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## Oxford librarian to show treasures from the past

By KATHERINE THOMPSON  
TCU Daily Skiff

Historical treasures from centuries past will come to TCU tonight as Oxford University librarian David G. Vaisey presents an illustrated lecture on some of the world's most prized archives.

"Libraries of Oxford: The 500 Years from Columbus to Computers," will include slides featuring the Magna Carta, a 16th century book for the king of Spain on his New World colonies and other historical documents and collections of Oxford's Bodleian Library.

Vaisey said he hopes to accomplish two things in his lecture: presenting the history of the Bodleian Library, and bringing the treasures the library holds to the TCU community.

"The buildings themselves are architecturally beautiful and have a history of their own," he said.

The Bodleian Library is the largest of the 100 libraries in the Oxford University system and holds most of the historical collections, he said.

Vaisey also will speak to English history classes during the week, he said.

"I'd very much like to see the Honors convocation as well," he said.

"We don't have anything like that in England."

Vaisey hopes to get a taste of Texas while he is in Fort Worth by visiting the Stockyards, he said. He attended the Main Street Arts Festival this weekend as well.

American university bookstores also have intrigued Vaisey; he said he was looking forward to visiting the TCU store. His interest sprang from the fact that there are no university stores in England similar to the American stores. Also, Vaisey said his research into the history of shopping has piqued his interest in the marketing of universities.

The Bodleian Library currently is working on methods of restoring old documents and preserving their usually acidic pages from further decay, which comes with age, Vaisey said.

In addition to his work at the Bodleian, Vaisey has authored and co-authored several books on the history of shopping and historical photographs. Vaisey is currently president-elect of the Bristol and Gloucestershire Archaeological Society and a member of several committees, including the Advisory Council on the Public Records and the Humanities and Social Studies Advisory Committee at the British Library. He

was founding chairman of the National Council on Archives.

Vaisey's research concerns are in local history and records. He is especially concerned with the sources available for the study of the nature and contents of retail shops in 17th and 18th century England.

Of TCU's Mary Couts Burnett Library, Vaisey said he has been very pleased.

"Of course, this library is serving a different community, so the holdings are very different from our library at Ox-

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## New members initiated into Motor Board

By AMY BULMER  
TCU Daily Skiff

Thirty-five TCU seniors were initiated into the Ampersand Chapter of Mortar Board, a national honor society for seniors, Sunday in Robert Carr Chapel.

The students were chosen from more than 200 applicants to be recognized for their scholastic, service and leadership abilities, said Kathryn McDorman, an associate professor of history and adviser for the TCU chapter of Mortar Board.

"This year we had an exceptional group to choose from," McDorman said. "The '90-'91 members picked them very carefully, but it was a hard decision that took many hours to determine."

Members of Mortar Board are initiated at the end of their junior years. As seniors, members participate in an outreach project, a professor dinner and other activities.

The outreach project for this year will not be determined until the new members meet, said Jon R. Buell, a communication graphics major and new Mortar Board member.

"We might keep the project from last year which concentrated on the literacy problem, but we have not decided," Buell said. "Whatever we choose, it will benefit society."

McDorman attributed the success of past Mortar Board projects to the diverse talents and interests of its members.

"Everyone in our group has a speciality," she said. "Everyone has something to offer, and we all work together to see that everyone's talent is used."

Mortar Board gives members a sense of achievement, Buell said.

"Of course members feel personal gain as we interact with each other and also as we help the community," he said. "And we will strive, just as previous chapters have, to help the community."

Membership in Mortar Board is noted by potential employers and graduate schools, McDorman said.

"It will definitely be a plus on my resume," Buell said. "This will show that I have interests outside of my major field. My involvement will re-

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## Professor stresses role of nutrition, exercise

By RACHEL BROWN  
TCU Daily Skiff

College life fattens students. So says Nell Robinson, chair of the nutrition/dietetics department.

Unless they learn to eat healthier and get more exercise, students going through the transition from home to dormitory can hurt their diets, she said.

Robinson said first year college students frequently gained unwanted pounds, often called "the freshman 15," because of new eating patterns and a reduction in activity.

Meals at a university tend to be served in large portions and eaten at fixed times, Robinson said, so students have more food more often.

Loneliness and homesickness could contribute to eating more if students turn to food for comfort, she said. Freedom to snack is another rea-

son why those away from home for the first time tend to gain weight, Robinson said. She said fast food locations and restaurant deliveries near campus made tremendous profits from university students in residence halls.

