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VendaCard replaces coins in copy machines at library

By ABIGAIL DALBEY
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Mary Couts Burnett Library has installed a new payment system for the photocopy and microfilm copiers this semester whereby a credit-card-size card called a VendaCard is used in place of coins in the machines.

VendaCards can be purchased in the library from machines mounted on the circulation desk. The card costs an initial fee of 50 cents, but can be used infinitely thereafter.

"I think it's a great idea! Now you

don't have to worry about having money at the library. All you need is your VendaCard and your backpack and you're set," said Sharon Toth, a junior communications graphics major.

"The machines are to benefit the students more. This machine will never run out of change, since it is just electronically encoding their card. This also eliminates the need for certain coins," said Fred Heath, director of the library.

The 50 cent initial fee for the card along with the money from the co-

pies will go into a central fund that will serve to restock, repair and replace the photocopy and microfilm copiers.

In spite of the long term benefits, several students have expressed complaints about the new cards.

"I think they are a real inconvenience because I don't make that many copies at the TCU library, but I still have to deal with carrying the card around with me," said Amy Balliet, a junior speech communications major.

"I went in with two dimes expect-

ing to be able to make two copies. I had to go back home, get more money, and then once I returned, I found out I had to pay 50 cents for the card. It was a real hassle," said Brett Dorris, a sophomore art education major.

Heath said "The card is forever and realistically speaking any student will make several copies throughout their college career."

Many students are confused by the whole process, and don't realize the card is reusable and the 50 cent fee need only be paid once.

"There are no rules posted saying

you can re-use the card, so I bought a second one thinking that since I used all the money on one, it was invalid," said Jackie Martin, a junior speech communications major.

Heath cited advantages to other people besides students.

Aside from making things easier on the students in the long run, by allowing them to pay for a bulk of copies at one time, the VendaCard system also benefits the faculty and staff.

Heath said the new machines eliminate the need for accountants to collect and count the change from the

various machines which allows more attention to be placed on the maintenance of the machines.

"When I first joined TCU's library staff three years ago, we had very old machines with no maintenance contracts, that were always breaking and caused a real disservice to the students," Heath said.

Heath saw the VendaCard system for the first time at SMU and has been pursuing its possible installment here since he arrived.

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TCU Daily Skiff/ Trip Meade

Time to get our Frogs fit. Members and trainers of the Women's Basketball team work up a sweat with low-impact aerobics Tuesday afternoon in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. The women's

basketball players will continue to workout every Tuesday afternoon to build up their endurance before official practice starts in October.

Student killed in car crash

Phi Kap men mourn brother

By PATRICIA PATTISON
TCU Daily Skiff

Sophomore Dale Martin Jr. will be remembered as a gentleman, dedicated to his family and Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity brothers.

"Dale always had a smile and a handshake for anyone he saw," said Eric Ricketts, senior political science major and Phi Kap president. "He was never worried about his own problems — he just wanted to know what was going on with you."

Martin died shortly after 2:30 a.m. Wednesday morning when the 1988 Chevrolet Blazer he was driving north on Stadium Drive between the Worth Hills area and Trinity Episcopal Church hit the curb on the right side of the street, rolled and hit a lightpost.

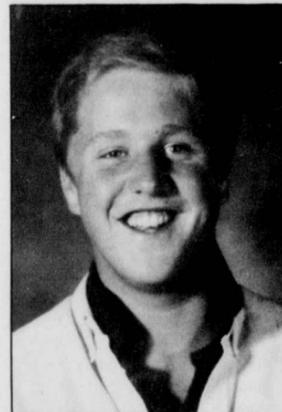
Witnesses said Martin Jr. was traveling at a high rate of speed as he rounded the corner by the church. The Tarrant County Medical Examiners office has ruled the death accidental.

That ruling, according to Medical Investigator Tom O'Connor, is only a provisional one. A final ruling will be made within four to six weeks when toxicology reports are available.

A 20-year-old business pre-major, Martin is survived by his parents Dale Martin Sr. and Peggy Dickson Martin and a younger sister, all of Roundtop, Texas, near Houston.

Martin's TCU connections can be traced deep in his family history. Both of his parents are 1969 TCU alumni.

Martin Sr. is also a Phi Kap alumnus and is currently serving as the TCU Phi Kap's chapter adviser this



Dale Martin Jr.

year. "We all just want Dale's mom and dad to know we are praying for them," Ricketts said. "His dad is real special to us."

Others in the Greek community expressed sadness at the loss of Martin Jr.

"Dale was one of the nicest guys I've ever known," Chris Kelly, junior political science major and member of Delta Tau Delta said.

"He cared more about his fraternity and his fraternity brothers than anyone I've ever seen," Kelly said. "He'll be missed a lot."

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday in Houston at St. John the Divine Episcopal Church. A campus memorial service will be scheduled by the University Ministries office later this week, said University Minister John Butler.

Phi Kap violations to be reviewed

By JACQUIE MAUPIN
TCU Daily Skiff

The fraternity and sorority subcommittee of the Student Organizations Committee will meet at 8 a.m. today to continue discussing an Interfraternity Council-Panhellenic recommendation for action concerning violations of university and Greek

policy by two Greek organizations, said Jennifer Watson, SOC chairwoman.

Members of Pi Beta Phi sorority and Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity were charged with violating university alcohol policies prior to their "Psychedelic '60s" party Sept. 15. The organizations were charged with violating rules that deal with hosting

parties.

A report on the findings of an IFC-Panhellenic judicial board was presented in an hour and a half meeting Wednesday afternoon to the subcommittee, Watson said.

