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## Fall break is time for students to catch up on study, sleep

By SHELLEY VANDALL  
Staff Writer

Fall break will begin Friday. It's a time for students to relax, catch up on lost sleep, get their scholarly affairs in order and prepare for the rest of the semester - all in one day.

"Well, it's not that great - you should get longer - but a break is a break in college," said Jenny Harmon, a freshman pre-major.

Fall break was begun because there

is such a long time between summer and Thanksgiving break, said Peggy Barr, vice chancellor for Student Affairs.

She said students get tired and may feel that "the world is closing in on them" without a break from the pressures of classes.

"The Faculty and University Council thought it would be in the students' best interest to have a breathing spell at this time," Barr said.

She added that many students use the time to get caught up on their

studies.

"It's rad," said Nancy Hopkins, a freshman political science major. "It's good because you can study for your midterms."

Linda Moore, associate professor of social work, said although the student stress level is usually very high at this time of year, it has not seemed as bad this year.

She believes the stress level is lower because the period in which to drop classes was shortened.

Professors have had to give tests

before the drop deadline so that students can know whether to drop the class or not.

As a result, tests are spaced out more evenly over the course of the semester, removing some of the pressure to excel on midterms.

"There's almost a release right now," Moore said. "I don't see that awful stress that I have seen every other year."

Some students are using the free time to take care of minor details or just to relax.

"I'm doing nothing," said Andy Hartman, a junior advertising/public relations major. "Well, actually, I'm going to Skaggs and then feeding other people's animals for them."

To accommodate those students who need to study, the library will be opened during the regular hours on Saturday and Sunday, said Fred Heath, TCU library director.

Friday's hours will be changed from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. to the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., he said, because so many students will be leaving that

day.

Heath added that this schedule includes four more hours than last year's fall break schedule.

Many students voiced their concern that library hours were too short last year so the schedule was expanded to stay open two hours later on Saturday and Sunday nights, he said.

"They need to expand the normal hours, too," said Brad Davis, a junior finance major.

## Mid-term reports coming

By SUZANNE LORTON  
Staff Writer

Midsemester reports are looming. Students should be receiving midsemester reports by Oct. 20-21, said Patrick Miller, registrar.

"These reports are just a reminder to students to alert them if they are having a difficulty in a class," Miller said.

He recommended if students receive an unsatisfactory report, they should make an appointment with the professor immediately to discuss the problem of why they may be doing poorly.

"Many students fail to take that step, and the message to the professor is they are not interested," Miller said.

If a student receives three or more unsatisfactory reports, he or she is contacted by a letter from Elizabeth Proffer, dean of students.

"This may be a critical time for the student, and they may want to come in and talk," Proffer said.

She said she does not force students to come in and talk because they have the freedom to fail if they want to.

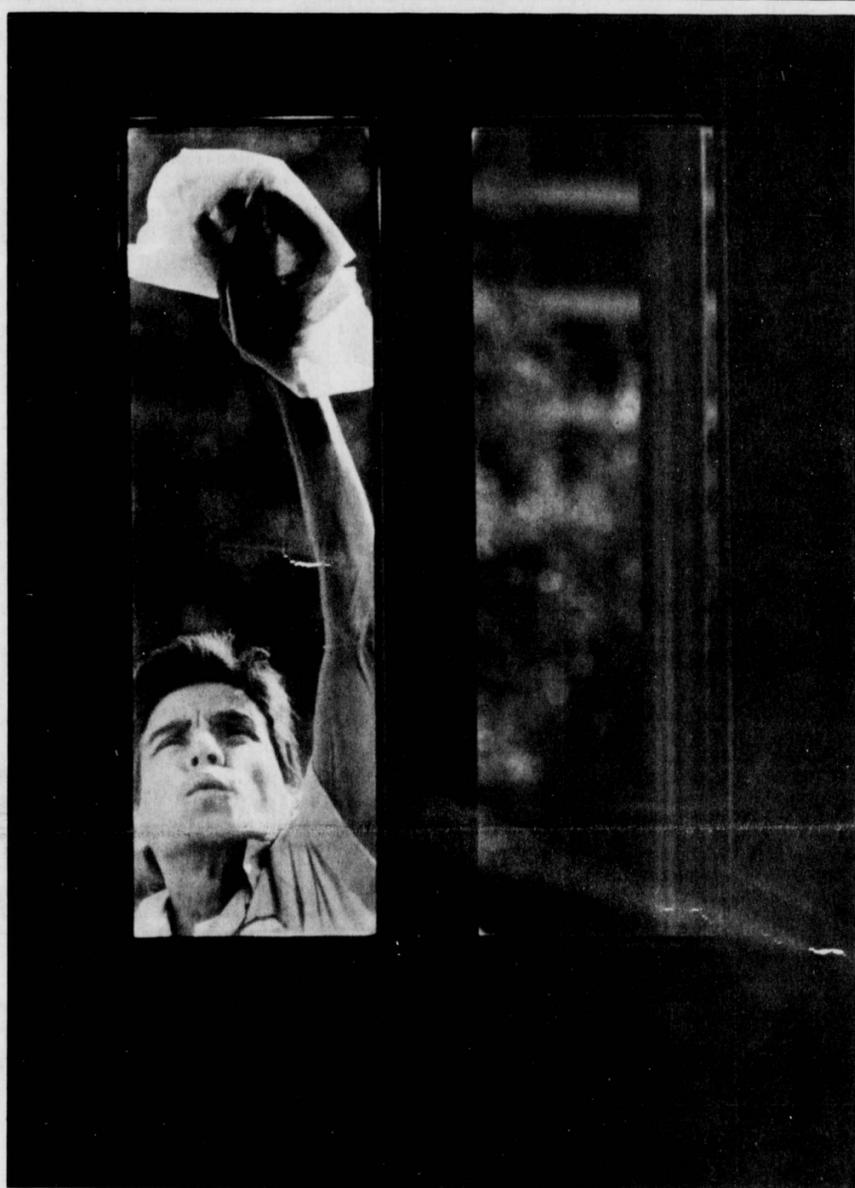
"We try to find out what the problem is," Proffer said. "It is so individualized because students get unsatisfactory for different reasons."

