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## ISA to begin closing gap at first retreat

By **Leanora Minai**  
Staff Writer

The first TCU International Student Association Cultural Awareness Retreat will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday at the Dallas/Fort Worth Hilton and end at 1 p.m. Sunday.

Eighty participants, including American and international students, faculty and staff, will learn about not only a person but also a whole culture,

said Leena Daniel, president of the International Student Association.

"We are the little windows that these people peek through to see the rest of the world," Daniel said.

Daniel said the purpose of the retreat is "to allow students to have stereotypical perceptions changed."

"I'll be happy if just one or two people have their perceptions changed because I'll feel like I've accomplished something," Daniel said.

A total of 200 students from 60 different countries attend TCU said Al Mladenka, director of International Student Affairs.

Mladenka said he hopes people from different cultures will become acquainted through and with the exchange of culture at the retreat and will enhance the awareness of different cultures on the TCU campus.

Roland Rutjens, a junior political science major from the Netherlands,

said he does not think there is any cultural awareness right now. Rutjens said he wants to see a closer relationship between American and international students.

"TCU has always believed that a university is universal, and therefore, we should have students, faculty and staff from all over the world," Mladenka said.

The retreat is being funded by the Cultural Exchange Account from the

international student orientation fee, Mladenka said.

The core of the retreat will be on Saturday when participants play Bafa Bafa, a game that introduces people to different cultures.

Participants will be divided into an alpha culture and a beta culture, Mladenka said.

Visitors will be sent from one culture to the other where they will try to fit in, Daniel said.

Topics such as prejudice, international leaders, media coverage of events, Russia vs. America, nuclear war and tolerances of other religions will be discussed in groups of 10 to 12. A dinner party with a disc jockey will follow.

A voluntary interfaith church service followed by a continental breakfast, cultural exchange session and wrap-up will end the retreat on Sunday.



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Stocking up - Food stalls and rides have been set up in the Midway at the Stock Show outside Will Rogers Memorial Coliseum.

## Abortion case to be debated

By **Lucy Calvert**  
Staff Writer

Forums Committee will present a debate Tuesday between Sarah Weddington and Phyllis Schlafly on the landmark Supreme Court case Roe v. Wade, the case that made abortions legal.

Weddington, the defense attorney for Roe, has debated Schlafly before, said Program Coordinator Laura Puckett. In fact, she said, the two locked horns before a sell-out crowd last fall at the University of Texas at Austin.

Puckett said students should get their tickets as soon as possible.

"We expect the majority of them (tickets) to be sold Monday and Tuesday because there won't be many left at the door," she said.

The debate starts at 7:30 p.m. in Ed Landreth Hall. Tickets are \$2 with student I.D.

Puckett said the Forums Committee chose abortion as the debate topic because of two recent events related to the Roe v. Wade case. Last fall, Norma McCorvey, "Jane Roe," admitted she lied about the way she got pregnant—that she was not raped but had had an affair.

Former Appeals Court Judge Robert Bork also fanned the flames of the heated abortion issue by announcing that, if appointed to the Supreme Court, he would try to overturn Roe v. Wade.

Puckett said Weddington and Schlafly were asked to debate this topic because, "both of these women have such strong positions in such opposite directions."

She said the evening's format would begin with opening statements by each speaker followed by argumentation and refutation on the various aspects of the abortion issue. The last 30 minutes will be reserved for a question-and-answer session from the audience.

Puckett said question cards will be issued as people enter the doors and can be filled out and given to Forums Committee members. She said the committee members will ask the questions instead of individuals in the audience to cut down on traffic in the aisles.

"We're not going to censor any of the questions, but we don't want any repeats either," she said.

While the abortion issue reappears in the headlines periodically, the number of women having abortions has leveled off in the past few years, said Peter Brownlie, executive director for Planned Parenthood.

Although reliable statistics are not available from earlier years because reporting the number of abortions was not required by law until 1985, he said the numbers increased sharply after a Supreme Court ruling in 1973 and peaked in 1983.

He estimates the number of women having abortions is around 1.25 million per year.

## Faculty exercises during lunch

By **MariCarmen Eroles**  
Staff Writer

The lunch hour of some of TCU's faculty and staff is spent on the running track, in the pool or at the gymnasium.

These people belong to the employee fitness program offered by the departments of physical education and recreational sports.

"The goal of the program is to generate an interest with faculty and staff on physical education that they will carry with them outside," said Karen Kenney, who teaches the evening low impact aerobics and the walking classes.

Registration for the program will be

Thursday and Friday in the Rickel Building from noon to 1 p.m. and from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. The program is open to TCU faculty, staff and their spouses.

Its cost is \$20 a year and \$15 a semester, she said.

The program offers six different classes on different days of the week at noon, except for the low impact aerobics class offered in the evening.

The noon low impact aerobics class, a walking program, an aquadynamics or water aerobics class, a fit-n-firm class and fitness activities for less active people are the supervised courses offered this semester.

"We want to stimulate an interest so that they (faculty and staff) do more stuff on their own," she said.

Later on in the semester dieting and exercise seminars and a morning class called "Breakfast Club" from 7 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. will be implemented into the program, Kenney said.

This is the fifth semester the program is being offered at TCU and it is steadily getting bigger and bigger, she said.

"It has had a pretty good response," she said. "It was free until last fall but it has a small fee now."

There are about 60 people currently enrolled in the program and Kenney said there are more staff than faculty attending.

"It is a small difference. I would say about 60-40 percent," she said. "It is probably because faculty have more

problems with their schedules."

Included in the program is a fitness evaluation which measures muscular strength and endurance, cardio-respiratory endurance, flexibility and body composition or body fat, she said.

"We have a pretty fit staff," Kenney said. "We had 18 people last semester when we did the evaluation in November."

Because of the good response to the evaluation Kenney said another one would be scheduled for this semester.

Claudia Camp, assistant professor of religion studies, takes the evening low impact aerobics class. She said it was convenient and a good idea that TCU offers such programs at a low price.

## Investors aid Mexican economy

MEXICO CITY (AP) - Foreign investment in Mexico soared nearly 57 percent last year, in a gain driven largely by the government's controversial debt swap program. The United States is the nation's No. 1 foreign investor.

The National Foreign Investment Commission said late Wednesday foreign companies were authorized last year to funnel \$3.8 billion into Mexican factories, real estate, equipment and other assets, up from \$2.4 billion in 1986.

In all, direct foreign investment has grown to a total of \$20.9 billion since 1951, according to the report. Most of the money has gone into manufacturing.

The United States accounts for \$13.4 billion of the foreign capital invested in its southern neighbor, which is 64.3 percent of the total.

West Germany ranks second, with \$1.5 billion or 7 percent; Japan follows with \$1.3 billion or 6.4 percent.

Switzerland, according to the report, has invested \$951 million or 4.6 percent; Great Britain, \$871 million or 4.2 percent; and France, \$747 million or 3.6 percent.

Those six countries account for 90 percent of all foreign investment.

Mexico has traditionally sought to restrict the amount of foreign money in its factories and other projects, fearing foreign control of too much of its economy. The government gener-

ally limits foreign ownership to 49 percent of a company, thus retaining control of the firm for Mexican partners.

