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Fear of responsibility may cause anxiety for seniors

By **ANDREA HEITZ**
Staff Writer

In the continuing concern about the state of the U.S. education system, those looking to place blame have a new, old enemy at which to point: television.

A recently released Educational Testing Service study, which measured math and science abilities, showed that test scores lowered as television watching increased, causing new speculation about the effects of television on American youth.

The debate about television's influence on young people is nothing new, though, said David Barker, associate professor of radio-TV-film.

"The amount of blame that television has had to shoulder over the decades for its negative impact on children is nothing new," he said. "Before television, it was the other mass media—radio, motion pictures, even dime-store novels. The mass media have been blamed for many, many years."

And the results of the study, he said, while they may be disturbing,

should not be interpreted to mean that television has a definite negative impact on education.

"For every piece of research that indicated that television has a negative effect on students' learning, there is research that shows that television has no effect," he said.

But some effects of television are obvious, he said.

Television tends to speed things up, as people learn to expect a resolution to a complex problem in an hour or less, he said.

"And the attention span of students

today certainly is not what it was prior to the age of television," Barker said.

Etta Miller, associate professor of education, agreed.

"People spend their time watching television instead of reading or participating in the world," she said. "And that is going to affect education."

The type and amount of effect, though, may vary with circumstances, she said.

Television exposes very young children to written language early, she said, because they try to read the words on commercials.

But older people who watch television instead of getting involved with the world around them undermine their education, she said.

The type of television children are watching also makes a difference in the effect it will have on education.

Bob Ray Sanders, a producer at KERA, a Metroplex public television station, said educational programming such as "Sesame Street" actually have a positive effect on education.

"Public television's failure," he said, "is that it has not been able to create a popular and effective program that teaches adolescents."

But while studies show that children who watch "Sesame Street" before going into school do better when they start school, they also show that those same children begin to get bored with school more quickly, Barker said.

"Teachers just can't compete with the Muppets," he said. "So we have some teachers doing a dog-and-pony show in order to compete."

If television does have a negative

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Repairs limit parking

By **AMY THORNTON**
Staff Writer

Construction to replace a sewer line running from Daniel Meyer Coliseum to Moncrief Hall will decrease the number of parking spaces available in the coliseum parking lot until the beginning of May.

Depending on the weather, construction is scheduled to begin today or Wednesday, said Harry Goodman, assistant director of mechanical and electrical maintenance for the TCU Physical Plant.

The construction site will be 40 feet wide and will run the full length of the sewer line from the front of the coliseum to Moncrief Hall, Goodman said.

How many parking places the construction will occupy is not known, but soon there will be two additional parking lots available on campus.

The dirt lot between Campus Police and Facility Services and the lot between Brite Divinity School and the Pastoral Care Center have been paved and will be available for parking, said Tom McGaha, assistant chief of Campus Police.

Together the lots will provide 33 parking places, he said.

The additional lots were paved because of the shortage of parking on campus, said Edd Bivin, vice chancellor for administrative services.

Who will be permitted to park in the lots will be decided by a committee upon completion of the lots, Bivin said.

Bivin said he expects some of the space will be available to students.

Oscar Stewart, chief of Campus Police, has offered free parking permits and a free space to three or more faculty members who agree to carpool to work but has received no response.

New pastor chosen by Baptists

By **JENNIFER DOLT**
Staff Writer

The University Baptist Church found a new pastor in time for the Easter service.

The Rev. Randel Everett, who was selected by an 11-member search committee, will now be the pastor for about 40 TCU students who are members of the church congregation.

"It went well," Everett said. "I wish Easter could be every Sunday."

"It was a good service," said freshman John Andrus, who attended the church Easter morning.

The church is not formally affiliated with TCU, but the close location on Wabash Avenue makes it easy for students to attend.

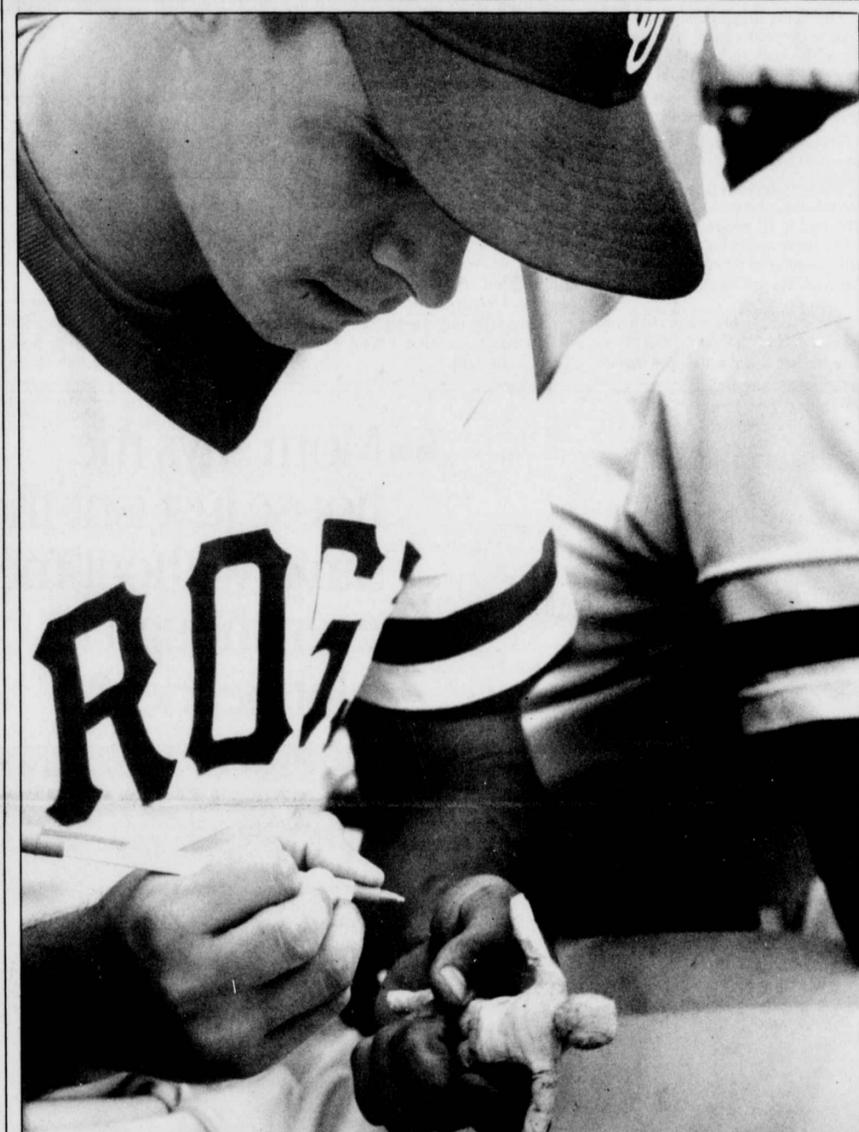
A college department in the Sunday school is available for TCU students as well as other area college students.

