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## Bill for minority committee postponed

By MariCarmen Eroles  
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A bill to create an ad hoc committee to include International Student Association, Organization of Latin American Students and Black Student Caucus members will not be presented in the House of Student Representatives meeting Tuesday. John Lewis, chairperson for the Town Student Caucus and author of

the bill, said he was postponing the presentation until the House meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 16.

Elena Hicks, president of BSC, ISA and OLAS to have him postpone the presentation so they could discuss the bill further.

"I think the bill has a good chance to work," Lewis said, "and I want to be as accommodating as possible (to the three organizations)."

He said Hicks had not given him any reasons why she wanted the delay except to meet and discuss it Friday.

"Some people are skeptical (about the bill)," he said, "but it is just a matter of sitting down and telling them what my purposes are."

Hicks could not be reached for comment.

He said after writing his bill House president Lee Behar pointed out a previous bill passed in 1986, bill 86-4,

concerning an ad hoc committee for minority groups.

"The committee had no specific objectives and it was made up of only House members," Lewis said. "The committee died."

The new committee would have specifically outlined purposes, and its members would come from the interested groups, he said.

ISA President Leena Daniel said no one has told her officially what was

going on and all she knows she has heard from other people.

"I'm glad that we're looking into things and that something is being done to come to a compromise," she said, "but I don't know how far it's going to go."

She is happy the three organizations were getting together as a group to solve the representation problem, she said.

Daniel declined to comment further because no one has asked her officially to take part in the decision-making process.

Also, in Tuesday's meeting the House will vote on the resolution to support the ISA retreat presented last week by Matt Hood, chairperson of Student Concerns Committee.

"I was glad the bill was tabled until we could get some input on it," he said.



Questions and answers - Presidential candidate Michael Dukakis takes a call from TCU political science major Doug Dowler. The call was transmitted via satellite

## Dukakis will secure education objectives

By Leanora Minai  
Staff Writer

TCU students were among those in six states Friday who heard Democratic presidential candidate Michael Dukakis tell how he would "secure the dream" for education and economic opportunity.

The address was broadcast live from the University of Minnesota

via satellite to the TAGER-TV studio on campus.

James Riddlesperger, assistant professor of political science, who took his class to the broadcast, said Dukakis reflects a commitment for quality education.

"No young person in this country who graduates from high school should be denied (the opportunity to attend college) because of financial need," Dukakis said.

Dukakis said as president he

would take a modest portion of the savings from the budget and invest in good schools, economic development, training of workers, technology and regional development.

Dukakis suggested four steps he would take to promote college opportunity.

He said he would stop assaults on Pell Grants and Loans, encourage states to create college opportunity funds, bring the cost of tuition down for those who cannot afford it. He would propose that students could pay off their loans through income withholding programs after they graduate if they make a commitment to teaching as their profession.

Dukakis said there is a shortage of teachers and within the next 10 years half the public school teachers will retire.

"If we're going to build a strong and vibrant America, there has to be good teachers at ration," Dukakis said.

Dukakis also proposed methods to advance economic leadership. He said he would get the fiscal house in order not by "living on a credit card," but by taking education seriously and investing in



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## Texans paying attention to effects of acid rain

By Brooke Rose  
Staff Writer

The threat of acid rain is not something that wasn't around five years ago but people are just now beginning to take a look at it more carefully, said Leo Newland, director of environmental sciences at TCU.

"The effects of acid rain are more apparent now than they were before," Newland said.

The belief that acid rain only affects the northeastern United States is no longer true according to a report in Science Magazine. The report said acid-sensitive areas are now known to occur in several southeastern states.

Eastern Texas is one area being affected.

"Acid rain is occurring pretty much throughout the state," said Thomas Porter, an environmental quality specialist in the Texas Air Control Board research division.

Porter said the normal rainfall acidity is 5.6 and the TACB 1987 report said the acidity in East Texas falls is roughly 4.6.

A pH level of 4.6 is not as strong as lemon juice or tomato juice but similar to a Coke, Newland said.

Newland said he feels the lack of evidence of harmful effects in Texas is due to the time it takes for the effects to appear.

"If you are spewing something out over a long period of time, it's hard to see the change," he said.

No studies have turned up evidence of harmful effects due to acid rain in East Texas, Porter said.

However, he said monitors in East Texas have been reporting rain fall about 10 times more acidic than normal since monitors were set up in Tyler in 1979.

The problem is worse than state and federal regulators' data indicates because of inaccuracies in reporting air pollution and acid rain data, George Crawford, a SMU physics professor, told Associated Press.

"We're too dumb to learn from our own mistakes," Crawford said.

"We're going to wait until trees are dead and then officials are going to say, 'Hey, something's wrong. Let's lock the barn.' It's tragic," he said.

Crawford said some of the state's acid rain data are inaccurate because readings are not made until days after collection and figures are rounded off.

Newland said acid rain is the result of nitrogen and sulfur pollutants from coal-fired power plant fumes and vehicle emissions joining with water to form sulfuric acid and nitric acid.

Acid rain is very detrimental to the environment, affects human health and causes millions of dollars of dam-

age a year to monuments and buildings, said Arthur Kuehne, chairman of the Dallas Regional Group of Sierra Club.

Elderly people and those with respiratory problems are most at risk from acid deposition, Crawford said.

"There is no question about it," Crawford said. "The damage is being done to people with asthma, respiratory ailments, and lung diseases."

The environmental damage occurring in East Texas is due to the soil type in the area, Newland said.

Acid rain is known to work into the soil and leak toxic aluminum out of the mineral portion of the soil, he said.

"The aluminum leaks into streams,

rivers and lakes and may affect populations of organisms in aquatic areas," Newland said.

East Texas is more vulnerable to this aluminum leakage because it does not have the natural buffer needed to neutralize the acidity as well as other areas of the United States, said Kuehne.

"There is no neutralizing capacity in the soil in East Texas," he said.

Damage due to aluminum leakage has been seen in the Northeast United States, Eastern Canada and extensively in Europe, Kuehne said.

The exact effect acid rain has on aquatic areas depends on the age and

## Departments obtain new faculty

By Nichelle Sims  
Staff Writer

Several departments at TCU have gained new faculty members this year.

Joan Katzen, one of the new faculty members, is associate director of graduate recruiting and placement of the MBA in the M. J. Neeley School of Business.

"I love what I do," she said, "and I work hard at it."

Katzen worked for Coopers and Lybrand, one of the big eight companies in Chicago, upon completing her undergraduate studies at Notre Dame, she said.

"I was excited to be out working," she said, "You have freedom to do a lot of things and to make decisions."