There are other places for students to receive help with their studies, and it is not important where the student gets the help, but it is important that they do get help, Proffer said.

A student with difficulty in a class can receive help with study skills and time management at the Center for Academic Services.

Mike Brooks, director of the Center for Academic Services, said, "The Center for Academic Services is offered free to the students so they need to take advantage of the services because they have already paid for it."

The type of help the student can receive depends on the problems the student has, Brooks said.



Wiped out - Isabel Gonzalez, member of the House keeping crew, cleans front door windows at Ed Landreth Hall late Wednesday morning.

## Wright welcomed back to Cowtown

### 9,000 attend barbecue bash

By CHUCK HENDLEY  
Staff Writer

Home never felt so good to Jim Wright.

After almost a year of fellow House members questioning his ethics, the Speaker of the House came home to Fort Worth to an appreciation dinner attended by more than 9,000 people.

The dinner was part of the Salute to Jim Wright at Will Rogers Coliseum Tuesday night.

Guests for the evening included New York Gov. Mario Cuomo, Texas Gov. Bill Clements, Fort Worth Mayor Bob Bolen, and Jack Brooks, dean of the Texas delegation to the U.S. House of Representatives.

The evening was not a Democratic rally but seemed to be more of a chance to show people that everyone loves Wright.

John McMillan, chairman of the Salute to Jim Wright, said the event was designed to thank Wright and welcome him home.

"Jim Wright responds to everyone, and that is why you see so many people here tonight," McMillan said.

After McMillan's introductory speech, Wright was presented with a giant greeting card reading, "Thanks Jim - We are proud of our congressman." The card was signed by more than 10,000 people.

"We just wanted to show him our appreciation," McMillan said.

The evening, which was free and open to the public, included a barbecue meal, music from several Fort Worth country bands and a film presentation detailing Wright's life.

Closing what has been a year of controversy and questioning for him, Wright said the evening was a reminder to him of the things in life that matter most.

"I have had more free advice and unrelenting criticism this year than all my other years combined," Wright said.

(Republican vice presidential

candidate Dan) Quayle said last week that he was the most investigated politician ever, but I wonder if he would settle for second best," he said.

Cuomo, who was the featured speaker for the event, praised Wright for all the work he has done for his home district.

"It makes me a little envious to see how much he has brought home," Cuomo said.

Cuomo was referring to all the work Wright has helped accomplish in Fort Worth, including the construction of the D/FW Airport, renovations to downtown Fort Worth and the Stockyards, aid to TCU with several tax laws, as well as aid to General Dynamics and Tarrant County Bell Helicopter.

Cuomo also expressed surprise at the turnout at the event.

"I am just stunned by the size of this crowd, and I don't know of anywhere else in the country where you would see a gathering like this," he said.

"It is a great, super night for Jim Wright, and we're going to show everyone what a Texas barbecue is all about," Clements said.

Clements and Cuomo both joined in recognizing Wright for helping Waxahachie become one of the finalists for the supercollider, as well as for the things Wright has done all over the country.

"Jim Wright has a large vision - he knows our place in the world," Cuomo said.

Wright has distinguished himself in politics, including 10 years as the House majority leader, three decades of service to the people of the 12th Congressional District and Speaker of the House.

"Jim Wright has represented citizens since 1954 for 17 consecutive terms," Cuomo said.

Wright also served as mayor of Weatherford and he was the youngest mayor in Texas.

## Freedom Week unites campus organizations

By JULIE BETTINGER  
Staff Writer

Committees across campus hope Freedom Week, which will be all next week, will raise student awareness about the lack of freedom in South Africa.

Black Student Caucus, University Ministries, Students Against Racism Today and Programming Council's Forums, Films and Performing Arts committees created Freedom Week to bring attention to world issues, said Logan Hampton, minority adviser for Student Activities.

"I hope it (Freedom Week) raises awareness relative to what's happening in South Africa," said Larry Markley, director of the Student Center.

This is the first year Freedom Week has been held and the focus is on South Africa, Hampton said.

Derrick Rodgers, president of Black Student Caucus, came up with the idea of Freedom Week.

"Originally, Freedom Week was just going to be a Black Student Caucus function," Rodgers said.

"It was the film thing ('Cry Freedom') that started the whole project," Markley said.

Different committees became interested and the idea mushroomed until it ended in a week-long event, Markley said.

The film "Cry Freedom" kicks off Freedom Week at 8 p.m. Monday in the Student Center Ballroom.

"Cry Freedom" tells the story of banned South African journalist

Donald Woods and his escape from South Africa, said Patrick Murphy, chairman of the Films Committee.

"It shows the struggle of the black population for freedom," Murphy said.

Donald Woods will give a lecture at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Student Center Ballroom.

Wood's lecture will focus on his experience and the struggle for freedom in South Africa, said Andy Black, chairman of the Forums Committee.

"It's a rare opportunity during Freedom Week to actually talk to someone who knows about the struggle in South Africa," Black said.

Wednesday will feature a game simulating life in South Africa at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom.

The game will be similar to the one held last spring, said university minister the Rev. John Butler.

The New York City's Believers Musical Theater will perform "The Broadway Strutters: An Evening of Elegance" at 8 p.m. Thursday in the first theater presentation at TCU. The program is in the form of a dinner theater, except dessert will be served instead of an entire dinner.