In recent years, however, the government of President Miguel de la Madrid has increasingly welcomed foreign money as a way to help alleviate some of its serious economic problems.

The new report shows that \$10.2 billion of the accumulated direct foreign investment—about half the total—has been authorized since de la Madrid took office in late 1982.

The Foreign Investment Commission, which is part of the Commerce and Industrial Development Department, said foreign companies were

authorized to invest \$1.8 billion in Mexico last year under the debt swap program, up from \$1.1 billion in 1986, its first year in operation.

The sophisticated financing arrangement was suspended last fall.

The program allowed international companies to buy a certain amount of the country's foreign debt from a creditor bank at a discount rate. The company then arranged with the debtor country for payment on the debt in local currency, which was then used for investment in Mexico.

However, government officials suspended the program because of fears that, through the fresh flow of money into the economy, it was adding to the troublesome inflation spiral.

## Mattox may probe Texas GOP scandal

AUSTIN (AP) - Attorney General Jim Mattox predicted Thursday that a Harris County grand jury likely would begin investigating the Republican Party's presidential petition scandal soon.

Mattox, a Democrat, also contended that the GOP's decision to allow all six major presidential candidates to be eligible for national convention delegates raises questions about the validity of the party's primary process.

"It kind of goes back to what we had in Watergate, if you recall—all's fair in politics—when it's not all fair in politics. . . . They've got themselves in a real quagmire, and it's difficult to try to resolve that problem," Mattox said.

"In all likelihood, some of these matters will be presented relatively shortly to a Harris County grand jury by the Harris County district attorney's office," Mattox added.

The Harris County district attorney in Houston and the FBI have been investigating the GOP petitions since news reports uncovered alleged forgeries on petitions filed by four candidates—Alexander Haig, Kansas Sen. Robert Dole, New York Rep. Jack Kemp and former Delaware Gov. Pete du Pont.

The party certified two other candidates for the March 8 primary ballot—Vice President George Bush and former television evangelist Pat Robertson.

But GOP Chairman George Strake said it had become "impossible" to verify signatures on

the other four petitions, and the party declared that all six were eligible for a share of Texas' 111 GOP national convention delegates.

Mattox criticized that decision. "The Republican chairman's action has brought into question the validity of the entire balloting process in Texas for the Republican Party," Mattox told a news conference.

John Weaver, executive director of the Texas GOP, was out of the office and not immediately available to comment, his secretary said. Much of the investigation has surrounded a private Houston political consulting firm which was paid to gather signatures for several campaigns.

Mattox said he thinks some of the violations alleged may be felony crimes.

"I think it's very clear that there are ways to make this matter a felony matter should the Harris County district attorney's office want to do so," Mattox said.

In another development, the "Houston Chronicle" on Thursday reported that Kevin Burnette, president of Southern Political Consulting, said the firm had no plans to reimburse the three candidates for whom it worked.

"If only life had a rewind button," Burnette told the newspaper. "This whole thing was flawed from the start. Looking back, I wish we wouldn't have touched any of them."

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## Events in brief

### MUSIC Friday

**Hydrogen City**, new music, at The HOP, 2905 W. Berry St. Show starts at 10 p.m., 923-7281 for more information.

**Leon Russel and Edgar Winter**, southern rock, at Caravan of Dreams Nightclub, 312 Houston St. Shows at 9:30 & 11:45 p.m., 877-3000 for more information.

**Daddios**, '60s and '70s music, at Music Street at West Side Stories, 3900 Hwy. 377 S. Show starts at 9:30 p.m. 560-7632 for more information.

**Alan Price and the Castaways**, '50s music, at West Side Stories, 3900 Hwy. 377 S. Show starts at 9:30 p.m. 560-7632 for more information.

### Saturday

**Hydrogen City**, new music, at The HOP, 2905 W. Berry St. Show starts at 10 p.m., 923-7281 for more information.

**Housewife's Choice**, at Caravan of Dreams Nightclub, 312 Houston St. Shows at 9:30 & 11:45 p.m., 877-3000 for more information.

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### Monday

**Max**, old rock, at The HOP, 2905 W. Berry St. Show starts at 10 p.m. 923-7281 for more information.

**Tamas Ungar**, piano, at Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium. Recital starts at 8 p.m. Admission is free.

### Tuesday

**Mike Neal**, acoustic guitar, at The HOP, 2905 W. Berry St. Show starts at 10 p.m., 923-7281 for more information.

### Wednesday

**Godzilla Bites Back**, jazz funk, at The HOP, 2905 W. Berry St. Show starts at 10 p.m., 923-7281 for more information.

### Thursday

**The Rounders**, rock, at The HOP, 2905 W. Berry St. Show starts at 10 p.m., 923-7281 for more information.

**Bugs Henderson**, blues, at Caravan of Dreams Nightclub, 312 Houston St. Shows at 9 & 11 p.m., 877-3000 for more information.

### Theater

**Noises Off**, Jan. 22 through Feb. 20, at Circle Theatre, 1227 W. Magnolia. Performances Thursday through Saturday at 8:15 p.m. 921-3040 for more information.

**Class of '62**, a musical review, through Feb. 20 at Jubilee Theatre, 3114 E. Rosedale. Performances Fridays and Saturdays at 8:15 p.m., Sundays at 3:15 p.m. Tickets are \$5 adults, \$6 students and senior citizens. 535-0168 for more information.

**Glengarry: Glen Ross**, drama, Jan. 22 through Feb. 20 at Stage West, 821 W. Vickery. Performances Wednesday through Friday at 8:15 p.m., Saturday at 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. 332-6238 for more information.

## Dancers learn under pressure

By Beth Eley  
Staff Writer

When the curtain rises this weekend in the Little Theater at Ed Landreth Hall, five graduate students will be "Up Against The Wall."

The five master's degree candidates in the ballet and modern dance department selected "Up Against The Wall" as the name for their Young Choreographer's Concert because of the amount of pressure they are feeling, said Monica Gradante, who is working on her master's degree in ballet.

"We have had to do everything for this production, but in every aspect it has been a learning experience," Gradante said.

Each graduate student is required to have 15 minutes of choreographed dance, Gradante said.

"It is up to the individual choreographer as to what they want to do with that 15 minutes," she said.

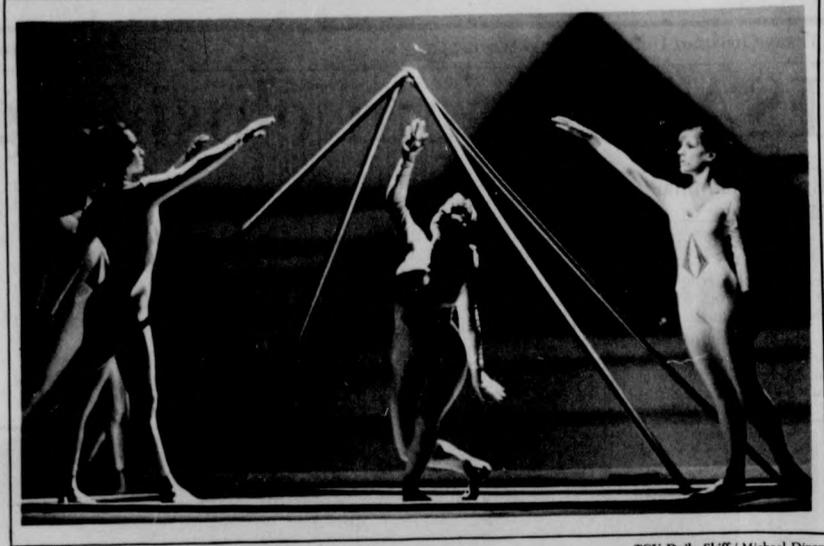
Thomas Enckell, a visiting artist and professor of ballet at TCU, said that the focus of the concert will be on the choreography rather than the performances by the dancers.

