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College 88.7 to add interview show

By RICK WATERS
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College 88.7, formerly KTCU, will add an information and interview show to its "Lunchtime News and Information Hour" format beginning Sept. 21, said Paul McManus, the station's program director.

The new program, airing Tuesdays and Thursdays will be more of an "issue-probing" show than a news

broadcast, McManus said.

"We're wanting to have a solid one hour block of news and information," said Andy Haskett, College 88.7's station manager. "The new show will fit nicely into our noon hour news format."

The show will run about five to 10 minutes beginning at 12:25 p.m. and gradually increase in time after the first few weeks, McManus said. Syndicated news shows will fill up the remaining time block until the

interview show fills 30 minutes, he said.

"The first couple of weeks we will go very slow with it (the show)," McManus said. "But as we do the show twice a week and get some experience with it, we can go more in depth and lengthen it."

Joe Connor, a junior broadcast journalism major and the station's news director, will host the show, which will feature regular interviews and occasional round table discus-

sions, McManus said.

"The show will be different from the broadcast news show that airs right before Joe Connor's show," McManus said. "He's going to do a lot of different things, ranging from student forums to one-on-one interviews with people in the community."

Connor said the show will discuss issues from world and campus news

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Exhibit shows national parks in 'clearer light'

By JULIE HYNES
TCU Daily Skiff

Picturesque scenes of U.S. national parks are the subjects of a photography exhibit that will be held today through Sept. 24 in the Student Center Lounge.

The exhibit, "By A Clearer Light," is sponsored by the Visual Arts Committee of Programming Council. The photographs were first displayed in honor of the National Park Service's 75th anniversary in 1991.

Comments taken directly from the daily journals of David Halpern, the photographer, will accompany the images.

"The remarks reflect my personal opinions and observations," Halpern said in an Exhibits USA brochure on the exhibit. "They are not intended to reflect the views of the National Park Service."

Halpern earned his bachelor's degree in art from Vanderbilt University. He has worked in advertising, marketing and public relations for 15 years, but never gave up his interests in photography, which began early in his life.

Halpern's work has been exhibited in museums and galleries from Denver, Colo., to Washington, D.C. since 1974, according to the exhibit's brochure.

The brochure also mentioned that since 1984, Halpern has taken annual visits to the Rocky Mountain National Park as an artist-in-residence to enjoy the beauty nature has to offer.

"I have been known to stand in one spot for more than an hour, waiting for a precise light, for the winds to calm, or watching cloud movements," Halpern said in the brochure.

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Two of the Mariachi Zacatecas perform for students Wednesday in the Student Center as part of the Hispanic Month opening ceremonies.

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30 worshippers meet to promote prayer in school

By TASHA ZEMKE
TCU Daily Skiff

Early Wednesday morning, while most people were still sleeping, a group of 30 students was joining hands around the flagpole in front of Sadler Hall to pray and promote prayer in schools.

"See You at the Pole" was started five years ago by students who wanted to pray for their friends, their school and their country; today the movement is international, according to a National Legal Foundation newsletter.

According to the newsletter, students are backed by the National Legal Foundation to pray publically on school campuses. Since 1988 students have been demonstrating their Christianity in prayer around flagpoles nationwide.

In a nation where there are so many religions, the worshippers don't want to force attitudes but make Christianity possible in schools so students can practice their religion, said Scott Wheatley, a sophomore political science major.

Some of the students who gathered for the 7 a.m. prayers said they were there to practice their freedom of reli-

gion and to pray for students who aren't allowed to pray in school.

"You're allowed to pray in some schools, but it has to be student-led," said Kerry Henderson, a sophomore premajor.

Parents thought prayer in school was forcing religion upon their children, said Steve McKinney, a sophomore business major. Today, Americans have reverse religious discrimination, he said.

"It's a real blessing that Jesus lets us do this today," McKinney said.

The group came here as Christians who care about the university and the students, said La'Netia Taylor, a sophomore radio-TV-film major.

"We've claimed this campus for Jesus Christ," Taylor said. "We want to share who Jesus is; he's not some idiot in Waco."

"We're not out here today because others will see us," McKinney said. "We're here because we think God will listen."

Students took turns giving prayers as they stood, hands joined, in a circle around the pole at dawn. Some listened to the words of others, silent, heads bowed and eyes closed. Others

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Duval leaves Rec Sports

Director says university would be lucky to find intramural director's replacement by Christmas

By JOHN J. LUMPKIN
TCU Daily Skiff

Intramural Director Trey Duval is on his way up in the world of recreational sports.

Duval, 29, has accepted a position as director of recreational sports at Loyola Marmount University in Los Angeles.

Loyola Marmount is a private Catholic liberal arts university with 4,400 students. Duval's last day at the university was Sept. 15; he will start his new job Sept. 20.

"We're going to miss him," said Steve Kintigh, TCU's director of recreational sports. "He's been here four years, and the programs have continued to grow and expand."

Duval has enjoyed his time at the university, he said.

"It's going to be difficult to leave," he said last week. "But I am excited about being a director and being out in southern California."

Kintigh will take over Duval's

duties and initiate the search for his replacement, he said.

Duval's absence shouldn't significantly affect the intramural programs this semester, Kintigh said.

