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## Weinberger addresses sold-out crowd

### Weinberger defends SDI, stresses university's role

By Michael Hayworth  
Staff Writer

Speaking to a full house at Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium Wednesday night, U.S. Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger defended the "morality of defense" and discussed the role of the university in maintaining a free society.

"I contend that there is no conflict between the aims of the academy and the defense of our freedom in the nuclear age," Weinberger said. He argued against what he called a common perception in academe, the idea that "we're only perfectly safe if we're perfectly vulnerable."

"The most vital role that centers of learning can play in the defense of freedom and civility is to keep alive the education and ideas that bond citizens to their freedom and make them aware of the dangers of it," he said.

"For an academic to feel a fundamental antipathy to the social and political order of the United States is as violent a self-contradiction as any imaginable," he said. "It is essential that the academy debate our laws and the justice of our politics, but at least the university must retain the clarity of mind to perceive that we can only have such debates if we preserve our essential devotion to freedom."

Drawing analogies between the United States and ancient Greece, Weinberger pointed to Socrates as "that man who best embodied the love of free inquiry and free citizenship."

"Defiantly, he vowed never to cease from examining the ground of the well-lived life," Weinberger said. "Yet, he always fought his city's battles and was known for his great courage in her defense."

Much of Weinberger's speech was aimed at defending President Reagan's proposed Strategic Defense Initiative, the so-called "Star Wars" defense against incoming missiles.

"SDI is not a weapon. . . It is purely defensive," he said. "It is a particularly strategic defense that allows for a greater infusion of morality into strategic considerations as shaped by technological advancements."

Even so, Weinberger said strategic defense is not enough.

"We do need weapons to avoid the war. We bought those weapons—they're very expensive and very unpopular. . . They are not to use, but to deter aggression," he said.

Responding to questions after his speech, Weinberger said the Soviets, who have denounced SDI as unworkable and potentially destabilizing, have been working on their own version for a number of years.

"For about 17 years, they've been working on it. . . They are ahead of us in the laser area," he said. "We don't know exactly where they are, because it's a closed society."

"I have to say it would be a very much more dangerous world if they should get this capability first," he said.

Weinberger did not directly address the criticism most often leveled at the system: that it simply will not work. He did say, though, that both the United States and the Soviet Union "are making good progress on it."

Asked about the possibility of giving up SDI in return for sweeping arms agreements, Weinberger said, "I don't know any circumstances in which the president would give up strategic defense."

In a press conference before his speech, Weinberger indicated that the National Security Council, said to have initiated many of the illegal acts involved in the Iran-Contra Affair without consulting the president, has been brought back under control.

"It has been restructured, and it's operating now . . . just as it should be," he said. He attributed the NSC improvement to the people now in charge there.

Weinberger received a cordial welcome from the crowd, which included many prominent members of the Fort Worth community, as well as TCU students and faculty.

Not all were pleased with Weinberger's views, however. He drew scattered applause and heckling when he said that the Nicaraguan contras, whom he supports, "are probably not perfect."

Before the speech, protesters picketed outside, carrying signs with such slogans as "Nuclear war is bad for Horned Frog Pride" and "Riff Ram Bah Zoo, war is bad for TCU."



Defense secretary lectures - U.S. Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger appeared as a guest speaker Wednesday night in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium.

## TCU reaction positive to Weinberger's speech

By Patrick Walker  
Staff Writer

As Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger's helicopter landed in the Amon Carter Stadium parking lot, some TCU students were busy preparing a demonstration against his talk. However, overall campus reaction to his Wednesday night speech seemed friendly.

Fifteen members of Students and Teachers Educating for Peace gathered on the lawn in front of Ed Landreth Hall with protest signs attacking current defense spending and weapons build-ups by the Reagan administration.

Posters proclaiming "Test Peace, Not Bombs" and "Nuclear War is Bad for Horned Frog Pride" highlighted the tight line the group formed within police barricades, as some protesting stragglers wandered into their ranks.

But STEP president Craig Winneker said that, despite the group's past efforts at raising concern at TCU, the dangers of nuclear weapons do not interest most students here.

"We really need to bring the peace movement to TCU," he said. "There just isn't enough awareness about it here."

Bruce Peters, a graduate history student and STEP demonstrator, said the Reagan administration pursues lopsided policies that favor massive weapons expenditures at the expense of domestic concerns.

