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U.S. leaders weigh consequences of Somali withdrawal

By DONNA CASSATA
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Clinton and Senate leaders struggled Wednesday to avert a showdown and work out a compromise answering congressional demands for an early withdrawal of U.S. troops from Somalia.

"I think the obvious import of what's happened in the last few days is that we're moving in the right direction and I hope we can continue to do that," Clinton said at the White House.

A leading Senate critic of the president's policy, Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., eased his demand for withdrawal by the end of the year. And the White House sought to appease angry lawmakers by furnishing a report defining the military mission as humanitarian and stating emphatically that it is not open-ended.

In an interview, Clinton reiterated his position that the United States would withdraw its forces by the end of March, but he indicated

he was open to other dates.

"We could leave earlier if, No. 1, I'm sure we can do it safely, and, No. 2, it's clear to me that we've done everything that's possible to give the Somalis what you might call survival rights," Clinton said.

The president, in an interview with Univision, a Spanish-speaking network, also conceded the mission may not achieve its goals. "We still may not succeed. A lot of people don't think Somalia can be a nation, can't live in peace, a lot of people don't, but I think before we pull out, I think we should do everything we can so that we know we have tried, we have given those folks a chance to survive," he said.

Byrd, the Appropriations Committee chairman, had threatened the Clinton administration with a measure cutting off all funds for U.S. forces by Dec. 31. On Wednesday, he offered a Feb. 1 deadline for the pullout.

The president was sticking to his March 31 deadline, and he worked with Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, D-Maine, and Minority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., to

counter any challenge, said presidential spokeswoman, Dee Dee Myers.

Mitchell said a resolution being worked out by Senate leaders, "which will be generally supportive of the president's position, should pass and will pass."

The Clinton administration has tried to fight off lawmakers' demands for the immediate withdrawal of American troops following the raid on Somali forces loyal to warlord Mohamed Farrah Aidid that left 18 Americans dead.

A working draft of the White House report, obtained by The Associated Press, describes main goals, including protecting U.S. personnel and bases, assisting in keeping open and secure lines of communication for supplies and relief operations and assisting in keeping pressure on those who caused the famine last year and attacked U.S. and U.N. personnel.

That task is certain to raise concerns on Capitol Hill.

The report also said the pressure and presence of U.S. forces will prevent renewed civil

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ROBERT BYRD,
U.S. Senator

war and help create a climate for a peaceful settlement.

"The U.S. commitment is not open-ended," the report said. "Any perception to the contrary could slow the achievement of the goals of the U.S. and U.N. operations."

The Senate is expected to vote on Byrd's amendment on Thursday, and the senator said it would put lawmakers on record in approving the missions proposed by Clinton.

One is to protect U.S. forces in Somalia; the other is securing the free flow of human-

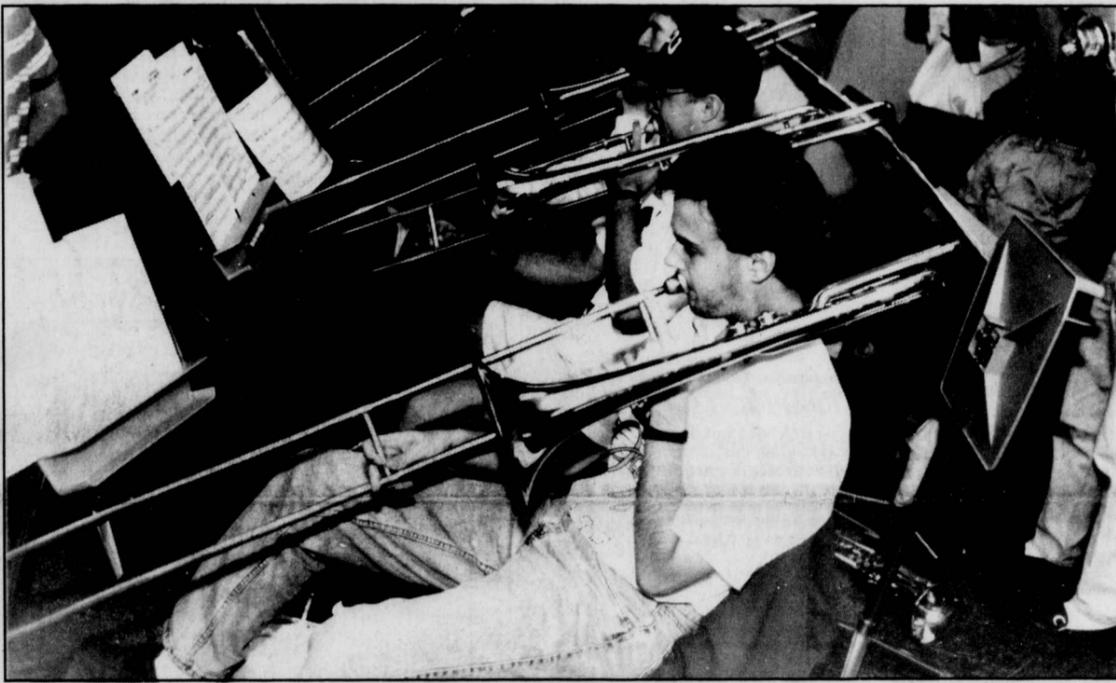
itarian supplies and lines of communication through the use of U.S. logistical and combat forces.

"The president of the United States is our commander-in-chief and I do not believe we should attempt to micromanage in the Congress," Byrd said in a speech on the Senate floor.

He added: "We have a heavy responsibility to our citizens when we authorize the dispatch of their sons and daughters to defend our nation and our nation's interests in foreign lands."

Further muddying the issue was the closed-door testimony of Marine Corps Gen. Joseph Hoar, the head of the Central Command who told senators in a briefing Tuesday that troops could be out of Somalia by the first of the year, according to a congressional source who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Hoar appeared again Wednesday before a closed meeting of the Senate Armed Services Committee, with lawmakers seeking an explanation of his earlier testimony.



TCU Daily Skiff/Aimee Herring

Members of the TCU Jazz Band rehearse Wednesday afternoon for Friday's Parents' Weekend concert in the Student Center.

Students look to House for improvements

But student governments say administration gets last word

By ANGELA WRIGHT
TCU Daily Skiff

The House of Student Representatives receives an annual budget of \$200,000 from student fees for programs, retreats and addressing student concerns.

