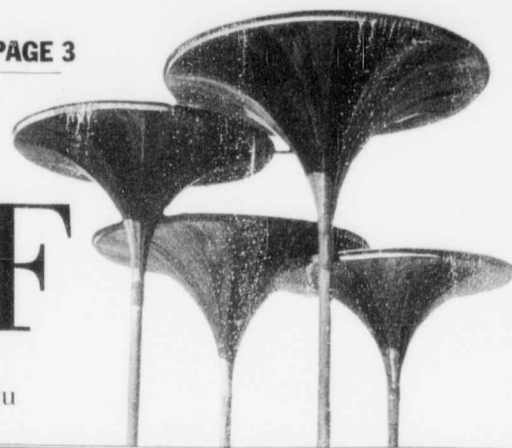


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Today's News

STATE/NATIONAL NEWS

AUSTIN — Gov. Rick Perry should be ready for his role in an upcoming movie starring Tommy Lee Jones. After all, he's playing the Texas governor.
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WICHITA FALLS — The U.S. Air Force is investigating what caused a plane to crash during takeoff at Sheppard Air Force Base.
News Digest page 4

PINELLAS PARK, Fla. — A man can have the feeding tube removed from his severely brain-damaged wife after an appeals court refused to order her kept alive, ending one of her parents' last hopes.
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On Campus

Naked photographer plagues university

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The man who has been tabbed the "naked photographer" is lurking near the Ohio State University campus and in the school's surrounding areas.

During the past few years, reports have been filed in the Columbus, Ohio, area regarding a man wearing only shoes and a hat who approaches women and photographs them. The latest report was filed last Thursday.

"We have had about 28 cases that we have accredited to him over the last two years," says Sherry Mercurio, spokeswoman for the Columbus Division of Police. "A majority of those have not involved any physical contact whatsoever. It is a shock value more than anything. He takes the picture, whether or not he is actually taking a photo, or it is just a light that goes off, then runs."

Police have noticed a trend that has some in the OSU area uneasy about the future actions of the photographer. The suspect started with just taking the pictures, but more recent reports have established him making physical contact with some of his victims.
— *The Lantern*

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The Weather

TODAY

High: 82; Low: 58; Mostly Sunny

FRIDAY

High: 77; Low: 51; Partly Cloudy

SATURDAY

High: 74; Low: 54; Partly Cloudy

Looking Back

1964 — The People's Republic of China joins the rank of nations with atomic bomb capability, after a successful nuclear test. China is the fifth member of this exclusive club, joining the United States, the Soviet Union, Great Britain and France.

Clean sweep



Esco Weatherspoon, who works in TCU's grounds department, removes fallen leaves from the curbs along University Drive Wednesday afternoon.

By Hulas/Staff Photographer

New portal opens up for TCU

BY CARMEN CASTRO
Staff Reporter

TCU unveiled an expanded version of my.tcu.edu, a new web portal, to replace Frognet and other student Internet services Monday.

Mytcu.edu will now be the central web portal linking students to personal, class enrollment, housing and roommate information, as well as financial aid and academics information.

Staff members from TCU informational services and the human resources department gave my.tcu.edu demonstrations

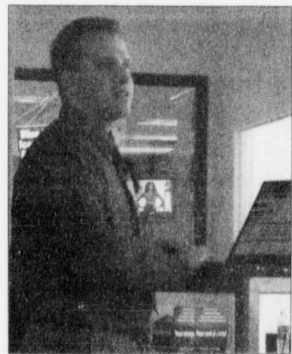
to students, faculty and staff Tuesday.

Frognet, the student class registration Web site, no longer exists as of Tuesday, said Mike Ten Eyck, an Information Services administrative systems manager.

Ten Eyck said the demonstrations were geared more for the faculty and staff since students appear to be more up-to-date with today's technology.

The employee self-service link will now offer faculty and

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Collen Casey/Associate Managing Editor Josh Harmon demonstrates how my.tcu.edu works to students in the Student Center Wednesday.

More students decide to study abroad

BY MONIQUE BHIMANI
Staff Reporter

Like many students studying Spanish, Rahwa Neguse, a junior sociology major, would like to study abroad in a Spanish-speaking country to improve her conversational skills. However, unlike most students, she said she wants to study in the Dominican Republic.

"I want to study there to learn more about the traditional dance, music and food and to take advantage of any way to be thoroughly immersed in the culture," Neguse said.

Neguse is among the growing number of students taking advantage of TCU's international education programs. According to the

most recent rankings by the Institute of International Education, TCU is No. 8 in the nation among doctoral institutions for the percentage of students studying abroad, at 22.3 percent.

Tracy Williams, education abroad coordinator, said TCU has achieved high rankings for the last five years because of support for study abroad from all levels of the university.

