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## Americans' lives could have been spared

WASHINGTON (AP)—U.S. military commanders ignored warnings which could have spared the lives of many of the 241 killed in the 1983 attack on Marine headquarters in Beirut, the Pentagon's former top counter-terrorism official has charged.

Instead of paying attention to the warnings of a five-member Special Forces team which recommended ways to make the Marines safer, "the report was swept under the rug," wrote Noel Koch.

The commanders were more worried about bureaucratic infighting,

said Koch, who resigned earlier this year as principal deputy assistant secretary of defense for international security affairs. In that position, he oversaw the Pentagon's counter-terrorism efforts.

Koch's charges are contained in a letter sent to several members of Congress in support of proposals to unify the Pentagon's special forces within a single military structure, rather than keeping them scattered throughout the services.

Robert Sims, the Pentagon's chief spokesman, said Tuesday he was sure Koch's allegations would be reviewed by the Defense Department and the

Joint Chiefs of Staff, but said the former official seemed primarily interested in "influencing legislation on Capitol Hill."

"Noel Koch's advocacy for the Special Operations Forces is well known," said Sims. "I suspect whatever he has written is aimed at gaining support for legislation."

Koch wrote that he had never before spoken about the Beirut bombing "because it could only cause more pain to people already suffering the unbearable pain of the loss of people they loved."

The attack came shortly after dawn

on Oct. 23, 1983, when a suicide terrorist drove a bomb-laden truck into Marine headquarters near the Beirut airport, killing 241 U.S. military personnel.

Six months earlier, on April 18, 1983, a similar suicide car bomb attack destroyed the U.S. embassy in Beirut, killing 63 persons, including 17 Americans.

After the embassy attack, Koch wrote, he headed a Pentagon team sent to Beirut to review the safety of the Marines who were at the airport as part of a multi-national peacekeeping team.

Koch said, "I satisfied myself that we had serious shortcomings, particularly in managing intelligence related to the terrorist threat."

A five-man team went back later in the summer of 1983 to Beirut, wrote Koch, who maintained members of that unit were not taken seriously because the team was created outside the normal chain of command.

Ten weeks after the bombing, a Pentagon commission criticized flaws in the military chain of command and security at the Marine barracks. But its criticism was nowhere near as strong as Koch's.

The team sent to Beirut by Koch made a number of specific recommendations, according to the source.

Chief among those recommendations were improved communications among the various military agencies in Beirut about terrorist threats. "There was a lot of specific stuff, but it wasn't getting to the right people," he wrote.

Marine officials complained after the attack that the intelligence was not specific enough, but the former team member said the warnings were far more specific than U.S. military officials have admitted.

## Classes promote employee fitness

By Joci Shrewder  
Staff Writer

At noon and 5 p.m. each day, some members of the TCU faculty and staff are off walking, doing aerobics or swimming.

The Employee Fitness Program, in its second year on campus, is designed to get faculty and staff members away from the workplace and involved in some kind of physical activity.

"Our intent is to get people to exercise and to see the benefits of it," said Jerry Landwer, TCU professor of exercise physiology.

TCU's program offers a variety of courses to interest many people, he said.

Low impact aerobics, walking, aqua dynamics and a general exercise class are offered this semester. Slim-nastics, a relaxation class and possibly other new courses will be added next semester, Landwer said.

The program is a way to meet people and also to make a commitment to

exercise by enrolling in a class. The participants are encouraged with awards, which are presented to those with the best attendance and those who reach the goals that are set, he said.

Enrollment is up from 69 people last year to 108 this year. Classes are small, however, with about 15 to 20 people ranging in age from 28 to 60.

The success of one participant is encouraging, Landwer said.

"Dr. John Bohon has lost 22 pounds since starting the program last January," he said, "and we are all very proud of him."

A diet program is not yet offered, but Landwer and his staff give advice on dieting as well as exercise.

