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Cary Florence, a junior advertising-public relations major, Eden Cosby, a senior deaf education major and Michele Whalen, a senior speech major, participate in Greek Week's Springfest Sunday.

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Airfare prices unlikely to land

By KATHERINE THOMPSON
Special to the Skiff

American Airlines' announcement of a new fare schedule may help cut airfare costs for some, but TCU students won't see much of a change in the prices they pay for tickets, travel agents said.

"The new fare schedule will be more beneficial to our corporate accounts," said Brenda Matlock of University Travel, which acquires 30 to 40 percent of its business from TCU students. "I don't think it's going to affect our TCU travelers much."

Matlock said travel agents typically try to get the lowest fares for the customer anyway, and that means planning ahead for trips as well as following other restrictions on discounted airfares.

"The list of airfares available used to be much longer and more complicated," Matlock said. "Now they have simplified things a great deal."

Matlock said before the April 9 announcement of the new schedule, agents had as many as 20 airfares to deal with for a single flight. Now, it is basically down to four, she said.

The basic changes in American's fares are as follows:

•Anytime fares will be cut by 38 percent. No advance purchase is required for this domestic full-coach fare.

•Plan AAhead 7 is a further reduced fare available when tickets are purchased seven days in advance. Certain restrictions on time of travel and destination apply.

•Plan AAhead 21 is a similar purchase plan to the Plan AAhead 7, with a 21-day advance purchase required. Restrictions are also placed on this fare.

•First class fares have been reduced by 20 to 50 percent.

Matlock said business travelers will benefit most from the new plan because of the reduced price on tickets booked without advance notice.

In addition to the new fare schedule, a new service is being offered to help travelers who purchase tickets and later have to change travel plans. For a \$25 service charge, American or a travel agent can exchange tickets that were previously nonrefundable, as long as all restrictions on travel time and destination are still applied.

Ed Cole of American Airlines said this could help students who make plans to go home after finals and then realize they need to change those plans slightly.

"Before, you couldn't trade in your tickets once you purchased them," Cole said. "Now with a small service fee, we can get around that."

Cole said the popular tour pack-

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Students, city residents join forces to save historic sites

By JAMIE MCILVAIN
Special to the Skiff

In voices rich with nearly 100 years of history, they told stories from a bygone era.

They talked of a young Fort Worth just beginning to grow. They let the city see, touch and imagine the lifestyles of their inhabitants.

Then they were silenced. They were the Reynolds and Morton homes, two historically important houses demolished in late February to make room for parking lots.

In response to their loss, TCU students and Fort Worth residents are circulating petitions that call for stronger protection of historic properties.

Gail Gear, instructor of art, began the petition drive at TCU.

"You go to a foreign country and you see buildings that are hundreds of years old," Gear said. "You come

to the States and we are tearing down buildings that are 20 years old.

"If we don't preserve our structures, then the generation that comes after us will have nothing."

Gear said she had collected more than 200 signatures in her three Survey of Art History classes. Several students also volunteered to circulate petitions at fraternity and sorority meetings, she said.

Melinda Nasir, a freshman speech pathology major, took petitions to a Residence Hall Association meeting for representatives to post in their halls. The Association had collected more than 100 signatures after one week of circulation, Nasir said.

The petition drive began as a project of the Historic Preservation Council for Tarrant County after preservationists failed to save the Reynolds and Morton houses.

The Reynolds house, 1404 W. El Paso St., was built about 1900 by cattle baron George T. Reynolds. He

had been an Indian fighter and Confederate soldier before pioneering cattle trails to such places as Santa Fe, N.M., Cheyenne, Wyo., and Salt Lake City. He built the house shortly before moving the Reynolds Cattle Co. from Albany, Texas, to Fort Worth.

The Morton house, 1209 Summit Ave., was built about 1915 for James Harrison, a businessman active in real estate and auto supplies. He also served as treasurer of TCU. Dr. Goodrich V. Morton, one of the Southwest's first obstetricians, purchased the home in 1921.

Both houses were demolished when Ophthalmology Associates purchased the property to build parking lots for the 200 patients that it serves daily.

Now, preservationists say they are putting all their effort into the petition drive to prevent future losses.

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Fort Worth Star-Telegram

This house at Summit and El Paso streets was demolished after efforts to save it were unsuccessful. The area will become a parking lot for an eye clinic.

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Today's weather will be partly cloudy with a high of 75 degrees.
Wednesday will be partly sunny, with a high of 80 degrees.



Intoxicated drivers still on city streets

By BRANDY ANDERSON
Special to the Skiff

Joe had planned to stay home last Friday night, but instead he went to a Fort Worth bar, drank three beers and decided to drive.

Joe, (not his real name), repeatedly claimed he wasn't drunk as police officer Dave Walters handcuffed him and placed him in the back of the patrol car.

"Let's go downtown and I'll give you a chance to prove it," said Walters, a veteran member of Fort Worth's DWI squad.

Joe said he had plans of his own. "I've got news for him. I've got some real good lawyers, and I can get him fired for this."

Joe has been accused of driving while intoxicated, which is the most common crime in the nation today.

"There's never a shortage of drunk people in Fort Worth," Walters said.

Over 6,000 DWI cases have been filed in Tarrant County since the beginning of 1991. Most of those cases haven't gone to court yet. The district attorney's office doesn't keep a record of the number of DWI convictions.

Although the number of arrests made are increasing, police officials said the judicial system does not punish drunk drivers effectively.

"I have the only job in the police

department where every arrest is a potential killer, yet DWI is taken the lightest of all arrestable offenses," Walters said.

A possible way to reduce the number of DWI arrests would be to make the crime a more serious offense, Walters said.

"Some judges just don't take DWI cases seriously," Walters said. "They interpret the law exactly as they want. What the law says will happen to offenders is a joke."

County Criminal Court Judge Billy Mills said he disagreed with Walters.

"I think DWI is one of the more serious misdemeanor crimes. It may be the most serious," Mills said. "I think people who are caught driving drunk receive adequate punishment."

Under the law, a first time offender could spend three days to two years in jail and pay a \$2,000 fine, but that doesn't usually happen, said Sylvia Mandel, the district attorney's deputy chief of misdemeanors.

"A person with no prior criminal history would probably receive probation and a \$650 to \$1,000 fine," Mandel said.

Many people don't even receive a penalty, said Al Vaida, president of Tarrant County Mothers Against

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Number of foreign students increasing in U.S. colleges

By NICOLE FOY
TCU Daily Skiff

When Akemi Adachi left Japan in search of an American education, her friends accused her of taking the easy way out.

