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Cold blow - Left, Carrie Menees and Raquel Youngker, right, bundle up as a cold front blows through.

## House reviews ISA resolution

By Lisa Touye  
Staff Writer

A bill creating three new seats in the House of Student Representatives and a resolution supporting International Students Association were tabled at the House meeting Tuesday evening.

The bill, which would create one voting seat each for Black Student Caucus, International Student Association and Organization for Latin American Students, was presented by Seth Winick, chairperson of the University Relations Committee.

The bill would have the seats created for a one-year term after which the House would evaluate the effectiveness of the seats, student body president Lee Behar said. After that, constitutional legislation would be presented in accordance with those results.

Anne Winkler, chairperson of the Elections committee, asked what the difference was between ISA and Cultures United.

"Cultures United is an emerging and forming group," Winick said. "I do not know what the difference is."

Winkler then moved to table the bill.

"If you are as violently opposed to this bill as I am, meet with me after the meeting," said Steven Partain.

The resolution on supporting ISA was tabled after questions were raised

as to exactly what type of support they were talking about.

In other business, Behar said more than 100 student responses on pluses and minuses being added to the grading system were given to the Academic Excellence committee for their information. Most students were against the proposal, he said.

The committee said if the pluses and minuses were implemented, it would start in a new catalog year and with a new freshman class, he said.

A four- to six-week or semester-long artist-in-residence program is being considered for poet b.f. maiz, who came to campus for Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday.

Susan Batchelor, head of Student Activities, said the idea came from a combination of students and administrators. Batchelor said the Interfraternity Council originally proposed having maiz come back and that Black Student Caucus and athletes on campus were also for it.

Behar asked the House to consider funding part of it. He said the estimated cost of having maiz on campus to teach workshops and meet with organizations would be about \$9,000. Behar compared that to the \$7,000 it cost in speaking fees for Phyllis Schlawly and Sarah Weddington for one evening.

## Interviews prepare job seekers

By Melissa Wills  
Staff Writer

Companies such as Stouffer Foods and Sherwood Capital began recruiting TCU seniors Feb. 1, said Mickey Choate, assistant director of the Career Planning and Placement Center.

The Career Planning and Placement Center organizes recruiting sessions and workshops to help students prepare for interviews with these and other companies, Choate said.

"Recruiting is the only time that employers will come to you," Choate said. "Students need to take advantage of this."

CPPC prepares students by directing workshops that cover everything from preparing a resume to dressing professionally.

Workshops also include practice interviews in which students act out interviews on videotape, Choate said.

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MICKEY CHOATE,  
assistant director of the Career Planning and Placement Center

Choate said the most important workshop, called "Researching A Company," is sponsored by CPPC and the Mary Coats Burnett Library.

"Research is one of the things a lot of students don't do, but it's apparent in the interview if you aren't prepared," Choate said.

Choate recommends starting the job search process at least a year before graduation because of the amount of time it takes to research organizations.

"Those that start earlier become more comfortable with the interview-

ing process, and they do better," Choate said.

Lisa Sutton, a marketing major who graduates in August, started last semester in order to get ahead.

"You have to go through senior orientation, prepare a resume and get references," Sutton said. "You have to sell yourself and make enough effort to research the company."

Sutton also said the first impression a student makes on the recruiter is crucial.

"They are just as nervous as you are, but they want you to do most of the

talking," she said. "You have 30 minutes to sell yourself."

Choate said the initial interview is a screening interview and lasts only 30 minutes.

"The idea is to be screened in and not out," Choate said. "The follow-up interview is more in depth and lasts a full day."

Choate said that on-campus interviewing is only one strategy for the job search.

"Students should also have strategies of their own, such as writing to professional organizations and talking to recruiters," he said.

Sutton said she has been sending letters about herself to companies that have positions available in order to get outside connections.

Choate said the goal of CPPC is to let students know it is there to assist them with the educational process of finding a job.

## Clubs recruiting

By Brooke Rose  
Staff Writer

TCU students will have a second chance to sign up for campus organizations today, from noon to 3 p.m. at the spring activities market in the Student Center lounge.

The market is sponsored by Programming Council, through the House of Student Representatives.

The spring activities market has not been a regular part of the membership campaign for organizations on campus.

