a new service that marketing officials say will hopefully increase their off-the-floor enjoyment.

Dining services in cooperation with the athletics marketing department unveiled The Pavilion, an alcohol service area located outside of the Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

Tim George, director of marketing for TCU athletics, said the

university wanted to increase fan enjoyment and bring more people to the game.

"We were looking for another avenue," George said. "Something to add to someone's experience outside of the arena."

Rick Flores, general manager of dining services, said The Pavilion is an entertainment section of its own, apart from the game. He said they serve the basic game day food like pretzels and hot dogs. In addition, he said they serve a new type of Cyberwrap called the Baja Rico. Draft beer, imported beer and frozen margaritas are also served for \$4, Flores said.

Chelsea Hudson, Student Government Association president, said she believes alcoholic beverages at

athletic events will help increase attendance.

She said social gatherings with alcohol tend to be more successful. However, some type of restrictions such as purchase limits need to be enacted, she said.

"If there is restrictions and done responsibly then what's wrong with it?" Hudson asked.

But while Hudson said the service is a great opportunity for spectators, she said the first inappropriate behavior will ruin the chance for everyone.

"I'm not just talking about college students," Hudson said. "Adults don't need to relive their college experiences at the game."

Flores said The Pavilion is open

two hours prior to the start of the game and re-opens during half-time. He said patrons can purchase two alcoholic beverages at one time but there is no limit to the number of times they can purchase.

George said the new concept is not meant for people to abuse alcohol. He said the security guards work to ensure patrons do not exceed their two drink maximum, as well as adhering to the state law requirements.

"We don't want it by any means for people to get drunk," George said.

George said university officials including Chancellor Michael Ferrari, approved the new project. Ferrari could not be reached for comment.

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Kappa Sigs begin road to reinstatement

The Kappa Sigma fraternity continues to work with the university and former members to establish goals and earn back respect following its suspension in May.

BY ANTOINETTE VEGA

Staff Reporter

Cases still have not been filed with the district attorney's office for the two Kappa Sigma Fraternity members arrested earlier this year for alleged hazing but the Theta chapter is making small steps to reorganize on campus.

Kevin Edmondson and James Synowsky were charged with misdemeanor assault in connection with hazing incidents that occurred November 2001, said Detective R.A. Gallaway of the Fort Worth police.

Letty Martinez, the chief district attorney for the family violence unit, said the district attorney's office has no record of the case and has no idea when the case will be filed.

Phillip Thames, an alumnus and the district grand master for the TCU chapter, said before Kappa Sigma is reinstated the organization must go through three stages to prove their commitment to the values of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity.

The phases include community service, rewriting bylaws and developing programs devoted to recruitment and member education.

"The organization must ask to enter phase one of the process and is doing a good job so far," he said. "With their community service such as Boo at the Zoo and adopting a highway, beginning the first phase will be easier."

In May, the Kappa Sigma Fraternity was suspended indefinitely

from the university and its national office for hazing, university officials said. The chapter was kicked out of Tomlinson Hall and is not allowed to promote itself or participate in any university activities, university officials said.

Former member Brandon Lobell said the fraternity has formed a petition to present to Campus Life to request reinstatement. He said before being considered, Kappa Sigma must submit its short-term and long-term goals and ways in which the fraternity has changed.

"We are going to have to work hard to prove we are different," said Lobell, a sophomore business major.

Mike Russel, associate dean of Campus Life, said the fraternity is only allowed to ask for reinstatement after January. He said the reinstatement process will not be automatic. He said the fraternity has to follow the guidelines set by Campus Life including a minimum 2.8 chapter GPA and participate in meetings to find the values and knowledge of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity.

"Campus Life has met and talked with the fraternity members about where Kappa Sigma is at and where they are going," Russel said.

Lobell said the situation has increased the brotherhood of the members.

"We are closer than we were before because we have had to pull together to get things done," Lobell said. "Our main focus now is to be back on campus by spring and be fully active in the fall."

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"The gifts demonstrate sensitivity and compassion for people less fortunate than ourselves." — Michael Ferrari, chancellor

Winter wonderland



(Clockwise from top right) Chancellor Michael Ferrari and his wife, Jan, join students in singing a few Christmas carols. Ferrari assists Santa Clause in helping Mrs. Clause out of the horse-drawn carriage.

Photographer/Ty Halasz

Campus gathers for 22nd annual tree lighting

Some of the TCU community came together to sing Christmas carols in the biting cold, spend time together and give back a little to those in need.

BY KRISTEN ELOE

Skiff Staff

Christmas carols, twinkling lights and steaming hot chocolate warmed the wintery air Wednesday night at the 22nd annual holiday tree lighting ceremony on Sadler Hall's lawn.

The event, sponsored by Order of

Omega and Bank One's "The Spirit of Christmas" program, drew hundreds, both new and old, for the holiday tradition.

"This is my number one favorite thing that happens here at TCU," said Tim Bates, a senior engineering major.

The event began with the arrival of Chancellor Michael Ferrari and his wife, Jan, and Santa and Mrs. Claus in a white horse-drawn carriage. The evening marked Ferrari's last tree lighting. He will retire at the end of the spring semester.

Ferrari spoke about the significance of the university joining together as a community to express shared hopes for peace.

"The gifts demonstrate sensitivity and compassion for people less fortunate than ourselves," said Ferrari, adding this event will remain as one of his most cherished memories at TCU.

Following his speech, Ferrari lit the 20-foot Christmas tree located on the steps of Sadler Hall. The Focus Band from Christ Chapel Bible

Church led the audience in Christmas carols.

Meanwhile Nikashia Franklin, a freshman biology major, just tried to keep warm with temperatures dipping to 28 degrees Wednesday, according to the National Weather Service.

"It's cold," Franklin said. Franklin's thoughts were echoed by others. Yet for some the cold weather was not an issue.

"It seemed like a good night to

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SPREADING RESOURCES

Reallocation for part-time faculty planned

In an effort to increase interaction between full-time faculty and students, several vacant full-time positions will be reallocated to part-time faculty.

BY ERIN LAMOURIE

Skiff Staff

Carol Lattimore, a full-time English lecturer, spends significantly more time meeting with students on campus this year than last.

Lattimore was a part-time faculty member last year and has been alternating between teaching full and part time since 1985. She said the biggest difference now is that she is on campus full time and available for her students, making life easier for them.

TCU boasts a 15-to-1 student to faculty ratio in its advertisements, but the ratio of students to full-time professors is about 19-to-1, with 415 full-time professors teaching 8,074 students, according to the office of institutional research.

William Koehler, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, said there is no full-time to part-time faculty quotas required

by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, but having too many part-time faculty takes away from the community and quality of the university.

"When faculty are not physically present, it is much more difficult for students and other faculty to interact with them," he said. "I think all things considered, a university community should have as many full-time faculty as necessary, and should use part-time faculty to fill the gaps in expertise."

The percentage of part-time faculty has decreased from 35.5 percent in 1998 to 30.7 percent in 2002, according to institutional research.

The number of full-time and part-time faculty will remain the same next year, Koehler said. Instead of hiring more part-time faculty, the university will reallocate positions, he said, looking at programs with excess faculty and moving those positions to programs with faculty shortages.

The M.J. Neeley School of Business is one of the areas that have excess faculty positions, he said.

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Correction

The number of syphilis cases in Texas during January to September 2001 was 379,800. There were 441,700 during the same period this year. The data was incorrect in a story in Tuesday's Skiff.

Clarification

Jose Luis Hernandez' e-mail address is (j.l.hernandez@tcu.edu). It was cut off from Hernandez' column Tuesday.

The Weather

THURSDAY

High: 45; Low: 29; Partly cloudy

FRIDAY

High: 55; Low: 37; Sunny

SATURDAY

High: 58; Low: 48; Partly cloudy

Looking Back

1933 — The 21st Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, repealing the 18th Amendment and bringing an end to the era of national prohibition of alcohol in America.

1945 — Five U.S. Navy Avenger torpedo-bombers never returned from the Bermuda Triangle while on a routine training mission.

1952 — Comedians Bud Abbott and Lou Costello launched their TV show. They made only 52 episodes, but the show appeared in reruns for decades.

Watch For

In Friday's Skiff

• The Skiff ends publication for the fall semester with a pictorial essay of the semester Friday.

• In Opinion, seniors share their memories of TCU while looking ahead to the future.

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CampusLines

Your bulletin board for campus events

• **The African Heritage Organization** will host "Don't Believe the Hype" from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday in the Student Center Lounge. This event will provide an opportunity for AHO to present its mission statement, to learn about African heritage and understand the many ways that it influences global society, through dance, poetry and music.

• **The O.S.I.A. Winter Formal** will be held from 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Saturday in the Student Center Ballroom. The cost is \$8 and you get a free long-sleeve shirt, food and good music. Tickets can be bought outside The Main from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. or until 5 p.m. in the Student Center, Room 220 until Friday.

• **The Society of Professional Journalists** will have a "Getting Ready for Reporting" meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Skiff newsroom, Moudy Building South, Room 291. This will be a time for those who will be taking the reporting class to talk with those who have already taken it and to meet the new editors. For more information, call (817) 257-6268.

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KUNG FU FIGHTING



Photographer/Shawn Finer
 Junior business major James Stark, freshman vocal performance major Carolyn Brewer and junior English major Andrea Troxel enjoy "Legend of Drunken Master" with TCU's Anime/Kung Fu Movie Association.

Group opens genre to video-lovers

TCU's Anime/Kung Fu Movie Association aims to show that anime and Kung Fu movies are a legitimate form of entertainment.

