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Background checks considered after Rec Center incident

By ANDREW CHAVEZ
Staff Reporter

Administrators at the University Recreation Center are re-evaluating their policy on community membership after a 35-year-old accused pedophile was detained at the facility by TCU Police for violating his bond, a TCU Police detective said.

Ruben Edwards Jr. was detained on Aug. 8 after a complaint from a Rec Center staff member about his suspicious activity in the pool area, said TCU Police detective Sgt. Kelly Ham.

The staff member was also suspicious of Edwards because of an ankle monitor he was wearing, said Rec Cen-

ter director Steve Kintigh. The monitor most likely went unnoticed by staff members because it was not visible from behind the front desk, he said.

His bond conditions prohibited him from being within 100 feet of children, Ham said.

During the fall and spring semesters, children under 16 are only allowed in the facility from 6 p.m. on Friday until the facility closes on Sunday.

The Rec Center pool is occupied almost exclusively by children dur-

ing the summer when all operating hours are family hours. In addition to members' children, there are also children from various on-campus summer programs, Kintigh said.

"If we had seen an ankle bracelet we might have said, 'Maybe we need to take a look at this,'" Kintigh said.

Edwards got access to the facilities by buying a monthly community membership, said Mary Ellen Milam, associate director at the Rec Center.

"We had a complaint," TCU Police detective Vicki Lawson said, "and we did some investigating and he was issued a bench warrant immediately."

Edwards was on bond after being

arrested on Aug. 1, 2005 for exposing himself to a young female on June 18, 2005, Lawson said.

He will go to trial in the 1st Criminal District Court, most likely during the third week in September, said Page Simpson, a prosecutor in the Tarrant County District Attorney's Office.

He is now being held without bond at the Tarrant County Jail, according to jail documents.

The Rec Center staff is "certainly concerned about the incident," Kintigh said, and is currently looking into policy changes to prevent similar incidents.

"As a rule we don't require a picture ID," Kintigh said, "and that is

something we're going to look at."

He said background checks are also being considered.

Background checks are cost prohibitive, Kintigh said, and might be considered an invasion of privacy by some members. He said such measures are also rather unprecedented in a university setting and going back to perform checks on current members would be burdensome.

The 1996 Megan's Law requires all states to provide a publicly accessible online database with names and photos of convicted sex offenders. However, Edwards was not in the database

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Political issues causing rift within church, leaders say

By MICHELLE THOMAS
Staff Reporter

Divisions in the Episcopal Church regarding the inclusion of female leadership and gay and lesbian clergy are beginning to hit home in Fort Worth.

The new presiding bishop-elect of the United States, Katharine Jefferts Schori, aside from being female, is a strong supporter of gay and lesbian ordination and the blessing of same-sex couples in active relationships.

Jack Iker, bishop of the Diocese of Fort Worth, is seeking alternative leadership after Schori's election in June.

The Diocese of Fort Worth is one of three conservative dioceses in the United States that do not license female priests. With 56 congregations and 19,000 communicants in the 24-county diocese, the issue is growing in urgency.

"We would really like to just go to church and worship," Suzanne Gill, director of communications for the Diocese of Fort Worth, said, "but we have come to the point where we cannot ignore the politics."

Along with churches in the Fort Worth Diocese, Gill said that students at TCU will be taught traditional, sound theology.

"Historic faith will continue to be taught and exemplified at TCU," Gill said.

TCU's Episcopal Student Association, Canterbury House, led by Father Jonathan Ogujiofor, will begin meeting at TCU Thursday nights.

"Canterbury House is alive and well on campus," Ogujiofor said.

"I want Episcopal students to come and enjoy fellowship and make friends," he said. "I don't want them to have to deal with the conflict."

The Rev. Angela Kaufman, the minister to the university, said that the ultimate hope is to find a way to compromise, rather than divide the church.

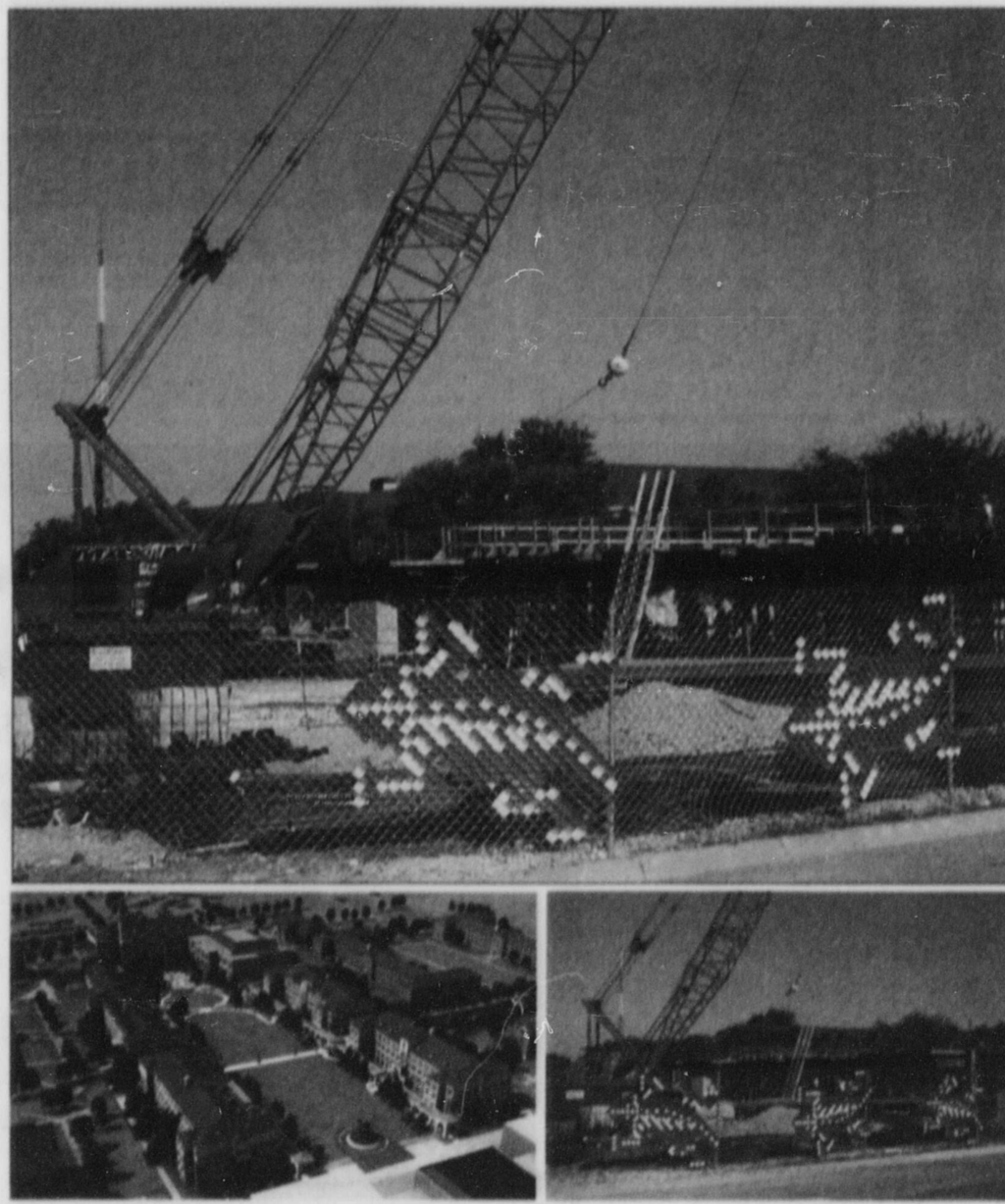
"As a woman in church leadership," Kaufman said, "I don't think that gender, race, class or background should prohibit people from using their God-given gifts."

Schori will be inducted as the new presiding See **RELIGION**, page 2

The archbishop called a meeting for Sept. 19-22 at the Camp Allen Retreat and Conference Center outside of Navasota, Texas, to discuss growing tensions. Twenty bishops from the American church and others in the Anglican Communion are expected to attend and give response.

For more information about Canterbury House, contact Father Jonathan at j.ogujiofor@tcu.edu.

All jacked up



Dirt flies as the TCU construction continues throughout the 2006 school year. (Top and bottom right) Sight of construction in front of the Student Center. (Bottom left) Rendering of residents halls looking toward University Union.

