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Supporters stand by superintendent despite 'crisis'

By DARRYL EWING
Associated Press

DALLAS (AP) — After about two weeks of classes, the Dallas school system is in a "crisis," said one school board member during a meeting Wednesday morning to show support for Superintendent Marvin Edwards.

About 75 people, including some state lawmakers and city officials, crowded into the Dallas Independent School District board room to stand behind Edwards, the target of several protests this week over 245 teacher layoffs districtwide.

"The superintendent continues his ef-

forts to make this a premier school district in that he has initiated our goals," said board member Kathlyn Gilliam, who joined two other black board members, Yvonne Ewell and Thomas Jones, in organizing the meeting.

Meanwhile, about 200 students gathered outside the district administration building to protest the layoffs, a day after thousands congregated Tuesday.

Police, some on horseback and wearing helmets, blocked off portions of the street around the building as people driving by honked their car horns in support of the rally. At least one person was arrested during the demonstration, a

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Sen. Eddie Bernice Johnson

Dallas police spokeswoman said. "... Those of us on the board deplore the position which we find

ourselves," Ms. Ewell said. "We are in a crisis and we need to deal with that. But we must understand that much of the crisis has been induced."

Ms. Ewell emphasized that only about 1,000 of the district's more than 132,000 students have participated in the demonstrations, which began last week at two high schools.

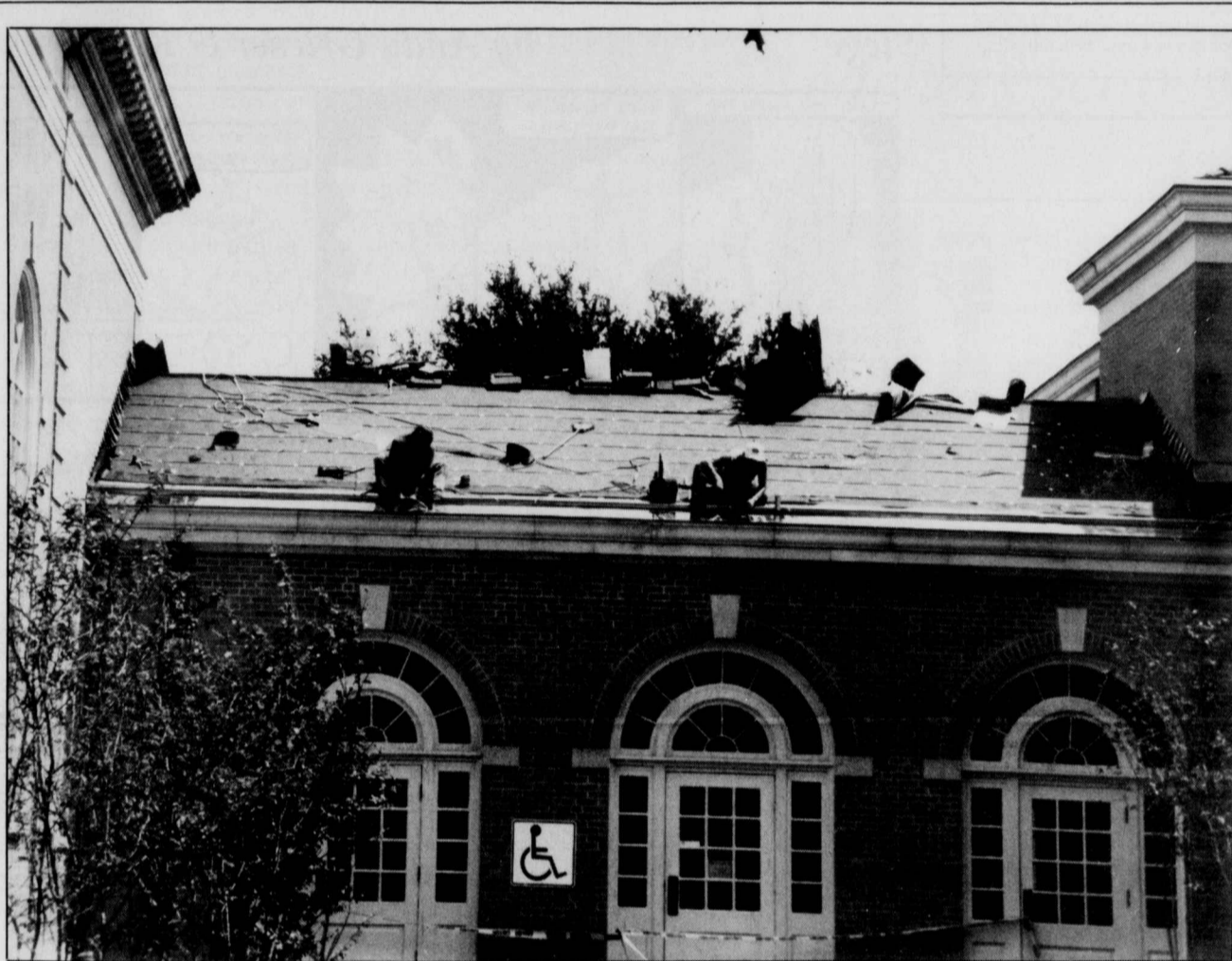
Even so, officials are still concerned. "This is a day of gloom for me to see that we have students outside the classroom when we need them to be educated so badly," State Sen. Eddie Bernice Johnson, D-Dallas said. "We can spend this entire day putting the blame if we wish, and we will have

blamed everybody we can think of for where we are," she said. "We are here because of court orders — we are fast moving to another court order — unless we come to the table of reason and work this out."