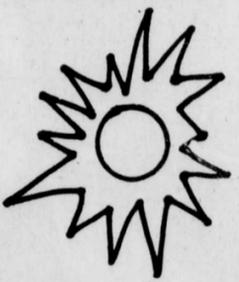
The program is a musical extravaganza of black performers from Ma Rainey to Whitney Houston, Hampton said.

"The Broadway Strutters are the lite aspect of the week," Hampton said. "It's a sizzling hot show."

Freedom Week will finish Friday with a freedom march and rally at noon in front of the Student Center.

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Outside

Today's weather according to the National Weather Service is a continued mostly fair, with high temperatures in the upper 70s and lows tonight in the lower 50s, winds from the south at 10 mph.
Friday's forecast is the same as today's, with highs in the lower 80s.
The weekend forecast has no precipitation expected. High temperatures will be in the mid-70s to lower 80s, lows at night in the 50s.

## Campus ready for rape victims

### TCU offers programs for education, counseling

By LEANORA MINAI  
Staff Writer

TCU is prepared to help students who are victims of rape.

MaryBeth Roden, assistant director of the Rape Treatment Center of Santa Monica Hospital in California, said colleges are prepared for rape if they fulfill the following criteria:

- Colleges must adopt and publicize the message that rape will not be tolerated in the Code of Student Conduct.
- Campus programs must be available to educate students about assault.
- The college must publish information about assaults in brochures.
- The college must assist rape victims with medical treatment.
- The college must have adequate security.

TCU meets all these criteria.

Elizabeth Proffer, dean of students, said TCU is prepared to help student rape victims.

"We've got programs in place that obviously are designed to help people. We want to help any individual who has a problem with either rape or attempted rape," Proffer said.

TCU has a section in its Code of Student Conduct which will discipline those who physically abuse or endanger the health of others.

The campus has educational and counseling programs open to residence halls, organizations and students, Proffer said.

"If you start talking about the problem, more people will come forward and say, 'Well, that did happen to me,'" Roden said.

Proffer said an Acquaintance Rape brochure was distributed last year to students and this year to new students.

The brochure gives suggestions for communication between men and women, campus and community resources and steps to take if one is assaulted.

Proffer said TCU provides excellent psychological services free of charge and prepares student victims for rape examinations at John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth.

Chief of Campus Police Oscar Stewart said TCU has improved the lighting in walkways, installed emergency telephones around campus, increased the amount of security officers who walk around campus and installed surveillance cameras in parking lots.

"We (TCU) have not got a known problem with rape. Some people don't report it because there are so many misconceptions about rape," Stewart said.

He said in the past three or four years, there has not been a rape reported on campus.

"The biggest problem with rape is date rape or acquaintance rape," Proffer said.

Acquaintance rape is "forced intercourse without the individual's consent by someone the victim knows," according to the Acquaintance Rape brochure.

The problem with college women is that they do not report assaults because of fear or guilt that the assault was their fault, said Tammy Riemenschneider, community educator for the Rape Crisis Program of the Women's Center of Tarrant County.

She said one out of five college women are victims of rape and 80 percent of that ratio are acquaintance rape victims.

"I imagine that there are far more rapes occurring on TCU's campus than we hear about or are reported," Riemenschneider said.

Proffer said there is no way to say how many acquaintance rapes there are at TCU because students do not always report them.

"Our main concern is for the victim of rape. Rape is not just a problem with women. It takes two to tango," Proffer said.

Peggy Barr, vice chancellor for Student Affairs, said students need to stay away from situations where they can be victims.

"I think it's real important that students learn how to be in situations where they know how to control," Barr said.

She said men must improve their communication skills with women, and women need to improve their behavior with men.

"Anytime rape happens to one woman at any time, it's a problem, and we must take it seriously," Barr said.

**CAMPUSlines**

In conjunction with Freedom Week, an essay contest will be held on the topic, "Freedom in South Africa: What Sacrifices Should We Make?" Essays should be 500 to 1000 words and turned in to the University Ministries office by 3 p.m. Tuesday. The winning essay will be published in the *Skiff* on October 21.

William C. Conner Foundation's Education Fund meeting at 4 p.m. today in Tandy Hall Room 126.

Cinema Soiree from 8 p.m. to 3 a.m. Saturday at 110 E. Third St. Underground film festival sponsored by Tarrant County Arts Alliance. Call 927-8722 for more information.

Biology Seminar at noon Friday in Sid Richardson Lecture Hall 3. Topic: The cellular regulation of tooth eruption.

Programming Council's Forums Committee meeting today at 4 p.m. in Student Center Room 202. Call 921-7926 for more information.

Pre-Law Association meeting at 5:15 p.m. today in Student Center Room 222. Call 921-7468 for more information.

Washington Internship Program meeting at 2 p.m. today in the Student Center Woodson Room. All majors welcome. Call 921-7468 for more information.

Film "Cry Freedom" to be shown Monday at 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom. Admission is \$1.50.

**NITelines**

**Music**

Flying Shoes, rock, Thursday at The HOP, 2905 W. Berry St. Call 923-7281 for more information.

Michael Hearne and South by Southwest, country rock, Friday at The HOP, 2905 W. Berry St. Call 923-7281 for more information.

My Three Sons, rock, Saturday at The HOP, 2905 W. Berry St. Call 923-7281 for more information.

Sidemen, rock, Thursday at Music Street at West Side Stories, 3900 Hwy. 377 S. Show starts at 9:30 p.m. Call 560-7632 for more information.

Ask Your Mama Friday and Saturday at MTD at West Side Stories, 3900 Hwy. 377 S. Show starts at 9:30 p.m. Call 560-7632 for more information.

**Theater**

Eleemosynary, at Circle Theatre, 1227 W. Magnolia in the Magnolia Center Building through Nov. 5. Shows at 8:15 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 3:15 Oct. 23. Call 921-3040 or 787-1500 for more tickets and more information.