The program is sponsored by the departments of physical education and recreational sports, and the cost is free to TCU faculty and staff members and spouses.

Susan Hetzler, Karen Giovannetti and Sarah Forsyth instruct the classes.

## Showgirl enjoys varied activities

By Lorie Hollabaugh  
Staff Writer

Whether punching up meals on the snack bar register or dancing her heart out during halftime at the football games, one TCU junior gives students service with a smile.

Edna Braxton, a junior modern dance and broadcast journalism major, is involved in many diverse activities on campus.

She is a Showgirl, an employee in the snack bar for Marriott Food Service and a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority. She also spends several hours in dance rehearsals every day.

Braxton began her dance training when she came to TCU as a freshman. When she was a member of her high school drill team, her instructor encouraged her to dance and even influenced her decision to attend TCU.

Dancing is a serious interest for Braxton. She spends six hours a day in rehearsals, including her practice for the Showgirls and dance classes for her major.

She does find time to work a few hours every week on a work-study job. Braxton said she enjoys working for the food service, because it gives her the chance to see many of her friends and acquaintances during the day.

She said although she enjoys the job, having to serve fellow students sometimes makes her feel alienated from them.

Braxton works only a few hours a week, but her remaining time is divided among rehearsals, classes and studying.

"I have no social life," Braxton said, when asked how she finds the time to study. But she is extremely dedicated and does not mind the sacrifices that must be made in order to advance and excel in her craft.

"I think I'm a workaholic," Braxton said. She enjoys staying so busy and being active in campus life.

Besides her other activities, Braxton is part of the Horned Frog Associates. This is a group on campus that helps recruit new students by trying to interest them in attending TCU.

The group takes prospective students to eat, see football games and attend other on-campus activities. She has been a member of the program since it began last spring.

Although Braxton would rather dance professionally after college, she is interested in broadcasting. She would like to pursue a career in communications as an anchor person someday, she said.

Braxton said she has always had the desire to perform and would like to take acting lessons in the future.

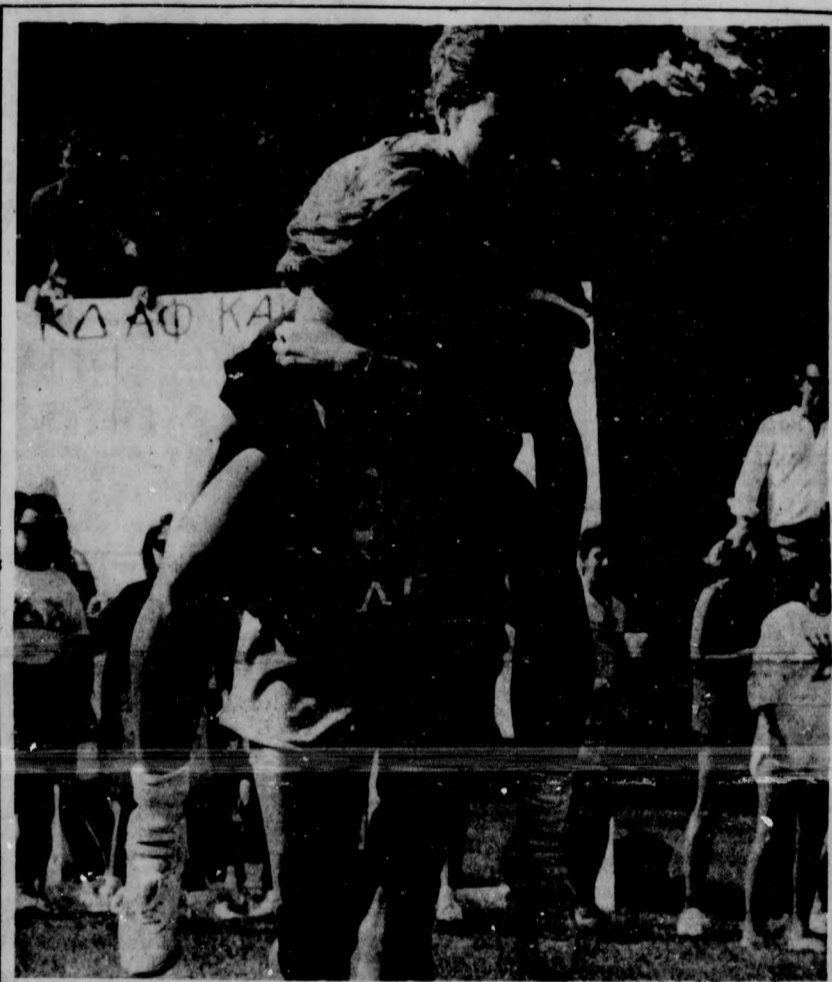
## Bill passed eliminating mandatory retirement

