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\$5.2 million being raised for renovation of dining facilities

By KELVIN ANDERSON Staff Writer

The renovation of Eden's Greens, the main kitchen and the Student Center cafeteria will modernize both TCU food service and dining facilities.

The \$5.2 million renovations to the Student Center, approved by the Board of Trustees this month, will be completed in a three-phase program, said Larry Markley, director of the Student

Eden's Greens will be renovated first, followed by the Student Center kitchen

"Basically, the kitchen area has outdated equipment and an inefficient layout." Markley said. "We want to get a better flow. It was determined that the food services were not up to date."

Although the Board of Trustees has selected the three areas of renovations, no designs had been decided upon, as of

"Based on standard industry formulas such as square footage and estimated equipment cost, we were able to project the cost of the renovation," said Peggy Barr, vice chancellor for Student

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Just over half the estimated cost, \$2.75 million, has already been raised, Barr said, but renovations will not begin until the rest has been collected.

"Once the renovations are complete,

the quality of service will improve for the student," Barr said. "We're going for a more scattered look.

She said the proposed plan will allot more space in dining and food service facilities and easier access to meals.

"The student will get faster service and better tasting food," said Vern Johnson, Marriott Food Service director.

The architectural and engineering firm Lockwood, Andrews and Newnam is handling the renovation project. 'The functional goals are known,"

said Reagan George, managing principal of the firm. "The project now needs to go through the design phase." We are studying what the needs

are," said Doug Smith, planner and environmentalist for the firm. "We're taking a look at the whole operation." Markley said the designs should be ready by the beginning of 1990.

"The renovations will take 16 to 18 months," Barr said. "The Pit will be open during the renovations." Renovating one cafeteria at a time

will ensure the availability of alternative seating for students during meal times, Markley said.

The goal of the three-phase program is to minimize the inconvenience to students, Barr said.

The Brown-Lupton Foundation and the J.E. and L.E. Mabee Foundation are helping renovate the 35-year-old food

Second fee vote placed on hold

New House chairman elected

By JENNIFER DOLT Staff Writer

The proposed vote for a student fee increase is a dead issue, at least for this semester.

The bill to hold a new referendum to increase the student fee from \$18 to \$22 in the fall of 1990 and to \$25 in the fall of 1991 was not passed out of the Elections and Regulations Committee of the House of Representatives for floor

"They (the committee) suggested that the proposal be redone before the Board of Trustees meeting in the spring," said Kevin Williams, committee chairman.

The original referendum for the increase was rejected in the Nov. 7 election, and the bill suggested a second re-ferendum because 200 of the election voters did not vote on the proposal.

A new face will spring into the Administrative Cabinet of the House in the spring semester.

The House elected standing committee chairmen Tuesday for 1990. Paul Owen, senior political science major, is the new Student Concerns Committee chairman. The returning committee leaders are sophomore Todd Turman, Academic Affairs; senior Williams, Elections and Regulations; senior Jim Werth, Permanent Improvements and

junior Todd Royal, University Relations.

Today is the extended deadline for interested students to apply for Programming Council chairperson positions, said Jason Riddle, vice president for PC.

In House new business, the representatives adopted a resolution to change the House legislative debate format.

The resolution calls for a two minute opening statement by a bill author, a two minute chairperson report, a five minute question and answer period, pro/con debate, a three minute closing statement by the author and the vote.

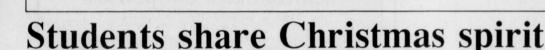
The change from the previous process is the chairperson report being included in the bill discussion instead of during the Finance Committee report.

"The purpose will be to focus the debate where the debate should be focused," said Steve Rubick, parliamentarian and co-author of the resolution. "The early reports are meant to give basic information for the House.

When the treasurer gives information about the bill at the beginning of meeting, it is often forgotten by the time debate circles around, Rubick said.

Two new bills were submitted and tabled to the Elections and Regulations Committee for one week.

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Community to give gifts to Fort Worth's needy children

By HUNTER HISE

The Order of Omega Christmas tree lighting will be a little brighter this year. For the first time, the tree will be surrounded by gifts, thanks to Order of

Omega and the Interfraternity Council's participation in TeamBank's Spirit of Christmas program to provide needy children with holiday wishes. "The annual tree lighting is a celebra-

tion and symbol of the Christmas spirit that we share throughout the TCU community," said Kari Kolflat, coordinator of the program for Order of Omega. "This year, we would like to share this spirit with our friends in the Fort Worth community.

The annual lighting will take place today at 10 p.m. in front of Sadler Hall.

The Christmas tree lighting has always been a time when TCU gave to itself, and now it's time to give to others, said Jillian Barna, Order of Omega

Don Sweetland, a local artist, contemplates a student's art Tuesday

at the Senior Art Show in the Moudy Building North. The show,

The names of the children who will right time. receive gifts have been provided by the lexas Department of Hun Many of them are abused or neglected and live in foster homes or come from single-parent families where there is no money for luxuries such as gifts, she

Kolflat said a table was set up Nov. 21 in the Student Center for students to select cards with an individual child's name, age and particular needs or wants.

