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## Class analyzes campaign strategies and messages

By STACEY KOSIER  
TCU Daily Skiff

For a few TCU students taking the class Political Campaigning, the mudslinging and mayhem of the current gubernatorial campaign between Ann Richards and Clayton Williams are more than just politics, they are an education.

"The class concentrates on the role that speech takes in politics," said David McLennan, assistant professor of speech who teaches the class. "Too often we talk about the image

of the campaign rather than the substance."

Students in the class act as political analysts, evaluating the campaign strategies of Williams and Richards and identifying what each candidate can do to improve his or her campaign.

"It's really given me an awareness of the thought that goes behind the campaigns," said Stephanie Wood, a sophomore speech communication and political science major. "I think that people have a tendency to look at the campaign superficially. We don't

realize that everything is completely planned out."

The class is currently divided into groups to evaluate how the different media cover the campaigning and election.

"We noticed right off that the *Star-Telegram* is really not donating as much time to the campaign as we thought they would," Wood said. "But that could be because people are just sick of hearing about it. It could change as the election date gets closer."

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Stephanie Wood,  
poli-sci major

cover the slip-ups of the candidates more than the substantive issues, she said.

"I think I'll be a more informed voter now," Wood said. "Through the class, I've become a lot more adept at picking things out of the

campaign speeches."

The most important part of the class is learning how to critically analyze the communicative information of campaigns, McLennan said.

"We're trying to realize the message behind the message," he said.

Wood said she thinks the candidates have been making last minute attempts to improve their campaign strategy as the election date gets closer.

"Richards has finally realized that the mudslinging is hurting her and she's trying to get away from it,"

Wood said. "Williams is trying to make up a lot of time with women's groups. His rape comment hurt a lot of potential women voters."

The negative campaigning, aside from hurting voter turn-out, will have a big effect on future elections, Wood said.

"It's going to be used as an example campaign," she said. "Candidates will look back at it and see how mudslinging backfires."

Political Campaigning is a class typically offered only during election years.



TCU Lacrosse Club beat Austin College, 16-1, at Alice B. Carlson Elementary School Saturday.

Sophomore Cricket Walker led the TCU team scoring four goals. Senior Searing Merrill and junior Bill Cooper each scored three goals.

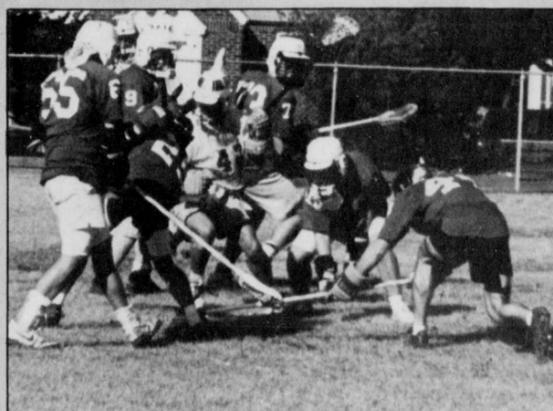
The Lacrosse Club opened the season last week with a loss to Baylor, 15-7.

The Lacrosse Club, which is the oldest club at TCU, competes in the Southwest Lacrosse Association with schools such as Texas A&M, Baylor and North Texas.

The team has about 40 members. They practice daily at the elementary school on the corner of Stadium Drive and Canteey Street.

The team will play the Mustangs at SMU, Oct. 28.

Photos by Josh Cordonnier.



## Student officer filing complete

By KATHERINE THOMPSON  
TCU Daily Skiff

Filing for officer elections in the House of Student Representatives ended Monday with a total of 14 students filing for five positions.

The offices of president, vice president, vice president of programming, secretary and treasurer will be filled in the House elections Oct. 30 and Nov. 1.

All officers must be full-time students while serving their term and must have completed at least 30 hours with a minimum GPA of 2.5 at the time of filing.

The office of president includes serving as presiding officer at House meetings, chairman of the House Executive Board and the official representative of the student body. The president must also serve as chairman of Intercom, a committee made up of the presidents of most student organizations on campus. Intercom meets with the Board of Trustees' Student Relations Committee to address issues of student concern.

Candidates for president include Kaushika Kansara, a junior marketing major currently serving as House secretary. Kansara served as a town student representative for three semesters before becoming secretary. She is also president of International Students Association, a resident assistant and served as an orientation student adviser during the summer of 1990.

Ernie Ross, a junior marketing major, is also a candidate for president. Ross is the current House vice president and has served on the Student Organizations Committee, University Council and Intercom. He also has served as public relations chairman of Student Foundation and the Texas State President of Future Business Leaders of America.

Theresa Stern, a junior nutrition major, is also a candidate for president. She has served as a resident assistant, Hall Council president, a member of Alpha Lambda Delta, House of Representatives and STARRS.

The vice president must assume the duties of the president in his or her absence. He or she must also serve as chairperson of the admini-

## Students to vote on fee increase

By KENDRICK BLACKWOOD  
TCU Daily Skiff

At its meeting Tuesday, the House of Student Representatives passed a bill that will place a \$2 increase in the House fee on the student body officer ballot.

The fee is currently \$18 per semester for each student enrolled in nine or more hours of classes. If voted in by a two-thirds majority in the student body officer elections, the fee would be raised to \$20 per semester, an 11 percent increase.

If the increase is approved by the students, it would have to be approved by the vice chancellors and trustees before it could take effect.

The last increase to the House fee was in 1986, when it was raised from \$15 to its present \$18. Students had approved a \$5 increase, but the vice chancellors reduced it to \$3 before it was made final.

Last year, a similar increase was put on the ballot. It would have raised the House fee by \$4 last year and an additional \$3 this year, said Andy Black, a senior economics major. It almost passed with 63 percent of the votes in support of it, Black said, just four percent short of passing.

The main debate on the bill centered around an amendment, that would have asked for a \$4 increase to the House fee. The amendment was co-authored by Black; Guido Climer, a senior speech communication major; Steve Likes, a junior history major; and Leif Anderson, a graduate student in business administration.

