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## Jurist says King set precedent

By ROBYN ADAMS and ANGIE COX  
Staff Writers

No matter what university blacks attend, ultimately all blacks are students of the University of Adversity offering degrees in suffering, disease, disappointment and apartheid, said keynote speaker Judge Maryellen W. Hicks at the Martin Luther King Jr. birthday celebration.

"The University of Adversity has a long list of distinguished graduates. Martin Luther King heads that list. He graduated cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, and oh lordy!" said the 231st district judge.

"How many black professors are there at TCU?" Hicks asked an audience of 45 Monday night in the Woodson Room.

"None," said a woman from the audience, and Hicks nodded in agreement.

Hicks used TCU as an example of racism in the 1980s, 20 years after the Civil Rights Movement.

"President Reagan dares to say on Martin Luther King's birthday that racism doesn't exist except in the minds of people like Jesse Jackson, Coretta Scott King and Benjamin Hooks. Anyone who believes that is either dead or a fool," she said.

In her speech, sponsored by the Black Student Caucus, START, and the Student House of Representatives, Hicks acknowledged that blacks have come a long way since the 1950s, but said they still have a long way to go. She used several examples to explain her message.

"In the '50s we fought for the right to vote, now we fight for the right to have our vote count. We fought to drink from any water fountain, now we fight for the opportunity to sell those water fountains," she said.

Hicks listed three basic confrontations facing the civil rights movement today. These three are the implementing and enforcing of rights already won, maintaining the gains already made and seeking the elimination of a dual economic system to achieve economic parity.

"Yesterday we fought for the right to check into any hotel we wanted. Today we are fighting to have enough money to check out of the same hotel. Yesterday we asked for charity. Today we ask for economic parity," she said.

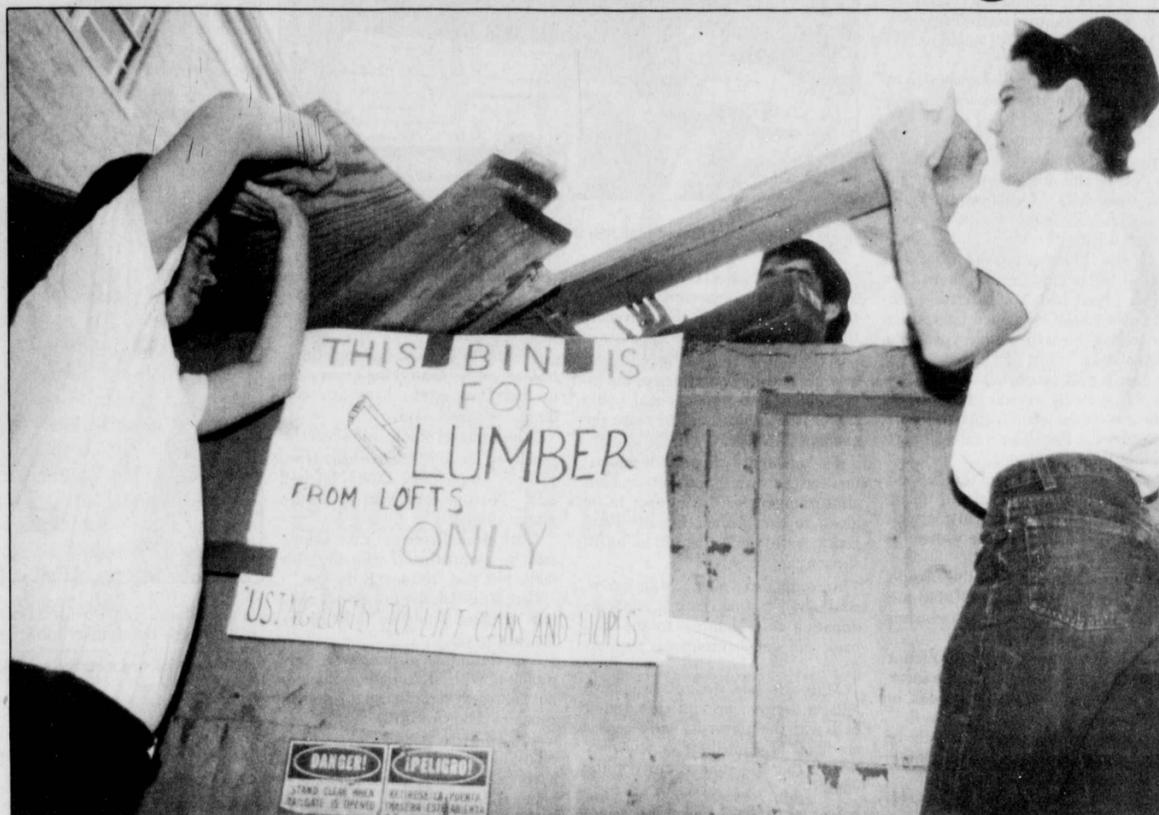
Hicks paid tribute to King throughout her speech, saying he inspires all blacks. "King was the greatest prophet of nonviolence of our time. But he always stood his ground against injustice, refusing to retract anything he said."

Hicks urged the audience to forgive King's persecutors and always to remember his words.

She spoke of two legacies that King left Americans to fulfill.

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## Rude awakening



John Dorland and John Pohl dump wood from dismantled lofts into the dumpster behind Clark Hall.

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## Fire code igniting opposition

By STEPHANIE MILLARD  
Staff Writer

The Fort Worth Fire Marshal's decision that all residence hall lofts must be removed by the end of the semester has left students confused about the reason and angry about the inconvenience.

Students were notified when they returned to school that all lofts were going to have to come down, and some students received a letter Sunday that their lofts had to be removed by the end of the month.

The fire code states that all lofts covering 50 percent or more of a room or blocking a window or door must be removed by Jan. 29.

Lofts designated by the fire department as exceptions will remain until the end of the semester.

"It was really poorly explained to us," said Bryan Weaver, junior music education major. "In the letter, it mentioned blocking the window and door, but it didn't explain

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## Room lofts banned

By SCOTT HUNT  
Staff Writer

A decision by the Fort Worth fire marshal means no more lofty ideas on campus.

Captain Tom Lewis of the Fort Worth Fire Department, after a summer inspection of the residence halls, determined that all lofts are in violation of fire and building codes.

Although all lofts must come down at the end of the semester, only those considered most hazardous must come down by Jan. 29, even though the fire department gave TCU until Feb. 1. The extra time between the two deadlines was allotted in case any unforeseen problems arise.

Lofts covering more than 50 percent of the room or blocking doors or windows must come down immediately.

According to the Office of Housing/Residential Living, 184 lofts will have to be dismantled by the end of the semester.

After the inspection, students were permitted to keep their lofts while the university made an unsuccessful appeal to the construction and fire prevention board of appeals.

Don Mills, assistant vice chancellor for student affairs, said the university tried on behalf of itself and the students to persuade the board to allow TCU to keep lofts.

"I'm disappointed," Mills said. "The university has allowed lofts for quite a few years, at least over 10, and we liked lofts. We felt they gave students flexibility in the use of space."