Katzen said although she worked diligently she also had time for relaxation and fun.

"I was really busy at Cooper's," she said. "When you are at work-you work, but enjoy life when you can."

After being with the company for three years, Katzen married a general practitioner and decided to "try a new part of the country," she said.

Katzen and husband moved to Texas when her husband began his medical training here, she said.

After his training, they moved back to Chicago where she worked with Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago, Katzen said.

"I worked with people who were having trouble with their savings and loans," she said.

Katzen moved back to Texas and later began her studies in the graduate program in the M. J. Neeley School of Business, she said.

"I always wanted to have an MBA," she said. "For career purposes, having one, you'd never be limited education-wise."

"I've had a lot of working experience but always wanted to move into finance," she said. "I wanted to focus on what I really wanted and needed to learn."

Katzen said that she chose TCU over other schools because of its quality and atmosphere.

"TCU was so accommodating," she said. "The administration made me feel more welcome than SMU."

Katzen finished the program and received her MBA in less than two

years, she said.

"I wanted to finish because I wanted to work," she said.

Afterward, she began working for AMR Information Services, an affiliate company of American Airlines, in the finance department. They are the financial company for eight other companies, she said.

Katzen was later contacted by Dr. Craves, director of programs in the school of business, who encouraged her to interview for a job opening, she said.

"I've enjoyed my position so far," she said. "There is a lot of contact with people and that is great."

Katzen said the MBA program has tightened up and raised its standards.

"We are working on a more proactive basis-out searching for top candidates instead of just waiting for them to apply," she said.

The program will do more conversing with local companies for internships for students and corporate scholarships, she said.

"We respond to the needs of students," she said.

Katzen said that she hopes to be at TCU for a while.

"In the university there is diversity for change," she said. "I really like people contact and I really like TCU. A lot of different things can happen."

Although Katzen has become a respectable member of TCU's faculty, there are others who also share in the spotlight.

Randy Walker became temporary acting director of the facilities planning office on Jan. 1, when Sidney Padgett, director of facilities planning, retired.

A new member of the computer science faculty attained the position of associate member of the graduate faculty.

Theodore Tenny began his position in December and will be there until 1989-90.

Two lecturers have also joined the faculty.

Vincent Russo, a professor since 1986, is working in the music department. Kim Kamin joined the family studies department this semester.

Loreen Evans, assistant director of the music preparatory division and music instructor, became a member of the faculty last fall.

## TCU neighbor, friend dies at 87

By Colleen Tomerlin  
and Chuck Hendley  
Staff Writers

Henry Piek, a member of the TCU community and friend to many in Fort Worth, died Feb. 2 from complications due to cancer.

Piek, 87, resided at 2700 Rogers for 13 years. The location of his house behind University Christian Church enabled Piek to make friends with many students, professors and staff during his lifetime.

Gail Gear, assistant professor of art and art history, said she met Piek by parking her car in front of his home on Rogers every day.

"I became friends with him the same way most other people from TCU did," Gear said, "and that was from the way he would sit on his front porch and play loud music to attract people."

Gear said her family sort of adopted Piek after getting to know

him better. She involved him in birthdays, graduations and on Christmas every year.

"He took the place of the patriarch in our family," Gear said.

Piek, a native of Holland, was a steamship engineer for Standard and Arco Oil. In 1942 he was taken prisoner and put in a Japanese concentration camp on the island of Java. He and his wife managed to escape, and after the war came to the United States. In 1956 he became a U.S. citizen.

"His capacity to establish friendships was never-ending," said George Tade, dean of the School of Fine Arts and Communication. "He had an unusual ability to cross the generation gap, and he made it so easy to confide in him."

"His wonderful sense of life was infectious," said Albert M. Pennybacker, senior minister at University Christian Church where Piek was a member for 13 years.

# TODAYpeople

## Bum lives simply to survive

By Greg Selber  
Staff Writer

Joe Pentalski is a bum. He admits it and he feels no shame in it. "It makes me no difference what people think," he said. "I just worry about what to eat and where to sleep. I lead a very simple existence." He pushes along a shopping cart all day long. "I walk around this neighborhood and I collect things. You know like cans and such. Oh, yes, and I also do a bit of dealing along the way." "Dealing" is Pentalski's word for begging, I found out later. When we see a stationary person we might assume that he is waiting for something. People wait for buses, for lights to change and for stores to open. But a lot of people in this world don't wait for a thing. Joe Pentalski is one such person. "I haven't had a job in maybe 15 years," he told me. I asked him how he managed to get himself into such a state. "I really don't know if you can call it a state, you know. That makes it

sound like there is something wrong with me. I am of stable mind and body to be sure, you know." I asked him why he was not motivated to try and find steady work. Also, why didn't he want to participate in normal life? "I don't consider life to be normal. It just so happens that you survive on this earth your way, and I mine." I asked the man if he felt bad asking for handouts. "The good book provides for many folks just like me, just do a little reading. I'm going day to day, you know." I looked at Joe and I couldn't really picture what he might have been like much earlier in life. We sat there for a moment on the bench at the bus stop. Here came the bus. "Did you ever have a trade, a skill?" I asked as we moved off the bench and began to walk toward the front of a shopping center. "Oh, I have a few skills. I am a good judge of character. I was born with a fantastic sense of smell, too. I can tell you just about any food smell there is." We came to rest on the sidewalk curb of an Arby's fast food restaurant. This was the extent of my new

friend's agenda for the day, I gathered. "Do you ever think what might have been," I asked. He answered. "No, I don't have much time to do things like that. You know, every day is an adventure. Every day I am responsible for my own existence, just like you and a hundred million like you. I just do things a little differently, that's all." I couldn't really understand this guy and his funny ideas about life. "Bad dealing today," Joe remarked as he fished around in his jacket pocket for something. He produced a small tattered copy of the Bible. "This is all the riches I need," he said to me. He took the book and turned it around in his hands. His hands were soiled, gnarled, twisted by life and fate. He examined the book like he had just discovered it among the various trinkets in his pack. I asked Joe if he ever got tired of wearing old, stinky clothes, of not knowing what was going to happen next. "I've never been much for creature comforts, as they are called," he said.

"You don't miss what you never really had," he added. This brought up an interesting point. So, I asked him about the origin and the history of his life. I wanted to know in short how he had arrived at this particular life station. "It depends," he said. "Because some people are born poor and some are not." "Was I born poor?" he said. He looked into the sky and seemed to be lost for a moment, perhaps in his own past. "I had a good home once, a good home, Tucson, Ariz., you know." He looked at me and I was startled. Up until this moment he had not even bothered to make any eye-contact with me. He had been looking absently off into space for the entire conversation, but now he was focused on me. "You say you work for a newspaper, son?" he asked me, clear throated. I mumbled something to the effect that, yeah that was about the size of it. "Don't ever give up. You hear? Don't ever give up." And he looked away once more.