Official: construction aimed to help learning

By MICHAEL BOU-NACKLIE
Staff Reporter

Students can expect a whole new campus to develop over the next two years as TCU's \$100 million Vision in Action project moves forward, turning the university into a walking campus, according to the TCU Web site.

Construction around campus will be occupying most of the Main Campus over the next two years, as a new student union and four dormitories are constructed in front of the Student Center, said Don Mills, vice chancellor for Student Affairs.

Chris Reed, a sophomore business major,

said he was annoyed with the construction in front of the Student Center.

"It's not even that it's ugly — it's a pain to get around," he said.

Many students have begun coining the phrase "Texas Construction University" said John Householder, director of Admissions Operations, at the university's opening luncheon.

The increasing size of TCU will not affect enrollment, said Mills, adding that he hopes the construction will make the university more conducive to student learning. Since campus will be more traversable by foot, students will be better able to interact with faculty and other students.

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Organization recognizes university for contributions

By JOANNA BERNAL
Staff Reporter

TCU made history in the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce when it became the first academic institution to win the Spirit of Enterprise Award in the 30 years of the award's existence.

The Spirit of Enterprise Award recognizes local businesses for their contributions to the development of the city of Fort Worth, said Larry Lauer, vice chancellor for marketing and communication.

"Overall, TCU has become more aware that being a part of a great city helps make the university a greater university and vice versa," Lauer said. "We've been working on that partnership, and it's been recognized in this award."

The MBA program was ranked 18th among the nation's regional programs, one of the reasons TCU was selected for this award Lauer said.

Dan Short, dean of the School of Business, said he believes the award improved TCU's image.

"We are definitely a hot school in Fort Worth," said Short. "I suppose that anything that enhances our credibility in Fort Worth would make us hotter."

The chamber also noted the School of Business because they work with them through internships, said Marilyn Gilbert, executive vice president of marketing for the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce.

TCU's arts programs were also noted in the chamber newsletter.

"Virtually every major arts organization in the city started at TCU at one time or another," Lauer said.

The Van Cliburn International Piano Competition and the Latin American Music Festival in April were noted in particular.

Other programs mentioned are the School of Education's laboratory schools, KinderFrogs and Starpoint School. TCU's other academic programs, professors and leadership programs were also recognized.

One of the major contributions the chamber notes is the plan to improve Berry Street, Gilbert said.

She added that the \$200 million improvements to TCU itself also contribute to the recognition.

Faculty say professor leaves religious legacy

By LAUREN PICK
Staff Reporter

Former students and co-workers remember Kenneth Lawrence, former chairman of the religion department and TCU professor emeritus, as a good friend.

Lawrence died unexpectedly on Tuesday, Aug. 15.

"Dr. Lawrence didn't have many

acquaintances, but rather a lot of friends," said Josh Long, a student of Lawrence's.

Lawrence came to TCU in 1972 and later served as department chair for 16 years. During his tenure, the faculty of the religion department became more diverse, and additional focus was put on the academic study of religion, said

David Grant, professor and current chair of the religion department.

"We wouldn't be who we are today without him," Grant said. "His emphasis on the study of religion and the quality of faculty are all part of his legacy."

The Rev. Angela Kaufman, a former student of Lawrence's, said Lawrence was most passionate about art and

finding religious meaning in it.

Known as "Lorenzo" among friends, Lawrence was an avid traveler who visited several countries, most frequently Italy, said Kaufman, who attended one of his trips to Italy.

"Going on a trip is one thing," Kaufman said, "going with Ken Lawrence is another. You see the

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FUN FACT OF THE DAY
Las Vegas county government says starting next week, its marriage license bureau will no longer be open 24/7. Due to budget constraints, to-be brides and grooms will only be able to apply between 8 a.m. and midnight. -The Associated Press

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because he does not have a reported conviction for a sex crime yet, Simpson said.

All university staff members and volunteers who have contact with TCU students are subject to background checks, said Jacquelyn Curry, employment coordinator in the Human Resources department.

Those background checks are paid for by Human Resources and department policy prohibits performing those checks on nonemployees and requires consent from employees before the check is performed.

The University of Texas at Arlington and Southern Methodist University also sell community memberships to their recreation centers. Like TCU, UTA does not require a photo ID, said Allyson Weitz, an associate director at UTA. However, SMU does require a photo ID,

said SMU director Judith Banes. Neither facility runs background checks on their members.

Community memberships are available to anyone 18 years or older whether or not they have an affiliation with the university. As of a May 15 report, there were 103 members enrolled at the \$600 yearly rate and 114 members on the \$65 month-to-month plan, Milam said.

Edwards had his monthly membership for less than a week before the incident, Kintigh said, and his membership was immediately canceled after the Aug. 8 incident.

TCU Police turned Edwards over to the Tarrant County Fugitive Squadron who took him to the Tarrant County Jail where he is currently being held without bail.

Edwards was issued a criminal trespass warning by TCU Police on Aug. 8 and Lawson said he will not be allowed back on the campus.

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bishop at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., Nov. 4. Gill said the Fort Worth Diocese and its supporters hope that the conflict will be resolved before this date so that further and permanent action will not have to be taken.

"Because we are not able to accept the leadership of Schori," Gill said, "we are seeking another relationship with an archbishop to give our bishop someone he has a similar faith and practice with."

Gill said that Iker is concerned that the increasing shift toward liberal leadership is causing a compromise in the doctrinal beliefs of the church.

"Scripture prohibits homosexual activity. America has accepted this standard and it has begun creeping into the church," Gill said.

Doug Newsom, director of graduate studies in the Schieffer School of Journalism and member of the Trinity Episcopal Church, said these divisions are not new.

"The conflict between the U.S. church and the Anglican Communion is deep rooted in our history," Newsom said.

Conservative churches in the Anglican Communion objected to decisions made by the American church in 2003, after the confirmation of the first openly gay bishop, V. Gene Robinson, of New Hampshire.

Individual parishes in Southeast Asia and Africa

sought alternative jurisdiction in response to Robinson's ordination.

Gill said that Anglican churches in other parts of the world are concerned about the American branch's actions.

"It appears that the American church does not care about the opinions of the world church," Gill said. "They are not taking responsibility for their actions and the effects it has on others."

Iker has requested new leadership for the Diocese of Fort Worth and is awaiting response from the Most Rev. Dr. Rowan Williams, archbishop of Canterbury. Iker is asking that the archbishop assign someone else to a position of leadership over the Diocese of Fort Worth.

CAMPUS

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The construction of the new union will allow for the current student center to be renovated into an academic building.

In comparison, the new student union will have 130,000

square feet, as opposed to the current student center, which is 83,000 square feet. Flanking the new dorms will be two open walkways that will extend along the new residence halls to the new student union. The new dorms will house 315 students in addition to those already living on campus, according to the TCU Web site.

The walk-friendly campus will also allow for the new union to be used not only by students living on campus, but by everyone who comes to the university. This coincides

with the plan "to bring the academic programs and the residential programs together," Don Mills said in a Fort Worth Star-Telegram article.

Mills said he believes that if students are encouraged to stay on campus, they will "be doing quite a bit more of student learning because the longer you stay on campus, you learn more about diversity, you learn how to work in groups."

Mills added that he hopes the new facilities will allow TCU to have "programs that cost nothing, to encourage student learning."

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country through his eyes."

After his retirement in 2001, Lawrence continued to take students overseas and also taught the Honors' Program colloquia course, Nature of Values, Grant said.

Lawrence was scheduled to teach the Nature of Values class this semester, as well as a liberal arts course for the graduate program, said Peggy Watson, director of the Honors Program.

"That class was known as one of the best classes TCU offers," Watson said. "He was definitely missed on the first day of class."

Nature of Values was not a religion class, but rather an in-depth study of the values found in visual art, Watson said.

Listening to Lawrence share his adventures gave more color to what his students were learning, said Long, a senior finance and accounting major.

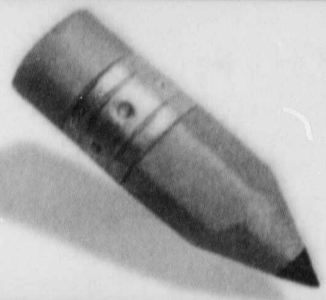
"His death was very surprising," said Long, president of the Honors Cabinet. "It is a loss to all the students that didn't have him."