"I believe if the board, administration, faculty and staff didn't see the value of it and didn't have the commitment to (study abroad) that they have, it would not be possible for so many students to study abroad," Williams said.

The most recent calculated statistics show an estimated 30

percent of students went on a study abroad program in the 2001-2002 school year, which includes the summer session, Williams said. She said she expects TCU to move up to third or fourth in the national rankings, because the number of students studying abroad rose from 354 in 2000-2001 to 475 in 2001-2002.

Williams said the variety of program destinations and the courses and credits offered may contribute to the high numbers of students studying abroad. The two most popular study abroad destinations are London and programs in Spain, she said.

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Ambassadors show strength in numbers

BY CARMEN CASTRO
Staff Reporter

Maria Christina Poulos, a senior communication studies major, remembers how excited she was the day she received her TCU Ambassadors application.

Poulos joined TCU Ambassadors, a student volunteer program that helps counselors recruit high school students, four years ago when it was named Frog LINKS.

"It's a passion now," Poulos said. "TCU Ambassadors has allowed me to spread the love I have for TCU."

Poulos, the current president, said TCU Ambassadors is at a new level with a record 185 student volunteers. They recently had 48 percent of the new members participate in this semester's first Monday at TCU, she said. Monday at TCU is an all-day campus visit filled with informational sessions for prospective students and their families.

"We've already started with a bang," Poulos said. "Participation at the first event speaks for itself."

The application for TCU Ambassadors is mailed to incoming students who are nominated by an admissions counselor the summer before entering TCU, Poulos said.

This year, with TCU's more selective admissions process, the pool of freshman nominees was even greater than previous years, so more students were nominated by admissions counselors, said Erin Campbell, vice president of TCU Ambassadors and a junior speech communication major.

Poulos said having so many people is great since member-

ship tends to drop in the spring semester because volunteers have other commitments, such as concentrating on academics.

Allen Lutes, the organization's adviser, said it's been amazing to see TCU Ambassadors triple in size during his three years as adviser.

"They add those little personalized touches that interest prospective," Lutes said. "A lot of students remember the handwritten postcards they receive from TCU in the mail."

Every year, TCU Ambassadors handwrite more than 2,000 personalized postcards to prospective students by meeting twice a week for two hours each day, over pizza and a movie, Poulos said.

TCU Ambassadors also arrange overnight housing for prospective students the night before Monday at TCU, Lutes said.

Ambassador Clement Ogujiofor, a sophomore physics major and director of the program's overnight housing and recruitment, said it feels significant to see firsthand how prospective students start getting excited about college life.

"When they first arrive, they look so lethargic," Ogujiofor said. "As they leave, they're all excited."

Lutes said TCU Ambassadors also go back to their hometowns during the holidays and recruit at their high school alma maters and give special campus tours to other groups, such as elementary school students, to show the importance of a college education.

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Robyn Windham, a member of TCU Ambassadors, guides one of the many tour groups past Clark Hall at Monday at TCU Sept. 29.

By Vroom/Staff Photographer

Selection begins

Sniper suspect trial awaits qualified jury

BY MATTHEW BARAKAT
Associated Press

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. — Potential jurors in the trial of sniper suspect John Allen Muhammad were questioned about their views on the death penalty Wednesday and asked whether they were terrorized by the crimes.

Defense lawyers had predicted jury selection would be difficult because of the heavy publicity surrounding last October's Washington-area killing spree, in which 10 people were killed. However, the first eight people questioned were all held to be qualified to serve as jurors.

Thirteen jurors in all were

qualified to serve on the trial Wednesday, while two were excluded. The judge must qualify an additional 14 jurors to reach a panel of 27. Then prosecutors and defense attorneys can each strike six jurors, for nearly any reason they choose, leaving a jury of 12 plus three alternates.

Most potential jurors reported limited exposure to news coverage of the attacks and the case against Muhammad and Lee Boyd Malvo, who goes on trial separately next month.

Most said they experienced little fear because the shootings were far from Virginia Beach.

All jurors were identified by number to protect their privacy.

Muhammad's trial was moved about 200 miles to this southeastern Virginia city after defense lawyers argued that every northern Virginia resident could be considered a victim because the shootings caused widespread fear.

THE PULSE

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■ **TCU Theatre** presents "Talk Radio" at 5:30 p.m. today and Friday at the Studio Theatre. Admission is free and open to the public. Call (817) 257-5770 for more information.

■ **TCU Police** will offer Rape Aggression Defense programs from 1 to 8 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays and are looking for participants. Call (817) 257-7276 for more information.

■ **Creative Writing Contests** have begun. Submissions for 25 different contests are due Nov. 17. Contact Charlotte Hogg at c.hogg@tcu.edu or (817) 257-6257.

