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The 'nature' of truth



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Jim Schrantz, a graduate student in English, made good use of the weather Sept. 25 by taking his composition class outside.

Economic realities force higher prices

Athletic department begins ticket cost scaling for Arkansas, Texas A&M games

By JEFF LEA
TCU Daily Skiff

Parents and students buying football tickets for Saturday's game will have to dig further into their wallets than they have for other games.

Economic survival has prompted the athletic department to begin scaling ticket prices for certain football games this year.

Ticket prices for Saturday's game against the Arkansas Razorbacks and the televised game against Texas A&M Nov. 7, have been raised from \$17 to \$20 a ticket.

Ticket prices for the Frogs' first two games at home and those remaining against SMU and Houston are still \$17. Season ticket holders were not affected because they were offered a package that averaged around \$17 per game, said Tommy Love, ticket manager.

"This is the first year we have scaled our tickets," Love said. "In fact, I think we're the last conference school to do so."

The university raised ticket prices for the games against Arkansas and A&M because they have the potential for the largest crowds. TCU is expecting a crowd between 30,000 and 35,000 for Saturday's game, which would be the largest crowd this season, Love said.

"These will be the two biggest games of the year with the two biggest followings coming in," Love said. "We're hopefully not hitting

our fans so much as the opponents."

It does hit the pockets of those parents and family members visiting students, some of whom will be seeing the Frogs for the first time.

"I know they didn't think, 'Here's Parents' Weekend, let's sock it to the parents,'" Love said.

The ticket prices were set early in the spring by Athletic Director Frank Windeger and other administrators, said Mel Thomas, associate athletic director.

Parents' Weekend was scheduled last December, said Susan Batchelor, director of student activities. But the football schedule has been revised several times before it was finalized, Batchelor said.

There was no plan to give parents a discount for tickets this weekend, Thomas said.

"We're just not going to do it," he said.

Scaling tickets means big bucks for schools at a time when money is tight and athletic budgets are in the red.

"You can make a lot of money charging five extra dollars to 30,000 or 40,000 fans," said Jim Kotch, Texas A&M athletic ticket manager.

For most schools, and especially for smaller schools like TCU, football carries the athletic department financially.

"What comes from football pays for everything else," Thomas said.

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Campus police stress safety as area crime increases

By JOE LATTANZI
TCU Daily Skiff

Fort Worth police statistics show an increase in burglaries, larceny thefts and auto thefts in the area surrounding the university since January 1990.

"It's a crime area," said Oscar H. Stewart, chief of campus police. "Everybody needs to be alert to this area at all times. The crime prevention program, with the help of staff, faculty and students, has kept area crime off campus."

The area's northern boundary is Park Hill Drive. The southern boundary includes West Berry Street and South Bellaire Drive. Its eastern boundary encompasses Forest Park Boulevard and McCart Avenue, while its western boundary includes West Bellaire

and Simondale Drives.

- Fort Worth police statistics for major offenses in the area showed a 21 percent increase in burglaries with 62 in 1990 and 75 in 1991.

- Larceny thefts rose 17 percent with 179 in 1990 and 209 in 1991.

- Auto thefts increased by 21 percent with 47 cars stolen in 1990 and 57 in 1991.

- No murders occurred during the reporting period.

- Two rapes were reported in 1990 and none in 1991.

- Robberies remained constant at nine for both years.

- Aggravated assaults showed a 21 percent decrease with 14 taking place in 1990 and 11 in 1991.

- Misdemeanor crimes and other crimes not

classified as major offenses showed a 3 percent decrease with 198 reported in 1990 and 193 in 1991.

- Area crime in the vicinity of the university showed an overall increase of 8 percent with 511 incidents reported in 1990 and 554 in 1991.

Businesspeople along West Berry Street said area crime exists, but is sporadic with periods of inactivity.

Two purse snatchings occurred in May and June in an alley next to the Tom Thumb-Page grocery store, said David W. Stiteler, assistant manager.

A series of residential break-ins occurred near the store in August, Stiteler said.

Two attempted purse snatchings occurred in September, he said.

Shoplifting and suspicious persons loiter-

ing in the store parking lot were serious problems until the store started an intensive security program, Stiteler said.

Frequent city and campus police patrols have helped discourage crime in the area, he said.

"Crime is a problem," Stiteler said. "However, it was much higher near several stores where I worked in North Dallas."

The Texaco gas station on the corner of West Berry Street and University Drive has been robbed four times in the past three years, said Phillip A. Chamberlain, night manager.

The only recent serious crime was the theft of a purse from a customer's car in September, Chamberlain said.

Persons whom he described as suspicious periodically drive up and down West Berry

Street late at night. The late night and early morning hours were dangerous because of the suspicious vehicles, he said.

"I've seen female TCU students walking back to campus by themselves early in the morning," Chamberlain said. "Even in twos, that's not wise."

A series of shoplifting incidents every weekend until early September plagued the 7-11 food store across from Tom Thumb, said Jeanie Garner, assistant manager.

The suspects took only beer and cigarettes, Garner said.

No other crimes have occurred since the shoplifting ended, she said.

Garner attributed the decreased crime in the store to a highly visible city and campus police presence.

University welcomes Horned Frog parents

By LEANNA STALEY
TCU Daily Skiff

The university and Fort Worth will be the hosts for over 5,000 Horned Frog parents this weekend.

The theme for Parents' Weekend is, "Grab your partner for a high-steppin' good time."

Parents will share in the diversity of TCU and Fort Worth, said Angie Cook, chairwoman of Parents' Weekend Committee.

"This year we tried to focus more on Fort Worth," Cook said. "We decided to go with the idea of cowboys to culture because TCU has everything from ranch management to ballet, just like Fort Worth has things from the stockyards to the cultural district."

The activities begin today with check-in and entertainment provided by the TCU Jazz Band at noon in the Brown-Lupton Student Center.

Tonight, students and their parents can see performances of dancers and other original student acts.

A studio performance of dance students begins at 6 p.m. in the ballet building and the annual talent show begins at 8 p.m. in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium.

This year's emcees are Greg and Ernie, a ventriloquist act. They will be introducing nine dif-

ferent student acts including a dance act, an organist, a piano duet, a piano solo and several vocal numbers.

The talent show was almost sold out as of yesterday with 1,115 parents registered for tickets. The talent show is one of the biggest events of the weekend.

Saturday events begin with a 5K Fun Run/Walk through campus and the surrounding neighborhoods at 8 a.m.

Chancellor William Tucker will make an official welcome to parents at a reception from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Student Center ballroom.

For parents who want to see what it's like to hear a lecture from a professor, four faculty members will present mini-lectures from 11:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. in the Moudy Building.

Lectures include topics from the fields of journalism, art history, marketing and ballet.

Some parents may want to take a closer look at Fort Worth and can do so by taking a self-guided tour of art museums or a tour of the Stockyards guided by members of the North Fort Worth Historical Society. Tours begin at noon and 2:15 p.m. Buses for the guided tours will pick up parents

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Senate discusses grade policy, honor code

By JAMIE McILVAIN
TCU Daily Skiff

Requiring faculty to turn in grades within 48 hours of administering final exams is unfair, several Faculty Senate members said Thursday.

The rule forces faculty to give certain types of exams and allows too little time for grading and evaluation of students' semester work, Gere Dominiak, professor of accounting, told the Senate at its monthly meeting.

"This is about the quality of grading, fairness to students and to faculty," Dominiak said.

Several Senate members said the

rule is not enforced, and therefore should be eliminated. Other Senate members noted a former rule that required grades to be turned in only 24 hours after exams.

The Senate's Academic Excellence committee is studying the rule's impact and will relate its findings to William Koehler, vice chancellor for academic affairs.

Alice Gaul, Senate chairwoman, asked members to question their constituents about the issue and to share opinions with Andrew Fort, chairman of the committee.

The Senate also discussed problems associated with advising transfer

students at summer orientation.

Some faculty members object to advising transfer students for no pay while freshmen advisers are paid for their summer work, Gregg Franzwa, associate professor of philosophy, said. University administrators feel transfer students' advisers should not be paid because the job takes little time, he said.

For example, a faculty member designated to advise transfer students majoring in history may have only one student each session.

Finding people to advise transfer students is sometimes a problem, said Teoby Gomez, a counselor at the Cen-

ter for Academic Services. Transfer

students are asked to attend an August session designated for them, he said, but they sometimes attend other sessions and advisers cannot be located.