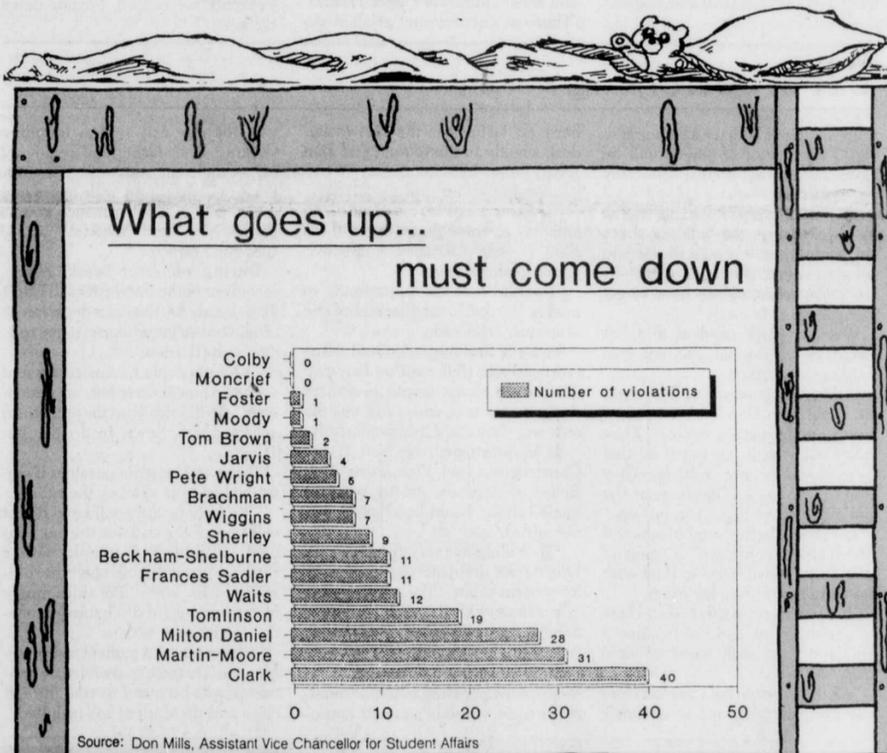
"When we first heard last summer there was a possibility (of lofts violating the fire code) we tried to handle it informally using the same arguments students use. We've had fires before and the lofts never caused problems," Mills said. "We didn't think we would lose on the issue."

There was a conflict in defining what constitutes a loft, Mills said.

"The (Fort Worth) building department decided they (lofts) were mezzanines and we went at it from that angle," Lewis said.

Lewis defined a mezzanine as an intermediate floor placed within a room. According to the Fort Worth building code, mezzanines require seven feet of clearance both above and below the loft.

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## Increased participation tops House leaders' list

By MELINDA HARTMAN  
Staff Writer

Increasing student involvement in TCU's House of Representatives heads the priority list of the new cabinet this semester.

The new cabinet members are Kristin Chambers, president; Brooke Rose, vice president; Jason Riddle, vice president of Programming Council; Tisha Coleman, secretary and Tom Ivester, treasurer.

"It is the students' fees that the House is working with, and they (the students) can and should have a say in how it's spent," Ivester said.

Students do not need to be voting members to attend House meetings and voice their opinions, Rose said.

The best avenue to increasing student involvement is through communication, Ivester said.

"We're really going to work on publicity this semester and getting information out," Chambers said.

Coleman said she plans to periodically visit the meetings of other organizations throughout the semester and inform them of the activities of the House.

This student body does not realize its power, Chambers said.

"We're not going to have marches and bomb the chancellor's office or

anything like that, but I think there are some things on this campus we can change if 7,000 students say, 'Look this needs to change,'" Chambers said.

For example, she would like to see the student-trustee relationship change, Chambers said.

"There are a handful of trustees that feel like it is their duty to do what is best for us. Well, whether or not they know what is best for us without our input is questionable," Chambers said.

The student's opinions should be taken more seriously, Chambers said.

"After all, without the students you don't have a university," she said.

Within the next month, Chambers said she plans to meet with the chancellor and learn the reasons why the trustees have chosen not to divest.

The chancellor has agreed to meet with Chambers and a group of about 15 other people Monday night. The meeting will be informational, she said, with the chancellor giving the trustees' position and answering some questions.

Chambers said she sees divestment as a continuing student concern.

All of the officers said they foresee the new requirement to tear down lofts on campus as a student concern. In addition, there may be a move-



Kristin Chambers

ment to recognize Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday and declare it a school holiday, Coleman said.

Any tuition increase for next fall will certainly concern students and become an issue in the House, Riddle said.

Student apathy and lack of involvement could also be obstacles for the officers to overcome this semester, Ivester said.

While she talked about this semester with enthusiasm, Rose said that no drastic changes would occur from last semester.

But one officer did see a difference. "We're a more fun-loving group than last semester's officers," Coleman said.

## Monitor legislature, Riddlesperger urges

Issues to include TEG, prison reforms

By JOHN MOORE  
Staff Writer

TCU students should follow the activities of the 71st Texas Legislature closely, an assistant professor of political science said.

"I believe too many times we stress the national, while we overlook the state and local matters," Jim Riddlesperger said. "I make a plea for students to pay attention to what goes on in the sessions of the Legislature this semester."

The 71st session began Jan. 10, as legislators gathered in Austin for their biennial task of writing laws, solving problems and setting spending priorities for the state over the next two years.

During this 140-day session of the Legislature, 150 members of the Texas House of Representatives and 15 of the state's 31 senators plan to discuss three main issues: education, prisons and worker's compensation.

In his opening remarks to legislators, House Speaker Gib Lewis of Fort Worth urged them to make a top priority of reforming the financial system of the state educational system.

"The public school system of Texas

is in need of reform," said Lewis, who was reelected by the House to a fourth term as speaker. "If the Texas economy is to be improved, we must start by helping Texas schools."

Education majors should be especially concerned with any education reforms proposed during this session of the Texas Legislature, Riddlesperger said.

"Most of the proposals that have been made concerning education reforms involve teacher compensation," he said. "So education majors might get a better idea of what salaries they'll be making after graduation just by keeping up with what goes on this session."

Riddlesperger said all TCU students should monitor the events of the Texas Legislature, no matter what their majors are.

"It's important to know about everything that goes on within the political system," he said, "even the more mundane and less exciting state and local matters that arise."

"Right now, we're all interested in knowing what Bush has in mind for the country. We're wondering what

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Today's weather is cloudy with occasional showers, high temperatures in the upper 50s and low temperatures in the lower 40s. Winds are from the southeast at 10 mph, and the chance of rain is 60 percent. Tonight, the chance of rain will increase to 70 percent. Friday's weather will be cloudy, with high temperatures in the mid-50s and a 40 percent chance of rain.

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**NEWSlines**

**Gunman charged in day-care shooting**

MCKINNEY, Texas (AP) - The estranged husband of a woman, fatally shot at a day-care center where she had driven to pick up her children, was arraigned Wednesday on a charge of murder.

Ricky Lynn Newman, 30, appeared before Collin County Judge Glen Swanner who left bond at \$100,000. Newman remains in Collin County Jail.

Newman, accompanied by his attorney, gave himself up to Collin County sheriff's officers Tuesday without incident.

Newman was booked into Collin County Jail in lieu of \$100,000 bond on a murder warrant issued by Plano Municipal Court Judge Toni Baggett for his arrest, said sheriff's Lt. John Holton.

**Perjury accusations fly in murder case**

RICHMOND, Texas (AP) - Two teen-age gang members certified to stand trial as adults in attacks on their parents were transferred back to juvenile detention because of the alleged perjury of a court-appointed psychologist.

A 15-year-old boy accused of the Sept. 20 baseball bat beating death of his mother, and a 16-year-old girl accused of conspiring to murder her parents, face new certification hearings following a decision Tuesday by County Court-at-Law Judge Walter McMeans.