■ **University Career Services** presents Sophomore Spotlight from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Oct. 23 in the Dee J. Kelly Alumni and Visitors Center Banquet Hall. The event is intended to help sophomores decide on majors, find careers and more. Call (817) 257-7860 for more information.

■ **TCU Symphony Orchestra and Choirs and Music Alumni** present Choral Fantasy by Beethoven; Germán Gutiérrez and Ronald Shirey conducting at 2 p.m. Sunday in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium. A reception for music alumni will follow immediately in the lobby of the lobby of the Walsh Center for performing arts. Call (817) 257-7602 for more information.

PORTAL

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staff a central link to their personal and emergency contact information, as well as payroll information.

Darrel Littleberry, a human resources assistant administrator, said faculty's reactions to the demonstration sessions were positive.

Human Resources Specialist Jenny Dick made the staff in attendance laugh when she said Jennifer Lopez, hypothetically, was now a part of the TCU community, after using Lopez's name as the personal profile example for the presentation.

Kay Edmonson, an interlibrary loan assistant, said the new portal looks easy to use.

"We've got a similar Web-based system over in the library," Edmonson said, "so it's probably easier for us."

Brandi Giles, a junior speech communication major, said she was excited about the system's added features.

"I like the fact that everything is on one page," Giles said.

People who attended Tuesday's demonstrations had a chance to win prizes, such as Jon's Grill Restaurant and Target gift certificates and movie tickets.

Wyatt Goolsby, a freshman radio-TV-film major, said the

demonstration was informative.

"They updated a lot of information, including poll voting Web sites," Goolsby said. "With this, you get it all in one spot. The prizes were a good incentive."

Voting for Mr. and Ms. TCU and student body elections will now be available on mytcu.edu.

Mytcu.edu works with all the latest Internet Explorer web browsers, 5.5 or 6, Ten Eyck said. Netscape users need a 6 or newer version, Ten Eyck said. Software upgrades can be downloaded online at microsoft.com, he said.

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AMBASSADOR

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TCU Ambassadors are required to serve 15 hours during the fall semester because of the demand of volunteers for college fairs, Lutes said.

This year, TCU Ambassadors adopted Bridge Street, a halfway house, as its official philanthropy. They will spend time with teenagers and promote the importance of a college education, Lutes said.

Poulos said four dates have been set this semester to visit the teens at Bridge Street.

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ABROAD

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"I think (London) is popular because there is no language barrier; (it) feels similar enough to the U.S. to be comfortable, but different enough to be exotic," Williams said. "Second most popular is Spain, because we have a large number of Spanish majors and minors who are able to get the credit they need and the experience they want to increase their Spanish language skills."

Sarah Ingham, a senior psychology major, said she loved the opportunity she got to live in another country and meet people she would not have met otherwise.

"I had a few friends who went abroad previously, and they said I should take advantage of (the opportunity)," said Ingham, who

studied at the London Centre in the fall 2002. "I got the opportunity to travel outside Britain to Paris, Italy, Scotland, Ireland and Austria."

In addition to ranking eighth in estimated percentage of participation for the 2000-2001 school year, TCU is ranked 20th by the total number of students studying abroad among doctoral institutions. Baylor University is ranked above TCU in both categories, while Southern Methodist University is 18th in total number of students and ranked five places below TCU in the percentage of students studying abroad.

"I am seeing more and more prospective students making decisions to come to TCU because of the study abroad programs," Williams said. "It will be interesting to see what happens in the next few years to our numbers."

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The Skiff View

ABROAD

Travel and study at the same time

Ever want to see London? How about Barcelona, Spain, or Florence, Italy?

What would you say if you found out that you could go to all these places — and many others — for cheaper right now than at any other time in your life (barring any free trips you win on some game show or something), and get credit hours while you're at it?

TCU's international education program offers a number of study abroad opportunities. Students can take classes in nearly any field of study in locales across South America, Africa, Europe, Asia and Australia.

TCU ranks among the top 10 doctoral universities in the nation in terms of the percentage of students studying abroad.

Anyone interested in seeing any of these exotic places (and really, who wouldn't like to see at least one of those someday?) should at least check out these programs.

You don't even have to worry about speaking a foreign language if that is a problem. You can go to a place like London for an entire semester and either take some really fun classes from British professors or apply for an internship in your field of study.

There are always some basic problems studying abroad — most specifically cost and course credits. Just tuition, programming fees and housing for the TCU London Centre cost \$13,000. TCU offers financial aid for studying abroad and there are scholarships and loans for the same purpose. If you sit down with your adviser and program coordinators, you can probably find a program and classes that fit your needs.

