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## Residence Hall donates time, supplies to help local charity

By GINGER RICHARDSON  
TCU Daily Skiff

Residents of Moncrief Hall donated large amounts of personal items to charity on Sunday in what some hope becomes an annual event, said Vincent Pryor, head of Moncrief's sports council.

Students gathered unused soaps, deodorants, toothpastes and shaving creams from the Good Stuff Boxes dispensed at the beginning of the semester.

"We had about 14 residents who actively participated in the program," Pryor said. "All the halls collaborated on this event, but Moncrief basically organized it.

"I would like to see this become an annual event," he said. "I really hope that we can take it further next year; I'm not sure how, but I really want to expand on it."

The event was organized by Moncrief's sports council, which is similar to a student council, with representatives of each sport participating, Pryor said.

"Everything was done on a completely volunteer basis," said Geoff Rick, Moncrief's hall director. "The mission statement of sports council and one of the goals of this program was to promote a changing image of athletes on the campus."

About 200 samples of each item were boxed and donated to NICA,

the Northside Inter-Church Agency, which provides emergency relief to those in the northside Fort Worth community.

"We heard about NICA through Tony Rand who interned there last year," Rick said. "We knew it was a good organization who would get supplies to those people in the community who really needed it."

Laura McGregor, a senior social work major interning at NICA, said the organization strives to serve the community through a variety of programs.

"We currently have an emergency-clothing referral system and a

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## United Way sets goals, hopes for 1993 fundraising campaign

By VANESSA SALAZAR  
TCU Daily Skiff

The goal: \$88,850. The mission: not impossible, hope TCU trustees for their annual United Way fundraiser.

The campaign began yesterday and will continue until Oct. 1. This year's campaign theme, "We Need Your Help Right Here at Home," will be under the leadership of Vernel Sturns, a TCU trustee and executive director of Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport.

The funds raised in the campaign will be given to the United Way, which will then distribute the money to 100 non-profit organiza-

tions throughout Tarrant County. Some of the areas that will receive financial help are chemical dependency or misuse, mental illness, isolation, physical disabilities, school drop-outs, teen-age pregnancy, unemployment or underemployment, youth at risk, physical illness or health problems, disasters or unsafe and life-threatening conditions, lack of child or dependent family member care, and family distress or stress and life crisis.

"Often we cannot predict which of the many agencies we might need to call on later to help with a crisis in our own family," said Larry Lauer, vice chancellor for University Relations. "United Way

helps insure that they all will be there when we need them."

Lauer said the campaign fund is the most rational way to support the services. Of every dollar, 15 cents will go towards United Way administrative and campaign goals and six to seven cents will be used to support a referral service and programs for the elderly. The remaining 78 cents will assuredly go to outside agencies, the vice chancellor said.

Donations are completely voluntary, and employees are asked to give an amount that feels comfortable, Lauer said.

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## Quilt pays tribute to AIDS victims, families

### AIDS project lets students say goodbye to young friend

By SARAH YOEST  
TCU Daily Skiff

For sophomores Robin Hathcock and Keeli Holden, this weekend's exhibition of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt was a chance to say goodbye to a dear friend.

The women are volunteers with the Pediatric and Family HIV/AIDS Project, comforting and feeding children who are dying of AIDS.

One of the project's children, Andrena, was born with AIDS in October 1990. She died Jan. 3, 1993, weighing 12 pounds. Andrena was Tarrant County's first baby to die from AIDS. Her panel was added to the Quilt Sunday.

Hathcock, a nursing major, was one of three people who helped present Andrena's panel of the Quilt during the closing ceremony.

"We went up there and I didn't know what to do," Hathcock said. "They gave us each a carnation,

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TCU Daily Skiff/ Aimee Herring

Viewers ponder the AIDS Quilt on Saturday at Amon Carter Exhibit Hall.

By SUSAN HAYRE  
TCU Daily Skiff

A small memorial in the face of an estimated 500,000 deaths.

"Dear daddy, we love and miss you so much!"

These are types of sentiments TCU students were faced with at the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt at Will Rogers Coliseum last weekend.

To Collette Stewart, it spoke more loudly than any siren.

"I saw the AIDS Quilt last year on campus, but had forgotten what it was like," said Stewart, a junior modern dance major.

"The saddest panels were the children's and the one's that left children or family behind," she said. "But the love that surrounds the Quilt makes you see that it is the good that has come of this tragedy."

Sara Baker, a freshman pre-major, agreed that the children's panels were the saddest.

"You looked at Ryan White's and the little girl's and it made you remember that it affects everyone," Baker said. "Those were the worst because you knew that they didn't deserve it. You remember how awful everyone was to him before he died, and then everyone felt sorry for him after he died."

Stewart said she visited the quilt the first time on Saturday, but had only limited time to see the exhibit.

"We showed up at 9 p.m. not

knowing it was supposed to close, but were allowed to stay for about an hour," she said. "It was quiet when we went in as everyone was gone and the magnitude of the Quilt was awesome. It all hits you at once."

