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Answering mandate from national office

Local chapter of SAE to make changes in pledge program in response to request

By LEANNA STALEY
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The TCU chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity will make some significant changes in its pledge program, having received suggestions from its national organization.

"It came to our national's attention that there were things in our pledge program that needed to be changed," said Bobby Chesney, a junior political science major and president of SAE.

There were no specific incidents that brought about the recommendations and the chapter is in no danger of losing its national charter.

"From multiple sources they gathered a real comprehensive idea of our pledge program," Chesney said.

The chapter has the opportunity to develop a new pledge program using their own creativity.

"They (nationals) told us how they'd like the program to be," he said. "It's up to us to use our creativity to develop a process that will be constructive."

The new program will consist of more philanthropic activities and emphasize scholastics.

"The pledges' social calendar will hinge on their scholastic achievement," Chesney said.

The move by SAE to alter its pledge program mirrors a national trend among fraternities to change pledgship.

"The trend is to abolish pledgship completely," said Scott Horton, assistant director of student activities.

Two national fraternities, Tau Chi Epsilon and Zeta Beta Tau, have been very visible with their version of pledgship where pledges are initiated 24 to 48 hours after rush is completed, he said.

"A lot of national fraternities are studying whether that is feasible," Horton said. "They are starting pilot programs around the country."

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BOBBY CHESNEY,
President of SAE

In the spring, SAE's new program will be a testing ground for pledge education in the chapter, Chesney said.

"It will definitely be in full swing in the fall," Chesney said.

For the current pledge class, a lot of confusion is in the air.

"Since this came out, the program is on hold," Chesney said.

All fraternity pledge programs must end by the Thanksgiving holiday, Horton said.

A national officer will visit the chapter next week and make the decision about the future of the current pledge class's program, he said.

"These guys don't understand the concepts of nationals and the university and the interactions of both," Chesney said.

The eligible fall pledges will be initiated at a time recommended by the university.

The policy statement on rush, bids and pledging for fraternities and sororities at TCU says "Initiation for eligible fall pledges will occur within one week after classes resume in the spring semester."

"We're doing the best to make them realize their future in the chapter is not in jeopardy," Chesney said.

The changes in the program will benefit the entire chapter, but time will be the determining factor in its overall success, Chesney said.



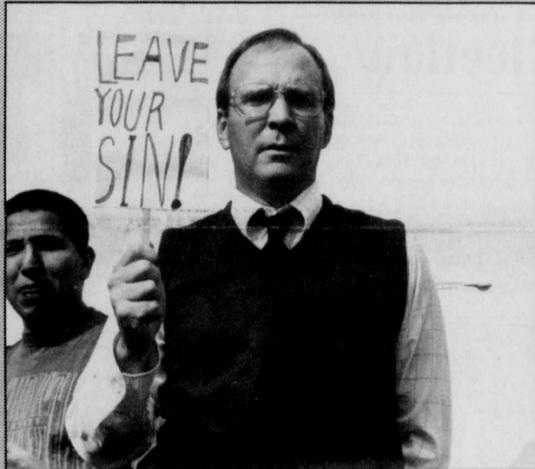
Fifth coming

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Top, Rick Bradley tells university students about the perils of sin.

Right, Carl "Reverend Rambo" Giordano preaches to students Wednesday on the University Drive median.

The street preachers, who travel to schools around the state, have visited the university five times in the past few semesters, warning students about the future consequences of their worldly ways.



No one's safe

Police officers injured on duty in the nation's most dangerous job

By JOE LATTANZI
TCU Daily Skiff

Police officers across the United States risk their lives in one of the nation's most dangerous jobs, FBI Director William B. Sessions said in an FBI report released Oct. 15.

Campus police officers are no different and face the same risks, said Oscar H. Stewart, chief of campus police.

"The nature of the work makes it dangerous for any officer," Stewart said. "Working on campus is less dangerous because of the smaller area. The concentration of officers makes us highly visible. For city officers covering a larger area, the danger is greater because they are more exposed."

The danger is always present even on a university campus, Stewart said. Several of the 16 officers presently working for the campus police have been assaulted while on duty.

Three of the officers have been injured dur-

ing the assaults, he added. Two of the officers required medical attention and one was hospitalized twice because of injuries, he said.