The amendment was rejected by the House, and the original bill was passed as sponsored by the 1990 executive board.

"The amendment had good intentions, but in the big picture the research and proposal by the executive board was what the House felt was best," Hood said.

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## Acting up

### New film company holds auditions

By STACEY KOSIER  
TCU Daily Skiff

The search is on for models, actors and other talented individuals.

The Fort Worth portion of a statewide search by The Michael Company, a Texas production company, will begin 8 p.m. today and continue each Wednesday through Nov. 14 at the Backstage Club of the Hilton in downtown Fort Worth.

Winners of the model, actress and talent search will receive roles in one or more productions by The Michael Company, free photo sessions, free acting instruction and the opportunity to appear in a Los Angeles stage production.

The contest is being held by Michael Meyer, a Beverly Hills motion picture packager, entertainment attorney and personal manager, along

with his partner, Michael Carlin, former chief executive for the Osmond Studio Complex in Utah and Keylite PSI.

Meyer and Carlin have recently established The Michael Company to coordinate with their associates in Los Angeles in the production of higher-quality, lower-budgeted, independent feature films.

"Our concept is to make a \$2 million or \$3 million movie and use local people in addition to a few stars," said Bob Hembling, promoter for the event. "We can do eight to 10 of these things a year and really have a neat little film community in Texas."

The contest will be similar to the format of the television show "Star Search," Hembling said.

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Today's weather will be warm with a high of 85 degrees and a chance of thunderstorms. The low will be 55 degrees.  
Thursday's weather will be cooler with a high of about 72 degrees and a low in the 50s.

## How to succeed internationally to top lecture by businessman

By KENDRICK BLACKWOOD  
TCU Daily Skiff

The M.J. Neeley School of Business, in conjunction with AT&T, is sponsoring a speaker today who will discuss how to succeed in an international economy that is becoming increasingly based on information.

The lecture will be given by William H. Davidson at 7:30 p.m. in Dan Rogers Hall room 134 and will be followed by a reception in the undergraduate reading room.

Davidson will speak about how businesspersons can place themselves in a winning position in the global marketplace, said Bill Campbell, director of the Charles Tandy American Enterprise Center in the M.J. Neeley School of Business.

Davidson is currently working on a book entitled "20/20 Vision: Winning in the Information Economy,"

which is also the title of his lecture.

Davidson is an associate professor of management and organization at the University of Southern California's School of Business Administration. He holds three degrees from Harvard including a doctorate from the business school and has written a series of books on global business and management.

"There is a direct connection between how you move information and your success in the world," said Carey Pharr, a sales manager for AT&T. "Managing information and the movement of information are necessary to be able to participate in the competitive environment of the international economy."

Davidson's lecture will be part of the business school's Executive Lecture Series and will be financed by AT&T.

AT&T is also financing the Ex-

ecutive Breakfast Series, which was responsible for bringing President Bush to TCU and will bring three more speakers this year.

AT&T is always interested in education, Pharr said, and from time to time it is able to provide some funding to bring "experts in the field" to TCU.

Pharr said that cooperation between AT&T and TCU was "a natural match."

Davidson will also be speaking at an executive lunch Wednesday at the Century Club in downtown Fort Worth. This too will be a joint effort between the M.J. Neeley School of Business and AT&T.

The same people that receive invitations to the Executive Breakfast Series are invited to hear Davidson at the Century Club, and students are welcome to attend as long as there is room, Campbell said.

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strative cabinet, arrange the fall university retreat and act as a regular voting member of the House.

Natalie Monroe, a junior communication graphics major, has filed for vice president. She has been a member of the Permanent Improvements and Student Concerns Committees, chairwoman of the University Relations Committee, publicity chairwoman of Interlock and a member of Habitat for Humanity.

Junior biology major Jane Peters is another candidate for vice president. Peters has been a member of the House for five semesters, a member of Academic Affairs Committee and a member of the House Executive Board.

Sophomore arts and science pre-major Ben Walters is also running for vice president. He has served as a resident assistant, Permanent Improvements Committee chairman, a member of Hall Council and a House representative for three semesters.

The vice president for programming presides at all meetings of the Programming Council, and reports at every regular House meeting on the activities of the Programming Council. Candidates for this position must have at least one year's experience on the TCU Programming Council or show equivalent experience.

Rick Barnhart, a junior radio-TV-film major, is a candidate for vice president of Programming Council. Barnhart has served as Visual Arts

Committee chairman, a Parents' Weekend sub-chairman and is currently Frog Follies chairman.

Laurie Trautner, a junior history and Spanish double major, is a candidate for vice president of Programming Council. She has served as TGIF Committee chairwoman for four semesters, Parents' Weekend administrative assistant and Christmas Fair chairwoman.

The duties of the secretary include keeping an accurate record of the proceedings and attendance at all House meetings, keeping up all correspondence concerning the House and keeping appropriate executive and legislative files.

Joshua Harmon, a sophomore political science major, is running for secretary. Harmon has served as secretary of Hall Council and Alpha Phi Omega, a House representative for three semesters and a member of the Student Conduct Committee.

Robert Hood, a sophomore English major, is also running for secretary. Hood has served as secretary for Lambda Chi Alpha, a member of Student Foundation and Student Ambassadors.

Junior marketing major Joel Hudson is also a candidate for secretary. He has served as administrative assistant to the House, a member of the Finance Committee, Elections and Regulations Committee, an orientation student adviser, a resident assistant and Army ROTC platoon

sergeant. Anne Nellis, a sophomore advertising-public relations and french double major is also a candidate for secretary. She has served as a member of the House for two semesters and a wing representative in Hall Council for one semester.