Studying abroad is exhilarating, and can offer more eye-opening experiences than you have ever had in your life.

The Other View

Opinions from around the country

College athletes need to put role as student first

Last month a well-known university made a groundbreaking announcement in the field of college athletics.

Tennessee's Vanderbilt University announced it would liquidate its athletic department and merge it with its intramural sports department. Both programs will continue to operate with teams intact but now control will be shifted to Vanderbilt's central university administration.

Chancellor Gordon Gee said he is restructuring because intercollegiate athletics has become an industry that has grown apart from the primary purpose of education.

Gee's decision is not going to be the beginning of a trend in college athletics, but it is a stance that until now has never been taken before.

Vanderbilt has declared itself an institution that places education above athletics. By doing this, it has created an institution in which other institutions should ask what their focus is.

The university's move is the work of a top administrator who cares about his university enough to address an issue that has gone unresolved for too long.

College athletes are an aristocracy within the campus society

and this is the case only because athletic departments have become bodies independent of the universities they represent.

Athletes are recruited, receive scholarships paying for their tuition and fees, on average have lower academic standards than most students and are given access to exclusive facilities and services.

Selecting an education focusing on athletics is not bad; it is just different than a traditional one. The key is maintaining that freedom while adhering to university standards.

Vanderbilt's chancellor believes that can be done with the university overseeing athletics.

Collegiate athletics has the power to usurp the primary function of universities. Gee's actions are singularly meant to address this. Athletics are a component of the university, and athletes are a component of the student body. Neither part is greater than the whole.

The most important thing to take note of in this issue is not the liquidation of a major university's athletic department or the removal of an athletic director. What is important is that one university has stood up and said, "Student athletes need to put their roles as students first."

This is a staff editorial from the Daily Lobo at the University of New Mexico. This editorial was distributed by U-Wire.

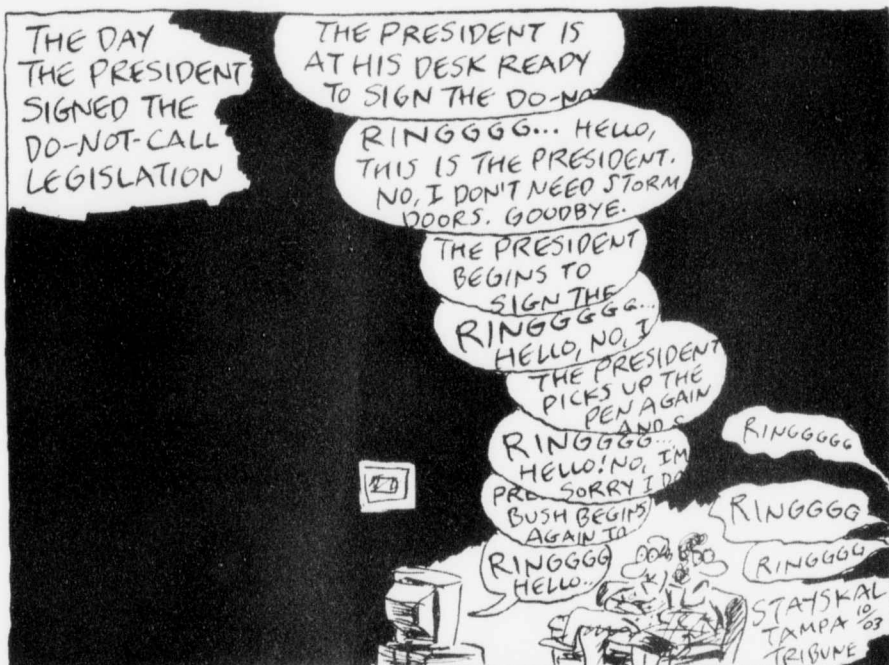
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Drinking age should be 18 years and over

In July of 1984, Congress passed a bill requiring all states to enforce a minimum drinking age of 21. Technically, the minimum consumption age for alcohol is set by each state individually; however, those who failed to adhere to the bill would lose their federal highway funding as punishment.

Why did Congress find the issue so important to threaten the states with an incentive? Their goal was to trim down on alcohol-related traffic deaths. However, the effectiveness of raising the drinking age to 21 is still being debated. The facts have shown that fatal traffic accidents associated with drunk driving have grown smaller in numbers since the mid 80s. This can be attributed to seat belt laws created at the same time which lowered overall fatalities.

Raising the drinking age has been about as effective as national prohibition. Prohibition destroyed moderation and instead promoted abusive drinking because when the alcohol

was available, people would drink it in large quantities. Speakeasies did not exist before prohibition when people could drink leisurely. By raising the drinking age to 21, what we have created is age-specific prohibition causing people to create their own "speakeasies" in dorm rooms or other secret locations where binge drinking often occurs.

