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Distance no problem in international marriage

By KATHERINE THOMPSON
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She hasn't heard her husband's voice in four months. She hasn't seen his face since the last day of their honeymoon more than a year ago.

Yet for 20-year-old TCU student Kaushika Kansara, the 10,000 miles separating these newlyweds have brought them closer together.

"I've learned so much more from getting married and being apart from my husband than I think I would have if I had a relationship here," said Kansara, whose husband, Pares, lives in

India. "I have learned to appreciate things a lot more."

Kansara, a junior management major, visited India, the birthplace of her parents, in the summer of 1989. Although she was born in London and has lived in the United States since she was 9, Kansara has retained a love of her Indian heritage.

During that summer visit, her second trip to India, Kansara met the man who would become her husband.

"The purpose of going there was not to get me married, even though a lot of people thought that," she said.

Traditionally, Indian couples are

brought together by their parents, Kansara explained.

"In a way it was inevitable that I would meet and marry my husband in a traditional way," Kansara said.

"If I had said no to an arranged marriage, I would have had an option," she said. "But I wanted it as much as my parents."

Kansara and Pares, whose last name is also Kansara but was of no relation to Kaushika before marriage, met under different circumstances, she said.

"I had done the traditional meeting situation with another man before, but I told my parents I felt very uncomfort-

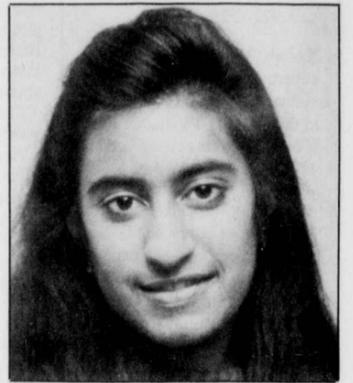
able with that," Kansara said.

Before meeting Pares, Kaushika was presented to another young man who was looking for a wife.

"I felt like I was on display," she said.

One night during a stay at her uncle's house in the village of Navsari, 200 miles north of Bombay, Kansara met Pares in town. The two were introduced, but they didn't talk directly to each other, according to Indian custom.

Kansara said the two could only exchange glances because rumors would



See India, page 2 Kaushika Kansara

Jackson to encourage taking part

By AMY BULMER
TCU Daily Skiff

Jesse Jackson Jr. is scheduled to present a speech titled "You Can Make a Difference: The Politics of the Disenfranchised" at 7:30 p.m. today in the Student Center Ballroom.

Tickets may be purchased at the Student Center Information Desk or at the door and are \$2 with a TCU ID and \$5 to the public.

Jackson will discuss the importance of being active on campus and in the community. He also will give the historical perspective of government roles, said Dan Rodrigue, a spokesman for Jackson.

The Forums Committee scheduled Jackson's speech for last month, but it was cancelled because of flight delays.

"This time the weather looks fine for flying out of Champaign, Illinois," said Jay Warren, chairman of the Forums Committee. "And we are looking forward to his arrival."

Jackson, who is the eldest son of the Rev. Jesse Jackson, studies law at the University of Illinois.

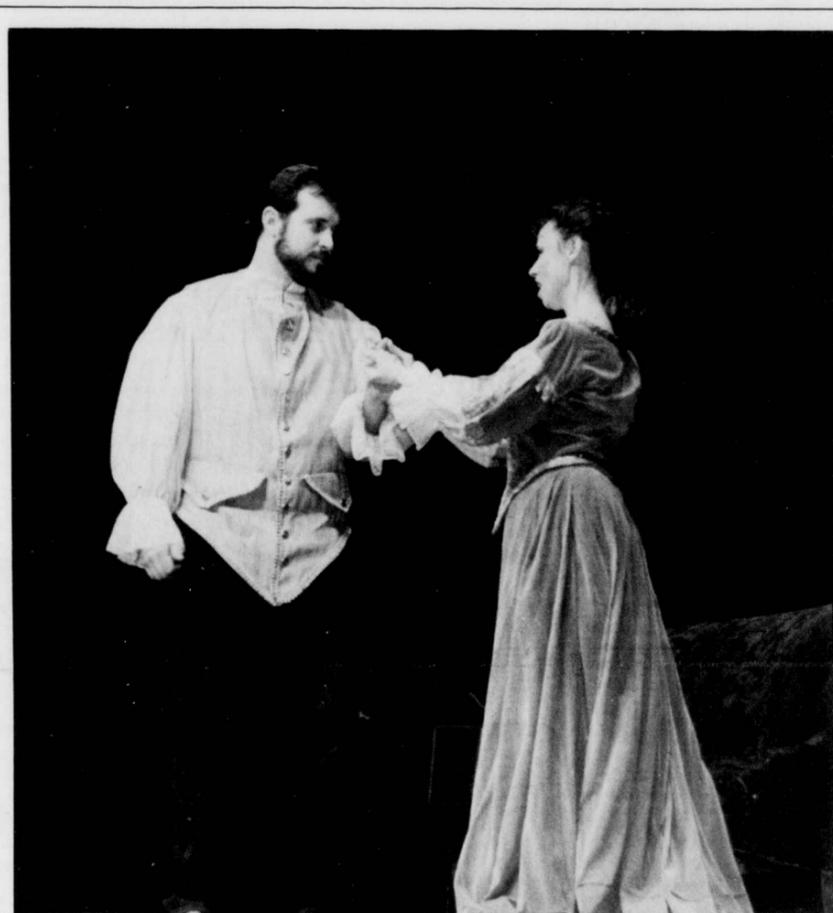
As a political activist, Jackson, 25, is the president of the "Keep Hope Alive" Political Action Committee. He is also the youngest member of the Democratic National Committee and has been a featured speaker at the 1988 Democratic Convention.

As a human rights activist, Jackson is vice president at large of Operation PUSH, an organization to help the needy.

By traveling with his father on international political assignments, Jackson has gained political insight. For example, one of his trips included being part of the delegation to South Africa for the release of Nelson Mandela.

Jackson also was named one of the "Outstanding Young Men in America" in 1987 and was named one of the "30 Leaders of the Future" by *Ebony* magazine.