WASHINGTON (AP)—The House passed a bill Tuesday eliminating mandatory retirement at any age and requiring continued health coverage by employers for workers age 70 and above.

Under the measure, passed 394-0, most employees would no longer have to retire at age 70. However, states and local governments would still be able to set mandatory retirement ages for firefighters and police.

Rep. Claude Pepper, D-Fla., at 86 the oldest member of Congress, said the overall bill was an important step toward ending age discrimination.

Past amendments to the age discrimination law have raised the mandatory retirement age to 70 and removed the limit entirely for most federal workers. Thirteen states have banned mandatory retirement without an upper age limit in public and/or private employment.



Going, going... Delta Gamma active Julie Harris gives pledge Dowling Omohundro a lift as the two take off for the finish line during the first qualifying race of the Manday piggyback competition.



Gone - Jennifer Eder and Julie Jaeger, both Delta Gamma pledges, try to regroup after their tumble. The event, which was sponsored by Phi Kappa Sigma, raised close to \$5,000 for MDA.

## Couple denies charge

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP)—A couple whose 13-year-old daughter turned them in for alleged cocaine abuse pleaded innocent Tuesday to drug possession charges and sought placement in a narcotics education program.

Judith and Bobby Dale Young probably will qualify for the program, and charges will be dropped if they complete it, said Deputy District Attorney James Mulgrew.

On Aug. 13, after hearing a church lecture on the evils of drugs, their daughter Deanna went to Tustin police with a trash bag police said contained \$2,800 worth of cocaine plus marijuana, pills and assorted paraphernalia.

Municipal Court Judge Manuel Ramirez ordered Young, 49, a bartender and building contractor, and his 37-year-old wife, who is a U.S. Bankruptcy Court clerk, to return to court Nov. 6 for a decision on their request. He turned the case over to the Orange County Probation Department for a recommendation on whether the couple qualifies for the program.

Mulgrew said the couple appear to be "statutorily eligible" for the drug education and rehabilitation program that would last about a year.

"It's not a real heavy rehabilitation, live-in type program. The rehabilitation is more an education process. It's designed primarily for lightweight users," the prosecutor said.

He said the program is commonly used for first offenders who are charged with relatively minor drug offenses, have no serious criminal record and are judged likely candidates for rehabilitation.

Attorney Ronald Brower, standing in for the Youngs' defense attorney, Gary Proctor, agreed: "This is not a program for heavy drug addicts. It can be as little as four meetings, where you go and they instruct you and expose you to materials on drug addiction."

After Deanna went to police, she was immediately taken from her parents and placed in a county home for neglected and abused youngsters. Despite the separation and the charges filed against the Youngs, they and their only child sought to be reunited.

They were allowed back together late last month under the stipulation they not discuss the case because Deanna is potentially the key witness against her parents.

Earlier this month, another judge dismissed a petition filed by the county Department of Social Services calling the Youngs unfit parents and allowed the couple to retain custody of Deanna.

## Woman abandons kids to avoid charges

HOUSTON (AP)—A woman who abandoned her five children before trying to flee to Mexico to avoid murder charges was captured Tuesday in Victoria, authorities said.