Candidates for the position of treasurer must have completed at least three hours of college level accounting with a minimum GPA of 3.0 in the accounting courses. The treasurer is responsible for keeping an accurate record of all financial matters concerning the Student Body Fund, submitting an annual budget for approval by the Executive Board and disbursing money from the Student Body Fund. The treasurer also serves as the chairman of the Finance Committee.

Junior history and economics double major Steve Likes is running for treasurer. He has served as a House representative for two semesters, Academic Affairs chairman, a member of Student Relations Committee of the Faculty Senate and pledge trainer of Alpha Phi Omega.

Jeff Sherman, a junior finance major, is also a candidate for treasurer. He has served as an orientation student adviser, resident assistant and an officer in Beta Upsilon Chi.

Elections will be held in the Student Center and the Worth Hills Cafeteria from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 30 and Nov. 1.

# ECHO ECHO

by Stev KlineToBe



# MISTER BOFFO

by Joe Martin



# Calvin and Hobbes

by Bill Watterson



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"We're interested in all talent — actors, models, singers, comedians and magicians," he said. "We set it up so we can see the people in front of a crowd."

The scoring of contestants is based on audience response, he said.

The company already has chosen six people from talent searches in Dallas, Austin and Houston to go to Los Angeles. Contests will begin in Waco and San Antonio this week.

"Only one person will be picked from Fort Worth to go to L.A.," Hembling said, "But a minimum of 10 people from Fort Worth will be cast for upcoming roles in the movie."

"We're always looking for extras, but there are several feature roles that we can cast these people in," he said.

The company's first Texas feature film, "Powder Play," is currently in the preproduction stages. Filming is scheduled to begin Jan. 2.

The film will be directed by a first-time director from the University of Texas, Hembling said.

"In the initial contractual agreements we have right now, we will be potentially working with Alex Trebec from 'Jeopardy' and Joe Estevez, the brother of Charlie Sheen," he said.

The Michael Company will oper-

ate between Texas and California offices. The Los Angeles office will handle the packaging, production and distribution of the films.

"We've come to the Texas market not just to do a movie and go home," Hembling said. "We're talking about doing eight to 10 features a year and turning this into a little Hollywood."

"All the conditions here are great," he said "The main thing that we've got here is a right-to-work state, so we don't have to pay L.A. or New York prices to do a film."

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**Letters to the Editor**

**Packer unjustified**

I am writing in response to Mark Packer's editorial. There are several points Packer makes in regard to homosexuality, not the least of which is his condemnation of homosexuals to hell. The main justifications of his opinion seem to rest upon I Corinthians 6:9-10. If one carefully examines this scripture in its context it becomes clear that a whole group of people are excluded from the Kingdom of God. "Do you not know the wicked will not inherit the Kingdom of God? Do be deceived: neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor homosexual offenders nor thieves nor the covetous nor drunkards nor swindlers will inherit the Kingdom of God." (NIV)

I am not a homosexual, although some of my friends are. I am, however, covetous, I have been a thief, and have done many other things of which I am ashamed. Look on to verse 11 in chapter 6 and you will see that others have also been this way in the past but were washed, sanctified and justified in the name of Jesus Christ by his own blood.

For Packer to say no homosexual can be a Christian is blatantly untrue. I don't mean to argue with Packer on his main point that homosexuality is wrong and anti-Christian. God states through his word that homosexuality is wrong, however, it is no greater a wrong than lying, stealing, adultery or murder.

Sin in the eyes of God is not graduated or set at different levels. It is anything that is an obstacle to mankind's fellowship with God and Jesus. To say homosexuality is an "unforgivable sin" is also wrong. God said he would forgive anyone who asked for forgiveness and admitted their wrongs. There is no sin God will not forgive; to say there is to put a limit on the blood of Christ and the power of God. Therefore a homosexual can be a Christian, although his or her fellowship with God would be obstructed.

I do not mean to say that I am the sole spokesperson for God or Jesus. I would encourage anyone willing enough to look in the Bible themselves to do so. See if you agree with my claims in this letter. You can look in your own concordances, but some relevant passages are: Mark 2:7, John 1:29 and the Acts 22:16 and 26:18.

**Benjamin A. Trujillo**  
 Sophomore  
 Political Science/International Relations

**Conservative cave**

For the record, I love TCU. But let me say that at a school which sometimes appears to consist of conservative clones, I found Brad Vanderbilt's column a refreshing, eloquently written, different point of view.

In response to Mark Packer's letter to the editor, I should only like to say that we are fully aware of what the "C" in TCU stands for. But fortunately, students of all religions and opinions are welcome here at TCU. Keep this in mind the next time you try to prove your point of view by using the Bible as "proof." (I can only imagine how absurd that must seem to one of our Buddhist or Muslim students.)

Yes, it might shock you to know that Christians, in the world religions, are the minorities. And, I must say, if an opposing opinion shakes you up that much, you've sadly missed out on what college is all about.

But feel free to hide in your conservative cave, Bible in hand. I won't stop you.

**Cam Johnson**  
 Senior  
 Broadcast Journalism

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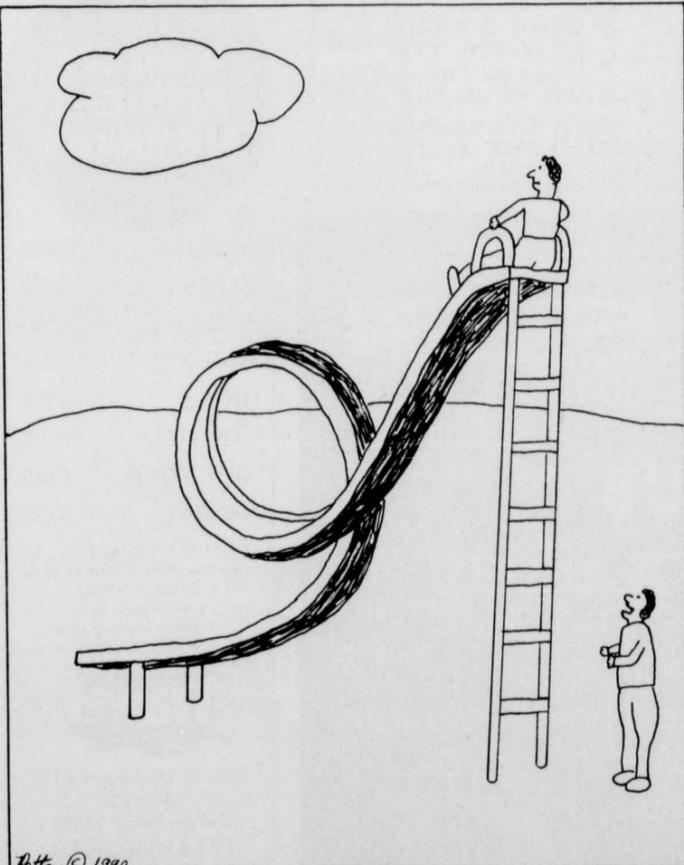
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**The 8th Dimension** by Edward Patton