"It's so ludicrous when they cut social programs, and there are people living on the streets," he said. "Weinberger and (Secretary of State) Schultz are more concerned about their buddies in the defense contract industry than anyone else."

But at the conclusion of Weinberger's speech, students around the auditorium talked of a renewed faith in the administration and its policies.

A main theme in the speech was the role of American universities in helping the progress of modern science through researching such technologies as those used in the Strategic Defense Initiative laser defense plan. President Reagan proposed the advanced space system in 1983 as a viable defense against incoming Soviet missiles.

"I could really understand the reasoning of SDI as Weinberger presented it," senior David Hudson said. "We're just trying to defend ourselves against these massive Soviet weapons."

Sophomore Heide McGee agreed. "The Soviets have been working on this technology for 17 years, like he said in his speech," she said. "We've got to support our own program to keep up."

One argument against the SDI system is the impracticality of perfecting its technology enough to make it feasible.

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## Tucker inaugurates Tandy Hall

By Joe D. Williams  
Staff Writer

Chancellor Bill Tucker will preside over the ground-breaking ceremony for Charles Tandy Hall today at 11:30 a.m. on the lawn of Dan Rogers Hall.

Speakers at the ceremony will include Bayard H. Friedman, chairperson of the TCU board of trustees, and Anne W. Sowell, president of the Anne Burnett and Charles Tandy Foundation.

Dee J. Kelly, chairperson of the TCU Trustee Development Committee; Vernon L. Smith, trustee chairperson of the University Buildings and Grounds Committee; and

representatives of donors of \$100,000 or more to the project will also take part in the ceremony.

The 42,000-square-foot building will nearly double the space available to the business school, but its purpose is not just to provide additional classrooms, said H. Kirk Downey, dean of M.J. Neeley School of Business.

"It's not a matter of, 'Gee, we need 10 new classrooms' or 'We can start holding classes indoors,'" he said.

"There are no traditional classrooms (planned for) in the new building," he said.

Instead, Tandy Hall will house additional computers and related equipment for instruction and stu-

dent use, Downey said, as well as new facilities for the American Enterprise Institute, which was founded to encourage communication between the business school and the local business community.

The purpose of the institute is to improve business education through a program of executive development, applied research and internships for graduate business students.

The Anne Burnett and Charles Tandy Foundation contributed a total of \$6 million to the M.J. Neeley School of Business, including \$1 million for construction of Tandy Hall. The other \$5 million was earmarked for the institute.

Fourteen other corporations and foundations contributed to the \$8.2 million dollar project.

Construction is scheduled to begin April 1, with completion of the project expected in June 1988.

The three-story building will be built to the west of Dan Rogers Hall, and the two buildings will be connected on all floors by corridors.

The building will also house the dean's office, board room and teleconferencing centers. The Educational Investment Fund, an investing institution operated by TCU students, will also be housed in Tandy Hall.

## Despite rising need, TCU donates less blood each year

By Kevin J. Marks  
Staff Writer

Carter Blood Center of Fort Worth receives about seven emergency calls for units of blood each hour. The calls come from more than 46 hospitals in 17 different counties.

However, the desperate request and need still remain the same—blood.

"We need 160 donations a day for the center to operate successfully," said Sherie Cotner, community relations director at Carter Blood Center.

"Overall, I think we manage OK during the year, except for the Christmas season and summer months. This is a time when people are busy and don't have a lot of time to give, but in actuality, it's a time when we need donations the most."

The goal set by the center for 1987 is 50,000 units of blood. Cotner said she is optimistic about reaching that goal.

"There is no better time to donate blood than the present."

Cotner said presently there is an increasingly persistent obstacle keeping the center from obtaining the quota of blood donations needed. And that fear can be translated into the AIDS scare.

Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome is a virus that attacks a person's immune system and damages his or her ability to fight other diseases.

Cotner said the fear of contracting AIDS while donating blood is "unfounded and wrong."

A spokesperson for American Red Cross in Washington, D.C., said there is evidence that occasionally the disease may have been spread through transfusions of blood, but donating blood, she said, is perfectly safe.



Blood donations run dry - Deb Tennyson, Carter Blood Center employee, reads the Skiff during a slow period of the blood drive on Wednesday morning. Donations have been declining for the past five years.

"A person cannot get AIDS by donating blood," Cotner said. "The process of donating blood is quite sterile."