Prosecutors joined defense attorneys in asking for new hearings after Huntsville psychologist Jim C. Whitley was charged with two misdemeanor counts of perjury.

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A mezzanine must also be constructed of materials which can burn for one hour and remain structurally sound. Lewis said lofts fail both regulations.

Mills, however, said TCU interpreted lofts as "elevated beds."

"If a loft is defined as a mezzanine, there is no way to meet the fire code," Mills said. "We (TCU) would not define it that way."

Lewis called the discrepancy in interpretations "just a misunderstanding on their part."

"Lofts are structures. They are not pieces of furniture," he said.

Mills said another reason for the fire marshal's decision was the question of smoke in case of a fire in a room with a loft.

"The biggest problem is that lofts tend to be fairly big. It's more than just a bunk bed. You have the problem of smoke rising and no ventilation, so there is the problem of smoke inhalation," Mills said.

Mills said he thought the reason lofts were only recently discovered to be a violation was a change in priorities by the Fort Worth Fire Department.

Before this summer, the fire department was concerned with insuring that TCU buildings had adequate alarm systems and escape routes, he said.

Mills said he thought the fire department, satisfied that TCU has met these needs, has started to concentrate on more specific items.

The summer inspection also found carpet in the stairwells of some sorority houses in violation of city codes, he said.

The university acted promptly on that issue because it was "a clearer violation," Mills said.

The loft question was not as clear cut, Mills said.

"We went to our legal advisers and they prepared a case," he said. "We went before the board, and regrettably, we lost."



Clark Hall resident David Hatchell pines for his lost loft.

If the board gave TCU the variance in the codes it requested, the question of the board and the university being liable could be raised in case of a later fire involving a loft, Mills said.

Mills said he was aware of the inconvenience to students and would try to work with them to make the change.

The university will provide dumpsters for the dismantled lofts and has also arranged for the lumber to be given to the Tarrant County Food Bank, who will use it to build shelving.

According to a memo Mills sent to students living on campus, students donating their lumber to the food bank will get a receipt for tax purposes.

Mills also said students who have lofts in their rooms and stored their beds with the university will receive a credit of \$17.50 on their account, one-half of the \$35 storage cost for the year.

Several students spoke out against the decision.

"I think it's pretty stupid, actually," said senior loft owner Bret Paulson. "There was no warning at all at the

end of last semester. You come back and have to take the loft down. We put a lot of time into it, and I don't think it's fair."

"They should have said something in December, something to prepare us that they might have to come down," Paulson said.

"The removal of lofts will affect the quality of life in residence halls as we know it," sophomore David Hatchell said. "No one will want to live in dorms anymore."

Clark Hall Director Mike Cappo said he sympathized with the students but that "the law is the law."

Cappo said Clark was losing 40 of 45 lofts so there would be "a lot of explaining to do."

Cappo said he didn't foresee any problem with student compliance, but failure to comply could result in penalties both from the fire department and TCU.

"All in all, most guys here in Clark have been pretty understanding - better than I expected," Cappo said. "I haven't heard any people say outright 'I'm not going to take them down,' but most will wait until the last weekend (before Feb. 1 to take down the lofts)."

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what was wrong with the lofts being so big. I think a lot of people will be moving out of the dorms, especially upperclassmen.

"My main problem with it is that there's wiring in the building that's old, and they over assign rooms and get away with it. But they say the lofts are against code and we have to get them down right away."

Weaver, Clark resident and loft owner, is not the only student who dislikes the decision.

"I don't like it (removing the lofts) a bit," said Dan Copeland, freshmen broadcast journalism major. "They didn't tell us when we put it up that there would be any problem. They didn't make any specifications at the first of the year when it was put up."

The change in the living situation is "monetarily inefficient," Copeland said, since he will have to deal with the extra furniture in his room.

"If I could have a loft, I would stay on campus," he said. "But since I can't, I'll most likely move off next year."

"All the wood we built our loft from was fire retardant, and it wouldn't

burn any faster than the shelves and desk already in the room," said Dan Hunt, junior business major. "We're going to have it up until the last day."

"The way I look at it is if one of the lofts has to come down, all of them should," said Courtney McElmoyl, junior geology major.

"I would love the opportunity to modify my loft until the end of the semester," she said.

Victoria Saalberg, resident assistant in Waits Hall, said on her wing there were three people in a room designed for two, and a loft was the only way they could live comfortably.

TCU questioned the Fort Worth Construction and Fire Prevention Board of Appeals, asking whether modifications would be allowed, and the answer was "no."

"The ruling was very specific," said Don Mills, assistant vice chancellor for student affairs. "If a loft was not in compliance with the code, it had to come down. There was no wiggle room."

The decision is part of a two-to-three-year upgrading of the university fire code, which began with impro-

ving the fire exit routes, installing working fire alarms and removing carpeting from stairwells. The upgrade will conclude with improving the safety of the residence rooms themselves, said Michael Cappo, Clark hall director.

During semester break, representatives of the university and Capt. Tom Lewis of the fire department conducted an inspection of every residence hall room.

"A lot of people have concerns and want to know if their lofts are exceptions," Mills said. "But the exceptions are for Capt. Lewis to decide, not TCU."

There will be strict penalties if students decide to disobey the ruling.

"We believe they will be in direct violation of the code of student conduct in failure to comply with a reasonable request of a university official," Mills said. "Penalties range from a warning to disciplinary probation to the very serious."

"Ultimately, if a student completely refuses (to remove their loft), a contractor will be hired to take the loft down and the student will be billed."



John Dorland, John Pohl and Donnie Tyler wrestle with wood from the many lofts already being taken down in Clark Hall.

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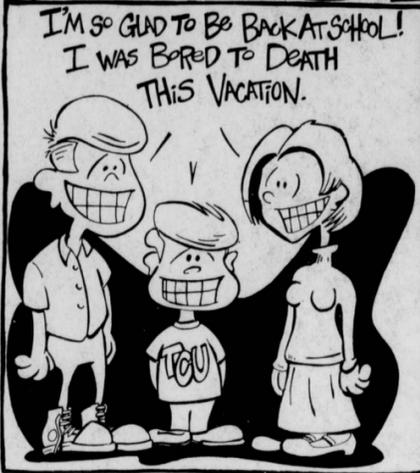
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Two DAYS into school routine

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Two MONTHS into school routine!!!

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(MADONNA JUST)

## Eating lunch in Tyler, Texas shows common political view

By JERRY MADDEN  
Columnist



Last summer, I decided to take a chance on life. I had just finished reading the book *A Walk Across America* by Peter Jenkins. In the book,

Jenkins described the people, places and events he encountered as he walked from New York to Washington state.

The book revealed just how deep the character of America is.

After reading the book, I was inspired to conduct my own investigation of the soul of this country. But due to a lack of time and money, I wouldn't make the trip across America.

Instead, I limited myself to exploring my home state: Texas.

At the beginning of summer I had to slug my way through Army ROTC Advanced Camp in Fort Riley, Kansas. That ate up six weeks, leaving seven to make my trip.

I busied myself for two days after returning loading up my 1989 white Chevrolet Sprint Metro with clothing and travel supplies. By Monday morning, my white toy poodle (Bo) and I were on our way.

Our first leg of the journey took us east along Interstate 20 towards Longview and Tyler. We stopped off in Tyler for lunch and conversation with the natives.

