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Marlene Wallace, a senior radio-TV-film major, talks with Erik Dally, a freshman business major, at the Big/Little Party last night on the Rickel Patio.

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## Placement center responds to need for job counseling

By MICHAEL ROWETT  
TCU Daily Skiff

Every spring, millions of college graduates plunge into the job market, only to discover a diploma isn't always an instant means to guaranteed success.

More college graduates are chasing fewer available jobs. And employers have cut back considerably on campus visits. In the spring of 1993, the typical employer visited an average of 23 campuses, down from 42 in 1986, according to the Department of Labor — an 83 percent decrease. Recruiting budgets have been trimmed as well, meaning graduates must aggressively market themselves to find jobs.

The importance of university career planning and placement centers has increased as economic times have remained sluggish, said Dawn Oberman, statistical services specialist for the College Placement Council, which has 1,500 member colleges and universities. Students need as many resources as they can get to sharpen their job-hunting skills, she said.

But at a time when many universities are facing budget crises, career centers often become targets for the cost-cutting axe.

"Many career centers across the country are being asked to do more with less," Oberman said. "Less money means cutbacks in staff, publications and computer resources. Fewer services mean fewer opportunities for students."

However, TCU's Career Planning and Placement Center has received budgetary increases during the past several years, said Carolyn Ulrickson, Career Center director. The increases were designed to compensate for a period of decline in appearance and services during the late 1980s, she said.

"When I arrived four years ago, the Career Center had deteriorated," Ulrickson said. "Our career resource library was horrible — the few volumes it had were from the '50s and '60s. We had a total of two comput-

ers, neither of which was being used. We had old, orange carpeting that was horribly stained, and the furniture looked like something I threw out of my church basement in the early '60s."

TCU projected a terrible image as a result before extensive remodeling began in 1990, Ulrickson said. This image not only affected the perceptions of students, but employers as well, she said.

"Image (to employers) is tremendously important," Ulrickson said. "For employers to see a career center with lousy quarters projects a terrible image. Before we remodeled, one employer told our alumni director, 'The image I get is that TCU just doesn't care what happens to their students when they graduate.'"

In the past three years, thanks to budget increases, the Career Center has improved dramatically, Ulrickson said.

"Now we're putting \$2,000 a year just into the career library," she said. "We now have seven computers, each one with full memory. We're about to get on a network as a result. The university seems willing to support everything I've requested, within reason."

Career centers increasingly rely on image and reputation, Oberman said.

"Now that employers are visiting fewer campuses, they travel to schools where they've had success," she said. "Employers maintain a presence on campuses with well-established and well-equipped career centers."

TCU's Career Center began the Alumni Sharing Knowledge (ASK) computer network in September 1992 in an effort to compensate for the decreasing number of corporate campus visits, Ulrickson said. There were 1,389 alumni on the database as of June of this year, she said.

"Alumni response has been overwhelming," she said. "ASK was created primarily as a way for students to get job information. But in many cases, it's going further. Alumni are

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## Career Center offering job workshops

By CHRISTINA BARNES  
TCU Daily Skiff

For seniors concerned about the big step of finding a job, the Career Planning and Placement Office is offering job searching and interviewing workshops.

"Most seniors feel confused about where to begin," said Jennifer Clough, Assistant Director of Career Planning and Placement. "The workshops give them the basics for beginning the job search."

The Career Planning and Placement Center is offering four different workshops for seniors. The workshops will cover resume- and cover letter-writing, job interviewing techniques, job searching outside the university and on-campus interviewing.

"I think I'll go to a couple of the workshops so I can learn some pointers to be a step ahead when I

go out looking for a job," said David Dye, a senior finance major.

The workshops will be taught by Career Center Director Carolyn Ulrickson, Assistant Director Ginger Nicholas and Clough.

Students planning to participate in on-campus interviewing must attend one of the orientation workshops, Clough said. The procedures are a bit different this year, and students need to understand how everything works, she said.

"The time frame for sign-up procedures are shorter than last year," she said.

Companies will start on-campus interviewing the week of Oct. 4, and students may begin signing up for interviews with these companies three weeks before that date, Clough said.

Businesses are not necessarily coming to campus with actual jobs in mind, Clough said, but they are often anticipating their hiring needs

for the next year.

The workshop on resume/cover letter writing will provide tips for selling the job-seeker on paper, Clough said.

"We will give tips on how to organize the resume and make it look readable and attractive," she said. "The resume should make the most of what the student has to offer."

A national statistic shows that 10 percent of students get jobs from on-campus interviews, which is why there is the "Target Your Future" workshop to inform students about looking for jobs, Clough said.

"We thought we needed to address successful job search techniques," she said.

After the workshops, students can make appointments with the Career Center to personalize the skills they learn in the workshops, she said.

Journalism majors need different tips than chemistry majors, she said.

One workshop will focus specifically on job interviewing.

"We want to fill students in on what it is all about, and to teach them how to prepare and what to wear," Clough said.

Students will also have the opportunity to schedule an appointment to tape a mock interview, Clough said.

By having themselves taped while being interviewed by a pseudo-employer, the student can then judge what their strengths and weaknesses are, she said.

"I've had a couple of interviews already, but I don't think it could hurt," Dye said.

The skills the seniors learn during the workshops will be applicable during the fall Career Week, Nov. 8 to 12, Clough said.

## Stage West theater company moving near campus

By SARAH YOEST  
TCU Daily Skiff

Stage West, the theater company housed at Caravan of Dreams for the past 14 years, will move in October to the former TCU Theater building on 3055 S. University.

Renovations at the theater should be completed by mid-October, said managing director Jerry Russell, and will open with "And the World Goes Round," a compilation of Kandor and Epp tunes. Kandor and Epp wrote the scores for, among others, "Zorba the Greek" and "Cabaret," Russell said.

Renovations at the theater should be completed by mid-October, said managing director Jerry Russell and despite the location's high turnover, Russell doesn't anticipate any problems drawing crowds.

"We bring a pretty major audience

with us after 14 years in town," he said.

And that audience is supportive. Stage West is currently in the middle of a capital campaign to cover its renovation costs, he said; thus far, more than 1,000 people have contributed to the fund.

Part of that audience has been TCU students, and now students have an added incentive to visit Stage West: special discounts.

"We've always had student ticket prices of \$5 for Saturday matinees and Sunday evenings," Russell said. Now, Stage West will offer student rush tickets. At any performance, tickets that are not sold 30 minutes before the curtain rises will be available to students for \$5.

Being near TCU not only gives Russell more exposure to a student audience but also access to the TCU Theater Department.



"I'm very eager to talk with the theater department to see what we can work out," he said. "There are natural possibilities there."

The company's last performance at Caravan of Dreams, Neil Simon's "Barefoot in the Park," opens tonight at 8:30 p.m. and runs through Sept. 25. Evening performances are \$12 on Wednesday and Thursday and \$15 on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. A Saturday matinee begins at 4 p.m.

Stage West's 1993-94 production schedule includes:

•Nov. 19 through Dec. 11, "No Time for Comedy," a '30s revival of a play originally performed by Sir Lawrence Olivier on Broadway.

•Jan. 1 through Feb. 5, "The Norman Conquests," a British comedy Stage West performed in 1980 and has been, Russell said, "one of our most successful, most requested and most repeated shows."

•Feb. 25 through Mar. 19, "The Baltimore Waltz," winner of an OBIE award for off-Broadway productions.

•April 8 through 30, "A House with Two Doors is Difficult to Guard," by 16th century Spanish playwright Calderon.

•May 20 through June 8, "Substance of Fire," a drama by Jon Robin Baitz.

•July 15 through Aug. 6, "A Distance from Calcutta," a fairly new work by P.J. Barry.