Adachi didn't have to face the long, grueling entrance exams that Japanese students are required to pass before entering college. She also escaped the tedious test preparation sessions that lasted for six hours after every school day.

But Adachi, a junior political science major, doesn't look at her decision to come to America as an excuse to escape. She looks at it as an opportunity.

"There is so much stress on Japanese students to get in college and to get ahead that they don't have time for the important things," Adachi said. "As high school students, they don't even know how to socialize."

Adachi said her friends who ridiculed her for coming to the U.S. now admit they were just jealous. And if sheer numbers provide any proof, America's universities are the envy of the world. This country's 3,500 institutions were flooded with over 400,000 students

from 193 different countries last year.

At TCU this spring, there are 214 international students representing 51 countries. El Salvador and Panama lead the way with 16 students each. At the University of

director of international affairs, said American universities are the most desirable in the world.

"It is so ironic that we hear comments like 'American kids can't complete,'" Bus said. "But when you look at higher education, it's a completely different picture."

"Maybe our cars are lousy, but our education is a quality product," he said.

Many foreigners said they came to American universities in search of academic excellence. But they also said they came looking for freedom, diversity and the benefits that accompany an American degree.

Some students come simply because they are shut out of the system at home. Most European and Asian universities provide an elite service to a small and privileged clientele, Bus said.

"Here, we believe in the concept that anyone can go to college," he said. "But in other countries, the spots are limited and only the very talented and the very educated go to school."

While around 60 percent of all U.S. high school graduates attend

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The U.S. is home to 400,000 international students from 193 countries.
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Texas at Arlington, almost 3,000 international students from over 100 countries are enrolled.
Kenneth Bus, TCU associate

CAMPUSlines

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Trustee Chat with TCU Trustee Bill Adams will be held in Milton Daniel lobby at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 29.

Parabola will sponsor a program titled "Fuzzy Dice: They're Not Just for Rear-View Mirrors Any More!" on Wednesday, April 29, at 3:30 p.m. in Winton-Scott room 145.

TCU Chemistry Department will sponsor a seminar with Galen Stucky, titled "Using the Interface and Inclusion Chemistry in Nanosphere Synthesis and Self-Assembly" on Thursday, April 30, at 11 a.m. in Sid Richardson Lecture Hall 4.

Army ROTC 5K Frog Trot will be held on Saturday, May 2, beginning at 9 a.m. Registration is from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. this week in the Student Center, or at the starting line on the day of the race. For more information, call 921-7455.

Wine and cheese reception, benefiting the Dan Danciger Jewish Community Center, will be held on Monday, May 4, at 8 p.m. at the Center. The event is being held in conjunction with a touring art show titled "Israeli artists from the Promised Land."

Media Law Seminar titled "Covering the Criminal Courts" will be held on May 8, from 9:30 a.m. to noon, at the Belo Mansion (2101 Ross Ave., Dallas). Admission is free.

Andrew H. Mellon Fellowships one-year, entry level, portable merit fellowships for graduate study. Carry a stipend of \$12,500 plus tuition and fees. They are awarded to exceptionally promising students to help them prepare for careers of teaching and scholarship in humanistic studies. Dean Priscilla Tate in AddRan has information about the awards and complete procedures.

TERRA, Environmental Awareness Organization, meets every Wednesday at 4 p.m. in Sid Richardson room 244. New members always welcome! Current issues include a rainforest preservation project, Ft. Worth Clean Cities projects, Earth Week projects, etc. For more information, call Elizabeth at 924-7194

Codependents Anonymous meeting at 12:30 p.m. each Thursday in Student Center room 204. The program offers recovery for those who are seeking healthy relationships. For information, contact University Ministries at 921-7830.

\$1,500 Scholarship available for an English graduate or undergraduate student who plans formal study in Great Britain in the summer of 1992. For application information call Keith Odom or Neil Daniel at x7240.

Interpersonal Growth Group will meet Tuesdays from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the TCU Counseling Center. The group will focus on improving personal relationships and enhancing a positive self-image. Contact John Schuster or Lisa Rollins-Garcia at 921-7863 for a screening interview.

The University Christian Church holds a weekly college fellowship at 7 p.m. every Sunday, and Bible Study at 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday in Room 259. For more information call 926-6631.

Adult Survivors of Incest is a newly formed group at the TCU Counseling Center. Students interested in a pre-group interview call Barbara Moore at x7863.

HELPlines

Volunteers are needed to help the Pediatric AIDS Project by babysitting during a parent support group meeting on Wednesdays from 6 to 7 p.m. The group also needs volunteers to be Buddies for HIV-positive individuals. Contact Jody Cayce at 536-1160.

Volunteers are needed to assemble special playground for the physically challenged. This weekend only, May 2 and 3. Volunteers are asked to work from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (free meals provided). If interested, call Wade at 923-2257 or Marsha at 441-8936. Tools provided, bring gloves.

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

Volunteers are needed...

... to provide in-home respite care for persons who are in the last stages of AIDS and who have 6 to 12 months to live. Volunteers work two hours a week, with a 6-

month commitment. May involve housecleaning, meal preparation, or visiting. Volunteers will work in pairs.

... to work with lower socio-economic women and possibly adolescents who are ex-drug users. Hold group meetings once a week or twice a month. CADAC Certification would be helpful, but not necessary.

... to drive visitors at a local hospital in a golf cart to and from the front parking lot and the front hospital entrance. Must have excellent driving record, and a Texas driver's license.

... in an agency that helps clients look for work. Volunteers will meet with Job Club and Placement Specialists to help clients look through Classified Ads and help the clients complete job applications.

... at a local soup kitchen to supervise volunteers and assign kitchen tasks; help plan the menu and maintain food inventory. Restaurant experience helpful. Available Monday-Saturday between 8:00 a.m.-Noon, or 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

... to answer a crisis hotline and counsel callers. Must be able to relate to troubled individuals in an accepting and helpful way. Shifts available 24 hours-a-day, 7 days-a-week. Training begins soon.

... to "connect" with individuals who have developmental disabilities and feel isolated from the community. Build a positive relationship that will encourage them to develop a positive attitude toward life.

... to tutor school-age children in reading or math. Help strengthen basic skills.

Spanish language skills are helpful, but not required. Available on Monday and Wednesday evenings, and on Saturdays. Training provided.

... at an Arlington nursing home to play piano for the residents. Encourage residents to join in. Help is needed on Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

...to be an aerobics instructor in an agency in Fort Worth that helps chemically dependent women with children. Hours are available mornings and evenings.