Stewart said she returned Sunday afternoon so she could see the rest of the quilt.

"It was so emotional leaving the quilt," Stewart said. "I had nothing to say when I walked out; we were just solemn. It seems that to lots of people it is like a grave site. It was like going to a funeral."

Despite the negative emotions, Stewart said the regret written in the panels makes one appreciate the time here.

"It really makes you aware of how important it is to really take advantage of the time you have with people," she said.

"I read so many that said things like, 'I wish I would have...' or family members said they wish they would have done something. It just makes you realize all individuals should be respected and that everyone is worth knowing and caring about."

Baker said, though the number of panels for men and especially those of gay men stood out, the panels for fathers were also striking.

"The panels left in memory of fathers made you think twice," she

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## Undergrad Council

### Academic warning status, disabled students study approved

By SHERILYN SHAW  
TCU Daily Skiff

A revision of the academic warning status and a study to establish a disabled students coordinator were the main issues on the Undergraduate Council's agenda Friday.

"(The council) approved a recommendation for warning status to those freshmen attempting nine to 18 hours with a GPA lesser than 2.0," said Robert Garwell, chairman of the Undergraduate Council and dean of the College of Fine Arts and Communications.

However, the vote was only the first step in the process of amending the policy, Garwell said.

Currently, freshmen attempting nine to 30 hours are required to attain a 1.75 grade point average. Failure to attain the required GPA results in an academic warning, according to the Undergraduate Studies Handbook.

"Since a 2.0 (GPA) is the standard requirement for graduation, this revision will bring the academic warning up to the same level with university curriculum requirements," Garwell said.

An academic warning would be given only to first semester freshmen attempting nine to 18 hours, he said.

"By reducing the academic warn-

ing to the student's first semester, we (faculty) will know sooner if the student needs help academically or special assistance," Garwell said.

The revision was requested by Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs William H.

Koehler, who will place the amendment on the University Council's agenda.

The council must approve the revision before it is sent to the Faculty Senate for a final vote.

The Undergraduate Council also approved a one-page study developed by a university-wide committee that would assist disabled students, Garwell said.

Recommendations from this study will establish a coordinator who will assist disabled students and help faculty in dealing with the students' concerns, he said.

Students with a documented disability will visit the coordinator and

those departments that they are enrolled in, Garwell said.

The coordinator will do a follow-up to assist both the student and faculty member so the student may succeed in the academic program, he said.

"Compliments go to the committee led by Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Larry Adams for its presentation," Garwell said. "It's a magnificent suggestion that was unanimously endorsed."

The council also reviewed the process by which its members are selected, Garwell said. The University Faculty Senate requested the review as a way to assist the Senate in its deliberations, he said.

The council's review and comments will be sent to and read by Koehler.

The council consists of eight elected representatives from the colleges at TCU, four members who are appointed by Koehler and two student members.

It reviews curricula additions and policies affecting undergraduate students, Garwell said. Currently, the council meets on the third Friday of each month, but that is subject to change because of scheduled events and holidays.

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## METROPLEX

Today's weather will be partly cloudy, hot and humid with a high temperature of 97 degrees.

Wednesday's weather will be hot and humid with a high temperature of 96, but with the heat index around 105 degrees.



## Bookstore sales rise as economy worsens

By CRYSTAL DECKER  
TCU Daily Skiff

In a time of high economic stress for students and non-students alike, one university institution has not felt the pressure.

"When the economy gets bad, more people go back to school," said Mike Gore, director of the TCU Bookstore. "Bookstore sales are affected by the number of students in attendance, and we've been doing steady business for some time now."

Many students do not realize that the bookstore is owned exclusively by the university. All profits earned go directly into the university's general fund, Gore said.

"It all goes back to the student in one way or another," he said.

In order to serve students better, the bookstore has added new accessories to improve their service to students.

Gore said the bookstore has been working on ways to speed up the check-out process.

"We completely computerized the bookstore last year," he said. "With the new student ID cards, we have eliminated a lot of the hassle with send-homes, and we're also working on a faster way to process credit-card purchases. Even with five less registers, the system is much more efficient."

The bookstore is also expanding to become more accessible to students with disabilities, Gore said. Lower register counters and additional shelves will aid in this accessibility, he said.

In order for students to more easily respond to the bookstore's efforts, a voice-activated suggestion box was installed in front of the store this week for students to comment on the bookstore's service and facilities, Gore said.

These new features are only additions to the money-saving specials the bookstore already offers.

"We try to give students every avenue possible to save," he said. "We offer as low a price on merchandise as possible, and students still use their Frog Dollars every day."

"Every Monday after a winning football game, clothing with a TCU logo is 20 percent off," he said. "We are about to have a major promotional offer to the students in the month of October. Look for it."

"The TCU Bookstore is for all the students," he said. "We have professional consultants for every part of the store, and that is because we are dedicated to filling the needs of the TCU community."

"Our primary goal is to serve the students. That is our first priority and it always will be."