## Diplomat free to teach, learn

By Laura Stanley  
Staff Writer

The newest addition to the political science department says he is not only teaching but learning, too. Kidane-Mariam Betrou, former Ethiopian ambassador to Egypt, said he is very happy to be living in the United States because "it's the best place where one can live freely and have the chance of great opportunities." He and his family moved to the United States two years ago to escape political oppression in Ethiopia. They came to Fort Worth primarily because he already had a son living here. And although he just started teaching at TCU this spring, he said he has been in contact with the school for over a year. His course this semester is titled African Political Systems. In addition to teaching, he has participated in the Fort Worth Council of World Affairs as a guest speaker, which he said he has enjoyed.

Betrou said he misses his personal contacts in Ethiopia the most because in the United States, people are too busy to cultivate the same type of personal relationships. He and his family plan to stay here and, in the future, become citizens of the United States. As a diplomat, he had been to this country before he and his family moved here so he was prepared for what living here would be like, he said. He graduated from University College in Addis Ababa in 1961 and later received his LL.D degree from Haile-Selassie University, also in Addis Ababa. His diplomatic career began when he was director general at the Somali Desk of Foreign Affairs in Addis Ababa. He has also served as director general of administration for the Ethiopian Ministry of the Interior. He became first secretary and charge d'affaires for the Ethiopian embassy in Somali. He then became consul general at the Ethiopian consulate in South Yemen, af-

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## Troublemaker turns missionary

By Melinda Hartman  
Staff Writer

TCU graduate Ron Wilson has gone from being kicked out of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity as a junior in college to being kicked out of the Philippines seven years later. In 1981 Wilson was removed from his fraternity because he was always in trouble, he said. "I was on disciplinary probation the whole time I was there (at TCU)," Wilson said. When Wilson was a senior at TCU, he met a girl who told him he had been looking in the wrong places for happiness, he said. She said the reason he never found any lasting satisfaction in his life was because it could only be found by having a personal relationship with Christ. Wilson said, "You are an ostrich with your head stuck in the ground and all that fairy-tail stuff is fake." Wilson decided to prove to her that the Bible was untrue, therefore he began doing research. "I was going to prove that Christ rising from the dead was a fake and a myth," Wilson said. After three months Wilson had studied geology, archeology and historical documents and looked at every angle, he said. Wilson said he was overwhelmed by the amount of evidence that supported the Bible saying that Christ was who he said he was. On Dec. 23, 1981, Wilson said a prayer asking Christ to come into his life, forgive him and make him the kind of person Christ wanted him to be, Wilson said. "I didn't hear any trumpets or angels. No bright lights, no music, no harps, nothing," Wilson said. Yet, over the next few weeks and months it started to change his life, Wilson said. He started to experience

"I can't think of anything more exciting than seeing people's lives change and seeing them come into a right relationship with God" Ron Wilson, TCU graduate

the unconditional love God says he has for everyone and a plan for his life. "He (God) was meeting my needs to be loved and accepted in a way that people and places and things and money and reputation—all this stuff could never quite do," Wilson said. Wilson said as he was growing in his Christian life he realized that the Bible commanded that people go and make disciples of all nations. After evangelizing in several countries, Wilson went to the Philippines to start an organization there called Athletes In Action, he said. Athletes In Action is a ministry connected to Campus Crusade which witnesses to athletes, Wilson said. Athletes are the focus because they are a high-profile group that a lot of other students listen to, Wilson said. Wilson said he moved to Manila, the capital city of the Philippines, where there are half a million students. The Filipinos love Americans, Wilson said. "They want what we've got," Wilson said. "If you're making \$200 a year and living on plain rice and living in filth, of course you want it," Wilson said. "But their definition of Catholicism is to worship the Virgin Mary, give money to your priest and try to be a good person and you might make it to heaven," Wilson said. They have been receptive to Wilson's evangelism because they know

the Bible is God's word, that Jesus is God's son, and about heaven and hell, Wilson said. They just don't know how it all fits together. The message Wilson has been telling the Filipinos is not the result of growing up in a church, Wilson said. When Wilson was in sixth grade his mother married for the third time to a man who became wealthy, Wilson said. "We started spending money like drunken sailors," Wilson said. He raced motorcycles, flew airplanes, went cliff diving and went hang gliding—to name a few, Wilson said. He was captain of the football team in high school, on the weight lifting team in college and chased after women regularly, Wilson said. He thought the reason he was not happy is that he had not done enough or spent enough money. Therefore during college he continued to try and find new thrills, Wilson said. Finally he was satisfied when he learned about God and gave his life to Christ, Wilson said. The first time Wilson got up to speak, he was tear-gassed, he said. A protest was going on at the presidential palace, located outside the building he was teaching in, Wilson said. The people at the rally then ran into the building he was teaching in, he said. When the tear gas was released by the government soldiers there was no way out, Wilson said.

"That's a bummer of an experience. It's just a burning-scratching feeling and everything turns red and irritated. You start crying and coughing and you can hardly breath straight," Wilson said. Wilson lived three blocks from the TV and radio stations that were always the first targets for takeover during the attempts to gain control of the Akiño government, he said. "Our neighborhood just turned into a battleground five times in the last year," Wilson said. One night Wilson was driving by one of the TV stations just as fighting started, he said. "I happened to time it perfect that I was right there when they cut loose with bazookas and rocket fire and the machine guns and the whole thing started," Wilson said. "I was scared for my life." The Filipinos love war movies and therefore, when real fighting is going on, they stand on the streets by the thousands and spectate like they were watching a football game, Wilson said. They get closer and closer until they can talk to the soldiers, Wilson said. "When you hear about all these casualties that happen during these things, that's where most of them come from," Wilson said. See PHILIPPINES, Page 6

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# COMMENTARY

## Victims of rape deserve a choice

By Katy McFall  
Guest Columnist



This column is in reply to Michael Hayworth's Feb. 3 column in which he discussed arguments often put forth by those who are "pro-choice" in the abortion issue. I am specifically concerned with the way in which the argument concerning rape was handled.

Hayworth concluded that an argument emphasizing the emotional trauma of rape said basically that a woman aborts a fetus "to right the actions of a rapist or incestuous male." He is minimizing the emotional (and financial) trauma of a pregnant rape victim and is thus making a wrong conclusion. "Resolving rage" is not the primary emotional reason these victims might have for abortion.