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"Go for it, Frank!"

**New rating opens movies to art**

By **STUART MINNIS**  
 Columnist



When I was but a wee lad I remember my dad taking my brother and I to see "The Mountain Men." I don't remember much of the movie, only that I didn't understand what was going on. But the reason I can recall the title so well is because it was the first R-rated film I ever got to see. At that time, to me, the big R was one of those steps on the maturity ladder. After all, my dad must have thought me a man if he would take me to see something RESTRICTED. I was a victim of cultural misinterpretation.

A few years later I had a chance to see "A Clockwork Orange." I was very disappointed. At that early-teen era in my life the ol' hormones were on the rampage. The reason I wanted to see the movie was because I knew it was rated X. Oh, boy! Oh, boy! X as in SEX!

But wait a minute. "There isn't any sex in this," I thought, "just some sparse nudity (not my words at the time) and lots of violence. Heck, there isn't even any dirty language! What kind of X movie is this?!" Again, I was a victim.

All my life I had been taught that only pornographic films got an X rating. Why, then, were "arty" films getting X ratings? The reason, unbeknownst to me at the time, was that

the MPAA, the ever-so-stubborn ratings organization, didn't have the foresight to distinguish between films that used sexuality as social commentary and those which were simply pornography.

Now, blatant porn is about as much art as Velveta is cheese, but sexuality, even when deviant, is an important part of the human condition and is therefore a legitimate topic for artists. However, we have been deceived. Somewhere, somehow, we convinced ourselves that X meant porn. Perhaps it had something to do with strip joints called "eXXXtacy" or porn movie blurbs like "seXXXy." At any rate, that's how the mass psyche changed.

"Midnight Cowboy," the first X film to win a Best Picture Oscar, became that last. Artists such as Stanley Kubrick ("A Clockwork Orange") and Bernardo Bertolucci ("Last Tango in Paris") came to be known not as serious film makers but as one-time greats who had lowered themselves to smut.

Eventually, it came to be that the major studios stopped funding and distributing X films because the major theater chains had stopped showing X films. And that's the way things went for quite some time.

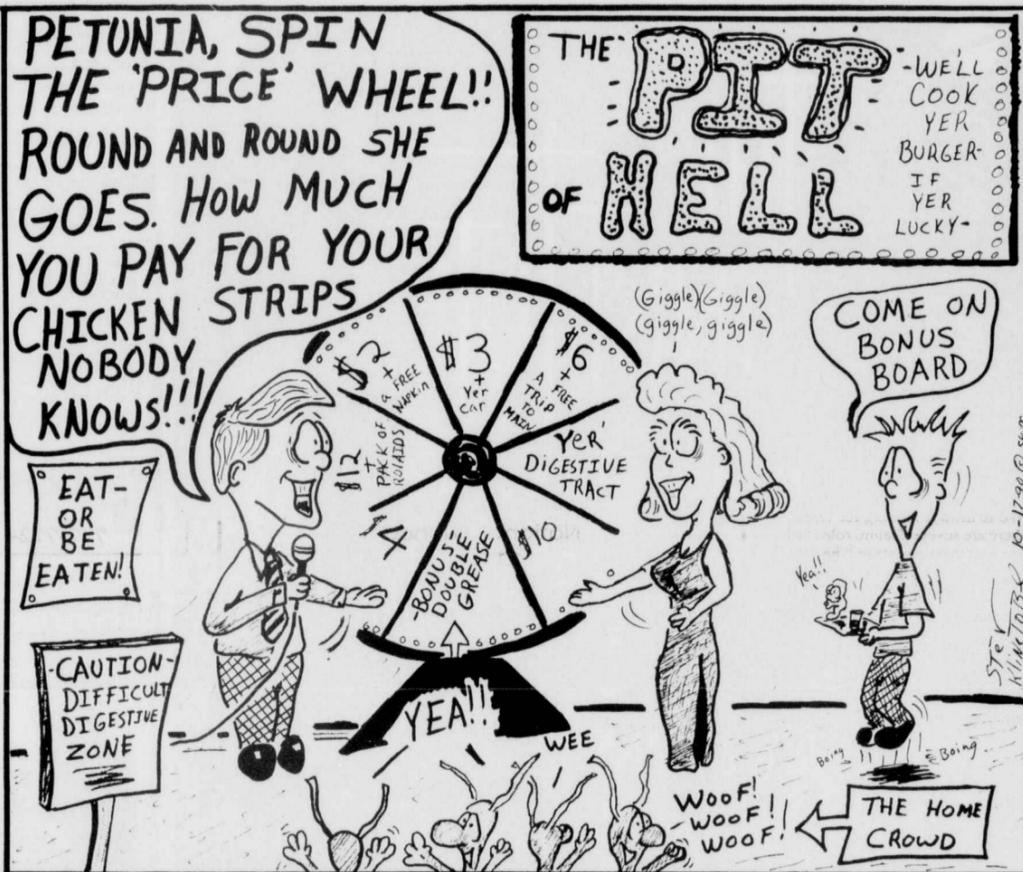
During the '80s films such as Spike Lee's "She's Gotta Have It," Martin Scorsese's "Raging Bull," and Sergio Leone's "Once Upon a Time in America" were cut to "hard Rs." But recently something interesting happened. An independent studio/distributor named Miramax had the guts to release a few unrated (read "X-rated") films with serious artistic intent in what few theaters would

show them. This crop included Peter Greenway's "The Cook, the Thief, His Wife, and Her Lover" and Pedro Almodovar's "Tie Me Up, Tie Me Down." The controversy caused by this bold move got critics and arty audiences raging at the MPAA. And then, a few weeks ago, a miracle occurred (a miracle! a miracle!). That same stubborn group changed the X to NC-17 (no children under 17). "So what?" most people have been asking. Well, lemme tell ya...