•Aug. 26 through Sep. 24, "Two Trains Running," by August Wilson, who also wrote the award-winning "Fences." "Two Trains" will be Stage West's 150th production.

Theater patrons can park in the 75-car Bank of America parking lot, one block south of the theater, where an attendant will be on duty.

## Professor discusses situation in Sarajevo

By R. BRIAN SASSER  
TCU Daily Skiff

TCU's new assistant professor of geology knows all about hydrogeology and environmental water science.

Neven Kresic also knows about the shelling and shooting in the war-torn former Yugoslavia.

Kresic, a native of Sarajevo, comes from a half-Croat, half-Serb marriage. He grew up in Belgrade.

"The entire situation is just very complex," Kresic said. "I was raised not to think about the nationality of my neighbor."

But views were different outside the city, Kresic said.

"The hatred never died in the rural

area," he said. "I saw what might happen before I came here."

Kresic came to the United States two years ago as a Senior Fulbright Scholar, just before the heavy fighting began.

"The Yugoslavian rulers were all ex-Communists," Kresic said. "When the people began to make money and wanted to participate in the new government, they (the government) were afraid they would lose their power."

The fighting in Bosnia between the Croats, Muslims and Serbs began when the Bosnians and Croats voted for independence from the Serbs, Kresic said.

"You don't just vote against someone because of nationality," Kresic

said. "The problem was that they voted before they all reached a solution."

The West made a mistake by accepting the independence, Kresic said.

"Once it starts, it's like a chain reaction," he said.

Kresic said he believes Western military involvement would be a more devastating mistake.

"It would be foolish to send anyone there," he said. "There are either three enemies or three friends. They could be killed by anyone."

However, sending Western economic aid and not more weapons could be helpful, Kresic said.

"More weapons equals more killing," he said. "That would be

crazy." The American media seems to be biased toward making the Serbs responsible for the fighting, Kresic said.

"It's a civil war," he said. "The Croats and Muslims have been fighting in Mostar for some time. The media is sometimes slow to present the facts."

One solution to the violence is to split Bosnia into three regions, but they eventually must cooperate economically, he said.

"No one group is self-sufficient," he said. "I believe they will be one country again."

For now, Kresic's family lives in Belgrade and is safe from the fighting.

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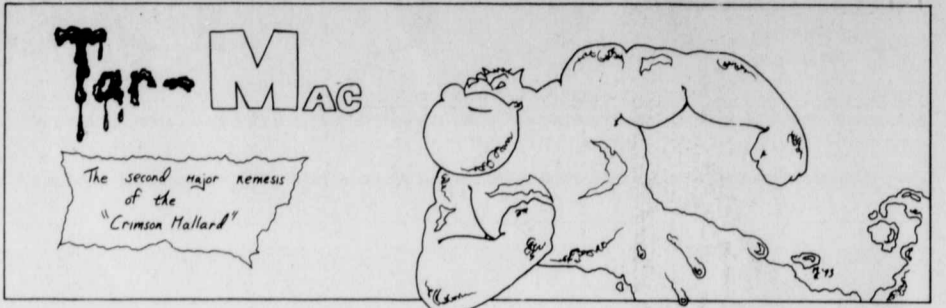
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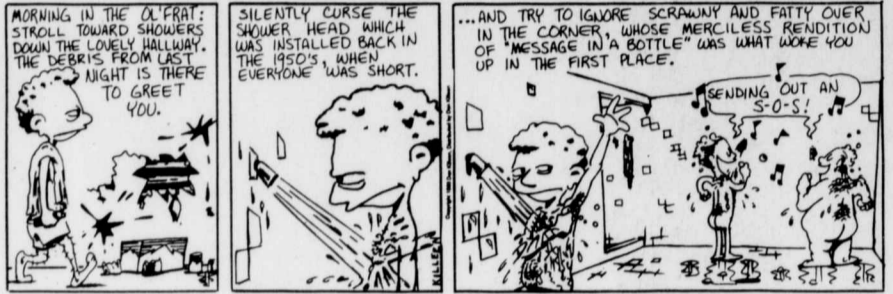


Jared Shope leaps to spike the ball over opponent Steve Watson at the Rickel sand volleyball court. TCU Daily Skiff/ Aimee Herring

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helping students get interviews, as well. In the first eight months, we had 590 referrals from 332 alumni volunteers."

Still, Ulrickson cautioned that the large discrepancy between the total number of alumni volunteers and actual referrals is significant.

"There are still over 1,000 alumni who haven't been contacted," she said. "People could have their name in the system for two years and never get contacted. I had thought the actual number of referrals would be higher. I had gained a lot of confidence in the system as it continued to grow."

Therefore, the Career Center's primary focus remains encouraging students themselves to take a more active role in searching for jobs, Ulrickson said.

"Students tend to procrastinate on beginning the job search," she said. "Looking for a job is probably the most unpleasant task anybody undertakes. But students need to start earlier for several reasons."

The most important reason to begin earlier involves the consequences of making a wrong career choice, Ulrickson said.

"Students don't need to get to the second semester of their senior year and find out they chose the wrong career," she said. "So many students think they know exactly what they want to do as freshmen. Then they get to the senior year and say, 'Oh, no.' Working with the Career Center can validate their choice of major early on and determine if they're on the right track."

In addition, students need to work on planning alternatives in case their first career choice doesn't work out, Ulrickson said.

"Students should always have a Plan B," she said. "They need to formulate a Plan B well ahead of time. Students are somewhat naive in this respect. Just because they get a degree in a certain field doesn't guarantee them a job in that field."

Entering freshmen often have unrealistic expectations about what certain careers will be like as well, Ulrickson said.

"Students often only see the glamorous side of careers," she said. "I really don't think there's any way a 17-year-old can know what he or she wants to do for the rest of their life."

Students should use their fresh-

man and sophomore years to determine their best career choice, Ulrickson said. They need to begin focusing on fulfilling that choice starting with their junior year, she said.

"I'd like to see the Career Explorations course offered by Academic Services as a requirement for all entering freshmen," Ulrickson said. "It does a good job of preparing students to make the right career choice by including some real world information."

Another important consideration students often overlook is the importance of internships, Ulrickson said.

"More and more employers are only hiring people who have worked for them in internships," she said. "We're aggressively trying to increase the number of internship opportunities and form a central database of where TCU students are interning. It would be wonderful to have a Career Center counselor who could focus exclusively on internships."

Even those students armed with job-hunting skills, a well-planned career choice and internship experience still face an uncertain future when they begin their careers,

Ulrickson said.

"There's no such thing as job security anymore," she said. "A college degree is no longer a guarantee of long-term employment. Corporate loyalty to employees as well as employee loyalty to companies are both declining. More and more workers will be transient."

The vast majority of TCU students will change careers at least four times — a projection based on statistics, Ulrickson said. Many graduates will also retire from jobs that don't exist today, she said. Technological advances will create many types of new jobs as well as make others obsolete, she said.

With such uncertainty on the horizon for graduates, they must learn to be flexible, Ulrickson said.

"Graduates must not enter the job market with a notion that they've got to do this or that, or the world's going to come to an end," she said. "They need to develop strong oral and written communication skills, which apply to almost every profession. And they have to go out there and say, 'I am flexible.'"

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Dance for Life '94 will be held at 8 p.m. today at BLEOS. A \$10 donation will be taken at the door to benefit the AIDS Resource Center. BLEOS is located at 2912 McKinney Avenue in Dallas.

Explore, a non-profit personal growth organization for women, is now holding registration for fall classes. Classes at TCU will be held from 7 to 9:30 p.m. starting Sept. 20. The cost is \$55. For more information, call 861-4454.