Leaders from the Dallas chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Council and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and black business leaders emphasized that Edwards was being criticized unfairly for the district budget plan, which included the teacher layoffs.

Edwards, who did not attend Wednes-

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TCU Daily Skiff/ David Wells

Workers repair the roof over the hallway connecting Robert Carr Chapel and Beasley Hall Wednesday.

'Best buy' list puzzles administration

By ANDY GRIESER
TCU Daily Skiff

The administration is puzzled by TCU's absence from a recent list published by *Money* magazine. The list, which appears in *Money's* second annual college edition, ranks the top 100 "best buys" for colleges.

"I think that, by most criteria, TCU is a good buy," said Larry Lauer, associate vice chancellor for university relations. "As I review the data that they collected from TCU, it's unclear to me why we are not in the list."

"There are a number of 'best buy' lists," said Chancellor William Tucker. "We make a number of the 'best buy' lists. I would prefer we made all of them."

"There are so many of these lists published by so many people," said Leo Munson, dean of admissions. "There is significance to it — I don't mean to

downplay the significance. People do look at these things and they do read them. But I don't think it's going to have any negative effect at all."

"I think TCU is a good buy economically," Lauer said. "I think in its category of school, a private, medium-size, well-known university, (the tuition) is a modest price."

"I think it is the right size that a student who attends here feels the sense of a smaller college, and yet at the same time has many of the benefits of a larger university."

The administration is also puzzled by how the rankings were reached.

"(Last year's college edition) doesn't even tell the consumer how the methodology was established in which to rank these schools," Munson said. "We didn't fill out a survey to the best of our knowledge."

"The information that's in last year's publication indicates that the information has come from Peter-

son's Guide as well as information obtained from the colleges. I don't have a clue what their methodology is to come up with this, but it appears to be somehow tied to the cost of the institution and the perceived quality of the institution."

"I'm not sure how they made the judgement," Lauer said. "There were some schools that cost more than TCU. There were many who cost less. There were some that are quite large, with student-teacher ratios much larger than ours, and of course there were some smaller than ours."

However, the administration is not concerned about negative effects brought on by the school's absence from the list.

"TCU is a major private institution with moderate charges," Tucker said. "Our tuition and fees are slightly below average of all the independent colleges in the U.S."

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Peace attempt fails in Eastern Europe

Treaty ignored as Yugoslav army battles Croats

By NESHA STARCEVIC
Associated Press

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — Serb rebels battled to cut off Croatia's eastern region from the rest of the republic Wednesday and appeared poised to encircle a major Croat stronghold. At least eight people died in fighting.

Ignoring a truce called to hold an international peace conference this weekend on Yugoslavia's future, Croatian security forces and the federal army also clashed several times.

Germany's foreign minister, Hans-Dietrich Genscher, warned the Serb-dominated Yugoslav army that if it failed to halt the fighting, European nations could proceed to recognize Croatia and neighboring Slovenia as independent nations.

"I'd like to tell those responsible in the leadership of the Yugoslav People's Army: With every shot fired by your cannons and tanks, for us the hour of recognition is brought nearer. We will not be able to watch this much longer," Genscher said in Bonn.

There has been speculation that Serbia, which dominates the federal army, might be willing to settle for Croatian secession if Serbs can gain control over parts of Croatian territory in the bargain.

Federal military leaders say the army is trying only to separate the warring ethnic groups, but many foreign governments support Croatia's contention that the well-equipped army has been instrumental in the Serb rebels' gaining control of about a quarter of Croatia.

The latest attempt at a truce was included in an agreement signed Monday by national and republic leaders under prodding from the 12-nation European Community. The pact only seemed to touch off a fresh push by militant Serbs.

After winning control of Baranja, an east Croatian section just below the Hungarian border, the Serbs on Wednesday began a push to isolate Croatia's ethnically mixed eastern region, Slavonia, from the Croat-dominated sections of the republic.

Croatian Defense Ministry officials said Serbs cut the main highway between Zagreb, the republic's capital, and Belgrade, the capital of the Yugoslav federation and rival Serbia.

The Yugoslav news agency Tancjug said one Serb died and three were wounded in the fighting that cut the highway near Okucani, 75 miles southeast of Zagreb. Two federal soldiers were wounded, and Croatian forces suffered several dead and wounded, it said.

The Serbs commandeered trucks, cars and buses to block the highway before dawn Wednesday, highway workers at the scene told the AP.

The Serbs and Croats battled as highway workers towed most of the vehicles away.

Ivan Turek, head of the workers' crew, said he expected the road to reopen Thursday after the Serbs were driven off.

A Croatian militiaman and a civilian were killed and five civilians were wounded in the nearby town of Nova Gradiska, the Croatian news agency Hina said.

Serb rebels appeared to be moving to surround Osijek, 140 miles east of Zagreb. The city in Slavonia is a center of Croat nationalism and the republic's fourth largest city.

In other fighting, Croatian forces killed three soldiers and a civilian near Velika Gorica, five miles south of Zagreb, and a Croatian policeman was killed when Serb guerrillas attacked Gospić near the Adriatic coast, Hina said.

The European Community pressed ahead with plans for the peace conference to begin Saturday in the Netherlands.

Leaders of Croatia and Yugoslav Premier Ante Markovic formally agreed Wednesday to attend the conference. Serbian Foreign Minister Vladislav Jovanovic said he and Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic also would go.

Presidents of all six Yugoslav republics and the eight-member federal collective presidency are supposed to attend the conference.

Croatia and Slovenia declared independence June 25, setting off an army intervention in Slovenia and fighting in Croatia between rebel Serbs and Croatian security forces.