"People are going to get physical one way or the other in this business," said Thomas S. McGaha, assistant chief of campus police.

Nearly all of the assaults happened while campus officers were trying to arrest "street criminals" on campus, Stewart said.

Officer Kelly Ham has been the most seriously injured of the present campus officers, he said.

"I was on a night stakeout near the (Daniel-Meyer) coliseum about four years ago," Ham said. "That was the first time I was injured."

Ham and other campus officers were waiting near the Milton Daniel Hall parking lot for a gang of suspected car thieves, he said. When the suspects arrived in a Cadillac, two of the three men in the car jumped out and began breaking into cars while the driver stayed in the Cadillac, Ham said.

Two of the campus officers chased the suspects on foot and later arrested them, Ham said. Ham and another officer pursued the suspect in the Cadillac to the Colonial Country Club golf course where the man abandoned the car.

The suspect jumped into a drainage ditch and ran into a tunnel under the street near the golf course. Ham chased the suspect into the tunnel but lost him in the dark, he said.

As Ham came out of the tunnel, the suspect hit him across the upper part of his stomach with a blunt instrument. The suspect escaped when Ham was knocked back into the tunnel by the blow, he said.

Ham didn't think of the danger or the extent of his injuries, he said.

"The only thing I thought of was that he's gonna get away," Ham said.

Ham's spleen was bruised in the attack. He

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Propositions passed include state lottery, student loans

By ELIZABETH DE LA GARZA
TCU Daily Skiff

The result of the Texas election Tuesday was voter approval of several significant propositions. Many of the new policies in particular could affect TCU students.

Proposition 13, which will allocate money for low default college loans, will affect students who rely on financial aid to finance their educations.

The financial aid office has yet to receive the specifics from the state on the impact of the loan distribution allocated by Proposition 13. The proposition could guarantee that if current recipients of college access loans requalify, they will receive the loans again. The proposition could also

increase the amount of money available for loan disbursement in effect allowing more students to receive loans. The state may call for a combination of both.

Another important issue to students is the lottery.

One student said she was disappointed about the passage of the lottery. She said she's afraid people of low incomes would gamble their money away with unrealistic hopes of becoming wealthy quickly.

Spencer Tucker, professor of history, said he was happy about the passage of the lottery.

"A lottery would help reduce the budget deficit and (help Texas) stay off

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Task force publishes report

By ALFRED CHARLES
TCU Daily Skiff

In random surveys mailed last semester, university students characterized TCU as an institution that caters to rich and upper middle-class white students at the expense of minority students and concerns.

The comments were part of anonymous surveys randomly distributed to students, staff and faculty by the Chancellor's Task Force on Minority Affairs.

The task force met for several months conducting interviews with campus community members and groups, task force members said.

As part of a fact-finding mission, the task force mailed the surveys to elicit responses.

According to the report, task force members compiled the survey results with the assistance of Institutional Analysis.

In the report, committee members gave over 80 recommendations to the chancellor in a move to improve minority affairs.

According to the report, almost 25 percent of white students, half of Hispanic students and nearly 67 percent of African-American students reported experiencing prejudice against their racial group on campus.

"I have seen others victimized by racism," one student respondent wrote. "I have also seen and myself been victimized by reverse racism. I do not feel that a person should be

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Actions speak louder
Columnists say stereotypes of Native Americans more damaging than team names.

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Outside

Today's weather will be cloudy and windy with a high temperature of 40 degrees.
Friday's weather will be sunny with a high temperature of 50 degrees.

Spirit towels to support Frogs

By RICK WATERS
TCU Daily Skiff

As the Texas A&M Aggies rumble into Amon Carter Stadium tonight, not only will they have to deal with the Horned Frogs and a national television audience, but also thousands of purple-clad Frog fans with spirit towels, thanks to House Executive Officers, the Mortar Board and several other contributors.

The idea for TCU's version of "The Homer Hankies" originated with the House Executive Officers at their Oct. 29 meeting.

The spirit towels will help unify university students behind one cause, said Ernie Ross, student body president.

"The football game seemed perfect because it will be on national TV and it's going to be such a big game," Ross said.

On Oct. 30, Ross presented the idea before the Mortar Board, which had excess funds available.

"We were off from there," he said.