BY MEGHAN YOUKER
 Skiff Staff

Tokyo may be attacked, crushed, bombarded or stomped into the ground at any time. But freshman vocal performance major Carolyn Brewer says she never worries.

"Tokyo can be blown up 50 times," she said. "But somehow they always manage to rebuild it."

Brewer, a member of TCU's Anime/Kung Fu Movie Association, said destroying Tokyo is a popular theme in both anime movies and series.

This type of Japanese animation, in addition with Kung Fu movies, may be "the greatest movies you've never seen," said John Kerl, president of the association.

Kerl, a sophomore economics and finance major, said anime is just another interesting form of entertainment that is either subtitled or dubbed from Japanese into English. It covers a wide variety of topics and incorporates various types of the American mainstream media, so most people can relate to it in some way, he said.

Vice President James Stark said he compares anime to American cartoons, with series containing an overall feel and sequence that can also be molded to appeal to "big-kid audiences."

"Watching an anime series is like watching a cartoon that ends in 'to be continued ...' every time," said

Stark, a junior business management major. "Every single episode seems to trail into the next."

Senior e-business major Benny Nguyen started the movie association in October 2001 because he said it would be a great way to meet people of "like mind and interest" and to introduce others to the anime and Kung Fu movie genres.

"We aren't all anime nuts," Stark said. "We want to show people that anime is another legitimate form of entertainment."

To do this, Stark said the association either shows one movie or holds a "sampler night" at meetings to introduce certain members to the first few episodes of an anime series. Stark also said members talk a lot during and after the movie and that the group has plans to post movie reviews on the Internet in the future.

Secretary Andrea Troxel, a senior biology and English major, said meetings are always small and informal and that the association is really more of a group of friends than an organization.

Troxel said the club does have small dues but the money is used to rent movies and pay for excursions similar to last year's trip to the movie "EscarFlowne" at a theater in Dallas.

To join the Anime/Kung Fu Movie Association or get any additional information, students can e-mail Kerl at (j.f.kerl@tcu.edu) or stop by one of the meetings at 7 p.m. every Wednesday in Moudy Building South, Room 279.

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FULL TIME

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Robert Lusch, dean of the business school, said they have six vacant positions, but will only fill two. He said if TCU chooses to reallocate the other four positions to programs that need it more, he will trust Koehler's decision.

Koehler said TCU's use of part-time faculty is comparable to other universities.

Southern Methodist University had about a 21-to-1 student to full-time faculty ratio last fall, according to data provided by Pat Hull, an SMU senior research analyst.

TCU is making an effort to decrease the number of part-time faculty, despite any economic benefits they may serve, Koehler said.

"It is much cheaper to hire part-time professors, but (money) is really not the issue," Koehler said.

"For a few years, we could save a lot of money," he said. "We are not in the business of saving money."

Full-time faculty are engaged in the life of the university because it is their only job, Koehler said.

Scott Sullivan, dean of the College of Fine Arts, said he agrees that full-time faculty are necessary. But the experience of part-time faculty is needed within specialized areas like music, where it would be impossible to hire full-time faculty to teach each instrument, Sullivan said.

He said there are currently 28 part-time and 24 full-time faculty in the School of Music. Many of the part-time faculty are involved in the Fort Worth Symphony.

Bill Moncrief, senior associate dean of the business school, said at least 15 percent of business faculty will always be part-time because of the need for experience and specialization. He said they teach primarily undergraduate and UCR classes.

Year-by-year comparison of students to full-time faculty					
Year	Students	Total faculty	Full time	Part time	Student to full-time faculty ratio
1998	7,395	550	355	195	20.8-to-1
1999	7,395	569	371	198	19.9-to-1
2000	7,775	578	385	193	20.2-to-1
2001	8,054	593	392	201	20.5-to-1
2002	8,074	599	415	184	19.5-to-1

Salary comparison of faculty	
Part-time faculty (184 total)	Associate professor: 129
Average salary: \$1,500 to \$3,000 a class	Average salary: \$66,241
Full-time faculty (415 total)	Assistant professor: 93
Lecturer: 36	Average salary: \$59,192
Average salary: \$46,581	Professor: 118
Instructor: 39	Average salary: \$89,179
Average salary: \$45,897	Source: Institutional Research

"A lot of our full-time faculty do a lot in business — consult, gather data, or meet one-on-one (with businesses) and stay somewhat current," he said. "But it's also good to have people that are out there every day."

Add Ran College of Humanities and Social Sciences uses part-time faculty mostly in lower-level courses to plug holes in the faculty, said Mike Butler, associate dean of Add Ran.

For example, the English department has 48 faculty members, with seven part-time faculty members and 19 graduate students teaching mostly freshman courses to deal with high enrollment on a temporary basis, he said. The rest of the faculty is either full-time English faculty or part of the TCU Writing Center staff.

Koehler said Add Ran, especially the English department, over the past few years has successfully reduced the number of part-time faculty used.

Some students worry part-time faculty don't teach as well. Others say courses taught by adjuncts are easily graded.

But Lattimore said those are unfair biases. Koehler said there is no known correlation between part-time faculty and grade inflation.

Part-time faculty at the undergraduate level need to have at least a master's degree and a minimum of 18 hours of study in the field of expertise to meet SACS requirements, Koehler said. He said TCU also looks for individuals who have teaching experience and are enthusiastic.

Some exceptions are made when individuals have significant experience but no master's degree. Koehler says there is no quantifiable way to measure expertise, but he looks to see what the professional community thinks of the individual's work.

Koehler said the experience of a part-time faculty member can add some prestige, but generally a full-time faculty member is more beneficial.

"I would rather have a performance faculty member who is a marvelous and effective teacher and not be recognized as a professional in the performance area," he said. "I would rather have that person than someone who is a recognized professional and not a good teacher. If you can get both, you are ahead."

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TREE

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come out and see the lights and drink cocoa," said Brent Plate, a religion and art professor.

Besides the lighting of the tree, participants brought gifts which Bank One will distribute to Child

Protective Services for children who might not otherwise receive presents. Students formed a human chain carrying the gifts from under the tree to the Bank One truck.

Jenny Specht, vice president of programming for Order of Omega, said she thought everyone who attended the program enjoyed themselves. The program included the traditional poem "The Night Be-

fore Finals" and students sang a candle-lit version of "Silent Night," despite the wind blowing out the flames.

"I like when the whole campus gets together," said Lisa Cloud, a senior marketing major. "We should do this more often."

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The Skiff View INTEGRITY

Groups should trash test files

One of SGA's big catch phrases this semester has been the "honor code." It is looking to advance a code of conduct that would determine the way we carry ourselves in class and on assignments and tests. Students would be required to sign their names to a promise that they would not lie, cheat, steal or condone others who do.

While this is a great idea, and one with the potential to change the TCU experience for the better, one serious concern stands in the way: test files.

Greek organizations on campus have long been known for keeping files of tests given by certain professors. One of the benefits of being in the organization is access to these past tests, which for some professors are exactly the same year after year. At their best, members use these files to get an idea of the kind of questions a professor asks and what they are looking for. At their worst, members memorize the answers and regurgitate them back on the test.

So it is important that SGA understands something very important: There can be no honor code as long as there are test files on campus. As long as the files exist, there is no way to really trust that the members aren't looking at them and thereby cheating.

Greek organizations on this campus traditionally appear as more than just social organizations. Through philanthropies and educational events they want to show that they are a beneficial part of the TCU student body. Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic try every year to connect with the student body. But test files separate members from the campus community. And if an honor code is established, it would have to be without the signatures of the Greek third of the campus.

Here, IFC and Panhellenic, is your chance to prove your benefit. Take the lead in the honor code and dump the test files. If you do this, then students on this campus really can be trusted. If you don't, you will kill any chance the student body has of getting an honor code.

Students at TCU can be men and women of integrity, or they can keep test files. It's up to you.



'Fighting Whites' open new mascot debate arena

What started as a joke has turned into a good way to help Native Americans.

The battle over political correctness has taken another humorous turn.

In early February, a group of students at the University of Northern Colorado discovered that a local high school's mascot was the "Fighting Reds." Native American groups in general say that the use of American Indians as mascots is offensive.

The position itself is debatable to an extent, while the majority of mascots are animals, implying dehumanization, I have never heard of any complaints by Trojans, Vikings, Spartans or even the Irish. However, when a people in general decide that they don't want to be used in such a manner, it's better to respect their wishes. Now if

only the same reasoning worked on Polish jokes.

Anyway, the UNC students met with the high school's administration and asked that the mascot be changed; the request was denied.

It just so happened that these students, a mixed group of Native American and European descent, were on UNC's intramural basketball team. They decided to make their mascot the "Fighting Whites," and "Every thang's going to be all white" as their logo.

The joke grew. The UNC school paper ran an article in March, and the team has since become national news. They have copyrighted several variations of their name, including "Fightin' Whites."

The American Indian Movement estimates there are about 3,000 teams, professional and amateur, in the United States that use offensive names or mascots,

and the Fighting Whites are doing a good job at spreading awareness.

What's more, they've raised more than \$100,000. Instead of using the money to fight stereotypes and racist mascots, the team felt the money would be better used by creating a scholarship fund for Native American students.

When Vikings are used as mascots, we simply assume that the team is suggesting an affinity between itself and those famously successful Scandinavian raiders. Some Danes could theoretically be offended by the stereotype of their people as barbarian pillagers, when in reality they were advanced in areas such as shipbuilding and metalsmithing.