Two children were still missing at the time, Houston homicide Detective Jim Binford said.

Patricia Nietmann Brown, 29, also known as "La Penny," is accused of the April 28, 1985, shooting death of her stepfather, Hoyt Van Reed, 49.

Police said Brown was charged with murder Friday shortly after rushing out of a Harris County courtroom where her mother, Jo Ann Reed, 51, was convicted in the same case. Jo Ann was sentenced to 12 years in prison.

Police said Jo Ann and her daughter paid \$500 to Juan Antonio Tijerina, 27, to kill Hoyt Reed. They said Jo Ann wanted her husband slain be-

cause of a dispute over a pending divorce settlement.

Brown went home after her mother's trial, packed luggage and fled before four of her children came home from school, homicide Detective Steve Clappert said.

"The kids came home to an empty house and waited throughout the night until sometime Saturday, when they wandered next door and sought

assistance from a neighbor," Clappert said.

The woman's 11-year-old daughter and two of her sons, ages 7 and 8, were found by police about 11 a.m. Monday in tattered clothing.

"They were dirty, scared and very confused about what has happened to them," Clappert said.

The youngsters were taken into police custody at a neighbor's house in northeast Houston.

# OPINION



## Out in West Texas, we can't go so slow



John Paschal

You ever driven to Abilene? How 'bout Amarillo? Lubbock? Long way, wasn't it? A lot of grass and a lot of grass and a lot of grass and some cows. Hours of Borden and boredom, so to speak.

So boring was it, in fact, that you wanted to get it over with quickly and efficiently. If you weren't driving, you slept. Even if you were driving, perhaps you slept.

Either way, on the road you wished you were already in Amarillo, believe it or not. Long and boring. You couldn't even play that old license plate game because there were only five or six license plates to choose from. And if you were driving, God bless, you turned up the tunes and toughed it out 'til it was all over.

And, unless you're Mister Rogers, who is happy no matter what he's doing at any pace, you sped. Vroom-vroom. You went a tad faster than that sign with the big, black 55 ordered you to.

Fellow countrymen, who can blame you?

Well, for starters, law enforcement officers and Texas legislators can. And will. And do.

Cops write a pointless ticket in some Podunk West Texas town, and legislators tell us we're saving lives.

But a case made frequently, as now, is that 55 in a vacuum like West Texas is way too snailish. Sammy Hagar, a hard-driving rock 'n' roller, must have played some concert dates out where even the deer and the antelope don't dare play. Because he says it—may, he screams it—best: "I can't drive (pause for effect) fifty-fiftivel!"

There is no logical reason (but remember, we're dealing with politicians here) for a speed limit of 55 on West Texas highways. Winding East Texas two-laners, metropolitan highways, Houston highways—and even I-35 along party pavement down through Austin, San Antonio, San Marcos and beloved spring break haven South Padre Island, where the beer and the cantelope do play—yes, 55 can keep you alive.

But neither Lubbock nor Amarillo are expecting massive spring break onslaughts this or any year. They are not tourist meccas or retirement areas. The roads are lightly traveled. Out there, if you're going to wreck and die, it doesn't

much matter if you're going 55 or 75. To wreck on a West Texas highway is to be drunk, asleep, or already dead.

There are no trees or cars to slam into. Maybe a cop, but you can bet he's going too fast to notice you. He wants to get the hell home, too.

On the 363-mile trip up Highway 287 to Amarillo, you pass through towns like Ashtola, Acme and Claude. You do not screech on "spaghetti roads" or zoom, hell-bent, onto an on-ramp. 55 is ridiculous. 70 mph would be no more deadly and would still give you plenty of time to slow down and wheel into Dairy Queen.

The trip to Amarillo takes you nearly six-and-a-half-hours at 55, slightly over five hours at 70. Even in today's motormouth world of cellular phones, an hour here and there saved on West Texas highways is a gift.