Campus Man

by Andrew Deutsch



Insanity Fair

by Joe Barnes



Siege

by Andy Grieser & Kall Loper



Calvin and Hobbes

by Bill Watterson



Fares/

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ages so many students use for spring break and summer vacations will not be affected much by the new fare schedule.
"We will still have these package deals available, but the prices vary on these from year to year and season to season, so there won't be much of an effect on them," Cole said.
Since American's announcement, many other airlines have followed suit and announced reduced and sim-

plified fare schedules of their own. Trans World Airlines announced April 12 that it would cut its own fares by an additional 10 to 20 percent.
American has made it clear through advertising and news conferences that the new schedule will be a permanent fixture and not a temporary "sale."
For the consumer as well as the travel agent, the biggest advantage to the new schedule is simplification. Matlock said, which will make travel planning much easier to understand for the consumer.

Corrections

In Friday's edition, political science faculty member Richard Millsap's name was incorrectly spelled as Milsap.
Also in Friday's edition, the story about Linda Lutker said she was waiting for a kidney and liver transplant. The story should have said Lutker is waiting for a kidney and pancreas transplant.
The Skiff regrets the errors.

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Letters to the editor

Greeks

The Greek Week Kum Bah Yah sing has been rescheduled for Wednesday so that Greg Weed and Richard Carruth will be able to attend.

Really, Greek Week is more than an occasion to say how great Greeks are and sing together. After all, if we wanted to brag about ourselves, we could talk about much more than just our philanthropic activities. Greeks are leaders on campus and involved in both scholastic and social organizations. But instead of being a week to praise our accomplishments, Greek Week exists so that we can celebrate and share our traditions, values and ideas.

The week was meant to bring Greeks and independents closer together by helping independents understand more about the Greek system — not to have the campus "gape in awe" at the Greeks. It is

similar to Black History Month, Criminal Justice Month and other like events, which were established to educate and benefit everyone, not just blacks and criminal justice majors.

Yes, everyone is truly invited to the Greek Week activities. And yes, there probably are a few Greeks who look down upon independents, just as there are independents who look down upon Greeks. However, not all Greeks snub independents, as all independents do not snub all Greeks.

Greek Week was meant to bring the campus closer together; it is attitudes like Richard Carruth and Greg Weed's that keep tearing us farther apart.

Teri Lee Yankowsky
Junior
History

More Greeks

I am writing to answer the "few simple queries" of Richard B. Carruth and Greg Austin Weed found in the April 23 issue of the *TCU Daily Skiff*.

Greek Week is a time-honored tradition that recognizes and honors Greek organizations for a job well done. It is important for TCU's student body to realize how 37 percent of the student population spends its time.

Mr. Freyer's column included a public invitation to "the entire student body, faculty and staff to participate in the events that encompass Greek Week." Had this invitation not been genuine, it would not have been included in the column. Greek Week is not designed to promote competition, but to inspire unity.

Greeks do not expect "everyone to gape in awe of their humanitarian actions." We simply expect the same consideration and respect others respect from us.

Greek Week is over for the 1991-92 school year. It was a successful and fun-filled week for those of us who participated. I hope that if the two of you decided not to participate this year, you will change your minds next year. I certainly think participating would improve the negative images of TCU's Greek system.

Michelle Raiford
Junior
Psychology

Ropes

Before the semester is over, the House of Student Representatives will hopefully be voting to set aside a portion of the Permanent Improvements Committee's funds to help support the establishment of a TCU Challenge (Ropes) Course.

For those of you who are unaware of what a ropes course is, it involves a series of low and high elements in which teamwork, trust and communication are a vital part of the activities. We were fortunate enough to have been part of the fall Students Reaching Out (SRO) Retreat, where we went to a camp south of Waco to experience the ropes course. We went knowing some people; when we left, we were friends with all 26. These were people representing all areas of the campus. But no one cared what affiliations people had or from what group they came. Everyone had the same goals — to make friends, to experience the ropes.

Only those people who have experienced the ropes course can understand what we mean, and, unfortunately the number is quite small. The Alcohol and Drug Education program has done a wonderful job instigating the group SRO and the retreat, but we want all students to experience what we have throughout our four years here, we have attended many retreats, brainstorming sessions

and meetings. No other activity we have participated in has had the impact on us that the ropes course has had. Never have we felt so strongly about something in our career at TCU. However, we will not be able to benefit from this; it will be you, the new freshman, sophomores, juniors, and seniors.

Over 1,000 students have signed a petition in favor of building a ropes course on campus. If you are one of these 1,000, or if you like the idea of having a ropes course at TCU, talk to your House of Student Representatives Representative. Every residence hall has at least one; your hall director can tell you who those people are. Representing you, the students, is their job. Make your opinion known before Tuesday. At the last meeting, there were not enough House members present to vote. This is the last chance this semester to vote on this bill. If you have any questions about the ropes course, feel free to call either one of us.

