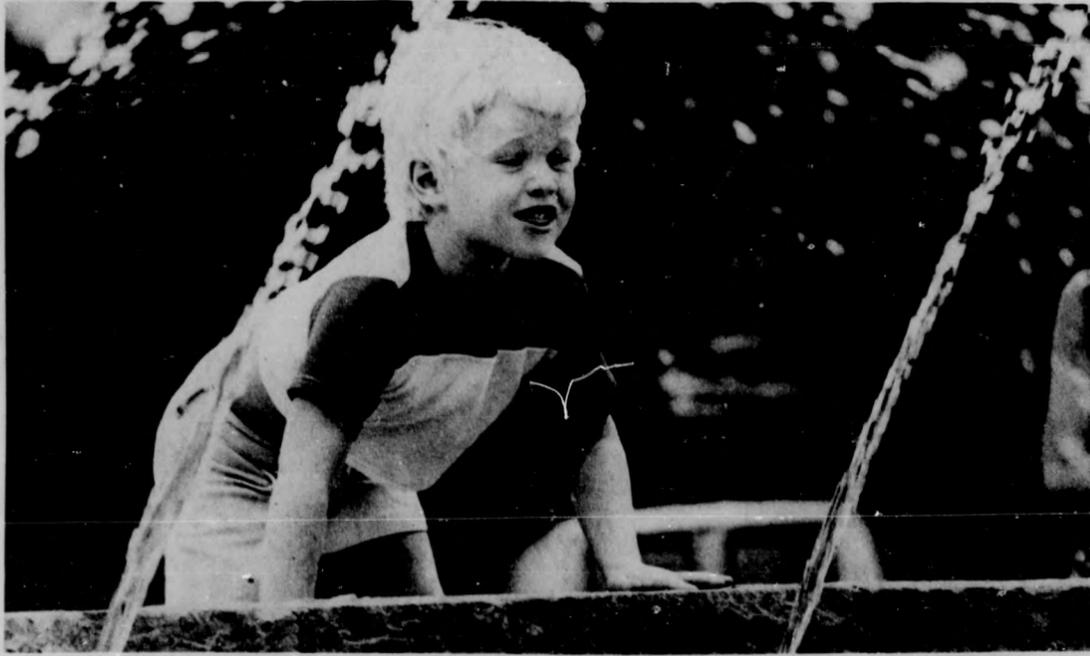


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Fountain frolic - Four-year-old Ansgar Lorenz plays among the jets of water at Frog Fountain Tuesday morning.

TCU Daily Skiff / Joe Williams

Big numbers make history

By Alea Cooke
Staff Writer

TCU begins the academic year with a new record for its history books.

Dean of Admissions Ned Boehm said TCU received more applications this year compared to any other year in the university's history. It is a record he and his staff are proud of, and he said the numbers help prove there is continuing, as well as growing interest in TCU.

Boehm said TCU received 3,377 freshman applications this year compared to last year's 3,255. He also said it was TCU's goal to accept no more than 1,600 new students, a number which included both freshmen and transfer applications.

Preliminary figures show that at least 1,175 freshmen were accepted and elected to come to TCU. Another 435 transfer students are now a part of the TCU community compared to last year's transfer enrollment of 497.

Last year TCU became the learning facility for 1,710 new students compared to this year's preliminary figure of 1,610. Boehm said TCU planned to accept fewer transfer students this year but still received 866 transfer applications compared to last year's 861.

Sixty-one percent of those freshman applicants are from Texas, which is about the same percentage as last year, Boehm said. Boehm said the male-to-female ratio also remained about the same as last year with 40 percent of the new students male compared to 60 percent female.

Boehm said this year's freshman class had higher SAT and ACT scores, as well as higher class ranks than previous freshman classes.

"The number of students in the top quarter of their class will be higher this year than last," Boehm said. "At least 90 percent of those freshmen that have entered TCU from public

schools were in the top half of their class."

He said the Admissions Office noticed this year's freshman applicants listed greater numbers of academic units, better class ranks and test scores compared to previous years.

"It just goes to show applicants are becoming more scrutinized than ever before," Boehm said. "We've always had good students at TCU but more good students have found out about TCU."

Boehm said more new students have registered for Honors Program classes this year, and for the first time, qualified students competed for academic scholarships.

"Good things are happening at TCU," Boehm said. "We've really made it by everybody working together on this campus. For a long time, TCU was one of the best kept secrets, but that is no longer the case."

With the coming year, TCU will initiate a new plan to attract students to the university. Video tapes of the campus will be distributed to other universities around the nation.