Ross contacted Marriott Food Service and the TCU Bookstore for contributions Nov. 1, but he had no idea he was going to receive "a pot of gold." Marriott Food Service gave \$1,000, while the bookstore contributed \$4,000.

Sponsors donating more than \$1,000 could have their name printed on the towels. However, the TCU Bookstore declined.

"As long as we gave — that's



TCU Daily Skiff/ Lisa Yonco
Spirit towel

enough," a bookstore spokesman said. Marriott Food Service is printed on the towels.

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was hospitalized for 24 hours and was off work three to four days, he said.

In October 1989, Ham was seriously injured during his second encounter with suspected car thieves, he said.

He was on another car theft stake-out near the communications tower parking lot when two suspected thieves arrived in a Datsun, he said.

Ham called for assistance, identified himself as a police officer and approached the two suspects. He grabbed one man and threw him on the hood of a car. The man broke free when the second suspect struck Ham from behind with a blunt instrument, Ham said.

When the suspects jumped into their car and tried to escape, Ham dove through the open driver's window before they could leave. One of the suspects grabbed Ham and hung on until the car sideswiped a tree and knocked him off, he said.

The suspects were finally trapped and arrested at a construction site on Bellaire Street, Ham said.

Ham suffered severe shoulder injuries, a broken left hip and back injuries during the incident. He was hospitalized for 13 days and was off work for six months, he said.

In spite of his injuries and the danger, Ham returned to the campus police, where he has been an officer since March 1986, he said.

"It's my career," he said. "I love the challenge. I can't picture myself in an assembly line job."

Officer Kenneth McCoy, a 6-year campus police veteran, has also faced a dangerous situation while attempting to arrest suspected thieves on campus, he said.

In the summer of 1987, the tennis center had suffered a series of break-ins by "smash-and-grab" thieves stealing tennis shoes and other high-value items. McCoy had just checked the center when the burglar alarm went off. He returned to the center just in time to see the suspects drive through the fence surrounding the center. The suspects fled with McCoy in pursuit, he said.

The suspects stopped on Bellaire Drive and began to back up just as McCoy was getting out of his car. McCoy jumped back in his car as the suspect's vehicle rammed his car. The suspects escaped just as other campus police officers arrived, McCoy said.

McCoy suffered serious back injuries and his car was completely wrecked in the collision, he said.

Officer Kenneth Wilson is a campus police officer because he "enjoys helping people and educating them about crime," he said.

Wilson has been assaulted twice since he joined the campus police about 18 months ago, he said. The first time was a minor incident where he was struck by a student while issuing a parking ticket. Wilson reprimanded the student, then released him.

"No real damage was done," Wilson said.

The second incident occurred in August and was much more serious, he said.

Wilson was assisting another campus officer in detaining a suspicious person when the man started a fight. In the ensuing struggle, the man punched Wilson and the other officer suffered a bad sprain, he said.

Officer Connie Villela has been assaulted five times during her eight years with the campus police, she said. The incidents happened about 1985 or 1986, she said.

In one incident, Villela responded to a report of suspicious activity in the coliseum. When she arrived at the coliseum and started checking the area, five to six students threw rocks at her, she said.

The students were not arrested since Villela was not injured. In any incident involving students, the university disciplines the students unless an infraction results in serious injuries, Villela said.

In the second incident, Villela and another campus police officer were writing tickets for cars parked in fire lanes near Tomlinson Hall when a group of about 10 students started throwing rocks at them. The officers were not injured, but their cars sustained a total of about \$2,000 in damage, she said. The students were disciplined by the university and had to pay for the damage to the cars.

In another incident, a student threw a beer bottle at Villela while she was walking a foot patrol. Villela wasn't hit by the bottle.

She had two close calls while breaking up attempted auto thefts off-campus. In one case, a suspect tried to ram her patrol car, but she was not injured, she said.

Villela said the campus police try to use patience and understanding during any encounter with the students.

"We try to maintain a lot of good relations with the students," Villela said. "We try to talk to them all the time and try to reason with them to defuse any confrontation before it turns into a discipline problem."

Villela said she has always wanted to be a police officer because of the challenge and working with people.

"I like helping and protecting someone," she said. "I like it because the bad guys don't win."

The report, including supporting materials, is on reserve at the Mary Coats Burnett Library and can be checked out.