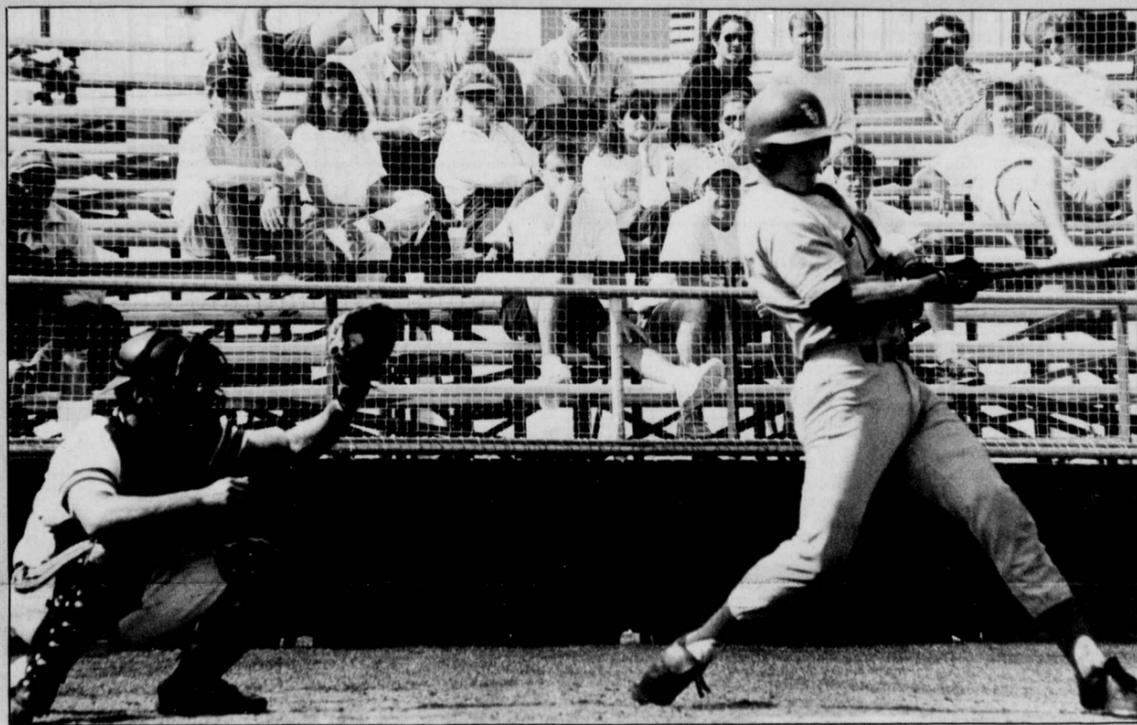
The availability of fried, cholesterol-ridden foods near TCU is tempting but dangerous, Robinson said, referring to the fast-food-lined streets around campus. The biggest nutritional problem in college students' diets is an excess of fat and cholesterol, she said.

National dietary guidelines say persons should take only 30 percent of their calories from fat, but college students receive from 35 to 40 percent, Robinson said.

Gatherings within the dorm usually center on food, often during late-

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## Taking a swing



TCU Daily Skiff/ Eric Letsche  
Rick Hinojosa swings but fails to connect against Arkansas. The Frogs lost two of the three games against the Hogs last weekend.

## Battles remain in fight for MLK holiday

By SARAH NORMAND KERNER  
Special to the Skiff

While students who support a proposed TCU holiday recognizing Martin Luther King Jr. have been struggling to make it a reality for an entire semester, it took supporters of the national holiday nearly 15 years to make their dream come true.

The crusade to honor King with a national holiday began shortly after his death. Each congressional session following King's assassination, in fact, saw legislation proposed calling for a holiday in his honor. Leaders of the movement included Coretta Scott King, his widow; African-American legislators and entertainers.

Many legislators on the state level also fought for the holiday. Illinois in 1973 became the first state to estab-

lish a legal King holiday.

On the grass-roots level, many African-Americans through the years took it upon themselves to stay home from work and school on Jan. 15, and thousands have written letters to their congressmen and signed petitions in support of the holiday.

Entertainer Stevie Wonder encouraged other African-Americans in 1981 to show their support for the holiday by demonstrating in Washington. On Jan. 15, 100,000 marchers converged on the district to rally for the holiday.

Their wish did come true — but not until Nov. 2, 1983, when President Reagan signed the bill that would establish the third Monday in January as the King holiday, beginning in 1986.

Supporters soon realized, however, that the battle was only half

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won, since establishment of a national holiday does not require compliance by the states. States may set their own calendars and choose to observe holidays as they wish.

Some states, including Kentucky, Montana, Wyoming and Arizona, claim that observing the holiday by giving state employees the day off creates financial problems for

states. Other states, like Arkansas, Mississippi and Virginia have combined Martin Luther King Day with recognition of Robert E. Lee and Andrew Jackson. Utah simply calls the day "Human Rights Day."