### CAMPUSlines

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

Panhellenic is sponsoring an All-Campus Forum about eating disorders at 10 p.m. today. Call 921-7926.

Public Relations Student Society of America will meet at 6 p.m. Wednesday in Moudy Room 280S. All are welcome to attend.

All-woman indoor volleyball team will hold its first meeting from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday in Rickel Room 108. All those interested and willing to commit to the team are welcome to attend. For more information, call Rachel LaMonica at 924-2679.

Amnesty International campus group is holding its first meeting at 6 p.m. Wednesday in Student Center Room 204. For more information, call 927-7920.

French Club will hold its first meeting at 5 p.m. Wednesday in the Student Center's second-floor lobby.

Design Focus, the club for communications graphics majors, will meet at 5 p.m. Wednesday in Moudy Room 212N.

Last day to declare the pass-fail or no credit options for a class is Wednesday. Go to the Registrar's Office (Sadler Hall Room 18).

Programming Council presents "I Now Pronounce You Murdered," a dinner theater, Wednesday in the Student Center Ballroom. For reservations, call 921-7928 by Thursday.

## Police awaiting tests to determine if alcohol was factor in fatality



DALLAS (AP) — Police said Monday they're awaiting test results on a Lewisville man to determine whether he was drunk when he drove his truck into a car, killing a 10-year-old boy and injuring two other people.

Blood-alcohol tests could show if Michael Dan Mewbourn was legally intoxicated early Sunday when he drove his pickup truck the wrong way down Stemmons Freeway in

northwest Dallas, slamming into the car carrying Keith Scribner, 10; Zachary Bills, 11; and Christopher Camp, 33.

Mewbourn, 28, is charged with involuntary manslaughter in the death of Keith Scribner. The blood-alcohol tests results are expected this week, police said.

Scribner, a third-grader, moved in mid-August from Detroit to the Dallas suburb Flower Mound with his mother, Nina Pittman.

"That boy was everything to his mother," said Bob Taylor, the youth's grandfather. "She was just 14 when he was born, so age-wise they were always more like best friends."

## Astronauts ready for dark landing after Hubble repairs, tests for Mir



CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Discovery's astronauts packed up on Monday for the shuttle's first landing in the Florida darkness, after a mission that paved the way for upcoming blockbuster flights: the repair of the Hubble Space Telescope and encounters with Russia's Mir space station.

They tried out spacewalk tools and flight positions for the Hubble mission in December — considered

the most ambitious shuttle mission ever. They also tested navigation aids for next year's shuttle fly-around of Mir and an actual docking with Mir the year after that.

"We've accomplished a lot of great things, I think, for the country and for NASA," spaceman Carl Walz said during a space-to-ground news conference. "There really haven't been any low points so far. ... It is a dream come true."

Discovery was due to land at Kennedy Space Center at 5:28 a.m. EDT Tuesday, nine days after taking off on the satellite-delivery and multimission-rehearsal flight. The backup landing opportunity was one orbit later at 7:03 a.m. EDT, a few minutes before sunrise.

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"Families continue to be stressed," he said. "Social services agencies across North Texas report an increase in need and a decrease in ability to pay. The need for our support is greater than ever, no doubt about it."

In order to help reach the campaign goal, information and pledge cards will be given to unit heads,

Lauer said. The cards will then be due in the vice chancellors' offices by Sept. 30, he said.

"In order to set a reasonable goal, the campaign committee takes several factors into account: last year's total how much the agencies expect to meet this year and whether TCU employees received raises that year," Lauer said.

Donors may contribute in one of three different ways: payroll deductions, cash with a pledge card, or a pledge card with a request to be

## Wicca's Guild

by Mark Castle



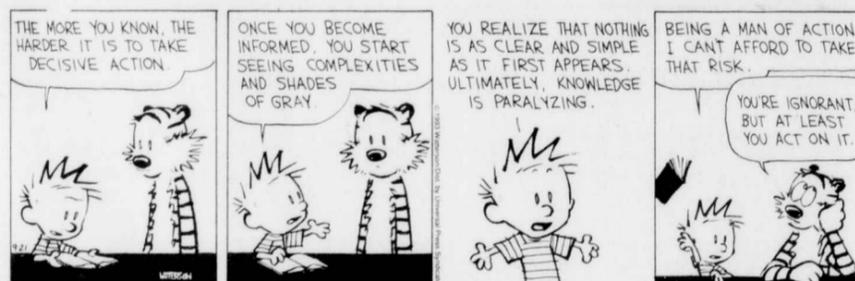
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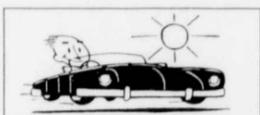
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# Opinion

## Group says they can live forever by simply believing they can



**JODI WETUSKI**

I was watching TV the other day, as I often do when I should be studying, when I saw an interesting episode of "American Journal."

It was about an organization based in Arizona that believed its members were going to live forever. They called themselves "The Immortals." The leaders of The Immortals stated they did not believe that death was in the picture for them.