When alcohol is seen as the "forbidden fruit" by college students, it only becomes more tempting. In 1999, Harvard

When alcohol is seen as the 'forbidden fruit' by college students, it only becomes more tempting.

University surveyed students at 119 colleges and found that 47 percent of college students who consume alcohol drink to get drunk. Almost one in every four binged three or more times in a two-week period.

Now I am not arguing on this side because I want it to be as easy as possible for every college student to go out and get drunk. However, as a member of the Army ROTC program here on campus, I am mystified by the

fact that on the day I am commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army, I will not be legally entitled to a toast to celebrate. Another example of this law's idiocy is the men and women in Iraq and Afghanistan right now defending our freedom. These soldiers are trusted with equipment that costs millions of dollars and officers are entrusted with the lives of other men, yet the message the government sends to them is that they are not competent to drink alcohol in a responsible manner. The voting age was brought down to 18 partially because of the age requirements to serve in the military; therefore, why not the drinking age?

Currently, the 18-year mark means you can get married. You now have the right to vote for who you want to represent you in a political office. You can enter into legal contracts. You can walk into a convenience store and buy cigarettes or purchase pornographic material. But you can't buy even one alcoholic beverage. I think it's time we get realistic about alcohol and solve this problem.

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COMMENTARY



Erin Cooksley

Use free time to read for fun

OK, groan, roll your eyes, sigh heavily. Now that all that unpleasantness is taken care of, let's talk about every college student's favorite pastime — reading.

No doubt with midterms leaping out of the syllabi, students are becoming exhausted and frustrated with reading. Many professors expect their students to have read at least half of that \$100 doorstop by now. The academic code inherent in textbook reading is undoubtedly boring and tedious. But don't let that make you swear off all forms of reading.

Casual reading as an option for filling what little free time students can find often loses to watching television, playing video games or just hanging out. According to a U.S. Department of Education study, less than 3 percent of time outside of the classroom is spent reading for enjoyment.

But it's time college students reconnect with the power of

reading. Whether it's "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare" or "Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance," casual reading should be an important part of every student's life. Research compiled by the U.S.

Department of Education shows that the benefits for "avid" readers are priceless:

- Avid readers write better and concentrate better. Paper coming due soon? Well-read students have to worry less about rewriting and can focus more on getting to the point. With a solid background in language use, the words flow easier onto the page.

- Avid readers can sift information to understand how unrelated facts can fit into a whole. Those pages and pages of lecture notes may seem overwhelming when it comes time to study for a test, but a reader practiced in the art of piecing together scenarios can easily decipher the important themes. With a broad-based understanding of the subject matter, learning the details is a cinch.

- Avid readers tend to be more flexible in their thinking and more open to new ideas. Such

openness can lead to limitless opportunities and advancements in the workplace. Being a team player is essential in today's work environment, and the ability to arrive at new conclusions is an asset worth more than a 4.0 grade point average.

- Avid readers weather personal problems better without their schoolwork being affected. College is a unique atmosphere rife with unfamiliar experiences. The support group of family and teachers that aid most students through the first 13 years of education becomes a distant resource. Having the internal gumption to persevere through trying times, as many literary figures do, is a quality no student can afford to be without.

Certainly, reading textbooks is an important aspect of a college education but limiting yourself to only textbooks degrades the overall value of reading. As listed above, reading has tremendous educational benefits. However, reading can be and should be fun.

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Girls hate it, guys love it

A fundamental difference between men and women can be summed up by one phenomenon: verbal sexual harassment.

COMMENTARY Consider it this way: The other day my roommate Tanner, with great pride, told me, "I was once sexually harassed."

Apparently he had worked at a restaurant where his female manager did not exercise the persuasive powers of subtlety in her efforts to communicate her less-than-wholesome feelings toward him.

At the time, Tanner simply figured that older women were naturally attracted to guys in bus-boy outfits. He later had this theory disproved when he began frequenting night-clubs.

Tanner wasn't the only one lucky enough to have sweet nothings whispered in his ear (or shouted across the kitchen), so this woman was eventually fired.

On the other hand, if a girl told me the same story that Tanner did, the appropriate reaction would have been to show concern and advise her to pursue the legendarily savvy legal representation found here in Pullman, Wash.

But, when a guy shares this kind of deep, dark secret, the only rational response is a round of high fives and chest bumps.

When harassment occurs, it is more often men who are hung out to dry for actions that are either blatantly wrong or just misunderstood.

Women, and rightly so, have taken action to get abusive people out of positions of power. In the process, some innocent people have gotten the axe, too, but that's a topic for another day.

One of the clearest definitions of what separates men and women, at least on some psychological level, is how they react to this gender-based discrimination.