Yet when issues such as parking and security remain on the students' gripe list for years, some students wonder why improvements are not made—and if student government is to blame.

Student officers say the bucks stop with the administration.

Scott McLinden, student body vice president, said the basic role of

House is to allocate funds to committees and other organizations and to voice student concerns.

"I think there is a misconception among students that the House can instantly make things happen," said McLinden, a junior political science major.

"Our purpose is to direct, encourage and push the concerns of students, but the ultimate decision is still up to the administration," he said.

Derrick Bolton, the Southern Methodist University student body president, agreed long-term goals are impossible for one student adminis-

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Council gives parents chance to get scoop on campus concerns

By SUSAN HAYRE
TCU Daily Skiff

When members of the Parents' Council convene this weekend, they'll be getting a better glimpse of TCU than most parents visiting the campus.

Four years ago, the Parents' Council was formed as a tangible outgrowth of the university's conviction that parents are effective partners in helping students achieve the most from their collegiate experience.

Thus parents from all over the United States joined for student benefit, according to the Student Affairs Office.

Melinda Nasir, a junior speech pathology major, said her parents have been on the Parents' Council for two years.

"I think they enjoy having the

scoop on TCU," Nasir said.

Her mother Kathleen said being a part of the council has been very interesting and she has enjoyed it.

"I've learned a lot about the college and college life," she said. "I get to know about background things like the parking situation and security. We also get feedback on the progress of such situations."

The Council is an advisory body that meets twice a year, once over Parents' Weekend and in the spring.

Issues that concern to parents are discussed with council members, and their evaluation of programs and activities provide valuable information to the university, according to the Student Affairs Office.

"As an advisory board, we help parents and students touch base with

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Studio, library donors receive award

By CARRIE SCHUMACHER
TCU Daily Skiff

The dean of the College of Fine Arts and Communication will present Jesse and Constance Upchurch with the first Horizon Award at a luncheon today.

The award was established to recognize individuals who have made outstanding contributions to communication or the arts at the university or in the Dallas/Fort Worth area, said Robert Garwell, dean of the College of Fine Arts and Communication.

More than 50 guests are expected to attend the invitation-only lunch at the Brown-Lupton Student Center Ballroom. The Upchurches will be presented with the award and a framed certificate for their contributions.

"We are extremely pleased to be honoring them because they have

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Dean, College of Fine Arts and Communication

been involved with the college for many years now," Garwell said.

The couple established both the Gwendolyn P. Tandy Memorial Film Library and the Constance J. Upchurch Electro-Acoustic Music Studio. The film library in the radio-TV-film department holds more than 5,000 titles and adds over 400 new titles each year. The film library also has the largest animation collection in the Southwest.

The library was named in honor of Constance Upchurch's mother.

The music studio, added to the music department about three years ago, has the newest sound equipment. It allows students to use computers, mixers and instruments to experience new technologies.

Jesse Upchurch is chairman and chief executive officer for Upchurch Corporation and founder of one of Texas' largest travel companies. Constance Upchurch is vice president of the Benjamin F. Johnston Foundation. Both sponsor many charitable events throughout

the community.

"The selection of the title, the Horizon, was very important because we're looking for people and identifying people who have had some vision in the arts and communication," Garwell said. "We're awarding it to a team. It just so happens that their support comes from working together."

Faculty from the various departments of the college were asked to make nominations for the award in the spring of 1992. The administrative council, made up of the college's eight department heads, voted on the nominees. Bronson Davis, vice chancellor for university advancement and Garwell made the final decision.

"It's more than just a simple thank you or a handshake," Garwell said. "It's a public recognition within the college... a way to say thanks for all you've done."

Trustee named Fort Worth executive of year

By R. BRIAN SASSER
TCU Daily Skiff

A university alumnus and trustee will be honored tonight as executive of the year by the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce and Texas Wesleyan University at a Fort Worth Club dinner.

Dee J. Kelly is the founder and senior partner of Fort Worth law firm Kelly, Hart & Hallman. He has been a university trustee since 1971.

"Dee Kelly is an outstanding lawyer who has built what is now the largest law firm in Fort Worth," said Terry Ryan, president of the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce. "He also is involved in many other business and banking endeavors."

Kelly was selected by a nominating committee

co-sponsored by the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce and Texas Wesleyan University, Ryan said. This joint committee awards the honor annually to an outstanding person in the Fort Worth business community, he said.

"Dee was easily the unanimous selection," Ryan said. "His enormous contributions to Fort Worth in a civic and political nature made him an easy selection. His name was at the top of the list."

In addition to being named executive of the year, Kelly will also be inducted into the Chamber of Commerce's Hall of Fame, Ryan said.

Kelly joins previous award winners, former Fort Worth Mayor Bob Bolen, Charles Tandy and the university's Board of Trustee's Chairman John V. Roach, Ryan said.

Kelly has been a member of the university's Development Committee and is currently a member of the trustee's Executive Committee. He was named a TCU Distinguished Alumnus in 1982.

Kelly, Hart & Hallman employs more than 70 lawyers and represents clients such as Justin Industries, the Bass family and the Dallas Cowboys, according to a press release.

After graduating from TCU in 1950, Kelly was assistant to House Speaker Sam Rayburn and was a first lieutenant in the United States Air Force.

Kelly is also on the Board of Directors for American Airlines, North Texas Bancshares and the Southwest Legal Foundation. He is also a founding member of the Texas Bar Foundation.

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Today's weather will be partly cloudy with a high temperature of 83 degrees.

Friday's weather will also be partly cloudy with high temperature of 81 degrees.



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.

Campus Awareness Week, hosted by Golden Key National Honor Society is this week. Membership deadline for the honor society is Oct. 25. For more information, call Pam at 924-8014.

The Management Department is forming the Society for Human Resource, a student organization. Students of any major are welcome. The first meeting will be at 3:30 p.m. today in Dan Rogers Hall Room 264. For more information, call Stu Youngblood at 921-7562.

Mayor Kay Granger will speak about the city's All-American designation Thursday at a Public Relations Society of America luncheon. The luncheon will be held at noon at Colonial Country Club. Lunch is \$16 for PRSA members with reservations, or \$19 for nonmembers or PRSA members without reservations. Call 735-2552 before Oct. 12.

