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Brite rep accuses Disciples' group of bigotry

The divinity school's director of field education filed a petition in state District Court over alleged discrimination by a committee of the Christian Church's Southwest Region.

By Elizabeth Bassett
Staff Reporter

A top Brite Divinity School administrator said Tuesday that he was barred from representing Brite on a Disciples of Christ Church regional committee to interview

minister candidates because he is gay.

Stephen Sprinkle, director of field education at Brite Divinity School, said he was told by committee chairman Ben Hubert that he was "polarizing students" and would not be allowed to participate in interviews held Jan. 12 to Jan. 14. Sprinkle said he disputed the claim, but stayed for general meetings, which included prayer and meals.

According to the bylaws of the Christian Church's Southwest Region, the director for field service education is an automatic member of the committee. Brite sent Sprinkle to the Committee on the Ministry of the Christian Church as one of two representatives.

Sprinkle said the tension between Brite and the Southwest Region stemmed from the conflict between Brite's non-discriminatory policy and the Region's disapproval

of homosexuality.

Hubert did not return several phone calls seeking comment.

Brite President D. Newell Williams said late Tuesday that he supports Sprinkle and is working with the Southwest Region to resolve the conflict.

"He needed to go to that meeting and present himself for service," said Williams, who did not attend the meetings. "He went to that meeting with my endorsement.

It is part of his job."

Bob Rueter, the transitional regional minister for the Southwest Region, would only confirm that Sprinkle was present at the meetings. He would not comment further.

Sprinkle said that although Hubert did not explicitly say so, Sprinkle was being barred because of his sexual orientation.

"If they had any other reason for denying me access, they never told

me," Sprinkle said. "I have a responsibility built into my job here at Brite to represent Brite."

Richard Lee Griffin, Sprinkle's attorney, said a petition requesting depositions from several Southwest Region members had been filed in the state District Court in Tarrant County. The petition requests the court's permission to investigate a claim for damages, he said.

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University Recreation Center turns 1 year old

Students take a break from exercise, celebrate with cake

The University Recreation Center celebrates its one-year anniversary Tuesday with food, fun and festivities.

By Erica Parker
Staff Reporter

Red and purple balloons, free Panera Bread sandwiches and a cake cutting ceremony with the chancellor helped kick off the University Recreation Center's one-year birthday celebration Tuesday.

Chancellor Victor Boschini opened the festivities with a brief speech and was the first person to take a bite of the red, white and purple cakes. "The Recreation Center is an integral part of the campus," Boschini said. "It's a great physical structure and we're blessed to have this.

"Students and faculty can come together on a

common ground and be equal. Everyone wears shorts," he said.

The university is celebrating the \$30 million facility's one-year birthday because the center has made a major impact on campus, said Cristie Mitchell, assistant director of campus recreation.

Students and faculty had the chance to win massages, personal training sessions, T-shirts and Rippit class passes.

John Walls, a junior advertising/public relations major, said he has used the recreation center since it opened last spring, but thought the party was a great way to entice students who don't normally go there.

Michelle Bouchillon, a junior political science major, took a break from weight lifting when she

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Victor Boschini

Chancellor

saw the free food and cake. She said the facility promotes healthy workouts in a nonthreatening way.

"The recreation center is big enough where you don't feel intimidated by other people, but it is small enough to get help when needed," Bouchillon said.

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Wellness Office representative Amy Goodson helps kick off the celebration by serving cake to attendees of the University Recreation Center's first birthday party Tuesday afternoon.

Nicole Martinez/Staff Photographer

Kerry wins with decisive victory; Dean places 2nd

Presidential candidate John Kerry wins by 13 points in the New Hampshire primary.

By Ron Fournier
The Associated Press

MANCHESTER, N.H.

— John Kerry overpowered Howard Dean to win New Hampshire's primary Tuesday, scoring a second-straight campaign victory to establish the four-term senator as the Democratic Party's presidential front-runner.

"I ask Democrats everywhere to join us so we can defeat George W. Bush and the economy of privilege," Kerry told supporters, promising to "reduce the poverty of millions rather than reducing the taxes of millionaires."

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Top three finishers



Kerry	Dean	Clark
38%	26%	13%
58,975	39,708	19,410

227 of 301 precincts reporting — 75 percent
Source: The Associated Press

The next step

Election Calendar

- Thursday Democratic presidential debates in Greenville and Columbia, South Carolina.
- Tuesday Missouri, Oklahoma presidential primaries; North Dakota presidential caucuses; Arizona, Delaware, South Carolina Democratic primaries; New Mexico Democratic caucuses
- Feb. 7 Michigan and Washington Democratic caucuses
- Sunday, Feb. 8 Maine caucuses

Malicious worm spreads to campus

The e-mail tricks computer users into opening an attachment and then attacks their network.

By Kristy Cubstead
Staff Reporter

An e-mail worm that looks like a normal error message but actually contains a malicious program snarled computers around the world on Tuesday, and was sent to inboxes here on campus.

MessageLabs Inc., which scans e-mail for viruses, said one in every 12 messages contained the worm, called "Mydoom" or "Novarg." Security experts described it as the largest virus-like outbreak in months.

David Edmondson, assistant provost for information services, confirmed that the worm had been sent to TCU inboxes, but said he'd received few formal complaints. He said the worm was sent mostly to non-TCU e-mail accounts.

The worm began spreading rapidly Monday during business hours in the United States. By comparison, many previous outbreaks had started during Asian business hours, allowing antivirus vendors to develop defenses by the time U.S. companies opened up shop.

Some corporate networks were clogged with infected traffic within hours of the worm's appearance, and operators of many systems voluntarily shut down their e-mail systems.

Mikko Hypponen, manager of anti-virus research at F-Secure Corp. in Finland, estimated that 200,000 to 300,000 computers were hit worldwide.

James Stark, an employee at the Information Commons, said the worm could come with subject lines of "error," "hello," "mail delivery system," "mail transaction failed," "server report," "status" or a collection of characters.

Unlike other mass-mailing worms, Mydoom does not attempt to trick victims by promising nude pictures of celebrities or mimicking personal notes. Instead, one of its messages reads: "The message contains Unicode characters and has been sent as a binary attachment."