Lawrence also played a key role in the community at University Christian Church, said Kay Higgins, associate dean of Student Development and fellow member of UCC.

Two of his more prominent involvements with UCC included his roles in the artwork of the church and in originating one of the church's annual festivals, Higgins said.

Bobby Hawley, former teaching assistant for Lawrence and member of UCC, said, "The response in the congregation to Ken's death was overwhelming; it was the largest funeral I've seen in this sanctuary."

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5:00PM-6:00PM

Disciples on Campus Cookout
5:00PM-7:00PM ~ Sadler Lawn

Delta Sigma Theta & Sigma Lambda Alpha Block Party
7:00PM

Prime Time Praise
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7:00PM ~ Rec Center

Catholic Mass & Free Meal
5:15PM ~ Reed Hall 214

Friday, August 25

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Noon ~ Main Campus

Movie Night
9:00PM ~ Foster-Waits Lawn
Showing V for Vendetta

Saturday, August 26

Meet the Frogs
11:00AM ~ Amon Carter Stadium

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Activities Fair
4:00PM-7:00PM ~ Rec Center

Sophomore Splash
5:00PM-8:00PM ~ Rec Center Pool

Intercultural Student Welcome
8:00PM-11:00PM ~ Rec Center Pool

Thursday, August 31

Church Fair
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NO SURVIVORS

A Russian passenger jet crashed in eastern Ukraine yesterday, killing at least 170 people, including 45 children. The cause of the crash is unclear.

-Associated Press

THE SKIFF VIEW

Students deserve better construction plan

The construction going on throughout TCU, despite its good intentions, is a hassle for current students. Terrible parking has become worse and walkways across campus have been detoured or cut off completely. "Texas Construction University" is an apt nickname many students have adopted for our school.

Upon completion, the more than \$100 million main campus overhaul will be a fantastic sight to see: arcade walkways, amphitheaters and a five-story bell tower. In its current state, however, the main campus looks like some ugly mining expedition.

Imagine if TCU had decided to take twice as long for the entire renovation, but built individual buildings much quicker. Current students could have benefitted from at least some of the planned buildings.

Or perhaps the entire process could have been built in three simple phases, much like the Berry Street renovation. At any given time at least part of our main campus

would have remained in tact while the other was restricted to Caterpillars and hole-drillers.

Freshmen who visited TCU prior to enrolling are no doubt shocked to find much of what they saw last year is entirely different. A bulldozer sits where Frog Fountain once stood. Freshman students' first two years will be marred by memories of navigating orange fencing, squinting through dusty wind kicked up by earth-movers, and listening to the banging of metal on metal. Seniors might remember their last year as "the year TCU disappeared."

Construction will always be a headache for all parties involved, but TCU's Vision in Action committee should have voted to build our new campus in smaller bites, rather than one large cumbersome chunk.

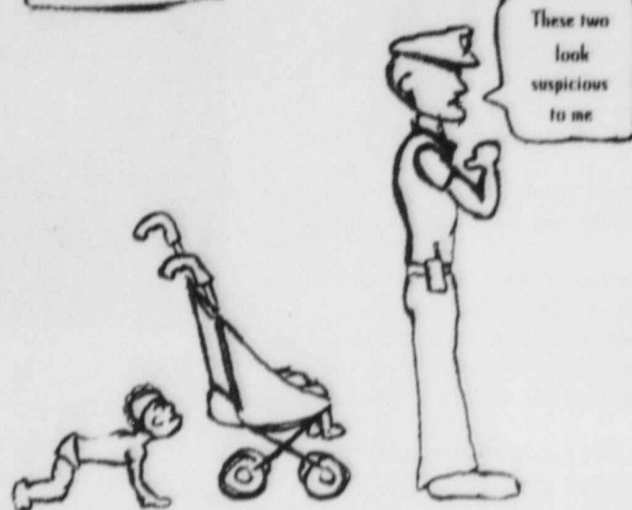
While spending so much time (and money) focusing on TCU's future students, it would seem many administrators have forgotten about those already here.

News editor John-Laurent Tronche for the editorial board

BY ROLF NELSON

Homeland Security

Level: baby blue



COMMENTARY

Facebook hinders the art of flirting

I recently noticed a disturbing trend among the college-age crowd. This trend is that, due to the proliferation of Web sites such as Facebook and MySpace, the national pastime of flirting as

we know it, has become a drastically underperformed sport. So much so, in fact, I would say it is becoming less like the Super Bowl and more like Backgammon. "This is preposterous!" you might say. Well, let's review flirting as it once was. A guy goes with his buddies to a party and meets a few more of his friends who, in turn, introduce him to their friends. But alas, no sparks fly.

The party seems to be winding down as he finishes his last drink and then, it happens. Out of the corner of his eye, he sees her; she sees him. Time seems to stand still as the two of them make their way across the room.

They converse on a variety of topics, many of which they seem to have in common. Finally, it's time to head home, and tension mounts as both wonder who will make the next move. Soon, the guy casually states, "So hey ... um, I'm heading home ... but are you on Facebook? I'll Facebook you!"

What the heck? Two completely single people just spent the last half hour discussing their equal loves for Star Wars and coin-collecting, and all the guy can do is relegate himself to requesting an Internet friendship so he can grovel over the 137 photos of her in her last semester's "Trip to Spain" photo album? Forgive me for sounding frank, but you better get those digits!

Now obviously this type of occurrence doesn't happen all the time. Of course, there are still the avid "digit-getters," the occasional hookups as well as the ill-advised one-night stands.

Now, I must state that, as a devoted "Facebooker" myself, I am not bashing these online communication sites. With the hectic schedules people face these days, Web sites such as these are needed to stay in contact with one another, as well as to provide a quick diversion from our busy college lives.

Not all conversations are meant to lead to a romantic courtship. Many times these Web sites can help a student get to know someone better before taking that first big step of asking for a phone number. But at the same time, you shouldn't let someone who could potentially turn out to be really special be subjected to a semester of "pokes" and "What's up?" messages while you work up the courage to ask what should've been asked the first night.

For a large part, it seems that many guys (and a few girls) have sadly demoted themselves to becoming mere bench warmers in the "game of love," while a starting position patiently awaits their arrival. To that I say: So what if you get shot down? It happens to me ... um ... I mean my friends, all the time. Also, just because of the simple fact that girls outnumber guys at TCU, and most colleges, almost 2 to 1, guys, you really have nothing to lose (sorry, girls).

So, the next time you hear "last call" at the bar and that conversation of model airplane-building starts to wind down, take a chance. Get the digits.

Glenton Richards is a senior radio-TV film major from Carrollton, Texas.

Chemo should be option for patient, not order

Drained. Aching. Weak. Nauseated. Sixteen-year-old Abraham Cherrix of Chincoteague, Va. is no stranger to struggle. But struggle shouldn't be necessary to obtain the right to make decisions about one's own physical health and well-being.

Abraham endured several bouts of chemotherapy last fall after being diagnosed with cancer of the lymph system, or Hodgkin's disease. The treatments left him exhausted and frail, his 5'11" body dropping from 156 pounds to a meager 122. Chemo took so much out of him that his father sometimes had to carry him.

After three months of treatment, his cancer went into remission. But not for good. When his cancer returned this February, Abraham, with the support of his parents, declined both chemo and radiation. Instead, he opted for an alternative form of treatments based on herbs and an organic diet. But his decision did not find favor in the eyes of the Accomack County Department of Social Services, who accused Abraham's parents of medical neglect.

While both Abraham and his parents adamantly opposed chemo for its damaging effects, a juvenile court judge granted Social Services joint custody of Abraham and ordered that his parents take him to Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters in Norfolk, Va., and comply with any and all treatments that the hospital con-

sidered necessary.

No one should be subjected to medical treatments against their will, especially ones with such cataclysmic effects.

"It nearly killed me," Abraham said of his chemotherapy last fall.

Even with successful chemotherapy, it is not likely that a patient with Hodgkin's will live much longer than five years after being diagnosed with the disease. Abraham should rightfully be allowed to determine in what state he will spend the remainder of his life, no matter the length, and with what method he will battle his ailment, no questions asked. Abraham is fully capable of making his own decisions. He is, after all, the one immediately affected by them.