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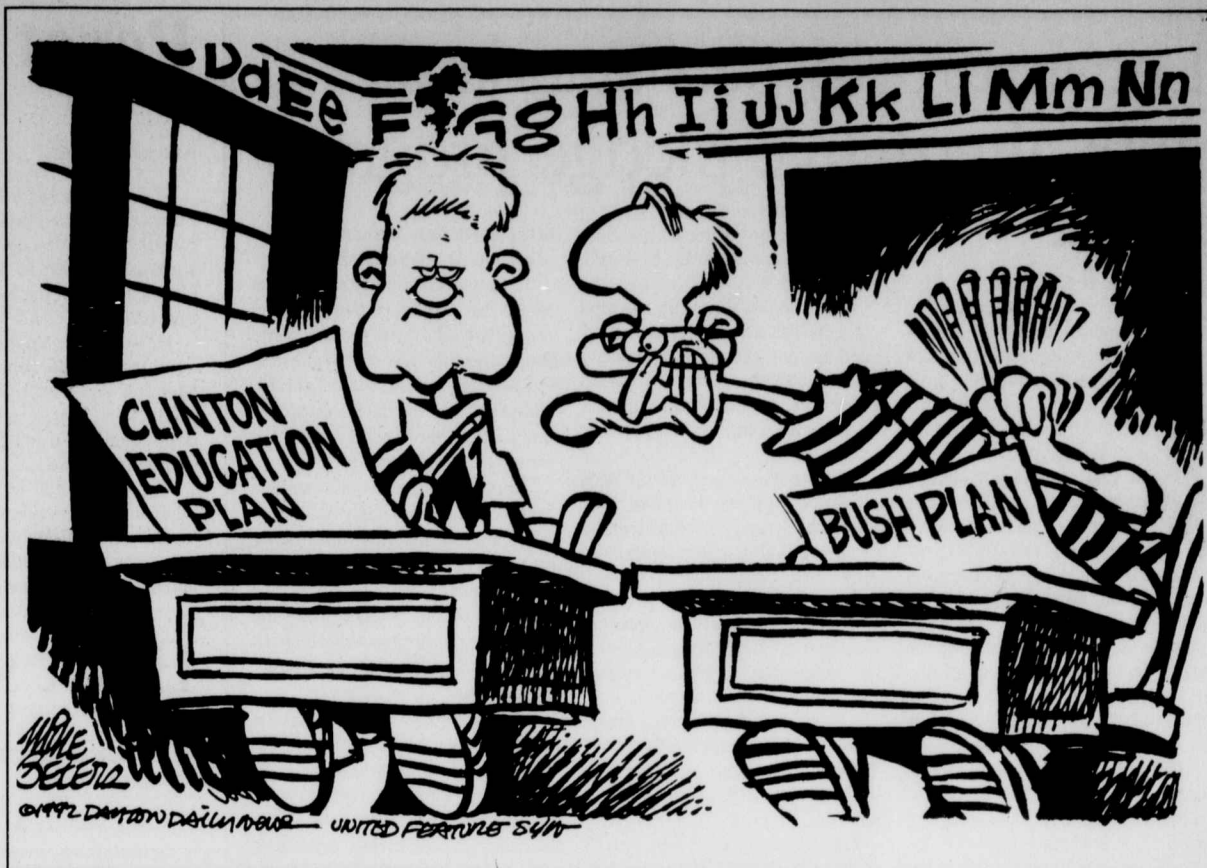
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Maturity often better than knowledge

by
**TODD
TURMAN**

Columnist



For the past four years, I have enjoyed the typical college life. I have put in my time at the library and the Pub, and still managed to stay active around campus. I have also been fortunate enough to have experienced the atypical college life. My grades have turned out well and I have taken advantage of many incredible opportunities over the course of my college career.

Unfortunately, however, here I am a graduating senior without any concrete plans for my future. Within a matter of weeks, I will be graduating with a degree in political science, a solid resume, and no intention of following my original plans to attend law school. To borrow a quote from a friend, "This is the first time in my life that the next move isn't obvious."

But not to worry friends, I have no inclination to place the blame on TCU for my apparent lack of a future. Furthermore, I have no intention of wasting your time with endless recitations of that hindsight stuff. Rather, I would like to say a few things about why I am not particularly worried about the days after May 16th.

Yes, you read that correctly. Despite the fact that I have no definite for my immediate future,

I am not having a nervous breakdown. In fact, thanks to TCU, I actually feel confident about the impending mystery of life-beyond-college. (For those of you who remember my last column, you may consider this to be an effort to show that I'm still happy about my TCU experience despite the annual tuition increase fiasco.)

For starters, I feel that I have received a good education at TCU. And while I am certainly referring to the high quality of the faculty and staff, I think I am most grateful for the exceptional character of TCU educators and administrators. Though I learned a lot in the classroom, I think I've benefited more from the casual conversations I've had with them. They've helped me learn about myself and about others. Also, I would have to say that they've been most helpful through their personal encouragement and honesty.

Let's face it, TCU has enabled me to feel good about my currently unemployed self through their interest in my development as a person, as well as a student.

Another reason I am not scared of graduating into the real world without a real future is this: TCU has given me every opportunity to develop the interpersonal skills to somehow get ahead. Through student government, the Greek system, residence hall life, and a Washington internship, I have not only been able to learn from others, but I have been able to test myself. Moreover, I have been able to develop my communications skills in many different settings. In the future, I expect that my ability to deal with professionals, as well as my peers,

will somehow give me an advantage in my endeavors (whatever they might be).

And finally, I am less than scared about my questionable life after graduation because I've come to feel comfortable with the world around me and my role in it. As a resident assistant and a member of a fraternity, I have come to realize the values of trust and loyalty in friendships through a better understanding of others. But most importantly, throughout my entire TCU experience, I have been able to decide for myself that people take priority over material things and personal pride. I think my experience at TCU has allowed me to develop a good set of priorities and given me the insight with which to positively contribute to society.

So you see, come May 16th, I may be unemployed and without direction, but at least I'll still feel good about myself thanks to TCU. I had every opportunity to become a better student and a better person both in and out of the classroom.

If my Dad was right when he said that an undergraduate education is not much more than an opportunity to mature, then TCU has been very successful with me. I just hope TCU is able to provide this sort of experience for everyone in case they have nothing else to be happy about come graduation. But most importantly, I hope to never find out that maturity could have been had somewhere else for a few thousand dollars less!

• Todd Turman is a senior Political Science major from Cleburne, Texas.

Historical ethnic notions must change

by
**MICHELLE
SMITH**

Columnist



There she was — just sitting there, looking straight at me. I cannot believe this, I thought as I walked down the aisle at the local Tom Thumb. Why? After all of these years, after all that we have proven — why are we looked upon in such a degrading fashion? That fat, "happy mammy" character's saucer shaped eyes stared at me; and although it was only a package of pancake mix, it let me know that somebody still views me and my African American sisters as entities only good for making pancakes and whatever else serving entails. If I could strangle Aunt Jemimah, I wouldn't; I would strangle her conceivers, Proctor and Gamble and anyone else who sees African American women in a similar light.

There are few who will claim to be a disciple of the "Proctor and Gamble syndrome," as I choose to call it. There are even fewer who will admit to their twisted views of African-American women, yet I am confronted by these attitudes on a daily basis.

This conversation may be heard frequently; I heard it at one of my organizational meetings: "Gosh, did you lay out today?" one girl asked emphatically.

"A little. Am I that tan?" she asked the other.

"Yeah, you are dark, you nigger!"

The girls then laughed, and I was standing right there. The girls were so preoccupied with themselves and their fake blackness that they failed to realize that someone with the attribute they were seeking was standing just behind them. Nigger, I thought. Hmmp! I chuckled. At least I won't look like alligator woman when I turn thirty.

"It's just a saying!" Oh, yes, but let me explain what is actually being said. The mere fact that they used the word with such flippancy, without any regard that I was a person with feelings just like them, illustrated to me that their attitudes toward beauty were twisted. To be fat and to be made dark by the sun or some other means is fine, but to be born with dark skin and of African descent was not to be admired. Those people fall under the degrading category of "niggrocity" — less than they.