NC-17 is a step toward de-stigmatizing non-porn adult films. Instead of feeling like a pervert, one can go to such films realizing that the darker side of life is a powerful avenue for social commentary.

Yes, I know it sounds impossible, but something positive actually happened in Hollywood last month. Now the questions become: 1) Will the majors fund and distribute NC-17 films, and perhaps more important 2) Will the major exhibition chains show these films?

If they will enforce the ruling by carding, then parents should have nothing to worry about. Things are looking up already. An AMC theater in Dallas is showing "Henry and June," a Phillip Kaufman ("The Right Stuff" and "The Unbearable Lightness of Being") film which is the first NC-17 movie. So for now I think I'll be the naive optimist and hope this ball keeps rolling in the same direction. If we're lucky, it'll run over some more Hollywood dogma before it gets wherever it's going.



**Gay rights merit communication**

By **PATRICIA PATTISON**  
 Columnist



Elaine started playing tennis for her middle school team during the seventh grade. She had never picked up a racquet and rarely had watched a match, but at almost thirteen years old, puberty had hit, and the most motivating factor in her hormone-ridden life was a crush.

You know what I mean, the kind of crush every 13-year-old, male or female, has on somebody older. A teacher or coach, big sister's or brother's best friend, et cetera.

So Elaine joined the tennis team, and for most of the seventh grade she carried a crush for one Coach Franklin. And, like any 13-year-old, she probably would have walked to the moon if her beloved crush had asked her to.

During that year Coach Franklin taught her how to serve and volley, encouraged her to run harder and play tougher; in all, Franklin was just a good coach.

Eventually, Elaine told her mother about "the" crush, and only days later found herself enrolled in a ballet class and wearing pink tights, her once treasured tennis racquet on its way to Goodwill.

You see Coach Franklin was a woman, and at the fragile age of 13 Elaine was just discovering that, unlike most of the other girls in the seventh grade, she didn't like boys. Rather, she liked to play with and talk to boys, but she didn't want a boyfriend, she wanted a girlfriend.

To her credit, Elaine's mother tried awfully hard to change something neither of them had any control over, and in her own way she did it because she cared and didn't want to see her youngest child attacked or brutalized by a world that sees homosexuality as anything but normal.

It's no wonder people, even and especially gay people, feel uncomfortable talking about homosexuality. It has been only in the last 20 years that the American Psychological Association recognized homosexuality as simply another kind of sexual orientation and not a mental illness or form of deviant behavior.

Also, for the majority of people in the world, the idea of being sexually involved with a person of the same gender seems completely foreign, and in turn, threatening. It is estimated by the Kinsey Institute that between only 10 and 15 percent of all people are homosexual.

So it is realistic to expect that most of you don't have any conception of what being gay is like or can even bring yourself to respect what is still termed a "choice" by many. Even if you can vaguely accept someone being gay, most of you really don't want to hear about it and feel as though it is being thrown in your face if a gay person talks about being gay or going to a gay bar or on a date.

Let me say first I can easily understand why Brad Vanderbilt's column wasn't well received on this campus. He did take some easy shots at heterosexual people, but I think it's unfortunate a campus dialogue on homosexuality, which sorely needs to happen, appears to be degenerating into simply "Brad-bashing," and heated discussions on sexuality and Christianity.

More than anything, I think Brad was simply trying to point out to the majority of you who are heterosexual that while you may think all gay people talk about is being gay, the world that surrounds all of us, gay or straight, is filled to the brim with heterosexuality.

It is commonplace for a man and a woman to be seen holding hands or even kissing. Or for you to overhear someone talking in the

Main about their last date. It isn't that heterosexual people talk about their having sexual intercourse with someone of the opposite gender, but rather that to simply have a date and mention it to friends or to walk to class holding hands with your significant other is accepted, normal.

That is what gay rights are about. Being able to be free and expressive of your sexuality. Not to discuss your sexual escapades but to have the right to mention you also had a date on Saturday night or the right to walk your girlfriend or boyfriend to class and hold their hand even if they are of your same gender.

I really believe all Brad wanted to do was make you a little more aware of the fact there are gay people in the world and unlike the majority of you who are heterosexual, gay people have little to no representation in day to day life. People gays and lesbians respect and admire, like Martina Navratilova (who is an acknowledged lesbian), are never on a Wheaties box, even though they are tremendously successful. Rock Hudson was a successful actor, but when his sexuality was revealed, all his accomplishments were forgotten and in fact down played, because he was gay.

Now most of you probably don't think that's a problem. As is evident, there is still a majority of people on this campus who tie homosexuality to a lack of morals, religious faith and possibly illness.

Well, I'm not here to tell you nobody gay is immoral and nobody gay is without a religious life and nobody gay is mentally ill or deranged.

What I do think you should know is being gay is not a phase of life. Elaine isn't gay because she's immoral, and she isn't gay because she lacks a strong religious life. And she certainly is not gay because she has a mental illness.