Franzwa told the Senate that faculty responsibilities regarding orientation could increase. The deans are considering asking faculty to conduct sessions on academic expectations at future sessions, and the university may add additional transfer students' sessions, he said.

"The responsibilities are increasing while the number of faculty being

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Fall semester to focus on internationalization

By DAVID WELLS
TCU Daily Skiff

The university will attempt to internationalize both campus and curriculum by beginning its first Global Theme Semester in fall 1992.

The semester is designed to be one factor in the internationalization called for by the university's trustees. The trustees' efforts are being employed to prepare students and faculty to live in an increasing global community.

The first geographic regions of focus will be Mexico and Latin America. Associate Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Larry Adams said these areas were chosen, "... in

keeping with the Quincentennial of the Americas, and also because it seemed appropriate to begin with an affiliation to neighboring countries."

"The Hispanic world is a terrific idea, and was an appropriate choice, although it was a tossup between it and Eastern Europe, another prominent area," said David Vanderwerken, professor of English and member of the Global committee. "Possibly Eastern Europe will be the choice for the 1994 semester."

Every other year, the committee will choose a country or region for study. Activities will be designed in a way to add dimension to the effort.

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Outside

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

Saturday's weather will be cloudy with a high temperature of 70 degrees.



CAMPUSlines

CAMPUSlines is provided as a service to the TCU community. Announcements of events, meetings and other general campus information should be brought by the Skiff office, Moudy 291S or sent to TCU Box 32929. The Skiff reserves the right to edit for style and taste.

KTCU's Friday programming features TCU Talk at 4 p.m., Joe's Talk Show at 4:30 p.m., Sports at 5 p.m., The Mel and Rob Anything Goz Show at 6 p.m., What's This? at 8 p.m. and the AERho CD Hours at 10 p.m.

College Fellowship is held every Sunday at University Christian Church in Room 259. For more information call 926-6631.

Chi Delta Mu meets every Monday at noon at the Wesley Foundation Building on Lowden Street. Call Dave Nolan at 921-0393 or 332-4197

Creative Writing Wing meets Mondays at 9 p.m. in the Milton Daniel lobby. Anyone who likes to write is invited. For more information call Dave Morgan at 923-6596.

Peace and Social Justice Committee meets every Monday at 3 p.m. in SC Room 204. For more information call Carol Lattimore at 921-7240.

CPC Millwood Hospital hosts a variety of symposiums, courses and support groups for the mentally, emotionally disturbed. For information, call Metro: (817)261-3121 or Toll Free: (800)258-2440.

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.

Society of Professional Journalists presents a program entitled "How to Get a Job in Journalism" at 7 p.m. Oct. 9 at Moudy Room 265S. Paula LaRocque of the Dallas Morning News will present the program.

HELPlines

The Volunteer Center, a service of the United Way needs volunteers. Call the Volunteer Center at 860-1613 for information about the following or other opportunities.

Volunteers are needed to assist elderly people with their personal and/or financial affairs. Training will be held in November.

Volunteers are needed to assist in the day surgery unit of a local hospital. Available Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Volunteers are needed to assist with a recycling program on the city's east side. Help is needed to sort and carry recyclables from cars to recycling areas Saturday mornings.

Volunteer tutors are needed from 2:30 to 4:30 Monday through Friday at the East Side Boys and Girls Club. Call LeeAnn Williams at 534-1777.

Volunteers are needed to serve in a court-appointed capacity to be an advocate for abused or neglected children. Training will be held in October.

Volunteers are needed to demonstrate pioneer craft skills at a historic log cabin village site in Fort Worth. Training is provided.

Volunteers are needed to coordinate and help organize a historical library for a Fort Worth agency. Available from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays or on weekends.

Volunteers are needed to make phone calls to people who have requested assistance through a local agency. Social work skills helpful.

Volunteer drivers are needed to deliver library materials to homebound people and return previously delivered materials to the library. Available from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Must use own vehicle.

CRIMELINE

CRIMELines is provided as a service to the TCU community. The campus police reported the following offenses and violations from Sept. 26 to Oct. 3 on or near the university.

Theft:
Sept. 29 — A student's unsecured bicycle was stolen from behind a building at 2904 Princeton St. The bicycle was a boy's Murray racer with 26-inch wheels, a yellow frame.

Sept. 29 — License plates, Missouri TCB 326, were stolen from a student's car parked behind Moncrief Hall.

Burglary of a Vehicle:
Sept. 29 — A student's car parked at 3300 N. Bellaire Dr. was burglarized. A small black purse containing dormitory keys, student identification and several other items were taken. The value of the items was unknown.

Aggravated Assault:
Sept. 26 — Several students were playing football near Wiggins Hall when a car drove by on Berry Street at high speed. The occupants of the car fired two shots at the students from what they believed was a pellet gun. No injuries were reported in the incident.

Criminal Trespass:
Oct. 2 — A suspicious person was found loitering in the Sid Richardson Building. The individual was escorted from the building, issued a warning of criminal trespass and released.

Disorderly Conduct:
Sept. 27 — A man driving an early model Mazda with Florida license plates exposed himself to a graduate student jogging in the 3300 block of West Berry Street.

Other reported violations:
Sept. 28 — A Foster Hall resident received a harassing telephone call. The call was the second one made to the student during the past week.

Oct. 2 — A Brachman Hall resident assistant received a telephone call from an unidentified male shouting obscenities and threatening bodily injury.

Ye gods & little fishes

by *Stev Klinetobe*



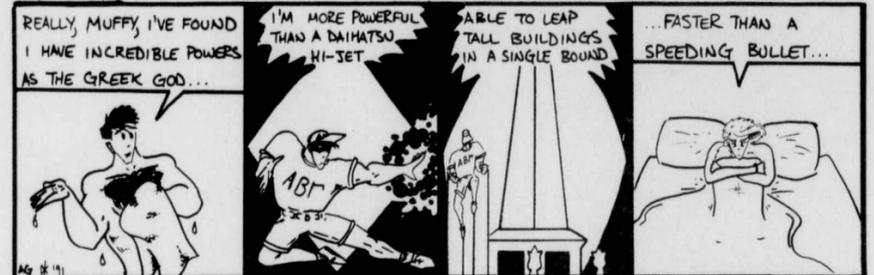
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Price hike

Parents' Weekend game shouldn't cost more

Parents should, by now at least, be accustomed to paying that little bit extra at every turn.

The trustees raise tuition just a little bit every year. Marriott pushes its food prices just a little bit every year. Books rise in prices just a little bit every year. A diploma costs just a little bit more than the \$45,000 already invested to get it.

And football tickets cost just a little bit more twice a year.

Three dollars more, to be exact. Tickets to Saturday's game with Arkansas and the Nov. 7 game (a Thursday night game no less) against Texas A&M will be \$20 instead of the usual \$17.

So parents are having to pay just a little bit more to spend the weekend with their college kids watching their college kids' team on the gridiron.

Parents deserve a break, not a \$3 per seat price hike.

The athletic department began the policy of hiking prices for these games this season for economic reasons. But to have the hiked prices in effect for parents' weekend is appalling.

Parents who choose to attend TCU's functions this weekend will shell out \$5 a pop on talent show tickets, \$5 a seat for the Fort Worth tour, \$6 a plate for the barbecue picnic, \$9 a person for the victory party and \$9 a position in the fun run. Instead of asking for \$3 a ticket more from parents, TCU should discount tickets.

Most students purchasing tickets for their family did not expect the prices would be raised. There were ads in the *Skiff* at the beginning of the semester, but few students were planning their Parents' Weekend activities at the time. The athletic department should make a greater effort in informing students of a price hikes at a more prudent time.

For now, parents will have to spend just a little bit more for the weekend held in their, not TCU's, honor.

Letter to the editor

Opportunity

Yes, discrimination is an ugly word, and I, as many other citizens, look forward to a unified America. However, until opportunities are equal for all races, this will not occur.

Right now the number of black males in college is lower than it has been in 10 years. There are more black men of college age in prison than in college.

What do these facts show? Basically, minorities do not have the same opportunities in this country as whites. Many times this is not because of outright discrimination against them but because the majority of minorities are in the lower class, whereas the majority of whites are in the middle and upper classes. Minorities in the lower class, without affirmative action, do not have equal opportunities for a higher education and future employment in the business world.

On another point, discrimination cannot be found in Black History Month and National Hispanic Month. These months give blacks and Hispanics a chance to learn about their past, giving them an opportunity they did not receive in school. A common high school curriculum includes American History, British Literature and European History, not African or Hispanic History. There are many inner-city schools with all-minority student bodies in which the students learn in their biased history classes that only whites succeed in this country. Black and Hispanic history supplements this education and provides these students with mentors, showing them they can succeed as well.