At The Waffle House in Tyler I had the pleasure of sitting next to a truck driver named Joseph. Joseph was a

burly man with massive forearms and a tattoo on the meaty part of his shoulder which read "God Bless Me." He wore a red Budweiser baseball cap, a brown T-shirt, a fatigue jacket, torn and tattered blue jeans and pale brown cowboy boots. He had the look and smell of an authentic working man.

I sat down on the stool next to his. He was reading the local newspaper while drinking his coffee. The main news of the day was of a fire just down the street the night before and the presidential election.

"It looks like George has this one in the bag," I said as the waitress served my blueberry pancakes with bacon and orange juice.

"Yeah. The Duke ain't got a snowball's chance in Hell of winnin' this one."

Joseph took another sip of coffee. "The name's Joseph." He held out his hand.

"I'm Jerry. Nice to meet you."

"You look like a college kid, Jerry."

"Sure am. I go to TCU."

"A Horny Toad, huh? Well, since you're a college kid, I'll bet you're followin' the election pretty close, huh?"

"Just a little."

"Well, if ya' ask me it don't really matter who wins. They all say the same thing. They don't want to --- people off, ya know."

"Yeah, I know what you mean."

"That's the problem with all the politicians today. They don't say nothin'. They babble out a lot of garbage which sounds good on the TV, but it don't mean nothin'."

"I guess even if they did say something meaningful they wouldn't fol-

low through with their promise to do it," I added.

"You got that right, my friend." Joseph took another sip of coffee and bit into his glazed doughnut.

"This country is really messed up. If we don't do something to change it, we're going to go right down the toilet," he said.

"You really think so?"

"Sure do. Politicians, Bush and the Duke included, don't say nothin' or do nothin' worth while. They all sit around waiting to be reelected. In the meantime they do nothing to jeopardize themselves."

"Are you a Republican or a Democrat?" I asked.

"I'm neither. I am me. I'm a truck driver, a working man. I take care of myself and my family. I couldn't care less about the survival of parties. I just want a fair shake from life and the government."

"Yeah, but do you vote for the Republicans or Democrats normally?"

"Neither. I'm not looking for victories for the Republicans or Democrats. I'd love to see a victory for the average guy like me, and whoever is going to help me out is who I vote for."

Well, we talked for a while longer before I looked out the window and saw Bo staring at me from the car. He had been watching me and now had his tongue hanging out of his mouth.

I shook hands with Joseph, said goodbye and paid the bill, taking a bit of food out to the car for Bo. After he had finished eating and drinking water out of his bowl, we headed back towards the highway with Longview as our ultimate destination for the day.

## 'Mallies' bring out adult side

By STEVE RUBICK  
Columnist



Humanity is doomed.

A random thought to be sure, but an important one nevertheless. I came to this realization over the Christmas break as I wandered aimlessly through my conveniently located neighborhood mall.

Like dozens of other unemployed, vacationing college students I spent many hours taking up space at the mall. I freely admit that this was not the best way to productively spend my vacation time, but I will defend myself by pointing out that I helped to further the cause of capitalism while at the mall and, in so doing, struck a moral victory in our nation's never-ending struggle against Communism.

And I just didn't feel like working.

Modern day shopping malls not only provide all the necessary conveniences for today's always busy, upwardly mobile young adults; they also provide a shelter for the thousands of vagrant teenagers who don't seem to feel the calling of today's seemingly always open, somewhat modern public school systems.

Watching these teeming hordes of teenagers going about their everyday teenage business was a shocking trip into a world that has subtly changed from the one that I knew five years ago. Today's teens somehow seem less the children that they should be, yet at the same time less the adults that they should be becoming.

The kids I saw at the mall were an odd mix of the stereotypical hard rocker/high school dropout and the over-cliched image of the rebellious teenager of the late 1950's.

Just for kicks let's look at a typical example of a modern-day mall kid, shall we? And just for kicks let's call this typical example Scott.

Scott has frizzy, unkempt, shoulder length, bleached blonde hair. His face is a subtle blend of acne and dirt, covering an appropriately blank stare. He wears a black leather jacket over a matching black 'Metallica World Tour' T-shirt and shredded, fourth generation, hand-me-down jeans. This stunning ensemble is accompanied by leather high tops and a half empty box of Marlboros.

Scott's daily routine consists of sleeping late in the morning, consuming large quantities of nourishing junk food, hanging out with friends at the mall and staying up late at night. Cursing is thrown in occasionally for good measure and may be accompanied by grunting and spitting.

By itself, that is not all that bad; every generation has its own unique way of expressing itself and if these kids choose to look and act like abandoned children that is their right. Granted, our generation with their faded Levi's and unpressed oxfords may have seemed a tad odd to the generation that preceded us, but they listened to disco music so their opinion doesn't count.

This new generation's attitude is perhaps the most distressing thing I see. The kids I saw at the mall seemed to oppose everything about today's society; they were openly against education, the establishment and the current social norms.

Rebellion against society is nothing new; every generation rebels against their parents. It is the accepted order.

But these little hooligans acted as though the world owes them something. They sat around complaining about school, bragging about their sexual exploits, dreaming about their own future success and bad-mouthing everything and everybody that happened to walk by.

I suppose these young people think that the world will be handed to them on a silver platter. They showed no evidence of working to improve themselves or their current situation; they seemed content to just sit around doing nothing. Well, these children will just have to learn that there is more to life than sex, drugs and loud, Satanic rock music. They are going to have to learn that there are higher purposes to this life. They are going to have to learn that if they want to succeed in this life, they are going to have to learn responsibility. They are going to have to learn...

Y'know, I just realized: I'm turning into my parents.

## Letter to the Editor

### King remembered

Students return to campus this week amid lines at the bookstore and late registration.

Anxious to get the semester underway and happy to see friends, I watched an important moment in U.S. history pass. As many Horned Frogs prepare for Superbowl Sunday, we should remember that Monday, Jan. 16, was a day set aside to celebrate the birthday of an American hero.

1989 marks the fourth year of a nationally recognized holiday that has been celebrated in communities throughout the land for almost two decades. On Monday, Americans symbolically rung the Liberty Bell and the Stock Market came to a silent pause in honor of the historic civil rights contributions of

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Although half a dozen states chose not to join in the federal holiday, let there be no child in this country who knows not of the words and actions of Dr. King.

Ironically, during the twilight hours of Dr. King's birthday, street violence erupted in Miami. The hands of time could have been turned back to the decades of the 60s. Angry, frustrated youths hurled rocks at riot police and burned cars and buildings. In death, as in his life, King challenges a democracy to hold true to its creed.

Nearly 20 years have passed since King uttered cries for equality. Much progress has been made, yet much work remains.

Seth R. Winick  
Senior

## Dallas displays its biased side to nation, world

By LISA TOUVE  
Columnist



If Dallas had a New Year's resolution, it was to change its image as an intolerant, bigoted city. However, that resolution received a serious blow even before the new year started.

Dallas District Judge Jack Hampton's comments about two gay men murdered execution style by a Mesquite high school reaffirmed Dallas' soiled image across the nation.

In an interview with the *Dallas Times Herald*, Hampton tried to explain why he sentenced Richard Lee Bednarski to 30 years instead of life imprisonment. Hampton said, "These two guys that got killed wouldn't have been killed if they hadn't been cruising the streets picking up teenage boys. I don't care much for queers cruising the streets picking up teenage boys."

Information that indicated that John Lloyd Griffin and Tommy Lee Trimble had not been cruising the streets picking up teenage boys on the night of May 14 fell on deaf ears.