The worm infects computers using Microsoft Corp.'s Windows operating systems, though other computers were affected by network slowdowns and a flood of bogus messages.

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TCU grad survives 'The Apprentice'

Alumna Amelia Henry prepares for the ultimate interview and hopes for her dream job.

By Julia Mae Jorgensen
Staff Reporter

They always tell you an MBA from the School of Business will take you far, and for Amelia Henry that has proven true.

Amelia, who goes by Amy, has taken her MBA straight to Trump Tower competing with 16 other finalists for a one-year contract as the president of a Donald Trump company in NBC's new reality show, "The Apprentice."

"I have never auditioned for a show before and never really been that interested in them because I don't watch television," Henry said in an e-mail interview. "But I really feel like it was fate."

Henry, 30, graduated from TCU in 1995 and now works at BetweenMarkets Inc., a start-up technology company in Austin.

Originally from Arlington, Henry said landing a

spot on the show was a fluke.

"I was headed to Fort Worth to visit my brother who just moved back to town and heard about the audition from a friend," she said. "I figured life is short and this is a once in a lifetime opportunity, so why not?"

Henry spent part of the audition day sitting in a bar and was then called in with 10 other applicants to answer one question from the producer — What do you do when you have an irrational boss?

Henry said the other applicants started talking about doing whatever it took and doing anything to make their boss happy, but she was quick to disagree.

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QUICK FACTS

Must See TV

- "The Apprentice" airs at 8 p.m. Thursdays on NBC



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Campus Lines

Your bulletin board for campus events

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

■ Summer 2004 Study Abroad Programs are now enrolling. To enroll, come by Sadler Hall, Room 16, to pick up a permit number and pay a \$500 deposit by Feb. 27. Contact t.williams@tcu.edu for more information.

■ The Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) will have its first meeting this semester at 5:30 p.m. Thursday in Moudy Building South, Room 271. Come hear Andra Bennett, the director of communications at the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce, speak. Pizza and snacks will be provided to all who attend. Contact John Walls at j.c.walls@tcu.edu for more information.

■ Career Night for the Spring Semester will be from 4-7 p.m. Feb. 11 in the Student Center Ballroom. This event is for students to network with local businesses, search for an internship or look for their first job out of college. Dress is business casual. Bring resumes. For more information, contact University Career Services, Heather Cohen at h.r.cohen@tcu.edu or her cell phone at (972) 467-1233. Or contact the Skiff advertising department at (817) 257-7426.

■ The Center for Writing is located on the top floor of the Rickel Academic Wing of the University Recreation Center, across from Moncrief Hall. Students who want to discuss some of their writing can stop by the Center for Writing or call (817) 257-7221 for an appointment.

■ Senior bricks are on sale now. For your very own name-engraved senior brick, contact Sarah at (817) 257-8785 or e-mail her at s.j.cox@tcu.edu. The deadline for May 2004 graduates is Feb. 28.

■ Norton Anti-Virus software is now available to all TCU students. Students connecting to Resnet in the residence halls will be required to install and run this anti-virus package to ensure the stability and high performance you have come to expect from Resnet.

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Clear Channel fined for indecency violation

By Jonathan D. Salant
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WASHINGTON — The government proposed a \$755,000 fine against Clear Channel Communications on Tuesday for a sexually explicit radio show on Florida stations, the highest levy ever imposed at one time for indecency violations.

The Federal Communications Commission also proposed only the second fine in its history for a television broadcast — \$27,500 against the owner of a San Francisco station that aired a segment in which a man exposed himself.

The FCC, whose chairman recently urged that penalties be substantially increased for indecent programming, proposed the radio fines against Clear Channel for objectionable segments of a show titled "Bubba the Love Sponge."

The segments ran 26 times and the commission proposed fining Clear Channel the maximum \$27,500 for each airing, or

\$715,000. The company has 30 days to pay the fine or appeal.

In response, Clear Channel called for an industry task force to develop clear indecency standards for radio, television, cable and satellite networks.

FCC Commissioner Michael Copps was the only member of the five-person commission to oppose the fine. He said the penalty was not severe enough and suggested the FCC consider revoking the stations' licenses.

The head of Clear Channel Radio said his broadcasts are not meant to be indecent.

"We work hard every day to entertain, not offend our listeners," said John Hogan. "None of us defend or encourage indecent content, it's simply not part of our corporate culture."

Under FCC rules and federal law, radio stations and over-the-air television channels cannot air obscene material at any time, and cannot air indecent material between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m.

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"I finally had enough and said 'Are you kidding me?' If nothing else, I think I at least earn respect from my boss by challenging him when I don't agree with him," she said.

Henry's answer, which she said probably hinted at a tendency for conflict, impressed the producer. She was flown to Los Angeles within a few days and two months later was living in Trump Tower in New York City.

Once in Trump Tower, the contestants split off into teams of men versus women. The women named themselves Protégé Corp. and the men named

themselves Versacorp. Each week "The Donald," as Trump is called, assigned the teams a new business venture. The team that is deemed the winner of the event is safe from "firing" for the week, while the losing team has to face "The Donald" in the boardroom. Once inside the boardroom, one member is "fired" and sent home.

Filming lasted 13 weeks and Henry is now back at her job in Austin until the show is over. She is forbidden by a confidentiality agreement to do any direct interviews until she is fired, but was able to submit to this interview with an NBC oversight.

Henry said that so far she does not have any special plans, but hopes her time on the show

will open new doors.

"I think that this should lead to some interesting new opportunities for me that I wouldn't have had otherwise," she said. "Think about it, when does one have the chance to have a 13-week job interview on national television in front of 20 million viewers?"

Henry also said that what she learned at TCU helped her during the show.

"The MBA program at TCU is focused on building communication skills and team skills in preparation for the real business world," she said. "But, one thing I didn't use much of is Power Point."

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POLITICS

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Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina and retired Army Gen. Wesley Clark were in a distant race for third. Sen. Joe Lieberman of Connecticut, sagging to fifth place, rejected advice from some advisers to abandon his bid.

After trooping through coffee shops, country stores and living rooms of Iowa and New Hampshire, the candidates now move to the cold realities of a national campaign — airport rallies and multimillion-dollar ad buys in seven states holding contests next Tuesday.