These celebrated history months do

not have to segregate the American people either. Whites are perfectly welcome to join in and learn about their fellow Americans' cultures and histories. In fact, this is an area in which American people can become more unified. Rather than ending these history months, we should all celebrate them.

As a white student who just experienced the college admission process, I can understand the frustration toward affirmative action. At times it seemed like I was rejected because I was white, and my friend was accepted because she was black. However, I had to look at it from another point of view. Many underprivileged minorities possess the ambition to go to college, but their secondary education does not compare to the majority of other college applicants. Should their future end there?

As a volunteer, I spend two hours a week in an elementary school, tutoring children in Spanish. T.A. Sims Elementary is a mere 15-minute drive from campus. It is located in a lower-class neighborhood, and all of the students are either black or Hispanic. I love my students and I will do anything to insure that they have every possible opportunity to succeed in the future. Their underprivileged environment, over which they have no control, should not enslave them forever. Right now affirmative action is the only solution to give them this chance to break free.

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 Social Work major

Letter policy

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Beating the 'them against us' attitude

By DAVID WELLS
 Columnist

Communication is an essential element of learning. If a university lacks this essential element, then the process of inquiry is damaged.

There has long been an attitude on campus that can be referred to as a "them against us" attitude. This can be directly applied to actions of administrative and student behavior.

The problem is a multifaceted one. There is no one reason, no single foundation for this occurrence. Yet it still exists. It provides a ground for the fostering of defensive attitudes that further the gap of communication, hindering the learning process.

One of the difficulties of a university is the size and complexity of its members, giving rise to a diverse range of problems. This brings about an orientation on focused issues — the problem is, every person or group is focused onto a different issue, or solution. In one sense this is what a university is designed for. This environment causes its members to constantly ask, "Why?"

What must be realized here is that "Why?" is a question. Questions imply that answers will be searched for. When answers are not searched for the "Whys" become open-ended complaints. Complaints bring about

negative attitudes, and negative attitudes bring about defensive behavior — hindering communication. A vicious cycle erupts, and the campus as a whole is hurt.

At TCU there is often a misinterpretation of attitudes that spiral into actions decreasing the amount of communication between students and the administration. When a problem arises the ideal way to handle it is to learn all there is to know about it, trying to remain as impartial as possible. When you have learned all sides of an issue then you decide which direction you will take. If you are still bothered, you use the channels you employed to learn about the problem to help you make changes. If you are no longer bothered, work with the situation to make it even better.

However, the ideal and the real do not often meet. It is often easier to complain about or ignore a problem than it is to work to change it. Examples of such problems on campus for students include: parking; the continual rise in tuition; lack of knowledge on the use of funds; class availability. The list goes on, but not just for students. Administrators have problems with certain student views, actions, and apathy. For instance they ask why, if students can accept the continual rise in the cost of living, can they not accept the rise in the cost of an education.

Because we live as members of a chosen

society we all are to blame. A solution to the problem could be a greater focus on the availability of information on student activities, and committees designed for change (there is a food service committee). Administrators should be invited to meetings designed for dealing with problems so that there can be a question and answer session. There should be an implementation of programs designed for increased access to these groups. A small handful of both student and administrative leaders cannot be the only ones involved.

It would be interesting if at the beginning and end of each year a strategic planning conference was held between students and administrators. It would give a chance for student and administrative groups to caucus with their members and come up with topics of discussion. Then they could sit down together and ask each other questions about their decisions and behavior.

Granted, not all problems could be solved, but it would increase awareness and communication. In that frame, if a problem occurred later in the year it would decrease the amount of channels you had to go through, because you would immediately know who to call. The university would run more expediently, all needs would be known and a greater area for knowledge would be created.

Students not scapegoats for TCU

By DAVID MORGAN
 Columnist

There's been a lot of talk lately about student apathy. People complain that we don't have enough spirit, that we don't support our teams. They say we have no pride in our surroundings. Well, I say it's no wonder.

Our school has many problems, many of which have been addressed on this page by my fellow columnists, but this isn't the real reason for the apparent lack of enthusiasm on the students' part. The problems are the symptoms of a much bigger problem.

One big complaint is our lack of support for our teams. The argument goes like this: We would have more spirit if the teams would win more often. The teams would win more often if the students would be more supportive.

So we're stuck in a never-ending cycle, right? Wrong! Perhaps some of us don't like

sports. Perhaps some of us don't care about past records, but we support our team. We're a small school that competes against veritable giants, and we do all right. There are many people like this, and we just enjoy the game.

Lately there's been a great deal of controversy about traditions. The main point of contention about this argument is whether or not traditions can be "legislated." The real problem is that the traditions the students cared for were made illegal by the school. Once again this is just a symptom of the real problem.

We've been told, or rather had it screamed in our ears, that students don't care enough for their surroundings. It's hard to care about torn up grass and broken concrete. When we first came here, they said: "We try to do most of our repairs and upgrades during the summer months." Somebody ought to remind the administration of when summer is.

Visitation rules are another problem with this school. Please explain why we can't have someone in our rooms when we want. Once again, however, this is not the true problem of TCU.

The true problem of TCU is the administration's basic unwillingness to treat the students as responsible adults.

We can vote for our nation's leaders. We can die for our country. We can do all this but we can't have a members of the opposite sex in our rooms after midnight.

This school allows us to voice our opinions and then ignores us to do whatever it wants. Anyone remember Roger Thomas?

A private venture must please its clients so they will come back and add more business. If they don't, they die. TCU however, thinks it can treat its students however it wants, and that the students will come back for more.

Careful, TCU, eventually they won't.

Prostitution of English language

By JEFF BLAYLOCK
 Columnist



Where else but America can a vowel be bought and sold?

For just \$250 the man in the blue suit with the ugly tie can have an "e" — as many of them as he wants — and he doesn't even

have to buy an "i" first. He's proud to even claim his intentions of owning a piece of the language. "Yeah, I'd like to buy a vowel, please."

Prostitution of the language runs amok across my country tis of thee sweet land of liberty and justice for all and all for me. Catchy slogans and linguistic abuses hammer away across the airwaves, words heaped on top of words and jingles, capricious and evil, ring in the people's hollow heads.

Just do it. Buy the vowels, and you've got a bargaining chip against the word teamsters. They do have a price; they have to make a living, too.

Oh, if it were that simple.

The word Congress recently levied a new tax on prepositions, and adverbs have been seen looting verbs, adjectives and other

adverbs on the pages of even the most staid academic journals. Those vain transitive verbs just can't bear to exist without their objects, and they accuse the intransitive ones of having no object at all. The nouns care not, for they exist, period. "So which came first, the noun or the verb?" The question mark rages, knowing only he can make a question.

The "be" verbs are wimps. Bring out your dead... gerunds. Domestic squabbles have split up the infinitives. Co-dependent clauses soul-search for their identities and those neurotic pronouns keep taking on the identity of everyone else. The independent clauses, sure of themselves as self-actualized beings, want democracy.

Everywhere, everyword there is discontent.

An "i" pulls rank and boards a cab before an "e" — no "c" was in sight — and the "e," weary of this preferential treatment, cries "Discrimination! Favoritism! We both sell ourselves for \$250! We're all equals!"

The "i" shakes his dot in disgust, and the "t" standing on the corner is all too cross.

Seldom-used "x" and "z" filed an antitrust suit against "s" because the slippery snake has a monopoly of the plural market.

And the consonants allege their comrade "y" has his bread buttered on both sides,

sometimes as a consonant, sometimes as a vowel. And the vowels are getting kickbacks from the women in the ugly red dresses who have that free spin and a cardboard trip in front of them. "Y" asks why.

Where have you gone subjunctive tense? Drag him out of retirement to pose the query, if I were you... then I'd probably stay in my retirement community in Florida, where I live in the condo next door to the slide rule, another innovation now known as a curiosity.

An anachronism.

Pardon me, but aren't you an anachronism?

Prefixes, suffixes, heroin fixes. Everybody's got something to fix but nobody's going to foot the bill. Questions, questions to be answered and nobody has the time, and many don't have the words, because they can't buy the vowels.

And if they had \$250, they wouldn't buy a vowel, for none of them would do any good. When was the last time a vowel kept the children from going to bed hungry?