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Christmas becoming too oppressive, commercial

The over-commercialization of the Christmas season has created an uncomfortable atmosphere for non-Christians this time of year.

Well, it's that time of year again. The Christmas season dropped in on us this weekend about as subtly as a fat man slides down a chimney. Millions of people went to bed early after their turkey feasts on Thursday night, and then woke up to hit the malls before dawn Friday morning. Wal-Mart set a new one-day record, raking in \$1.43 billion in sales. Apparently many of you will be finding BB guns and a lot of "As Seen on TV" products under the tree on Christmas morning.

As I write this column, I'm sitting at home in Maryland, staring out the window at my neighbor, who is desperately trying to fasten a plastic Santa and reindeer to his roof. Maybe my neighbor thinks these light-up decorations will act as a decoy, similar to the fake deer that hunters use, to attract Santa down to his house. "Hey Rudolph, that looks like us down there on that guy's roof! Let's go check it out, Ho Ho Ho!" My neighbor has set a cunning trap that will ensure Santa won't miss his house this Christmas.

Someone once told me that all of this mall shopping and house decorating has something to do with celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ, although I fail to see much of a relationship. In fact, the celebration of Christmas in this country seems to have become more of a celebration of American values than of any real religious beliefs.

People celebrate Christmas by flaunting their success through elaborate decoration of their homes and by relishing their roles as American consumers. They show their love for their family and friends through the purchase of Barbie dolls and foot massagers, heading out to the mall on the day after Thanksgiving as if it were their patriotic duty. In most cities across the country, an enormous evergreen tree is displayed in a central area of town, and people stare up at it with the same pride and reverence that they show toward the American flag.

And because Christmas has become so Americanized, I have to admit I'm a little jealous. It's not that I long so much for a tree in my living room or a plastic Santa on my roof, but more for the feeling of being a part of something that has been accepted as a piece of our national culture. From a very young age, non-Christian children are made to feel strange because they don't hold the same beliefs as the majority of the people around them. It's hard for a little Jewish kid to be proud of his religion on Christmas morning, when all of his friends are waking up to new video games and bicycles under their trees.

It's wonderful for any group of people to embrace their religion and celebrate their past. I realize that Christmas also involves family togetherness and the giving of charity, but it's not families gathered together around their tree singing carols that gets in my face — it's the outrageous commercialism and gaudy decorations that many American Christians have adopted as part of their holiday. I'm not suggesting that Christians stop celebrating Christmas, but it would be nice if they could express their religious pride in a less overwhelming manner. Cutting back on the commercialism of the holiday would be a good start toward making Christmas feel less oppressive.

Elliot Levy is a columnist for The Daily Free Press at Boston University. This column was distributed by U-Wire.

Lowest paid staff members need raise

If the university were to increase staff wages by a dollar an hour, it would only cost students \$13 a month in increased tuition. At that cost, we have no reason not to lift low-paid staff members out of poverty.

For Susan, a housekeeper here, the ultimate Christmas present would be financial aid to beauty school.

That way she could afford to take care of herself when her three adult children move out of her home.

"I have a feeling that TCU is not going to help me," said Susan, who asked that her real name be withheld because she fears retaliation from supervisors. "I am getting older, so I have to look for my future. I have realized that when my children decide they want to leave the house, I can't afford it for myself."

Susan has worked here for nine years and makes \$8.22 an hour. Someone walking off the street would start off at \$8 an hour — meaning that, apparently, TCU thinks Susan's experience is worth less than a quarter an hour. To supplement her income, she sells cosmetics on the side.

In all, she works 60 hours a week. Susan's plight is like many low wage staff members who have to work second jobs and live paycheck to paycheck. Susan's oldest and youngest children both work full time to

help make ends meet. Her middle child hopes to help the family escape poverty by attending the university — but on his dime. He is 26, too old for the tuition benefit the university offers employees.

Many children of low wage staff members, he says, don't take advantage of tuition remission because families need the extra income.

The family of four — Susan is single — rarely see each other except here and there on the weekend. They don't talk to each other over warm meals at the family dinner table. They don't have time.

"The way we communicate with each other is through a message on the board," Susan's middle son explains. "Or we leave a message on the breakfast table in the morning or say hello Mom when we see her. Even at night when she is resting for the morning, I am up studying."

At least things are somewhat better. Before Susan's children could work, she said, life was difficult. Scraping up the money for food and school supplies required big sacrifices. But the biggest sacrifice of all was not a financial one.

"Time with my kids. The most important thing," Susan said with tears in her eyes. "They are never going to be back at the same age, and you never get that time back."

We can help people like Susan, but for some reason or other, we choose not to. TCU has more than enough resources to ensure every one of its employees a living wage.

It would cost about \$1.3 million to give every hourly-paid staff member a \$1 wage increase, according to research by groundskeeper and TCU alumna Tara Pope, a Staff Assembly member who is campaigning for such an increase.

That may seem like a lot of money, but it is less than 1 percent of TCU's total operating budget.

Many on this campus, for either ideological or purely selfish reasons, oppose giving staff members a pay increase. They say TCU does not owe anybody a living, and we, the students, shouldn't have to pay for it. Or they say staff members should blame themselves for their low pay. After all, if they only worked harder, the reasoning goes, they could better themselves.

Most of that smacks of ignorance or hypocrisy.

Most housekeepers, groundskeepers and Physical Plant employees work far more physically demanding jobs than students will ever work. Most of us will get white collar jobs from the degrees we will earn here.

It's not as if they are welfare queens. These people work, but some are barely making it. It is a fairly American concept that people who work ought not live in poverty.

It won't cost us much to give these people the meager dollar raise they are asking for. About 8,200 graduate and undergraduate students go here. If you were to divide Pope's estimated cost by student, it would only cost each of us a little more than \$13 a month to

pay for this. (Pope, by the way, says she hopes the university can increase staff pay without additional tuition increases.)

I think we can spare the beer money for this one.

Having the ability to improve the lives of the university's lowest paid employees but choosing not to do so directly contradicts TCU's mission statement: To educate individuals to think and act as ethical leaders in the global community.

Unless TCU is telling students "to do what I say, not what I do," I don't see how the mission statement will be accomplished. Please explain to me how paying so many staff members poverty wages is ethical leadership.

So what if other jobs pay less than those at TCU? If TCU wants to be an ethical leader, it doesn't really matter what other institutions pay, does it?

Leadership, by its definition, is being ahead of the pack.

Under Chancellor Michael Ferrari, the entering wage for nonexempt staff has risen from \$5.73 to \$8 an hour in five years. Ferrari deserves genuine praise, no doubt. Unfortunately, he was only counteracting years of neglect from his predecessors.

We still have a way to go. In the meantime, let's hope Susan gets into beauty school. Apparently it's her only chance.

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Letter to the Editor

Views expressed in column go against Christian beliefs

While on campus in early November I purposely sought out a copy of the school newspaper. I was very curious to see what the reaction was to the results of the midterm elections. Surely, I reasoned, a "Christian" university would be ecstatic about the resounding Republican victories nationwide.

James Zwilling's commentary in the Nov. 8 issue of the Skiff proved me wrong and confirmed that ignorance can exist anywhere.

The Republican Party is far from perfect and makes some very bad decisions (i.e. passing hate crimes

legislation, allowing illegal aliens to immigrate here and kowtowing to the new age globalist communists at the United Nations).

The Democrats, however, run on

"It is impossible for a Christian to reconcile with voting Democrat."

a platform that makes voting Republican a no-brainer. Their ideology is bankrupt and their socialist agenda does not resonate with the

American people, a point that was proven at the polls Nov. 6.

I hope Mr. Zwilling's views are not those of the university. If they are then it might be time to remove the "C" from TCU. It is impossible for a Christian to reconcile with voting Democrat. A platform that supports killing the unborn, homosexual rights, outrageous taxation and considers rocks, trees and the environment more valuable than mankind, is not compatible with biblical truth. College students should never let higher education get in the way of good common sense. Thankfully, the people of America lived by that motto on election day and said no thank-you to the Democrats.

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National/International Roundup

Medical treatment disrupts public security devices

CHICAGO (AP) — Patients treated with radioactive materials may be setting off anti-terrorism devices installed in public places, according to a medical journal letter detailing a case that occurred in the New York subway.

The case involved a 34-year-old man with a thyroid condition who was being treated with radioactive iodine.

Three weeks after treatment, he complained to his doctors that he'd been strip-searched twice at Manhattan subway stations.

The experience suggests that radiation detection devices are being installed in public places in New York and perhaps elsewhere and that patients should be informed of the potential problem, the doctors said.

Patients may choose to avoid public transportation to escape the problem, the doctors said.

Michael O'Looney, spokesman for the New York Police Department, said police have no record of the incident and have not developed any official policy for such circumstances.

Radioactive materials have a variety of medical uses, including cancer treatment and diagnostic imaging tests. In the case detailed in JAMA, it was used to treat Graves' disease, an autoimmune disorder that causes excessive production of thyroid hormones.

Energy trader indicted for falsifying reports of trades

HOUSTON (AP) — A former energy trader was indicted Wednesday on charges that he reported bogus transactions to an industry publication that calculates the price of natural gas.

Todd Geiger, a 38-year-old former vice president of El Paso Corp., was arrested Tuesday and charged with wire fraud and reporting false trade information. He was scheduled to appear in federal court Wednesday.

U.S. Attorney Michael Shelby said his corporate fraud task force is further investigating Geiger and possibly traders at other companies.

