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## Complaint by former TCU employee reaches EEOC

By SHELLIE DAGOO  
Staff Writer

A black former TCU employee has filed a racial discrimination complaint against the university with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in Dallas.

The complaint is the first to reach the EEOC because most cases are settled on campus or at the Human Relations Commission in Fort Worth, said Lois Banta, deputy affirmative action officer.

"There's been no formal resolution

of the complaint," Banta said.

"We usually have about four complaints per year," she said. "It can be hard to prove a complaint. Usually, there will be documents to back up an employer's case. But as far as the employee proving their case, it's harder unless they have co-workers who will testify for them."

Mike Gore, manager of the university bookstore, fired Rose Childress, former head cashier, for alleged misconduct Sept. 23, said Nelda Harris, Childress' attorney.

Childress said she was accused by Lisa Hannah, assistant manager, of

selling a \$19.95 backpack for \$9.46 to 56-year-old Edgar Lewis, a maintenance operator for the physical plant, who is also black.

Lewis said he was upset when Childress told him she was fired.

"They said I didn't pay for it. But I had the receipt in my bag," Lewis said. "I've been working here (at TCU) for 18 years. I'm not going to jeopardize my job for anything or anybody, and I don't think Rose would either."

Lewis said he took a copy of the receipt, which showed all of his purchases were rung up correctly, to

Edd Bivin, affirmative action officer and vice chancellor for administrative services.

"He (Bivin) made a copy of the receipt and told me everything would be OK," Lewis said. "I assumed Rose would get her job back."

Neither Gore nor Hannah checked the customer's receipt before he left the store, Harris said, even though they both said they suspected an item was undersold.

Childress said her complaint was forwarded directly to the EEOC in Dallas on Sept. 26, 1988, and bypassed the Fort Worth commission be-

cause Morrison Wong, a sociology professor at TCU, is the chairman of the commission and there could be a "perceived conflict of interest."

"As chairman, I would never see any TCU cases anyway, but outsiders may perceive it as if I could use my influence to sway cases in TCU's favor," Wong said.

Bertha Galan, state and local coordinator, at the EEOC, said no information can be released until the case is closed because of the Privacy Act of 1974.

Childress said she discussed her dismissal with Bivin and Chancellor

Bill Tucker.

"Bivin offered me 90 days pay and a neutral reference if I dropped the EEOC charge," Childress said.

Gore denied that Childress, who has worked at TCU for about seven and a half years, was fired because of racial discrimination.

"We don't hire people looking for a reason to fire them," Gore said. "There are a lot of legalities and technicalities."

Both Hannah and Gore would not comment on the specifics of Chil-

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## Faculty to vote on changes

By ROBIN NOBLE  
Staff Writer

The Faculty Senate meets today to discuss and vote on proposed changes in the tenure policy in the faculty and staff handbook and changes to the constitution of the Faculty Assembly and Senate.

One of the proposed changes to the tenure policy is one which would "stop the tenure clock" for tenure-track faculty who have children five years old or younger during the period of their probation, said Linda Moore, chairwoman of the Senate.

Tenure is a six-year process that offers a candidate the chance for virtual lifetime employment with the university.

Prior to the awarding of tenure, the candidate is required to perform to the satisfaction of his or her peers in five areas - teaching, research (usually publications), service, advising and professional development.

This proposed change to the tenure section of the handbook would allow candidates who have small children an extra year to comply with tenure requirements.

The change will be discussed and voted on at the Faculty Senate meeting and, if approved, will be forwarded to William Koehler, vice chancellor for academic affairs, for a final decision.

Other proposed changes include a revision in the Faculty Advisory Committee Structure section of the policy.