The Biology department will hold a seminar on "The Biology and Ecological Consequences of Large Lizards" by John Phillips at noon Friday in Sid Richardson Lecture Hall 4.

Learning Differences Support Group is sponsoring a seminar on improving a child's self-esteem. The seminar will be held from 7 to

9 p.m. Friday at the Starpoint School. There is a \$2 fee. For more information, call 923-8689 or 737-4818.

Psi Chi, the national honor society for psychology, is accepting applications through Friday. Pick up applications from the Psi Chi bulletin board in Winton-Scott Hall. For more information, call Shannon Red at 346-2767.

The Society of Professional Journalists will meet at 9 p.m. Wednesday in Moudy Room 265S. Members and nonmembers are welcome.

A club for adult students will meet at 11 a.m. Oct. 22 in Sadler Hall Room 212. Students age 25 and over or students who have significant off-campus responsibilities are welcome to attend.

Professor's Night Out, hosted by Alpha Phi Omega, will be held at 6 p.m. Oct. 22. TCU faculty and staff are welcome to bring their children to the Rickel Building for an evening of free babysitting. Please respond to Erin Brubaker by Wednesday at 926-7091.

Psi Chi is accepting donations for a fund-raising garage sale. Call Sue at 921-7410 for more information.

Goldwater Scholarships are available to students interested in careers in mathematics, natural sciences or engineering. The scholarship covers expenses up to \$7,000 per year. Interested sophomores and juniors should contact Priscilla Tate by Oct. 15 in Reed Hall Room 111.

AIDS Outreach Center now offers a toll-free phone line for informational calls. For information about HIV testing, AIDS statistics, safe sex, local resources and more, call 1-800-836-0066.

Chi Alpha, a Christian group focusing on worship, fellowship, evangelism, discipleship and prayer, meets at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays in Student Center Room 218.

International Students Association meets at 5 p.m. every Thursday. Check at the Student Center Information Desk for location.

Rape/Sexual Assault Survivors' Group is forming at the Counseling Center. The group will meet from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Fridays. For initial screening appointment, call Dorothy M. Barra at 921-7863.

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.

The Butler Housing Area needs volunteers willing to tutor school-age children (grades 3 to 8) from 4 to 6 p.m. one or more afternoons per week. For more information, call Sonja Barnett at 870-2046.

Adult Children of Alcoholics groups are being organized at the TCU Counseling Center. For more information, call Larry Withers at 921-7863.

College



Calvin and Hobbes

by Bill Watterson



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the college," Kathleen Nasir said. "We just help with problems the school might not be aware of."

Melinda said the parents meet to determine what they think the school should do about certain issues, but do not actually vote to implement them.

In addition, members of the council often volunteer their time to work with ongoing programs and activities of various university offices including Admissions, Career Planning and Placement, Student Affairs and University Relations and Development.

Council members are urged to volunteer to participate in admissions by calling new students and their parents in their geographic area and to host send-off parties for new students, according to the Student

Affairs Office. "My parents help host different activities during Parents' Weekend and have hosted dessert receptions in Houston," Melinda Nasir said. "They also talk to incoming students to promote TCU."

Nasir said her parents were nominated by her admissions counselor.

"We were nominated and asked if we would be on the Council. We were selected after we said that we were interested," Kathleen Nasir said. "Most of the members are from Texas. It is based mainly on the num-

ber of students represented in an area."

According to the Student Affairs Office, 31 families are represented on the council.

Being part of the council can be time consuming but is worth the work, Kathleen Nasir said.

"I've been impressed with the way things have been handled. I've had to take off work to attend some of the meetings, but it helps the students and parents," she said. "We are willing to take off and do this for our children."

Black residents call for police review panel

Associated Press

FORT WORTH — Upset by what they contend is widespread police misconduct and harassment of blacks, East Fort Worth residents are calling for creation of a citizen panel to review officers' actions.

A group of about 25 black residents told City Council members during their regular meeting Tuesday that an intensive gang crackdown in some predominantly black neighborhoods has given officers a license to trample their rights.

"If you had an entire black police force, and they went out and killed white people the way white police have done in the last four months, we'd have a police review board in the morning," said Sabe Braheen, a spokesman for the group.

Calls for the board were initiated last week by friends and relatives of 21-year-old Eric Spencer, who was shot and killed by a Fort Worth police officer on Sept. 26 after he allegedly reached for the officer's gun. Spencer, who is black, was the fourth person shot by Fort Worth

officers in as many months.

Deputy Chief Ralph Mendoza said the intensive police efforts have been welcomed by most in areas that earlier this year were hit by a sudden increase in gang violence.

Still, he said, officers are concerned about residents' frustration. Such outpourings are rare in this city, which prides itself on positive race relations.

"We want to look into every allegation that's been made," he said. "We don't want to be an occupying force."

People say they can't afford TU rates

By CHARLES RICHARDS
Associated Press

DALLAS — The 15.3 percent rate hike that TU Electric Co. implemented in August is more than the state's poor people can afford, the Public Utility Commission was told repeatedly Wednesday night.

"We are having to make a decision of whether to eat or pay the utility bill," said Bennie Williams, who said she has lived in Dallas all her life.

"I'm not talking about people on welfare. I'm talking about the work-

ing class, people who make \$20,000 a year who can't afford to pay their utility bill. It's just not fair," she said.

She was one of dozens of speakers among about 350 people who attended a hearing on TU Electric's rate increase. Two more public hearings are scheduled Thursday in Fort Worth on TU Electric's request for the annual increase, which totals about \$760.2 million.

Gwendolyn Belin said there are women in her South Dallas apartment complex who get \$185 a month from the state in Aid for Dependent

Children, who now have to pay a \$223-a-month utility bill.

Blake Cowden, chairman of the Democratic Party in Collin County, noted TU's record of continuous return to shareholders is above the national average for utilities.

"This is not a sign of a company that needs more money," he said.

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Opinion

Parent's Weekend brings chances for shopping, free food



**ROB
EILERMANN**

This week's topic: Parent's Weekend.

Now, first you must realize your parents love you. You must also understand they are going to be super-duper excited to see your room and meet your friends. It is here we find our problem.

They are excited. They want to do everything. Mom wants to see the buildings where you have class. She wants to see the sludge water in Frog Fountain. She wants the VIP tour.