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# Opinion

## Friends of mate cause tension, deny privacy for relationship



**SUZI VAUGHN**

"For better or for worse" is a phrase closely associated with the union of marriage. However, in this day and age, it is true of any union. People are always saying that in any relationship, one must take the good with the bad. I have just one question: Does "for worse" include putting up with your significant other's annoying, unrelenting, rude, crude and seemingly constant companions?

Here is the dilemma: You may be deeply in love with your boyfriend, but it seems as though every time you plan one of those quiet, romantic nights alone, there comes a knock at the door or window.

Yes, it is his buddy, Dan, who has come to share he woes about losing his latest girlfriend/job/card game.

This, my friends, is male bonding at its peak.

Don't get me wrong. I am in no way limiting this phenomenon to a "guy thing." Girls are just as guilty. Picture it: He finally talks you into renting "Under Siege." You get comfortable on the couch, and the phone rings. It is Keli, and Bill just broke up with her . . . again. Of course you have to talk to her. And while you do, your boyfriend waits, and waits and waits. Trust me, at this point Keli is not high on his list of platonic friends.

The realization is quite harsh, so give it a moment to sink in. Rarely are soul mates found in all (if any) of your partner's friends. Oddly enough, you still seem to find yourself attending plays, dinner, football

games and parties with these people. None of these activities were designed to bring you all closer together. It really does not matter how many times you break bread with someone, you may never be able to get over that disgusting little way he (or she, to be fair) burps in public and laughingly blames it on someone else.

This brings to mind the question of good taste. In other words, how did your fair Romeo or Juliet exercise such exquisite vision when selecting you as his or her partner, and yet wind up with such crude companions? And more to the point, what can you do about it without landing in jail or losing your sanity?

Attempting to handle such a delicate situation with ease is a danger-

ous proposition at best. After all, a man's friends are like his old familiar socks. They may stink and be falling apart, but they are comfortable. If you think it will be easy to talk him into giving them up, you are sadly mistaken. A similar analogy could be made between a woman's friends and an old brassiere.

A situation such as this calls for the utmost in finesse. It takes wit. It takes skill. It takes outright begging and pleading. But keep in mind that the old "this town ain't big enough for the both of us" routine has been known to backfire. If you are not careful, you may wind up out on the street as Dan or Keli boldly sashay back into the picture and monopolize all of your partner's time.

It may also be wise to keep in mind that not all of your loved-one's friends can be so unpalatable. There must be at least one or two that have some merit to them. If this is not the case, I truly feel for you. But alas, the rest of you could always attempt to focus on these less offensive creatures when you are forced to deal with your partner's more foul friends.

However, until I get my hands on a stun-gun, I prefer to employ the old "mind over matter" method when dealing with my partner's annoying companions. And oh, Dan...are you reading this?

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### EDITORIAL

## Public caught in cable, network feud

New regulation may cause cable companies to drop network stations

The residence halls may have cable television service soon, but subscribers might find something missing.

Like that wacky peacock, the stylized eye, the bubble letters or the sweeping spotlights.

A new federal regulation says network-affiliated broadcast stations can ask for compensation from cable services carrying their channels. Cable services are offering a second channel to each station in place of monetary compensation. If a station wants cash and the service doesn't want to pay, it can drop that station.

Although the regulation doesn't officially take effect until October, battles have already begun. Arlington Telecable and KXAS/Channel 5 (NBC) are currently taking jabs at each other through the media. Telecable is pushing the second-station deal, which only KDFW/Channel 4 (CBS) has accepted.

Sammons Cable, which serves Fort Worth, has not

reached agreements with any of the area network affiliates.

There's no obvious bad guy in this situation, unfortunately. It is obvious that, once again, the public is being overlooked. Subscribers lose if a broadcast channel pulls out, but they also lose if the service has to hike fees to pay a compensation sum.

The second-channel offer is a saving grace here: the broadcast channel can make money from the expanded advertising. In the long run — if the second channel is a success — the money from advertising might surpass a lump sum paid by the service.

Network affiliates need to think of their audiences. The second channel may not be as appealing as monetary compensation at first, but in the long run it generates revenue for the channel and keeps services from having to raise subscription fees.



## Diversity key to harmony

Problem isn't black and white

Diversity. Its not about something as surface as black and white.

**LEILANA MCKINDRA**

How can it be when the world market is so international in flavor.

Its not about something as artificial as equating affirmative action type programs with true equality.

How can that be when we all understand that no true change in beliefs has to occur in hiring an individual.

Its not about something as simple as we're all human.

How can that be when each of us has gifts and talents that mold and shape us into individuals.

The key to diversity is not in finding a common denominator. Rather, diversity seeks to explore the differences and exploit the possibilities that those differences offer.

In other words, what's the point in owning distinctions such as African-American female or Asian-American male if our thoughts, values, beliefs, and agendas are the same?

Quite frankly, I think the whole situation is ironic. We all know the story of the Pilgrims and their flight to the New World to escape religious persecution.

Yet, we find that the freedom to be different so valued by the Pilgrims is noticeably absent in our society. This breakdown is clearly evident in the rise in popularity of hate groups promoting the superiority of one culture over all others.

How can we not see the beauty that each individual and each culture holds. If we don't take advantage of what each has to offer, it would truly be a waste.

Isn't it funny that more than 200 years, a Civil War, and a Civil Rights Movement still hasn't taught America that all differ-

ences aren't bad?

What will it take to change this tragic story into one of joy and hope?

I don't know.

Perhaps an easier question would be which came first, the chicken or the egg?

Its time to stop putting band-aids where it hurts, thinking an aspirin and a little rest will make it better. We're all familiar with the social ills that plague our country...teen pregnancy, drugs, gangs, racism, prejudice.

These are not problems that will fade with the evening sun.

How many more people have to get hurt or die before we all understand that this is not game. There are no second chances.

Stop the stereotypes. All black people do not have athletic ability anymore than all white people are rich.

Stop the hate. No matter how much I try, I fail to understand why any human being would find sport in killing another human being simply because his or her skin is a different color.

Stop the violence. People are the most valuable asset we have in the United States.

It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out that those things are more harmful than helpful.

Diversity is about respect. Respect an individual enough to be open minded and fair in dealings with him or her.

Diversity is about opportunity. Know and understand that being African-American and female aren't fatal diseases. They don't make me any less capable, intelligent, or ambitious.

Diversity is about unity. Imagine millions of individuals coming together in a society where its okay to be different.

As a matter of fact, its preferred.

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### LETTER POLICY

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## TCU culture enhanced by fine dining, curious doctors

Editor gives tour of campus community for new students

As I dutifully slumped behind the terminal to hack out my first effort since assuming the editor's chair, my main intention was to break a longstanding Skiff tradition.

**ANDY GRIESER**

Okay, I confess. I stole that lead. Word for word, with one exception: I replaced "typewriter" with "terminal."

Harold McKinney began his first editorial with that paragraph on Sept. 18, 1962.

He was determined to change the Grand Skiff Editor's-First-Column Tradition: the introduction of the campus to new students.

Well, Hal, I'm sorry. See, I planned that, too, until I read your column. That's when I realized a few things. Every editor has a unique style and grand plans for the paper. No matter what, though, every editor has to go back to the basics.

Some things are too big to leap into headfirst. New students need to be greeted, led, given advice . . . until, one day, they're juniors (or still freshmen on the Long-term 7-Year Party Program). Then they know everything, and promptly change their majors so as to avoid the real world (seniors: It's not too late — scholarships are available at the Pub).

So here it is: my Skiff-O-Matic Guide to University Life.

We'll start with the food. If you live on campus (and most of you new students do), you can't avoid eating at the Main or Worth Hills or Pizza Hut or (sadly) the Pit. Actually, the food isn't so bad, just expensive.

And that isn't even a factor if the ol' parents are paying the meal card bill.