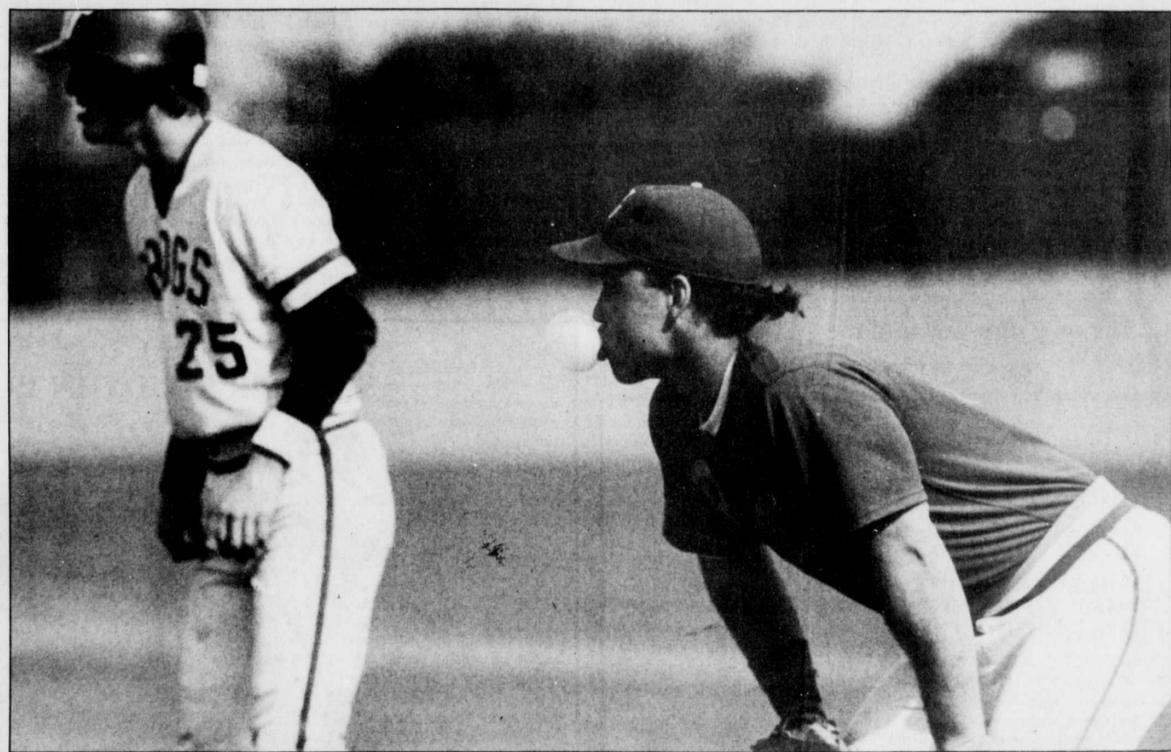
The faculty advisory committee, which is at the departmental level, serves as a basis to the tenure decision on a candidate.

The committee's recommendation - or non-recommendation - is the first in a series of steps that ends with a final decision of granted or denied tenure at the spring meeting of the TCU Board of Trustees.

The committee on tenure, promotion and grievance will submit that an orientation "to the purpose and procedures of the advisory committee be conducted by the appropriate administrator."

Other proposed tenure policy changes to be discussed regarding advisory committees include:

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A Texas Wesleyan University first baseman and TCU's Kyle Caple wait for the next play in their game on Wednesday. TCU won 9-3.

## 4 meet deadline proposal

Vendors awaiting committee's decision

By SCOTT HUNT  
Staff Writer

And then there were four. Wednesday's deadline for submitting proposals to become TCU's new food vendor has passed with four companies still in the running, said Don Mills, assistant vice chancellor for student affairs.

Marriott Food Service, ARA Services, Professional Food Management and Southwest Dining Services all submitted proposals before the deadline.

The proposals of the four vendors will be read by members of the selection committee within the next week. On the afternoon of March 8, the committee will meet to discuss the members' impressions of the proposals, Mills said.

The committee will also meet March 10 and March 13 to determine which vendors will be invited back to campus for oral presentations, Mills said.

Seven of the nine vendors originally invited to enter bids were eligible to submit proposals, but three chose not to because they did not feel capable of handling TCU's needs, Mills said.

American Food Management, Morrison's/Custom and Bon Appetite declined to submit bids.

But for now, Mills said he and the rest of the selection committee will concentrate on reading the proposals and forming an impression.

"There's an awful lot of reading to do," Mills said.

Reading the proposals is the latest step in the process to select a vendor to handle TCU's almost \$4 million contract. The process began before Christmas when the university decided to examine the marketplace to ensure that TCU was getting the best possible food service.

The decision to explore other vendors was not meant to express dissatisfaction with Marriott, who has handled TCU's food service since 1980, Mills said. Rather, TCU made the move as a "good business decision," Mills said in January.

## Peer pressure outweighs benefits

Students leery of Marriott jobs

By TY WALKER  
Staff Writer

Students won't work for Marriott Food Service because of peer pressure, said Dolores Oelke, coordinator for student employment.

"The food service is stigmatized," Oelke said. "Many students don't want their friends to see them serving food."

"I probably wouldn't ever consider working for Marriott unless it was in their offices," said Lisa Bishop, a freshman speech education major. "I can't see myself serving my friends food."

However, Oelke said, there are many benefits available to students who work for Marriott:

- Higher salaries than many other work-study jobs
- On-campus location
- Good, flexible hours
- Free meals

• Marriott is willing to work around your schedule

• Good training for those considering careers involving food service

Jim Bitenc, resident district manager for Marriott, said that Marriott also benefits from employing students.