The idea for a campus video as an admissions tool began last summer, Boehm said. A budget supplement was allocated to the Admissions Office. TCU was able to produce the video at a third of the normal cost by using campus personnel and volunteers.

TCU's former Broadcast Services Director Sherrie Drakeford produced the video. Boehm said it is his goal to have the first of the videos distributed sometime in January.

"With the video, we can provide students with a campus visit in the privacy of their own home," Boehm said. "It will give parents and students the opportunity to see if TCU is the right place for them."

BSC befriends, helps freshmen

By Francesca Taylor
Staff Writer

One of the most challenging times in a young person's life is making the adjustment from high school to college.

For most students, this transition would be easier if there were someone to identify with or just to talk to.

This year, the Black Student Caucus is trying to alleviate some of the pressures attached to being new at TCU with its revamped Big Brother/Big Sister program.

Claude Steele, minority affairs adviser and adviser to the BSC, said

that the enthusiasm levels of the upperclassmen are what will make the difference between this year's program and the one last fall.

"Everyone was so ready to get to work and help out this year that I was really surprised," Steele said. "I mean, before we even paired up anyone the freshmen already wanted to know who their big brothers and sisters were."

Todd Mitchell, a sophomore accounting/international business major, and chairperson of this year's Big Brother/Big Sister program, said that planning ahead of time made a big difference in getting the program off to a good start.

"I started planning this summer in early July by finding upperclassmen who wanted to help," Mitchell said. "I think asking them early instead of waiting until classes started gave us a jump on pairing up brothers and sisters."

Steele said that at every other school he had been at, students were paired up by hometown, but this program was already set up by a different method.

"Basically what we tried to do was pair up people by their majors for study purposes," Mitchell said. "This way, if the freshmen are having trouble in certain classes, the upperclassmen can kind of help them out."

Both Steele and Mitchell agree that the major goal of the Big Brother/Big Sister program is to help freshmen and new students adjust to college life by having someone to relate to.

"The responsibilities of the upperclassmen are to just be there for their little brother or sister to talk to, to answer questions about the environment at TCU, to be a good role model and to spend some time with them," Mitchell said.

Mitchell summed up the program, saying, "It breaks the barrier of intimidation, especially for people away from home for the first time, because it shows that there are really people here who care about their needs."

Soviet cruise liner sinks; Kremlin report speedy

MOSCOW (AP)The Kremlin publicity machine, criticized for sluggishness after the Chernobyl nuclear disaster, reported the sinking of the passenger ship Admiral Nakhimov with surprising speed and rare detail.

Official media announced the Black Sea disaster less than 17 hours after it happened, a contrast to the usual handling of accidents by a government to which secrecy is a reflex.

Chernobyl was not reported until nearly three days later, when Sweden detected high radiation levels and demanded an explanation.

After the loss of the Admiral Nakhimov was reported, an official spokesman accepted questions from the foreign press, giving international telephone interviews in English. Local

officials in Black Sea ports also provided some early information.

On Tuesday evening, less than 48 hours after the ship went down, authorities convened a news conference at which a top maritime official answered questions quickly and professionally.

Leonid P. Nedyak, the deputy merchant marine minister, told reporters without flinching that a Soviet freighter rammed the cruise liner, which was carrying 1,234 people, and it sank before lifeboats could be freed.

He said 79 bodies were found, 319 people were missing and 536 had been rescued.

State television's main evening news program included coverage of the news conference.

The speedy official response surprised Western journalists in Moscow, who normally scramble for every crumb of information about major accidents or natural disasters and

Soviet officials took six days to say they "stopped" a South Korean airliner in September 1983 and almost a year to acknowledge that a jet fighter shot it down. All 269 people aboard

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often are left with only unconfirmed rumors.

Many other examples of slow response preceded the Chernobyl nuclear accident:

—A month passed before officials acknowledged a launch-pad accident that almost killed three cosmonauts in 1983.

—The death of a young cosmonaut in training in the early days of manned space flight was not reported for 25 years.

—How many people died when a Volga River cruise vessel struck a bridge near Ulyanovsk in 1983 still has not been revealed. Unconfirmed reports put the toll at 200.

Swift reporting of the Admiral Nakhimov tragedy was even more surprising because no foreigners or prominent officials were aboard. Those circumstances sometimes hasten the process.

It was the most striking example of the "glasnost," or openness, Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev has demanded as a replacement for the prac-

tice of reporting only good news at home and bad news from abroad.

