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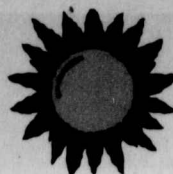


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Activities Carnival showcases clubs

The House of Student Representatives will sponsor an Activities Carnival from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday around Frog Fountain. If it rains, the fair will be moved to the Student Center.

New students will have the opportunity to see just how many ways there are to get involved on the campus.

Representatives from each of many various campus organizations have been invited and are expected to attend.

For those interested in leadership in student government, there will be a Student Government Officer Open House from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday and again from 6 to 7 p.m. on Thursday. Positions are available in the House for hall, town and college representatives.

Election policies among halls may differ, so students are encouraged to see their dorm advisers if they are interested. The House sees a need for a diverse body of student representatives to give each student on campus a voice, House officials said.

Willy Pinnel, chairman of the Elections and Regulations Committee, described the activities carnival as "a great chance for new and old students to discover what TCU has to offer. The House of Student Representatives will be there in full force."

Driver jumps curb, damages landscaping

A car accident Sunday left visible damage to landscaping outside Foster Hall when the driver of a 1997 Black Firebird lost control and drove over a curb.

No one was hurt in the accident, but the car was damaged on its right side, and three of its tires were blown out.

Campus Police Detective Kelly Ham said the student driving the car told police his accelerator stuck after he hit a speed bump in front of the Student Center.

The car traveled toward Foster Hall, where it ventured about six feet onto the curb, went through a bed of shrubbery and hit a tree. The car continued off the side of the curb and came to a stop in the loading zone behind Jarvis Hall, Ham said.

Besides the driver of the Firebird, a female student was also in the car, but she left the scene before officers responded to the accident.

Ham said the accident was caused by mechanical failure, though the driver could have prevented the wreck.

Web site offers help in sciences

Students who need help with physics or chemistry have a new place to turn when their professor is busy and a test is rapidly approaching.

The creation of a Web site called "Virtual Prof" developed by Glen Terrell, an associate professor of physics at the University of Texas at Arlington will help visitors learn basic physics concepts, how to use graphing calculators to their maximum problem-solving potential and how to prepare for tests, including the MCAT entrance exam for medical school.

Subscribers have access to 24-hour conference rooms — one for physics and one for chemistry — physics and chemistry bulletin boards (where professors respond to questions within 24 hours Monday through Friday and within 36 hours on weekends), and a filing cabinet with sample problems for those studying for the MCAT and other tests.

Subscribers can also set up one-on-one sessions with professors in physics and chemistry.

Nonsubscribers have access to a selection of sample questions on the web page.

The web page is located at <http://www.virtualprof.com>. For more information, call Terrell at 272-2468 or e-mail him at virtualprof@uta.edu.

Bid Day rush

Five hundred and six women participated in Rush, which began Thursday and concluded Monday when bids were given out. These three women were part of one of the largest groups to participate in sorority Rush in recent years.

The group gathered in the Rickel Building to learn which sorority they were invited to join. After receiving their bids, the women were welcomed by chapter members and attended Bid Day activities.

This year's Rush was the first time in recent memory that men's and women's Rush was held concurrently. Interfraternity Council President Scott Thomas said participation in men's Rush was up to 282, an increase of 30 over last year.



Blair Pearce PHOTO EDITOR

Panel looking for CEO like Tucker

Search committee defining attributes

SKIFF STAFF

A committee searching for candidates to succeed Chancellor William E. Tucker when he retires in June 1998 continues to define the characteristics the future CEO of the university should possess.

TCU trustee Denny Alexander, who heads the search committee, said the group will likely look for a candidate similar to Chancellor Tucker.

"I don't want to presume what the final decision of the committee will be in terms of the selection criteria," Alexander said, "but I'm sure that Chancellor Tucker would fit within those criteria."

"He has certainly done an outstanding job, and we hope to find someone of his caliber."

Committee member Elena Hicks, senior associate director of admissions and director of freshman admissions, said the current atmosphere of the university should attract quality candidates.

Andy Mitchell, House president and the sole student member of the search committee, said he appreciates the personalized atmosphere of TCU as much as the academic environment.

"We need to have someone who will continue to push for that," Mitchell said.

Future store's size a plus, students say

Prices, distance from campus top concerns

By Adriana Torrez
STAFF REPORTER

As renovations continue on the former Tom Thumb Food Center nearby, student reactions and concerns over the joint bookstore venture between TCU and Barnes & Noble have been mixed.

Some of the major concerns voiced by students are accessibility and location.

Mike Jones, a senior sports and recreation management major, said he liked having the bookstore in a central location and he wants it to stay in the Student Center.

"I think it's more convenient here (in the Student Center) because a lot of traffic comes through here," he said. "The new location might be more convenient for the school, but it's not for the students."

The university announced Thursday that it had closed a deal with bookstore giant Barnes & Noble for the company to manage a new university bookstore in the old store at South University Drive and

West Berry Street. Company officials have set a tentative opening date of Homecoming weekend at the beginning of November.

Traci Ferebee, a freshman social work major, said she would also like the bookstore to remain in its current location.

"I like the fact that (the new bookstore) will be bigger and better, but it's not exactly close," she said. "Books are heavy."

Other students say the new location may be more visible, making the store easier to find for commuter students and members of the community who want to purchase TCU paraphernalia.

"I think it will be more accessible to the people in the city who are not TCU students," said Carla Coscia, a senior Spanish major.

Kimna Mao, a junior special education major, said, "I think the new bookstore is going to be good.... Students will have more access, and there will be plenty of parking spaces."

"From a student perspective, I don't think there is a more important decision to be made this year," he said of the search process.

Mitchell said he thinks TCU has the leverage to bring in a strong candidate for the position because of the status it has achieved during Tucker's tenure as chancellor.

"Chancellor Tucker has left this place immaculate," he said. "He has been a great CEO, a great leader, and he's been attuned to our culture."

Hicks said Tucker's dedication as chancellor has created an environment which helps to draw quality applicants for the position. She said the person selected for the position will be coming to a place where they have the potential for huge success in the future.

Bob Vigeland, chairman of the accounting department and a member of the search committee, said the committee members informally

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New fraternity honors 3 scholarship winners

By Kelly Melhart
CAMPUS EDITOR

Brains, brawn and brotherhood were the themes of the Sigma Phi Epsilon "Well Balanced Man" Scholarship Reception for 26 young men and their parents Wednesday night in the Faculty Center.

This was the first scholarship dinner the newly chartered chapter colony has held, and three freshmen of the 115 applicants received scholarships for being scholars, leaders, athletes and gentlemen.

Joel-Patrick Millsap, a freshman international business major from Santee, Calif., received a \$750 scholarship, the largest of the three scholarships.

Andrew Luers, a freshman pre-major from Lincoln, Neb., and Jeff

Harrell, a freshman political science major from Fort Worth, each received \$500 scholarships.

Stephen Cassle, president of Sigma Phi Epsilon, said the scholarship was not a part of fraternity Rush but was a way of recognizing freshmen men for excelling in multiple areas.

"What we were looking for was a balanced man — not just an athlete, not just a scholar," Cassle said. "All the men that were there were leaders, scholars, athletes and gentlemen. These three just had something a little bit above that."

At the reception, campus leaders explained the concept of a well balanced man.

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Nicholas Perks SKIFF STAFF

A worker continues renovation Monday of the former Tom Thumb Food Center that will soon be a Barnes & Noble-managed university bookstore at South University Drive and West Berry Street.

