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## Christmas trees symbolize family tradition and customs

By SUSAN HAYRE  
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Rosy cheeks look up expectantly and big eyes shine with excitement. Little feet patter across the floor in the early morning to see what Santa Claus has left under the Christmas tree.

The German custom is now rooted in the Christmas traditions of families around the world as the Christmas tree comes to symbolize the family.

"Every year my brother and I get an ornament. The year I went to space camp I got a space shuttle," said Rebecca Conner, a freshman psychology major. "I have a basketball, violin and volleyball too."

Conner said each of her 18 ornaments traces a year in her life.

"It's neat looking back, especially at the old ones like Baby's First Christmas," she

said.

For families like the Conners, the selection and decoration of the Christmas tree is an annual event.

"We all pick out the tree, decorate it and play Christmas music," Conner said.

Freshman pre-major Shalimar Simon said her family has a similar idea.

"We've collected decorations over the years, ever since we were little kids, and every single decoration we've ever had goes on it," Simon said. "It's such an odd mix, but looks cool once it is all on there."

Simon said they make bows out of material for their tree.

Freshman business major Angie Amos laughed as she recalled the old ornaments she made.

"We always have two trees that we usually put up the day after Thanksgiving," Amos said. "One is a French Christmas tree with

China dolls and candles, but the other one is decorated with ornaments from vacations and whatever my brother and I made."

Denise Conway, a freshman special education major from Montana, said she has a real tree for Christmas.

"We have real pine trees at home, not cedar bushes," she said. "My family all picks out the tree and then usually have it frosted because it is fire retardant and you can keep it longer."

Simon said her family always has a huge Christmas tree, but never frosts it.

"Our tree is very big. We never put icicles on it or anything," she said. "It's always very natural."

The New Encyclopedia Britannica explains that the tree was brought to North America by German settlers and became fashionable around the 19th century.

Christmas trees became popular in Aus-

tria, Switzerland, Poland and Holland at that time, according to the encyclopedia.

The modern tree originated in western Germany where the Germans set up a Paradise tree in their homes on Dec. 24, the religious feast day of Adam and Eve.

The Paradise tree was the main prop of a popular medieval play about Adam and Eve. It was a fir tree hung with apples, which represented the Garden of Eden.

Originally, the Germans hung wafers on the tree, symbolic of the host, the Christian sign of redemption. Candles were also added as a symbol of Christ.

A Christmas pyramid was placed in the same room. The triangular wood piece had shelves to hold Christmas figurines and was decorated with evergreens, candles and a star.

The Christmas Pyramid and Paradise tree had merged into the Christmas tree by the

16th century.

Simon and Conner both said the top of the tree is important to their families.

"An angel is the last thing to go on the tree," Conner said. "The youngest in the family always gets to put it on."

Once a family tradition, the absence of a tree can create a gap.

"Normally, we have a live tree in the living room," said sophomore interior design major Kim Hohman. "All of our ornaments go on it, with the star on top."

But the day after Christmas, they will be leaving for Cancun with her family and will not have a big tree this year.

"My mom is afraid it might catch on fire while we are gone, so we just won't have a real tree this year," she said. "We just have little fake ones all over the house, but I don't know where we will put the presents."

## University will sponsor events for AIDS day

By CHRISTOPHER MCBEE  
TCU Daily Skiff

The university will observe World AIDS Day today by holding four events on campus.

The events are designed to increase awareness of the disease's affects on society and to remember those who have lost their lives to AIDS. All events will be open to the public.

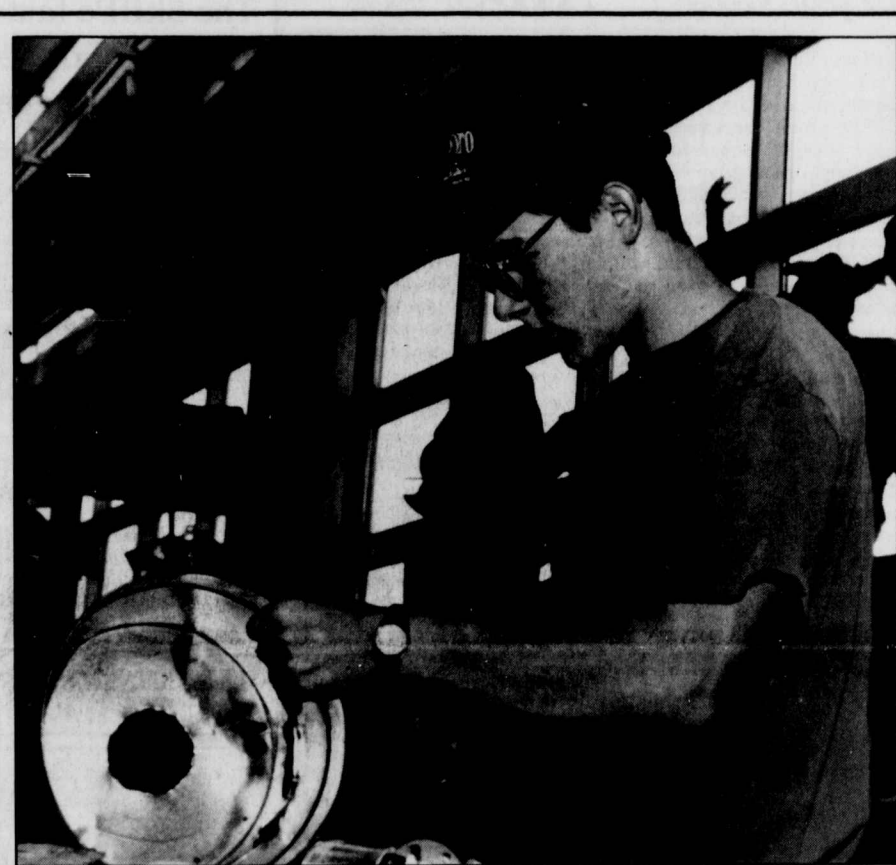
Observances will begin with a service at noon in the Robert Carr Chapel held by the University Ministries Worship Task Force.

At 2 p.m., a 12-by-12 commemorative quilt will be on display in the Student Center Lounge. Members of the Names Project will present a slide show depicting smaller quilts in honor of the people who have died from AIDS, said Alan Dettlaff, Education Co-Chairman of the Names Project.

"The big quilt is several quilts sewn together," said Dettlaff, a senior social work major. "The slide show will allow people to see the many quilts made in memory of the large number of people who have died from AIDS."

Epidemiologist Robert Webster of

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Davis Cornell, a freshman premajor, works to complete his 3-D art project Tuesday in the Moudy Building.

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## Faculty Senate takes closer look at student-faculty dating practices

By CHRISTOPHER MCBEE  
TCU Daily Skiff

A number of sexual harassment cases stemming from student-faculty sexual relationships have prompted a Faculty Senate subcommittee to take another look at student-teacher dating.

The subcommittee is searching for an improvement to the university's current policy on student-teacher dating, said Gregg Franzwa, associate professor of philosophy and head of the subcommittee.

"Fifteen cases of sexual harassment connected with student-teacher relationships were reported in the past year-and-a-half," Franzwa said. "We need to reduce this number."

A stronger stance on student-teacher dating could curb the number of sexual harassment cases at TCU, Franzwa said. But strict legislation could destroy the chemistry between

students and teachers, he said.

"The policy is ambiguous," he said. "We need to clarify it, but we need to do it with finesse."

The university's policy only discourages student-teacher dating, Franzwa said. But more importantly, it neglects to focus on important circumstances involved, he said.

"Our policy fails to make the distinction between relationships in which the faculty member is responsible for evaluating the student directly, and relationships in which the faculty member is not responsible for evaluating the student," he said.

The policy uses the term "professional power differential" in reference to these situations. Franzwa said this is unclear.

Also unclear is the line between a mere conflict of interest and sexual harassment, a distinction that the cur-

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## Hours spent at pubs lead to big pay-offs for student bartenders

By CINDY VAN ZANDT  
Special to the Skiff

At TCU, drinking and college life seem to go hand in hand — and while some students see bars as a place to burn money, others see popular watering holes as a place to earn it.

Behind the bar is the place to be for many college students who become bartenders because they want a well-paying job they can work around their class schedules. Even part-time work is profitable and being paid in cash is an added bonus.

Many bars, clubs and restaurants are looking for experienced people to work behind the bar, but training from within can be costly. Bartending schools are an easy way to break into the field because they provide training and state certification. This takes the burden of internship off the establishment.

Aims Academy in Arlington has one of the most prominent bartending schools in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. The personnel there are familiar with TCU and the surrounding area.

Aims Admissions Counselor John Malbrough was once the manager of Caravan of Dreams, a popular Fort Worth nightclub. Malbrough is responsible for screening all the applicants for the bartending classes.

Malbrough said the majority of Aims bartending students are in college and are looking for a way to earn extra cash. He warns that it isn't as easy as it looks.

"Our graduates earn \$300 a week, on average, but they have to really

work for their money," Malbrough said. "It is important to impress upon the students that bartending is a job."

Aims bartending instructor David Swanner is a former TCU student who paid his way through school by both bartending and instructing.

"I work between 15 and 21 hours a semester and still made good money working nights and weekends," Swanner said.

Good money meant approximately \$15 an hour.

