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## Faculty endorses proposals

By JAMIE McILVAIN  
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The Faculty Senate unanimously endorsed in its Thursday meeting a proposal to extend the probationary period for untenured professors who must take an emergency leave of absence.

The proposal emerged from a report by the senate's Tenure, Promotion and Grievance Committee, and the senate asked that the proposed policy be added to the Tenure, Promotion and Merit Increase Criteria documents.

The report suggested stopping the tenure clock for faculty members who take an emergency leave of absence in cases involving the serious illness of a child or a call to active duty in the Middle East. The proposal was endorsed without debate.

The Faculty Senate also debated and unanimously endorsed a proposed university policy that included recycling and incentives to carpool.

The senate voted to endorse adoption of the environmental policy and to ask Edd Bivin, vice chancellor for administrative services, to answer questions about implementing the proposed policy at a future senate meeting.

"The proposal has no official backing," said Elizabeth Proffer, an author of the policy. "It was worked on by individuals who were not acting as representatives of any agency in the university or elected by someone."

A pilot recycling program in Sadler Hall should begin this month, she said. The pilot program will test the

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Sophomores Crystal Valteau and Erica Pryor dance during a song, dance and learning program held Wednesday as part of Black History Month in the Colby lobby.

## U.S. forces batter Iraq

### WAR IN THE MIDDLE EAST

By EDITH M. LEDERER  
Associated Press

DHAHRAN, Saudi Arabia — In endless hours of air strikes, U.S. and allied pilots rocked Baghdad, key bridges and the bunkers of front-line troops Thursday, and downed two more Iraqi jets.

A second veteran U.S. battleship joined in the bombardment of Iraqi-held Kuwait.

The pounding was having an impact. Returning pilots told of a devastated landscape in Kuwait, and four Iraqi soldiers turned themselves in to journalists near the Kuwaiti border.

But Desert Storm losses mounted, too. A U.S. Navy FA-18 Hornet fighter went down in the northern Persian Gulf, apparently not from hostile fire, and an Army helicopter crashed in Saudi Arabia. The Navy pilot was missing; one soldier was killed and four were wounded in the helicopter accident.

President Bush's two top war advisers — Defense Secretary Dick Cheney and joint chiefs chairman Gen. Colin Powell — flew to the gulf to confer over the weekend with local commanders on the countdown to a ground offensive, a momentous clash between a half-million or more men on each side.

"Our hope is that we can wrap it up as soon as possible, to minimize the loss of life on all sides," the defense

secretary said before he left. Iraq launched one Scud missile at Riyadh early Friday. Like an estimated 17 others fired previously at the Saudi capital, it was intercepted by a U.S. Patriot missile. The wreckage landed in a parking lot and caused no injuries or major damage, witnesses said.

The commander of British forces in Operation Desert Storm, Lt. Gen. Peter de la Billiere, told reporters he believes "the land war is inevitable." A U.S. command spokesman disputed the use of "inevitable." But up on the northern desert line, U.S. troops had little doubt.

"This could get very ugly at any moment," one officer told a reporter visiting the Saudi-Kuwaiti front. That view found high-level support in France, where President Francois Mitterrand told reporters: "The ground battle promises to take place this month."

In Tehran, Turkey's foreign minister met with President Hashemi Rafsanjani to discuss the Iranian leader's offer to mediate between Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and the international alliance arrayed against him. A Soviet envoy also was to meet with Iranian officials.

The Bush administration says there is nothing to mediate: Saddam must simply announce a withdrawal from Kuwait.

Allied warplanes battered Baghdad for 12 hours from Wednesday night to after 8 a.m. Thursday, Associated Press correspondent Salah Nasrawi reported from the Iraqi capital.

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## Conflicts keep Edie Brickell from playing on campus

By CARRIE BREWER  
TCU Daily Skiff

Edie Brickell and the New Bohemians wanted to open their 1991 tour on TCU's campus, but because of scheduling and space availability, things did not work out this time, said Rene Ridinger, Programming Council's Concerts Committee chairwoman.

The last time TCU had a big name concert on campus was in 1977 when Michael Murphy was sponsored by the Interfraternity Council, said Susan Batchelor, director of Student Activities. The concert was a financial failure for IFC, which lost around \$8,000, she

said. The Grateful Dead played in Daniel Meyer Coliseum in 1974. The coliseum was damaged at the concert and security has been required since, adding to the already high cost of concerts, Batchelor said.