On the Verge, at Stage West, 821 W. Vickery, through Nov. 12. Shows at 8:15 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and at 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. on Saturday. Call 332-6283 or STG-WEST for tickets and more information.

**Art**

"George Bellows: The artist and his lithographs" at the Amon Carter Museum, 3501 Camp Bowie Blvd., through Nov. 13. "Images of Plants" from the photography collection and "Views of Texas, 1852-1856: datercolors by Sarah Ann Lillie Harding" also the other exhibits on display. Admission is free. Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday from 1 to 5:30 p.m. Call 738-1933 for more information.

"Poussin: The Early Years in Rome — The Origins of French Classicism" at the Kimbell Art Museum, 3333 Camp Bowie Blvd. through Nov. 27. Paintings and drawings by Nicolas Poussin, 17th century French painter. Admission is \$3, \$2 with student ID. Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 332-8451 for more information.



Courtesy of Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth

**Alumni artists' paintings exhibited in TCU gallery**

By MICHELLE RELEFORD  
Staff Writer

Two local artists, whose styles are as diverse as their personalities, are merging their work together for the Alumni Art Show at the Student Center Gallery until Nov. 26.

The two featured artists, Kevin Marshall and Johnny Pate, both graduated from TCU in 1983.

"This was a new idea by the visual arts committee because they wanted to highlight local alums in the area," said Laura Puckett, program coordinator for Student Activities.

The exhibits include everything from neon and cactus to the colors of the Caribbean.

"This exhibit is exciting because of the bright colors," Puckett said.

While featured artist Pate was on a ship sailing across the Atlantic, he was fascinated by the color of the water, he said.

"While I was on a ship — a luxury liner — I was seeing the colors in the Caribbean, and the colors of some of my paintings in the exhibit are from the water. It was unlike any color I'd seen before," he said.

Pate said he traveled extensively doing documentary work and spent eight weeks traveling on the high seas.

"The paintings have a little bit of emotion in them — from missing my

family and feeling pretty isolated. You couldn't go anywhere," he said.

"It was like a real stressful paradise," he said.

At home in Fort Worth, Pate has his own studio and works on a free-lance basis.

Pate's mother Gail Gear, an art historian at TCU, is an influence to his love of art, he said.

"There's one (painting) I did of her and my grandfather. It's the one of the little girl with the man," he said.

Pate used a conglomeration of mediums for his work, he said.

"I used mostly acrylic paint, some airbrush and oil. Whatever would give me the right color," he said.

"The sky is the limit."

Kevin Marshall uses mainly silk-screen and one neon sculpture to complete the works for his part of the exhibit.

The series of works that Marshall has on display at the gallery are narrated by a paragraph of prose in the bottom left-hand corner.

"They sort of make a narrative in that way. It's really a story about themselves," he said.

"I work through several prints at a time that relate to one another. I make several images that interrelate," he said.

The series of prints and the one sculpture in the show are related to a western theme.

**Art Museum to host Texan painter Bates**

By RAEANNE HUNT  
Staff Writer

Paintings of alligators, wild birds, swamps of the southeastern states and old men are some of the sights to see at the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth.

The museum is presenting the first one-man museum showing of the work of "David Bates: Forty Paintings."

The exhibition will be at the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth from Sunday through Dec. 31.

"David Bates is one of the most gifted young painters at work today," said Marla Price, chief curator at the museum. "In his recent paintings he has created memorable portraits of people and places in Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana, but these beautiful works transcend geographic boundaries."

Bates lives and works in Dallas and received a master's of fine arts from Southern Methodist University.

"He's a young and prolific painter," said James Woodson, a professor of

art at TCU. "I feel encouraged anytime the modern art museum features the work of contemporary artist."

The exhibition includes 40 of Bates' paintings of the last seven years drawn from private and public collections in the United States.

Bates said his imagery derived from a fishing trip where he met people and saw places that he had never seen before.

"After I saw the people and the environment, I knew it was something great and special," he said.

He remained with the rural subjects of the southeastern states because his work "grows and becomes a more accumulative relationship of knowledge."

"There are so many options. What it all boils down to is you have to stick with something and grow with it," Bates said.

Admission to the museum is free and tours are available with reservations.

Contact the Modern Art Museum press officer Allison Wagner at (817) 738-9215 for additional information.

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Freedom Week	
Date/Time	Event/Place
Monday 8 p.m.	"Cry Freedom" Student Center Ballroom
Tuesday 7:30 p.m.	South African journalist Donald Woods Ed Landreth Auditorium
Wednesday 7:30 p.m.	Simulation Game Student Center Ballroom
Thursday 8 p.m.	"Broadway Strutters: An Evening of Elegance." Student Center Ballroom
Friday Noon	Peace rally and march Student Center

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# Commentary

## Letters to the Editor

### Stabbing Greeks

In reference to Wednesday's "Tri-Delt Insult" letter, give us a break! This is just another stab at the Greek community. Further, it is Tri-Delta, not Tri-Delt.

Denise Reese  
Senior/fashion merchandising

Laura Runyon  
Senior/fashion merchandising

### ACLU bashing

This letter is in response to the letter "ACLU Issue," written by John LaBoon, head of the TCU College Reactionaries. (Oops, sorry, I meant Republicans.) The title should have been "ACLU Bashing" or "LaBoon Tries to Fan Yet Another Non-Issue."

First, the overall goals of the ACLU are in no way "dangerous," but noble and necessary. It tries to protect people's civil rights from bureaucratic, legislative and court intrusion. Unfortunately, the press only considers this task newsworthy when those being defended are outside the traditional mainstream. Most of the cases the ACLU takes are on behalf of "normal" Americans, though. Oliver North himself sought ACLU protection and is receiving it. (Talk about outside the mainstream!)