"He's been here to get this year started," he said. "I don't think it will affect participation. The first two sports (softball and sand volleyball) are underway."

Kintigh said he will try to replace Duval as quickly as possible.

"We'll post in the community," he said. "Realistically, we may be lucky to get someone by Christmas."

True to his title, Duval said he has overseen intramural sports and been responsible for the hiring and training of intramural officials.

"My goal has been to improve the program," he said. "I think we've done pretty well. Our department's relationship with the people that participate is pretty good."

Duval said he will be in charge of

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Health care

Texas health organizations wary of side effects of president's proposal

By MICHELE GRAY
TCU Daily Skiff

Editor's note: Some data in this article was originally printed in Time Magazine, the Los Angeles Times, the New York Times and the Washington Post and by the Associated Press.

The details of President Bill Clinton's health care package are still being finalized, but the 239-page plan has already begun to stir heated debates among critics and supporters of the proposal.

The plan calls for Americans to shift away from private doctors and move towards a less expensive medical means, such as in health-maintenance organizations (HMO). Clinton's plan sets up a federally controlled cost cutting measure that would limit the incomes of doctors, hospitals, insurers and drug manufacturers.

The president's plan would cost \$700 billion over five years. The plan would be paid for by a \$1-a-pack tax on cigarettes and monies saved in other federal health-care programs such as Medicaid and Medicare.

The plan proposes that \$91 billion will be left over for the deficit after all the costs have been totaled.

Dr. Bohn Allen, Tarrant County Medical Society President, said the financing for these measures are "nebulous at best."

"The concept of trying to get everybody health care without an increase to the budget is just crazy," Allen said. "Health care is infinite and on a grand scale prescribed. This is the price you're going to pay for it."

Under the plan, 37 million uninsured Americans will receive health benefits through their employers or through welfare services.

The concept for all employers to cover all

employees is admirable, Allen said, but small businesses will not be able to afford it.

Under Clinton's plan, employers are required to pay 80 percent of the cost of a premium which would leave 20 percent that the employee must pay. The White House estimates the policy would cost \$1,800 a year for an individual and \$4,200 for a two-parent family. Workers would have the option of selecting a more expensive plan.

About 80 percent of Americans are employed by small businesses, Allen said, and those employers will be forced to furnish these health benefits, which could cause more low-wage, low-skilled jobs to diminish, he said.

The plan would require small business employers to pay up to 8.5 percent of their payroll for health insurance.

"For example, a restaurant that employs part-time people would find it very difficult to manage," Allen said. "Those employers will have a problem because they are a small business and they will have to reduce the number of employees that work there."

Kim McKernan, director for Federal Government Relations for the House of Representatives in Washington, said the National Federation of Small Businesses, which has 600,000 members, is strongly against the plan currently proposed. Over 87 percent of NFIB members oppose any kind of employee mandate, McKernan said.

McKernan calls the plan a "job killer."

"All the details haven't been settled," she said.

"The plan could be changing as we speak. But the 80 percent requirement will be devastating and will stymie job growth."

In a recent survey compiled by Time/CNN, 56 percent of Americans believe their cost in medical care will increase under Clinton's health care package. Only 15 percent said they had confidence in the proposal.

The American Association of Retired Persons are strong allies of the President's plan. Mark Narvaez, AARP area health representative which covers five states, said AARP is supportive of the plan and in strong agreement with the benefits for drugs and long-term care.

The plan calls for federal subsidies for prescription drugs and patients would be able to pay only \$4 a prescription. Also, new benefits would include long-term care for the elderly who could opt for medical care at home as an alternative to hospitalization.

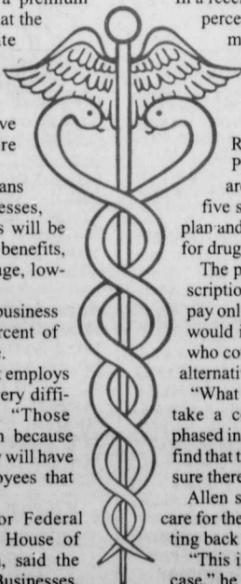
"What we can see coming forth is a plan to take a comprehensive look at the systems phased in a couple of years," Narvaez said. "We find that this is a window of opportunity to make sure there are comprehensive reforms."

Allen said the only problem with long-term care for the elderly is the government will be cutting back on reimbursement.

"This is the biggest concern likely to form a case," he said.

One aspect of the plan Allen disagrees with is the proposal of a target budget or global budget. Allen said that would consist of spending a certain amount of dollars on health care and not exceed-

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International Students Association will meet at 5 p.m. today. Check the Student Center Information Desk for location. Call Ingrid Roa at 926-4038.

Leadership program application deadline for classes is Friday. Call 921-7927.

The Campuswide Building Community Retreat will be Saturday and Sunday at the Greene Family Camp in Bruce, Texas. Students can register in the Alcohol and Drug Education, International Students Association, Minority Affairs, Recreational Sports or University Ministries offices. Call 921-7100.

Panhellenic is sponsoring an All-Campus Forum about eating disorders at 10 p.m. Sept. 21. Call the Student Activities Office.

Programming Council presents "I Now Pronounce You Murdered," a dinner theater, Sept. 22 in the Student Center Ballroom. For reservations, call the information desk by Thursday.