"And that was in the '70s," he joked.

Although he now holds down a profitable day job, Swanner continues to teach bartending. He especially enjoys teaching college students because they already have good study habits and are willing to work.

Daniel Lopez, a freshman criminal justice major, recently graduated from Aims. Lopez said he wanted a way to make money that fit his personality and allowed him to work with other people. For Lopez, bartending was a natural choice because he can work the job around his classes and earn enough money to help finance college.

"I have friends who bartend, so I knew it would pay the bills," he said. "Bartending isn't for everyone — it's a lot harder than I thought it would be."

Lopez said he is planning to work with several other college-age people at a new club opening in Arlington. He didn't want to work in any of the

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### METROPLEX

Wednesday's weather will be cloudy with a high temperature 67 degrees.  
Thursday will be cloudy and rainy with a high temperature of 58 degrees.



## Committee leaders chosen

By DANI KUNKLE  
TCU Daily Skiff

The House of Student Representatives elected its new committee chairpersons last night. Candidates for positions gave two-minute speeches to the House, who then voted on the candidates.

The new committee chairpersons are as follows: J.R. Greene, Permanent Improvements; Sharon Selby, Academic Affairs; Jeff Benson, Student Concerns; Amy Godlewski, Elections and Regula-

tions. Jennifer Kolb was re-elected as chairwoman of the University Relations Committee.

The House will be holding interviews for the position of administrative assistant this week. Students interested in running for this position should contact Student Body Vice President Scott McLinden in the Student Activities Office.

In other business, House members allocated \$280 to help fund the fifth annual Psi Chi Student Convention, which will be held in the spring.

Psi Chi is the National Honor

Society in psychology. The convention allows students from Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Arizona the opportunity to present their original research.

The convention will feature guest speaker Dr. Gordon Hodge, professor of psychology at the University of New Mexico and past president of the Southwestern Psychological Association.

The convention is open to all students for the fee of \$12 per person.

## Annual tree lighting will be held today

By CHRISTI GIFFORD  
TCU Daily Skiff

The annual Holiday Tree Lighting and Spirit of Christmas Toy Drive will be held at 10 p.m. Wednesday in front of Sadler Hall.

"It's been going on for at least 12 years, if not more," said Susan Huffman, a senior advertising/public relations major and president of the Order of Omega.

The tree-lighting is a university and Order of Omega tradition. The Greek honor society performs the lighting as a service to the university, Huffman said.

"Traditionally, over 100 people have come, which includes TCU students, faculty, staff and other members of the TCU community," she said. "We expect that many or more to come."

Nowell Donovan, the Charles B. Moncrief Professor of Geology and chairman of the geology depart-

ment, will speak at the tree lighting. Chancellor William Tucker will light the tree and Sara Smith, minister to the Greeks, will give the prayer.

Barbara Leu, a representative from Bank One, will attend the lighting to thank the university and those who helped with the toy drive, Huffman said. Bank One is the sponsor of the Spirit of Christmas Toy Drive. In previous years, TCU students have donated

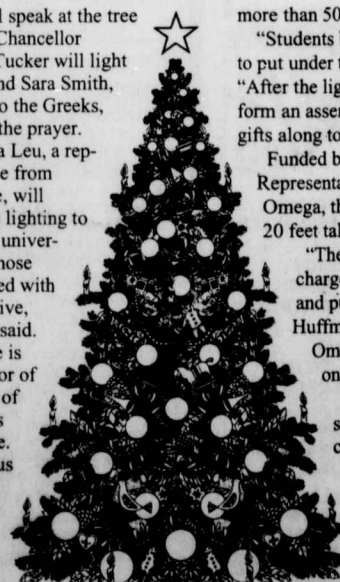
more than 500 toys, Huffman said. "Students bring gifts all wrapped to put under the tree," she said. "After the lighting, the students form an assembly line and pass the gifts along to the truck."

Funded by the House of Student Representatives and Order of Omega, the tree stands at least 20 feet tall.

"The Physical Plant is in charge of setting up the tree and putting on the lights," Huffman said. "Order of Omega then puts the bows on."

Refreshments will be served, including hot chocolate, hot apple cider and candy canes.

The Holiday Tree Lighting should last until 10:30 p.m., Huffman said.





## CAMPUSlines

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The Society of Professional Journalists is sponsoring a panel discussion about how public relations and the news media view a news story. The discussion will be held at noon today in the Student Center Richardson Room. For more information, call Camie Melton at 923-7570.

The Japan Club will host a Pot-Luck Party at 3:30 p.m. Saturday in the Student Center. All students are welcome. For details, contact Yumi Keitges at 921-7355 ext. 6096.

Jennifer Martin, a TCU graduate, will open for singer-songwriter Sara Hickman at 7 and 10 p.m.

Dec. 11 at the Jefferson Freedom Cafe. The Cafe is located at 1959 Sandy Lane. For more information, call 451-1505.

The Theatre Department has added Acting 1303 to its spring course offerings. This class will be held from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Pre-majors and non-majors are welcome to enroll.

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.

**Pet Bereavement Support Group** is forming. It is open to anyone grieving the loss of a pet. The group will meet from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Thursdays. For more information, call Jan Dalsheimer at 921-7650.

**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 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.

## College



by Dan Killeen

## Calvin and Hobbes

by Bill Watterson



## Gore travels to Mexico to discuss free trade pact

By NANCY BENAC  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Vice President Al Gore reinforced the Clinton administration's push to expand economic ties with Latin America on Tuesday by traveling to Mexico to discuss the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Before departing, the vice president stood with President Clinton and seven Central American leaders at the White House as Clinton held out the passage of NAFTA as a "catalyst for the expansion of free trade to other market democracies throughout the hemisphere."

Gore, assuming a more visible role in U.S. foreign policy, was meeting with Mexican President Carlos Salinas de Gortari late Tuesday and again Wednesday to discuss how to implement NAFTA and "life in the post-NAFTA world," said spokeswoman Lorraine Voles.

On Wednesday, he also is scheduled to deliver what Clinton called "a major address on American engagement in Latin America" at the national auditorium in Mexico City.

Voles said Gore's trip was designed to work out final details before NAFTA takes effect on Jan. 1, but that there were no major sticking points with the Mexicans.

Voles said Gore wanted to personally congratulate Salinas on passage of the pact, which would link the United States, Mexico and Canada in

the world's largest free-trade zone. It would gradually remove tariffs and other barriers to trade and investment over the next 15 years.

U.S. Trade Representative Mickey Kantor said one of the things Gore planned to discuss was the process that should be set up for other Latin American countries to join the free-trade agreement.

Officials of Chile and other countries have discussed their desires to join NAFTA and Clinton often referred to the expansion of NAFTA beyond Mexico as one of the biggest benefits that would come if Congress approved the trade pact.

Accompanying Gore were White House chief of staff Mack McLarty; Hattie Babbitt, U.S. ambassador to the Organization of American States; Labor Secretary Robert Reich and Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Carol Browner.

Concerns about pollution along the U.S.-Mexican border and protection of U.S. workers were among the primary concerns of critics of the free-trade pact. Organized labor argues that the pact will send hundreds of thousands of U.S. jobs flowing south to lower-wage Mexico.

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places near TCU's campus because he felt they didn't have the right atmosphere.

"Being a social chemist and serving beer all night are two totally different things," he said.

Future bartenders should be prepared to put time and effort into their profession. Knowing how to make drinks is only half the equation.

Swanner said that knowing your way around the bar isn't enough to get by on.

"When I used to hire people," Swanner said, "I would look for intelligent people. A bartender is not a pouring machine — a bartender is a problem-solver and must have good communication skills."

Swanner said that 99 percent of the time, students make the best bartenders.

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the Tarrant County Public Health Department will discuss AIDS facts at his presentation of "AIDS 101" at 3 p.m. in the lounge. Topics of the presentation include AIDS statistics, the importance of safe sex, methods of prevention and how AIDS is contracted, Dettlaff said. Webster will also explain the current status of the disease, Dettlaff said.

"AIDS 101" will be followed by a panel discussion held by several people who have AIDS, Dettlaff said. They will talk about their disease and answer questions, he said.

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# Opinion

## Thinking for ourselves is the closest we can come to true freedom



**CRAIG MARTIN**

What is freedom?

Freedom is a term tossed around loosely in our society. What is meant by it? I define the term as the ability to do what one wants when one wants. If you accept this definition, then I have to ask if anyone is free.

Television producers are another group that have limited freedom. The recent stir surrounding "NYPD Blue" illustrates this. If the producers were truly free, then the show would have aired. The public would then have the freedom to watch the show if they so desired. If society did not appreciate the freedom of expression used by the producer, then the show would go off the air. Artists, writers and performers

are only as free as society allows. Why is this? I think it is because society is afraid the art form will shape the society. Society is afraid that pornography gone awry will produce rapists. Society is afraid that violence *en masse* on television will produce violent crimes. Therefore, society stifles expressive forms of art with censorship in the name of protection.

I don't believe art shapes the society. The artists who live in the society take in what that society has to offer and produce their rendition of it through art. Culture and history of experience figure into every work be it written, visual, or spoken.

What I am saying is that the artist or the writer or the playwright or the

musician or, well, any person presenting an argument has the ability to shape society with that argument. However, the argument can never be free from the influences society has imposed upon it. Society shapes art. Art shapes society.