To make blood safer, Carter Blood Center tests all donor blood for the AIDS virus, as well as hepatitis B and syphilis. Donors are informed by a physician if any tests are positive.

Not only has the fear of contracting a communicable disease like AIDS prevented the public from donating, but the fear of just giving blood has also.

Over the last five years, TCU's blood drives during the fall and spring semesters have suffered.

In 1983, the TCU community don-

ated more than 525 units of blood to the Carter Blood Center each semester—one of the largest amounts ever donated by the university, Cotner said.

"I think one of the reasons why there was such a high turnout that year was because Domino's Pizza sponsored the event," Cotner said.

"Pizza was a strong incentive to give blood."

In fall 1984, the number of units donated dropped to 389. This figure continued to fall to 342 units of blood in 1985.

Last year, TCU hit an all time low with only 290 units donated in February's blood drive.

Cotner said TCU's response this spring to the blood drive hasn't deviated from the norm. She said only 218 units of blood were donated, the university's lowest amount ever.

It takes an extra effort these days to give blood, she said.

"I think there is a fear of the unknown among students and the general public when it comes to giving blood," Cotner said. "Some students don't really understand the importance or good that can come out of donating a pint of blood."

"Don't get me wrong—we certainly do appreciate all that was donated. We need all that we can get," Cotner said.

"The students and faculty who participated in the drive worked harder than ever, and we thank them very much," she added.

For many TCU students, excuses are a scapegoat for a nagging guilty conscience.

"Hey, I'm a little chicken when it comes to giving blood," said Dan Jasica, a junior finance major.

"I don't really know why I don't go over to the Student Center and give a pint. Deep down I know that I should, because my conscience tells me so," he said.

Sophomore Kevin Schmidt said he was going to give blood because he thought it was the right thing to do.

"I haven't given any blood because I think the setup here in the Student

Center Ballroom is unsanitary, and I don't want to catch any weird diseases," said Alan Richey, a junior real estate major.

Ralph Wyman, a senior business major, said he wanted to give blood. However, he said he was afraid of the needle and that he thought he would "freak out if it were injected into my arm."

Cotner said there are many excuses people use to avoid giving blood: "I need all my blood," "They don't want my blood," "I'm sick and taking medication," "I gave already" and "I'm the wrong type."

Cotner said there are far fewer restrictions placed upon donors than most people assume.

Carter Blood Center is giving the public incentives to donate blood. One incentive is the Life Plan. If a parent or guardian gives blood once a year, then family members are covered during the year in case of emergency.

"We (members of Carter Blood Center and American Red Cross) are going to have to get out into the public and educate the people to the positive effects of donating blood," Cotner said.

"It's going to be difficult because it seems today, the more people see AIDS on television or read about it in the newspapers, the worse it's going to get. However, there is always hope," she said.

Cotner cited the example of a recent poll taken about AIDS in Tarrant County. The results of that poll showed 27 percent of the public thought a person could contract AIDS through donating. The percentage dropped 43 percent from the previous year.



# Causes and reactions of depression may be physical

By Deena Pippin  
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Melissa Hayas, not her real name, felt guilty when her parents got divorced.

Hayas had just entered TCU as a freshman, leaving her home and family several hundred miles behind. Her father wined the distance by making her a "scapegoat" for his feelings. "My father tried to blame it on me," Hayas said. "He'd often call me and put me on guilt trips and threaten me."

Her guilt feelings led to depression, Hayas said.

She said she had trouble sleeping and studying, and she experienced loneliness and pain. So, she made an appointment with the Counseling Center.

Hayas went to the Counseling Center every week for the next two months. A psychologist talked to her and helped her understand her feelings, she said.

"You just spill your heart out," Hayas said.

She feels relieved now and less depressed, Hayas said.

"It made me feel a lot better because he told me that it's not my fault," Hayas said. "Some people will back away when there's a problem, but the Counseling Center won't."

The Counseling Center also treats other problems that cause depression such as bad grades, a broken relationship or death.

Jack Scott, director of the Counseling Center, said the center treats people every week for depression. He said depression is fairly common at

TCU, but it is also common at state universities.

"Everybody has problems in living," Scott said. "My experience is that we have those problems regardless of where we are, and a private university does not attract more people who are going to have these kinds of problems."

Scott worked at another university, a college and a hospital before coming to TCU. He said he has seen depression in all age groups, ranging from 5 years old to over 70.