His call initially produced a flurry of press activity, including a new recognition of the Soviet narcotics problem and readers' attacks on media slowness in reporting accidents and natural disasters.

The new image was severely tarnished, however, by the delay in announcing the April 26 accident at Chernobyl and the grudging release of information immediately afterward.

Tight control was imposed on the first news conference. Only four oral questions were taken before officials ended it.

Illness claims 2 lives

Two university officials died Sunday after lengthy illnesses.

Jerome A. Moore, 83, TCU Dean Emeritus and Paul Morris Parham, 58, director of the Mary Coats Burnett Library, will be remembered for their dedication and contributions to TCU.

Moore, who authored "Texas Christian University: A Hundred Years of History," was dean of TCU's AddRan College of Arts and Sciences from 1943 until 1970, when he was named dean of the university. He was also a former editor of *The TCU Daily Skiff*.

Contributions may be made to the memorial funds at TCU or University Christian Church.

Parham came to Fort Worth in 1965 to become the university librarian at TCU. In 1978, he was named associate dean of the university. Parham served in the Association for Higher Education for North Texas.

Memorial contributions may be made to Friends of Mary Coats Burnett Library at TCU.



Sober spitter - Gina Romero competes in the watermelon seed spitting contest at the Mocktail Party Monday.

TCU Daily Skiff / Brian R. McLean

Alternatives to alcohol

By Kym Alvarado
Staff Writer

The moment was tense. The competitors waited anxiously as the foam settled in their steins. Within seconds, one underage student chugged a mug of brew faster than it took legislators to raise the drinking age to 21.

The new root beer guzzling champion proudly mingled around the Rickel Building poolside at the "Celebrate the New Age" mock-tail party on Labor Day. The Student Activities Committee, Recreational Sports Committee, and the Student Alcohol Awareness Committee celebrated "the new age" with non-alcoholic drinks, free food, t-shirts and contests.

"This is the first of the campus activities planned that provides students with alternative ways to have a lot of fun without alcohol," said Tanya Barnes, chairperson for the Student Alcohol Awareness Committee.

"Have some Prohibition Punch," said a Marriott Mock-tail-tender, "or try some Passionless Pina Colada." Marriott Food Service trained the mock-tail-tender in specialty non-

alcoholic drinks in hopes of providing other organizations on campus with mock-tail parties.

The Alcohol Awareness Committee chose the mock-tail theme as a way of providing the cocktail party atmosphere with free food and beverages, along with a live disc jockey, Jamm.

"We're trying to provide a positive means to relieve a lot of negativism and discouragement regarding the drinking age going up to 21," Barnes said.

A large percentage of the student body was able to find recreation in local lounges and nightclubs last week whether they chose to drink or not. Now organizations across campus are planning alternative activities for the 96 percent of students under the age of 21.

"It's not so much the alcohol privilege I'm concerned with; it's having a place to go and have fun now that I can't even get into until I'm 21," said 19-year-old sophomore Kim Ingersoll.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Don Mills said, "We are trying to make students aware of the new law and let them know that TCU just can't

do anything about changing it. It's not alcohol that provides the fun at parties; it's the environment. Here we have the party atmosphere, fun mock-tails and lots of students really enjoying themselves."

Mills responded to the attitude that make-believe cocktails do not relieve much negativism for the angry nineteen and twenty-year-olds who can no longer drink.

"There is nothing make-believe about the real issues of alcohol abuse, underage drinking, drinking and driving, and the consequences of breaking the law. Our society is now awakening to an educational awareness that is helping people learn to become more responsible with alcohol," said Mills.

The Student Alcohol Awareness Committee will carry the "Celebrate the New Age" theme throughout the year and will serve as a suggestion committee for all campus organizations.

Approximately 160 people helped kick off "the new age" celebration. The Student Alcohol Awareness Committee hopes to see even more participation during Alcohol Awareness Week, September 22nd through the 26th.

OPINION



Accent on accents



John Paschal

Get some people together in the same room for a couple of hours and you'll hear the most interesting accent in the group, I dropped all pretenses and began talking the way I usually do. Party neat, huh.

I knew that I talked differently. But I told them that they were the ones with the accents, not me.

"That's bloody (. . .)," declared Andrew, an Englisher who delivered meat for the local butcher—meaning Andrew knows what's bloody right and what's bloody wrong.

It was odd to be labeled weirdest of talkers. You think of the "American accent" as not an accent, but a basis by which to judge real accents, like English and Australian. American is the generic accent, the one in the plain, black and white American box.

In this supermarket of accents, however, I stood out like a red, white and blue Bomb Pop.