They'd buy a vowel, and one thing it wouldn't say, no matter how much language it mastered, no matter how many people in gaudy dresses or in hideous red ties repeat it, "Yeah, I'd like to buy a vowel please."

Tickets/ from page 1

It's especially critical for TCU and other schools to make the best out of their home gate receipts. This is the first year conference schools are not splitting gate receipts according to guaranteed contracts. Schools can now only make money on their home turf.

"My sense is it was to create additional incentive to work on your home gate," said Rick Chryst, SWC assistant commissioner.

The university has refrained from scaling tickets in the past while other schools have been hitting the fans with increased prices, Love said.

"We have been going to different schools in the conference for several years now and have run into higher ticket prices," Love said. "For instance, we're paying \$20 to go to Texas and \$20 for the Baylor game this year.

In search of making the extra buck, athletic departments are playing a game of ticket warfare. If one school was charged higher prices on a road game, the other responds with higher prices on its home field the next year.

"I think Texas started the whole thing charging up to \$25," Kotch said. "Of course, when they come down, we can't let them in for \$20."

Texas A&M has been charging game day tickets as high as \$25 for its games against Louisiana State, Texas and Houston, and as low as \$17 against Southwest Louisiana State.

The Longhorns have traditionally charged higher for bigger games with assured attendance. Against Penn State last year, tickets normally \$15 were raised to \$25. Texas also raised their ticket prices by \$10 against A&M. Texas did not scale its tickets this year, but raised its base price to \$20 for all games.

It is unknown how much more money the athletic department will make by scaling its tickets. Overall, prices will continue to fluctuate according to the laws of supply and demand. Schools can raise their prices as high as they want, but they have to be cautious.

"That's monetary stupidity to raise prices," Love said. "With the battle we're facing in the Metroplex for entertainment dollars and the way the economy is going right now, it would just price us out of fans."

By KRISTIN CORBETT
TCU Daily Skiff

Participants in the Calling New Frogs program called every new student during the two-week campaign.

Although some students were not home or the line was busy, the program reached more people than last year, said Kay Higgins, new student orientation coordinator.

"Last year when only OSAs (Orientation Student Advisers) called, we didn't even get through every list once," Higgins said. "This year we are able to go through every list twice."

This year, in addition to the advisers, there were 25 to 30 celebrity callers, including Chancellor William Tucker, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Margaret Barr, and President of the House of Student Representatives Ernie Ross.

Higgins said the program had three major goals: to welcome new Horned Frogs to campus, to show students the university is concerned about their well being and to assist students by answering questions or referring them to other campus resources.

"We initially met our goals by contacting the students," Higgins said. "No matter how positive your experience is, it still feels good to know that someone took the time to call and check."

Holli Harry, sophomore orientation adviser, agreed the program had met its goals.

"I think we accomplished our goals because we gave people the chance to express their concerns," Harry said. "And even if they didn't want to, they at least know that we care."

The overwhelming majority of the

students contacted were happy and had no major problems or concerns, Higgins said.

"Most students were very happy about the way things were going at TCU," said Holly Luttrell, junior orientation adviser.

Joey Martinez, junior orientation adviser, said most of the students he contacted were very friendly.

"I think they're very impressed that we care," Martinez said.

Some students did have concerns or problems expressed during the phone call, Higgins said.

The most common concerns were roommate conflicts and difficult classes, she said.

Many students had just finished their first round of tests and needed tutors but didn't know how to get them, she said.

Students also had general questions, such as how to get involved in

intramurals and how academic advising would work, Higgins said.

"A lot of freshmen are concerned with time management, as I was when I was a freshman," Martinez said. "I would say most freshmen aren't aware of the fact that the Center for Academic Services offers helpful workshops that I benefited from."

"I was excited by how many students asked me about getting involved on campus," Luttrell said. "They were asking what I knew about specific organizations. They were involved in some, but wanted to be involved in more."

The responses that were offered to the callers will be compiled sometime next week.

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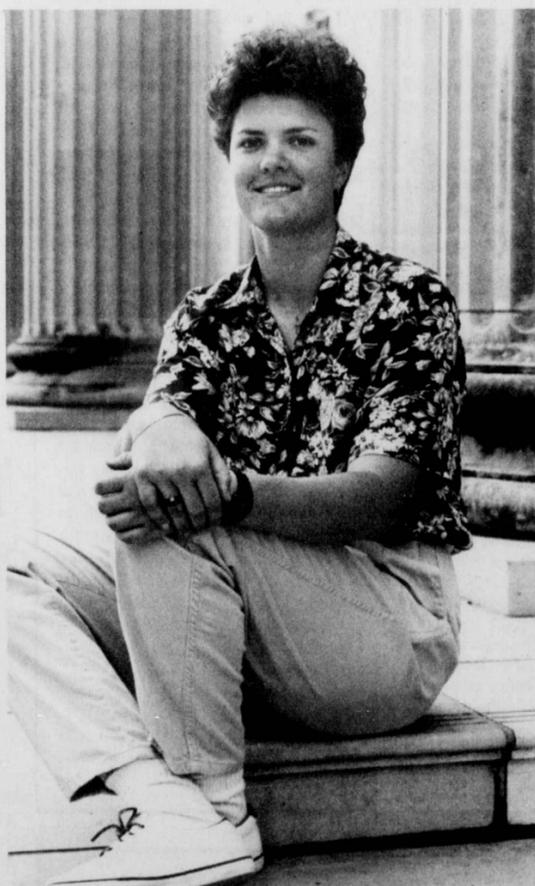
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Department chairwoman spends year in France

By KEVIN LINTZ
TCU Daily Skiff

Living without a car may seem impossible to some, but Sharon Fairchild, associate professor of French and Spanish and chairwoman of the department, had to learn to do just that for one year.

"It really wasn't that bad," Fairchild said. "One of the worst problems in Paris is parking."

Fairchild spent last year teaching English in Paris for the Fulbright Teacher Exchange program. While she taught in Paris, English professor Edith Benetreau came to TCU.

Having to walk everywhere was not the only cultural difference Fairchild had to overcome.

Fairchild said she did enjoy being able to do all her shopping within one or two blocks. The only time she really wished she had a car was when she had to ride home on the subway at night.

Sunday dinner was another adventure. The host family would invite six or seven people to join them for the meal, she said. The meal would begin at noon and consist of appetizers, three or four courses and dessert.

It was difficult teaching the students because they had learned formal English and she had to review the grammar rules she had forgotten, Fairchild said.

"It was a learning of other cultures, and that's the purpose of the program," Fairchild said.

Global scene shifts

Professor watches world's changes

By JOHN J. LUMPKIN
TCU Daily Skiff

With the recent breakup of the Soviet Union, the world geopolitical situation changes almost more often than the weather.

However, Bill Ray, associate professor and director of urban studies, said the current changes, like German reunification and especially the fragmentation of the Soviet Union, are nothing out of the ordinary.

"My subject matter is dynamic," Ray said. "It's always changing."

"Basically, everything I examine is on a time line — time and space," he said.

Space (geography) is simply what interests him specifically, Ray said.

Ray teaches most of the university's geography courses.

He has downplayed the role of the current changes because such changes have always occurred, he said. These are simply the present ones, Ray said.

"It's easy because I live life in the present tense," he said.

A "potential for change everywhere" exists, Ray said.

Change like that in the Soviet Union is based on the lack of fulfillment of basic human needs, he said.

These basic human needs are those from Maslow's Hierarchy, which defines them as layered needs, where only if one is satisfied can the next be considered, Ray said. Included are

basic needs, such as food, water and sleep or safety, love and self-esteem, he said.

"Ultimately, we will be a global society," Ray said. "We have to be. It's inescapable."

He could offer no predictions as to when this society would occur.

Almost any unit of organization, such as a political boundary, is quite temporary, Ray said.

Political boundaries are the most temporary of all because they are based on a "totally artificial" rationale, he said.

For example, the political boundaries in Africa were designed in the 14th century by Europeans who, "ignoring real geography," based the boundaries on lines of latitude and other lines with "little if any utility," Ray said.

He cited Fort Worth as another example. The only function of the city limits were to "tell the politicians where to stop shaking hands, kissing babies and slapping backs," Ray said.

Real boundaries should serve a functional basis, he said.

Further changes due to the geopolitical atmosphere have taken place on campus — every map and textbook is now outdated, Ray said.

"They're all obsolete now," he said. "The minute (a textbook) hits, it's obsolete. It's just the nature of things."

Fall enrollment increases slightly

By ELIZABETH DE LA GARZA
TCU Daily Skiff

The Office of Institutional Research released numbers of the Fall 1991 Head Count Enrollment by College/School.