According to the article "A Disease of the Up-and-Coming" in the March 2 issue of *Insight* magazine, depression is sometimes referred to as the "yuppie disease," and it affects the young and successful most often.

Scott said he is not familiar with depression being called the "yuppie

disease," and from his readings, depression affects late adolescents and older, retiring people most often.

"All I can assume is that people who are quote 'yuppies' will probably find that what they thought was meaningful isn't meaningful after all," Scott said.

"I don't care who you are, what your age is, what your educational background is, everybody is going to experience a sense of depression," he said.

The magazine quotes Anthony Komaroff, chief of general medicine at Brigham and Women's Hospital, as saying that some of his colleagues say the illness is not physical. Komaroff said that is not true. The patient develops a cold or flu and "is never the same after that."

He added that depression does not "change a person overnight."

A small percentage of depression may be physical, but a large percentage is a person's reaction to his or her environment, Scott said.

"Whatever happens to the body, there is an effect on the emotions, and whatever happens emotionally, there is an effect to the body," he said.

Psychologists at the Counseling Center talk to people who come in for depression to explore what is happening and how severe it is, Scott said. In some cases they recommend a physical.

According to *Insight* magazine, depression could result from the Epstein-Barr virus, which is a member of the herpes family and causes mononucleosis and some rare forms of cancer.

Scott said some people he has talked to in the medical field feel this hypothesis is another "catchall."

"I've seen a lot of people over the years who wanted something to be physical because it's easier to accept," Scott said.

A vaccine is under development to treat the virus. Scott said he is not sure the vaccine will be successful because depression is more psychological than physical, but the medical field could be "on the verge of a breakthrough that we don't know about."

"Curing a disease does not automatically give an individual skills to know how to communicate effectively," Scott said. "You may cure the disease, but you still need to learn skills. You need to learn strategies. You need to learn how to behave differently."

## Students react to Weinberger speech

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"They've already spent \$8 billion on this program," Peters said, "and the general consensus of science is it's not going to work."

But many students said they found most of what the speaker said encouraging.

"It's good that he's concerned about universities getting money to do research for SDI," Hudson said. "You've got to remember that this research leads to other things besides that program."

Other students said Weinberger presented himself well and defined a positive image of the administration he serves.

"I was pleased to see his enthusiasm toward universities and this school," McGee said. "He seems like a pretty intelligent, humorous guy."

Sophomore Seth Winick said, "He proved in a question about tonight's newscast that he's sharp and up-to-date on what's going on around him."

Winick said, however, that he wished Weinberger would have talked more about private universities doing research for government-related programs. This issue is of high concern to university students and faculty, he said.

But overall, Winick said, Weinberger's speech seemed to have scored positively for the defense secretary.

"He did what he set out to do," he said. "He spoke mildly about Reagan's programs in a positive manner, and he gained support from the conservative community here."

## CAMPUS NOTES

### Teaching scholarship

Theta Chi chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma will award a \$200 grant to a female student planning a career in education. Applications and guidelines are available in the Financial Aid Office, Sadler Hall Room 108. Deadline is April 10.

### Fulbright grants

Application forms for Fulbright grants for graduate study or research abroad are available in Ed Landreth Hall Room 114. Applicants must be U.S. citizens who will have a bachelor's degree before the beginning date of the grant, and who are proficient in the language of the country in which they choose to study.

For more information, contact Fulbright program adviser Emmet G. Smith.

### Cheerleader tryouts

Students planning to try out for TCU's cheerleading squad can sign up

at the Student Center Information Desk through Tuesday.

All students who sign up must attend an orientation session Tuesday at 5 p.m. in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

### Comedy Laff-off

Get ready to roll with laughter at tonight's rescheduled Comedy Laff-off. Featured comedians will be Ron Darian, Fried Hoffer and Dave Kelly.

Tickets are \$2 with a TCU ID and \$3 without and are available at the Student Center Information Desk. The fun begins at 8 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom.

Comedy Laff-off is sponsored by the Performing Arts Committee of Programming Council.

### Weekend movies

Tonight's movie is "The Killing Fields" at 6 p.m., 9 p.m. and midnight in Moody Building 141N. Saturday's movie is "Silverado" at 7 p.m.

and 10 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom.

### Soapbox forum

The Forums Committee of Programming Council will sponsor a soapbox forum Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Student Center Lounge. Anyone can have five minutes to stand up and express his or her views on U.S. foreign policy. The forum will be monitored by a committee member.