"I say that because I'm a commuter, and there are not enough parking spaces on campus for us."

Another major student concern is whether prices will stay the same as a result of the cost of the renovations and the move.

"Books are expensive enough," said Alvaro Saucedo, a sophomore accounting major. "Are prices going up?"

Carlos Alvarado, a senior geology major, said, "In terms of cost, hopefully Barnes & Noble will treat us a little better."

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Peak time finds Main congested

By Aimée Courtice
ASSISTANT CAMPUS EDITOR

TCU students seem mostly satisfied with The Main's extended hours, but some want an additional dining option to compensate for The Pit's closing.

"Keeping the Main open all day is a really good idea," said Rachel Holamon, a senior advertising/public relations major. "The Main's hours were not convenient for the majority of TCU students. I hated getting out of class, heading for The Main, and finding that it was closed. Now I know exactly when it will be open."

Dining Services decided to keep The Main open from 7 a.m. to midnight Monday through Thursday after a survey conducted by Marriott Food Service found that TCU students wanted extended food service hours.

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Pulse

Announcements of campus events, public meetings and other general campus information should be brought to the TCU Daily Skiff office at Monday Building South Room 291, mailed to TCU Box 290050, or e-mailed to skiff@gamma.is.tcu.edu. The Skiff reserves the right to edit submissions for style, taste and space available.

CHEERLEADER TRYOUTS will be held Saturday in the Rickel Building Gym 3. Tryouts for the all-girls squad begin at 9 a.m., and tryouts for the co-ed squad begin at 11 a.m. For more information, call 921-5462.

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New center director's career path leads her back home to Texas

By Melanie Rodriguez
 SKIFF STAFF

After heading several writing programs at three universities nationwide, Jeanette Harris returned to her home state to become director of the Writing Center.

Harris said she has wanted to be associated with the TCU community for some time and her move to TCU "was like coming home" because many of her family members live in the Fort Worth area.

Harris begins work at the writing center, where writing specialists and peer tutors give students and faculty help with all disciplines of writing, with 20 years of experience.

She comes to TCU after spending seven years at the University of Southern Mississippi where she was chairwoman of the English department and director of composition.

Prior to her time in Mississippi, Harris held two positions at Texas Tech University — director of composition and director of the writing center.

Harris was also supervisor of the writing center and coordinator of

reading instruction at her alma mater, East Texas State University, now known as Texas A&M at Commerce.

Along with her many jobs, Harris has authored and co-authored many texts, including six publications on writing.

Harris said that the only major change on her agenda is growth.

"I want to expand the peer tutoring program to record what actually takes place in the peer tutoring sessions," Harris said.

She said she also plans to record information about the types of students who use the service and the specific programs they use to improve the Writing Center's quality.

"The primary goal of the Writing Center is to assist TCU's students, faculty and staff with their writing," Harris said.

The Writing Center is located on the lower level of the Rickel Building in Room 100.

The center is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. To make an appointment or arrange for a consultation, call 921-7221.



Blair Pearce PHOTO EDITOR

Writing Center Director Jeanette Harris.

Worker hurt in fall from center's roof

By Julie Redwine
 SKIFF STAFF

A construction worker fell 30 feet Monday from the roof of the F. Howard and Mary D. Walsh Center for the Performing Arts.

At 9:45 a.m., two fire engines, paramedics and one police unit were dispatched to the scene.

According to Lynn Clark, a firefighter on the scene, one worker may have suffered a closed head injury. The worker was taken to Harris Methodist Fort Worth hospital, where he was listed in serious condition.

Fort Worth police officer W.T. Robinson said a second worker suffered only minor scrapes.

Walt Clopton of Byrne Construction, the company in charge of construction of the Walsh Center, said the worker is employed by a subcontractor and could not identify him.

Oxygen systems fail on Mir space station

By Marcia Dunn
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

The three men aboard Russia's run-down Mir space station were left without any way to generate oxygen Monday after both their primary and backup systems failed, at least temporarily, NASA reported.

U.S. space officials said they wouldn't know whether the two Russian cosmonauts and one American astronaut on board were able to fix either of the oxygen-producing devices until the next scheduled communication with the station on Tuesday morning.

Nonetheless, one NASA official called it a potentially serious problem — one that could force an evacuation.

"It could be that tomorrow it could be no problem, or it could be a fairly significant problem," said NASA spokesman Ed Campion. "If you can't get either of the two systems

back up, then you're facing a serious situation."

At the time of the cosmonauts' last communication Monday with Russia's Mission Control outside Moscow, they were struggling to fix the secondary solid fuel-burning system.

The primary Elektron generator, which had been turned off since last week to conserve power, had shut itself down Monday after it began overheating, Campion said.

"Before they went to bed, they may have gotten things fixed. We just don't know," Campion said.

In Russia, calls to Mission Control for comment around midnight Moscow time went unanswered after NASA disclosed the problem. CNN reported that a Russia Mission Control official said a cosmonaut radioed that the primary oxygen system had been fixed before the crew

apparently went to sleep.

Even if both systems remain broken, Mir has enough oxygen to last several days, Campion said from the Johnson Space Center in Houston.

NASA astronaut Michael Foale and his two Russian crewmates could stretch their air supply by using oxygen tanks set aside for upcoming spacewalks. NASA officials said they did not know how much oxygen those tanks hold.

If neither oxygen-producing system can be restarted over the next several days, Foale and his two Russian crewmates will have to abandon ship in the attached Soyuz capsule.

There have been repeated problems with the new Elektron generator, carried up by space shuttle Atlantis in May. But this is the first time since February that a crew has had serious trouble with the backup system, in which solid-fuel canisters are ignited to produce oxygen.

The cosmonauts were trying to ignite a canister, or candle, Monday when the system failed. They replaced the igniter mechanism but the canister still would not burn.

"This may be nothing more com-

plicated than putting a new candle into the mechanism and they're back in business," said another NASA spokesman, Rob Navias.

Mir takes about 14 hours to circle the Earth, and Russia only has tracking stations in Ukraine and Russia. Therefore, Russian ground controllers can communicate with the Mir only for about 20 minutes each orbit, when the station passes over its territory.

Despite the problems, there was a bit of good news Monday aboard Mir.

Commander Anatoly Solovyov reported that power was flowing through the makeshift hatch that he and Pavel Vinogradov installed during an internal spacewalk Friday to restore power.

Indeed, Russian flight controllers verified that an additional 40 amps of electricity were flowing into the station. But commands sent to move three of the four solar panels mounted on the outside of the ruptured lab module were unsuccessful.

Until Monday, the station had been flying at half-power as a result of the June 25 collision with an unmanned cargo ship.

POLICE

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office in the vicinity during the 1994-95 year.

Welch said he thought the university had many reasons for installing a police facility in the storefront.

"First, (university officials) are trying to transform the Berry Street area," Welch said. "Also, they want to protect their investment for the people who go to TCU."

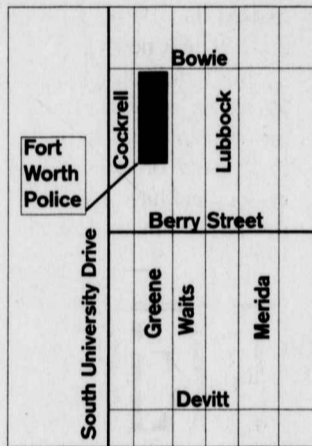
Welch, one of three neighborhood patrol officers working at the location, also acts as a campus liaison. Although he divides his time between the storefront and speaking to groups on campus about crime prevention, he is also available to students.