"Jackson plans to use his accomplishments to influence not only individuals but entire student bodies," said Rodrigue. "He has gained much insight through his political and humane organizational involvement, and he wants to let students know that they too can get involved."



David Grogan and Beth Maddox portray the Marquis de la Force and his daughter Blanche in the first scene of George Bernanos' "Dialogues of the Carmelites."

House delays vote on lights

By JON MARTZ
TCU Daily Skiff

A vote on a bill to install new lights at the sand volleyball courts was postponed for two weeks, and House representatives voted to deny funding for the Air Force ROTC at Tuesday's House meeting.

Joey Martinez, Permanent Improvements Committee chairman, introduced a bill for vote that would fund the purchase and installation of two new lights to be placed on the west side of the sand volleyball courts.

The bill calls for \$1,402.50 to be taken from the Permanent Improvements fund to pay for the purchase of the lights. The two existing lights would be taken from the south wall and applied to the east side of the court. Only two new lights would need to be purchased, Martinez said.

"It is a matter of upgrading the courts, not improving them," he said.

The Permanent Improvements budget currently contains \$8,264.

"Permanent Improvements is guaranteed a specific amount of money every year, due to the decline in enrollment, this year's budget is unrealistic," said Ernie Ross, House president.

"The decision was made to allot funds from the Permanent Improvement budget to other budgets within

the House," he said.

The vote on the bill was postponed for two weeks so the Permanent Improvements Committee could look into the possibility of splitting the cost of the lights with the Recreational Sports Department.

"I encourage everyone to take a look at the volleyball courts and determine for themselves if new lights are needed or not and report to their representatives," Ross said.

In a close vote, House members denied the request of \$315 to fund the TCU Air Force ROTC unit on its Spring Break visit to three separate Air Force bases.

"This is the first bill since I have been a part of the House that I have seen fail to be approved," treasurer Jeff Sherman said.

"It shows how House members have an idea about the money restraints the House is currently under," he said.

Sherman issued a report on the current financial status of the House.

The House started the fiscal year with \$190,000 and has \$1,619 remaining until the year ends on May 31, he said.

The House will receive only \$175,000 for the coming fiscal year of 1991-92 due to two main reasons. The first is the projected decrease in

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Authors to give comic debate on small towns

By STEPHANIE RADWAY
Special to the Skiff

How an author's background and experience influence his or her writing will be the topic of a presentation at 3:30 p.m. today in Student Center Rooms 207 and 209.

Authors Robert Flynn and Joyce Gibson Roach will present the joint comedy program "Our Towns" about life in small towns and its effect on an author's sense of place in writing, Roach said. The presentation will be this year's Cecil B. and Mary Beth Williams Lecture, part of the English department's Creative Writing Week.

"This will be entertaining as well as informative," said Neil Daniel, chairman of the English department. "It's not really a typical lecture."

Flynn and Roach grew up in small Texas towns. Flynn is from Chillicothe, and Roach is from Jacksboro. Their exchange of insults about each other's hometowns at the presentation will be humorous, but there is a point to their comedy, Roach said.

"The stories are outrageous, the presentation raucous, but there is a serious point to it all," Roach said. "Small towns have a great deal to do with the way we write."

"Our best characters are drawn from small towns. They are stereotypes, but

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JOYCE GIBSON ROACH,
author

they can be found in any small town."

Flynn is Trinity University's novelist-in-residence. Roach graduated from TCU, where she is now an adjunct faculty member.

Flynn and Roach performed the "Our Towns" routine once before in 1988 to the Texas Folklore Society, Roach said. Their script is included in "The Bounty of Texas," a collection of works published by the society.

TCU Press publishes books by both authors. The reprint of Flynn's novel "In the House of the Lord" was released last week by TCU Press. His novels "Wanderer Springs," "North to Yesterday" and "The Sounds of Rescue, the Signs of Hope" are also on the TCU Press publishing list.

Roach's past books have been non-

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Ensemble to unveil new jazz show choir

By CARRIE BREWER
TCU Daily Skiff

TCU's newest vocal jazz ensemble, "Purple, White and Blues," will show their true colors in their first public performance at 8 p.m. Wednesday in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium.

The performance is free and open to the general public.

The group includes 14 vocalists and a three-member rhythm section. Featured along with the ensemble will be a new 14-member show choir. The entire group will perform popular Broadway show tunes enhanced with choreography.

The show choir will be featured as special guests with their choreography varying from tune to tune in order to enhance the music, said Janet Herrick, director of both the show choir and the new vocal jazz ensemble.

ble, and graduate student in music.

Some of the numbers include "Round Midnight," "Do Nothin'," and "Route 66." The two soloists will be Krista Lang, a junior music education major, and Rob Laney, also a junior music education major.

TCU's award-winning Jazz Ensemble, directed by Curt Wilson, will open the concert and the new vocal jazz ensemble will follow. Together, the two groups will perform the song "Roger's Idea," a takeoff from "Pennies from Heaven," Herrick said.

"The new vocal jazz ensemble is in the style of 'Manhattan Transfer,'" she said. "The whole group is very talented and flexible."

The group has been practicing since this past fall, but this is their first public performance, Herrick said.

The group is absolutely student-

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Good choice
Columnist celebrates Buddy Roemer's switching political parties.

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Clean sweep
The baseball team wins a four game sweep against the New Mexico State Aggies.

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

Thursday's weather will be sunny with a high temperature of 68 degrees.



Peace talk

Groups to debate unrest in Middle East and at home

By JAMIE McILVAIN
TCU Daily Skiff

In the aftermath of the Persian Gulf War, peace groups nationwide are holding forums about events in a post-war Middle East, as well as turning their attention to domestic issues.

Several TCU professors discussed these issues at the Middle East Peace Conference Saturday at St. Andrew's Church. The conference was co-sponsored by the Tarrant County Campaign for Global Security and the Peace and Justice Ministries of the Catholic diocese.