Nevertheless, I started to take pride in my accent after while. I even thickened the Texanese and peppered those foreigners with a verbal arsenal of "dangs" and "thangs." Heck, it got so thick they finally inquired as to the prairie I was born on. I told them I came from the prairie with the skyscrapers all over it—Dallas.

Well, that was all I had to say, in any accent. Thereafter I was what you might call widely accepted. Accepted like a government rebate check. Accepted like rain in the Sudan.

Dallas, you see, is where J.R. Ewing hangs his hat and hangs his competitors. He does it in living rooms all over the world, where he's almost worshipped. Popular feller, that J.R.

For the remainder of the night, which remained 'til day, they called me John Ross, as in J.R. They asked me to loan them oil, money, my son and my wife. Funny fellers, those foreigners.

I finally speculated, as J.R. would do, that we're all foreigners. Of all the countries in the world, in only one are you not a foreigner. That means we're all funny fellers sometimes. Every time you say something it sounds funny to somebody else, somewhere else.

That's what Michael, the New Zealander, was telling Kathryn, the Englisher.

"English people always cut their words off," he argued, saying the English chop off the end of each syllable. "You cut short everything."

"You're right," said Kathryn, not chopping any syllable. "Why don't I cut short your stay."

A minute later Michael was gone, and, each in his or her own accent, we talked about why Michael had gotten so testy.

Funny fellers, we foreigners.



Few seek value of editorial page

A full-page ad in the TCU Daily Skiff costs over \$400, yet one quarter of the paper is normally used for a section that 56 percent of its readers ignore.

Nationwide the percentage of readers is even less impressive. Virtually all other newspapers include the same type of section and its readership is normally about 20 to 30 percent.

The reasons that the Skiff and other newspapers devote so much space to the opinion, or editorial, page, are numerous in spite of its seemingly unimpressive readership.

The opinion page has been described as the personality of the newspaper, that part which gives it life and through which it can speak directly to the readers.

Louis Lynons, former curator of the Neiman Foundation at Harvard University, said:

If one needed an excuse for an editorial page, or to define the primary role of the page, I think it would be to express the tone of the paper. . . . It's a chance to represent the institution itself, as a civilized and civilizing force, as a concerned and con-

siderate citizen, as a moderate and moderating influence, as a thoughtful person, a good neighbor, one who cares.

There is local evidence that newspapers' editorials have contributed much to the communities they serve.

Following a Fort Worth Star Telegram editorial telling of the need for facilities to help battered wives, and a series of articles describing their plight, a nearly bankrupt center called Women's Haven received a donation that allowed it to continue sheltering such women.

Such groups often try to convince the public that their ideas are correct leaving no room for alternatives. Newspapers provide readers with options so they may better understand issues and evaluate ideologies.

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During a political campaign, for example, newspapers' opinion pages provide analyses of the actions and reactions of candidates as well as their rhetoric.

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As it becomes harder for individuals to make themselves heard, the newspaper opinion pages provide

one of the last public forums—the letters to the editors section.

It is impossible for large newspapers to run every letter they get; however, in a small publication such as the Skiff, all letters are run unless they are libelous, obscene or in some other way could lead to legal problems.

John L. Hulteng said in his book, *The Opinion Function:*

The best newspaper equivalents on the broadcast media, represent a chance for at least some of the people, some of the time, to talk back to the information machines. And a chance, too, to air their views before a audience of their fellow citizens.

Also, the bare statistics of how many people read the opinion page can be very misleading. The page has a definite impact on the community it serves; because, readership studies show that a significant number of editorial page readers are community leaders and powerful people.

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BLOOM COUNTY



by Berke Breathed

CAMPUS NOTES

Frog Calls

The TCU Student, Faculty, Staff, Departmental Directory, otherwise known as Frog Calls, will include an entry for each student. For those who do not wish to be included in the directory, a written request must be submitted to the Registrar's Office, Sadler Hall Room 18, by September 5, 1986.

Music Concert

Don McLean, best known for his hit, "American Pie," will perform in concert at 8 p.m. on Sept. 3 in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium. Tickets are available for \$2 with a TCU ID or \$5 for the public at the Student Center Information Desk. The program is sponsored by TCU's Concert Committee. For more information call 921-7926.

Frog Screens

Frog screens have arrived at TCU. The windshield screen displays a large frog and football helmet with the message, "This car protected by a TCU Fighting Frog." The TCU screens are part of a fund-raising project for the Harris College of Nursing Student Nursing Association. They cost \$5 each and can be purchased in Room 233 of the Bass Building.