User friendly

AT&T donates 19 personal computers

By NICOLE FOY
TCU Daily Skiff

The M.J. Neeley School of Business computer lab has a new look this semester, thanks to an \$89,000 gift from American Telephone and Telegraph Co.

Nineteen new AT&T personal computers were donated to the school just a few weeks before classes started, said Kirk Downey, dean of the business school. The generous offer came as a surprise, he said.

"The gift was totally unsolicited," Downey said. "Apparently, our area contacts with AT&T went, without our asking, to the corporation headquarters and requested the computers."

The business school has always

had a good relationship with AT&T, Downey said. The corporation routinely sponsors the TCU Executive Business Series, and the area president is on the business school's National Board of Visitors, he said.

The hardware is actually the second gift the business school has received from AT&T, Downey said. The corporation donated one other slightly larger personal computer a few years ago, he said.

Business students worked exclusively on Tandy computers before the AT&T units were added. With the new gift, there are now approximately 70 personal computers in the Tandy business building, Downey said.

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Today's weather will be cloudy with a high temperature of 88 degrees.
Friday's weather will be partly sunny with a high temperature of 85 degrees.

Personalized license plates raise money for student scholarships

By AMY BULMER
TCU Daily Skiff

A state-wide program to sell collegiate license plates has already generated \$1,400 for a need-based scholarship fund, said Emma Baker, director of scholarships and student financial aid.

"I think it's an excellent program," Baker said. "It gives people a chance to show loyalty to the university, and it benefits students who really need money to attend school."

Endorsed by the Texas Legislature, the program will raise funds for Texas college students with financial need. Of the \$30 cost for a plate, \$25 goes to the fund.

"None of the money is used for operating costs or academic or athletic

scholarships," Baker said. "The only requirement is that the student be financially needy."

Besides benefiting the scholarship fund, the plates offer a way to show support for TCU with "Texas Christian University" written along the bottom and the new alumni logo placed on the left side. This type of plate costs \$30.

To further self-identify a vehicle, personalized license plates may be purchased for \$70. This includes the \$30 plate fee and a \$40 charge for personalizing the state-issued license plate numbers.

Chancellor William Tucker has already taken advantage of the personalized license plate offer. He has

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TCU Daily Skiff/ Jessica Mann

Top Frog Chancellor Tucker's car sports the new TCU license plates.

CAMPUSlines

Town student applications are available in the Student Activities Office through Sept. 9. Any student who lives off-campus and is taking at least 9 hours is eligible.

Off campus students should go by the Registrar's Office and give their address and phone number for Frog-calls. The deadline is Sep. 9.

Delta Sigma Pi will sponsor a presentation given by Daniel A. Kile, director of ethics for Bellhelicopter-textron. The presentation will begin at 3:30 p.m. at Dan Rogers Hall Room 134 Tuesday. A reception will be held afterward in Room 140. Both are open to all students.

TCU Lectureship Fund will sponsor a lecture by Dr. Ian Campbell of the University of Edinburgh. The lecture will be held in the Faculty Center in Redd Hall. A reception will immediately follow the lecture.

Volunteers are needed to spend a minimum of one hour a week with a mental patient. Training is included. For more information, call 860-1613.

Volunteers are needed to tutor children in reading or math. Good reading skills are needed, and Spanish language skills are helpful. Training is provided. For more information, call 860-1613.

Volunteers are needed to lead educational tours to visiting adults and students at a botanical garden location. Tours are held on weekday mornings. Training begins Sep. 17. For more information, call 860-1613.

University Christian Church Luncheon will be held at noon Sept. 8. The luncheon is free and open to all students. For more information call 926-6631.

Young Adult Support Group meets from 7 to 9 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month at the St. Paul Arthritis Center. The Center is located at 5939 Harry Hines Blvd., Suite 430. Call 879-3975 for more information.

The St. Paul Outreach Prime Time Support Group meets from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. the fourth Monday of every month at Raymond's Barbecue Cafeteria on Garland Road. For more information, call 879-3975.

Former Bentsen aide to head collider project

AUSTIN (AP)—A former key aide to U.S. Sen. Lloyd Bentsen was selected Wednesday by Gov. Ann Richards as chairman of the Texas National Research Laboratory Commission, which is charged with bringing the \$8.25 billion superconducting super collider to the state.

Jack Martin, 37, of Austin replaces J. Fred Bucy of Dallas. Bucy resigned from the nine-member board, saying that the super collider, to be built south of Dallas, was in jeopardy because of funding problems.

Martin is president and founder of Public Strategies Inc., a national public affairs and political consulting firm.

He served as Bentsen's executive assistant, campaign director of his 1982 re-election campaign, and state chairman of his 1988 campaign.

Richards said Martin has the experience needed to ensure funding for the project, which will be housed in a 54-mile underground tunnel and used by scientists to study subatomic matter.

"He is familiar with the way federal funds are allocated for projects such as the super collider and he has vast experience in state government," Richards said.

"The combination of his federal and state government experience makes him uniquely qualified to be chairman," she said.

Bucy, former head of Dallas-based Texas Instruments Inc., resigned from the board July 5, saying the project's future was in doubt because of federal funding problems.

A House-Senate committee has decided to spend \$484 million on the giant atom smasher next year.

But the collider faces a critical hurdle when Congress is asked to increase 1993 spending to about \$700 million.

Last year's federal budget agreement requires new money for the collider to be offset by less spending on other domestic projects. Such cuts will be hard to find, and the collider will need another \$200 million for fiscal year 1994, when construction of its oval tunnel is in full swing.