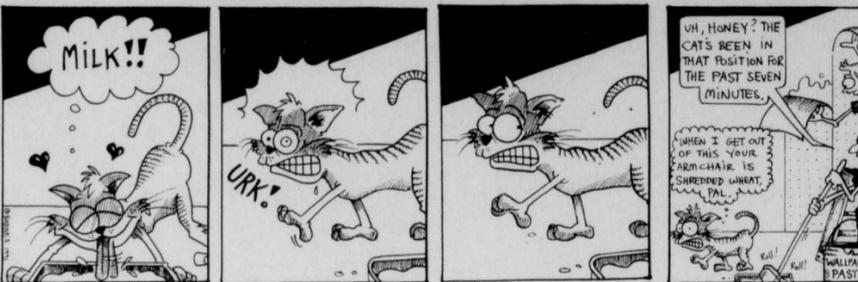
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by Bill Watterson



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excluded from any activity or institution by virtue of his/her race."

Although the report encompassed several student remarks, many of the comments blamed the university's Greek system.

"I have heard proven fact that certain fraternities and sororities have not given bids to people based on their race and national origin," one student wrote.

"I feel that the most bias or racial slurs that I have heard on campus have come from fraternity members," was another student comment.

"I'm not saying that is all I heard, but it is the majority."

One student disagreed that the Greek system was the root of all evils.

"I feel that Greek organizations at TCU promote racial harmony... With respect to minorities, my Greek organization has a good representation of the TCU campus," the student wrote.

"I find my experience at TCU most positive and uplifting," a student wrote.

"I'm married with children so my campus social life is limited," a student wrote. "But overall, I feel that the campus is very integrated in students and faculty."

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a state income tax," Tucker said.

When trying to get student reaction to the election, the Skiff discovered TCU students, in general, didn't vote.

Many students didn't even know what was being voted on or how it would affect them. Many TCU students are natives of other states and are not registered to vote in Texas.

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Letters to the editor

Passed opportunity

After many months of hard work and tireless hours of organization, Homecoming Weekend has finally come and gone. I believe that all of the festivities were very well planned and the attendance was surprising. I could not believe the success of the night parade and pep rally. I figured with festivities being changed to a new time and the bitter cold weather that this would greatly affect the turnout of supporters. This was not the case for either Friday night or Saturday's game. I wish to congratulate all of the organizers of Homecoming Weekend. I thought it was a great success.

However, after all of these great TCU supporters participated in all of the parades and pep rallies and roughed the cold weather to cheer on our Frogs, only a very small portion of our student body attended the finale. Many people spent many an hour and large amounts of money to get a concert for the students that they would enjoy. Holly Dunn and Dan Seals are not just two unknown performers from nowhere. Between these two artists, they have over 15 songs that have reached the top-10 charts.

I could not believe how pathetic our school support looked when those performers took stage Saturday night. I was ashamed. I am surprised they did not just pack up all of their things and leave. I just do not see how our school could pass up such a neat deal. Our school finally did something we have all been asking for at our Homecoming celebration, and once they grin and bear it and do it for us, we turn around and slap them right back in the face by not even attending. I think that it is really sad so many people had so many other things to do on Saturday night than pay \$13.50 to see two of country music's most popular performers. For all of us who went, we saw a great concert in a great place to have it. We got to sit and enjoy as Holly Dunn came into the audience and sang to a few of the young men in the audience. We all got to either sit back and enjoy a great concert or enjoy it down on the dance floor that never saw a dull moment.

Tony Bolding
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 Advertising/Public Relations major

Erroneous

Inconsistent with your headline on the lead article of the November 6 issue, the Chancellor's Task Force on Minority Affairs DID NOT say the Chancellor or "the administration" was not dedicated to minorities. As chairperson of the Task Force, I want to say the Task Force did not make such a statement. On the contrary, and throughout the spring semester, the Task Force repeatedly affirmed in our conversations with groups drawn from across the campus, that we are convinced the chancellor IS committed to improving the experience of minorities on campus. The chancellor has already and continues to provide the leadership necessary for a complex process that will meet the academic and personal needs of minority students.

Individuals within the task force had differing views on many aspects. This was essential in exploring such a complex subject where intense and divergent commitments are held by many people in our community. Individual perspectives will always be a welcome part of life in an academic community. I remain convinced

the chancellor is committed to improving the experience of minority persons now on campus and for those who will not arrive until into the next century. This view was reported to the *Skiff*, but not included in the article.