The subcommittee is still in the process of reviewing the report, Watson said.

Following SOC procedure, judi-

cial matters concerning Greek organizations are first reviewed by the subcommittee before being presented to the entire committee for a final decision.

Representatives of Pi Beta Phi and Phi Kappa Sigma were to be notified Wednesday evening that a ruling was still pending, said Susan Batchelor, director of student activities.

Journalists to petition trustees

By CAM JOHNSON
Special to the Skiff

The TCU student chapter of Society of Professional Journalists is petitioning to urge the TCU Board of Trustees to open its meetings to the public.

Under the Texas Open Meetings Act, meetings held at public institutions must be open to the public except under certain conditions, but the Act doesn't apply to private universities such as TCU.

The trustees meet twice yearly, and the next meeting is scheduled for Nov. 16.

"It seems that everyone thinks of the trustees as untouchable," Katherine Thompson, junior news-editorial journalism major said. "They make huge decisions that affect all of us about how and where our money is spent. And then as quick as they came, they're gone again."

One of the main decisions trustees make each year is how much tuition and course-per-hour costs will increase, Thompson said.

SPJ will be collecting signatures for a petition the rest of this week and

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Today's weather will be sunny with a high temperature of 94 degrees.

Friday's weather will be partly sunny with a high of 92 degrees and the possibility of cooler temperatures for the weekend.

Vote

Cheerleader vying for title

By WILLIAM HATFIELD
TCU Daily Skiff

TCU cheerleader Amy Cox is hoping this fall will be victorious not only for the football team, but for herself as well.

Cox, junior accounting major from Fort Worth, has been nominated by Athlon Publications to represent TCU in the Clarion Car Audio Cheerleading Competition.

The competition, sponsored by Athlon Sports and Clarion Car Audio, pits Cox against a cheerleader or showgirl representative from each of the other seven Southwest Conference schools.

"At first I was really shocked and then I got really excited about the nomination," Cox said. "It's obviously quite an honor."

"This is great for Amy," said Holly Rascoe, TCU cheerleader sponsor and coach. "She is a very pretty, talented person and is a perfect representative for TCU."

In order to win the competition, Cox must garner more votes than her competitors. A poster containing pictures of all the competitors is on display at Clarion Car Audio Dealerships throughout the Southwest. Votes can be made at these dealerships or by purchasing Athlon Sports Southwest Football Preview magazine.

The magazine contains a spread that has a picture of all the nominated girls and a ballot. The voting will last through the end of October. The girl that wins the competition will have a scholarship presented to her school in her name and can be donated to the general scholarship fund or a cheerleading fund.

Cox says that if she wins, she plans to donate her scholarship to the cheerleading squad.

"I think our cheerleaders could use the money to improve equipment and travel expenses," Cox said. "Being able to fly to the away games or buy new uniforms for the squad would be ideal."

Cox was informed of her nomination on the first of May. After releasing her photo for publication, Cox's main duty has been trying to inform people of the competition.

"Since the competition is basically looking at the poster and voting for whoever catches your eye, it is important I let people know they need to vote," Cox said. "I've been trying to generate votes by word of mouth. The girls that attend the larger universities have a numbers advantage over me, so it is important I tell people about my nomination."

Cox is serving for the second year on the Horned Frog Cheerleading

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TCU Daily Skiff/ Jim Winn

Amy Cox, junior member of Horned Frog Cheerleading squad is competing with 8 other Southwest Conference cheerleaders/showgirls for the Clarion Car Audio cheerleader challenge.

CAMPUSlines

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Sheila Metyer will be down-linked at TAGER-TV Telecommunications Studio on East Campus, from 6 to 8 p.m. today. For more information, call 921-7632.

International Student Association meets 5 p.m. today in the Student Center. For more information, call Kaushika at 923-6068.

TCU Cycles meets from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. today in Rickel Room 105. For more information call Yvonne Nelson at 924-2643.

Casting Call for "Something of Mine", a 30-minute horror-comedy, will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. tonight in Tom Brown Hall. For more information, call Todd Camp at (work) 370-7911 or at (home) 737-4031.

Golden Key national honor society will meet at 7 p.m. Sunday in the Student Center Ballroom. Volleyball will follow.

Homecoming Queen and Escort filing will be held Oct. 1 through 5. Applications are available in the Student Activities office.

Adult Children of Alcoholics will hold an educational/support group to address the negative consequences of being raised by an alcoholic parent. For more information contact Larry Withers at the TCU Counseling Center, 921-7863.

Twelve-step support group for students, faculty and staff in recovery meets weekly on campus. For more information, call the Alcohol and Drug Education office at 921-7100. Meetings and all inquiries are confidential.

Self-Help Group information is available from the Mental Health Association of Tarrant County. For more information call (817) 335-5405.

Triathlon/biathlon club is forming on campus. If interested call Joe Wurster at 921-1479 or go by the Recreational Sports office in the Rickel.

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"With this new technology, we can bring all copying under one system and the unit cost of copying will remain low," Heath said.

When inflation causes the cost of copies to rise, under the old system, the next coin increment would be a quarter, he said.

"Now, using the VendaCard, the unit price will be pegged precisely. For example, the price might be set at 11 or 12 cents, instead of a quarter," he said.

"Aside from a few engineering problems which we are trying to work out, the VendaCard system is a great solution to a bunch of problems," Heath said.

Cheer/ from page 1

Squad. Cox was a cheerleader all four years during high school.

"Amy is a very talented, experienced cheerleader," said Michelle Miniatis, senior education major and head cheerleader. "She is a good leader and is always full of encouragement and enthusiasm."