Kerry, who reshaped the race with his stunning win in Iowa's caucuses Jan. 19, steams toward the cross-country contests emboldened with the aura of success to argue that he is the candidate best suited to oust President Bush in November.

With 87 percent of the precincts reporting, Kerry had 39 percent, Dean had 26 percent, Clark 13 percent, Edwards 12 percent, and Lieberman 9 percent.

Dean, the former five-term governor of Vermont who finished third in Iowa, lost New Hampshire by double digits — less than he needed for a complete rebound or to erase doubts about his viability.

He did manage about twice as many votes as either Edwards or Clark, and found solace in gaining a bit of ground since his disastrous Iowa finish and shrill election-night address.

Dean kept his emotions in check Tuesday night, telling supporters, "The people of New Hampshire have allowed all of you to hope again that we're going to have real change in America."

Edwards, who finished a surprise second in Iowa, said his double-digit finish is an improvement over his standing in polls before Iowa. He's staking his candidacy on South Carolina, a centerpiece of next week's contests. "Beyond South Carolina, I don't want to make any predictions," he said.

Ignoring his fifth-place showing, Lieberman declared, "We're in a three-way split decision" and pointed his ragged campaign toward South Carolina, Delaware and Oklahoma.

Looking toward next week, Dean insisted he will "play to win in every single state," overruling aides who urged a more cautious approach. The former Vermont governor plans to compete in South Carolina, Missouri, New Mexico and Arizona, which holds contests next Tuesday; Michigan and Washington state four days later; and Wisconsin, with its contest Feb. 17.

Several Dean advisers had urged him to pick fewer targets, cherry-picking states to conserve resources, but he vetoed the strategy, insisting that his campaign was muscular enough to compete nationally.

Dean has raised more than \$200,000 in the 24 hours before the primary, but he has been spending money just as fast as raising it — and he will keep up the pricey pace with his new strategy.

Kerry also pledged to compete everywhere, but his twin victories should fuel the drive.

An AP analysis of the delegate count showed Kerry winning 14 delegates and Dean capturing eight, while Edwards and Clark appeared to finish below the 15 percent vote threshold needed to win any delegates.

His eye warily cast toward the fall, Bush planned a trip to New Hampshire to counter criticism heaped his way during the Democratic race. He used a similar tactic after Iowa's caucuses, scheduling his State of the Union address one day after that contest.

It has been a topsy-turvy Democratic race, with Dean leading New Hampshire polls by 25 percentage points when the year began, Kerry seizing a similar lead after Iowa and Dean gaining a bit of ground after an 11th-hour political overhaul.

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Ed Coble, attorney for the Southwest Region, was not available for comment.

Dan Carroll, who was part of another small group at the committee, said the decision to exclude Sprinkle was made by Hubert and "he made the decision even if it might not have been voted on by the entire committee."

Carroll referred questions to Hubert.

"We've been asked not to comment on this," he said.

The TCU Campus Advocates for Peace and Social Justice presented a "community conversation" about the matter Tuesday afternoon.

Katie Low, co-moderator for CAPS and a Brite student, read aloud a letter she had written to the region. "Dr. Sprinkle's treatment is a break of covenant and a clear violation of the Southwest Region's bylaws," she said.

"As a Brite Divinity student, I deserve an apology from the Southwest Region and I expect the region to apologize to Brite Divinity School, its students, and to Dr. Stephen Sprinkle ... for its denial of Brite representation at the meeting," Low's letter continued.

At the CAPS meeting, Sprinkle said: "I'm seeking justice."

A petition was presented at the end of the meeting. It asked the Christian Church to send a letter of apology to Sprinkle and Brite by Feb. 4.

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WORM

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Unlike other mass-mailing worms, Mydoom does not attempt to trick victims by promising nude pictures of celebrities or mimicking personal notes. Instead, one of its messages reads: "The message contains Unicode characters and has been sent as a binary attachment."

Junior Russ Mensik almost fell for it Monday night when he received an e-mail on his TCU account with a subject line of "Undeliverable: Hi."

Mensik opened the e-mail, from System Administrator, which read "your message did not reach some or all of the intended recipients." Mensik was not infected by the worm because he did not click on the attachment.

In addition to sending out tainted e-mail, the program appears to open up a back door so hackers can take over the computer later.

There are 3,100 students living on-campus, and as of Tuesday, 1,600 had not downloaded the free Norton AntiVirus software, Edmondson said.

He urged students to download the program and use TCU e-mail accounts, which is scanned for viruses. He also said that students should not open e-mail from unknown senders, and to delete e-mail that looks suspicious.

Symantec said the worm appeared to contain a program that collect usernames and passwords and distribute them to strangers. Network Associates did not find that program.

The worm also appeared to infect folders open to users of the Kazaa file-sharing network. Remote users who download those files and run them could be infected.

Microsoft offers a patch for its Outlook e-mail software to warn users before they open such attachments or prevent them from opening them altogether. Antivirus software also stops infection.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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Chuck Kennedy/KRT

Presidential hopeful Sen. John Kerry (D-Mass.) stops motorists to ask for support in downtown Manchester, N.H. Kerry scored a second-straight primary victory.

Martha Stewart trial heats up during opening arguments

Tuesday's opening statements painted two completely different pictures of the celebrity.

By Erin McClam
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Martha Stewart sold stock based on "a secret tip" that no one else had, then told an avalanche of lies to save her reputation and enormous fortune, prosecutors said Tuesday as they laid out their case against the homemaking queen.

Stewart's attorney insisted the case was based on "speculation, surmise and guesswork" and suggested the government's pursuit of the domestic style-setter was reminiscent of George Orwell's Big

Brother novel "1984."

The jury of eight women and four men listened to three hours of opening statements that outlined starkly different portrayals of Stewart's sale of nearly 4,000 shares of biotechnology company ImClone Systems on Dec. 27, 2001.

The government contends Stewart, on her way to a vacation in Mexico, was tipped that ImClone founder Sam Waksal was trying to dump his shares, then ordered the sale of her own stock.

Federal prosecutor Karen Patton Seymour said Stewart then conspired with her stockbroker, Peter Bacanovic, to tell a series of cover-up lies about the sale.