As our work as a community to bring about informed change and an increased diversity continues, it is important the *Skiff* not redefine a given set of circumstances with erroneous and inflammatory headlines.

John Butler
 University ministries

Divestment

Six years ago this fall, Students for a Democratic South Africa (SDSA) was formed at TCU. Its goals were to educate the campus community about the brutal realities of apartheid in South Africa and to pressure the TCU administration to divest its holdings from companies doing business in that country.

Thanks to handsome contributions from faculty members, SDSA was able to bring speakers to campus, several from South Africa, and we placed crude shanties on campus to illustrate the living conditions for most of the black majority in that country. But the administration held fast to its philosophy of profits over people ("fiduciary responsibility," Chancellor William Tucker called it). This despite the Directorate from the National Disciples of Christ Church (to which TCU is affiliated) calling for all member institutions to divest.

The Disciples recognized divestment as an effective strategy for pressuring changes in South Africa's system of apartheid. As did the World Council of Churches, which in 1989 chose to bypass TCU as the location for its first United States conference specifically because of the university's investments in South Africa, brought to their attention by our protests in the mid-1980s. For all of Chancellor Tucker's talk of "fiduciary responsibility" the 10-day conference, representing 309 denominations in over 100 countries would have brought hundreds of thousands of dollars to Fort Worth businesses and international recognition for TCU.

Well, six years later, progress in dismantling apartheid has been slight and political violence has increased, especially black-on-black violence at the instigation of the South African government and police forces. And TCU has still not divested. And while those like Chancellor Tucker claim to have a responsibility to make sound investments, as a Christian university there is also an obligation to the board of trustees, the faculty and, most of all, to its students and alumni to make socially responsible investments. The two are not mutually exclusive, for there are many investment opportunities which would prove as lucrative as those TCU holds in South Africa.

I continue to encourage my former classmates and SDSA members to not invest in TCU until the administration stops placing profits before people. I hope the chancellor and board of trustees will reconsider the presence on campus (perhaps this letter will encourage a rebirth of the organization), we shall continue to have a fiscal and moral one in the heart of the university.

Lise Smith-Peters
 Class of 1986

Letter policy

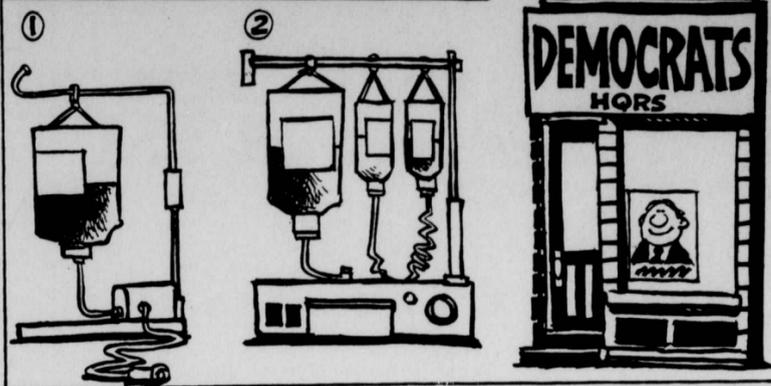
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THE LATEST THING IN SUICIDE MACHINES



Try these mascots on for size

By RICH ROGERS
 and JOHN HARTIG
 Columnists

Due to the sensitive nature of the following column, readers with no sense of humor are advised to use extreme caution while reading. This column is not meant simply to be humorous; it also has a serious message. Some of the material contained within may be considered offensive, but that, to some extent, is the idea.

There has been a recent outcry concerning the use of Native American figures as sports franchise mascots. Some among us understand the Indians' objections to the names, while others dismiss them as hypersensitive ravings. After rationally exploring the situation, we have divided the protests into two categories: names and stereotypes.

Simply calling Atlanta's baseball team the "Braves" or Kansas City's football team the "Chiefs" does not cause a problem. The problem arises from the fans' reactions and characterizations based on the team name. When fans dress up in ceremonial headdresses and do religious dances, whether knowingly or inadvertently, the line has been crossed.