As I thought about it, however, I realized that Tanner is not unique in his satisfaction at having been objectified and lusted after.

I think pretty much any guy would brag.

Women are victims of this kind of stuff; men see it as the corporate world's version of the Medal of Honor.

Something about this is not fair.

Women who are really in a bad situation with sexual harassment sometimes will dress down in order to avoid excessively lewd comments about how they look.

Men, on the other hand, get harassed and respond by taking an extra careful look through the J. Crew catalog so that their boss won't miss a beat with his/her relentless innuendo.

I can only assume Tanner fell into that group.

And for that I owe him a round of high fives and chest bumps.

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National/State Roundup

Gov. Perry to appear in Tommy Lee Jones movie

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry should be ready for his role in an upcoming movie starring Tommy Lee Jones. After all, he's playing the Texas governor.

Jones and film crews were at the governor's mansion Tuesday shooting scenes with Perry, who has a handful of lines in the movie.

"With his Hollywood looks, he was typecast to play the governor of the great state of Texas," Perry spokeswoman Kathy Walt joked.

The film, with the working title "Cheer Up," also features the Texas Rangers and University of Texas cheerleaders.

Jones plays a hard-edged Texas Ranger named Roland Sharp, who goes undercover as an assistant cheerleading coach to protect five UT cheerleaders after they've witnessed the murder of a federal informant. The Dallas Morning News reported in Wednesday's editions. The UT campus in Austin also is being

used for scenes.

"As governor, (Perry) agrees to call out the Texas Rangers to help protect these witnesses to a murder," Walt said.

The film is to be released in 2004, according to Revolution studios.

'Early Show' anchor deals with breast cancer

NEW YORK (AP) — Rene Syler, an anchor on CBS News' "The Early Show," knows better than many people about the dangers of breast cancer.

Both her mother and father had the disease, and a routine test on the 40-year-old newswoman this summer uncovered an abnormality that gives her a greater-than-normal chance of developing the disease.

Syler has gone public with her emotional journey, keeping a video diary of her experience. It is being broadcast in three parts on "The Early Show," ending Friday.

"What I want people to see is this is not about the person you see on TV every morning with

the hair and the makeup and the poise and the polish," she told The Associated Press Wednesday. "This is about a person trying to deal with a scary situation in the best way that she could. I was terrified."

Her mother, Anne, of Fort Worth, Texas, is a breast cancer survivor, six years removed from her surgery. Her father, Bill, died of a stroke 10 years after his breast cancer surgery.

The report contains candid, emotional footage of a scared Syler awaiting her diagnosis — then relief in finding out she did not have cancer.

However, her condition will require regular monitoring, including mammograms every year, she said.

"It's something like a chronic condition," she said. "It's something we'll have to deal with."

By broadcasting her story, Syler hopes she'll persuade many women to undergo mammograms. She's already heard from two women at the CBS

News offices who have been motivated to make an appointment, she said.

Air Force investigates plane crash at Sheppard

WICHITA FALLS (AP) — The U.S. Air Force is investigating what caused a plane to crash during takeoff at Sheppard Air Force Base.

The T-38A Talon crashed just before 11 a.m. Tuesday, moments after the two pilots detected a malfunction then ejected unharmed, said Col. Jake Polumbo, commander of the 80th Flying Training Wing.

The pilots, whose names were not released, were taken to the base hospital, but it appears neither was injured, he said.

An interim investigation board of base officials will report to a more formal team put together by the Air Force's Air Education and Training Command, which will conduct a full investigation, Polumbo said.

Hours after the crash, the rela-

tively undamaged plane rested on its belly about halfway down a runway, with emergency vehicles clustered about 100 yards away.

The plane apparently had just left the ground when the malfunction occurred, Polumbo said.

"They were on takeoff roll, and it does appear they were airborne when the decision to eject was made," he said.

First built in 1959, the T-38 is used by more advanced pilot trainees who complete their initial training in a T-37. The Talon is a twin-engine, swept-wing aircraft capable of super-sonic speeds.

Each aircraft cost the Air Force \$756,000, although it has not been made since 1971 after 1,100 of the trainers were built.

Longview teacher fired, called student a monkey

LONGVIEW (AP) — The Longview school board has moved to fire a white high school geography teacher who allegedly referred to a student as a monkey.

The Longview school board

met two hours in closed session Monday night before voting unanimously to send Kelley Snowden a termination notice. The Longview High School teacher has 15 days to request a hearing before an independent examiner.

Superintendent Dana Marable said the remark was made sometime this month, but district officials have provided no details about how and when it was used. As of Wednesday, they had not responded to the Longview News-Journal's Oct. 6 request for information under the Texas Public Information Act.

Snowden did not immediately return a message left at her home Wednesday by The Associated Press.

