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## Jazz Ensemble experiences life on the road during tour

By STEPHANIE RADWAY  
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Many TCU students spent the summer going to concerts of touring bands, but 21 members of the Jazz Ensemble spent a part of their summer on their own tour — of Europe.

The ensemble toured Hungary and Austria on its way to play at the International Youth and Music Festival in Vienna, Austria and the Montreux Jazz Festival in Montreux, Switzerland.

The group left July 8 for the seven-concert tour.

The Montreux event, held on the

shores of Lake Geneva, is known as the largest and most prestigious jazz festival in the world, said Curt Wilson, TCU Jazz Band director.

The highlight of the tour for Wilson was not playing Montreux, however, but performing for the opening ceremonies of the Vienna festival, he said.

Orchestras and concert bands from all over the world audition for invitations to the festival. The TCU ensemble was the first group to play for the event's opening ceremonies, Wilson said.

Musicians from the Vienna Philharmonic usually open the festival, he

said.

The TCU Jazz Band played for more than 1,000 students who were also there to play the festival.

The ensemble's performance drew the first standing ovation ever in the 20-year history of the festival, Wilson said.

"The Vienna opening was the most electrifying, gratifying performance of the tour," Wilson said.

The American coordinator of the Vienna festival had been trying to convince the event's officials to invite an American jazz group for years, Wilson said. The Austrian coordinators finally conceded and

chose the ensemble to perform.

There was some pressure on the American festival coordinator and the TCU musicians for the ensemble to play its best.

"The coordinator really stuck his neck out for us," Wilson said. "I'm glad we played well."

The TCU group performed twice at the Montreux festival. When they were not performing, the musicians attended other concerts. Tickets for the concerts cost from \$50 to \$96 each and the musicians paid for them themselves, Wilson said.

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Senior jazz vocalist Rob Laney sings as the Jazz Ensemble plays at the Montreux Jazz Festival in Montreux, Switzerland.

## Gorbachev threatens resignation

By ANN IMSE  
Associated Press

MOSCOW — Mikhail S. Gorbachev threatened on Tuesday to resign unless some form of Soviet unity is preserved. But even as he spoke, a seventh republic spun off from the center and celebrated its independence.

The Soviet president, who only a week ago was a prisoner of the hard-line coup plotters who briefly toppled him, made a forceful and impassioned plea to the national legislature to maintain the country's cohesion or risk disaster.

Raising his voice at times to be heard over the clamor, Gorbachev said the Soviet Union stood "on the point of collapsing" and warned: "If it does, it would be a catastrophe."

Although he staked his political future on some form of union, the Soviet president left open the prospect of some new and looser confederation, acknowledging that the face of the nation had already changed irrevocably.

Gorbachev emphasized the need for a common defense and continued economic ties. In line with that, he agreed earlier Tuesday to begin negotiations on an economic cooperation agreement that would be acceptable to all 15 republics, even those intent on independence.

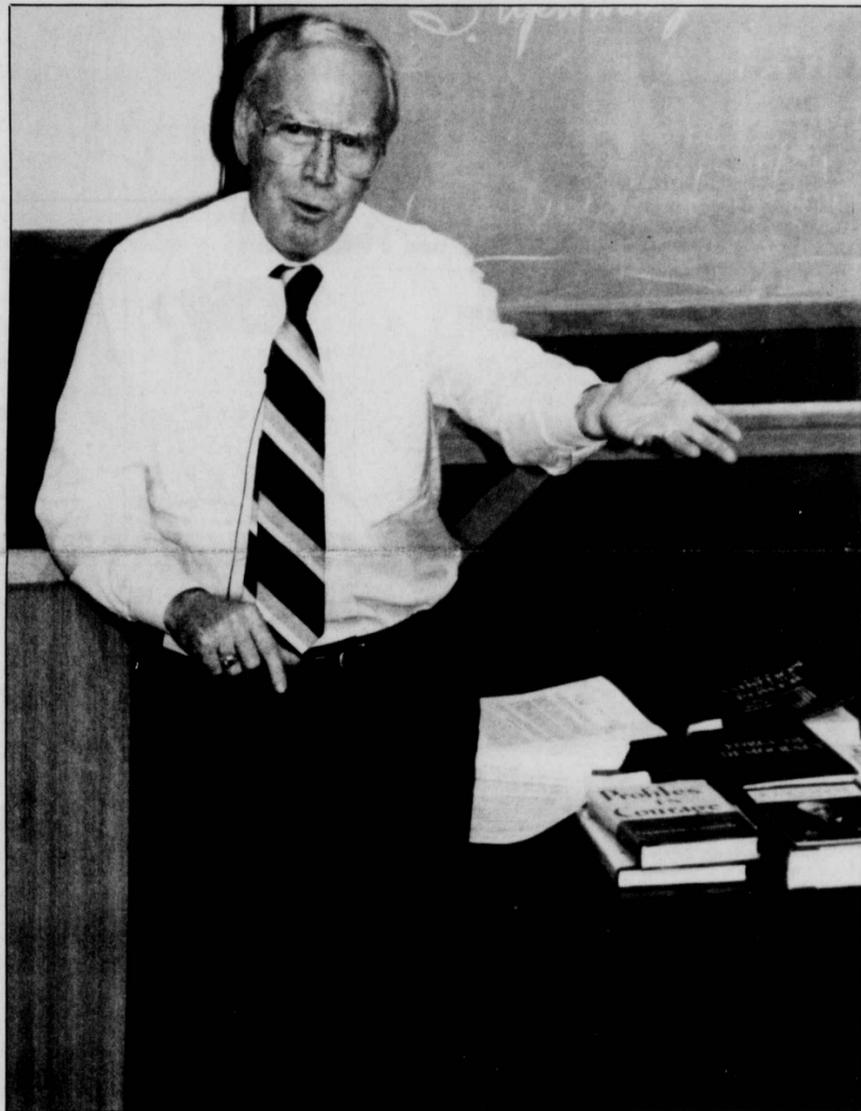
In the ninth day of an extraordinary upheaval that has seen Gorbachev's ouster and reinstatement, the ascendancy of Russian president Boris Yeltsin and the disintegration of the once-mighty Communist Party, there were these developments:

•Moldavia, which borders Romania, declared independence, the fifth republic to do so since the coup and the seventh overall. "It's a happy day,"

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## Course teaches students the Wright stuff

### Former Speaker of House lectures on political science



Former House of Representatives Speaker Jim Wright speaks to his "Congress and the President" class.

By JOHN J. LUMPKIN  
TCU Daily Skiff

Former Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives Jim Wright said he had been called many things in his career, but on Monday he took on a new title: professor.

Wright is teaching Political Science 3103, a one-semester, three-hour class, called "Congress and the President." Although Wright has guest-lectured at other universities, this is the first time he has designed and taught an entire course.