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next week, in front of the main cafeteria in the Student Center. At least 186 signatures have been collected as of Wednesday.

Thompson said the petition will be given to the trustees sometime before the November meeting.

"We've already gotten some really important signatures from faculty members and student leaders," Thompson said. "We've had really positive feedback on this so far. People do care about what is going on in these meetings."

"I haven't tried to contact any trustees yet," Thompson said. "We really want to know how students, faculty and parents feel about the issue first. We want to get everyone's opinion," Thompson said.

"I called several other private schools," Thompson said. "Most of the people I talked to didn't have any idea whether or not their trustee meetings were closed."

Thompson said she thought one of the main reasons the trustee meetings were closed is because trustees think the press is out to get them.

"We're not," Thompson said. "We just think everyone has a right to know what is being decided for them

People do care about what is going on in these meetings.

KATHERINE THOMPSON,
 SPJ vice-president

at these meetings."
 "The trustees aren't on campus, and if they are, they aren't making themselves known," Thompson said.

Thompson said she was not optimistic about SPJ's chances of getting the trustees meeting open to the public, but said she hoped it could open more lines of communication between the trustees and the students.

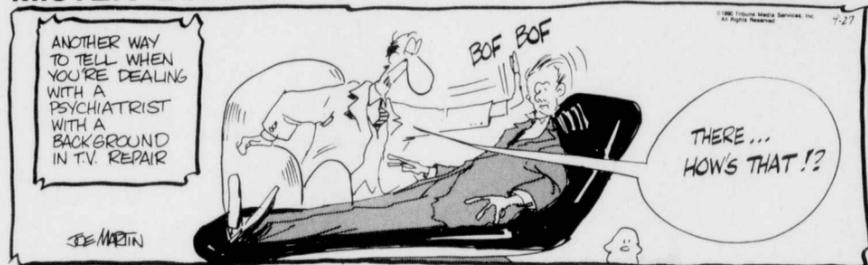
"Realistically, I don't see the trustees meetings opening to the public anytime soon," Thompson said.

"They may just give us tidbits of information to passify us, but I think we have a real chance at increasing the flow of information about the decisions the Board of Trustees makes."

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MISTER BOFFO



Calvin and Hobbes



Nurse appointed to national committee

By **LORI McCORQUEDALE**
 Special to the Skiff

An assistant professor of nursing has been appointed to a prestigious five-member national committee this month, said Patricia Scaarse, dean of Harris College of Nursing.

The American Association for Critical Care Nurses appointed Alice Gaul to the National Ethics Advisory Committee, she said.

"The nursing department is very pleased about her appointment," Scaarse said.

Gaul said she is delighted to be chosen because she has been teaching and studying ethical decisions for the past 10 years.

According to Gaul, one of the top priorities of the AACN is to formulate strategies to aid critical care nurses in dealing with ethical issues of practice. The association decided to appoint a five-member national committee to do that.

Gaul said the committee would provide education, hold workshops and produce publications.

"I would personally like to see some type of theory or guidelines for ethical reasoning incorporated in the nursing certification exam," she said.

Gaul said she believed that the medical professional's ability to decide when and how technology ought to be used had been stripped by modern technology itself. It's difficult for nurses, who give care to patients 24 hours a day, to cope with those ethical decisions, she said.

"When I go into practice and see the toll that ethical problems have on critical care nurses, I am convinced that we've got to find a way to help the nurses deal with those problems," she said.

Gaul serves on the Institutional Ethics Committee at Harris Methodist Hospital which meets monthly to

discuss ethical issues.
 One function of the committee is to educate health professionals and consumers regarding ethical choices. Another function is to serve as an advisory board when a dilemma arises, she said. It may be accessed by physicians, nurses, families, patients and chaplains.

Gaul has also written several published articles on ethics in nursing. She has written about whether or not ventilators should be removed from dying patients, she said.

"I believe if the patient can be proven competent, ethically you can justify removal of the life support system," she said. "However, the consequences of those kinds of decisions can be tremendous on the deciding institution."

Gaul is chair-elect to the Faculty Senate, which represents the needs and desires of the faculty and provides an official voice for the faculty to the administration.

"I think it's an alive and dynamic organization at TCU because the administration really does listen," she said.

Gaul, who has been at TCU since 1978, teaches introduction to pharmacology, foundations of professional nursing and ethical dilemmas in health care.

Before she got her master's degree, Gaul was a navy nurse for nine years during the Vietnam War. While working on her master's, she was a critical care flight nurse. She still occasionally goes to Harris Hospital to practice, she said.

Gaul said she loves nursing and has wanted to be a nurse as long as she can remember.

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TV sexism cheats everybody

By **STUART MINNIS**
Columnist



I just watched a preview of Cop Rock. I thought Steven Bochco sold out when I saw Doogie Howser, but, as usual, I was wrong. What I just saw was a pathetic (or fabulous, depending on how you see things) example of one of the biggest problems in the entertainment industry. It was five minutes of completely graphic, although fully clothed, skin shots. Of course, the group of women partaking in the dancing silliness was culturally diverse. A synthetic non-racist message is the most common rationalization for crap TV.

Okay, I won't lie. Part of me got a kick out of it. I don't think there is anything sexist about finding a woman attractive. What's sexist is when that is the only reason they are on television. TV, advertising, cinema: they're all hip to the trend. Jane Pauley got the axe so a glamour girl could jack up the ratings. Coors loves to show close shots of a nice, fit woman shaking her thang...who cares what the beer tastes like? The MPAA give an "R" for a frontal nude shot of a woman in a motion picture while a frontal nude of a man earns an "X".