The Rev. J.D. Harris, a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said the superintendent assured community leaders the matter would be resolved. Harris said the civil rights organization and members of a local ministerial alliance would "stand back and see what Dr. Marable accomplishes."

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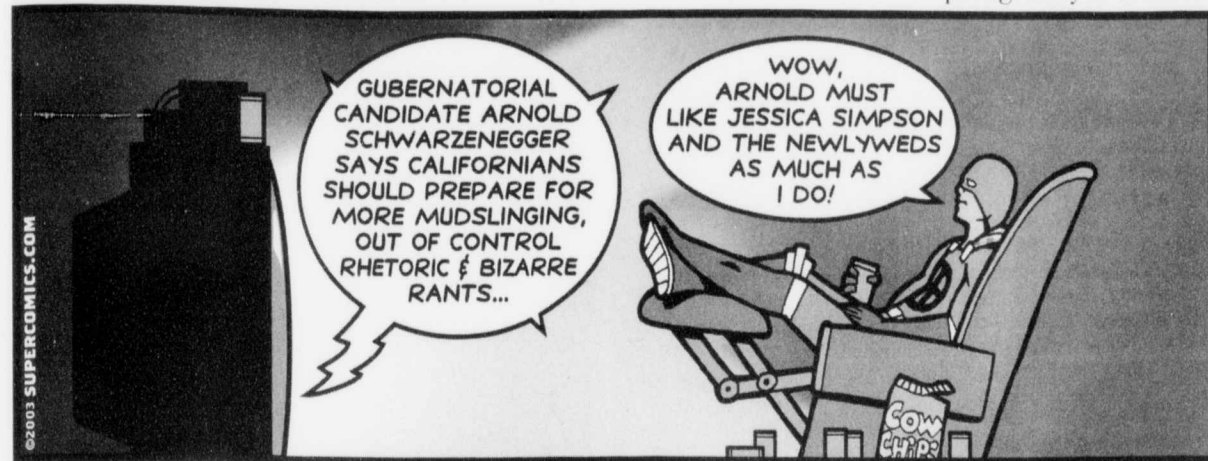
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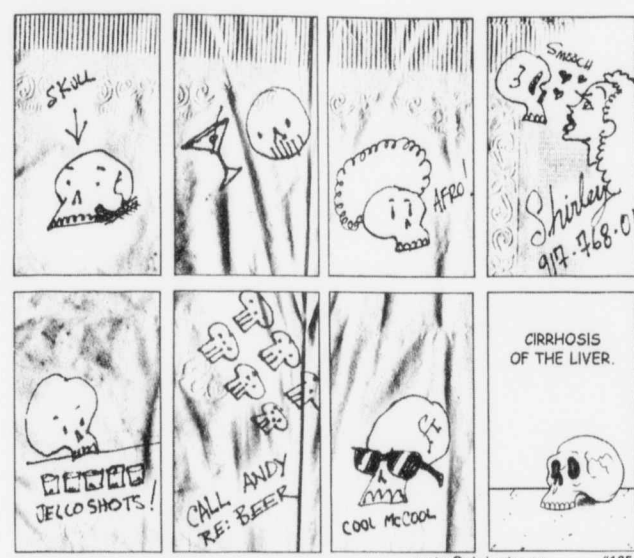


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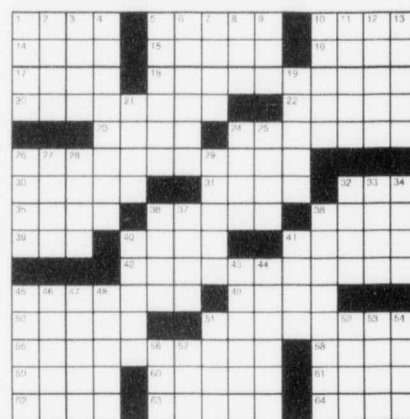
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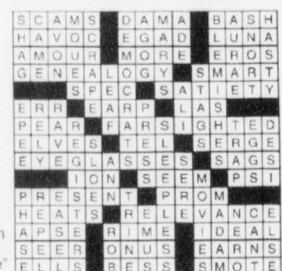
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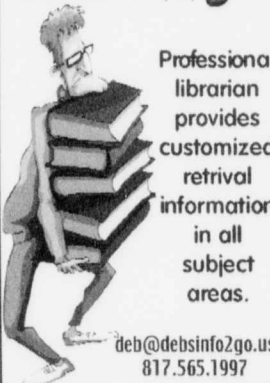
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The Sideline

Former Horned Frog coach to be honored

Former TCU head football coach Jim Wacker will be honored during a half-time ceremony at the TCU and Alabama-Birmingham football game Saturday at Amon Carter Stadium.