The battle for the holiday continues in those states where King is recognized with neither school closings nor paid holidays for state employees: Arizona, New Hampshire, South Dakota and Idaho.

The president can designate federal holidays only for the District of Columbia. However, most states follow his lead by observing the 10 national holidays, which are New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day, Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

## King day comes to House vote

By JON MARTZ  
TCU Daily Skiff

House representatives will vote on a bill to officially recognize Martin Luther King Jr. Day at 5 p.m. today in Student Center Room 222.

The bill requests that the House officially proclaim the day and petition the administration to recognize the first Monday in January as an official university holiday, said Ernie Ross, House president.

Representatives also will debate and vote on a proposed budget for the 1991-1992 fiscal year.

The budget was introduced two weeks ago, and representatives had an opportunity to ask questions about the budget in last week's meeting.

The House budget for the next academic year totals \$175,000, which is down from this year's budget of \$190,000 and down 13 percent from two years ago.

"The \$175,000 is the department-defined budget for the next fiscal year," said Jeff Sherman, House treasurer. "That number is derived from estimates of enrollment for next year."

The House has been operating under severe monetary constraints for the entire semester, Sherman said, and the proposed decrease in funds will force the House to deny funding to more organizations next year.

"The House is in dire straits from a monetary standpoint," he said. "We are having to run a tight policy, and if students understood what sacrificing one mini-pizza a semester would do for the student body as a whole, a student fee increase could be feasible in the future."

Representatives also will vote on a bill to help fund the TCU Community Action Network Day. The bill requests \$314.42 to help purchase refreshments, trophies and printing.

Community Action Network Day provides student groups and individuals the opportunity to help provide service to the surrounding community.

The group will provide service to organizations like the Special Olympics, Cook's Childrens Hospi-

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Today's weather will be sunny with a high temperature of 88 degrees.  
Wednesday's weather will be partly sunny with a high temperature of 90 degrees.

## 7 compete in memory of diver, piano student

By MEREDITH FANE  
TCU Daily Skiff

Most of the chairs in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium were empty Sunday during the first Gary Martin Memorial Piano Competition. But seven competitors filled the air with music from a Steinway grand piano as skilled fingers glided precisely over the ivory keys for an audience of 15 people.

Peggy and Val Martin asked Tamas Ungar, professor of piano and their son Gary's former piano teacher, to help them establish a memorial for Gary, who died in 1989. Ungar felt the competition would be the best way to remember Gary Martin, he said.

"Gary was immensely interested in music," Ungar said. "He was gentle. My children loved him as a person. He loved helping others, es-

pecially if it was another student. He loved the idea of someone else getting to do their best. In the long run, he would have been a great teacher. By this competition he got seven people to do their best."

The competition was open to any TCU student, and prize money was given directly to the competitors rather than in the form of a scholarship. But Ungar said the competition offered pianists something more important than the prizes — the opportunity to perform.

Ervin Nagy, a piano graduate student, received first place and \$500. Cherise Da Cunha, a junior piano performance major, received second place and \$250. Terry Chang, a student of Jose Feghali, received third place and \$100.

The competition was judged by

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## Senior gift program improved

By WILLIAM HATFIELD  
TCU Daily Skiff

Seniors who wished to give something back to the university, but were financially restricted can now donate money to TCU and honor personal influences as well thanks to the new Senior Appreciation Program.

This year's program replaces the old Senior Giving Program. Last year's graduating seniors were asked to donate \$100 to the university's unrestricted annual fund. The new program, which is modeled after ideas from Duke,

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North Carolina and Baylor, offers seniors the opportunity to donate money to a fund that is established solely for scholarships to outstanding juniors.

Steve Winesett, development associate, said the new program was implemented to ease the financial burden the \$100 donation presented to each graduating senior.

A strength of the new program is the accessibility for participation. Seniors can make donations in honor of two people who have influenced their TCU career. Although seniors can give as much as they want, the development office suggested \$10 to \$15 donations.

"The seniors felt this was a good program," Winesett said. "It was a

good chance for them to thank those people who have helped them here at TCU."

Derek Lester, a biology major and member of the senior executive committee who was in charge of the program, said the new program will help change attitudes.

"We felt the previous program has negative connotation," Lester said. "The main purpose of the new program was to change the perception about giving to TCU. There is a better perspective on both the givers and receivers on where the money will go."

"All the money raised goes toward scholarships, not administrative costs," Winesett said. "This will show seniors their gifts are managed for student interests. We hope they

will keep the faith in how TCU manages financial gifts."

A total of 70 seniors participated in this year's program. Donations of exactly \$1000 were made. The number of students more than tripled the number of seniors that donated last year.

"We have set the framework to attain higher goals for the program," Lester said. "This is just the start. It should get bigger and bigger as it goes along."