But wait! Who are we gonna blame for this? "Today Show" ratings went up with Norville, and in TV, the bottom line rules.

Maybe that's stupid and wrong, but it's certainly nothing new.

Merchants in ancient Greece used to hire dancers to attract customers, and they weren't doin' no two-step neither. The point is, it works. Now we have to figure out why it works.

Well, the most obvious reason is that men love to look at gorgeous women, and since we are the dominant force in society (not a qualitative judgement, just simple fact), we usually get our way. In fact, we love to do it so much that we often ignore our girlfriends or wives for the image on the tube. It's a kind of creation-of-needs version of the bird in hand saying.

Problem is that we seem to forget the rule of the lesson. Real people are better than fake people, and for all basic purposes, those people on TV are fake. That doesn't mean that they are not humans as complex as you or I, but they are distanced from us. It is important to remember that they didn't get there because of their thoughts on world hunger or their knowledge of Walt Whitman. Those topics may indeed be of importance to them, but that's not why they were hired. They are achetypically perfect icons there to get the attention of the common viewer. Even acting ability is secondary. It is usually directly related to time slot. The later the broadcast, the better the actors, and the cycle starts over again at 10 a.m. and 10 p.m.

... but it's still our fault. If advertisers and programmers thought quality talent and original scripting would sell, that's what they

would give us. That's hardly legitimate motivation, but the result would be the same as if it were - good entertainment free from the sexism that is currently dominant. But who am I kidding? As if that's gonna happen! No, we're going to continue to cheat ourselves just as we've always done.

The true irony lies in our ignorance of our own crimes. Any determined kid can get ahold of a Playboy, and if he gets caught, somebody might actually go so far as to slap his wrist. But if a responsible and respected museum director chooses to show a Mapplethorpe exhibit containing nude males, he gets slapped with an obscenity charge. "No, no. None of that. It's tasteless." Well, so is Miss June, but I don't see Hugh Hefner paying any steep fines or sharing sinks with Ivan Boesky.

Now I doubt Jesse Helms has a secret stash of centerfolds underneath his bedstand, but he sure doesn't seem too concerned about the message they send out: Women are things, not people. They exist for the satisfaction of men, and the only means they have of granting that satisfaction is through sex. If they aren't sexy, what good are they?

Our media has always had this problem, and I'm not nearly so foolish as to think anybody will read this and think, "Golly, I've been wrong all these years. I must write to the network heads to try to stop these atrocious goings-on." I only wish to vent a little anger. And besides, since I'm a man, other men might take me seriously. That certainly wouldn't be the case if this column were written by a woman. Tisk tisk, y'all.

Carded

New library copy system not worth costs

The university has overlooked much in replacing the coin-operated copy machines in Mary Coats Burnett Library with a system called VendaCard.

Students, faculty and visitors to the library must now spend 50 cents to buy plastic cards that carry an account of money for making copies in the library. While the cards will keep students from having to carry small fortunes in change to the library every time they wish to make copies there, this redeeming feature of VendaCard may not be worth the expense of purchasing the system or using it.

Perhaps the university should have considered the matter more thoroughly before instituting the change.

Visitors to campus who wish to make copies in the library must pay for a card they are unlikely to use more than a few times. TCU students, who already have to keep up with their ID cards to get past the library's security system, now have the added burden of paying for and keeping up with yet another card. A system in which students could use their ID cards for buying copies would be more convenient.

Of course the new system will probably pay for itself quickly with 8,000 students plus faculty members having to purchase cards, not to mention all the visitors who may want to make copies in the library. Hopefully the money will be spent wisely on some noble purpose, like offsetting the ever-increasing cost of tuition.

One has to wonder what students will be required to purchase next — cards that must be bought to purchase merchandise from the university bookstore, perhaps? Or a separate card for football game tickets?

The university should consider several things in light of the cost and hassle the new card system creates for everybody using the library. While the library probably will not go back to coin-operated copy machines, there are still several things that could be done to relieve the burden on students.

Ideally, the card system could be converted to work on student's ID cards, allowing them to use the library with relative ease. And students could be refunded any balance left on their cards at the end of the semester. For visitors, VendaCards could be loaned to them for their use in the library, with a refund of any unused money.

If ID cards could not be used to make copies, perhaps the VendaCards still could be provided free, or at least at a cheaper cost. In addition, the machines that put money on the cards should be moved to the front desk, where a librarian could be paid the cost of the cards and program the amount onto the card, eliminating the problem of the machines accepting only crisp, perfect dollar bills.

In short, having to spend money on a card which does nothing but make copies in the library is unfair to students, faculty and visitors.

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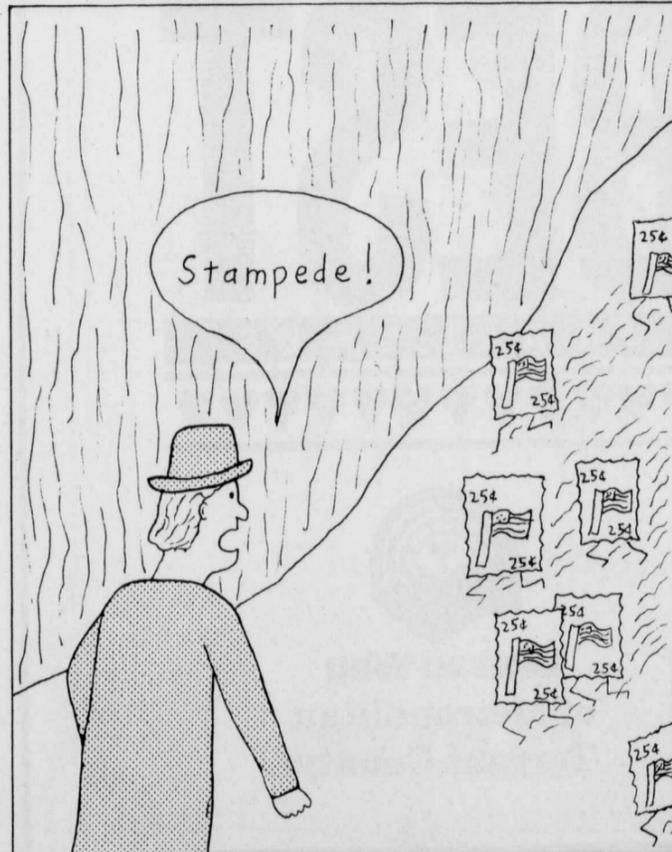
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Big Plans... For a STRONG Future!!!!