"I will be looking at the overall performance," Enckell said. "The concept will be looked at, and how they treated the concept."

Enckell said that it will be important for the choreographed material to fit well with the dances.

Because the concert is divided into segments, many of the dancers are in more than one graduate student's production. Gradante said the most difficult part of the project has been coordinating and sharing dancers.

Another problem the choreographers have had is setting rehearsal



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Aiming high - TCU dancers rehearse for this weekend's Young Choreographers' Concert.

schedules that everyone can work with, Gradante said.

"Choreographing is a totally different kind of pressure. I have had to learn how to work with all kinds of people," she said.

The graduate students held auditions for the concert in early October and there are non-dance majors as well as dance majors in the production, Gradante said.

Melanie Boyd, a junior ballet major, said she is excited about dancing in the concert.

"It's going to be a very good, diverse program," Boyd said.

Debbie Meyers, who also is working on her master's degree in ballet, said the diversity of the program will make it interesting for all audience types.

The concert will be a variety of

works. It is truly a collaboration of modern and contemporary ballet," Meyers said.

The graduate students have been having rehearsals since returning from Christmas break.

"I am pleased with the way things are going. It gets cleaner every day," Gradante said.

The production will begin at 8 p.m. Jan. 22 and 23. Admission is free.

## Stock Show, rodeo begin today

By Brooke Rose  
Staff Writer

The Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo this year is going to be larger and longer than ever before, said Publicity Director Delbert Bailey.

The Stock Show and Rodeo will run beginning today through February 7.

Five days have been added to the Stock Show, which also added five more rodeo performances. Bailey said the increase is due to the large number of interested participants and spectators.

"A number of breeding associations had made contact with us in the past, and we didn't have room," Bailey said.

Bailey said the addition of the new

equestrian center has made more stall space available for new stock.

"There's about 12 acres out there now, which replaced five acres," Bailey said. "That's more than double what we lost."

The contract for the center stated that it had to be complete in time for the rodeo, and Bailey said he is very pleased with the finished product.

Bailey said the addition of 5 new rodeo performances will give more people a chance to see it.

"Usually the rodeo sells out," Bailey said. "We wanted to help everyone."

Seven of the most outstanding stock contractors and 800 of the best cowboys will take part in the rodeo activities, he said.

"This is going to be the best rodeo that's ever been held outside the national finals," Bailey said.

Bailey said he feels confident in claiming the rodeo is going to be the best.

"It's because of our criteria," he said. "Everything has to be the best available."

To add to the "best" rodeo will also be 8,000 exhibitors with about 16,000 head of stock.

"All 17 days there will be judging of some type of livestock," Bailey said. Added to the open show competitions will be several new breeds of livestock.

Stock shows will run every day beginning about 7 a.m. The rodeo will be at 8 p.m. each day and, beginning

January 29, it also will be at 2 p.m. On Saturday, January 30, the rodeo will be at 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Tickets for grounds entrance are priced at \$3 for adults and \$1 for children. Rodeo tickets are \$6, \$8 and \$10 and include the cost of entering the grounds.

The annual All Western Parade will be Saturday.

"It will be the largest parade in the history of the stock show and Fort Worth," said Parade Chairman Chuck Shytle.

The parade will begin at 11 a.m. and last about two and a half hours if the weather is good.

The parade will start at the west parking area of the Tandy Center.

## Vietnam comedy Williams' best yet

By Troy Phillips  
Staff Writer

As airman Adrian Cronauer in "Good Morning Vietnam," Robin Williams finds a home on the big screen at last.

Being the industry's best and weirdest improvisational comic, Williams is finally able to do what his seven previous films have shot down in flames.

Attempt number eight soars above all the rest, and Williams' wacky talent translates well onto film.

Since 1980, Williams has starred in turkey after turkey, beginning with the ever-forgettable "Popeye." In "The World According to Garp," Williams proved he could play a serious role in a bad film. "Moscow on the Hudson" was his largest box-office draw, but it still wasn't Williams at his best. His last three films, "The Survivors," "The Best of Times" and "Club Paradise" had him miscast in roles that took a back seat to other characters.

It's early 1965, and Adrian Cronauer has been assigned as a discjockey at Armed Forces Radio Saigon (AFRS). His off-beat humor about the war and determination to broadcast news normally kept off the air ruffles some brass feathers. But Cronauer's choice of hip music and goofy impersonations of Richard Nixon, Mr. Ed, Walter Cronkite, Elvis, a jungle fashion consultant, and numerous other guests makes him a hit with his young draftee audience.

When the war starts to creep into Saigon from the hills, Cronauer starts to change. He becomes an emotional part of Saigon's people and the U.S. servicemen trying to protect them. Even though he doesn't have to fight for his life, the war begins to tear him apart.

Director Barry Levinson ("Diner," "Tin Men") has done a superb job of stretching Robin Williams to the boundaries of hilarity and hysteria. Credit screenwriter Mitch Markowitz when Williams is on one of his crazy rolls. Markowitz provides the dia-

logue and Williams supplies the magic.

"Good Morning Vietnam" is the first Vietnam War comedy, but it's a straight comedy. Williams' versatility in serious situations is convincing and moving in several scenes of the movie. Adrian Cronauer, the voice of Vietnam, is eventually overcome by the bureaucracy, suffering, and proximity of the war, with humor as his only outlet. Williams is brilliant in pulling this off.

This film just may be the comic performance of the year, and one of America's most outrageous goofballs makes this straight comedy very special with his own trademark and style. No one could have done a better job.

Don't wait and plan to see "Good Morning Vietnam" at the dollar theater. It's one of the few recent releases worth your five bucks. Catch it now before it passes you by.

And since I don't like using stars or thumbs for rating a movie, I'll use cigars.

For Barry Levinson, Mitch Markowitz, Robin Williams and "Good Morning Vietnam," give all four of them five cigars.

## Comedian performs

By Brooke Rose  
Staff Writer

Programming Council's Concerts Committee is sponsoring a TGIF event today at noon in the Student Center lounge.

Comedian Dave Rudolf from Chicago will be performing a one-hour comedy show for lunchtime entertainment.

Rudolf has been performing in schools that are members of the National Association of Campus Activities for the past 15 years, said Logan Hampton, program adviser.

The decision to have a comedian

perform during the lunch-hour is a popular one, said concerts chairperson Reese Anne Sims.

"Comedians have been very successful during noontime shows," Sims said.

Sims said she feels the reason for their success is that they do not require undivided attention.