Women's Eating Disorders Group is forming. The group will meet from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Fridays. Call Dr. Lisa Rollins-Garcia at 921-7863 for an initial screening appointment.

An all-woman indoor volleyball team is forming. Call Rachel LaMonica at 924-2679.

Corrections

Due to a production error, the article "Former resident of Middle East evaluates peace accord" (page 1) in yesterday's paper was cut short.

Also, the registration for the Uniting Campus Ministries Retreat was Tuesday, not Wednesday as stated in "Ministries retreat celebrates diversity, builds community" (page 6).

The Skiff regrets the errors.

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to sports and the arts.

"The emphasis is not on the news itself but on the issues behind the whos, whats, wheres, whens and whys," he said.

The new show is the latest effort in a series of changes the station is doing to transform its image and draw a larger off-campus audience, Haskett said.

"The show Joe and Paul are working on is not like anything being done on commercial radio stations," he said. "This kind of show was made famous on National Public Radio's morning shows. We're trying to adapt that to what we're doing."

The station conglomerated the news segments that had been scat-

tered throughout the day on the old format, Haskett said. The new format "clumps" the news into one time slot, he said.

Connor said the new type of show will be good for listeners on and off campus.

"It's going to be a good setting for the issues to be discussed in an academic environment," he said.

The station expects the show to be successful after it has had time to establish itself, Haskett said.

"The show is going to need to take time to develop itself for it to be a success," he said. "People will listen if it's relevant to the college environment and beyond."

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looked up at the flag and added their opinions and prayers.

Prayers included requests for "civility of mind and for the unity of Christians" and "gentleness and respect to help other students."

"I pray for the children of America and the world, that they may have the strength to live in Christ, as we live our life in Christ on campus and in our workplace," Ryan Clausen, a sophomore business major, told the assembly.

"We're here for the sharing of Christ's love," Wheatley said.

Students need a place set aside in school where they can go to fulfill their spiritual needs, Clausen said.

Schools have nurses for medical needs and teachers for academic needs, but no pastor for students to talk to when they have spiritual needs, he said.

Students need someone they can trust, like a pastor, said Clausen. He said religion is especially needed where there are drugs in schools at such young ages.

Wheatley pointed out the cornerstone of Reed Hall: "Texas Christian University — Dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ in Christian Education."

"I'd like to see this continue," Wheatley said.

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Luther Smith, professor of photography, understands the work involved in producing good pictures.

"Taking photographs is done in steps just as a creative writing project is done," Smith said.

"There is more to writing a paper than just typing words," he said. "This is also true of taking good pictures. You do not just snap the button."

Some of the photos being presented are scenes from Yellowstone National Park, Wyo., Great Smoky

Mountain National Park, Tenn.—N.C., Rocky Mountain National Park, Colo., and Glacier National Park, Mont.

Halpern said in the brochure that he would like to share these "national treasures" with the world.

"If this helps to intensify your vision and develop a greater appreciation of these areas that have become part of our heritage to protect and pass on to future generations, then my work will have been successful," he said in the brochure.

Wicca's Guild

by Mark Castle



College

by Dan Killeen



Calvin and Hobbes

by Bill Watterson



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ing this amount. "You can't ration health care," Allen said. "It has to take care of people. Rationed health care could entitle that a person can't receive a lung or heart transplant."

The bottom line, Allen and Narvaez believe, comes down to the states playing a major role in the forming of the health care package. The states will be given guidelines,

and the national initiative will leave a lot of room for state implementation, Narvaez said.

The president's health care plan will be presented to congressional leaders next Tuesday and televised to the public next Wednesday night.

Currently, the United States and South Africa are the only industrialized countries without universal health coverage.

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bringing Loyola Maramount's program up to speed and getting it ready for a new recreational building.

"I need to get out there and figure out how they run things," he said.

And where will he go from there?

"I could move on to be a director of a larger school with more staff," he said. "I haven't really thought ahead."

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Opinion

Your parents know best - they have already been through it all



BETH AINE BOLLINGER

Every fall, parents go through the agony of leaving their child alone to fend for him- or herself. They inevitably make one last urgent attempt to equip their child with every bit of knowledge necessary to survive away from home.

The feeling of panic creeps up on parents as they are packing bags and boxes into the car for the drive to school. With each box of precious cargo packed, they feel their "little baby" drifting away. In their state of panic, parents give advice on subjects they couldn't know anything about.

This panic hit my parents the night before I left for my freshman year of college at a small school in Tennessee. I was closing one last box of junk when my mother came

into my room.

"Honey, I wanted to make sure you're doing all right in here," she said. "Can I help you with anything?"

The look on her face said it all. She had something crucial to tell me. I did my best to look interested. "I wanted to tell you to be careful. Don't go out after dark alone, you could get into trouble. Be careful when you go out on dates: someone could hurt you," mom said in her best June Cleaver voice.

"I almost forgot, if you find someone you love, wait. If you can't wait, use protection," she said as her face turned red.

All I could muster was a "Thanks, Mom."

The next morning, as my parents

loaded my bags into the car, they went into a tag team bout of giving what I thought was useless advice.

"Just remember, you've got to study at least two or three hours for every hour you spend in the classroom," my dad said.