Apparently this living forever business is quite simple. You do it by Cellular Awakening. The show said Cellular Awakening is a process in which your cells can be programmed to regenerate themselves. Neat trick. But just how do you manage to do that?

Well, people all over the world, in

18 different countries to be exact, have been paying The Immortals thousands of dollars to find out. However, The Immortals shared their secret with American Journal and now I'm going to save you thousands of dollars by telling the secret to you. Are you ready? The secret to living forever is simply to believe you can.

According to the leaders of this group, if you get shot in the heart, your cells will regenerate and you can live if you believe it.

Isn't that deep? How did they ever come up with that idea? It sounds to me like "The Little Engine That Could" theory to immortality. I think I can, I think I can.

The foundation that backs this

group makes \$1.4 million annually by just telling people to believe.

Why didn't I think of that?

My question is not how these people stay in business, but why do all these people want to live forever?

The search for immortality goes back hundreds of years: for instance, the quest for the fountain of youth. For centuries people have wanted the secret to living forever.

I simply don't understand why.

I mean, the earth is a nice place and all, but it's not a place I want to be forever. What's the fun of being in a world where all your family and friends die before you?

Just think of being able to watch pollution grow to unimaginable heights and the crime rate soar every year. Our air, water and land is dirty

now, and it's only going to get worse. Why else would people be so anxious to start colonies on the moon?

Experts say in a couple of years we won't have anyplace to dump our garbage. I'm not really looking forward to seeing that day.

Also, with the job market the way it is, what are the chances of finding a job to last forever? And even if you could work forever, why would you want to?

My religion teaches me that when I die, I'm going to be in a much better place. That is what keeps me going when I have a bad day. What do The Immortals comfort themselves with when they have a bad day — the belief they will never have the chance to leave the place

that caused them the grief in the first place? That's reassuring.

Everywhere you look, you can see people saying religion is just grasping at straws, a last desperate attempt to have some hope.

What's wrong with hope?

Obviously, The Immortals are non-religious people paying thousands of dollars to try to find some hope for the future. At least religion doesn't cost you any money.

The world is a good place, and we should use our lives to make it an even better place for our children. But just don't be too scared to have faith in anything else.

*Jodi Wetuski is a sophomore journalism major from Houston, Texas.*

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Feminism revisited

I enjoyed reading the columns regarding feminism in Friday's edition of the *Skiff*. Yes, we have come a long way but the greatest oppressor of all still remains; violence against female children and women.

Currently, society is outraged by the increasing violence in our society, yet society has always been violent and dangerous for females. It is no coincidence increased violence against women runs parallel to feminist movements. As long as some men beat, rape, torture and murder some females, all women will remain oppressed.

The message from media and from society is loud and clear: we are not safe, ever, from the cradle to the grave.

Connie Cain Peacock  
Sophomore, social work

#### Student DJs on FM 88.7

This letter is to correct some errors in the board's editorial concerning KTCU.

You say we have replaced "valuable experience (at) running the station and DJing" with "the opportunity to observe radio staff running the radio station." This is incorrect. Students fill the directorships in programming, music, sports, sales, promotions and traffic. The DJs are students. We do employ one part-time professional operator who works 9 to 10 hours a week. All other on-air hours are operated by students or volunteers.

The *Skiff* may have misinterpreted the fact that the station is run by paid staff during the summertime and on most holidays — but even those individuals are mostly TCU students as a telephone call would have revealed. KTCU has a full-time professional staff of only one (the station manager). In addition we share an engineer with the RTVF department and the director of classical programming is a part-time employee. You can hear more than 31 different student voices on KTCU in any given week and our goal is to increase that number in the near future.

By reducing specialty shows we have increased, not decreased, the time for students to learn DJing skills. Specialty shows have as much to do with DJing as letters to the editor have to do with journalism. We provide a more valuable learning experience by simulating the environment of a professional operation just as the *Skiff* does.

Andrew Haskett  
FM 88.7 station manager



## Care, concern best remedy for eating disorders

Over the past few weeks, I have received several phone calls at the Counseling Center from different students who

#### LISA ROLLINS-GARCIA

share similar concerns about their roommates and/or friends. These calls have centered around a common theme: A student calls in because she feels her roommate and/or friend may have an eating disorder and doesn't know what, if anything, she can do about it. It is often someone close to the individual with an eating disorder who first notices unusual eating practices.

Eating disorders are a subclass of disorders listed in the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (Third Edition-Revised—DSM-III-R)* characterized by severe disturbances in eating behavior, including anorexia nervosa and bulimia nervosa.

The essential features of anorexia nervosa are:

- 1) a refusal to maintain body weight over a minimal normal weight for age and height;
- 2) intense fear of gaining weight or becoming fat;
- 3) a distorted body image; and
- 4) amenorrhea (loss or absence of menstrual period in women).