Writing about the food always makes me think about our fine Brown-Lupton Health Center. Girls: If they ask if you're pregnant, relax — it's a standard question. Guys: For some reason, it's standard for you, too. If you are pregnant (and female), the hospital district is conveniently located nearby. If you're pregnant and male,

you either had an operation in Sweden or ate once too often in the Pit.

There's no end to entertainment in Fort Worth, especially if you drive to Dallas. But seriously, folks . . . For live shows, the HOP on Berry is the place to be. Abernathy's Sports Grill has a great trivia game (which gets even greater after each mug o' Shiner Bock). The Pub is the penultimate university bar: cramped, loud and convenient. The Plaid Pig is relatively new — I'm still wondering whose eyes those are on the sign.

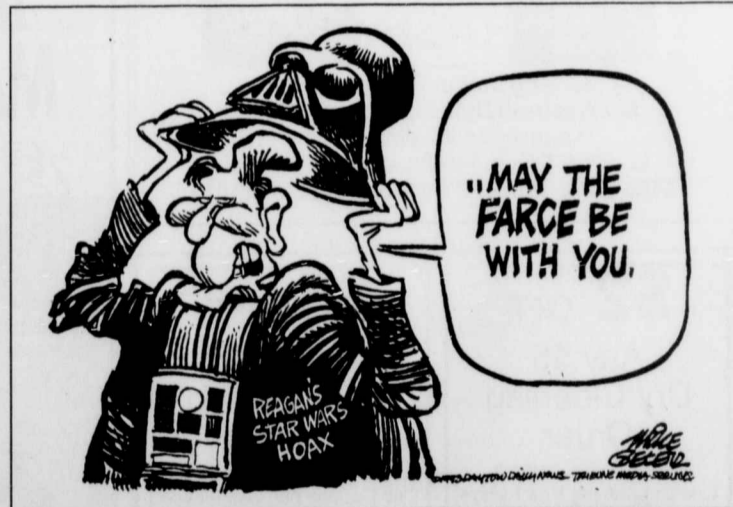
Closer to home, we have the ever-popular Nude Man. Folks, this guy is not normal: He stands in a window at Reed Hall and, well, he sure didn't have that operation in Sweden. This guy pops up (no pun intended) more often than Elvis.

One area that doesn't get much press is minority affairs. Minorities make up a small percentage of Horned Frogs and so are often overlooked. Luckily, both our Black Student Caucus and our International Students Association are becoming more and more involved. With a little support from the House of Student Representatives, they can become a little more mainstream.

In fact, these groups are always looking for new members. My advice is to join as many groups as your schedules allow. Don't limit yourself to a Greek organization or the Skiff; look into the House of Reps or Programming Council or Black Student Caucus or any of the others.

So, Harold McKinney, I'm afraid you were trying to plunge ahead a bit too soon. New students, I realize this guide was a bit short, and very inadequate, but it gives you a starting point. Now you've no excuse for sitting in the residence hall and watching old "Star Trek" reruns.

Andy Grieser is a senior news-editorial journalism major who's never even been near Sweden.



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# Sports

## Baylor, Texas A&M will battle for SWC title

This is the third in a three part series that looks at SWC football in 1993. Today TOM MANNING looks at Baylor and Texas A&M, while TY BENZ examines the state of SWC football.

### Baylor University

**1992 RECORD:** 7-5 (4-3)  
**HEAD COACH:**  
 Chuck Reedy  
**STARTERS RETURNING:**  
 OFFENSE: 7 DEFENSE: 3  
**PREDICTED FINISH:** 2nd

The Baylor Bear football program is in a strange position.

On the one hand, the Bears are in transition. Grant Teaff, the Bear's head coach for the last 20 years, left his coaching position to become athletic director after last season. (Later in the summer, Teaff retired from his AD position as well).

Teaff was replaced as head coach by Chuck Reedy, the team's offensive coordinator for the previous three seasons.

The hiring of Reedy, who is an energetic, hard working coach with knowledge of the Baylor program under his belt, takes some of the sting out of the usual discomfort associated with putting a new coach into a program. But with Teaff's departure, the Bears are still in a position that they have not been in for 20 years: adjusting to a new coach.

Now for the good news: The Baylor Bears have possibly the best team that they have had in a very, very long time. In fact, Baylor may be the one team that can pose a legitimate threat to Texas A&M for the Southwest Conference crown.

The Bears return seven offensive starters from last season. The most important of those is senior quarterback J.J. Joe.

Joe was the third leading passer in the SWC in '92 despite leading an offense more suited for his running ability than his passing. Joe's combination of elusive running (he rushed for 378 yards and five TD's last season) and passing ability (he has a chance to break virtually every Baylor passing record before he graduates) make him the key player on the Baylor offense.

Joe has impressed his new coaching staff greatly in the brief time that they have been together.

"We were very pleased with J.J.'s spring," Reedy said. "I thought he adjusted well to his new (quarterback) coach and asserted himself as a leader. He was very consistent."

But despite his natural ability, the

key to a successful season for Joe and the Bears is his settling down to run the Baylor offense.

"What J.J. needs to do is execute and run the offense," Reedy said. "He doesn't need to make that many plays himself, just get the ball to the right people and make good decisions."

Lining up behind Joe will be one of the best backfields Baylor has seen in years. Sophomore Brandell Jackson has impressed the coaching staff enough to win a share of the starting tailback job with John Henry.

Complementing the talented tailbacks will be perhaps the best fullback in the SWC, Robert Strait. Strait rushed for eight touchdowns last season, and his performance this spring has his coaches ecstatic.

"Robert continues to become a more complete football player, making progress in all areas," Reedy said. "He's playing with more effort, running the ball better and blocking better. We expect him to have a big senior year."

Wide receiver looked to be an area of concern for the Bears, but Reedy has been pleasantly surprised by walk-ons John Stanley and Dustin Dennard, along with the Bears returnees.

"I'm more pleased with our wide receivers than I thought I would be," Reedy said. "We don't have a game-breaker, but some guys stepped it up and responded well and made lots of progress. With the people we have and the ones we have coming in, we will be fine."

Another area in which the Bears should be fine is at offensive line. In fact, this area is one of the major strengths of the team. Every starting offensive lineman from 1992 will be returning, giving the Bears an experienced, talented offensive line to anchor the offense.

Defensively, the Bears are a bit more unstable. Only three starters return from a defense that ranked second in the SWC last year.

The strength of the Baylor defense will be the defensive line, where the Bears have quality and depth throughout. Led by ends Lamone Alexander and Scotty Lewis and leading tackler Steve Strahan (RT), the Bears should be a strong defensive team up front in '93.

The linebackers will be an inexperienced group. The coaching staff hopes, however, that what the three young starting linebackers lack in experience they will make up for with athletic ability and outstanding speed.

The secondary should prove to be the major defensive concern for the Bears this season. Other than returning starter Chris Lewis at free safety, the Bears will be using a very inexperienced group in the secondary. Kendrick Bell has been switched from tailback to cornerback, and the other positions are left to be fought for between journeyman upperclassmen and inexperienced youngsters.

The Baylor Bears are facing a similar situation as a number of other Southwest Conference teams in 1993. Baylor, Texas Tech, Rice and



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Baylor quarterback J.J. Joe looks to lead the Bears all the way to the top of the Southwest Conference in 1993.

Houston all are in the same boat: excellent offense, shaky defense. If new head coach Chuck Reedy can take the raw talent that he has and mold his young defense into a respectable unit, the Bears will be able to break away from the pack, and perhaps make a run at the conference title.  
 Prediction: 2nd.