The head count for the university as a whole is 6,538 as opposed to last year's fall total of 6,458.

"We approached this fall from a steady state," said Leo Munson, dean of admissions.

There was a significant increase of students admitted to the Harris College of Nursing this year, Munson said. The School of Education suffered a slight loss due to changes in the state certification laws implemented this year, he said. These two changes kept the overall enrollment for the most part balanced, he said.

The 62 percent increase in the nursing school's enrollment is due to a "surge of transfer students from Tarrant County Junior College," said Pat Scarse, dean of the Harris College of Nursing.

Many nursing students get their first two years of nursing education at TCJC then transfer to TCU, Scarse said.

There has been a noticeable

"change in attitude of students," Scarse said.

"They're turning toward more humanity-related fields," she said.

The college has also had more scholarship money available to disperse. Even though the current nursing shortage is expected to continue for the next decade, a cap will be placed on the amount of entering students next year because the college cannot sufficiently accommodate many more students than are currently enrolled.

The changes made in teacher certification have affected enrollment in the School of Education in two ways, said Dean Douglas Simpson.

First, students who are teaching at a secondary level are majors in their field, Simpson said. That is, a person must major in the subject he wants to teach rather than in education itself, he said.

Second, many students tried to graduate before the fall of '91 to avoid having to change degree plans altogether, Simpson said. As a result, the last two graduating classes were exceedingly large, he said.

The School of Arts and Sciences had the highest enrollment this fall with 2,647 students.

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ARTS AND SCIENCES	2647*
FINE ARTS & COMMUNICATION	1019
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GRADUATE STUDIES	829**
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This large number can be attributed to the quality of the faculty and the broad areas of study available in the school, Munson said.

Fine Arts and Communication was next with 1,019 students enrolled.

The high number is directly related to "a great deal of individual recruitment by the faculty," as well as a great deal of support of the admissions and financial aid offices, said Robert Garwell, dean of fine arts.

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Sports

Allen may be the answer for the Hogs

By ALAN DROLL
TCU Daily Skiff

Once-proud Arkansas may have found the cure for its recent offensive maladies. Although the Razorbacks (2-2) have yet to score more than 17 points, redshirt freshman Jason Allen has rejuvenated a sickly Hog passing attack. Allen leads the Razorbacks into Fort Worth for Saturday's 7 p.m. showdown with the undefeated Horned Frogs (4-0).

"He is a heady little quarterback," said J.B. Grimes, the Razorbacks' offensive coordinator. "He's a great competitor and he's a good, fine leader."

Last week against 4-1 Mississippi, Allen nearly directed the Hogs to an upset over Mississippi, losing 24-17. Allen has completed 17 of 33 passes for 232 yards since taking over for Gary "Peanut" Adams after the SMU game. Adams completed only nine of

his 29 passes while losing his starting position.

"(Arkansas) was really having trouble the first two games, but since they decided on the Allen kid, they're doing a lot better," said TCU head coach Jim Wacker. "Against Ole Miss, he threw the ball well, so obviously that's why they're a better football team now than they were earlier in the season."

Arkansas' option offense has yet to get fully untracked. Until the Ole Miss game, Arkansas did not have a play over 20 yards. Allen broke that streak with two long strikes against the Rebels, but the Hogs' offense is still averaging just 11.5 points and 86 passing yards per game.

"I don't feel good about anything offensively at this point," Grimes said. "We just haven't played well this year. I think that's very evident by how many points we've put on the board. We just absolutely have to

quit putting so much pressure on our defense. We've done it for two years now, and if we don't stop it, the same things that have happened to us last year and early this year are going to happen to us again, bottom line."

Arkansas' strength, however, has been that battle-weary defense. Through four games, Hog opponents have averaged just 17 points and 386.3 yards per game. Coach Wacker believes Saturday's battle will be decided in the trenches.

"The key is going to be our offensive line matching up with their defensive line," Wacker said. "They blitz more than the teams we've played thus far, and protecting the quarterback and establishing the running game is going to be the big key."

The Horned Frogs will once again use both Tim Schade and Matt Vogler at quarterback. According to Wacker, neither quarterback has established dominance over the

other, so he is perfectly content to continue shuffling them.

"We've won two games with them, so it can't be too bad," Wacker said. "The team doesn't give a rip who the quarterback is, frankly. They're just going to play, and they believe in both quarterbacks. They understand that's a coach's decision."

Offensively, Wacker is more concerned about a Frog running game that struggled against Texas Tech before breaking loose in the fourth quarter. The Horned Frogs average 116.3 rushing yards per contest compared to 287.3 yards through the air.

"We have not been able to establish a running game the way we'd like to," Wacker said. "That's an area we've got to get better at, there's no doubt about that. It's the weakest part of our attack now."

Frogs overcoming past, and present obstacles

By TY BENZ
TCU Daily Skiff

Six years after a devastating NCAA penalty, the TCU football program is back on its feet and 4-0 for the first time since 1955.

TCU's first turnaround was in 1984, when All-American running back Kenneth Davis led the Frogs to an 8-4 season, including a 32-31 upset of Arkansas in Fayetteville, and an appearance in the Bluebonnet Bowl.

The luster of '84 was tarnished the next season when TCU head coach Jim Wacker kicked seven players, including Davis, off the squad for accepting illegal cash payments from boosters. The resulting NCAA penalty sent the Frogs spinning into oblivion.

The result was three years of NCAA sanctions, a loss of scholarships, and the loss of the core of a successful team.

"It really hurts a team when you lose thirty scholarships and have to kick your seven best players off the team," Wacker said. "But we're fighting back now, and finally, our scholarship limits are going back up. It'll be back up to 92 like all the other teams next season."

Victories, like the one over Tech 30-16 last week, can erase the past.

"4-0, that says a lot for a team that hasn't won in a long time," said senior defensive end Roosevelt Collins, who was named SWC Defensive Player of the Week for

the second week in a row. "This is a totally different team, we've got a great bunch of guys and athletes this year."

The biggest difference in this year's team has been its defense. Last year's defense gave up over 400 yards a game and gave up over thirty points a game. Stopping the run was a major problem as opponents rushed for an average of over 160 yards a game. But this year's defense is in the top ten against the rush, allowing 62.5 yards a game, an average of only 2 yards per rush.

"I think we have a lot more believers now (after the Tech win)," said senior defensive tackle Alex Molina. "We don't have a winning tradition here at TCU, but the fact is that a team that was supposed to be nothing is 4-0."

The Frogs have overcome the odds, many on their own team. Offensively, they have fought through injuries at wide receiver, quarterback and in the offensive line. Junior quarterback Leon Clay is lost for the year with a broken leg, but the duo of senior Matt Vogler and redshirt freshman Tim Schade have led the Frogs to two road victories at Oklahoma State and Tech. The Frogs were shorthanded at receiver for the first two weeks as sophomore slotback Richard Woodley, who missed time with a pulled hamstring, and junior wide receiver Stephen Shipley, who had

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Giants' linebacker arrested at DFW

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — New York Giants linebacker Steve DeOssie was arrested on drug charges this week in Dallas. DeOssie, meanwhile, revealed Thursday he has an alcohol problem.

"I feel like I'm on the first step to recovery. I need a complete change of lifestyle or I'll end up dead before my lifetime," DeOssie said. "Right now, it's hard for me to see any light at the end of the tunnel."

Police at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport arrested DeOssie on Monday on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia, said airport spokesman Joe Dealy.

Dealy said officers saw DeOssie, 28, smoking a hand-rolled cigarette in an airport parking lot, and when they

approached him, they smelled what they believed to be marijuana. Police confiscated a packet of cigarette rolling papers and a plastic bag containing a green, leafy substance, Dealy said.

DeOssie on Thursday gave reporters at Giants Stadium a different version of his arrest. He said a metal detector went off when he walked through, and that he was so drunk, when he emptied his pockets, the marijuana fell out.

"My first reaction was everybody was wrong except me," DeOssie said. "It took me two hours to realize the person responsible was myself."

DeOssie also disclosed that he has had an alcohol problem for the past decade, "and I've never done anything

about it."

DeOssie, who has not started a game this year for the defending Super Bowl champions, said he considered himself lucky because the Giants are "genuinely interested" in helping.

Giants general manager George Young said team officials contacted the NFL about the arrest, and that he did not believe DeOssie faced suspension.

Young added that the team's sole role will be to get DeOssie help.