True, your buggy guzzles more gas at 70. In fact, the Arab oil embargo of 1974 was a major factor in the nationwide speed limit reduction. The federal government tried a bunch of gas-saving methods, 55 being one.

As of Jan. 1, 1975, any state not enforcing and proving that enforcement would lose all federal highway funding. So states complied.

They complied not only for fear of losing bucks, but for the truly important reason of saving lives. In the first year alone, 9,600 lives were spared. Experts extolled the reduction as "unbelievable," said a 1975 U.S. News and World Report story.

The decline has held constant in the years since. A number like 9,600 may seem like a meaningless bulk figure when you just hear it. But when you consider how devastating it was when you lost a friend or relative to a traffic accident—as many people certainly have—9,600 does mean 9,600 living people.

So to argue the sense behind the 55 limit would seem cold-hearted, uncaring.

But in West Texas, the limit is little more than a passing fancy. People will speed, regardless. The sign means nothing. So why have it?

A speed limit of 70, in remote stretches, would be just as safe as 55.

Of course, in metropolitan areas, highways would be dieways if everyone were allowed to push the pedal to 70. Only real speed buffs would argue that. But legislators need to consider a greater speed limit out West.

If they're out there driving, they've got plenty of time to think about it, to come up with a really brilliant piece of legislation. Because you know they're going 55.

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## God's gift to the world? Pat Robertson brings religion into wrong arena



Cathy Chapman

Television preacher Pat Robertson believes in miracles. He may be the miracle that the Democrats desperately need to regain political power in 1988.

Six years after the election of Ronald Reagan, the Republicans are now the party of the government. And now that the Republican Party has power, they are attracting people who want it, like the Rev. Pat Robertson.

Of course, Robertson already has the power of God on his side. He says he has the power to redirect hurricanes and heal cancer victims.

But last Wednesday Robertson announced that God had helped him decide to add political power to his list of aspirations. He said he will seek the Republican nomination if 3 million voters pledge their support.

Still, Robertson's candidacy is not to be taken lightly. In June's precinct caucus in Michigan, Christian candidates loyal to Robertson outnumbered those who pledged support to Jack Kemp and George Bush.

His Michigan showing may prove him to be a major threat to Jack Kemp's campaign, and a serious obstacle for George Bush.

It even prompted Bush to make plans to distribute a videotape in which he will explain his positions on matters of faith.

So while the Republicans talk religion, the Democrats can talk politics. While Republicans share their testimonials, the Democrats will have a great opportunity to discuss real issues like nuclear disarmament, the American new poor or Middle East peace.

And regardless of the outcome of the primary, Robertson's presence will move Republican debates further to the right. Pat Robertson, like Ronald Reagan is a charismatic speaker and his right-wing credentials are unquestionable.

Robertson opposes abortion, and calls for religion in classrooms and resistance to 'communist tyranny.' Many people fear he may even go farther to the right than he claims to be.

These fears are justified. In the past, Robertson has expressed intolerance toward non-Christians. Also, he once said it is God's will that men should be head of the household. Robertson even thinks Social Security belongs in the private sector.

Pat Robertson has a gift. He appears reasonable and nice while taking extreme positions. People must not be fooled.

Robertson's candidacy has even scared members of his own party. Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole said "he could push the Republicans too far to the right, and there aren't enough votes there."

And that would be the miracle the Democrats need in 1988.

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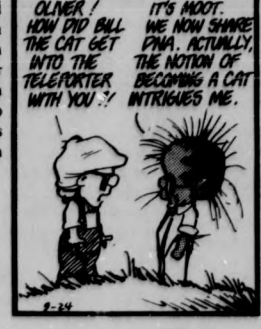


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### BLOOM COUNTY



# Poll says growing up is hard to do

WASHINGTON (AP)—Three out of four American adults think the problems facing today's children are more severe than when they were growing up, and even more are willing to pay higher taxes for better schools, drug treatment, and other services for kids, according to a Louis Harris survey.