Dad wants to see where his tuition dollars are spent. He wants to see how well the buildings are constructed. He will find thousands of questions about campus security. He will ask to see if your checkbook is

balanced. He will search for beer cans in the fridge.

You, on the other hand, do not want to be seen with them. You want the time to fly.

Unfortunately, Parent's Weekend is the longest weekend of the year.

If you could pick the way to spend the last two days of your life, you would pick this one. A virtual eternity.

But, since you can do nothing about it, here are some hints on how to make the weekend tolerable:

Never, never, never take your

parents to eat at one of the "Fightin' Horned Frog" cafeterias. The food mysteriously becomes better on Parents Weekend, much like it seems to do on any given "Monday at TCU." And parents will be so gung-ho that they might find that the food "isn't

so bad."

You will also set yourself up for "This food is better than the food when I was in college."

My response: "Try eating this garbage three times a day." (Also try eating the Orange Roughy just once. Permanent damage.)

This is an excellent opportunity to

Weekend. The cafeterias tend to be bright, cheery and decorated. The Skiff will temporarily expand to some 200 pages, with color. TCU will resemble a collegiate utopia. TEE-HEE.

Anyway, be prepared for the P.R. campaign that is Parent's Weekend. Clean your room and throw away any test or paper under a C. Also be sure to leave a few A's laying around.

Follow my rules and you can cash in BIG TIME. Good luck. Class is dismissed.

Rob Eilermann is a senior advertising/public relations major from St. Louis, Missouri.

If you could pick the way to spend the last two days of your life, you would pick this one. A virtual eternity.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Athletes in society

David Breedlove in his defense of team sports seems to have overestimated their importance and the role they play in our society.

While it is true most of the students at TCU do not "earn" their own ways through school on athletic scholarships, it is only because the academic scholarship fund is so grossly under-funded.

Many of us are forced to take out student loans and work part-time jobs to subsidize our meek academic scholarships.

While he attributes great virtues to team sports, he fails to recognize their place in society. A sports team has never cured cancer, stopped the drug problem or reduced hunger in our society. It is in the under-funded academic disciplines our society can hope for these strides to be made.

Mr. Breedlove needs to realize sports serve merely an entertainment value in our society. When a nonessential commodity fails to live up to its expectations (an example of this would be, say, failing to win more than two games in a season), the target audience has every right to criticize that entity. After all, fans are fickle by nature. So if the football team wants the Skiff writers to ease up they have one option: put more points on the scoreboard than their opponents.

Amy Allbach
Sophomore, business

Greeks defended

I am a former president of a "social" fraternity and have read many of the articles you have written for the

Skiff. I am curious as to why you are so "bitter" toward the Greek system.

I could understand your disliking for a group or the specific acts of a group. But to stereotype the entire Greek system is simply wrong. Your generalizations are frustrating to read because they are as unfair as they are inaccurate.

The Greek system annually generates thousands of dollars for many different organizations. I wonder if the people who benefit from those works would like to see TCU get rid of the Greeks.

What if the organizations that depend on the voluntary efforts of the community suddenly lost the thousands of hours given freely by the Greek system through their philanthropic acts? I wonder if they would agree with you, Dennis?

Would the school really miss the hundreds of thousands of dollars given by the Greek alumni, or all the students that the Greek system has attracted to TCU? Probably not, huh, Dennis?

You are correct in one respect, Denny. We are social organizations, but we do good works. I think if you're trying to gain support to have the Greeks eliminated from the campus, you're going to need more justification than the social or fashion patterns you have stereotyped them with.

And, if you are so adamant about having the Greek system removed, why didn't you write about sororities?

Dennis, everyone is entitled to their opinion and obviously to their stereotyped ideas. Well, here's mine: The world does not need another journalist who writes biased, uninformed, slanderous opinions rather than fact.

Rick Wegman,
Senior, psychology

Government in Russia still in confusion



**P.D.
MAGNUS**

Those wacky Russians are at it again. Boris Yeltsin, that wild and crazy president of Russia, has been in the news a lot lately, mostly for his hard-line approach to hard-liners. Granted, he didn't have them shot or shipped to Siberia where they would quickly turn to dissident-circles. That would be the old regime. Things are far more humane now. Unfortunately, that's about all that can be said.

Back on Sept. 21, Yeltsin dissolved Parliament. For comparison, imagine Clinton dissolving Congress. A better analogy would probably be the King of England dissolving the House of Burgesses. In any case, though, his action was unconstitutional. It prompted the Parliament to impeach him and vote in another president, an action which was unfortunately also unconstitutional, since an impeachment needed a quorum of the legislative body of which the Supreme Soviet was only a part.

The long and the short of it is that the Parliament was forced to hole up in the Parliament building, sending out armed thugs to attack the defense ministry, the television station and other government buildings. Yeltsin, in return, sacked the army on them.

Political infighting is all well and good, but Moscow officials have confirmed a death toll of 187 for the two days of violence, plus another 437 injured. The Russian news agency, Tass, reported that most of the dead were civilians, including women and children. That's politics for you.

Just last week, Yeltsin called for the regional soviets, or councils, to do the "honorable and courageous" thing by voting themselves out of existence. Few have responded, even though Yeltsin has also ordered them disbanded. How he intends to enforce the measure is anyone's guess. Given the way he dealt with the Supreme Soviet, however, bloodshed would not be a

surprise. Communist and extremist newspapers, as well as several opposition parties, have been banned under the state of emergency in Moscow.

No, this is not the United States — style democracy, not by a long shot. Boris Yeltsin's idea of reform seems to involve more economics than politics. Although he has called for new elections after local councils disband themselves, the new councils are to be smaller and probably weaker. Even if this were not the case, the very fact that he disbanded the legislature once will give him the upper hand with any newly elected body. I should input here that I don't object to a centralized government for the former USSR. I love democracy here in the United States, but I also realize that we shouldn't be imposing our values on everyone else in the world. As long as certain human rights standards are maintained, I have nothing against a good, old-fashioned fascist dictatorship.

That of course is one possibility looming on the horizon. Yeltsin, in consolidating power and paving the way for reform, has made himself indispensable. What he actually wants is uncertain, but the reigns of power are there if he wants to take them. Even if he isn't in a position to claim total power, he's assured himself a central role in the new government.