According to the syllabus, which Wright wrote, the course "will focus upon the peculiarly American interplay between Congress and the presidents throughout our national history."

He said he would like students in his class to "keep their minds open to ideas" as well as complete their readings "with a pencil in hand" to expand their vocabulary.

Wright said he was certain he would discuss events in his class that no one has heard before.

According to the syllabus, the class will "share some heretofore unpublished insights into people and events."

Wright said he did not think he had enough information to fill a class, at first.

"The problem wasn't having enough material to fill the time; the problem wasn't having enough time to fit in all the material," he said.

In his first lecture last Monday, he talked about the writing of the Constitution — adding stories from his own experiences in the 20th century.

At the end of the lecture, he opened the floor to questions. He

said he was pleased with the class's response.

"You learn a lot more getting answers you want to know," he said.

One student asked which president Wright thought did the best job. Wright has served under eight: Dwight Eisenhower, John F. Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson, Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan and George Bush.

"Several had greatness," he said. "Each of them tried his very best."

Eisenhower was "universally respected" and "nonpartisan," but he was sort of a "Daddy Warbucks" figure, Wright said.

He called Kennedy the "most inspiring" of the presidents he served with.

Johnson, Wright said, was the smartest. He added that Johnson could look at a room of Congressmen, talk for a little while, and when he was finished, everyone would leave feeling like he was getting what he wanted.

Reagan, he said, was the best-loved president by the United States people. He was the "most persuasive on TV."

When asked who the worst presidents were, Wright first declined to comment. Then, he said Ford was probably the least effective of the presidents, but Reagan had really sent the country in a direction Wright did not like.

He said he felt the American people were becoming dazzled by overseas events and forgetting events occurring in the United States.

"I think we need to spend a lot more on education," he said.

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## Professors plan returns despite serious illnesses

By JEFF MIDDLETON  
TCU Daily Skiff

Two teachers out recently with serious illnesses should be returning to campus soon.

Douglas Ann Newsom, professor of journalism, should return to her classes sometime after Labor Day.

Newsom, former head of the journalism department, was admitted to a local hospital recently after complaining of dizziness and nausea.

Newsom's classes have been taken over by various members of the staff.

Morrison Wong, associate professor of sociology, is recovering from double bypass heart surgery.

Wong, who had the surgery on Aug. 14, hopes to be back to his classes in about six weeks.

Art Berliner, a retired professor of sociology, will teach Wong's classes during his absence.

## Department to hold tryouts

By JEFF MIDDLETON  
TCU Daily Skiff

The Theatre Department will be holding tryouts this week for this year's upcoming theatrical performances.

The tryouts will be held from 7 to 10 p.m. today through Friday in the University Theater. They are interested in actors, singers, dancers and stage crews. No experience is necessary and training will be provided for the stage crews.

The department will be casting for several of the upcoming plays and musicals going on this year. They include "Measure for Measure" and "Fiddler on the Roof".

"Measure for Measure," the first of the fall productions, will be directed by Theatre Department Chairman Andrew Harris.

"A... My name is Alice," a musical review of women's problems, will be directed by former Broadway actress Susan Rush.

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### Outside

Today's weather will be partly sunny with a high temperature of 92 degrees. Thursday's weather will be partly sunny with a high temperature of 93 degrees.



## Poland finds price of freedom

By CARL KOZLOWSKI  
TCU Daily Skiff

Joanna Ryznar stood in the middle of her family's new condo, beaming with pride. Though boards were still lying about and construction remained unfinished, the new home was a symbol in the midst of Warsaw, Poland — a way of fighting back at the grim pollution and decaying apartment buildings that mar the city's skyline. It was a symbol of free choice, self-determination and private ownership. It was a symbol of America.

"These condos are many people's way of owning a home for the first time here, of having something good in life like the West," said Ryznar, a 20-year-old student at Warsaw Polytechnical University. Her father, an engineer, had built the large condo with his spare time and money over a period of six years.

In one more month, the work would be finished and the family of four could move out of the cramped high rise apartment they had shared for over 20 years. The following morning, however, the Ryznars realized how easily it could all be taken away. The following morning saw the start of the Soviet coup attempt to

oust Mikhail Gorbachev.

Poland has been subjected to invasions and the whims of its powerful neighbors since the Middle Ages. Sandwiched between Germany and the Soviet Union, it had been under control of one of the two nations for 50 years before establishing independence and a freely elected government in late 1989.

But Poland has had so little experience with democracy that even now its people cannot rest in peace with freedom. After 50 years of suffering and hoping for a Western lifestyle, Poland has one, and now the people can't seem to agree on how to deal with it. The problems began with the first free elections.

"Before Communism ended in Poland, no one could even vote freely," said Wlodzimir Sady, a horticultural engineer living in Krakow. "Now that they can, everyone wants their own party."

The current political scene in Poland is definitely a shambles. Since the collapse of Communism in August 1989, over 100 political parties have been formed to compete for the voters in the marketplace of ideas. The problem is most of the parties share the same agenda with few if any differences in how to carry

out programs, and the rest are cover groups for former Communist authorities trying to maintain a grip on power. Consequently, the voters aren't buying anything.

The first presidential election was held in November 1989, and was the first indication of voter confusion. Over a dozen candidates competed for the honor, but only three emerged as viable contenders: Tadeusz Mazowiecki, the Prime Minister that Lech Walesa had chosen to lead the market reforms and the Polish government in the interim phase between Communism and the election; Gerald Tyminski, a dark-horse millionaire who returned to Poland after 20 mysterious years in Canadian and South American business ventures who was revealed to be a secret Communist just before the final elections; and folk hero and Solidarity founder Lech Walesa.

Mazowiecki found himself knocked out in the first round of the election by a combination of such harsh realities of economic reform as 1000 percent inflation and the fact that Tyminski put on a grand image for the voters that carried him into a runoff with Walesa. But when the

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runoff finally arrived, the voters pulled the biggest surprise of all: over 75 percent boycotted the election.

"The people voted Mazowiecki out, but when there was only a choice of Tyminski and Walesa, nobody wanted either of them," said Gregorz Malla, a 20-year-old medical student in Katowice. "They did not realize the problem until it was too late."

The problem stems from the fact that Walesa is a folk hero. He is a man of the people because he was one of the people — the working class — his entire life. Because of this, he had no experience in political or economic theory, and had little if any idea of how to run an entire government.

"Walesa would be a good leader of a workers' party, and with Solidarity he was, but that is not what is needed now," said Magda Habdas, a high school senior from the town of Zywiec. "He ignores the intellectuals, and how long can you do that? How long can you ignore the people who do have the ideas of how government works?"

Habdas also cites the complaints in her region of Poland, the industrial and mining area called Silesia, that Walesa promised to fight the decades of environmental damage that

Communist neglect wreaked on the area and has yet to provide any money for the cleaning measures. She also claims Walesa's economic policies have stalled out since he came to office, that the economic successes are solely due to the initial efforts of Mazowiecki. Her complaints were echoed by several others throughout Poland, but Joanna Olender, a retired chemical researcher in Gliwice, offered points in Walesa's defense.