Geiger is accused of reporting 48 fake natural gas trades in November 2001 to a monthly publication called Inside FERC Gas Market Report. The fake trades allegedly affected the gas market the following month.

Inaccurate reports can make a big difference in gas prices, Shelby said.

The charges carry up to 10 years in prison, though the penalty would probably be far less under federal sentencing guidelines.

Geiger resigned Nov. 12. El Paso said in a statement that it has been cooperating fully with federal authorities.

The energy company announced Nov. 8 that it is getting out of the trading business.

College athletes awarded damages for videotapes

CHICAGO (AP) — A federal judge has ordered eight companies and three people to pay \$506 million to 46 college athletes secretly videotaped in the buff, with the images sold over the Internet.

The videotapes were made in locker rooms, rest rooms and showers during athletic competitions on several campuses and sold through Internet sites advertising "hot younger dudes."

"We look at this judgment as the court system sending a signal to the sexual predators that they're not going to get away with this," said

attorney Cindy Fluxgold, who represents several of the athletes.

U.S. District Judge Charles P. Kocoras' Nov. 25 decision grants each of 46 athletes \$1 million in compensatory damages and \$10 million in punitive damages. The remainder of the \$506 million award will go to court costs and attorneys' fees.

Kocoras also ordered the defendants to surrender the videotapes and get out of the business of making and selling them.

Among the schools involved were Northwestern, Illinois, Illinois State, Eastern Illinois, Indiana, Penn. Iowa State and Michigan State.

Patient sues surgeon for malpractice in operation

BOSTON (AP) — A patient who was left on the operating table with an open incision in his back while his doctor went to the bank sued the surgeon Wednesday for malpractice.

Charles Algeri, 45, claims in the lawsuit that a nerve in his right leg was injured because Dr. David Arndt left for 35 minutes in the middle of a back operation. His lawsuit seeks unspecified damages.

Mount Auburn Hospital suspended Arndt's privileges in July after he left during the surgery so he could deposit a check. The state Board of Registration in Medicine later suspended Arndt's medical license, saying he created an immediate threat.

Another surgeon who had walked into the operating area to deliver Arndt's paycheck told the board Arndt asked him to stay for a few minutes while he took a break. The other surgeon, who was not credentialed to perform the surgery and had not scrubbed in, said

he thought Arndt was only stepping out to the restroom.

Arndt, 41, a 1992 graduate of Harvard Medical School, is appealing his license suspension. He has said he regrets his actions and went to the bank because he was in "a financial crisis" and had to pay overdue bills.

Television trash to become next musical theater smash

LONDON (AP) — A humorous opera based on the life of talk show host Jerry Springer will be staged at the Royal National Theatre next

year, the first new opera to make its London debut at the prestigious venue, the theater's incoming director said Wednesday.

"Jerry Springer: The Opera," which features louts spitting expletives, a chorus line of dancing Ku Klux Klansmen and a man clad only in a diaper, debuted at this year's Edinburgh Festival Fringe. It opens in April at the National's Lyttelton auditorium.

Written by comedian Stewart Lee and composer Richard Thomas, the opera developed out of a series of public workshops at London's Battersea Arts Center in

2001. It was refined further during performances in Edinburgh, where Springer himself saw the show.

Lee and Thomas admit to being fans of Springer's Chicago-based show that has explored topics such as "I married a horse" and "I refuse to wear clothes," and pits trash-talking guests against catcalling audiences.

"One night I was watching the show, and I realized there were eight people screaming at each other, a chorus baying for blood, and I thought — that's opera," Thomas told The Associated Press earlier this year.

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Special studies

Kinesiology professors research topics such as eating disorders

Kinesiology professors conduct research in special interest topics throughout the year.

BY SARAH COX
Skiff Staff

While some students are hitting the books and studying for tests, their professors are working on their own variety of projects. Many students are unaware of the current research conducted by professors in the kinesiology department.

Deborah Rhea, an associate kinesiology professor, researches eating disorders and muscle dysmorphia, a disorder in which a person feels they are physically underdeveloped.

"Eating disorders is a topic that many students are interested in," she said. "Students at TCU face this issue on a regular basis."

Rhea targets the ethnic differences in people with eating disorders. She said she hopes to explain why certain ethnic populations report increased tendencies for eating disorders.

Darryn Willoughby, an associate kinesiology professor, said his research helps students to better understand the significant role that exercise plays in preventing life-altering diseases such as cardiovascular disease, obesity and diabetes. By showing how various genes respond to exercise, Willoughby said he hopes to prove that exercise helps regulate physiological functions and decrease a person's risk of disease.

Kinesiology associate professor Carol Pope focuses on the physical deterioration associated with Alzheimer's disease and its growing relevance for students.

"Hopefully the knowledge gained through studies such as these may impact the ability to develop and provide programs" that can make a difference, she said. By looking at the effect of exercising on delaying the stages of Alzheimer's disease, Pope said she hopes to increase the comfort level and life span of those afflicted with the disease.

Professors within the department focus their classes and research around specific topics of human movement that have personal significance in their own lives. Willoughby said he got involved in kinesiology, and specifically skeletal muscle growth, through activities in sports, exercise and fitness.

Kinesiology assistant professor

Matt Johnson became interested while playing three sports in high school and football in college for Notre Dame.

"I was always fascinated by the power of the mind in performing and interested in how we could diminish performance anxiety," Johnson said.

Johnson's research focuses on the lives of coaches and athletes and the quality of an active lifestyle. He is in the process of interviewing sports participants and evaluating the experience of phenomenon such as performance anxiety and confidence.

Each professor employs different techniques and methods to gather information and data for their studies. Using intricate methods such as the use of digital video cameras with high-speed shutters to simple questionnaires and physical tests, the professors in the kinesiology department gather information necessary to build on their studies.

Rhea stretches her research findings into more than just the medical field.

"The goal of all my research is to build on what I find previously and blend new information with what I teach and address the community," she said.

The research conducted is used in different ways to benefit more than just those on the campus. Johnson said his research is used to educate other researchers in the sports psychology field, the coaches and athletes it affects. Pope said her research is part of a larger experimental study to determine the affect of exercise levels in patients with

Alzheimer's disease. Clinical and non-clinical publications have used Willoughby's research to help others "better understand how people's muscles adapt to exercise," he said.

Assistant professor Meena Shah is currently researching the treatment of metabolic complications related to a specific treatment therapy in HIV patients. Shah hopes to increase longevity in HIV patients who take this specific type of therapy.

Motor control, motor coordination and motor learning are the areas of kinesiology professor Dan Southard's research within the department. He is currently collecting data on a long-term project that will continue through the spring.

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Kinesiology professors Carol Pope, Debbie Rhea, Matt Johnson and Darryn Willoughby discuss their research on different health issues.

History professors have homework, too

Professors in the history department are actively conducting research in an effort to update current knowledge.

BY RACHEL BRUCE
Skiff Staff

Research by professors in the history department may go unnoticed to a lot of TCU students who pass over it assuming it is boring. But, according to those involved with this research, it is important.

"History faculty research should matter to TCU students because it is important that their professors are leaders in their respective areas of expertise and are aware of changing interpretations and of historical trends," said Ralph Lee Woodward Jr., a professor of Latin American studies. "What is important is that they have professors who are actively engaged in the extension of knowledge, not merely passing on old — and sometimes outdated — knowledge."

Woodward currently is researching the history of merchant organizations in the Spanish world from the 13th through 19th centuries. His research has taken him to Spain, France, Portugal, Belgium, Central America, Mexico, Peru, Chile, Argentina and Uruguay, "as well as to various libraries in the United States," Woodward said.

Assistant professor Claire Sanders is studying the lives of the first three women to serve in cabinet-level positions in the French national government. Through this research, she said, she is trying to figure out political and social issues that were important to French women in the early 1900s. Sanders agreed with Woodward that professors need to stay abreast of new information.

"The more I learn, the more information I have to share with students and the greater my insights," Sanders said. "But also, the past, even the past in France, informs the present."

Instructor Sara Sohmer, who is currently in London with the TCU London Centre, is studying Sir Everard im Thurn, the seventh governor of colonial Fiji. She said professors' research efforts are important to the critical thinking that should be central to the university.

The research that professors are involved with is not only important. They say it's fun.

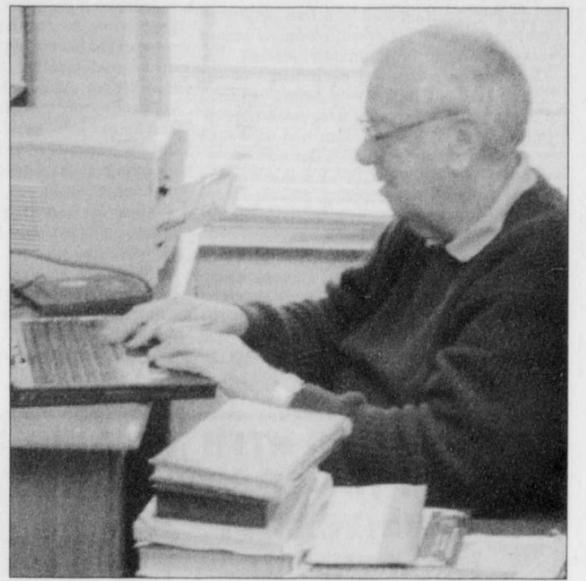
"Another colleague of mine, a professor of Civil War history at Virginia Tech, once said that doing research is like having Christmas every day," assistant professor Steven Woodworth said. "It's like that when you go into an archive. Every dusty old box of crumbling papers you open up might just contain one of the gems you're looking for — a plain, straightforward, descriptive account of what was seen, heard, felt and thought by a person who was an eyewitness to history."