"We don't usually have them in the spring," said Paul Schmidt, vice president of Programming Council.

Seth Winick, chairperson of the University Relations Committee and in charge of the spring activities market said about 200 new students entered campus this semester, and the activities market is a

good way to get them involved.

"We want to provide incoming students and returning freshmen a better opportunity to get involved," Winick said.

Winick also said many organizations have membership drives that begin in the spring, which makes the market helpful to them.

About 20 campus organizations will be represented at the market. During the market students can obtain information about the organizations and sign up or fill out applications.

Winick says he feels the spring market should be continued in the future.

"I think we should have one every semester," Winick said.

Students who are unable to attend the market but would like information on organizations should contact them by phone or through the Student Activities Office, Winick said.

## SMU prof to leave

By Nancy Andersen  
Staff Writer

If TCU decided not to keep a black professor when his or her contract expired, as has been the case at Southern Methodist University recently, the campus would not react by claiming racism, said Minority Affairs Coordinator Logan Hampton.

The Associated Press said SMU Assistant Professor of History Alpine Jefferson, one of eight blacks on SMU's 739-member faculty, said he was told earlier this semester his contract would not be renewed because he was "extremely disorganized" and did not seem to be making "active, serious progress on scholarship" by publishing historical research.

"They wanted me to get my book-length manuscript into appropriate shape, even though I had to teach and run the African-American Studies program," he said, according to the wire reports. "I couldn't do it."

As a result Jefferson, who would not have been considered for tenure until 1990, will have to leave SMU in August 1989.

Hampton said since TCU has one black professor and four black

staff members, it is easy to compare a similar situation here with that at SMU.

"I don't think students would be concerned that he was fired because he was black—I think they'd be more concerned about the lack of black professors," he said.

Despite student outcry via angry letters to "The Daily Campus," SMU's newspaper, Hal Williams, dean of SMU's Dedman College, said Jefferson's situation is "not that big of a deal."

"This is the time of year when we are reviewing all of our faculty members who are under contract. Some will be asked to stay; others will not have their contracts renewed," he said. "This is just one of those many cases."

Williams said he did not know, however, how many other professors are being dismissed for reasons similar to Jefferson's.

Hampton said racial tension is not apparent among TCU faculty and staff.

"I think our staff are clear-thinking individuals who are very open to ideas," he said. "To say they would cause racial tension would be contrary to the way I measure them."

## New director to head department

By Melissa Wills  
Staff Writer

The department of extended education will get a new director Feb. 1 after going through several temporary directors and a name change.

Derek Skaggs of Southern Arkansas University in Magnolia, Ark., was chosen to be the new director after a TCU committee conducted a national search.

"He was chosen because he has had four years of experience in extended education," said Mary Alice Oatman, coordinator for administrative activities in the department.

Extended education functions as a service organization for evening and

non-traditional students who are usually over 22 and have been out of school for a number of years, Oatman said.

"Extended education provides community service programs, hobbies and courses for professional growth," Oatman said.

Skaggs said his goal for the department is to improve the quality of programs that serve other academic units.

"My goal is to branch out and start focusing on other people, such as senior citizens and youths," Skaggs said.

Skaggs visited the campus during the search and said he was very impressed with TCU.

## Assistant deans join Neeley School

By Sonya Arvie  
Staff Writer

Two assistant deans were appointed to the M.J. Neeley School of Business late last fall because of work overload.

Linda Kay Roye, assistant dean for special programs, and Peggy Sundermeyer, assistant dean for administration, are the first deans appointed in the last three years.

"There were 200 applicants for only

two jobs," Kirk Downey, dean of the M.J. Neeley School of Business, said. "We did a lot of screening and came up with the two best persons for the job."

Roye will be working with the Alumni Association and University Relations while coordinating external programs with other businesses.

"My major focus is to develop publications for the college of business and enhance the school's profile by promoting programs externally,"

Roye said.

Sundermeyer, on the other hand, will be managing the administration and making the faculty and staff more effective by helping with advising and registering.

Downey said he sees results day to day as Sundermeyer performs her duties. He also said Roye will make public relations stronger if the job is done right.

Sundermeyer is a native of Missouri and formerly a marketing in-

structor at the University of Texas at Arlington.

Roye was a compensation analyst and spent five and a half years in human resources at M Corp.