"If (students) are on campus and they need the police, then 7777 is the number to call," Welch said. "But if they have a problem off-campus and they need some help or say they are a victim of crime, then we can help."

The location is more accessible to the public, he said.

"This is not just a place we work out of," he said. "It's a place where we hang our hats and a place for Berry Street to feel welcome."

Campus Police Chief Steve McGee said he supports the new storefront



"Just the police cars coming and going from that location are a deterrent," McGee said. "It's great."

Tealy Dippel, a sophomore radio-TV-film major, said she thinks students will be pleased with the added security the storefront station offers.

"I think people will feel safer walking around campus knowing the Fort Worth police are in the vicinity and not downtown," Dippel said.

Corrections

The address for the TCU Daily Skiff World Wide Web site was listed incorrectly on page 7 of Monday's issue. The address is www.gamma.is.tcu.edu/~skiff.

Evette Rede's name was misspelled in a Monday story on campus renovations. She is Brachman Hall's head resident assistant.

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ACTIVITIES FAIR

From political activism to religious worship, campus groups and organizations offer students a variety of options for extracurricular activities. Many students, however, don't take advantage of these organizations because they don't know what's available, they concentrate on nothing but classes or just don't know how to get involved.

Up steps the House of Student Representatives-sponsored Activities Carnival, scheduled from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at Frog Fountain. Many campus groups will be on hand to answer questions and provide information about membership.

Students should realize that going to college involves much more than spending 12 or 15 hours a week in classes. College is the first time teenagers who are leaving home can grapple with making their own decisions. Campus organizations offer students a way to expand their horizons, broaden their minds and test their new "adult" legs.

Every student, not just freshmen, should attend the activities fair to re-examine how anyone can contribute to the campus and the community or learn more about himself or herself (and have a little fun along the way).

One advantage campus groups offer is

access to a plethora of activities students may not experience once they graduate, such as playing on a lacrosse team or contributing to the yearbook.

Getting involved can also help students who are troubled over what direction they want to go in life, since many organizations are geared toward professional development. TCU struggles to keep freshmen enrolled.

Students can use the carnival to find their niche on campus. Organizers should begin reaching out on a full-time basis.

If students become active on campus and feel they are part of something bigger than just classes, more would stick around for another year.

Need to make some close friends? Pulling an all-nighter to put a campus event together is much more fun than studying for a psychology test.

But leaders of organizations should not think all interested students will be at

the carnival. Recruitment should be pursued in other arenas as well. Just because someone was busy on a Tuesday afternoon doesn't mean that person never wants to get involved.

So go to the activities fair whether you think you need to or not. You may discover a group you never knew existed and make friendships that will last a lifetime.

And maybe, just maybe, you can contribute more to TCU than just your tuition dollar.

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Nonsensical summer news events worthy of recognition and ridicule

Hello, TCU, and welcome back! Let's start out the semester by presenting my Labor Day Awards for Summer News Events.

Mike Tyson receives the "Hannibal Lecter" award for chomping on Evander Holyfield's ear. Tyson's claim of head-butting by Holyfield was a weak excuse for this type of retaliation. Tyson should have retaliated instead by beating the heck out of Holyfield and winning the fight.

Barry Switzer receives the "Absent-Minded, Pistol-Packin' Professor" award for carrying a loaded handgun in his suitcase and forgetting about it until he was nabbed by airport security. I am willing to chalk this up as an honest mistake, but the Cowboys really did not need this. I blame the air in Dallas for clouding Switzer's better judgment. Or maybe it came from working with Jerry Jones for too long.

Microsoft and Apple get the "We Are Borg" award for the former's assimilation of the latter. Resistance did indeed prove futile; who knows who will be next to be assimilated? This may actually help Apple in the long run, though.

The Southern Baptists receive the "David" award. They took on the Disney Goliath with a boycott of the entertainment conglomerate's products and facilities. OK, the boycott won't really dent the coffers of the Mouse, but any bad publicity hurts, and Disney has gotten too big for its britches.

And speaking of Disney, they receive the "What's Up With That?" award for claiming not to favor homosexual couples, yet denying unmarried heterosexual couples the very same spousal benefits that are given to same-sex couples. Either extend spousal benefits to unmarried heterosexual couples or don't give spousal benefits to any unmarried couples! I think Disney is heterophobic.

The Texas Rangers receive the "Riding High in April, Shot Down in May" award for their dramatic and ugly slide in the American League West standings after making the playoffs last year. Yeesh, what a letdown. At least they re-signed Pudge.

The Catholic Diocese of Dallas gets the "Day Late and a Dollar Short" award for mishandling complaints about former priest Rudolph "Rudy" Kos, a suspected child molester. At the most, Kos will go to prison; his victims, however, will live with the memories of his abuse for the rest of their lives. I hope this tragedy will motivate other dioceses

to better handle such complaints and to be more selective in its candidates for the priesthood.

Boy, it has to be a strange summer for me to praise Baptists and criticize Catholics in the same column!

America Online gets the "Your Cheatin' Heart" award for trying to back out of a promise to withhold its subscriber list from marketers and companies which send junk mail. AOL tried to make its list available to a marketing affiliate but backed off only after AOL subscribers raised a cyberstink.

Joe Camel and Beavis and Butthead get the "Into the Dustbin of History" award for their recent retirements. Joe has long been accused of making cigarettes appealing to minors and pre-adolescents, so the controversial dromedary will be missed only by his target audience. While Beavis and Butthead occasionally had their moments, did they really contribute anything positive to our culture? To answer that, one would have to ask the same thing about MTV.

Kevin Garnett receives the "Show me MORE Money!" award for turning down a very lucrative multiyear contract worth more than \$100 million. Ah, if only the TCU Daily Skiff would offer me that kind of money.

That finishes off the awards for summer news events. Enjoy your Labor Day holiday, and don't eat too much!

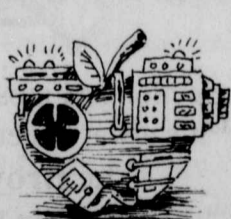
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Pill debate needs dose of realism

Move to allow teens access to birth control is best option

Since the beginning of time, parents and their offspring have clashed over working definitions of control and freedom.

The disputes usually peak during the often tremulous teen-age years. Parents don't want to lose influence over their children's lives, while kids are simultaneously stretching their independence further and further, often past the limits set forth by their elders.

It seems like mom and dad have never agreed with junior on such things as curfew, school attendance and the issue of good taste in music and entertainment. But a new debate has begun that previous generations of families were spared the headache of dealing with.

Planned Parenthood of Houston and Southeast Texas Inc. are currently attempting to strike down a law that prevents minors from obtaining birth control pills and other prescription drugs without parental consent. Planned Parenthood argues that the law "violates teen-agers' rights to confidential medical treatment."

This has spurred negative feedback from parental groups who argue that Planned Parenthood's attempts are an assault on adults' rights to raise their children.

The debate is a good one, complicated by the desire for control by both parents and their offspring.

Ultimately, despite the fact they are stepping on a lot of people's toes, Planned Parenthood is leading not only the good fight but the truly realistic one as well.

The underlying question here is whether or not birth control encourages sex, which most parents are not in the habit of promoting for their teen-agers. Which came first, the condom or sex?