"Several factors have kept TCU from having a concert on campus," Batchelor said. "Since 1977 concert costs have skyrocketed, and it is very difficult to find a group that will sell to TCU students."

PC looked into bringing a big name group to TCU this spring. In their search agents informed PC that Edie Brickell and the New Bohemians were

booking their tour for this spring and were interested in opening their tour in the Dallas/Fort Worth area, Ridinger said.

"It was really lucky that she just happened to be starting her tour in March, the group was within the price range and that the group is from this area," Ridinger said. "It was unfortunate that the scheduling and facilities didn't work out."

Scheduling conflicts with Ed Landreth Hall and Daniel-Meyer Coliseum kept Brickell and the Bohemians from coming to TCU.

Ed Landreth was not available March 13 or March 14, the days the group

wanted to open the tour. The hall was available March 9, but that date was too early for the group, Ridinger said.

Daniel-Meyer Coliseum, which seats about 7,000 people, can not be guaranteed available for those dates until after the Southwest Conference Classic Tournament in Dallas the weekend of March 8 through March 10, Batchelor said.

The athletic director, Frank Windegger, is legally bound to protect the coliseum for the basketball team. If TCU were to play in a post-season tournament, the team would need the coliseum for practice or to play a game.

Windegger was able to offer the coliseum the weekend before the SWC

tournament, but that date was too early for the band to begin the tour, she said.

"The athletic department was very cooperative with Programming Council in trying to find dates for the concert," Batchelor said.

"By the time we knew whether or not the coliseum could be used, we would not have enough time to promote a concert of that size," Ridinger said.

"To program a successful concert, you need lead time to get everything prepared," Batchelor said.

PC wants to bring a big name per-

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## MLK holiday wanted by social work class

By MEREDITH FANE  
TCU Daily Skiff

A community intervention class wants to establish Martin Luther King, Jr. Day as a TCU academic holiday.

The 4000 level social work course, community intervention, requires students to intervene with the community. This semester's class will attempt to amend the TCU community academic calendar, said Linda Moore, associate professor of social work.

The 25-member class is divided into four groups. The groups research how the national holiday was founded, history about King and the opinions of those who oppose the holiday, Moore said.

One group is trying to gain campus support by distributing a petition and presenting a bill to the Student House of Representatives asking for approval of the holiday, Moore said.

Another group is responsible for advertising and public relations. It plans to use posters, T-shirts and advertisements to gain publicity, she said.

The rally group is working on a campus education campaign. A public program is tentatively scheduled for April 4, the day of King's assassination, Moore said.

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MARI HELEN,  
senior social work major

ognize the holiday on the academic calendar because Martin Luther King has done a lot for history," said Mari Helen, a senior social work major.

The class chose the King project over a project involving disabled persons on campus, Helen said.

"I'm not sure what the reaction of the campus will be, but I support it (the holiday) wholeheartedly," she said.

For the rally, the group wants to recruit Coretta Scott King, his widow; their son; Clarice Tinsley, KDFW-TV anchor and others, said Angela Murad, a senior social work major.

"We haven't confirmed anyone yet, but we need anyone who will help us," Murad said.

The class has no budget and will not be able to pay speakers.

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### Outside

Today's weather will be sunny with a light wind and a high temperature of 65 degrees.

Saturday's weather will be clear and sunny with a high temperature of 66 degrees.



## Week ends with luncheon

By LISA YONCO  
TCU Daily Skiff

About 800 people attended the lectures and sermons of Ministers Week, which concluded Thursday with a luncheon in the Student Center Ballroom.

Ministers Week is a four-day series of lectures and sermons sponsored by TCU, Brite Divinity School and University Christian Church.

Arthur Digby, senior minister of First Christian Church in Arlington, spoke at the luncheon. Digby's speech was titled "Mephibosheth's Kin."

Following the luncheon, many attended the memorial service held at UCC for Granville Walker.

Walker, former senior minister of the UCC, died Tuesday afternoon.

"His death permeated the week," said Joseph Jeter, assistant professor of homiletics. "A lot of people have memories and stories about him."