Sundermeyer holds a bachelor's degree from Macalester College and a master of business administration degree from the University of Minnesota.

Roye holds a bachelor of business administration degree from Oregon State University.

# TODAYliving

## Neatness has different meanings for students

**By Beth Eley**  
Staff Writer

If "cleanliness is next to godliness," one would think that TCU students would live in clutter-free rooms. But let's be realistic. This is college. Who has the time to pick up after themselves, balance a full load of classes, work and have a social life? Amy Parchman, a speech communications major living in Foster Hall, said she has been able to find a balance among her responsibilities. "I am somewhere between the

lived-in, comfortable look and the neat side," she said. Parchman said that it is easier for her to clean a little at a time rather than all at once. "I usually pick up my stuff whenever the next available time is," she said. Many students don't have available time, however, and if they do manage to find a free afternoon, very few of them will have the motivation to get out the Pledge and start dusting. Jim Wilson, a physics major and resident of Tom Brown Hall, said that

he would like to have a maid to do the basic jobs that don't get done. "My room stays pretty clean, but we don't get around to vacuuming or cleaning the sinks," he said. Wilson said that he can hear vacuuming outside his door every morning, and because it usually wakes him up, he thinks that the maids should go ahead and clean the residents' rooms. Peggy Knox, resident assistant for Foster Hall, said not all students see a need for a maid. "Nobody has ever brought up the

idea to me," she said. Denise Giese, an advertising/public relations major and resident of Beckham-Shelburne Hall, said that a maid service for residents is unnecessary. "Part of growing up is learning how to clean up after yourself. It could also cause problems if one roommate couldn't afford the maid," she said. Although a maid service for residents is a possibility, the idea has never been discussed, said Kay Higgins, assistant director of residential living. Alan Richey, a marketing major liv-

ing in Tom Brown Hall, said that although he could see the benefit of having a maid, he is not sure that he would want one. "I'd be afraid that things might get lost or stolen. I wouldn't want them straightening my stuff because I might never find it again," he said. Some students, however, do not clean up after themselves. They can cause health and safety problems for their roommates and other residents, Higgins said. Higgins said that standard health and safety checks are conducted at

least once a semester. "There are always a few students who must be checked on for health reasons," she said. Don Dansereau, professor of psychology, said that sloppiness does not have to always be looked at in a negative way. "An advantage of being sloppy is that it gives the opportunity to make some creative kinds of actions," he said. Dansereau said that what may look sloppy to one person may be another person's way of being organized.

## Press revealed

**By Jenny Romero**  
Staff Writer

Judy Alter, director of TCU Press, doesn't mind that people don't know what she does. "People call wanting to place ads in the Skiff, check the times of basketball games and wanting to pay to have their books published," Alter said. "Next they're going to ask me to press their clothes." The reason for the confusion is that the TCU Press is separated from the rest of the campus by virtue of what it does, Alter said. It is not involved with students or with the academic calendar, Alter said. "I think it has something to do with the Skiff," said Julie Purcell, sophomore pre-major. "I think they might publish TCU professors' work. Maybe about 60 a year," Bob Price, sophomore sociology/history major, said. But the TCU Press does not exist for these purposes. TCU Press is an official university organization that publishes eight books a year—four books during the fall semester and four

books in the spring semester. The organization does not limit itself to printing only those books written by TCU faculty, Alter said. All the books go through a reviewing process and all are looked at in the same way. Kenneth Lawrence, chairman of the religion department, said that he did not have an edge with the TCU Press because he was a faculty member. "I brought my book to their attention, and it was accepted by reviewers the same as any other book would have been," Lawrence said. The two purposes for a university press are academic prestige and allowing the university to contribute to the knowledge available to the public, Alter said. "We publish books that would not be financially viable for the New York market to produce," she said. The books that have been published and are due to be released this spring are "Look to the River," "Sentinel of the Southern Plains," "Thistle Hill," and "Walking on Borrowed Land." They can be purchased at the TCU bookstore when they are released.