Sohmer said she recently experienced this enjoyment while working in the British Library.

"I found a couple of letters from (Sir Everard im Thurn) to a prominent anthropologist in a manuscript collection that no catalogue mentioned," Sohmer said. "Exciting stuff for a historian. I had a hard time keeping quiet in the British Library."

Woodward described his research as "digging through ancient documents in the archives of Spain and Latin America, finding documents that may not have been read since they were written centuries ago."

Along with Woodward, Sanders, Sohmer and Woodworth, many other



Ralph Woodward, a professor of Latin American studies, is researching history of merchant organizations in the Spanish world from the 13th through 19th centuries.

history professors are currently involved in research projects. Assistant professor Jodi Campbell is working on a book about theater and politics in 17th century Madrid. She said she has been researching Spanish archives to determine the popular plays.

Assistant professor Peter Worthing and history department chairman Clayton Brown are also working on research projects. Worthing said his study of an important Chinese general in Chiang Kai-shek's government and army involves extensive research in Chinese-language materials. Brown's research is for a manuscript he is writ-

ing for classroom use about Globalization and America since 1945.

Jan Fox, coordinator of research and sponsored projects, said research has always been important to the university and described the value of research.

"Faculty who are actively involved in research bring an added richness to the classroom and students who have the opportunity to learn not only what is in books but from what their professors have learned personally are very fortunate," Fox said.

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Students, faculty perform cutting-edge research

Engineering faculty and students are involved in many research projects to stay abreast of changes and get hands-on experience in the field.

BY RACHEL BRUCE
Skiff Staff

Some faculty and students in the engineering department are all too familiar with research.

"(Engineering) faculty are expected to be involved in some research," department chairman Walt Williamson said. "It is optional for students. All of our seniors are involved in a senior design project which involves some level of research."

Williamson said he is beginning a project to improve a small unmanned flying airplane. He said his research entails consulting with NASA, the U.S. Navy and Sandia Labs on various topics.

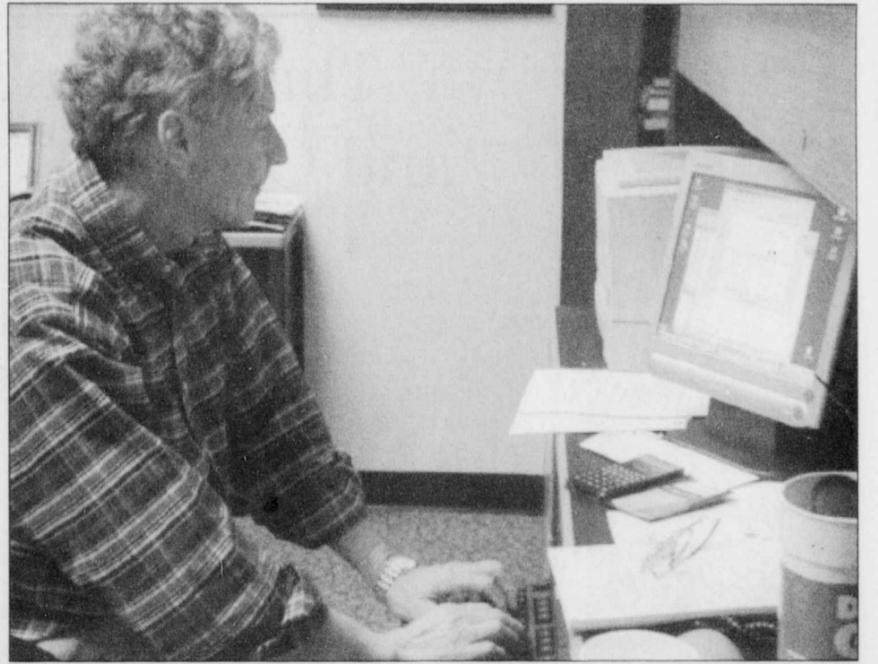
W.A. Moncrief professor of engineering Ed Kolesar said research is an essential component of a professor's career.

"Along with the teaching and service elements, it establishes the foundation that we build our professional careers on," Kolesar said.

Kolesar is currently involved with research involving Micro-electromechanical Systems (MEMS) and the ethyl alcohol microsensor. The MEMS device is just like a biological muscle that can expand and contract, so a polymer lens could function just like the human eye, allowing it to focus on near and far objects, Kolesar said.

"(Research) presents a special challenge — to do something that has not been done before, to contribute to society," Kolesar said. Associate professor Tristan Tayag said he is conducting research with four undergraduate students.

"One of my research projects involves the use of optical techniques



Walt Williamson, an engineering professor, is working on a project to improve a small unmanned flying airplane.

to measure the contraction of fibroblast cells," Tayag said. "Fibroblast cells are found in the human body and migrate to the area of the wound. They attach themselves to the surrounding tissue and contract to prevent fluid loss and infection."

The department encourages research opportunities in order to recruit students. According to the engineering Web site, students "won't be sitting on the sidelines" and they can "gain hands-on experience in cutting-edge research fields."

Senior lecturer Patrick Walter or-

ganizes and oversees the Capstone Design Project for seniors.

"I select and arrange the project with industry each year, negotiate a specification and stay involved with the senior engineering students on a day-to-day basis," Walter said.

"However, they can, should and do seek consulting help from any faculty in addition to myself as well as any other outside professional individual or resource."

The senior engineering students are designing a system that they

hope can be incorporated into Lockheed Martin's manufacturing process. The goal is to create a measuring process to check the conformity of fasteners on the Joint Strike Fighter wing, Walter said.

"(Students) get to practice their writing skills and publish their research results," Kolesar said. "They get to present their research findings at technical conferences and practice their verbal communication skills."

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Two workers injured in wall collapse

An 1880's era building in San Antonio was being renovated when the wall fell. Both workers suffered minor injuries.

BY T.A. BADGER
Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Two workers were injured when the front wall of a five-story hotel under construction collapsed, sending a pile of bricks crashing to the downtown sidewalk.

Rescuers used heavy equipment to sift through a 10-foot-high pile of debris in search of anyone else who might have been trapped. Authorities said, however, they had accounted for all construction workers on the site.

The injuries to the two construction workers did not appear life-threatening, and they were being treated at area hospitals, said District Fire Chief Tommy Thompson.

"We're very fortunate that this was not a worse-case scenario than it was," Thompson said.

Workers were renovating the empty structure, more than a century old, to transform it into The Watermark Hotel. The building's facade, made of terra cotta and brick, was being preserved

and integrated into the hotel design.

The wall was propped up from inside the old structure while the rest of the building was being rebuilt.

The fire chief said the cause of the collapse had not been determined. An engineering expert said windy conditions may have been a factor.

"Maybe high winds coupled with the removal of some of the interior supports of the old building might have led to some problems with not having enough support for the wall," said David Fowler, professor of civil engineering at the University of Texas at Austin.

About 20 workers were at the site when the facade collapsed, said San Antonio Police Sgt. Gabe Trevino.

"When the building fell, it fell at a tilt and everything blew out into the street," said Darnell Wilkerson, who was waiting for a bus across the street.

Wilkerson said he helped pull both injured

workers out of the debris. One man was covered in dust and appeared dazed with minor injuries. The other worker appeared to have a minor head injury and a leg injury, Wilkerson said.

A city bus was passing by as the facade collapsed and was damaged by falling objects, but no one on the bus was injured, said Thompson, the fire chief.

Witnesses said the bus did not stop after being hit.

Falling brick and masonry may have struck pedestrians, but none were reported injured.

The facade was part of a historic building that was erected in the 1880s. The facade that collapsed faced Commerce Street, a busy downtown thoroughfare, while the other end fronted on the Riverwalk, an area popular with tourists.

La Mansion Hotels Ltd., which owns another hotel across the Riverwalk, began renovation work on the building in March and planned to open it as a luxury spa and hotel in November 2003.

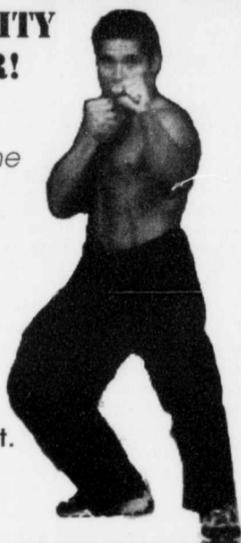
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— Darnell Wilkerson

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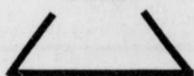
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United Airlines mechanics expected to vote no to pay cut

A proposed wage cut for United Airlines mechanics would keep the airline from declaring bankruptcy, but is being met with resistance from the mechanics' union.

BY DAVE CARPENTER
Associated Press

CHICAGO — United Airlines mechanic Ricky Taube drove 70 miles to his union hall last week to vote against wage cuts the carrier says it needs to stay out of bankruptcy.

Today, he plans to repeat that scenario in a second mechanics' vote that could torpedo United's effort to avoid a Chapter 11 filing.

Another rejection could deal the final blow to United's bid to win \$5.2 billion in labor cutbacks, since cost-cutting agreements with its other employee groups expire Dec. 31. And a no vote from the mechanics is all but certain to sink the airline's chances for the government loan guarantee it needs to avoid defaulting on nearly \$1 billion in debt due next week.

Like Taube, many of the 13,000 mechanics and aircraft cleaners are angry about years of perceived mismanagement and forgone raises.

They think the airline might fare better under the steering of a bankruptcy court judge.