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"1873," the year of TCU's founding, on his license plate.

The plates are renewable yearly with vehicle registration. If a plate is ordered out of sequence with the license expiration date, an expiration date will be given to correspond to the expiration of the new plates.

"These are real license plates through the Department of Highway and Public Transportation," Baker said, "and they are recognized as official license plates."

To order a plate, contact the Alumni Office at 2901 Princeton.

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day's news conference and was out of the building Wednesday afternoon, has said he was an easy target to blame for the layoffs.

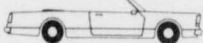
But district administrators have pointed to the so-called "Robin Hood" school finance plan, which shifts hundreds of millions of dollars from wealthy school districts to poorer ones. Schools officials say Dallas lost \$47 mil-

lion under that state plan. Edwards presented a budget to the board in June which would have provided jobs for most of the staff, school officials said.

The board voted for another budget last month that included the layoffs.

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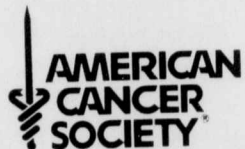
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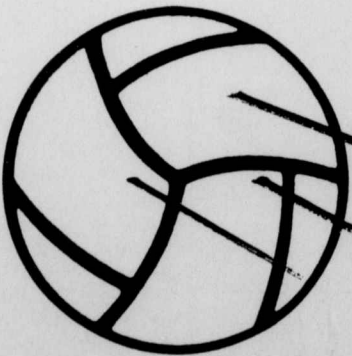
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Not worth it

'Best buy' list questions the value of TCU

Money magazine released their list of the top 100 best buys in college education and ironically, TCU is not on this list.

The article specifically states there have been some changes in the list from last year, "resulting mainly from the sharp tuition increases that hit many state schools." Although TCU is a private school, chances are it fell short of the list due largely to tuition increases.

Last semester, TCU raised tuition \$14 per semester hour and most residence hall fees were raised \$30.

With the average cost of attending TCU being \$12,000, most average income families can't afford to send their students here. Although TCU offers a quality educational program, \$12,000 is nearly outrageous.

Money's article put it in black and white; a degree from TCU is just not worth as much as it used to be.

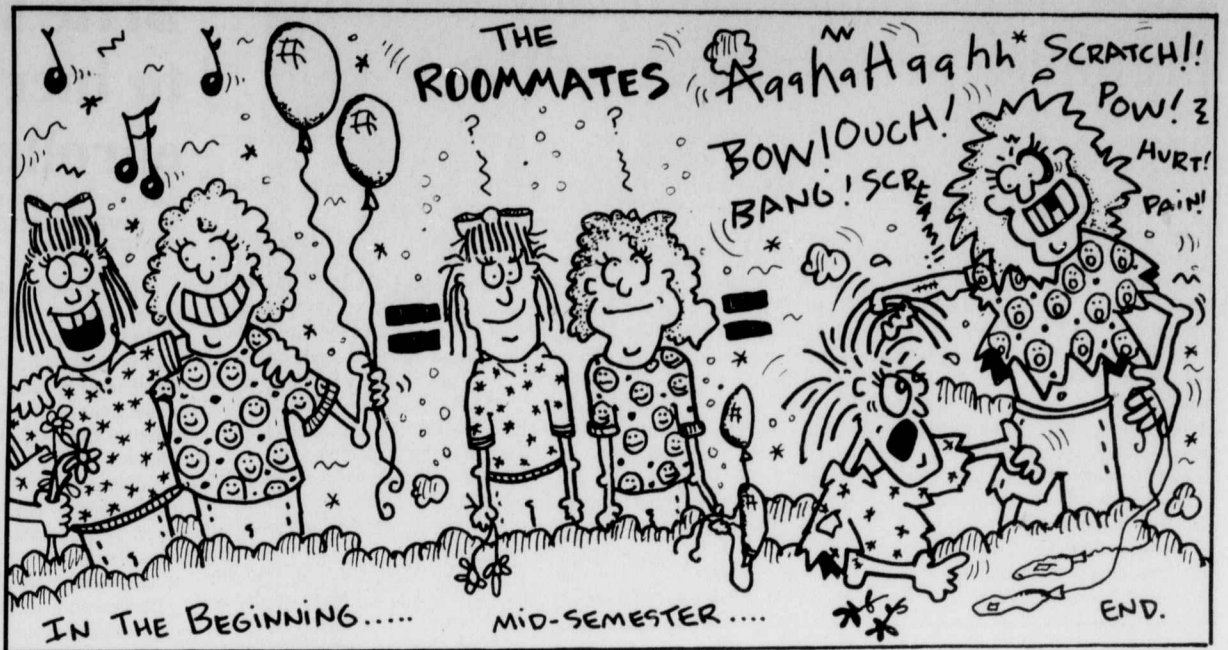
TCU has been ranked by other publications in the past. Money's ranking makes one wonder if TCU is not exactly keeping up with the rest of the colleges.

TCU must strive to get its name back on the list. Not only does the university owe it to the current student body, but if it wants to recruit the best students, being on such lists is crucial.

When students graduate from TCU, they deserve to walk away knowing their degree was worth every penny they spent to get it.

To get back on the list, TCU must evaluate the worth of the education it gives its students compared with other universities. Why, for example, does it cost \$4,000 less to attend Rice University which is No. 1 on the list than it does to attend TCU?

TCU must put an end to these annual tuition increases if it hopes to remain a respected university.



Teachers scapegoats for bad education

By MATT HUNT
Columnist



For years people have been saying the American education system is a disgrace. This is not so.