Two juniors will each receive \$500 scholarships from the TCU Senior Appreciation Program. Ronna Caruthers and Beth Monach will be given their awards at the annual Student Activities Leadership Awards Ceremony on May 1.

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David Stokan, head of the piano department at the University of Texas at Arlington; and James Petty, who Ungar called "one of the most sought-after piano teachers in Abilene."

"Because it is the 200th anniversary of Mozart's death, we chose for each contestant to play a complete Mozart Sonata and a contrasting piece. This is very important because usually competitions only require just part of a sonata played," Ungar said.

Keith Durlington, a senior piano performance major, was the first competitor. He played Mozart's Sonata in D-flat Major and George Crumb's Makrokosmos.

"Contests are a different kind of

stress from recitals," Durlington said. "I didn't really fall into it until after the second movement of the Mozart piece."

"It takes a lot of heartache to get up there," Da Cuhna said. "But it's worth it."

The Martins said they were impressed with the performances.

"This competition testifies to the high level of pianism in our department and the quality of teaching our faculty members do here," Ungar said. "We're already thinking about next year. Gary would have been delighted by what we're doing."

Gary Martin spent three years on the Longhorn Diving Club at the University of Texas. In 1989, he decided to return to classical music and

began taking piano instruction from Ungar at TCU. He died the same year at age 28.

Diving and classical music were his two passions, Val Martin said.

"When Gary was nine years old, we lived out in the country," Peggy Martin said. "The mobile library from Fort Worth would come out there and most of the kids would get Hardy Boys books and things like that. But Gary would get biographies of classical musicians."

"Our son enjoyed classical piano music," Peggy Martin said. "He would have been proud to help someone. It keeps them on their toes to be in a contest — and they'll probably spend the money on their music."

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night study breaks or social calls to friends' rooms. These social situations that focus on food are modern developments, she said.

"When I was in school in the dormitories, you were in by 10, and that was it," Robinson said. "You were in your room by 10 and you didn't leave."

Time management is a common link among freshman fat factors, she said. Hurried students will eat anything as long as it is fast and gets them through the day, she said.

"I think it's a time factor as well as not understanding the importance of good nutrition," Robinson said.

So how do students avoid bulging waistlines?

"Just push away from the dinner table," Robinson said.

Along with following that advice, she added, students must get more

physical activity. People are generally the most sedentary when they enter college, she said, and the average freshman gets no exercise other than in a physical education class.

No matter how much people reduce their calorie intakes, they cannot effectively maintain a proper weight without exercise, Robinson said.

Some students, however, are worried about the "freshman 15" and have created a movement of health consciousness in recent years, Robinson said.

"They (the students) are more concerned with weight than they ever have been before," she said.

Robinson said enrollment in nutrition/dietetics classes has risen dramatically in the last few years. For example, this semester's nutrition concepts course has six sections of

70 students, and instructors had to close the class to many others who wanted it, she said.

Careers in nutrition-relation fields are also growing, Robinson said. One of her former students has started a call-in radio show in Dallas concerning diet issues and is now looking for a Fort Worth station to pick up the show.

Nutrition/dietetics majors continue to show more interest in working with organizations such as the American Cancer Society and the American Heart Association, Robinson said.

March is National Nutrition Month. The nutrition/dietetics department has information for students interested in such issues, Robinson said.

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tal, the Women's Haven, Brookhaven Nursing Home, the Warm Place and Habitat for Humanity.

Representatives also will vote on a bill to address the parking problem in the Worth Hills area.

The bill asks the House to recommend that the administration eliminate some of the maintenance parking spaces and replace them with loading zones.

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ford," he said. "But it is a very nice atmosphere."

Vaisey, head of Bodleian Library since 1986, will spend the week at TCU as the Visiting Green Professor. Vaisey is also a professorial fellow at Exeter College.

TCU is Vaisey's last stop on a tour of American universities. Vaisey has already been to Yale, Ball State University and others across the country.

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veal that I care about the welfare of my surroundings and that I'm interested in more than myself."

No scholarship award is given for membership in Mortar Board, McDorman said, but a \$50 award is presented to the winner of "Literacy Criticism," an annual creative writing contest within the organization.