I know because I'm Elaine, Patricia Elaine to be exact. And while everyone around me might be arguing why I am gay, I think I can

# More letters to the Editor

## Refuting Packer

We read Mark Packer's letter to the editor in the Oct. 12 *Skiff*, and frankly it was an insult to our biblical and moral intelligence. If his attitude is a "normal" heterosexual's attitude toward homosexuality then we must consider ourselves abnormal.

He says in his letter that "(t)here is no way a homosexual can say he or she is a Christian." The word homosexual does not denote a non-Christian. It merely states a person's sexual, not religious preference. Also, while the Bible is considered to be the word of God, it was written by man and is, therefore, subject to man's interpretation.

Mr. Packer also uses a direct quote from I Corinthians 6:9 that we have found slightly inaccurate. The King James version of the Bible states the verse this way: "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither the fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind...shall inherit the kingdom of God."

In case everyone is wondering, Webster's Collegiate Dictionary states that the meaning of the word effeminate is "not manly in appearance or manner." If Mr. Packer's version is a derivative of this one and if he is right, then all females must be homosexuals. Sorry, girls.

Although the story of Lot is fairly accurate, the Bible is open to the interpretation of men, women, heterosexuals, and homosexuals alike. The statement at the end of that story was "The point (of the story) is that God looks on homosexuality as an unforgivable sin." We have to disagree, Mr. Packer. There is only one unforgivable sin, and homosexuality isn't it. True, according to Revelations, homosexuality is a sin, but the Bible says that if you believe in God and repent, God will forgive all our sins.

Mr. Packer's statement, "I just think that your (homosexuals) acceptance should be within your own little 'clique.'" We beg to differ. The First Amendment not only allows us to write these letters and have them published in the *Skiff*, it also allows everyone to speak their mind. And let

us not forget freedom of expression. Homosexuality is a form of expression, just as heterosexuality is. Both of them are expressions of how someone believes, feels and thinks.

We all need to understand that although the 'C' in TCU does stand for Christian, it does not mean that you must be a Christian to attend TCU. If that were true then TCU's student body would be sadly depleted.

The point we're trying to make is this: If you're going to make statements such as those Mr. Packer made, then you need to make sure you get your facts straight and are able to support them.

Ellen Rowell  
Kathie Penney  
Rachel Scire  
Freshmen  
Nursing

## Homosexual judgement

I would like to point out to Mr. Packer that the bible also says "Judge not, lest you be judged" (Matthew 7:1). And since Mr. Packer loves to play the "take an out-of-context bible

verse and make it support my opinion" game, I will offer another one. "He forgave us ALL our sins" (Colossians 2:13).

Jesus died so all of our sins could be forgiven, yet Mr. Packer claims homosexuality is "an unforgivable sin." Wow! A student here at TCU is a higher authority than Jesus on which sins God will forgive! Imagine that!

The phenomenon of homosexuality is one I cannot relate to, understand or condone. Yet, I resent Mr. Packer donning a "holier than thou" attitude and claiming he not only gets to decide who deserves the title of "Christian," but that he knows who is going to heaven or hell. The truth is that all of us, Christian or otherwise, sin. It is not our place as imperfect mortals to deliver drastic condemnations on the actions of others. In other words, "Let he who is without sin cast the first stone" (John 8:7).

A few years ago a friend of mine was saddened by the death of a high school friend. It turned out his friend committed suicide because he had homosexual feelings and couldn't deal with his guilt. Nobody ever even knew that he was gay. Maybe if there were a few less people running around piously banishing others to hell, that boy would be alive today. We'll never know what he might have contributed to the world.

I don't claim to have the answers, but I can't believe putting down others in the name of Christianity is how God intended us to use the word. Maybe Mr. Packer should reread his Bible and concentrate on the parts about forgiveness, compassion and unconditional love. This is the example that Jesus set for us, and those of us who want to call ourselves Christians should try to follow it.

Linda Turner  
Senior  
Habilitation of the Deaf

## Bible quotes

In regards to Mark Packer's letter to the editor, I have a few comments.

First of all, I would like say I am a heterosexual and a Christian. In opposition to Packer's Christianity, I am obviously more liberal in beliefs and judgements.

"There is no way a homosexual can say he or she is a Christian. There are no two ways about." That is a quote from his letter. He feels very strongly about this, because he goes on to quote the Bible with stories denouncing homosexuals and the "wicked."

Excuse me if I'm wrong, but doesn't the Bible also say all sin is equal in the eyes of the Lord? I agree homosexuality is a sin. I also agree adultery, lying and stealing are sins. If I were to follow the Bible to the letter, I would have to say coming home past curfew is a sin (the Ten Commandments tell us to obey our pa-

rents.) Because all sin is equal in the eyes of the Lord, then homosexuality is equal to telling a guy/girl that you can't go out on a date because you are sick. That's a lie. You feel fine, but now you have just sinned. This also means "there is no way you can say you are a Christian. There are no two ways about it."

What it all comes down to is this: Let's not judge one another. You Christians be Christian and you homosexuals live in peace with your decisions. Why don't people stop writing to the *Skiff* and telling others they should live their lives this way or that way? If we all made the same decisions, we would live in a boring world. People create their own morals that extend only to themselves; so let's not extend our barriers and tell others what is wrong.

Meredith Hachemeister  
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RTVF

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tell you and maybe even offer you a little bit of a reason to continue reading.

I am gay because quite frankly, I am. Just as I have green eyes and brown hair, I'm a lesbian. I do not have a sexual "preference." "Preference," implies that I made a choice to be gay as opposed to heterosexual.

Thank you very much, but while I may not be in the Honors Program, I am no dummy, and if I had had a choice I don't think I would have said, "You know, I really think I'd like to spend the rest of my life being called a 'dyke' by people who do not know me, and I'd really like people to tell me I am a pervert because of who I have sex with, and I'd really like to be subject to bigots and Bible-

beaters who think they can change me."

No, I didn't choose to be gay, I chose to be open and honest about who I am. And while my sexuality is only a part of me, it is a part I no longer choose to hide.