Ups and downs of rollercoasters

By **ELIZABETH LUNDAY**
Columnist

We stood in line forever, I think. If it wasn't eternity, it was at least a large percentage of it. A significant part of my life was spent in that line.

I complained about the line even though I didn't want it to end. Occasionally, screams drifted over the crowd noise. I shuddered. Oh, the joys of Six Flags.

"This is the greatest," one of my friends said. "It's incredible. A fantastic ride."

There was a heated discussion on whether to ride at the front of the car or at the back.

"At the front you get the total visual experience," my boyfriend said.

"But at the back you go faster," one of my friends said.

We were getting closer. The ride towered over us. It looked insubstantial, unstable. The wind could knock it over.

"I wonder how much wood was used in building this," someone said.

I bet it has termites, I thought. Termites, thousands, millions of them have gnawed away at the very foundation of the Texas Giant.

The line crept on in the shadow of the Giant; it squirmed up the ramps along its side.

I hate waiting for things, I thought.

And then we were up the ramp, and then under the shelter where the cars took off. It was happening too fast; it was getting too late to back out.

My boyfriend decided we would get the total visual experience and of riding at the front.

This was it; it was our turn. We climbed into the seat and were locked in with those metal bars that seem inadequate to prevent anyone from flying off the ride to a sure death in a pool of fluorescent-blue Six Flags water.

This was definitely it.

We creaked out of the shack into the sunlight on the first stretch of the Giant.

The creaking was unsettling. Well-built, safe things don't creak.

Okay, this is safe, my reason said. There is nothing to be afraid of.

I closed my eyes and gripped the metal bar.

They test these rides, reason said. They test them over and over again. It's completely safe.

But I'm not worried about safety, emotion replied. That's not it at all.

I could feel us going up the first hill. Creak, creak, creak, climb, climb, climb.

You are OK, reason said. The ride is OK.

Everything that possibly could be OK, is. Creak, creak. And then an infinite pause.

OHMYGOD, OHMYGOD, OHMYGOD, I JUST FELL OFF THE EDGE OF THE WORLD!

Crash, we hit the bottom of the hill. Slam, we jerked to the right. Whoa, I was out of my seat and there was nothing but that damn bar between me and the sky.

Reason tried to reassure itself.

Get a grip on yourself, it said. Calm down. You are OK.

I am completely terrified and you ask me to get a grip on myself! emotion screamed. I want off this ride!

I held on to the bar and closed my eyes even tighter.

This is where pride will get you, emotion said. You didn't have to ride this. (Boom!) You could have said no, I don't like roller coasters. But then you would have been laughed at, called a wimp. (Scream!) Is that so bad? You could have sat the ride out, done some Six Flags shopping. (Whoop!) But you let your peers decide for you, you succumbed to their pressure. You didn't want to be called a roller coaster coward. (Crash!)

It went on. Up and down and over and back, and wham, I slid into the side of the seat. And the entire time, the infernal machine was creaking in a fast falsetto.

Relax, reason said. And don't forget to breathe.

Inhale.

I heard screams from behind me as we careened down a hill.

Exhale.

We slowed, and seemed to be traveling on a level surface. Could it be, oh God, that it was ending?

I opened my eyes, just a crack, to see... another hill, a really big hill, before me.

I clamped my eyes shut again. That was a mistake.

Inhale.

Emotion said, I want off this damn thing!

You can't get off, reason said.

I know, emotion said. That's what I was afraid of.

Slam, whoom, bash, creak creak creak creak.

And then we were falling and the bar was cutting off my breathing and it went on forever, a longer forever than standing in line, and we fell and fell and fell...

And then we slowed, and continued to slow, until we were almost stopped.

It's a trick, emotion said.

Open your eyes, reason said. It's over.

That's what you said last time, emotion said.

"Wow!" my boyfriend said. "Wasn't that great?"

I opened my eyes. There was the shack ahead of us, a line of people, a loading car.

We moved forward to the haven, the harbor, the safety of solid ground.

Emotion thought, for a panicked moment, what if the equipment messes up and we don't stop at the loading spot but keep going and have to do it all again?

That's ridiculous, reason said, proud of being right all along.

What the hell do you know, emotion shouted. You said it wouldn't be that bad! You keep out of this!

Reason slunk away to a corner, where it looked resentfully over its shoulder and talked to itself.

We came to a complete stop. I loosened my death grip on the safety bar. My fingers were stiff and numb.

I wobbled out of the car and down the exit ramp. Oh, the ground felt so good, so solid.

I could hear the next ride start behind me. Creak, creak, creak...

My boyfriend said, "So, how'd you like it? Pretty cool, huh?"

I heard screams.

"Yeah," I said. "That was great."