You as a reader or critic are in turn not free. Your interpretations reflect the context they are made in. You cannot know the entire history of a work of art as a critic. Consequently, you impose your own values and past history into the analysis.

For example, I have written several columns on racism, feminism, socialism and various other -isms. Each reader, imposing unique values and experiences, takes some-

thing different from each column. Bound in values and in the past of the reader, my arguments take new form as they are restructured in your mind.

Flannery O'Connor made a remark that a writer has the freedom to get away with what he wants, but there just hasn't been one to get away with much. Perhaps writers, and all artists for that matter, only get away with what society allows.

As you act as a critic and as a reader, I encourage you to open your mind. Consider what goes into the written and spoken word. Consider what goes into the visual arts. Try to free your interpretations from your ingrained value system. If you do this avidly, I think you will find a

new freedom many have yet to find: the freedom to change your mind. When this happens, you will cease to repeat or refute what an artist has said; you will interpret and expand on the argument.

If our society begins to expand upon arguments, then we can grow together.

Forming an opinion about something is easy, being told what to think about something is slightly more difficult, not thinking at all is the most difficult task one can undertake. I hope you will take the freedom to think. It is the only real freedom we have.

Craig Martin is a senior history major from Bedford, Texas.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### World AIDS Day ignored

Today will be the annual lighting of the Christmas Tree. It is also, coincidentally, World AIDS Day. Unfortunately, the "Tree Lighting" committee of Order of Omega has seen fit to ignore this particular piece of information.

Apparently, to make any mention of World AIDS Day is against tradition, as is also the case with the presence of the red AIDS ribbon. In a season supposedly about light, love and compassion, I find this attitude a bit hard to swallow. Maybe I'm missing something here, but somehow the relevance of tradition in the face of the millions of deaths from AIDS as well as the pain of those left behind seems questionable.

Maybe it's too controversial? Well, let's forget for a minute that many of the virus's victims are homosexuals, although why that should prevent compassion I don't know. The fact of the matter is that in this country alone hundreds of completely heterosexual men and women have contracted HIV as well as passing it on to their children. And what about the children who are left without parents or soon will be because of AIDS? Is that too controversial for us to acknowledge? If this is the case, then I must say I am angered and sickened by the pettiness and heartlessness of this university.

Now, I know there will probably be angry protests about my letter, but truthfully I don't care. This "everything's fine in my world" attitude is inexcusable. Everything is not fine in our world and this attitude is a slap in the face to those of us who have lost a loved one to this virus as I have.

Marie Camacho

Senior, psychology and philosophy

#### TCU Women's basketball

First, I'd like to commend the TCU Athletic Department for finally getting rid of that 5'0" lady they called "Coach Garmon." After posting a .267 winning average over the past 10 years, I would hope there would be a change made sooner or later. For those of you who don't know, Shell Robinson is the new women's basketball head coach. Coach Robinson is a former Lady Longhorn who played from 1981 to 1985 with the team going 125-13 during her career.

Some of you may say, well, Coach Sullivan was a Heisman Trophy winner and the football team hasn't done too well, but this is different. I went to the women's basketball game Friday

night and, despite the 15-point loss to the No. 22-ranked team in the NCAA, I was quite impressed.

Last year, "Dr. Ruth" (as some opponents would call her) ran an offense that had trouble breaking a press and relied on a zone defense. Friday night, the Lady Frogs' offense was more up-tempo, could break the full-court press and the man-to-man defense was nice to see.

The team never gave up and cut a 20-point deficit to nine with less than seven minutes left in the game. The change in attitude is incredible. It looked like the girls really wanted to be out there playing — they had some sense of pride. One player put it well: "We're having fun out there and that's what's important." The impression I got — last year really sucked! And look at the recruitment: Eight, count it, eight freshmen all (except those who are hurt) getting some sort of playing time Friday night.

The Lady Frogs are definitely going to surprise some people this year and, in two or three years, who knows? Maybe they'll be conference champs (I can't go against Texas Tech even if they did lose Swoops)! Most of all, I'd like to wish the coaches and players luck for a great season and I hope you students who enjoy free basketball games will get out there and support them, because these girls deserve it after all of the hard work they put into it. And I can't say enough for the upperclassmen who stuck through it all when there was a coach here that most feel should have never been out there in the first place.

Kelley Waters

Senior, radio-TV-film

#### Jazz back in '94

A special thanks, once again, to the TCU House of Student Representatives for continuing their support of the TCU Jazz Festival March 11 and 12, 1994.

Their donation will ensure the production of our seventeenth annual festival. We will be able to present 16 of our finest high-school jazz ensembles in Texas bringing over 400 exceptionally talented young musicians to our campus.

In addition, we will be presenting New York-based jazz trumpet artist Marvin Stamm as our featured performer. All of this will be free to TCU students, faculty and staff.

Curtis Wilson

Professor of music  
Director, jazz studies



## A safer world could begin with Brady Bill

Remember Melissa? She was the Fort Worth 10-year-old who was frightened when she discovered the trend of violence against young people.

**SUSAN HOPPER**

She wrote a letter to the Fort Worth Star-Telegram about it.

Melissa saw children of all ages getting caught in a very real crossfire on television. The television news show "48 Hours" showed the effects — injury and death — of people being allowed to carry guns.

Apparently, however, Sam A. Turneabe of Garland didn't hear Melissa's tiny voice crying out for an end to violence. In a letter in the Nov. 27 issue of the Dallas Morning News, Turneabe rails against the passage of the Brady Bill. He suggests that international incidents such as the Tiananmen Square massacre of unarmed Chinese students are enough of an example to justify lax firearm control in the United States.

Then Turneabe states his decision that "proponents of the Brady Bill deceived (us)." The bill is not a measure against crime prevention, he says, but "the first step in disarming Americans."

And this is a bad thing? I think Melissa would agree with me that it is not. So many of the children who are victims have been hurt by people who should never have been allowed to carry guns in the first place.

Law enforcement agencies often admit that an incomplete background check resulted in a suspect's ability to purchase a firearm. These checks would have shown the person had a previous criminal record, was proven mentally unstable or was underage. They may have saved an innocent life.

But Melissa and the rest of us continue to watch in horror as people of all ages

lose their lives or their loved ones to gun-toting criminals.

One man had fought for seven years to gain approval for the bill that bears his name. James Brady, former press secretary under President Reagan, was himself sentenced to life in a wheelchair by a mentally ill gunman. Brady believed in his measure strongly, hoping that he could spare other families the pain of recovery and loss from gunshots.

Much to the dismay of Mr. Turneabe, the Brady Bill was indeed passed by Congress and signed into law by President Clinton. Does this necessarily mean gun control will be perfected within the next five years? I must admit that it does not.

Then again, it does mean hope for those of us who want to see the back-and-forth of violence end. Turneabe seems to believe in a vigilante justice, insinuating that every person should be armed against everyone else. He compares a revolt of the people against their country's oppressive government to day-to-day life in America. Or, as Turneabe says himself:

"If we are to ensure a government of the people, by the people, and for the people, the people must have guns."

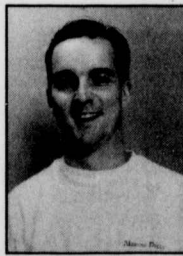
Maybe Turneabe didn't realize that the man who first used the words that he paraphrased was killed by an assassin's bullet.

So here's to Melissa again. On both our behalves, I'd like to thank the senators and representatives who voted for the passage of the Brady Bill. Maybe it won't make our world perfectly safe, but it is a step in the right direction.

You see, Melissa? There is someone out there who is listening to you, and to people like you. Don't give up the fight.

Our prayers are being answered.

Susan Hopper is a junior journalism and English double major from Pasadena, Texas.



## Finals: five days, four tests, no sleep, 2,705 large coffees

You have to know the rules to survive this kind of torture

I haven't been to bed in so long, I can't even remember what it feels like.

No, I'm talking about sleep here. We'll address that other thing some other time.

**CLAY GAILLARD**

It's crunch time again and almost everyone I know is starting to chew raw coffee grounds while smoking unfiltered Camels in an effort to squeeze one more paper's worth of semilucidity out of their brains. Maybe it's just the crowd I hang out with, but I even heard of some rather studious people in this state of fear and stimulant-induced insomnia.

Everyone is panicking about finals and all the semester projects we've been putting off and how time is running out to get things done. But never fear, your friend and resident academic sage Clay will help you get through it. All you have to do is follow a few loose guidelines.

Let's say you've got one of those huge essay tests over something like comparing, contrasting, describing, analyzing and pointing out the importance of the War of the Roses and drug usage at Woodstock. The key here is to try to quote the professor and the textbook as many times as you can. If the text contradicts the professor, always side with the professor: Chances are, the book was written by another equally uninteresting guy in a bad suit from another university and your instructor probably feels like he knows as much about the subject as anyone else.

However, if your professor is prone to using the same phrases daily in his lecture, you might want to refrain from using them on his tests as he might think (correctly) that you are making fun of his teaching style and attempted wit.