Opposition to team names stems directly from these types of reactions. Phil St. John, one of the original leaders of the movement against exploitation, took his 5-year-old son

to a high school football game several years ago. He was distressed to see a fan dressed in a headdress and war paint, dancing around and whooping. This mocking, disrespectful attitude toward Indian culture and religion is certainly unnecessary and harmful.

We are desensitized to Indians' feelings due to the historical names, but what if there was a team called the San Diego Catholics? Most people don't equate Indian dress and actions with their religion, but the two are closely intertwined. Fans going to Catholics' football games might dress up like the Pope. Instead of the Tomahawk Chop, they might make the sign of the cross to the tune of the fight song, a Gregorian chant. Offended yet? We are. We don't even want to think about the fights that might break out when the Catholics play the Trojans.

Imagine the reaction if our football team was called the Texas Christians. Lion fights at halftime would make more than a few tempers flare. The Baylor Baptists would also cause heads to turn. They might have showgirls who just stood still while the band played.

Team names also mock Indian lifestyles and culture. Protests and rallies would occur daily outside the stadiums which housed the Pittsburgh Butt-Pirates or the Texas Rump-Rangers. People, homosexual or not, would be outraged at the blatant ridicule of an alternate lifestyle. Yet since the team mascots are

"steeped in tradition" we refuse to recognize the hurtful stereotypes encouraged by the names.

We don't agree with those who say by calling our sports heroes the Braves and Chiefs we are honoring Indians. Whites would not be proud of a team called the Boston Whiteskins. They would be especially hurt and embarrassed if the team lost intentionally to further the stereotype that whites are poor athletes and if the players were to do dorky endzone dances.

The counterpoint has been offered that no one is offended by the Notre Dame Fighting Irish. The name "Fighting Irish" doesn't cause a problem, but neither does the name "Indians." If fans showed up with red noses and liquor bottles, fighting in the stands, people of Irish descent would indeed object. It is not the name which does the harm, but the abuse of the name.

And abuse of the name cannot be controlled. Atlanta Braves officials want to let fans have their fun, as executive Stan Kasten stated during the World Series. So the only solution is to change the name, thereby terminating the opportunity for abuse.

We hope the above examples offended you. In order to see problems clearly, society must look at them from different perspectives. A blunt approach is the only way to achieve this. Sometimes a name isn't just a name.

Out with the old, in with the new

By LAYNE SMITH
 TCU Daily Skiff

It really strikes me as funny how certain powerful images can be derived from the mere mention of just one word. A wonderful example is the word "war." War brings images of death and destruction and all the things associated with them. The word for today's column is "Congress."

"Congress." What thoughts are stirred up by the mere mention of this word? Do you think about legislation, scandal or a bunch of people standing around talking while the speaker bangs his gavel yelling, "This house will come to order," all to no avail?

When the word "Congress" is spoken within earshot of myself, a smile gently creeps across my face. I am sure you know that smile, the smile you get when you watch the Keystone Kops or the Three Stooges parade around and act like idiots. Now don't get me wrong, I am certainly not saying that all members of Congress are idiots. Only some are. Well, make that most, most but not all. Unfortunately, a great number of Americans are beginning to think about Congress as a group of half-witted spendthrifts that we pay for.

Once Congress was a proud place, a place

with honor comparable to the Supreme Court or the White House. I believed these incredibly naive thoughts until one day when I was flipping through the TV channels and I stumbled across a live congressional floor debate on some issue. Seeing Congress in action changed my mind real quick.

This run-in with C-Span has unconsciously caused my ears to perk up every time I hear Congress mentioned on the news. Some of this news you may already be aware of.

For example, events like members of Congress writing bad checks, some for thousands of dollars, and getting away with it because their bank is exactly that — THEIR bank — and therefore they do not have penalty charges. Let your everyday man or woman try something like that!

These are the people who are running the country, along with the president, and God forbid they be a little more responsible for themselves and not abuse their positions.

An argument raised against this plan is the fact that experience is a vital part of effective legislation, which recently seems to be a contradiction in terms. We cannot, after all, have a bunch of senators or representatives running around still wet behind the ears. This argument would be valid but for the fact that experience does not insure excellence, especially

in politics.

Term limitations would seem to be a more democratic way of running the Senate or the House of Representatives because more people with different views would be rotating in and out of office all the time. It would be a quasi-out-with-the-old-in-with-the-new program.