President for life? Perhaps. It's not out of the question. My only concern is that if the new government is built on Yeltsin's shoulders, what happens when he's gone? Let's face it: Boris is no spring chicken. The potential for a bloody war of succession is there, as is the potential for a truly vile successor. Whatever can be said of Vladimir Lenin, he was a darn spot better than Josef Stalin. But for now the United States is left with no choice but to back Yeltsin, because, whatever the risks, he's the best thing going.

P.D. Magnus is a sophomore premajor from Burleson, Texas.

Limited social Darwinism preferable to egalitarianism

Society shouldn't penalize drive, success of individuals



**MATT
FLAHERTY**

My topic today has a rather broad scope, because it necessarily involves everyone. No, I'm not talking about the parking problem at TCU or the most recent sale at Harold's. I'm talking about egalitarianism, full political and social equality for all people.

Outside of our particular community, egalitarian ideals are experiencing a vogue more disturbing than the reappearance of bell-bottom pants. College campuses are once again hotbeds of much misguided social activism, while America's leaders are reliving their collegiate infatuations with "social justice." This perturbs me, because I believe egalitarianism to be wholly undesirable.

Modern egalitarian philosophy should not be confused with the doctrine which spurred the American Revolution or the constitutional reforms of the 19th and early 20th centuries. Instead of advocating equality of opportunity under the law, like Voltaire or Locke, modern egalitarians are typically socialists who like to the state to equalize economic outcomes and solve societal problems. "Justice" in this sense is a measure of the game's final score, not the rules by which it is played.

An egalitarian, socialist society would ideally provide for the equal distribution of capital and prestige among its citizens. To operate, such a system requires either the continual redistribution of income, or the restriction of free exchanges of goods and services between individuals. Critics attack this arrangement on two planks, arguing first that it infringes upon personal freedom, and second that socialism is detrimental to economic growth. While I agree with these arguments, I wish to challenge a more fundamental egalitarian premise — the very desirability of equality.

Here I am not speaking of Voltaire's equality under the law but of equal results. These concepts are not entirely distinct because the playing field, so to speak, is never entirely level. Nonetheless, I

reject the proposition that America is filled with institutional bars to progress. And what is more, even if the playing field was perfectly level, modern egalitarianism would demand the redistribution of any subsequent inequalities.

This is to say that if Joe and Bob attend the same high school and college, and Joe succeeds where Bob fails, Bob would be entitled to a share of Joe's prosperity. I find such a theory neither intuitively obvious nor morally appealing. Differences in aptitude and motivation do exist among humans, and these differences will necessarily lead to different outcomes.

Some thinkers, like Karl Marx and John Rawls, believe such individual differences should not influence the distribution of social rewards. I disagree. I see no reason that the clever, productive, or driven (assessed in terms of societal supply and demand) should not benefit by their talents. To put it more plainly, I do not find the coexistence of rich and poor within a single society to be morally troublesome. From each according to his capabilities, to each according to his capabilities.

And now, the practical consequences of this position. My argument is not intended to justify hard-line social Darwinism or the wholesale deconstruction of the American welfare state, though it could certainly use pruning. Instead I see it as a necessary reaction to the institutional liberalism which is slowly gripping the Western democracies.

The fallen communist bloc leapt quickly into egalitarianism and now lies in pieces. The Western democracies are making the same mistake in slow motion, petrifying over decades instead of months or years. The sooner this process reverses itself, the better. My choice of social systems is clear: better an economic aristocracy than an egalitarian.

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News

Professor turns tragedy to chance to help others

By DENA RAINS
TCU Daily Skiff

For Charles Blount, professor of physics, a personal tragedy turned into an opportunity to help others.

Blount's daughter lost a premature baby in 1982. At that time, he was told, local hospitals were just beginning to learn about the operations of neonatal intensive care units.

After talking with a former student who is a neonatologist at Baylor Medical Center and reading an article in Parade Magazine on neonatal critical care, Blount began working in John Peter Smith Hospital's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

He specifically works with "feed and grow" babies who weigh at least three pounds but must gain an additional two pounds in order to be discharged from the hospital.

"Babies that are fed by volunteers gain weight faster than those who are just fed by nurses," Blount said.

At JPS, parents and grandparents of premature babies do the feeding along with nurses, women's club members and other volunteers, Blount said.

"The reason for volunteers is that the nurse on duty may have five babies that need to be fed

maybe three hours a day," he said. "They'll all need to be fed at six but they'll want to eat at 5:30 and they want it now."

Peggi Loveless, a neonatal ICU and pediatric clinic registered nurse says the feedings done by the volunteers are invaluable.

"The volunteers lighten our loads," Loveless said. "They will feed the babies that are easy to feed and let us spend more time with those babies that aren't doing so well."

Many volunteers come in to help, Loveless said, but not many are as special as Blount.

"He treats the nurses special," she said. "He brings them fruit. He's a good man to be around. He really cares. He'll just sit down and talk or listen to you."

"He bakes cakes and things for us... We're not just there as robots; he makes us feel special."

Genean Ginter, patient care coordinator for the hospital's ICU, also remarked on Blount's special efforts as a volunteer.

"He feeds babies, changes beds and rocks babies," Ginter said. "He brings goodies and pastries for us. He is dependable; he always comes on particular days and notifies us if he can't make it. We really appreciate his work."

Loveless also recalled how

Blount arranged to have some better rocking chairs donated to the neonatal ICU.

The work of a volunteer at the neonatal ICU is far from glamorous, though. Blount said he must deal with very fragile babies who are fed formula measured in cubic centimeters.

The babies and their diapers are weighed everyday to monitor their growth and to determine how much to feed them, Blount said. Oftentimes, babies born addicted to drugs are also classified as "feed and grow" babies, he said.

Addict babies, Blount said, are surrounded by tubes and wires.

"They jump every time you touch them," he said. "They don't cry, they scream."

"There are people who can't deal with it. When I first worked there I heard war stories about people who were afraid to pick them (the babies) up, they were so little... we're talking 27- or 28-year-old women."

"I go down there to show the babies not everyone has a high-pitched voice and sticks you with a needle," he said. "You only see them when they're little. There is a certain beauty in someone who hasn't been corrupted."