### Texas A&M

**1992 RECORD:** 12-1 (7-0)  
**HEAD COACH:**  
 R.C. Slocum  
**STARTERS RETURNING:**  
 OFFENSE: 9 DEFENSE: 8  
**PREDICTED FINISH:** 1st

There really isn't much doubt in anyone's mind that the Texas A&M Aggies have had the best team in the Southwest Conference the last couple of years. You see, it's hard to argue with facts.

The Aggies have captured the SWC crown in each of the last two seasons. In those two seasons, head coach R.C. Slocum and his charges have compiled a regular season record of 22-1, including a perfect 15-0 SWC record.

And with those two consecutive SWC crowns, of course, came two consecutive trips to the Cotton Bowl.

This is where it gets ugly.

The Aggies have been outscored in the last two Cotton Bowls by a 38-5 margin, including a 28-3 loss to Notre Dame last year. The Aggies just can't seem to make their regular season magic carry over to post-season play.

There are a couple (at least) explanations for this.

The Aggies are not known for playing the toughest schedule in the land. Case in point: A&M finished the regular season a perfect 12-0 last season, but were still only ranked No. 4 in the nation. That isn't much respect from the national polls, and that lack of respect is largely due to the lack of a strong schedule.

The second major reason ties in with the first. The SWC is simply not one of the toughest conferences in the nation anymore. Therefore, the lack of quality competition for the Aggies within the conference does not properly prepare them for the likes of Notre Dame, Miami or other recent Cotton Bowl foes.

These two factors have added up to one thing in the past two seasons: poor Cotton Bowl performances by the Aggies.

Well, the Aggies will be looking to shed that Cotton Bowl choke artist

image in 1993. And there shouldn't be much standing in the way of them getting a chance to do just that.

You see, if all goes according to plan, the Aggies will once again romp through the SWC on their way to the 1993 Cotton Bowl.

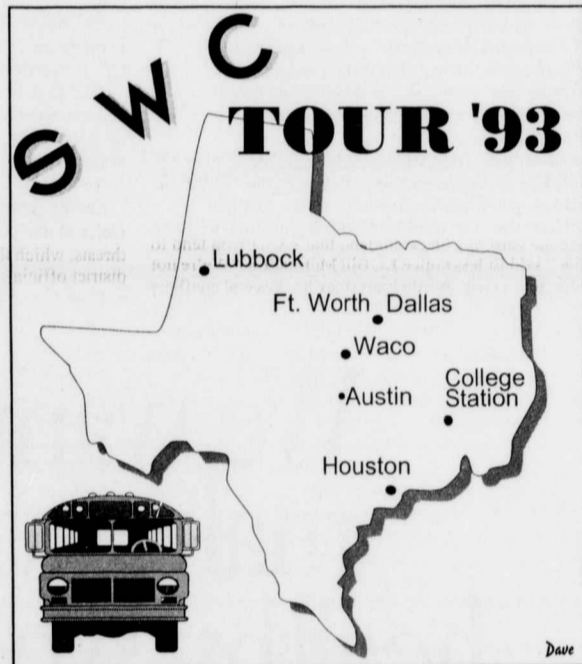
Texas A&M returns eight starters to a defense that ranked fifth in the nation in '92. Gone are All-Americans Patrick Bates and Marcus Buckley, but with the talent remaining on the A&M defense, the Aggies should once again possess one of the most dominating defenses in America.

The strength of the defensive unit will be the line, where four experienced seniors return to anchor the defense.

The linebackers will be led by Butkus Award candidate Jason Atkinson, who will head an inexperienced but hungry group that hopes to wreak havoc on opposing offenses.

With the loss of Patrick Bates and Derrick Frazier, the secondary may be the one weakness in the Aggie defense. This group will be led by SWC Defensive Newcomer of the Year Aaron Glenn, but behind Glenn are a group of inexperienced defensive backs that Aggie fans hope

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# Sports

## Southwest Conference in '93: A new era or same old story?

by Ty Benz  
**Sports Columnist**



The dawning of a new, brighter age is beginning in the Southwest Conference in 1993.

There is a new commissioner in Steve Hatchell, who will try to bring the SWC back to respectability. There is a new breed of coaches: Chuck Reedy at Baylor, John Mackovic at Texas, Kim Helton at Houston and Pat Sullivan at TCU. There is a national championship contender in Texas A&M, ranked No. 4 in the Associated Press pre-season poll.

"I have a lot of confidence in Steve Hatchell and feel really good about the Southwest Conference," Sullivan said. "I think the conference is on the rise."

Everything points to that direction, especially after signing a deal that will send the third place team to the Alamo Bowl.

But despite the new "age" of SWC football, the same problem remains: the teams are still the same.

The Aggies are the only legitimate team in the conference that has no big question mark... on the playing field. The Aggies return 17 starters from last year's 12-1 Cotton Bowl team (that was mere fodder for Notre Dame to chew up and spit out), and have a good chance at winning the national title.

But a fog is still looming over the program, because the NCAA is not through investigating the pay scandal at A&M yet, and everyone is still nervous after the University of Washington got hammered by the NCAA and put on probation for the next, oh, 1000 years. If the same thing happens to A&M, everyone in the SWC will commit hari kari and the Cotton Bowl will be even worse than last year's 28-3 loss to the Fighting Irish.

Yes, it could be even worse than that.

The NCAA's examinations will determine the fate of 1993 for the SWC. If all goes well, or the proceedings can be stalled until after this year (who cares about ethics, this is the SWC), then 1993 can be a positive year, because while the

teams aren't great, they are building for the future.

But at Texas A&M, the future is now.

The Aggies have 11 senior starters and if they want to win it all, this is their year. Led by linebacker Jason Atkinson and junior defensive end Sam Adams, "The Wrecking Crew" defense will once again create havoc among SWC foes.

But the offense is still trying to get out of the stone age and develop any type of passing game. Sophomore quarterback Corey Pullig had better deliver this year or else the Aggies could be had... early and often. Two big games against Louisiana State and Oklahoma will determine how good the Aggies will be in 1993. If the Aggies drop either or both of those games, it will be a long year at College Station.

The other big traditional power

question is will it be with the SWC, but that's for a later column).

And two small, private schools could make some noise this year as Baylor and Rice each return potent offenses that will score a lot of points this year. The only problem for them is their defenses, which will have a lot of trouble stopping people.

Baylor returns four-year starting quarterback J.J. Joe, who has haunted TCU and Texas his entire career, and eight other starters. This will give the Bears something that Baylor fans will love, an upset over the Aggies.

Yes, you heard it here first: the Bears, behind Joe's passing and running, will shock A&M and ruin the Aggies' chance for a national championship. Unfortunately for the Bears, their defense will make them lose other SWC games and deny them a trip to the Cotton Bowl.

The Owls will feature something new: a quarterback who runs a 4.3 40-yard dash. Bert Emanuel will direct an Owls' offense that will be one of the league's best. Emanuel will win the SWC Offensive Player of the Year in 1993 and make some national all-star teams. Unfortunately for Rice, their defense will be awful and the Owls are destined for a .500 finish.

Now it gets a little ugly, as we get to the bottom of the conference. Houston will be exciting with their run-and-shoot offense, but exciting doesn't win games. SMU will be just bad, period.

Finally, we have TCU.

The Frogs will be either very good (six or seven wins) or really bad (a repeat of last year's struggles). It will all depend on the offense. TCU won't have to score many points (except against Houston and Baylor), but cannot have any turnovers. If that happens, the combination of a good defense and a soft schedule could mean success for TCU in '93.

It will be an interesting year for the Southwest Conference in 1993 as it tries to shed its *So What Conference?* image and move forward possibly even to expansion.

But that all depends on the A&M investigation and how fast the young teams can mature this year. If the progress is slow, then 1993 could be another brutal year for the SWC.

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mature quickly. The defense of Texas A&M is what gets most of the credit for the team's success. But the Aggies have a chance to be a very powerful offensive team in 1993 as well.