Yes, American students are falling behind in verbal and math skills. Yes, American students are not retaining as much knowledge as they should. Yes, we need to do something about the quality of education American youth are receiving. But the American education system is not a disgrace.

Rather, it is the students who refuse to work with the system who are a disgrace. It is the students who won't try to learn that are a disgrace. It is the American society which refuses to give educators what they deserve that is a disgrace.

When students perform poorly, we say the system is flawed and place the blame on the educators. We must not do that, because, con-

trary to popular belief, educators are not the only people involved in the learning process.

In our industrial society we have come to believe everything is a product that can be turned out in mass quantities at the drop of a hat. Perhaps this is true of some things, but not of education. Teaching students long division is not similar to making a car.

Schools are not factories. Society must stop thinking of schools as factories, because it is that mentality that has put us in the mess we're in now.

In the haste to pass students, teachers and principals have been forced to stop worrying if the student actually learns anything. This is why some people never learn to read or do simple arithmetic.

Where does the pressure to pass students come from?

From parents who want their sweet child to pass, even though he or she hasn't done any work or learned anything.

Pressure also comes from school board members who are more concerned with numbers and grades than if anyone is actually learning anything.

To compound the problem, teachers are paid meager salaries considering the tasks they are expected to perform.

Teachers are expected to work in sometimes the worst conditions imaginable, to be a friend, counselor and miracle worker. And to be scapegoats. It never seems to occur to us that the teachers aren't to blame for the failure of the system.

The easiest thing in the world for people to do is blame someone for a problem, but we can't take the easy way out.

The recently passed "Robin Hood" bill is typical of the American reaction to the problem. When funding is unequally applied to schools, instead of raising standards up to the good level, standards are pulled down.

We don't try to raise the level of education. We just try to lower our standards. To see our attempts at reform, one would think we don't care about quality.

Maybe we don't. As the old saying goes, actions speak louder than words.

And, recently, our actions in education reform are positively deafening.

Filling the hole revolution dug

By ROY MCMASTER
Columnist

The Soviet situation is unlike any revolution in history. No one force has overtaken the old system. The only thing that is certain is that the old system is out. Unlike revolutions in the past, there is no system standing ready to take over. The past few weeks have been more like a divorce rather than a revolution.

Gorbachev has remained throughout the shakeup and has portrayed himself as the leader of this revolution. Gorbachev is only a pawn, not the leader. The closest thing to a leader has been Boris Yeltsin. The people rallied behind him, not Gorbachev. The people have spoken: no more communism.

Now the trouble is to figure out what will replace it. Should it be fifteen independent countries all fighting each other over border disputes? Or will it be the same confederation of republics forced together under the cloak of democracy but with the tools of Stalinism? Until the coup, our friend Gorbachev greatly favored the latter.

By forcefully keeping the Baltics in the Union, should he be viewed as a Soviet Abraham Lincoln? After all, the Union must stand.

Not likely. The Baltic states should be al-

lowed to go free no matter what system is eventually adopted or imposed. The sovereignty of the Baltic States should be non-negotiable.

On the other hand, the other Republics should be kept in the Union. Hypocritical?

Maybe. No matter how deplorable communism may be, it has kept the peace in the racially and religiously charged regions of the Southern Republics as well as Yugoslavia. Peace in these regions will not last with Muslim Azerbaijan and Christian Armenia controlling their own little armies.

This unrest would most likely spread to the nearby Middle East where Arab brother stands up for Arab brother. Yugoslavia has shown that complete independence in a Nationalistic region will cause violence. Without some central government "babysitting" these republics, they will fight just as they have done for centuries.

The question now is what to do about the vacuum that used to be a government. The country seems to be heading toward a loose confederation of states. This would satisfy some of the independent-minded republics by giving a large amount of power to the states. It would also satisfy the need for security in the region as well as the world.

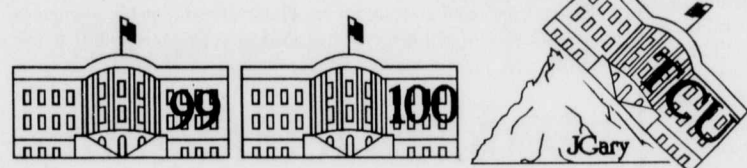
Centralization is key to the survival of the new Union. The central government must be able to levy taxes and override state's laws. Just as the Articles of Confederation failed miserably, so will any agreement that does not allow the central government to act as the sovereign country.

All military might, nuclear and conventional, must stay in the hands of a central government. There must be no temptation of military conflict between the states.

Monetary concerns should still be centralized. Tariffs should be illegal between states. All weapons, economical as well as military, should be kept from the them.

No matter what system is eventually adopted, the United States and the Western World should aid the Soviets with food through this winter. The last thing that the world needs is a starving people to follow a radical revolution. The last time this happened the Bolsheviks prevailed and a century of ideological conflicts followed.

We should be supportive of these people as they forge a new political and economical system. Americans should be on the side of democracy and self-determination, but must not overlook the region's instability. As important as self-determination is, world peace is even greater.



Letter to editor

Gentleman Bandit

I hesitated at first in writing this letter because some people might think I am defending the "Gentleman Bandit," which I'm not. It is, however, very hard to sit back and not respond when I read an article written about someone I know by someone who didn't know him. I realize I can't respond to every newspaper in the country, but I can respond to at least one.