Not to worry, this is no new attitude. It has haunted mankind since Africans were dispersed all over the world in Dutch, English, and French slave ships. Our society has not been mature enough to shake it. African American women are Aunt Jemimahs according to many people — just good for serving, not thinking, let alone ADMIRING.

For years the "happy mammy" image has plagued United States popular culture, and the make-believe character, Aunt Jemimah, has only reinforced the stereotype. We have seen the grotesquely obese, pitch black, happy-to-serve-you, fictitious personality on pancake boxes, and society has learned to embrace her and accept her as reality.

Aunt Jemimah has grossed over \$300 billion for white businessmen at the expense of the African American woman's image. She is only one example of undue stereotyping; after the early 1800's, American products became so saturated with the degradation that they became funny and perceived as harmless. Psychologically, society was accepting it, and the battle was almost won when African Americans stood by and accepted the images without rebuttal. The subtle implications of characters like Aunt Jemimah are meant to tear down a culture that is different from the mainstream.

While "Mammy" may not be as prevalent today, her more modern counterpart is "alive and kickin'." Her name is "Mama." She does not have a husband, and she is overweight. She is very independent and will inform anyone, "I

don't need no man." She takes on her household single-handedly, and is a dynamic cook. She can be seen on syndicated 1970's and 1980's sitcoms like "What's Happening" and "That's My Mama." She has even been seen taking care of white children on "Give Me a Break" just as her great grandmother Mammy did so many years before her.

So what is it? It is not as though we have not done more than enough to break that fat woman's mold. Nevertheless, that woman on the pancake box still stares at me from the grocery store shelf. Ignorant comments are still made on this campus and, I am sure, from coast to coast.

The beauty of the African American woman cannot be denied; from the deepest, richest espresso to the lightest and creamiest of cafe au laits, the vast spectrum of our women is endless. This beauty does not cease at the surface, but reaches to the core of her inner self with her intelligence and spirituality.

The "with-it-ness" of our past two Miss Americas has been astounding. The allure of the "Uh Huh!" girls has been indisputable. The sultry sounds of En Vogue have been undeniable, and the professionalism, philanthropy and entrepreneurship of Oprah Winfrey, outstanding.

I look forward to the day when the head rag will come off Aunt Jemimah and be replaced by the crown that we so richly deserve. I long for the day when her obese body is replaced by the curves that so many of us possess and carry so gracefully. I look forward to when her skin reflects the many hues of African-America — from the riches of ebones, sweetest of honeys, to the lightest of vanillas. Replace her checkered apron with a business suit, and I will be proud to identify with the woman on the pancake box.

• Michelle Smith is a junior English major from Dallas, Texas.

News

Local sorority sets standard with alternative pledge program

By KRISTI SWAN
TCU Daily Skiff

Thirteen or 14 national sororities and fraternities might implement a new program within the next few years that would eliminate pledgship, said Elisha Beitler, a TCU junior and president of Alpha Delta Pi.

Beitler said the idea for change apparently came in response to a 1990 report by the American Council on Education titled "Greek Organizations on the College Campus: Guidelines for Institutional Action."

ADPi is the first Greek organization on TCU's campus to reform its pledge program, which is called the Total Membership Education Program.

The national report states that Greek organizations have recently received national attention for problems associated with substance abuse and unruly behavior. It also states that these recommendations concentrate on Greeks not because they are the sole source of these problems, but because they are particularly visible with special and important places in campus life.

"The program is pro-active instead of reactive," Beitler said. "We want to make some changes before mistakes are called to our attention and our only choice then is to react. Instead, we want to take action to change this before it happens."

The program, which was instituted in the ADPi chapter last fall, calls for many changes.

"I think the biggest difference is

that the pre-initiation period only lasts for eight weeks in the fall," Beitler said.

According to the ADPi national chapter, the new program shortened the period to a four-to-eight week program which allows all campuses to initiate members before receiving their semester grades.

"And in the spring, we initiated six girls four weeks after they joined the sorority," said Elizabeth Carey, a TCU sophomore and ADPi pledge educator.

Instead of being called pledges, actives and alumnae, the designations are now referred to as Alphas, for pledges, Deltas, for actives, and PIs for alumnae.

"This way the Alphas aren't below the Deltas," Beitler said. "Everyone is on the same level and it allows us to focus more on chapter unity."

Hazing has also been greatly reduced under the program because of the equal status of the members, according to the ADPi National President Beth Gentry Mannle, a counselor at Tennessee Technological University.

"We've had a very specific and strict hazing policy for years," she said in a news release. "And where it continued to be a problem, we've actively enforced strict penalties. Our new program has greatly reduced the random hazing incident."

Girls who are initiated haven't received their grades yet because of the shortened pre-initiation period, Beitler said.

"If the newly initiated members make below a 2.5 the first semester

after initiation they are put on scholastic probation," she said.

If they don't make their grades after the second semester, they remain on scholastic probation and their activities are strictly limited to meetings and a few other things, she said. After the third semester of not making their grades, they are removed from the sorority.

Another change is that everyone in the chapter does study hall hours as part of the whole sorority being on a scholastic program.

"Whereas before only the pledges, or our Alphas were the only ones required to do study hall, now the Deltas also do them," Beitler said.

The number of hours the Delta members do is based on their GPA, she said. The hours continue to increase as the GPA's decrease.

One of the chapter's main focuses is educating members throughout their years in college, Beitler said.

"The program is designed to educate members throughout their time here, not just before they're initiated," she said.

Every semester there are about six programs that help to keep the girls informed about various things, she said.

Next semester the chapter is going to have programs on self-defense, scholarship and diversity, she said.

"It's such a change and there are some kinks to work out, but for the most part I think it has been a positive experience for our chapter," Beitler said.

Perot faces political deadline

Associated Press

State election officials say Dallas billionaire Ross Perot must submit by May 11 the 54,000-plus petition signatures he says he has gathered to obtain a spot on the November election ballot.

Katy Davis, spokeswoman for Secretary of State John Hannah, said Monday that Perot also must formally apply for a general election ballot spot as an independent presidential candidate.

"At some point, he has to decide when he wants to submit his petitions to our office, along with an application to be an independent candidate, and his designees for electors," Davis

said.

The petition deadline is at 5 p.m. May 11, she said.

On Sunday, Perot told supporters at a rally in Dallas that he had obtained far more than the 54,275 signatures needed.

"The job in Texas is done," he said. "If you can do Texas, you can do it anywhere."

Davis said that once Perot submits his petitions, the secretary of state's office will verify them, probably through a statistical sampling.