## Children of alcoholics find help

**By Colleen Tomerlin**  
Staff Writer

She was about 6 years old when she discovered that her father was an alcoholic. Libby Proffer, dean of students, has learned to cope with growing up in an alcoholic family. "My nightmare memories span a 40-year period," Proffer said. "Dad was the model husband, father and community leader but there was no way around the fact that he was an alcoholic." Many such adults are now able to find support in a movement started in the 1970s called Adult Children of Alcoholics. TCU introduced ACOA on campus in 1983. "We meet once a week in an unstructured atmosphere hoping to give support and feedback to students who also come from alcoholic families," said TCU psychologist Hap Klinefelter. Klinefelter said that the purpose is

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dean of students

not to blame the parent but to explore what methods of survival were used by the student. "There are several objectives of ACOA and one is to help students understand how they have been affected by growing up in an alcoholic family," Klinefelter said. "Some students never make the connection between the problems they are having today and the environment they grew up in," he said. In the alcoholic family, almost all children take on certain roles. The common roles are the hero child who tries to make everything all right, the lost child who maintains distance from everyone, the mascot who covers the pain with jokes and the

scapegoat who takes responsibility for anything bad that happens. "Children don't choose their parents, and so they react in the best way they can," Klinefelter said. "They adopt a different role that becomes functional, but, when they leave home, those roles become dysfunctional." Klinefelter said an estimated 28 million Americans have at least one alcoholic parent and that those children are at a higher risk to develop alcoholism. "The chances are four times greater that they will be alcoholics too," Klinefelter said. Children of alcoholics also tend to marry others with chemical dependencies.

"They are used to that setting and a normal family makes them feel uncomfortable," Klinefelter said. "Normal is chaotic to them." Another objective of ACOA is to concentrate on helping those with parents who are active alcoholics. "There is no way you can measure the pain a child or adult goes through with an alcoholic parent, but remember it is painful for the alcoholic too," Proffer said. "The parent sees his family slipping away and many times their whole support system evaporates," she said. Some say alcoholism is a disease of feelings because everyone in the family experiences it. "My dad did not plan to be a problem drinker, no one does," Proffer said. "I am a firm believer in ACOA because I know it helps to talk about it." For more information on ACOA, contact Hap Klinefelter at the Counseling Center, 921-7863.

## Radio views TCU

**By Sonya Arvie**  
Staff Writer

Listeners can get a view of TCU and what it does in a new 30-minute interview program airing on KTCU-FM, 88.7, each Sunday at 12:30 p.m. "TCU Profile" is designed to tell its listeners what the university does academically and culturally by talking to faculty and administrators about their work, said Constantino Bernardez, KTCU station manager and program host. "I wrote up this idea and sent it to all the faculty and administrators to get their reactions," Bernardez said. "If they wanted to be a part of the program, I asked them to respond." Bernardez said out of about 350 faculty members he wanted just 10 percent to respond in order to feel confident about this idea.

"I have enough respondents to keep the program going for a year," Bernardez said. The first program aired on Jan. 17, 1988, with Dr. Neil Daniel, professor of English, as the first guest. Daniel talked about a new program titled "Writing Across the Curriculum" which he is directing this spring semester. "So far there have been no major difficulties with any of the interviews," Bernardez said. "There have been a few rough spots, but I was able to smooth them out as the program went on." Bernardez said some subjects are easier to deal with than others, but all of the guests have been very cooperative and enthusiastic. Future subjects to be discussed include the Blood Drive, Honors Week and TCU Ministry Week.

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**Corrections**  
The Skiff incorrectly quoted Don Mills in Tuesday's issue as saying "Freshmen in 1978 had parents who graduated from college around '64 or '65." The quote should have read "Freshmen in 1987 had parents who graduated from college around '64 or '65." A Tuesday Skiff correction reported the Ballet Building was built in 1972. The building was built in 1921 and renovated in 1972.

## CAMPUSLINES

**National Phonothon**  
Help Wanted! Come join the fun! Students and organizations are urged to take part in the TCU National Phonothon. The event runs until Feb. 25. For more information call the Office of Development at 921-7800.

**Auditions available**  
Scarborough Faire wants actors, singers, dancers and musicians when the eighth annual spring-time Renaissance festival opens April 23. To schedule an appointment for an audition, contact Ron Boulden or Kathe Fluitt-Mosley at

(214) 937-6130. Group auditions are welcome.