I'm writing concerning a man I knew and loved. From the time I was 6 years old until I was 16, I lived across the street from Lon Perry and his family. I went to church with them and grew up with their kids. The Lon Perry I knew then was perhaps the most caring and kindest person I knew. If ever anyone needed help or a favor, Lon and Judy (his wife) were the first ones to step forward. They would bend over backwards to help anyone they could.

Granted, none of these memories make up or excuse what he has done to numerous people over the past few years, but the memories I have of him are good ones. I can say first hand from knowing him, contrary to Teri Lee Yankowsky's remark in Wednesday's Skiff, that Lon Perry did not "value money most of all."

or "value money above all else." Lon loved his family and friends very much. Of course, I am speaking in the past tense, things could have changed in the last few years. Who am I to say? However, I think I would find it hard to believe that the love he had for his family and the value he placed on that love has ever changed.

I only found out last week about this, and you can imagine the surprise when my mother told me that the "Gentleman Bandit" was Lon. At first I didn't believe it. A person I have known for over 20 years turning to crime as a means of income. It is still hard to believe. I didn't think it would effect me that much, but when you start seeing it in the papers and on the news, you realize just how much you do care and how deeply it does affect you.

Yes, everyone is entitled to their opinion, that is why we have an opinion page. For me, Lon Perry is wrong in what he did and should have to pay for that, but I will also always remember him as the nice, caring man who lived across the street from me.

Deanie Sewell
Staff accountant
Controller's office

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Housing no home away from home

By JOHN HARTIG and RICH ROGERS
Columnists



There's no place like home. Students just don't know how true this statement is until they have experienced the ecstasy of on-campus housing.

Being in a Greek "house" is just one more complication to add to the list.

Don't misunderstand. The blame does not actually lie with the housing administration itself. If you actually get a chance to speak with Emily Burgwyn or Jack Arvin, you will find them to be courteous and understanding. The problem is, you don't get to talk to these people. Your housing concerns travel along a winding bureaucratic road.

The Student Handbook advises students to notify their resident assistant or Greek Resident Adviser of any maintenance needs and to "not attempt to make the repairs" themselves. The RA or GRA "will complete a service order request form, and the problem should be

handled within a short time" once the problem has been pointed out.

The university has been around for a hundred years. In the overall scheme of things, a few weeks qualify as a short time. However, if your room has been overrun by critters or the toilet is overflowing into the hall, the definition of a "short time" becomes increasingly important.

Don't blink now, gentle readers. We're about to write a paragraph about some of the good aspects of TCU. One of Housing's improvements is the later residence hall closing date. In the past, the school closed halls on Saturday of spring finals week. Now halls are open through Sunday. This allows students with Friday finals ample time to pack after finals week. Furthermore, students get the chance to see older friends graduate without having to search for accommodations for Saturday night.

In all honesty, the best housing convenience the university provides is the bottle openers. How many times have you reached for a bottle of beer only to find yourself without an opener? You need look no further than the handles on the drawers in your room.

Okay, enough positive reinforcement for one semester. Now back to complaining. Let's talk roaches.

The roaches on this campus are uncommonly large and extremely hearty. The roaches in our hall liked the roach motel so much, they carried it away. The fumigants the school use may be strong, but they are obviously not working.

HVAC has not yet been perfected. None of the buildings on campus are properly ventilated and the dorms (oops, sorry) are no exception. Hot, cold or otherwise, the temperature is seldom comfortable. What exactly are those thermostats for?

Our own attempts to beautify the campus have not been encouraged by the school. Because there is no water faucet near our hall, we were unable to water our plants. So housing provided us with a water key to tap into the school's underground water system. It only cost us \$40.

The problems of the housing system will probably never be solved. Students may not be able to forgive, but cable television might help them to forget. We had to say it.

There's no place like home.

News

New York dance company to deliver premiere performance of the season

By ABIGAIL DALBEY
TCU Daily Skiff

The Solomons Company/Dance, a concert dance company from New York City, will give their premiere performance of the season in the University Theater, Friday and Saturday evenings.

"It (the company) deals with movement as an art form the way painting deals with shape," said Gus Solomons Jr., director and choreographer of the company.

The company is made up of five men all with different ethnic backgrounds, he said.

"I really make an effort to diversify the company ethnically. I want to show that the dance we do doesn't

have a color," Solomons said.

The company will perform three pieces: "Opus Pocus II," "Gut Boys," and "The Men's Piece." The third piece actually has a visual title, but Solomons calls it "The Men's Piece" when talking about it.

In the first two pieces, the dancers will make their own music as they dance by manipulating each others' bodies, Solomons said. The third is performed to music choreographed by Toby Twining, the musical director who also performs with the company.

In "Gut Boys," Solomons and Twining play each other, Solomons said.

"We don't predict what the images will connote. This way the audience

can bring their own imagination to the piece as well," he said.

The audience is really involved, Solomons said.

"The Men's Piece" is a kinetic piece in which we explore motion, Solomons said. All five dancers will be wearing long silver skirts, but colored lights will give the illusion that the costumes are colored, he said.

Solomons founded the company in 1972. Although the company has been around for 20 years, the performers change, Solomons said.

"We dance between six and 10 weeks each fall and spring season, sometimes more sometimes less," he said.

While at TCU, Solomons and the dance company will be in residency for a week. The company will tell students about modern dance, give lecture demonstrations and be available to them should they have questions.

The Solomons Company/Dance will perform at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights in the University Theater in Ed Landreth Hall. Regular tickets are \$8, while tickets for students and senior citizens are \$5.

Brite seeks to increase enrollment

By BEVERLY NELSON
TCU Daily Skiff

Brite Divinity School is investigating ways to add more Hispanic students to its student body.