"You don't have to be there the whole show," Sims said. "You can just stop in for a few minutes and still be entertained."

Sims says she hopes people will stay for the whole performance.

Today's show is just one of the many activities that Programming Council has planned for TGIF.

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# COMMENTARY

## Party disposes of rules when not advantageous

By Brad Vanderbilt  
Columnist



Following the course of the 1988 presidential campaigns has been an arduous task lately. The past week has been especially unkind to GOP candidates.

After days of turmoil and confusion, candidate Pierre "Pete" du Pont IV, seems to have emerged, barely. Transcendent problems of both political parties can be traced through the recent difficulties of this dark horse of the Republican party.

Du Pont, who was the first candidate to announce his intention to make a bid for the White House, has trailed far behind Republican front runners. Until recently though, his campaign has seen relatively few setbacks.

Troubles first began for du Pont when newspaper columnist Anne Marie Kilday discovered her father's name and signature on a petition for the candidate.

Kieran Kilday, her father, was a lifelong Democrat. He also died in 1983.

Initially, Fred Stern of the du Pont campaign commented in the "Austin American-Statesman" that he believed faulty signatures and the FBI investigation would not endager du Pont's ballot status in Texas.

"We think our petitions are good. We have more than enough signatures to qualify. Apparently, there were scatter situations where people say they did not sign it," he said.

Indeed, at least one of those who "signed" was dead.

"Even so," he continued, "we have enough signatures to stay on the ballot," he said.

Rosanne Robertson was later relieved of her duties as a paid worker for the du Pont campaign, for allegedly forging signatures on du Pont petitions.

Robertson responded by claiming to possess a recording in which Tim Hyde, a top du Pont political director, acknowledged that he forged signatures and taught her to write forgeries herself.

"A du Pont campaign official confirmed that Hyde was in Houston when the signatures were allegedly forged during a January 2 signing session, but said Hyde was not involved in any wrongdoing," reported the *Houston Post*.

January 16, however, du Pont withdrew from the Texas Primary. There was no evidence that he knew of the forgeries.

Still, it seems just a little disconcerting to hear that popular political refrain: "no evidence that he knew..."

No presidential candidate could be held responsible for the actions of all his supporters. Candidates do, though, have a responsibility to assert and maintain ethical standards.

When events such as those suffered by du Pont occur, candidates are bound by responsibility to pursue the truth and assert fair play.

This doesn't necessarily mean that candidates have to pursue this truth for "truth's sake." In a realistic sense though, it would seem to the candidate's advantage to know, for whatever purpose, noble or otherwise, what exactly the people who work for him are doing.

When a candidate fails to exercise good judgment in this process, he must accept whatever political liabilities come his way.

At one time, Texas GOP Executive Director John Weaver reflected a similar attitude, saying, "We hope that Senator Dole is on the ballot, and Haig and du Pont, but if they get knocked off, it will be because of their own campaign problems."

But that was then. Two days after du Pont withdrew, however, the Republican Party announced it was ending its investigation of the forged petition allegations. The party also said that all six Republican candidates will be able to take part in the March 8 Super Tuesday primary and to receive delegates.

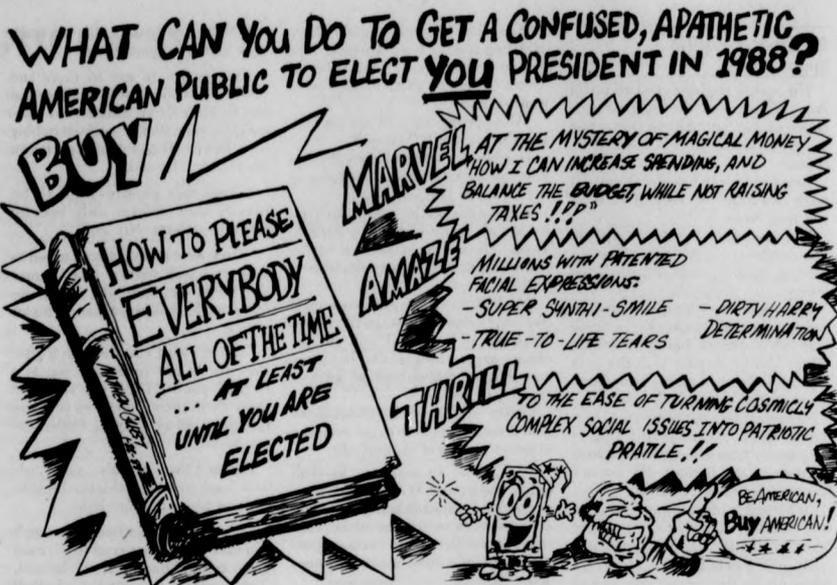
Du Pont's campaign is alive, if not well, in Texas.

If du Pont is to continue in a serious quest for the White House, he must first thoroughly investigate and put to rest questions of impropriety within his own ranks.

Just as Gary Hart's inability to manage the problems resulting from his tryst with Donna Rice reflected poorly on his ability to govern, du Pont's failure to properly deal with allegations raised against his campaign could adversely affect his chances in the '88 election.

The problems of Pete du Pont's campaign serve but to point out larger problems within his party. What message does the Republican Party convey when it announces that it no longer intends to play by its own rules?

Such a decision seems to suggest that when rules become inconvenient, it is perfectly acceptable to abandon them. That is a poor precedent for Republican candidates to follow.



## Contras are terrorists not 'freedom fighters'

By Greg Davis  
Guest Columnist



A year ago I hopped on a plane and flew to Guatemala, and later to Nicaragua. My briefcase was full of political rhetoric from the left and the right, and I had enough questions to last quite awhile.

I have returned to Texas sorrowed by my experience.

As a long-term volunteer with Witness for Peace, a faith-based group of North Americans working inside Nicaragua, I traveled freely through the war-ravaged countryside of Nicaragua for eight months, unhindered by government officials.

I spent my days documenting human rights abuses by the contras and by the Sandinista government, and participating in the daily lives of Protestant and Roman Catholic Christians in the area of Nueva Guinea.

Several things became very clear to me as time passed.

First, ideological gloss cannot slime over the contra's continued and systematic abuse of human rights. The use of the term "freedom fighters" to refer to the contras confuses simplistic rhetoric with bloody reality.

People who murder, rape, kidnap and torture doctors, teachers, social workers and farmers should be called what they are—terrorists.

Second, the contras are not national heroes in Nicaragua. No one I talked to praised their activities, which include such socially responsible acts as destroying medical clinics, schools, electrical lines and bridges.

The contras are not trying to defeat the Nicaraguan army. They



This jeep, driven by civilians, was destroyed by contras using weapons supplied by the United States.

wish to drive the entire country into the dirt in hopes that they can salvage power.

The Sandinistas' flaws have been dutifully reported in the U.S. press. For instance, the large number of "political prisoners" held in Nicaraguan jails, the political nature of the army and of education and the government's good relations with many socialist countries are common knowledge.

Each of these concerns needs to be framed in the context of a bloody civil war, the Central American situation and a U.S.-imposed embargo.

In the context of Central America, having a large number of people in prison could actually speak well of the government. In many other Central American countries, the opposition has historically been simply eliminated by death squads, supplied with U.S. arms and training.