Jeter said the week was a "time to remember and a time to share" memories of Walker.

"A lot of thoughts were with Granville and his family," Jeter said.

Eugene M. Boring gave his final McFadin Lecture titled "... into Life" at 9 a.m. Thursday at the UCC.

Boring's lectures all focused on the letters of John and how linguistics defines human existence, he said. Boring's lecture Thursday focused

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## Former TCU/Brite trustee dies at 82, after illness

By LISA YONCO  
TCU Daily Skiff

A memorial service was held in honor of Granville T. Walker, former senior minister of UCC, at 2:30 p.m. Thursday at the University Christian Church.

Walker, 82, was senior minister for 30 years and senior minister emeritus since his retirement in 1973. Walker died Tuesday afternoon after a long illness.

"He is certainly going to be missed," said Ambrose Edens, professor emeritus of religion-studies. "His influence will still live on."

Edens said he has known Walker for about 50 years. Walker was his New Testament teacher when he was an undergraduate here at TCU.

"He was a very caring individual and an excellent preacher," Edens said.

He was always rooting for the underdog and concerned for social justice, he said.

Walker was a "true legend," said Jim Atwood, university admissions counselor.

"He was a real church leader

and one of the most important in the Christian Church," Atwood said.

Walker was best remembered for his preaching, said Joseph Jeter, assistant professor of homiletics. His preaching was intelligent, powerful and kind, he said.

"It was a pleasure to listen, learn and watch a real master at work," Jeter said.

Walker's greatest contributions to TCU and Brite Divinity included sustaining a strong relationship between the Christian Church and TCU, influencing many to chose ministry and serving on the boards of both TCU and Brite for over a quarter of a century, Jeter said.

Walker was an honorary member of the TCU Board of Trustees and was a former member of the board of trustees for Brite Divinity School.

Walker was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and had been listed in *Who's Who in America* since 1958.

In honor of his 25th anniversary of his ministry at UCC on

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# Former faculty member says he will not return to campus

By JOHN MOORE  
TCU Daily Skiff

A former adjunct faculty member, who was acquitted Wednesday of a misdemeanor public lewdness charge, will not return to TCU, said Andrew Harris, chairman of the theater department.

Charles Ballinger, formerly the executive director of the Casa Manana Playhouse and School and one of three instructors who taught the theater department's "Music Theater Workshop" class, plans to seek employment outside Fort Worth, Harris said.

"The fact that he was involved in front-page publicity in the Fort

Worth Star-Telegram made it impossible for him to keep his job at Casa," Harris said. "He lost his livelihood, which is why he's going to have to leave. There are no other major theaters in Fort Worth."

Ballinger, who could not be reached for comment, resigned from teaching duties at TCU in September after being charged with public lewdness by Fort Worth police.

"He stepped down because he decided he needed time to devote to his case," Harris said. "He won it, so we're happy for him."

Ballinger, a 1969 graduate of TCU, was arrested in Trinity Park on Sept. 14, police said.

He was placed on administrative

leave by Casa Manana, where he was also artistic director of summer musicals, and later resigned.

The music theater class Ballinger taught at TCU was an arrangement between Casa Manana and the university, said Harris, who described Ballinger's teaching as "quite effective."

The theater department has had little trouble finding adjunct faculty members to teach the class since Ballinger resigned, but "he will be missed," Harris said.

"He was a good teacher and well-liked here," he said. "We're unhappy that he will not be teaching here anymore."

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He said at least 10 homes were destroyed or heavily damaged in the attacks, and Iraqi authorities said 22 civilians were killed.

An attack in the al-A'amiya district may have been aimed at a bridge over the Tigris River, about 200 yards from damaged houses, Nasrawi said. He said the bridge still stood.

Other houses were hit in the Sheikh Omer neighborhood, apparently in raids aimed at a nearby highway heavily used by military vehicles heading south, Nasrawi said.

Ramsey Clark, the former U.S. attorney general and peace activist who is in Baghdad this week, told reporters that damage to residential areas showed the U.S. air war exceeded the mandate of U.N. Security Council Resolution 678, which authorized the use of force to expel Iraq from Kuwait.

"You don't have to bomb cities," he said. "It has nothing to do with resolution 678."