In a simple and perfect world, parental permission should be needed in order for birth control pills to be prescribed for children. In this simple and perfect world, children would feel completely at ease discussing sex with their parents because if it was the parents' perfect world, their creations wouldn't be procreating anyway until they were either married or 30 years old.

Meanwhile, back in reality, the very mention of the word sex in a family discussion causes one to shake, perspire and break out latent speech impediments. The discussion of the birds and the bees is pure torture for most families.

It seems that for most teen-agers the closest confidant in their lives is not mom or dad but rather a best friend. Teens go through a stage where they grow a little distant from their parents and lose a bit of the ease they used to have in communicating with them.

Parents don't know as much about the chip off the old block as they think they do. Announcing that you joined the ultimate Frisbee team at your school may get you a pat on the back at dinner. Announcing that you're participating in torrid premarital sex doesn't earn you quite the positive attention you might have hoped for.

Yet, teen-age sex exists, though teen-age love may not. Ignoring the problem won't make it go away, but denying teenagers access to information and instruments of safe sex might kill them.

The birth control pill prevents pregnancy with 99.9 percent effectiveness. The pill is designed to keep a woman's estrogen level at a certain point to prevent ovulation.

However, the pill does not prevent the spread of sexually transmitted diseases. It does nothing to justify

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the morals of the act. The pill does not guarantee love between a couple. It is not a perfect solution. But it is a step in the safer direction toward responsible behavior.

Parents cannot prevent their children from having sex, but they can prevent them from having safe sex. Therefore, teen-agers must be guaranteed the right to medical treatment even if this means hiding it from their parents. It is better to go behind their parents' backs for a pill rather than sneak behind their backs later for a secret birth or worse.

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Words of wisdom can help freshmen navigate bumpy, exciting road ahead

Before I get started, let's all give a big round of applause to the class of 2001. You've disembarked from that wacky roller coaster known as high school, and you are now boarding an even bigger ride with more corkscrews and bumps than you ever knew what to do with. Be sure to raise your arms and scream whenever you get the chance.

Many of you will find that college is perhaps the scariest ride ever conceived. Here, you have no curfew and no one to make you get up in the morning. You don't get your own room, and in a matter of weeks you may find you have been placed in a room with Satan himself; in the case of some Milton Daniel residents, you might have been placed with Satan and two of his minions. There is no one to balance your meals, make your bed, coerce your teachers into turning the 89.5 percent into an A or rent your prom limo. You are finally left to your own devices, for good or for evil, to make your own life.

The prospect of making your own life is frightening, but there are plenty of good and not-so-scary aspects of college. The aforementioned scariness may not seem so ominous if you call it freedom. Freedom to choose. Perhaps Dad wants you to be a business major so you can be yet another corporate big shot. That is why they created core requirements — for you to test other possibilities. Surprise Mom and Pop at Thanksgiving by telling them that yes, the business school is nice, but philosophy is so much nicer. College is all about trying new things, whether it be psychology, sushi or a new opinion.

One thing new to most freshmen is the Greek system. You may have noticed the long, unhappy, single-file line of freshmen women uniformly marching from building to building (I certainly did). This signifies, for better or

worse, that the Greek population stands to get even bigger.

Let me be the first to say that despite all the benefits of the Greek system, there is more to life than pledge pins and parties. Get involved with the rest of the campus, whether it be student government, an intramural sport or a service organization. There is a whole world beyond Worth Hills. Don't let Greek life blind you from the rest of TCU.

Of course, your newly found freedom comes with newly found responsibility. It is your responsibility to wake up on time, come home at a reasonable hour, brush your teeth, inhale, exhale and, most importantly, take care of your body and mind. If the only exercise you are getting is from lifting quarter-pounders and 12-ounce cans, then perhaps you should visit the Rickel Building and find some heavier weights. The "Freshman 15" can be a very real thing, and sometimes it can stretch into the "Freshmen 20" or "30" (wait until Christmas break — you'll see what I mean).

You will also find that after about a month, you might actually miss your overbearing parents and that bratty sibling who is redecorating your room even as you read this. This can be a depressing thing, and depression equals bad grades. Talk to someone, drink some orange juice, listen to ska. Keeping yourself happy and positive is the best way to make it through this first semester.

Once again, I congratulate you for choosing this selective university as the gateway to life, and I hope you consider my words as you go through your freshman year. Take chances, and take care of yourselves. The worst thing you can do is fail to learn. Keep in mind that your education occurs outside the classroom, too. Keep your head inside the mixer at all times, and enjoy the ride.

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SEARCH

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have been contacting colleagues and possible candidates from around the country.

In addition, Vigeland said, the university has enlisted the services of Chicago executive search firm Heidrick and Struggles.

"(Heidrick and Struggles) has a long history of doing similar searches for very highly respected schools, and they have a really broad range of contacts," he said.

Alexander said the committee interviewed "three or four" search firms and selected Heidrick and Struggles on the basis of its experience.

He said the primary consultant, company vice chairman Bill Bowen, specializes in serving educational institutions. Bowen will work on campus as well as from his Chicago office.

As an additional measure, the university will broadcast the administrative vacancy in an advertisement in the *Chronicle of Higher Education* in early September.

The *Chronicle*, Alexander said, is the most widely read publication of its kind.

"The advertisement will reach to sources beyond TCU," he said, thus increasing the pool of potential candidates for the chancellorship. Running the ad might not always be the best method of getting the word out, Alexander said, but it is likely to attract some candidates who might otherwise be overlooked.

Alexander said that although the chancellor has traditionally been an ordained Disciple of Christ minister, that title is not required of candidates.

Alexander said the search process is not a formulaic, "cookie cutter" approach to filling the university's top post, but the committee plans to follow a widely-used

format based closely on the process used during Tucker's selection in the late 1970s.

Alexander said the language to be used in the ad was carefully chosen to convey the university's need for a candidate who is an educator as well as a businessperson.

"We are broadcasting that we need a candidate with a respected

academic reputation and proven leadership along with fund-raising ability and skills in the financial arena," Alexander said.

Vigeland said the committee is searching for the best CEO it can find — an educator and businessman of superior quality.

"We're shooting very high," he said.

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World Report

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Dow Corning offers implant settlement

DETROIT — Dow Corning Corp. offered Monday to pay more than 200,000 women up to \$2.4 billion to settle claims that its silicone breast implants cause illnesses when they leak.

Under the offer, the Midland, Mich.-based Dow Corning would not admit that breast implants cause disease, but said it was making the offer to "agree to disagree" with the women.

The \$2.4 billion offer is part of Dow Corning's attempt to get out of bankruptcy court, where it has been trying to settle implant claims. The plan requires the approval of a bankruptcy court and a two-thirds majority of women suing the company.

Gayle Troutwine, a Portland, Ore., attorney representing 550 women who have filed claims against Dow Corning, said the offer "doesn't sound reasonable."

Second woman leaves coed VMI class

LEXINGTON, Va. — The first coed class at Virginia Military Institute lost a second woman and another three men shortly before "hell night," when cadets were awakened around midnight Sunday and exercised as a group. "They got a tough, physical

workout," VMI spokesman Mike Strickler said Monday.

The departures Sunday night left 28 women and 407 men in the freshman class. One woman and 23 men left earlier in the week.

The 158-year-old public college has declined to name the students or say what reasons they gave for quitting.

State

Crashes led to review of railroad, report says

SAN ANTONIO — Three fatal Union Pacific collisions since late June have prompted the Federal Railroad Administration to launch a comprehensive investigation of the company, the *San Antonio Express-News* reported in a copyright story Tuesday.

