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## Mononucleosis hits campus, knocks wind out of students

By **ANGIE COFFMAN**  
Staff Writer

Seven cases of mononucleosis have been reported on campus so far this semester, said health center officials.

Even though the number of reported cases is low, according to Burton Schwartz, staff physician at the health center, more people have mono than the health center's records show.

Last semester health center officials reported 14 cases at TCU.

Mononucleosis, commonly refer-

red to as mono or the "kissing disease," is a virus that causes extreme fatigue, swollen glands and changes in the blood. Other symptoms include fever, a rash, an enlarged spleen and sometimes yellowing of the eyes and skin.

Mono is transmitted orally, which explains why it is called the "kissing disease."

Schwartz said April is the peak time during the spring semester to contract mono.

Although it has not reached epidemic proportions, Schwartz said students should take precautions to

*"The doctors say no physical activity, and you're tired all the time, which hinders the social life a bit."*

**RENEE ROBINSON,**  
junior political science major

avoid contact with the virus.

Some precautions to consider include not drinking after, eating after or kissing anyone who has or suspects they have mono.

Renee Robinson, junior political science major, was diagnosed with mono about a month ago. She said her case is mild, but after a day of classes

she's exhausted and needs a nap.

"I use to get five or six hours of sleep. Now if I don't get at least eight I'm beat," Robinson said.

Robinson said mono has decreased the amount of energy she has.

"You can't really work-out. The doctors say no physical activity, and you're tired all the time, which hin-

ders the social life a bit," she said.

Robinson, like many, had a severe sore throat, and thought she had strep throat. After a visit to the Health Center, Robinson was informed that her sore throat was actually a symptom of mono.

The sore throat can be treated, but mono will only diminish with time, rest and good nutrition, Schwartz said.

Students are particularly susceptible to the disease because they fail to take proper care of their bodies, Schwartz said.

"At 18 and 19 (years old) they think their bodies are invincible. They don't eat right and rarely get enough sleep. This lowers their immune systems and give the virus a fighting chance," he said.

Eating right, which means eating three meals a day, getting enough sleep and exercise are keys ways to raise immunity, Schwartz said.

"I didn't think I could get mono," said junior Sarah Campbell, who was diagnosed with mono Monday. "It's like you sleep, and you want to sleep more."

## Fraternity welcomes first white

By **LEANORA MINAI**  
Staff Writer

Alpha Phi Alpha, a predominantly black national social fraternity, has accepted its first white pledge at TCU since it colonized on campus in 1972.

Vincent Mathews is making a statement that individuals should not limit themselves to certain organizations because of color, said Derrick Rodgers, Alpha Phi Alpha president.

"I'm open-minded and fairly liberal. I don't judge people on the color of their skin. A lot of people say that but often can't put their money where their mouth is, but I can," Mathews said.

By being a member of Alpha Phi Alpha, Mathews said he can learn about multiculturalism.

"I'm probably learning more about multiculturalism by doing what I did," he said. "I'm learning about struggle. Some of my brothers had to struggle to get into college."

Rodgers said Mathews is a very open-minded person who does not worry about what other people think of him.

"I am what I am, and I'm not shaken by what other people say," Mathews said.

"Pledging was right for me. It seemed like a choice that was right for me because it satisfied my goals, met my needs and didn't hold me back," he said.

Mathews, a junior radio-TV-film and political science major, said his goal is to become involved in political advertising and campaign management during the electoral years while working in foreign policy.

"I'm dealing with people in Alpha Phi Alpha that are a little bit different. If you can put yourself in a situation where a heritage is different, it's something you can draw back on," he said. "If you can learn to work with these people and learn, you're going to come out a better person and be on top."

Anthony Renteria, Alpha Phi Alpha dean of pledges, said he thinks Mathews joined Alpha Phi Alpha to benefit himself and to open up relations between white and black Greeks for more interaction.

"It (Mathews' pledging) does say a lot about the individual. He's willing to learn and make a stand," he said.

Felix Mira, coordinator for Greek residential life/fraternity adviser, said Mathews' pledging is a very positive statement of open-mindedness by Alpha Phi Alpha.

"I think it's healthy that a group in our system is diversifying itself, and it's healthy for any Greek organization to be diverse in membership," he said.

Mathews went through Interfraternity Council rush in his freshman year but dropped out.

"It was bogus. It wasn't anything I was interested in," he said. "I'm not trying to sound negative, but the fraternity atmosphere wasn't enough to make me want to join."

Mathews said the bonds in Alpha are a lot deeper than in traditional four-year white fraternities.

"Alpha Phi Alpha is a fraternity beyond college. It started in college, but it's not centered around college life," he said.

Mathews said Alpha Phi Alpha stands for deeds, scholarship and love for all manhood.

"Our (Alpha Phi Alpha's) main objective is to help shape leaders of the future and help people to tone their leadership and communication skills," Rodgers said.

"Alpha Phi Alpha improves qualities I should strive for. It helps me improve patience and perseverance," Mathews said. "I'm working with people of a different heritage," he said. "I'm learning to listen to others"

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Kim Boyd, Felix Mira and Stewart Austin look at a car brought to campus by the Interfraternity Council R.O.A.D. workers. The group hopes the car

will send a message about responsible driving to students before Spring Break.