Professor lectures at Kimball

By MICHELE GRAY
TCU Daily Skiff

Anyone who has seen a Picasso painting may have asked themselves, "What is it trying to say?" Mark Thistlewaite, professor of art history, helps people understand.

Thistlewaite has given two lectures so far this year at the Kimball Art Museum in correlation with his art history course such as Picasso: Artist of the Century, which he teaches at the university.

The first lecture was a study of Paul Gauguin's expressive exoticism. The second pertained to Pablo Picasso's tradition of innovation.

Thistlewaite said many people go to the lectures and do not understand the special meanings of some works.

"I enjoy helping people understand works of art that are difficult to understand," he said. "Or at least offer them an avenue, an approach to looking at modern art."

"I've had some positive comments from people about not liking Picasso but sort of taking it more serious after the lecture."

The Kimball's collection of 10 modern works from the twentieth century, which Thistlewaite uses in his lectures, were given to the museum on a long-term loan, said Paula Phipps, public affairs assistant for the museum.

Thistlewaite's lectures are free to the public and response to them has been excellent, Phipps said.

"Usually there's a good record of attendance," she said. "About a 100 people attended at one time. Dr. Thistlewaite is a very respected person in the community."

Thistlewaite, who has done several lectures at the Kimball, said the talk are extensions of his teachings.

"The Kimball has such a great collection," he said. "You're certainly forced to look at something in much greater detail than you normally do. It's rewarding."

Thistlewaite will give three more lectures this year. On Oct. 20, he will discuss Fernand Leger's works, including "Two Women at their Toilette of 1920" and "Luncheon of 1921."

He will also lecture on Nov. 20 on Joan Miro's surrealism in pictures such as "White Form", "Blue Background of 1927" and "L'Oiseau au Plumage of 1953." On Nov. 17, Thistlewaite will speak about Henri Matisse's *joir de couleur*.

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Structural changes improve administration's efficiency

By DANI KUNKLE
TCU Daily Skiff

Chancellor William Tucker has a little more time on his hands these days.

Vice chancellors are giving fewer daily reports to the chancellor as a result of a new structure in the university's administration. The Board of Trustees approved a plan last spring to restructure the administration for more efficiency at the executive level.

"It's important to free as much time as possible for the chancellor so he can attend to fund raising for the university," said William Koehler, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs.

The changes directly respond to suggestions made in the recent university self-study, Tucker said. The new structure, which went into effect Oct. 1, changed two administrative positions and linked several vice chancellors' offices.

The position of provost, or senior vice chancellor, was reactivated by

the university. University bylaws allow for a provost position in the administration, but the university has not had a provost since before Tucker became chancellor, he said.

"We needed a senior officer among the vice chancellors," he said.

The provost position will enable the administration to make operational decisions in the chancellor's absence if necessary, Koehler said.

Koehler began serving as provost June 1 in addition to his duties as vice chancellor.

The new structure links academic affairs to information services and student affairs.

Don Mills, interim vice chancellor for student affairs, now makes his reports to Koehler, who reports to the chancellor for both academic affairs and student affairs.

"In the past, I've been responsible for academics," Koehler said. "My responsibilities have now broadened to include student affairs and information services. Now, I find myself very much involved in the total life of the student."

The other new position is vice chancellor for finance and business, formerly called vice chancellor for fiscal affairs. However, trustees changed the title to reflect the new responsibilities for the position.

The new vice chancellor for finance and business, James McGowan, hears reports from the vice chancellor for administrative services, Edd Bivin. McGowan reports for both offices.

"Many issues in administrative services have a direct bearing on finance and business," Koehler said. "I think the areas are paired correctly now. Units that need to talk to each other are now positioned to do so."

The changes have reduced the number of daily reports to the chancellor from about six to three or four, he said.

Though the chancellor spends less time on daily reports, he and the vice chancellors still meet once a week.

"I do have a little more time, but the real purpose of these changes is to enable the university to function more effectively," Tucker said.

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Sports

Hockey '93: The year of the 'Great One'

By JOE CONNOR
TCU Daily Skiff

The National Hockey League's season is in full swing, and seeing that I practically learned to skate before I learned to walk growing up in Conn., I figure I'm probably as knowledgeable as anybody about this game. So without further ado, here's my look at the 1993-94 NHL season.

Superstar Steve Yzerman and the **Detroit Red Wings** will run away with the Central Division title in the Western Conference. Future hall-of-fame coach Scottie Bowman, who has six Stanley Cup rings to his credit, takes over behind the Wing bench. Detroit hasn't been to the cup since the 1960's, but Bowman just might be the piece to Motown's missing puzzle.

With "The Finnish Flash," Teemu Selanne, the mostly-European **Winnipeg Jets** should lead the rest of the Central division pack. Selanne potted 76 goals last season to earn rookie of the year honors.

"The Golden Brett," Brett Hull, and offensive defenseman Phil Housley should help the **St. Louis Blues** score at least four goals a night. The problem with the Blues, like the Houston Cougars, is their defense, which, as usual, just stinks.

Despite making the final four a year ago, the **Toronto Maple Leafs** are a team with many lingering questions. After a phenomenal rookie season, will goaltender Felix Potvin suffer the sophomore jinx? Will sharpshooter Doug Gilmour quit hockey for a full-time role on "As the World Turns"? Will coach Pat Burns have a seizure if Gilmour does? Stay tuned.

It's anything but "Sweet Home Chicago" these days where the city the Blues Brothers made famous is still mourning the loss of their "Ainness." Things aren't looking good for the hockey team either, the horrific **Chicago Black Hawks**. Second-year coach Darryl Sutter could be

joining the unemployment line come mid-season.

Then there are the **Dallas Stars**. When owner Norman "Greed" moved his club from the twin cities to Dallas, he forgot one key ingredient on his checklist: quality players. Unless you're in the mood for "Friday Night at the Fights," don't expect much offensive punch from the Dallas Stars.

Last year's playoffs proved once again that you can never underestimate "The Great One." Just when you thought Wayne Gretzky, arguably the greatest ever to play the game, was washed up, number 99 showed once more that he was hockey's version of "Mr. October," leading the **Los Angeles Kings** to the cup finals. Expect tinsel town to bring home the Pacific Division title.