A rape cannot be "righted." Once a woman has been raped, she cannot change it (the same holds true for male victims), and some effects of the rape may be lessened if she has a choice of being pregnant or not.

Some possible reasons a rape victim might choose to have an abortion need to be presented in light of Hayworth's article.

Hayworth made a salient point by stating that the emotional scars of an abortion are great. However, he minimized the emotional scars of an unwanted, unexpected pregnancy. These effects also last much longer than nine months.

The emotional scars of abortion and pregnancy should not be weighed against each other, but the psychological effects do warrant discussion since they were ignored by Hayworth.

Regardless of the victim's choice to keep the baby or to give it up for adoption, the woman must endure a nine-month pregnancy that she never asked for. Complications endangering her health may arise.

Also, if the woman is unmarried, some may make conclusions and hurtful comments. Questions to her about the pregnancy serve as a reminder of the violent hell she had to endure.

At the time of birth, a woman must undergo tremendous physical pain.

Why should a woman be forced to do this? Giving birth to a child is a natural act of love, but most women choose to begin this process. Pregnant rape victims do not have this choice. Again, this physical pain reminds a woman of the painful nightmare that caused it.

There are financial reasons for which a pregnant rape victim might choose to have an abortion. Unless the woman decides to give the baby up for adoption, she must pay the medical bills.

A friend who very recently had a child said that the doctor's bill alone came to \$1,200. The hospital bill was \$2,500. The latter bill included the cost for staying two nights in a private hospital.

Women delivering a baby for the first time usually stay longer. Women requiring Caesarean sections have even larger bills to contend with.

Depending on her insurance, the hospital she chooses and the surgery she requires, a pregnant rape victim must pay a considerable amount of money she had not expected to pay 10 months earlier.

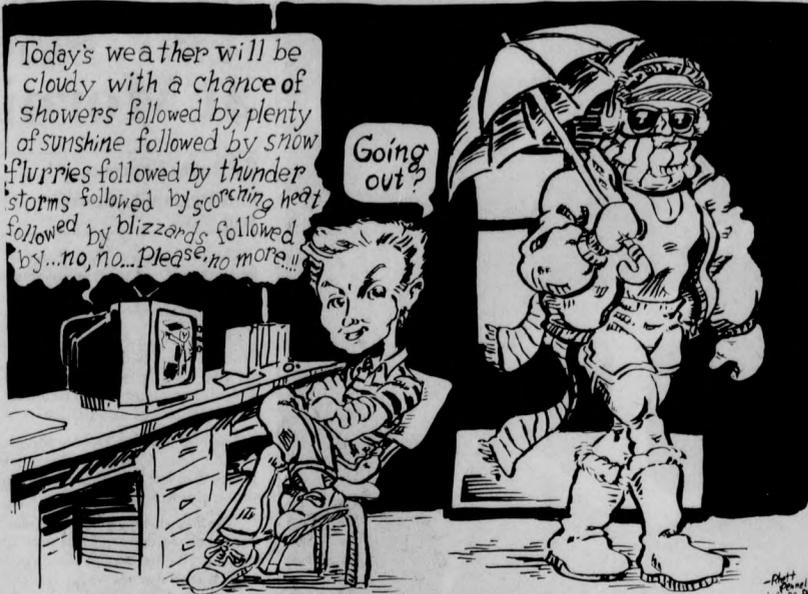
If a woman decides to give her child up for adoption, the medical bills and the costs to raise the child are taken care of. But other unwanted and unexpected bills are not.

A pregnant woman can no longer wear what she could before the rape. She must buy a new wardrobe that includes new pants, new shirts, new shoes to give better support and possibly a new coat. (Have you any idea how much this costs?) Why should a woman be forced to do this?

Of course, there are other aspects of being violated by rape that cannot be lessened without having a choice.

I will hopefully never be faced with the decision to have an abortion because my rights were violated. To be honest, I don't know what I would do. But as a woman, it is something I constantly fear, and if I were a pregnant victim of rape, I would want that choice.

I am not saying that Hayworth does not have some good arguments for his position. I am asking that he, who will never have to worry about becoming pregnant against his will, try and understand why some rape victims choose to have an abortion.



## Elections for judges a bad idea

By Nancy Andersen  
Columnist



When Texans vote on the Democratic primary ballot March 8, it won't just be for Albert, Bruce, Dick, Gary, Jesse, Michael or Paul.

The state Democratic Party's executive committee had the right idea when it adopted a referendum on changing the state's judicial election system to an appointed one.

Too bad Referendum One, which reads that Texans shall "maintain their right" to elect judges, is biased.

Texans are proud and self-sufficient to the point of distrusting government, especially since Gov. Bill Clements' scandal with SMU. When they discover they will have to give up a "right" so the state can switch to an appointment system, Texans will vote to keep their "right."

Unfortunately, many won't realize the conflict of interest judicial elections cause when they mark the ballot. Political contributions, for one, tend to affect judges' verdicts.

Take the Texaco-Pennzoil case. In November, *The Wall Street Journal* reported that the lawyers representing Pennzoil had contributed more than \$335,000 to the nine Texas Supreme Court justices from 1984 to early 1987.

Texaco lawyers made contributions, too, the *Journal* said. Of course, they contributed less than the Pennzoil lawyers.

The judges ruled for Pennzoil. More recently, the *Dallas Times Herald* reported that eight lawyers and law firms had contributed \$1.4 million to Texas Supreme Court justices since 1980. Since 1985 those lawyers have appeared 28 times before the state's highest court, winning every time.

Still, opponents of Referendum One claim big business interests would control the nominating committee of an appointment system. Rep. Pat Maloney of San Antonio has even paid for television commercials explaining how Texas began electing judges because the appointed justices of the 1800s were corrupt.

Isn't corruption, however, what a nominating committee is supposed to spot and investigate? Therefore, the task is to appoint an uncorrupt nominating committee to appoint uncorrupt judges.

Texans could easily do this by adopting Missouri's appointment system, in which judges are both nominated by a bi-partisan committee and appointed by the governor.

The people keep their voting power since a judge faces reelection—without an opponent—every six years. Thus, the election acts as a vote of confidence on the judge.

This way, Texans could have their cake and eat it, too. The only thing they would lose by adopting Missouri's system is the presently high possibility of corruption because of expensive elections.

But then, you can't have everything.

## Letters to the Editor

### Bad attitude

My letter to the *Skiff* is directed to Jerry Madden's article "Election Good for a Laugh." His attitude about the upcoming presidential election appalls me. Not only does he degrade the election process but also the candidates, one of whom will be our next president.