**Political presentation**  
Students interested in applying for the Campaign '88 programs at the Democratic and Republican National Conventions in Atlanta and New Orleans are invited to attend a video presentation of "From the Floor of the Convention," about three delegates attending the 1984 political convention. The presentation is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 17, at 2 p.m. in Sadler 203. For more information about Campaign '88, contact Professor Gene Alpert, Sadler 205, 921-7395.



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# COMMENTARY

## Our View Gipper's play works

Looks like the Gipper made good on third down. In wake of two failed Supreme Court nominees, President Reagan has finally selected a winner in Judge Anthony Kennedy, confirmed unanimously through the Senate Judiciary Committee last week and expected to sail swiftly through the rest of the Senate this week.

Senators have praised Kennedy as open-minded with an expansive view of constitutionally protected liberties, yet respectful of Supreme Court precedent.

If anything, he's safe. Safe enough that he won't offend many Americans by his views. Safe enough that there won't be any surprise decisions by the Supreme Court.

And safe enough that Reagan can forget about him and wrap up other unfinished business of a tired president. Back last September, when Reagan was still Gipper Reagan, his star player in the Supreme Court nomination game was Robert Bork, an extreme conservative.

Bork's views on privacy, abortion and women's rights quickly offended many Americans. The Senate finally sent him to the showers after Reagan claimed Bork would be withdrawn "over my dead body."

Then Gipper pulled Douglas Ginsburg, Bork's second string, off the bench. He called for Ginsburg's confirmation to be "fair, dispassionate, and above all, prompt."

That was a little hard to do after Gipper sent Ginsburg to the showers for smoking marijuana as a college kid. Which brings us to Kennedy, far from a star player. No one is turning backflips over him and he's not even being mentioned regularly on the nightly news like his predecessors. When most Americans hear "Kennedy," they still think Jack, Bobby or Teddy. Maybe even John Jr.

But football season was already in the playoffs when Reagan pulled Kennedy off the bench. As of last Sunday, it's over, and Reagan's no longer the Gipper.

Now all attention is focused on his want-to-be successors, and he must face life after the Oval Office. Kennedy's safe nomination and quick confirmation are part of his desk-cleaning, and more of a compromise than a triumph.

Reagan, in fact, called for Kennedy's quick confirmation last week during his final State of the Union Address. Looks like somebody was listening.

Time for Reagan to wrap up more unfinished business. He did say in his State of the Union Address that he wasn't finished yet.

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## Dollar's fall not pressing

By Leif Anderson  
Columnist



We've all been hearing about the falling dollar. Its roller coaster ride downhill has been a reaction to our country's growing trade deficit.

But what effect will the falling dollar have on the U.S. economy?

The dollar has declined 50 percent against major currencies since 1985. This drop enables foreigners to purchase American products more cheaply, while prices on imports in this country will rise. U.S. exports rose 15 percent in 1986 compared to 1985, and most economists expect this rise to continue.

This rise in exports should help American exporters during the next few years.

Many U.S. companies, such as USX, Chrysler and Tandy are expanding their foreign operations. The resulting surge in exports should help to lower the trade deficit and perhaps push away a recession.

At this point, the falling dollar hasn't brought any ill effects. The big problem will lie with our trading partners when they can no longer afford to buy American products.

With a falling dollar, foreign countries will be spending more money to buy American products. Meanwhile, they do not export as much, because foreign products are now more expensive to American consumers.

Yuppies may think twice before buying that BMW. Television buyers may consider the American product over the higher-priced Japanese model.

If the cycle continues, the foreign nations won't have as much money to spend in America. Since our trading partners can no longer buy American products, our industry loses import revenue.

Soon American business activity will taper off, giving the United States and its trading partners the same problem... a recession.

In the next few years, the falling dollar may help narrow the trade deficit and stimulate our economy. In the long run, however, it could prove to carry bad consequences.

The falling dollar is a problem that looms in the background, reminding government officials that a solution must be found.

It is a problem that whoever is elected president in November must be prepared to address.

## Letters to the Editor

With the vote coming up in the U.S. House of Representatives for aid to the Contras, I would like to call to the attention of the TCU community some pertinent facts. Recently, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram ran an article by Warren Hinkle which dealt with recent assertions about the plans of the Sandinista army.