Donald Jackson, a professor of political science, discussed human rights and self-determination in the Middle East. Darryl Trimiew, an assistant professor of church and society at Brite Divinity School, discussed the moral and theological dimensions of the war. Imtiyaz Yusuf,

assistant professor of religion studies, conducted part of an ecumenical worship service, which ended the conference.

The Progressive Students' Union at the University of Texas at Arlington also is planning a peace conference.

"We are getting a panel of experts together to speak about the issues that caused the war," said Eric Almendral, union founder. "They'll probably address U.S. foreign policy and energy policy and give predictions about how they think the war settlements should go and the way they think they probably will go."

The Tarrant County Campaign for Global Security continues to hold a peace witness session at noon every Friday in front of the Fort Worth Water Gardens.

"The war ending is just a little thing being solved," said Abigail Brown, member of the Tarrant

County group. "It ended the threat to servicemen's lives, but much else remains to be done."

Members of peace groups say they want answers about how unrest in the Middle East will be resolved.

"We are working toward peace in the Middle East and one thing that has to happen is a reconciliation between Jews and Arabs and a settlement of the Palestinian problem," Brown said.

The Progressive Students' Union also is refocusing its attention to domestic problems.

"The war's end has given our group's committees a little more time to focus on issues that we normally focus on, like civil liberties and the environment," Almendral said.

The Peace and Social Justice Committee of TCU has not made any plans for the future, said Collette

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CAMPUSlines

"The U.S Economy and the Federal Budget" will be the topic of a presentation by James C. Miller III, former Cabinet member during the Reagan administration, at 3:30 p.m. today in Dan Rogers Hall 134. For more information, call 921-7526.

Kodak Videoconference on advertising photography may viewed from 6 to 8 p.m. today in the TAGER TV studio. For more information, call 921-7632.

Patsy Day, executive director of Victim's Outreach in Dallas will speak about her experiences with the media and her daughter's murder at 11 a.m. Thursday in Moudy Room 279 South.

Co-dependents Anonymous meets at 12:30 p.m. every Thursday in Student Center Room 202. For more information call University Ministries, 921-7830.

Student Foundation applications are due by March 28 at the Alumni House or the office of the dean of students. For more information, call the Alumni House at 921-7803.

Town Students can see copies of bills from the House of Student Representatives in the Extended Education Office at Sadler Hall Room 212.

Adult Children of Alcoholics is an educational support group which will address the negative consequences of being raised by an alcoholic parent. If interested, please contact Larry Withers at the Counseling Center, 921-7863.

Registrar needs an up-to-date local address and telephone number for every student. If you did not know where you would be living or what your phone was going to be when you advance registered, please give this information to the registrar's office.

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run and no faculty representative has been involved in the coordination of the group, she said.
 "We are all very excited about this new program this year," said Wilson, conductor of the TCU Jazz Ensemble.

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enrollment here at TCU, he said. The second reason for the decrease in funds is attributed to the fact that student fees for the House have remained at their present level for several years, Sherman said.

"We are constantly trying to improve things at TCU with a constant decrease in funds, a loss of money means less money for things such as Homecoming, Parents Weekend, on-campus speakers and concerts," Sherman said.

"We are forced to try to do more with less," he said.

Holli Harry, Colby Hall Representative, introduced a bill into the House to help fund TCU's 1991 Greek Week. The bill asks for \$400 from the House to help in the promotion of the event.

A second bill was introduced into the House by David LeBlanc, Elections and Regulations Committee chairman. The bill calls for the revision of the campaigning period for student body elections.

Both bills will be voted on by representatives at the next House meeting in two weeks. Students are encouraged to speak with their representatives and express their feelings on the proposed bills.

Ross said the Intercom organization will be in the Student Center to hear student concerns until 2:00 p.m. today.

"Here is a chance to have a say in what we discuss with the Board of Trustees," he said.

The Minority Task Force will meet at 4:30 p.m. this Thursday in Student Center Room 222. All students are encouraged to attend.

"This is one of the key opportunities where we can get feedback from students on recommendations for long-term developments for minorities," Ross said.

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Connelly-Castillo, group facilitator. The Texas Peace Coalition at the Tarrant County Junior College south campus also is focusing its attention on domestic problems, said Steve Thompson, coalition member. The group is planning a concert to benefit the homeless. Neither date nor time has been set.

The Tarrant County Campaign for Global Security is planning a Good Friday peace march for March 29 "to keep peace visible in the public eye," Brown said. The group will meet at 7 p.m. March 26 at the Wesley Foundation.

Correction

The name of Tamas Ungar, an associate professor of piano, was spelled incorrectly in a feature story in Tuesday's Skiff. The paper regrets the error.

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spread if they were "too friendly" in a public place.

Two days later, her cousin told her Parash was looking for a wife and was interested in her.

Three weeks later they were engaged.

Although they saw each other only a few times during those three weeks, Kansara said they both agreed the marriage was what they wanted.

"I think it turned out really well," she said. "A lot of people are skeptical about how our relationship started."

Kansara said in an arranged marriage, the process of getting to know each other does not begin until after the wedding.

Once they were engaged, it was time for Kansara to return to TCU to serve as a summer orientation adviser.

Kansara returned to India in December 1989, for three days of traditional wedding ceremonies.

After exchanging vows, the couple spent a one-week honeymoon in the mountains south of Bombay.

"If I had any doubts before, they cleared after the honeymoon," Kansara said.

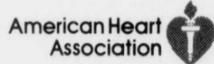
Once again Kansara had to leave

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fiction with the publication of her short story "Just As I Am." Roach's TCU Press books include "Eats: A Folk History of Texas Foods," written with Ernestine Sewell Linck, and "Texas and Christmas: A Collection of Traditions, Memories and Folklore," written with Judy Alter.