The Twenty-Second Amendment strictly limits the President of the United States to no more than two terms because the authors of the amendment didn't want that president to become too comfortable in the Oval Office for fear he would abuse his position.

If it is a rule good enough for the commander-in-chief, then it is certainly good enough for the members of Congress.

I am sure you can imagine the unprecedented amount of whining that will ensue if this is brought to the floor for debate by the people who have made a living out of spending our money and telling us what to do.

Will a bill like this get passed? No way. But what if the people really want it? No way. Would you vote for your forced retirement if you had been a Congressman for the past 20 years and liked all the fringe benefits? No way. It is just a dream.

A society unchecked is anarchy

By ROY McMASTER
 TCU Daily Skiff

In the United States, we enjoy many inalienable rights. Americans seem to hold these rights very dear. They are a sense of pride in this country. Not surprisingly, the average American gets pretty testy when someone attempts to curb those rights in the slightest bit.

The Bill of Rights has been a battle grand for this debate for some time. How far should we take the Bill of Rights in protecting Joe Citizen? There are a lot of groups out there who will defend your rights, no matter how absurd they seem.

One idea is that we should enjoy all the rights in the first ten amendments without question and without check. This is absurd. That would free the already-loose cannon American media to ruining people's lives to a greater extent than they already do.

Sounds logical, but special interest groups such as the American Civil Liberties Union spend thousands of hours and dollars defending people's right to pornography and slan-

der. Committed a crime lately? Call the ACLU; they'll be happy to prove you did it as a manner of speech. How far should freedoms stretch? To pornography? Or flag burning?

The next big freedom issue is gun control. The National Rifle Association contends it is a gross rape of justice to take away someone's automatic assault rifle. After all, we have the freedom to bear arms. There's no doubt that to implement gun control would be curbing your amendment rights. But tell that to the kid that gets gunned down in a drive-by shooting. Where was his rights?

A society without rights is tyranny. But a society unchecked is anarchy. But where do you draw the line between the two? First of all, you must look at the context in which the Bill of Rights was written. It was written in a simple time for a simple country. It was also written for a clear purpose: to protect the people from the government. At the time of the birth of the Constitution, the world was ruled by oppressive governments who controlled the press and kept the people in the dark. The right to freedom of the press and

assembly were implemented to keep the government from stifling opposition. Certainly not to justify pornography and slander. Could the founding fathers possibly have imagined 2 Live Crew or the Playboy Channel? The First Amendment should mainly be implemented in relation to political speech, for which it was intended.

In the Eighteenth Century, the right to bear arms was important to the people of rural communities. They had also just thrown off the rule of a dictator who used his military to control the people. Again, the need for semi-automatic assault rifles comes into question. Sure, they would be nice if Russia invaded and we were forced into the mountains to fight for our homeland. If that is your justification, you watch too many movies. We must keep these rights in perspective.

The Constitution was meant to be used as a skeleton for government. It is not the oldest surviving Constitution in the world for nothing. It was written to allow the people to build and amend as the times demand. We must look at our rights, not as if we were in 1786, but 1991.

Sports

Frogs, Aggies battle tonight in Cowtown showdown

By JEFF LEA
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It's the showdown in Cowtown. And it's the only game in town. The only game on television. All eyes will be on Amon Carter Stadium beginning at 7 p.m. today as the Horned Frogs take on the Texas A&M Aggies before a national ESPN television audience.

The 12th-ranked Aggies (6-1) will try and maintain their hold on first place in the Southwest Conference by outmuscling the 6-2 Frogs, just as they have the last nine games played in Fort Worth. The Aggies haven't fallen to TCU since 1972.

The Frogs have had no time to celebrate its first winning season in eight years after it squeaked by SMU 18-10 Saturday. The players have been riding high but a short week has mandated that the team double down in preparing for its biggest game of the season.

"For A&M it's a critical game because they want to stay in first place," said Head Coach Jim Wacker. "For TCU, it's a critical game because if we beat them I'll feel pretty certain we'll end up in a bowl game."

The TCU camp is realistic about its chances tonight against one of the best teams in the country. The Aggies have the best offense in the conference and the second-best defense. The Frogs, on the other hand, are plagued with injuries and have struggled on offense the past two weeks. TCU could be ripe for a traditional blowout, and on national television no less.