News

College costs could rise 5 to 8 percent

By LEE MITGANG
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A year at college will cost an average of 5 percent to 8 percent more this fall, a slight lessening in the decade-long spell of higher education inflation, according to an annual survey released Wednesday.

But some officials fear the encouraging trend may end soon, especially at colleges in oil-sensitive northern states, if the overall inflation rate worsens and a recession occurs.

The survey by the College Board found that Massachusetts Institute of Technology is the nation's priciest college this fall: an estimated \$22,945, counting tuition, fees, room and board, books and supplies, transportation, and other expenses.

According to the survey, fixed charges at four-year private institutions — including tuitions, fees and room and board — average \$13,544, an eight percent increase from last year's \$12,557. A year ago, such charges rose nine percent.

At four-year public universities, fixed costs average \$4,970, up seven percent from \$4,715 the previous year. Those rates rose an average eight percent over the 1988-89 school year.

At two-year private colleges, fixed costs average \$8,484, an eight percent increase from \$7,912 last year. Tuition and fees at two-year public institutions average \$884, up five percent from last year's \$841. Few such institutions provide room and board.



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Sophomore Todd Russell adds some extra touches to his 3-D project.

Speech society to form

By TERI LEE YANKOWSKY
TCU Daily Skiff

A Speech Communication Honor Society is forming for the first time at TCU to recognize students who excel in speech communications.

All undergraduate students with 12 hours and a 3.0 GPA in speech as well as a cumulative 2.5 GPA are eligible for initiation.

"If students meet the grade requirements and want in, they will be able to get in," said Paul King, assistant professor of speech communication and society faculty adviser.

The society plans to invite alumni to speak about professional opportunities and the importance of what they learned as speech students, King said.

Society members will also perform debates and readers' theaters for the school and will specialize in various topics for speaking at civic clubs.

"We (the society) ought to be able to provide a service for TCU and the community," said senior Steve Lewis, a founding member of the society. "But even with all of the activities, this club will be more of an honor than a burden for students to be in."

Lewis said he has been trying for a year to get the society started, but it was hard getting students and faculty to contribute ideas and time.

Applications for membership will be distributed to all the speech classes and can be picked up in the speech department.

The society plans to meet once a month. The first meeting is tentatively scheduled for noon on Oct. 24 in Moudy 345S.

Bush taps oil reserve to fight rising prices

Associated Press

CHICAGO — The White House, claiming there was "no justification" for the recent run-up in oil and gasoline prices, announced Wednesday that President Bush had decided to sell 5 million barrels of crude oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve.

The decision to tap the nation's oil reserve was announced by White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater.

Fitzwater said the decision to put 5 million barrels on the market was a "test" and the president would take "additional steps to stabilize energy prices."

The reserve contains 590 million barrels of crude oil.

Fitzwater said Bush was taking the action to head off "those who might

seek profit by subverting the sanctions" against Iraq.

"There is sufficient oil to meet current needs," Fitzwater said. "Oil markets have simply not taken into account additional production coming on stream."

Industry experts have estimated that production in other countries has restored about two-thirds of the 4.8 million daily barrels of oil production removed from world markets by Iraq's takeover of Kuwait Aug. 2 and the world embargo against Iraqi-Kuwaiti oil.

Fitzwater quoted Bush as saying there was "no justification for the intensive and unwarranted speculation in oil futures" that has driven the price about \$39 a barrel in the United States.

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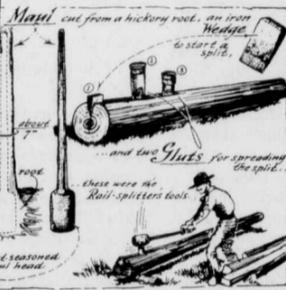


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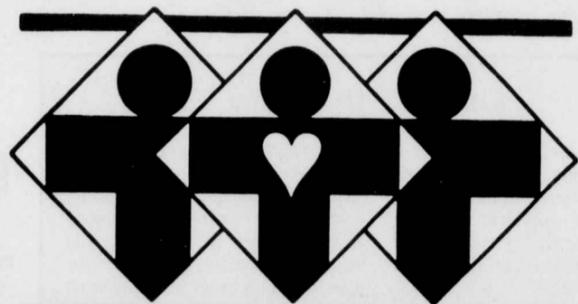
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Candidate's dedication praised

By SUSAN FAHLGREN
Associated Press

HOUSTON — U.S. Labor Secretary Elizabeth Dole on Wednesday called GOP gubernatorial candidate Clayton Williams a dedicated worker who will strengthen Texas' fiscal standing and fight crime.

"It is incredible what this man has achieved and how much he can bring to this state as governor," Dole told a Republican women's group. "He will get the fiscal house in order and help his good friend George Bush to keep this nation strong."

Dole, who was on a campaign endorsement swing for GOP candidates through the state, also traveled to Dallas to help out lieutenant governor candidate Rob Mosbacher Jr..

Williams' opponent, Democrat Ann Richards, was in Addison on Wednesday, meeting with a business association.

Dole said Williams "already has

traveled many times to Mexico trying to negotiate a free trade agreement with Mexico."

She said she admired his work to fight drug problems in the state.

"I've never met a person so dedicated to not only fighting the war on drugs, but winning the war on drugs than Clayton Williams," she said.

Williams told the group he would work to revise the state's education system.

"This week's court ruling declaring the Texas educational system unconstitutional places renewed emphasis on what we already know: the education system in Texas is not working," Williams said.

"They say, 'If it's not broke, don't fix it.' It's broke and we must do something to fix it," he said.

Williams reiterated his support of a voucher system that would allow parents to choose a public or private school for their children.