So did testimony from Bednarski's friends that guns and careless violence were a part of Bednarski's life.

These words from a man charged with dispensing fair and equal justice

under law are an outrage. Equal justice depends on prejudices being tempered in the courtroom, not magnified. Fair justice wouldn't blame the victims for their deaths.

Hampton's comments have another flaw. They rank human life by sexual preference.

There isn't a sliding scale of life value dependent on people's race, religion, sex or sexual preference. People's prejudices make that sliding scale. And a scale like that has no business in a court of law.

Hampton's glib apology is not enough. His removal from the bench may be.

His prejudice about gays and lesbians reflects a larger community prejudice.

When gays and lesbians tried to run an ad listing their names and proclaiming they were gay and lesbian and proud in the two Dallas dailies and the *Fort Worth Star Telegram*, they were stymied. None of the papers would print the original ad for fear of libel suits from people with the same names.

Rather, they printed an ad with the names blackened out.

Hampton's homophobia reflects the community's homophobia.

The prejudice in a city second only to Houston in numbers of gay and lesbian residents is intolerable. But Dallas isn't the only city plagued by this intolerance. In Irving the intolerance is more subtle and based on dollars.

Last month, Sanus Texas Health Plan notified physicians it will no longer pay for aerosol pentamidine treatments, preventive medicine to keep people with AIDS from contracting the pneumonia that usually kills them.

This decision, by the new insurance carrier for Fort Worth employees, local federal employees and employees of American Airlines, was protested last week.

About 20 members of the Gay Urban Truth Squad, a non-violent group trained in civil disobedience, held a die-in at Sanus' offices last week. Holding cardboard tombstones above their heads and lying on the floor, the demonstrators protested the decision that they say is hastening their deaths.

With the annual cost of pentamidine treatments running between \$1,500 to \$1,800, this decision has

effectively put treatment out of the hands of some people with AIDS who just aren't as well off as others.

Work to lessen this intolerance has been happening, but on a small scale.

When the Persons With AIDS apartment complex started in Dallas, suspicion and intolerance were running high among people in the neighboring community. But when it burned a month ago, the complex's residents were surprised when some community members responded with help and food.

Two months ago members of the Fort Worth Gay Alliance listened to Glen Maxey, director of the Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby of Texas speak about how their goals for this session of the Texas Legislature tied in with goals for disabled persons and women's groups.

Bills will be submitted that would provide penal provisions for violence

stemming from prejudice of race, religion, age sex and sexual orientation; repeal of the sodomy law; expand power of attorney to non-kin; fund AIDS drugs to all who need them; expand counseling and reproductive programs for women; support childcare issues and support comparable worth and pay equity programs.

All this is good, but it's important to remember that people's opinions can't be legislated. Legislation can't automatically change people's minds.

Legislation can set up the environment in which prejudice in these matters will not be tolerated, but people need to overcome their ignorance to find these prejudices worthless on their own.

Once people realize that all people have human dignity and deserve to be treated with respect, comments like Judge Hampton's will be the exception and not the rule.

## BLOOM COUNTY

by Berke Breathed

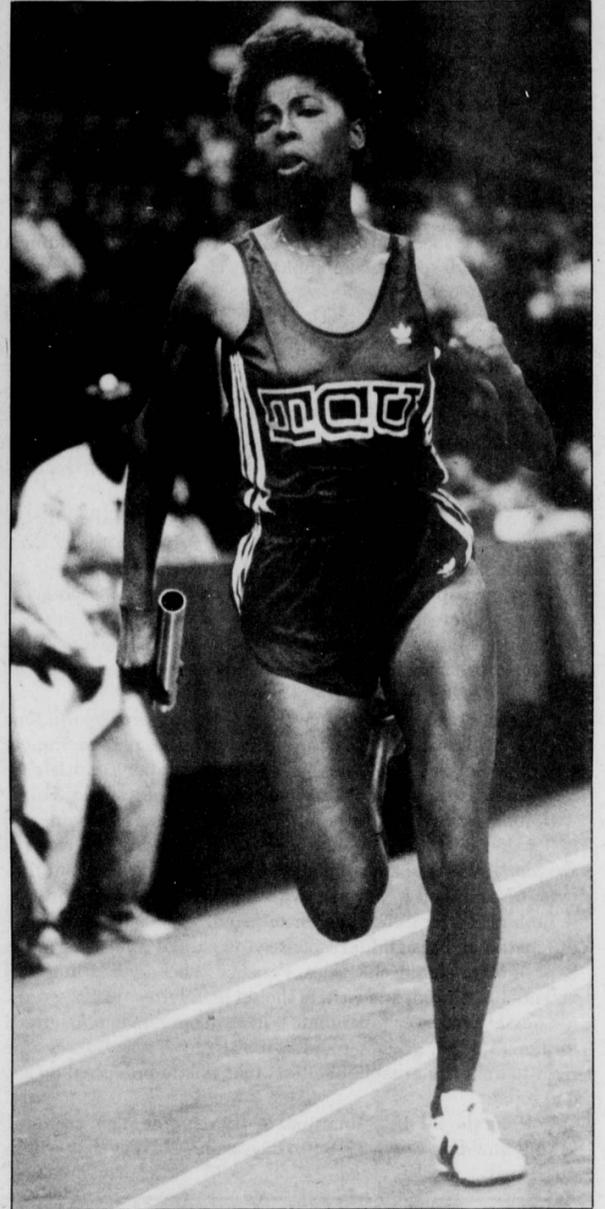


# Sports



TCU Daily Skiff

TCU shot putter Jordy Reynolds gives it his all in the collegiate division of the men's shot put. Reynolds went on to win the event with a throw of 54 feet.



TCU Daily Skiff / Jim Winn

Junior Karen Spears turns on the heat to help the women's 4x4 relay team finish second.

## Flyin' Frogs open indoor season

By REGINA ANDERSON  
and RANDY JOHNSON  
Staff Writers

The TCU men's and women's track team opened the indoor season with an impressive showing at the *Dallas Morning News* Indoor Games Saturday.

The Indoor Games are divided into two divisions - collegiate and invitational.

In the collegiate events, TCU's William Maru finished second in the

collegiate men's 800 with a time of 1:54.01.

Sophomore Jordy Reynolds won the shot put with a throw of 54 feet, 10 and one half inches.

"I slowed it down from the back of the ring to get the height," Reynolds. "I was pretty happy with it. Last year I threw a 52."

In the collegiate men's 55-meter dash, senior Greg Scholars and freshmen Raymond Redmon made it to the finals.

Scholars was inched out by August-

ne Ohobia of Texas Southern University.

Ohobia finished first with a time of 6:21, and Scholars finished second with a time of 6:22. The winner of the event qualified for the invitational 55-meter later that evening.

Freshmen Raymond Redmon finished fifth with a time of 6:47.

"It was close," Scholars said. "I got second; I can't complain. It's the best I've ever done in my indoor career. I really would have liked to run with the big boys tonight."

"I have never run indoors before," Redmon said. "I didn't know what to expect; I was expecting the worse. I accomplished what I wanted to accomplish - I made it to the finals."

Laura Baker won the women's mile with a time of 5:26.94. Going into the last lap, Baker had nothing but the clock to run against.

"I was satisfied with my time since nobody was really there to push me," Baker said.