### Yearbook staff positions

Anyone interested in serving on the 1987-88 Horned Frog Yearbook staff can pick up an application in the Student Activities Office. Positions include editor, business editor, photography editor and section editors.

For more information, call Laura Puckett at 921-7926.

### Discount ballet tickets

Discount tickets for the April 4 performance of the Fort Worth Ballet will

be available March 30 through April 4 at the Student Center Information Desk.

The performance will include "Concerto Barocco," "Calcium Light Night," "Brahms-Schoenberg Quartet" and "Divertissement Royal." Featured dancers will be Heather Watts and Jock Soto of the New York City Ballet.

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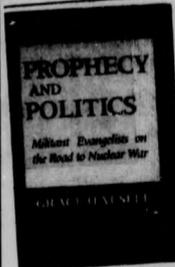
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by GRACE HALSELL



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# SPORTS



## Bodybuilder slims down for national contest

By Deborah Ferguson  
Sports Writer

To compare a mere mortal man with a divine giant may seem a little far-fetched. Unless the man is Ronnie Schwyher, a senior marketing major at TCU.

According to Greek mythology, Atlas was a Titan condemned to support the heavens on his shoulder.

Like Atlas, Schwyher has a heavy load upon his shoulders. Saturday, April 4, Schwyher will represent TCU in the Collegiate National Bodybuilding Championships in Miami Beach, Fla.

Atlas' burden was punishment for choosing the wrong side in a war. Schwyher's burden is one he carries with pleasure with the help of 20-inch biceps.

"I feel good about representing TCU. I'm not ashamed to say I'm going here whatsoever. It's known all over the country, and I'm proud to go here," Schwyher said. "I wanna win. I wanna bring the title home."

In Texas, Schwyher is well known in the bodybuilding circuit. However, he said he doesn't know whether or not anyone in Miami Beach has ever heard of him. He has never competed out of state, and this tugs on pumped nerves.

"I'm nervous as hell," he said. "It's very hard, but I'm confident. I feel

I'm gonna win. "I've never looked better in my life. I'm more cut and more harder than I've ever been. Even my coach has said if somebody beats me, he's gonna have to look damn good, and he's gonna deserve to win."

Steve Bloomberg is Schwyher's coach and the owner of Balloon's Gym, 3016 W. Pafford, where Schwyher trains.

A friend first took Schwyher to Balloon's in October 1984. With Bloomberg's guidance, he entered his first contest in March 1985.

Bloomberg remembered those early days: "At first, I really wasn't sure how good he could be, but he won his first contest with minimal preparation."

"He looked like he had a good physique to start with. You could see the potential. It wasn't refined yet, but it was something to work with," he said.

Bloomberg is also very confident of a potential victory. "As it looks right now, I see no reason why he couldn't win the overall championship."

In the 1985 Metroplex, Schwyher was a middleweight weighing 179 pounds. Currently, he weighs 205 pounds but will get down to 198 pounds to enter the Collegiate Nationals as a light heavyweight.

During off-season, the 5-foot-9-inch Schwyher said he weighs about 220 and will consume from "5,000 to

6,000 calories a day to get bigger."

"I'll eat six full meals. It's not unusual for me to go down to Wendy's and spend 10 bucks for lunch," he said.

All that eating must change when it comes competition time.

"About four months before a contest, I'll start backing off from everything. The diet gets really strict," he said.

Out go the fried foods, the salty foods and the canned vegetables. In come the baked and steamed foods, the fruits and fresh green vegetables.

Schwyher said the diet doesn't get bad until three weeks before the contest, when calorie-counting must come into play. He said he still eats five or six times a day, but the amount and type of food is very limited.

Beginning Monday, Schwyher's diet will be cut to only 500 calories a day to lose those final pounds to qualify as a light heavyweight.

Food is only one thing this student-athlete must give up. Although he is a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, he has no time for a social life. This semester Schwyher is enrolled for 15 hours. Sometimes, he said, he will miss class because he has to train.

To Schwyher, though, the disadvantages are no comparison to the advantage of winning.

"Right now, the best thing out of all

of it is winning. Winning, to me, is the most honorable thing a man can do," he said.

Despite his limited time for social involvement, Schwyher has had time for a steady girlfriend.

Schwyher and Beth Miller were long-time friends in their hometown of Bedford. Two years ago, their friendship turned to romance.