And even if United is not better off in bankruptcy, mechanics feel they have already made more than their share of compromises. The latest proposed concessions call for pay cuts of 7 percent for mechanics and 6 percent for aircraft cleaners, plus the loss of four days' vacation pay.

"We did not cause the course on which United Airlines is presently embarked," said Taube, who works at United's maintenance facility in Oakland, Calif. "Management's poor judgments and poor business decisions got us where we are today."

Afraid the mechanics could sink the airline's recovery plan, union leaders are strongly urging ratification of the agreement, warning that a bankruptcy judge could dissolve their contract and wipe out decades' worth of negotiated gains.

"Terminating your contract al-

lows United to cut wage rates, modify work rules and reduce pensions and benefits. The company would have the right to make additional changes at will," Scotty Ford, president of the Machinists' union district that represents mechanics, said in a letter to members Tuesday.

"We can ignore the financial threat this represents to our families and ourselves, or we can make the hard decision that provides some protection against the harshness of bankruptcy."

Taube, a 12-year employee of United, reeled off a series of complaints shared by most mechanics. Their roots go back to 1994, when management persuaded reluctant workers to adopt an employee stock ownership plan to help save the airline from being sold or worse.

That gave employees a 55 percent stake in the company, including 20 percent for the mechanics and other machinists. But they had to take pay cuts in exchange for stock that has lost almost all its value during United's travails of the past two years.

"Management's poor judgments and poor business decisions got us where we are today"

— Ricky Taube

United Airlines mechanic

State tax on engines proposed

Rep. Warren Chisum, R-Pampa, will file legislation requiring owners of vehicles with a 50-horsepower engine to pay an annual fee. Supporters say the funds are needed to keep the state in compliance with clean air laws.

BY NATALIE GOTT
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN — Cars, off-road equipment and many motorboats and motorcycles would carry a \$5 to \$7 annual fee to raise money for air pollution-control programs under a proposal Wednesday by a Republican lawmaker.

Rep. Warren Chisum, the House Environmental Regulation Committee chairman, said he will file legislation that would require an environmental impact permit sticker on vehicles with a 50-horsepower engine or larger.

"What we are saying is if you have an impact on the environment, that you are going to pay an (fee)," Chisum, of Pampa, said after presenting the idea at a clean energy policy forum. "Granted some of you have a greater impact than others, but still everybody has an impact."

He said he hoped the fee would raise about \$188 million annually through 2007. Lawmakers are under pressure to come up with the fund-

ing, which is needed to help bring the Houston and Dallas regions into compliance with federal clean air laws.

The plans must meet Environmental Protection Agency approval. If they don't, the state could lose hundreds of millions of dollars in federal highway money.

Lawmakers last year had approved legislation, Senate Bill 5, that would allow money to be raised through increasing the out-of-state vehicle registration fee from \$1 to \$225, but the fee was found to be unconstitutional.

Under Chisum's proposal, which he hopes would be tackled and signed into law early in the legislative session, the permit could be obtained at the same time people pick up their license plates or go for their safety inspections.

Anyone not getting the permit could be fined \$100 under his plan. The fee would be in place through 2007, when most of the areas of the state must be in compliance with federal clean air standards.

Chisum's plan could meet some criticism but state money is tight. Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander has projected the state could face a \$5 billion shortfall.

Gov. Rick Perry, Lt. Gov.-elect David Dewhurst and Rep. Tom Craddick, the presumptive speaker

of the Texas House, have said they believe they can balance the budget without raising taxes.

"This is not a new tax," Chisum said. "It's a different mechanism for funding the same issue."

Perry spokesman Gene Acuna said the governor is committed to finding the funding for Senate Bill 5 because he knows its significance. However, Acuna would not comment further on Chisum's legislation.

Dewhurst did not immediately comment on the proposal. Craddick was traveling Wednesday but his spokesman, Bill Miller, said he would not comment on the legislation.

Tom "Smitty" Smith, director of the Texas chapter of Public Citizen, said his group supports the bill.

"This is an equitable way to assure that the diesel engine earth-movers and the SUV-driving moms all pay something to clear the air," Smith said. "In an ideal world, the fee would vary according to the emissions produced but at this time it may be too complex to enact that kind of policy."

Without the funding, Smith said, the clean air plans would likely be disapproved and Texas would pay for that with higher health care costs, poorer air quality and potentially a loss of highway money.

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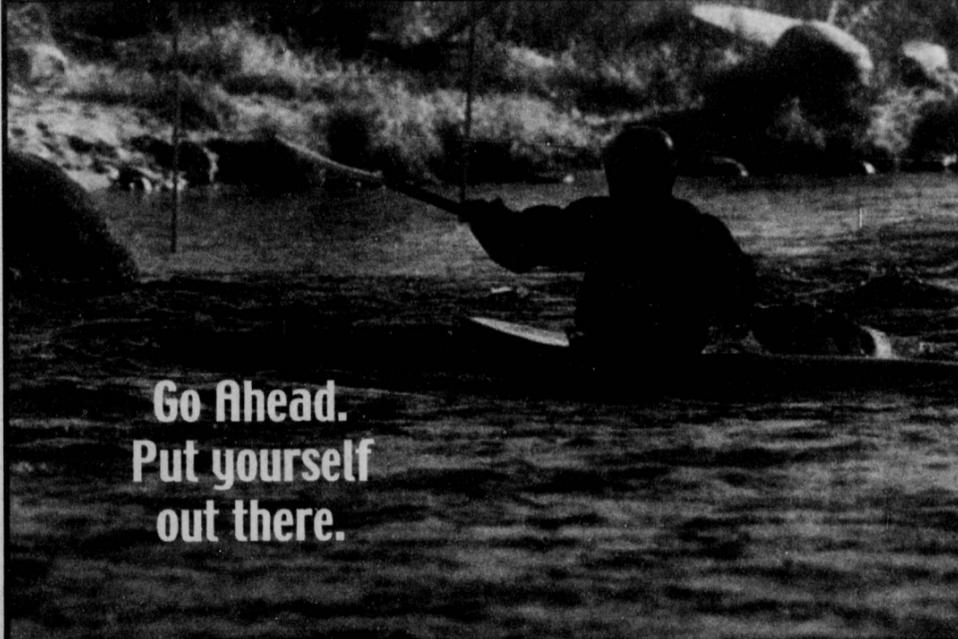
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American appeal falls worldwide

Surveys of various countries reveal that worldwide opinion of the United States has fallen since Sept. 11.

BY SONYA ROSS
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Global unhappiness with the United States may have gone up in recent years, but there is still a worldwide love affair with things American, a new survey found.

In its first measure of views in other countries, the Pew Global Attitudes Project found citizens in 35 of 42 nations held a generally favorable view of the United States. But the number of people who felt that way declined in 19 of 27 countries where a trend could be identified.

Antipathy was found in friendly nations like Canada and Britain, economically ailing countries like Argentina, and Muslim countries like Pakistan.

The dislike was especially potent in Muslim countries of the Middle East and Central Asia. Seventy-five percent of those surveyed in Jordan had an unfavorable opinion of America, as did 69 percent of Egyptians and Pakistanis, and 59 percent of Lebanese.

Sept. 11 aside, "discontent with the United States has grown around the world over the past two years," Pew researchers said. "Opinions about the (United States), however, are complicated and contradictory. People around the world both embrace things American and, at the same time, decry U.S. influence on their societies."

The surveys in 44 countries were conducted by established survey organizations in each country between July and October, with polls done by phone in eight of the most developed countries and done face to face in all other countries. The

error margins ranged from plus or minus 2 percent to 4.5 percent, depending on the sample size.

In Germany, the percentage of people who hold a favorable view of the United States fell 17 points over two years. In 1999/2000, 78 percent of Germans considered the United States favorable. This year, only 61 percent did.

Sentiments were similar in Argentina, where 34 percent saw the United States in a good light, compared to 50 percent two years ago, in Indonesia and the Slovak Republic, where favorable ratings fell 14 points, and Turkey, where pro-U.S. views dropped from 52 percent to 30 percent.

Among Russians, U.S. popularity surged 24 points, from 37 percent two years ago to 61 percent today. Similarly, 77 percent of Nigerians and 85 percent of Uzbeks had pro-U.S. views, up 31 percent and 29 percent respectively.

World citizens admire American technology and culture, but reject the spread of U.S. ideas and customs. Some 54 percent of Canadians, 67 percent of Germans, 71 percent of the French and 84 percent of Egyptians said it would be bad to spread American ideas and customs.

But there was international demand for American culture. Seventy-seven percent of Canadians said they like American music, movies and TV, and it was much the same for Venezuela (78 percent), Poland (70 percent), Japan (74 percent), Ivory Coast (84 percent) and Great Britain (76 percent).

The most common criticisms were that the United States acts by itself, pushes policies that widen the gap between rich and poor nations and doesn't do enough to solve the world's problems.

"People around the world both embrace things American and, at the same time, decry U.S. influence on their societies."

— Pew Researchers

Man not sorry for killing brother, common-law wife

Leonard Rojas was executed Wednesday for killing his brother and common-law wife, whom he thought were having an affair.

BY PAM EASTON
Associated Press

HUNTSVILLE — A Texas man who confessed to killing his common-law wife and brother, whom he suspected of having an affair, headed to the Texas death chamber Wednesday.

Leonard Rojas, 52, said recently he had no regrets about shooting Jo Ann Reed between the eyes after having one last sexual encounter with her and then turning the gun on his younger brother David Rojas.