Mismanagement has left the **Calgary Flames** a reeling franchise. Just four years ago, Calgary won the cup. Now, with the exception of courageous 5'3" super twirp Theoren Fleury, the Flames are a nightmare. To say that Peter Pocklington, owner of the Edmonton Oilers, meager \$8 million payroll isn't pulling a vintage San Diego Padres is like some idiot predicting the Tampa Bay Buccaneers to win the Super Bowl.

Folks in Northern California will find greater refuge in reenacting Clint Eastwood's "Escape from Alcatraz" across San Francisco Bay than witness the toothless **San Jose Sharks**. Take it away Beavis, "huh...huh...they suck."

At least **The Mighty Ducks of Anaheim** will be entertaining. Who would want to miss a starting lineup like this? Bugs Bunny at center, Snow White at left wing, Porky Pig at right wing, Mary Poppins and Dumbo paired on defense, and of course, Daffy Duck between the pipes.

The Atlantic division of the Eastern Conference is no joke. Don't look now, but the **New York Islanders** may be on the verge of creating

another dynasty. Nassau Coliseum was home to four straight cups in the early '80's because New York built through the amateur draft. Now in the '90's, the Isles have been constructed through some smooth wheelin' and dealin'. On offense the Isles possess scorers Pierre Turgeon, Ray Ferraro and Steve Thomas, all of whom were acquired in trades.

The **New York Rangers** haven't won the cup in over 50 years. What to do? Hire Mike Keenan as coach, that's what. Keenan has been to three cup finals and quite frankly, he tolerates nobody's crap. He's so intense he makes former Chicago Bears coach Mike Ditka look like an altar boy.

There's a hockey rivalry brewing in Florida. Florida? No, that isn't a misprint. It turns out **Tampa Bay Lightning** general manager Phil Esposito isn't too thrilled that the state's new hockey franchise has been dubbed the "Florida Panthers" and not the "Miami Panthers." "We were here first!" has been the cry at the "Thunderdome," the Lightning's new launch pad that had a record crowd of 28,000 opening night. The "Thunderdome" is the same dome that has been waiting for a baseball team for 90 light years, where "if you build it, they still won't come."

About the only thing for certain in South Florida these days is as Jimmy Buffett says, "Everybody's got a cousin in Miami." Folks in Miami have little trouble waiting for the sun. Waiting for a Panther goal on the other hand may take some patience. Most of the **Quebec Nordiques** roster isn't enough to drink, yet they will be the team to watch as they'll capture the Northeast division crown. With rising stars Mats Sundin, Owen Nolan and Joe Sakic, coach Pierre Page has a lot to smile about. Expect the battle for the province of Quebec between the Nords and the defending Stanley Cup Champion **Montreal Canadiens** to grow ugly this year. The Habs need to be weary of the

headhunters as they will try and repeat.

Many NHL brass are leaning on a resurgence of the **Pittsburgh Penguins**, but the Pens are a team with question marks. Will the game's best player in recent years, Mario Lemieux, stay healthy? Has Kevin Stevens recovered from getting knocked into next week during last year's playoffs? Does Tom Barrasso still have his great reflexes in goal? If any of those answers are no, the Penguins are hurting.

When it's all said and done in late May, expect the "Great Gretzky" and the Los Angeles Kings to win a high-flying, high-scoring and hard-hitting seven game Stanley Cup final over the gutsy New York Islanders, bringing the city of angels its first hockey title.

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Tennis star's attacker convicted

By NESHA STARCEVIC
Associated Press

HAMBURG, Germany — Guenter Parche, a fanatic fan who considered Steffi Graf "otherworldly," was convicted Wednesday of plunging a kitchen knife into the back of her tennis rival, Monica Seles.

The Hamburg District Court immediately gave Parche a suspended two-year sentence.

Parche, a 39-year-old German, walked away a free man after the verdict. He had spent nearly six months in investigative custody since the April 30 attack.

Parche plunged a kitchen knife into the back of Seles, in an attempt to take her out of the sport briefly and allow Graf to regain the No. 1 ranking.

Seles, 19, suffered a half-inch deep wound in her back and has not played in a tournament since Parche stabbed her as she sat during a changeover in a quarterfinal match against Magdalena Maleeva at a Hamburg tournament. She is expected to resume her career in January in Australia.

Ending a two-day trial, the judge said Parche had given a full confession and had shown remorse. "His confession was absolutely believable," she said.

Seles' attorney, Gerhard Strate, said he was likely to appeal the sentence. He had argued unsuccessfully for Parche to be tried for attempted murder.

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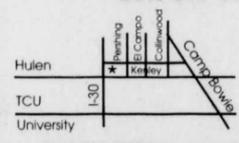
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tration to get done.

"You have to realize that you are here for a year, and they (administrators) are here for a decade," Bolton said. "The pace of getting things done is incredibly slow in a bureaucracy, and time is on their side."

Some of the concerns at TCU include diversity in programming, meal plan prices and cable television installation in residence halls.

"Students think they can just say 'I want cable' and it will be there automatically; it just doesn't work that way," McLinden said.

McLinden said major projects like cable and a parking garage are impossible for a student administration to do.

The only chance to voice concern over major issues occurs at the Board of Trustees meeting, which only happens once a semester, McLinden said.

Don Mills, interim vice chancellor for student affairs, said for the last 20 years, TCU has viewed student government as the voice of general student-related policy issues.

"Without student government, there would be no person or group that represented the general opinion of students," he said. "It would be very difficult for us to know what general issues students are worried about."

University of Texas at Arlington Student Congress President Zeb Tidwell said he faces the same task of bringing the two interests together.

"There is a communication gap between students and administrators at our school," Tidwell said. "Many times the administrators don't understand the complaints of the students and vice versa."

"So I try to act as the liaison between the two groups and bring both perspectives to the table," he said.

At UTA, the student president sends a resolution to the vice president of student affairs, who then sends it to the president of the university, Tidwell said.

"At that point, he can either send it to another committee for more

research, pass it into a law or kill it right then and there," he said.

TCU's procedure requires the student president to send a copy of a bill to the vice chancellor of student affairs who then raises the issue with the affected vice chancellors, Mills said.

Mills said if the bill passes, he will direct the student president to the correct vice chancellor.

Some bills never reach the vice chancellors, Mills said, because they are directed to a specific department. However, the vice chancellors do have the authority to override a department's decision, he said.