My mother said in her sweet voice, "Make sure you keep your room clean. No roommate could possibly stand your room at home. Drink your orange juice, you'll need the vitamin C. Don't stay out too late, you're still growing and you still need eight hours of sleep a night."

"And never wash your colors with whites," she said.

Like every freshman on her own for the first time in her life, I thought I knew everything. I thought there

was no possible way my parents could know about the experiences I would be having. I was determined not to let them live my life.

I stayed out late, I went to every party, I went on dates when I wanted, I didn't eat right and I avoided cleaning my room.

As the end of the first semester drew near, I realized my parents had been right. My grades were horrible, I was constantly sick, I was dating someone I couldn't stand, I had a roommate who couldn't stand living with me and all of my clothes that had been white were now a faded pink.

Everything my parents told me was true, I was just too proud to admit it.

So remember when your parents

start giving you advice, don't take it as a personal affront. They are not trying to live your life for you.

They know it is time to let go. They only want you to learn from the mistakes they made so you don't have to spend your valuable time going through the same thing. They are trying to give you the best start in life.

Listen to your parents and learn from the mistakes they made; they love you and want the best for you. Don't shrug them off. They have been through everything you are going through. Believe it or not, they understand.

Beth Aine Bollinger is a junior journalism major from Fort Worth, Texas.

EDITORIAL

Man charged in Plano murder

Alleged killer is a convicted felon, released early from prison

We were shocked and saddened when we learned of the abduction of young Ashley Nicole Estell of Plano on Sept. 4. But we held to the hope that somehow she would be safely returned to the family she had been taken from while they were watching a soccer game only few yards away.

Sadly, her body was found six miles from the abduction site the following day.

On Wednesday, police arrested Michael Blair of Dallas and charged him with the capital murder of Estell, according to a story by the Associated Press.

Blair is being held without bond in the Plano City Jail, according to the story.

Incidentally, Blair was sentenced to a 10-year prison term in 1988 for burglary and indecency with a child.

Blair is certainly a long way from conviction; in fact, it is certainly possible that he could be acquitted in the case. But if he is found guilty of this new crime, his early

release would represent a major failure in our justice system.

A man is found guilty of serious crimes and gets a well-deserved long prison term. Society feels a little bit safer for a while, only to have him released much earlier than expected to commit a new and much more heinous crime.

It's obvious little is done to truly reform criminals while they are incarcerated. If prison is not unpleasant enough to scare them away from future crime, nor educational enough to allow them to see the error of their ways, then something must be done to get the system out of its place in the middle.

As things stand, the wrong ones are slipping through to terrorize society once again.

Whatever the prison restructuring costs, it will be well worth it to avoid another nightmare like one the Estells are now enduring.



Driving while intoxicated still all too common

On the page with one of my recent columns, a house editorial appeared in the *Skiff* against drunk driving, mentioning the

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new, tougher laws going into effect. On the same page, the Purple Poll revealed 45 out of 100 people asked had driven while intoxicated (48

if you count the 3 who couldn't remember). I am often proud to be a student at TCU, but this alone makes my skin crawl. I commend those of you who would never drive drunk, but even if this admittedly informal poll was off by 25 percent then at least one fifth of you already have. Admittedly also the survey only asked if a person had driven drunk, not how often they did it or whether they would do it again. The number is flabbergasting nonetheless.

I will say what all of you have heard before: "Don't drink and drive." The conscious level of unsafe behavior involved is unique, unless of course you chose to drive without brakes or drive blindfolded. Neither of these are things you'd try sober. The question is, then, why are you willing to hop behind the wheel when you've put a few away? If you're someone who would never drive drunk, I apologize for having to bore you, but if you are someone who does or might, I only hope I can persuade you to reconsider.

I think the easiest way to explain my interest in the issue is to tell a story. It was about ten o'clock in the evening on Aug. 29 of this year. I had been to dinner with family and was headed back home to Burleson. I was driving south on I-35 behind a Med-Star ambulance when a drunk in a sport-utility vehicle decided to U-turn and drive north. The ambulance swerved, but I didn't. I was involved in a head-on collision, both of us going at high speeds. The ambulance was luckily on the scene without delay. They scraped me out of the car and sped me to the county hospital. I lost a lot of blood and they put a

rod in my leg to hold it together. I was released from the county hospital on Wednesday.

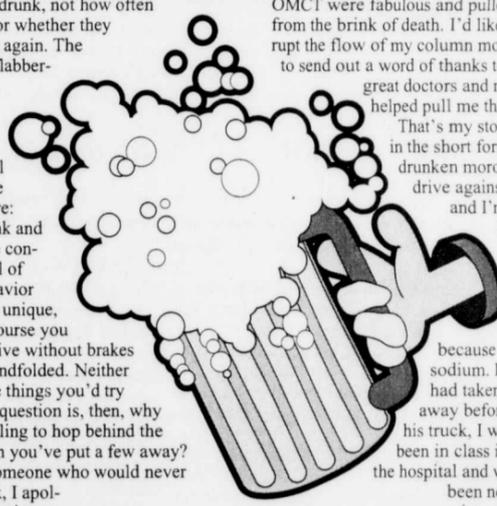
I saw the car I had been in. Had I been driving a front-engine car, the hot engine would have been driven back through my legs by the collision. Instead, my wonderful 1960 VW Bus took the hit in such a way as to only break one of my legs and leave the rest of me intact. I'm incredibly grateful for that, but it was simply luck. I crutched around the house until Sunday, a week after the accident, when I started acting delirious. My blood/sodium level was at 116 when they tested me at the Osteopathic Medical Center of Texas (OMCT). 115 is officially the seizure level, a point at which people have died. The doctors at OMCT were fabulous and pulled me back from the brink of death. I'd like to interrupt the flow of my column momentarily to send out a word of thanks to all the