Why would they choose to defend such a diverse group, one that includes people the ACLU lawyers hate and want locked up? Simple. To truly preserve our rights we must unfortunately protect everyone's rights. Have you ever heard the quote to the effect "I disagree with what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it"?

Taking scum, wierdos and kooks as clients may not be good public relations in the short term, but it helps in the long run, because after the emotions die down, there has been a precedent set that continues to protect the rights of all citizens.

Also, supporting the ACLU is very much like supporting the Republicans in some ways. Its legal philosophy is "strict constructionist," the philosophy of Ed Meese, Robert Bork and other rightist heroes. By applying the written text of the Constitution in all cases, you protect the Constitution from current public opinion or judges' whims.

Even the staunchest Republicans can find something on which to disagree, and the same goes for ACLUers. Just because we support its goals does not mean we play a part in every decision or agree that it should have taken a specific case. It is diversity of opinion that maintains freedom.

Finally, why should "under God" be in the official Pledge of Allegiance when some legitimate citizens are atheist or for some personal reason do not want to express their religion in such a public way. Forcing someone to say a pledge, even if they disagree with it, is just as oppressive as preventing them from saying it.

Stop using fear tactics and start giving me reasons why I should vote for your guy.

Ken Kolsti  
Senior/education

### Civil liberty

Amazing. Simply amazing. I read with some interest John LaBoon's letter concerning the ACLU. Now, personally, I'm all for civil liberty. Everyone should have some.

My interest turned quickly to disbelief and then to anger as I continued reading. Why, I had no idea that an organization dedicated to liberty could be so inherently dangerous. To think that it would extend "our" liberties to the wrong kind of people.

We all know that the Bill of Rights wasn't meant to include everybody, right? After all, we should be kind of careful about who expresses what ideas, shouldn't we? We only want certain ideas, the "right" ideas, expressed. If we don't agree with them or feel uncomfortable with them, we needn't hear them. We know we're right, after all. Imagine a society where just anybody could express their no-good, communistic and just plain wrong ideas. Just imagine.

Now imagine that the ideas which you hold most dear are not in agreement with the "normal" folk. Surely you don't think you have the right to embrace such... such abnormal ideas. Silly, they're not "right."

The fact is that our society is one in which freedoms are allowed and, in fact, defended. Everyone has the right to express his or her beliefs and ideas, no matter how radical or reactionary, no matter how subversive or wrong they appear to the normal folk. To declare a conditional freedom of expression is ludicrous.

What is absolutely right? How is it determined? We may not agree with some of the ACLU's stands, but we must not let those opinions be suppressed. If we hold any claim to the American Dream, freedom for all, we must guard against closed-mindedness. The sheer beauty of the First Amendment is that it protects all freedom of expression, those ideas we cherish as well as those we may despise. The ACLU is an integral part of defending those freedoms.

Focusing all of this on Gov. Dukakis, one observation can be readily and truthfully made: he will listen. Through membership in the ACLU, Dukakis has demonstrated the capacity and willingness to maintain an open mind, to hear out both sides of an issue with objectivity. If Mr. LaBoon's perspective is the other option, I would rather have a leader willing to listen than one who is deaf to the cry of freedom.

Andrew R. Wright  
Sophomore/physics

### Abortion views

During the latest stage of his evolution, George Herbert Walker Bush has again changed his

mind concerning abortions. Now he has graciously consented to allow a woman impregnated through an act of rape or incest to obtain an abortion.

This is justified, so the reasoning goes, because the woman is a victim and, as such, she should not be forced to undergo the additional punishment of an unwanted pregnancy. However, Bush says, he supports and honors the sanctity of life; therefore, if the pregnancy was not due to rape or incest, a woman must not be allowed to put an end to her pregnancy.

In other words, the fetus's life is inconsequential in one case but sacred in the other.

This attitude views an embryo conceived through rape or incest as one that is less worthy of life than another embryo whose mother was simply careless. This is paradoxical because instead of honoring the sanctity of life, it trivializes it.

Thus, it is obvious that Bush's view has not fully evolved yet. The issue of abortion must come down to the question: should they be permitted across the board or outlawed altogether? To make a decision any other way implies that life is not always sacred, that in some cases it must be protected, while in others it should not.

Michael Patterson  
Senior/psychology

### Quayle, Kennedy

I am just about fed up with the Democrats' ridiculous attempts to discredit the fine record of Sen. Dan Quayle. Sen. Quayle rightly points out that his record of experience is comparable to that of John F. Kennedy when Kennedy sought the presidency in 1960.

In 1960, Kennedy had served three terms in the U.S. House of Representatives and was in the second year of his second term in the U.S. Senate. In 1988, Quayle has served two terms in the House and is currently in the second year of his second term in the Senate.

The similarities, however, don't stop there. Consider:

- Both Kennedy and Quayle grew up in wealthy families.
- Kennedy graduated cum laude from Harvard. Quayle graduated from DePauw University as a self-proclaimed average student. After graduating, he took advantage of an affirmative action program (for the intellectually disabled?) to attend law school at Indiana University, where he performed with equal distinction.
- Kennedy served his country during the Second World War, returning a decorated war hero. Quayle served his country during the Vietnam War, bravely defending his native Indiana from the godless communists.
- Kennedy had won a Pulitzer Prize for his book, *Profiles in Courage*. Quayle can read.

So you can see that Sen. Quayle is every bit as qualified to serve as vice-president or, if necessary, as president, as was then-Sen. Kennedy.

Quayle has stated that the first thing he would do if he were to become president would be to say a prayer. So would I.

Michael R. Butler  
assistant professor of economics

## HEY, GUYS! ARE YOU UNHAPPY WITH YOUR RUNNING MATES?



## Are glasnost, perestroika just words in dictionary?

By NANCY ANDERSEN  
Columnist



At Red Square in Moscow, a student says her T-shirt reading "Hot News - Glasnost!" is sold only at tourist shops "because they know Russians aren't so easily fooled."