But I am one of the few. There are a lot of gay people, here on this campus and in the world who are leading double lives, fearing the day when they are found out.

They feel they cannot come out of the closet because of the careers they have chosen, or the people they associate with. They fear being ostracized from family and friends and losing their jobs because of something they cannot control.

But that still leaves the nagging question, "Why do I have to tell everybody?"

I'm telling everybody because I don't want anyone to continue thinking they don't know anyone gay, and I want us as a community to get past the false beliefs that being gay is a choice or a disease or a moral failing.

I am homosexual, but that isn't all I am or all anybody else who's gay is. And while nobody chooses to be gay, just like nobody chooses to be a member of any of society's minority groups, it's time we, as a community of people dedicated to higher education, stop the name-calling and start talking.

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# News

## Students study European culture



TCU Daily Skiff/ Josh Cordonnier

Aubrey Abbott and Tory George are alumna of a study abroad trip to Strasbourg, France. During their trip they visited the Greek Islands and went skiing in the Alps.

By MARTHA HERNANDEZ  
Special to the Skiff

They shared their home with non-English-speaking people and they were served cow's tongue for dinner. But for Aubrey Abbott, a senior broadcast journalism major and Tory George, a senior English major, their semester abroad was well worth the inconvenience and culture shock.

The two TCU students studied together last spring in Strasbourg, France through Syracuse University. "We decided to go to Strasbourg because it is the exact center of Europe," George said. "It's easier to travel from there."

The most popular countries which students study in are Austria, Spain, England and France, said Roberta Corder, coordinator of the study abroad program.

"In France and in Spain, the classes are taught in the native language," Corder said, "but most people could speak at least some English."

It is customary for most students to live with a host family while abroad.

However, in England and in Austria there are dorms and apartments available.

TCU's study abroad program consists of International European Studies and International Asian Studies.

"TCU has about 30 students travel abroad per semester and about 200 each summer through its program," Corder said.

Last semester eight students studied abroad through other programs, she said.

"It's not my job simply to promote IES/IAS, but to find the best program for the student," Corder said.

Abbott and George decided to travel through Syracuse University in order to meet people from other schools.

While abroad, the students attended classes Monday through Thursday at the Syracuse Center for European Studies. They traveled every weekend and visited 13 countries throughout Europe.

"We had Eurorail passes which allowed us to get on any train and go almost anywhere," Abbott said.

The students went skiing in the

Swiss Alps and then to the Greek Islands while on Spring Break.

"But by far my favorite experience was going to the Berlin Wall," Abbott said. "I had read about it and seen movies, but I didn't fully understand it until I was there."

Both students found it difficult to meet the residents of each country they visited.

"People weren't always friendly," George said. "Every country we went to, they knew we were Americans and they either liked us or they didn't depending on that."

It's important to remember that you're a guest in someone else's community and you are the standard by which they are going to judge other Americans," Corder said.

Another adjustment the students encountered was living with a French family during their entire stay.

"Living standards in Europe are very different than they are in the United States," Abbott said. "Americans take a lot for granted."

The French family whom the students lived with did their best to help the students adjust to the French

culture. "They always tried to make us feel at home," George said.

Anita, their French mother, prepared different dinners every night which were specialties of the Alsace region in which they lived.

"The food we ate was very different," George said. "I didn't always know what I was eating."

Another adjustment the students had to face was their daily journey to get to school.

"It was a mile walk at 7 a.m. to the bus stop and then another 40 minutes on a city bus before we got to school," Abbott said. "I no longer complain when I can't find a parking space 10 minutes from class."

"Even the laundromat was a 25 minute walk from our house," George said.

Despite the inconveniences the students faced, they both agreed that it was a very worthwhile experience.

"There's more to life than TCU," Abbott said. "It's important for students to understand other cultures and ways of life. Knowing just about the United States is not enough."

## Awareness

### Pi Phi's wear buttons in support of campaign

By JACQUIE MAUPIN  
TCU Daily Skiff

Members of Pi Beta Phi sorority will be wearing buttons this week with the theme, "Don't Surrender to Peer/Beer Pressure," as part of National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week.

"I think having the buttons and participating in campus activities will demonstrate to the rest of the

campus that we are responsible and that drinking under 21 is not something, as an organization, that we condone," said Amy Barron, president of Pi Beta Phi.

Pi Beta Phi's participation is not related to the Student Organization Committee's sanctions handed down on Oct. 3 to the sorority for violation of Greek policy and university alcohol policy at a Sept. 15 party, Barron said.

The buttons are part of a national Pi Beta Phi campaign against the abusive use of alcohol.

"I think we're trying to do this gradually in light of the sanctions," Barron said. "If we are on 'social probation' we could be criticized as doing too much, too quickly and it might seem ironic for us to be all gung-ho about it (alcohol awareness programs)."

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# Sports

## Frogs' defense gives TCU wins

By TY BENZ  
TCU Daily Skiff

The TCU's men's soccer team upset unbeaten Creighton, 3-1, Saturday. The victory raised the Frogs' record to 10-5-1 and followed up a 0-0 tie against No. 15 Washington and a 2-0 win over Oklahoma City.

"Our win over Creighton was a great one for us," said TCU head coach Dave Rubinson. "We had a higher ranked team who was undefeated and fired up ready to play. We had a great crowd, and we played an outstanding second half. It was a tough test that we passed with flying colors."

Creighton and TCU were tied, 1-1, at halftime with Creighton dominating the play. The Jays had the wind behind them in the first half and controlled the game, but the Frogs started the scoring when Truman Blocker got a point on a penalty kick.

"I have a set kick I use when I kick penalty shots and I stay with it," Blocker said. "The kick is so short that the goalie has to guess where the ball is going. I'm just glad it went in."

In the second half, the Frogs took control of the ball. The Blue Jays were against the wind and faced the same problems TCU had faced in the

first half. The Frogs took the lead when Bill Chaney scored his eighth goal of the season to make it 2-1 TCU.