Clark said he visited the heavily bombed southern port city of Basra and described what he saw as "a human and civilian tragedy." He said bombs had destroyed hospitals, coffee shops, offices and other non-military sites.

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former to campus this fall. Performers under consideration are 10,000 Maniacs, The Bangles, They Might Be Giants, Indigo Girls, Love & Rockets and several others including comedians.

"Many people were excited about how close we were to having a concert here at TCU again. With a little more help and support, we could make these rumors of big concerts a reality," Ridinger said.

If students are interested in working on this project or any other concert idea, the Concerts Committee meets at 4 p.m. Wednesday on the second floor of the Student Center. Students can also call the PC office in Student Activities at 921-7926 for more information.

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on the translation of the word of God into human life, he said.

Don E. Saliers gave his final Scott Lecture at 11 a.m. Thursday.

Saliers lecture was titled "Org et Labora: The Body's Knowledge of God."

Saliers' lectures were about "a new understanding of worship and prayer and how critical they are to being human," Jeter said.

Saliers was "insightful" and "a joy to listen to," Jeter said.

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Feb. 11, 1968, the church gave him a "This is Your Life" celebration, and the day was proclaimed Granville Walker Day in Fort Worth.

In 1959, Walker was awarded the Most Distinguished Alumnus Award by the TCU Ex-Student Association.

In April of 1988, Walker and his wife were presented with the Royal Purple Award by the TCU Ex-Student Association for extraordinary service and support of the university and community.

Walker was born in Acme, Texas, and was a 1925 graduate of Beaumont High School. He attended Lamar University, Texas Christian University, the University of Chicago and Yale University. He received his bachelor of arts and bachelor of divinity degrees from TCU and a bachelor's degree of divinity and doctorate from Yale. In 1947, TCU presented him with an honorary doctor of divinity degree.

Walker is survived by his wife, Erlene Walker; his brother, Paul Walker; two daughters, Sara Wilson and Judy Stempel; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

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# News

## Students learn while teaching youngsters about war

By KATHERINE THOMPSON  
TCU Daily Skiff

TCU student teachers have experienced both teaching and learning about history with in the war in the Middle East.

Kim Boyd, a student-teacher for second grade at Blue Haze Elementary in White Settlement, said the majority of the kids in her class were aware of the war because their parents worked at Carswell Air Force Base or General Dynamics.

"They are very well-educated on the war," she said. "They know as much as I do."

Although the faculty have had no formal meeting to discuss how to handle students' questions, Boyd said she and her supervising teacher have answered questions without any major problems.

There is a definite personality

change in her students, but none have had serious emotional problems because of the war, Boyd said.

"Some are withdrawn; some are sensitive," she said.

In handling the war in the classroom, Boyd said she and her teacher asked the students what they knew about the war, and more focus was put on the geography of the war than the fighting.

Cathy Mills, a seventh-grade student-teacher at Wedgwood Middle School, said her class was split on education about the war.

"About half of them knew what was going on the first day war broke out, and others really didn't know," she said.

The day after war broke out, Mills said her class wrote papers telling what they knew and how they felt about the war. The next

day, she and her supervising teacher straightened out the misconceptions the students had.

The "War Extra" section of Class Acts, the children's section of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, was also helpful, Mills said.

These sections were useful because they contained glossaries of military terms and visual aids, like diagrams and drawings of military planes and maps, she said.

Talk of the war has almost completely stopped now and things are back to normal, Mills said. However, some of the students who are personally affected continue to be concerned, she said.

One Jewish student who has relatives in Israel is very up to date on the war, Mills said.

Mills said none of the students seem worried about the war affecting them personally.

"Typically, seventh-graders are concerned with themselves," she said. "Even though we're living history, you can tell it doesn't faze them."

Mills said overall the students supported the military action. She said the students really talk more about how the United States should blow up Saddam Hussein in particular.

"Some of them said we should use nuclear weapons to get Saddam, but I don't think they really know what they are saying," Mills said.

Laura Orth, a sixth-grade student-teacher at Leonard Middle School, said the students in her class also had some misconceptions about the war.

"The kids have impressed me because we talked about the war, and the kids knew a lot more than I expected," Orth said. "But at the same time, they had a lot

of misconceptions."