"I did my research," Abraham said. "I believe alternative medicine is the cure."

While it may be true that he is legally a minor, it is also true that a 16-year-old who commits murder can be tried as an adult. A 16-year-old cancer patient should be legally treated as one as well.

And even if he is not old enough to legally take charge of his own medical choices, his parents, who are his legal guardians, advocated his stance completely. It is not medical neglect to support a patient seeking the therapy of his choice.

"Stress is one of the worst things you can deal with when you have cancer," said Abraham's mother, Rose Cherrix.

Stress is exactly what the legal battles Abraham has had to face have inflicted on him.

He unfortunately, however, is not the first teenager afflicted with cancer that has been forced to undergo legal conflict for the right to choose a treatment.

Katie Wernecke of Corpus Christi, Texas, then 13, was sent by court order into foster care to receive chemotherapy for Hodgkin's disease last year. Her parents were opposed to the treatments.

"This is not a case about what treatment is best," said John Stepanovich, spokesman for the Cherrix family. "It's a case about who gets to decide."

Abraham's wishes should always have been the highest priority.

Fortunately, Abraham's court ordeal ended in victory. Legal representation for the Cherrix family and social services officials reached an agreement a week ago: he will be permitted to treat his cancer with alternative medicine by a board-certified oncologist of his choice, while also undergoing hormone therapy and radiation in small doses.

While Abraham did eventually win the right to choose his treatment, the battle was one he should never have had to fight.

Opinion editor Jordan Cohen is a sophomore English major from Louisville, NC.

'Talladega Nights' uses exaggerated Southern humor to poke fun at social issues: religion, drugs, marriage, homosexuality

I hesitate to wring too much sociological meaning out of "Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby." I hesitate — and now I plow ahead.

The movie, which stars Will Ferrell as Ricky Bobby, a not-very-bright, obnoxious but still likeable race car driver, is by far the most popular movie in America. A juvenile, cliché-ridden, potty-mouthed spoof set in the world of big-time, big-money stock car racing, has earned around \$100 million in box office receipts in just 12 days. It was made with the approval of, and in collaboration with, NASCAR and includes the participation of many of its multimillion-dollar corporate sponsors.

The movie is also immensely enjoyable, accepting its modest aspirations: getting people to laugh at oafish stereotypes in comic scenes stitched between high-energy racing sequences. I've seen it twice, and I laughed through it both times along with everyone else in the theater.

Yes, over-analyzing comedy is fraught with risk, but there's something else going on in this unapologetically mainstream, over-the-top farce — something sociological and political but not ideological.

An underlying assumption of "Talladega Nights" is both simple and, in a way, subversive. It's saying that Americans really are not so polarized and angry at each other as the shills and myth-makers of the extreme right and left would have us believe. If we were, we'd have to be appalled by the wild comic exaggerations the movie constructs around hot-button issues that supposedly have us at each other's throats. Instead, millions of us are getting together and laughing at them:

Responsible parenting? Ricky Bobby and his wife, Carley (Leslie Bibb), encourage and approve of the shockingly profane, undisciplined behavior of their young sons, Walker and Texas Ranger (TR for short). In one scene, as the boys verbally abuse Carley's aging father, TR explains, "I'm all jacked up on Mountain Dew!"

Holy matrimony? Carley, "my red-hot smokin' wife," as Ricky calls her, is a sexually charged gold-digger who deserts her husband at the first sign of financial trouble. Within hours, she has taken up with Ricky's best friend and fellow driver, Cal (John C. Reilly), and drives a wedge between them.

Illegal drugs? The film is littered with casual references to cocaine, marijuana and alcohol. Ricky's irresponsible and mostly

absent father, Reese Bobby (Gary Cole), uses drugs, sells drugs and shares drug stories with kids. Although hardly admirable, Reese is undeniably appealing.

Religion? In a hallucinatory panic after a crash, Bobby runs around the race track in his underpants screaming, "Help me Jesus! Help me Jewish god! Help me Allah! Help me Tom Cruise!"

Arguably, the movie's funniest scene is set around the family dinner table, with Ricky saying grace. He dedicates it to the "Dear Lord baby Jesus" and the "tiny infant Jesus," then explains at length why he prefers "the Christmas Jesus" to the bearded Jesus, teenage Jesus or grown-up Jesus. Cal says he pictures Jesus on stage as a member of Lynyrd Skynyrd and sees himself in the crowd "totally hammered." Ricky notes that a sponsorship deal requires him to mention POWERade, the official sports beverage of NASCAR, in every grace. An exasperated Carley finally screams, "Ricky! Finish the damn grace!"

Homosexuality? Here, "Talladega Nights" defies what you might well expect from a film set in the Southern-based, macho culture of stock car racing: There are no swishy gags, no effeminate portrayals, no "fag" jokes.

The gay character Jean Girard (Sacha Baron Cohen) is a champion driver from France who comes to the United States specifically to challenge Ricky Bobby's dominance of the NASCAR circuit. He's funny, not because he's gay, but because Cohen's fake French accent is bad to the point of incomprehensibility. He's funny because he spouts ludicrous non-sequiturs, such as saying he and his husband want what all couples want: to retire to Stockholm and invent a currency for dogs and cats.

Girard is no patsy. He proves himself to be a fearless, winning NASCAR driver. His voice and image are used in arcade video driving games. Kids run around wearing jerseys with the Jean Girard logo on them.

What to make of all this? When a movie sanctioned by the marketing geniuses of NASCAR and embraced by moviegoers in all regions of the country uses comedy to neutralize the stereotypes of rural, family, religious and Southern culture, it becomes a lot harder for urban Northerners to take such notions too seriously. Redneck humor has long trafficked in self-mockery, and "Talladega Nights" constructs an even bigger comedic tent.

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'Saved by the Bell' character performs to students, saying 'success will come'

By MEREDITH ANDREWS
Staff Reporter

Dennis Haskins, who played Principal Richard Belding on the television show "Saved by the Bell," has a message to spread: "Follow your dreams."

Haskins, an actor since college, brought his one-man comedy show to about 350 students in the Student Center Ballroom Tuesday evening.

After the "Saved by the Bell" theme song played, Haskins took the stage to loud cheers from the audience.

"Take advantage of being here, don't just go to school," Haskins said.

Programming Council Adviser Natalie Boone said she liked how Haskins not only entertained, but advised.

The performance included Haskins' comedy routine as well as a "Saved by the Bell" trivia game.

Out of eight contestants, Carla Stoltenburg, a junior English major, was the victor. Stoltenburg won an autographed "Saved" cast picture she said she plans to frame.

Kristen Chapman, Programming Council special events director, said she felt that the performance went well, the energy was good and the students enjoyed it.

Several times during his performance, Haskins gave the Horned Frogs hand sign to a boisterous reception.

Chris Simpson, a freshman biology major, said he liked Haskins' idea that everything connects, and if you are patient, success will come.

Haskins said his favorite part about going to schools and talking to students is he gets so much out of it.

"Follow your dreams, take chances," Haskins said.



STEPHEN SPILLMAN / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Dennis Haskins came to the Student Center Ballroom Tuesday night, telling students to stick to their dreams of the future. Haskins played Mr. Belding on the TV show "Saved by the Bell."

"That's how you get ahead."

Cherie Walkley, a junior social work major, said she came because she watched "Saved by the Bell" when she was younger and still does.

Haskins added that students come to see him because they grew up with Mr. Belding and he likes to hear how he has touched their lives.

In addition to his performances, Haskins has competed in charity golf tournaments and visited troops in Iraq.

University work practices unethical, scientist says

By RASHI VATS
Staff Reporter

The day that Chancellor Boschini accepted the Chamber of Commerce award in May, he also received a complaint letter from a scientist about his work with a geology professor at TCU.

S. Ray DeRusse, a scientist working on a meteorite identification project, said he worked with Arthur Ehlmann, an emeritus professor, and was subjected to racial discrimination and scientific fraud.

"TCU has worked behind the scenes to limit competition in education, science and technology because they want to be the only show in town," DeRusse said in a complaint letter to the chancellor.

"We certainly hate to poke holes in your balloons or rain on your parade but our experience with TCU is in direct contradiction to what was stated in this glossed over characterization of the University," said DeRusse in his letter.