"The reason that Martha Stewart dumped her shares is because she was told a secret," Seymour said. "A secret tip that no other investors in ImClone had."

Stewart was almost motionless as the arguments unfolded in front of her, resting her chin on her hand and occasionally tapping an index finger against her lips.

Stewart faces up to 30 years in prison on charges that include obstruction of justice and securities fraud, but would get a far lighter penalty if convicted. Bacanovic is also charged with five counts and faces 25 years.

Attorneys for Stewart and Bacanovic aimed to convince jurors that the two defendants

had done nothing out of the ordinary for a diligent broker and responsible client, arguing they had decided six days before the ImClone sale to get rid of the stock if it fell to \$60.

Waksal later admitted he was tipped that federal regulators were about to issue a negative report on ImClone's star product, the cancer drug Erbitux. That report sent the stock plummeting.

Stewart attorney Robert Morvillo pointed out that 7 million shares of rapidly falling ImClone were sold on the same day Stewart unloaded hers. And Bacanovic attorney Richard Strassberg said the broker made a paltry \$450 on the sale.

The Skiff View

Parallel parking is its own problem

Please pull your car all the way into the space

As if parking weren't bad enough. We should be dedicated to helping one another overcome the perils of parking, rather than placing obstacles in each other's paths. It's happened to all of us. You clear the nearest stop sign just in time to catch a glimpse of the perfect spot — shining in the distance along the street of the building of your first class. You pull up to the spot, prepared to impress the average onlookers with your parallel parking prowess, when reality sets in. You will never have that spot. Why? The vehicle in front of or behind your perfect spot has chosen to haphazardly rush through their parking job, crushing your hopes of cruising into that flawless space.

Why does this happen? Are some people really so impressed with their luck at finding one of these coveted street spots that they feel entitled to treat themselves to a double scoop of street? When did a street spot become a sign of the parking hierarchy? Here we are, as students, constantly having to park four blocks down Lubbock and we find a fellow student has ruined what had potential to be the most rewarding event of our day by being a sloppy parker.

It's simply got to stop. This failure to observe basic parking etiquette is one of the unspoken travesties here at TCU.

Scoot up, scoot back — do whatever you have to do in order to be a worthy parallel parker. Just don't be so self-important that you think that your car, be it Beemer or Pinto, deserves such opulent parking.

The Other View

Opinions from around the country

Soul mates are made, not found

I've often wondered whether people have one true love, or if any number of romantic partners will do as a potential mate. After considerable contemplation and observation, I've decided that, rather than individuals predestined to compliment exactly one other person, soul mates develop over time, and they come from a pool of potentially ideal and initially equal suitors.

When I was young, I had the overly romanticized notion that each human has one person destined for his or her perfect match. I also disagreed with those who dated only one or two people from their hometown before marrying their high school sweetheart. It seemed those marriages came through default or convenience, not because of a once-in-a-lifetime connection.

While I felt content and even excited with the idea of living a single life for some time, I still hoped my future would eventually include a special other-someone. As "journeys end in lovers meeting," I thought fate would have to bring us together. After that, fireworks would explode, and I'd know I had met destiny, or so I thought.

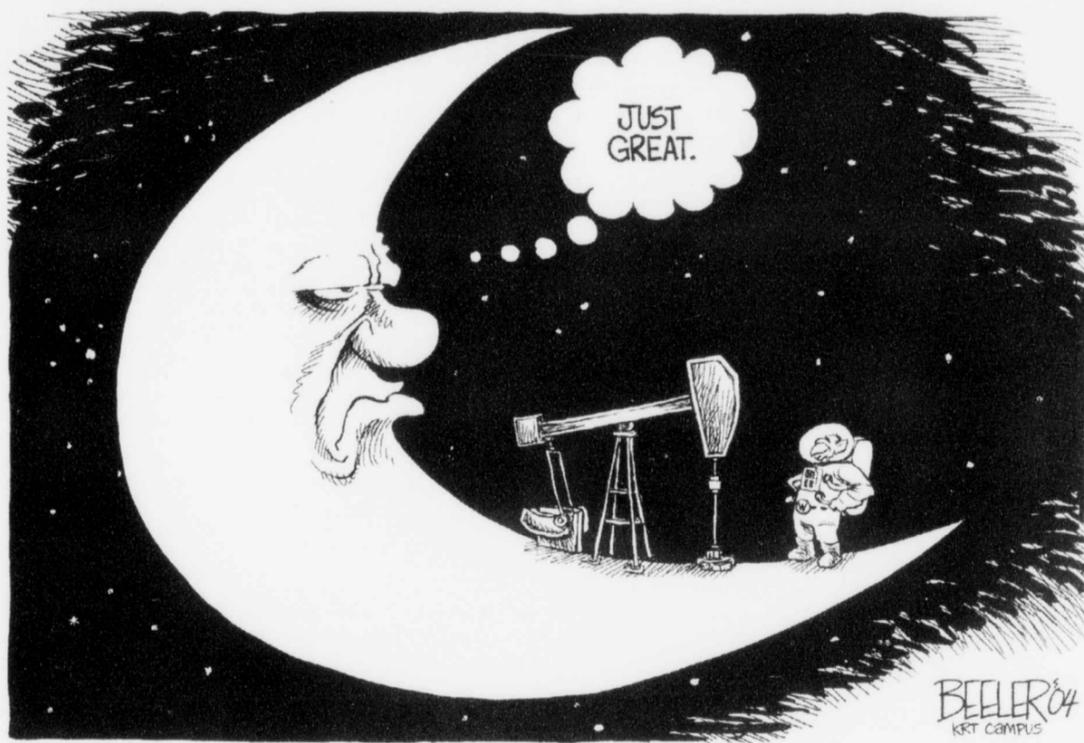
These days, I realize the error of my ways. Environment plays a large part in forming values, beliefs, hobbies and even personality, so it stands to reason most people will have more in common with someone from the same country

than with others. Commonalities usually translate into stronger relationships, so I generally eliminated the possibility that I should travel to India to meet my one perfect match. Environmental similarities do, however, open a select pool of people who share the same background. From that group, any number of people could work as a romantic partner.