"I'll never regret it. Never," Rojas said of the 1994 killings. "These peo-

ple, they were just basically evil. They just wanted my money, wanted my drugs and they wanted to do me in."

Rojas, who had spent time in prison in California and Nevada for drug convictions, claimed the two were having an affair and attempting to drug him to death.

Those claims never were proven, said Johnson County assistant district attorney David Vernon.

"Leonard was an extremely possessive type of person," Vernon said. "He confronted her about having sex with

his brother and she laughs at him."

Rojas said he recalled seeing his wife leave his brother's room that morning.

"I just said no more abuse from these people. The alternative I came out with was to get even with them."

— Leonard Rojas

death row inmate

to shoot his 34-year-old wife, then his 43-year-old brother. The slayings took place in the mobile home the trio shared in Alvarado, near Fort Worth.

"I just said no more abuse from

these people," Rojas said. "The alternative I came out with was to get even with them."

After the killing, Vernon said Rojas drank some coffee, talked on the phone and then decided to leave. He bought a bus ticket from Fort Worth to Atlanta, Ga., making it as far as Dallas before he came across some security guards and decided to confess.

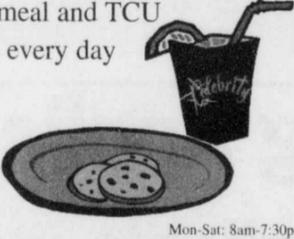
"My heart was beating and my brain was like fried after all these incidents," Rojas said.

Vernon doesn't know why Rojas confessed. His only guess is that Rojas' drug use could have made him paranoid.

"It would have taken us years to find him if he had gotten on that bus and taken off," Vernon said.



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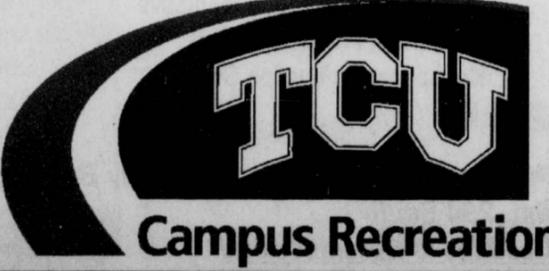
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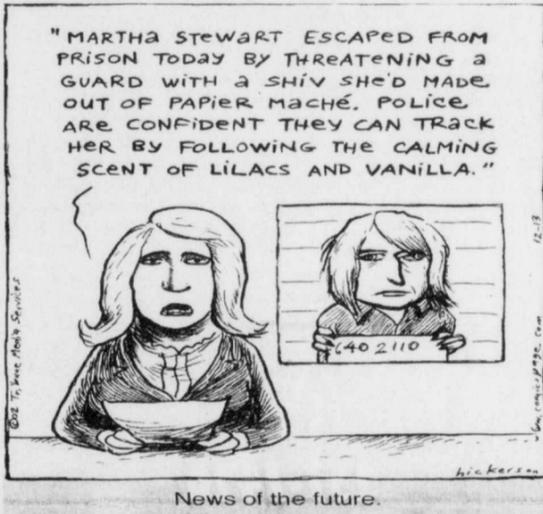


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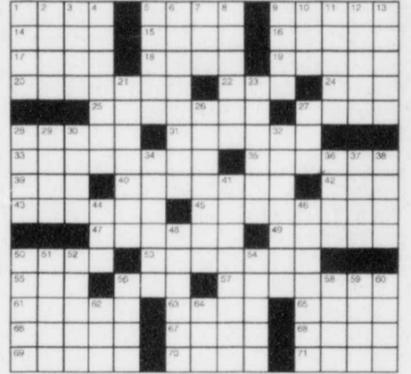
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 - Preside at a meeting
 - Spiny African plant
 - Swallow quickly
 - Rock shelf
 - Kitchen utensils
 - Light source
 - Skaters' jumps
 - Smiled
 - Denatively
 - One in Ernden
 - "The Raven" poet
 - Used tire
 - Put on cargo
 - Relinquish
 - Motionless
 - Preceded
 - Infuse with oxygen
 - 180 degrees from SSW
 - Repeat
 - Earlike part
 - Maiden
 - Badgering
 - Theatrical works
 - Jots
 - Sci. classes
 - Cowboy bars
 - Breakfasted
 - Pen
 - Headlines location
 - Cooler
 - City in Italy
 - Stitch again
 - Speaker's platform
 - Bread spread
 - I wasn't there at the time, e.g.
 - Everlasting
 - Orch. section
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- Jim
- Proficient
- Cooler
- lodgings?
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SideLine

Rubinson named C-USA Golfer of month for Nov.

Conference USA announced Wednesday TCU senior Adam Rubinson as C-USA's Golfer of the month for November.

Rubinson won an individual tournament title and led TCU to a team title and a fourth-place showing in two other team tournaments. He began the month by firing a second-place eight-under 208 to lead the Horned Frogs to the Prestige title (Nov. 4-5) at PGA West in LaQuinta, Calif.

He then helped TCU to a fourth-place finish among the top 16 teams from the 2002 NCAA Championships at the Collegiate Match Play Championships (Nov. 8-10) in Myrtle Beach, S.C., before concluding the month by finishing first at the Western Refining All-America Classic (Nov. 25-26) in El Paso.

Rubinson is the second straight TCU golfer to receive the C-USA honor, as freshman Colby Beckstrom won the award in October.

Browne earns Academic All-America honors

TCU placekicker Nick Browne has been named to the first team on the 2002 Verizon Academic All-America Football Team.

Browne is the nation's leading field goal kicker, converting an average of 2.00 field goals a game over the 2002 season. He was successful on 22-of-28 attempts, and became just the fifth player in TCU history to score 100 or more points in a season.

Browne, who also played on the TCU men's soccer team this fall, carries a 4.00 GPA while working towards a degree in finance/real estate.

Browne becomes the first TCU player to receive first team Academic All-America recognition since 1980 when tackle John McLean earned the distinction.

Memphis WR dismissed after Nov. 30 TCU scuffle

Junior wide receiver Antoine Harden, who was involved in the post game altercation at TCU last weekend, has been dismissed from the Tiger football team.

Harden will be allowed to remain in school and on scholarship for the second semester. At that time, he will be given his release and will be free to transfer to another institution.

A Dallas native, Harden had lettered for two seasons at wide receiver. He caught 37 passes for 608 yards and five touchdowns this season.

Defense leads all-conference choices

Conference USA announced its all-conference awards Wednesday with 10 Frogs gathering honors.

BY DANNY GILLHAM
Sports Editor

When the pre-season accolades came out for Conference USA, only three members of the football team were picked as all-conference selections.

Then again, the team itself was predicted to finish fourth in the conference.

Now, after a 9-2 season, a share of the C-USA title with the chance of the outright crown and a trip to the AXA Liberty Bowl, the league has taken notice.

Ten members of the Frogs were listed to the first and second teams of C-USA.

"It is good to have that many people on the team," head coach Gary Patterson said. "With 10 guys, I think that is the most in the conference. There are some quality players in this conference, so that is a positive."

Leading the way were six members of the Frogs defense. The team currently holds the No. 1 rushing defense in the nation (62.64), and the No. 2

total defense (249.45).

Senior linebacker LaMarcus McDonald (113 tackles, 10 sacks), junior defensive end Bo Schobel (53 tackles/eight sacks) and senior cornerback Jason Goss (49 tackles/seven interceptions) were named to the first-team.

Senior defensive tackle John Turntine (33 tackles/six sacks), junior defensive tackle Chad Pugh (41 tackles/six sacks) and senior safety Kenneth Hilliard (69 tackles/four interceptions) were named to the second team.

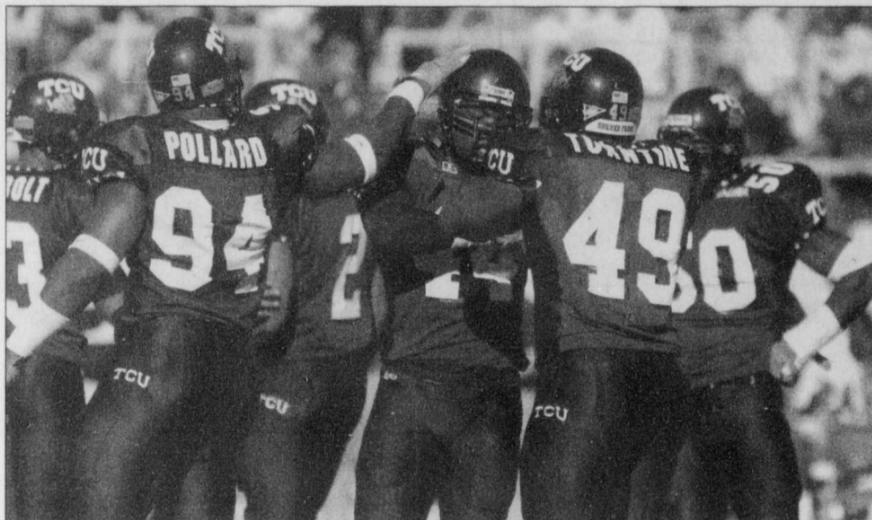
"When you have one of the top defenses in the nation, there are going to be some guys who are the reason for that," Patterson said.

Schobel is the second member of his family to earn all-conference for TCU. His cousin Aaron was a three-time All-Western Athletic Conference defensive end for the Frogs (1998-2000).

Schobel said the award came as a shock to him.

"It is just exciting," Schobel said. "I didn't expect it, but I'm very happy about it."