In a recent *New York Times* article, a spokesperson for Americas Watch, a New York-based human rights group, said "I have never seen a case in which the United States government is so deeply linked to the human rights abuses of a government as in Honduras."

I encourage you to become informed about Central America. Witness for Peace has published a booklet that describes in gruesome detail the activities of the contras from February to July of 1987. Copies of this report can be purchased for \$5 from Witness for Peace, P.O. Box 29497, Washington, D.C. 20017.

He was speaking of the U.S.-trained death squads of Honduras and their supposed involvement in the murder of Angel Pavon, director of the regional office of the Honduran Human Rights Commission. Other examples could easily be lifted from El Salvador and Guatemala.

## United States should leave Nicaragua to Nicaraguans

By MariCarmen Eroles  
Columnist



We celebrated Martin Luther King Jr. and what he stood for this week. Freedom, equality and peace were mentioned often.

How can we celebrate those concepts that King fought so hard for and still not allow a country to freely choose the path it wants to follow?

I am referring to Nicaragua. The war still goes on, and the U.S. Senate is getting ready to vote on Feb. 4 on yet another bill of aid to the contras.

The people in Nicaragua are not getting much freedom to decide what they want or do not want to do. And they are also not getting a great amount of peace.

Somehow non-interventionism seems to have been forgotten—not to say anything about respect for other people's rights.

I agree that the president or the political system the people of Nicaragua have chosen might not be the best one possible by American standards, but it is their choice.

They fought for a revolution; they held elections, and most of the people are happy with the new regime. The choice of government should not be made by the Soviet Union, the United States or any other country.

Assistant Secretary of State Elliott Abrams said the peace concessions offered by Nicaragua's president Daniel Ortega were "a ploy to defeat the vote" which the Senate will hold Feb. 4.

But if the contra movement is really as strong as President Reagan wants us to believe, let it prove itself by standing on its own without help from the United States.

If the people really support it and freely choose the movement's ideals for their own, then let them. But it is wrong for any country to impose its ideals and values on another one.

I know people who have gone to Nicaragua and spent time with the people, and they have been told the people want peace.

Again, I am not saying either political or economic system is right or wrong, but it is wrong for other countries to try to force one or the other of them on the people of Nicaragua.

The United States should stop military aid to the contras so whichever government the people of Nicaragua decide to choose will be able to restore order and progress in the country.

Pete du Pont, Republican presidential candidate, has said that "Nicaragua is a laboratory to test the American will."

Nicaragua is not a laboratory for anyone and neither are its people. Like American citizens, they want to live in as much peace as possible.

More and more countries in Central and South America have gotten involved with Nicaragua's cause because they fear one day the United States will try to "help them gain freedom" also.

Communism might not be the right answer for their situation, but the United States is not the right answer either, especially when the people of Nicaragua are so against the idea of imperialism.

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# Athletes budget time for social life

By Deena Pippin  
Sports Writer

The hollow ring of a sole basketball swishing through the hoop is evidence of the lone athlete perfecting his game in the gym, shrouded by silence.

Being the point guard isn't easy. It takes dedication. It takes hard work and long hours.

It can be lonely. Sure, in a coliseum filled with cheering, excited fans it's hard to imagine a star athlete being lonely.

But while most students are enjoying a free afternoon after a tough morning of classes, junior basketball player Danny Hughes is in the gym where the rows of empty seats stare down at him like a blank face.

And when he's not practicing, he's usually in the classroom or trying to keep up with his schoolwork because it's easy to get behind. He doesn't have much time to socialize.

"It's hard to find time," Hughes said recently, "but that's just part of being an athlete. You've got to do it."

He was watching the Lady Frogs warm up for their game. He looked comfortable in his blue and red sweats. A TCU ball cap was pulled over his disheveled blond hair.

He looked like he'd probably been sweating from a hard workout. The legs on his 6-ft. body were propped up on the empty chair in the row in front of him.

"Most people say I'm not six feet, but I'm right at it," he said.

Hughes is a native of a small Texas town and a transfer student from an even smaller junior college.

He transferred this year from Trinity Valley Junior College in Athens, Texas. He said he misses his hometown friends but feels comfortable at TCU.

"At TCU the atmosphere is kind of like my junior college as far as the smallness of it. I think you get the chance to meet a lot of folks, but in my case I haven't been able to get out much," he said.

Other athletes sometimes have problems finding time to get involved in other aspects of campus life.

W.C. Nix, an assistant football coach and former TCU football player, said it is difficult being a student athlete because of the time constraints of athletics and because people sometimes have misconceptions about athletes.

"You have to earn the respect of the students," Nix said. "It's just like everything. You've got a lot of people,

and there's a few guys that can really give you a bad name."

"You've got to get in there and you've got to show these students that you're not only an athlete but (you) excel in your studies and everything else. In a lot of cases you've got to win them over," he said.

Sometimes people want to be friends with athletes only because they are athletes, Nix said.

"They want to say 'Hey, I talked to such and such today,' just because they're in the limelight a lot," he said, "and football players are in it a lot of times."

"But it's what you do with it after they try to just recognize you as a football player. Then you've got to show them there's more to you than just going out and playing football every Saturday," he said.

Nix said there are also some girls who want to meet athletes because athletes are in the limelight.

"I think I've walked past some girls and said 'hi' to them, and they've not given me the time of day," he said, "but then they find out I'm a football player in a setting or a group and all of a sudden, hey, they're buddy-buddy with me."

"That's not a big number. There's a lot of girls that it doesn't matter if you're a football player or not. After all that's gone, you've got to show them what you are as a person."

"You meet some girls that have no clue about football," he said. "When I met my wife, I told her I was a football player, and she went and looked it up. I just walked on, and she thought I was lying to her."

Men's head basketball coach Moe Iba said some people will be drawn to athletes because they are successful, but it should not matter to real friends.

"I think when they come to school they have to realize that they'll get some individual attention because of maybe being a football or basketball or baseball player or whatever," Iba said, "but when they're away from doing that, I think they should consider themselves just the basic student."

Athletes should get involved in activities outside of sports, Iba said, but time limits them.

"I think you have to get involved with other people on the campus because that's part of your education. You're not going to be an athlete all of your life," he said. "You've got to learn to deal with other people."



TCU Daily Skiff / Rob Robbins  
Athlete's other lives - Danny Hughes and other TCU athletes say it's hard to find time for other activities.

## Making football selections with Shermer family methods

By Robin Shermer  
Sports Columnist



So your favorite pro football team didn't make it to the Super Bowl and you are having trouble deciding who to root for on Jan. 31?

Fear no more. My family has come up with a few ways to choose a team to support.

My family are such football fanatics that their priority on Christmas day is to watch the college bowl games first and to open presents second.

My cousins always root for Oklahoma, my grandfather for Arkansas, my dad for Alabama and being from Tennessee my brother and I are for the Tennessee Vols.

But when it comes down to the end of the college season my family is lost about whom to root for in the professional leagues. We don't have a tie to any pro team like we do with the NCAA teams.

So we each have created our own methods of choosing a pro team to root for.

Let's start with grandpa's Closest Relative theory.