"The children will not know who gave them the gifts," Kolflat said. "It's supposed to be a secretive thing - sort of like a real Santa Claus. It also keeps everything confidential because some of these children are abused."

A TeamBank representative approached TCU about getting involved in the program, said Felix Mira, Order of Omega adviser.

Mira said that Order of Omega had been looking for a service project, and

this one seemed to present itself at the

"It was a last-minute thing, so IFC

and Order of Omega joined to get things done," he said. "The TeamBank Spirit of Christmas

was very accessible," he said. "We could get started on the program immediately — with no research at all. The specifics were available for us to be able to help people out."

Close to 250 gifts will be provided by all kinds of campus organizations and individuals, Kolflat said.

"Residence halls, Greek organizations, university departments, individuals and all sorts of others are showing their generosity," she said.

"I think there has been such an incredible response because these gifts go directly to the children," Mira said. "The gifts are often such simple requests shoes, socks, stuffed animals. It's not

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Fort Worth Police officers Roberts (left) and Marshall (right, with radio) discuss their experiences on the bicycle patrol with students at the Rickel Building Tuesday. The officers visited campus to discuss cycling techniques with the TCU bicycle class.

Sport psychology makes impact on campus

which opened Monday with a reception for faculty and students, fea-

tures works by TCU students and will run through Dec. 11.

By MARY SALTARELLI

Catching your eye
Do homeless people cease to exist when in numbers? Page 3

Inside

Today's weather will be partly cloudy and cool with winds from the north around 10 mph. High temperatures will be in the low 50s.

Thursday's weather will be mostly sunny and a little warmer with high temperatures in the upper 50s. Dallas Cowboys defensive back Bill

Bates spent the entire evening before a game against the New York Giants creating positive mental images of

He imagined Giant quarterback Phil Simms executing a play-action pass and he saw himself reading the play quickly, moving into position as the ball soared toward its intended receiver so he could snatch away the pass for an interception.

During that game in September 1987, Bates intercepted two of Simm's passes and was named NFC Player of the

"The chances were there, and I made a result of the opportunity," Bates said.

"As defensive back, I imagine myself tackling players, knocking down passes and intercepting passes. For special teams, I see myself running down field, dodging guys, making moves and tackling the guy with the ball."

Bates regularly practices mental imaging and relaxation techniques taught to him by TCU sports psychologist Richard Fenker, who has developed programs for the TCU football, swimming, tennis and golf teams, as well as for other professional athletes.

Fenker uses progressive relaxation and meditation to bring on a light trance state before he begins working on imagery with an athlete. But Fenker said that he talks with the athlete first in several sessions, going over his or her physical program and discussing any problems the athlete may be having.

"Excellent concentration skills come from the use of imagery," Fenker said. "The central skill is control--how you are more in control and (your opponents) are less in control. Whatever the situation, you're as much in control as you can be."

A psychology professor who received his doctorate from Purdue University, Fenker said he "backed into" sports psychology while teaching meditation and hypnotic skills. TCU athletes began coming to him for help in the

One of Fenker's first clients was a TCU basketball player who was having problems playing as well in games as he played in practice. Fenker taught him to relax and use mental imaging to help

him perform better. During a game the player practiced

imaging on the bench. The player was so relaxed that he didn't hear his coach calling him into the game.

"I made a terrible mistake with him," Fenker said, smiling. "Relaxing usually works on athletes who are too pumped

Fenker tailors programs to each client's needs. He often makes cassette tapes for them to use at home on their own. The tapes take the athlete through each step or phase of preparation for a big game or major competition.

'Each sport has an event cycle," Fenker said. "In golf, it's each shot and in football, it's each play. You should have a deliberate, specific play for how you're going to manage that cycle." Fenker points to golfer Jack Nicklaus

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Festivities to light up university

Candlelight program will welcome season

By MELISSA WHITAKER

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas around campus - especially if you've taken a walk by Sadler Hall The Christmas tree is up and decor-

ated in preparation for the annual Order of Omega Christmas tree lighting today at 10 p.m. in front of Sadler Hall. The ceremony makes a nice study

break and is a good way to welcome in

the holidays, said Andy Roth, Order of Omega publicity chairman. In addition to the candle lighting, students can join together in singing some traditional Christmas favorites such as "Silent Night" and "Jingle Bells," he said. There will also be music played by

Also included in the ceremony will be the reading of traditional Christmas stories by Order of Omega members, Roth

the TCU Brass Ouintet.

This year organizations were asked to bring presents for TeamBank's "Spirit of Christmas" toy drive for needy children, he said.

Interested students and organizations were given cards with the name and age of a child and the toy, or wish, that the child wanted for Christmas. About 240 cards were taken, Roth said.

The presents will be brought and put under the tree before the ceremony tonight, he said.

Order of Omega has been working on the ceremony for about two months. "It's going to be a really fun event," Roth said. "Santa Claus will even be there."

CAMPUSlines

Wednesday

Order of Omega Christmas Tree Lighting will be at 10 p.m. in front of Sadler Hall. All are welcome.