A proposal to increase Hispanic enrollment in future years is currently in the working stage, said Leo Perdue, dean of Brite Divinity School.

Funding can be accomplished for more Hispanic admissions through grants from institutions and foundations, Perdue said. The study is expected to take about a year.

General enrollment at Brite has increased dramatically in the past year. Enrollment figures for Brite are up this fall by 30 percent from January 1990. According to Stanley Hagadone, director of admissions, 220 graduate students are enrolled as of Sept. 4, 1991 as opposed to only 168 last year.

The student population at Brite remains approximately 62 percent male and 38 percent female, which is not unusual since jobs for women are not opening as fast in church leadership positions as in other segments of society.

Long-term prospects for women will improve over the next decade as 40 percent of existing ministers are projected to retire, Hagadone said.

TCU pays an average of 86 percent of freshmen tuition out of endowment funds.

This is so they will not go into their church ministry with a large college debt to repay, Hagadone said.

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"I think students come to TCU because they like the environment here," said Scott Horton, assistant director of student activities. "They like the academic programs, they like the staff and the administration and the faculty, they like the look of the campus, they like the metroplex.

"They come here for so many reasons," Horton said. "I don't think they come here because they think it's an Ivy League-caliber school."

"According to (last year's *Money* college edition) we were 99th . . . the quality of our freshmen are equal to or better than the quality last year and the size will be larger than the size was last year," Munson said.

Prospective students are "looking at the quality of the educational enterprise, . . . the environment that their kids are going to be associated with . . . and the cost," he said.

"People still desire private education over public education. And if they can get a quality education in an environment that they want their kids to be associated with, . . . we can hold up against anybody because our cost in the private sector is very low compared to other schools in the private sector," Munson said.

"Quality versus economy — and we can hold up against anybody that way," he said.

News briefs

Country music star dies

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Dottie West, a poor girl who reaped riches as she helped pave the way for female country music singers, died Wednesday from injuries sustained last weekend in a car accident. She was 58.

She spent her last days singing and battling bankruptcy. She filed for protection from creditors a year ago, listing more than \$1 million in debts.

West, best known for her 1974 hit song "Country Sunshine," severely damaged her liver in Friday night's accident, which occurred as she was en route to perform at the Grand Ole Opry.

Two operations failed to stop the bleeding, and she died during a third operation at Vanderbilt University Medical Center.

Dr. John A. Morris Jr., West's surgeon, said the singer knew what kind of fight was ahead before the most recent surgery started.

"She wasn't able to talk, but she was aware of her condition," Morris said.

Encouragement and offers of blood donations rolled in after the accident.

"While some people sang words, she sang emotions," said Kenny Rogers, who sang a series of duets with West.

Lawyer denies accusations

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Texas lawyer recently appointed U.S. ambassador to the Soviet Union is angrily denying claims he was seeking the high life in Moscow.

A *Washington Post* gossip column cast Robert Strauss of Dallas as a rich political insider preparing to live it up in his new post.

But Strauss said if anything, he's leaving glitz and glamour behind. "I live in the lap of luxury here," Strauss told the Washington bureau of *The Dallas Morning News* on Tuesday. "I gave up a driver and a nice big car and plenty of help to go over there and live in the world's not-greatest place."

The columnist also suggested he would take up residence in the ritzy Savoy Hotel, where rooms go for \$400 a night.

"How do you think the government would approve that?" he asked.

"You could not live there if you wanted to."

However, Strauss said it's possible he and his wife will be staying in a hotel while the ambassador's residence in Moscow, Spaso House, is being renovated at the suggestion of First Lady Barbara Bush.

"When Mrs. Bush came back (from the July summit meeting) she said it needed a good deal of repair and maintenance and cleaning up," Strauss said.

The column also mentioned that Strauss wanted to hire "sleek, attractive Finnish women" to work at the embassy.

"That is the most stupid thing I have ever heard in my life," the lawyer said. "That is like saying I want to get set up on the moon. You just cannot deny something that stupid."

Strauss lamented that reports of his wealth were stifling his attempts to leave his law firm, sell his securities and set up housekeeping in a new country.

Woman found guilty for planning murder

HOUSTON (AP) — A jury Wednesday sentenced a suburban homemaker to 15 years in prison and fined her \$10,000 for trying to hire a hitman to kill the mother of her daughter's rival for a spot on a high school cheerleading squad.

Prosecutors had asked for the maximum life prison term for Wanda Holloway, 37, of Channelview, who was convicted Tuesday of solicitation of murder.

Hours before being sentenced, a sobbing Holloway begged for mercy. Defense attorneys had sought probation for their client, who has no previous record.

The jury deliberated about three hours before issuing the sentence. State District Judge George Godwin then ordered Holloway to be taken into custody by Harris County Sheriff's deputies.

Holloway hugged family members, including her daughter, Shanna Harper, before she was escorted from the courtroom by deputies. Godwin said Mrs. Holloway would serve her sentence in a state prison.

"She's upset and disappointed," defense attorney Troy McKinney said after the sentencing. "We're certainly going to be pursuing an appeal."

Earlier Wednesday, assistant District Attorney Mike Anderson told jurors the only thing that would have made Mrs. Holloway's crime worse would be if Verna Heath and her daughter Amber were killed.

Top 100 schools selected by Money Magazine

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| 8. University of Washington | 58. Incarnate Word College |
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| 10. University of Texas-Austin | 60. Virginia Polytechnic Inst. |
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Sports

Frogs fall in tournament

By GREG WEED
TCU Daily Skiff

The men's soccer team flopped at a weekend tournament in Nebraska this past weekend. The Frogs lost their first two games of the season, 4-0, in the Creighton KPTM Classic.