Faculty receives awards

Three of TCU's faculty members have received Burlington Northern Foundation Faculty Achievement Awards. Robert S. Doran, mathematics professor, Carol A. Stephenson, associate professor of nursing, and Ben Strickland, professor of education, each received awards of \$2,500. The recipients "are those who incorporate unusually successful teaching with the other professional expectations of the University's faculty members," Vice Chancellor William Koehler said.

Gallery reception

The Fort Worth Gallery Night for Art in the Metroplex will be held in the Moudy Building Exhibition Hall and Brown-Lupton Student Center Gallery from 6 to 9 p.m. on Sept. 5 and Sept. 6. An awards presentation will be held on the sixth in the Moudy Building at 7 p.m. The juried show will continue through Oct. 3, and admission is free. Call 921-7810 for more information.

Recital series begins

TCU opens its Music Series for the fall semester on Sept. 8 with the first of three recitals from a Franz Schubert Festival. John Large will sing Schubert's "Winterreise." Large joined TCU's music faculty last year and has given concerts throughout Europe and the United States. The recital will be held in Ed Landreth Hall Reception Room at 8 p.m.

Study Abroad Scholarships

TCU scholars who plan to compete for scholarships for study abroad should begin work on applications now. Rhodes and Marshall Scholarships to the United Kingdom and Fulbright Scholarships to numerous countries are available to outstanding students. A meeting open to anyone who wants to learn more about these scholarships and Rotary International Awards will be held in the Woodson Room, Student Center Room 207-209 on Sept. 16 at 7:30 p.m. The deadline for completed applications is Oct. 9, and a personal interview will be held Oct. 16. Emmet G. Smith, faculty advisor for foreign scholarships, said freshmen, sophomores and juniors who plan to compete for these scholarships should get in touch with him at once. Smith's office is located in Room 114 of Ed Landreth Hall.



Ferret and friend - Jossica Lynch and her ferret, Wolfgang, take a break Thursday afternoon at Robert Carr Chapel.

TCU Daily Skiff / Joe Williams

Rain pelts Texas

By The Associated Press
Rains continued to pelt many sections of Texas on Tuesday, contributing to traffic accidents, including a bus wreck that injured 18 in Dallas.

Police said a steady rain during the morning rush hour led to the crash of a Dallas Area Rapid Transit bus that slid into a concrete abutment north of downtown, temporarily trapping most of the passengers who were helped out by fire department paramedics.

The driver of the bus, Lester Moffett, 30, was pinned for about an hour and 45 minutes before he could be freed, said DART spokesman Richard Johnson.

Moffett, listed in serious condition, underwent surgery later Tuesday at Parkland Memorial Hospital, said hospital spokeswoman Linda Riordan. Eleven others were treated at Parkland and were listed in either fair or good condition, she said.

Six people were treated at St. Paul Medical Center for minor injuries, said spokeswoman Pam Reaves.

Johnson said the bus was on an express run from suburban Addison to downtown Dallas. He said he didn't know how many passengers were on the 46-seat bus when it crashed.

Meanwhile, National Weather Service forecasters said the rain was not likely to end quickly.

A flash flood warning was in effect for most of the day for Johnson and Comanche counties in West Central

Texas with a flash flood watch covering most of North Texas.

The heaviest rainfall amounts reported Tuesday included 3.79 inches at San Angelo, 2.02 inches at Cresson, 1.87 inches at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, 1.6 inches at Euless and 1.79 inches at North Richland Hills.

Monday's 1.87 inches at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport broke a previous rainfall record of 1.69 inches for Sept. 1.

A sheriff's department dispatcher in Kimble County, southeast of San Angelo, reported Texas Highway 377 south from Junction to Rocksprings washed out in several places.

In the West Texas city of Big Spring, more than 5 inches of rain fell in two hours on Saturday, damaging an estimated 70 houses and 100 to 150 cars at a dealership, according to Mayor A.C. "Cotton" Mize. City officials were still assessing the damage Tuesday.

The downpour was blamed for the death of Mary Sosa Gutierrez, 44, of Big Spring, who was swept away by flood waters.

NWS forecaster Skip Ely in Fort Worth said a good rain in September is not rare, although "some people say rain in this part of Texas is always unusual. It's probably an early fall wet pattern. We usually look to October to get to a wet seige."

He said a stationary front is covering much of the state.

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Drab duty - TCU Police parking patrol specialist Pat Flemons stands guard over Sadler Hall parking during light showers Tuesday.