Madden describes the presidential process as "The Original Amateur Hour." He says people should just laugh and not take anything seriously. In fact, he tells us not to become serious about the election and the important issues because it's more trouble than it's worth, and we might get a headache. Come on!

It is always easy to dwell on the trivial aspects of the presidential candidates. Madden does just this by making fun of the wardrobe and physical appearance of some of the candidates. I really don't think that these aspects are of vital importance to the voters of our country. However, Madden sees them as vital in an "entertainment" sort of way.

I guess Madden's article was just the final straw in what I have been noticing all semester about the apathy and neglect of the upcoming presidential election by the "Skiff."

Instead of criticizing the process and the candidates, why not inform students about how they can get involved in the process and give them information to make an informed decision when the debate comes around? Don't discourage people from getting involved, inform them.

Robin Hill  
Senior/political science

### Abortion cases

The issue of abortion is always a complex and emotional subject that all of us face, probably more often than we'd like. I myself struggle with the concept often in preparation for my chosen career. As a pre-med major, I've been warned to examine the question, "If you were asked to perform an abortion, would you do it?" In answering, I imagine that I would have to base my reply on one of those worst-case scenarios that

many pro-lifers discount as being "beside the point." The sanctity of human life has been instilled in me since childhood, but the consequences here are fuzzy at best.

I can't see myself walking into a room and saying, "Ms. Johnson, I'm sorry, but the state has declared that I can't preserve your life by killing the life you carry inside you. I'm sorry, but you have to die." I can't even picture myself saying, "I'm sorry, Ms. Smith, but the government has decided that I can't ease the pain of your rape because I might be wrong. The state says that they only know what's best for you." I will resist with the same intensity it takes to make it through our medical system any "law" that denies a physician and patient a right of choice concerning that patient's physical, mental and emotional health. Who's to say whose scars are worst when facing the question, "to give birth or not give birth." I loathe the concept of abortion as a form of birth control used by so many, but it's the exception that makes the rule and I can only hope that the "choice" will be the exception morally and the rule legally.

Shelly Walker  
Junior/biology

## Someone is exaggerating the problems with dating

By Steve Rubick  
Columnist



Once upon a time, there was a guy named Jack.

Jack was a TCU student. An ordinary, run-of-the-mill kind of guy.

One day, Jack met a girl named Sharon. Every day, Jack saw Sharon around campus. Eventually, he decided he would like to date her.

To accomplish his goal, Jack began to go out of his way to talk to Sharon. Between classes. In the mail room. At lunch.

"Uh, hi, Sharon."  
"Hello, Jack."

"How are you?"  
"I'm fine."  
"How was class?"  
"Fine. And yours?"

"Boring. Lecture was too long. Too many notes about the Pleistocene Era. I don't know about you, but I don't find that too interesting. At least, not as interesting as maybe going out Friday. If you're not interested, please don't hit me..."

Then, one fateful day, Jack saw his chance and asked Sharon out...

To which Sharon replied:  
"I'd love to, Jack, but I have a mixer to go to that night."

Or, "I can't. I'm going shopping with a bunch of friends Friday."

Or, worse yet, "I'm sorry, but my boyfriend is coming in Friday and we'll be... busy."

Now what is wrong with the above story? All together now, girls—"Guys at TCU don't ask girls at TCU out!"

I am really tired of hearing this. It is a simple fact that guys here at TCU do ask girls here at TCU out on dates. It is also a simple fact that girls outnumber guys by about 87 to 1.

Some girls will not get asked out. There are also some girls who simply will not go out.

Even now, some of you are thinking, "Give it up, Steve. You're a toad and no girl in her right mind would go out with you."

That may well be true, but the fact remains that there are girls on this campus who will not go out on dates.

Over the last few weeks, I have taken a survey, very unscientific and limited to people in my classes.

Almost unanimously, girls stated that guys on this campus do not ask girls out.

Conversely, most of the guys I surveyed said that guys do indeed ask TCU girls out.

Either one group is exaggerating, or all the guys are asking out the same 17 girls.

Though the survey did not provide many answers, it did produce several good questions.

Why, for instance, do so many TCU girls have boyfriends back home, yet still complain that they do not get asked out here at school?

And why do girls continue to complain about never getting asked out? To many guys, that complaint acts as a deterrent.

But perhaps the biggest question is this: Exactly what constitutes a date?

The current trend in weekend activities seems to be large groups going out and doing things as large groups. Do girls consider participating in a large group as a date?

Maybe they are misunderstanding the guys who are asking them out. Or maybe they do not acknowledge all of the guys who ask them out.

Or, maybe what they should actually be saying is, "The right guys at TCU are not asking me out."

One final thing that needs to be considered—this is the '80s, the age of equality. If girls are not happy and want to go out, they could always ask the guys out.