TCU Daily Skiff / Julie Barnhouse

## SOC sets procedure standards

By **LEANORA MINAI**  
Staff Writer

The Student Organizations Committee and Peggy Barr, vice chancellor for student affairs, have agreed to revise the university's policy about confidentiality.

Barr said she has agreed to the SOC's recommendations it submitted last week concerning group confidentiality, which include the following:

- The chairman of the SOC will be the spokesman after the final disciplinary decision is reached.

- No information, written or verbal, will be released by any other members of the SOC, and all judicial proceedings will remain confidential.

- The statements released by the SOC chairman will include offenses by the organization and the judicial action taken by the SOC.

Barr said she "raised the question" in writing to the SOC to look at the confidentiality policy concerning organizations and to see if any revisions were needed.

"I think it terms of information, it's (the revised policy) in response to

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## Emeritus professor eulogized at service

Winesanker, 75, dies of heart attack

By **ANGIE COX**  
Staff Writer

A memorial service was held Tuesday for Michael Winesanker, an emeritus professor of music history at TCU. Winesanker, 75, died Saturday after suffering a heart attack earlier in the week.

George Tade, dean of the School of Fine Arts and Communication, said "We have all drunk from wells we did not dig... and have been warmed by fires we did not build. Higher education depends on each generation to deepen the wells of human knowledge and provide the spark of fire which enables succeeding generations to learn."

"Michael Winesanker was a digger of wells," said George Tade, dean of College of Fine Arts and Communication. Tade, who had known Winesanker for 27 years, spoke at the memorial service at Beth-El Congregation.

Winesanker began teaching at TCU in 1946 and was still on faculty as an emeritus professor. But his career began long before he came to Fort Worth.

"The formal education was but prelude to a lifetime of learning, research, and organizing the knowledge of his field that others might learn more easily," Tade said.

Born in Toronto, Canada, Winesanker was the youngest Canadian to earn a Bachelor of Music from the University of Toronto in 1933 at the age of 19. He continued his education at the University of Michigan where he earned a master of arts in 1941. Winesanker then earned his doctorate at Cornell University in 1944.

He taught briefly at the University of Texas as a professor of musicology in 1945 and 1946 before making his home in Fort Worth. Winesanker became a U.S. citizen in 1951.

"Always professional - but with warmth - he challenged the minds of his best students, prodded the less than diligent, and encouraged the disheartened," Tade said.

Winesanker had served as a faculty member in the music department for 10 years before becoming chairman of the department in 1956. He held that position 25 years.

During his career at TCU, Wine-



Michael Winesanker

sanker rewrote the music department's curriculum to prepare it for accreditation by the National Association of Schools of Music. He also contributed to the music department by establishing a music library.

"Students will remember the breakfast seminars at the Winesanker home... faculty will remember his deep love of fine music and his insistence on quality in teaching and performance," Tade said.

As the many positions, awards and honors attest, Winesanker was well-recognized in the field of music.

He served as a member of the board of both the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition and the Fort Worth Symphony, as president of the Fort Worth Music Teachers

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## Campus, community exchange cultures

By **JADA THADANI**  
Staff Writer

International Student Week began Monday with a proclamation from the mayor's office officially recognizing the week that benefits TCU students, faculty and staff and the Fort Worth community.

"The courage, ambition, dedication and devotion students have shown is wonderful," said Councilman Gary Gilley, who officially represented Mayor Bob Bolen's office.

The week is a special opportunity to interact and enjoy cultural exchanges, Gilley said.

"This week is also a significant contribution to global awareness and world peace," Gilley said as he presented the proclamation.

"This (International Student Week) is one of my favorite events at TCU," said Peggy Barr, vice chancellor for student affairs. "It reminds us of the way the world is connected and of the way we are connected as people."

"We are privileged to have international students on our campus. They enrich our lives and help us to understand our shared future together," she said.

"We can grow and share together as

a TCU community if we open our eyes, hearts and minds to the vast knowledge of the international students," said Kristin Chambers, president of the House of Student Representatives.

International Student Week was officially opened with the cutting of three ribbons.

Each ribbon represented a different aspect of the people encompassed by the week.

Barr and Chambers cut a purple ribbon which represented the TCU community.

Gilley cut a white ribbon which represented the Fort Worth community.

A blue ribbon represented the rest of the world and was cut by Al Mladenka, director of the department of international student affairs, and Reena Daniel, president of the International Student Association.

The week continues with various programs and speakers.

"The Nature of Culture" will be shown today at noon in the Student Center Lounge.

Today is also the last day to purchase tickets for the International Student Banquet and Cultural Program at 6 p.m. Saturday.

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## Blood drive misses goal by 193 pints

By **PAUL MOUNT**  
Staff Writer

The TCU Spring 1989 Blood Drive last week was considered a success by its sponsors, despite the fact that the drive took in the lowest amount of donated blood since spring 1987.