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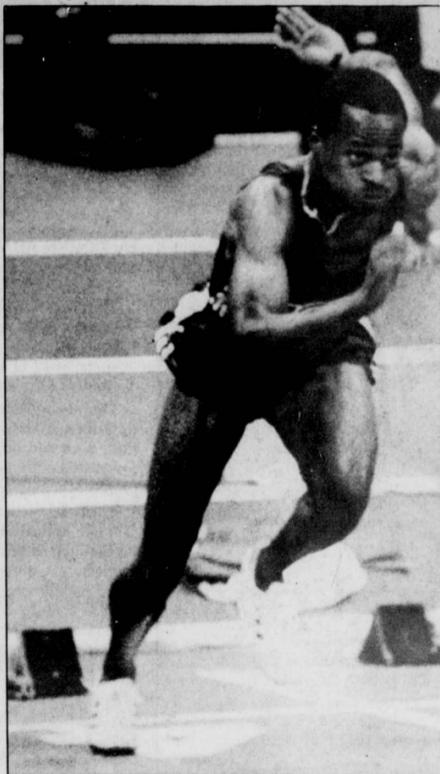
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Laura Baker (left) strides her way to victory in the collegiate women's mile. Sprinter Raymond Stewart (right) burst out of the starting blocks on his way to victory in the Invitational 55-meter dash.



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The women's 4x4 relay team finished second with a time of 4:03.17. Texas Southern University won with a time of 3:59.13.

The lady Frogs started off strong with lead-off runner Lisa Ford leaving the competition behind.

But the second and third legs couldn't keep up, and by the time the baton was passed to anchor Karen Spears, things looked bleak for the Frogs.

But Spears, who sat out last spring due to a knee injury, rallied the Frogs to finish second.

"I wanted to come back strong," Spears said. "I felt relaxed. I had no problems with my knee."

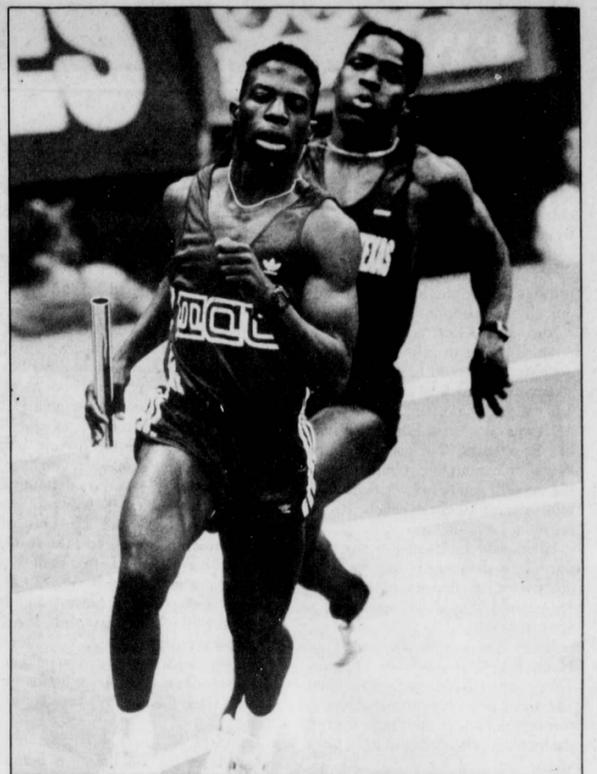
In the evening events two TCU sprinters, Raymond Stewart and Steven Rodgers, were invited to compete.

Stewart won the 55-meter with a time of 6:21. He edged out Emmitt King, who finished second in 6:22.

Rodgers competed in the 400 meter against Olympic gold medalists Kevin Robinzine and Ray Armstead. He finished third.

"I got out pretty fast," Rodgers said. "I thought I was in a pretty good position. On the last curve Robinzine started kicking and I tried to go with him but I tighten up."

This weekend the Frogs will travel to Oklahoma City for the Sooner Indoor Classic.



TCU Daily Skiff / Jim Winn  
Freshman Horatio Porter speeds past a member of the Southwest Texas men's 4x4 relay team.

# Swimmers travel to Colorado for altitude training

By SCOTT HUNT  
Staff Writer

Like almost everybody else from Texas, the TCU men's and women's swim teams went to Colorado during Christmas break.

But while most went to check out the snow bunnies, hot tubs and slopes, the men and women of TCU went for some high-altitude training at the Olympic Training Center and at the facilities of the Air Force Academy and Colorado College in Colorado Springs.

The end of the trip featured a joint meet with the Air Force Academy.

The women had their first opportunity to test the benefits of high-altitude training Tuesday night in a

meet with SMU.

Although the Mustangs recorded a 54-40 win, head coach Richard Sybesma said the results were, in part, due to having the women swim in events other than those in which they usually participate so as to give them a change of pace.

"As a whole, we were pleased, but we have so many meets coming up that I needed to give the women a mental break and let them swim some off events," Sybesma said.

Against the Mustangs, the Frogs were led by junior Cindy McClure, who took second in the 200-meter freestyle in a time of 1:59.29. Sophomore Katie Tredennick took second in the 100-meter fly in a time of 59.62. Junior Amy Hardin won the 100

meter backstroke in 1:02.88, and freshman Deanna Lanhardt won the 100 meter breast stroke in 1:11.45.

TCU also won the 200 meter freestyle relay (McClure, Tredennick, and sophomores Rachel Eason and Lori Myers) in a time of 1:38.87.

The meet with SMU was TCU's first since both the men and women competed against the Air Force Academy in the high altitude of Colorado Springs.

The women won their meet with Air Force 133-97, while the men narrowly fell 128-113.

Sybesma said if the Air Force meet had been scored according to the method of scoring from past years, the men would have also won.

In previous years, dual meets

scored only the top three places, but in this meet the top five were scored.

"Our men and women both swam well in that meet," Sybesma said.

The TCU men took first in the 400 meter relay (freshmen Joey Weaver and Matt Walters, and juniors Steve Reed and Steve Kellam) in a time of 3:33.56 and in the 400 meter free relay (freshman Mark Graves, Kellam, Reed and senior Doug Ellis) in a time of 3:11.45.

The women won the 400 meter medley relay (Hardin, McClure, and seniors Paige Eaton and Sara Dennis) and the 400 meter free relay (McClure, Eason, sophomore Barbara Schinzing and Tredennick).

TCU women won the 1000 meter freestyle (Lori Elsener in a time of

11:12.01), the 200 freestyle (Eason in 2:00.21), the 50 meter freestyle (Tredennick in 24.70), the 200 meter individual medley (Hardin in 2:18.43), the 200 meter butterfly (Eason in 2:15.45), the 100 meter freestyle (Tredennick in 54.05), the 200 meter backstroke (Hardin in 2:18.92), and Elsener took the 500 meter freestyle in 5:26.88.

Sybesma said the meet with Air Force was the culmination of their stay in Colorado from Jan. 5 through 15.

"Air Force has a good team--both men and women--and they have incredible facilities," Sybesma said.

In his nine years at TCU, Sybesma has taken his teams to Colorado five times to train in the altitude during

the Christmas holidays. He said this was the best trip yet.

"Our team did very well for swimming at altitude," Sybesma said.

Sybesma also used the opportunity to have some tests done on the teams since United States Swimming, the governing body of swimming, is located in Colorado Springs, as is the Olympic Training Center.

The team worked with motivational and psychological techniques and were also filmed as part of the trip in order to improve performances.

The techniques and the benefits of the high-altitude training will again be put to the test when both the men and women compete against Southwest Conference rival Arkansas Friday at 6 p.m.