Multiple-choice tests are even better. Eliminate the one or two answers that are completely ridiculous, then, of the remaining answers, go with the one that you truly, deep in your heart think is

wrong. Some folks will lie to you and try to tell you that the first one you think is correct really has the best chance of actually being correct, but don't listen to them. They're probably those people who have gone to class or read the book or something frivolous like that who actually don't have to guess on a large portion of the questions. So of course they have no idea what a normal student does on a test.

Sleep deprivation is an art form and can be accomplished in a variety of manners. Here is the one I prefer after a lot of trial and error: Get two or three people from the class you are studying for whom you absolutely do not like to go with you to Ol' South. This is key, since you don't need to end up talking all night about that time you all ended up in a hot tub at 3 a.m. At Ol' South, get a booth in the smoking section. Whether you smoke or not makes absolutely no difference — just being back there is enough of an eye irritant to keep most people awake.

Keep the coffee flowing and, more importantly, eat something every hour or so; if your bill for the night is less than \$15, then you probably haven't ingested enough caffeine and starch to retain any real knowledge.

Finally, before you go to take your first test of the day, don't just do the fraternity shower (deodorant and a hat), but go ahead and take a real shower, shave (legs or face, depending on your sex, or, I guess, preferences) and put on completely clean clothes. Not only will you feel better, but the professor will think you studied so much in advance that you got a good night's sleep and maybe he or she won't realize that you haven't slept since Saturday of dead days.

These rules, in part, might be very helpful to you, but if you follow all of them closely, you could very easily spend next semester in a nice quiet room wearing a really cool jacket.

And let me tell you, it wasn't much fun at all.

Clay Gaillard is the exhausted, retiring Opinion Editor of the Skiff.

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## INSIGHT

# Protection from the ones who love you

## Coed fears ex-boyfriend's actions

By CHRIS NEWTON  
TCU Daily Skiff

*Editor's note: The following is an account of an alleged incident of stalking that occurred over the past two semesters. The story was taken from a firsthand account as described in a Campus Police Report. The names of those involved have been changed due to the volatile nature of the situation.*

Jennifer is a student with a problem — she believes her ex-boyfriend is stalking her.

She says, in the beginning, things did not seem that serious and she was not concerned for her safety. But recent events caused her to change her mind.

Jennifer says her ex-boyfriend has a mean temper, but she thought that time would remedy the ill feelings between them. It began when her ex-boyfriend, James, made appearances at local clubs where she happened to be. At first, she thought it was a coincidence. But after it happened three times, she realized James was following her.

Then the obscene phone calls began. On some nights, James called as many as five times in the early hours of the morning just to wake her up. He also left obscene messages insinuating violence on her answering machine.

According to Jennifer, James has made a concerted effort to see her in public for the express purpose of cursing her out and making a scene.

Jennifer says James had already physically assaulted many of her male friends and believed she could be the next target of his temper.

Fearing for her safety, Jennifer finally went to the Campus Police in an attempt to get help and gain protection. She related the events of the past few weeks to police, making it clear her ex-boyfriend had a long history of violence.

When she filled out a police report, Fort Worth police were called to handle the case.

After a Fort Worth police officer listened to Jennifer's story, he told her that too much time had passed between the last incident and when she decided to report it. He told her not to file a report. When Campus Police requested that Fort Worth take a report anyway, the officer responded, "There isn't anything to take a report on."

While the issue of protection from stalkers and harassment may have reached its peak of publicity due to the stalkings of celebrities David Letterman and actress Rebecca Schaeffer, stalking and harassment is still a problem on college campuses around the nation.

The university has had nine reports of stalking or harassment this semester. Many of the reports are similar to the account given above.

In the view of many critics, cases such as these are the reason that anti-stalking laws will prove ineffective.

"This is a way for legislators to say they've done something to protect women, but the measures are really only

a Band-Aid. It won't work," Phillip Gutis, a spokesperson for the American Civil Liberties Union told *The New York Times*. "The law isn't going to arrest anyone."

TCU Campus Police said the law may not be perfect, but if used properly, it can be successful in stopping a stalking situation.

"It's very important that a student report the first case of harassment to us," said Crime Prevention Sgt. Connie Villela.

"They need to understand that the first incident that happens will not result in an arrest, or any serious action," Villela said. "But if they report it the first time, by the third time we can act on it."

Although the new stalking law was designed to prevent assaults by punishing the assailant before he or she commits a crime, the account above sounds strangely similar to the incidents the law was created to stop, said Tarrant County Case Reviewer Sharon Solie. Solie reviews criminal cases before they reach the District Attorneys office and decides which ones are valid.

"Because of the nature of a law that does require solid evidence for arrest, the victims have to do their part," Solie said. "I predict many of the charges won't stick due to complainants who don't file enough reports or don't really want to see things through... it will be very easy for a stalker to beat the rap."

Campus Police said they will take any report of stalking seriously.

"Students should not be afraid to come down here and talk to us, especially if they have received a threat of violence or feel unsafe," Villela said. "Any threat that is made should be taken seriously, no matter how well you felt you knew the person before, ex-boyfriend or not."

"If someone is trying to intimidate you or won't leave you alone, we'll do everything we can to fix the situation."

## When relationships go haywire, Counseling Center offers help

By CHRIS NEWTON  
TCU Daily Skiff

Harassment and relationship problems are dealt with on a daily basis at the university's Counseling Center, said psychologist John Schuster.

"That's one of the major issues we deal with here," Schuster said. "Most of the people that come here fit into two categories: They aren't in a relationship and they want to be, or they are in a relationship that has turned sour and they want out."

According to federal crime statistics, more than one-third of all women murdered are killed by their husbands or boyfriends. Due to that statistic, many psychologists are investigating the nature of relationships and the mental state of those who are committing the crimes.

"Stalkers have disturbed self-images in which they see themselves as irresistible or as complete zeroes," said Stanton Samehow, a psychologist from Virginia, who wrote the book "Inside the Criminal Mind."

"When they are rejected, they resort to intimidation in a desperate attempt to try to regain their self-esteem," Staton said. "The threat of prison may deter some of them, but for others, it's like putting fuel in the fire."

David Beatty of the National Victim Center in Arlington, Va., told *Newsweek* a lot of people who become stalkers are just caught up in the emotion of a bad breakup.

"Sitting someone in jail for a while may make him rethink his actions, but sometimes stalkers are mentally deranged," Beatty said.

Schuster said most of the problems are caused by one companion becoming possessive of the other due to self-image problems.

"It's horrible to be possessive in a relationship," he said. "It is probably the No. 1 reason why couples break up."

"Usually what happens is one member of a couple begins to act like they possess the other," he said. "They want to control where they go, who they see; this is extremely unhealthy."

The pursuer may not always be a man, Schuster said.

"I don't want to give the impression that only males are possessive in relationships," he said. "Many of the cases we deal with are male students dealing with possessive ex-girlfriends."

Schuster suggests a direct and to-the-point conversation is the best way to deal with some-

one who has become obsessive or possessive in a relationship.

"I try to get the person to sit down with the pursuer — not in anger or in the heat of battle, but at a time when both of them are calm and are thinking straight," Schuster said.

"Nicely, but in no uncertain terms, I would let them (the pursuer) know that the relationship isn't going to work and that you prefer not to talk to them for awhile. Get them to acknowledge what you said."

"Many times the pursuer might not realize that the relationship is really over," he said, "especially if you've broken up and gotten back together before."

Most college-age stalkers and harassers fit into a certain mental profile, Schuster said.

"The pursuer usually has a poor self-image, they are jealous and insecure," he said. "They see their boyfriend or girlfriend as a security blanket; take it away and they panic."

If the pursuer sees the person dating someone else the situation can get worse, he said.

"If they see the person in another relationship they are likely to become very jealous," Schuster said. "This can either lead to self-destructive tendencies or feelings of ill will toward the ex-partner."

While violence or terroristic threats do not always occur in relationships gone bad, they are not uncommon and should be taken seriously.

"These situations have led to incidents of violence, even on the TCU campus," Schuster said. "It's very conceivable that a person in this (mental) state might do something violent."

In some cases a person's academic life can be an indicator of what mental state they are in and how attached to the situation they are, Schuster said.

**"Most of the people that come here fit into two categories: They aren't in a relationship and they want to be, or they are in a relationship that has turned sour and they want out."**

JOHN SCHUSTER,  
Psychologist

"Many times the person has let things go," he said. "They don't do their school work, they don't go to classes, their lives begin to revolve around their ex-partner."

An often-overlooked solution to the problem is having the pursuer try to receive treatment or counseling.

"We have had people realize that their life was in a downward spiral because of a broken relationship and come to us for counseling," Schuster said. "That is the best thing that can happen. When stalking or harassment occurs, the life of the pursuer is very unstable, and they may need help just as badly as the victim."

# State legislatures attempt to prevent stalking

By CHRIS NEWTON  
TCU Daily Skiff

The anti-stalking law passed in April may seem to make it tougher for stalkers, but their victims may be no better off now than they were before the law passed.

"To be quite honest, prison overflowing is allowing stalkers to receive, at the most, a few months in jail, if they serve any jail time at all," said Tarrant County Case Reviewer Sharon Solie. "In many cases, all you may end up doing is provoking the stalker more."

Solie reviews criminal cases before they reach the District Attorneys office and decides which ones are valid.

Before the anti-stalking law was passed, there was no specific crime to use when dealing with those who had made threats or otherwise harassed people.