There was not a panic atmosphere the day after the war, but some students complained because the war was the subject of every class, Orth said.

Now classes have gotten back to a routine and the war is only mentioned once in a while, she said.

The war in the Gulf has been a good teaching tool because kids can relate to it, Orth said. When discussing World War I, Orth said she tried to relate the signing of the Versailles Treaty to activities that might happen once the Gulf War is over.

Because Leonard Middle School is close to Carswell, Orth said she thought there would be a lot of patriotic feelings at the school. However, there is diversity of opinions on the war, but all of the students support the troops, she said.

D'Ann Gage, a second-grade student-teacher at Castleberry Elementary, said her school had become very patriotic since war broke out.

"We are emphasizing the Pledge of Allegiance and the national anthem," Gage said. "We're doing patriotic things, but as far as bringing the actual war into the classroom, we're trying not to do that."

In a journal assignment, only six of the 22 students said they thought there should be no war, Gage said. The others stated that the United States should go to war to protect little countries like Kuwait and to protect freedom, Gage said.

"They think it's neat that they are witnessing history," Gage said. "But they are still too young to understand what death means."

## Designer wins award for 'Mad Dog'

By KRISTEN GOULD  
TCU Daily Skiff

A senior theater major won a top \$100 award in a state competition for his costume designs in last semester's production of "Mad Dog Blues."

Barry Doss acted in as well as designed all of the costumes for "Mad Dog Blues," a Theatre TCU production performed at Caravan of Dreams.

The competition was sponsored by the Texas Educational Theater Association, the state chapter of the U.S. Institute of Theater Technology. It was held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Fort Worth. Awards were given to the top two

high school, undergraduate and graduate costume designers.

Doss said he entered the contest twice before and received two awards of excellence.

Doss displayed the portfolio of his "Mad Dog Blues" costume designs and gave a slide presentation with music from the production. More than 70 designers entered the competition, he said.

The play, written by Sam Shepard, "comes close to what a hallucinogenic drug trip would be like," Doss said.

"He wrote this play in hopes of becoming a rock star," he said, "and the play is a rock 'n' roll fantasy, and the main character, Kosmo, is a rock star."

The characters included historical people and legends like Mae West, Marlene Dietrich, Captain Kidd and Paul Bunyan, Doss said. He said he began with the personality and dress style of the actual person or legend and then added a rock 'n' roll image.

"In creating the costumes for them, I tried to interpret them in the eyes of how a rock star would see them," Doss said.

For instance, he said he mixed Mae West with elements of Cher and Dolly Parton and combined Marlene Dietrich with Madonna.

Doss said after he designed the costumes for the production, Reader's Digest named Madonna

the Marlene Dietrich of the '90s.

"I felt very good that I paralleled the two," he said.

Doss said he had been interested in theater as long as he can remember.

"It's always been a part of me," he said. "When I was a kid, my favorite holiday was Halloween."

Doss has worked on costume designs for two Shakespearean festivals, several TCU ballet and theater productions, national touring companies like "Cats" and "Les Miserables," the Fort Worth Opera and Casa Manana.

Doss said he wants to do complete production design for film.

## Haig to speak on Gulf crisis

### General to give insights on war

By AMY BULMER  
TCU Daily Skiff

Former Secretary of State Alexander Haig will discuss "Global Implications of the Crisis in the Middle East" at 7:30 p.m. March 27 in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium.

Haig has much to offer the campus and community said James Riddlesperger, associate professor of political science.

"He was at West Point; therefore he has military education," Riddlesperger said. "He was director of NATO among other positions. He has a lot of experience which is relevant to U.S. foreign policy."

Haig's speech will be hosted by the Forums Committee and sponsored by Team Bank, TCU and the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Student tickets for the speech will be available for \$5 at the Student Center Information Desk in about two weeks. Tickets are available

from Team Bank for \$15 and \$30. Haig was born on Dec. 2, 1924 in Philadelphia.

Haig has been military assistant to the National Security Council, and during Nixon's administration, he was White House chief of staff.

In 1974, Gerald Ford chose Haig as the supreme allied commander of NATO forces in Europe. Haig was appointed U.S. Secretary of State on Jan. 21, 1981.