Nine starters return to the Aggie offense, two of which combined to form one of the best backfields in America in '92.

Juniors Greg Hill and Rodney Thomas combined to pick up 2,195 yards on the ground last season. Each of these two superstars should turn in monster years in '93 as they look to showcase their talents for NFL scouts.

Hill and Thomas should find plenty of room to run, as the Texas A&M offensive line is one of the best in the country. The combination of a solid offensive line and two explosive running backs should allow the

Aggies to run the ball as well or even better than they did last season.

Sophomore quarterback Corey Pullig returns to run the Aggie offense. The Texas A&M offense averaged 38 points per game in contests started by Pullig last year, and if that pace continues in 1993, the Aggies will be nearly unstoppable. If the Aggies can combine a solid year from Pullig with the talents of their two phenomenal running backs, Texas A&M could be a very fun team to watch offensively.

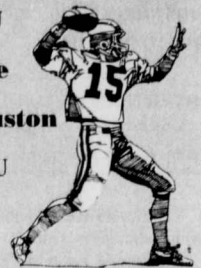
Picked No. 4 in the Associated Press pre-season poll, the Texas A&M Aggies may actually have a better team in 1993 than they did in '92. That is a scary thought considering the hell they put opposing SWC teams through last season. It should all add up to another perfect regular season for the Aggies, as they will leave the rest of the SWC in the dust on their way to consecutive Cotton Bowl No. 3.

Prediction: 1st.

## Sports views

Predictions '93

1. Texas A&M
2. Baylor
3. Texas Tech
4. Texas
5. TCU
6. Rice
7. Houston
8. SMU



## Cowboys, Bears square off

By JOE MOOSHIL  
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Chicago Bears coach Dave Wannstedt says a loss against the Dallas Cowboys on Friday won't make much difference, even though it would give Chicago its first winless preseason since 1978.

"My main concern is to make our football team better going into the season," Wannstedt said Thursday. He said he plans to use his starters the first half before giving others another evaluation chance prior to making final cuts Monday.

The Bears are 0-3 and the Cowboys are 1-2-1 going into the game that pits Dallas coach Jimmy Johnson against Wannstedt, Johnson's defensive coordinator for the Super Bowl champion Cowboys last season.

Johnson said he has mixed emotions about the game. "In a game like this, I would like to see both the Cowboys and the Bears look very, very sharp and come out without an injury."

Quarterback Troy Aikman, who had disc surgery and made his first appearance last week in Dallas' 23-20 loss to Houston, will start again and play the first half.

"Normally, we would pull back our first team on

offense in the last preseason game," said Johnson. "But because of Aikman's lack of playing time, we'll play the first unit the first half."

Johnson said Aikman's back "was not a concern because he was aggressive in his play, but he was a little rusty. He made us a little nervous with his scrambling but overall I felt he did a good job."

Aikman completed 12 of 17 passes for 141 yards against Houston.

"I don't feel any restrictions from the surgery," Aikman said. "I feel like I'm able to move like I did before the surgery and I haven't been limited in any of my throws. I don't think it's going to alter the way I play the game."

The Bears' Jim Harbaugh played the first half of each game against Philadelphia and Phoenix and three quarters of Monday night's 20-14 loss at New Orleans.

Harbaugh has completed 23 of 44 passes for 227 yards and one touchdown although he has not had a full set of receivers because of injuries to Anthony Morgan, Tom Waddle and rookie Curtis Conway.

Both teams will be without their No. 1 tailback, Emmitt Smith, who led the NFL in rushing last season, has been in a contract dispute with Dallas.

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## INSIGHT

## The flood of '93: during and after

## Hydrogeologist: Man to blame for disastrous Midwest flooding

By CHRIS NEWTON  
TCU Daily Skiff

With the record-breaking floods in the Midwest finally coming to an end, many scientists have begun to study why the disaster happened and what effects it will have on the survivors.

Neven Kresic, professor of geology who teaches a course in hydrology, has a very unique perspective.

"It is man's fault," Kresic said. "By building levees in an attempt to change nature and control nature we should realize that we created much of the disaster the region experienced," he said.

Kresic was referring to the four major levees in the Midwest that collapsed due to intense pressure from severe rain. He also believes that the disaster would have been much less severe if there had been fewer levees.

"If nature is allowed to run its course, the flooding would have happened at a steady rate, very slowly and evenly," he said. "But because man sees fit to install levees, which hold water back unnaturally, you have a much more dangerous situation if those levees break," he said. "The result is similar to a tidal wave."

Levees turn major floods into disasters that can lead to loss of lives, said Kresic.

"Levees are man's attempt to control that which is uncontrollable: nature," he said. "When homes are built right next to levees and those levees break, obviously everything is going to be washed away."

Residents of the area are not the only victims of the flood. The environment is also in severe danger because of water contamination and

destruction of plant life.

"If no one lived in the Midwest region and the flood occurred, there would be no damage to the environment," Kresic said. "But apparently there were a great deal of spills, including oil tanks, sewage and chemical treatment plants that could conceivably poison the water supply and harm the natural life."

Unfortunately Kresic predicts that the same disaster could happen again at any given time. It also could be repeated in any part of the nation where there are levees.

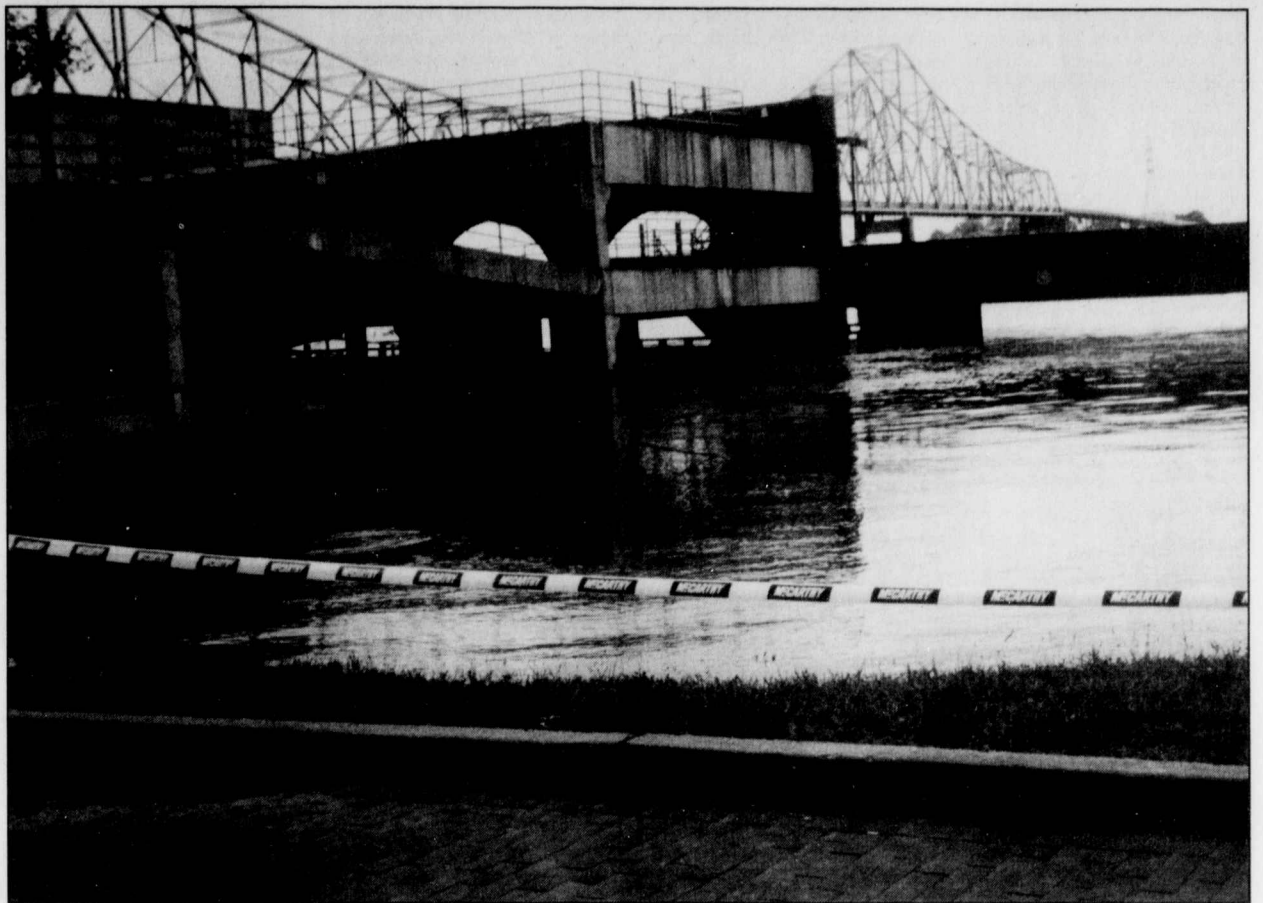
"The floods were a humbling experience for scientists," Kresic said. "It showed us that we have no way of predicting what will happen where the weather is concerned. Accurate weather predictions, if possible, would require centuries of data," he said. "We have about 200 years. The weather is truly a random process."