great doctors and nurses who helped pull me through. That's my story, at least in the short form. Some drunken moron chose to drive against the grain and I'm almost killed twice because of it, first in the initial accident and then because of the low sodium. If someone had taken his keys away before he got in his truck, I would have been in class instead of in the hospital and would have been none the wiser.

There are many victims of DWI who don't get the chances I've had. On behalf of those countless dead as well as myself, I urge you not to

drive drunk. Bottom line, though, only you can choose to not drive drunk and to stop others from doing it. It's your decision, but it's not one you should take lightly. You might be able to drive drunk and get away with it. You might also hit a school bus full of children. When you're drunk your decision-making is not at its best. Decide now, decide carefully, and stick to your decision.

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Stability of Vietnamese economy not a U.S. concern

Our former enemy should have to deal with own problem

I was paging through my semi-erudite Webster's College Dictionary the other day, looking up the spelling of an obscure verb, when I happened upon the word "dong." I was surprised to find that dong has three distinct meanings.

MATT FLAHERTY

The third definition, the one that is relevant here, interestingly enough, refers to the Vietnamese standard unit of currency.

This means you can actually buy something in Vietnam with a handful of dongs. It may seem little more than odd party trivia, but I believe this tidbit bears relevance to current affairs; for after several decades of open hostility the Vietnamese government, still communist, is petitioning the United States to open trade between the two nations.

This question is rather sticky in America for obvious reasons. At the moment our government is treading in diplomatic limbo, ostensibly because of unresolved MIA questions. But I am inclined to look to the future and the possibility that Vietnam no longer holds American POWs.

Should the United States then warm diplomatic and economic relations?

In most cases involving old adversaries, as with the former Soviet Union, I would answer in the affirmative. Still, Vietnam differs from the old Evil Empire in several regards.

First and foremost, we fought an actual war with this nation and lost. Sending aid to a vanquished foe makes sense if the victor controls the situation; in Vietnam the forces of democracy don't control so much as a Kool-Aid stand.

Second, and incidental to the previous note, Vietnam is still openly communist, a status most Americans, present administration excepted, find unappealing. True, it may be inching toward a free market, but don't expect a Wal-Mart in Ho Chi Minh City

anytime soon.

Finally, in terms of national security, Vietnam is not so important as the fragmented Soviet republics, where the introduction of American capital can help stabilize a shaky situation while promoting free markets.

Vietnam differs from the old Soviet Union in all of these ways. A sizable portion of its population fought a war to expel the West and control the South. Twenty years later its communist government is inviting us back in the hopes a little trade and entrepreneurial experience can revive a socialist economy stuck in the mud.

American businessmen not surprisingly welcome the opportunity. Business is both necessary and fruitful, but in this case dongs should take a back seat to principle. Americans suffered greatly in Vietnam, some believing in the principles espoused by our government, some not.

The most compelling argument for U.S. investment in Vietnam, contrary to this position, concerns those Vietnamese citizens not responsible for their plight. Most significantly, we should think of the Southern Vietnamese who were abandoned after our withdrawal from the war. What has happened to these people? Millions were killed or imprisoned, and millions more fled the country.

It may be sad but true that few remain in Vietnam. In any case the Vietnamese government is not about to embrace American interests. Its primary concern is propping up a communist regime with American currency.

America can do without communist allies in Vietnam for now. Let one of the last bastions of Marxism work an economic miracle on its own terms, with its own dongs.

Matt Flaherty is a junior neuroscience major from Des Moines, Iowa

PURPLE POLL

Did you go to the prayer service at the flagpole Wednesday morning?

Yes - 3

No - 97

100 students were polled outside the Moudy Building Wednesday evening.

News

Internships let students learn 'how to' of future careers

By RACHEL LAMONICA
TCU Daily Skiff

Many things are important to receiving a degree in any field: two to four years of classes, lectures, notes and exams at a college or university. In today's corporate world, one more step has become increasingly necessary to guarantee employment after graduation: internships.

"There is no way to really learn the 'how to' of a job unless you actually experience it," said Jason Van Eaton, a senior political science major.

"It's almost a requirement to have had at least one internship before employers will look at you for a job," said Shannon Mooring, senior art history, finance and French triple major.

Mooring and Van Eaton both held

internships last summer in their prospective fields of interest.

Van Eaton said the trip to Washington, D.C., and Capitol Hill gave him the opportunity to spend half of his work time in commerce and the other half working for Senator Danforth of Missouri, Van Eaton's home state.

"Overall, I learned a lot about how long it takes to get things done politically and put them into practice," Van Eaton said.

Van Eaton said he called the senator's office in Washington and asked for an application, then sent the senator a resume, transcript and several reference letters.