"Only 35 percent of the Polish Parliament's seats were offered up for free election," said Olender. "How can people expect him to accomplish anything when 65 percent of the seats are filled by his Communist enemies?"

Olender also credits Walesa with instincts strong enough to overcome his lack of political training, and takes note of the fact that Walesa's economic planner, Leszek Bacelewicz, was recently nominated for the Nobel Prize in Economics.

Thus, within two years, Poland has become divided over a national hero and realized that capitalism and a market economy aren't so easy to adjust to when cost-of-living increases are "rising" at a rate of negative 25 percent. When times get tough, crime can soar, even in a country without guns.

*Ye gods & little fishes*

by Stev Klinetobe



**Insanity Fair**

by Joe Barnes



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by Andy Grieser & Kall Loper



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by Bill Watterson



**New panhellenic policies change sorority bid day**

By ABIGAIL DALBEY  
TCU Daily Skiff

The usual whoops and hollers came from the new sorority pledges on bid day Monday, but this year's bid day was different.

The new panhellenic policy does not allow men to participate in women's bid day activities as they have done before. The policy also says the pledge educators must sponsor a pledge retreat on bid night only involving members of that organization.

Last spring, sorority alumnae, presidents and rush chairwomen met with panhellenic to decide on the changes, said Lorie Plengemeier, panhellenic rush chairwoman.

"We wanted to make sure bid day was a good experience," she said. "Last year, people went out to parties and were totally disillusioned as to what sororities were."

In the past, the rushees have gotten their bids for membership in the Student Center but this year the

rushees gathered under a large tent set up behind the sorority houses in the Worth Hills area to get their bids, Plengemeier said.

Following tradition, the rushees sat on top of their bid cards in their designated rush groups in alphabetical order, she said.

"I think it's great that the girls get their bids in the greek now because this is where all of the excitement is," said Sharon Toth, a senior communications graphics major and member of Delta Delta Delta.

At approximately 5:30 p.m., after Plengemeier spoke to the rushees, she counted to three and all the women opened their bid cards.

"It was really exciting; everyone was jumping up and down. It was very emotional," Plengemeier said.

After the girls opened their bid cards, they were dismissed by rush group to the house they joined, Plengemeier said.

The new pledges entered the houses from the back to avoid the fraternity men, said Amy Sturhahn,

panhellenic advisor. Greek residential advisors, campus police and student activities staff members monitored the event, she said.

That evening each sorority pledge educator hosted a pledge retreat. Some sororities went off campus for their retreat while others stayed in their chapter rooms.

Most sororities had finished their retreats by midnight and the pledges were escorted to their dorms, she said.

"It was a great idea to have a pledge retreat on bid night because the girls immediately felt like they were part of the group," said Kate Seinsheimer, a senior business pre-major and Chi Omega pledge educator.

The pledge retreat helped show the new pledges why they are so important to the group, she said.

"Bid day went extremely well this year," said Plengemeier.

Panhellenic is hoping to continue these new policies next year, she said.

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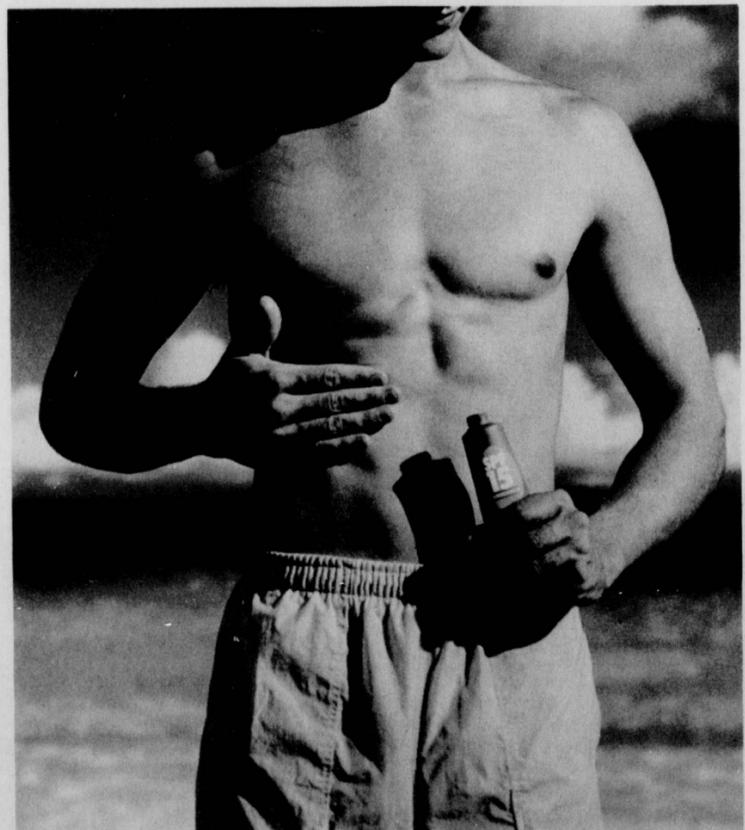
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## Viewpoint

### Wright's insights provide firsthand prospectives

The addition of Former Speaker of the House of Representatives Jim Wright as a political science instructor will provide a tremendous opportunity for students here at TCU.

Wright's insight on the happenings in Washington can provide students with a firsthand perspective of how things stand in Washington. He can offer information that students would not be able to find in textbooks.

Wright served 17 terms in the House of Representatives, including serving as Speaker of the House following Thomas O'Neill's retirement in 1987.

Wright served under eight presidents including John F. Kennedy, Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford.

His experience and knowledge concerning both international and domestic affairs will give students a chance to explore the events shaping the 20th century.

Although Wright's reputation will lend some prestige to TCU, his powerful speaking techniques and persuasive talents may influence too many all-too-eager students to follow his beliefs.

While the administration has done a good deed by acquiring Wright, his hard-lined democratic viewpoints need to be balanced. TCU should offer students on this campus a chance to view both sides of the spectrum.

It is indeed a gift for TCU to have someone as powerful and experienced as the former Speaker, but TCU should not lose sight of their priorities amidst the glory.

## Hazy day

### Pollution problem visible in Fort Worth

Recently, some air pollution from the Southeastern states has drifted to North Texas. This unfortunate incident has some important effects here in Tarrant county.

First of all, there is a haze in the air, similar to the smog of California. Visibility will be limited to five miles, a far cry from the usual 15 to 20 miles.

Secondly, people with sensitive health conditions here will be adversely affected by the unclean air.

People with heart problems or respiratory conditions should refrain from exercise or exertion, and even from going outside, while the air is full of smog.

This incident lets us see what we can usually only smell. The problems of pollution in our environment are growing, as is the pollution itself.