Although the flooding was the most severe in American history, all signs of the flood will be gone in six months to a year, he said. The water level will return to normal and agriculture will resume.

"The only thing that needs to be decided is what we will do in the future to prevent this from happening, though it is probably unpreventable," he said. "Higher levees are not the answer."

And although the physical effects of the flood may soon be gone, its psychological effects on the residents may remain.

Holly Taylor, assistant professor of psychology, believes that a disaster like this can create many psychological problems in the family and the community.



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Floodwaters from the nearby Mississippi River almost covered this 4-story parking garage in downtown St. Louis.

"In any disaster of this type, a great deal of mental stress is placed on the family unit," Taylor said. "Parents are worried about shelter and food while the children are concerned about the loss of their favorite teddy bear. Often times the needs of the children can be ignored. Everyone's

worries are legitimate."

Communities can also be affected by a mass disaster, Taylor said.

"Typically there are two responses to a situation like this: Either a community bonds together and helps one another survive, or the community becomes disjointed in an 'every-

man-for-himself' effort," she said.

In either case, both the individual family and the community must eventually grow from the experience, Taylor said.

Kresic agrees. He said the victims of such an immense natural disaster must look to the future.

"The community should pick up the pieces, get on with their lives and endeavor to become more involved in the process of preparing for a disaster that could happen again next year or in 50 years," he said. "It's something we must learn to live with."

## Student gives firsthand account of Midwest toils

By TERESA M. HALE  
TCU Daily Skiff

Editor's note: The following is a firsthand account of the flooding near St. Louis this summer.

Tourism is down in Missouri these days.

Flooding in the Midwest affected many rural and suburban areas of Iowa, Missouri and Illinois; it will affect the economies and food and water supplies in many more states.

April and May brought heavy rain to the Midwest, forcing the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers and their

tributaries to "near flood stage."

In late June, the Army Corps of Engineers in St. Louis warned that rain in the already flooded lands upriver, coupled with the rain in St. Louis, would cause severe flooding in the St. Louis area. St. Louis was the southernmost city to flood because the Mississippi River triples in capacity south of the city.

Day after day the rain poured, raising all bodies of water in the Midwest to extreme heights as people in the area and throughout the nation watched the rivers and waited.

Soon, the National Weather Ser-

vice began to mark each new crest.

In St. Louis, the rain not only brought excess water to the rivers, ditches, creeks, yards and gutters, but also left the sewers with no place to drain.

The sewers backed up and drainage ditches, which were unable to flow into the already-swollen Mississippi and Missouri Rivers, flooded into basements and garages.

Levees and flood walls, which had protected the city during high water in 1973, sprung leaks, cracked and crashed down, succumbing to record amounts of water.

The flood reached two main areas of the St. Louis city and county. The first was in south St. Louis where the River Des Peres ditch drains into the Mississippi River. The other was the city of Lemay, an area of South St. Louis County where the Mississippi River rapidly topped flood walls, which were designed to control the rapid rise of the flood waters but could not.

Numerous other nearby areas were affected also. In fact, the three national networks' evening news and Cable News Network seldom included in their reports that the

urban areas of St. Louis and the downtown business district were still thriving despite the flooded areas near the city.

Once the floodwaters reached the area, officials began massive evacuations.

Cne St. Louis official said that in the area along the River Des Peres drainage ditch, only 30 of the 7,000 families evacuated had homes that were actually reached by flood waters. Some 6,600 homes were evacuated due to a propane gas leak scare; 370 were evacuated in anticipation of more flooding.

Evacuees were sent out of their neighborhoods with as much as they could carry in one trip. Some were forced to leave their cars, others their pets. Some traveled home from a hard day at work only to discover that they would not be allowed into their neighborhoods and homes until an undefined date.

The victims left to stay with relatives or sought shelter at church shelters and Red Cross shelters around St. Louis.

Harriett Smith of St. Louis and her family were angry with Mother Nature and with the City of St. Louis. Her home never actually touched water, but authorities made them evacuate their residence three different times between July 12 and August 1.

Although Smith and her family moved in with her parents when they were evacuated, living away from home for weeks was very expensive, she said.

"I couldn't work because I couldn't move the kids," she said. "Scotty (the youngest) is 10 years old and he was terrified."

St. Louis turned off all of Smith's utilities July 12 when the River Des Peres, two blocks away, rose to a record level of 43 feet, she said.

"I felt that the city turned off the utilities too early," she said. "Forty-three feet was 2 feet below the top of the levee. They could have waited and given us a little more notice."

The basement of the Smith home, like many other homes in the area, reeked of backed-up sewers, filthy flood water and rotten food from the freezer, now ruined, which she was never allowed to clean out in the hurried evacuation and power cut.

However, the efforts of volunteer workers helped Smith through the rough time and made a difference,

she said.

Residents got to know people and neighbors they had never seen or known before, Smith said.

"To get help, all you had to do was holler," she said.

The number of volunteers grew as quickly as the swollen rivers.

Residents of the three states, their families and friends, their co-workers, United States National Guard troops, American Red Cross volunteers and employees, Salvation Army workers and St. Louis city employees abandoned jobs and leisure time to join in and help their neighbors.

Small children brought drinks to sandbaggers. Volunteers and paid employees alike rushed out with all their friends, ready to help. They filled sandbags, hauled them to flood sites, passed them down assembly lines to levees and packed sandbags into broken levees or used them to form new levees and poured gravel behind the sandbags to reinforce the newly formed flood walls.

Still more workers directed victims and manned checkpoints to keep unwelcome visitors, gawkers, media and sometimes even residents out of flooded neighborhoods.

Some went door-to-door, warning the public to get out of their homes during flash floods, which often filled one-story homes in less than one hour.

Some delivered food and water to residents who had opted to remain in "voluntary evacuation" areas, which were without utilities.

The American Red Cross called in resources and workers from all over the country. Volunteers and employees from all 50 states and Puerto Rico were working in the St. Louis area as of August 15, said Angie Carrillo, an American Red Cross public affairs officer who was called in from San Francisco to assist.

The American Red Cross assessed damages to personal belongings of the victims and provided merchant vouchers to replenish many basic home furnishings. Those helped provide for items that insurance would not cover, Carrillo said.