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Plea for probation denied

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Cathy Evelyn Smith, a former rock backup singer who injected comic John Belushi with drugs before he died, was sentenced to three years in prison Tuesday by a judge who called her "the source of the poison."

Smith had pleaded no contest to a charge of involuntary manslaughter and three counts of furnishing and administering dangerous drugs in Belushi's heroin and cocaine overdose death on March 5, 1982.

Judge David Horowitz rejected an impassioned plea from Smith's attorney, Howard Weitzman, who urged

that she be placed on probation and be allowed to enter a drug rehabilitation program.

The true responsibility for Belushi's death must be attributed to the comedian himself, Horowitz said, because "his decision to live a drug-infested life led to his death."

He told Smith this did not absolve her and, declaring "you were the source of the poison," said that only prison time could teach her a lesson.

Smith had faced a maximum possible sentence of eight years and eight months in prison.

Belushi's widow, a younger brother

and his sister-in-law sat in the front row of the courtroom as the sentence was pronounced. They had appealed to the judge to put Smith behind bars as a lesson to youngsters who might be tempted to try drugs.

Weitzman repeatedly summoned the ghost of Belushi, saying the comic surely would speak in favor of Smith's probation if he were present.

"I believe if John Belushi were standing right here today and looked at your honor, he would say, 'Wait a minute judge. I lived my life as I wanted to live it. Don't blame her. She did what I wanted to do,'" Weitzman said.

Fewer apartment freebies

HOUSTON (AP)—While one apartment company is offering tenants a chance to win a 10-year free-rent deal, other Houston apartments are shying away from such gimmicks and concentrating on keeping the tenants they have, officials say.

"Of course, there are still some incentives used to attract the first-time renter," said William A. Harper, executive vice president of the Houston Apartment Association. "But I think some of the more dramatic things you saw a few months ago are not being used."

In the past, some complexes offered up to 90 days free rent, free video recorders, microwave ovens and other appliances to attract renters.

The trend to do away with giveaway promotions is not because vacancy rates have improved much from April when they were reported at near 17 percent, Harper said.

The trend is because of a growing perception that such offers just don't pay off.

But, Valerie Patton, a manager for the Apartment Selector locator ser-

vice, said that, while the incentives are fewer and more conservative, there are still plenty of them around.

"You don't see as many big giveaways, but somebody is always giving away something, usually free rent," she said.

Probably the most extravagant promotion these days is a contest where a 10-year free-rent deal is being offered to visitors of 23 apartment complexes containing 10,000 units managed in the Houston area by Johnstown American Companies, she said.

Students drink in Juarez

EL PASO, Texas (AP)—College students who lost their right to drink in Texas when the legal age jumped to 21 on Labor Day wasted no time flocking to bars across the Rio Grande.

Cantinas in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, just across from this West Texas city are welcoming the new patrons, many of whom are students from New Mexico State University in Las Cruces and the University of Texas at El Paso.

The drinking age in Juarez is 18. On Monday, the standard in Texas was raised from 19 to 21.

"This is the first time I've been to Juarez in a year, and I've been going to NMSU for three years," said Hank Vigil, 19, a criminal justice major.

Several times a week every semester, NMSU students would drive 45 minutes from Las Cruces to popular

watering holes in El Paso, said Vigil. The drinking age in New Mexico is 21.

"We'd go to Chelsea Street Pub on Wednesday, Phoenix on Fridays and on Sundays, we'd either go to the (Anthony, Texas) Gap or Dallas," said Vigil.

Vigil sat with a group of NMSU students drinking beer at Fred's Rainbow Bar in Juarez on Monday, the day the law went into effect.

Many Juarez bars stayed open Monday despite a call by the Chihuahua state governor to close from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. the day Mexican President Miguel de la Madrid gave his state of the union address.

Fred's was already taking advantage of the new wave of patrons, christening a new drink "The NMSU Aggie."

"It's rum, vodka, Coca-Cola and orange," said Fausto Montes, a bartender at Fred's for seven years.

Montes said most of his customers are from the United States.

Alan Newman, the only 21-year-old in the group of NMSU students, said he was frustrated that his friends could no longer drink in El Paso.

"It's going to boom the fake ID business," said Newman, an electrical engineering major.

Brian Crouch, 19, a management major at NMSU, bemoaned the inconvenience of having to drive even farther to get a beer.

"I like country and Western dancing, and before, we could go to the Gap. Now we have 20 more miles of drunk driving," he said.

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Three seniors sit out year

By Rusty McCaskey
Sports Editor

It was a gamble. A young man's parents had gone to Europe for the summer and left him at home alone. Every Friday night the young man started having some friends over for a friendly game of poker.