"It works good for us because sometimes it's hard to get employees to work for certain shifts that students are more able to accommodate, and there isn't a transportation problem for on-campus students, Bitenc said. "It's an ideal job," he said.

Kirk Wise, a senior radio/TV/film major, worked for Marriott last year. Wise said even though he knew students have a negative attitude about Marriott employment, he had no qualms about working for the food service.

experience was the best benefit she received.

"I really enjoyed working there, and I would definitely recommend it to anyone," she said.

However, Correlia Allen, a senior advertising-public relations major who worked for Marriott last semester, said she wouldn't ever suggest working for Marriott to a friend.

"I got the job because I thought it would be easy and because it was on campus, but I didn't like the job," she said.

Allen said her working shifts and the rude attitudes of some students were the reasons she quit after one week of employment.

In addition to serving food and doing maintenance and cashier jobs, students working for Marriott are offered other jobs in the offices, concessions stands and catering department.

## Bilingual educator slated for festival

By JENNIFER DOLT  
Staff Writer

Contemporary Mayan beliefs, customs and traditions will be discussed in a lecture in celebration of the Festival of Yucatecan and Mayan Culture at 7 p.m. tonight in the Student Center Ballroom.

Lorenzo Moises Diaz, who was born and raised in a small Mayan community, was invited by the festival organizer, Don Frischmann, assistant professor of Spanish.

"We want to cover as many aspects of Yucatecan and Mayan civilization as we can during the festival," Frischmann said.

Diaz is a teacher at the Benito Juarez Federal Primary Bilingual School in Mama, Yucatan and is a leader in the movement of bilingual education, he said.

Teaching both Yucatecan Mayan and Spanish in the primary schools in Maya exists as the result of pressure on the state school system, he said.

"Bilingual education serves as a tool to bring different ethnic groups toward the same standards of living as the dominant groups of society," Diaz said through translation by Fris-

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LORENZO MOISES DIAZ,  
bilingual educator

chmann.

It is important for students to understand bilingual education because, "in every country, different groups have the problem of understanding and being understood by other groups in society," Diaz said.

"The goal of bilingual education for the youth and children is to grow up knowing how to defend their cultural heritage and tradition," Diaz said.

Children in the school system in the state of Yucatan range in age from 3 to 14 years old, and all their educational material is taught in both Spanish and Yucatecan Mayan.

The Festival of Yucatecan and Mayan Culture is intended to broaden students' cultural knowledge of the historical ties between Texas and Yucatan.

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Today's weather includes a 40 percent chance of early morning rain, clearing by noon with highs in the lower 70s. Winds are from the south at 10-20 mph.	
Friday's weather will be mostly fair with lows in the mid-50s and highs in the low 80s.	

## Friends pay tribute to virtuoso

Concert to raise money to benefit victims of AIDS

By KERRI CAMPBELL  
Staff Writer

When Harriet Woldt, assistant professor of cello and theory, recalls carpooling with musician David Hart to Denton for their Brazos Baroque Ensemble rehearsals, she remembers them pouring out their hearts to each other.

"He was a loving and gentle person, a wonderful listener and always interested in my problems," Woldt said.

Woldt will participate in a special benefit concert in University Christian Church at 8 p.m. tonight, in memory of David Hart, a baroque flutist who died of AIDS on May 22, 1988, in Fort Worth, according to a TCU press release.

The concert will consist of baroque and classical music played by volunteer musicians as well as Ransom Wilson, a New York flutist and close friend of Hart, according to the release.

Hart performed on TCU campus with the Brazos Ensemble and had a master class on campus. He was a virtuoso of international renown on the 18th century flute and performed with several well-known music

groups in Europe and the United States, according to the release.

"David had such a total understanding of the baroque style," Woldt said, "that it seemed to flow out of him."

Hart performed particularly well, incorporating ornamentation and improvisation in his music, Woldt said.

Woldt first met Hart when he played the flute in the Fort Worth Youth Orchestra, and she chaperoned the group's trip to San Moritz, Switzerland, she said. Hart received his degree from the New England Conservatory and immediately began to play in professional groups, Woldt said.

Hart returned to Fort Worth in 1982 because he "had worn himself out from traveling," Woldt said.

"He loved Fort Worth and he felt good in Texas," she said. "He looked for people who were interested in performing early baroque music here."

Hart and Woldt, along with a harpsichordist, founded the Brazos Baroque Ensemble.

"We all hit it off from the beginning," Woldt said.

"When we drove to Denton to practice we used to love to find a

fourth person to play doubles tennis with us before we rehearsed," Woldt said.

"We never had a set way of playing a piece of music, and it was a very relaxed setting, so I loved playing with David," she said.