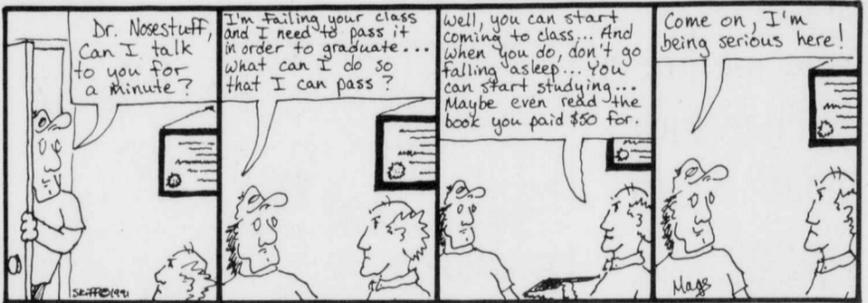
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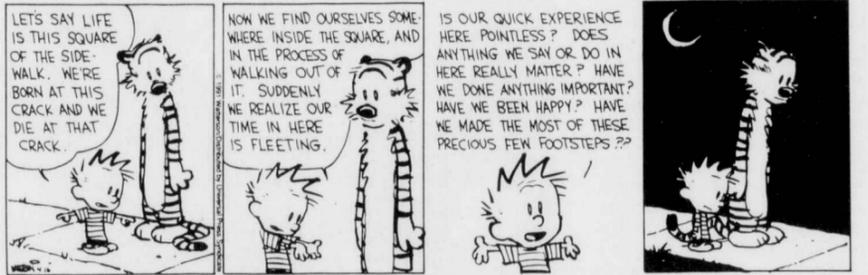
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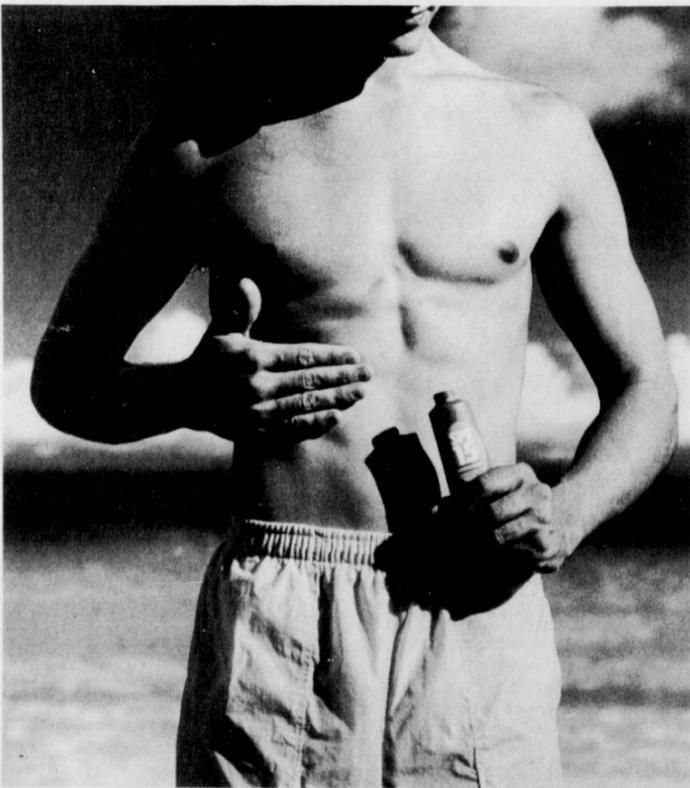


## Calvin and Hobbes

by Bill Watterson



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## Georgia

### Secession serious blow to Soviet Union

If there was ever any question as to where the Soviet Union is headed, it was answered Thursday morning when Soviet Georgia voted for political autonomy and independence from the U.S.S.R. This is an unfortunate precedent for Mikhail Gorbachev, who has already endured countless secessionist threats from many of the other Soviet republics, because Georgia has historically been an ardent supporter of Moscow's policies.

The population of Soviet Georgia is closely related to ethnic Russians in both language and tradition. Throughout the history of the Soviet Union, Georgia has never been considered a threat to the integrity of the empire. Now the U.S.S.R. faces economic disaster, the people who make up the impoverished state have voted to leave the Union. Many of the other 14 Soviet republics may take Georgia's action as the green light to also vote for independence.

If the Kremlin hopes to keep the Soviet Union together now, the use of force seems the only way to accomplish it. Gorbachev has demonstrated his reluctance to use force against Russians in the past. When he chose not to crush demonstrations in Moscow two weeks ago, or when he tried to negotiate settlements to the miner's strikes are two excellent examples. The murder of innocent Lithuanian civilians in January, however, is an example of the times he has given in to pressure by his military to use force.

Gorbachev must be feeling a tremendous amount of pressure from all sides to stabilize the situation in his country. George Bush warned the Soviet leader on Saturday not to stop the reforms underway in Soviet life. The coal-miner strike has already paralyzed one factory, and the miners threaten to continue the strike until greater democratic reforms have taken place.

Gorbachev has been backed into a corner by the West and by his own citizens. He may feel the use of military force is the only recourse available for him to keep his job, and to maintain the integrity of the Soviet Union.



## Brady Bill will help curb violence

By ELIZABETH LUNDAY  
Columnist



handguns. The bill is going through Congress right now.