Spirit of Christmas — Team-Bank Don't forget! Bring your wrapped gift with the card you chose securely attached to the package to the Christmas Tree Lighting. If you can't attend, bring gifts by Felix Mira's office (Student Activities) anytime before 5 p.m.

Interlock meets at 9 p.m. every Wednesday in Student Center Room 203. For more information call Janet Trepka at 926-1186.

Thursday

Christmas Fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Student Center Lounge today and Friday. Merchants will be selling handmade crafts, and door prizes will be given away.

Black South African Scholarship Committee meets Thursdays at 4:30 p.m. in the Student Center Reading Room.

Monday

Animal Liberation League, animal rights organization for Fort Worth, meets the second Monday of every month from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Arlington branch of the North Texas Humane Society at 207 N. Elm. For more information call 277-8019 or 274-4188.

Ongoing

Flu Shots and vaccines are available from the Health Center for

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First Chance Foundation, a drug and alcohol rehabilitation home for 68 men, needs towels and blankets or bedspreads of any size. They are located at 1400 Riverside Drive. For more information call Derek Curry at 877-1807.

The Spirit of Christmas, a project sponsored by TeamBank is offering students a chance to give Christmas gifts to abused and neglected children. Cards listing the child's name and the desired gift are available at TeamBank. Gifts must be returned to TeamBank by Dec. 18 in order to have them delivered to the children. For more information call Jerri McKennon

The Mental Health Association of Tarrant County is organizing a holiday Gift Lift. It is one way to help the patients know that their community cares for them and supports their recovery by giving them gifts since they may not otherwise receive any. Suggested gifts include: toiletry items, books, crafts and toys. Gifts must be received no later than Dec. 8. For more information call

The Spaghetti Warehouse will hold its annual children's Christmas party on Dec. 9 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. They need toys, posters, games and party favors. Contributions can be brought to the Spaghetti Warehouse at 600 E. Exchange during normal hours.

The Volunteer Center, a service of The United Way, is in need of volunteers. Call 860-1613 to ask about the following or other opportuni-

Volunteers needed to giftwrap toys that will go to needy children at Christmas.

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hard to give a little."

'Sometimes it's easy to get caught up in ourselves and our own holiday plans," Barna said. "Realizing just how fortunate we are helps us not only to share with those who don't have a lot, but also to put things in perspective. It's all very humbling."

The Christmas tree lighting will not be changed by the addition of this program, but it will be enhanced, she said.

"The meaning and the purpose of the lighting will be the same, but there will be more emphasis on Christmas spirit," she said.

After the candles are lit, the cookies and hot cider are gone and the carols are sung, the gifts will be taken to Team-Bank in downtown Fort Worth to be delivered to the appropriate children before Christmas.

House/ from page 1

A bill to add a standardized debate format to the House Bylaws will be debated in the Dec. 5 meeting.

The new bill, submitted by Rubick and Williams, states, "The House has no official guidelines governing debate on the House floor, and. . . debate is an essential component of House business and should be standardized in House documents.'

The other bill suggests a revision of the Election Code to provide an extension of town student representatives in the spring semester.

A bill to provide \$1,000 from the special projects fund to co-sponsor Black History Month was submitted by Tisha Coleman, secretary, and tabled to Finance Committee for one week.

The total cost for the month's projects is \$7,640. Black Student Caucus is funding \$1,500. The outstanding balance will be donated by the Fort Worth community and BSC, the bill states.

Clarification

In an editorial that appeared in Tuesday's edition of the Skiff, an academic planning committee was charged with calling for both a law and an engineering school. The actual report stated, "TCU should consider new professional programs such as engineering and law. Such programs should be tightly focused to serve special needs of students and/or TCU. If adopted, such programs will require significant new resourse committments."

Fenker/ from page 1

as an athlete who practices imaging. Nicklaus would visualize how he was going to hit each shot and where the ball was going to go. Fenker said tha good preparation techniques using imagery may improve a basketball player's freethrow percentage.

'These things take years to learn," Fenker said. "They are no easier to learn than physical skills.'

Fenker worked with the TCU football team in 1984, the year the Horned Frogs went 8-4 and played in the Bluebonnet

The program Fenker designed for the team included workshops for the coaching staff and classes for the players. During each day's practice, Fenker led the team in mental exercises as the players lay on the field.

"He made us a lot more aware of the mental part of the game and the imaging of winning," Recruiting Coordinator Tom Mueller said. "He did an excellent job and we learned a lot from it."

During a game against Texas Tech that season, sports writers noticed running back Kenneth Davis practicing relaxation and imaging techniques on the sidelines. On his next play, Davis ran 39 yards to score a game-winning

Davis explained later to reporters that he was visualizing himself scoring a touchdown. Fort Worth Star-Telegram columnist Galyn Wilkens wrote a column after the game entitled "Clairvoyance latest addition to TCU arsenal.

The next year, Fenker worked with the team, but that was the year Mueller described as a "season of turmoil" over NCAA violations and seven players, including Davis, left the team.