Under state election law, petitions are valid only if signed by registered voters who didn't cast ballots in the Republican or Democratic primaries or runoffs in March and April, Davis

said.

Perot has said he is awaiting the results of petition drives in all 50 states before deciding whether to become a presidential candidate.

He has indicated he'll make a decision by June. Associates say they expect Perot to enter the race.

Recent opinion polls have suggested that Perot may have the support of a fifth or more of the electorate nationwide.

If Perot submits enough proper signatures in Texas, he would join three other presidential and vice presidential candidates on the November ballot — the nominees of the Republican, Democratic and Libertarian parties.

Blast survivors criticize oil plant

By EDUARDO MONTES

Associated Press

Across Mexico, the name Pemex is conjuring up images of disasters like the gas pipeline blasts that devastated parts of Guadalajara. Suddenly, it is an unwelcome neighbor.

Survivors in Guadalajara, where at least 191 were killed in Wednesday's explosion, are demanding the removal of the Pemex storage facility that has been linked to the explosions.

Fear remains that gasoline that seeped into the ground from a broken pipeline will cause further explosions.

Pemex on Sunday said it is sending some \$33 million to help rebuild the devastated working-class neighborhood.

Worries are spreading in the wake of the blasts.

In Nuevo Laredo on the Texas border 200 residents were evacuated from a five-block area after a gas leak at a Pemex service station last Friday.

"The danger is there and we don't want to have to mourn the loss of human lives."

GUILLERMO GARCIA VAZQUEZ,
Community leader

from the northern part of the city asked officials to relocate a plant that spreads over three city blocks.

They told a Pemex official, Panfilo Perez Guerra, that gas fumes seep out of the sewer line when it rains.

Guerra assured residents that the plant's drainage system is not linked to the city sewer system and invited them to tour the plant.

He told them that if it proved to be dangerous he would help draft a plea for removal of the facility.

Guillermo Garcia Vazquez, a community leader in Puebla, recalled past accidents at Pemex facilities and other plants in the city.

"The danger is there and we don't want to have to mourn the loss of human lives," Garcia Vazquez told El Universal.

Legislators this week are expected to ask Pemex director Francisco Rojas Gutierrez to reveal the company's maintenance programs for underground pipelines throughout the country.

That same day, 800 Pemex workers fled their jobs at the Pajaritos Marine Terminal near Coatzacoalcos, Veracruz, when gasoline was discovered leaking from a pipeline. No one was injured.

The demands for removal of Pemex plants are also mounting.

More than 10,000 members of the Labor Party in Acapulco have voiced their opposition to the city's plants, saying the facilities are a time bomb endangering roughly 1.5 million people.

In Veracruz, about 500 residents

Lottery ticket outlets run the gamut

Associated Press

Texas lottery officials said Monday that lottery players will be able to buy tickets everywhere from banks to tortilla factories when the game begins.

"We have half a dozen accounting firms, three tortilla factories, the Richardson bus station and Wash Pot Laundry in Gun Barrel City," said Nora Linares, lottery director.

More than 17,000 businesses have sought to sell tickets, and about

14,700 should be licensed before the game begins, probably in late May.

An official announcement of the lottery's start-up date and initial game was scheduled to be made Tuesday.

Ms. Linares said Monday that hundreds of types of businesses had applied for ticket-selling licenses. Retailers will keep a 5 percent commission on tickets sold.

"They're all here, from a sport fishing guide near Alvin to a domino club in Beaumont, from an art gallery in Houston to a bank in Temple," she

said. "We're just amazed at the wide variety of businesses that want to sell lottery tickets to their customers."

Lottery officials said the top 10 categories of businesses that will be licensed for the first day of sales are: convenience stores, 7,062; grocery stores, 2,473; liquor stores, 1,022; service stations, 474; general merchandise stores, 441; check cashing and other financial services, 382; miscellaneous retail stores, 332; dining establishments, 298; pharmacies, 170; used merchandise stores, 165.

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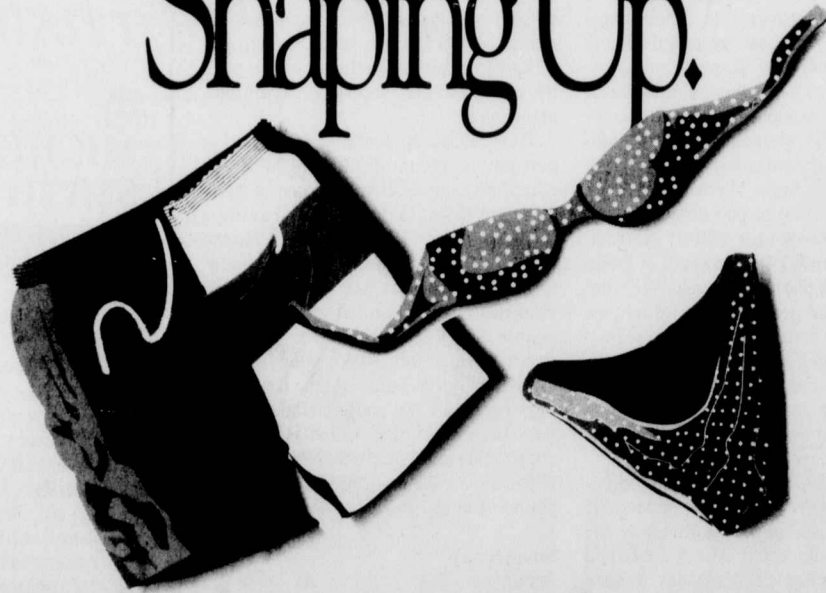
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Fort Worth Star Telegram

Preservationists picket the demolition of one of two historical homes at 1404 El Paso. The homes are among the last remnants of a residential neighborhood once called Quality Hill.

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"We want grassroots, broad-based support from across the city, to show the City Council that there is an overwhelming concern for a change in public policy," said Judy Cohen, spokeswoman for the petition drive and author of the book, *Cowtown Moderne: Art Deco Architecture of Fort Worth, Texas*.

Cohen, who worked in the TCU art history department as curator of slides from 1975-82, has taken petitions to groups across the city, including the Southside Rotary Club, Metropolitan Black Chamber of Commerce and the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

Preservationists say they hope to collect 10,000 signatures by June. Initial petitions were submitted to the City Council at its March 3 meeting, where the Council unanimously adopted a six-month moratorium on the further demolition of properties listed in the *Tarrant County Historical Resources Survey* or the National Register.

Preservationists say they hope the moratorium will allow time to develop and adopt a new preservation ordinance that is being devel-

oped by the Historic Cultural Landmark Commission for the City of Fort Worth.