Boschini said the Spirit of the Enterprise Award, which recognizes companies for their contributions to community development, is an indication of TCU's growing involvement in Ft. Worth.

"We are incredibly honored and take our partnership with Fort Worth

as an important thing," Boschini said in a Fort Worth Star-Telegram article.

DeRusse disagrees.

"We think your faculty and staff at the geology and physics departments have worked hard at fostering scientific misconduct and fraud with other similarly situated university scientists," DeRusse wrote in his complaint letter.

Ehlmann said DeRusse had brought a box of rocks to him in 2000, claiming they were meteorites, yet upon inspection, Ehlmann concluded that they were not.

DeRusse then sued Ehlmann and the dean of the University of Texas at Austin geology department, senior scientist of NASA, for this statement.

DeRusse said he believes those scientists are working hard to foster scientific misconduct and fraud in saying his rocks are not meteorites.

However, the lawsuit was dismissed without clear resolve.

"I dismissed the lawsuit in part from the begging and pleading of one of (TCU's) scientists," DeRusse said.

Ehlmann said he thinks that there might be something wrong with DeRusse mentally and said he is not affected by DeRusse's complaints.

New students receive welcome at Chancellor's Assembly

By RACHAEL RILEY
Staff Reporter

First-year students congregated in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum on Sunday for the Chancellor's Assembly for the Class of 2010.

All first-year students were encouraged to attend the assembly that served as a welcome to TCU's learning community and those who were present said they appreciated it.

"They kept it short and to the point," said Josh Dorman, a freshman pre-business major.

Freshman computer information science

major Jeremy McKeever said he agreed.

"It made me pumped for classes and glad to be a Horned Frog," McKeever said.

Carrie Zimmerman, director of the First Year Experience, said the first-year class still has similar goals as other classes, but this year's assembly was designed to have more faculty and staff involvement and to encourage students to become involved in their education.

Many traditions that take place at graduation were mimicked at the assembly to help

the freshmen get acquainted with things that occur on campus, Zimmerman said.

"Life is full of transitions," Zimmerman said. "This ceremony celebrates the transition into the academic community."

Chancellor Victor Boschini gave first-year students a brief history of TCU and its students.

"We study hard, wear purple to cheer on our Horned Frogs on the athletic fields of battle and rub the nose of the Horned Frog statue

before tests," Boschini said.

He encouraged students to live, grow and learn with faculty members.

The assembly ended with a candle lighting that symbolized passing the light of knowledge from faculty to faculty, faculty to students and students to students, Boschini said.

About 1,500 students wearing purple class of 2010 shirts attended the assembly and 90 faculty and staff members wore academic regalia to welcome first-year students.

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"Snakes"

By ALY FLEET
Staff Reporter

"Snakes" was ridiculous, every scene was a line of exploitation. It was laughable.

Somehow my showing of the film began from a

"I'm hoping to see a year-old Van Dyke in the film because if not, I would love to see Stacy Dill."

"Snakes" the

By MATT MAE
Staff Reporter

Not since "The Godfather" came out has there been an enthralling movie on a Plane.

The film is a masterpiece when its title is media work.

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Bloggers have shown tremendous interest in the film.

My personal favorite is being snatched from ablog.com, a blog run by Finkelstein.

Finklestein invited to the premiere by New Cinema, which held at Grand Chinese Theater Hollywood.

Sensing the stinker of hands, New Cinema new scenes from a "PG" rating.

Receiving the can potentially be a stinker because, when it appears to be a younger audience.

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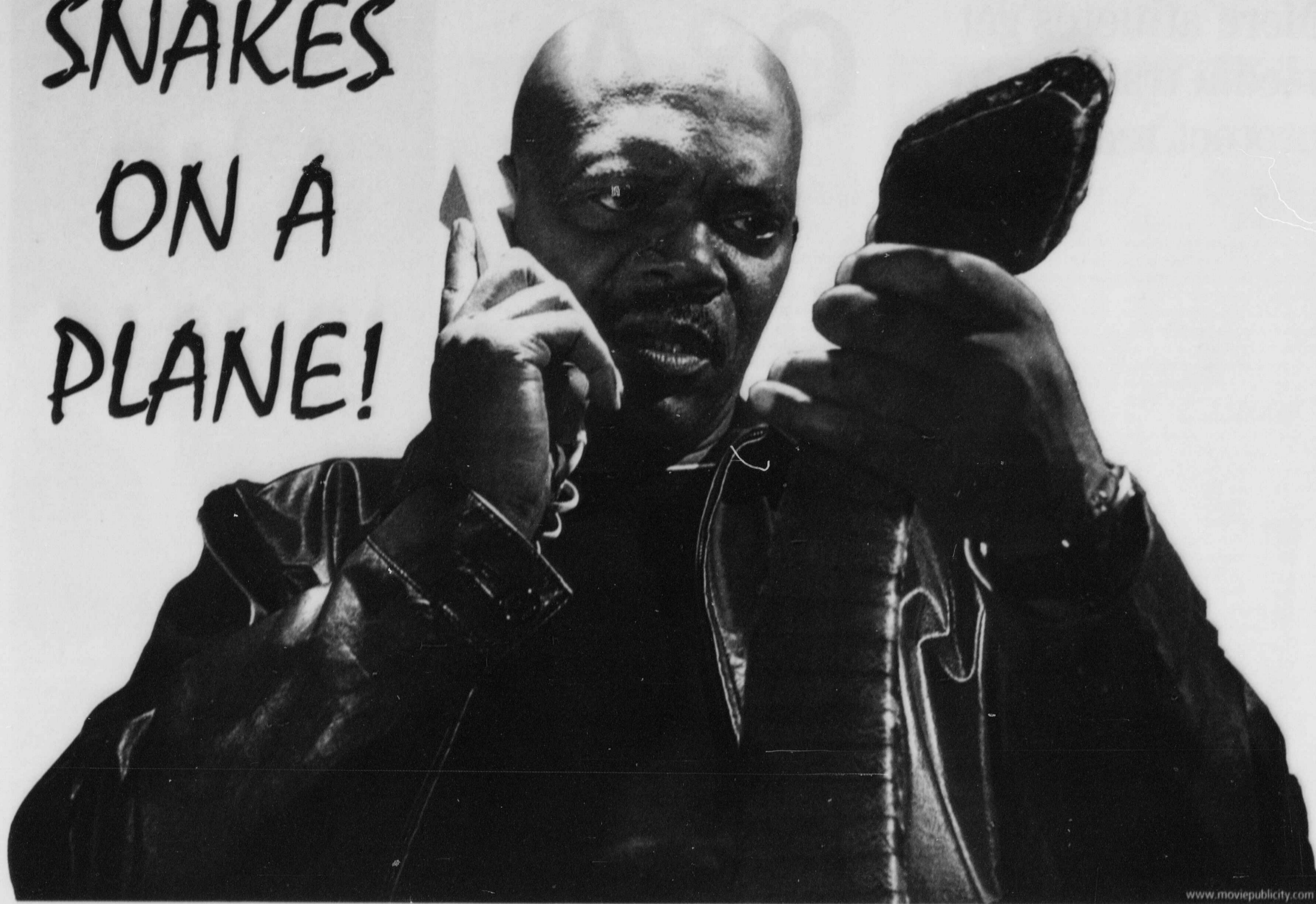


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SNAKES ON A PLANE!



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"Snakes" likely to become the next modern day cult classic

By ALY FLEET
Staff Reporter

"Snakes on a Plane," in a word, was ridiculous. Just as I fully expected, every snake attack, death and line of expletive-littered dialogue was laughable.

Somehow though, the audience at my showing got the wrong impression from previews.

"I'm hoping it will be scary," 18-year-old Vanessa Recendiz said before the film began.

"If not, I want a refund."

Stacy Dickerson, 40, said the

same thing.

"I want lots of scary stuff."

I guess they didn't get the hilarious phone call from Samuel L. Jackson yelling "Hey, Aly. Go see my movie August 18th."

"Snakes" centers around a laid-back surfer named Sean (Nathan Phillips) who witnesses a murder. FBI agent Flynn (Jackson) convinces Sean to testify against the murderer, and the two must take a five-hour flight to attend the trial.