And although Fort Worth has taken on a look more suitable to San Francisco, pollution is much worse in other places.

In Dallas, the piles of lead sludge from smelting plants were only recently discovered, after they had already taken their toll on the people living near them.

One pile of lead in particular was so huge it couldn't be moved, and the city had to cover it instead.

Off the coast of Alaska, the environment is still reeling from the wreck of the Exxon Valdez. The huge oil spills off the coast of Iraq and Kuwait are causing massive, irreparable damage.

Across the world, in Kuwait, for example, where the fleeing Iraqi troops ignited the oil wells, pillars of smoke still rise to the sky, and the sun hasn't been seen in months. This assault on the environment is not contained within Kuwait, either. Thousands of miles away, in Turkey, black snow fell.

Above our heads, the holes in the ozone grow. All of these are admittedly dramatic and drastic examples, but they should draw the public's attention to the fact that pollution is going on everywhere, everyday, in many ways unchecked.

Pollution cannot be stopped entirely, it is unrealistic to suppose all people might stop driving gasoline burning cars, all factory production might cease, or for there never to be another accident like the Valdez.

But there are certainly more steps which could be taken to decrease poisonous exhaust and factory fumes, more care taken to decrease the number of accidents, and more thought given to lessening pollution.

## Letter policy

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## America losing the war against crime

By JOHN HARTIG and RICH ROGERS  
 Columnists



Allow us to reintroduce ourselves and once again state our purpose. We are second-year columnists, seniors, and members of an on-campus fraternity. We saw the need for a Greek perspective on the campus newspaper, and decided to fill that need. Be careful as you read our columns, however; we are inclined to be a bit cynical.

We typically devote our attention to campus issues, but occasionally write about outside topics that affect students. Since the school year has yet to provide us with material, we will stray in our first column. Now down to business.

Jeffrey Dahmer, by his own admission, has killed at least seventeen people. However, he may never spend time in a federal prison. He will plead not guilty by reason of insanity.

First of all, why does this country's legal system provide such an option, and also a temporary insanity plea? Drunk drivers are not allowed to plead not guilty by reason of

intoxication, or better, temporary intoxication. Why should insanity license someone to kill and not pay the price for it?

Worse, Dahmer will certainly not die for his terrible crimes, because Wisconsin is one of several states holding out on the death penalty. Of course, only seven of the 37 states allowing capital punishment have used it since it once again became their right in 1973.

Opponents of the death penalty say it doesn't act as a deterrent. However, if first-degree murder resulted in a mandatory life sentence without parole, and multiple crimes resulted in a death sentence, would we see a high incidence of murder? Not for long.

Murder is the ultimate crime. Taking an innocent person's life is the most hateful act imaginable. Yet we see repeat offenders who have been paroled! If this country continues on this path, street murders will be commonplace. Police in Minneapolis, trying to hold the line against gangs migrating from Chicago, are failing. Possession of illegal firearms doesn't even result in charges.

America is losing the battle against crime and against drugs. The two are unquestionably related. Some say we are winning the struggle, but police officers will tell you differently. We are giving up in many instances, and focusing on the crime we can control.

The only reason enforcement is failing is

that our laws allow dangerous criminals to return to the street. Not only should the death penalty be a realistic option, but early parole programs must be stopped. Prisoners with a ten year sentence can be out in less than a year with good behavior. Although the reason for early release is clear, the money should be spent to build more prisons and stop overcrowding. Quick parole allows criminals to justify their actions. With short jail terms, maybe crime does pay.

Urban crime is on the increase. Tension in Los Angeles is causing the city to explode. The Rodney King ordeal has not helped the situation, nor have the attitudes encouraged by NWA's song, "F--- the Police." Gangs have been engaged in drug trafficking for many years, but not to their current extent. Violence erupted in L. A. and Minneapolis after showings of "Boyz n the Hood," causing only a mild "Oh well" reaction from John Singleton, the film's director.

No, this country can't stop crime. But stronger deterrents will certainly slow the erosion. What we can stop is the increasing incidence of repeat offenders. America is one of the most lenient countries in the world regarding crime, and we are paying a big price. Until we adopt get-tough laws and enforce them, we will continue to lose the battle.

## Rush not a superficial affair

By TERI LEE YANKOWSKY  
 Columnist

"Rush is so superficial."  
 "If you aren't Greek at TCU, you aren't anything."

These statements and many similar remarks have been buzzing around campus the past few weeks.

It is difficult to get to know all of the 500 or so girls who walk through the doors of the house. But, as in every house, all girls meet at least some of the members. Members truly try not only to meet but to really get to know the rushees.

Sororities already know about the rushees' high school activities, grades, interests and hobbies from a pre-rush sheet that the girls are required to fill out. Since the

basic information has already been provided to the sororities, the members can use the 30-minute party to get past small talk about a girl's major or how she likes Colby and really talk with her on a personal level. Throughout the week, the length of the parties increase, allowing the members more time each day to learn about the rushees. The girls with whom the members feel most comfortable are the ones who are invited back.

Rush is not a terrible process, as some non-Greeks view it. Sororities are not out to pledge the richest and most gorgeous girls and harass the other rushees. Rush is not a battle between sororities; it is a systemized way for girls to join the sorority of their choice that also chooses them.

But, if a person isn't Greek, that isn't terrible either.

After all, TCU is one of the most programmed schools ever seen. The Blood Drive, Hunger Week and Health Enrichment Week are just a few of the school sponsored activities. These activities, as well as the hundreds of various clubs on campus, all give people, Greeks and independents alike, the chance to get involved. For example, the president of Purple Hearts is an Alpha Delta Pi, but the editor of the Skiff is an independent. Being a good leader or follower comes from within people, not whether they are wearing Greek letters.

Just because a person is not Greek does not mean that he or she is not an intelligent, involved person. Similarly, just because someone went through rush does not make that person superficial.

## Pee-Wee Herman, no threat to children

By CARL KOZLOWSKI  
 Columnist



This summer, America's attention was focused on a man that some consider a genius, others a threat to our future. He had reached staggering levels of popularity in our nation at one point, but a single incident toppled him from his position of power and led him into a spiraling descent that continues to this day.

The man I'm talking about is not Mikhail Gorbachev. The man is Pee-Wee Herman. Pee-Wee has always been a particular favorite of mine in the entertainment industry, a man (?) who defied the odds that say success comes with a sculpted body rippling with muscles. Pee-Wee marched to a different drum and came up with perhaps the most unique show in the history of television: "Pee-Wee's Playhouse." (Let's face it, it was even weirder than "Twin Peaks".)