Features essential to bulimia nervosa are:

- 1) recurrent episodes of binge eating;
- 2) a feeling of lack of control over eating during these binges;
- 3) self-induced vomiting, use of laxatives or diuretics, strict dieting or fasting, or vigorous exercise in order to prevent weight gain; and
- 4) persistent overconcern with body shape and weight. While anorexics appear obviously underweight or emaciated, most bulimics are within a normal weight range, although some may be slightly underweight or even overweight.

If you suspect someone close to you may have an eating disorder, I offer a few suggestions on how to handle situation. It is important you talk to the person out of care and concern, using these feelings as guides and motivators for action.

I cannot tell how many of my eating-disordered clients that, although admitting to some initial embarrassment, have said that they were actually relieved when someone

sat down and talked openly concerning their eating behavior.

It is important to note that these individuals with eating disorders feel miserable and alone most of the time, stuck in a self-destructive pattern without many clues on how to get out. Their eating behavior is a learned coping response to underlying emotional distress.

If you feel reluctant to supportively confront someone you suspect has eating difficulties, think of the confrontation as a possible first step in ending their struggle. Until the person faces his or her behavior, change is not possible.

Communicate your concern as well as encourage the person to get professional help. If the person becomes angry or defensive, back off, knowing you have at least "planted a seed." Additionally, if you have noticed that the person is under a great deal of stress or appears depressed, encourage the person to go to the Counseling Center and talk about that if the individual doesn't feel ready to discuss eating behaviors.

It is hard to maintain perspective for any of us when we are facing stressful situations all alone. Often, explaining our feelings to someone we can trust can help us feel less overwhelmed, confused or isolated.

On a final note, virtually every eating disordered client I see began the disorder on a diet.

Some of you reading this article may not have what I would term a "full-blown" eating disorder, but if you are constantly dieting and feeling "at odds" with your body, you are at risk for developing a serious eating disorder. Take some time now to examine your own thoughts and behavior to avoid the diet/weight obsession that can lead to serious problems.

If you are having a problem similar to those written about in this column, you may want to talk to a psychologist about it. The TCU Counseling Center offers individual and group services to TCU students, faculty, and staff at no charge.

A women's eating disorder group is now forming that will meet on Friday's from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Call 921-7863 to make an appointment.

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### LETTER POLICY

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## Homosexuals in society still troubling heterosexuals

### Unaccepting nature of humans shuts out different ways

Folks, I've got to admit something to you: I'm a news freak. I spend a great deal of my quality TV time either watching sports or news. And when I go home for the holidays, I often find myself watching CNN Headline News for two continuous hours just so I can see all four of the Hollywood Minute features that will be shown that day.

#### DENNIS WATSON

Hell, I even watch Meet the Press and This Week with David Brinkley.

Sickening, isn't it?

Well, this summer I happened upon a lovely little news segment concerning gays in the Midwest. Being from the Midwest, I immediately prepared myself to be embarrassed by the inevitable interview with some thick-necked farmer wearing a green John Deere cap.

Much to my surprise, the interview never took place. In fact, very few of the people interviewed exhibited any outright disgust towards the idea of homosexuals living in their towns.

But just as I was starting to feel proud I had come from such a tolerant section of the country, some idiot opens up and proclaims: "Well, I don't mind them being here . . . but being a Christian, I obviously have a moral problem with it (homosexuality)."

Wait a second. You have a "moral problem" with it? What kind of bumshuck argument is that?! A moral problem?

Basically, what this guy was saying was, "I don't think it's right, but I can't tell you exactly why." Genius.

I don't know about you, but I have a really difficult time just sitting back and accepting stupid remarks like "I have a moral problem" as a form of argumentation. Sure, this guy has a problem, but it has nothing to do with his morals.

So tell me, *what exactly is it* about homosexuals that everyone has a problem with? Is it the clothes they wear, the food they eat, the water they drink, the music they listen to, the jobs they hold?

No. You see, I *know* what the problem is, and lucky for you, I'm going to tell ya: Perception. Pure heterosexual perception.

See, most heterosexuals, like most Christians, are very, VERY self-righteous. We think our way is the *only* way (and, yes, although I am not a Christian, I do believe I have the correct answer to damn near everything). Anyway, because we are so absorbed in our perfect little worlds, we often fail to properly research an issue before we generate an opinion (I, however, do not fit into this category).

And, as heterosexuals, most of us have this grand illusion as to what a homosexual lifestyle incorporates: sex, sex and then a little more sex. If our heterosexual lives even remotely resembled our perceptions of "the homosexual lifestyle," we would all be skipping around campus, whistling and grinning from ear-to-ear.