FRA spokesman David Bolger told the *Express-News* that between 50 and 60 federal inspectors will be dispatched this week to examine every aspect of the company's operation.

The agency's plans were disclosed one day after the newspaper reported widespread railway safety problems, including many of the ones that the federal regulators will be investigating.

"We have nothing to hide and look forward to them coming," Union Pacific spokesman Mark Davis said.

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Book-buying blitz

Students find store crowded at peak first-day times

By Missie Korte
STAFF WRITER

It's the time for new books, school supplies and a TCU T-shirt or bag. For the students gearing up for a new school year, this means a trip to the University Store.

And the bookstore, located next to The Main in the Student Center, is ready for the rush of students in need of books, magazines, gum, toiletries and other necessities of college life.

Although normal bookstore hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, the bookstore will be open longer during the first week of classes to accommodate the blitz of students. Temporary hours are from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

Mary Kaszynski, a University Store employee for the last three and a half years, said the staff also has been temporarily expanded to better serve the large amounts of students. Kaszynski said she patrols the store to make sure students are being served.

"We try to help students find items and organize and restock continually so students can come in and find what they are looking for," she said.

Mike Gore, manager of the bookstore, said most students seem to be satisfied by the store's service.

"We stress service to our customers," Gore said. "We are consistently rated among the best service places on campus by the graduating seniors."

However, despite the efforts at the bookstore, Sarah Montalva, a student, said the preparation is not enough. "It's mass confusion around here," Montalva said as she searched for books and supplies. "The signs are small and you have to search to find help."

Gore said the University Store is busiest around noon, so shopping earlier or later in the day may alleviate some of the stress in shopping.

Other University Store perks like send-home bills and the refund policy help make life easier, bookstore employees said.

Send home bills allow buyers to send book bills home to parents, and books in good condition can be returned from Aug. 28 through Sept. 15 for a full refund.



Students fought crowds in the University Store on Monday, attempting to buy supplies for the new semester.

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new bookstore, which will feature a coffee bar, clothing and makeup boutiques, and a technology center, will have a larger selection than the existing store.

"It's cool that it will be so much bigger," she said.

Despite some complaints about

the future bookstore's distance from campus, some students plan to rely on footpower for transportation.

Klint Watkins, a freshman business major, said, "It doesn't really matter that it's far away because you walk everywhere anyway."

Some students took the attitude that no matter the distance, students should just deal with the new situation.

John Leuck, a senior social work major, said, "I don't think walking an extra block will be too much to ask."

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But students who tried to venture into The Main between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday found themselves trapped in the lunch rush.

"It was way too crowded," said Myles Hayes, a sophomore premajor. "It was like dogs and cats living together."

Sara Mersfelder, a sophomore elementary education major, said, "The Pit was a good place to go when The Main was packed, so I think they still need to add another place to eat in place of The Pit. I think it would be a good idea to try a fast-food restaurant."

David Ripple, senior food service

director, said that Monday's lunch crowd was twice as large as usual. He said The Main was also busy during what used to be The Pit's peak hours, about 2 p.m.

Ripple added that The Main is usually packed on the first day of classes.

"A lot of students, especially freshmen, either aren't aware that there are other places to eat or they don't know where those other places are," he said.

Ripple also said that despite the inevitable crowding on the first day, he did not hear any major complaints and said that Marriott officials are working to accommodate students.

"We are working to provide better

service, make The Main hassle-free and improve price and value perception," Ripple said.

The Main will offer a salad bar, deli sandwiches and hamburgers until midnight. Staples will also be open until midnight. Pizza Hut will be open until 10 p.m.

Ripple said that officials are "playing it by ear" to see what other foods The Main will offer in its extended hours.

"We don't have any definite plans, but we were thinking about offering things like breakfast (foods) for dinner in order to give students more variety," he said.

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Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs, used Winston Churchill and Abraham Lincoln as examples when he explained the leadership qualities of a well balanced man.

Mills said five things important for a leader to have are principles, a response to adversity, the willingness to assume risk, the ability to motivate others and the grace to share the credit.

"A balanced person is someone who understands various components of life," he said. "I know you will all be leaders at TCU and at the fraternity system, where a great number of leaders are born each year."

Billy Tubbs, TCU men's basketball head coach, acknowledged that a well balanced man is more than just physically fit when he discussed the physical attributes of such a person.

"Mental, physical and leadership all tie together to shape a person," he said. "Physical fitness is very, very important to mental confidence, and there are so many other areas you can improve if you have confidence in yourself."

Ken Lawrence, TCU's 1996-97 Professor of the Year and an associate professor of religion, shared his view of the mental aspects of a well balanced man.

"A well balanced man is a man who has truly learned to think because he is actively cultivating a disciplined mind," Lawrence said.

The scholarships were given because the TCU chapter is a Well Balanced Man chapter, part of a national Sig Ep movement.

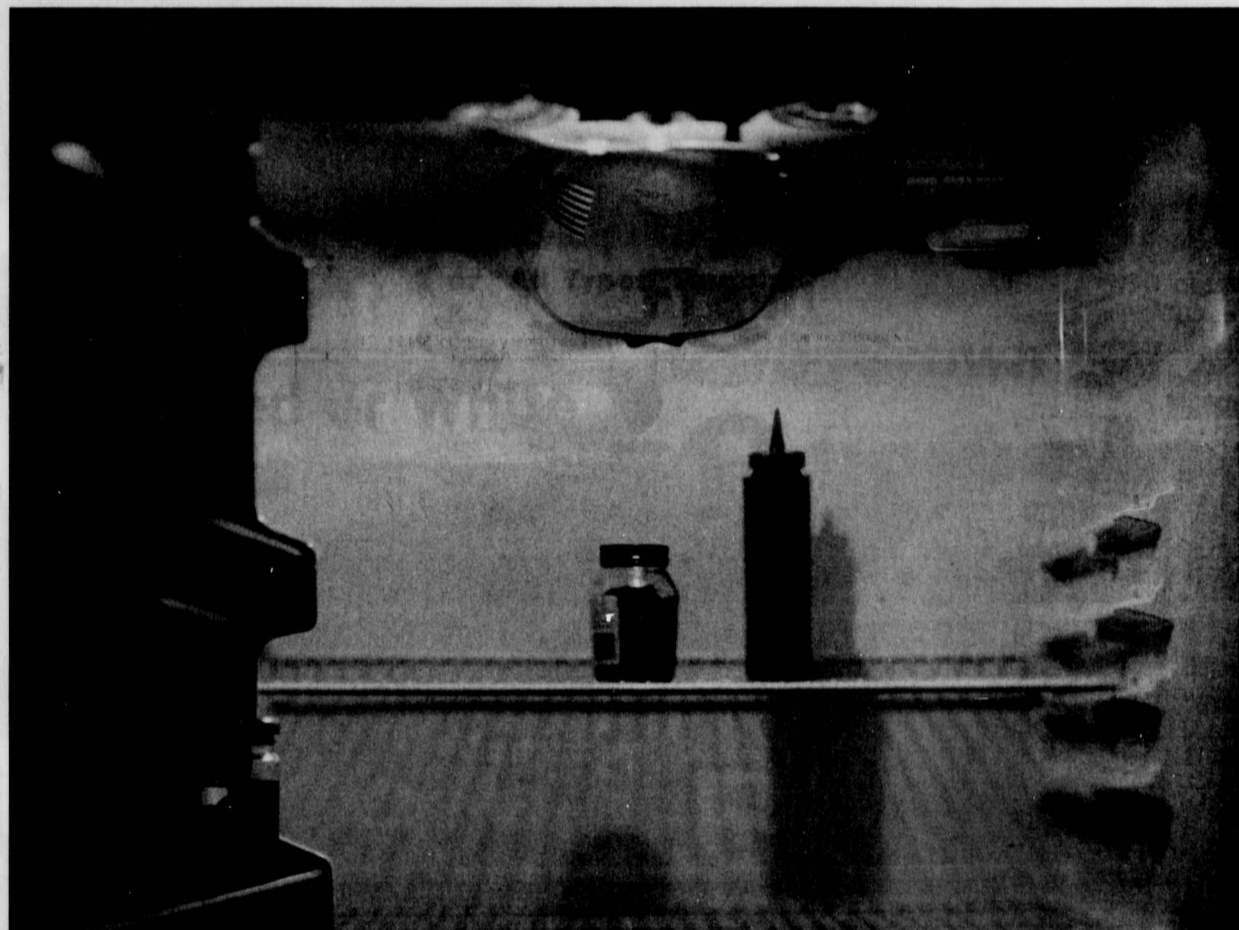
"(Sig Ep national offices) have seen the traditional systems, and although it's been a success, the nationals are encouraging every chapter to become a Well Balanced Man chapter," Cassle said.