Miller, a sophomore pre-med major at UT-Arlington, said she likes Schwyher's bodybuilding and often goes with him to train.

"The biggest question people ask me is: 'Do y'all ever get to see each other?'"

"We try to see each other, if not every day, then every other day," she said.

Although Miller is supportive of Schwyher, his parents have not always been.

Three weeks before Schwyher's first contest, he told his parents he was going to enter a bodybuilding contest.

"It was kinda like, 'Ho-Hum, OK, we'll be there,'" Schwyher said.

"When I had to shave my legs, my dad just would not let me live it down. But he was the first one to pull me off that stage when I won. He had tears in his eyes."

"After that first time, they have supported me ever since. My dad is

my biggest fan."

Ellie Schwyher also remembers when her son first mentioned the bodybuilding contest.

"At first, I was in shock," she said. "Now that we've been involved in it, I'm excited. We're very supportive of him."

Seeing the work and dedication their son put into it made them change their minds, she said.

"It's not like a diet where you can go on it, then off. It's something that must be worked on constantly. It's something he's wanted, and we supported him 100 percent," Ellie Schwyher said.

She, her husband and Bloomberg will accompany Schwyher to Florida next week.

As in previous contests, Schwyher will be judged in the morning in three categories.

The first is in symmetry, in which the contestant stands semi-relaxed. The next category is compulsory. The contestant does 12 to 15 poses without music for 60 seconds. The final segment consists of mandatory poses in which the judges compare musculature.

The top contestants are selected, and they go on to the evening show. For 90 seconds, the contestant poses to music and to the audience.

"When you pose, that's your time to shine. When you're on stage, and

you hear that audience yelling, and they're not yelling for anybody else but you—it is the neatest feeling," Schwyher said.

"I guess that's why I push myself so hard, and I give up a lot of things. Winning is everything."

"When a man's up there, and they hand him that trophy, there's no better feeling in the world than to say, 'This is it. I did it.'"

Winning is not new to Schwyher. Since beginning his bodybuilding career, he has entered three contests and won.

In his first contest, the Metroplex, he entered as a middleweight weighing 179. Next was the North Texas Championships, where he was a heavyweight at 186. Eight months ago, Schwyher was a light heavyweight at 187 in the Texas Cup State Championships.

Neither Schwyher nor Bloomberg know what kind of competition awaits in Miami Beach. However, Bloomberg isn't worried.

"We're just concerned with him going in the best shape he can and have everybody else worry about him," Bloomberg said.

So as Atlas carried the heavens, so Schwyher will carry TCU into the Collegiate National Bodybuilding Championships—with the help of experience, determination, 28-inch thighs and a 29-inch waist.

## Valentine searches for replacement for retiring Toby Harrah

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. (AP)—When second baseman Jerry Browne, a native of the Virgin Islands, reported to the Texas Rangers late last season, he was so quiet teammates didn't know if he spoke English.

"I never spoke, so they thought I was a Spanish-speaking person," said Browne, trying to make the jump from Class AA to the major leagues

this season. "They would ask me 'que pasa?' (which means 'what's happening?' in Spanish) and stuff like that."

Now Texas Ranger Manager Bobby Valentine is asking 'que pasa?'

His experiment of putting Browne into a starting job so far hasn't paid off in a winning formula.

Browne hit .417 in an impressive

late season appearance with the Rangers last season, and Valentine hoped he would be the replacement for retiring Toby Harrah.

Valentine remained patient early in spring training. When Browne went hitless in his first seven at bats this spring, Valentine said, "You don't judge a player over six or seven at

bats."

But now Browne is talking, and his bat has gone silent. Browne is hitting at a .196 clip and recently ended an 0-for-16 slump.

"I think he's pressing a little right now," Rangers hitting coach Art Howe said. "He knows he has a shot at the starting job. I think he's trying a

little too hard. All he needs are a few hits."

But that was before Browne's 0-16 binge, and now Valentine has been forced to look at other alternatives.

He's played third baseman Steve Buechele at second base. An injury to infielder Jeff Kunkel has further complicated Valentine's search.

Browne led the Rangers' AA farm club at Tulsa with a .303 average and was second in the Texas League with 39 stolen bases last season.

He reported to the Rangers Sept. 5, got his first major league hit Sept. 13 and started five of the Rangers' final six games, hitting .429 over that span.

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