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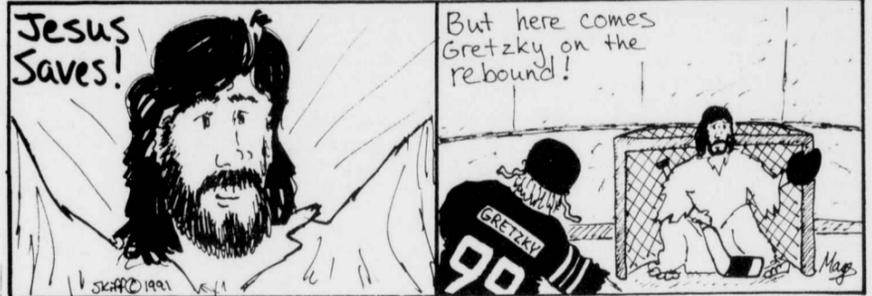
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Closing base could destroy local economy

The threat of economic disaster spawned by inept planning within the federal government looms thick and heavy over Fort Worth.

First the cancellation of General Dynamics' contract to build the Navy's advanced A-12 fighter, and now the possibility that Carswell Air Force Base will fall to yet another bout of military budget cuts has local leaders, businesses and residents wondering whether they are witnessing the beginning of the end for Cowtown.

Like idle gossip in a city-sized barber shop, rumors have been running rampant since February that Carswell is on Defense Secretary Dick Cheney's "hit list" targeting doomed military bases.

Unfortunately for those who hate to be left hanging on any issue, the rumors will not be confirmed or denied until April 15, when closure recommendations for the bases are released by the government.

Until then, many are placing all their hopes in the review process that would take place if Carswell, currently the home of the Air Force's 7th Bomb Wing, is declared non-essential to the nation's defense.

If a decision to close the base is made, the government has thoughtfully provided Tarrant County with a last ditch effort to help bring about a reversal.

An eight-member review commission, Congress and the General Accounting Office would review the decision to determine its validity and rationality — something many Fort Worth residents would be more than happy to provide if given the opportunity to respond.

The commission would have the authority to change Cheney's list of proposed base closings to save Carswell or any other bases slated to be given the axe and is scheduled to send its report to President Bush on July 1 — another deadline that leaves residents waiting and wondering about the future of their city, if not their county.

Speculation about the rumored closing of Carswell could hardly come at a worse time for the Fort Worth economy.

As more and more area defense contractors go belly up, Tarrant County continues to feel the ill effects of military budgets sliced in response to lessening world tensions.

The end of the Cold War coupled with the proven success of a relatively small but well-trained and organized fighting force during the war in the Middle East serve to further the support the government's argument that military strength need not be as large and as expensive a venture as it once was.

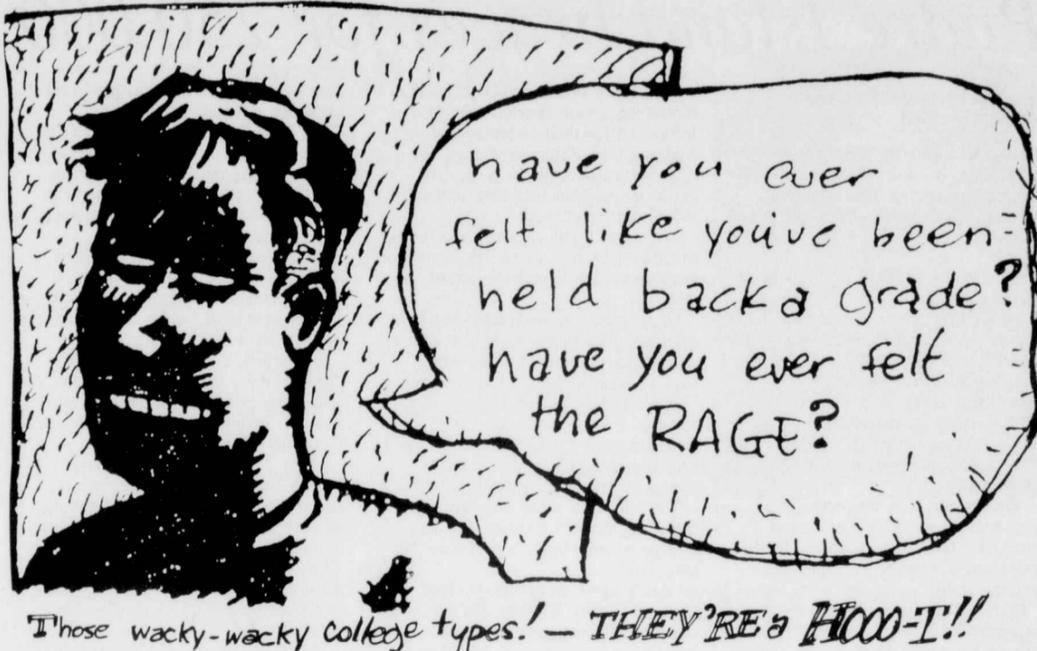
But government officials must remember their short-sightedness can cost the local resident plenty.

Scrubbing an Air Force base that continues to bring in revenue for the local community — including Westworth Village, which owns the land on which the base is located and leases it to the government, and local businesses for whom base GIs represent a primary source of customers — could destroy many businesses and send Fort Worth reeling in economic despair.

As with every military base on Cheney's list, making a decision to close Carswell should come only after much debate and a genuine attempt to hear the voice of the community in which the base is located.

Like the Cold War, the days when the military merely may have protected the public and not been an integrated part of it are over.

The sooner government officials realize this and initiate plans to seek feedback from the public, the sooner the economies of this and other cities across the nation can begin to recover, and the stronger the public's support of the government and the military will grow.



Trust in God, but tie your camel

By MATT HUNT
Columnist

Summer is one of those times when you just don't want to do anything, just sit down, relax and do nothing. Which why the television is such a wonderful invention. With the television, you can sit down and do nothing without realizing you're doing nothing.

It was during one such session of doing nothing that I saw one show called E.R. It's a sitcom in syndication that takes a look at an emergency room in Chicago.

On this particular afternoon, this comedy presented a look at some people who believed in faith healing.

Here's the scenario: kid is brought in by his grandmother because something is wrong with him. He needs to have a spinal tap done, and it is. Problems start when the parents show up, because they disapprove of any medicine practice due to religious beliefs. A debate ensues with a somewhat satisfying end.

I haven't thought of that episode for a

semester or so. Until I read about a similar incident. In Philadelphia, children who went to a church of faith healers were not allowed to have immunizations during a recent measles epidemic. As a result, four children died.