"I strongly advocate competition in our schools," Williams said.

"We need choice. We need local control. We need parental involvement."

"We must tell the bureaucrats and the professional politicians and the Austin insiders that that's all — they've had their chance," Williams said. "It is time to give the education system back to the students, back to the teachers and back to the parents to whom it should have gone in the first place."

A school finance expert who supports Richards earlier Wednesday criticized Williams' voucher system, calling it racist.

"As far as I'm concerned, vouchers are conceptualized by people who are committed to racism, pure and simple, whose objective is to re-segregate based on race and class — economic class primarily," said Richard Hooker, a University of Houston professor.

Williams denied the charge, saying he has fought against discrimination and he believes competition would make the schools better for all children.

Employee of the month program to be continued

By MEREDITH FANE
TCU Daily Skiff

The House of Student Representatives' Food Service Committee in coordination with Marriott Food Services, has begun a Marriott Employee of the Month program.

Students and faculty have the opportunity to vote for any Marriott employee as the Employee of the Month. Ballot boxes are located in the Main Cafeteria. The winner will receive a cash prize from Marriott.

David Hatchell, senior English major, is helping to organize the program.

Hatchell said employees-of-the-month in each division of the food services will also be chosen. These winners will receive a letter of commendation from the student body signed by Matt Hood, the president of the House of Student Representatives.

"I think morale is the key thing. I think it keeps students attentive to positive things. It will help students and faculty interact," Hatchell said.

Laura Turney, a cashier in the Main Cafeteria, was the first recipient of the award last May. Turney,



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Laura Turney was the first recipient of the Marriott Employee of the Month award last May.

36, was an art major at TCU.

"I think it is a way for the students to express themselves. I'm real proud because it was their choice," Turney said.

Turney said that when she is at the cash register, she often hears complaints about the food and prices. She said that other options, such as fast

food restaurants, are not any better.

"I think we need comment cards again. They are a good place to vent frustration," Turney said.

The new recipient of the employee of the month will have his or her name on a plaque with Turney. The plaque will hang in the Student Center.

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Corrections

The Sept. 25 hunger vigil story incorrectly reported that 83 similar vigils were held simultaneously throughout the world. It should have stated that over 2,600 vigils in 82 countries were held simultaneously with TCU's vigil.

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Sports

SWC still alive and kicking, running, passing

By JEFF BLAYLOCK
Sports Editor

Who says the SWC is dead? The conference has been on national TV every weekend so far this season, and they've done a respectable job while there. Texas beat Penn State on network TV, and Texas Tech almost upset Ohio State right after that. Houston and Texas Tech scored 86 points for a national cable audience, and ESPN also showed the close Texas-Colorado game this past weekend.

Three teams, the No. 11 Aggies, No. 13 Cougars and No. 23 Razorbacks, are in the Associated Press Top 25, and, had Texas beaten Colorado, there would still be four. The Horns came up four votes short of the No. 25 spot.

The SWC is also getting some national exposure from TCU's conse-

cutive comeback wins over Big Eight opponents, and who can forget SMU's pummeling of Vanderbilt, a Southeast Conference team, 44-7? Doomsayers have been spelling the end of the SWC ever since the Arkansas Razorbacks announced they were leaving the conference and 76 years of tradition behind for the big money of the SEC on Aug. 2.

Not Hoggone yet

All poetic justice aside, the Razorbacks' 21-17 loss to future conference foe Ole Miss was a delight. The score was met by a raucous Amon Carter Stadium cheer when it was announced Saturday night.

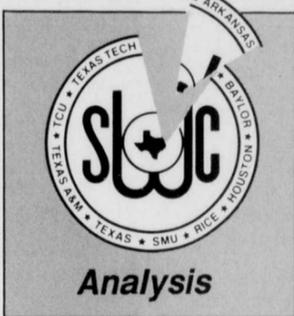
SWC Commissioner Fred Jacoby was diplomatic about the Hogs' loss, as any commissioner should be about the members of his conference.

"I would rather have seen Arkan-

sas win," he said. At least for 1990 and 1991.

The Hogs will still be eligible for the SWC crown and the Mobil Cotton Bowl in 1991. Frank Broyles, the Arkansas athletic director, had intended to be an independent in '91, but the SWC officials welcomed the Hogs back for one more season.

The SWC was ripped for its decision. Many argued all the SWC teams should drop Arkansas from their schedules, and that would cause the Hogs to play only three games in



'91. Not so, said TCU's Frank Windegger.

"Since the SEC teams don't play a round robin schedule, they would simply drop one of their games to play Arkansas," the TCU athletic director said. "You

better believe that Arkansas had that up its sleeves."

If you're not gonna drop the Hogs, then at least don't make them eligible for the Cotton Bowl in '91, critics argued.

That doesn't work well either, Windegger said.

"If they play all of us and beat all of us, then the press is going to make them the phantom champion anyway," Windegger said. "Besides, we have at least two more years with the Cotton Bowl and CBS."

TV quandary

CBS officials have said that they might reduce the fee they pay for televising the Cotton Bowl if Arkansas left the conference. CBS said it didn't want to televise any "second-rate champion" in the Cotton Bowl... as if Texas A&M would count as second-rate.

Windegger was also quick to point out that if Arkansas becomes an independent, then they keep all of the money from ticket sales, all of their TV revenue and all of their bowl revenues. As a member of the SWC, they will still have to share their monetary spoils with everyone else.

Besides all that, it's the right thing to do, said Rudy Davalos, Houston athletic director.

"When you think of the money and the Cotton Bowl and the television, and also the spirit of the conference, it was the right thing to do," Davalos said.