Well Balanced Man chapters follow different guidelines than traditional Sig Ep fraternities, he said. There is no pledgship; instead, men become members with full voting rights, he said.

"As I tell the new members, if they want to have my job in November, they could," Cassle said.

Well Balanced Man chapters also offer a program for members to have area alumni mentors.

"We try to match alumni and member so we can give them, the alumni, the opportunity to pass on experiences that he has received," Cassle said. "It lets them give back to Sig Ep a little of what they received."



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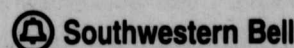
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Southwestern Bell

New defense dominates with attack style

Newcomers expected to impact season

By Todd Shriber
SKIFF STAFF

The TCU Horned Frog football team has at least two things going in its favor as it starts its second season in the Western Athletic Conference — a new, improved attack-style defense and youth.

The defense should come as a relief to fans after the Frogs yielded nearly 28 points a game in its inaugural WAC campaign.

Integral to the changes in the Horned Frog defense is a new defensive coordinator, Phil Bennett, who joins the TCU staff from Texas A&M, brings an attack-style approach, as opposed to the read-and-react philosophy of years past.

Head coach Pat Sullivan said this year's defense will be an exciting element of the team to watch.

Scott Taft, senior captain and middle linebacker, said the new defense allows him to be "more aggressive against the run."

Taft said the new defense allows the athleticism of the defense to dominate.

Helping Taft anchor the new defense is newcomer Eric Anderson, who comes to the Frogs from two-time defending national junior college champions Blinn (Texas) Community College. Anderson is expected to provide immediate help to a secondary that was notorious for giving up the big play a year ago.

Among Anderson's greatest attributes is his size (six feet one inch, 205 pounds) and his speed (4.45 seconds in the 40-yard dash). Anderson is a former all-conference selection at Blinn, where he led the team in tackles in 1996.

Anderson said the biggest adjustment to playing Division I football is the mental preparation. But, he said, the team is confident in the new defense.

As for preventing the big plays that were the downfall of the TCU defense a year ago, Anderson said the team needs to be focused and that "TCU just needs to worry about TCU."

Sullivan lists Anderson among several newcomers expected to make an immediate impact.

Sullivan said team chemistry is high

despite the off-season loss of two seniors, linebacker Jay Davern and wide receiver Jason Tucker. Davern led the team last year with 113 tackles, while Tucker paced the receiving corp with 692 yards. However, even with the arrival of 26 new players, there are still unanswered questions, especially on the offensive side of the ball.

The TCU offense of a year ago posted anemic numbers by averaging less than 20 points a game. Part of the Frogs' problem last year can be attributed to the fact they did not play the type of offense that most WAC teams feature — a wide-open attack with a pass-first-ask-questions-later philosophy.

Working in the Frogs' favor this year is a deep receiving corps. Although short on experience, the group is rich in talent and youth.

Sophomore Patrick Batteaux played in all 11 games last year. Along with some game experience, Batteaux brings exceptional speed and athleticism to the lineup.

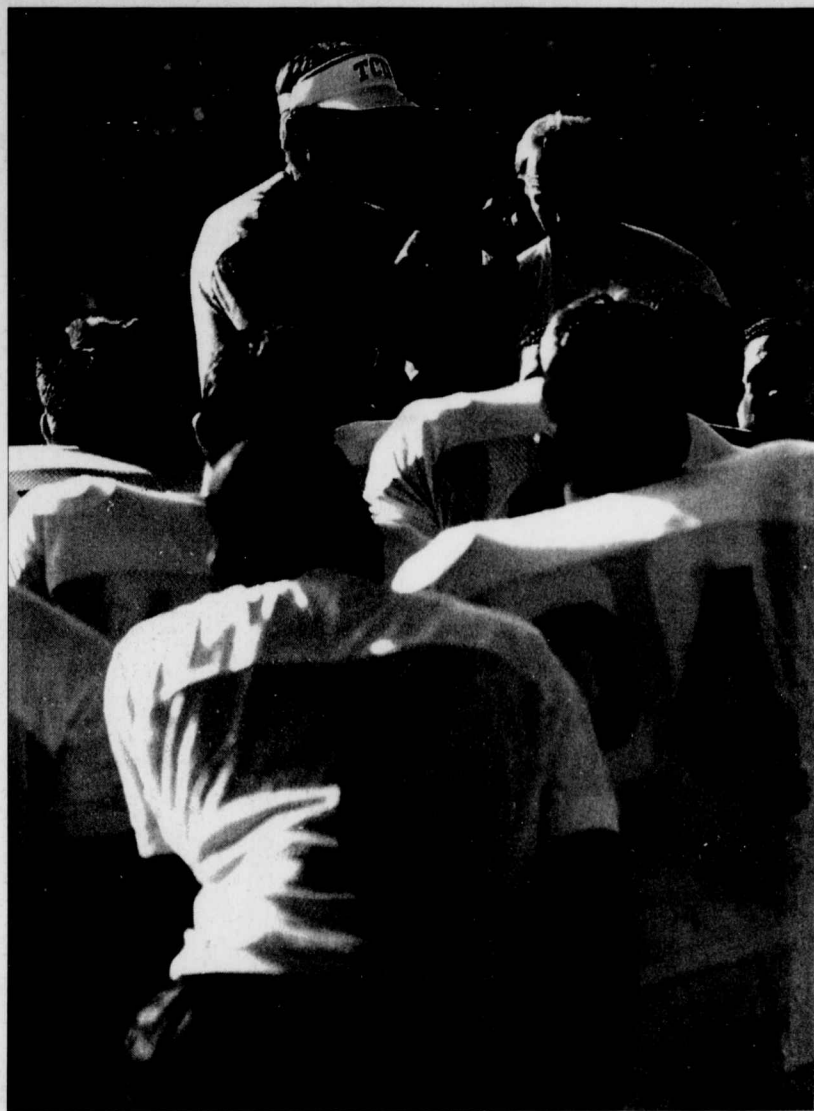
Sophomore Torrie Simmons is another possible starter at wide receiver. Simmons came out of spring practice as the frogs leading receiver and should team with junior Tavarus Moore and Batteaux to give the Frogs a formidable trio.