Under the law, the first offense is a misdemeanor, punishable by a maximum of one year in jail and a \$3,000 fine. Additional violations

could result in up to 10 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

Many criminal defense lawyers fear that the law may be unconstitutional. Florida's anti-stalking law allows police to make an arrest without obtaining a warrant.

"It's not really against the law to be a jerk," said Dallas attorney Frank Nielson. "In some states the laws only require oral evidence from the alleged victim."

In Florida, the law allows police to arrest an alleged stalker without obtaining a warrant.

"This is one of the few offenses that does not dictate that there be any proof of wrongdoing before an arrest can be made," Nielson said.

Solie agreed to some extent.

"There's no doubt that the law gives police a lot of power, but stalking is definitely a hazy offense," Solie said. "But the victims have to have their story straight and any evidence they can muster to really make a charge stick."

Texas is one of 28 states with anti-stalking laws on the books. Several

of these laws were passed after actress Rebecca Schaeffer was stabbed to death by a fan who had been stalking her for months.

While most analysts cite this as the major catalyst for the trend, *Newsweek* points out that almost every state with anti-stalking legislation has a local tragedy involving a stalking.

Legislators in Wisconsin enacted laws after a woman's ex-boyfriend fatally stabbed her 19 times after she tried unsuccessfully to obtain a court order for protection.

In Georgia, one mother testified that her daughter had been stalked for six months by a man who eventually shot her, burned her body and dumped it in a creek.

Also adding to the anti-stalking controversy is the apparent helplessness of victims who almost predict their own assault by attempting to gain protection from police.

"What does he have to do, shoot me?" Orange County, Calif., resident Tammy Davis asked police just days before she was fatally shot by her ex-

boyfriend.

TCU Campus Police Crime Prevention Sgt. Connie Villela said the new laws are aimed at preventing assaults.

"The bottom line is, before, people couldn't get help until they had been physically assaulted," she said. "This is a step toward changing that."

The Texas law requires that before charges of stalking can be enforced, the alleged victim must have filed at least two reports of harassment and one report of a terroristic threat or threat of bodily harm.

Villela said the law is for those who really need a way out.

"This is not something to be taken lightly," she said. "It's very serious."

"Just because your boyfriend doesn't want to break up doesn't mean he's stalking you, but if you really do believe you're in danger or that the person has crossed over the line in harassing you, you should report it immediately."

While many states are adopting stalking laws, the specific wording of the laws varies significantly from

state to state.

In Connecticut, the law has special parameters that make stalking a child a felony punishable by up to five years in prison.

The California law requires a victim to have reason to fear great bodily harm or death.

West Virginian legislators specified in their law that the perpetrator must be someone who engaged in a sexual or intimate relationship with the victim.

Fort Worth attorney Tim Evans called the laws a response to the "crime du jour."

"The legislature runs down there and passes a law so they can say they're tough on crime," he said. "I think its much ado about nothing. The things I saw are already against the law."

Some attorneys question the existing anti-stalking laws because of their broad language.

"The laws' definition of stalking is so broad that it could limit anti-abortion protestors, union picketers or

any one of us," James Harrington, legal director of the Texas Civil Rights Project, told the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*.

"You could have a consumer car case where you were upset with the kind of repairs you had on your car, and the guy you're dealing with is a real jerk and blows you off every time you try to talk to him, so you hound him to do something," he said. "Under this law you could be arrested."

Former federal prosecutor Thomas Luby, who has helped write many of the bills, told the *New York Times* that the new laws do define stalking clearly and do take into consideration the constitutional rights of the accused.

"It's not a crime to make a paranoid person fearful," Luby said. "We're trying to keep the boundary line between legitimate and illegitimate behavior."

"If the police can't keep a crime from occurring, what good are they?"



# News

## Think you're ready to graduate? Better check this list

By CRYSTAL DECKER  
TCU Daily Skiff

It's more than just picking up your diploma.

Students in their final semester at college have more to deal with than just passing their classes and looking for a job, according to representatives in charge of graduation at TCU.

Nancy Ellithorpe, manager of Academic Progress Services, said graduation is a process that requires more organization than in any previous semester.

"We're always surprised to see how seniors scramble around at the last minute," Ellithorpe said. "They already have a lot on their minds and forget they have to take care of getting out of here first."

"I didn't even think about it," said Greg Weed, a recent TCU radio-TV-film graduate. "By the time I realized I had to go through all this, I was almost out of time."

As a service to students preparing to graduate, Ellithorpe provided a guideline of what you must do to graduate.

"To begin, students must file an 'Intent to Graduate' form with the office of their department," she said. "They will then alert our office that your time has come."

Once the Academic Progress Office has been informed, the student will receive a letter of degree candidacy. This letter tells the student they are eligible to graduate. Students can then settle their accounts with the school so they can financially qualify for graduation.



"You can't graduate, even if you have an outstanding library fine,"

Ellithorpe said. "Students sometimes don't realize that we have to deal with a number of on-campus departments, and they do too. Going to the Controller's Office usually takes care of it."

Students are then required to order their cap and gown for the graduation ceremony. They are charged a "graduation fee" that covers cap and gown rental as well as purchase of the student's diploma.

"That's what really made me mad," Weed said. "After all the money we pour into this school, they have to (charge) you one last time before you leave. And you have to do it."

"Of course we've heard this before, and we keep saying it's a standard process,"

Ellithorpe said. "It's not outrageous, and it covers all the costs of graduation, like the cap and gown, diploma and folder, even the setup for commencement itself."

The fee is non-refundable for those students who fail to graduate, either academically or financially.

The soon-to-be graduate's work still is not done once they settle their accounts and graduation package. Now, arrangements must be made to inform and invite people to the ceremony itself.

Graduation announcements must be purchased through the TCU Bookstore. Sales representatives say the announcements cost \$1 each, and have the university seal engraved on the front, as well as the graduate's announcement inside.

"I thought about making my own announcements on my computer at home," Weed said, "but I ran out of time. It was just an idea to cut costs down."

Once announcements are sent, students and loved ones must arrange to stay nearby in Fort Worth during the Commencement ceremonies.

"I wish I was from Dallas, or even from Waco," said Tammy, an education major preparing to graduate in May. "I'm from Missouri, and I have around 18 people who are going to want to be here."

"I have to find an airline, a place to rent a car and a place for them to stay for the weekend. My parents will probably have to pay for it, and they all drive me crazy anyway."

Other arrangements, such as purchasing a transcript, graduation photographs and post-graduation parties are usually left to the students as well.

Ellithorpe encourages graduating seniors to begin planning for graduation in the beginning of the semester to avoid the scramble.

"Our biggest problem is with students who don't pay attention to deadlines," she said. "We don't want to charge them with late fees, but we have to if we don't get their information. It makes it harder on us."

"We want it to be nice for them, and it can be if they just do a little bit of looking ahead. It can be great."

## Professional ties help local chapter of PRSSA win national recognition

TCU Daily Skiff

The TCU chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America and its professional counterpart won the national Dr. F. H. Theahan Award for outstanding PRSA/PRSSA chapter relationship.

Improved relations between the students and professional chapters were the key to winning this year's award, said Bill Lawrence, the PRSSA professional liaison.

"We hadn't done as much in the past, but this year PRSA and the student members enjoyed several opportunities for mentoring and professional development," he said.

Lawrence cited the professional shadow day, internships and invitations to PRSA luncheons as successful interactions. Lawrence teaches the public relations cases course at TCU.

Both the professional and student chapters received a plaque and a \$350 award at the national student conference in Orlando, Fla. on Nov. 17. Andy Zmugg, the PRSSA southwest district director, accepted the honor and will present a check to the Greater Fort Worth chapter of PRSA at its December meeting.

The Theahan awards program recognizes outstanding achievement on the student level. Awards totalling \$4,000 are presented annually at the

PRSSA national conference and are named in honor of Theahan, one of the founders of PRSSA. Public relations professionals from around the United States judge the national competition.

Matt Ottinger, president of the TCU PRSSA chapter, said getting together with professionals gives students real world experience.

"I know of three students who were hired as interns as a result of the our chapter's involvement with PRSA," he said.

PRSSA is the preeminent pre-professional organization; its mission is to provide quality public relations education and experience to students.



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Andy Zmugg, a senior advertising/public relations major and southwest district director of the Public Relations Student Society of America, presents Susan Schoolfield of the Greater Fort Worth Public Relations Society of America with the Theahan Award. Schoolfield's group and the TCU PRSSA chapter shared the national award.

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# Holocaust debates continue 48 years after World War II

By ROBERT WOLF  
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How would you feel if somebody announced that the Holocaust occurring during the 1930s and the 1940s never really happened?

Citizens across the United States are expressing rage over the rebirth of the revisionist theory that states the Holocaust was "greatly exaggerated" and that, in essence, very few people actually died in Nazi camps. A recent book by Deborah Lipstadt, "Denying the Holocaust," has raised controversy among those people who think the Holocaust never occurred.

"While Ms. Lipstadt does inform the reader of the history of Holocaust denial, she does so in a very biased manner," said Bradley R. Smith, director of the Committee for Open Debate on the Holocaust, in a telephone interview. "She functions as a propagandist who is furthering her own political agendas."