Aside from the fact that most people marry someone who has lived relatively close to them, many personality types complement each other. This means any number of people could satisfactorily marry each other and live happy, fulfilled lives. That's where the soul mate stuff comes in — it appears after a prolonged relationship.

At the beginning of an association between people who share commonalities, the liaison can terminate at any time with little or no harm to either party. If, however, the affiliation continues for a significant time, each party grows increasingly closer to the other, and their lives intertwine, creating a near-irreversible association. This is best seen in couples who have been married many years they have developed into each other's true love. Shakespeare put it best when he wrote, "So they lov'd as love in twain; Had the essence but in one; Two distinct, divisions none."

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Point/Counterpoint

Today's topic: Bush's Mars plan

Space travel, programs underrated by many

It's tough to be grandiose sometimes.

There doesn't seem to be a lot of popular support for the trip back to the moon and on to Mars. I'm not surprised.

The space program is usually seen as a giant black hole for taxpayer dollars, and why not? We aren't using anything in orbit. The Apollo program did nothing for American pride. The space program never invented anything converted for consumer use.

Wait a minute ... The people against this pronouncement seem to believe in the Black Hole. That money is being paid to American companies to produce new technologies. I can't even imagine what they'll come up with, but after meeting a few NASA guys in my lifetime, I know it will be good and I'm

sure we'll be using some of it too.

Going to Mars also puts us a step closer to the asteroids beyond it. Our planet does not have a limitless supply of raw metal ore. The value of one of these asteroids to the company who can mine it is estimated in the trillions. Still say there's no value in space travel?

Yes, this is a spending increase when the government is running a deficit. But in five years it's an extra \$1 billion dollars. To put that in perspective, that's less than 0.1 percent of federal spending. Most of the money is coming from other parts of NASA's budget.

And that's the chief reason to make the proclamation. NASA is lumbering, inefficient and indecisive. It's trying to do a hundred things at once. This gives NASA a clearly defined goal and purpose for the first time in decades. The money already paid to NASA will be put to much better use with a singular purpose like this.

A note on final cost: We

don't know how much the entire project will cost. I've seen figures from \$20 billion for just Mars to \$1 trillion for the whole experiment. Just remember that NASA may not do all that Bush suggested (the moon base as a launching pad for mars is an iffy concept) and it will be spread out over nearly two decades.

The announcement also re-asserts which country wears the pants in space. The international space station was doomed by too many cooks spoiling the broth and causing massive cost overruns (thanks, Russia). This will be a project dictated by the United States and, hopefully, not prone to disappointing partnerships.

I'll admit, I have a soft spot for the space program. I grew up not too far from the Kennedy Space Center. My dad worked for NASA (on the Mars project, actually). I grew up being able to step out onto my front lawn and see the shuttle launch. So I can understand

why other people aren't as entranced by space as I am.

An organism grows, or it dies. Space is where humanity

"If we stop exploring and crossing new frontiers, we might as well put on helmets and wait for the sun to explode."

is growing towards. If we stop exploring and crossing new frontiers, we might as well put on helmets and wait for the sun to explode. Rarely does any group of people get a chance to achieve something truly monumental, and there's not many more monumental things to be done scuttling about on earth.

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COMMENTARY



Patrick Jennings

COMMENTARY



Brandon Ortiz

exploring new worlds and "boldly going where no man has gone before," and I really wanted to experience zero gravity.

As I got older, I grew out of those dreams, and got bored with science fiction altogether. Light asthma helped suck the air out of those boyish dreams, but I also decided the work involved in becoming an astronaut is more trouble than it's worth.

The same could be said for President Bush's plan to send men to Mars within a generation: As romantic and inspiring as such a voyage would be, we can't afford it. It would suck the life out of the federal budget.

The Bush space plan — a better name would be the Bush re-election plan — is another

classic Karl Rove bait and switch. The president promises us the moon — literally — while saddling the next president with the costs of such a lofty mission.

Bush proposes shifting \$11 billion in NASA's five-year budget and adding another \$1 billion in new funding as a down payment for the mission. The plan is sure to cost hundreds of billions of dollars. Papa Bush proposed a Mars mission in 1989, which crashed and burned in Congress after cost estimates hit \$400 billion, or \$600 billion in today's dollars.

To put that in perspective, that's the cost of 800 new Hoover Dams, as Gregg Easterbrook noted in *Time* magazine.

Costs for the plan will explode at the very same time the baby boomer generation will be on Medicare and drawing Social Security checks.

Mars exploration will create budget deficit

Long before I wanted to go into journalism, I wanted to be an astronaut.

Of course, I was 9 years old, wore thick, blue-rimmed glasses — Why didn't you pick a better pair, mother? — and watched *Star Trek* religiously. I was drawn to

"The Bush space plan — a better name would be the Bush re-election plan — is another classic Karl Rove bait and switch."

Combine that with the reckless Bush tax cuts, and the federal government will be hemorrhaging with red ink.

The allocations will come at the cost of useful programs now, such as the Hubble Space Telescope, which will be allowed to rot and become useless. Instruments valued at \$200 million that were to be added to the telescope will

remain on earth. Supporters of a Mars mission will no doubt claim that opponents of the plan are shortsighted. They say human exploration of the universe can bring unknown benefits.

But taxpayers shouldn't foot the bill to feed this curiosity. When you weigh space exploration against balancing the budget, improving education and health care, strengthening our economy and reducing poverty, the argument falls apart.

Exploring space is undoubtedly romantic. But so is solving problems here on earth.

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SPORTS

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Sideline

Pitino optimistic after tests

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Louisville coach Rick Pitino might rejoin his team by this weekend after treatment Tuesday for an undisclosed condition that has caused him pain for months.

Pitino, 51, said Monday he was taking an indefinite leave of absence to determine the cause of the "urological-related" pain.

He arrived at the Cleveland Clinic late Tuesday morning for a battery of tests.

"I hope to be back coaching by this weekend and resuming full responsibility with our team," Pitino said in a statement Tuesday. "It is not a cancer-related or life-threatening matter."

Assistant coach Kevin Willard is leading the team in Pitino's absence. The No. 4 Cardinals (15-1) have home games against Houston on Wednesday and Marquette on Saturday.