As a career military adviser, Haig will be able to explain what strategic military maneuvers are being used in the Middle East and why, said Ralph Carter, assistant professor of political science. Haig knows from his experiences as chief of staff how the White House reacts and what demands lie on the president.

"Lastly, he can put on his ultimate insider's hat of the secretary of state and tell us exactly how the White House views this conflict," Carter said.

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feasibility of the proposed policy, she said.

Possible problems with implementing the policy include economic costs, she said. Current department budgets do not allow for the purchase of recycled paper, which costs about twice as much as regular paper, she

said. Sen. Richard Forrer said printing the new Faculty Senate Handbook on recycled paper, in support of the proposal, will be considered.

Proffer said she did not know of another university with an environmental practices policy.

Some campuses have comprehensive collection centers for recycling, she said. These centers require several acres of land away from residen-

tial neighborhoods. The TCU campus does not have such a site for a collection center, she said.

Current campus recycling raised about \$4,000 this year, Proffer said. The proceeds benefit world hunger organizations, she said.

Recognition of Martin Luther King Jr. Day as a university holiday will be discussed at the next senate meeting.

A senior level social work class

has drafted a resolution for university recognition of the holiday.

"One of the strategies to do this is to get support from other organizations on campus," said Linda Moore, associate professor of social work.

The resolution is being presented to the House of Student Representatives and the Black Student Caucus, she said.

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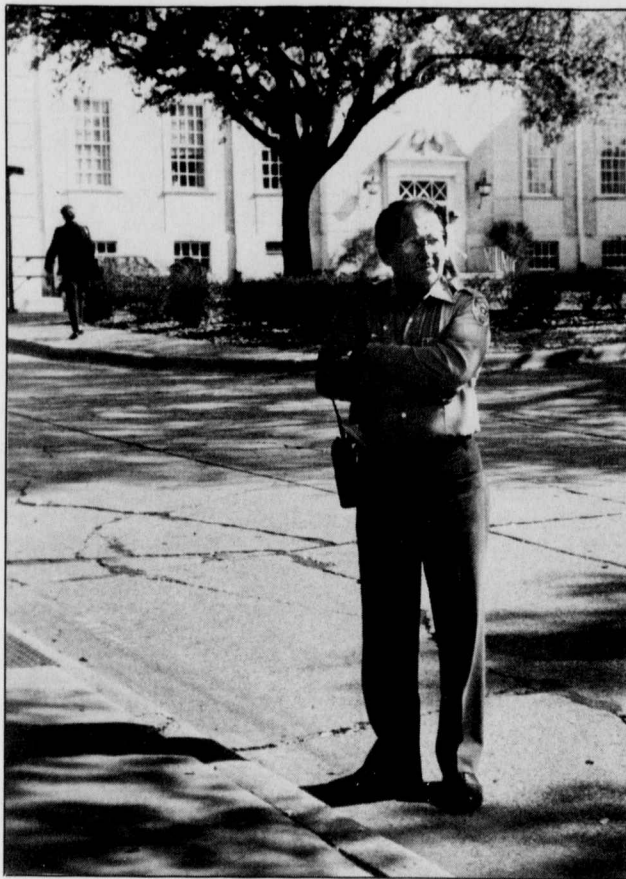
A brisk February wind swept through the tiny parking lot, buffeting the stocky uniformed figure poised at the entrance. Ernie Repass stood silently, hands thrust deep within the pockets of his dark blue jacket, listening with head tilted as another blast of static-filled voices faded from the two-way radio on his belt.

Shifting his weight from one foot to the other, he scanned the collage of cars, delivery trucks and pedestrians swarming about the lot like bees around a teeming hive. A group of students laden with books and overflowing backpacks streamed past.

Some occasionally would glance up from sidewalk stares and hurried conversations to nod at the man or mutter a brief acknowledgement, but most seemed not to notice him. He met them all with a firm but friendly gaze and returned whatever greetings came his way in a strong yet unobtrusive voice.

For three years, Ernie Repass has been the traffic control specialist assigned to Reed-Sadler Parking Lot. He works eight and a half hours a day, five days a week, nine months a year in all types of weather, instructing students not to park in reserved spaces and keeping them from being crushed by an endless flow of maintenance and service vehicles, which stop at Sadler Hall and the Student Center.