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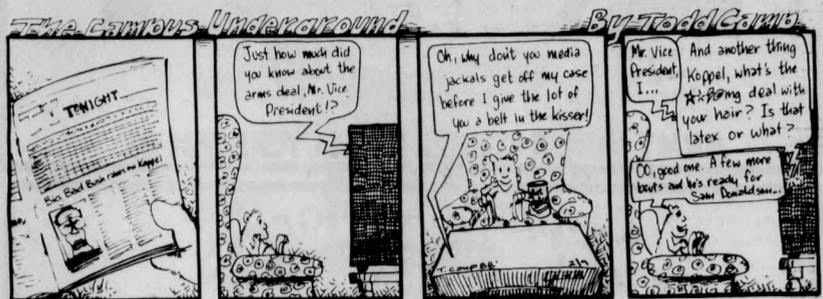
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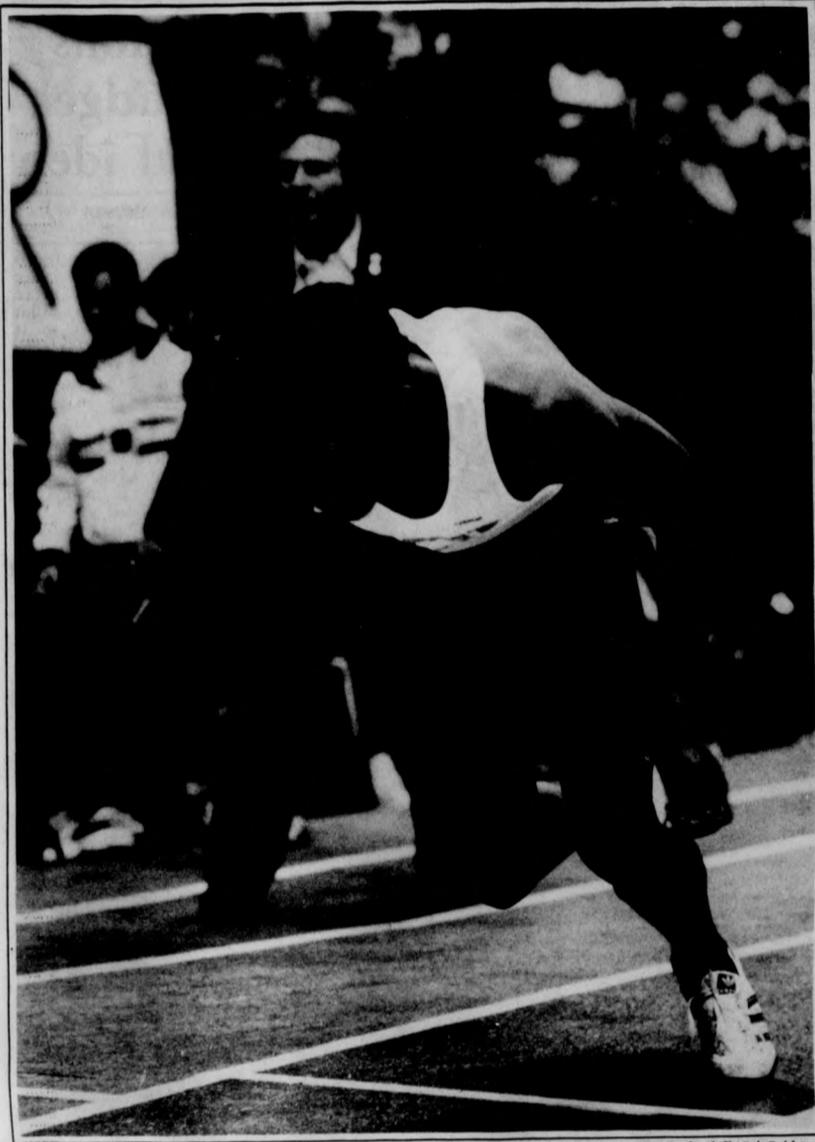


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# SPORTS



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Taking off - Michael Cannon begins a race at the Dallas Morning News Indoor Games

## Flyin' Frogs impressive at Morning News meet

By Robin Shermer  
and Regina Anderson  
Staff Writer

The TCU women's 3200-meter relay team set a new meet record Saturday at the Dallas Morning News Invitational inside Reunion Arena.

Debbie Devine, Karen Spears, Leslie Croxton and Rebecca Allison set the new record in 9:13.15, 11 seconds faster than the old record set by the Houston Cougars in 1987.

Lead-off runner Debbie Devine said the relay team is running much better than last year, but their main problem is lack of competition.

"We are satisfied that we are winning, but we don't have anyone to push us. We must push ourselves," said Karen Spears, who ran the second leg of the relay.

The invitational brought both college and professional competition to the Dallas area. Professional runners included Renaldo Nehemiah and Olympians Valerie Brisco, Stephanie Hightower, Greg Foster and Billy Olsen.

Head Coach Bubba Thornton said he was proud of the Lady Frogs' showing against top college teams like Houston.

"Our goal had been to race better than two weeks ago, and I think we ran equal or better than we did in Oklahoma City," Thornton said.

"Next week we should do better, because we are improving and getting stronger," Thornton said. "By the time the Southwest Conference Meet comes around they should run as good as they are going to run."

Other women who did well include sprinter Lisa Ford who finished second in the 55-meter and Vonda Morgan who finished fifth in the 400-meter.

Debbie Devine finished fourth in the 800-meter while Leslie Croxton facilities in Fort Worth and doing weight training as alternatives to out-

"We are satisfied that we are winning, but we don't have anyone to push us, we must push ourselves"

Karen Spears  
TCU track team

and Laura Baker placed third and fourth in the mile run respectively.

"The women's team should place fourth or fifth in the conference, and maybe third depending on the depth of the other teams," Thornton said. "Texas is the elite team and should take conference."

As for the men, Greg Scholars won the 200 meter in 22.03 seconds, while Tony Allen and Roscoe Tatum placed second and third in the 55-meter.

J.T. McManus finished sixth in the mile in 4:15.73, an excellent indoor time Thornton said.

The men's 3200 relay team finished fifth with David Cambell showing strong, Thornton said.

"Michael Cannon and Tony Allen had performances this weekend that will give them something to build on for the rest of the season," Thornton said.

Thornton said he was still looking for someone to step forward and take control of the men's mile relay team because they have not been placing well in meets.

Another problem for both teams has been the weather during the last two or three weeks.

The weather has definitely hampered some of our training, but the men and women are willing to work at training different ways," Thornton said.

The teams have been practicing starts in the Rickel, running in indoor

door practices, Thornton said.

The second part of the invitational was held in the evening where only individuals who were invited by the Dallas Morning News raced. This included both professional and collegiate athletes.

TCU raced in four events against professionals such as Roy Martin, Emmitt King and Antonio McKay.

TCU's Michael Cannon placed fourth in the men's 400-meter. Greg Scholars finished third in the 300-yard run and Roscoe Tatum finished sixth in the 55.

"In a field of professionals, Roscoe (Tatum) had an excellent run, even though he came in sixth," Thornton said.

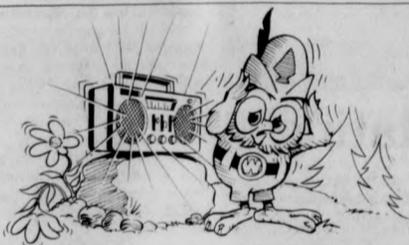
The climax of the evening was the Invitational Mile Relay, which included teams from TCU, Abilene Christian, Rice and Texas.

TCU started off slow, but after a strong second leg by Tony Allen the Frogs managed to finish second behind ACU with a time of 3:15.77.

"Overall we did good but we could do better. We have a lot of mental things to overcome. Whenever we compete in big races something always happens. Good is okay, but I would rather be excellent," Tony Allen said.

This weekend the Frogs travel to Oklahoma City for the Oklahoma Invitational.

"Our goal is to race better and maybe qualify two or three people to the Nationals, but we are not trying to press our people into doing something they are not ready for," Thornton said.



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## Lady Frogs hit by cold spell, lose to Lady Bears 62-60

By Jerry Madden  
Sports Writer

A cold, cold day in Waco became even colder for the Lady Horned Frogs when they were defeated by the Lady Bears of Baylor 62-60 Saturday afternoon at the Heart O' Texas Coliseum in Waco.

Head women's basketball coach Fran Garmon said she knew things weren't going right when they arrived at the game.