For the first 45 minutes, everything is meticulously set up to cause com-

plete chaos later in the story line. We meet the passengers: a first-time flier, two young boys, a baby, a flight attendant on her last flight, a rapper with obsessive-compulsive disorder, a rich girl with a lap dog, and newlyweds.

When everything is in place to go wrong, it does.

Snakes come from everywhere — the oxygen mask compartments, barf bags and, of course, the toilet — making for some very entertaining, yet somewhat disgusting deaths.

People begin dying left and right. And the ways they die? Absolutely

hilarious.

Just a hint — the first fatalities on the flight are a couple about to join the "mile-high" club. Take a guess where they get bit.

After an hour of snake onslaught, the film neatly — and quickly — wraps up. The remaining passengers arrive safely at LAX, where plenty of anti-venom awaits them.

Genevieve Nesom, 15, called it "incredibly predictable."

But really, could you expect anything more?

The film was obviously made with

the intention of being predictable in every way possible — the cliché passenger list, the corny dialogue, the unnecessary nudity and the out of place, although entertaining, cursing.

The predictability of everything just makes it all the more entertaining.

So, if you're up for one hour and 46 minutes of absurd and ridiculous entertainment, then absolutely go see "Snakes on a Plane."

But if you want a terrifying movie that keeps you guessing, "Snakes" is not for you. You will be sorely disappointed.

"Snakes" slithers into theaters and succeeds

By MATT MABE
Staff Reporter

Not since "I'm Gonna Get You Sucka" came out in 1988 has there been such an enthralling movie title as "Snakes on a Plane."

The film received huge Internet buzz when its title was first uttered in the media world.

The Internet frenzy then exploded when everyone heard Samuel L. Jackson had been cast in the lead role.

Bloggers from all over the globe showed tremendous interest in the film. My personal favorite being snakesonablog.com, which is a blog run by Brian Finkelstein.

Finkelstein was invited to the premiere by New Line Cinema, which was held at Grauman's Chinese Theatre in Hollywood.

Sensing they had a stinker on their hands, New Line Cinema had several new scenes added to bump the film up from a "PG-13" to an "R" rating.

Receiving an "R" rating on a movie can potentially be box-office suicide because, while it may make the film appear to be more edgy, it alienates younger audiences.

"After nearly a year of buildup, I have to say that the movie exceeded my expectations," Finkelstein wrote on his blog. "It had snakes, it had planes, it had Sam Jackson, it had swearing,

It had, in short, everything we were looking for."

"Snakes" made a modest \$15.2 million in the North American box office, which is seen as a disappointment since the film was expected to make the \$22 million range by New Line Cinema.

The flick still managed to be the No. 1 film in its opening weekend, according to the weekend box office numbers on boxoffice Mojo.com.

The film actually is not all that bad. Its diverse cast is definitely a plus, which includes an Oscar nominee, an Emmy winner and even a former Power Ranger.

Julianna Margulies ("ER") does a great job as one of the flight attendants, and Jackson reprises his usual role of the loud, tough officer who saves the day.

Comedic relief is provided by the co-pilot of the plane, played by David Koechner ("Anchorman"), and Kenan Thompson, who plays a passenger ("Kenan and Kel").

The film is B-movie campiness at its best. Anywhere you can think of someone getting bit by a snake, and I mean anywhere, passengers seem to get bit there.

This movie packs enough screaming and gory snake attacks to make even Steve Irwin cringe. There's even a gratuitous sex scene in the lavatory of the plane. Honestly, what else can you ask for?

"Snakes" bites yet surprisingly pleases audiences

By RICH COPLEY
McClatchy Newspapers

The only innovation of "Snakes on a Plane" is in the title.

All the airline disaster clichés it presents have been done and have been brilliantly lampooned in "Airplane" (1980). Same goes for the cop drama. They are the same old archetypes we've been seeing for years.

No, if it wasn't for the snakes on the plane, most of us, including Samuel L. Jackson, wouldn't have given a rip about this movie. But we have the snakes and to director David R. Ellis' credit, he has seized the opportunity afforded him by the title, Mr. Jackson and a legion of loyal-beyond-reason Internet bloggers to put together a ripping little thrill ride to end the summer. If you're looking for anything else from a movie called "Snakes on a Plane," save your money.

"What were you expecting?" one guy asked his friend in the restroom after Thursday night's screening. "Character development? A plot?"

Well, there is a bit of a plot. Surfer dude Sean (Nathan Phillips) accidentally spies gangster Eddie Kim (Byron Lawson) carrying out a brutal murder of a Los Angeles prosecutor in Hawaii.

Police and Kim both find Sean, and he is eventually put on a plane to Los Angeles to testify against Kim. Escorting him is the coolest FBI agent in the land,

played, of course, by Jackson.

Kim concocts a plot to release a load of exotic, deadly snakes onto the plane and utilize a pheromone to make them highly aggressive.

If you're already seeing plot holes in this, trust us, there are loads. Even a character observes that releasing snakes on the plane would be no guarantee Sean would die. That character, by the way, gets it.

This may be one of the most self-aware movies in quite a while. It knew it needed to get to the action quick. It knew it needed to be graphic, but not too graphic. It knew that a cheesy line would probably get as many laughs as groans. It knew that bad was sort of its standard. "Snakes" actually seizes opportunities to appeal to the lowest common denominator, like some of the body parts the snakes attack.

Nobody's trying to win an Oscar here.

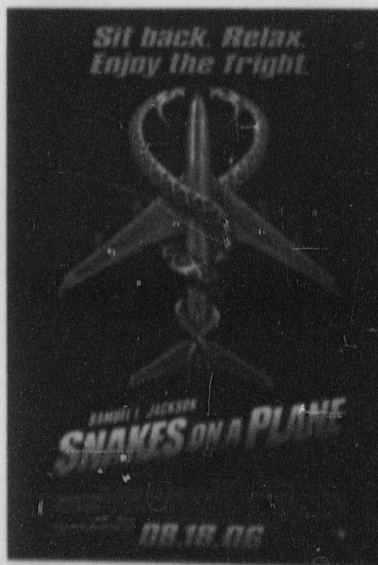
And while that may bug some film-goers, they probably weren't going to go to a movie called "Snakes on a Plane" anyway. There are moments it's so bad it's good. It's mugging to the camera, saying "C'mon, let's have some fun."

Already, people are talking about "Snakes" becoming a mid-night movie staple, with audiences performing it in front of the screen, a la "The Rocky Horror

Picture Show" (1975). You can see that, because part of the fun of "Snakes" is the ridiculous and the awful. Dr. Frank-N-Furter would approve.

If you weren't expecting much from "Snakes on a Plane," that's about what you get. But in a perverse way, you get more.

SNAKES ON A PLANE
3 stars
Starring: Samuel L. Jackson
Directed by: David Ellis
Rated: R
Running time: 105 minutes



"After a year of buildup, I have to say that the movie exceeded my expectations"

-Brian Finkelstein



TODAY IN SPORTS

In 1999, former professional wrestler Jesse Ventura was sworn in as Minnesota's 37th governor. In 1920, the National Negro Baseball League was organized. — *The Associated Press*

More athletes get media training to protect team image

By ALEX ZOBEL
Staff Reporter

Recently reported scandals involving student-athletes at Duke and Northwestern reminded TCU administrators that the Internet is a venue for publicizing information that could damage the university's reputation.

Three Duke lacrosse players were accused of sexually assaulting an exotic dancer during a team-sponsored party March 13, and two months later, images found on Webshots, a photo sharing Web site, exposed hazing rituals of the Northwestern University women's soccer team.

Due to the prominence of social networking Web sites such as Facebook and MySpace, these incidents have grabbed the attention of TCU administrators.

"There's no policy against having an account on Facebook or MySpace, but coaches and operations directors monitor it," said Mark Cohen, director of athletics media relations at TCU. "We have a duty to make sure there's nothing that's embarrassing or putting students in personal danger."

While Cohen said social networking Web sites are a liability, he also said he opposes banning them, as many schools have done, on the grounds that it would be unfair to disrupt the lives of student athletes.

"Besides being a full time student, they're out there practicing and playing at the highest level of collegiate athletics," Cohen said. "They

have to have time to study and be a regular person."

Rather than imposing strict rules, the athletic department has focused on providing student athletes with training on dealing with the media, Cohen said.