In mid-December it was released that the Sandinista army was planning a massive buildup. In fact, President Reagan even referred to the buildup in his State of the Union speech, in which he asserted that the Sandinistas were planning to expand their army to 600,000 soldiers. These figures

were gathered from Roger Miranda Bengochea, the former right hand man to Nicaraguan Defense Minister Humberto Ortega, who defected last year. Unfortunately, the plans that are quoted point to an entirely different scenario.

The plans Bengochea brought out actually call for a decrease in the army called for. Currently, the Sandinistas have between 80,000 and 100,000 in their standing army, and the plan calls for a slight decrease in the standing army to a level of about 70,000. What is planned to be increased is the number of citizens who have guns. Roughly 150,000 people now have guns, and the plan calls for the

consideration of increasing this number to 600,000. This is a plan that should have definite appeal to the National Rifle Association, putting a gun in every household.

This is not a plan to increase the army to invade neighboring states, as the Reagan administration claims, but a plan to arm the civilian population so that they may defend themselves against marauding Contras who prey on civilian sectors while trying to avoid engagement with the Sandinistas. This is hardly the type of plan an unpopular, tyrannical government would consider, is it?

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# Discussing more arguments for abortion

(Third in a three-part series)

By Michael Hayworth  
Commentary Editor



How can pro-lifers be so insensitive that they would prohibit abortion for a woman who has been raped, or one who is the victim of incest?

And what if they do succeed in getting abortion prohibited? Women will just do it anyway—then we'll have a lot of women dying because they got abortions in back-alley clinics under unsanitary conditions.

And what about the unwanted children they would force to be born? What kind of life are they going to have?

The most common argument in favor of abortion is the issue of choice and "a woman's right to do what she wants with her body." However, that argument is often directly followed by arguments such as the ones above.

Though pro-abortionists attempt to make choice the central issue of the abortion debate, it is not. The central question can only be whether or not a fetus is a human being.

If it is a human being, then it inherently possesses the most basic

right of all—the right not to be killed. No "right to choose" can override it.

If it is a human being, then abortion is not substantively different from murder. It is immoral and it should be illegal.

If it can be conclusively determined that a fetus is not a human being, then arguments such as the ones above are not particularly necessary. However, we can find no conclusive evidence that any point in the development continuum—other than the moment of conception—stands out as the moment a fetus becomes a human being.

Sarah Weddington last week argued a form of the idea that "women will get abortions anyway, so we ought to make them legal and regulate them to ensure sanitary conditions."

She told stories of women going to Mexico to abort their fetuses when it was illegal to do so in America. And the results of such excursions are often pretty grim.

If abortion is once again outlawed, there will doubtlessly be women who will abort their fetuses in other countries or find back-alley clinics to perform the operation. And these excursions, too, may provide some pretty grim results.

But what this argument fails to mention is that women who obtain abortions in such a manner would be

breaking the law. And, indeed, they would be killing another human being.

It is one thing to raise the speed limit because people don't like it or obey it. It is quite another to make it legal for a woman and a doctor to kill another human being just because they would do it anyway.

The argument that abortion should be legal because women will do it anyway places the convenience and safety of a woman—who would be breaking the law—at such a level that it would allow her to kill. That price is too high for convenience and safety.

More spurious reasoning can be seen in the argument that children who would have been aborted are unwanted and will be subjected to a horrible life if they are not aborted.

Can it be that this life is truly so horrible? Do such children never laugh, never smile, never enjoy themselves in any way? Is their situation truly so bad that they would be better off to have never been born?

It is true that some such children are abused and unwanted. Others are adopted by wonderful loving families. Still others are born into families which did not want them, but grow to love them.

Such a child is not guaranteed a bad life. Should we say that the potential for a bad life is justification for ending the life before it ever sees the light of

day? Even if a bad life were a certainty, at what level does a bad life become worse than no life at all?

The quality of life argument is an interesting argument. Those who put it forth speak only of the pitifulness of the life that the child might have to endure. They never really assess the alternative that they suggest—death.

Finally, we come to the issue of women who are victims of rape or incest.

There can be no doubt that they are victims of a tragedy. I know such women and would in no way attempt to minimize their pain.

But abortion is neither the right way, nor an effective way, to minimize that pain.

Those who argue for abortion mention only the emotional scars of rape or incest. "Why make a woman suffer with that through a nine-month pregnancy?" they ask.