Smith, in his review of Lipstadt's book, said she advocates the total suppression of all opposing viewpoints. Additionally, Lipstadt "levies *ad hominem* (personal) attacks on virtually everyone who disagrees with her, and is vicious in doing so," he said.

A recent Time magazine article showed Smith is not the only person who thinks the Holocaust never happened: 37 percent of the people surveyed by Time said that they did not believe the Holocaust was "at the intense level as is reported in today's

history books."

What then, are these Holocaust deniers using as evidence to support their claims, asked Lipstadt in the beginning of her book.

Smith said the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum displays no proof anywhere of homicidal gassing chambers and no proof that even one individual was gassed at any camp liberated by Allied armies.

"There is no mention of the infamous Auschwitz gas chamber in the museum," he said, "nor does Winston Churchill, in his six-volume history of World War II, mention gas chambers and their use in an alleged genocide of the Jews."

Smith said no one can prove the dead people in German photos are really Jews.

Smith, the director of the new revisionist movement, made these claims in an advertisement that ran in many university newspapers in 1991. Universities which printed the ad included Duke, Cornell, Northwestern and the University of Michigan.

But universities including Harvard, Yale, Brown and the University of California at Berkeley all refused to publish Smith's advertisement.

Rajiv Chandrasekaran, editor of *The Stanford Daily*, said that unlike the editors of newspapers at Duke and Cornell, he felt no obligation to print the ad, as this was not a First Amendment issue.

David Oshinsky, a professor at Rutgers University, explained why an ad such as Smith's should be rejected.

"If one group advertises that the Holocaust never happened, another can buy space to insist that American blacks were never enslaved," Oshinsky said.

"The stakes are high, because college newspapers may soon be flooded with ads that present discredited assertions as if they were a normal part of historical debate," he said.

Smith's advertisement was the fuel that was added to the recent fire concerning Holocaust denial.

After Chandrasekaran, in his editorial, rejected Smith's ideas and charged him with being a liar and a racist, Smith rejected the editorial.

"If you charge someone with being base or a liar," Smith said, "it would be a good idea for you to attempt to demonstrate that at least one of the charges is true."

Smith does raise several good and bad points, said Misty McFarland, a freshman math major at TCU.

"I understand that you must keep an open mind about education, but we can't just go and start rewriting history," she said.

McFarland said she was interested in Smith's general argument, but found his claims to be "highly speculative" and, at times, "totally ridiculous."

Oshinsky said he was not impressed with revisionist theories.

"If the Holocaust is not a fact, then nothing is a fact," he said. "And truth itself will be diminished."

## Clinton signs gun control bill

By TERENCE HUNT  
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WASHINGTON — As James Brady turned in his wheelchair to watch, President Clinton signed into law the most sweeping handgun control bill in a quarter century, Tuesday. "Americans are finally fed up with violence," the president declared.

Cheers and applause erupted in the East Room as Clinton signed the long-fought bill before an audience of law enforcement officials, mayors, governors, members of Congress and families who have lost relatives to gun violence.

The new law will require a five-day waiting period and background check on handgun buyers when it takes effect in 90 days. It was named after Brady, the White House press secretary who was gravely wounded and left disabled in the 1981 assassination attempt against then-President Reagan.

Reading slowly from notes as his wife, Sarah, held a microphone for him, Brady called the ceremony "the end of unchecked madness and the commencement of a heart-felt crusade for a safer and saner country."

It was the first major gun bill since 1968 when Congress banned mail-order purchases of rifles, shotguns, handguns and ammunition and curbed out-of-state buying of those firearms.

Clinton said the Brady bill finally passed "because grassroots America changed its mind and demanded that this Congress not leave here without doing something about this. And all the rest of us, even Jim and Sarah, did was to somehow light that spark that swept across the people of this country and proved once again that democracy can work."

"America won this battle," the president said. "Americans are finally fed up with violence that cuts down another citizen with gunfire every 20 minutes."

A major anti-crime bill is expected to be high on the agenda for Clinton and Congress next year. It is a politically popular issue, since polls show that violence-weary Americans say crime is their top fear.

Clinton said that opponents have successfully portrayed gun restrictions as an impingement on the American culture of hunting and fishing.

"We have taken this important part of the life of millions of Americans and turned it into an instrument of maintaining madness," the president said.

"It is crazy," Clinton said. "Would I let anybody change that life in America? Not on your life. Has that got anything to do with the Brady bill or assault weapons or whether the police have to go out on the street confronting teen-agers

who are better armed than they are? Of course not."

He said that signing the Brady bill was "step one in taking our streets back, taking our children back, reclaiming our families and our future."

Critics contend the Brady bill will have a limited effect because criminals will simply buy their weapons in illicit markets.

Clinton and Sarah Brady both took note of a Washington Post story that said background checks and waiting periods in California, Florida, Virginia and Maryland have blocked more than 47,000 attempted gun purchases by people who at the time were banned from buying firearms. At least 25 states have Brady-like restrictions on handgun sales.

Brady, who has used a wheelchair since his shooting, told the audience, "Twelve years ago my life was changed forever by a disturbed young man with a gun. Until that time, I had not thought about gun control or the need for gun control. Maybe if I had done so, I wouldn't be stuck with these damn wheels."

Attorney General Janet Reno said that Sarah Brady had pledged not to stop with the Brady bill. She quoted Mrs. Brady as saying, "We're going to get the ban on assault weapons passed."

# Cowboys recovering from loss, attempting to regain momentum

By DENNE H. FREEMAN  
Associated Press

IRVING — Jimmy Johnson loves a good psychological challenge, and he's got one with a Super Bowl team that has become star-crossed.

"There's not a large margin of error now," the Dallas Cowboys coach said Tuesday. "It looks like our Jan. 2 game with the New York Giants is going to be a big ballgame. But we have to take care of business in the meantime."

Johnson is into damage control after an agonizing 16-14 loss to Miami on Thanksgiving Day which ended on the crazy Leon Lett blocked field goal blunder.

"It's been a very disruptive year," Johnson said. "It's been difficult for us to get on a roll like we did last year."

Things haven't become so desperate that Johnson has referred to the psychology book "Flow," which he used during the Super Bowl.

"I haven't had time to thumb through the chapters," Johnson said. "But this is a critical time for us. I

think we will be fine and can still finish where we want to finish. But if we don't take care of business, we'll be explaining what happened for the next six months."

"We had a swagger coming into this season, but it's not as big as it used to be," Johnson said. "I think we can get it back."

Johnson said he's not concerned whether the Cowboys have home-field advantage for the playoffs.

"Our goal is to win the division, get healthy, and be playing well when the playoffs start," Johnson said. "If we have to play on the road, we play on the road, no big deal. It doesn't make any difference."

Dallas got into the Super Bowl in January after defeating San Francisco in the title game at Candlestick Park.

The Cowboys are 7-4 and play host to the Philadelphia Eagles Monday night. Dallas is 19-6 on games after Thanksgiving. The Cowboys are a game behind the New York Giants, which lost to Dallas 31-9 in Texas Stadium Nov. 7.

Johnson tried to put an end to the

"Leon thing" on Tuesday, saying "It's not going to be a distraction in a day or two. It's fun for the media to point fingers and stir things up. It's boring if there isn't a controversy."

Lett released a statement on Monday saying he was sorry but has refused to talk about the incident in which he touched the ball after a blocked field goal. Miami recovered and kicked the game-winning field goal from the Dallas 1-yard line as time expired.

Johnson added: "This is a bottom line business. If you win you're smart and witty and on top of the world. If you lose, you aren't coordinated and you're dumb."

Associated Press

AUSTIN — A city worker is urging formation of a lesbian and gay employee network in light of Austin's new policy of providing medical and leave benefits for unmarried partners of the workers.

"If there ever was a time for gay and lesbian people to come together, it's real important now," said Scottie Shelton, an electrician at the city's Holly Street Power Plant.

She said the proposed network could work on establishing sensitivity training on lesbian and gay workplace issues, and lobby elected

officials for protections against discrimination based on sexual orientation.

The city of Austin's domestic partner policy provides medical and leave benefits for unmarried partners of city employees. The city has about 10,000 employees.

The Rev. Charles Bullock, pastor at Christ Memorial Baptist Church, has started a petition drive in hopes of reversing the policy. Bullock must submit petitions with the valid signatures of 5 percent of the nearly 300,000 registered voters to have the issue placed on the ballot.

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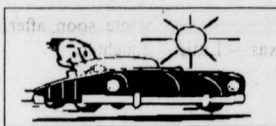
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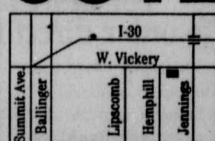
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# Features

## Vietnamese student reflects on escape from homeland

By LARK FLORESCA  
Special to the Skiff

As the sun set on April 30, 1974, the streets of Saigon filled with more people. Everyone hurried frantically to the docks. Most of them had only the clothes on their backs.

Chat and Theuy Pham knew they had to leave the country or risk the chances of being captured or killed by the communists.

Chat Pham's parents, his wife, three children, sister and her husband had waited from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. in an abandoned warehouse. Thaeuh Le Nguyen, the man who had promised to take the family out of Vietnam on his fishing boat, never showed up.