In 1986, the TCU coaching staff took a "back to basics" approach to football and sports psychology was no longer a

Mueller called Fenker the "guru of

"Half of the coaches believed in it and half didn't--we all have to be in sync to make it work," Mueller said. "For the time that he did it, it served its purpose. The coaches carried on what they learned from him."

Fenker described developing a sports psychology program for 110 people as a pressure situation.

"Any group of coaches is always skeptical about anything that is out of

their control," he said. The TCU swimming team has used relaxation and imaging program for them that coach Richard Sybesma said the team still uses. "So much of swimming is mental be-

Fenker's services, and he developed a

cause trying harder destroys the swimmer's smooth motion." Fenker said. "I tell them to think about the process of swimming rather than the consequence. I want them to think: 'I'm strong and powerful and smooth.""

Today, Fenker is busy working as the sports psychologist for the U.S. women's rhythmic gymnastics team. Fenker develops competition plans for 50 gymnasts.

One of 30 U.S Olympics team sport psychologists, Fenker worked with the team before the '88 Olympics. He trains young gymnastic competitors how to handle stress and intimidation, how to relax and concentrate and how to build confidence.

"A champion is someone who can handle adversity without it affecting them," he said. "When someone handles a difficult situation coolly it's intimidating to the opponent."

Fenker said that sports psychology overall has been very successful, but he admits it's not for everyone.



Calvin and Hobbes



by Bill Watterson YOUR MATH

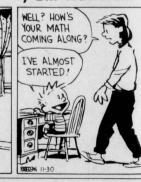
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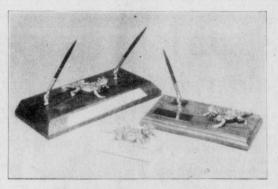
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On hold

House wise to forego new student fee election

In a wise move, the Elections and Regulations Committee of the House of Student Representatives has killed a bill to hold a new referendum this semester to increase the student fee.

The bill was the result of the Executive Board's concern that not enough students voted during the Nov. 7 election on a bill to raise the student fee from \$18 to \$22 in the fall of 1990 and to \$25 in the fall of 1991.

According to Kevin Williams, chairman of the Elections and Regulations Committee, the committee based its decision on three considerations:

• First, the committee felt that enough students (about 1,300) voted on the bill that the number of blank votes (more than 200) did not cause a false image of student opinion of the bill.

• Second, the committee believed that holding a second referendum on the bill so soon after the first would be needless, as many students would probably not make a monumental effort to vote on the same issue again.

• Third, the committee felt that a second referendum on the bill would give the appearance that the House was being overzealous to see a fee increase inacted. The committee used good judgment in reaching its decision.

With less than two weeks of classes left, students are bogged down with responsibilities, and an additional election would not receive the attention it deserves. Further, an issue-oriented election that is not concurrent with a candidate election starts off at a voter turnout disadvantage, anyway, making the timing issue even more valid.

The Election and Regulations Committee suggested to the House Tuesday that the proposed fee increase be restructured before the trustees meet in the spring.

If there are possible changes to the proposal, it should be reevaluated before it is

If there are possible changes to the proposal, it should be reevaluated before it is returned to the same group of voters that already defeated it, even if it was by a narrow margin.

The steps necessary to increase the student fee are in place to allow all students input into an account charge that affects them directly at both ends.

The House is wise not to try to force the fee increase through by a quick turnaround election simply because the referendum resulted in a negative vote, and it should be commended for its action.

Bar proposed fee

City should not charge for excessive police calls

The proposal being considered by Fort Worth to impose a fee on bars that make excessive calls to police to handle disturbances in their establishments is a short-sighted answer to the problem.

Fifteen of the 80-some bars along the Hemphill Corridor on the South Side required 1,370 service calls during an 11-month period last year, and some charge that taxpayers' dollars and access to available officers are being spent to subsidize these bars.

It is easy to argue that overuse of police officers by bars costs all citizens money and access, but fining owners for seeking officers to ensure some level of peace and safety in their establishments would violate the understanding of the function of police and set a dangerous precedent.

The idea that police are to be used sparingly and only for absolutely justified cases could lead to owners of bars taking unnecessary risks with the safety of their patrons in borderline cases that might have been worthy of police summoning before.

Other proposals proposed to the Fort Worth City Council are much more appropriate responses to the situation.

Kay Granger suggested a plan that would have the city's legal staff testify before the Texas Alcoholic Beverages Commission in Austin when problem bars' licenses

are reviewed for renewal.

Such a plan might take longer to solve the problem, but it would do so more thoroughly by confronting the bars with stronger consequences while not calling into question their right to intervention by police officers in situations they feel are out of

A third proposal calls for a requirement that bars be 1,000 feet apart and 1,000 feet from any school, park or residential area. Current codes mandate a 300-foot distance from such places.

This proposal would also be a valuable move, although it would not do as much to stem the tide of police calls to the area as the TABC proposal might.

Nonetheless, the latter proposals, either in tandem or separately, are much more appropriate responses to the situation.

Fort Worth citizens should demand that the city council adopt measures such as these in lieu of a fee for the use of protective services.