The idea of faith healing dates back to the New Testament when Jesus is said to have healed lepers, made the blind see and raised the dead. He explained anyone can do these things if he or she has faith. And there are several people who believe if they have enough faith they can heal themselves with the power of God.

I consider myself as about religious as the next guy, but I can't believe in this doctrine.

Rather, I am reminded of an old desert saying — trust in God but tie your camel. The idea being, it's great to believe in God, but don't expect him to coddle you. You need to take care of yourself with what's available on this world.

Perhaps part of my disbelief has to do with the secularization of religion. As time marched onward, we seem to hold science in awe more than religion. This is in contrast to the Middle Ages when people put more stock

into whatever the Church said. That was a time when the priesthood was looked upon as a step away from God. This is not the case today. Not with such bozos as Jim Bakker or Oral Roberts.

Perhaps another reason I find myself scoffing at faith healing is I associate it with born-again Christians. To quote Herb Caen, "The trouble with born-again Christians is that they are an even bigger pain the second time around."

But the real tragedy about faith healers, is the four children who died because their parents thought only God could heal them. Who knows what might have happened if they had been allowed to have immunizations? Maybe they might have been great world leaders. Or brilliant scientists. Or reporters.

But now we will never know. And that is the greatest tragedy of all, hope unrealized. All because someone couldn't make a small compromise, and let their kids have shots.

Maybe I wouldn't mind, if someone could give a good reason why. Why is this idealism more important than human life?

College is a time to do it yourself

By ROBERT HOLDSWORTH
Columnist

College is supposed to teach us how to be adults. We engage in a course of study to prepare us for our careers later on in life. This maturation process is one of the stated goals of the TCU administration. Why then do the administrators of this university see fit to treat students like children instead of the adults we are supposed to be?

Recently a friend who is enrolled in Army ROTC was given the job of finding an auditorium for the Corps' annual awards ceremony. My friend is a senior who will be commissioned as an officer in a matter of months. One would think a senior in college who is close to assuming a leadership role in the defense of our country would, at the very least, command a modicum of respect as an adult.

However, when my friend called about trying to reserve Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium for the awards ceremony he was given

the run around by administrators who said they couldn't commit the auditorium. My friend then reluctantly reported back to the professor of military science that he couldn't find a place for the ceremony (the other lecture halls around campus having been already committed to other functions). The professor then called about the auditorium himself and was warmly received.

What's wrong with this picture? Most people would assume the reason my friend was given the cold shoulder was that he had been flippant with the Ed Landreth people and was not taken seriously as a result. My friend is a very reserved man who takes any assignment given to him very seriously and carries it out to the best of his ability. It's more likely he was not taken seriously due simply to the fact he is a student.

Administrators at this university do their jobs very well. Visitors are nearly always impressed by the upkeep of the grounds and buildings. The faculty and the student body

are for the most part happy with the way things are run. However, when a student needs something different from the norm from one of the administrators, they practically need a stamp of approval from Chancellor William Tucker to be heard.

In student orientation, self-reliance, breaking away from your parents and becoming an adult, are stressed as an integral part of the college experience. When you attempt to do these things, you are treated as an unruly child. Becoming an adult means doing for yourself what you used to need others to do for you.

If we are required to get a faculty member or administrator to vouch for us each time we try to do for ourselves, then what's this in the brochure about becoming an adult in the inspired setting of TCU? Could it be an attempt to tell prospective students what they want to hear simply in order to get their tuition money? Nah, never happen. That would be dishonest.

Switching parties, but not ideals

By JEFF JETER
Columnist

Dearly beloved, we are gathered here today to pay last respects to a great leader. Indeed, Louisiana's governor Buddy Roemer was a man of incredible leadership and wisdom. Sadly, he has departed

the world in which he had so selflessly contributed. Buddy Roemer leaves behind a grieving Democratic party, which mourns the passing of such a distinguished American. But friends, rejoice, for Buddy Roemer is now a Republican.

In a much-anticipated news conference on Monday, Roemer announced he was switching party affiliation. This marks the first time in modern history a seated governor has changed parties.

The most interesting part of Roemer's new political identity is that he has not changed — the Democratic party has. Roemer still finds himself holding the same values he has possessed throughout his many years in public office. He has not changed his beliefs one iota.

Then why in the world would Buddy Roemer switch horses in midstream? The governor has stated publicly in recent weeks

that he had come to feel more philosophically compatible with the GOP. The Democrats aren't what they used to be. Roemer has shed the shackles of Democratic liberalism for the best interests of Louisiana and the nation.

Democrats continue to draft a party platform that panders to special interest groups and relies on a tired old tax-and-spend philosophy to support an unpopular liberal agenda. But make no mistake about it, Buddy Roemer is a very intelligent man.

During the last decade, Roemer looked around at his Democratic brothers-in-arms. He noticed all the Ted Kennedys, Michael Dukakis, and Jesse Jacksons that were all around him. And finally he had endured enough. Buddy Roemer has higher political aspirations and knows that as a Democrat, he would have become another in a long line of losers.

However, I have not come to bury Roemer, but to praise him. A Harvard graduate, he rose to prominence as a member of the House of Representatives, and served his constituents well in that capacity for four terms. During this time, Roemer was one of the notorious boll weevils, a group of Southern Democrats who supported President Reagan and his policies. In 1987, the Congressman threw his hat into the ring for the office of governor of Louisiana. By running an honest campaign and doing the unthink-

able — actually addressing issues — Roemer overcame tremendous odds. He rose from the bottom of the polls in the final weeks of the campaign to overcome a powerful crook-in-incumbent's clothing, Edwin Edwards.

Political analysts called it the Roemer Revolution. The people called it salvation. Throughout his first term in the statehouse, Roemer exhibited a willingness to do what was in the best interest of the people — something previously unheard of in Louisiana politics. He made numerous tough decisions, guiding his troubled state to its feet. Republicans, Democrats, Independents — everyone but the corrupt good ol' boy politicians of the old days soon recognized the obvious: Buddy Roemer is a class act. And now, he is a Republican class act (pardon the redundancy).