"The coliseum was locked up," she said. "We couldn't get in, and it was

cold outside."

Garmon said when they were finally able to get into the coliseum the heat had not been turned on at all. She said it was halftime before she ventured to take her coat off.

"We played poorly in the first half," she said. "The lack of heat really affected us. We couldn't catch the ball. We were just doing a lot of stupid little things," she said.

But it was cold streaks in shooting, Garmon said, coupled with an amazing 27 turnovers which stopped the Lady Frogs cold in their tracks.

TCU shot 40.6 percent from the field on 24 of 59 shooting, but Garmon said much of that came in streaks.

"We scored eleven straight points to begin the second half," she said, "but then we hit a cold spell."

"When we were playing well, we shot 50 percent or better," she said. "But then we'd hit cold spells and couldn't hit anything."

And while the Lady Frogs were going hot and cold, Baylor's forward Maggie Davis and guard Bonnie Henson were burning the net, scoring 27 and 20 points respectively.

Garmon said Davis was a big factor on the boards as well, grabbing seven rebounds. She was assisted by center Jan Doty who grabbed nine.

"We let her (Davis) get seven. And Doty is slow and she got nine," she said.

"We just didn't do the things we had to do to win the ballgame."

TCU might not have been able to do anything right, but neither could Baylor. The only thing working for them was their press, which Garmon

said was responsible for the 27 turnovers.

"They put the press on, and we just couldn't handle it. The press made a big difference. We really started turning the ball over in the second half," Garmon said.

"But they (Baylor) kept trying to hand the game over to us. We had opportunities near the end and we blew them," she said.

The Lady Frogs were lead in scoring by center Valerie Barnett, who scored 13, and forward Kathleen Olson, who scored 10. But Garmon

said she needed more production from all positions.

"We just can't shoot 33 percent from inside and expect to win ballgames," she said. She also said TCU had guard problems in the Baylor game.

"People were just blowing past (our guards), and they weren't doing that before," she said. "We looked like we were dead-legged."

The Lady Frogs will try and improve their fortunes Tuesday night in Daniel Meyer Coliseum against Arkansas.

## Frogs win in last minute

By Randy Hargrove  
Sports Writer

Men's basketball coach Moe Iba said his Horned Frog basketball team has begun to show improvement the past two weeks.

The improvement was exemplified Saturday evening as TCU used two free throws by Rod Jacques with five seconds remaining to upset Baylor 61-59 at Baylor's Heart O' Texas Coliseum.

The victory, which broke a two-game losing streak, improved the men's record to 8-12 and 2-7 in Southwest Conference play. It also avenged an earlier loss to the Bears Jan. 6 at Daniel Meyer Coliseum.

"It's a big win for the players because they have played better lately," Iba said. "This should help their confidence."

"In the Baylor game we played as good as we'd played all year," Iba said. "We cut our turnovers down (8) and we hit our free throws."

Free throws, which had been the Frogs' nemesis, turned out to be their savior Saturday.

The Frogs entered the contest hitting roughly 58 percent of their free throws, the worst percentage in the conference.

But against the Bears, the TCU connected 85 percent of its free throws for the game on 17 of 20 shooting.

Leading the free throw barrage was Jacques, who hit on 11 of 13 from the charity stripe. In addition to his 11 points from the line, Jacques chipped in 12 points from the field for a game high total 23.

"Rod played well," Iba said. "He played hard again and he was more selective again. He's staying within the framework of the offense more and it's helping the team. That's the thing we're encouraged about."

Supporting Jacques was the balanced scoring attack of guard John Lewis (14 points), forward Jeff Boutelle (12 points), and Todd Willis (10 points).

"Everybody contributed," Iba said. "Offensively and defensively it was a good team effort and that's what we've got to have to win."

The game began with promise for TCU as the Horned Frogs jumped out to a 4-0 lead on 20-foot jump shots by point guard Danny Hughes and Lewis.

The Bears tied the game at four at the 16:55 mark on a 19-foot jumper by guard Dennis Lindsey.

The two teams traded baskets until the 12:27 mark when a pair of free throws by center Darryl Middleton, who led the Bears with 19 points, gave Baylor a 12-11 lead.

The one point Bear lead was brief, as TCU ran off 10 unanswered points for a 22-12 lead.

The Bears countered and tied the

game at 24 at the 1:46 mark, but TCU was able to charge into halftime with a 28-24 advantage.

The second half featured a tug-of-war battle consisting of seven ties and four lead changes.

After Jacques' 20-footer tied the game at 45, Baylor went on a 5-0 run for a 50-45 lead, its largest of the game.

The Bears matched their five-point lead at 52-47 at the 5:36 mark. From there, the Frogs began to whistle while they worked.

The whistling resulted in a 57-56 TCU lead at the 2:36 mark when Lewis canned an 18-footer.

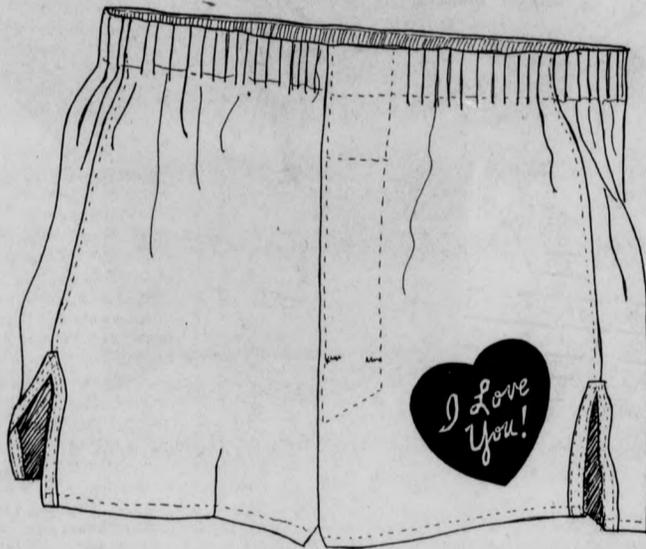
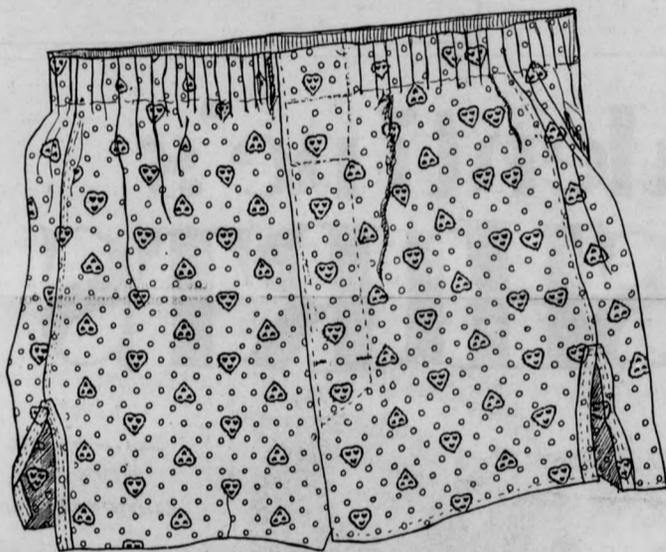
TCU's margin increased to 59-56 on a pair of Boutelle free throws. A three-point shot by Michael Hobbs with 35 seconds remaining tied the game, setting the final stage heroics by Jacques.