The drive, sponsored by the Residence Hall Association and Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, took in 407 pints of blood, falling short of its goal of 600. Last spring, the drive took in 523 pints, and last fall, it gathered 530 pints.

"There have been times in the past in which donations have been down and there is usually no one explanation for it," said Bill Ball, the director of mobile operations at the Carter Blood Center. "But 407 people donated blood, and every bit helps. Next

fall could have the highest turnout yet."

Mike Kappo, RHA adviser and hall director for Clark Hall, said the low turnout did not affect the blood drive because all donated blood can be used.

Kappo said he wasn't sure why the turnout was down but said he believes the drive might be more successful if it were to be held later in the semester.

"Many people had been sick and didn't feel up to donating," Kappo said. "I think the stress of midterm exams might have had some effect."

Ball said it will continue to use TCU as part of its drives because of past success and the importance of donating blood.

Donating blood should be looked as a positive thing and the good it does,

regardless of the number of donations, said Ball.

Most students who donated feel the same way as Ball and want to help any way they can.

Freshman sports medicine studies major Dana Jaconi said she will keep donating because of the continual need for blood and because she feels like she is contributing.

"I feel like I've done a good deed and like I'm saving someone else," Jaconi said.

Freshman business pre-major Dayna Brown said she will continue to give blood because she knows her donation could help several people.

"One problem is that some first-time givers might have had a bad experience," Brown said, "and some

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**CAMPUSlines**

**InterLock** needs a logo. Please submit ideas to Student Activities Office today.

**Delta Sigma Pi** - Business week. Federal Reserve Bank tour in Dallas at 1 p.m. today.

**March is Women's History Month** - For information call the YWCA at 332-6191 and ask for Ann Cook.

**Writing about Small Towns** will be the topic of a lecture by novelist R. Clay Reynolds at 3:30 p.m. today in the Student Center Woodson Room. A reception will follow the free event.

**Creative Writing** awards will be presented at 3:30 p.m. Thursday to winners of this year's competitions. Poet Walter McDonald will read from his poetry at the ceremony. The event will take place in the Student Center Ballroom.

**Pre-Law Association** - meeting at 5:15 p.m. Thursday in Student Center Room 203. Amy Ayers Anderson, Parker County district attorney, will be guest speaker. Anyone interested in law invited. For information call 924-3846.

**AERho Speaker** - John Shomby, vice president of programming for KZPS 92.5 FM and KAAM 13.10 AM, will speak at 6 p.m. Thursday in Moudy 1565.

**Interfraternity Council** meets at 6 p.m. Thursday in Student Center Room 202. Everyone welcome.

**Graphic Art Design Contest** - sponsored by PC Concerts Committee for the first-ever Battle of the Bands. If interested, submit an entry by Friday. Winner will receive \$75 prize.

**AERho CD hour** presents Def Leppard at 8-10 p.m. Friday.

**Study Abroad Reception: Go International!** Learn about multicultural educational opportunities at TCU and abroad. Meeting at 3 p.m. Saturday in Student Center Room 205-6. RSVP in Reed 113 or 921-7289.

**TCU Student Foundation** applications for membership are now at the Information Desk in the Student Center or at the Alumni House. Applications due by March 17.

**Charles E. Hanna Literary Award** open to Tarrant County residents and to persons who work or attend school in Tarrant County. Entry must be a poem in sonnet form only. Entries by mail accepted through March 25. For information call Lenore Clark at 739-0519.

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**House tables broadcasters' bill**

By MELINDA HARTMAN  
 Staff Writer

After much debate, the House of Student Representatives tabled a bill for \$150 to fund Alpha Epsilon Rho, the National Broadcasting Fraternity in Tuesday's meeting.

The fraternity requested the money to pay a registration fee for 5 members to attend a conference in Las Vegas.

The bill to fund the traveling exhibit of "Ramses The Great" with \$300 was passed two votes short of

unanimous.

Psi Chi, the National Honor Society in Psychology, was granted \$350, half of its original request, to help 14 members with the registration costs of the Southwestern Psychological Association Convention in Houston.

A bill was presented requesting \$238.36 to support the TCU Parabola members at the Texas Sectional Math Conference in Seguin, Texas.

A bill concerning the Super Frog costume will be brought up for a vote next week, said Steve Rubick, chairman of the Permanent Improvements

Committee.

Kristin Chambers, president of the student body, said she needs input on student concerns because she will be meeting with the Board of Trustees at the end of this month.

Chancellor Bill Tucker has agreed to meet and have coffee with about 12 students, Chambers said.

"This will be an opportunity for students to talk with the chancellor about their concerns or whatever," Chambers said. Chambers said she is unsure of how students will be selected to attend the meeting.

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other groups waiting to know what happened and reporters wanting to know what happened, but it still protects the individual's privacy," Barr said.

The SOC's confidentiality policy was unclear before Barr's acceptance of the SOC's recommendations, said Andrew Fort, SOC chairman.

"There wasn't any written policy that I know of," he said. "There was a shared understanding of complete confidentiality of the group like there is with individuals under the Buckley Amendment," Fort said.