There were signs along the way, I suppose, of his downfall. Johnny Carson used to feature him as a guest on "The Tonight Show"; about a year ago, however, he was cracking jokes like "Don't you think Pee-Wee's 15 minutes of fame are about up?" Well, Pee-Wee proved Johnny wrong, but not in a way that anyone could have ever hoped or expected. For the five people on the planet who haven't heard about the incident, perhaps a re-

view is in order. On July 26, police in Sarasota, Florida, were answering their call "To Protect and To Serve" by performing the vital duty of sitting in a porno theater and waiting for men to carry the concept of self-love a little too far for "the interests of public morality." Paul Reubens was one of the men who was captured and charged with indecent exposure, even though he was sitting alone, indoors, in the dark, among other men with a distorted concept of sexuality.

The problem, of course, was that Paul Reubens is Pee-Wee Herman, or at least the man who created the character and acted as him. When his mug shots went coast-to-coast, revealing a man with long hair, a mustache, goatee and world-weary eyes behind large glasses, Pee-Wee Herman was riding a wave of public attention and controversy that he hadn't experienced in years. This was a man for whom all joy had gone out of living. This was not Pee-Wee Herman. This was a cry for help. But to some people, this was the pervert who was destroying our nation's children.

In the time since the arrest, Pee-Wee dolls have been yanked from store shelves and the last five rerun episodes of "Pee-Wee's Playhouse" were abruptly canceled by CBS.

No one could seem to tolerate anything to do with this man, this corrupter of children, anymore. God forbid the fact that most children who watch the show are too young to read the newspaper and hear about the incident, and those who are old enough to

understand the affair are probably mature enough to avoid being scared by it. Nobody ever seemed to stop and realize that the one factor that would make children ask questions is the absence of Pee-Wee from their Saturday morning television.

But what is all the fuss about anyway?

Paul Reubens is 38 years old. He has had to dress up in suits that were too small for the past eight years, and giggle and prance about like a five-year-old for at least that time. He had already retired the character due to the fact that Hollywood would not allow him to use his obviously brilliant creative mind ("Playhouse" won more awards than any other show in children's TV history) in any other capacity.

The strangest fact of all is that the police didn't know who Paul Reubens really was. Paul volunteered the information. Because of this, it seems that maybe he wanted to kill off the character of Pee-Wee forever. Maybe it would make sense for the present and the future to give the man some peace, but it would be a shame to forget about the past.

Entertainment giants like Bill Cosby have leaped to his defense. 400 protesters, including hordes of children clutching his dolls, stopped traffic in Manhattan to protest the press lynching, saying he brought children "life and comic relief." No matter what you thought of him, you've gotta admit he made a lot of people happy for a long time. And that part of his legacy is the greatest loss of all.

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Wright added he "wasn't strong enough" as a representative to halt the "internal decline."

Wright said one of the class activities will include running a mock House of Representatives, with Wright himself as Speaker. Students will be able to debate, amend and finally vote on a current bill.

Another activity will allow students to take a copy of the national budget and try to reduce the deficit by either cutting programs or raising taxes.

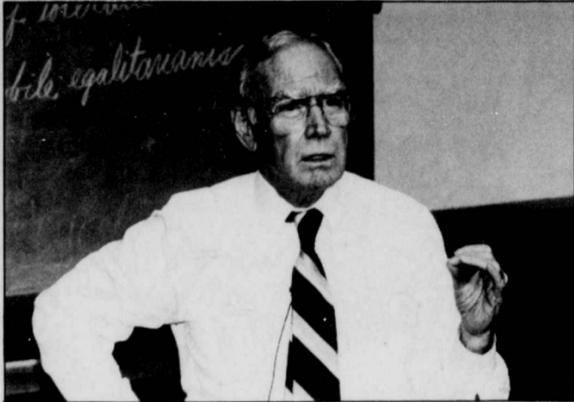
Wright said he once tried the same activity with his constituents.

"It's a very sobering experience," he said.

Junior Geoff Wells, who is taking the class, called it an "awesome opportunity."

"This is the real thing," he said. While most professors just talk about political events, Wells said, Wright has actually experienced them.

According to James Riddlesperger, chairman of the political science department, about 75 students have enrolled in the class. At least three-



Jim Wright

fourths of that number have enrolled since last week, when the announcement was made that Jim Wright would be teaching here.

Spaces are still available in the class, Riddlesperger said.

Wright's coming to TCU coincides with a new display on the second floor of the library, where many of Wright's letters, correspon-

dence, and belongings are displayed. The display is not yet completed.

Wright, 68, served as a Ft. Worth representative for 17 terms, beginning in 1955. He became Speaker of the House in 1987, following Tip O'Neil's resignation. Wright himself left the House in 1989 following charges by the House Ethics Committee.

## State budget faces cuts if voters reject lottery

Associated Press

AUSTIN — State Comptroller John Sharp certified the record \$59.1 billion state budget Tuesday, saying it was a "tight fit" and that more cuts will be needed if voters reject a proposed state lottery in November.

The two-year spending plan requires \$2.7 billion in increased taxes and fees, including a 5-cent rise in the state gasoline tax that takes effect Oct. 1.

Gov. Ann Richards signed the tax bill Thursday and currently is analyzing the appropriations bill to determine if any items can be vetoed before signing it into law later this week, her office said.

Lawmakers approved the budget and tax bill Aug. 13, the last day of a special session.

The budget is about \$10 billion more in all state and federal funds than the current biennium, and includes \$34.7 billion in state tax-driven revenue.

The largest portion of the budget — totaling more than \$25 billion — is for public and higher education, including funds to pay for court-ordered school finance reform.

Among losers in the budget are state employees, who were promised a pay raise if the funds could be found.

But Sharp said, "There's certainly no 'pot of gold' stashed away untouched, which unfortunately means state employees won't get a pay raise this time."

"Funds were not appropriated by legislators to fund such an increase," he said.

Sharp said the budget includes a provision requiring state agencies to cut spending by an estimated 6 to 8 percent during fiscal year 1993, the second year of the biennium, in order to save \$300 million.

Public schools, social and mental health services, state employee benefits and federal funding for various state agencies are exempt from this provision, he said.

But, Sharp added, if voters on Nov. 5 reject the proposed constitutional amendment for a state lottery, then across-the-board cuts will be ordered.

Sharp estimates that a lottery could produce \$462 million if implemented by July 1, 1992.

## Russia/ from page 1

said President Mircea Snegur. In the Moldavian capital, Kishinev, crowds waved the republic's red-yellow-and-blue flags after its Parliament adopted the independence declaration.

The European Community formally recognized the independence of the three Baltic states, joining a growing list of foreign governments granting diplomatic recognition to the republics or saying they would do so soon. In a sign of the Kremlin's rapidly loosening grip on the Baltics, the new Soviet defense minister, Yevgeny Shaposhnikov, said Lithuanian youths drafted into the Soviet army can go home. Shaposhnikov also told Lithuanian lawmakers the infamous "black beret" troops blamed for bloody attacks would be withdrawn from the Baltics.

Robert Strauss, the new U.S. ambassador to the Soviet Union, strongly hinted that President Bush may extend diplomatic recognition on Friday to the Baltics. He said Bush "probably will have something significant to say" about the matter that day.