Jacques attempted to win the game from the field, but was fouled by Lindsey with five seconds remaining.

The Conroe native calmly stepped up to the line and sank both free throws for the 61-59 lead.

"We'd sat down and talked with the players about the second half of the Southwest Conference," Iba said. "We set some goals on how many (games) we could win in the second half. This gets us off to a good start."

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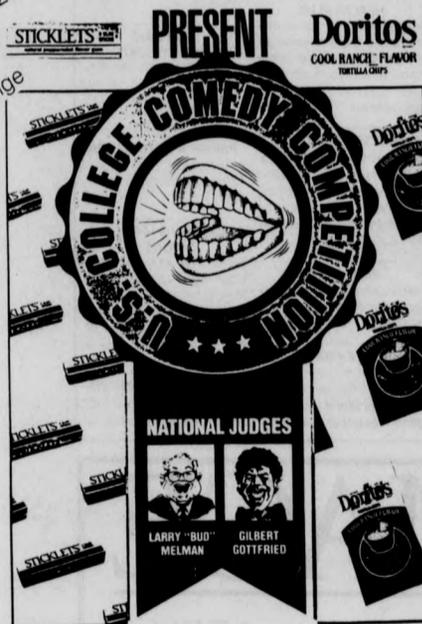
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## Philippine

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Wilson said he had to adjust to getting six to 10 mosquito bites a day, the smell of trash in the streets, having giant cockroaches bite him at night and lizards running up and down the walls.

He said he always worried if the next glass of water was going to make him sick.

Only a few wealthy people in Manila have air conditioning and the climate is humid, with temperatures at about 100 degrees in the dry season and 90 degrees in the wet season.

The heat may account for the slower pace of this community, Wilson said.

An exception to this slow pace is during Holy Week, Wilson said.

No one works during Holy Week and religious movies play on TV constantly, Wilson said.

People run through the streets wearing diapers and whipping themselves because they believe a sacrifice must be made to get into heaven, Wilson said.

"It is usually a prostitute or a drug dealer or someone like that who figures they've got to do something spectacular to get to heaven because they're such a wretch," Wilson said.

While in the Philippines, Wilson said he showed a film of the gospel of Luke to students and spent time with them one-on-one as well as in groups.

He said he spoke to about 10,000 students.

To get in contact with the athletes, Wilson spoke to the athletic director at the schools about Athletes In Action's ministry, he said.

"They're incredibly receptive. One man wanted me to speak to his players about something from the Bible every day," Wilson said.

The physical needs of the Filipinos are large because of the lack of money in the country, Wilson said.

"A few dollars can do so much," Wilson said.

Wilson and one of his Filipino friends saved a man's life for \$15, Wilson said.

Wilson said he found a man in the street who was dying from bleeding ulcers.

He said he went and got a friend, who is a doctor, and they bought the dying man some medicine, cared for him until he recovered and sent him on a boat back to his home island.

Wilson said he is supported financially by private donations that individuals or businesses commit to give him monthly. He said he currently receives \$600 a month.

He said he plans to stay in this ministry indefinitely.

"I can't think of anything more exciting than seeing people's lives change and seeing them come into a right relationship with God," Wilson said.

Wilson is now going to Colorado Springs to work with athletes at universities and at the Olympic Training Center until he can return to the Philippines, he said.

He said he is in search of a partner to help him continue what he has started with Athletes In Action.

Wilson said he was ordered to leave the Philippines because he had been sick with amoebas for seven months, which causes constant diarrhea, and it was feared he would die.

Wilson said now he is well, and regardless of his illness, the heat, the filth and the fighting, he cannot wait to return to his ministry in the Philippines.

## Acid Rain

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species of the organisms involved, said Ray Drenner, associate professor in the TCU biology department.

"It is already a horrendous problem in Canada and northern parts of Europe," Drenner said.

"It has left some lakes completely fishless," he said.

Kuehne said movements toward eliminating the sulfur and nitrogen pollutants from the atmosphere have been hindered because of a lack of studies determining exactly where acid rain comes from.

"A lot of people use the lack of studies determining the exact origin of acid rain as an excuse, they say it needs to be studied more," Kuehne said.

"Meantime, things are dying. We believe we need to start doing something now," he said.

Kuehne said poll after poll shows people want clean air and water and are willing to pay for it.

"People here need to know of the problems existing in the North and in Europe," Kuehne said.

## Dukakis

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building roads.

He also included keeping the air and water clean and investing in the regions that are hurting by combining public resources in his methods.

Doug Dowler, a senior political science major, asked Dukakis how we are going to pay for job training and the building of our roads and environment while we are putting our fiscal house in order.

Dukakis said we need to cut defense spending and think of job training and road building as investments. He said the country would get money and resources in return.

"I want 'Made in America' to be the bench mark of quality and durability and of value all over the world," Dukakis said.

Shawn Reynolds, a junior math major who said he was biased against

Dukakis to begin with.

She said Dukakis' answers were premeditated and not enough time was put into the address because it was not nationwide.

"My main problem with Dukakis is when Doug asked the question about how he planned to pay for education, he kind of sidestepped it. It seems like when he gets in office he's going to raise taxes," Reynolds said.

Dowler said appealing to the young generation was a good way to find out if there is support in the college ranks.

"I wish more candidates would do more programs through satellite instead of only seeing debates on television, because individuals get to ask what they want to ask instead of Tom Brokaw (NBC news anchor) or other newscasters asking the questions," Dowler said.

## Diplomat

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ter which he served as chief administrator of the Gojam region of Ethiopia.

From 1977 until 1985, he served as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Ethiopia to Egypt.

Since being in the United States, he has been involved in a Conference on Soviet Expansion in Africa, held in Washington, D.C.

He said his new friends at TCU have been "very kind and helpful from the start."

"Of course, you must help yourself," he said. That seems to sum up his attitude, and for Betrou and his family, helping themselves has proved to work, because now they are free.

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