He will swear that some long-lost relative lives in one of the city's of one of the teams playing. For instance, because Uncle Joe Bill twice removed lives in New Orleans, Grandpa rooted for the Saints until the bitter end two weeks ago.

Now he claims my grandmother's aunt Gertrude lives in Denver with her boy Elroy, so he is for the Broncos winning the Super Bowl.

Theory number two belongs to the man who pays for me to come to TCU and write this stuff, Dad. His idea is if two pro teams are playing, you choose the team of the state that is closest to our home.

For example, in the Super Bowl Dad will be for the Washington Red-

skins because D.C. is closer to our home in Tennessee than Denver.

Number three of football philosophies is the Fashion theory by my mom. You can just guess how this one works.

She whips out the old color charts to see which team's uniforms best go with her "color season."

She will be rooting with Dad for the Redskins on Jan. 31 because their colors of maroon, gold and white mesh with her chart better than the Broncos' orange, blue and white.

She is always a great fan of the Los Angeles Rams who are gold and royal blue saying, "God created royal blue just for me." But alas the Rams didn't even make it to the playoffs this year.

Now brother Ben is a gambling man and he decides who to root for based on who he is betting on. This year Denver is favored by three over the Skins and Ben is going with the line. He will be drinking beer with grandpa and rooting for the Broncos.

As for cousin Christy her method is purely a physical one. She thinks John Elway is "just the dreamiest looking quarterback next to Joe Montana. She'll be in the Bronco bullpen with Ben and grandpa.

And as for me, my theory is to root for the underdog when I don't really care who wins. So I'll join Mom and Dad on the couch and go with the Redskins tying up the family at three for Denver, three for Washington.

There you have the Shermer family philosophies on picking a team to support. None are foolproof methods, but they sure come in handy when your favorite team sucked the proverbial egg this season and you're forced to pick sides at a Super Bowl party.

Or when your girlfriend wants to root for a team but doesn't know a thing about football.

Or when you watch no football whatsoever but there is nothing else on TV Sunday afternoon and evening.

Or .....

## Ready for a share of the limelight

By Robin Shermer and  
Jerry Madden  
Sports Writers

When you run to next to some of the best in the nation, it's easy to get overlooked.

Take the case of the TCU women's track team. Right now the TCU men's track team has, undoubtedly, grabbed all the attention with some of the best runners in the nation.

But the women hope to claim their own share of the limelight this year.

In their first meet of the season, the TCU women's track team will compete in the Sooner Indoor Invitational in Oklahoma City, OK.

The team's toughest competition will not be any one team but the clock, said the women's track coach John McKenzie.

In track, individual times are stressed over team records as a way to get to compete in the NCAA invitionals.

"We try to qualify individuals or relays to the national meet in March," he said.

McKenzie said the Flyin' Frogs will run against Oklahoma, two or three Southwest Conference teams, two or three Big Eight teams and other teams from the west.

"As our first meet we are out to test ourselves and see where we stand. We're not worried with how well the other teams do," McKenzie said.

"We had a good fall season and I am very impressed with how everyone is working so far," he said.

A Flyin' Frog who looks good toward qualifying for nationals is Rebecca Allison, who came in fourth in the NCAA championships in the 1,500-meter run last year and in 1986. She was TCU outstanding athlete for last year and won TCU's outstanding Academic Award.

"Rebecca's goal is to qualify in the mile run this year," McKenzie said. "She also has a great chance in qualifying in the 800-meter run."

McKenzie said a new event, the 200-meter dash, has been added to the indoor roster this year, and junior Lisa Ford has an excellent chance.

"This will be a very good event for her because she qualified for the outdoor national championships in the 200-meter dash and she also qualified for the 55-meter dash, too," he said.

The 3200-meter relay with Karen Spears, Lesley Croxton, Debby Devine, and Rebecca Allison and the 1600m relay with Michelle Stewart, Lisa Ford, Vonda Morgan and Karen Spears have opportunities to do well this year, McKenzie said.

"I think both of these relays can qualify for nationals. They both have a lot of talent," he said.

Devine said the women have been going through some hard workouts preparing for this meet.

"We've been working out hard all this week and last getting ready," she said.

According to Devine, this meet is more of a test to see what the

women need to improve upon for the rest of the year.

"This is a sort of trial and error meet," she said. "The first meet is always hard. It's like a trial meet to see where you're at."

Another runner who McKenzie said is moving up and showing possibilities of qualifying is Vonda Morgan, a transfer student from Southwest Texas State who has just become eligible for meets this spring.

Morgan was a standout basketball player at Southwest Texas State and holds her high school record in the 400-meter run as an all-state selection at South Oak Cliff High School in Dallas.

Others are freshmen Michelle Stewart and Sonya Jolley in the sprinter to quarter mile events, and walk-on freshmen Michelle Fenner and Jennifer Wagon.

Fenner said as a walk-on from St. Louis her main goal is to try and make the team.

"My first goal is to be kept on the team," Fenner said. "After that I'm just trying to get better."

## SIDELINES

### Tennis

The men's tennis team is competing in the Palm Springs Adidas Classic in Palm Springs, California. They will finish the competition Sunday.

### Track

The TCU track team will compete in the Sooner Indoor Invitational in

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma this Saturday. It is the first major indoor competition for the team this season.

### Swimming

The Horned Frog men's and women's swimming teams will compete here tonight against Kansas State at 6 p.m. The men's team will take on Drury College Saturday here.

### Golf

The women's golf team will compete in the OSU-Guadalajara golf competition today and tomorrow in Guadalajara, Mexico.

### Basketball

The men's basketball team travels to Austin to play the Texas Longhorns. The game will start at 7:35 and will be televised by HSE.

### Intramurals

Bowling competition takes place today at Forest Park Lanes at 4 p.m.

Signups for men's and women's in-nertube water polo end today. Coed signups will continue through next Friday. All entries should be turned into the Intramurals office in the Rickle Center.

Signups for the "Frog Fit"ness program are also due today.

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# SPORTS

## Flyin' Frogs ready to repeat success

By Randy Hargrove  
Sports Writer

TCU's Flyin' Frog track team is ready to take off this Saturday as they open the indoor track season at the Sooner Indoor Invitational in Oklahoma City, Ok.

By the time the Frogs land in June, hopes are high that another indoor and outdoor national ranking, perhaps even a national championship, will have been achieved.

This year, TCU Head Track and Field Coach Bubba Thornton welcomes back a men's team that finished third in the nation behind Texas and the University of California at Los Angeles at last spring's NCAA Outdoor Championships in Baton Rouge, La.

"As far as team title, that's our best finish ever," Thornton said. "We've finished in the top 15 on three other occasions."

TCU also finished in the top 20 after last year's indoor track season. But how strong is this year's TCU track team? No one graduated off last year's team and the Flyin' Frogs return eight members who have gained All-America status.

"On paper we should be pretty good, and that's not to take anything away from our competition, because we respect our competition," Thornton said, "but we've got a long way to go."

Returning intact is a 400-meter relay team that won the NCAA Outdoor Championship for the second consecutive year. The team has won 20 consecutive races dating back to April 4, 1986, and owns the NCAA collegiate record of 38.46, set June 6, 1986, at the NCAA Outdoor Championships in Indianapolis, Ind.