In 2000, TCU hired a company called The Speaking Specialists, a husband and wife operation consisting of media veterans Randy Minkoff and Sue Castorino, who travel the country training professional and collegiate sports teams in public speaking, interviewing and conducting themselves in front of reporters.

Every year, sports become a bigger part of TCU's identity, and the media coverage of university athletics is becoming more important to admissions, sponsorship, recruiting and the school's community.

"I think schools finally came to the realization that these student-athletes are representing the school and are usually the best recruiters, not only for the university but for their individual teams," Minkoff said.

The enormous amount of publicity the Duke and Northwestern scandals have received emphasizes the importance in having student athletes that are responsible and aware of the media.

"It has made school administrations realize that it is beyond just being interviewed," Minkoff said. "If you put something on MySpace or Facebook, it's like talking to a reporter. It's public information and it has implications."

Q&A

Donald Furrow

All-League player shares his secret: 'pitch until my arm falls off'

By BILLY WESSELS
Staff Reporter

How does it feel to make the Texas Collegiate League All-League team?

That was a lot of fun. I was going in, I wanted to make the all-star team again. Up until the all-star break, I was kind of throwing well when it dawned on me that I was in the top two or three. Coming down to the wire, I got calls from the ladies running the league saying, "Yeah, you are in the hunt for pitcher of the year." That's when I really kicked it in, when I really wanted it. Not so much for me, but for Weatherford and Coach Lightfoot. He'd been really good to me over the last three years. And for the town and TCU. We had an awesome season, but I don't feel we really got the recognition that I thought we should have had.

What is it like playing for your school and representing TCU?

It's unreal, completely different than anything else. In Little League, you are pretty much playing for yourself and your parents. Last year was weird coming here. I had so much invested in Weatherford, I just kind of felt like a new fish in the pond. Coming back this year and losing to Oklahoma last year in the regional, we have so much we want to get done, and are relentless to get done this year. We are going to have most of our starters back pretty much. We want to get it done bad.

Why did you choose TCU

when you transferred from Weatherford College?

Pretty much, I didn't want to choose it by baseball-wise, I wanted to go for education, and I sat down and was like, "If my baseball career ended right now, what school would I like to go to?" Out of all the schools in Texas, TCU was pretty much right at the top of the list. I love Fort Worth, I love Weatherford and it's 20 minutes from Weatherford. I wasn't a real big fan of huge schools, and it just fit in perfectly.

When and why did you start playing baseball?

I started playing when I was about three. In Australia, there's nothing else to do. Very little electricity, no TV. You can't really do anything, so I just played sports. Out of all the sports, I just took a liking to baseball. I started playing that and never stopped.

Who is your baseball role model?

My role model has always been Bo Jackson. Growing up, I didn't know what the NFL was. I didn't know what Major League Baseball was until we came over here, but you always heard about the Oakland Raiders. From hearing about Raiders and how Bo Jackson was the superman of two sports, I always took a liking to him. I've read his autobiography probably close to 50 times. He has always fascinated me.

What has been your favorite playing moment?

Probably the conference



ANDREW CHAVEZ / Staff Photographer

Senior Donald Furrow pitches against Dallas Baptist on Feb. 28 at Lupton Stadium.

championship. All of us last year expected to go a lot further than what we did. Coming here, I knew everyone on the team before I even played here. It just made it a real easy fit. All the guys, I really love every single one of them. It is good to accomplish this together.

How does it feel to strike out a batter?

It's just a different feeling. Up until this year, I never really considered myself a pitcher. I came to college to play outfield and ended up being a pitcher. I had always just gotten up there and just let people get themselves out. Once I figured out how to command at least two pitches, you can pick a batter apart. You

study his weaknesses while he is in the on-deck circle and, up in the box, you just pick him apart. You can throw anything you want and you know you are going to get him out. It is a whole new kind of confidence.

Where do you hope baseball takes you?

My plan is to pitch until my arm falls off. When that happens, I am ambidextrous so I can throw right-handed, too, and do softball after that, throwing right-handed. If I had to have Tommy John (surgery) on my right arm, I would give it up and get a real job. But I am going to try to play baseball and softball until I can't throw or can't walk anymore.

Cowboys impress even without Owens

By JAIME ARON
AP Sports Writer

Not having Terrell Owens the last few weeks actually has been good for the Dallas Cowboys.

Don't get the wrong idea. The Cowboys would much rather have their new lead receiver on the field.

But his absence has forced more balls to be thrown to unproven players fighting for backup jobs, and that's helped coaches sort through one of the team's biggest concerns of the preseason.

Undrafted rookie Sam Hurd and returning practice squad member Jamaica Rector have taken the most advantage. After earning playing time in practice last week, both fit in well with the starters in a 30-7 victory over the New Orleans Saints on Monday night.

Hurd caught three passes for 30 yards, including a 13-yard touchdown. Rector had three

catches for 32 yards, all on that same scoring drive, including a 5-yarder on third-and-4 from the 23 that he caught, despite his defender being flagged for pass interference.

"I'm excited about the way they have played," Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said. "It makes me feel good about me not breaking my neck to find another receiver."

Owens missed much of training camp because of a hamstring injury that may need further evaluation this week. Projected No. 3 receiver Patrick Crayton has also been out with an injury. Players will resume practice at team headquarters.

It's uncertain whether Owens will join the club then or for the next preseason game, Saturday night at home against San Francisco. Coach Bill Parcells was in no mood to discuss T.O. after the Saints game.

"I'm tired of talking about it, I really am," Parcells said. "Let's talk about the guys who were here and played."

Terry Glenn was the most spectacular with a one-handed touchdown catch around his defender's head that should remind everyone Owens won't be Dallas' only game-breaking threat. He finished with 71 yards on four catches, showing no signs of problems with blisters that plagued him in training camp.

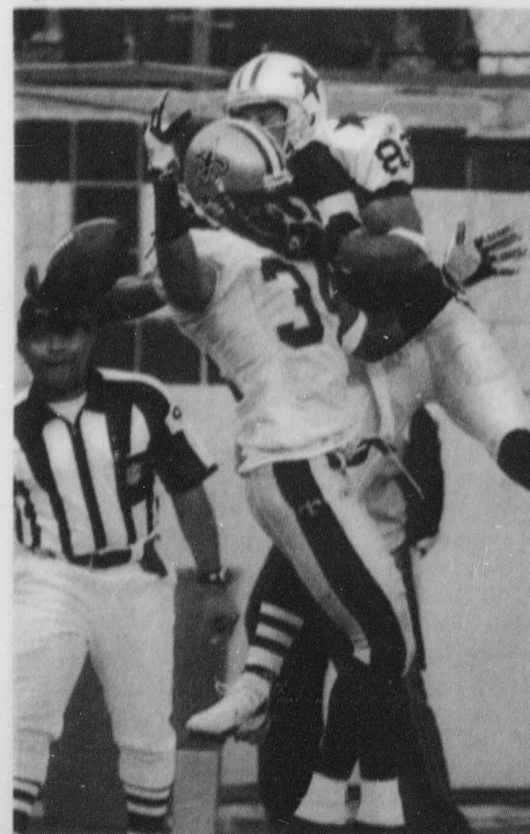
Terrence Copper also had two catches for 32 yards, and Miles Austin, another undrafted rookie, caught a 48-yard touchdown pass from backup quarterback Tony Romo.

Presuming Crayton holds his job, Hurd is the likely front-runner for the fourth spot because he's learned the routes for all three receiving positions. He often works with Owens after practice and has made enough plays on the practice field for Bledsoe to trust him in the game.

Coaches seem eager for Rector to succeed, too. They appreciate his hard work, especially in the weight room. He half-jokingly calls that a must because, "I'm the smallest dude on the team."

"I kind of try to balance things out with my strength," said Rector, who is 5-foot-10, 186 pounds.

Rector's status could depend on whether the Cowboys keep five or six receivers. It also depends on whether Skyler Green is among them since Parcells considers him strictly a kick returner. The fourth-round pick had 37 yards on four punt returns Monday night, most on a 22-yarder, and took his only kickoff 13 yards.



ROGELIO SOLIS / Associated Press

Cowboys wide receiver Terry Glenn reaches past Saints cornerback Mike McKenzie to score a touchdown pass from Cowboys quarterback Drew Bledsoe, Monday, during their preseason football game in Shreveport, La.