Freshman Michael Crawford could possibly crack the lineup.

Expected to be the focal point of opposing defenses after a record breaking 1996 campaign, junior tailback Basil Mitchell has missed all summer practices with a pulled hamstring. He finished 1996 with a TCU sophomore record 953 yards rushing along with a team leading 40 receptions. He accounted for 1,297 yards of total offense, good for the fifth-best single season offensive output by a player at TCU.

However, due to the injury, Mitchell may not have the starter's job locked up according to Sullivan.

The most likely candidate is former defensive back Reggie Hunt. Hunt, last year's fourth-leading tackler, was switched to tailback during spring practice as part of an experiment. With 4.4 speed, Hunt could prove to be a more than adequate replacement for Mitchell.



TCU head coach Pat Sullivan discusses strategy with his players during practice. The Horned Frogs, although young, should cause some excitement on the football field.

Providing the blocking in the backfield is Porch from Cerritos (Calif.) Community College. Providing the blocking in the backfield is junior college All-American fullback Lou College.

Tennis

Tennis team takes consecutive WAC titles

Years from now, a "Jeopardy" answer in the tennis category will be, "This men's team won both the last Southwestern Conference championship and the first Western Athletic Conference championship." Proud Horned Frog alumni will stand all over the nation and say, "Who is TCU?"

After finishing third in the nation in 1996, the TCU tennis squad put together another strong season. Although the 1997 season was not as dominant as the previous year, tennis coach Tut Bartzan was pleased with the outcome.

"It was one of the most successful seasons we have ever had. Nobody expected us to go as far as we did," Bartzan said.

Winning seven of their last eight matches propelled the Horned Frogs past Fresno State, Nevada-Las Vegas, Tulsa and Arkansas en route to winning the WAC tournament. Then the team beat Southwestern Louisiana and Arkansas before losing to Texas in the NCAA regional finals.

Bartzan said this season will be a bit of a rebuilding year.

"It will be a big turnover since we have eight newcomers. How well we do depends a lot on how fast the younger guys develop," he said.

17-year-old wins first U.S. Open match

NEW YORK (AP) — Five years ago at a clinic for juniors, 12-year-old Venus Williams met Arthur Ashe and posed with him for a photograph she keeps among her tennis treasures.

On Monday, in a match that would have made Ashe proud, Williams debuted at the U.S. Open on the first day of play in Arthur Ashe Stadium and pummeled a 119-mph ace on her final point to close out a 5-7, 6-0, 6-1 victory over Larisa Neiland.

Williams' arrival at the U.S. Open, appropriately enough, came amid the birthday celebration of another black tennis pioneer, Althea Gibson, who turned 70 and won the first of her two straight national singles titles 40 years ago. A few months ago, Williams got the chance to talk with Gibson on the phone.

"It was definitely a privilege playing on this court," Williams said. "And it was definitely a perfect name to name the court after. Arthur did a lot for the game, a lot for the world. He was a great role model. Not just on the court, but off the court."

Pro Basketball

Record-setting center retires from Bulls

CHICAGO (AP) — Chicago Bulls center Robert Parish, who won three championships with the Boston Celtics and appeared in more NBA games than any other player, has decided to retire after winning another title with the Chicago Bulls last season, his agent said Monday.

"He had fears he'd be forced to retire because of injury, but he has his health and he's decided to end the playing portion of his career," agent Jim McLaughlin said by telephone from his Boston-area office. "He goes out with a ring for each finger — three with the Celtics, one with the Bulls and one for being picked as one of the Top 50 NBA players."

McLaughlin said Parish, who turns 44 on Saturday, is considering coaching or broadcast commentary as a second basketball career.

Parish wore the number 00 and was nicknamed the "Chief" by a Celtics teammate after one of the characters in the movie, "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest."

He played in a record 1,611 NBA games over 21 seasons, averaging 14.5 points and 9.1 rebounds. He passed Kareem Abdul-Jabbar's record of 1,561 NBA games during the 1992-93 season.

1997-98 Men's Basketball Schedule

Nov. 8	Sat.	Conoco Oilers (exhibition)
Nov. 13	Thurs.	California All-Stars (exhibition)
Nov. 16	Sun.	Southwest Missouri State
Nov. 22	Sat.	LIU-Brooklyn
Nov. 25	Tue.	at Texas Tech
Nov. 29	Sat.	UT-PAN American
Dec. 3	Wed.	Delaware State
Dec. 6	Sat.	Morgan State
Dec. 9	Tue.	North Texas
Dec. 12-13	Fri. - Sat.	TCU Tournament at Kansas
Dec. 20	Sat.	San Juan Shootout
Dec. 24-26	Wed. - Fri.	Oklahoma State at New Mexico
Dec. 30	Tue.	Fresno State
Jan. 5	Mon.	San Jose State
Jan. 8	Thurs.	at San Diego State
Jan. 10	Sat.	at Hawaii
Jan. 15	Thurs.	at SMU
Jan. 17	Sat.	Rice
Jan. 26	Mon.	Tulsa
Jan. 29	Thurs.	at Fresno State
Jan. 31	Sat.	at San Jose State
Feb. 5	Thurs.	Hawaii
Feb. 7	Sat.	San Diego State
Feb. 12	Thurs.	SMU
Feb. 14	Sat.	New Mexico
Feb. 18	Wed.	at Tulsa
Feb. 21	Sat.	at Rice
Feb. 26	Thurs.	WAC Tournament
Feb. 28	Sat.	
March 3-7	Tue. - Sat.	

Staffer named as coach

Fish to focus on academics, recruiting

By Kevin Dunleavy
SKIFF STAFF

Basketball staffer Brian Fish was recently promoted to the position of full-time assistant coach under head coach Billy Tubbs.

Fish comes to the post after spending the 1996-97 season as a part-time coach.

As part of his updated job description, Fish will keep tabs on his players' academic progress, and he'll play an increased role in recruiting activities as well.

"One of my most important jobs is recruiting," Fish said. "I also will be dealing with academics and, of course, I will still coach and work with the guards."

Fish comes to the coaching roster with years of playing and coaching experience under his belt. He played basketball from 1984 to 1986 at Western Kentucky before eventually transferring to Marshall University, where he graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in 1989.

Prior to joining the Horned Frog basketball staff, Fish served at Creighton University for two years. Before that, he performed additional jobs at Kansas State University and Marshall.

"I've been doing this for nine years, and I love it," Fish said. "It's just one more step to becoming head coach."

Fish's recruiting duties will require extensive travel in the next few weeks. From Sept. 9 to Sept. 26 Fish will be on the road with two other recruiters searching for undiscovered talent in high schools and playgrounds around Texas.

However, despite his hectic schedule and multiple responsibilities, Fish maintains an optimistic outlook on the season and an enthusiastic attitude toward his co-workers.

"I really am excited about it all," Fish said. "I work at TCU with Coach Tubbs and Coach (Steve) McClain. You couldn't work with better guys."

WAC games rescheduled

By Kevin Dunleavy
SKIFF STAFF

Adding to the regular preseason turmoil of vigorous practices and poll standings, the Western Athletic Conference has altered the schedule of TCU and others in its division, causing confusion among college basketball players and followers alike.

The WAC schedule consists of two separate parts, nonconference games and conference games. Four quadrants, each containing four teams, are rotated each year to face each other.