Meanwhile, in Leningrad a taxi driver offers to trade vodka for American-made blue jeans. "Perestroika," he says, smiling.

Glasnost and perestroika - respectively, openness and economic restructuring spearheaded by Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev - are certainly welcome and long overdue to the Soviet Union, a nation long suffering under the closed-door policies of Lenin and Stalin.

In practice, however, these policies are questionable. Are they really improving the quality of life for the average Soviet citizen, or are they merely something to show off to the Western media found throughout the world?

Since recent news stories report Soviet grocery stores often lack staples such as sugar and flour while recent wire photos depict Soviet housewives still standing in the cold to buy toilet paper and cabbage, the answer is obviously the latter.

Gorbachev appears well aware that unless strong efforts are made to improve even outwardly simple economic conditions the policy of perestroika may be in danger. Last month, while thundering through the provinces, he even permitted Soviet television to show housewives berating him over the scarcity of food.

For example, Muscovites may enjoy free, American-style pizza from food carts in Red Square, but at the same time they rightly complain about the shortage of basic items like good fountain pens.

Because perestroika knows no consistency, the attitude toward it in the Soviet Union has become mocking, cynical and sardonic. An office worker in the city of Minsk in Western Soviet Union told an American journalist of his friend who has two cats, a fat one named Capitalist, and a thin one named Proletariat.

Perhaps Miss Moscow does model Soviet fashions influenced by Bill Blass, Albert Nipon and Adrianna Vittadini, some of which make the runways at New York City. A typical Soviet woman, however, still must head to the yard-goods store and stay up late after working 10-hour days to sew clothes for her family first, then herself.

With perestroika, quality merchandise may be increasingly available, but only at skyrocketing prices at stores which accept only Western currency. Ordinary Soviets with ordinary rubles are left standing in line for low-quality goods.

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To the same journalist, a Moscow clothes designer, summing up the Soviet majority population's view of perestroika, said, "We still can't buy freely."

Glasnost has been embraced more readily than perestroika, for Soviets realize that to solve their nation's problems, they must be aware of them first.

In one week last month, for instance, citizens learned revolutions in the weekly "Moscow News" about Leonid Brezhnev's failing health. The article called the late Soviet leader "neither a great nor even a distinguished personality" - something the Kremlin kept locked away.

Other articles during the week told of a KGB admission that Soviet maps were falsified for decades and criticized the system's "secrecy cult."

Glasnost is evident in entertainment as well. Graphic sex scenes are no longer edited out of Western movies. Soviet readers are even treated to the publication of two chapters of George Orwell's "Animal Farm," long banned as an allegorical attack on Stalinism.

But many Soviets distrust glasnost even as they welcome it. The elders remember periods of openness in the past that didn't endure: reforms under Nikita Khrushchev 25 years ago, for example, were undone by the chill of the Brezhnev era.

What will happen, therefore, when Gorbachev leaves office in one way or another?

The elders' children and grandchildren, afraid to speak openly this year lest they become imprisoned in Siberia next year, see glasnost as window dressing, designed for the consumption of the Western media and of the Soviet elite.

Broadened liberties and markets are just words when they provide copy for Western newspapers or footage for Western television without providing services for the majority of the Soviet people.

To the woman standing in line to fill the milk jug, to the doctor wearing a shabby suit because he can't buy another, and to the student who reads Mark Twain but can't hope to see Hannibal, Mo., in person, glasnost and perestroika may as well be only illegible terms in the dictionary.

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## Sports



It's loaded! - Intramural flag football teams battle it out in divisional action this week.

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## Even though they lose, they're back every year

By ROBIN SHERMER  
Sports Writer

It is first and 10 on the three-yard line and The Skiffers finally have a chance to win a game. The ball is snapped, the quarterback drops back for the pass, then drops to the ground as he fumbles the ball - again.

Ah, intramurals. The thrill of victory and the agony of defeat. But the agonies of defeat often occur more than many competitors would like them to.

Of course The Skiffers are not a real team, but a team that is a figment of many losing intramural teams at TCU. Some teams have consistently had losing seasons for years, yet they keep coming back to play and compete with enthusiasm and spirit.

What is this phenomenon? It is called playing for the fun of the game, despite not winning.

"I love competition. I love to win," said Micheal Sheehan, captain of the Bushmasters, a Tom Brown team.

The Bushmasters have had losing football records the past two years, and they are currently 2-4 this year.

"We're not as competitive as other guys, but we like to play," Sheehan said. "We go out to win but if we don't, what the hell."

The point of intramurals is to enjoy the game and to meet people, said Christine Brinkerhoff, intramural director.

"This program is for everyone," she said. "We don't want people to get too competitive where they are to the point of abusing the officials."

Another team with a string of losing seasons is the Phi Delta Theta team.

However, the team gets its revenge on the softball field and in the track events, said Kent Pendelton, captain of the Phi Deltas.

"Competitiveness of the game is part of the reason we keep playing, he said. "We also go out there to find out how out of shape we really are."

As for the women, forfeiting is the major cause of losing records, not actually losing the games, Brinkerhoff said. But sororities and other independent teams continue to sign up for events although they end up forfeiting time and time again.

These losing teams show spirit in coming back year after year to have fun and to enjoy themselves in competition, which is what intramurals is about.

"By the way, we will win indoor soccer this year," said Pendelton.

Good luck.

## That's just about enough outta you and your goons, Switzer

By TROY PHILLIPS  
Sports Editor

If Oklahoma coach Barry Switzer and his jerk-faced Sooners had an eighth of the class Jimmy Johnson and his No. 1-ranked Miami Hurricanes have, Switzer might at least be considered a member of the human race. His Cro-Magnon, steroid-pumped apes in Sooner crimson, however, may never aspire to such heights.