The Tass news agency said the seven surviving coup leaders could face the death penalty on charges of

## Change in U.S.S.R. revives fears

By BRYAN BRUMLEY  
Associated Press

MOSCOW — The shattering of Kremlin authority has revived fears of ethnic conflict, border disputes, nuclear arms in the hands of fanatics and the emergence of Boris Yeltsin as a bully at the helm of Russia.

"Everything that has been created for centuries by our ancestors, by our hands, is collapsing," said reformist lawmaker Oleg Rumyantsev in the Supreme Soviet legislature on Tuesday.

The fear is that the ethnic and border disputes that have flared during six years of change under Mikhail Gorbachev will burst into a civil war and, in the worst case, that factions might gain control of nuclear arms.

Many ethnic groups also fear losing new freedoms to a resurgent Russia under Yeltsin, who has expanded his authority after leading the resistance to last week's botched three-day coup.

Gorbachev, Yeltsin and other leaders are struggling to patch together a new Soviet Union as a confederation of neighbors with strong economic

ties and — for those who wish it — a political and defense alliance.

But as Gorbachev said in an impassioned appeal to the legislature, "Maybe the most tragic result of the coup is that those three days have given a boost, and a powerful boost, to centrifugal tendencies. A real threat of a breakup of the union has appeared."

On Tuesday, the republics continued their stampede out of the Soviet Union, as Moldavia became the seventh republic to declare outright independence.

Speakers from Armenia told parliament they worried about new violence in the disputed border area with Azerbaijan.

With central authority prostrate, and the armed forces reluctant to intervene, fighting could worsen in other hot spots around the country such as Georgia, Moldavia and along the Uzbekistan-Kirgizia border.

One source of tension is the future of ethnic Russians living in the republics that plan to secede.

Kazakhstan President Nursultan Nazarbayev, any ally of both Gorbachev and Yeltsin, complained about a

statement by Yeltsin's press secretary that Russia reserved the right to review its borders with those republics that decide to leave the Soviet Union.

Nazarbayev, whose republic shares a long border with Russia and has more Russians than Kazakhs among its population, was quoted by the independent Interfax news agency as warning of trouble if Russia "raises the question of revising its borders."

The rapid-fire decrees that Yeltsin has issued to assert control after the coup raised concern in the West that "Yeltsin may be overlaying his hand," said Thane Gustafson, a Sovietologist at Georgetown University in Washington. "It is the Yeltsin that we always feared was there, the two-fisted sort."

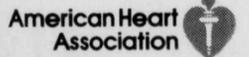
Gorbachev rejected suggestions that Yeltsin was grabbing for power or land.

"You must not think, as someone said here, that the concept of a Russian Empire is being revived, that Russian leadership has ousted the president of the country, that it is not thinking about republics," said Gorbachev, an ethnic Russian who has lived his entire life in the Russian Federation.

Russians themselves worried that the second most populous republic, the Ukraine, might use a clause in its independence declaration to seize control of nuclear weapons on its territory.

Yuri Shcherbak of the Ukraine rose immediately to assure lawmakers that his republic wanted to be "nuclear-free" and cautioned against making "some very sharp statements without knowing all the facts."

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# Sports

## SMU, Arkansas battling to stay out of cellar

*Editors note: This is the first in a three-part series previewing the 1991 SWC football season.*

### Mustangs



**Record last year: 1-10**  
**Projected Finish: 9th**  
**Coach: Tom Rossley, 1st**  
**Offense: Run and shoot**  
**Defense: 3-4**

It's been two years since SMU received the death penalty, and the Mustangs are slowly climbing their way back to the top. This year, the guidance comes from first year head coach Tom Rossley, who took over after Forest Gregg moved upstairs to lead the SMU athletic program.

"The commitment is here is to win," said SMU head coach Tom Rossley. "My goal is to win with student athletes who will graduate."

The new season has been hard for Rossley and the Mustangs. Injuries have devastated the team early on this fall. The Mustangs best wide receiver, junior Jason Wolf, had surgery on his ankle and the subsequent scar tissue has hindered his speed.

Wideout, junior Dan Echols, is out for two to three weeks with a sprained knee and ankle, but no area has been hit harder than the defense.

The Mustangs top two defensive linemen, junior nose tackle Kenny Rea and sophomore end Byron Bonds, are suffering from injuries and are day-to-day. Starting outside linebacker Mike Henderson suffered a separated shoulder and is out for four to six weeks.

Junior middle linebacker Bill Kiely is the leader of the defense. He has been the Ponies' most valuable player the last two seasons and was selected to the 1991 pre-season All-SWC team by both *Athlon Magazine* and *Football Action '91*

*Magazine*, and led SMU in tackles with 144 last year.

After Kiely, the defense needs a lot of help. Injuries have hit everywhere, and some new faces will have to mature fast and step up or it could get ugly.

With the defense in jeopardy, the offense, under the direction of junior quarterback Mike Romo, will have to carry the team. Romo is only 1,819 yards away from breaking the school's all time passing record, throwing for over 2,400 yards last season. Romo has mastered the Mustangs run-and-shoot offense and is expected to lead the Ponies back to respectability.

"Mike is an experienced, confident leader," Rossley said. "He makes quick decisions on the field and has shown a lot of heart, especially when things get tough."

Romo throws to a deep receiving corps that is led by junior wideout Jason Wolf, who also split time at running back and strong safety last season. Wolf, who caught 55 passes and scored six touchdowns last season, is only 56 catches away from breaking the school record for receptions. Junior Marcus Maloneson, who switched from strong safety to wide receiver, will start with Brian Berry and Corey Beard at the other wide receiver spots.

The rest of the offense is full of question marks and it all starts with the offensive line. The line gave the most sacks in the SWC with 54, and stifled SMU's running game.

Rossley is retooling the backfield. Junior Rongea Hill was switched to running back late last season and rushed for 410 yards on 83 carries, a team high 4.9 yards per carry. He will start at running back for the Mustangs.

The offensive line does return four starters, but they must show improvement. Senior guard Oscar Rosales leads the group, which also includes juniors Kyle Carroll, Matt

Hart and Matt Wisenbacker. As a whole, the offensive line is an average group that must show improvement.

This season will be another gloomy season for the Ponies. They are small and undersized on defense, and have trouble running the ball on offense. Unless Rossley and Romo can pull magic out of their hats, it could be another winless season in the SWC.

### Razorbacks



**Record last year: 3-8**  
**Projected finish: 8th**  
**Coach: Jack Crowe, 2nd**  
**Offense: Option I**  
**Defense: 50**

Second-year head coach Jack Crowe's Razorbacks will be playing for pride after a disappointing 1990 season. The Hogs went 3-8 overall (1-7, eighth in the SWC) in posting their worst record since 1952 and their first losing record since 1967's 4-5-1 squad.