Monday, Roemer began down the road of continued progress by announcing his party switch. Louisiana's best interests lie not in a dim-witted ex-KKK Grand Wizard like David Duke. Nor do Louisiana's best interests lie in the dirty government of former governor Edwin Edwards, whose corrupt policies darn-near killed the state in the first place. Republican or Democrat, Buddy Roemer represents Louisiana's best chance for prosperity and fortune.

Ashes to ashes, dust to dust. Farewell Democrat Buddy Roemer — rest in peace.



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Spring break '91

Padre Island braces for 250,000 fun and sun seekers

By SARAH NORMAND KERNER
Special to the Skiff

More than 250,000 college students are expected to descend on South Padre Island during spring break this year, and the island's police force, hotels and merchants are bracing for the human flood.

South Padre, a narrow strip of beach off the south Texas coast, depends on the influx of students to boost the local economy, said Geri Wilson, public relations manager for the South Padre Island Bureau of Tourism and Conventions.

"The island's chief industry is tourism, so we depend on it," Wilson said. "We want the students to come, and we welcome them."

"We consider it a long-term investment because we want the students to come back for future vacations, honeymoons and eventually as wintering Texans."

The island has been attracting vacationing students since the mid-1970s with its low-priced room rentals, "party" atmosphere and proximity to the Mexican border — a combination that can lead to trouble, said Tommy Atkinson, South Padre Island police chief.

"Without a doubt, the large numbers of students create problems for themselves and for their fellow tourists," Atkinson said. "The majority of our calls are alcohol-related, particularly public intoxication, underage drinking and disorderly conduct."

The island's jail capacity is only 60, so officers attempt to resolve matters on the scene rather than make arrests, he said.

"If a breaker is intoxicated but he's got some friends there who can take responsibility for him, then we won't have to bring him in," Atkinson said. "The problem is, a lot of times they don't give us a chance to resolve it then and there. Usually they're too intoxicated, and there's no one sober enough to take responsibility for them."

The jail has a rapid turn-over rate, with most arrested students spending an average of four hours behind bars, he said.

"But a lot of them stay in there longer because their buddies don't want to stop partying long enough to come get them out," Atkinson said. "Sometimes we'll come in there in the morning, and there will still be 30 or 40 kids left from the night before."

As a convenience, students may post

bond or use credit cards to pay fines for minor offenses, he said.

The island's police department does not supplement its force with reserve officers during the busy spring break season, but each officer is required to work a 10-hour shift six days a week, Atkinson said.

Other agencies participate in the attempt to keep the peace, including the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, the Department of Public Safety and the sheriff's office, he said.

In addition, the Brownsville Police Department on the mainland and the Matamoros Police Department in Mexico will monitor student travel between Texas and Mexico.

About 20,000 students will pass through Brownsville on their way to visit the border city of Matamoros during spring break, said Victor Rodriguez, Brownsville police chief.

Police will closely monitor the Gateway and the B&M Railroad bridges over the Rio Grande River, Rodriguez said.

"We know they're just a bunch of kids out to have a good time," he said. "So as long as they stay pretty much within the law we won't make arrests."

A sign-in program at the Mexican

border was implemented in the spring of 1990 by the Matamoros police following the cult slaying of a student during spring break of 1989, Rodriguez said. No such sign-in program will be in effect this year though, he said.

"The Matamoros police have assured us that they will be out in force," Rodriguez said.

"What I want students to remember," Atkinson said, "is that they have a choice. If they choose to go to Mexico, and they're doing something that they're likely to get arrested for, then they need to concentrate on staying on this side of the border. They don't want to see those Matamoros jails — I can guarantee that."

For students who choose to remain on this side of the border, plenty of activities have been planned, including those designed as alternatives to drinking.

In a news conference last week, Surgeon General Antonia Novello urged alcohol manufacturers and retailers to "take a more responsible posture" in marketing and promotion tactics during spring break.

Manufacturers and retailers have traditionally included taking tents, hats, umbrellas and other promotional material

to the beaches to promote their products.

Wilson said the South Padre Island Bureau of Tourism and Conventions had promoted the philosophy of responsible drinking long before the surgeon general's appeal to alcohol manufacturers.

"We've adopted the 'Party Smart' program promoted by the beer drinkers association, a non-profit organization whose philosophy neither condemns nor condones drinking," Wilson said. "We say that if you're at least 21 and if you choose to drink, do so responsibly."

"For example, Foster's beer is sponsoring two volleyball tournaments, and they won't be selling beer there," Wilson said.

Leo Silva, general manager of the Holiday Inn on South Padre Island, said his hotel has planned "clean games" like volleyball and tug-of-war around the hotel pool.

"By and large, the kids are pretty well behaved," Silva said. "We have one or two incidents every season, but short of putting an armed guard in every room, I don't know what else we could do. If kids want to drink or get hurt they'll find a place to do it."

Skin cancer may afflict sunbathers

By RACHEL BROWN
TCU Daily Skiff

Spring break trips often call for lying on warm beaches as worries melt away. But basking in the sun may give young adults something to worry about later.

Overexposure to the sun is the most common cause of skin cancer, according to a report by the American Cancer Society. This same publication said more than 500,000 new cases of skin cancer were reported each year.

Doctors do not diagnose many cases of skin cancer in young patients, but usually see the development of cancer when these people reach their 30s and 40s, said Muddamalle Augustine, an Arlington physician. Most of these cancers are cur-

able, Augustine said.

The least common but most dangerous form of skin cancer is malignant melanoma, he said. Melanomas involve the hormone melanin, a pigment that colors human skin.

Melanin allows skin to block harmful ultraviolet sun rays, which is why fair-skinned people usually burn more easily than those with darker skin tones, Augustine said. Lighter-skinned people do not have as much melanin, he said.

He said although 99 percent of skin cancer from sun exposure was diagnosed among whites, brown- or black-skinned people were not immune from the sun's ill effects. No one should expose his or her skin to the sun for more than 20 or 30 minutes at a time, he said.