Barr said the SOC adopted the Family and Educational Rights and Privacy Act, or the Buckley Amendment, and extended it to organizations.

The Buckley Amendment protects the educational records of individuals and covers individual privacy of students, not organizations, she said.

"What they (SOC) did in recommending policy change is still keep the names of individuals private," Barr said.

She said "frustration" on behalf of the SOC and herself prompted her to write the SOC last week to look at group confidentiality. She said with some issues, information needed to be released, but was restricted by the Family and Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974.

"It (the revised policy) will settle some rumors and it will clearly indicate standards of behavior," Fort said.

In other business, the SOC has not made a final decision about recognizing Beta Upsilon Chi, an all-male Christian organization on campus.

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people are just lazy."

The process of giving blood included signing donors' up and ushering them through a screening process to see if they were eligible to donate.

People who have been sick recently, or who are taking medication were turned away from donating because of the risk of spreading disease.

Anthony Renteria, of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, which helped co-sponsor the drive with RHA, was ineligible to donate because he had hepatitis when he was 12.

"If there is any chance someone might become ill because of your blood, they won't allow you to donate," Renteria said.

While students donated, they could watch rock videos on a large screen television.

It (the videos) helped pass the time," Jaconi said. "It allowed me to concentrate on something else other than giving blood."

Those who were screened out were still able to contribute a point to any campus organization.

Those who were able to donate received two points, which could be given to a single organization or split between two groups.

The organizations with the most points were put on a daily Top 10 list.

RHA will continue to sponsor the blood drive in the future and is looking for co-sponsors. The group will meet later in the semester to discuss plans for future blood drives.

"Everyone seemed pleased with the drive," Kappo said. "Hopefully, RHA can make a few changes that might help improve the number of donations."

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ideas and to lead by listening."

Rodgers said Alpha Phi Alpha has a "Smoker" that all interested people are invited to attend to learn about the fraternity.

He said an interview process follows the "Smoker" and the members look for someone who is confident, versatile, scholarly and ambitious.

After the interviews, Rodgers said the chapter votes on who will become "Sphinxmen" or pledges of the fraternity for four to six weeks.

"I never really look at things as a black and white issue," Mathews said. "It could be an issue, but I never let it be."

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Association from 1963 to 1965 and as president of the Texas Association of Music Schools from 1960 to 1961.

Winesanker received research grants from the Carnegie Foundation, TCU Research Committee and the American Council of Learned Societies. He was selected to be a Minnie Stevens Piper Professor, a statewide award, in 1976, and chosen to be a professor of the year by Mortar Board in 1983.

Winesanker served as president and secretary of the Texas chapter of the American Musicological Society as well as being a member of its national council.

Winesanker is survived by his wife, Esther, his two daughters, Miriam and Rebecca, and five grandchildren.

"Michael Winesanker - digger of wells for others and kindler of the spirit of learning," Tade eulogized. "Shalom, good friend."

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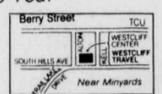
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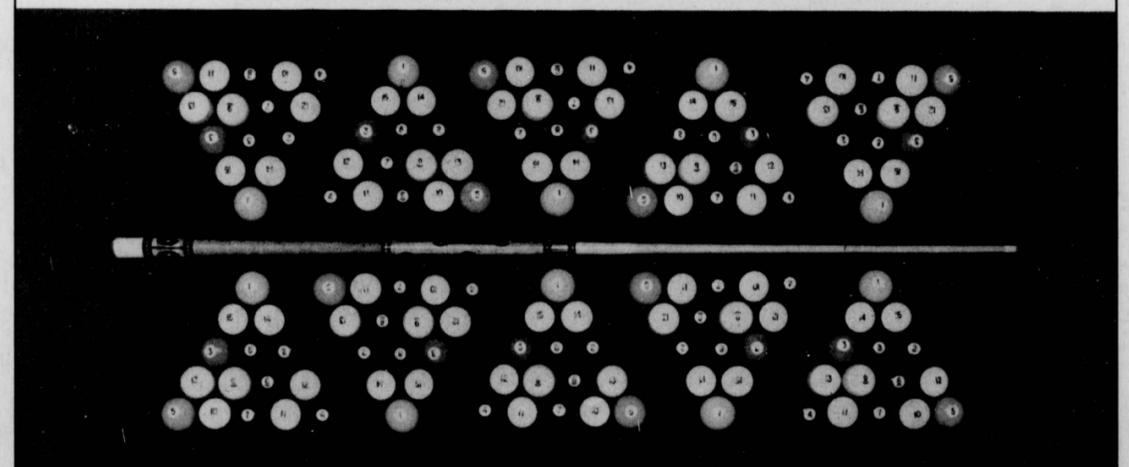
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  - if over 5 minutes, regardless of crowd appeal, the power will be cut.
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# Commentary

## Our View Stench from Senate overpowers Tower

If the odor of hypocrisy is foul, the stench in the U.S. Senate has become unbearable.

The smell has been produced by the debate, which may be too principled a word, over the nomination of John Tower to the position of secretary of defense.