"I'd get drunk maybe one night a week," DeOssie said. "But it would be raging, dirty, sloppy drunk."

DeOssie played five seasons with the Cowboys before being traded to the Giants in 1989.

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receiver Stephen Shipley, who had minor knee surgery, didn't play. But senior tight end Kelly Blackwell has responded to lead the Frogs with 24 receptions, and junior slotback David Lewis stepped in and has caught 13 passes.

The offensive line has been hit also. Junior tackle Keith Wagner is out until

November with knee problems, and junior center David Breedlove has been battling injuries all season. He played only one series last week.

But the line came through against Tech, as the front five, led by seniors John Marsh and Bennie Scott, helped propel junior running back Curtis Modkins to a season high 94 yards

rushing. The Frogs still have a long way to go, however.

"We've got a taste of winning now, and hopefully it'll help us work harder," said senior quarterback Matt Vogler. "We know we can win now, all we have to do is go show people what we can do."

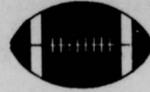
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The Frogs: TCU is flying high after overcoming Texas Tech in the fourth quarter last week in Lubbock. Quarterbacks Matt Vogler and Tim Schade will once again take turns directing the high-flying Horned Frog passing attack. Both quarterbacks have been hot, with Schade completing 64.4% of his passes and Vogler connecting on 57.1% of his attempts.

Defensively, Roosevelt Collins repeated as the SWC defender of the week, breaking the Tech game open with his 25-yard interception return for a touchdown. The Frogs already have seven interceptions, including three by Anthony Hickman.

The Horned Frog defense has allowed just 15 points per game through its first four contests. Opponents are averaging under 300 yards per game, including a mere 62.5 yards on the ground.



Collins

Keys for the Frogs: Vogler and Schade will look to exploit Arkansas's pass defense weakness by getting the ball to Blackwell, Woodley, Shipley and company. The Frogs will look to establish a running game with Curtis Modkins, who gained a season high 94 yards in the win over Texas Tech last week. Arkansas has shown that they are capable of stopping the run, so TCU may be forced to pass more than they would like. Arkansas' strong point is its running game led by Tony Jeffery (67 carries for 299 yards.) The Frogs have thrived on stopping the run so far this year, holding opponents to 62.5 yards per game, as linebackers Brad Smith and Reggie Anderson have combined for over 60 stops between them.

Keys for the Hogs: If Arkansas can establish a running game, the Frogs are in trouble. The Hogs prefer to grind it out, and they will run TCU into the ground. If the Hogs' offensive front line can control the line of scrimmage, they can run at will.

Realistically, Arkansas will have to pass effectively to win, and Jason Allen's performance in just his third start will be crucial to the Hogs' success. Under Allen, the offense has shown some spark and could finally be coming into its own.



Allen

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paid is not," he said.

Franzwa chairs the Senate's Student Relations committee, which is studying the issues.

The committee will also meet Thursday with the president of the Student House of Representatives to discuss implementing an honor code against cheating. Franzwa asked to hear from Senate members who favor

adding the policy, as many who oppose a new code had spoken with him.

The Senate also heard from Bronson Davis, vice chancellor for university advancement, about alumni involvement with the university.

The university is holding reunions in the spring this year so alumni will have time to attend class lectures and meet with the chancellor, Davis said.

"I want to reconnect alumni with the intellectual roots of the university," Davis told the Senate.

Reunions have traditionally been held during Homecoming in the fall.

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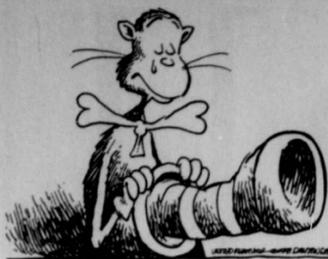
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By KIM DAUS
TCU Daily Skiff

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What are all these nonsense words?
Chances are, these words were part of your childhood vocabulary. Or perhaps the phrase "the cat in the hat" is more familiar to you.

Whether they were read by a loving parent or by Jesse Jackson on Saturday Night Live, the stories of Theodore Seuss Geisel are known to millions throughout the world.

Geisel, known to almost everyone as Dr. Seuss, died Sept. 25 at his home in La Jolla, Calif. He was 87 years old.

His death marks the end of a career spanning over 50 years. During this time, he wrote and illustrated 48 books which sold more than 200 million copies in 20 languages. In 1984, Geisel won a special Pulitzer Prize for his contribution to chil-

dren's literature.
Geisel's books appeal to children as well as to the child in every adult. He entertained both children and adults with the antics of the Cat in the Hat, Yertle the Turtle, Sam (I am) and many more whimsical characters.

"My favorite Dr. Seuss story is definitely 'The Cat in the Hat' because it made me laugh," said Tammy Pugh, a senior advertising/public relations major. "I mean it was a really good story when you were a little one."

Although he only used 223 different words, Geisel spent over a year writing "The Cat in the Hat." He wrote it to be used as a supplementary first grade reader.

"I have great pride in taking Dick and Jane out of most school libraries," Geisel told *The Dallas Morning News* during a visit to Dallas in 1987.

One of Geisel's most famous books was the result of a wager with Random House publisher Bennett Cerf. Cerf bet Geisel \$50 that he couldn't write a book using only 50 different words. Geisel won, and "Green Eggs and Ham" was published.

This story is an all-time favorite book of Dr. Seuss' fans. On Sept. 28, Saturday Night Live delivered its tribute to Geisel as Jesse Jackson performed his preachy version of the story.

"I didn't have a favorite because Dr.

Seuss came after my youth, but my nieces and nephews loved 'Green Eggs and Ham,'" said Margaret Barr, vice chancellor for student affairs.

"Dr. Seuss helped a lot of kids get excited about reading at an early age," Barr said. "He made it fun and enjoyable."

Although he had no children of his own, Geisel related to the children of the world through his rhymes, pictures and imagination.

"You make 'em," Geisel would always tell parents. "I amuse 'em."

He continued amusing his readers with new, entertaining books. His most recent book, "Six by Seuss" was published just this year.

Although 27 publishers rejected it before Vanguard Press published it in 1937, Geisel's first children's book, "And to Think That I Saw It on Mulberry Street," was an immediate success. He later switched to Random House publishers.

Geisel developed his trademark sing-song style in this book. He said he wrote it to the rhythm of the ship's engine on a trip he took across the Atlantic.

At that time, Geisel first used the name that would later become his trademark on a

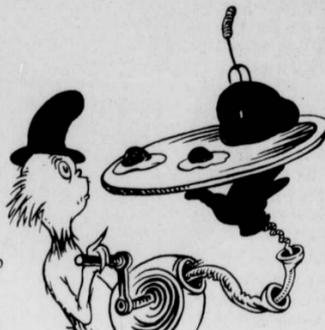
spoof of scientific developments. In order to sound more scientific, he added Dr. to his middle name.

Those who grew up reading the numerous Dr. Seuss stories will greatly miss him. Yet his imagination will continue to delight and fascinate children and adults for generations to come.

Geisel, whose first wife is deceased, is survived by his second wife, Audrey Stone Dimond, and his two stepdaughters.

"Then we saw him pick up
All the things that were down.
And he put them away.
Then he said, 'That is that!'
And

then he was gone
With a tip of his hat."
- "The Cat in The Hat"



'Man in the Moon' recalls first love, puberty, pain

By GREG WEED
TCU Daily Skiff

Remember first love? Remember puberty? Remember not knowing what the hell was going on? *The Man in the Moon* is a new film about such experiences.

The Man in the Moon stars Sam Waterston (*The Glass Menagerie* and *Crimes and Misdemeanors*) and Tess Harper (*Crimes of the Heart* and *Tender Mercies*) as a couple in the rural 1950s. They live with their two teenage daughters, Maureen, 17, and Dani, 14. They live simple, innocent lives. Or they did — until Dani begins to discover boys.

One boy, to be exact — Court. He is 17, new in town, and has to take care of his family because of his father's recent death. He and Dani strike up a friendship between themselves at the swimming hole where they always meet. They begin to get more serious with each other, until Court comes over to Dani's house. That's when he and Maureen meet, and Dani becomes all but forgotten. The sisters' longstanding relationship is severed. Then, a tragedy happens, which threatens to tear the sisters apart or bring them back together.

The acting by the three teen leads, Reese Witherspoon as Dani, Emily Warfield as Maureen and Jason London as Court (all newcomers to the screen), is good. However, the dialogue sometimes makes the children seem more adult than anyone else in the film.