Thornton said he is proud of what the relay team had done.

"I think it's a credit to the kids," Thornton said. "They've worked for the team."

Thornton said in addition to the 400-meter relay team, the sprints would once again be the strength of this year's team.

Heading the list of returning sprinters is senior sprint relay anchor Raymond Stewart.



Raymond Stewart

Stewart, a native of Kingston, Jamaica, is the reigning NCAA 100-meter dash champion and is the No. 4 ranked sprinter in the world by "Track and Field News." He won a silver medal in the 400-meter relay at the 1984 Summer Olympic games in Los Angeles, finished sixth in the 100 at the '84 Olympics, and is an All-America in the 100, 200, 400 relay, and the 60.

"As far as an athlete, Raymond Stewart has accomplished quite a bit," Thornton said. "I think the thing that is so important is he's a team person. It's no doubt when you have the number four sprinter in the world on your team it's a boost."

Also returning in sprints are seniors Andrew Smith, Leroy Reid, Roscoe Tatum, Steve Crumpton and juniors Byron Ferguson, Greg Sholars and Tony Allen.

Smith is a Kingston, Jamaica, native and an All-America on the 400 relay where he ran the second leg. He has run the 100, 200 and 400 for the Flyin' Frogs in the past and has personal bests of 10.18, 20.65 and 46.30.

Reid, also a Kingston, Jamaica, native, will only have eligibility for the 1988 indoor season. Reid has achieved All-America status in the 400 and 800 relays.

Tatum, an All-America in the 400 relay and 60, ran the leadoff leg on



Greg Sholars

TCU's 400 relay team. He won the 100 at the Florida Relays in Gainesville, Fla., last March with a time of 10.29 seconds. His career best time in the 100 is 10.08.

Crumpton has run the 60 and 100 dashes for the Frogs in the past and was an All-America on 1985 NCAA championship mile relay team. Thornton said he will be vying for a spot on the Frogs' mile relay team this year.

Thornton said Ferguson will also compete for a spot on TCU's mile relay team.

Sholars, a Fort Worth native, has earned All-America status on the 400-relay team, where he runs the third leg, and in the 100 where he finished sixth in the nation at last year's NCAA Outdoor Championships.

Allen returns after finishing ninth for TCU in the 400 at last year's NCAA Championships. He has gained All-America honors on TCU's mile-relay team and has personal bests of 20.41 in the 200 and 45.23 in the 400.

Besides Allen in the 400, Thornton welcomes back senior Michael Cannon. Cannon, who redshirted last year due to a hamstring injury, gained All-America status in 1986 by finishing fourth in the 400 at the NCAA Outdoor Championships with a time of 45.38.

In addition to the sprints, Thornton said he is hoping the 800, with senior David Campbell and sophomore J.T. McManus, will add strength to TCU's team.

"We're looking for some points this year from David and J.T. in the 800," Thornton said.

Thornton said the recent loss of 1,500m runner Richard Ramirez, who was struck by a car while jogging last week, will be a big loss to the team. "Richard was at the point where he was ready to make a run at the standards (qualifying times set by the NCAA)," Thornton said.

Rounding out the list of competitors on the team is sophomore high jumper Daniel Cochran, sophomore distance runner John Meyer, junior pole vaulter David Pope, sophomore 800 runner Richard Turk, and freshman quartermiler Steve Rodgers.

Thornton said he has enjoyed working with this group of athletes.

"I'm extremely proud of these guys," Thornton said. "They're great athletes and people all over the world respect their talents. They've really brought a lot of attention to track and field."

Thornton said he sees Arkansas as the favorite in the SWC this year.

But once the SWC meet ends anything can happen as the NCAA Championships roll around. Last year when TCU finished third in the nation, it finished ahead of five schools that defeated it in conference.

"In a conference meet, there's only nine schools," Thornton said. "In the national meet, you're getting more elite runners in every event. The points we score at the conference level we're going to score at the national level."

To earn a trip to the national level, Thornton said, certain qualifying standards set by the NCAA must be met. Last year, five Flyin' Frogs met those standards.

"If you can qualify one person in the national championships in any event, it's a good season," he said. "When you qualify five or six people, it becomes an interesting season."

For the TCU Flyin' Frog track team, '88 could be an interesting season indeed.

## Graf, Evert meet in finals

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) - Steffi Graf had her wish come true Thursday when Chris Evert beat Martina Navratilova in the semifinals of the Australian Open tennis championships.

Graf, who beat Claudia Kohde-Kilsch in the other semifinal, was hoping to meet Evert in Saturday's final.

"The last couple of times we have played, I have played well against her," the 18-year old West German said of Evert. "The

good thing is that if you are playing her, you really get into your rhythm. Against Martina it's a different story."

Graf, the world's top-ranked female player, has reason to be confident against No. 3 Evert. After losing their first six matches, she has beaten Evert four straight times without losing a set.

"I guess I hit my forehands a little bit harder than Chris," Graf said. "She has an advantage on her backhand, but I think I go for the shots more."

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## TCU Cadet Profile

### JOHN K. HAYHURST



AGE: 24  
HOME: Amarillo, Texas  
CLASSIFICATION: TCU senior, majoring in economics  
ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Kappa Sigma Fraternity Treasurer, Army ROTC Scholarship recipient, graduate of U.S. Army Paratroop School (Fort Benning, GA) and Jungle Operations Course (Panama), successfully completed Cadet Troop Leader Training Program (Fort Sill, OK), member of state champion Ranger Challenge team, Winner of Physical Fitness Excellence Award, presently TCU Cadet Battalion Intelligence Officer (Cadet Captain).

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# Clerk suspected of theft, forgery

DALLAS (AP) - A former federal court clerk who has been indicted in connection with the theft of \$108,000 from a court safe was expected to surrender to authorities.

Rick Roberts, 24, was indicted Wednesday on charges he misused his government position to obtain the cash that had been used as evidence in a drug case and with forging signatures on two documents.

Roberts, one of the youngest federal courtroom clerks in the nation when he was hired two years ago, has been living in Oklahoma and probably will surrender, said Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard Stephens. Roberts resigned his post last October during the investigation into the missing cash.

He was employed by U.S. District Judge Jerry Buchmeyer.

Buchmeyer declined comment on the indictment, but Judy Madden, his administrative assistant, said she worked with Roberts for more than two years.

"Everyone is upset and hurt since the investigation started," she said.

U.S. Attorney Marvin Collins said Wednesday that the disappearance of evidence from a federal court is "the

only known instance of conduct of this type" in Dallas.

The cash was not discovered missing for more than a year, leading Collins to say he doubts that it will be recovered intact.

Authorities realized that the money was missing last June when an investigator in the drug case asked that the money be turned over to the government.

The cash had last been seen when a federal prosecutor waved it in front of a jury in a drug trial that ended April 16, 1986.

The money had then been placed in a vault maintained by Roberts, officials said. Authorities have since changed the system for keeping cash in storage, officials said.

Roberts also was indicted on charges of forging the signatures of a district court clerk and former Chief Judge Halbert O. Woodward in order to obtain authorization to carry a firearm.