The Red Cross also is providing 24-hour nursing and mental health assistance to victims, volunteers and employees.

The Salvation Army called in

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This sign halfway up the steps to the St. Louis Gateway Arch warned visitors to steer clear of the contaminated floodwater from the Mississippi River.

# News

## Conference tries to prevent teens from joining gangs

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McALLEN, Texas — Speakers at an anti-gang conference Thursday encouraged teen-agers to make positive decisions early in life to stay out of trouble later.

But two 14-year-olds in the back of the auditorium quietly confided with smiles that they've made their choice.

"When you are in a gang, it's respect," said a boy named Rogelio.

Rogelio's answer — the need for belonging and esteem among peers — is one of the biggest reasons that gangs are a growing crisis, say organizers of the three-day conference.

The conference, called "The Epidemic," is sponsored by the newly created Southwest Hispanic Insti-

tute. It brought together at-risk teen-agers, past and current gang members, social workers, volunteers and state and federal government representatives.

Only occasionally tuning in to the speakers at McAllen Civic Center, Rogelio and his friend Eloy told a reporter that they wanted to stay in their gang, which they call the Latin Kings.

The most popular students, including the athletes and high-grade achievers, are members of gangs at their junior high school in the border town of Hidalgo, they said.

Rogelio and Eloy said they joined the gang to be with their friends and protect themselves from students from rival neighborhoods.

"You always have people to back you up. That's why you get in

gangs," Rogelio said.

The two said they didn't expect to be killed or wind up in prison, and added they haven't been hanging out with their group much recently because they don't want to be kicked off the football team.

Actor-director Edward James Olmos made separate appearances Wednesday and Thursday to tell the teen-agers to look for positive choices, not excuses, in educating themselves and setting their aspirations.

"Society can't help you after a certain point because you have to learn it your own way," Olmos said. "The choices that you make are yours."

Olmos, known for his roles as a narcotics lieutenant in "Miami Vice" and as teacher Jaime Escalante in the film "Stand and Deliver," showed

students at Pharr-San Juan-Alamo North High School the debut of a documentary about the perils of gang life.

The documentary "Lives in Hazard" depicts the lives of the real gang members he used to make his film "American Me," the story of a Mexican-American gang from the East Los Angeles neighborhood where Olmos grew up.

The documentary, punctuated with Latino rap music and Spanish slang, shows what happened in real life to some of the extras in "American Me." Some wound up in prison, some got shot, and others decided to get out of gangs.

Anti-gang messages are difficult to convey to teen-agers amid the poverty, racism and violence that they grow up in, said Father Marshall

Gourley after he spoke to about 60 youngsters Thursday afternoon.

Gourley, a Roman Catholic priest from Denver who drew national attention with a hunger strike against gang violence this summer, said many Hispanic teens don't have positive identities about their past or high expectations for the future.

"It was never easy to be a kid. But it's especially not easy to be a kid now with this cutting off of the past and cutting off of the future," he said.

The Southwest Hispanic Institute in Edinburg, which is seeking funds to conduct a variety of anti-gang and anti-drug programs in the Rio Grande Valley, is putting on the conference through Saturday.

The Institute was founded six months ago by Guillermo "Chuco"

Valesquez, who describes himself as an ex-gang member from Laredo. He also founded the Midwest Hispanic Institute in Lansing, Mich., where he has organized similar conferences.

His wife, Cookie Bader-Velasquez, a chief conference organizer, said the number of at-risk teen-agers is growing each year in the Valley, which she said was overlooked by federal programs aimed at gangs and drugs.

"When you work with gang kids, and you see them every year a little younger," said Mrs. Bader-Velasquez, director of crime prevention and drug education at the Pharr-San Juan-Alamo Independent School District. "It's a scary situation."

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national resources to feed and care for 168,000 people in the three-state area.

The employees and volunteers of the Salvation Army served 253,000 meals from mobile units and 228,000 meals in feeding centers during their Emergency Response effort from early July until the final crest occurred in early August, said a Salvation Army spokesperson.

The Board of Public Service for St. Louis city authorities, which handled the watch of the rising waters, the inspection and engineering of levees, the construction and design of sand-bag walls, the inspection of damaged houses, the surveying of affected

areas in St. Louis and the instruction of volunteers, had a 24-hour post near the flood site in St. Louis.

Residents and flood relief agents currently assessing the damage and beginning the cleanup. The disaster is expected to last six to eight more weeks as the waters recede in St. Louis, a Salvation Army spokesperson said.

In the cleanup process, water is pumped out of homes, damage is repaired and possessions are either dried out or thrown out, the spokesperson said.

The Salvation Army's primary goal is to have the victims home for Christmas, he said.

## Midland cleans up after downpour

MIDLAND (AP) — City maintenance crews are hauling dirt and debris from intersections and continuing to pump water from streets flooded by a 6-inch downpour.

Hail, lightning and 55-mph winds pummeled parts of Midland from midnight to about 2 a.m. Wednesday. No serious injuries were reported.

The storm trapped a firefighter in his truck and caused at least a dozen

motorists to abandon their stalled cars. Portions of the roof collapsed at several stores at Kingsway Mall.

City engineer James Robertson said most affected roads were reopened by Thursday, but city workers were still pumping water from the Wadley-Barron Park area, where water in the street got as deep as 4 feet, Robertson said. Several nearby homes flooded.

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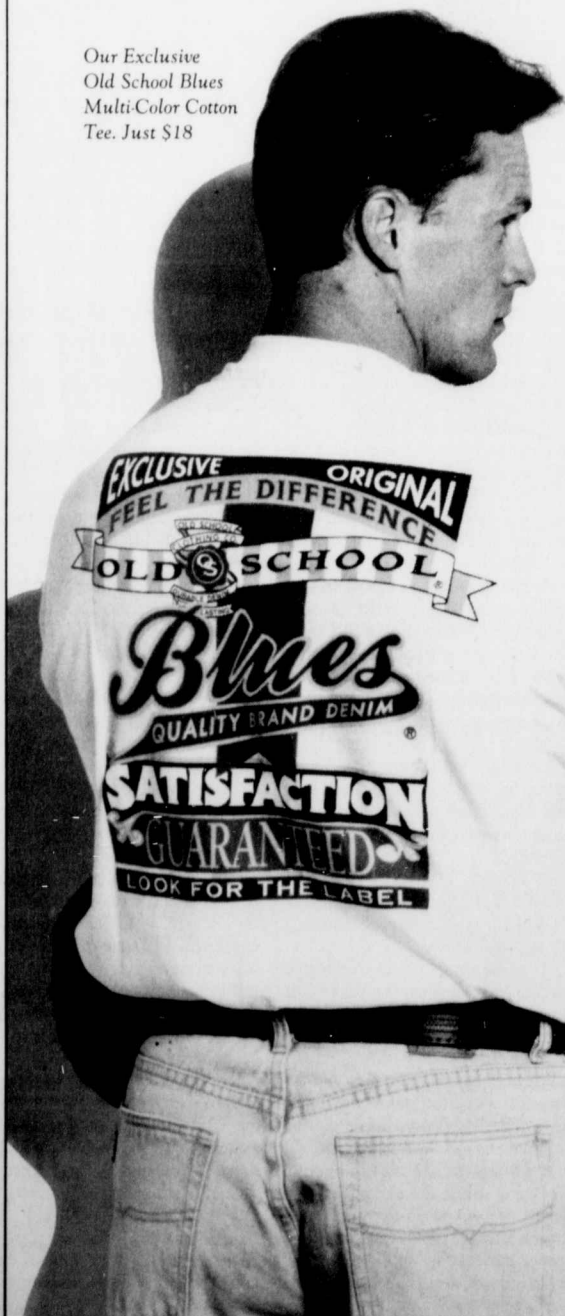
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