But an abortion does not lessen the trauma of rape or incest. And those who promote it as a solution never mention the emotional scars that abortion itself carries.

Those scars can last a lot longer than nine months.

But even if that issue is put aside, the crucial thing to remember is that pro-abortionists put this argument forth as a valid reason for abortion even if the fetus is a human being.

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# SPORTS

## Dont' blame referees for TCU's woes

By Jerry Madden  
Sports Columnist



Everyone attending last weekend's men's basketball game between our heroes, the Horned Frogs, and those despicable villains from the east, the SMU Mustangs, know exactly who won the game for the Ponies.

The referees, right? After all, weren't they the ones who weren't calling anything for the Frogs in the first half?

Judging from the fans' reaction when the refs left the court at half time, that was the case.

And weren't they the ones who completely missed that foul on John Lewis as he took his last second shot?

Judging by the way men's head basketball coach Moe Iba chewed the refs out at the end of the game that certainly was the case.

So what should we do to these refs? They robbed us of the game! Now in the olden days, when someone was caught stealing, we'd take a rope, find the nearest tree and...

### Not their fault

Now wait a minute. Before anything hasty is done to these poor folks, let's take a look at the facts and determine once and for all who did what to whom.

First, some stats. It's true the foul situation was rather lopsided in the first half. TCU had 11 personal fouls compared to the Mustangs' five.

But the second half was completely reversed. The Mustangs were assessed 11 fouls to the Frogs' seven, and most of those seven came as the game was winding down to a close.

While I'm not an admirer of the philosophy of making up foul discrepancies, it seems to me things evened out in the end.

As far as the call against John Lewis goes, Iba and everyone else now realizes it would have made little difference. TCU could have had one shot left, but even if they could get it off in time, it's doubtful the shot would have fallen.

### The real reason

No, the real reason TCU lost wasn't that the refs stole the game. TCU shot itself in the foot with poor free-throw shooting and field-goal shooting.

For the game, TCU shot 62.5 percent from the charity stripe and 37.3 percent from the field. Statistics like that are poor for junior high teams, much less college.

The only reason TCU even stayed close is SMU was held to 32.8 percent from the field and 66.7 percent from the free throw line.

TCU also complemented its poor shooting by turning the ball over 14 times to SMU's nine. Against a strong team like SMU, that sort of turnover ratio will kill you every time.

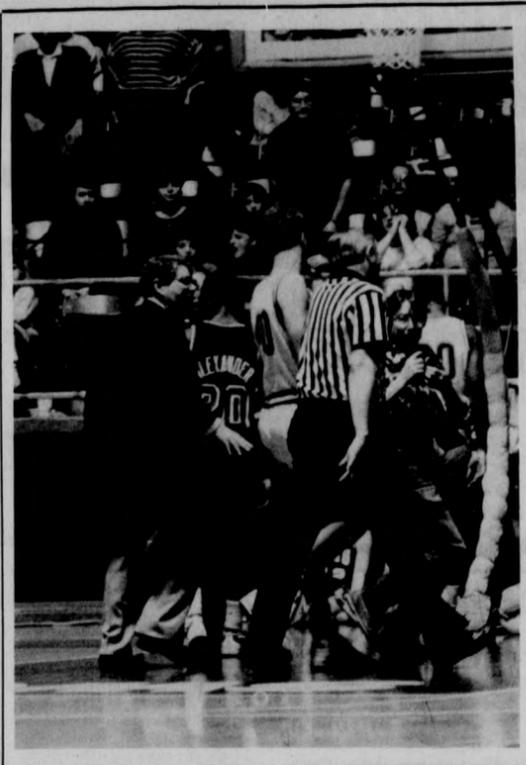
Of course, it's always nice to think that the referees stole the game from your grasp. That's why we boo them so loudly every time they make a bad call or a no call.

TCU tried hard. They came back in the second half despite trailing by 11 points. They made the second-half adjustments they needed to make.

But they shot themselves in the foot. The refs did not shoot them in the back.

So don't blame them rascals. They just aren't as guilty as we hope they are.

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**A piece of his mind** - TCU head basketball coach Moe Iba discusses calls with officials after TCU's 51-48 loss Saturday to the SMU Mustangs.