The Republican side of the aisle smells somewhat ripe, as senators altruistically call for "bipartisanship," by which they mean "vote our way." But it is the Democratic side where the odor is overpowering.

Tower's ties to defense contractors have gone relatively unmentioned. This is perhaps understandable when some of the others mentioned as candidates for the position head defense corporations.

It is Tower's drinking and "womanizing" which have drawn the most fire from senators. They question his ability to perform his job responsibly with such problems in his personal life.

These are legitimate concerns. Personal problems often do affect job performance. But for senators to self-righteously condemn Tower on these grounds is the height of hypocrisy.

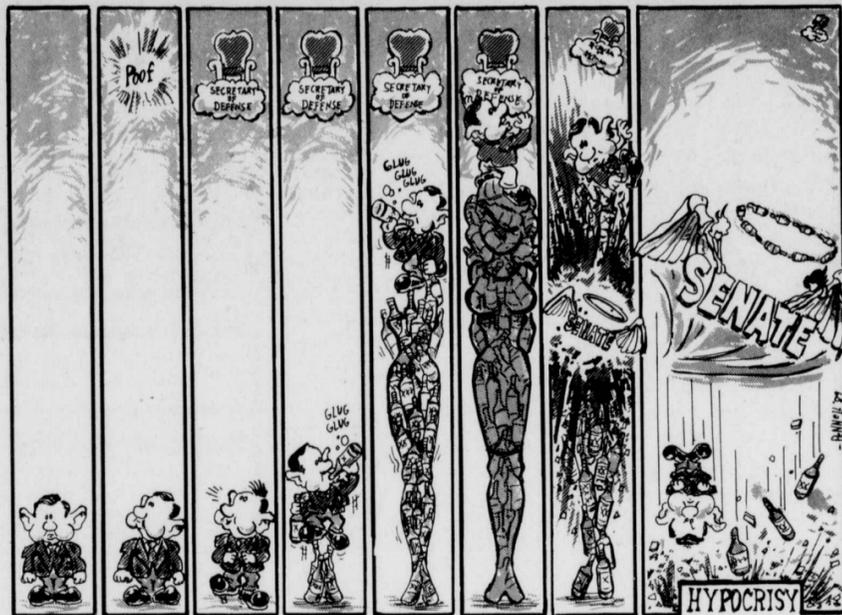
As Barry Goldwater has pointed out, many senators from both parties are well-acquainted with the bottle. Since the Tower nomination, charges of senators coming to work with alcohol-impaired judgment are coming into the open.

Nor are senators strangers to promiscuous sexual behavior. Gary Hart is a well-known example, but he is hardly the only senator to cheat on his wife. Such stories are so commonplace they don't even make good gossip in Washington anymore.

The reasons given for opposing John Tower may be good ones. But what's good for the secretary of defense is also good for senators.

Many senators now proclaiming that Tower is unfit for the job should get the boards out of their own eyes before worrying about what's in Tower's.

If senators expect a nominee for secretary of defense to live by a set of standards, the nation should expect no less than for those senators to commit to the same standards in their own lives.



## Refugees denied sanctuary

By MARICARMEN EROLES  
Staff Writer



"Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses," reads the poem by Emma Lazarus carved at the foot of the Statue of Liberty in the New York Harbor.

But that is not exactly what refugees from Central America see when they come to Texas seeking asylum in the United States.

In fact, what most of them are likely to see is the barbed wire of detention centers.

Under the new Immigration and Naturalization policy, Central American refugees who seek asylum in the United States will either be given asylum immediately or will be promptly deported.

This measure was taken by the Immigration and Naturalization Service to reduce the number of immigrants coming from the troubled region of Central America.

And it has worked. According to *Time* magazine, last week the number of applicants in the processing center near Bayview, Texas, plunged from 967 to 313.

Of those 313, only 1 percent - three people - were granted asylum.

This plunge in applications has driven the INS to declare the new policy a success.

Putting aside the moral implications of this measure, it might not have been such a good idea to put it into effect.

The region has always had some kind of political or military unrest going on since its independence in the 19th century, much of it as a direct result of U.S. interventions.

Poverty, hunger and disease are usual scenes in most Central American countries, because the resources that would be used for development, food and medical care are being used for weapons.

These people deserve a better life, and they will seek it regardless of policies.

There might be a smaller number of Central Americans coming in legally, but it is unlikely that the overall number will decrease.

The only thing that will change is that there will be more people dying of suffocation in trains or drowning in the river.

It is easy to make the decisions and not partake in the consequences, but if the United States is an actor in the Central American crisis, it should bear its share of the guilt or get out - and its share includes giving asylum to people.

Or is the land of opportunity not so? Maybe Emma Lazarus would not have written her poem if she had come to Texas and taken a look at the INS detention centers.

## Letter to the Editor

### Unfair judgments

After reading Lisa Touye's article, "Portraying a wrong ideal," last Friday, I felt that something should be said in defense of young women who participate in the Miss U.S.A. circuit of pageants.