Of course, the National Rifle Association is overwhelmed by disgust at the bill. They are chagrined by Reagan's support of the bill, Reagan being a long-time member of the NRA.

The NRA says the bill will not discourage crime but will punish lawful citizens trying to exercise their First Amendment rights. They are acting in complete accord with their past efforts to allow American citizens to buy any type of weapon they might have a hankering for, including machine guns, assault weapons and personal Scud missiles. Reagan supports the bill because he was shot at. I support the Brady bill because guns kill people.

Finally, Ronald Reagan and I have something in common. We both support the Brady Bill.

Yes, Ron and I both believe in the seven-day waiting period before the purchase of

We live in a violent society. We live in a society where many people have and use guns. Whether we like that or not, it is the truth. Individuals need guns because of the violence of this society; we need guns to protect ourselves from the other people with guns.

Furthermore, as the NRA constantly reminds us, the Bill of Rights guarantees the right of individuals to arm themselves, to protect themselves. When the amendment was written, the intent was for individuals to be able to defend themselves against their government. Now, we have to defend ourselves against crime.

So, you're an average, law-abiding American citizen. You decide to exercise your rights and buy a handgun to protect yourself and your family from the hoodlums of the modern world. You go to buy a gun.

If you are told to wait seven days and then to come back, is that going to violate your right to self-defense?

If you need a gun right away, probably your reasons aren't that good and law-abiding.

Handguns are designed to kill or seriously injure. They can be used to run out and kill someone or to run out and kill yourself. You don't need a gun right away if your purpose

is self-protection. You only need a gun right away if you are planning to shoot someone right away. And it doesn't violate anyone's constitutional rights to limit the ability of a person to go out and shoot someone.

The Brady Bill doesn't punish good citizens. It attempts to protect them from their own violent society.

Given that the Brady Bill should be implemented and given that I think that the NRA is misguided, I will admit I do agree with the NRA in some ways. I too think guns are a symptom, not a disease. Guns are a symptom of the violent society we live in.

However, the NRA proposes that the solution to this violence is more violence, more guns. They want more money spent on law enforcement and police protection.

But here the NRA is also responding to the symptom, not the disease. The disease is crime and violence, yes. Those two problems can't be solved with more police. They can only be solved by attacking their source: poverty.

In the ghettos and housing projects around the nation, violence breeds. Until the poverty, the horrible, degrading condition in which so many American citizens live, until that is erased, we will still need handguns. But we don't need them right now.

## Letter to the Editor

### CPPC improvements

John Hartig and Rich Rogers' column in the April 4, 1991 *Skiff* is an example of highly irresponsible journalism. Not only were the things they said about the Career Planning and Placement Center completely erroneous, they didn't even bother to investigate the situation for themselves. Isn't this how rumors get started?

If Hartig and Rogers had visited CPPC and asked some intelligent questions, they would've found that the center has a great deal to offer TCU students and alumni. In addition to on-campus recruitment, CPPC services include: providing up-to-date information on full-time and part-time job listings, summer jobs, internships and career fields; helping students clarify their interests, values and skills, decide on a major or choose a graduate program; conducting career planning workshops, career information days and resume writing, interviewing and job search skills sessions. Hartig and Rogers also could have asked for the names of recent grads who directly benefited in their job search by utilizing these services.

I think the part I found most offensive, however, was their allegation that "although this focus groups of TCU grads have identified this (CPPC's shortcomings) as a specific problem, nothing has been done to improve it." That is a total falsehood. First of all, in the spring of 1989, the Trustee/Student Relations Committee did report to the Board of Trustees several concerns they had about the lack of coordination between CPPC services and students' needs.

However, Hartig and Rogers fail to

mention the fact that the committee later made a follow-up report to the Board stating they were pleased with CPPC's efforts to address those concerns.

Second, if Hartig and Rogers had taken the time to check past editions of their own newspaper for recent coverage on CPPC, they would have found an article by Chip Waggoner from Jan. 18, 1991. His article "Increase of CPPC Help Duly Noted" detailed the improvements made in CPPC services since Carolyn Ulrickson took over as director in July, 1989. The article also cited the improvement in student response: "45 percent of May 1990 graduates... used (CPPC) job placement services" and "17 percent of the placement center users are alumni."

Finally, as a TCU master's degree candidate, I would like to state for the record I've learned more in one semester from CPPC about interviewing, resume writing, networking and how to market myself through the job search process than I've learned from anything or anyone in 13 years of work experience. CPPC is making a vital difference in my personal and professional success and I know of many recent TCU grads who can say the same thing. I suggest that if Hartig and Rogers want to do anything more than write pieces for the *National Enquirer* when they graduate, they had better do two things: learn what it takes to produce responsible journalism and enlist the services of TCU's Career Planning and Placement Center.