Countless passers-by have seen him, but few may know that underneath the Campus Police uniform is also a jazz musician, a retired educator with 32 years of teaching experi-



TCU Daily Skiff/ Eric Letsche  
Ernie Repass stands at the entrance of Reed-Sadler Parking Lot where he maintains access for emergency vehicles.

ence, a licensed pilot who owns his own 1967 Cessna 172 airplane and a holder of a master's degree in music education.

"A lot of people would look at me and wonder what I'm doing directing cars," said Repass, 61. "But when I left teaching I was looking for a job

to supplement my retirement where I could still have summers off, and this seemed like just the thing I wanted. After 32 years of teaching — and I suppose after 32 years you get tired of anything — where you're surrounded by people all day long, it's kind of nice to be outside where it's a little more quiet for a change."

Repass, a native of Elk City, Okla., was a band instructor and music theory teacher at three schools in Hurst-Eules-Bedford Independent School District, working over a 28-year period at Lawrence D. Bell High School and Bedford and Hurst junior high schools before his retirement in 1986. After a brief span working as an insurance agent for New York Life Insurance Co., he came to TCU in December 1987.

"The insurance business just wasn't for me," said Repass, adjusting his glasses and smoothing his grey-tinged black hair following yet another gust of wind. "Like teaching, it took a lot of work just to learn the job, and I wasn't looking to start over again in another career."

Repass and his wife, Linda, 44, who teaches special education at Central Junior High School, live in Colleyville with their 6-year-old daughter, Carly. The couple met while teaching at Lawrence D. Bell High School and have been married eight years. Linda Repass received a Master of Liberal Arts degree from TCU in spring 1990.

Repass, who played tuba with the TCU marching band and orchestra and double bass with the jazz ensemble, graduated with a bachelor's degree in music education from TCU in 1951 — almost a year after the Korean War began. He was drafted soon

after beginning work on his master's degree and spent two years playing tuba, trombone and double bass in an Army band at Fort Sill, Okla.

Discharged from the Army in 1953, Repass spent four years teaching high school band classes in DeLeon, Texas. He commuted the 100 miles to Fort Worth to finish his master's degree at TCU.

In 1957, Repass went on the road playing double bass with the Hall McIntyre dance band, a group whose founder had been a member of the Glenn Miller Orchestra. Later that year, he joined the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra and the Fort Worth Opera Orchestra, playing tuba and double bass for both until 1967.

Repass, who took up playing electric bass in the 1960s, continues to perform with dance bands like the Harvey Anderson group, playing on weekends at conventions and private engagements in Fort Worth and Dallas.

One TCU administrator who sees Repass almost daily during her walk from the parking lot to her office in Sadler Hall was surprised when she saw him last year at a weekend performance in Fort Worth, she said.

"I was at a wedding reception for Felix Mira (assistant director of freshman admissions) at the Century II Club when I looked up, and there was Ernie playing with the band," said Elizabeth Proffer, dean of students. "I'd heard he'd been a band teacher, but that was the first time I'd ever seen him playing. It was fun seeing him in such a different setting."

Few students and administrators have probably taken time to meet Repass, Proffer said. She believes this

could be because of the nature of his job, she said.

"He's pretty low-key — but he's doing a good job, and an important one," she said.

TCU first hired a traffic specialist to control traffic and maintain access for emergency vehicles in Reed-Sadler Parking Lot in August 1986, said Tom McGaha, assistant chief of Campus Police.

"He's also sort of an ambassador for the university because most everyone who visits campus comes through that area by the Student Center where he works," McGaha said. "Ernie comes in contact with some rather top-level visitors — trustees, representatives of other schools, you name it."

While his predecessors soon tired of the long hours and being outside all day, Repass seems to "take it all in stride," McGaha said.

"Ernie is a unique individual in that he's like a postman — rain or shine, he's reported to work," he said. "No matter how bad it gets outside, he somehow manages to keep a positive attitude toward people and his job."

Having to stand in cold or wet weather is the only drawback to his job, Repass said.

"You never get used to it, but you bring a coat or umbrella and learn to deal with it," he said. "When it's nice weather, I get a lot of offers from folks in Sadler who want to change jobs with me. 'It sure is nice today; you're lucky to be outside enjoying it,' they say. But when it's bad out, well, nobody wants to swap then."

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