"First, I want to get to know the students and try to be involved in the campus," Everett said.

"I think the church was first established because of the needs of a campus area," he said. "Students in worship add excitement."

The pastoral search committee compiled a profile of facts about the kind of pastor the church was looking for based on input from the congregation, said Tim Williamson, head of the committee.

Members of the church met to decide what they were looking for in a



TCU's Steve Callarman writes the name of Nebraska's pitcher on a voodoo doll, which will be impaled and hung above the dugout. With each new opponent, the doll gets redone. In the third inning of the second game Monday, TCU changed the doll twice, scoring nine runs against three pitchers.

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Week celebrates world business

By **JANA AGEE**
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TCU and Fort Worth are celebrating their association this week during TCU/Fort Worth Week with the theme, "Celebrating a World of Business."

The week will kick off with a "Symposium on International Business" at 7:30 tonight in the Student Center Ballroom.

"We tried to pack the calendar of events with an international theme," said Linda Royce, assistant dean for Special Programs in the M.J. Neeley School of Business.

According to Larry Lauer, associate vice chancellor for university relations, a steering committee of members of the Fort Worth City Council, the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce and TCU felt North Texas has an interest in foreign business markets.

He said the week "gives us a chance to talk to each other about how to work together toward our goal. While we're taking a world view, we're not ignoring local issues such as the Super Collider."

TCU/Fort Worth Week was started in 1966 by the Chamber of Commerce and TCU. The city of Fort Worth joined later, Lauer said.

"Each year's theme is completely different. We look at what is going on in the city and at TCU and base the week's theme on that," Lauer said. "One year, the nursing school was emphasized, and another year, fine arts was emphasized."

Lauer went on to say that this was a perfect opportunity to concentrate on business and the dedication of Charles Tandy Hall on Friday.

Other activities for the week include a luncheon with speaker John Rutledge, chairman of the board of Claremont Enomics Institute, at the Worthington Hotel on Wednesday; a speaker on the Super Collider and a speaker on "Marketing in the Year 2000."

Lauer said the city and the university recognize they are very dependent on each other. The city, Chamber of Commerce and TCU are co-sponsoring the week in hopes of improving the quality of life in the area.

Wednesday's events will include the "Charles Tandy American Enterprise Forum" from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Worthington Hotel and "The Superconducting Super Collider and the North Texas Economy" at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom. Reservations for the "Charles Tandy American Enterprise Forum" are available for \$20 and can be made by calling 921-7115.

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Executives to speak at forum

By **BRENDA WALLACE**
Staff Writer

Three corporate executives will discuss business in a foreign culture to kick off TCU/Fort Worth Week at 7:30 p.m. tonight in the Student Center Ballroom.

Charles Anderson, vice president and general manager of General Dynamics, Fort Worth Division; Clark A. Johnson, chairman and chief executive officer of Pier 1 Imports, Inc.; and John Roach, chairman of the board, president and chief executive officer of Tandy Corporation, were chosen to speak because they are all outstanding local as well as international businessmen, said Kirk Downey, dean of M.J. Neeley School of Business and moderator of the symposium.

"I've heard all three gentlemen speak on different topics and I can guarantee all three will have something important to say," Downey said.

The symposium topic was chosen because international business is becoming more and more important to both business students and to the business community, said Larry Lauer, associate vice chancellor of university relations and head of the committee that arranged TCU/Fort Worth Week.

He said the feeling on the committee was that small, medium and even large businesses are currently looking at opportunities for business abroad and that this would be a timely topic for the panelists to discuss.

"Most people feel that today's business students must graduate with an international view," he said.

"A world view is a perspective on things that is very relevant for our own students and faculty as well," Lauer said.

He said the symposium is one way to provide both students and faculty with exposure to international business ideas and advice.

The symposium is free, but tickets must be obtained from the University Relations office in Sadler Hall.

Criminals, victims studied by students

By **MONICA LANDERS**
Staff Writer

Social work majors at TCU are working with criminals and crime victims to learn how situations influence their reactions.

"A social work major is generally interested in human motivation," said Linda Moore, associate professor of social work. "We're trying to dig—to see how people are responding to a given situation."

Although these social work majors are working in very different situations, they share the same goals, she said.

March is national Social Work Month, and the goals of the social work club are to increase students' awareness of the problems of homelessness and to help them understand exactly what social work is really about.

"Most people think social work involves only working with welfare," said Misty Wright, junior social work major. "Basically, we work with people and all their problems, whether it's psychological, emotional or economical."

Jules Power, senior social work major, said, "We try to intervene to help people cope with their environment."