"My goal was a gift," Chaney said. "Joe (Malachino) tried a shot, but it bounced off a defender and rolled out in the open. I just hit it into the empty net."

The defense, led by Trip Burnam, Jack Whitten, and goalkeeper Mark Walgren, stopped Creighton from scoring again. Steven Jay scored the final goal, assisted by Marcus Mungoli. Walgren had 12 saves.

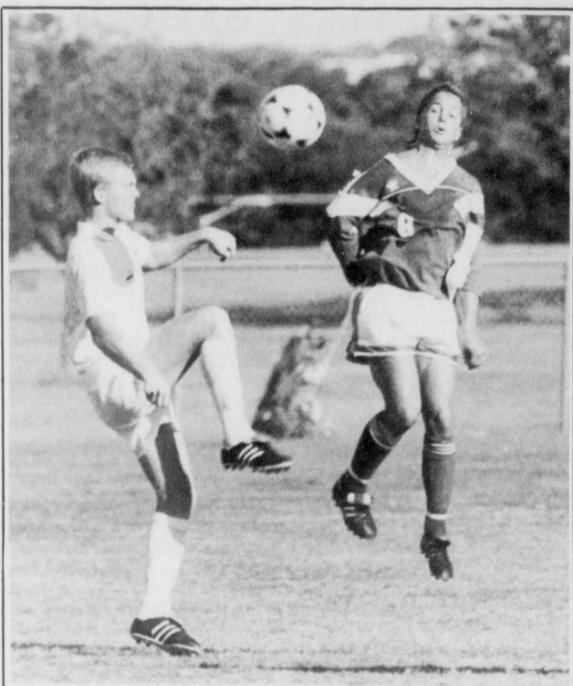
"It may have been our biggest win of the season because Creighton came in undefeated," Blocker said. "We pulled together and beat them."

"I think Creighton came in kind of cocky, overconfident, and that they expected us to lie down and give it to them," said David Seuss. "It was a good feeling beating them."

The week started with a 0-0 tie against the 15th-ranked Washington Huskies Oct. 8.

Washington outshot TCU, 21-7, but Walgren collected 12 saves while posting his fifth shutout of the season. Walgren leads the Midwest region with 136 saves.

"I give Washington a lot of credit," Rubinson said. "They made us play



TCU Daily Skiff/ Jessica Mann

TCU's Gordon Blocker keeps the ball away from Creighton.

chase all game long. But I think our team should be getting some credit because we hung in there and got the tie."

"Our defense was outstanding all week," Walgren said. "We were in

good position and stopped almost every scoring chance. We played really well."

The Frogs next game is Tuesday at Midwestern. Four of TCU's final five games are on the road.

## TCU scores big win, loses bigger at home

By ALAN DROLL  
TCU Daily Skiff

The TCU women's soccer team had its biggest victory and suffered its most lopsided defeat this weekend. The Lady Frogs dropped a tough Creighton squad, 2-0, on Friday before being blown out, 10-0, Sunday afternoon by fourth-ranked Wisconsin-Madison.

A Creighton defender tripped midfielder Keri Riley near the left side of the goal, giving TCU an indirect free kick 6 yards from the goal. Heidi Weaver tapped the ball for Cindy Rappe, whose shot ricocheted off of Lady Jay goalkeeper Denise Zaver into the back of the net at 13:58.

The Lady Jays, ranked sixth in the Central region, threatened to tie the game twice in the first half. Creighton forward Kristin King's shot sailed just over the crossbar. Later in the half, a Creighton header was going into the goal until Keri Riley stepped in and headed the ball away at the goal line.

Creighton resumed pressure on TCU early in the second half. A tap-back intended for Lady Frog goalie Beth Wilson was intercepted, but it was shot just over the upper right corner of the goal.

Then, TCU midfielder Heidi Weaver went to work.

Her line-drive pivot shot was saved by a diving Zaver. A few minutes later, Weaver got another chance. Jamie Wolff lofted a high shot across the goal mouth. Meeting

the ball on the fly, Weaver booted a head-high shot back across the goal and past Zaver for her second goal of the season. With 22 minutes left to play, TCU held a 2-0 edge.

"We fought the whole 90 minutes," said TCU head coach Dave Rubinson. "We broke down a few times, but we were organized and we just capitalized on our chances. We didn't have that many, but we capitalized."

Creighton outshot the Lady Frogs 9-7, but Wilson's nine saves and a tough TCU defense kept the Lady Jays out of the net.

"We deserved it today," Rappe said. "We played real aggressive, and everybody gave their heart."

TCU goalkeeper Beth Wilson posted her second consecutive shut-out, and the win raised TCU's record to 5-9-2.

Wisconsin-Madison wasted no time in showing the Lady Frogs why they are the fourth-ranked team in the nation on Sunday. Freshman forward Erica Handlemann headed in Jennifer Hill's cross just 1:53 into the contest, giving the Badgers the early momentum.

An 11-yard shot by Terry Miguel gave UWM a three-goal advantage at halftime.

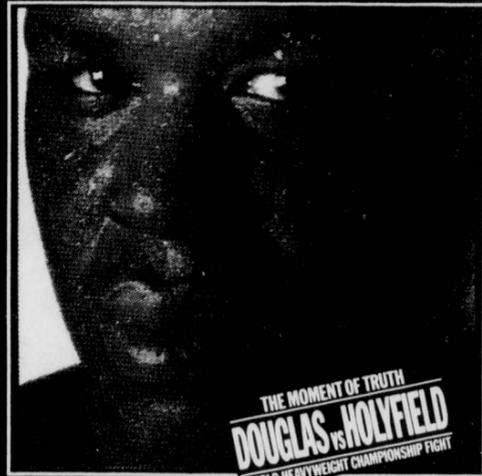
UWM resumed its attack after halftime. Handlemann finished with three goals and two assists as the Badgers scored seven times in the last 40 minutes to beat the Lady Frogs, 10-0.



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