It all began as just some fun for the bored teenagers, but by the end of the summer, the Friday night game had become a serious affair. The young man had a winning record and was a leader to the rest of the players. Without him, the game would not have been the same.

It was the last Friday night before the young man's parents were to return home. All of the players realized this would be the last game. The game boiled down to the young man and one other player.

The young man's opponent laughed as he lit up a Swisher Sweet and the cards were dealt. All of the summer's winnings were on the line.

The young man's first four cards were a 4, 5, 6 and 7 of hearts. The young man had to decide before the card was dealt whether he should play the hand, or fold and hope for a better hand next time.

If this seems a bit remote from the world of collegiate football, try this story of characters. The young man will be played by the senior TCU football players, the play/fold poker hand resembles the seniors' choice to redshirt themselves for the 1986 football season, and the stakes involve the players' careers.

Three seniors—Kent Tramel, Floyd Ferrell and David Spradlin—have decided to take the option of sitting this season out. David Caldwell had originally made the decision to redshirt. However, he recently reversed his decision and has decided to play in the 1986 season.

This means the three players that have decided to redshirt believe that next year the Frogs could have an opportunity to obtain a bowl bid.

Jim Wacker, TCU's head football coach, said, "These seniors were a part of the first class I recruited, and I told them we didn't have a bowl game for them to go to this season. Next

year we will be a lot more experienced, and things look good for us.

"The decision was totally up to them," Wacker said. "I gave them the option, and three guys have decided to take it."

The gamble comes into play when you consider the fact that these are three players that have a chance to play football after college. If they sit out this year and they suffer an injury next year, they will have gone two years straight without playing football. That could not help their careers.

On the other hand, if they remain healthy, work hard and stay in shape, they could return in even better shape for next year. If the Frogs are a contender for a bowl bid, they will be in the spotlight, and their careers could shoot off like rockets.

Tramel said, "It was definitely a tough decision to make because there were many things to consider. Some of us got together and talked it out."

"We were not really sure how the coaches were going to treat us," Tramel said. "We didn't know if they would be disappointed in us, or what to expect."

"Everything has worked out. The coaches treat us just as they did before," Tramel said. "This will give us a chance to work harder on the weights and still practice with the team."

"We also wondered how the rest of the team would take it," Tramel said. "I think that they understand the position that we are in, and everything is fine with them."

Senior Kevin Dean was given the opportunity to redshirt, but decided to play this season.

"First, I decided to play because of personal reasons," Dean said. "Coming out of the offseason I had many personal gains."

"I feel that I have a good chance to play football after college," Dean said. "I feel that I am at my peak, and I want to finish my collegiate career at a climax."

Dean also has another reason for playing this season. He feels that the young team needs leadership.

"I know that (in) my freshman and sophomore year that I looked to the older guys for leadership," Dean said. "With these others sitting out, this

team needs someone older in there.

"I feel that this team has many underclassmen that are good," Dean said. "I am thinking about this season. This year everyone is coming back on defense, and I think we will be tough. It is my senior year, and I want to have a good one."

Dean also feels that this could be the best defensive team TCU has had in the last four years.

"This year the defense is going to be good," Dean said. "We have a lot of young guys, but they are good young guys."

Three seniors have decided to fold for this season and are gambling on a possible bowl invitation for next year. The other seniors want to play this hand out.

All the players have made their decision and will do what they think is best. Redshirting or playing, may all the Horned Frogs win.



Inspiration - Coach Wacker gives an uplifting speech to the team as they take a break during two-a-days.

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Scrimmage results

TCU held a 100-play scrimmage this weekend. Sophomore David Rascoe was at the helm for the offense. Rascoe completed 11 passes for 102 yards.

Other Rascoe highlights included Rascoe scoring on a 5-yard run and a pass to tight end Ricky Stone for a 30-yard gain. Scott Bednarski led all rushers with 60 yards and a touchdown on 10 carries. Bednarski mainly ran from the fullback slot in the Horned Frogs' Wishbone set, which

will be used in addition to the veer this year.

Sophomore linebacker Paul Lewellyn had nine tackles, freshman linebacker Chuck Mooney had eight and lineman Frank Hawkins had six.

TCU will have another scrimmage this weekend to prepare for the tough season ahead. By then TCU will have worked most of the kinks out of a formation that is new to them—the Wishbone.

Ticket policy

The TCU student football ticket policy will be basically the same as last year. Student ID cards will serve as identification for obtaining student football tickets.