After this football season, all Arkansas athletic teams will leave the SWC to compete in the Southeastern Conference.

All-American quarterback Quinn Grovey is gone, and finding a suitable replacement for him is critical. Gary "Peanut" Adams, Grovey's back-up last year, will take the reigns on offense. Despite the inexperience, Weatherbie believes, "We've got four or five quality quarterbacks that, in time, will be as good as any we've had."

Weatherbie said Adams will immediately be called upon to perform like a veteran. He will receive help from last year's leading rusher E.D. Jackson, returning for his junior year at tailback. Jackson, 5'10" and 205 pounds, racked up nearly 600 yards a

year ago while averaging 3.8 yards per carry.

"E.D., he's kind of the nuts and bolts, the workhorse — a 'carry the load' type of guy," Weatherbie praised said. "He's of course a physical runner, and that's what we're going to use 'Steady Eddie' for."

A problem area for the Razorbacks will be the offensive line, where the Razorbacks will start their youngest crew since 1973. Two starters are gone from last year, and at least three of the four starting linemen will be sophomores.

Junior placekicker Todd Wright and punter Pete Raether return to handle the Razorbacks' kicking duties. Wright was perfect on 24 extra points and nailed 11 of 14 field goal opportunities a year ago, including two from 50 yards. Raether, who took over the punting duties mid-season last year kicked adequately, averaging 40.4 yards per punt.



E.D. Jackson

On defense, the Razors will draw strength from a linebacking corps that produced the Hogs' top three tacklers in 1990. Mick Thomas, Ty Mason, and Darwin Ireland all return

at linebacker, and they will be the strength of Arkansas' defense. Thomas, a pre-season all-SWC pick who recorded 74 unassisted tackles in 1990, is fully recovered from a shoulder injury he suffered two years ago.

In addition, MacKenzie Phillips, 6'5" and 270 pounds, returns at defensive tackle after a one-year hiatus, should have an immediate impact on the line. Two 1990 starters join Phillips on the line in nose guard Scott Long and right tackle Owen Kelly.

The secondary is again suspect. Only two members of last year's corps has returned. Opponents completed 66.4 percent of their passes against the Hogs. Unless the secondary has improved drastically since last year, look for conference quarterbacks to pound the Hogs again.

Miami visits the Hogs in Little Rock this Saturday in the opener for both teams. The Hurricanes will only compound the Razors' woes and begin to send them to the SWC's second division again.

### Red Raiders



**Record last year: 4-7**  
**Projected finish: 7th**  
**Coach: Spike Dykes, 5th**  
**Offense: Offset I**  
**Defense: 3-4**

Texas Tech tied for fourth place at 4-7 and 3-5 in the SWC last year. Don't expect many things to change for the Raiders in their 1991 campaign.

Fortunately for the Raiders, their schedule is not loaded with the likes of the Miami Hurricanes or the Ohio State Buckeyes. If you remember, Miami gave Tech a 45-10 pounding before the fourth largest crowd ever in Jones Stadium.

The Raiders were on target for the fall until last week when injuries and

the flu sidelined several players. Tech's starting center and a guard were both sidelined with injuries before the team's first scheduled scrimmage. Sophomore center Brad Elam went under arthroscopic surgery this week and will be out for an indefinite period of time. Coach Spike Dykes and his staff decided it was too risky to scrimmage with a ragged offensive line.

"It's scary," said offensive coordinator Dick Winder. "But you hate to do that."

Tech is currently on standby as to when they can get their first scrimmage in. Injuries are one of many things that plagued the Raiders last year. If this past week is a sign of things to come, then it could be a long year.

The Raiders will have to put points on the board to cover weaknesses in their defense. That's where Rodney Blackshear comes into the picture. The 6'1," 180 pound senior wide receiver has been touted as the next All-American. He only scored nine touchdowns to lead the nation, two of which came on passes of 50 yards or more. His average of 22.1 yards per catch was the best in the country.

Blackshear will be backed up by senior Anthony Stinnet and sophomore Lloyd Hill.

"Rodney Blackshear and Lloyd Hill are the strengths of our football team," coach Dykes said.

Senior quarterback Jamie Gill is back after missing more than half the season with various injuries. Behind Gill will be senior I-back Anthony Lynn who ran for 884 yard on the season, the fifth best in the SWC.

The Raiders have the offensive weapons to put points on the board but they may never get the chance because of a young and hobbled offensive line.

During one game last year, the Raiders were forced to play three

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Paying the high prices was worth it to see the big-name professional musicians such as George Benson, Ray Charles and the Count Basie Orchestra, Wilson said.

The only disappointment of the tour came when rappers played the Montreux festival, Wilson said. Music producer Quincy Jones, who organized the festival for the first time this year, invited rappers Kool Moe Dee, Melle Mel and others to play.

"Rap is not music," Wilson said. "I can't say anything bad enough about it. It was the worst excuse for music I've ever heard."

Dean of the School of Fine Arts and Communication Robert Garwell and Music Department Chairman Kenneth Raessler accompanied the Jazz Band on the tour. Thirteen others also traveled with the band but paid their own way, Wilson said.

The ensemble played its first concert in Budapest, Hungary. Piano professor Tamas Ungar, who is Hungarian, arranged the concert at a Budapest country club, Wilson said.

Budapest is Fort Worth's sister city, and Garwell and Raessler met the Budapest mayor to exchange gifts from Fort Worth mayor Kay Grainger.

One of the gifts for the Budapest mayor was a western belt buckle, Garwell said.

"Traveling like this is part of steps to internationalize the TCU curriculum," Garwell said. "It's one of the best recruitment tools because of the people who get to see and hear the ensemble."

"It also enhances the experiences of the TCU musicians by performing in different situations and seeing different cultures," he said.

The group's concerts got better and better over the tour, Garwell said.

"I was extremely proud of them as performers, but also about how they conducted themselves," he said. "They were fine representatives of TCU."

One of the group members' most memorable moments was their bus ride to the Vienna festival from Budapest, Wilson said.

Wreckage from an automobile accident had blocked all traffic on the

highway. The group's bus had only one way to go around the accident — through a cabbage patch.

"Our driver, Helmut, just went off-road into someone's cabbage field. It was like 'Dukes of Hazzard' or something," said Paul Burrer, senior bass trombonist.

The band would not have made it to the important Vienna opening ceremonies if the driver had not made his own road, but Wilson still laughs about the incident.

"I thought, here I am in Hungary driving through the middle of a cabbage field with the dean and the department chair sitting next to me — Wilson you've done it now!" he said.

The festival concerts provided the group with the largest audiences, but the gigs in the small Austrian towns of Feldkirch and Lofer proved to be just as much fun, said Chuck Compber, a senior lead trombonist.

"Vienna was probably our largest and most receptive crowd. They really enjoyed hearing us," said Tony Yarbrough, a senior lead trumpeter. "But we also played a little beer hall in Lofer, and the whole town showed up. It was great."