Even if bars are crying wolf too often, they are often sights of real danger, and legal maneuvers that simulate turning a deaf ear — or a costly one — should not be tolerated.

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Heads snap away at time for change

By BRETT BALLANTINI
Opinion Editor



The weekend before last, a hearty band of Skiffers made an exodus to New Orleans. The presumed motive for this trip was to attend a national journalism convention, but most of us were, I daresay, a bit more struck by the ways and

means of the city outside than by the wisdom extended to us by some of the country's finest journalists inside.

The hotel served as company headquarters for our raids. With five or six people stacked in a room every night, the army barrack atmosphere was legit. The battle zone, of course, ran all day under the sun and all night under the lights, and it had a name — Bourbon Street.

New Orleans is an amazing city, completely different from any place I've ever visited. For every blues bar enticing passers-by with screaming guitar licks, there was a hole-in-the-wall stripper joint or love shack (the Bang Kok massage parlor? I don't know, you make the call) screaming NUDE! NUDE! NUDE!, with vivid porno pics posted outside as proof.

For every talented juggler or acrobat working Jackson Square, willing to toss fireballs and contort muscles for loose change, there was a talentless con artist, a Tarot card reader or an elaborately costumed non-musician strumming a mandolin, making, if anything, a richer take.

And, of course, for every gag gift sold in each and every store on Bourbon Street, like "recycled condoms," there are gag gifts, like "pet horny toads," sold in each and every store on Bourbon Street

Every day, we *Skiff* folk filled ourselves with some spicy red beans and rice or with a generous bowl of hot gumbo (or, as the day went on, with a bit of liquid fuel similarly hard to swallow and—as some discovered—even harder to keep down).

Bellies full, we cast off in search of adventure. My problem was that of the thousands of people I saw during my three-odd days in the city, I recall the ones with empty bellies, the innumerable homeless of New Orleans, most vividly.

Now don't go back and reread the comics just because I mentioned a subject that Americans are almost totally desensitized to. And don't scold me for being so naive during my 20 years that inner-city transients spook me into awareness, because I've walked miles on the ugly side of Chicago and fed the hungry in Fort Worth.

What surprised me about New Orleans was the juxtaposition of revelry and desperation. My experience with the homeless has been very convenient: drive through the bad neighborhoods or walk through some trouble spots between the parking lot and the Fun Event. In New Orleans you can walk from rosy, cheeky smiles to weather-beaten scowls in seconds, any hour of the day

So, sure, I was taken aback. But hey, I thought, this isn't my city. If N'awlins folk don't consider this a crime, it's certainly beyond my control.

What I began to notice, though, wasn't.

I started to watch faces. Not the faces of the homeless — I've seen at least as many of their sad expressions on the tube as I have the inflated bellies of the hungry. I watched the expressions of passers-by, even the faces of friends walking down Bourbon Street with me.

Did I see an eye bulge of concern? A gasp of shock? A disapproving shake of the head?

What I saw most often was the head snap. Picture walking into your house over this last T-Day break and seeing your parents making out on the couch. That's the head snap.