Skin cancers generally are found

on body areas that receive the most exposure to sunlight. This includes the nose, lips, chin and hands, Augustine said. Sunscreens may help reduce some of the threat, but the protective factor listed on the product should be high, he said.

"It must have a number of 10 or above to protect very well," Augustine said.

The American Cancer Society said in addition to using sunscreen, people may prevent skin cancer by wearing wide-brimmed hats and bandanas around their necks.

Besides risking cancer, young adults who regularly sunbathe may cause premature wrinkling because sun can destroy the skin's elasticity, Augustine said.

Time nears to break away

Students to receive trip tickets and vacation itinerary at reception

By JULIET YATES
TCU Daily Skiff

Scores of TCU students will pay homage to the sun on the beaches of Mexico this Spring Break.

Over 80 students have registered to go to Acapulco, Puerto Vallarta or Cancun through the Holiday Express program, said Larry Markley, adviser for the Recreation and Travel Committee of the Programming Council.

The trip to Acapulco is full, but there are 20 spots left for Cancun and 40 spots for Puerto Vallarta, Markley said.

The trips range from \$379 to \$449, which includes round trip airfare, lodging at a five-star hotel and some social functions.

Reese McCrea, a junior marketing major, went last year and said Holiday Express provides specials such as no cover charges and "all you can drink" specials at discos and bars.

"The trip is fantastic," he said. "You can have a good time for \$200."

Most students stay in a room with three other people, although double rooms are available, Markley said.

A reception will be held at 6 p.m. today in the Student Center to pass out airline tickets and inform students of what they will be doing on their trips, he said.

Anyone interested in going can still sign up either at the reception or with the Recreation and Travel Committee in the Student Activities Office.

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her new husband to return to the United States.

Kansara filed papers for her husband's immigration to the United States immediately upon her return. Because she is only a permanent resident of the United States and still a citizen of Great Britain, Kansara said the paperwork for her husband's arrival could take up to two years.

Because neither of the newlyweds can afford the time or money to visit the other, they fill in the years apart and learn about each other through letters.

"One of the great things about writing letters is that even though he's not here, we have opened the lines of communication," she said.

"This way, we are forced to open up and write all of our feelings on paper," she said. "I know the relationship is going to go better when he comes here, because we've already opened up through our letters."

Kansara has kept every letter she

has received since their marriage. Paresh has opened up in his letters and has told her of his anticipation of the future, Kansara said.

"My desires in life are that I would pass my life with you," he writes. "I want two children, and I want a small house (I mean a home) with a beautiful garden. All of this I want to share with you."

Kansara said she can't wait to be reunited with her husband.

"He truly wants to make me happy," she said.

Kansara said they didn't talk on the phone often because it was almost impossible to get through to the city Paresh lives in, and even if they could get connected, they usually had to yell just to be heard.

Paresh Kansara, 27, has two bachelor's degrees and is completing a master's degree. Although he has never traveled outside of India, he has studied English and is modern in his thinking, his wife said.

"He respects me for what I think is right, and I respect him for what he thinks is right," she said.

"If something conflicts, we'll just need to work it out," she said. "I think we understand one another enough that there won't be any barriers in our relationship."

Although Paresh will be experiencing a new culture, Kansara said she doesn't see him having any problems adapting.

"I don't feel like it's going to be a burden on me to teach him everything he needs to know," she said. "It will be fun."

Kansara said she doesn't know what types of jobs they will have, but she would like for her husband to do something similar to his current job of supervising color dyeing in a silk mill.

Paresh could work in the fashion industry because of his experience with fabrics and colors, she said.

Kansara said the hardest part of

her life now is being away from her husband.

"There are times when I'm feeling down and it's very difficult for me to handle it. I don't always show my feelings but there are times when the only person I want can't be with me," she said.

"It kind of gets to me when I hear some of my friends say they've just got to see their boyfriends because they haven't seen them all day, and I think about how I haven't seen my husband in over a year."

Kansara defends her decision to marry in the traditional Indian manner as her own decision.

"I don't feel like I did this just for my parents," she said. "I did it for me, and that's really important since I'm the one that got married. No matter how the relationship got started, now we are forced to make a commitment to each other. I'm willing to put up 100 percent, even more, because I want the marriage to work."

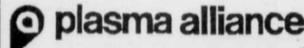
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Tarheels a-comin'

The women's tennis team, coming off a 5-4 loss to Mississippi State, will host the North Carolina Tarheels at 1:30 p.m. today at the Tennis Center.



Sports



Lacrosse

The TCU lacrosse team, 3-5, routed Austin College, 16-3, in a Saturday afternoon game. Cricket Walker led the Frogs by scoring six goals.

Aggies' coach given two days to respond to probe

By JEFF BLAYLOCK
TCU Daily Skiff

Amid alleged recruiting violations and fears of the NCAA "death penalty," Texas A&M has given head basketball coach Kermit Davis Jr. until Thursday to respond to a university investigation's findings.

Davis received a full copy of the probe's final report Tuesday afternoon following a 90-minute meeting with school officials.

The 3 p.m. meeting between Davis, athletic director John David Crow and Texas A&M president William H. Mobley followed an in-house investigation of the basketball program.

"I think it was a meeting we knew was going to happen after the investigation was finalized," Davis said. "I don't have any idea

what's going to happen."

"I have no comment at this time," Davis said after the meeting. "But I'm always optimistic."

The school's delay of a final decision extended a week of speculation about Davis' future with the Aggies. The 31-year-old coach finished his first season at Texas A&M Friday at the SWC Classic.

In a tunnel under Reunion Arena, he denied a *Houston Chronicle* report that he already had been fired and knew his fate.

"If I knew, I'd tell you right now that I wasn't going to be the coach at A&M next year," Davis said Thursday. "I don't know right now."

Davis had told his players about the newspaper's report after their Thursday night Classic game and dismissed the story as "ir-

responsible journalism."

Sports information director Alan Cannon also denied Davis' firing Thursday.

"If he's been fired, then it's news to me," Cannon said.

But a source close to the A&M basketball program said Friday he believed the dismissal already had leaked down from the school's administration.

"It's got to be frustrating for Kermit to know this (Friday night's game with Arkansas) might be his last," the source said.