"If the House wanted to propose something to Housing and they refused it, student government could very well bring it to the vice chancellors' attention," he said.

McLinden said resolutions are usually minor and don't need the vice chancellor's approval.

"When we decide to make a major change in university policy, then we go to them," he said.

Those major issues are discussed with the Student Relations Committee of the Board of Trustees by the students on Intercom, a group of campus leaders from student government, minority organizations and the Greek community.

"Within Intercom, we decide what issues we want to discuss, and then we assign them to a member who wishes to address it," McLinden said.

Christopher Hightower, TCU vice president of Programming Council, said though administration has the last word, student government is still a strong voice.

Programming Council is the arm of House of Representatives that plans Parents' Weekend, Homecoming and Howdy Week. The council also brings speakers, artists and films to campus.

"They (the trustees) are pretty up on national trends, so we don't have to convince them of what they need to do," Hightower said. "But they do respect our opinion and if they disagree, they will tell us so and why."

Hightower said his main concern is the alliance between the programming and the legislative branches, which he said would be better off broken.

Programming Council received 60 percent or \$120,000 of the House's annual budget this year.

"The legislative board has no experience in programming matters," he said. "Even though the president is supposed to preside over both the vice president and my position, rarely does the person ever get involved with us."

"I basically sit in House meetings to tell them what PC is doing," Hightower said. "They either approve or

ask me to explain, and the rest of the meeting has nothing to do with me or my department."

McLinden said although PC and the legislative branch of House are different organizations, the two maintain a good relationship.

"We take care of our affairs, and they take care of theirs, but we have worked together well on a lot of joint projects," he said.

The Programming Council bylaws require the vice president of programming to attend every committee meeting in the council as well as the overall executive meetings with the members of the House executive board.

"We spend so much time in meetings talking about what we need to be doing," he said. "I am in this position for the students, not to attend executive meetings all week."

Ben Walters, TCU student body president for the 1993 term, also said the system frustrates progress. Walters admitted his administration was not as effective as he would have liked.

"I think I missed a lot of the issues students were concerned about because I got caught up in the bureaucracy of student government," he said.

During Walters' 1993 term, a uniform recycling process throughout the campus was a major concern of students.

Students were also asking for a Black History Month committee and other programs to reflect the ethnic diversity of the campus.

"Looking back on things, I wish I had been a bit more hard-nosed," he said. "I didn't push the issues enough."

Despite the obstacles, various administrations have found ways to get tasks accomplished.

Sara Smith, TCU student body president for the 1983 term, said practicality is the best defense against angering either the students or the administration and the best way to address student concerns.

"I always asked myself, 'What can we do concretely within our means?'" she said.

This year's student administration has seen the placement of a Taco Bell in Worth Hills, increased lighting on campus and additional parking space for freshman behind the new Rockefeller Ranch Management Building.

Hightower still maintains that the improvements this year happened only because the administration decided they would.

Mills, however, said the House was a factor in getting these things done.

"The House wrote up a resolution about where freshmen should park, and their committee was very influential in the placement of Taco Bell," he said. "Even Fall Break was a result of student government pressure."

"To say it has no influence would be incorrect," he said.

Smith said it is still both necessary and sometimes difficult to keep stu-

dents abreast of House's progress and assuring them their money is not being wasted.

"I don't think I even appreciated student government at TCU as much until I graduated and attended a large, public university," Smith said. "It's much harder to get a concern heard when you're in such large numbers."

UTA's Tidwell understands this challenge. His constituency of 25,000 students calls for more direct student involvement in getting things done.

"I first try to help students go to the right committees (of student congress) because they know better than anyone what they want," he said. "But if they go to the administration and get a brick wall, then I step in."

So does the administration run the show after all? Smith said it is a two-way street.

"You have to learn to finesse and work within the system to get what you want while remembering your constituents," she said.

"The administration has to make some tough decisions," she said. "However, they listen to students' concerns because they know which side their bread is buttered on."

"Student government is about raising consciousness," Walters said. "Whatever issue we bring up, even if it is only for the two hours we have in the Trustees meeting, they have to at least recognize it."

McLinden said he tries to tackle the little things, although the major projects may be out of his control.

"If students can see things getting done when they ask for them, then they feel their voice is being heard," he said.

"You have to give students something they can see, feel and touch," Smith said.

Hightower said he has tried to make long-term strides in the area of diversity, which has been the major factor facing Programming Council.

A Black History Month committee and a Hispanic Heritage Month committee have been created this year, and Programming Council is now trying to incorporate all the minority groups on campus, Hightower said.

"Our goal is to have a variety of programs for all interests and to bring in speakers from different backgrounds and cultures who can bring a different perspective," he said.

Hightower said he would best describe the role of student government as an informative body.

"Even though they (the trustees) are aware of what's going on other campuses, there are times when we bring up issues here that they hadn't thought of and they listen," he said.

Despite not being able to make major changes, McLinden said he remains positive about the role of student government.

"Student government is whatever that administration makes it," McLinden said. "You can get elected and rest on your laurels, or you can work to get things done."

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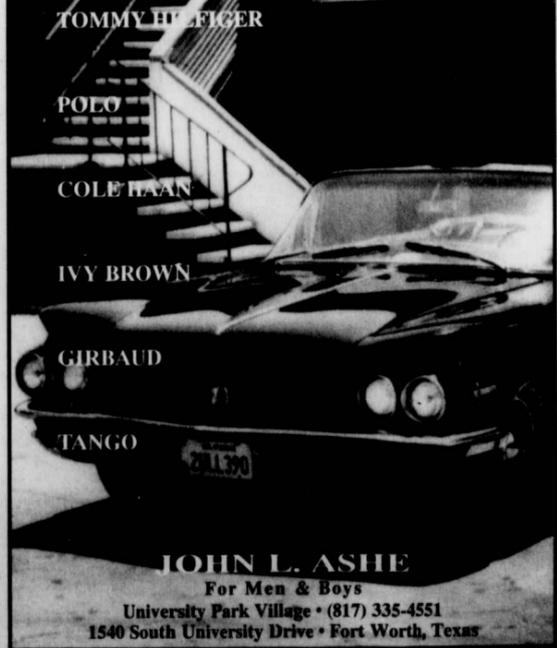
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