"I would rather have killed my own family than be taken prisoners," Chat Pham said 19 years later. During the escape, he carried a gun with enough bullets to kill his entire family.

Tina Pham, the youngest of the Pham children and a junior dietetics major at TCU, said her family finally escaped on a barge.

"My family had to climb rope ladders to get on a 200-foot, single-engine barge that had about 2,000 people on it," she said. "My grandmother almost dropped Lan while climbing the ropes."

The barge circled the Gulf of Tonkin Bay while its passengers watched the Vietcong bombard Saigon. The city was on fire; black clouds hovered over the ruins.

"For several years after that night, my sisters and I would cry when we saw fireworks because we associated them with the bombing of Saigon," Tina said.

The U.S. Coastal Marines finally rescued the Phams, along with several hundred other Vietnamese refugees.

"My father and mother had to stay in Guam for six months since my dad was an army chief surgeon in Viet-

nam and my mother served as a nurse," she said. "The rest of the family went to Paris to stay with an uncle."

"The separation was hard, especially since we were so young. When we were reunited, I cried because I didn't remember my mother."

None of the Phams knew English when they came to the United States. "My father had to get his medical degree again because he didn't receive it in the states," Tina said.

"He also had to learn English at the same time. My mother worked in a computer plant to put my dad through medical school."

When Tina was 4 years old, she was separated from her parents again because she had to go to an Oklahoma school in order to start the first grade early.

"I stayed with one of my parents' friends in Ardmore, Okla.," Tina said. "I had a hard time in school because I didn't know English very well."

She also got her first real taste of racism at Ardmore Elementary School. "I thought the reason the other kids ignored me and Mrs. Green, my teacher, put me in the back of the class was because there was something wrong with me," Tina said. "I did not know it was from the color of my skin."

The Phams moved to Arlington, Texas, in 1982. Tina's father got his doctorate in psychiatry from Southwest Medical School in Dallas and established his own clinic in Arlington.

"I'm glad I have a chance to make something of myself," Tina said. "America is such a great country."

Tina said she feels lucky because she has the opportunity to get a college education while her cousins in Vietnam are stuck with remedial work.

Last year, Tina helped six Vietnamese immigrants learn English. "I feel I was one of the lucky people, so I wanted to do something for other Vietnamese coming to the States," she said. "Those people deserve a chance, too."

**"I'm glad I have a chance to make something of myself."**

TINA PHAM,  
Student

## Legacy

Little girl becomes a woman during the fight against cancer

By LOUISE POPPLEWELL  
The Victoria Advocate

PORT LAVACA, Texas — Little girls like Melissa Weaver are not supposed to die.

It is assumed they will grow into beautiful young women — perhaps too slowly for themselves, and undoubtedly too quickly for their parents.

Easy childhood giggles are to become adult laughter, a crush on a boy is to become a marriage to a man, the dreams of the future are to become the realities of the present, then the memories of the past.

But cancer doesn't know that. On Oct. 2, at age 11, Melissa Weaver died at her home in Port Lavaca.

"Melissa was strong, tough, determined, intelligent, sympathetic, apologetic, kind, friendly and every

other adjective there is to describe a wonderful little girl," Rosie Weaver wrote soon after the death of her daughter.

Those characteristics are bountifully evident in just one of the many things, tangible and intangible, that Melissa left behind. It's a 9-inch sculpture, a self-portrait, she made while undergoing treatment at the Texas Children's Hospital in Houston.

The figure is clad in a burgundy dress and pink baseball cap. And there's a smile on its little clay face.

The artwork is pictured in the hospital's 1994 calendar, which features works by boys and girls who, like Melissa, are and were fighting for their lives.

Melissa was diagnosed with a rare kind of children's cancer at the hospital in April 1992.

"At the moment of her diagnosis,

Melissa seemed to almost immediately grow up. Her father (Kenneth) felt he had known Melissa for his entire life, instead of her 11 years," Rosie Weaver said.

"For the next 18 months, all could attest that what used to be our little girl had grown into a very mature, intelligent young lady who still wanted to have some little girl times with her friends," she said.

Frequent trips to the Houston hospital for chemotherapy treatments followed. In June 1992 she underwent surgery and more chemo treatments.

The ever-increasing trips to Houston were an event and an ordeal. Through the pain, Melissa maintained her sense of humor, made light of the situation and always felt pity for others and none for herself, her family remembers.

see Children, page 8

## Campus priest follows his faith even when it contradicts pope

By KRISTAL GRIFFITH  
Special to the Skiff

Father Charlie Calabrese believes in acceptance, even when it goes against the official teachings of his church.

Calabrese, a priest for University Ministries, said Jesus Christ is his example as one person who cut through social stigmas and accepted outcasts.

"Our official Catholic theology says we have a primacy of conscience," Calabrese said. "I have to follow my conscience and my faith even if it means disagreeing with the pope or anyone else in the church."

Carol Krahulec, a sophomore broadcast journalism major, said most Catholic priests "follow strict guidelines of the Church, but (Calabrese) sees more areas of gray and that there are choices."

Calabrese said the pope can take disciplinary actions against a priest who disagrees with him.

"But he can't take away a Catholic's right to believe or to dissent," he said.

Calabrese said he does not have a problem with dissenting.

"Popes have embarrassed us

before with their policies," he said.

Calabrese said the word "pope" means pontiff or bridge-builder. He said the pope's role in the Church is to be the source and the sign of unity.

"Our pope, I think, so often is causing divisions and making it hard for people to get along with other people," he said. "He can't judge another conscience."

"I don't agree with everything the pope says and I don't hide that from anybody — and I'll preach what I believe."

Calabrese does preach what he believes. On Nov. 9, the priest and his group discussed the Scripture. The outcast in the Gospel reading was Zacchaeus, a tax collector whom Jesus saved. Calabrese said today's society has similar outcasts, such as homosexuals.

As part of his ministry, Calabrese works as a Care Team volunteer, making weekly visits to an AIDS patient. Both of the AIDS patients Calabrese has worked with so far have been homosexual. Both have died.

The priest said he agreed with both men, one who died and one who is dying, that they are in right relationships with God.

The men told Calabrese they would not change anything in their lives. They said they would not do anything differently because they had lived full lives and had good relationships with the people with whom they had lived.

From his office, Calabrese plans his weekly masses, which are held at 7:30 p.m. on Sundays in Student Center Room 205, 12:10 p.m. on Tuesdays in Student Center Room 204 and at 5 p.m. on Thursdays in the Reed Hall Faculty Center. Calabrese also helps with University Chapel services, retreats, supper programs and discussion groups.

Calabrese has been at TCU since October 1983, when he relocated from his job as campus minister at Ohio University. The priest said he likes the campus setting and would not want to move unless it was to a small parish where he could make his own mark.

"There isn't in my mind any doubt that there is anything contradictory between being a homosexual and being loved by God and loving God and being a Christian or a Buddhist or a Hindu or whatever a person happens to be," Calabrese said.

## Student deals with life and death as part of curriculum, job training

By JENNIFER STITZEL  
Special to the Skiff

Her palms are sweaty. Her heart skips a beat.

She takes a deep breath and wonders, *Will I see him again today?*

She pauses at the door. Will he be waiting for her?

She says a quick prayer: "Please, please just let me see him one more time."

She regains her composure and walks slowly into the room. He looks up and smiles weakly.

She breathes a sigh of relief. "Hi, Kevin. How are you doing today?"

Kevin, a 3-year-old boy with a brain tumor, is too weak to answer. "Kevin is doing better now that you are here," Kevin's mother says. "He has been waiting for you."

While some college women might start the day hoping to see that good-looking guy in English class, senior nursing student Jessica Kemp starts the day hoping to see her patient still alive.

"There is such a huge contrast

between what I have to deal with in the hospital and what most students deal with in their academic curriculums," said Kemp, who decided she wanted to be a nurse after studying anatomy in high school.

Kemp has seen several patients die on her shifts. One was Kevin, the 3-year-old with the brain tumor. Another was an 11-year-old girl who had leukemia. A third was a 70-year-old woman who passed away during heart surgery.

"The hardest part of dealing with these deaths was having to tell the family that they had just lost someone whom they loved so much," Kemp said.

Kemp said no matter how many deaths she has witnessed, it never gets easier to deal with the loss of a patient.

Monday morning for some students brings another round of tests, a brief conversation outside the Main, and the sound of pens writing furiously as a professor lectures about the current topic of choice.

Kemp begins her Monday morning at 6:15 a.m. She starts by getting a report on her patient's condition from the nurse on the shift ahead of her.

The patient could be in critical condition and have several serious problems, Kemp said.

"It is stressful because I have to know the consequences of each and every sign and symptom, and I have to prioritize the most life-threatening problems in order to know what needs to be treated first," Kemp said.

Carol Stephenson, associate professor of nursing, said, "The difference between the nursing curriculum and other curriculums in college is that while no one will die from not doing an English or history assignment properly, in nursing, not doing something properly can be detrimental to the life and well-being of the patient."

Some mornings, instead of taking care of a patient, Kemp assists in a surgery. Kemp has assisted heart surgeries, numerous orthopedic surgeries and many infant deliveries.

Kemp said there is nothing more

incredible than seeing the birth of a human being.

"All college curriculums are chal-

lenging, but the nursing curriculum is one that makes students realize just how precious and fragile human life can be," Kemp said.