Students are allowed one ticket per ID card; however, one student is allowed to pick up as many as six student tickets with six ID cards.

Students can get tickets to home football games at the Ticket Office located directly in front of the stadium at the east side Box Office.

Hours: Sunday -2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Monday -1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
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There will be no student tickets issued after Tuesday at 4:30 p.m.

All tickets for games away from home are full price and should be purchased as soon as possible because the ticket allotment is limited.

This year the SMU vs. TCU game will be played in the Cotton Bowl. Tickets will cost \$20. However, the good folks at the Ticket Office were able to make a deal. Students, faculty and staff can show their ID card at the Ticket Office and receive a \$5 discount. Tickets to the SMU/TCU game will be \$15 with proper identification. Students should plan to buy their tickets early.

All tickets other than student tickets in the student section are full price-\$14.

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Sports fans come in different molds



Jim McGee

Sports fans are an amazing breed. When attending a sports event, it is often more fun to watch the fans that it is to watch the sport. Sports fans are special—though admittedly odd—creatures.

But you can't just dissect typical sports fans to see what's inside, to find the crazy twisted forces that drive them. There are just too many types of fans to call any one type "typical." Besides, dissecting them would be wasteful, and a little messy.

But a few general categories of sports fans do exist. Identification and brief character sketches are in order:

SPORTS SPECTACLE SPONGES—These fans are commonly seen sitting in La-Z-Boy recliners, with a beer can in one hand and a remote control channel-changer in the other. They rarely go to sports events because they'd rather watch them on TV ("I've got fifty-yard-line seats right here in the living room").

The average Sports Spectacle Sponge has spent every weekend for the last six and a half years in that recliner, rising only during commer-

cial and station breaks to get more beer and attend to bodily functions. Their favorite month is December, when bowl games, playoffs and basketball games allow them to log 40-50 hours per week in front of the TV.

Sports Spectacle Sponges are in their glory during the Olympics, during which some have been said to sit in the same chair for two weeks, rising only to sing the National Anthem with gold medal winners. Their ultimate goal in life is to star in a Lite Beer commercial.

SPORTS SPECIMEN STOCKPILERS—These are the paraphernalia collectors of sportsdom. The most incredible thing about these sports fans is their ability to attract foul balls at baseball games with amazing regularity.

Sports Specimen Stockpilers collect hundreds of sports-related items, like spikes off a pair of Ty Cobb's baseball shoes. They also collect items that have only a slight or questionable connection to sports, like a toothbrush that Muhammed Ali's brother used for 13 years.

These fans nearly always keep their sports stuff stashed in one room at home, neatly labeled with the place and date it was collected. The Sports Specimen Stockpiler will give a tour of this room to everyone who stops by, from cousin Gerald to the Avon lady. Nearly 65 percent of Sports Specimen Stockpilers live in Canton, Ohio or Cooperstown, N.Y.

SPORTS SPECIFICS SPECIFIERS—These fans commonly know the batting average for every major league player in every season since 1922—and they'd just love to share their info with you.

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SPORTS SPECULATION SPOUTERS—These fans are the direct opposite of the previous category. They know very little about what's happened in past sporting events, but they are absolutely positive about what will happen in the future.

They will adamantly tell you that the Saints are going to the Super Bowl this year, the Indians will be in the World Series and the Pacers will take the NBA Championships—and really believe it.

But don't be fooled. For people who know so little, they argue surprisingly well. Sport Speculation Spou-

ters have the best vocabularies of all sports fans and most are adept at using large and obscure adjectives to convince you that their teams will win.

Of course, Sports Speculation Spouters' predictions are correct only 16 percent of the time. However, they make sure everyone knows when they're right and have curiously bad memories when wrong. Their idol: Jimmy the Greek.

SPORTS SPATTERING SPECTATORS—These fans traditionally attend as many sporting events as possible but only to be sociable. Their idea of sports conflict is deciding what to wear to the game. In fact, Sports Spattering Spectators have a 62 percent chance of leaving a game without knowing the winner.

These fans aren't as easy to spot as you might think, however. Although they almost never know any of the rules of the game or methods of scoring, they are very adept at picking up cues on when to cheer.

So they look like they are truly concerned with the game's outcome, when all they really want to know is whether or not Sally in Section G is pregnant. This category includes most Rice Owl fans.

These are just a few categories of the broad spectrum of sports fanatics. There are more but to find those out you will have to go to sporting events to watch sports fans in action. Of course, that would make you a Sports Spectator Specialist...

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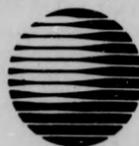
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