The Phoenix, Ariz. Art Museum became Mooring's summer home. Mooring said she participated in a variety of positions ranging from

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SHANNON MOORING,
Senior, art history, finance
and French

selling art to auctions and other museums to the upkeep of the paintings.

"I was able to make many contacts this summer," she said, "and I was able to make up my mind that this is what I want to do as a career."

For students interested in interning in their chosen field of interest the

first step is to use the resources available, such as friends, business contacts or the TCU Career Planning and Placement Center. The Career Center is located in Student Center Room 220 and is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. It is open until 7 p.m. on Wednesdays only.

"The people in the Center are very friendly and helpful," Mooring said. "I had never been there, but they answered all my questions and now I have an internship lined up for next summer."

The university also has several programs where students can apply for internship positions in London and Washington, D.C., that are routinely filled, said Donald Jackson, professor of political science and pre-law advisor.

"A student would need to come in and fill in a form, list their long term career objectives, and what they want to achieve on an application and talk with me," Jackson said.

The interns chosen to go to London will stay at the Regent's College in Regent's Park with Americans, Europeans and other nationalities, Jackson said. Tuition, room and board will be paid just like a university in the states and the pay back for interning can give not only experience but also three hours of college credit, he said.

"There are two reasons for interning," Jackson said. "First, the experience gives contacts in the field of interest and can lead to permanent employment. Second, the experience is an excellent way to find out what not to do for a life career."

College students who take an internship are more likely to get a real world view and a life altering view than just an educational view, Jackson said.

Though students sitting in classrooms and receiving information is necessary to learn about their career choice, the practical application can make the book knowledge understandable, Van Eaton said.

"Internships are very valuable because in the classroom is the background information in theory, it's not practical yet," he said.

"Employers are looking for applicants who are more focused," Mooring said. "If you have never actually done what you have studied you may hate it."

Faculty Senate leader Breyer: we all owe university service

By CHRISTOPHER R. McBEE
TCU Daily Skiff

John Breyer doesn't need anyone to show him the ropes.

He holds the rope for student climbers as they scale obstacles in the Challenge Course. Their success rests in his hands.

The new Faculty Senate chairman's role is in front of the Senate. There, he stands in the glow of the limelight. Although he heads the deliberation, Breyer said he often finds himself at the other end of that rope.

"My success and the success of the Faculty Senate is up to the Senate members, not just me," he said.

This isn't a lesson Breyer learned after the Faculty Senate's first meeting Sept. 2, he said. Breyer said he has served on many Senate and university committees since his arrival at the university in 1975. It's through these that he has learned the importance of teamwork and being involved, he said.

"I feel that everyone owes some service to the university," Breyer

said.

Breyer said he has served on three of the university's five Senate committees, including the Student Relations committee, which he is serving on this semester.

"I don't think people realize how much time the faculty spends serving on committees," he said. "It takes up about 40 percent of my time."

What people also may not realize is what these committees do, Breyer said. University and Senate committees are constantly evaluating all aspects of the university, he said. They look for a means of improvement if improvement is necessary, he said.

The Faculty Senate is similar to the House of Student Representatives in that it represents the faculty the same way the House represents the students, Breyer said. However, the Faculty Senate also monitors affairs of the university as a whole, he said.

"This year we have undertaken an ambitious program," Breyer said. "The first thing we may do is look into the issue of consensual dating.

We are also going to define the areas of responsibility for the Faculty Senate."

The Faculty Senate will resume work on the Frog Finder, a student advising handbook attempted several years ago, Breyer said. The Finder will give students a thorough description of each course, much like syllabuses issued at the initial meeting of classes, he said. This will allow students to know what a course entails before registration, he said.

"I think a Frog Finder is a reasonable idea," Breyer said. "It will make the entire registration process more efficient."

Breyer said his goal as Senate chairman is to play an integral part in getting the current issues before the Faculty Senate resolved. Breyer's positive attitude should help him attain it, he said.

"I'm looking forward to working with Senate members and getting the issues before us taken care of," Breyer said. "I like it here at TCU. I have a strong sense of community here. I want to make TCU an even better place."

50 flow into ballroom to see first installment of PC's 'New New Wave' French film festival

By CRYSTAL DECKER
TCU Daily Skiff

Subtitles were not enough to scare away approximately 50 students Tuesday night from the Student Center Ballroom to see "Cyrano De Bergerac," the first of a series of French films titled, "The New New Wave."

The French Film Festival, sponsored by the Programming Council Films Committee, is the first of its kind in the university's history.

"I know we'd done the 'Star Wars' trilogy at one point, and things like that, but nothing like this," said Anne-Marie Pinkenberg, chairwoman of the Films Committee. "We'd never done a festival before, and thought it would be a great idea."

Although new to the campus, the French Film Festival has caught on with the students: "Cyrano De Bergerac" played to a very receptive audience, Pinkenberg said.

"It was sappy and sentimental, and I loved it," said Carol Mussother, a junior nursing major. "I was surprised to see that so many people came to see it."

"It's my favorite film," said Erin McAnallen, a sophomore English major.

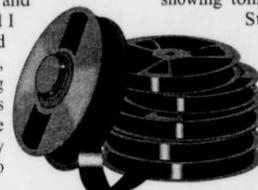
Pinkenberg said she was pleased with the audience's response.