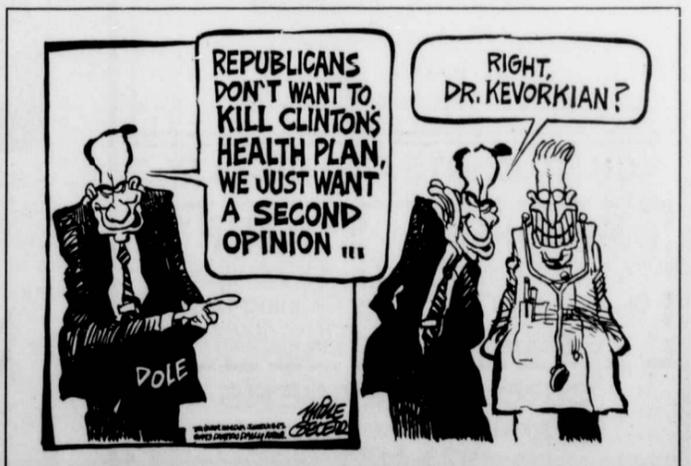
But, no. Heterosexuals have failed to recognize one rather significant point about homosexuals: they're human beings; that's it, nothing more. How many times must I say this?!

Believe me, people, you cannot know what homosexuality involves if you've never known a homosexual. And if you do not know anything about homosexuality, except your ignorant opinion as to whether it's right or wrong, please keep your mouth shut. Because arguing about something you know absolutely nothing about only makes you look like an even bigger idiot.

So do me a favor: before you write any letters expounding upon me your infinite wisdom about gays and lesbians, get to know one. Then, and only then, will you realize homosexuality is not a condition; it's part of one's nature.

Nature: Nurture. There *is* a difference. If you can't figure it out . . . well . . . that's your own damn fault.

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# News

## Country music star Brooks becomes cultural icon

By JIM PATTERSON  
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — It's hard to say when he blossomed from a mere country-music success story into a cultural touchstone, one of those celebrities whose last name is superfluous.

Garth.

In the John Singleton movie "Poetic Justice," the subject of country music comes up between two urban men. The name with which they associate it is Garth Brooks.

On MTV's "The Real World," aspiring country singer Jon Brannon phones home and is cut off by his father with the explanation, "Garth is singing the national anthem (on television)."

When Eddie Murphy needed a country-music representative for his attempt at a "We Are the World"-type song — he called Garth.

He'll likely be the only country singer on the upcoming Kiss tribute album. (Brooks calls his lead vocal on "Hard Luck Woman" his "tribute to Peter Criss.")

Brooks' power is reflected in big and small

ways.

What kind of singer would dare alienate consumers with an outspoken stance against used CDs? Why would anyone who wants air play on always-conservative country radio stations release "We Shall Be Free," with its line advocating that people "love anyone they choose?" The song was No. 7, instead of Brooks' customary No. 1 on the Billboard country singles chart.

Not that Brooks believes he's above such controversy.

"It doesn't help," he said during an interview at his record company's office.

Dressed in one of his trademark print shirts and black cowboy hats, the Oklahoma native was soft-spoken and intense.

"My job is to be the most honest Garth Brooks I can be, and I say these things because I believe them," said Brooks, 31.

"I don't think we can be free until everyone can love who they choose, and something has got to be done about used CDs."

"I've got more money than I'll ever be able to use, but people who are like brothers and sisters (songwriters) to me are getting ripped

off. Two things can happen with used CDs — either find a way to pay the people who create them or they must be wiped out."

It is hard to overestimate Brooks' popularity. He is the best-selling recording artist so far in the 1990s, with total sales hovering around 30 million.

"The Chase," Brooks' last album, contained "We Shall Be Free" and sold about 5 million copies, about half of what he's become accustomed to.

"I thought I was finished," Brooks said, completely serious. At the time, Brooks spoke publicly of retiring and devoting himself to being a father.

Instead, wife Sandy and baby girl Taylor Mayne Pearl (named after James Taylor and Minnie Pearl) are joining him on the road as he promotes his new record, "In Pieces."

"In Pieces," immaculately produced by Allen Reynolds, is a nice helping of the now-familiar Brooks style. That means intensely sung slices of life balanced with rollicking odes to the regular



guy, and one or two stylistic twists.

"The Night I Called the Old Man Out" is a good example as to what keeps Brooks solidly country, despite showmanship inspired by 1970s arena rock. In rock 'n' roll, the story would end with youth com-

ing out on top. In Brooks' hands, the story ends with the rebel

being taught a lesson.

"The most telling point to me is the tear in the old man's eye — that he doesn't get any pleasure from the situation," Brooks said.

Brooks reunited one of his favorite bands, New Grass Revival, to play on his version of their "Callin' Baton Rouge." To do so, he had to fly in banjo player Bela Fleck from a tour with his Flecktones.

Besides that, he sticks with the same revolving group of songwriters and players that have been on every Brooks album since "Garth Brooks" in 1989.

Reynolds has produced every Brooks album. The singer credits him with a key piece of advice, given during the recording of the first album.

"He told me he couldn't work with me anymore, because I wasn't being myself. I had always wanted to be George Strait, and that's what I was trying to do," Brooks said.

"He said the world already had a George Strait, and all I could do was give them Garth Brooks."

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and I started crying because we handed them the quilt, and Cleve Jones (founder of the NAMES project) said, 'We'll take good care of her.'

When Andrena was three months old, she became very ill. Her adoptive parents took her to the hospital, where doctors discovered she had AIDS.