The proceeds from ticket sales will be used to help AIDS victims in Tarrant County through the AIDS Coordinating Council of Tarrant County. Tickets are \$25 for general admission and \$15 for students.

"This benefit is locally based to directly help victims of AIDS here in Tarrant County and is the first of its kind," said Jeff Cox, associate professor of strings and one of the participants in the concert.

"My goals for this concert are for myself and others to say thank you to David and to help people understand this disease and how it is affecting our community," Woldt said.

Woldt said she and Hart used to pass a mansion on their way to rehearsals, and Hart wanted to buy the house and turn it into a home to help people with AIDS.

"That's my house" David would say, and now I remember his warm smile when he said it," Woldt said.

**CAMPUSlines**

**Basketball Appreciation Day** - sponsored by the Spirit Council at 4:15 p.m. today in Daniel Meyer Coliseum. Everyone welcome.

**PC Forums Committee** meets at 4 p.m. today in Room 202 of the Student Center.

**TCU Ad Club** hosts the UTA Ad Club at 7:30 p.m. today in Moudy Room 164S. Guest speaker Jerry Roach, senior creative director of Tracy Locke, will speak on his experiences in the advertising field.

**AIDS Coordinating Council of Tarrant Co.** special benefit concert featuring flautist Ransom Wilson, at 8 p.m. today at University Christian Church.

**AERHO CD Hour** will feature the Alarm from 8-10 p.m. Friday on KTCU-FM 88.7.

**Intramural Golf Deadline** is Friday. The meet will be held on March 12 at Pecan Valley. Register in Rickel Room 229. Cost is \$11 per person payable at time of entry.

**Intramural Frisbee Golf Deadline** is Friday. Competition begins March 10. Register in Rickel Room 229.

**Sports All-Nighter** - 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday. Teams may register for wiffleball, kickball and wallyball at the Recreational Sports Office, Rickel Building, Room 229. Registration for all other events can be done at the All-Nighter.

**Biology Spring Seminars** - Fridays at noon in Sid Richardson Lecture Hall 3.

**AIDS Walk-a-thon for children** at 10 a.m. Saturday to benefit the Bryan House in Dallas. Sponsored by Mortar Board. Information sheets in Dean of Students or Student Activities offices or call 921-3942.

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• the adding of a paragraph to the Faculty Advisory Committee Structure section which reads, "All recommendations and documentation shall become part of the candidate's personnel file and as such are accessible to the candidate."

• the adding of a paragraph about the terms of the structure of advisory committees, which reads, "No faculty member shall serve on more than one adviser committee."  
 • changing the structure of committees to make only senior members

of the faculty represented on the advisory committee, as opposed to allowing junior members to also be represented.  
 • changing the word "chairman" to "chair" where it appears in the document.

The Senate also will discuss proposed changes to the Faculty Appointment, Reappointment and Promotion Policy of the faculty handbook.

Most of the changes proposed have already been implemented by the university. Voting will be on whether the changes should be written in the faculty handbook, and if so, how the changes will be written.

The constitutions of both the Facul-

ty Assembly and the Faculty Senate will also be on the agenda.

Senators have proposed that detailed rules in the constitution be moved to the bylaw section, so should changes be needed, they will be easier to make.

"We want to get a lot of the details out of the constitution and into the bylaws so stipulations can be more workable," Moore said.

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dress' dismissal.

Bivin and Banta refused to comment because all affirmative action cases are restricted by the Privacy Act of 1974.

Childress described the effects of losing her job.

"I'm under a lot of stress," Childress said. "I haven't been able to pay my bills. I used to earn \$6.35 per hour at the bookstore. Now, I earn \$3.45 per hour cooking in the Dairy Queen on Berry Street."

"I've had to make a choice between losing my car and giving up my apartment," she said. "They made me see hungry days."

TCU tried to use the charge of alleged misconduct to avoid paying Childress her unemployment benefits, Harris said.

Childress said she was originally granted her benefits by the Texas Employment Commission in Fort Worth, but TCU appealed and won.

Childress said she then appealed to

TEC in Austin and won.

Pat Vinson, assistant to TEC Commissioner Charles Haddock in Austin, said she did not receive a final appeal from TCU before the Feb. 16 deadline.

TCU representatives refused to say whether they appealed the Austin TEC's decision.

Tony Browning, attorney for TEC in Austin, said three attorneys reviewed the records and voted to overturn the decision made by the appeals referee in Fort Worth.

"The three commissioners (in Austin) listened to the tapes (of the Fort Worth hearings on Nov. 22 and Dec. 2, 1988) and looked at information provided as evidence," Browning said.

"When they listened to the tapes (of the hearings) they decided the officer (in Fort Worth) made the wrong decision and overturned it," Harris said.