UT football team gets pro help

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas coach Mack Brown reached into the ranks of the NFL and to a former Division I head coach Tuesday for help in shoring up the Longhorns defense in pursuit of elusive Big 12 and national titles.

Texas hired former Kansas City Chiefs assistant Greg Robinson as co-defensive coordinator. Former Hawaii and Arizona coach Dick Tomey, who spent last season as an assistant with the San Francisco 49ers, was hired as assistant head coach with duties coaching defensive ends.

"We need to get from 10 wins, 11 wins to 13 or 14," Brown said.

Brown also said he'd take a more active role in the offense, including possibly some play calling.

Frogs should head west

How would you like to spend a fall weekend out of the cold, under the sun-soaked rays of San Diego? What about catching a view of the scenic Rocky Mountains, or spending a night in that sinful delight known as Las Vegas?

COMMENTARY If you're a Horned Frog sports fan, you will soon get these opportunities if TCU athletics puts down its anchor in the Mountain West Conference.

Danny Gillham It's going to happen, and it is a good thing too.

It's apparent Conference USA had reached its ceiling. Commissioner Britton Banowsky sat on his hands during the recent conference carousel.

He watched as Louisville, Cincinnati, South Florida, Marquette and DePaul were plucked by the Big East Conference, much in the same manner as the Big East was raided by the Atlantic Coast Conference.

He then replaced his departing schools with the likes of Tulsa, SMU, Rice, Marshall and Central Florida, hardly the quintet as its predecessors.

While some have enjoyed success in certain sports, none can match the quality football programs of C-USA's soon-to-be ex-members.

Look, I like and respect all sports. I have been to TCU volleyball matches, baseball games and tennis matches. The point is college football drives the NCAA bus. It draws the crowds and large TV contracts, which in turn makes the majority of the money for a school's athletic budget.

Banowsky also wasn't there for TCU during its recent bowl issues. TCU officials warned the GMAC Bowl about inviting them prior to the team's loss to Southern Mississippi.

They had exams. Those exams conflicted with the bowl schedule. How hard could that be?

Hard for the GMAC Bowl, which still invited TCU even though it was playing the game earlier than the bowl contract calls for.

And real hard for Banowsky. Not only did he not support his school, he painted TCU in a corner, which almost kept an 11-2 team from going bowling.

The previous incidents seem to say that C-USA doesn't want TCU, so why should TCU want it?

I know some of you out there are worried about certain issues, but you are worrying in vain.

I think academics is the a priority in the athletic program. According to an NCAA report, 62 percent of all NCAA student-athletes who entered Division I colleges and universities in 1996 graduated in the six-year window established by the U.S. Department of Education as the standard.

TCU student-athletes graduated at a 72-percent rate, the study said. It is inevitable that student-athletes will miss class at times due to sporting events, but TCU is showing it's still making the commitment to having its athletes educated.

Regional exposure would be beneficial in recruiting. The Lady Frogs will have five incoming freshman in fall 2004, and none are from Texas. According to the swimming and diving media guide, only 28 of 50 team members are from Texas. I won't even touch on the non-Texas track and tennis athletes.

An estimated budget increase of \$220,000 can easily be made up. TV contracts can be rearranged. I promise

ESPN does not want SMU/East Carolina taking up its primetime Thursday slot.

The now hated Bowl Championship Series might also become the not-so-bad BCS. After the BCS contract expires, the Big East will be without premier teams Miami and Virginia Tech, and could lose its BCS status. There is also pressure to open up the system to more schools and TCU (along with possible additions of Boise State and Fresno State) would be in a prime position in the MWC to be welcome to the BCS party.

And the time change isn't as significant as some people like to argue. Currently, only two schools in the MWC are in the Pacific Time Zone. During a football season, a maximum of two games would have that ugly 9 p.m. start time.

College athletics is very much a business, and TCU must do what is best for them to continue their athletic success. I have nothing wrong with that.

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"These previous incidents seem to say that C-USA doesn't want TCU, so why should TCU want it?"

Improving offense key to Southern Miss game

The Frogs say they are focused and prepared for the Golden Eagles after a week of preparation.

By Ryan Claunch
Skiff Staff

After two consecutive conference losses, the men's basketball team looks to bounce back against Southern Mississippi tonight.

Head coach Neil Dougherty said the team needs to improve on both sides of the ball if it hopes to avoid a three-game losing streak in Conference USA.

"One thing we need to do is improve on offense," Dougherty said. "Along with that, we need to continue to perform better and better on defense with each game."

The players know the importance of each game the rest of the way, and junior guard Marcus Shropshire said they are focused on improving their record (6-10, 2-3 C-USA).

"Each game we play is important," Shropshire said. "Especially if it is a conference game. We work hard to prepare for each and every game."

Senior guard Nucleus Smith said no one is taking the game against Southern Miss (9-6, 2-2 C-USA) lightly, despite a home date with Memphis Saturday afternoon.

"Southern Miss is a hard team to play," Smith said. "We know we are going to have to play hard in this next game if we want to win."

During the week off, Smith said the players have been focusing on the aspects of their game that need improvement.

"We've been shooting a low percentage of free throws lately," said Smith, who is second on the team in free-throw percentage at 83 percent. "The offense has been struggling and

needs to improve how it's doing overall."

Despite improvements that need to be made, junior guard Corey Santee said he sees no reason for anything to lower the spirits of the team.

"Coming off two losses hasn't lowered our confidence any," Santee said. "We just need to go into the game with our heads focused."

Dougherty said focus will be a key to success against Southern Miss and that his players have to start playing up to their potential as a unit.

"What we need are for players to step up," Dougherty said. "Our numbers have been low, but we've still had the chance to come back and win. The defense is successfully keeping their points low, but we need to make our offense more effective to give us that edge."