The comprehensive poll demonstrates "the United States in the 1980s may be the first society in history in which children are distinctly worse off than adults," said Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y., who joined Harris at a news conference Tuesday.

At the same time, Moynihan added, it "gives us hope that the grown-ups are finally recognizing the problem."

The first national survey of public attitudes toward the problems of children found drug abuse is perceived as the most serious, with 52 percent of adults putting it at the top of the list.

The survey, based on half-hour-long telephone interviews with 1,254 adults, showed the vast majority believes a wide range of other problems facing kids, including hunger, kidnapping, sexual assault, parental abuse, suicide and prostitution, have increased in recent years.

The survey, commissioned by the Westinghouse Broadcasting Co.'s Group W, found less than half of the public believes most American children are basically happy, or get a good education, or live in a safe neighborhood.

Other findings in the July 29-August 7 survey:

—Only 43 percent felt schools are doing a good job meeting their responsibilities to children.

—Teen-agers are perceived as particularly at risk, with half of the public believing most teen-agers have sex at least occasionally, 43 percent believing most teen-agers use alcohol, and 31 percent believing most use drugs regularly. And only 41 percent of those surveyed said American teen-agers read and write adequately.

—Majorities of adults said they would be willing to increase their taxes for programs to trace missing children, for drug prevention, for public schools, for day care programs and for parks and recreation programs.

And 70 percent said they at least "somewhat approve" of the government providing birth control services for teen-agers.

Given the sampling size of 1,254 adults, the survey has a margin of error of 3 percentage points in either direction.

Mary Hatwood Futrell, president of the National Education Association, said, "The poll triggers some timely signals about how badly the nation has been dealing with its young."

"In many ways, the survey reaffirms the frustrations of teachers who are confronted daily with many of these problems facing children. If children are our greatest resource—as we all proudly proclaim—then we had better wake up before it's too late."

# Cafe owner told to close up shop

PINE SPRINGS, Texas (AP)—Mary Clover Hinson says the Pine Springs Cafe isn't much to look at, but if the federal government closes it down, it will take away the heart of this far West Texas town.

The National Park Service bought the property from Hinson's father in 1972 and has given her until Nov. 1 to close. The park service says the cafe, situated in the Guadalupe Mountains National Park, provides services that are neither necessary nor appropriate. U.S. Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas, has rallied to Hinson's de-

fense, asking Interior Secretary Donald Hodel to intervene.

Hinson's parents sold the land to the federal government in 1972 to make way for the national park, but held an option for lifetime use to keep the cafe open.

The agreement expired in 1962 with the death of Hinson's mother, and park service officials asked Hinson to vacate the park.

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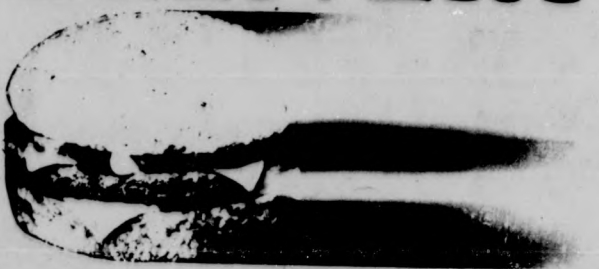
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**Career Fair**

All students are encouraged to attend the Career Fair today from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom.

Representatives from a variety of employers will be on campus to discuss career opportunities.

**Geren to speak to faculty**

TCU faculty and staff can meet Pete Geren, Democratic candidate for U.S. Congress in District 6, Thursday.

The reception will be held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Brachman at 3840 Bellaire Circle from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. M.J. Neeley and Dr. and Mrs. Vernon Ray are sponsoring the reception.

**SMU bus tickets**

Tickets to ride student buses to the SMU-TCU game in Dallas Saturday are on sale at the Information Desk for \$8 with a TCU ID.