The adults, Waterston and Harper, are seasoned veterans in their trade (both have been nominated for Oscars). But they are minor characters in this story, and their talent is wasted with them in the background.

But the real problem with the film is the



Reese Witherspoon and Jason London suffer the pains of young love in the movie "Man in the Moon."

story. The plot sounds all too familiar. Director Robert Mulligan (*To Kill a Mockingbird*) seems to try to make the audience cry as much as possible in a two-hour film. The love stories are kept simple. The one

between Dani and Court is amusing. However, the one between Maureen and Court is too quick and too sappy. The daydream sequence in the film was overdone with sentiment.

The Man in the Moon is a small film, with a small story, and a small scope. It might make a good date movie but little else. It opens in theaters on Oct. 4. C-

Out & About

MOVIES

Deceived
features Goldie Hawn as an art restorer

trapped in a web of treachery. Rating: PG-13. Showing at: Loews Cityview, UA Las Vegas Trail.

Hangin' with the Homeboys. A coming-of-age film about three tough guys visiting Manhattan. Rating: R. Showing at: UA Hulien, GC Town Center.

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MOSAIC AT THE MOVIES

'Fisher King' characters search for salvation

Romance, realism in gritty love story

By CARL KOZLOWSKI
TCU Daily Skiff

Frankie is a waitress in a New York City dive with no man, little money, and no hope for the future. Johnny has just been released after 18 months in prison and is looking for work.

Johnny is hired as a short-order cook in Frankie's restaurant. The two meet. He is instantly in love. And in the grand tradition of movie romances, she despises him. Johnny's got a long haul ahead of him.

"Frankie and Johnny" is the first film by director Garry Marshall since the mammoth success of "Pretty Woman." That film was loved by audiences and given a pleasant but unenthusiastic reception by critics. With "Frankie and Johnny," Marshall has created a film that will please audiences, critics, and Oscar voters alike.

"Frankie and Johnny" stars Michelle Pfeiffer and Al Pacino as the respective title characters. The film opens with the contrasting hope and despair of the two, as Johnny gains his release from prison for an unknown crime, and Frankie makes a sad homecoming to become a godmother.

Soon, however, the two are thrown together and the ageless tug-of-war between the sexes begins. "Frankie and Johnny," however, is a romance with a difference.

These are not yuppies like Harry and Sally, whose only problem is their wayward hearts. And this is no sordid fairy tale between a prostitute and a businessman. These are two poor, down-to-earth people who have long ago given up on ever rising above their

drudging working-class existence and the hope of finding the perfect person for them. As another waitress in the film says, "I have two boyfriends. What I want is Mr. Right."

The dialogue in this film is sharp, funny and painful. Adapted by Terence McNally from his own hit play, the film opens up from the one-bedroom apartment of Frankie to encompass the romance of New York.

The side characters provide some of the best laughs of the movie. Nathan Lane has the best laugh lines of the film as Frankie's gay roommate, who has provided her a wall from the outside world and, particularly, men by giving her a safe date for parties. And for once, a gay character is not a stereotype.

But the real focus of the story is still Frankie and Johnny. The film is an actor's showcase, and Pacino and Pfeiffer rise to the occasion with two of the most wide-ranging and touchingly played roles in years. Pfeiffer in particular is electric, both in a giggly schoolgirl style reminiscent of Julia Roberts in "Pretty Woman", and in a far more shattering way at the film's climax, when she reveals her shocking history with men and finally tears down inner walls. Her performance has Oscar written all over it.

"Frankie and Johnny" is an undeniably romantic film. Be forewarned that there are a few scenes of extremely sexual dialogue, but for those who can look past that to the rare power of great writing and acting, "Frankie and Johnny" is a real gem. Score it an A.

By DAVID MORGAN
TCU Daily Skiff

Well, Terry Gilliam has done it again with the new Tri-Star release *The Fisher King*. Gilliam, who has directed such films as *Brazil* and the animated sequences from the Monty Python movies, has now brought to the screen a movie that tries to embody all that is noble in life.

The film opens with Jack Lucas (Jeff Bridges), the number one shock DJ in town, running his show and being incredibly arrogant. Unfortunately, one of his listeners takes his offhand advice to heart and ends up shooting up a popular yuppie bar.

Because of this incident, Jack's career takes a nose dive, and in three years he is reduced to working in his girlfriend's video rental store. Then he meets Parry.

Parry (Robin Williams) is a homeless vagrant who thinks he is a knight on a quest for the Holy Grail. His appearance in the film is straight out of the Arthurian Legends. He saves Jack from being killed by some thugs and takes him home.

The next morning, Parry tells Jack of his quest and begs him for help. It seems that Parry faces two main obstacles: the building where the Grail is kept and the Red Knight.

Parry shows Jack the building and the woman he loves. She (played by Amanda Plummer) is not our typical Hollywood love interest. Instead, she is shy, clumsy and intense. Parry sees her as a great lady that he must court to win her favor.

Jack finds out that Parry was a professor of history and that he and his wife were at the bar that had been destroyed by Jack's listener. Parry's wife had been shot and killed. Knowing this, Jack decides to try to help him meet the girl he loves.

He sets up a date between Parry and the girl, whose name is Lydia. The date goes wonderfully, and Lydia and Parry start to fall in love. After walking her home, Parry is confronted by the Red Knight. It turns out that the Knight is a symbol for the night at the bar where his wife was shot.

The audience is treated to Parry's memory of the night in graphic terms. While he is suffering from this vision, Parry is found by the punks who tried to kill Jack in the beginning. They put Parry into the hospital.



Williams and Bridges portray unlikely friends with problems in *The Fisher King*.

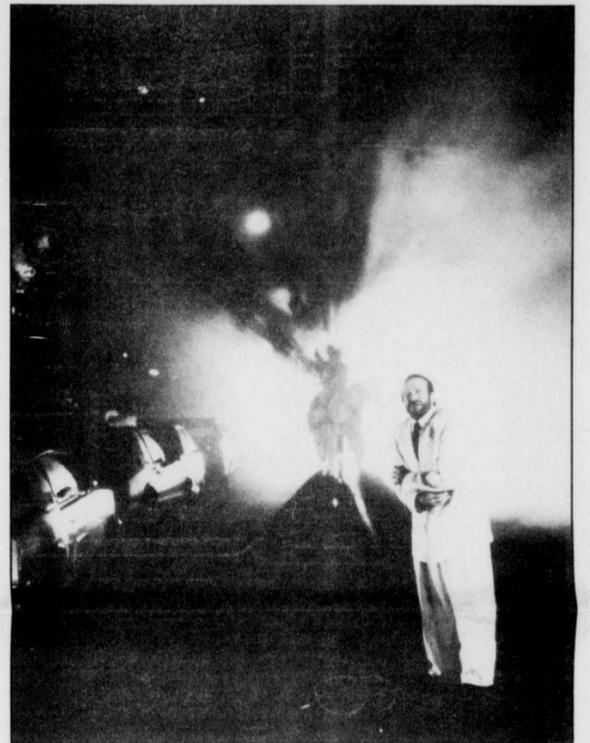
Jack, meanwhile has gone back to work as a DJ for the first time in three years. His show is once again a hit, and many offers for other types of work are coming in. When Jack finds out that Parry is in the hospital, his world starts to go bad again. He leaves his girlfriend and goes to see Parry.

Jack decides that the only way to help Parry is to get him the Holy Grail.

He assaults the gothic building Parry thinks holds the Grail. Jack steals the cup and in the process saves the man who owns the cup from a heart attack. He takes the cup to Parry and sits with him, awaiting any change in his condition.

The Fisher King is a great movie. It is funny and at the same time thought provoking. Terry Gilliam does a wonderful job of directing the main characters. Bridges' and Williams' acting is superb, and they work well together. Unlike some films that have many actors that are highly recognizable and talented but still flop as each actor vies for most screen time, *The Fisher King* allows each character his or her starring moment and allows for wonderful character development.

Give this one an A++!



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By DAVID WELLS
TCU Daily Skiff

The sun rises and ignites a fire within the clouds. The heat of the red, orange, and purple-black embers blows the smoke of night into another corner of the earth. Horses graze in fields hung with the mist of a cool morning that collides with the warm air of the sun. Clouds begin to burn off and the sky takes on a faint blue tint mixed with flat hues of gray and white.

A new morning has begun. But not just any morning. This is *the* morning. The car ride over has been an anxious but enthusiastic one. Jokes about death coupled with nervous laughter have set the tone for the ride. On the interstate you notice things you never see when commuting or traveling. Your senses are opening their thresholds in preparation for the event to come.