From that point, Andrena came to the project's headquarters at 2641 Avenue L, where Hathcock and Holden began to take care of her.

"We rock children with AIDS and comfort them," Hathcock said. "We make sure they're comfortable for their life here. That's the ultimate goal."

Not all of the project's volunteers work directly with pediatric AIDS patients, Hathcock said. Other options include working as a "Friend

of the Family," which involves visiting the children's homes and counseling their families. Some volunteers bring and sort clothing and shoes for the children and their families.

At the center's headquarters nurses and one physician treat the children and their parents. But the health professionals can't tend to every child's every need, and that's where volunteers like Hathcock and Holden are most needed.

"AIDS babies have so much (to do for them)," Hathcock said. "Andrena had a tube. She couldn't eat. The volunteers had to clean the tube."

"Every time you changed a diaper or anything you had to wear gloves," she said. "When she threw up and stuff — when she got really sick — before you started holding her everybody would tell you 'She's been

really sick today. Do you want a gown? Do you want gloves?'"

Towards the end of the women's first semester, when Andrena was near death, they depended on each other for support.

"I spent a lot of time with Robin," Holden said. Many times, they said, they would end up in each other's rooms trying to deal with Andrena's impending death and encouraging each other to keep working with her.

"There was one time when the doctor gave her less than one week to live on Tuesday and I sat with her on Friday," Holden said.

Hathcock said having Holden just a few doors down the hall helped her deal with watching Andrena die.

"It was good to have Keeli there because we could relate," she said. "I remember when she was getting close to death, the thing that scared

us the most was that she'd die in our arms."

Holden is from Tulsa, Okla., and missed making Andrena's quilt panel this summer. The bright yellow panel hung behind the speaker's podium at the exhibition; Andrena's pacifier and picture decorated the panel, and project volunteers signed it with messages of thanks for all the girl had taught her.

"She taught me a lot about compassion and getting beyond the AIDS baby to who she really was, and about AIDS in general," Holden said. "She taught me that I could stick with something, even if it's hard."

"The last week or two was so hard," she said. "But I got so much out of it that I'd do it again in a second. I felt like I was giving her all that I could."

### Quilt/ from page 1

Baker said she got a different perspective of the problem viewing the panels horizontally.

"When they were vertical it didn't stand out, but looking at the panels that were longways, you distinctly got the impression of a casket," she said. "Then it really hit you that these people were dead. The vertical ones seemed more like a memorial."

Baker and Stewart said they saw panels that varied from the famous to the obscure, the decorated to simple, but both said they came away with similar reactions to the Quilt.

"I loved it, though my heart sank as I walked by so many that have gone," Baker said. "But the love that shows is what it all seems to be about."

Stewart agreed with Baker and felt more sympathy for the parents who would have to deal with the guilt of infecting their children.

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# Sports

## TCU baseball team signs eight recruits to bolster lineup in '94

By MATT NEWTOWN  
TCU Daily Skiff

Last year was a modern day Jekyll & Hyde for the TCU baseball team. The Frogs began the season in royal fashion, getting off to one of the best starts in school history. Playing at near championship level, the team broke into the nation's top 20 and the season looked very promising.

Then something happened. The baseball team came back down to earth and quickly declined back into the pack of the SWC.

The Frogs have forgotten last season and are now ready to rebound from last year's disappointing outcome. Once again, TCU's baseball team looks to show a great deal of promise and should provide a very exciting and competitive season. A big reason why the team could take some giant steps forward is because of the recruiting class TCU brought in during the summer.

TCU signed eight players, all of whom could make considerable contributions for the team this year.

Two of the recruits, Jay Boehmke and David Meyer, are freshmen. Boehmke is a right handed pitcher/outfielder from Houston and Meyer is a left handed pitcher/first baseman from Temple, Texas.

Assistant baseball coach Glenn Pierce, who is in charge of recruiting, is very excited about these two freshman players.

"Boehmke is one of only two to earn repeat honors on the all-greater Houston first team," Pierce said. "He's got a real good curve and he's

a great competitor. Meyer is in a situation to pitch quite a few innings because we don't have many lefties. The thing that really caught my eye was David's hitting. He'll definitely be an asset."

At shortstop, the Frogs should be in great shape with the signing of McLennon Community College standout Shannon Coulter. Coulter was drafted by the Chicago White Sox and played on the USA Junior College team last fall.

"Shannon's got some big shoes to fill," Pierce said. "He's really the first pure shortstop we've had since Freddy Benavides (who now plays for the Colorado Rockies). Shannon's a great ball player and he could be the best shortstop we've ever had. He even has a chance to be the best shortstop in the conference. We're expecting a lot out of him."

Returning to pitchers, TCU signed Flint Wallace, Kirby Smith, Jason Carrouth, and J.J. Gottsch.

Wallace attended San Jacinto College after being drafted by the Houston Astros in 1992 in the amateur draft.

"Flint's a right handed pitcher with a good breaking pitch and great control," Pierce said. "We expect him to be one of our top three pitchers."