Other first-team selections in-



Photographer/Simon Lopez

The Frog defense held six of the 10 TCU selections for the All-Conference USA team.

cluded senior offensive lineman Jamal Powell and junior kicker Nick Browne (22-28 field goals).

Senior LaTarence Dunbar made the list twice, earning second-team honors as a wide receiver (25 receptions/three touchdowns) and as a kick returner (28.8 average/one touchdown).

Also announced was the all-freshman team, with the Frogs having a representative on each side of the ball.

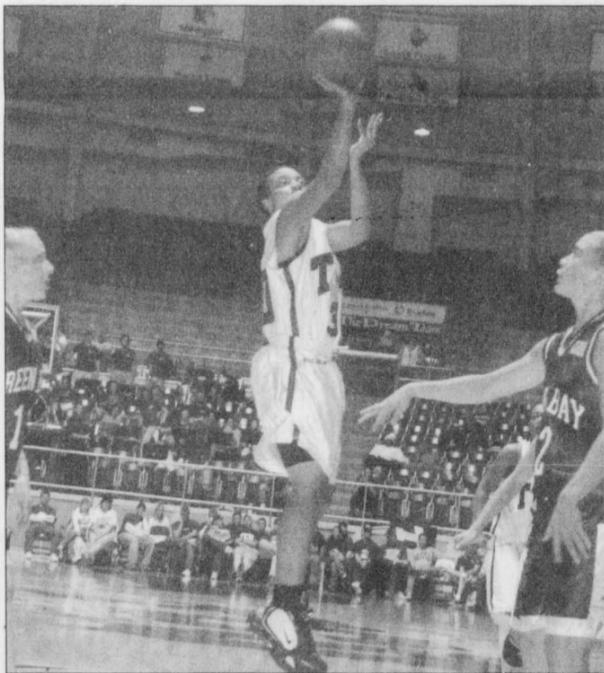
True freshman running back Lonta Hobbs was named to the freshman offensive team. Hobbs, who didn't play until the fifth game of the season, rushed for a TCU single-season freshman record for rushing yards (952)

and touchdowns (13).

Redshirt freshman Ranorris Ray garnered recognition on defense. Playing in 10 games, Ray assembled 19 tackles and one sack.

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Struggling Lady Frogs face rival Mustangs



Photographer/Ty Halasz

Junior guard Ebony Shaw and the Lady Frogs play SMU tonight at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

The Lady Frogs look to quickly rebound from a poor showing on Tuesday with a game against cross-town rival SMU tonight.

BY DANNY GILLHAM
Sports Editor

Five games into the season, the Lady Frogs (2-3) are still looking for consistency in their game.

The team so far is averaging more than 20 turnovers a game and shooting 38 percent from the field.

"We're just struggling offensively right now," head coach Jeff Mittie said. "We are not doing a good job with ball movement, and with that comes poor shot selection. We just have to keep working on it to improve."

The Lady Frogs take the court tonight in hopes of remedy their struggles against 3-1 SMU at 7 p.m. at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

Tuesday night looked like the team would break out of that slump, as it took a quick 16-0 lead on Wisconsin-Green Bay.

"Our goal was to start off the game on a run because we've been starting off kind of slow, and we accomplished that," senior guard Candace Baldwin said.

The problem came when the Lady

Frogs were not able to sustain the success for 40 minutes. The team went cold and tied a season-high with 26 turnovers in a 60-58 loss.

"We've had spurts where we are scoring, but then we go into scoring droughts for minutes at a time," Mittie said.

Mittie also said improvement can only come with better ball movement, and said the team

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head coach

worked on different facets of its offense at Wednesday's practice.

The Lady Frogs take on a Mustang squad that hasn't played since a Nov. 30 loss to Texas A&M-Corpus Christi, its only loss of the season.

"They are the type of team that is going to get after you, and do different things," Mittie said of SMU. "They will throw a zone at you, and matchup well with the high-low (post game). They are very well coached."

Mittie also talked the scheduling of two non-conference games only a day apart.

"In the non-conference schedule you can be all over the boards," he said. "You can be pretty different in the days that you play, because there are different factors that play in — like gym availability and working with the men's team."

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Center Court

SMU at TCU

7 p.m. at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum

Radio: KTCU 88.7 FM

TV: none

Records: TCU (2-3) SMU (3-1)

About the game: This is the 45th meeting for the Lady Frogs and Mustangs. SMU holds a commanding 36-8 lead in the series including the teams' last meeting, an 87-79 Mustang victory on March 3, 2001.

About TCU: The Lady Frogs are in the midst of a two-game losing streak. The team will look to cut down on mistakes; TCU averages 20.8 turnovers a game.

About SMU: The Mustangs return five starters from last season's 12-18 squad. The team finished second at the Flint Hills Resources Islander Classic last week.

Frogs take on big meet before break

The swimming and diving teams take place in their last — and toughest — meet of the fall before having the break and moving to their new home.

BY DANNY GILLHAM
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It's been a rough go of it for the swimming and diving teams.

Not in competition, just in finding a place to practice.

With the renovations taking place in the University Recreation Center since last Christmas, the teams have been without a home for quite some time.

Head coach Richard Sybesma said the teams have dealt with traveling across the Dallas-Fort Worth area, training in adequate at best facilities with the limited resources to meet their needs.

It will all be over though after the Frogs compete in the Texas Invitational, starting today.

The invitational showcases some of the fiercest competition in the nation, and Sybesma said it will be exciting.

"This is going to be one of the fastest meets, or the fastest meet in the country," Sybesma said. "Obviously the Texas men are going to be very good because they are the na-

tional champions from last year. Along with USC and Arizona, those will probably be the top three toughest teams on both sides."

Despite its adverse practices, the team continues to show signs of success. Freshman divers Kelly Seely and Kelly McCain both are qualifiers for NCAA Zone D in qualifying.

Sybesma said sophomore swimmer Craig Chapman is also stepping

up for the team and expects him to have a good meet.

He said the Texas Invitational could continue the success, for it is a place where the team generally steps up.

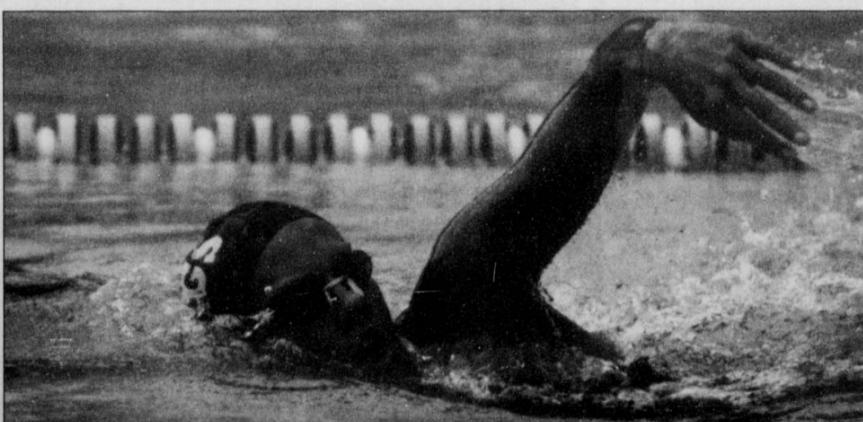
"In past years, we have had kids that made NCAA (times) out of this meet, and kids in relays that have ranked in the top 25 in the nation," Sybesma said. "It helps to race against the best in the nation."

Sybesma said the meet also helps in the Frogs' effort to recruit top athletes.

"It does because we tell people that we compete against the best," he said. "That is exactly what this meet has — the best in the nation."

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Special to Skiff

Junior Erin Irons and the swimming and diving teams compete in the Texas Invitational starting today in the teams' last meet of the fall.

C-USA Roundup

Team	C-USA games			All games			Hm.	Rd.	Ntrl.	Strk.
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.				
TCU	6	2	.750	9	2	.918	6-0	3-2	0-0	W1
Cincinnati	5	2	.714	6	6	.500	4-3	2-3	0-0	W1
Louisville	5	3	.625	7	5	.583	3-3	4-2	0-0	L1
South Miss	5	3	.625	7	5	.583	5-1	2-4	0-0	W1
E. Carolina	4	3	.571	4	7	.364	3-1	1-6	0-0	L1
Tulane	4	4	.500	7	5	.583	5-2	2-3	0-0	W1
UAB	4	4	.500	5	7	.417	4-2	1-5	0-0	L2
Houston	3	5	.375	5	7	.417	3-3	2-4	0-0	W1
Memphis	2	6	.222	3	9	.250	3-3	0-6	0-0	L1
Army	1	7	.125	1	10	.089	1-6	0-4	0-0	L1

Last week's results		Last week's players of the week	
UAB	23	Offense — TCU running back Lonta Hobbs set a new career-high for attempts (33) and yards (287), while scoring three touchdowns in TCU's 27-20 win over Memphis. His final touchdown was the game-winner — with 38 seconds remaining — and gave the Frogs a trip to the AXA Liberty Bowl.	
at Cincinnati	31	Defense — Cincinnati defensive end, Antawn Peek, had a career-high 13 tackles (four TFL), a sack, a forced fumble and a recovered fumble in the Bearcats' 31-23 win over UAB. Peek played all 80 defensive snaps in the game.	
at East Carolina	7	Special teams — Houston kicker Dustin Bell went two-for-two with field goals of 41 and 26 yards, and converted all of his three extra points in the Cougars' 27-10 win over Louisville. Bell also kicked off three of his kickoffs into the end zone.	
Southern Miss	24		
Louisville	10		
at Houston	27		
Memphis	20		
at TCU	27		