Members of the Wacker family, including his wife, Lillian, will attend the ceremony, which will include a tribute on the videoboard.

Wacker lost a battle to cancer on Aug. 26 at the age of 66.

From 1983 through 1991, Frog football was in the hands of Wacker, who was a Texas college coaching legend after logging a pair of national championships at Division II Southwest Texas State and at Texas Lutheran, an NAIA school. Wacker's first campaign at TCU produced only a 1-8-2 record, but he steered the Horned Frogs to a dramatic 8-4 turnaround in 1984 en route to a Bluebonnet Bowl date.

— courtesy of www.gofrogs.com

A welcome change

Roster additions contribute to winning streak

BY ADAM WILLIAMS
Skiff Staff

Last year, the TCU women's soccer team finished its 2002 Conference USA campaign with only one win, landing the Frogs in 13th place out of 14 teams.

This year, with a roster containing 13 new faces, nine returnees and a full-time coaching staff, the soccer team enters this weekend's play having already notched four C-USA victories in five games.

Senior defender Rebecca Repasky said much of the team's success is due to the new core of players on this year's club.

"Last year's team was already jaded by the previous losing seasons," Repasky said. "With all the new players on the team, there is a positive attitude within our group, one that we have

never really had in year's past."

This year marks the first season the TCU staff has been able to focus on one team. Varsity men's soccer was downgraded to club status last season.

Head coach David Rubinson, who had been coaching both the women and men's teams, said being able to pay more attention to one team has been another reason for the team's turn-around year.

"We (the staff) have much more time to work and improve only one team as where last year we had two teams to work with," Rubinson said.

Rubinson said the two-team system often left coaches stretched for time, and they were often unavailable to attend trips and games for both squads.

"The focus on only the women's side has allowed us ample time to review team video, upcoming opponents and future recruits," Rubinson said.

The Frogs have home conference games this weekend against Southern Miss and Tulane. Two more wins this weekend could put the TCU women in an unfa-

miliar position: first in C-USA.

Not only would the Frogs be in first place in the conference, but they would also be almost guaranteed a spot in the C-USA Championship tournament Nov. 6 to 8.

"No team has ever been denied a tournament spot with six conference wins," assistant head coach Blake Amos said.

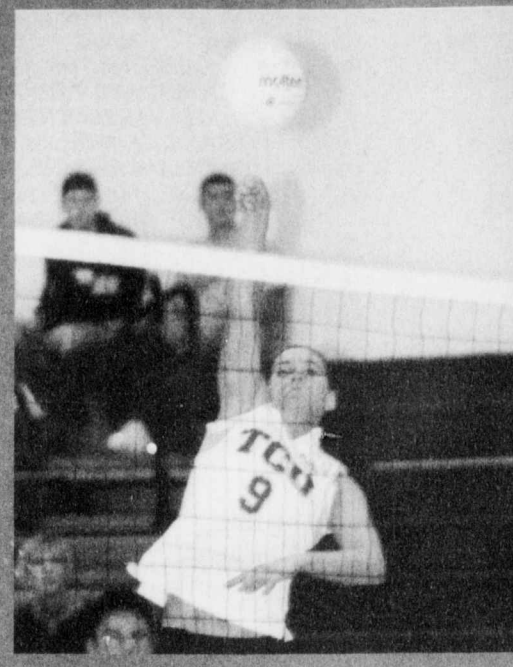
First up for the Horned Frogs are the Golden Eagles of Southern Miss, who will come to town Friday. The Frogs are 2-0 in conference play and 3-1-1 overall this season. The Golden Eagles have a 1-4-1 conference record and a 8-4-2 overall record.

Although Southern Miss is near the bottom of the conference, Amos said the team should not be underestimated.

"They are coming off a big win at South Florida and could be right back in the hunt with a win here," Amos said. "They are a streaky team, and we need to come to play Friday."

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Close call



By Halasz/Staff Photographer
Junior outside hitter Dominika Szabo goes up for a spike against Houston Wednesday night in the University Recreation Center. TCU lost to Houston three games to one.

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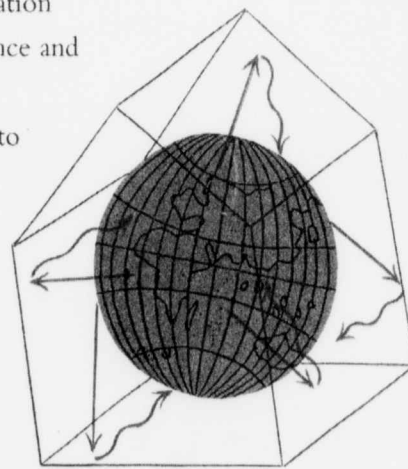


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