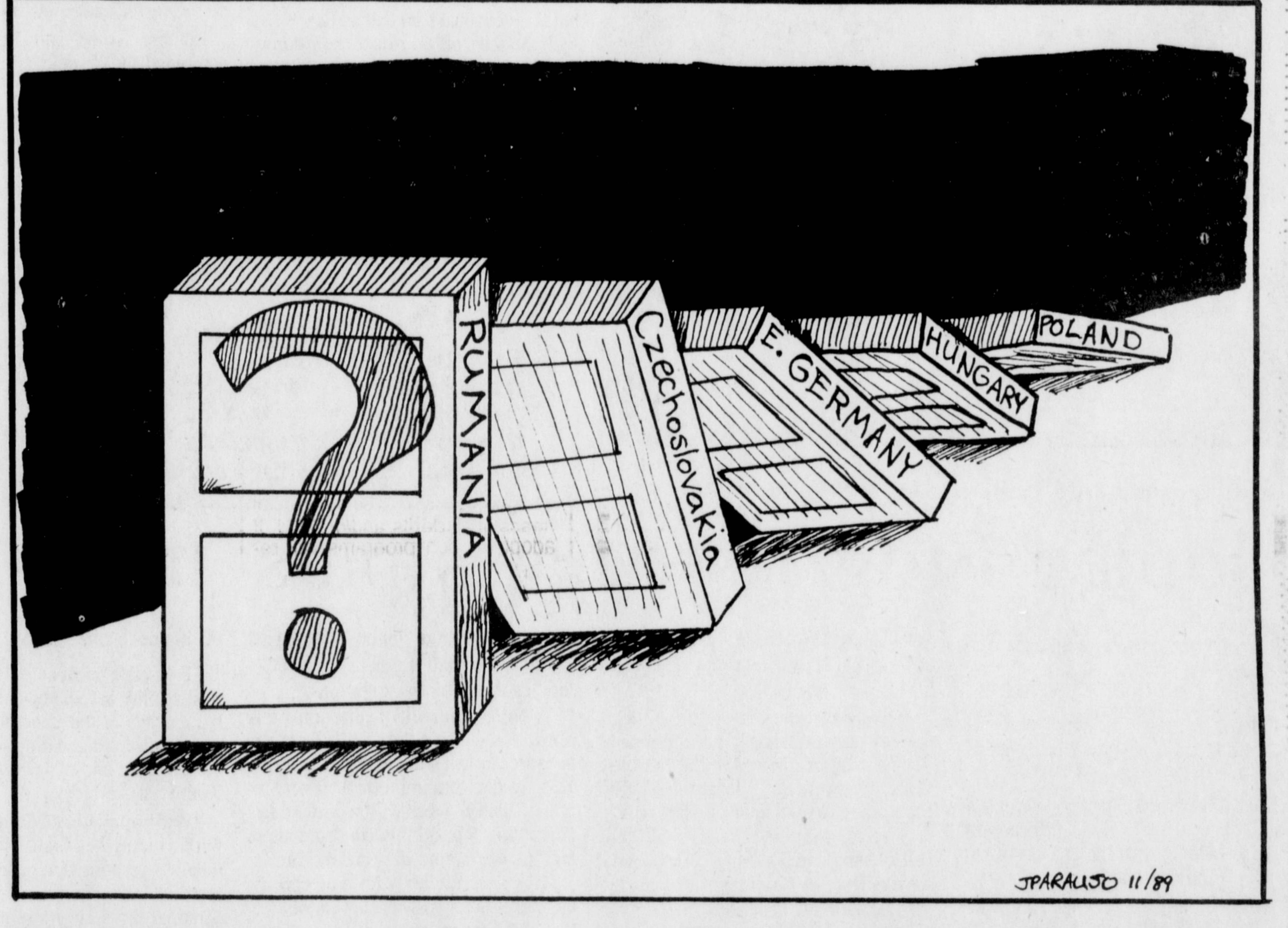
What the head snap says is, "What I've seen is so shocking it is beyond confrontation. I choose to pretend I never saw what I saw at all." This is, almost without exception, the most inappropriate way to deal with an uncomfortable subject. It also happens to be the single most popular way to handle discomfort in the United States.

Some in New Orleans didn't even allow the homeless the "dignity" of being invisible. During a late-night walk through Jackson Square next to a covered area that provided shelter for a small group of men, some people walking near me didn't even lower their voices so as not to disturb the sleeping men. Just as if they did not exist.

It was no longer a local problem. People travel from all over America, all over the world, to visit New Orleans. How can Americans even begin to pretend that homelessness is a "normal" situation, or a proper one? And, moreover, how do you care for the invisible?

During my last evening walk down Bourbon Street, I couldn't help but feel for these unfortunate people, reduced to ghosts by a country that just doesn't seem to have enough care. As I looked at them one last time, I thought of all they were missing — not just "perks" like a Friday night movie, or "conveniences" like a home, but human essentials. They weren't just missing a hot meal or a change of clothes, but eyes, legs and arms.

I passed many who functioned well enough to know what they were missing, asking me for food or spare change. Maybe it's time we all did spare a little change. Social change, that is.



Ride responsibly on Spaceship Earth

By STEVE RUBICK Columnist



I've been hearing a lot of talk lately about the environment and how we're destroying it at an everincreasing pace. This fragile little world of ours is
crumbling; too-few people
are taking time to try to do
anything about it.

It's a very selfish world out there and at times it seems that nobody really cares. The ozone hole over Antarctica is growing. The oil spill in Alaska has yet to be cleaned up. Over on the other side of the world, thousands of square miles of farmlands and fields lie useless as a result of the Chernobyl accident a few years ago. Smog obscures the skies over

most major, metropolitan areas and the land surrounding our cities is increasingly filled with ton upon ton of garbage.

And nobody seems to do anything about it. This past summer, Greenpeace got together with the people at MTV to produce an album and a series of public service announcements aimed at drawing attention to the growing environmental threat. The album was a compilation of hits donated by some of the world's biggest musical groups; it was basically a charity album, and it failed to draw the attention of many radio stations or record stores.

The public service announcements showed a variety of the world's biggest names talking about a variety of the world's biggest problems. These were basically charity spots, and they were shown exclusively on VH-1 — a low-rated video music channel.

The effort was a good one; the album and the

commercial spots were high quality. But they were handled poorly, and their impact was minimal.

At times, it seems almost hopeless. When worldwide organizations like Greenpeace can't get the message out, and when multi-million dollar advertising campaigns fall flat, it seems that the environment is just a lost cause. It seems that no one cares, and nothing is going to get done.

The environment is a very serious issue, it's one that affects all of us. And unfortunately, if we keep ignoring things, it is a problem that may well just go away.

Visitors to Disney's Epcot Center are introduced to the term Spaceship Earth. Considering the state of the world environment, this term takes on special meaning and it seems necessary to point out 'hat, on this Spaceship Earth, there aren't any passengers, only crew.