Gena Crawford, appeals officer for the TEC in Fort Worth, refused to comment because all cases are restricted under the Privacy Act of 1974.

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6. Band representative must attend meeting prior to event.
7. Band must be self-represented or unsigned by an agency.
8. All band members should be familiar with TCU's alcohol policy; any violations will result in immediate removal from show.
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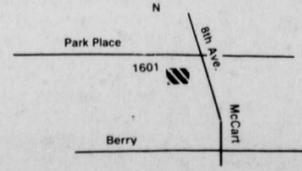


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# Commentary

## Our View Show no mercy in cheating cases

It is generally acknowledged that there is a great deal of academic cheating at TCU.

Morrison Wong, associate professor of sociology, said 70 percent of the members of the House of Student Representatives told him they had actually seen cheating take place. Students and professors acknowledge that cheating is common.

This is inexcusable in a university setting and warrants tougher measures to combat it.

Cheating is defined in the undergraduate bulletin as copying from other students' test papers or reports; using unauthorized material during an examination; collaborating with another student during a test without permission; unauthorized use of a test; and taking a test for another student.

Under the heading of academic misconduct, one can also find plagiarism, collusion—unauthorized collaboration with another in preparing work offered for credit—abuse of resource material and computer misuse.

Although there is a varied array of sanctions presented to punish the perpetrators, these are all optional at the discretion of the professor.

These sanctions, which include failing the test, recommending to the dean that the student be dropped from the class with an F, and putting it on the student's permanent record, should not be options—they should be rules.

When cheating is widely accepted and lightly punished, more cheating results. The old "everybody does it" argument has been heard more than once at TCU.

This must stop. Sanctions should not be the option of the professor or the dean, they should be mandatory.

Dean of Students Elizabeth Proffer said in an interview, "The diploma you receive is not worth anything unless the university has a commitment to excellence in these (academic) areas."

Academic integrity should be an unquestioned standard at colleges and universities.

The university should place more emphasis on publicizing the definition of cheating. It should also discuss other issues in a university-wide cheating policy, such as whether the use of old tests should be considered cheating, and whether possession of a cheat sheet, whether it is used or not, should be considered sufficient evidence of cheating.

When a student is caught cheating, he or she should flunk that class. No questions asked.

There should be an avenue for appeal if the student believes he or she was unfairly accused of cheating; however, the only question there should be whether cheating actually occurred—not whether there were extenuating circumstances or whether a lesser punishment should be considered.

There is no room in a respectable university for tolerance of cheating.



## How letters revive lost friendships

By MARICARMEN EROLES  
Columnist



Last week I received a letter forwarded from home from a friend I had not seen in about eight years.

Her father died last month, and she felt like writing me.

As I read the letter, I realized I had no idea what this person, who used to be my best friend in Venezuela, looked like anymore.

Sometimes it is a letter, sometimes it is a death in the family or sometimes it is a close call that makes people realize how selfish they are when it comes to keeping relationships.

One of the frequent phrases heard at funerals or memorials tends to be, "I wish I had spent more time with her."

People are too worried about where they are going and how they'll get there to look back and see what they left behind.

College years are a good time to realize how bad this gets.

Many people do not keep in touch with their high school friends for many reasons.

Some have gone to colleges away from home, and about the only time there is contact is during Christmas, Thanksgiving and Easter. That's not much, considering these are the people with whom most of our time was spent for roughly four years.

As to letter writing—it is on its way to extinction.

A common complaint around the post office is, "None of my friends write me."

This should not come as a surprise since there are few people who answer the few letters they get.

And when one does answer letters, and one does not get responses, it gets boring, and other interests replace the letter-writing process.

People get involved with new classes, new projects and new friends and do not have time to keep in touch.

These are all good excuses—good arguments—but when set against the moral values of keeping in touch with the people who shared so much of our lives, they do not stand.

It is easy to come up with excuses. It is easy to put off until tomorrow that birthday card or that letter.

We all do it often. Saying "I'm not good at answering letters," as if that were the perfect explanation, does not cut it.

All it takes is a card or a postcard to let others know you are thinking of them.

Keeping in touch takes such a small effort that it is surprising there is so little of it going on.

In such an individualistic society the values of friendship and family have been almost lost.

People tend to think about today and tomorrow, but very seldom about yesterday.

And we are all guilty of this in a sense.

After I received the letter from my friend in Venezuela, I realized I had been putting off writing to my friends back home.

Actually, there is only one of them to whom I write regularly. In fact, we have become better friends since we started writing, and her letters mean a lot to me. They are a link with memories that are very important.

Through the years, the rest of my friends have matured, and although we still share the same interests that made us friends nine years ago, we have grown somewhat apart.