It is obvious that Lisa did not consult any participants, nor is she qualified herself to make the gross exaggerations and assumptions that she did. I feel her own insecurities have led her to her decisions. This may seem harsh, but I feel it is no more so than her words published last Friday.

Personally, as Miss North Central Texas U.S.A. and a contestant in the Miss Texas U.S.A. pageant this July, I resent the outrageous remarks she made. The pageant is not about

"snagging a husband," it is about achieving goals.

And Lisa says we have no common sense. She says we spend our "whole week working towards and wishing for a date," and we "spend an hour or two each night deciding what to wear to class tomorrow." The truth is that most of us do not have time for such trivialities. The pageant is a serious commitment that takes up most of your spare time. There is always something that has to be done.

I feel it is a rather archaic way of thinking that girls who fit this stereotype are out to catch our husbands. Most have bigger and better things on their minds. Most coaches, including my own, discourage reliance on males and encourage independence. The pageant is one

avenue that teaches you to take charge and achieve your own goals.

My personal reasons for involvement in the pageant include self-improvement, improvement of communication skills and exposure, all of which are very important to the career I am pursuing.

The last comment I would like to make is on the part of Lisa's article where she says, "It seems there are more women on campus who are content with being girls, and that's sad."

I feel this is the time of my life to be a girl. It is a time of enjoyment, planning ahead and achievement. There is plenty of time later to be a woman.

Needless to say, this article has offended me and many others. I think more sources should have been explored before it was written.

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## Unions strike blow at American work ethic

By STEVEN J. RUBICK  
Columnist



Unions have gotten out of hand.

The latest in a long line of airline strikes is the current workers' strike against Eastern Airlines. The strike began last Saturday as Eastern workers belonging to the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers walked off the job at airports all across the country.

The Machinists union consists primarily of baggage handlers, fuel-truck drivers and other ground-support personnel. The union management has been involved in negotiations with Eastern Airlines for more than 17 months, concerning a pay raise for its members.

Company management, however, was demanding wage cuts in the

neighborhood of \$150 million. No agreement was worked out, and the union members walked.

Eastern's 3600 pilots compounded the problem and, in the process, added weight to the Machinists position by honoring the picket lines. The pilots are currently involved in contract negotiations of their own and may view the Machinists strike as a bargaining chip to be used in their own battle.

What is worse is the possibility of sympathy strikes by other unions. The Air Line Pilots Association ordered all 41,000 of its pilots to "fly by rule" beginning Tuesday; this means that union pilots would obey all flight procedures to the letter, a tactic meant to create a slowdown in the normal flow of air traffic.

This situation is ridiculous. Eastern Airlines has consistently had one of the worst safety records among the major airlines, as well as having one of the worst service records.

Simply put, Eastern's workers do

not deserve a pay raise.

Raises are generally given to workers who have earned them through hard work and dedication to their jobs. And, while some of Eastern's workers may be dedicated and hard-working, the airline's record seems to indicate that vast numbers of its striking workers do not fit into those categories.

But, thanks to labor unions, workers no longer need concern themselves with earning their raises; en masse, workers can demand a raise with the ever-present threat of a walkout.

Once upon a time, labor unions were a good thing. Back in the early days of the Industrial Revolution, workers were exploited by management; they were forced to work long days for short wages under terrible work conditions.

The rise of unions gave the workers strength in numbers. Workers were able to force management to listen to their demands through the threat of strikes. And for a while, the system

worked.

But the system of labor unions - the whole idea of unions and strikes - is outdated. There are government agencies designed to protect workers and ensure that working conditions are acceptable. The government also has a legally enforceable minimum wage and recommended cost of living adjustments.

All of these, however, would not allow workers to shirk their responsibilities. Simply abiding by government guidelines and abolishing unions would require workers to earn their pay and earn their raises.

It used to be that the American work ethic was held in high regard around the world. Now, union workers rely on the strength of their unions to get them raises while they do the minimum amount of work possible.

It is a shame that this is what has happened to the American workforce. Greed and laziness have supplanted the old ideas of individual excellence and personal reward.

It is time that the government step

in and do something about labor unions. A once good idea has gone bad and become counterproductive; American labor unions are one of the reasons so many corporations are building factories in other nations and foreign corporations are out-producing the United States in quality products.

Of course, unions in the service industries cannot be held responsible for the problems in the areas of production. They are responsible for problems of an entirely different nature.

As in the case of Eastern Airlines, the company may suffer some setbacks, but the true victim is the consumer. The public pays for these strikes and has no power in the ultimate resolution of the problem.

The Machinists and other sympathetic unions may well cripple air traffic around the country for the next few weeks, and the public will pay for it.

And that is a despicable situation.

## Genes dominant in quest for Hot Wheels, jelly doughnuts

By BRETT BALLANTINI  
Guest Columnist

Humans have genes for just about everything. As developmental processes go, genes make up the blueprint from which our makeup is derived.

Therefore, your brown hair, hazel eyes or hearty appetite for Spam is all developed via genes.

I believe there is a speed gene - not in the respect that having a dominant speed gene means you gobble amphetamines like Flintstone's Chewables, but that gliding at 50 mph feels like a casual stroll.