"We were taking a risk with this program," she said. "We were con-

cerned with the fact that it was on a week night, and that it was a foreign film. But it seemed to turn out all right."

"Too Beautiful for You" will be showing tonight at 8 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom, followed by "Three Men and a Cradle" on Friday and "La Femme Nikita" on Saturday. Admission is free on every night of the festival. Each film is in French with English subtitles.

"I'm encouraged at this point," Pinkenberg said. "I think that Saturday night (we) will have our biggest turnout. It will be interesting to see how the students respond."



High school senior, 17, wins daughter's custody

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) — A 17-year-old high school senior won custody Wednesday of the 6-week-old daughter his girlfriend put up for adoption by a Florida couple.

In an agreement between lawyers of all three parties — father William Jardina, his girlfriend, Stacey Goss, and adoptive parents, Donald and Christine Carr, of Tampa, Fla., — the baby girl named as Kara will be returned to Jardina.

"I love her, I mean that's my baby," said Jardina, elated following the hearing in Galveston that was closed to the media.

The Carrs were not present at the hearing before visiting state District Judge L.J. Krueger. A call to their Tampa home was not immediately returned Wednesday to The Associated Press.

However, in earlier interviews, Mrs. Carr had said she would be willing to return the baby girl to Jardina.

Jardina, a student at Galveston County's Dickinson

High School, said his 19-year-old girlfriend gave up the baby following the child's July 24 birth, without his knowledge.

He learned of the adoption when legal papers came to his door asking him to terminate his parental rights.

"It's my responsibility," Jardina said last month when he first began the road to establish his paternity.

Because of a gag order in the case, lawyers representing the three parties could not make any statements other than what was approved in court Wednesday.

"The attorneys reached an agreement, we agreed it would be in the best interest of the child for the child to be returned to the father," said Finas Royal, attorney for Goss.

In Texas, cases involving paternity — including this one — are routinely sealed.

Details about when the transfer of the baby would take place have not been released.

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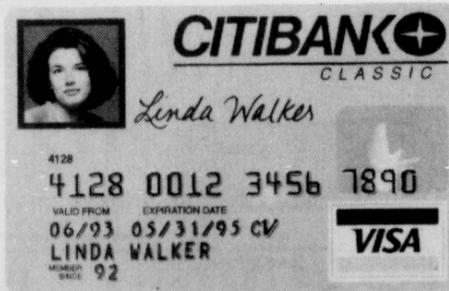
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News

Dallas band looks ahead to nationwide stardom

Dixie Chicks' following grows with country's rebirth

By PAULINE ARRILLAGA
Associated Press

DALLAS — In the cozy, antique-laden family room of a suburban Dallas home, the Dixie Chicks rehearse to open a concert for country superstar Emmylou Harris.

Lead singer Laura Lynch, feet stuffed into a pair of slippers and hair tossed in a ponytail, juggles the frequent interruption of a ringing telephone as she tunes her bass.

Emily and Martie Erwin, banjo and fiddle in hand, settle themselves on stools crowded next to a small tape recorder. At Lynch's cue, the three hum in harmony and strike up one of the toe-tappin', picking songs that has marked their unique sound.

The group still doesn't earn enough money to purchase expensive studio time for daily rehearsals. They also don't have a record label or receive much play on the radio.

But the Dixie Chicks have built a grassroots following that is spreading across the country. Since their first performance on a downtown street corner in 1989, they've opened for such headliners as Garth Brooks, Alan Jackson, the Kentucky Head Hunters and Restless Heart.

And though they have yet to touch stardom, they say the twinklers are within their grasp.

"You start with an idea and say, 'This is what I want to do and I want to make my livelihood at it,'" says Emily Erwin, who at 21 is the youngest member of the group. "It's starting with an idea and making it happen. The odds are against us, but we want it bad enough. I think all three of us wake up and go to sleep thinking about it."

The Dixie Chicks started playing together as a summer job. Their stage was the sun-beaten pavement in Dallas' West End Marketplace.

"We'd go down on the street corner and put out the hard case," Lynch, 34, recalls. "We just thought we'd go down there and do our thing. And people would gather around and they would not leave; they would encircle us and they were there for the night. We thought, we really have something."

Two years after their less-than-glamorous debut, the Dixie Chicks cut their first album, *Thank Heavens For Dale Evans*. It sold about 25,000 copies in less than 10 months, and the group knew it had something.

Without a manager and the money to hire one, the Dixie Chicks literally went door-to-door to market themselves and solicit gigs.

Martie, 23, who plays the fiddle and coordinates much of the group's musical arrangements, recalled one particular booking agent who said he was too busy to meet with the group.

"We loaded up our car, went to his house, got our instruments out and got on his front step. We rang the doorbell and he opened his door and we just started picking. We just started playing."

"We're definitely persistent." It's that tenacity that Lynch credits with the group's success.

The Dixie Chicks have been seen on "60 Minutes." They've played Garrison Keillor's national radio show, *Riders In The Sky's* radio show and the Texas Heritage Festival at the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C. They've even written a jingle for McDonald's restaurants.

In 1992, they recorded their second album, *The Little Ol' Cowgirl*.