Although many social work jobs deal with welfare recipients, higher paying social work jobs are appearing more often, Moore said.

Industries and businesses are hiring social workers to provide employee assistance, such as marriage or

family counseling, and the number of social workers in private practices has increased, she said.

"They (private practices) tend to work with middle and upper socioeconomic classes," Moore explained. "These people can pay."

Most social work majors, however, said they did not choose their major for the money.

"I enjoy making a difference," said Monica Johnson, a senior social work major who currently works 16 hours a week at Tarrant County Office of Mental Health/Mental Retardation. "It seems so easy for a lot of people here (at TCU)."

Johnson said she works in individual and group therapy to help patients control their anger and discover what stressful situations caused the anger.

"Most of the people I see have come from bad situations," she said. Rape victims, children of prostitutes and criminals make up some of the patients.

She also said many criminals are required to go to therapy as part of their parole. Johnson said her previous work at the Rape Crisis Center doesn't make her afraid of the rapists she works with, she just tries to be direct with them.

"I'm real short, and the men there think they can take advantage of the situation so I have to be confrontational," she said.

Amy Lynn Smith, sophomore so-

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Randel Everett

Williamson said.

"We were responsible for identifying pastoral candidates, reviewing them and recommended them to the church," he said.

"Dr. Everett came closest to fitting the profile," Williamson said.

Everett is not a newcomer to the Fort Worth community.

He attended elementary school and seminary school in Fort Worth, where he also met his wife, Sheila.

After he preached the March 5 service, Everett was selected as the new pastor, Williamson said.

"What appealed to me most was the connection with the TCU campus," Everett said. "My wife and I like the university setting, and we are committed to becoming TCU fans."

"I hope the church can provide the opportunity for students to worship, find a ministry and an extended family," he said.

The previous pastor, James Carter, resigned last June from the University Baptist Church to the Louisiana Baptist Convention.

Outside



Today's weather is mostly cloudy and windy with south winds at 15 to 20 mph and an 70 percent chance of thunderstorms. High temperatures are in the low 70s, and low temperatures are in the low 60s.

Wednesday's weather will be partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. High temperatures will be in the lower 70s, and low temperatures will be in the upper 50s.

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Design Contest - \$75 award for the best logo design for the upcoming Battle of the Bands. Three-color maximum; must be reproducible in black and white. Maximum size 12x12 inches, minimum 10x10 inches. Must be an unmounted original on white layout paper. Submit entry to PC Concerts Committee in the Student Activities Office by Wednesday. For information call 927-5873.

1989-90 Cheerleading Tryouts are April 4-12. Applications available at the Student Center Information Desk through April 4.

PC Films Committee introduces a new group rate program. One price gets admission, a candy bar and a soda. For information call 923-3012.

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

Volunteers needed for the Volunteer Center, a service of the United Way. For information call 860-1613.

Frog Fit - Get in shape for warm weather for only \$15. Register in Rickel 229.

Volunteer Center needs volunteers for a senior center to answer the phone and greet visitors. Available Monday-Friday 1-3 p.m. Call 860-1613 for more information.

Service trip University Ministries is sponsoring a trip to Waco Saturday to help build a home for an impoverished family. TCU will be working with the nonprofit organization Habitat for Humanity. Those interested should call University Ministries, 921-7830, by Friday. Building skills not required. Carpool from the Old South Pancake House parking lot at 7:30 a.m. Saturday. Gasoline expenses will be shared, and everyone must bring his or her own meal.

Frogs! Fun, food, music and games! Mark your calendars for April 15. Check *Skiff* for later details.

Alpha Lambda Delta freshman honor fraternity meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Student Center Room 205.

To announce an upcoming event in CAMPUSlines, send information to TCU P.O. Box 32930 or deliver information to the *Skiff* office, Moudy Building Room 291S before 1 p.m. Include name and phone number.

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TCU/Fort Worth Week Schedule of events

Tuesday	Worthington Hotel Reservations, \$20 Call 921-7115.	Student Center. Limited seating. Free.
•10 a.m.- Fort Worth City Council recognizes TCU/Fort Worth Week at Fort Worth Municipal Building.	•7:30 p.m.- The Superconducting Super Collider and the North Texas Commission's Dr. Robert Tener.	Friday
•7:30 p.m.- Symposium <i>How to Do Business in a Foreign Culture</i> Student Center. Free.	Student Center. Free.	•2 p.m.- Dedication of Charles Tandy Hall. Open house follows for Charles Tandy Hall and Dan Rogers Hall. Free.
Wednesday	Thursday	•9 a.m.- 4 p.m. - Fort Worth Newcomers' Orientation Call 921-7130.
•Noon to 1:30 p.m.- Charles Tandy American Enterprise Forum	•7:30 a.m.- Executive breakfast	

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cial work major, also works with criminals, but at a juvenile detention center.

"I try to put myself in their place, but it's a hard thing to deal with sometimes because there are 12- and 13-year-olds indicted for armed robbery," Smith said. "Many have committed murders, robberies or sexual offenses."

"I don't want to know what they did," she said, "I just try to tell them 'You're an okay person; just because this happened, your life isn't over.'"

Ellen Palmer, senior social work major, is doing her field work at a psychiatric hospital for adolescents. She said she's learned an important

lesson while working with teenagers.

"One of my biggest mistakes is that I got to be really good friends with one of the girls there," Palmer said. "It's not professional. When you get attached, it's hard to be objective when you want to take their side."

Moore said many of the majors have had sheltered lives.

"There's a naive about how much you can do," she said. "Sometimes, a little step is all you're going to get."

But steps are being made, Moore said, pointing to a button on the wall that read "Social Work Works!"

"I want social work majors to have a sense of pride," she said, "and others to know that social work does work."