You exit onto the rustic road and curve through the carpeted farmland — natural save for one lone metal sign that reads "Airport." You are close.

The "Airport" turns out to be a playground for adrenalin seekers. A grass runway provides a means for small

Cessna's to take off, so that later the passengers may skydive. A pickup truck with a camper on the back, and a sign that reads "Adrenalin Adventures 351-JUMP" is parked near a covered area where your soon to be friends await you.

Off in a pasture there is a huge, fluorescent balloon being blown up. Next to it is a gravel bulls eye for the sky divers. One last death joke, "X marks the spot," is said and the group laughs nervously. These are new people, new insecurities.

The insecurities are shed, however, after the first jumper goes. Then all is anxiety. "Is it my turn yet?," is the only question asked.

Finally you begin your ascent. You seem to go an incredible height. From the ground it seemed like nothing. The driver says, "Okay you can go."

You climb out onto the platform, no longer thinking. Thinking requires logic and what you are about to do is not logical. You yell countdown to thirty adventure crazed people and when "One!" is yelled you jump. In perfect crucifixion form you swan dive 120 feet. The world is rising up to meet you, you feel yourself begin to slow, expecting a jerk. It never comes.

Instead you flip over, and are weightlessly catapulted up again. The adrenalin is surging through your veins now. Your first impulse is to grab for something, but there is nothing to grab. You fall again. Your only thought is, "I want to go again."

You have just bungee jumped. You have been a participant in the renegade turned legal adventure sport that is rapidly becoming the new adventure drug. This past weekend I finally got the chance to jump. I had been wanting to since I had seen videotapes of people illegally doing it off of bridges. Only, I was going to do it out of a hot air balloon — another desire of mine.

The company I worked with is called Adrenalin Adventures. It was the grand opening weekend for their new Dallas franchise. Adrenalin Adventures was founded by Doug Hase. The company is based in Boulder, Colorado, and they have been jumping out of hot air balloons commercially for a year. They have been featured in Time magazine and on the Cable News Network. Now Hase is franchising, with fellow Boulderites John Buchli, Dan Winters, and Dan Winters Jr., the companies F.A.A. licensed pilot.

John said, "We are very happy with

the Dallas/Fort Worth area and are planning to work hard all winter." They have leased the Seagoville airport for the next six months. The cost for a jump is \$89, with special student and group discount rates. A second jump costs \$59. With each jump a 15 minute video tape of incredible bungees, including your own, is provided. T-shirts, and hats are \$12.

At present, the only jump offered is from 200 feet, with a possible fall of 120 feet depending upon the elasticity of the cord (they tend to stretch easier with prolonged use), and the weight of the jumper. In the next two to three weeks they will be offering a jump from 300 feet with a possible fall of 240 feet. You can jump in a variety of ways: fall backwards; swan dive; spider man; swan dive with the attachment being at your ankles (frowned upon because of the amount of blood that comes to your head as they lower you to the ground, besides you wouldn't get to flip at the end of your fall).

Adrenalin Adventures has done 7000 jumps without a serious injury or death. The most common injury is a rope



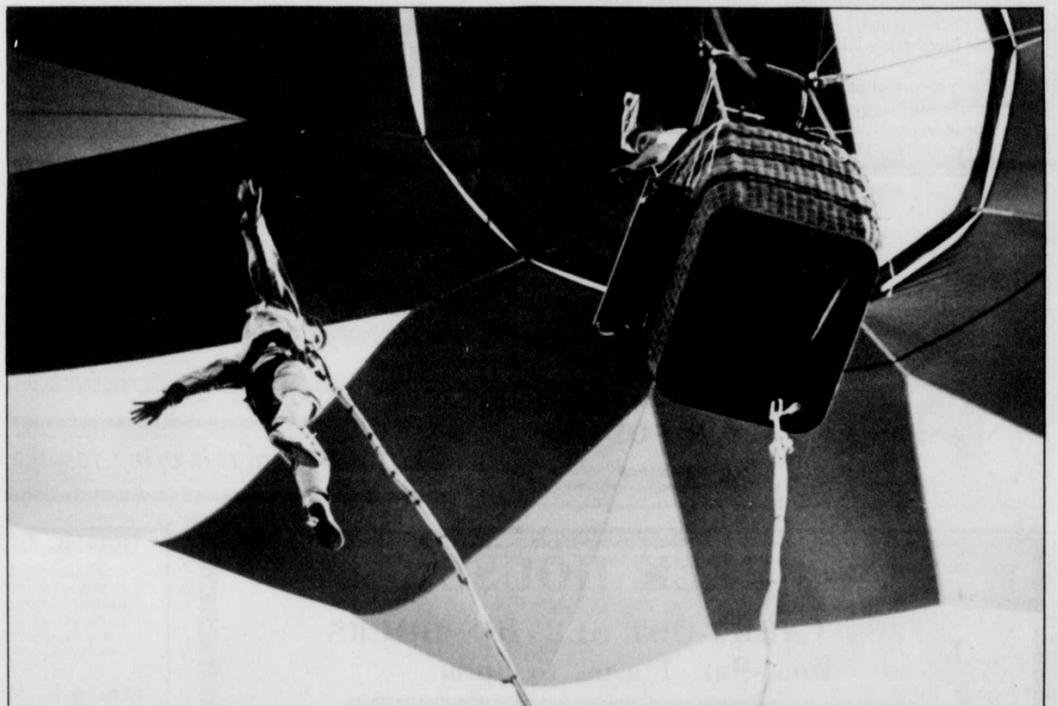
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SMU students watch their friends bungee jump at Adrenalin Adventures at the Seagoville airport.



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John Buchli helps Jeff Waddelow into his harness before Waddelow prepares to bungee jump at Adrenalin Adventures in Seagoville.



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Erich Schlegel, photographer for *The Dallas Morning News*, does a 200-foot backward plunge from a hot air balloon at Adrenalin Adventures in Seagoville, Texas.

burn on the hands of jumpers. People tend to grab a hold of the abrasive cord on the rebound, and as it expands again it burns the skin. Hence, the ground crew continually yells, "Let go!". The two harnesses used are made of bullet proof nylon. Adrenalin Adventures is also one of the few companies who have adhered to F.A.A. specifications.

Their system of cords has a built in back-up, in case of breakage. The number of cords used is determined by your weight. Say for instance, that you weighed 180 pounds, you would have four cords. This would mean that you actually would have a redundant system working as if you had eight cords. The cords are harnessed to you with a metal alloy D-ring, like the ones used in

mountain climbing, and are also harnessed to the underside of the balloon.

"Everyone should try it," said Frank Williams of SMU.

Drew Ross, another SMU student, summed up his feelings with, "Lots of adrenaline, the best part is that I'm still alive — I think?"



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The Back Porch offers healthy food at a reasonable price.

Where to head for fun food with the family this Friday

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Your parents are visiting this weekend. The tables are turned and now it is your turn to entertain and feed them. The entertainment is up to you, but here are a few suggestions about feeding them.

The Back Porch, a delicatessen and ice cream parlor at 2500 W. Berry, is the perfect stop after a day of sightseeing. Their specialties include huge pastrami sandwiches, curly-q fries and homemade waffle cone sundaes.

The Back Porch setting is casual and the prices won't break a student's budget. They are open 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. seven days a week.

For a good, hearty breakfast, the

Cactus Flower Cafe is the perfect choice. Their breakfast menu includes biscuits and gravy that taste just like mom's, omelettes that melt in your mouth and wonderful waffles.

Expect it to be crowded and very noisy, especially on Sunday mornings. The Cactus Flower is located at 509 University Drive and is open 6:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. seven days a week.

On Broadway Ristorante has some of the best Italian food in the Metroplex. Their specialties are lasagne and manicotti.

On Broadway, 6306 Hulen Bend Blvd., is a little more expensive, but a perfect place for a special meal with your family. Their hours of operation are 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for lunch and 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. for dinner.

The Packerhouse Cafe, 2917 W. Berry, is a casual family restaurant. The prices are reasonable and the food is delicious. The menu includes burgers, steaks and what is sometimes called the best chicken-fried steak in Texas. Hours are 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Finally, the Waterstreet Seafood Company is a must. The seafood is always fresh and always cooked to perfection. This is the place to take your parents to impress them and say, "I'm doing okay on my own, so don't worry too much."

Waterstreet is located at 1340 S. University Drive and is open 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Enjoy your weekend and enjoy your parents.