TCU will go up against Southern Miss at 7:05 p.m. tonight at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

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Gemini (May 21-June 21) Today is a 6 — It may take a little while to come down from your recent adrenaline rush. If you can, find yourself a private place where you can hide out for a while.
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old tasks and the new ones you're inventing. Some of it requires improvisation.
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today is an 8 — You still have to work, but with any luck, you won't need to spend all of your time on the job. Delegate as much work as you can so that you have more time for games.
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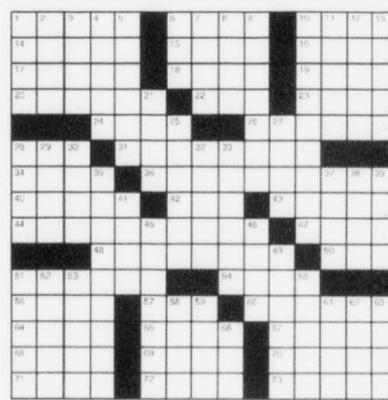
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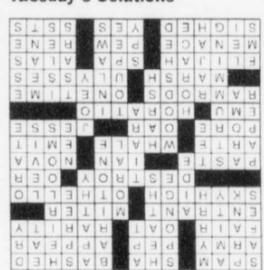
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THE LATEST TRENDS IN WOMEN'S FASHION

Have no fear, spring fashions are here

By Rachel Cox
Skiff Staff

Women's fashion today is indeed very different from that of last decade, or even last season. Fashion has become quite important to our culture and society, especially to college-age young women. Have you noticed the astonishing number of women's fashion magazines that fill the periodicals section? So ladies, if you're scared of becoming a fashion emergency — have no fear, because the latest spring fashions are here!

Now that spring is right around the corner, it's time to shake some color back into your wardrobe. So put away the Ugg boots and get a pedicure because sandal season is almost here. For those of you who have been cramping your toes into the pointy-toed boots and sandals all winter, there is hope for you. Many designers are opting for spring sandals with a more rounded-toe. Many styles come two-toned (including my favorite, brown and pink) with cut-outs on the sides and top. But don't worry if you love your pointy-toed look, it's as sexy as ever.

Many gals are beginning to fashion initials on jewelry, not just on clothing and purses. These initials, or of someone else special, have made their way to necklaces and bracelets, which has become the latest craze. Also, chandelier earrings are all the rave in fun colors and different stones. Accents and hints of gold are also going to be seen paired with the elegance of shimmering, colored stones like cherry quartz, pink sapphires and various shades of aquamarine stones. Remember, when wearing jewelry



of this sort, don't wear an outfit that is too busy. Simple styles usually accent a fine piece of jewelry and help add elegance to the look. Remember, classy, not trashy. Color is the key word this season in all accessories and clothing. Pink has officially made it back onto the scene, and I think it will be here for a while. A great example is the pink Oscar de la Renta dress that Carrie wore in last week's episode of "Sex and the City." Also, splashes of Tiffany's turquoise and Caribbean orange will be seen through the season. Purses seem to be getting smaller and smaller. The clutch has made a comeback and is now being spotted in many colors and patterns. Hot new pattern trends are polka-dots, stripes, and tweed-trimmed jackets that are very popular for early spring.

This season, hairstyles should bring life back to dull winter looks. So if you have been trying to get the

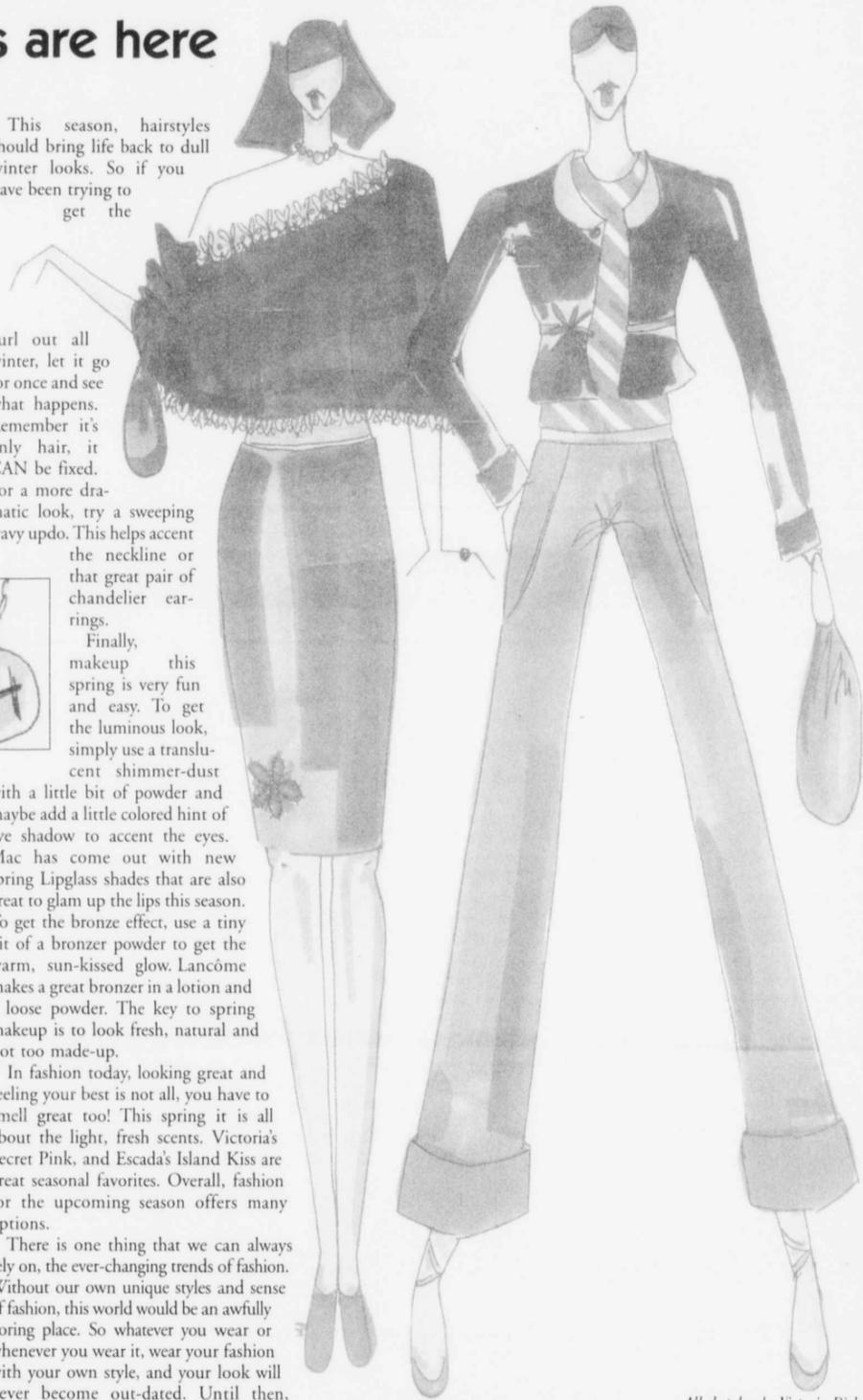
curl out all winter, let it go for once and see what happens. Remember it's only hair, it CAN be fixed. For a more dramatic look, try a sweeping wavy updo. This helps accent the neckline or that great pair of chandelier earrings.