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of six children - two of whom are doctors and one of whom is an accountant - she felt a need to live up to the precedent her brothers and sister had set.

And a person has to be exceptional in RTVF, she said, to live up to a doctor-and-accountant-set precedent.

"The field is so competitive," she said of her major, "and there are so few jobs. If I'd been Joe-business-major, it would have been different. The key to broadcasting is getting in, and I just wasn't sure I was going to be able to get in."

Situational circumstances, Scott said, do have some impact on the amount of anxiety any given person feels.

"Some people are just more anxious than others anyway," he said. "But when you're graduating with a degree in which there doesn't seem to be any job opportunity, that's probably going to be a cause of greater anxiety."

There are some things a person can do to help manage the stress of senioritis, Scott said.

For one thing, seniors need to be aware of the causes of the changes they're experiencing, he said. They also can help relieve stress by making a list of things that need to be done.

General daily practices of good diet, sleep and exercise and daily relaxation can also help, he said.

Having a support group, he said, is also useful, because "knowing you're not alone is one thing, but experiencing it in a group setting is another. And it helps sometimes just to really know you're not alone."

Now, almost a year beyond her graduation, Garcia owns her own video production company in San Antonio.

In retrospect, she can smile at her senior year.

"It was really bad," she said, laughing. "I felt like mashed potatoes in a garbage disposal. But I survived."



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Mao regime immortalized by Texas artist

By JULIA STEWART
Staff Writer

Hung Liu, a Chinese-American artist from Arlington, specializing in mixed media art, will be showing a memorial exhibition in honor of the Mao regime today through April 12 in the Brown Lupton Student Center Gallery.

Liu said Mao Tse Tung, founder of the People's Republic of China, was an inspiration of the Chinese cultural revolution of the '60s and '70s.

"Mao was a holy figure in China," Liu said. "He's played an important role in Chinese history since 1949 when communism was becoming an influential threat."

During the cultural revolution, Liu's studies at the Beijing Teachers College were interrupted when the government requested she go to work on a farm in remote China, she said.

"Ninety percent of the people who were sent to work on farms were artists and poets; we were the liberals," Liu said.

"The government wanted to get us away from the Chinese working class, because we supposedly were trying to kill tradition."

Liu's art, which was influenced by the cultural revolution, is described as a mass-media show.

"I use different objects in my work - depending on what I want to express," she said.



TCU Daily Skiff / Julie Barnhouse

Hung Liu displays a shrine she made to honor the life of Mao Tse Tung.

"For this show, I cut out 1,000 felt profiles of Mao Tse Tung to be used in my work," she said.

"Asian art has been stereotyped by way of broad-stroked landscapes on murals - I can do that, but I prefer mixed-media art. I don't like to limit

myself by way of materials," she said.

"I think people like my art because it is strong. It is provocative," Liu said.

"I want to do shows that have meaning and can give cause to raising questions," she said.

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Commentary

Our View Effective advising

It is once again time for advising, one of the most important elements of a good college education. Unfortunately, too many professors take advising lightly, and students sometimes suffer the consequences.

The current advising process is, in many cases, an assembly line procedure: students are rushed in to see their advisers and quickly have their class list stamped. Students present a proposed course list, which the adviser approves with only a few cursory questions.

This is not enough. In some cases, degree plans are not fulfilled because of misunderstandings between student and adviser. In other cases, a student might have benefited from advice on options he or she may have overlooked.

To be effective, advisers must get to know students not just as majors but as individuals. Only this way will each student be given the advising and schedule that meets his or her individual needs.

Students must also share the responsibility, by becoming more aware of the courses they sign up for. It is important that students know their degree plan, but they must also consider each course and the impact it will have on their education.

Students and advisers need to work together. Advising is too important a process to take lightly.

Change television to end corruption

By JERRY MADDEN
Columnist



"Georgetown has the ball. Ten seconds left. Sleepy Floyd dribbles it up the right side looking for Ewing."

"He passes and... throws it away to Worthy! Worthy dribbles down the court! It's over! It's over! North Carolina wins the national championship!" Sports were made for moments like those.

Just think about how television made it possible for you to see that special moment and others like it in college athletics.

Television propelled college athletics into the big-time, prime-time, show-time business it is today. If there's corruption in college athletics — and there is — television shares the blame.

Not just television, but print and radio coverage are to blame. They made life without college athletics unthinkable, even un-American.

You've heard all this before. You've heard how the big money corrupted college athletics into the pig swill it is today.

The question, then, is not to describe the problem again, but to offer a few solutions. However, before that can be done, a question must be answered:

Are college athletics amateur or professional sports?

If you believe they're professional, then you'll agree student athletes should be paid or receive other incentives. You might even feel they don't receive a big enough piece of the pie as it is.

If you believe college athletics should be amateur sports, however, you fall into the category of most Americans.

Quite frankly, college sports are in the worst state they have ever been in because far too many people in positions of authority (i.e. the NCAA, television and major universities) agree with the former opinion. They believe the game has evolved to the point where so much money is brought in that the game is now professional, not amateur.

That's why they're willing to bring in athletes who can't read, using illegal recruiting methods, while paying the athletes throughout their stay at a university. If those athletes perform, attracting money and other good players to the university, then it's worth it in their opinion.

Just ask someone in our athletic department. We've done it before, and may very well do it again.

That's not how most Americans feel. College athletics should be for the hard-working student-athlete who performs for the love of the game, not the money.

The NCAA's public relations department agrees. Just look at all those commercials depicting an athlete cracking the books with vigilance while holding down a late-night job as part of his scholarship contract.

It's amazing what television tries to sell you.

While that image may be true for some student athletes (possibly the swimmers, women's basketball players and tennis players), it certainly cuts against the grain for football players and men's basketball players.

Of course, men's basketball and football raise the most money, mostly because of their huge television and radio contracts. It's not a coincidence.