Running back tops fantasy football list, majority of receivers

By JERRY FAULL
The Seattle Times

I've always been a take-two-running-backs-with-my-first-two-picks kind of fantasy-football drafter.

At least that's always the plan going in. But I've changed my outlook this year, as the crop of first-tier wide receivers is more appealing to me than the crop of second-tier running backs.

Here are my top 25 pass-catchers, with Nos. 1 through 7 making up the first tier:

1. Steve Smith, Panthers: No reason to think he can't repeat remarkable 2005, especially with newly acquired Keyshawn Johnson drawing away coverage.

2. Torry Holt, Rams: In the past three seasons, no receiver has more catches (313), yards (4,399) or 100-yard games (23); very safe pick, as he has played in 110 of a possible 112 regular-season games in his seven-year career.

3. Chad Johnson, Bengals: Carson Palmer's health makes Johnson a bit of a question mark, but not enough of one to fall too far on draft day.

4. Marvin Harrison, Colts: Likely to lead league in touchdowns (at least 12) as quarterback Peyton Manning's top red-zone target once again.

5. Larry Fitzgerald, Cardinals: He'll be the man in the red zone, and it won't be long before Fitzgerald, who turns 23 on Aug. 31, is the best receiver in the league.

6. Randy Moss, Raiders: Could easily return to top-WR status if health and new QB

Aaron Brooks hold up.

7. Terrell Owens, Cowboys: Draft at your own risk, although I'm betting he's on his best behavior in his first season with Dallas and coach Bill Parcells.

8. Chris Chambers, Dolphins: As Miami's only legitimate WR threat, he will hook up with new QB Daunte Culpepper for a lot of big gains.

9. Anquan Boldin, Cardinals: Probably better than Chambers talent-wise, but past health issues and lack of touchdowns put him just below.

10. Hines Ward, Steelers: Durable, dependable and great near the end zone.

11. Plaxico Burress, Giants: QB Eli Manning just about always looks for Burress first.

12. Reggie Wayne, Colts: Hasn't missed a game since his rookie year.

13. Santana Moss, Redskins: Hard to believe he'll surpass 1,400 yards again with additions of Brandon Lloyd and Antwaan Randle El.

14. Roy Williams, Lions: A TD machine when healthy, Williams has the talent to break out big.

15. Darrell Jackson, Seahawks: Continuing knee problem knocks him down a few spots.

16. Andre Johnson, Texans: With WR Eric Moulds in the mix and QB David Carr more seasoned, this season presents Johnson's best shot to move into the elite.

17. Derrick Mason, Ravens: Playing again with QB Steve McNair — they were teammates with the Titans — should allow

him to score more than the three TDs of last season.

18. Donald Driver, Packers: QB Brett Favre will look his way a lot, but constant double-teams could stifle him a bit.

19. Deion Branch, Patriots: Expect him to surpass 1,000 yards for the first time, but New England's spread-it-around passing game won't allow him to score more than seven TDs.

20. Donte Stallworth, Saints: Finally showed more than glimpses in 2005 of what many had expected, and now he'll have the ultra-accurate Drew Brees throwing to him.

21. Javon Walker, Broncos: A risk because he's coming off a season in which he played just one game after blowing out a knee. But if he's at full strength, you're getting No. 1-WR talent from your No. 2.

22. Joey Galloway, Buccaneers: He's 34 years old, but don't let that scare you too much because his speed is still there.

23. Joe Horn, Saints: His best years are behind him, but he's still capable of some monster games.

24. T.J. Houshmandzadeh, Bengals: Palmer's health is also key to success of Cincinnati's No. 2.

25. Nate Burleson, Seahawks: He should fit in nicely in high-powered attack.

Correction
In Tuesday's Cory Rodgers story titled "Alum, NFL rookie gets rocky start," the photo of Rodgers in an intrasquad practice with Green Bay Packers was attributed to Stephen Spillman/Staff Photographer. The photo was actually courtesy of Green Bay Packers.

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A: IS FOR THE VIOLENCE. I said just BRING IT ON!
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A: IS FOR THE LIBERALS whose heart this is, HAWAII!
Q: IS FOR THE BOARDSIDE BOMBS that make me very sad.
A: IS FOR THE WEAPONS that were never over found!
Q: IS FOR THE ABU GHRAIB Fiasco, that was bad.
A: IS FOR THE WHO CARES? The next day will take care of it.
A: IS FOR THE BOARDING PARTY that will take care of it.

See Thursday's paper for answers to today's Sudoku puzzle.

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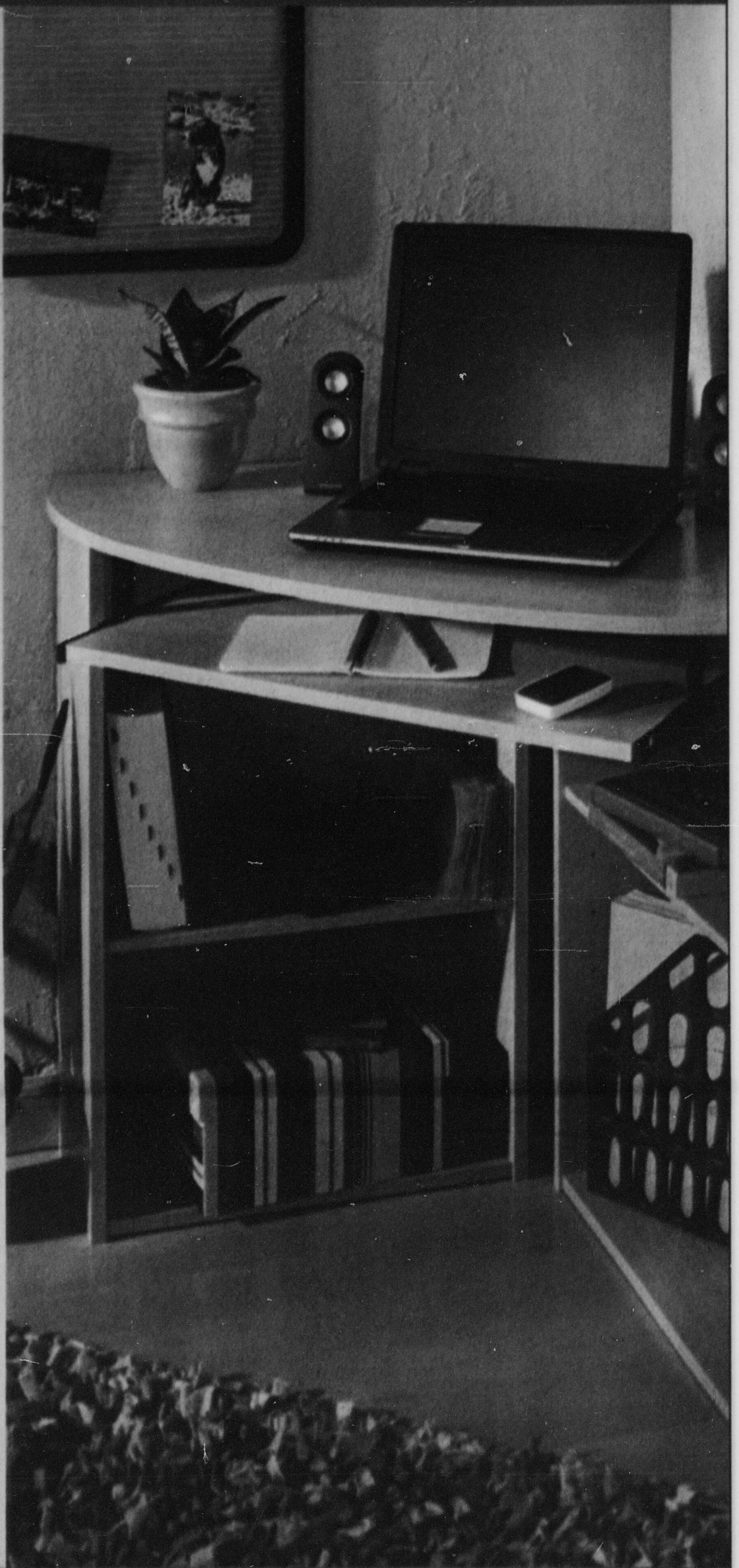
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