He is also accused of forging the signatures of Buchmeyer and the deputy director of the U.S. Marshal's Service on letters recommending that he be appointed a special deputy U.S. marshal.

# Highway robbery may profit victims

HOUSTON (AP) - A proposed settlement of a lawsuit filed by motorists who claim they were victimized in a highway robbery plot organized by a former sheriff would provide \$1,500 to each plaintiff.

San Jacinto County, while admitting no wrongdoing, would pay up to \$250,000 to settle the class action lawsuit filed in 1982, according to a proposal released Wednesday.

The proposal states the county will compensate people whose civil rights were violated by former Sheriff James C. "Humpy" Parker or his cohorts in a trap set for motorists on U.S. 59 in San Jacinto County.

U.S. District Judge Norman Black set a March 25 hearing to determine whether to approve the proposal.

The 1982 suit was filed on behalf of people who were the victims of sheriff's deputies, bondsmen or wrecker drivers in the highway trap.

Parker and his deputies, the suit

alleged, operated a lucrative "marijuana trap" to stop motorists without legal cause, steal drugs, weapons and other belongings, jail the motorists and charge them an average of \$400 for their release.

Parker was convicted in 1983 of using water torture to violate prisoners' civil rights and is serving a 10-year term in a federal prison. In 1984, he pleaded guilty to depriving motorists of their civil rights and was given a concurrent five-year sentence.

Prosecutors claimed Parker reaped at least \$50,000 in bond fees and perhaps an additional \$50,000 in court fines he pocketed.

According to the proposed settlement, San Jacinto County will pay \$40,000 per year for up to seven years or until each member of the class has received \$1,500, whichever comes first. Parker and six other men also are defendants in the suit, but they are not included in the settlement.

# Mexico delays naming envoy

MEXICO CITY (AP) - Mexico will not immediately replace its ambassador to Honduras, who has been the target of criticism in the Central American nation, the government news agency Notimex reported.

The news agency, quoting unidentified official sources, said Wednesday night that Ambassador Francisco Correa Villalobos would be replaced by Jose Ibarra, who will hold the post

of charge d'affaires in the Mexican Embassy in Honduras.

In Tegucigalpa, the Honduran capital, a military source said Thursday that Correa had irritated the high command which had accused him of intervening in the nation's internal affairs.

Correa had been ambassador to Honduras since May 1985.

# NEWSLINES

## Jurors deliberate baby-sitter trial

FORT WORTH (AP) - Jurors began deliberating Thursday in the case of a baby-sitter charged with killing a 2-year-old girl.

Sheila Arthur, 46, has pleaded innocent by reason of insanity, and her attorney, Charles Baldwin, says Arthur was having a seizure when the child was injured.

Authorities said Anna Smith suffered at least six blows to the head while in Arthur's care Aug. 22, 1986, and died two days later at a Fort Worth hospital.

Jurors must decide if Arthur acted intentionally or knowingly in the incident.

The jury heard final arguments in the four-day trial Thursday morning and began deliberating about 11 a.m., said court bailiff Yvette Johnson.

A Dallas psychiatrist testified Wednesday that Arthur knew what she was doing but probably did not deliberately try to kill or injure the toddler.

"She just exploded . . . She wanted her (the child) to shut up. I don't think her thoughts or intentions were, 'I'm going to kill this child,'" Dr. James Grigson said.

Grigson, who testified for the state, said the woman knew her conduct was wrong. He said she is not mentally ill and does not appear to have an organic brain disorder.

Dr. Clay Griffith, a Dallas psychiatrist who testified for the defense, said Arthur was and is mentally ill. He said she was in a seizure when the child was fatally injured.

## Police tampering stirs controversy

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP) - The attorney for a policeman facing dismissal over the arrest and release of a former assistant police chief's son has challenged the administrator to take a polygraph test to clear up the controversy.

Sgt. Billy Anders is facing indefinite suspension after Arthur Toscano, son of former Assistant Police Chief Alfred Toscano, was arrested on driving while intoxicated charges, failed an Intoxilyzer test, but was released and driven home by officers.

The young man's name also was taken off the breathalyzer test log.

The senior Toscano, who had been called at home after his son's arrest, gave up his post amid the controversy and has been reas-

signed to head a police substation.

Toscano maintains he did not order anyone to release his son and claims Anders decided on a discretionary release.

Anders has taken a polygraph test and his attorney, Bill McQuillen, has challenged Toscano to do the same.

Toscano, who released a statement earlier this week absolving himself of any wrongdoing, has declined further comment.

Anders, who said he passed the lie detector test, has told investigators he released the young man and had the arrest record altered because he thought that was what Toscano wanted him to do.

McQuillen said Anders was tested by a private operator in Austin and that the results would be shown to Police Chief William O. Gibson when Anders meets with the chief in the next few days.

## Governor names new state counsel

AUSTIN (AP) - Gov. Bill Clements on Thursday appointed C. Kingsbery Ottmers to the post of Public Utility Counsel, the state lawyer who represents residential and small business ratepayers in telephone and electricity rate cases.

Ottmers has been an assistant general counsel for the Texas Railroad Commission for the past year.

She replaces Geoffrey Gay, whose term expired last year but who continued to serve until his replacement was named.

Clements called the job "one of the most vital in assuring Texans complete access and involvement in one of the most important regulatory areas, the setting of utility rates."

Gay and his predecessor, Jim Boyle, actively battled against major rate increase requests filed with the Public Utility Commission.

Ottmers "has ably demonstrated her strengths in the regulatory arena," according to the governor.

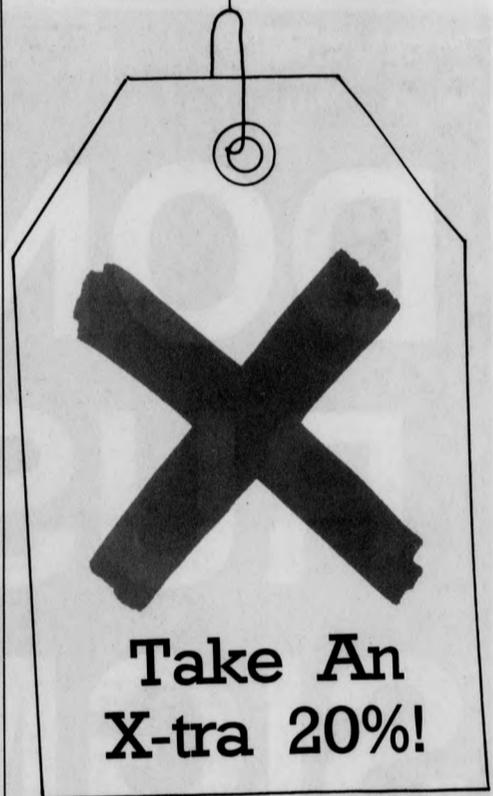
"Those strengths, combined with a marked concern for the fair representation of all Texans in the utility rate-setting process, team to make her an excellent choice for this position," Clements said.

Ottmers is a graduate of Texas A&M and the Texas Tech law school. She previously served as Kimble County attorney and worked as a city attorney for Junction.

She later worked in the transportation division of the Railroad Commission, serving as a hearing examiner in license and rate cases.

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