Speedeating gives way to turkey tales

By CARL KOZLOWSKI Guest Columnist

Thanksgiving. For 17 years it didn't mean all that much to me — just an excuse to eat a lot of food in a short amount of time. I believe my personal speed record was set in 1980, when I consumed three chunks of light meat, four pieces of dark, a mountain of stuffing, two sweet potatoes and three cranberry slices in just under 12 minutes. The other 23 and one-half hours of each holiday were spent bloated, watching either the parades or my video game system. Sometimes I couldn't even tell the difference.

This year, however, was destined to be different. I was a college freshman now, 18 years old and with dramatic new experiences under my belt. Yes, I was a new man, returning triumphantly after three months in hopes of finding love and adulation from family and friends alike. Boy, was I ever disappointed.

There are several warning signs all college freshmen should recognize as indicative of their new, forgotten status. First among these is the discount plane ticket. Mine was for Southwest Airlines, a particularly bad omen. This isn't re-

ally an airline, but rather a system of flying buses. Cramped quarters mandated a lotus seating position for all travelers, and bus depot vermin you hoped to avoid learned that a plane ticket can now be cheaper than a bus ticket. All this and more await you amid the holiday crush.

Waming Sign No. 2 is evidenced at the landing gate of your destination. When your own mother doesn't even bother to pick you up, you know you've experienced rejection of the worst sort. Add to that the neglect of your older sister, grandmother and other assorted relatives, and reality hits you with blinding force. Left with a harried father and two wicked little brothers, I experienced a sudden desire to return to school. Maybe actually arriving at home would improve things.

Warning Sign No. 3 hits you when you find that you have to sleep in the guest room of your own house. Usually a younger sibling is the cause of this living arrangement, having overtaken your previous domestic fortress and rendered it unrecognizable with the supposedly hip icons of a new generation. For women, this would be indicated by a wall mural of New Kids on the Block covering your posters of George

Michael. Guys, be thankful that your little brothers also recognize Cindy Crawford as appropriate wall material.

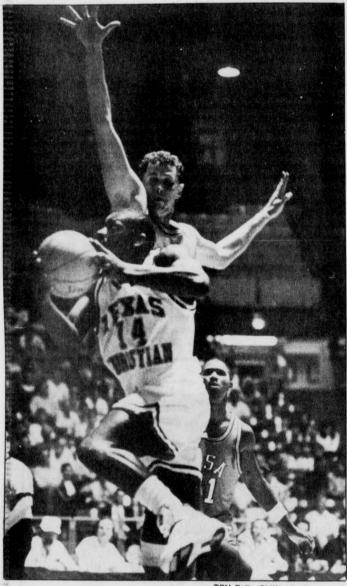
Of course, let's not forget the meal (the real reason we came home for Thanksgiving). As a college freshman, the prayer before meals should by now have two entirely new meanings. At home, it's a prayer of thanks for being delivered from Marriott food for four days. At school, it gives blessing before meals an entirely new dimension as you ask not to die 30 minutes after consuming unrecognizable, overpriced effluvia that a scientist wouldn't touch without rubber gloves and a steel clamp.

Nevertheless, eating your first Thanksgiving meal after being away at college is an unsettling experience. Gone are the days of speedeating and video-playing. You must now tell stories of your experiences, and yet you were warned not to have any experiences in the modern sense when you left home. As your body tenses and your palms get sweaty, you give your real thanks for Uncle Roy's knowing grin and another of his war stories.

Carl Kozlowski is a freshman English major.

Sports

Stingy free throws sink Frogs in first loss of season



TCU Daily Skiff/ Julie Barnhouse Kelvin Crawford drives to the hoop in the Frogs loss Monday night. By PAUL MOUNT Sports Writer

The free throws weren't free for the Horned Frogs Monday night.

The Frogs converted on only 31 percent of their free throws (7 of 22) as they saw the University of Texas at San Antonio use that advantage to win the game

"The missed free throws completly took us out of the game," said Rich Antee, who scored 11 points and had seven

rebounds in 20 minutes of action. For the season the Frogs have hit on just 39 of 76 free throw attempts for an

average slightly higher than 50 percent. Coach Moe Iba said he feels the team can straighten out their problems with missed free throws.

"We need to get our confidence up, and I think we'll be all right," Iba said. The Frogs shot their lowest free throw

percentage in a game since 1975. The Frogs made only six of 20 free throws in a game against the Texas Longhorns in 1975. In 1975, all of the

current Frogs were in elementay school. Despite the poor free throw percentage, the Frogs still had a chance to win the game with less than a minute to play, but an intentional foul call on Ray Kelly with the score 68-64 ruined their comeback attempt.

Iba said the call was questionable, but the game shouldn't have come down to that one call.

'We didn't play well as a team," Iba said. "We shouldn't have been in the

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position to let that call affect the game."

UTSA coach Ken Burmeister said if a player grabs an opposing player from behind, it is an intentional foul.

'They called it, and it was a correct call." Burmeister said. Iba said the team needs to work on their defensive play around the basket

and execute better on offense. 'We gave up too many easy points inside," Iba said.