Television is a large part of the problem. If the NCAA is serious about cleaning up its act, the first thing the people in leadership need to do is change their relationship with television.

Ideally, they should not televise sporting events.

While that may seem unrealistic, it's about the only thing that will cure the problems facing college athletics. It would remove most of the money, which is what causes universities to recruit illegally in the first place.

Take away the television, and you'll also help athletes lower their egos. Most of these athletes believe they are something special and deserving of more because sports commentators and journalists say they are.

They wouldn't be confronted with the problems of stardom at such an early age. That could lessen their drug and alcohol problems, two of the biggest blights on the college scene.

All of these would help restore college athletics to their proper place.

However, it seems unrealistic to expect that, since college athletics are some of the most-viewed events on television. The public, critics say, wouldn't go for it.

However, cleaning up college athletics and the credibility of universities is far more important than putting on a good show. People will inevitably watch something else in their place. It's not something that will plague television for a long time.

The other thing that will help is for universities to up their standards for admission. Far too many athletes who can't read or write at a college level are allowed to slip by and even receive a degree.

Athletes, and all students for that matter, should be expected to perform at high levels when they enter.

Therefore, the universities should not allow students who are not ready to perform at a college level to enter. Should universities do this, they will lose many good athletes who aren't academically oriented. Some say this would set back athletic programs many years.

The universities wouldn't lose money over a long run. People will still come to see their football team play, however bad or good they are.

As sports journalist Howard Cosell said, colleges aren't doing athletes a favor by letting them play if they can't perform the academics.

Only a teeny-weeny percentile of all athletes make it to the pros out of college, and only a few of those can make a living in athletics for a long time.

Thus, the rest have to get regular jobs, and they need the academics to get the good jobs out there.

Universities and television have exploited student athletics and student-athletes long enough. It's time for them to turn the tide for good.

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TAROT, OR
ADVISEMENT?



Letter to the Editor

Turner's funding

In the March 15 *Skiff*, Elections and Regulations Committee chairman Geoff Turner said, "When the House funds an organization, it is important that it is something that wouldn't happen without the House's support."

Such a quote brings to mind several questions:

1. Is this the same Geoff Turner who authored a bill funding the Premed Fraternity's 10th annual banquet?

2. If so, then is Turner willing to say that without the House's fund-

ing, all plans for the banquet would have been scrapped and the event canceled?

3. With House leaders such as Turner operating under such an apparent double standard, is it any wonder the Student House of Representatives lacks credibility with the student body?

Finally, given his criteria for supporting bills, where does Turner stand on the bill to help fund the Army ROTC Ranger Challenge Team?

I am a former voting member of the House. A conflicting work schedule forced me to become inactive this semester, but the House's ac-

tions are still of great interest to me.

I support partial funding of the ROTC bill, but I don't support Turner's criteria for judging a bill. Nor do I support the double standard he used when authoring and supporting a bill benefiting an organization of which he is a member.

With \$200,000 of students' money spent by the House this year, we can all demand consistent attitudes and actions from House leaders.

Jay Gerard
Senior
Psychology

Problems are depressing, but living is well worth it

By STEVEN J. RUBICK
Columnist



I have never considered suicide, but I think I'm beginning to understand why some people do.

There is too much to worry about. With all the problems we face today, I guess things start looking hopeless, and suicide starts to look like a viable option.

A few years ago, the big worry was nuclear annihilation. If you looked in the papers or watched television, it seemed there was a missile in every corner. Movies promoted the idea of power-mad war mongers, on both sides of the Iron Curtain, whose goal was to press the button and watch everything vanish under a huge mushroom cloud.

The new Cold War has warmed a little, and the nuclear threat does not seem quite as threatening as before. Sure, we still have missiles, but the Soviets are our pals now.

Still, the thought of nuclear war is rather depressing.

The new scare is terrorism. Terrorists blow up a West German disco here and bomb an airplane there, and suddenly the world beyond our borders is a dangerous place.

Public outrage became fear, and daily threats of terrorist actions are treated as serious problems. American tourists are becoming overly cautious, accomplishing the terrorists' goals for them.

Drugs have invaded the country at every level of society. Grade-school students are pushers, ecstasy is fashionable, and innocent bystanders are killed in drug war shootouts. College graduates, people marked for success with no real reason to turn to drugs, become hooked for reasons ranging from casual, social use to escapism stemming from depression and disillusionment.

Automatic and semi-automatic guns flood the streets. Gangs are armed with military weapons, while police forces rely on single-shot revolvers.

Madmen with assault weapons shoot small children in schoolyards while the National Rifle Association proclaims guns are our friends and automatic weapons are good for

hunting. The world is dying around us: We pump untold thousands of tons of pollutants into the air every day with our cars and factories, killing the planet while we make life easier for us to enjoy. We bury toxic wastes, contaminating the ground for millennia to come.

Natural resources are wasted, used once and rarely recycled. Hundreds of species of plants and animals are eradicated, and the tropical rain forests are leveled in the name of progress.

Food is no longer safe. Toxins are found in our fruits and vegetables. Hormones are found in meats. Dairy products are bad because of the high levels of fat and cholesterol they contain. Starches, fats, sugar, salt, toxins and preservatives make eating appear to be one of the leading causes of death in America.

AIDS, crack, the ozone layer, the Challenger incident, skin cancer, overpopulation, drought, famine, plague, pestilence and war. The world is a depressing place when you stop and think about it.

Danger is everywhere, if you know where to look for it.

Problem is, too many people are looking too much of the time. Instead of living life for the pure and simple joy of living, lots of people waste their lives worrying about all the things that could go wrong.

Sure, terrorism is a problem, but letting the threat of terrorism keep you isolated in fear is sad. Worrying about nuclear war is one thing, but letting that fear destroy your ability to live is another.