The current ordinance allows a 90-day waiting period before demolition may begin, but Cohen said that preservationists feel that does not give them enough time to find alternatives to demolition.

Such alternatives include moving the property, salvaging pieces of it or working with the new owners to find ways that they could use the property without demolition, she said. For example, the Cattle Exhibit Building built by the city in 1936 was renovated in 1981 to become Billy Bob's Texas nightclub, she said.

Tom Reynolds, a descendent of the Reynolds home's original owner and a ranch management graduate of TCU, is chairman of the commission that is developing the new proposal.

Reynolds said the Commission plans to present the proposal to the Zoning Commission in the fall. If the Zoning Commission approves it, the proposal will then be taken before the City Council. Mayor Kay Granger has appointed three City Council members to work with the Landmark Commission, Reynolds said.

Reynolds said that he would like to see the city adopt an ordinance that promotes business interest in preser-

vation.

Historic landmarks bring tourists and conventions to town, Reynolds said.

"If you take it (demolition) to its logical extreme, people are going to pay to park—to see what?" he said.

Reynolds said that the Commission is studying cities that have capitalized on their historic properties, such as San Antonio, Natchez, Miss. and Atlanta.

The new ordinance could include incentives for preservationists like low-interest loans for rehabilitation and tax savings, Reynolds said. It could also mandate a longer waiting period for demolition, he said.

The Historic Preservation Council for Tarrant County has opened up its membership to the public in response to the increasing interest in preservation, said Grace Bires, a volunteer for the organization.

Previously, membership was open only to representatives of 41 neighborhoods or small preservation associations.

Now, anyone can join. Membership fees cost \$15 for students, \$25 for individuals and \$30 for families. Members receive a newsletter and invitations to events, Bires said.

People may join by calling 335-SAVE between 1 and 3 p.m.

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Drunk Drivers.

"The policemen do their jobs," Vaida said. "There are lots of arrests made, but lots of people get off. Tarrant County works hard to prosecute these people, but many of the state prosecutors are inexperienced."

The county criminal courts are a lawyer's first court, Mills said.

"Many of those prosecutors are straight out of law school," Mills said. "They have little or no trial experience. A more experienced lawyer might do a better job."

The lenient penalties are one reason why many people continue to drive drunk even after being convicted of DWI, Walters said.

"It's like anything else in life," Walters said. "If the punishment isn't sufficient, people are going to do it over and over again. When the judges get through with them, it's only a slap on the hand. What message does that send?"

The judges do what they want, Walters said. "They look at the offense and say 'I'll tell you what, we'll give you probation and you can keep your license,'" Walters said.

Money also plays a part in DWI convictions, Vaida said.

"Economics rule. Legalities don't," Vaida said. "Rich people get off much easier than poor people. If

you're wealthy you can afford to hire a good lawyer who will defend your case. Lawyers will use every tactic and method to get their client to beat the rap."

A person's place in the community also has an effect on DWI punishment, Walters said.

"We've arrested attorneys every other night," Walters said. "We never saw them in court though. Their cases just disappeared."

Nobody gets off on DWI, Mills said.

"Attorneys and rich people have to go to trial just like everyone else," Mills said.

Language barriers make some cases difficult to prosecute, Walters said.

"When we arrest people who don't speak English, they are often taken to night shelters," Walters said. "No charges are filed because there is no one to interpret what the person is saying."

Sometimes, policemen just choose not to arrest a drunk driver on DWI charges, Walters said.

Different cities interpret the law in different ways, Walters said.

"The Bursleson Police Department used to charge drunk drivers with public intoxication," Walters said. "Policeman couldn't take breath samples because they didn't have an Intoxilyzer machine. It was easier to charge them with something other than DWI."

A TCU student still remembers the policemen who let him go when he had been drinking and driving.

He and a friend drank four to five beers before going out, and then they drank three to four more drinks at a restaurant.

He was driving through a Houston suburb and ran a stop sign.

"Several police cars caught up with us," said Jeff Cunningham, a TCU junior. "We were trying to hide the beer that was in the car since we were 19 at the time. They saw us moving around and were real suspicious. They pulled us out of the car and gave us sobriety tests."

The officer said it was a good thing Cunningham had driven because his friend was really drunk.

Cunningham got a ticket for running the stop sign and another for not wearing his glasses, but he wasn't charged with DWI.

"It scared me," Cunningham said. "I realize the implications of what can happen. I could've gotten caught, and I might've hurt someone. I still drive under the influence, but I do it as infrequently as possible."

A change of attitude is what will change the number of DWI arrests, Mandel said.

"We have to change our way of thinking," Mandel said. "People don't realize how quickly alcohol affects their responses on the roadway. People must be told not to drink and drive at all."

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college, just 28 percent of the French population, 20 percent of the British and 37 percent of the Japanese proceed beyond high school.

Philippe Quintard, a graduate student of economics from France, said the low numbers are a result of strict standards of education.

"In Europe, so much stress is put on the high school exit exams," Quintard said. "If you don't pass those the first time, there is no second chance—you are totally shut out of the system."

Bus said that because most student's destinies have been predetermined by their parents at an early age, there is tremendous pressure to perform on the tests.

"If the students don't do well, they often bring disgrace on their families that can never be forgotten," Bus said.

So instead of subjecting themselves to that pressure, many students opt for an American education. Foreign students come in search of choices.

America's spread of options—research universities, state institutions, private liberal-arts schools, community colleges, religious institutions, military academies—is unrivaled in other countries.

Flexibility is also one of the hallmarks of American higher learning. To some international students who know at the age of 14 what course of study they will follow in college, the American practice of jumping from department to department and even from school to school seems a luxury.

Isabel Casas-I-Klett, a junior political science and advertising/public relations major from Barcelona, Spain, said she would have had only five choices of study if she had stayed in Spain.

"There, I couldn't study what I wanted, and I was so surprised to hear that you can combine majors in American universities," she said. "That is just unheard of in Europe."

Adachi said her parents are still getting used to the flexibility of American colleges.

"I was a pre-major for a while, and my parents kept calling and saying 'What do you think you are doing?' They couldn't understand why I hadn't declared a major yet," she said.

Many foreign students are not only attracted to the diversity of choices that American universities offer, but the prestige that an American degree carries.

Because of the degree, international students are more marketable when they return to their own countries, Bus said.

"One of the smartest things an international student can do is learn the English language," he said. "It is the standard language of all world research in technology, medicine, science, business, and the list goes on."