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# News

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"The first legacy is the challenge to use the power of politics and public office to pursue justice, equality and true liberation for all Americans. The second legacy is the challenge to rise to the level of self criticism, which means critical thinking about ourselves as people," she said.

She, like King, advocates using political power to achieve equality — equality that would be impossible to achieve without political power, she said.

"It was because of King and others, like Rosa Parks, that made me a believer of a nonviolent movement," she said. "If you're not within the system, you can't help as much. It's not possible."

Hicks said political practices endure in a democratic society when other ways fail. Because of this, every 18-year-old should be registered to vote she said.

Hicks was a sophomore at Texas Women's University in Denton, Texas, when King was assassinated. His strong belief in nonviolent change through politics made Hicks want to get involved, she said later in an interview.

"I am one of those people who is a direct legacy of King. I was involved in all of those grass-roots campaigns during the movement," she said.

But after King's death, no one was charismatic or courageous enough to

carry on the movement, she said. "The man put his life on the line to effect change. Even my generation has a hard time taking that in," she said.

Today's youth cannot fully realize the impact King had on America, Hicks said.

"We need all adults, not just blacks, to keep that dream alive." But Hicks said she does not believe the black community is doing enough to further the movement for equality.

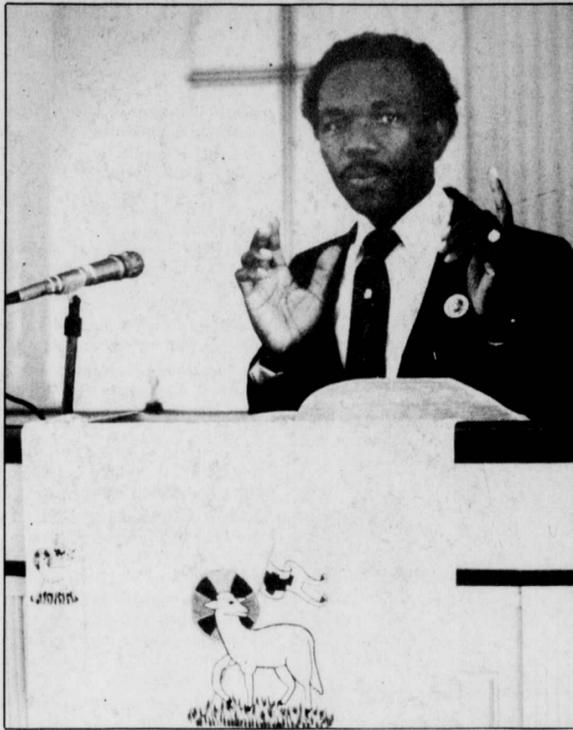
"It appears to me that we, as Americans, ought to have the dream, but we ought to have more. We ought to have determination not to relent until the dream comes true," she said.

Derrick Rodgers, president of the Black Student Caucus, said the turnout for the event was better than the group expected.

Hicks has spoken in more than 10 states for black groups and many women's groups.

A memorial service was also held in Martin Luther King Jr.'s honor at Robert Carr Chapel Wednesday at noon.

In honor of King's birthday, the video "Eyes on the Prize" is being shown today and Friday in the Student Center Lounge from noon to 1 p.m. The video, which has been showing all week, highlights Martin Luther King's life with its tragedies and triumphs.



TCU Daily Skiff / Randy Johnson  
W.G. Richard of Greater Harvest Church in Fort Worth eulogizes Martin Luther King Jr. in a memorial service at Robert Carr Chapel, Wednesday at noon.

## Inn-O-Vation plays party, silver screen

By ROBYN ADAMS  
Staff Writer

The nationally acclaimed band Inn-O-Vation will rock the campus today from 8 p.m. to midnight at an all-campus party in the Student Center Ballroom. Admission is free.

The seven-member band, which describes its music as a mixture of pop, funk and originals, has opened for such bands as The Jets, Miami Sound Machine and John Cafferty.

The band, with the motto "Because you like to party," plays the music of artists such as Michael Jackson, Club Nouveaux, George Michael, The Jets and Prince, as well as its own original music.

Logan Hampton, minority and

program adviser for student activities, described Inn-O-Vation as "just waiting to break out of the college circuit and into the big time."

The band may have begun its journey into the big time with a role in the movie, "Everybody's All-American."

Its live stage show, described as innovative and exciting, earned the band its role in Taylor Hackford's "Everybody's All-American," starring Dennis Quaid, Timothy Hutton and Jessica Lange.

Inn-O-Vation has played at more than 200 U.S. college campuses since 1981 and has been nominated for the past three years for Campus Entertainer of the Year.

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changes the transition from the Reagan to the Bush administration will bring, but we all need to realize that state and local matters have a great effect on us, are just as important and should not be overlooked."

An issue that has received relatively little consideration so far by legislators, but which affects TCU students directly, is the Tuition Equalization Grant.

The TEG is a program designed to aid students in offsetting the cost of attending a private institution. The grant is state funded and is given to private schools to be distributed to students based on financial need.

Legislators will vote this session to determine whether the TEG program should be continued.

According to a letter mailed Nov. 4 by Liz Kasperek, chairwoman of the

Lobbying Committee of the House of Student Representatives, to all TCU students who received the TEG as a part of their 1988-89 financial aid package, the university has 692 students who receive monies from the state grant.

In the letter, Kasperek, a senior social work major, urged students who live in Texas and receive TEG monies to write their representative, senator or members of the Finance Committee of the Texas Legislature, expressing their support for the continuation of the program.

"The TEG is an issue of great importance to TCU," said Larry Lauer, associate vice chancellor for university relations, who is TCU's liaison to the Texas Legislature. "Last semester, Liz Kasperek and I did discuss the possibility of organizing a student

group to travel to Austin in the spring to lobby for the continuance of the TEG, but no formal plans have been made.

"Each session, it is my task to monitor the issues to be discussed and to help form TCU's response to the issues. Sometimes this means organizing student groups to lobby for issues that usually affect only the members of the group. With my guidance, the groups represent TCU's views on the issue.

"Other times, like with the TEG this session, the strategy might be one of writing legislators in the form of a mail campaign."

Kasperek could not be reached for comment.

Also included in Lewis' opening comments was his request that legislators commit themselves to updating Texas' system of compensating injured workers and that they discuss possible solutions to the problem of prison overcrowding.

"I am for prison reforms 100 percent," he said. "I believe that the answer to Texas' prison overcrowding problem is to build, not more prison beds, but more prisons."

"It is clear that Texas' educational financing system and prison system are both in need of reform," Riddlesperger said. "Of course, once you've decided that reform is necessary, you must decide exactly what type and how much reform is needed. Once that is done, you must work out a way to pay for the reform, and that brings up another issue - taxes."

During the next five months, legislators will discuss other issues, including a state lottery, campaign finance, abortion, judicial selection, AIDS, a state income tax and their own \$7,200-a-year salaries.

"As far as a state lottery goes, I'm for putting the issue before the voters and allowing them to decide for themselves," Lewis said.

## Retired colonel to head physical plant

By JOHN MOORE  
Staff Writer

TCU begins the spring semester with a new director of the physical plant.

Retired Air Force Col. Will Stallworth joined the university staff Jan. 7.

"I like Fort Worth very much," said Stallworth, a native of Marlin, Texas, and a graduate of Texas A&M. "I'm glad to be here, and my wife and I are excited about becoming a part of both TCU and the Fort Worth community. The people I've met so far have been warm, friendly and very cordial."

Stallworth replaces former director of physical plant Bob Haubold, who retired June 1, 1988.