Food poisoning is an ever-present danger, but you have to eat to live. We have nothing to fear but fear itself and all that.

Living entails taking risks. There is

no way around that fact. No matter how hard we try, we will never enjoy a totally safe life. That is just not possible.

No matter how hard we try, and no matter how much we deny it, we are all going to die. There will always be danger, but beating the odds, taking risks, is what makes life fun.

There are thousands of reasons for living once you get past all the little worries. Beautiful sunny days, friends, family, chocolate, romance, love, fishing, football and lots and lots of other things make life enjoyable.

Life is a grand adventure, but to enjoy it you have to live it.

Of course, worrying can be constructive; worrying raises your awareness, and acting on your worries can produce results beneficial to others. However, worrying to the point where the worries control your life is destructive, and there are too many people who have let that be the case.

Some let their worries become the death of them; their worries grow and fester until death becomes a welcome friend. Thousands of people in this country kill themselves each year because they let their worries take control of their lives.

Death is never the answer, it is merely an escape. Rather than dealing with their problems, instead of looking for the bright side, these people take the easy way out.

It is sad, because death is final; there are no second chances after death, and life goes on afterward for those who are left.

We need to put things in perspective and not worry about the things we cannot change. We need to let our hair down and take things a little less seriously; live footloose and fancy-free for a change, concentrating on life instead of death and letting our worries ride for awhile.

Wage hike not a totally good thing

By LEIF ANDERSON
Columnist

Every six months or so, the issue of minimum wage seems to surface. Whether or not the talk is serious, the issue is greatly debated, and also greatly divided.

Last week, the U.S. House Labor Committee voted to raise the current minimum wage from \$3.35 per hour to \$4.65 by 1992. This plan, which rejects a Bush proposal to raise the minimum to \$4.25 by 1992, can be looked on as one of the biggest mistakes of the year.

The classic argument against a higher minimum wage is shown by employment figures. The minimum wage has remained \$3.35 since 1981; since then, more than 10 million jobs have been created.

The General Accounting Office, in a report to Congress, found that employment could be higher if there were no minimum wage.

The argument extends much further, however. Unemployment among black youths is higher than among any other group in the country.

If the minimum wage increases, job opportunities will be greatly reduced, thus making black unemployment even worse.

Employment of handicapped individuals could also be greatly affected by a minimum wage increase. In Phoenix, a large grocery chain hires many individuals with physical and mental disabilities. Their positions may vary from sackers to assistant managers.

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A higher minimum wage would increase training costs, thus possibly discouraging firms from hiring these people. Not only has a higher minimum wage cut employment, it has robbed these individuals of the opportunity to be productive in the workplace.

Many people argue that a higher minimum wage will help poor people support their families. But according to statistics cited in *The Wall Street Journal*, only 19 percent of the 4 million workers earning minimum wage come from families below the poverty line.

Only 1 percent of all workers are below the poverty line and earn minimum wage.

Many news stories recently have shown that union leaders support a higher minimum wage. Since most organized labor doesn't work for minimum wage, it is possible to say that with a higher minimum wage, wages for those who earn more than the minimum will also increase. The unions support this because their pockets will be fatter because of it.

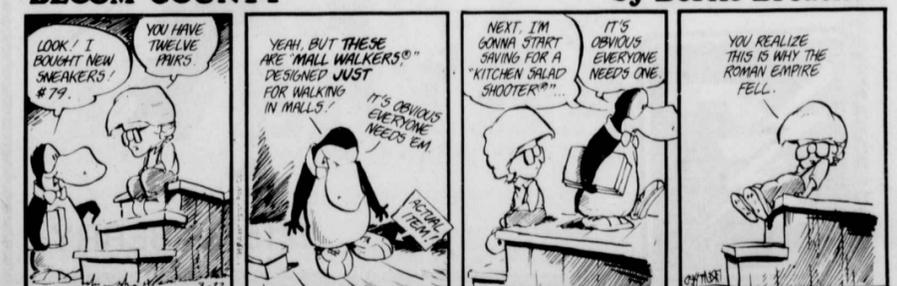
The original proposal by Bush called for a \$4.25-an-hour minimum wage by 1992, with a "training" wage of \$3.35 per hour for new employees. This proposal reflects a desire to maintain the status quo while attempting to satisfy the liberals.

When Bush campaigned for the presidency, he stood on the "look how many jobs we've created" platform. Giving in to the Congress' \$4.65 version of the minimum wage shows that Bush's promise to keep more jobs isn't worth a thousand points of anything.

If a higher minimum wage goes through, we'll see fewer job opportunities in the future. The increased chance of fewer jobs and speculation of a recession don't mix well.

Perhaps our representatives in Congress will see that an increased minimum wage will hurt everyone, not just the black youth and the handicapped.

by Berke Breathed



Sports

Gonzalez strives for perfection on and off the diamond

By **RANDY HARGROVE**
Sports Writer

The chartered bus slowly pulled out of Fort Worth. Each occupant wrestled and fidgeted for a comfortable seating position. Before the journey's end, tossing and turning in the brown leather and plaid cloth seats would become a common sight.

Trips of this nature may become a tiresome, boring occurrence. But for some they are a way of life.

Put TCU sophomore Paul Gonzalez in that category. Venturing on these trips means Gonzalez is getting the chance to perform his craft, the sport of baseball.

Those who saw Gonzalez perform last season know the type of ability he possesses. As a freshman, Gonzo, as he is referred to by teammates, led TCU with a .337 average, 14 home runs and 48 RBI.

Those figures were good enough to land Gonzalez a spot on the first-team all-southwest Conference squad.

With the rest of his sophomore season and his junior and senior years still ahead of him, TCU's right fielder already ranks among the leaders in six TCU statistical categories.