Foreigners usually attend American universities to improve their English skills and soak up American culture, Bus said. In turn, they are able to use these skills to benefit their own countries.

But some assert that allowing international students to study at American colleges, and then return to their own countries, only hurts the U.S. in the long run, Bus said.

"But the fact is, this process actually benefits this country," he said. "While the students are here, they are contributing to our economy, and when they return home, they are more likely to use American products."

International students also add to the diversity of the American campus, Bus said. And because such emphasis is being put on issues like globalization and multiculturalism, the "melting pot" role of universities is gaining importance.

"The role of universities is changing," Bus said.

"And the U.S. is ahead of everyone else—we're marketing quality as well as enriching our understanding of other cultures," Bus said.

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Sports

Baylor sweeps Frogs again

By JOHN S. WILSON
TCU Daily Skiff

Baylor starting pitchers Brian Carpenter and David Elsbernd both pitched complete game victories to help the Bears to a three game sweep of the TCU baseball team this weekend at the TCU Diamond.

The losses keep TCU (23-25, 12-17 SWC) in a tie for fifth place in the Southwest Conference. Baylor (27-22, 15-15 SWC) managed to climb its way back in to third place on a week-

end when the Texas Longhorns clinched the conference crown.

Both teams scored early in Friday's first game. A John Turner error in the first inning gave the Bears an early 1-0 lead on Ray Hammond's RBI single. The Frogs returned the favor with one run in the first and two in the second off of Carpenter.

Horned Frog starting pitcher Jon Mock looked impressive at the start, but lost his touch in the third and fourth innings, surrendering four more runs. Meanwhile, Carpenter

settled into a groove, not allowing any runs in four straight innings.

Friday's nightcap looked like it could go extra innings. Neither team could put anything together as Elsbernd and TCU starting pitcher Jeff Zimmerman held the teams scoreless through seven innings.

The eighth inning, however, spelled disaster for Zimmerman. Baylor catcher Sean Severide, who homered in the first game, tripled with the bases loaded to key the rally. Sophomore reliever Craig Farmer came on

in relief, but was ineffective and was replaced by senior Greg Helms. The Frogs rallied for two runs in the bottom of the eighth, but Elsbernd was able to shut the Frogs down from there on.

Saturday's game proved to be a much more offensive showcase, as Baylor pulled out the broomsticks with a 12-10 win. Brian Black was 3-for-5 with two RBI's and a double. Horned Frog junior starting pitcher Chris Eddy took his third loss of the season.



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TCU first baseman Scott Malone applies the tag during a pick off play against Baylor this weekend.

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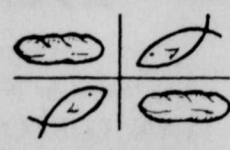
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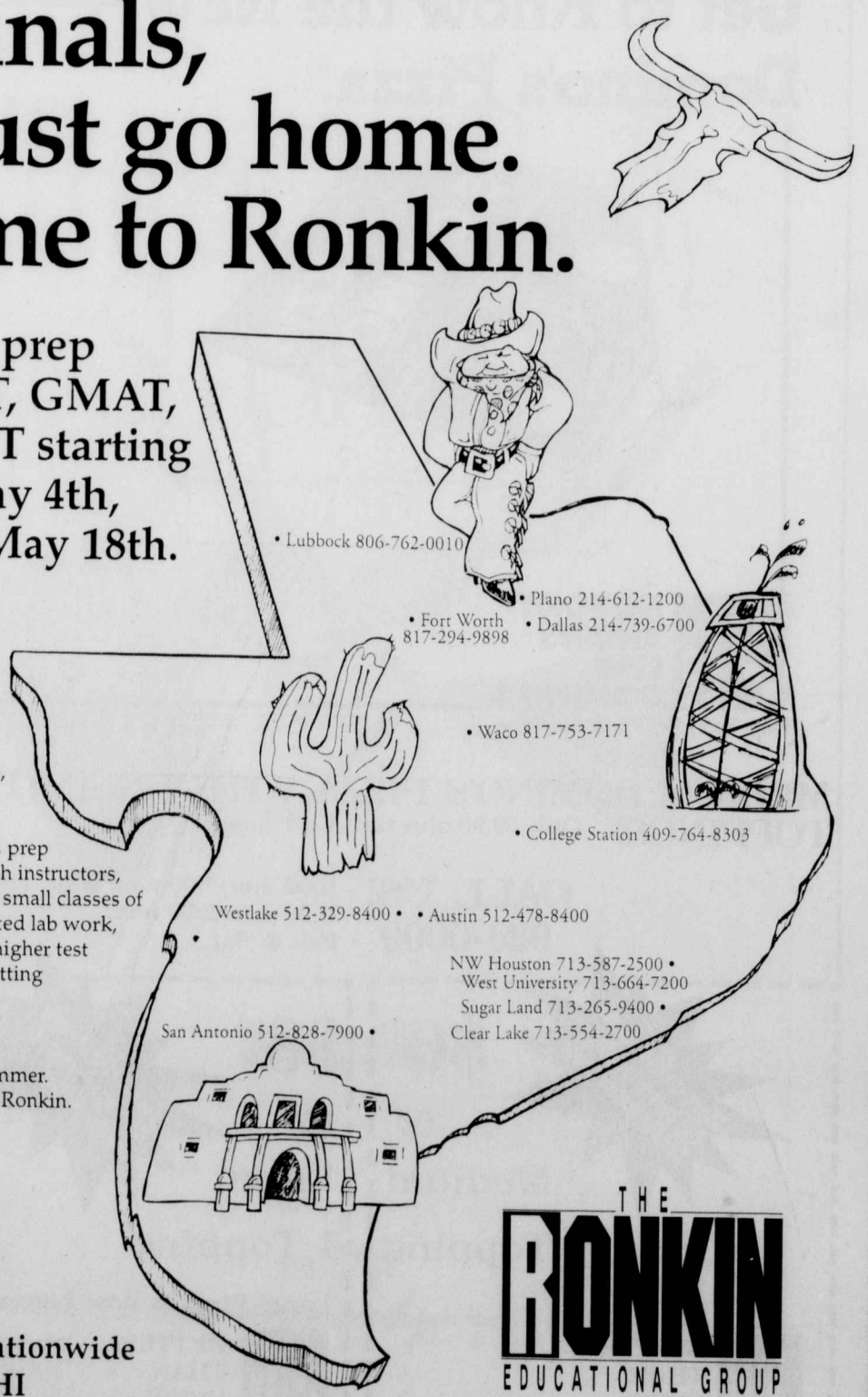
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