**CCC retreat**

Athens, Texas, is the site for the Campus Christian Community Retreat, Oct. 3 to 5. Anyone who wants to go should turn in \$15 to the University Ministries Office by Oct. 1.

**AMA meeting**

Representatives from Procter & Gamble will discuss jobs within their company at the next American Marketing Association meeting, Thursday at 5:30 p.m. in Dan Rogers Hall, Room 216.

AMA will go to Frankelburgers after the meeting.

**ISA car wash**

International Students Association will hold a car wash Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. at the Exxon gas station on the corner of Hulen and Bellaire. The price is \$2 for cars and \$3 for trucks.

**Book Sale**

English honor society Sigma Tau Delta will hold a book sale Thursday and Friday in the south lounge of the Student Center. Anyone wishing to contribute books to the sale should contact the English office.

**Hunger Week meeting**

The Hunger Week Planning Committee will hold its second meeting of the year today in Student Center Room 211 at 3 p.m. Anyone who is interested in learning more about Hunger Week and contributing to the project is invited to attend.



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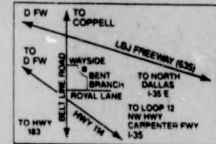
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**Fragile flight** - Sorority members carefully compete events which took place on Monday. Over 1,000 people attended the celebration in Friday afternoon.

## Air Force tries drug for AIDS

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP)—Air Force officials are planning to bring the new drug AZT to the Wilford Hall Medical Center to treat as many as 40 patients suffering from AIDS, officials said.

"I haven't seen the data (on the drug) yet. But if it is as good as it appears to be, then it would be very exciting. It would be the first treatment that shows promise in treating this disease," said Lt. Col. Richard Winn, infectious-disease specialist at Wilford Hall.

Wilford Hall is the worldwide referral hospital for any form of AIDS virus infection among Air Force personnel.

Doctors and scientists from Wilford Hall, the Southwest Foundation for Biomedical Research and the University of Texas Health Science Center are expected to meet Thursday to map out a plan to bring AZT to San Antonio for further testing and research.

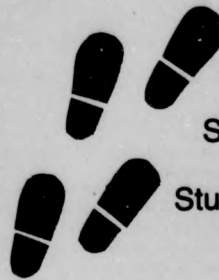
Officials said Monday it could be several weeks to three months before the drug would be available at Wilford Hall.

Once AZT, or azidothymidine, is available, the specific medical criteria required for the drug may limit the initial number of patients to as few as four, officials said.

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## "Freshman fifteen" attacks

By Heather Reis  
Staff Writer

Despite all the complaints about Marriott's food, the "freshman fifteen" still finds its way to the bodies of unsuspecting students.

"I was scared to death," Ginger Matka said of those unwanted pounds. "They seem unavoidable." Cindy Bailey said she has gained 15 pounds since arriving at TCU. She blames her weight gain on irregular eating habits, including late night snacks from Domino's Pizza or care packages sent from home.

"I have no set meal schedule, so I eat whenever I'm hungry," Bailey said. "I always have my meal card on me."

She is very conscious of the newly-gained four pounds and is working hard to take them off, she said. She is currently enrolled in an aerobics class that meets three times a week at the Rickel Building.

"I was very active in high school, but now I have hardly enough time to dedicate to my studies," Bailey said.

Weight gain does not only terrorize freshmen; "sophomore spread" is another problem among students.

Kristin Cole, a junior, said she was homesick and depressed her freshman year, so she avoided food. However, during her sophomore year she began going out every night and drinking with her friends. That's when her weight reached its maximum.

Many girls go on crash diets with short-term, ill effects, but Cole was able to take the weight off by involving herself in a regimental exercise program.

Marriott has responded to the request that there be fewer "fattening and starchy" foods by offering a salad bar and vegetarian dishes.

Many activities are offered at TCU to help students combat weight gain. The Rickel Building has a variety of sports facilities and is open late to meet any student's schedule.

As mid-term approaches, Cole said, "I have made a resolution to keep a balance of exercise and diet. It seems to be the only way to stay in shape physically and mentally."