The internal investigation was conducted by Robert Smith, A&M vice president for finance and administration. Mobley said he received Smith's full report Friday and spent the weekend reading and evaluating the situation.

An official statement from the university

said Texas A&M will withhold findings of the report until after Thursday's meetings.

Davis' attorneys said they did not want to comment on Thursday's meetings and any possible settlements until then.

Mobley and Davis could not be reached for further comment.

The investigation began in December after a published report said Davis violated NCAA rules while recruiting former Syracuse player Tony Scott. Scott said his transfer to A&M was arranged by talent scout Rob Johnson. Later, Johnson allegedly was offered a graduate assistant coaching position by Davis.

Davis replaced interim coach John Thornton, who replaced Shelby Metcalf when he was fired last season. Thornton would be Davis' expected successor.



Kermit Davis Jr.

Singles play sends Frogs to semifinals

By GREG RIDDLE
TCU Daily Skiff

Facing some of its toughest competition of the season, the TCU men's tennis team came away with two impressive victories at the HEB Intercollegiate Team Championships in Corpus Christi, before finally being ousted in the semifinals by Pepperdine.

In the first round, the Horned Frogs faced a tough SE Louisiana team that had lost only three times during the whole spring season. To make matters worse for the Frogs, SE Louisiana's top singles player, Ola Sjellstron, came into the tournament with a 21-1 singles record.

However, Sjellstron got his second defeat of the season when Luis Ruetter beat him, 6-4, 3-6, 7-6.

However, the victory proved costly. During the match, Ruetter pulled a muscle in his back. Although he was able to finish the match, the injury would hamper Ruetter the rest of the tournament.

"Although Luis played, he wasn't 100 percent and couldn't function good enough to beat players of this caliber," said head coach Tut Bartzan.

The Frogs went on to crush SE Louisiana, 5-1.

In the quarterfinals, the Frogs beat Ball State, 5-1. Ruetter was beaten in straight sets, but Tony Bujan got the Frogs going with a 6-2, 6-0 singles win. Mark Tjia, Ricardo Rubio, Gerard Ronan and Devin Bowen also coasted to straight set victories.

But the easy singles wins could hurt TCU in doubles later.

ON THE RUN



TCU Daily Skiff/Trip Meade

Texas' Benford Williams fouls Arkansas' Roosevelt Wallace as he tries to finish the fast break in Sunday's SWC championship game.

"By playing so good in singles we didn't get to play any doubles, which we needed to do," Bartzan said. "We haven't been playing very well in doubles, and we need some practice if we're going to get better as the season goes on."

The Frogs lost to Pepperdine, 5-2, in the semifinals. Bujan buried Pepperdine's Howard Joffe 6-0, 6-1, and Ricardo Rubio won a hard-fought match 6-3, 1-6, 6-3.

The Frogs had little else to cheer about. Ruetter fell in straight sets. Tjia blew a huge second-set lead and lost 6-3, 7-5. Ronan lost a heartbreaking match 6-3, 5-7, 6-3.

The Frogs will next be in action Thursday as they host Louisiana State. The Tigers, who should be ranked ahead of TCU when the next national poll comes out later this week, will be the seventh top 25 team that the Frogs have faced in the last month.

Davis doomed by program's past, new pressures

By JEFF BLAYLOCK
Sports Editor

Kermit Davis Jr. was hired less than a year ago to lead Texas A&M's basketball program into a new era. That era may have ended Tuesday.

Or did it end Friday, when the Aggies lost to the Razorbacks, 108-61, in the SWC Classic quarterfinals?

Or perhaps a week ago, as the *Houston Chronicle* reported?

Or maybe when Davis recruited former Syracuse player Tony Scott, who has yet to play a game in a maroon uniform, last fall? When Davis allegedly paid talent scout Rob Johnson to insure Scott's transfer. When Davis allegedly assured Scott of bonuses and added incentives to leave the successful Orange to join the lowly Aggies. When Davis offered Johnson a coaching position. It's possible Davis was doomed from the

ATM Analysis

beginning. He was expected to turn around a program that was dismal to begin with. Standing on the sideline in antiquated G. Rollie White Coliseum, Davis had four years to make good on his promises. There was much work to be done, and it had to be done quickly.

Davis, 31, was welcomed with open arms by the SWC and received an ovation as the conference's newest — and youngest — head coach last fall. Optimistic from the start, Davis said he was going to build a good program, a winning one.

But one snafu after another took its toll. Players quit the team, rumors abounded, scandals appeared in print and the Aggies got beat night after night. His 8-21 season, the worst ever in Aggieland, didn't help him when the decision came down, but then nothing could.

Davis was doomed before he ever signed on the dotted line. Texas A&M had a ghost wandering its athletic department's halls: the probation earned by former head football coach Jackie Sherrill. His cheating brought about his dismissal and sanctions against the then-crooked football program.

What remained was the NCAA's dreaded "death penalty," a threat levied against the university should any other major violations

in any athletic program be discovered in the next five years. SMU felt the effects of the death penalty in football. A&M may get a taste of it in basketball.

Davis brought with him some new traditions. He started the sixth man, which is the basketball court's version of the football team's 12th man tradition. He dreamed of playing for SWC titles in a huge new arena on campus and of selling the place out every time the Aggies played on the hardwoods.

He never dreamed of a Tuesday afternoon meeting in president William Mobley's office, where grandfatherly faced athletic director John David Crow would tell the coach that the decision wasn't his. Where a report Davis would probably never read would recommend his termination.

Perhaps he dreamed of leading the SWC into a new era. But if reaching his dream meant cheating, then he had no business being in the SWC.

Texas A&M administrators acted well to give Davis until Thursday to respond to the university's report, but the end will be the same. Texas A&M made the only decision it possibly could.

The last image the SWC will have of Davis is a teary-eyed embrace he shared with guard Brooks Thompson in the closing seconds of his final game, a 108-61 loss Friday night before 17,000 cheering Razorback fans. The doomed coach and his ever supportive player, and the look in their eyes which betrayed their feelings to all: this is the end.

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