"The job of director of physical plant involves budgeting, as well as the development and execution of plans," said Edd Bivin, vice chancellor for administrative services. "The director is also in charge of grounds maintenance and general maintenance for all buildings on campus."

Bivin, who conducted a nationwide search for a new director of physical plant, said he hired Stallworth for the abilities he demonstrated as deputy chief of staff for civil engineering at the Air Force Academy.

"Many have had the opportunity to observe the quality of his efforts in visiting the Air Force Academy," Bivin said. "From conversations with him, I was able to observe the depth and quality of his knowledge concern-

ing physical plant workings, as well as his abilities to work with people and to function effectively in a management role. TCU is fortunate to have him in charge of its physical plant."

Stallworth said he will have to adjust to some differences between his former job at the academy and his job as director of TCU's physical plant.

"From what I've seen so far, I can say that work at the academy was organized differently from what it is here at TCU," he said. "The various jobs were a lot more centralized - for instance, custodial services and janitorial jobs were under my supervision at the academy. I won't be in charge of those jobs here. It will probably take me about three months to learn whose turf is where, so I can

avoid stepping on any land mines."

Stallworth retired from the Air Force Jan. 1 after a 29-year career. He holds a master's degree in counseling and guidance from Troy State University in Alabama and a master's degree in systems management from the University of Southern California.

After serving two tours in Vietnam, he was trained as a civil engineer by the Air Force. He had been Langley Air Force Base Civil Engineering Squadron commander before moving to the Air Force Academy in 1984.

Stallworth and his wife have two children. Jack, 14, is enrolled as a freshman at Arlington Heights High School, and Angela, 13, is enrolled as an eighth grader at Monning Middle School.



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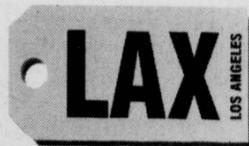
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## Application deadline nears for RA hopefuls

By AMY THORNTON  
Staff Writer

Resident assistants at TCU are not only enforcers of rules but also role models and friends to other students.

RA applications are available in the Office of Housing/Residential Living, Student Center Room 223.

As part of their responsibilities, RAs give the residence hall a personalized feeling by developing a rapport with the residents that often leads to friendship.

Closeness can become a problem when rules must be enforced, but the key is laying down the law at the beginning, said Matt Gallagher, an RA in Brachman Hall.

"I start out working to get respect from my residents by giving respect to them - it's a two-way street," Gallagher said.

"If you are willing to challenge yourself and take the responsibility, RA would be a good place to start your activities," he said.

All students who turn in applications must attend one of two orientation sessions.

These sessions outline qualifications, job expectations, benefits and the selection process.

The dates for these sessions are on the application.

All applicants must attend two interviews on Feb. 11.

The first interview is an individual interview with a panel of current RAs, current hall directors and students in the hall.

The second interview, a group interview, is an observation of each student's interpersonal skills.

Those who are selected from these interviews will go on to another individual interview with Olson.

Applications include a job description, an application form and four recommendation forms.

Applicants must have a recommendation from a faculty member, their hall director, their RA and one other person.

The completed application and recommendation forms must be turned in to the Office of Housing/Residential Living by 5 p.m. Feb. 3.

Seventy-one RA positions exist on campus, said Wanda Olson, assistant director of residential life.

Each semester there are about 30 open positions and about 120 applicants, Olson said.

Compensation for RAs is about \$2,000 a year, Olson said.

Applicants need qualities such as maturity, motivation, initiative, responsibility and leadership potential, she said.

The only academic requirement is that a student must have maintained a 2.6 cumulative GPA.

As leaders, RAs should positively influence and help their residents while also interacting effectively with the RA staff and hall director in their residence hall, Olson said.

"We look for a mixture of leaders and motivators who can work well together," she said.

"There needs to be a strong cohesion within the hall staff for the program to work," Gallagher said.

"The housing office really looks for a variety of people - not all involved people but also quiet people and not all 4.0 people," said Jennifer Eder, an RA in Colby Hall.



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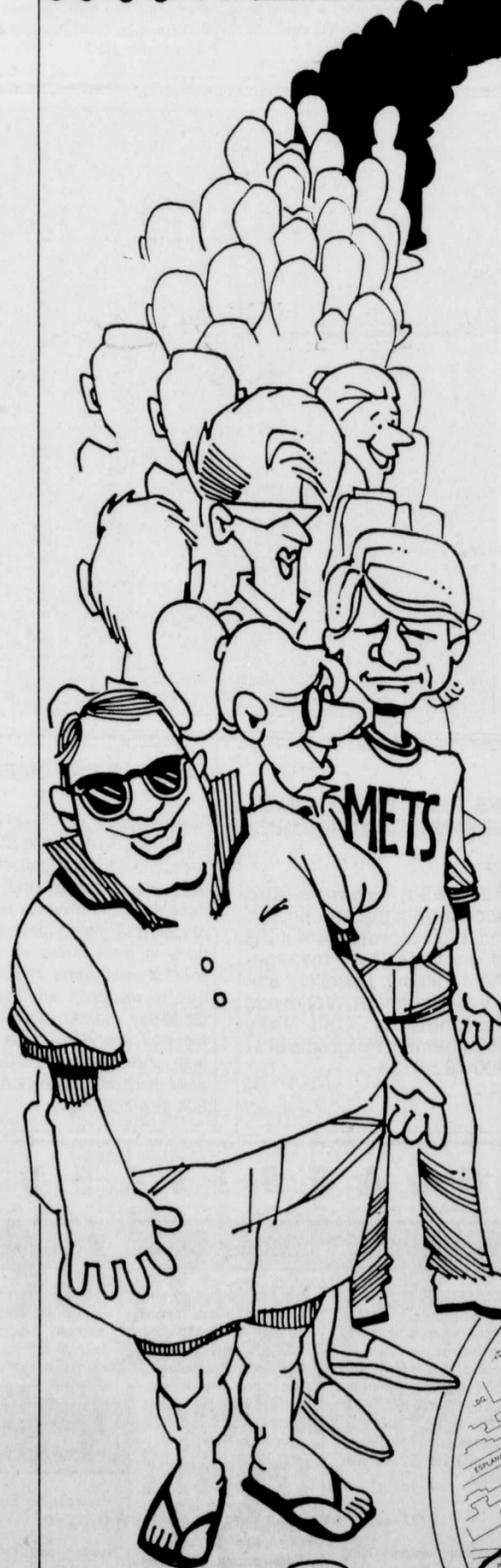
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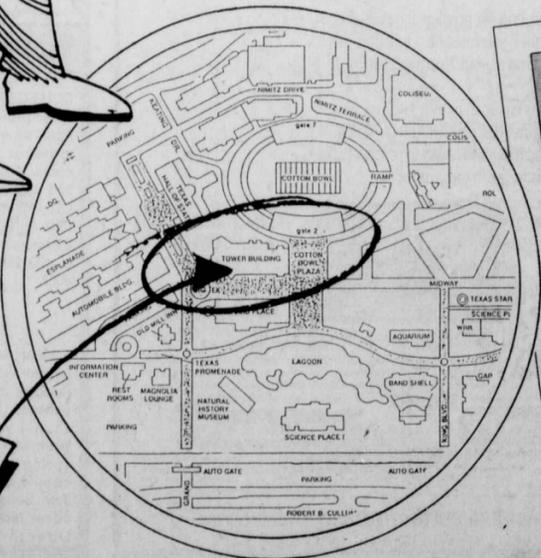
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