At first we would write often, but now, if we write one or two letters a semester, I consider it a victory.

I have neglected my past, and it took a letter from someone whose face I could not recall very well to make me realize how wrong my attitude was.

The lesson has been learned.

## Columnists need feedback to develop better perspectives

By AISHA SALEEM  
Columnist



In an institute for higher education, communication is vital.

Communication is a function of newspapers.

Many times when columnists choose their topics, they try to convey their opinion on an issue. A columnist also tries to persuade readers to take sides, perhaps by offering personal insight or another side to the story.

Ideally, communication takes the form of a dialogue. Too often the communication ends in the form of a monologue.

Unfortunately, dialogue cannot feasibly continue on a regular basis. Letters to the editor can be written only so often—responding to the response of the letter that responded to a column, etc.

However, when issues assume significance to not only the columnist but also readers, communication takes on an even more important role.

If a reader agrees or disagrees with a column or story, it is necessary to

continue the dialogue.

In a college environment, the universal goal must be learning.

Feedback on topics as well as the views taken are always important to the writers, regardless of whether it takes the form of phone calls or letters.

Last week I received a response to my column about David Duke. The letter offered a valid opposing view while at the same time questioning my own research on the subject.

The writer took time to begin a dialogue that could have helped both of us understand each other's view. If a reader does raise questions, columnists can gain ideas about how well they communicate with their audience.

In questioning research, issues can be resolved on a personal level instead of completely invalidating a columnist's view. At the same time, the columnist may learn to cite more sources while expressing an opinion.

It would be just as easy for me to tell John Doe, for example, that I found the questionable information in a certain edition of the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*.

However, the letter I received was not signed. For that writer, the

doubts raised in my column still remain.

Assuming the letter intended to offer information I may not already possess, it made little sense to deliberately end the communication at that point.

As I stand behind the views I take, so should the writers who respond to the columnists.

In some instances, the credibility of the letter writer could come into focus. If a column advocates gun control, and the responding writer is the president of the National Rifle Association, the information will probably be taken with a grain of salt.

While the credibility of the writer could have come into question, that was not the issue in this case. Regardless of who wrote the letter, the information I received was valuable, as I consider any information that offers a viewpoint other than my own as valuable.

I could gain more insight if the letter had been signed. In this way, I could have continued the dialogue beyond one column I wrote and one letter that responded.

The goal of learning does not need to be restricted to the classroom.

## Supreme Court ignored Joshua's cry of desperation

By JERRY MADDEN  
Columnist



Imagine you are a 4-year-old child.

You play with trucks and kitty cats and Big Wheels. All your heroes are of the Saturday morning variety.

You love to stay up late watching television and are looking forward to your first day in kindergarten when you can become one of the "big kids."

And, whenever your daddy gets mad, he hits you. Then he kicks you. He yells and screams and hits you some more and calls you all sorts of bad names.

And all you can do to defend yourself is cry.

This case is not imagined, nor is it a generalization of child abuse.

This happened to one little 4-year-old boy, Joshua DeShaney of Winnebago County in Wisconsin.

For more than two years, Joshua's dad beat him—tortured him might be more accurate.

Joshua's dad beat him so badly that Joshua is now paralyzed. Joshua is also profoundly retarded after receiving massive blows to the head during the two years.

This type of crime should make your blood boil.

If you saw this happening to a child, what would you do? Probably you'd want to jump in and kill the father, or at least beat him up as badly as he beat young Joshua.

However, the Department of Social Services in Winnebago County, Wisconsin, does not share your feel-

ings. They knew Joshua was being beaten like this. They knew his life was threatened daily.

They knew for two years and did nothing.

They did nothing, because the Department of Social Services, Winnebago County, Wisconsin, believed the state has no right to intervene in personal problems of this nature.

Little Joshua probably dreamed that one day Superman or Spiderman would see what Daddy was doing. He dreamed Superman would fly in and rescue him.

Well, Superman knew what was going on, and Superman did nothing.

The local police did something. They arrested Joshua's dad after two years. He served two years and is now on parole.

And certain children's rights groups took Joshua's case to court,

using the Department of Social Services in Winnebago County, Wisconsin, for not intervening.

The case got all the way to the Supreme Court. The nine most powerful judges in the land had a chance to protect all children from the hands of ruthless parents.

By a six-to-three vote, they failed to do this.

The Supreme Court of the United States has said, "A state's failure to protect an individual against private violence" is not a violation of constitutional rights.

In other words, states are free to allow parents to beat their children, and state agencies are not obliged to remove children from those homes.