Finally, makeup this spring is very fun and easy. To get the luminous look, simply use a translucent shimmer-dust with a little bit of powder and maybe add a little colored hint of eye shadow to accent the eyes. Mac has come out with new spring Lipglass shades that are also great to glam up the lips this season. To get the bronze effect, use a tiny bit of a bronzer powder to get the warm, sun-kissed glow. Lancôme makes a great bronzer in a lotion and a loose powder. The key to spring makeup is to look fresh, natural and not too made-up.

In fashion today, looking great and feeling your best is not all, you have to smell great too! This spring it is all about the light, fresh scents. Victoria's Secret Pink, and Escada's Island Kiss are great seasonal favorites. Overall, fashion for the upcoming season offers many options.

There is one thing that we can always rely on, the ever-changing trends of fashion. Without our own unique styles and sense of fashion, this world would be an awfully boring place. So whatever you wear or whenever you wear it, wear your fashion with your own style, and your look will never become out-dated. Until then, happy shopping!

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Sketches show jackets are in and round-toed shoes may be back.

All sketches by Victoria Dickson

Stress of shopping leads to personal shoppers

By Cheryl Rosenberg Neubert
The Orange County Register

SANTA ANA, Calif. — Christine Farino is a busy, busy girl. She goes full time to Chapman University, where she's a junior. She also works part time as a real estate agent. It's tough enough for her to find time to grab a latte, never mind update her wardrobe.

That's what makes Farino the perfect target for Macy's new ad campaign. The department store wants more young, time-crunched women

such as Farino to use its personal-shopping service, known as Macy's by Appointment. For the first time, Macy's placed an ad for the service in the November issue of InStyle Magazine. The wording of the ad, which claims that personal shoppers are "here to help you find what you need to rock sassy, fresh style," clearly isn't aimed at the soccer-mom crowd or corporate exec types.

"Personal shoppers have been around for quite some time, and the reality is we have success working with the younger customer," said Shonaree Michael, director of marketing for Macy's Special Services. "But we realize

there's still a job to be done, that it's hip, cool and fun."

And when you think about it, it is a pretty hip, cool and fun thing. You simply call and make an appointment. You tell your personal shopper your size, what type of clothes you're looking for, maybe which designers you like. Give her your budget. Then simply show up.

All the clothes the personal shopper has selected for you will be waiting in a private area. You'll get a robe. Sparkling water. And all the time- and privacy- you need to try on the clothes. She'll bring you shoes, jewelry, a bag. If you need a different size or color or style, if you'd like to try it on with a different pair of shoes, she'll go back to the floor to search for you while you relax.

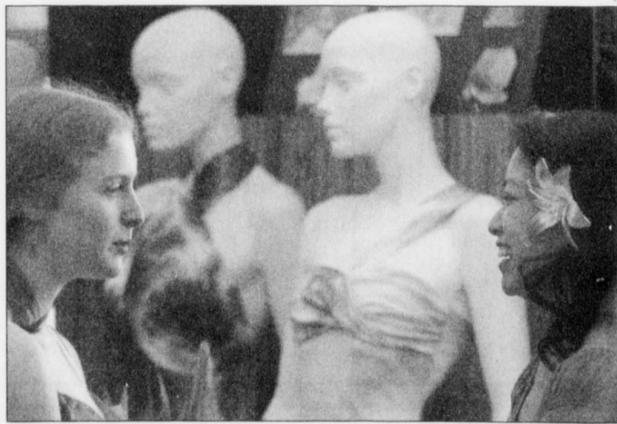
Farino had no idea Macy's had someone who would do all this for her. She'd heard of personal shoppers but always imagined they were for movie stars, or at least for people who had boatloads of money.

She's certainly had her share of near-panic experiences while braving the mall around the holidays.

"I literally got claustrophobic," Farino said. "I was getting so overwhelmed by all the people. It would be nice to have a room to your own, with peace and quiet and not have any rush around you. When I've been trying to do my shopping, I would wish I had

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• Christine Farino,
Chapman University student



Help from a personal shopper is the answer in California. Could it ever work here?

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someone to do this for me. So I'd want to know how much they charge for this."

Actually, it's free. "I couldn't see why you wouldn't want to do this, if it's free," Farino said. "If they could bring stuff to me, and it's free, that's awesome."

This is what Agatha Dura does for a living. She's a personal shopper at Macy's in Costa Mesa, Calif. She is knowledgeable about all the departments in the store, from women's clothes to housewares to luggage to cosmetics.

She does not have many young women using her service. She thinks personal shopping might typically appeal more to an older shopper.

On the other hand, she sees young women come in to Macy's trendy Impulse department, where they drop \$158 on jeans and \$98 on a tee shirt. "If that's the money these girls are

spending on two pieces of clothing, then wouldn't they want the royal treatment?" Dura said. "By just booking an appointment and coming in, we can make it all happen. I don't know if the girls want help. But they don't like to wait in the lines, either, for the fitting room. It's a lot more organized, and it doesn't cost them anything."

Farino is sure sold. She started shopping there recently after receiving some gift certificates.

"If they really marketed it as something that's no charge, if that was really clear, I could see a lot of college students or young 20-somethings doing that," Farino said. "For instance, I know in my mind I want a red, pinstriped suit, but I could never find it. I could just call my personal shopper. Talk about the time I would save. It would just be amazing."

And that's exactly Macy's point.