The team also lost a chance to get out of the starting blocks early this year. They're now in the hole by two games with a home tournament scheduled for this weekend.

"There really wasn't a team out there this weekend," said midfielder Marcus Mungoli.

The Frogs' offense stalled in the first game against Creighton with Jason Ellison recording the only shot on goal. The Bluejays fired 14 shots on keeper Darrel Frauenheim, and made good on four.

TCU managed three more shots on goal against New Mexico but the result was just the same. The Lobos knocked in four goals on 10 shots against Frog keeper David Murray.

"We're not a bad soccer team," said head coach David Rubinson. "We've got to get ourselves together.

We just weren't ready to play last weekend."

The Frogs won their first three games last year and finished with a record of 11-8-2, eighth in the Division I Midwest region. But the team has lost six starters from that squad and only two seniors have returned.

"It's a whole new team," Mungoli said. "We don't really know who can play with who yet."

Experience took the Frogs to the brink of the playoffs last year, but TCU lost a double header to Wisconsin-Madison and 20th-ranked Illinois State. The team needs more game experience, which will only take time, Mungoli said.

The Frogs were stable last year with keeper Mark Walgren, who recorded over 166 saves and was scored on only 26 times last year. He graduated, which leaves Frauenheim and Murray to battle for the starting spot.

"They (the keepers) showed really well in Nebraska," Mungoli said. "It could have been a lot worse."

The strength of the team will ultimately lie with the goalkeepers and how they fare, Rubinson said. Since the Frogs are young, team captains Bill Chaney and Joe Malachino are needed to take a leadership role on the field, he said.

The Frogs have held two team meetings this week to try and find a solution and turn things around. The lack of any preseason games or scrimmages was evident when the Frogs took the field this past weekend. The team needs more time playing as a unit, Rubinson said.

"I think the team is going to grow a lot this season," Mungoli said. "By the end of the season, we could possibly play as well as we did last year."

TCU will have the chance to turn things around this weekend when they host the Cowtown Invitational Tournament at TCU. The Frogs play against Incarnate World at 10 a.m. Saturday and against Texas Wesleyan at 3 p.m. Sunday.



TCU Daily Skiff/Jessica Mann

Senior Blaire Bilger practices for the Frog's first game against Richland Sept. 9.

Tarpley found not guilty in DWI

By MIKE DRAGO
Associated Press

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas Mavericks forward Roy Tarpley scored two victories Wednesday when a jury acquitted him of a drunken driving charge and a judge denied a prosecutor's motion to revoke the player's probation.

Tarpley, 26, was facing two years in jail and a \$2,000 fine if jurors had found him guilty.

He also could have been sentenced to an additional year in jail if Dallas County Criminal Court Judge Mike Schwille had revoked the two-

year probation Tarpley was given last Sept. 5 for a 1989 DWI incident.

Tarpley says his legal problems are over.

"I learned a lot," he said. "I've had butterflies at the free-throw line with no seconds left, but now I've had butterflies in court. I'm ready to get on with my life."

The most recent DWI charges involved Tarpley's March 30 arrest.

Police officers testified during the trial that Tarpley was clocked at 63 mph in a 35-mph zone before his arrest. They said they found beer bottles in his car.

Testimony ended Tuesday with

prosecutors calling two surprise witnesses, including Denna Shaw, an emergency medical technician from Wichita Falls.

Ms. Shaw said she saw Tarpley driving 60-80 mph before his arrest. She said his car almost hit her.

The woman said she contacted prosecutors after reading reports last week that Dallas police had conspired to frame Tarpley.

Jurors deliberated for about 14 hours before ruling Tarpley was not drunk when he was arrested.

"We're very pleased the jury found the truth," said Jay Ethington, one of Tarpley's attorneys.

By JENNIFER BROOKS
TCU Daily Skiff

The Lady Frogs were blown out more than once last season and ended the year with a record of 6-13-2. But this year's squad is determined to put that season behind them.

"We are better this year than we were last year," said head coach David Rubinson. "We have picked up many new players and we have a good mix. There are leadership qualities this season that we didn't have last season."

The Frogs lost only two starters off last year's squad, and the returning players are more experienced.

"All the girls that have played together have experience, and now we have depth because of all the new freshmen," said senior midfielder Heidi Weaver.

One key loss for the Frogs was Maribeth Forrest, the goalkeeper from last season who graduated. Beth Wilson, the other keeper who recorded 95 saves last year, has been moved to a field position.

Goalkeeping duties have now been placed on the shoulders of freshman Michelle Davies.

But the Frogs are returning their top three scorers, including Jamie Wolff, who scored a team-high nine goals last year. Also returning is Cindy Rappe, who scored seven goals and was the assist leader with six.

Last year, the Lady Frogs were outshot by their opponents 245-344 and outscored 58-34. TCU was shut out in eight of their 21 games. But the schedule is tougher this year.

"We are playing Division I teams and some of our toughest

teams were ranked in the preseason polls," Rubinson said.

The Frogs play SMU and Colorado College, who are both ranked in the top 20. TCU was held scoreless in its game against Colorado College and in the two games against SMU last year.

"Our most difficult games last season were Colorado College, Stanford and SMU," Weaver said. "These teams are the elite teams of the division."

Despite the tough schedule, some players believe the Frogs have the experience to do better than last year.

"The team will be strong this season," said senior Blair Bilger, the Frogs' most valuable player last year.

The Frogs open the season Monday against Richland Junior College at 5 p.m.

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