The words which will be remembered from this case, hopefully for all time, are the words of dissenting Justice Harry Blackmun: "Poor Joshua,

victim of repeated attacks by an irresponsible, bullying, cowardly and intemperate father and abandoned by (county officials) who placed him in a dangerous predicament. It is a sad commentary upon American life and constitutional principles."

Joshua has had his future stripped away from him. He is 9 years old now.

Joshua should be learning to play soccer, going to third grade, learning the joys of reading and playing.

He will never know any of this.

The Supreme Court could have said what happened to Joshua must never happen again.

Instead, they meekly turned away from their responsibility to protect the nation's children and mumbled something about government social agencies not having to intervene.

The children have been hurt.

## Christian students make 'C' in TCU mean something

By ANDREA HEITZ  
Guest Columnist

I've been listening to the jokes about the "C" in Texas Christian University for nearly four years now.

Texas Carnal University. Texas Cash University. Texas Capitalist University. Texas Conservative University. Even Texas Communist University.

But no one wants to call it Christian.

Many times, I haven't wanted to call it Christian. Many times, I've been right there in the middle of the joke. Many times, in total seriousness, I've asked myself, "Is this really a Christian university?"

After nearly four years, I've finally found the answer, and it's a simple one.

Yes, Texas Christian University is. The people who say it isn't see only the obvious.

They see the immorality: the wild parties, the drug abuse, the cheating, the hazing, the lying and the covering-up of dirty secrets.

They see a system that accepts some people and rejects others, often on such grounds as appearance, wealth, academic accomplishments, race, sex or political affiliation.

They see people getting hurt. And what they see is real. The system is real. The hurt is real. There is plenty at TCU that isn't Christian.

But the people who say Texas Christian University isn't Christian are missing something, too. Something I missed. Something many people miss.

They miss seeing the Christians. They miss the girl who lives down the hall from them who will stay up until any hour, regardless of how busy she is, listening to a friend's problem.

They miss the guy in their class who carries a Bible with him everywhere

and shares the message of Jesus all the time, in spite of the fact that everyone laughs and calls him names.

They miss the professor who writes notes on a student's papers just to say he hopes the student's sick dog is better.

They miss the students who year after year give time and money to help starving people they learn about during Hunger Week activities.

They miss the people who visit nursing homes and volunteer to work Saturdays at food banks.

They miss the groups who meet early in the morning to pray and late at night to have Bible studies.

They miss the people who care about the other people.

The Bible says Christians are to be "the salt of the earth." A food doesn't have to be all salt to be salty.

And Texas Christian University has plenty of salt to flavor it.

To say TCU is not a Christian university is to deny the influence of the Christian individuals and groups on campus.

Like the mustard seed, which is the smallest of seeds but which grows into the largest of plants, the seemingly small efforts of Christians grow into

meaningful, life-changing experiences for a number of people.

The prayers and witnessing of Christians on this campus place added emphasis on the "C" in TCU.

As long as these people and groups continue their work, TCU will remain a Christian University.

### BLOOM COUNTY



by Berke Breathed

# Sports

## Freshman continues rising above others

By WILL FRAME  
Sports Writer

The 1989 TCU media guide lists him as "the prize recruit of this year's talented crop of newcomers" to the men's tennis team.

According to head tennis coach Tut Bartzan, he is "in a group with the better ones" Bartzan has coached at TCU over the past 15 seasons.

He is the Frogs' No. 2 singles player and holds the fifth spot in Region VI of the Volvo Tennis/Collegiate Rankings. Two weeks ago, he was one of only four freshmen competing in the 32-man field at the prestigious Rolex National Indoor Intercollegiate Tennis Championships in Minneapolis.

Who is he? Freshman phenomenon Luis Ruetete, of course.

The 5-foot-8 left-hander from Sao Paulo, Brazil, began playing organized sports when he was five years old. By age seven he was playing basketball and competing in swim meets against kids several years older. Ruetete credits his father, Francisco, with developing his interest in tennis.

"My brothers and I used to get out and watch my father play tennis," Ruetete said. "I liked to watch him play because he was the best player in town."

"After he finished his matches, he would take me and my brothers and play with us a little. That's how I started getting interested in it."

As he grew older, Ruetete concentrated more and more on tennis. He developed his swing by spending hours hitting tennis balls against a wall with a wooden cutting board from his mother's kitchen. At 14, he won Brazil's national junior championship and began traveling to tournaments. Ruetete was quickly becoming one of the world's most promising young players, finding he enjoyed tennis for several reasons.

"I like it for the challenge of beating someone else," he said. "I also like it because it's not just physical, the biggest part of it is mental."

"In tennis, everything depends solely on you and how much you want to win. When I want something I want it badly. When you really want to do something in tennis, you've just got to go for it and try as hard as you can. I like that part of it."