## Swimmers make strong showing, split matches

By Robin Shermer  
Sports Writer

The men's and women's swim teams split their two meets this weekend by decisively winning over Oral Roberts University but losing to stiffer Arkansas teams.

"It was a good weekend of competition for our kids. We had some very good swims showing the best of the conference that we are not a team to be taken lightly," said swim coach Richard Sybesma.

The men, who beat Oral Roberts 67-46, performed well as Keith Ludwig posted his season best time in the 100-yard freestyle when he won the event in 47.55 seconds. Ken Ralph also posted his season best time of 1:58.00 in the 200-yard butterfly.

The TCU lady swimmers beat Oral Roberts 56-34 with Katie Tredennick winning the 200-yard freestyle in 1:57.47 and Barb Schinzing winning the 50-yard freestyle in 25.93.

"They got to swim some off events against ORU and then had to come back the next day and swim a tough line-up against the Razorbacks," Sybesma said.

The Horned Frogs lost 68-45 to an Arkansas team ranked in the top twenty.

Despite the loss, TCU did have some winners. Doug Ellis won the men's 50 freestyle, Kevin Irion won the men's 200-yard individual medley and Steve Reed won the men's 200 butterfly.

Scott Steele won the 200-yard backstroke, and the 400-yard freestyle relay team won with a time of 3:09.85, beating Arkansas by two seconds.

Other swimmers who performed well included Brent Sawyer, who had a lifetime best of 54.39 in the 100-yard backstroke. Also Steve Kellum had his season best time of 1:59.01 in the 200 backstroke.

The TCU lady swimmers lost to the lady Razorbacks 81-32 in spite of a strong showing by Paige Eaton, winning the 200 breaststroke, and Katie Tredennick, placing second in both the 50-yard and 100 freestyle.

Other women who swam tough for the Frogs were Natalie Heidrich, who finished second in the 500-yard freestyle, and Rachel Eason, placing second in the women's 200 freestyle.

Cindy McClure finished third in the women's 100 freestyle while Marlene Parchman came in third in the 200 breaststroke.

"It (the outcome) was what I expected," Ingram said. "UCLA was the best team there."

Ingram said some highlights for TCU included the singles and doubles play of senior Rene Simpson and junior Tory Plunkett.

Simpson, who entered the tournament ranked 14th nationally, defeated ninth-ranked Joni Urban of UCLA 6-2, 6-2, and 13th-ranked Lesley Hakala of BYU 6-2, 6-3. Simpson was defeated the last day of the tournament by Elizabeth Alexander of Georgia 6-4, 6-4.

Ingram said Plunkett defeated 43rd-ranked Stacey Schefflin of Georgia 6-1, 7-5.

"I feel at the one and two (singles) positions, we were as good as UCLA and better than Georgia and BYU," Ingram said.

As a team, Simpson and Plunkett defeated the first-ranked team of Hakala and Michelle Taylor of BYU 6-4, 6-2, lost to the seventh-ranked team of Allyson Cooper and Urban from UCLA 2-6, 7-6 (7-5), 6-2, then came back to defeat eighth-ranked Lisa Apanay and Schefflin 6-4, 6-4.

As a team, the Lady Frogs opened the tournament Thursday with a 5-4 dual match loss to BYU. Simpson, Melanie Breed, Tracey King and the doubles team of Simpson and Plunkett captured TCU's four match victories.

On Friday, TCU was defeated 7-2 by UCLA. Simpson and Plunkett won their singles matches to account for TCU's victories.

Georgia defeated the Lady Frogs during the last day of competition 7-2, with Plunkett and the doubles team of Simpson and Plunkett salvaging victories.

Ingram said the Lady Frogs could have possibly won two more matches against Georgia and one more against UCLA. He also said TCU could have beaten BYU in the close match between the two schools.

Overall, Ingram said the doubles play after the first team of Simpson and Plunkett could improve as could some aspects of the singles play.

"We could still get better in singles," Ingram said. "We're slower than I thought we'd be."

Ingram said he thought the Lady Frogs benefited from participating in the tournament.

"It showed us a lot," Ingram said. "It showed us that we can play with them, but we're not ready to beat them. It shows we're not far from it."

Ingram said the team can do two things to push it up to that extra level of competition.

"We'll have to play tough schedules like this," Ingram said. "And we'll just have to practice harder."

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