The tangible manifestation of speed for collegians across the country is found in an automobile.

In fact, as insurance rates remind us all too severely, this penchant for speed means, for most of us, a sweet chunk of our hard-earned cash, cash that could go toward purchasing clothes, toiletries or the jumbo-size Whoppers in the milk-carton containers.

Just like a refined taste for Whoppers, the fascination with speed begins early for those cursed with the dominant speed gene.

As a child, my whimsical gift wishes surely paid off in Hawaiian vacations for the makers of Hot Wheels and Matchbox cars. In fact, by the time I

was 10, I would not be surprised if certain folk began to call colleagues to pick out that particular year's island, or bumped into each other at the Big Toy Convention (where adults who never really grew up but are fat and bald and not nearly as cute as Tom Hanks in "Big" gather) and carried on a conversation that most certainly went something like:

"Hey, Bob from Matchbox - great new 'Car Models World Leaders Have Been Assassinated In' line! My son's got the whole set."

"Yeah. I figure we got a responsibility to the kids. You know, history and stuff. How about the Ballantini boy?"

Bob pulls out a colorful pie chart filled with exclamation points. This is further evidence that he has way too little to do and should be forced to get a real job. He continues.

"What a mad dog," he says as he sorts through even more data. "I feel sorry for his parents."

"Yep. That kid alone got me a raise and a promotion this year. In fact, I think I'll be taking the dog to Maui this year, provided Ballantini's birthday is coming up soon."

And though the Hot Wheels are still sitting in my basement, I'm pretty sure that my parents donated my electronic and Hot Wheel race tracks - manufactured by an entirely different set of people who mysteriously

grew tans every February - at their peak stretching over 17.3 miles (or 1,262 loop-de-loops), to the Defense Department. These people, I believe, incorporated them into the design of the recently and lavishly-unveiled Stealth bomber (an unveiling which, incidentally, was undermined by a car ad, the car featuring an imitation-leather, rubber-based interior made up of components derived from my Hot Wheel tracks).

Which, in turn, proves great minds (using the term rather loosely) think alike, or at least attend the same garage sales.

By my early teens, however, my fascination with speed began to give way, just as my male peers got the intense "I'm so close to pumping a gas pedal I can taste it" gleam in their eyes. My more devoted friends grew long hair, wore ripped T-shirts and got jobs at pizza joints to fund their first set of wheels.

Problem was, about six minutes into the job, these same friends discovered beer, which undermined savings and resulted in their settling on an off-green Pinto rather than a black Porsche. On the positive side, it gave them a new hobby, cardiopulmonary resuscitation for cars.

They read "Motor Trend" and learned how to change the oil in a Volkswagen Bug, while I was more

likely to read "Cosmopolitan," if only to check out the new "Test Your Lover's Sexual IQ" or study the abundant lingerie ads.

At 18 I got my first car, a 1985 Cutlass, which I insisted to my parents actually came with an "I Love Twinkies" bumper sticker.

But the zeal for oily hands and Armor All I thought I'd get has not surfaced. I guess if the average distance to the nearest American service station wasn't closer than the average distance to American mailboxes, things would be different.

For now, I'm using a checkbook instead of a drip pan.

Which is not to say that being behind my own wheel hasn't reinstalled in me a lust for speed. As most of us

know, such a desire is often tracked and sometimes acted upon by law officers, even in Illinois, where the number of Dunkin' Donuts franchises per cop is nearly 1:1 (working out to a free box of Munchkins and a jumbo cup of coffee each day, in business terms).

My personal affinity for pastries comes in handy on any car trip. Now I know that offering an officer a doughnut after he pulls me over constitutes bribery, but what if the box is sitting in the passenger seat, exposing one last jelly-filled, a soft breeze blowing through the passenger window giving Officer Friendly a full waft of its delicious aroma?

That situation came up the first time I was pulled over. I was going six

miles over the speed limit and had begun the groveling all drivers say they won't do until a flashing police car pops up behind them.

While I was trying to give off vibrations saying "Sir, I've always been fascinated by the science of criminal containment" and "You know, you really are quite manly in those reflective shades," I saw a stranded doughnut left in a discarded box next to me.

I didn't get a chance to corrupt, because the officer let me off, quite possibly out of pity for my bad haircut, but in my "I got away with it" euphoria, I couldn't stop.

"Excuse me, officer, would you like a doughnut?"

"No thanks, son, I already got some in the car."

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# Sports

## Hostess tackles recruiting

By RANDY HARGROVE  
Sports Writer

College football recruiting. In Texas it's as big as, well, Texas itself. No stones are left unturned as college coaches hit the recruiting trail each year trying to round up the top talent.

There is no rest for the weary and no time for idle chit-chat. Time is precious and perhaps the only way to track a coach is to catch the number of his license plate as he drives by.

But in the hectic days that surround the national signing day, there is a group on the TCU campus the coaching staff can turn to for help.

This group doesn't block or tackle and they weren't blue chips coming out of high school. What they do is try to plant the seed of thought in the heads of blue chip recruits that, "Hey, TCU might just be the place for you."