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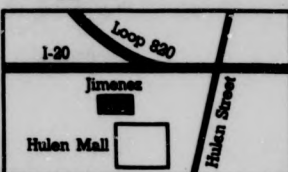
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# SPORTS



## Soetenga, prospect for future He has proved that walk-ons can make it

**By Johnny Paul**  
Staff Writer

Some may call it luck. Others may call it destiny. For Loren Soetenga, it's an opportunity to prove that walk-ons can play major college football.

Soetenga, a 5-foot-11, 205-pound defensive back, is being redshirted this fall. He's already passed the expectations of his high school coach, who said he would never make it.

"His attitude toward me was real poor. He didn't want to see me do anything my senior year," Soetenga recalled.

That may sound strange because Soetenga made the all-state team his junior year at Burlington High School in Burlington, Wis.

Out of a straight-T offense, he gained 1,097 yards rushing, another 600-plus in return yards and scored 26 touchdowns. He was also an all-conference selection at rover, or outside linebacker.

But in the second game of his senior year, Soetenga broke his right forearm in three places. After that injury, all the universities that were interested in him turned away. Some of the more notable ones were Michigan, Ohio State, Iowa, Air Force, Stanford and Brigham Young.

"That hurt me a lot," Soetenga said. "My dream was to go to Michigan. Then I got a call saying they couldn't give me a scholarship."

Purdue, Northwestern, Iowa State and Duke were the only Division-I universities still interested in Soetenga, but he wasn't interested in them, he said.

He almost decided to find a university he liked and not play football. After receiving test scores of 28 on the ACT and 1280 on the SAT, he received a letter from the Admissions Office at TCU.

Soetenga called and talked to the coaches here. They asked if he was interested in walking-on.

Soetenga's reply was short: "Not really."

Two weeks later he called back and asked to visit the campus. Head Football Coach Jim Wacker told Soetenga he would be glad to visit with him, but the university could not pay for the trip.

As the time for the visit approached, Soetenga recalled his poor mental state.

When Soetenga arrived, his outlook changed.

"I came down here and loved it," he said.

Soetenga credits the coaching staff for his change of heart, especially Wacker.

"I get kind of down sometimes. He'll come talk to me and it turns everything around," Soetenga said.

"His attitude is great. You can walk into his office and talk to him. You come out and want to conquer the world," he said.

Soetenga quickly moved to the top of the non-scholarship class after the first day of testing. A 350-pound bench press and a 33-inch vertical leap, both tops on opening day, turned some heads.

Coach Tom Perry's head has been turned, too.

"I expect Loren to be playing special teams next year and contributing," he said.

However, Soetenga's story is not all roses. Financial difficulties and being so far away from home are problems he has to deal with, he said.

"It's a year-by-year thing. Hopefully, I'll get a scholarship next year and not have to worry about it," Soetenga said.

Homesickness is a word Soetenga thought would never appear in his vocabulary.

"I thought this was going to be great when I left. When I got down here, I started thinking about my parents. I'm not used to it," he said.

Learning the Frogs' defense is another obstacle that Soetenga is trying to adjust to. He said he realizes it's best for him to be redshirted.

"I know that I'm not ready," Soetenga said. "I'm not reading the offensive line yet. I'm not doing the things I should be."

"Defensive back is one of the hardest positions on the field. You're probably one of the smaller people on the field, but sometimes you have to make one of the bigger plays," Soetenga said.

He said a good hit falls under the category of a big play.

"It's hard to get a good hit in a game. It's got to be perfect. When you do, it's the best feeling," he said.

Perry believes Soetenga will be getting more of those good feelings.

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9. Arkansas	2-0-0
10. Arizona	3-0-0
11. Arizona State	2-0-0
12. USC	2-0-0
13. Maryland	3-0-0
14. Texas A&M	1-1-0
15. Iowa	2-0-0
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