It's not enough that we have to listen to all the Sooners' fat-mouthing every year for Texas-OU weekend. Texans who get off on insulting their native state rate just below decomposed slime mold on the food chain.

An earful was expected after OU bashed UT for the fourth straight time.

But no one has to remind the Kansas State Wildcats they aren't even in the Sooner's league. Except Switzer. Unfortunately, Big Eight Conference patsy KSU is in OU's league - per say. This week the Sooners host the 0-5 Wildcats in Norman, Okla., and Switzer has already begun spewing more of his mindless, moronic dribble to the press. Switzer may speak the truth, but tact has never been one of his strong attributes.

"We're the best team, and we should win," Switzer said this week. Not bad for starters, but as always, it get worse.

"They (KSU) know that, and we know that," he said. "They're so bad, Vince Lombardi couldn't have won with them. They're probably less talented than I've ever seen them."

It's conceivable that Switzer wouldn't win a popularity contest among the head coaches of other Big Eight member institutions. With comments like those, he isn't worth the last drop of oil in the state of Oklahoma. Of course, respect and sportsmanship seem to mean less than nothing at OU. Only winning counts.

On the lighter side, there's plenty of excitement and intrigue going into this week's Southwest Conference slate. Arkansas (5-0 overall, 2-0 SWC), off to its best start in years, will take its act into Austin Saturday to face Texas (3-2 overall, 1-0 SWC).

If the Hogs return to Fayetteville, Ark., at 5-1 Sunday, look for Coach Ken Hatfield to be on the hot seat. Arkansas fans, alums and officials will settle for nothing less than a Cotton Bowl berth this season. And the road to Dallas definitely passes through

Austin.

Yours truly will spend his fall break in the chilling mountain air of Provo, Utah (sounds like "The Price is Right"), observing the second meeting of TCU (3-2 overall, 1-1 SWC) and the BYU Cougars (4-1). Don't even think of last year, gang. The picture this year isn't quite as pretty.

BYU junior quarterback Sean Covey started his first varsity game during that 33-12 shocker last season. As of this week, Covey has 1,318 yards passing. This guy has blistered secondaries week end and week out, averaging 325 passing yards.

How will TCU stop a team that averages 458 yards total offense per game? How will TCU's high-powered ground attack put a dent in BYU rushing defense, one that allows 66.8 yards on the ground weekly? Remember BYU's 47-6 drubbing of UT, and hope the Horned Frogs don't get

whipped in Provo.

Whether TCU shows up as Jekyl or Hyde, a TCU win is a hard sell. This week, BYU is the bargain.

Okay, let's shake it and quake it:

## Texas Tech over Rice

To win in the SWC, Tech (1-4 overall, 1-2 SWC) is missing a key ingredient, namely defense. Tech rates seventh in the conference defensively. The Raiders needn't fret, however. In team defense, the Rice Owls (0-4, 0-2 SWC) rate just below Tech at No. 8.

Coincidentally, Rice and Tech rate sixth and seventh, just ahead of TCU. To say these two teams are well-matched is an understatement. But give Tech the win in what should be a close one.

## Texas A&amp;M over Baylor

A&M running back Darren Lewis is averaging 146.8 yards rushing per

game and the Aggies (2-3 overall, 2-0 SWC) are apparently back, and just in time to make life miserable for everyone who does get a bowl shot.

Baylor (3-2 overall, 0-2 SWC) on the other hand, can't seem to prove it can play with anyone in the SWC. All three wins have come from joke opponents. A Bear win in College Station would take a miracle at this point, and Baylor needs one.

## Arkansas over Texas

It isn't supposed to happen this way. Arkansas compiled its flawless record all at home, in Little Rock and Fayetteville. If there's something to be said for homefield advantage, UT and Arkansas will both test the theory to its limits.

Last year, UT prevailed 16-14 in the hills, but the Hogs are the class of the SWC in 1988 - so long as they don't choke.

## Frogs travel to BYU, try for road victory

By REGINA ANDERSON  
Sports Editor

Last year when TCU and Brigham Young University squared off, it was a cakewalk for the Frogs.

They had a total of 536 total offensive yards-504 rushing.

They allowed BYU only 39 yards rushing and 255 yards passing.

Senior utility man Scott Ankrom rushed for 105 yards and junior Tony Darthard added 99 yards as the Frogs ripped the Cougars 33-12.

This Saturday when the Frogs travel to Utah it will be everything but a cakewalk. The Frogs will be looking for their first road victory.

The Cougar defense has allowed only 66.8 yards a game rushing for opponents in five games.

"We will be tested this week," BYU defensive coordinator Dick Felt said. "They run the option extremely well. We have been playing against teams that pass more."

Although the Cougars began the season with five returning starters on defense, they have played quite well according to Felt.

"We are defensively healthy and the players have come through for us," he said. "They have been playing hard. We thought it (having only five returning starters) would be difficult but surprisingly they have played quite well."

The Cougar offense will also be tough for the Frogs.

Cougar quarterback Sean Covey is

83 of 164 for 1,318 yards through five games.

Wide receiver Chuck Cutler has 23 catches for 358 yards and six touchdowns.

The offense has averaged 458 yards per game total offense and has averaged 34.4 points scoring per game.

But after the loss last year the Cougars aren't taking the Frogs lightly.

TCU enters the game averaging 331.8 total offensive yards.

"This will be a difficult game for us," Dick Felt said. "Last year they hammered us pretty good. It will be a tough football game."

Prior to the Rice game the Frogs had back-to-back 450 yards plus total offensive performances against Bowling Greens and Boston College.

TCU running backs Tony Darthard, Scott Ankrom, Cedric Jackson and Scott Bednarski are all averaging 5.0 yards per attempt.