"I think it's also my personality. Sometimes I like to stay on my own, like just on a tennis court by myself."

The highlight of Ruetete's junior career came in 1985, when he advanced all the way to the finals of a satellite professional tournament in Alabama.

But along with the good times came the bad. That same year, Luis attended Nick Bolletiere's tennis academy in Florida for five months.

"I really think that was one of the worst places I've ever been," Ruetete said. "You couldn't get out of the place. You were just like a prisoner."

"Parents would come and visit. They'd see kids practicing on all the courts, hitting balls around. Everyone would be very quiet because of the discipline. The parents would think it was beautiful and send their kids there. After five months the kids would be crazy."

"When I was there, at the end of the five months everybody was having stomach problems and things like that because of the pressure and the atmosphere."

"It was a very bad experience for a 15-year-old kid."

Three years later, at John Newcombe's tennis ranch in New Braunfels, Texas, Ruetete met former Trinity University tennis coach Clarence Mabry. It was Mabry who convinced Ruetete to come to TCU.

"I believed in him a lot," Ruetete said. "He told me TCU would be the best place for me to go. He said that Tut was one of the best coaches in the nation, that the team had won the Southwest Conference the year before and was doing very well, and that TCU was a good school academically. Because I believed in him, I came here."

The first-day jitters many freshmen experience upon arriving at college were never a problem for the quietly confident Ruetete.

"I used to travel to tournaments by myself all the time," he said. "I got used to a lot of situations where you have to do things by yourself, and that gets hard sometimes."

"So when I got to TCU, I think it was pretty easy. Everything was cool compared to what I was used to, like traveling alone in Europe for two months. I wasn't nervous."

Bartzan has been very impressed

with his star freshman. "He's very conscientious about everything he does," Bartzan said. "He's conscientious about his tennis and his studies, which is a good starting point. I think he realizes that this is a great opportunity for him to get a good education as well as play top-quality tennis, and I think he's going to take advantage of both of those things to better himself."

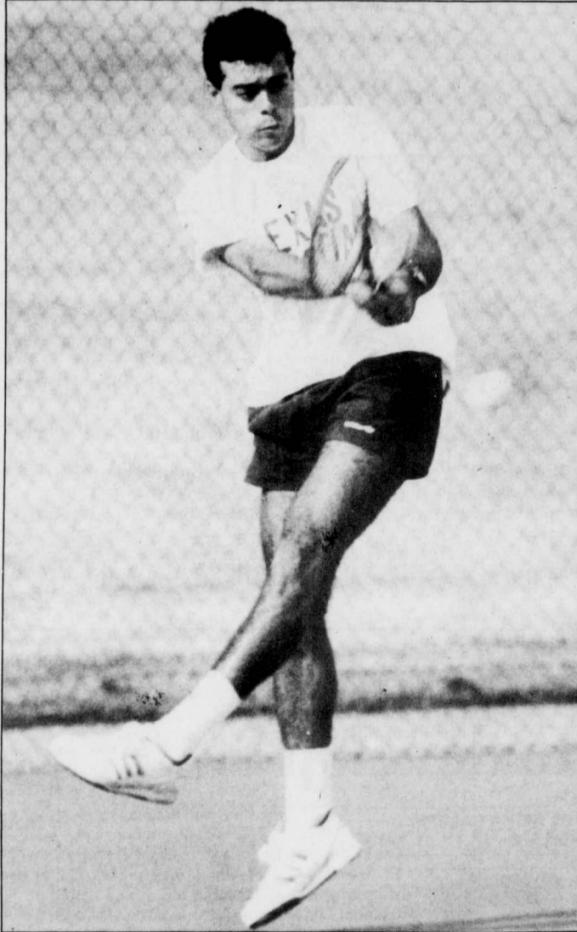
Like every student-athlete, Ruetete has found that balancing a varsity sport with a full load of classes is difficult. He maintains that "you just have to do it." Once his playing career is over, he envisions using his business degree to work for a corporation or international organization like the Association of Tennis Professionals.

"I like to know how other things in the world work," he said. "Like how to build a corporation, things like that. Sometimes I imagine myself sitting behind a desk, working, just as a businessman. That's what I'd like to do."

For now, Ruetete feels no pressure in spite of the high expectations and goals so many others have set for him.

"I know the things I have to do to get better, and I want to do those things," he said. "Even if I don't succeed, I know that I did the right things, so I have no pressure at all."

"What I'm going to do, what I'm going to be and where I'm going to go depend solely on me."



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Freshman Luis Ruetete is one of the prize recruits of the men's tennis team.

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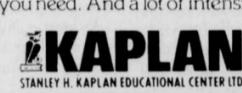
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