Last season, the Aggies destroyed the Frogs 56-10 at Kyle Field in the season finale for TCU. The Aggies knocked out quarterback Matt Vogler in the first half and held the Frogs to a season-low offensive output of 251 total yards and only 104 yards passing. The Aggie offense, meanwhile, rolled up 567 total yards of offense against the Frogs.

"It's going to take our best ball game," said Bob DeBesse, offensive coordinator. "It's going to take us playing within ourselves and staying



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focused no matter what the situation in the ball game. It's going to take a maximum effort."

"The kids understand what's riding on it," Wacker said. "Talk about a golden opportunity now: you're 6-2, you get a chance to play the No. 12 team in the nation and No. 1 in the conference and it's on national television. There are a lot of big pluses for us."

The pluses mount more in favor of A&M, which is off to its best start since 1986. Much of the team's success can be attributed to its leader, senior quarterback Bucky Richardson,

who is 20-5-1 as a starter. He's coming off the best game of his career last week. He threw for 231 yards and rushed for 128 more in the Aggies' 38-21 victory over Rice. With 1,937 career rushing yards, Richardson needs only 38 more to become the all-time rushing leader for quarterbacks in the SWC.

The Aggies will try and exploit a hobbled TCU defensive line with its No. 1 rushing attack led by freshman Greg Hill. Hill is averaging 128 yards a game and needs only 28 yards to pass Texas' Earl Campbell for the most rushing yards by a freshman in

the SWC. Both Hill and Richardson owe their success to an experienced offensive line.

The Frogs are hurting at defensive tackle. They lost junior Thomas Lewis to a sprained knee against SMU. Royal West and Alex Molina are nursing injuries. Senior defensive ends Roosevelt Collins and Tunji Bolden will have continue their stellar performances to help contain Richardson and A&M's Power-Option I offense.

"The big question is Royal West and Alex Molina at defensive tackle," Wacker said. "We're hurting there big-time. They have a great offensive line and they're going to come at us."

TCU has to improve on the other side of the line if it plans to move the ball against a tough Aggie defensive front. The line hasn't been able to open holes for the Frogs' running games, averaging only 3.1 yards per rush, which ranks eighth in the SWC.

If the Frogs can't run the ball against A&M, the Aggies can focus their attack against the pass and blitz all game long.

This is a big concern, considering the Frogs' offensive line hasn't been able to protect the quarterback this year, allowing 24 sacks in eight games. The Aggies have sacked a near-record 41 times in seven games, including 11 sacks against Houston's run-and-shoot offense.

"We need to do a lot of pass block-

ing against the blitz," said senior guard John Marsh. "We saw some against Baylor and we need to work some more on blitz pickup."

TCU's offense has had trouble putting drives together this season. The big problem for the Frogs offense has been converting on third down. The last two weeks against SMU and Baylor, the Frogs have converted only six times in 26 chances.

If you can't convert on third down, sustained drives aren't possible. Last week against SMU, the Frogs drove inside the Ponies' twenty-yard line eight times, only to come away with one touchdown and three field goals. In preparing for A&M, the Frogs have been working on eliminating and lim-

iting mistakes that have plagued them recently.

"You just got to keep plugging away and hope you get things going again," Wacker said. "There's no magic ingredient or secret set of plays you can give them. You just have to run your offense and hope you can execute it better than we have the last two weeks."

Bowl scouts will be in attendance for tonight's game and the whole nation will be watching to see if TCU is for real. The odds are stacked against the Frogs, who must overcome their history against A&M and play the Aggies close to keep their bowl dreams alive.

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Among these contributions, the Chancellor's Office gave \$1,000 and various fraternities, sororities, student organizations and residence halls donated as well.

"It only took about 48 hours to gather \$7,000 for the towels," Ross said.

The total cost for the 8,250 spirit towels, which will be distributed at a pep rally in front of the student gates, has been covered by the generous

donations and contributions.

"The effort to get the money for these towels is really reflective of the spirit and support of this campus," said treasurer Jeff Sherman.

"It's remarkable what we can do when all (campus organizations) join together," Ross said.

Students are encouraged to walk over with the band before the game at 6:10 p.m. The band marches from in front of Ed Landreth Hall to the coliseum.

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