Felt said he hopes the home field advantage will help the Cougars.

"We've been playing good here," he said. "Hopefully it will continue."

TCU will enter the game with a 3-2 record.

The Cougars enter the game 4-1 after winning four straight games.

The Cougars are 10 point favorites to win the game, but Felt isn't counting on that.

"I hope after everything is over," he said. "Someone knows what they were talking about."



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# News

## Commercial warns children about becoming 'couch potatoes'

By SUZANNE LORTON  
Staff Writer

Media have replaced interaction between family members to some degree, said Michael Katovich, assistant professor of sociology. ABC and CBS will broadcast a pediatrician group's public service announcement to children warning them against the hazards of watching

too much television. The 30-second commercial, which features a boy and girl turning into "couch potatoes" while watching too much television, is being offered to the three major networks and 400 local stations by the American Academy of Pediatrics. "The intentions are good (in broadcasting the commercial) because they are telling children they do have some

responsibility for their actions, not just passive viewers," Katovich said. He said his view is that television is assuming a parental role. "Since Mom and Dad can't tell you what to watch, television will tell you how to behave," Katovich said. The "couch potato" commercial is contradictory because the implicit message is to tell the child he or she is an active participant, Katovich said.

"But on the other hand, the 'couch potato' commercial is telling the child what to do." He said television is making a statement with this commercial because it is showing a step in television to be socially responsible. "In doing this commercial, television is showing it can be self-reflective," Katovich said. Carolyn Lee, assistant professor of

radio-TV-film, said children ought to be directed in what they watch. "I think what children watch when they're young will have an effect—the degree to what effect is the argument," Lee said. Lee said this commercial represents the hope that the quality of television for children and adults will improve.

Anne Spidell, assistant professor of education, said the commercial can have an effect on the modeling source as an appropriate program selection. "However, a better effect would be the coaching effect where they could have a parent or teacher discuss it with them," Spidell said. The commercial has not yet been scheduled for broadcast.

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# Stanford prof speaks on reading, writing

By **NANCY ANDERSEN**  
Staff Writer

An international specialist in the field of cultures' effect upon learning described several "reflective versions" of teaching the skills of reading and writing in a presentation Tuesday.

Shirley Brice-Heath, professor of English and linguistics at Stanford University, spoke on "Making Changes in Reading and Writing Instruction" to an audience mainly composed of education majors.

She said mechanical measures of teaching reading and writing don't capture the rich environment in students' backgrounds.

"The standard college dictionary definition of skill focuses on specific teaching ability, rather than understanding," she said. "But skill includes the sum of all mental abilities to allow students to acquire, retain and extend knowledge."

Brice-Heath called acquiring, retaining and extending knowledge "a three-legged stool."

"On this triad, I want to build the image of language learning as extending far beyond reading. The sum of all these processes provides comprehension, especially for those students who don't speak English as their native tongue," she said.

She cited a study in a high school where 98 percent of students spoke English as their second language. A teacher asked her class to record language habits outside of school as well as in other classrooms. Meanwhile, she said, the teacher took notes on the questions students were asking.

"It was discovered the nature of the questions as well as the nature of the answers becomes important," Brice-Heath said. "The teacher found students initiated discussion on several points of grammar."

Among these questions, Brice-Heath said, were why English speak-

ers say the same thing in different ways, why people drop the past tense in informal language and why some don't put an "s" with present third person singular as in, 'He go' rather than 'He goes.'

"The students wanted the teacher to talk about the different styles of language - colloquial, informal, formal - and about how vocabulary becomes specialized," she said.

By the end of the term, Brice-Heath said, the students had become experts in that they could determine native differences in speakers and whether or not ordinary conversations were taking place.

"When a tape was played of someone talking, they knew he was following a written script because he was talking in full sentences. Ordinary conversation doesn't work that way," she said. "This was shocking to the teacher."

Since "skeptics say incorporating such knowledge in elementary schools is not possible," Brice-Heath described a study done by James King, a professor at Texas Women's University.

In the study King had fifth and sixth graders who have English as their second language read to kindergartners while he and several graduate students took notes on the questions asked and responses given about the kind of books the fifth and sixth graders chose to read.

After a few weeks King discovered the fifth and sixth graders wanted to take notes themselves, she said.

"The attitudes were like those of Mark, a sixth grader: 'We don't need you. We can observe and record what little kids are doing when they read,'" Brice-Heath said.

Because King and the graduate students wanted to generate writing well

as reading, they had the fifth and sixth graders write a book about their experience with the kindergartners.

Part of the book told of kindergartners "not involving themselves with the story."

"That's a pretty shrewd observation to see when the points of attention fall," Brice-Heath said.

In addition to learning greater linguistic skills, the fifth and sixth graders in King's study had "reduced truancy and discipline problems," she said.

Brice-Heath gave several characteristics of both students who learn language skills quickly and teachers who are successful in teaching language skills.

She said the students focus not on language as an object but as an instrument "of feeding into our own heads some sense of monitoring our own learning."

"It also depends on observing - it's

not so much what comes out of the mouth but what goes on with the eyes," Brice-Heath said.

Meanwhile, she said, teachers focus not on the process of teaching but the content.

"The teacher's role shifts to that of a collaborator keeping track of what happens in the classroom," she said. "For example, King wasn't authorized to teach math or science, but a lot of teaching of that still went on in the classroom."

Brice-Heath said teachers also give students credit for asking questions as well as giving answers "so it is acceptable to say, 'I don't know the answer.'"

Finally, she said, teachers are "constant theory builders."

"Teachers know that to learn people must be able to exert control over their environments - freedom to explore and freedom to make mistakes."

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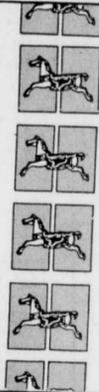
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