TCU spent last season in the Mountain Division and barely missed the NCAA Tournament. This year, the Frogs will play in the Pacific section.

"I think Fort Worth really took to the WAC," said Kent Johnson, associate sports information director. "Teams like Texas Tech, Purdue and Boston University that were in the NCAA, we beat at home."

The WAC program allows for

interplay among conference members. The schedule changed two years ago from 16 WAC games in a division to a 14-game itinerary with a home-home type plan, where each team plays a game on its own court.

The dilemma, however, stems from a new option for "crossover games," conference games between teams in two different divisions. A WAC official said these games caused dissent from some schools, so the WAC presented a compromise of not counting the games in conference standings if both teams agreed not to play.

"Most coaches didn't like the crossover game schedule," said Dave Chaffin, WAC assistant director of communications. "It really mismatched the teams. Subsequently, half of the coaches kept the crossover schedule and the other half abolished it."

TCU is amid the chaos, keeping its crossover schedule and hosting its first tournament since 1971. They also play teams such as the

Kansas Jayhawks among the hectic tournament schedule.

"It is a complicated conference," Johnson said. "Our crossover game is in New Mexico, which is a conference team but is being played as a non-conference game."

With most non-conference games at home and the mounting excitement of the TCU Tournament and San Juan Shootout held in Puerto Rico, Johnson said he expects tickets will be hard to come by.

As intimidating as all the changes may seem, many are optimistic about the rearranged schedule.

"We're excited about the season," said head basketball coach Billy Tubbs.

However, Tubbs readily encourages support from the student body.

"We need to get involved and attend games," he said. "After all, TCU basketball is for the students."

Linebacker's stellar play makes room for Sanders

ASSOCIATED PRESS

IRVING, Texas — To make room for Deion Sanders, the Dallas Cowboys released second-year linebacker Alan Campos on Monday, a move coach Barry Switzer said was made possible by Vinson Smith's stellar play in the team's final exhibition game.

"We're down to five linebackers, but Vinson Smith was the best surprise of the game," Switzer said. "He showed that he's a (middle) linebacker. He can play strong, he can play (weak). He has played all three positions. If we get an injury, he can plug in all those places."

Campos, a fifth-round draft pick in 1996 from Louisville, played in all but one regular season game last year and in one playoff game. In his only extended action, he had one solo tackle and three assists against Washington.

Smith, who played for Dallas from 1990-92 and won a Super Bowl in his last season, signed with the Cowboys this summer as a free agent after playing for the Chicago Bears. He said he doesn't mind being asked to back up all three linebacker spots.

"I've been through so much it really doesn't matter," he said. "When they need me to fill in someplace, I will be ready."

The Cowboys open the season Sunday in Pittsburgh. Smith said the Dallas defense will have its hands full trying to contain quarterback Kordell Stewart.

"You're talking about probably the most talented overall player in the league," Smith said. "He has the ability to make things happen instantly, no matter what position he's playing. He makes things happen so fast, you have to be prepared."

If the Cowboys are looking for more help at linebacker, there is an interesting option to consider: Kevin Greene, who led the NFL in sacks last year but was released Sunday by the Carolina Panthers after a prolonged holdout over his contract. Dallas would probably have trouble fitting Greene under its salary cap, but team vice president Stephen Jones said the Cowboys are interested in Greene.

"We're always looking at depth," Switzer said. "We're always making decisions. We'll probably maybe

bring somebody in to work out. We will continually do that, but I can't give you any names right now."

Switzer said he's expecting Sanders, still playing baseball with the Cincinnati Reds, to be with the Cowboys on Sunday.

But Switzer said he has to prepare for the possibility that Sanders may not be with the team.

He said coaches are trying to get Wendell Davis and Kevin Mathis ready for duty in the secondary.

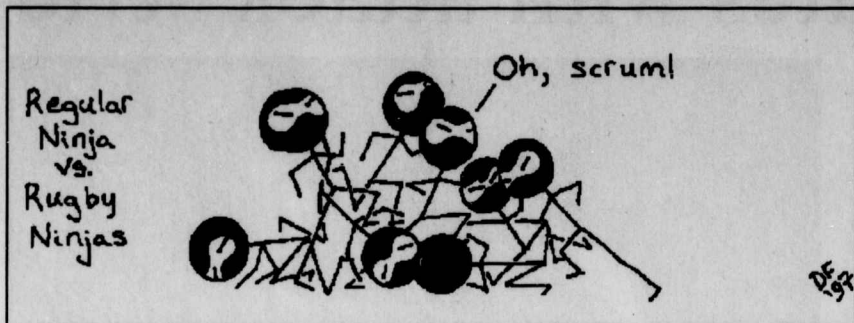
"Everyone relies on Superman to come up, but maybe his cape's still in the laundry. You know, maybe he's not ready to play," Switzer said. "I don't have any indication anything is wrong with him. I expect him to jump out of the phone booth in Pittsburgh. But we've got to prepare for Deion not being there."

Switzer said the team had a good practice Monday. He specifically mentioned the work of offensive guard Nate Newton, who has been sidelined with injuries.

"He's not there yet, but he's trying to get some conditioning with pads on and some full-speed pass rush," Switzer said. "He won most of them, got beat a couple of times."

Ninja Verses

by Don Frederic



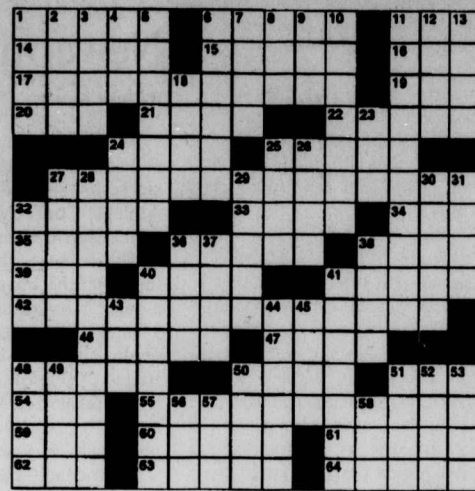
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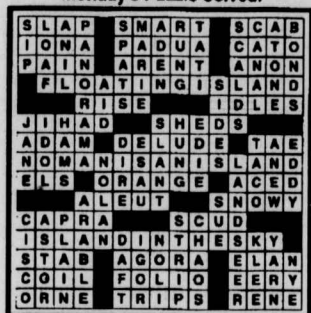
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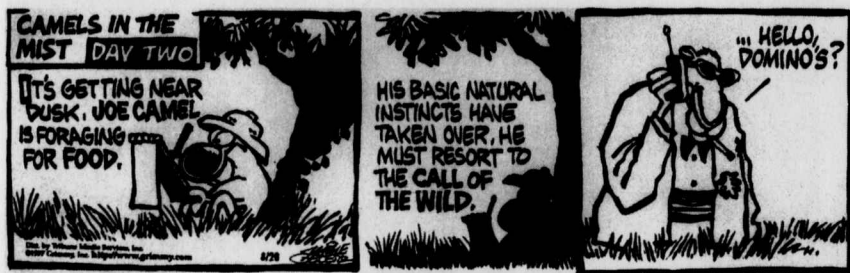
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Sand Volleyball 4x4	9/26	10/1
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Tennis Singles	10/3	10/1
Putt Putt Golf		10/8
Homecoming Volleyball	10/17	10/15
Indoor Soccer	10/17	10/22
Softball Tournament	10/17	10/22
Racquetball Singles	10/24	10/29
Ultimate Frisbee	10/24	10/29
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