So perhaps one can see why Head Coach Lance Brown might be thrilled at the thought of having Gonzalez around for the next two years.

But Gonzalez has found out how the once-rosy season of 1988 can quickly develop a few thorns.

Through the first part of this season, Gonzalez found himself in a slump that had him hitting near .200. Although he has pulled his average up to .286 with three home runs and 25 RBIs, Gonzalez said his start was frustrating.

"I knew it was going to be tougher on me this year," he said. "Last year I had nothing to prove. You can feel there's more pressure between the pitcher and batter now."

"I think your sophomore year is your most difficult, or the year after you've had a good year," Brown said. "Because now everybody is looking for a way to get him out. When they set up their scouting plan, I'm sure they're going to say, 'Don't throw him good pitches if it's going to be a critical situation.'"

"When that happens, he really has to discipline himself not to swing at bad pitches," Brown said.

Even with the rough start, Gonzalez plugged along, exhibiting what teammate Tom Hardgrove said is an attitude that benefitted the rest of the team.

"Paul is the one player who has more confidence in himself than anyone I've ever met," Hardgrove said. "A lot of people will change those words around and say he's cocky, but he's not. He has the type of attitude where there's no excuse to fail, and I like that. I think it's rubbed off on the other players."

"When the opposing pitcher is throwing hard and everyone's 0-for-three and it's the seventh inning, Paul will say, 'This guy's candy. This guy isn't that good. He's been lucky.' Paul will never accept the fact someone has beaten him," Hardgrove said.

Hardgrove, who also rooms with Gonzalez, said that type of intensity Gonzalez shows is not just confined to the baseball field.

"Anything we do he takes seriously," Hardgrove said. "He's really intense, but he's very loose. When we're washing dishes he wants to do them and do them good."

"When we're driving he won't yield to anybody," he said jokingly. "It's his road. He was there first."

For Gonzalez, this train of thought, whether on the highway or on the diamond, came to him from someone he is close to—his father, Richard.

"He always taught me to know every time you went on the field you gave it your best," Gonzalez said. "And if you got beat, you got beat when you gave it your best."

Gonzalez's best effort in 1988 was almost good enough to help lead TCU to a fourth-place conference finish which would have qualified the Frogs for their first ever SWC post-season tournament since 1975.

Gonzalez said thoughts of seeing the team continue to improve rank higher on his list than any post-season honors he might accumulate.

"The main thing is to know we're going to have a winning program

here," Gonzalez said. "As long as we keep winning. That's what's important to me."

And once Gonzalez's playing days at TCU have ended, winning on a different level will likely take center stage. Professional baseball is on Gonzalez's horizon.

"It (playing professionally) is something I've been working towards," Gonzalez said. "I want to give it a shot since I've put so much time into it."

Brown said with some hard work,

professional baseball could become a reality for this sophomore star.

"The running speed is going to be the key to him because he can hit the ball and has a good arm," Brown said. "But without improved running speed, I don't know if there's a position for him to play in professional baseball. Speed has become so important to the position players because of the astroturf."

Perhaps one day the professional aspect will become a dream come

true. If it did, at least the travelling would not be an entirely new concept. But the life of a minor league ball player is not filled with glamour.

"In minor league ball you do almost all busing and you leave after the game," Brown said. "You might drive three or four thousand miles and get in the next morning at 6 or 7 (a.m.) and then not have your rooms ready, so you just sit in the lobby. You're tired."

"You're through at 10:30 or 11

(p.m.) and you don't have to be at the park the next day until 4:30 or 5 o'clock," he said. "So that takes a lot of discipline on your (player's) part as to how you're going to spend that time."

"That (minor league baseball's conditions) would be no problem on my part," Gonzalez said. "That's why you're playing the game. You have to have a love for it."

And for Gonzalez, the love of the sport is evident each time he steps onto the field.

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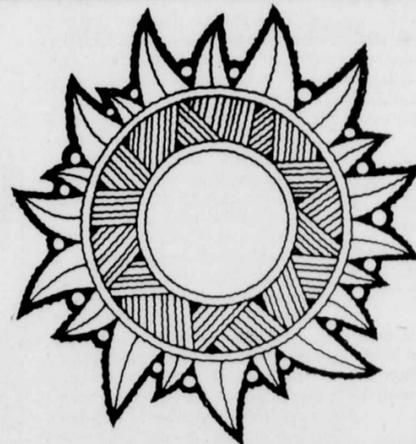
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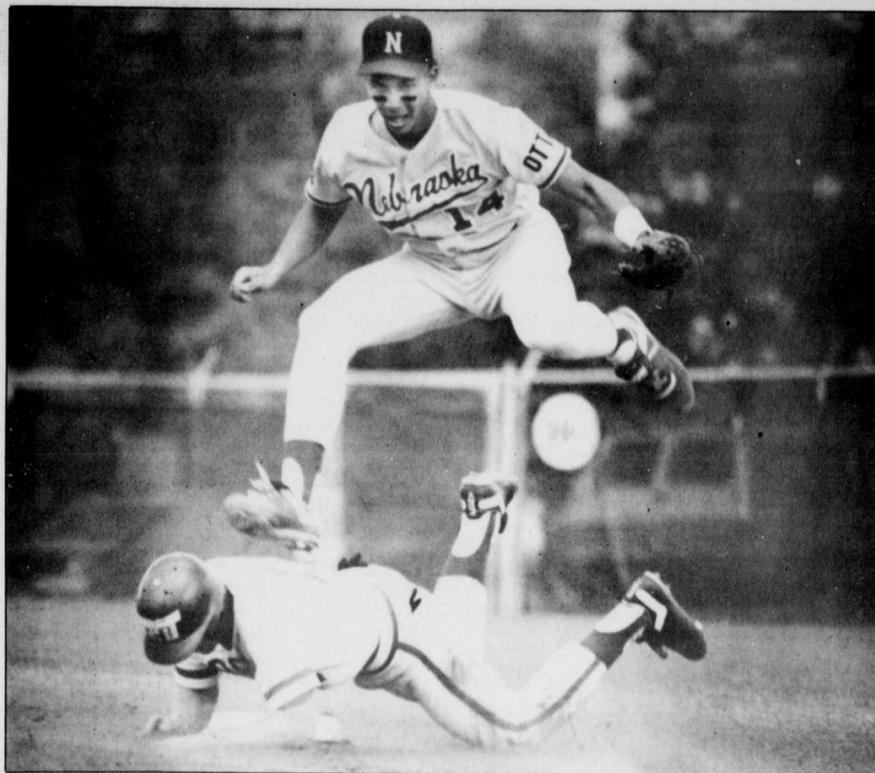
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Frogs pluck Cornhuskers