"Lofer had to be the best concert," Compber said. "When we walked in, we had no idea how we were going to fit the band in there, but we did it. The place was standing room only when we played. The crowd kept chanting that they didn't want us to stop, so we played more."

"In Lofer we played a medley of jazz tunes from the 1930s and '40s," Wilson said. "There was an old couple listening and holding hands. They came up later to tell us how much they enjoyed hearing the music from their day — around World War II."

"Even though they had lived there in Austria, they identified the time with American big band music. It was very poignant."

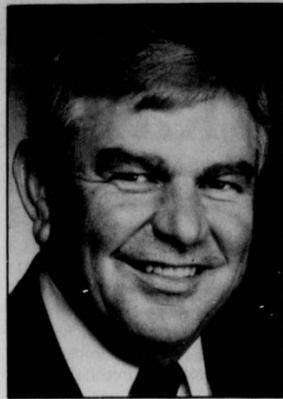
The Feldkirch townspeople arriving for the concert did not know what to expect from the band, Burrer said. The language barrier prevented the musicians from explaining in English, but the communication gap closed when the band played its first note, he said.

"We couldn't understand or speak German, but we could talk through jazz," Burrer said.

"The whole trip was incredible and truly worth it," he said. "Musically, those were some of the best concerts I've ever been involved in — just the atmosphere and the level of playing were great."

"The trip gave me a chance to see how it is for professional musicians," Compber said. "Traveling and playing for seven days straight helped me feel what it's like to tour."

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Spike Dikes

freshman and a sophomore. De-fenses sacked the quarterback 49 times last year. It's something that still worries the coaches.

"We're so young up front offensively," Winder said. "We have no down lineman."

The Raiders ranked sixth in total defense last year. But they have since lost seven starters including three cornerbacks. Passing offenses like Houston run and shoot will be able to take advantage of an inexperienced secondary. Both of Tech's safeties, however, are returning.

The Raiders have switched to a 3-4 alignment to increase coverage against passing teams. With the switch, Tech has only one returning linebacker in senior Matt Wingo (6'1", 225 pounds). Wingo will play inside linebacker with newcomer Steve Carr, who switched from tight end.

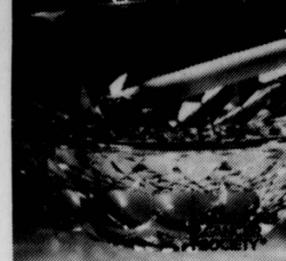
With more coverage in the backfield, teams should have a tougher time scoring. Last year five teams

said. "But we lacked consistency."

Dykes is betting that his team can fill the voids this year. If the defense holds tight and the offense line can protect the quarterback, then the Raiders can expect Blackshear and company to win some games this year.

SWC analysis compiled by Ty Benz, Alan Droll and Jeff Lea

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scored 40 points or more against the Raiders. Opponents scored an average of 32 points a game against the team. The defense gave up an average of 189 yards per game.

"We have a good defense," Dykes



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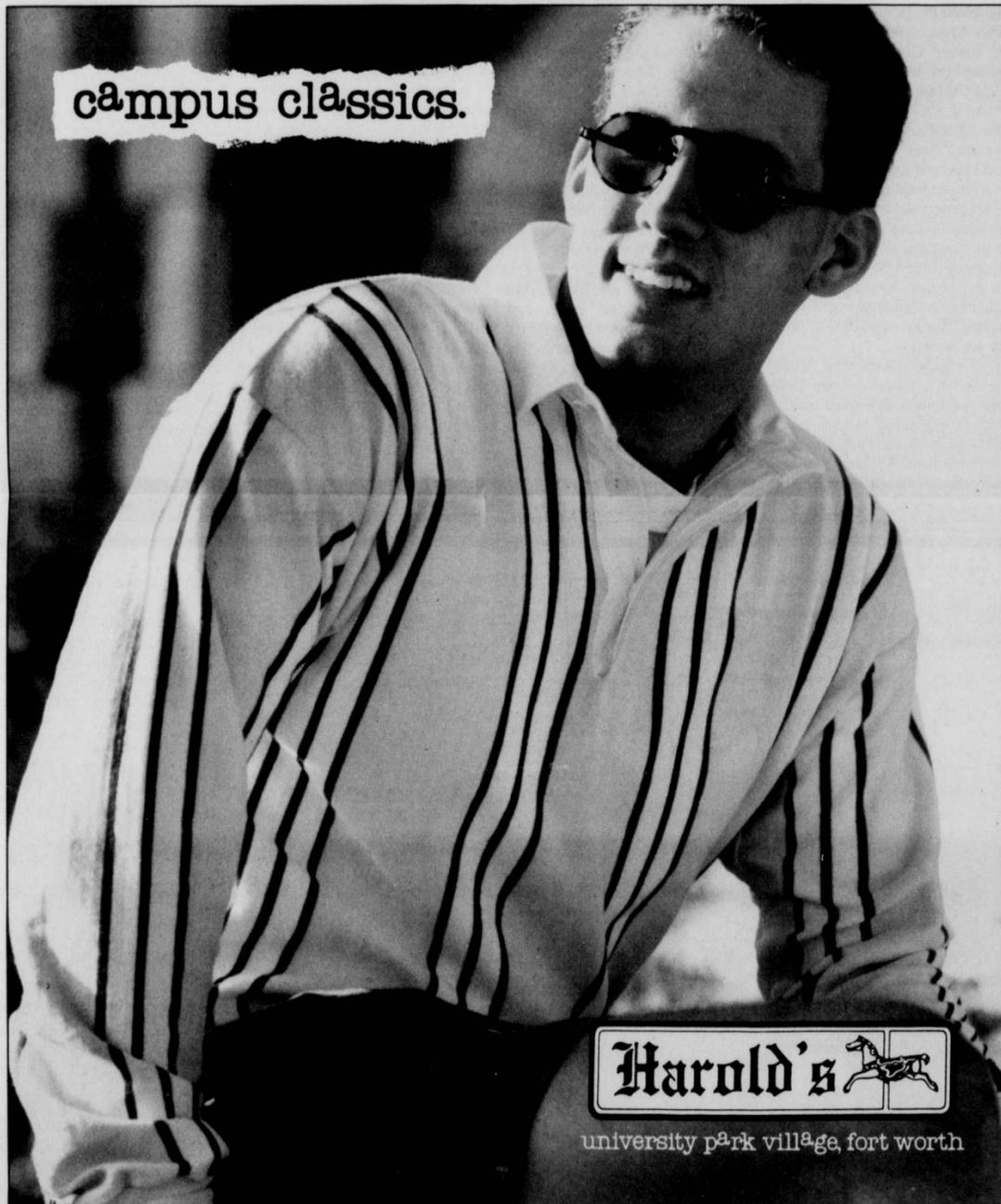
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