Houston itself is in the final year of an NCAA probation. Although the Cougars are ineligible for a bowl game in 1990, they are able to appear on live television, something they could not do last year.

"We'd have made the conference some money last year," Davalos said. "With Andre Ware winning the Heisman and with the Run and Shoot, we probably would have had four games on national TV."

Since 1985, four SWC schools — TCU, Texas A&M, SMU and Houston — have been put on probation by the NCAA.

Windegger said the sad part about Arkansas' decision to leave is that it came at a time when the SWC was regaining its prominent position.

Shuffling monies

SWC athletic directors and faculty representatives, in their meeting that ended last Thursday, voted to increase the revenues for schools playing in bowl games and on TV and also to eliminate gate-splitting.

Bowl participants will receive \$500,000, an increase from \$300,000, plus travelling expenses

and 15 percent of the remaining bowl money. The rest is paid to the conference office and divided evenly among the eight teams.

Teams playing a televised non-conference game will receive 80 percent, an increase from 50 percent, of the SWC's split of the television money. The remaining 20 percent will be divided among the other SWC teams. Televised conference games remain a 50-50 split.

"The rationale behind that is to encourage teams to schedule stronger non-conference teams for possible TV matchups," Windegger said. "According, when you schedule a tougher game, you could possibly be putting a loss on your record and that could hurt your chances of getting into a bowl game."

Tougher schedules

And teams are scheduling tougher opponents. Baylor has opened the last two seasons with Oklahoma and Nebraska. Texas Tech is playing defending national champion Miami later this year. Texas has already played Penn State and Colorado.

Even TCU is getting into the act. The Frogs are scheduled to open the 1998 season hosting the Oklahoma Sooners. The Frogs are tentatively scheduled to open 1999 at Oklahoma, and then they go to Miami the next week. Louisiana State is scheduled to be TCU's first opponent in the 21st century.

And with the Big Eight and the SWC considering a basketball "super series," in which all eight Big Eight and all eight SWC teams play one another, the SWC on television is an improving possibility. ABC has already agreed to televise nationally the championship game of the SWC Championship game in basketball.

If the Federal Trade Commission rules that the College Football Association is an unfair cartel, then all of the major conferences would be on their own to negotiate TV contracts. Windegger said the Big Eight and SWC might merge to become one conference with two divisions. The possibility exists for a nationally televised championship game. NCAA rules allow teams to play a 12th game for that purpose, Windegger said.

"But it will probably be the mid-'90s before we get a ruling on that," Windegger said.

The conference's marketability is improving, too, thanks in part to the Run and Shoot offense employed by three of its teams.

"We're the hottest team to watch right now in Houston," Davalos said. "We deliver to advertisers 1.5 million households in the 10th biggest market in the country."

And if TCU builds a winning program, then the Frogs will be marketable as well.

In all, despite the cutbacks of percentages of revenue to the "have-nots" in favor of larger portions for Texas and A&M, the rising TV and bowl monies will more than make up for it.

Windegger said TCU's share of all the TV and bowl money was approximately \$1 million last year. He said he expects that amount to rise even though TCU will receive a slightly lower percentage of TV and bowl

money because of the increasing payments TV networks are making.

The new contract with Raycom, which televises the SWC on a regional basis, was worth \$1.3 million in the last year of the current contract. The new contract, which begins in 1991, is worth \$3 million to the SWC.

The NCAA basketball tournament brings \$1.25 million to the SWC, and that figure is divided evenly among all SWC members.

Hot products

Increasing TV revenues and more fans in the stands might, in time, be able to put the TCU athletic program in the black. Windegger said the athletic budget for this year amounts to about \$7 million. He said he expects gate receipts, TV revenues and other receipts to total between \$5 million and \$5.5 million.

"Basketball is at best a break even sport," Windegger said, "unless you go a far into the NCAA tournament. That's due mostly to a limited number of seats."

The problem is not the same in football.

SWC officials decided to eliminate the policy of gate-splitting, in which SWC teams split ticket sales in half. In the future, home teams will keep all receipts, unless the two schools work out some other arrangement. Since SWC teams are only in the first year of their two-year contracts with each other, gate-splitting will continue until the contracts are renewed for 1992-93.

The problem for SWC football is pro competition. TCU, SMU, Houston and Rice compete regularly against pro sports.

"Put a pro football team in Little Rock and see if Arkansas fills the house," Windegger said. "There are only so many entertainment dollars around, and we're competing for what we can get."

"You put a product out that's exciting, and people will come to watch."

That's exactly what Windegger, Davalos and the rest of the SWC is trying to deliver. So far in '90, they're doing a pretty good job.

AP Top 25

	Record	Pts
1 Notre Dame (43)	2-0	1
2 Florida State (11)	3-0	2
3 Auburn (3)	2-0	3
4 BYU (3)	4-0	4
5 Tennessee	3-0-1	6
6 Michigan	1-1	7
7 Virginia	4-0	10
8 Nebraska	3-0	8
9 Oklahoma	3-0	11
10 Miami, Fla.	1-1	9
11 Texas A&M	3-0	12
12 Washington	3-0	21
13 Houston	2-0	14
14 Illinois	2-1	15
15 Ohio State	2-0	16
16 Arizona	3-0	18
17 Florida	3-0	19
18 Southern Cal	2-1	5
19 Clemson	3-1	17
20 Colorado	2-1-1	20
21 Arizona State	2-0	23
22 Michigan State	0-1-1	24
23 Arkansas	1-1	13
24 Fresno State	4-0	—
25 South Carolina	3-0	—

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