The TCU Horned Frogs swept the University of Nebraska, Monday in a doubleheader at the TCU baseball diamond. The Frogs won the first game 6-5 and then demolished the Cornhuskers 17-1 in the second game.

The Frogs were led in the first game by sophomore second baseman Mike Losa. Losa drove in two runs and finished the game with triple and a homerun.

Junior first baseman Tom Hardgrove hit his 12th homerun of the year and now leads the Southwest Conference.

The winning pitcher in the first game was sophomore David Faulkner. The save in the second game was Scott Thoma.

In the second game the Frogs were led by senior outfielder Terry Mooney.

Mooney scored was four-for-four and had four runs including a three-run homerun. He also had four RBIs.

The winning pitcher was junior Jerry Nemecek.

The Frogs improved their record to 22-9 while the Cornhuskers dropped to 10-5, after having 10 games cancelled because of bad weather.

The Frogs will be in Houston this weekend for two games against the Houston Cougars. The next home game for the Frogs will be on April 5 against Centenary

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Nebraska's Ken Sirak jumps over TCU's Scott Loeffler during Monday's doubleheader at TCU.

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News

Media get bad report card

Study links television, poor academic skills

By ANDREA HEITZ
Staff Writer

In the continuing concern about the state of the U.S. education system, those looking to place blame have a new, old enemy at which to point: television.

A recently released Educational Testing Service study, which measured math and science abilities, showed that test scores lowered as television watching increased, causing new speculation about the effects of television on American youth.

The debate about television's influence on young people is nothing new, though, said David Barker, associate professor of radio-TV-film.

"The amount of blame that television has had to shoulder over the decades for its negative impact on children is nothing new," he said. "Before television, it was the other mass media — radio, motion pictures, even dime-store novels. The mass media have been blamed for many, many years."

And the results of the study, he said, while they may be disturbing, should not be interpreted to mean that television has a definite negative impact on education.

"For every piece of research that indicated that television has a negative effect on students' learning, there is research that shows that television has no effect," he said.

But some effects of television are obvious, he said.

Television tends to speed things up, as people learn to expect a resolution to a complex problem in an hour or less, he said.

"And the attention span of students today certainly is not what it was prior to the age of television," Barker said.

Etta Miller, associate professor of education, agreed.

"People spend their time watching television instead of reading or participating in the world," she said. "And that is going to affect education."

The type and amount of effect, though, may vary with circumstances, she said.

Television exposes very young children to written language early, she said, because they try to read the words on commercials.

But older people who watch television instead of getting involved with the world around them undermine their education, she said.

The type of television children are watching also makes a difference in the effect it will have on education.

Bob Ray Sanders, a producer at KERA, a Metroplex public television station, said educational programming such as "Sesame Street" actually have a positive effect on education.

"If at midnight tonight all three major networks — ABC, CBS and NBC — decided to go off the air, to just disappear, there are major sections of the economy that would just grind to a halt."

DAVID BARKER,
associate professor of radio-TV/film

"Public television's failure," he said, "is that it has not been able to create a popular and effective program that teaches adolescents."

But while studies show that children who watch "Sesame Street" before going into school do better when they start school, they also show that those same children begin to get bored with school more quickly, Barker said.

"Teachers just can't compete with the Muppets," he said. "So we have some teachers doing a dog-and-pony show in order to compete."

If television does have a negative effect on education, the decision about who is responsible for changing that raises further problems.

"Responsibility shouldn't be just on public television," Sanders said.

With public television in general commanding only an average 3 percent ratings share of the audience and

only part of that being educational, the effect of educational television is necessarily small, he said.

And commercial television does not even have the positive effect public television may have, he said.

"Television can be a great tool to teach," he said. "But unfortunately, most television is not geared toward teaching. Commercial television is driven by that term, 'commercial.'"

And commercial television will not change to benefit education, Barker said, because such a move would not be profitable.

The government will not intercede to any great extent either, he said, because the U.S. economy is "totally dependent upon network television."

"If at midnight tonight all three major networks — ABC, CBS and NBC — decided to go off the air, to just disappear, there are major sections of the economy that would just grind to a halt," he said.

"There's always going to be concern about the effect of television on education," he said. "But the change isn't going to happen. It's just not going to be done, at least not in the immediate future."

And if the change cannot come through public television and will not come through commercial television, education should not be expected to totally make up the gap, Miller said.

The problem of television's effect on education, she said, is the symptom of a larger social problem. Television is being used as a babysitter to take care of latch-key children whose parents are away.

To combat its effect on education, she said, will take a social change starting in the home.

"Families need to get kids to go out and do things — something that takes them away from television," she said. "They've got to have other things in their lives than that passive sitting there. They need to get out and get involved in their world, to enrich their knowledge of things outside themselves."

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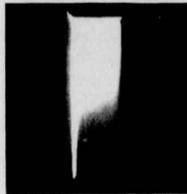
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