The TCU Horned Frog Associates is a group of 30 outgoing, attractive young ladies that help recruit prospective football players coming out of high school. Formed in 1985 and chosen each fall, the Horned Frog Associates' purpose is simple.

"The coaches express an interest in having a group of girls to break the monotony of the recruiting weekend," said TCU assistant sports information director and co-Horned Frog Associate adviser Lois Kolkhorst. "They (coaching staff) just wanted someone besides football players to talk to these kids to let them hear about the campus and let them see what the students are like."

"I think it (Horned Frog Associates) was an idea generated within the whole football coaching staff," she said. "Many schools have this."

Indeed they do. From the East coast to the West coast, different versions of recruiting hostesses are prevalent on college campuses. There are the Gator Getters of Florida, the Bengal Babes of Clemson, the Husky Hostesses of Washington and the Western Carolina Catamount Kittens just to name a few.

The idea is also hot in the Southwest Conference. Arkansas has its Razorback Belles while Texas boasts

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KAY HIGGINS,  
Co-advisor Horned Frog Associates

the Texas Angels.

While the organizational names are different, the jobs the young ladies at TCU and across the country perform are basically the same. They are trying to sell their school.

"Our responsibility is to sell Fort Worth and sell TCU," said Tamalyn Graham, a junior early childhood education major. "The football program is in need of top recruits. I've just tried to do my best."

Graham just completed her second year as an Associate.

"These girls are showcasing TCU. We want somebody that's on-the-ball that does a lot here, that can talk to a recruit," Kolkhorst said. "If he (recruit) says there is a club in the business building he could join or that kind of stuff, they can answer those kinds of questions."

"We want people that are excited about the university," said Associate Director of Residential Living and Horned Frog Associate co-adviser Kay Higgins. "We want people that are still pleased with their decision to come here, that can talk easily about TCU but are good conversationalists in general."

Thanks to the job the Horned Frog Associates have done, the conversation around the football coaches' office is as positive as the ladies' view of the university.

"They do a great job," said TCU recruiting coordinator Tom Mueller. "They make the recruits feel at home."

A typical recruiting weekend for a Horned Frog Associate begins Friday with dinner at 7 p.m. The girls meet with the recruit they have been assigned to and a designated football player host, who will show the recruit around town Saturday evening.

On Saturday morning two to three Associates rise and shine and, with the help of the coaching staff, help guide the recruits on a 90-minute bus tour of Fort Worth. That evening the Associates have dinner with the recruit and the football player.

The Horned Frog Associates recruiting weekend ends after a short brunch with the players on Sunday morning, and the final bit of hospitality comes Monday when the ladies drop the recruits a postcard wishing them the best.

"The thing I like about this group is there's no big commitment," Kolkhorst said. "You don't have a lot of meetings. We have orientation just prior to the recruiting weekends."

During the fall two to four Associates will lend a helping hand on informal visits by football players who often come in for TCU home football games to see the game and tour the campus.

For each recruit that does not choose TCU, there is always another recruit and another year of recruiting. That never changes. But in the coming years the flavor of the Horned Frog Associates could change slightly.

"One of the things we're trying to do is go coed," Higgins said. "It was advertised to men and women on the campus last fall, but not any men responded."

But the women of TCU who have responded to the call for Horned Frog Associates have been given the opportunity to briefly enter a domain dominated by men and male athletes.

"It's pretty neat for the girls," Kolkhorst said. "They do make a difference. They get to know the coaches and get to feel a part of the athletic program. They're having a active part in molding the future of TCU football."

## This Week in Sports

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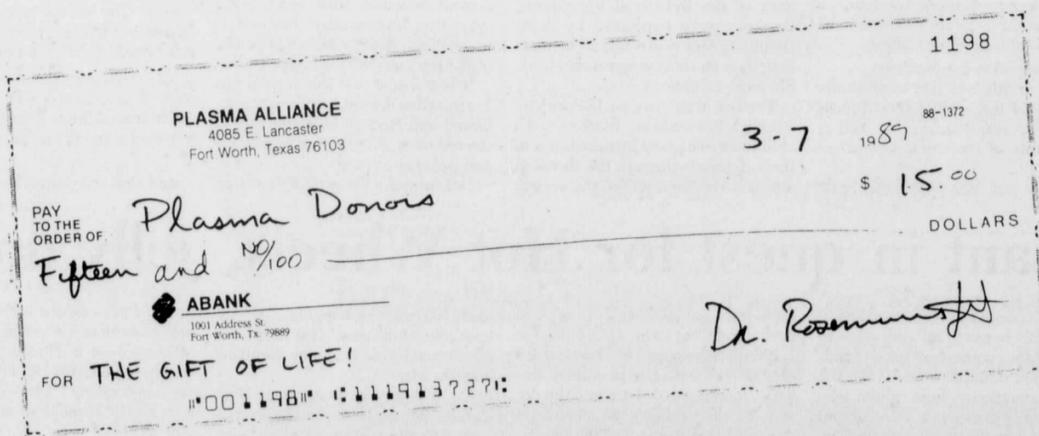
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