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## Costner's future success untouchable

By SCOTT WALLACE  
Columnist

Kevin Costner is on top of the world right now. His directorial debut, "Dances With Wolves," waltzed off Oscar night with Best Picture honors and, for Costner, Best Director as well as a nomination for Best Actor. Not bad, plus the film's still cleaning up at the box office — over \$100 million.

This summer, unless something goes violently wrong, Costner will hit the jackpot again with "Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves." This time, he's also got Sean Connery, Morgan Freeman, Christian Slater, Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio and "Die Hard" villain Alan Rickman along for the ride. And then he'll turn right around and do the same with two-time Oscar Best Director Oliver Stone in "JFK."

He has the reputation of gold. A devoted husband to his college sweetheart and proud father of three kids, he also has agent Michael Ovitz, the most powerful weapon in Hollywood, on his team. He's got the bankability of Tom Cruise and Mel Gibson mixed with the likability of John Wayne. Here's one of the few men in America who could

make any movie he wanted to and then get just about everybody in America to see it.

Some say he's another Jimmy Stewart; others say Gary Cooper. I think he's the Steve McQueen of his generation. He can get on a horse and do a western, take batting practice in khaki pants or don a Navy outfit and a crew cut. It won't matter to America as long as Costner's in the saddle.

I would like only two things next Christmas. Take away my driver's license and college tuition. Just give me Costner and the power to get scripts on screen. I'll have you paid back in full by Easter; you can take it to the bank and cash it.

Here are the three roles I'd love to see Costner in:

One, what if it were possible to team Costner and Cruise as cop brothers in a "French Connection"-type thriller? The problem with cop movies these days is that they lack the grit, the edge of the streets that the movies of the late '60s and early '70s — McQueen's "Bullitt" and Gene Hackman's "Connection" — had.

Second, what about Costner in a comedy as a laid-back bachelor oilman who's got Anne Archer, Michelle Pfeiffer and Kim Ba-

singer in hot pursuit after him in "The Last Eligible Bachelor in Texas"? Suppose Larry Hagman (J.R., of all people) played his dad, Carol Burnett his mom and Randy Quaid his brother? Would audiences turn out for this creative wedding?

Third, what about Costner as Christ? Ever since the horrid "Last Temptation of Christ" came out, I've been waiting for someone to have the courage to bring the Biblical Jesus to the screen. Could Costner play the Man of Sorrows? A age 35, with piercing eyes, charisma and a sense of the drama, compassion, fire and depth needed to pull it off, I think Costner, with extensive makeup and perhaps darker hair, would be outstanding as Christ.

I would love to see Richard Attenborough ("Ghandi") direct with Robert De Niro as Peter, James Woods as Matthew, Robert Duvall as Pilate, Tom Berenger as John the Baptist and Judd Nelson as Judas. Gene Hackman, Olympia Dukakis, Kevin Kline, Judd Hirsch, John Malkovich and Kathy Baker would co-star.

It's these thoughts that make mouths water. What one could do with a red-hot Kevin Costner and a country itching to see his next movie.

## The Lone Star off on its own

By GREG WEED  
Columnist



any problem with doing it again. We are thankful the United States has been kind enough to help us regain our footing, but now they have worn out their welcome. Besides, Texas is bigger than most of the world's nations anyway.

I am aware George and the rest of the 49 states will not be too hip on the idea of secession, but they will have to deal with it. We still have our military bases — let them try to take them back. It don't think the rest of the United States would be too keen on having two oil wars within six months.

While we're at it, let's take back what was originally Texas' land. Oklahoma, Colorado and New Mexico could add to our economic and political power and independence.

Now that the problems with the United States are out of the way, there are other things to attend to. First, an economic system that is worthwhile and powerful is essential. We need a national currency. However, a new country's currency has little clout in the world market. Therefore, we need to adopt someone else's currency as our own. As said before, the American dollar has caused us enough trouble, so it's out of the question. However, the Japanese yen is doing wonderful in the world market, so it would be the best choice. And if the Japanese don't like it,

tough.

That's not all. We, as a new nation full of oil, can join OPEC for another economic stronghold. Let that country to the north of us worry about gas prices — we've got it made.

Secondly, we need to elect a new president. Needless to say, the term President Richards is scary (but not as scary as President Williams). I nominate former Texas President Stephen F. Austin. Granted, I realize Austin is technically dead, but, tragically, so is the national Democratic Party, but there has yet to be a funeral for it. And as the old saying goes, the best politician is a dead one.

There are more pluses to seceding. Texans will no longer have to say they are from the same country as Dan Quayle and Jane Fonda. Nor do we have to deal with that stupid Iraq thing anymore.