Smith is a transfer from Oklahoma, where he was used as a right handed pitcher and designated hitter. However, TCU needs Smith to be more productive than he was last year.

"Kirby is a great position player," Pierce said. "He'll probably play in

the infield. He actually got to pitch in the College World Series at Oklahoma, so he's a real talent. He'll definitely be in our lineup somewhere."

Jason Carrouth and J.J. Gottsch are both transfers. Carrouth is a right handed pitcher from Tennessee where he received all-SEC tournament honors. Gottsch was a three year starter at Creighton. He is a versatile player and good hitter.

"Kirby, Jason, and J.J. all played together in the Topeka, Kansas Jayhawk league over the summer," Pierce said. "It has been rated one of the top three NCAA summer leagues in the nation, so these guys can obviously play."

The final player coming in is Alan Wyles, a third baseman/catcher for Odessa College last year.

"Alan swings the bat real well," Pierce said. "We figure he'll work out at catcher or third base, but his bat will keep him in the lineup somewhere."

Pierce is very confident about this year's recruiting class and baseball team.

"We are deep at every position," Pierce said. "It is the first time we've had this much depth since (Head baseball coach Lance Brown) Coach Brown has been here. These guys are talented enough that they can achieve anything. But, they have to decide to work harder than they have the past two years. If they dedicate themselves, they can get whatever they want out of the program. It is up to them."

Let's hope that they make the right decision.

## Cowboys notch first win

By DENNE H. FREEMAN  
Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — The Dallas Cowboys showed what they can do without distractions.

The Cowboys played like defending NFL champions Sunday night in a 17-10 victory at Phoenix to break a two-game losing streak.

"It's nice to have that winning feeling again," said Dallas coach Jimmy Johnson. "It's been a long time coming. There's a good feeling around Valley Ranch these days."

With Emmitt Smith holding out, the Cowboys were turnover and temper tantrum prone. Players called the holdout a cloud over the team that wouldn't go away in an 0-2 start.

With Smith back on the team, the Cowboys played an almost flawless game against the Cardi-

nals. "Once we found Emmitt, everything was fine," said Johnson. "It makes me want to crack jokes and have a good time. We're just about back to where we were last year at this time. Maybe we're a point better. We won 16-10 at Phoenix last year. Maybe we're a point better."

Smith, who only had two days of practice, had eight carries for 45 yards and admitted, "I had big old butterflies in my stomach. I was a little nervous."

Added Smith, "I'm a little sore but it was great to get back in action and help my teammates again."

Quarterback Troy Aikman said, "I thought Emmitt was great. He showed once again he doesn't need training camp."

The Cowboys are off this week and will use the opportunity to work Smith back into the game plan. Smith will start Oct. 3 against

Green Bay. "Emmitt is just barely in decent shape," Johnson said. "He kind of got gassed in the second half. He played a lot of golf. I don't know a lot of golfers who aren't in tremendous condition."

Johnson said the Cowboys would work Wednesday through Friday, then take off over the weekend if practice goes well.

He said he'll also possibly make some personnel shuffles and scheme changes in the offense before the Cowboys play the Packers.

There was only one slammed helmet into a wall after the game. That was courtesy of owner Jerry Jones to signal that the 'boys are back.

"I just wanted to let off a little steam," Jones said. "It would have been disastrous if we had started 0-3. Now, we're back on track."

## Oiler's offense continues to struggle

By MICHAEL A. LUTZ  
Associated Press

HOUSTON — The Houston Oilers' run-and-shoot offense has come to this. It can't outscore one man.

San Diego didn't score a touchdown and was stymied most of the day by the Oilers defense. But when it counted, the Chargers drove down for John Carney's sixth field goal of the game for an 18-17 victory with three seconds to play.

That left the Oilers with a familiar task on Monday — trying to figure out what happened on Sunday.

Sound familiar? The run-and-shoot is misfiring. The defense is playing outstanding games but allowing the late drive that costs them the game. A bad performance

by quarterback Warren Moon is a new factor added to the equation.

"We still have too many things that kill us off," Coach Jack Pardee said. "We seem to get a good drive early and another one late and you can't win with inconsistency like that."

Moon was pulled from the game for the first time in his career (other than injury) with the game on the line after throwing four interceptions, but even Cody Carlson, his replacement, was quick to avoid talk of a controversy.

"There is no quarterback controversy," Carlson said. "The fact is we are not playing good on offense and one guy is not the reason."

Needless to say, Moon didn't agree with Pardee's switch to Carl-

son. "I have a lot of pride and I was playing in front of my family," Moon said. "But coach Pardee asked me about it, and I told him I really didn't want to come out. He let me think about it a minute, then he said they were going to make the change."

"He probably was right. Looking at it now, I think it was the right decision at the time."

Houston's defense controlled the game until the closing minutes when backup quarterback John Friesz put the Chargers in position for the game-winning field goal.

"We played our hearts out," cornerback Cris Dishman said. "When you make as many plays as we did and the offense is not clicking, it takes it out of you."

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