Most recently the Chicks performed at the Presidential Inauguration at, what else but, the Tennessee Ball.

The group is currently in Nashville recording its third album. And all are hoping that this will be the launching pad to nationwide fame.

"This project, we all know, is something that is so much above and beyond anything we've ever done," Lynch says. "We're at a different place musically... and we understand more about what people know about us."

The Chicks, once considered a hard-core bluegrass band, say they hope their new album will have more mainstream appeal. They describe their sound as acoustic-country, a combination of Irish instrumental and country music, with still a touch of bluegrass. What adds the final touch to the group's sound is their distinctive female harmony.

But their four-year trek toward fame and fortune has been lined with barriers and breakthroughs.

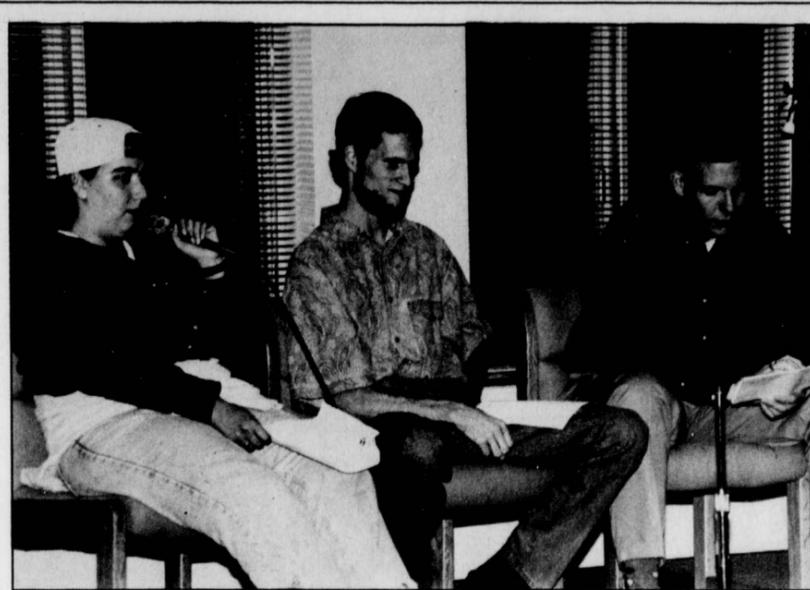
As an all-female band, the Chicks say they've found it difficult to be taken seriously.

In 1992, the group lost singer-guitarist Robin Macy, who reportedly quit to return to teaching.

And the Dixie Chicks, without a record label, have had to strive to sell their albums in only a few record stores and through mail-order.

At the same time, the group has played with Garth, Emmylou, Kenny Rogers, and has earned respect from the country music industry.

Whether or not the Dixie Chicks achieve a record label and "fame," they say they have obtained true success.



Resident assistants Diana Breclaw, a senior English major; Jon Armstrong, also a senior English major; and David Dye, a senior finance major, take part in the "Advising Game" panel discussion Tuesday night in the Student Center Lobby. The discussion was part of the new Late Night on Campus series.

Richards opens Aggie center Wednesday in Mexico City

By ISAAC A. LEVI
Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — Gov. Ann Richards opened a Texas A&M University Center in Mexico City on Wednesday to establish closer relations with this country and serve as an educational bridge with the rest of Latin America.

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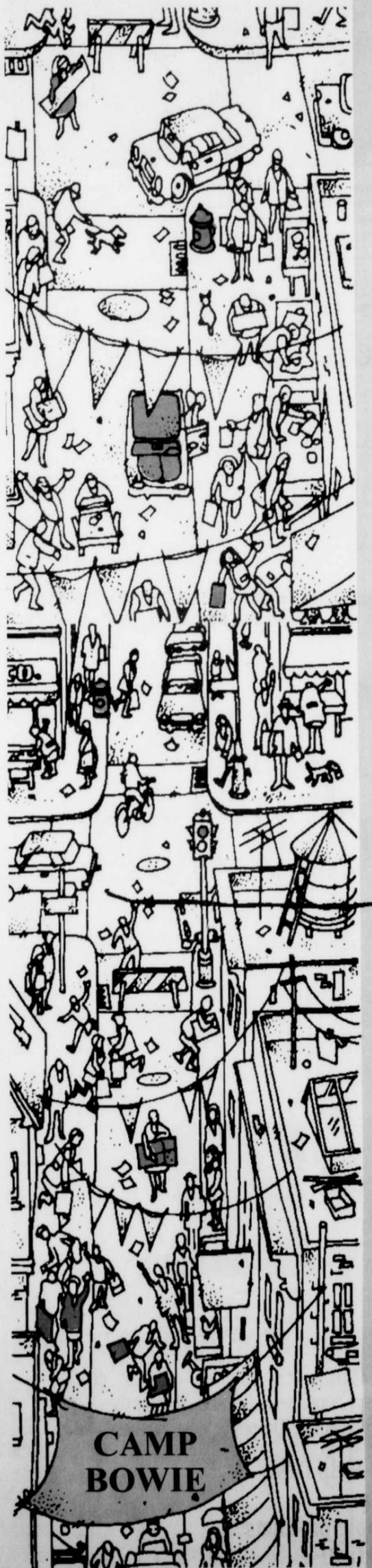
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