Needless to say, there will be some drawbacks. You will need a passport to get to Louisiana (which, politically, seems like a backwards third world country anyway). There will be, finally, a Texas income tax (but then again, there won't be a U.S. tax, so who cares?).

One more thing. We need to change our National Anthem from that wimpy "Texas, Our Texas" to something more appropriate, like "All My Ex's Live in Texas."

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# Purple reign

## Women's tennis team takes SWC title

By AUBREY ABBOTT  
TCU Daily Skiff

The TCU women's tennis team won sole ownership of the SWC regular season title after defeating Arkansas, 7-2, Saturday in Fayetteville.

The Lady Frogs went through their SWC schedule undefeated, going 8-0.

"We are undisputedly No. 1," coach Roland Ingram said. "We don't have to share it with anyone."

Ingram said the match against Arkansas was especially difficult because the team was very disorganized.

Ingram said he was already forming his consolation speech on the drive to Arkansas.

The Lady Frogs, however, were not ready to share the conference title.

"I'm really proud of us," sophomore Leigh Ann Smith said. "We fought so hard and played so well."

Freshman Ellie Stark and junior Nancy Terrell both came back after losing their first sets to win close three-set matches, while junior Lisa Beard won 7-5, 4-6, 7-6.

The Lady Frogs also clinched three individual conference titles, No. 3 Teri Martin, No. 5 Nancy Terrell, and the No.2 doubles team

of juniors Karen Hooson and Margot van Overloop all went undefeated in their SWC conference matches.

"I'm really excited to win the conference in doubles," van Overloop said. "But I also can't wait to play Texas again."

The Lady Frogs will get the chance to play Texas this weekend at the SWC Championship at College Station if they make it to the finals.

"We play Texas Tech on Friday in the first round and that is the only match I'm thinking about right now," Ingram said.

Ingram said his team is really going to have to play well this weekend because now it is the team to beat.

"We won't be able to sneak up on anyone now," Ingram said. "But this is one group of girls who have decided they can win it."

Ingram said at the beginning of the season the team made three goals: to win the SWC title, to be ranked in the top 25 and to qualify for the NCAA national tournament.

"We've won the conference, we should be ranked in the top 25 and now we have to win the SWC championships to get a bid for the nationals," Ingram said.



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TCU women's tennis coach Roland Ingram guides junior Margot van Overloop as she practices for the SWC tournament.

# Frogs lose 2 of 3 to Hogs

By CHIP WAGGONER  
Special to the Skiff

The Frogs stayed in the hunt for the SWC tournament after taking one of three from Arkansas this weekend.

The Frogs, 27-17 and 6-6 SWC, played flawless ball against the Hogs on Friday, winning by the score of 4-1. Britt Shoptaw had his second consecutive strong outing on the mound and improved his record to 6-4, and Travis Barr got the save.

Kyle Caple, Rick Peters and Chris Thomsen added the spark the Frogs needed offensively as they went a combined 4-for-7 with all four RBIs between them.

But after the rains came, the series changed. The No. 20 Razorbacks, 32-15 and 7-8 SWC, came alive at the plate, while the Frogs slogged through the weekend, losing 12-2 and 12-6. The two wins kept the Hogs' playoff hopes alive with six games remaining.

"We had no enthusiasm at all after the win on Friday," TCU head coach Lance Brown said. "We were only expected to win one, and after we did, we basically quit. Still, it's up to us whether or not we'll make the playoffs."

On Saturday, the Horned Hogs could muster only two hits off starter Matt Wagner. But the Hogs shelled TCU pitching. Centerfielder Mark Johnson, first baseman Allen Williams and leftfielder Bob Carpenter had three RBI's and scored seven of

the 12 runs. Clean-up man Kirk Piskor had three RBI's by himself as the Horned Frogs were never in the game.

Sunday, the Hogs and Frogs got into a slugfest early. After giving up two unearned runs the top of the first inning, the Frogs mounted a rally of their own scoring four in the bottom of the first. The rally was capped by a three-run homer with two out by rightfielder Mark Rudis which gave TCU a 4-2 lead.

But it didn't last long, as Johnson hit a two-run homer, and Piskor added a three-run shot for the Razorbacks in the second inning to take the lead for good.

The Frogs had chances to come back.

Scott Malone's 10th home run cut the Hogs' lead down to two, but it was not nearly enough in the end. Arkansas added four more to win, 12-6.

"We need to find someone to hit the ball in crucial situations," Brown said. "We either get hits when we're way ahead or behind and we don't get them when we need them."

With nine SWC games remaining, Brown said the Frogs need to win five.

"Right now, it is in our hands as to whether or not we make the playoffs," he said. "All we have to do now is take care of our own business. But if we play like we did the last two games of this series, we will have no chance."

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