Roadrunner center Bruce Wheatley was a major force inside, scoring 18 points before fouling out.

UTSA is now 2-0 on the season and will play North Texas on Saturday.

"Wheatley was tough," Horned Frog forward Craig Sibley said. "They were lobbing the ball inside to him on one side and their was no help on the weak

The Frogs also suffered in shooting from the floor as they hit 27 of 67 field goal attempts. For the season the Frogs are shooting 47 percent.

Sibley led the Frogs with 13 points and eight rebounds.

One bright spot for the Frogs was their rebounding proficiency. TCU outrebounded the Roadrunners 40-35, 18-5 on offensive rebounds alone

Centers Antee and Reggie Smith combined for 17 points, but connected on only eight of 23 shots. Antee, Smith and Sibley hit two of ten free throws.

Guard Tony Edmond said the Frogs weren't prepared for UTSA because they were coming off an easy victory

at Western Kentucky Invitational

at San Jose State, 9:30

at Montana State, 8:30

Prairle View A&M, 7:30

East Carolina, 7:30

Frog basketball

Lamar, 7:30

"I thought this game was going to be a cake walk," Edmond said. "I expected another 20 point victory.

"Our concentration wasn't there," Sibley said "We had an off night. We have got to put the loss behind us.'

The team has a few days to get ready for the Western Kentucky Invitational

this weekend. The Frogs will take on Georgia Saturday in the first round of the four team tournament.

Edmond said the team needs to forget about UTSA and concentrate on this

Iba said he may be considering some changes but will not make any decision until later in the week.



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Forward Craig Sibley goes over a defender for 2 of his 13 points.

in athlete recruiting process Horned Frog Associates plus

By COURTNEY HAGGARD Sports Writer

One of the most essential parts of TCU's athletic department never steps foot on a field or a court.

The TCU Horned Frog Associates is a group of students whose efforts are aimed at helping with the process of recruiting future Horned Frogs.

"Horned Frog Associates might be one of the most unique parts of the athletic department because they are not necessarily student-athletes, but they are helping the department in so many ways," said Lois Kolkhorst, co-sponsor of HFA and assistant director of Sports Information.

"Horned Frog Associates are top-

campus and know a lot about TCU," she

Recruiting weekends for college football are in January and February. The recruits are allowed by the National Collegiate Athletic Association to visit each school for 48 hours, during which they speak with coaches, current football players and, at many colleges and universities, recruiting hostesses.

"The Horned Frog Associates give them (recruits) another perspective, besides just football," said Tom Mueller, football recruiting coordinator and administrative assistant. "They talk to the recruits about the social life and academics at TCU and tell them about

notch students that are very involved on school here," said junior HFA Kristi Holt. "We just talk to them about TCU and let them ask us questions.

"You (as a recruit) really don't talk about school with the football players because you just want to talk about football," said freshman football player Stephen Shipley, who was recruited last year. "So it's good to have someone to talk to you about the student life."

HFA's eat dinner with the recruits, the player-hosts and coaches in the Letterman's Lounge in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum on Friday and Saturday nights of the recruiting weekend. At noon on Saturday they host the tour of the campus and meet again for brunch on Sunday before the recruits leave for home.

"It (HFA) is not a dating service

on a one-to-one basis with a recruit.

"Everyone is always in a group." Also, the associates only meet with the recruits in the Letterman's Lounge and are discouraged from going out with the recruits and players after dinner, Kolkhorst said.

"We want Horned Frog Associates with maturity, self-esteem, selfreliance, responsibility and a good personality," Kolkhorst said. "And interpersonal skills are imperative - probably the most important."

"We want people that can walk up to a stranger, talk to them and make them feel at home," she said.

The Aug. 31, 1987, edition of Sports featured an article by Ale-We don't pressure them to come to Kolkhorst said. "An associate is never xander Wolff about the HFA and other

recruiting hostesses, such as the Texas about school and Fort Worth and be-Angels of the University of Texas, the Razorback Belles of the University of Arkansas and the Gator Getters of the University of Florida.

'The ideal hostess is... able and eager to sell her school," Wolff wrote. "She's bubbly, but with natural carbonation." "It's fun to meet possible new students and brag about TCU," said senior

HFA Carol Robichaud. 'I've really enjoyed my experiences at TCU and I feel comfortable in recruiting others to come to school here," said

Stephanie Smeltzer, a junior HFA. "In the South, where hostessing is an old and honored tradition, one doesn't

'talk' with strangers but 'visits' with them," Wolff wrote.

"We (HFA's) visit with the recruits Smeltzer said.

come an extra resource for them," said junior HFA Jane Mears. Kolkhorst stressed that HFA is not

limited to women.

"Guys are welcome to apply," Kolkhorst said. "No males applied last year, but they are welcome.

HFA is very similar to Student Foundation volunteers for Monday at TCU programs, Kolkhorst said, because HFA's work with potential TCU students and must know the campus well.

"We want the type of people that truly want to help the athletic department and TCU," Kolkhorst said.

"I feel that athletics does a lot for TCU and it's exciting to be a part of it

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