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# Sports

## Frogs hope to return to form in '94

By TY BENZ  
TCU Daily Skiff

The big man is back for the TCU men's basketball team. Hopefully for the Frogs, the wins will be back too.

Last season TCU lost its big man, 6-9 center Kurt Thomas, to a leg injury that cost him the season. Without Thomas, the Frogs were undersized, outmanned (6-6 forward Eric Dailey was forced to play the post) and finished the season with a 6-22 record.

Now that Thomas is back, he and TCU are poised for a big season.

"I'm healthy, in good shape and am a stronger player," Thomas said. "I'll make our inside game much stronger. Eric Dailey (TCU power forward) and I will be a nice 1-2 punch on the inside."

"Kurt has been practicing very hard and he's been playing really well," said TCU head coach Moe Iba. "I think it's going to take him two or three games to get into the form he needs to be in, but he's looking very good."

The strength of this year's team will be the inside duo of Thomas and Dailey. Thomas averaged more than seven points and five rebounds as a backup in 1991, while Dailey averaged 14 points and almost 10 rebounds a game last year for TCU last year. Thomas said the two should give TCU an inside game that no one in the Southwest Conference can stop.

"I don't think anyone in the Southwest Conference can hold us on the inside," Thomas said. "We (Thomas and Dailey) both can play

inside and out. It will give us more freedom inside because one of can stay inside while the other one pops out."

And TCU will also have some depth inside this season as sophomore center Byron Waits returns. Waits hopes to continue the success he had late in the year. Waits lit up Houston's all-SWC center Charles Outlaw for 24 points and nine rebounds. Against SMU the following game, Waits had 12 points and six rebounds.

"Byron has improved greatly from last year," Iba said. "He is physically bigger, he's rebounding harder, and he's playing better defensively. And offensively he has a more defined role and knows what he is expected to do."

Other people to look for inside are newcomers Michael Thoele and Leroy Gaston. Both are junior college transfers and hope to make an impact this season.

The small forward spot is taken by senior Myron Gordon, who averaged almost 10 points a game last year. Also seeing time at that spot will be JUCO transfer Russell Watson, Thoele and senior swingman James Williams.

While the inside is settled for the Frogs, TCU fans will see some new faces in the backcourt this season, particularly at point guard.

A battle for the starting point guard position is going on between freshman Jeff Jacobs and JUCO transfer Marco Jeans. Someone must step up and give TCU some consistency at the point guard spot.

"I don't know who is going to start right now, but we are going to

use both Jacobs and Jeans in the point guard role," Iba said. "And Jentry Moore can step in and play some in that position for us as well. We're going to use all three of them there a lot throughout the year."

The situation at shooting guard is more settled as the Frogs starter and backup both return. Sophomore Jentry Moore hopes to improve on his freshman season where he averaged eight points and shot 33 percent from beyond the three-point line. Williams, Watson and freshman Matt Akridge could also see some time at shooting guard this year.

A big key for TCU will be if a team full of new faces, TCU has six newcomers, can play together as a team and mesh well. If the team struggles to learn how to play together, then it could be a long year for the Frogs.

"We've got a lot more quality players on this year's team," Iba said. "We've had better practices, and I think we are going to get solid contributions from a lot of guys this season. We just need to make sure that everybody understands their role on the team and knows where they fit in."

While the team has a lot of newcomers, Moore said the team has a new attitude that should help them ease any problems.

"Everyone is working real hard and has good enthusiasm," Moore said. "It's different from last year. We're helping each other out more in practice and everything is falling into place better this season."

## Longhorns will be kings of SWC hoops

By THOMAS MANNING  
TCU Daily Skiff

The Southwest Conference basketball picture in 1993-94 looks very similar to the Southwest Conference football picture in 1993. There is a seemingly dominant team, a few other teams that may make some noise, and a collection of also-rans with some questions to answer.

The SWC endured a lackluster season in 1992-93, with SMU surprisingly taking the regular season title with a 12-2 conference record, earning them a berth in the NCAA tournament. They were joined there by Texas Tech (18-12, 6-8 SWC), winners of the SWC Post-Season Classic. But, as has been the case for most of the decade, neither team could manage to come up with a win in the big show, and the SWC once again had no team reach the second round of the tourney.

In fact, no current SWC team has won in the first round of the NCAA's since Texas in 1991. And, for the record, the Longhorns were bounced out in the second round that year.

But this season, the SWC may finally place a team in the final 32, and, possibly, beyond. And once again it may be the Longhorns who will be the team to give the SWC a post-season victory.

The Texas Longhorns are the class of the Southwest Conference in 1993-94. Picked by almost everyone to win the conference championship, Texas returns four quality starters from last year, including pre-season all-conference selections Terrence Rencher (at guard) and Albert Burditt (who averaged over 14 rebounds per game last season, at center). Head coach Tom Pender's up-tempo style is perfect for this year's squad, and the Runnin' 'Horns should run away with the conference title this season.

But the Longhorns do have some problems to address. Point guard B.J. Tyler is a disciplinary question mark, and without him the Longhorns lack the offensive explosive necessary for their success. And Texas is also staking a large amount of hope on inexperienced junior college transfers Roderick Anderson and Carl Simpson. If Tyler can overcome personal mischief and lead Texas on the court, and the JUCO transfers can step in and contribute quality minutes, the Longhorns will be the powerhouse of the SWC, and perhaps one of the most dangerous teams in the country.

The Baylor Bears have the best chance of the rest of the SWC teams to give the Longhorns a run for their

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



money. But there is an off-court cloud hanging over the program that may spill over on the court.

Four Baylor players were suspended before the start of the season for disciplinary reasons. And with the loss of seven lettermen due to graduation, the Bears are a very thin team.

The Bears do return four starters, including second-team all-SWC guard Aundre Branch, a junior who averaged 18.4 points per game for the team last year. But Branch underwent knee surgery in June, and the success of the team will have a great deal to do with how he bounces back.

The Bears other key player is one that hasn't even played a game in Waco yet. Freshman forward Jerode Banks is being touted as the best freshman in the SWC this year, earning pre-season Freshman of the Year honors among conference coaches. If Banks is the real thing, the Bears may have found a jewel that can lead them for four years. If he isn't, Baylor will be in trouble in '93-94.

Without a doubt, the Texas A&M Aggies are the up-and-coming team in the SWC. They are returning all

nine lettermen from a '93-94 season that saw them improve from 6-22 the previous year to 10-17. If that type of improvement continues at A&M, the Aggies will be a team to reckon with.

Third year head coach Tony Barone has a gem in senior point guard David Edwards, who averaged 13.1 points, 5.1 rebounds, 6.6 assists and 2.6 steals last season. The 5-9 Edwards provides A&M with its spark, and should continue to score and distribute the ball with precision this year.

And Edwards will have a horse to give the ball to in 6-5 forward Damon Johnson. Johnson led the Aggies in points and rebounds for the second straight season last year, and should be in all-conference form once again in '93-94.

But beyond Edwards and Johnson, the Aggies do not have much, and that lack of supporting cast will be their downfall. There is only so much two players can do, and the lack of a well-rounded attack will be what places A&M below Texas and Baylor this season.

No team lost more offensive production during the offseason than Texas Tech. The Red Raiders lost over 30 points and 16 rebounds per game with the departure of studs Will Flemons (graduation) and Lenny Holly (transfer). But junior sharp-

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**NOTE: The women's basketball game on Wednesday will be at 5:30 p.m., not the scheduled 7:30 p.m., at Daniel Meyer Coliseum**

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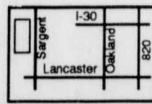
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shooter Lance Hughes and sophomore Jason Sasser will provide Tech with the offense this season. Unfortunately, the Raiders have too many holes to fill to contend for the conference title.

The Red Raiders are small. Real small. With no players taller than 6-8, the Tech defense will have a tough time stopping the big guys in the SWC. And outside of Hughes, Sasser and guard Koy Smith, Texas Tech will not get much offense. They will have to hope, like Baylor, that a highly praised newcomer, Mark Davis (a JUCO transfer from Louisiana) will be able to step in and play a big role. If not, Tech will not be able to score as often as opponents centers will be able to get inside on them, and it will be a tough year in Lubbock.

Our own TCU Horned Frogs will be better than they were during last year's 6-22 campaign. How much better will depend on a few things.

One is Kurt Thomas. His health and comeback are essential if the Frogs are to return to their form of two years ago.

Another is the point guard position. Someone needs to step up and distribute the ball to Thomas, Jentry Moore, Byron Waits et al if the Frogs want to have an offense.

At the risk of repeating what is said in the article to my left, the Frogs need to answer some questions if they want to enter the top half of the SWC. If it all gels, they will, and could finish as high as second. If Thomas goes down and/or the guard spot remains shaky, the Frogs won't do much.

The Rice Owls may have been the best team in the SWC last season. At 11-3 in the conference, the Owls finished one game behind SMU in the regular season, then were bounced out of the Post Season Classic early to miss an NCAA berth altogether. But the Owls were strong, and 1992-93 was a solid first campaign for head coach Willis Wilson.

This year, however, will be a different story. Gone are workhorses Marvin Moore and Brent Scott, who each averaged over 17 points per game last year. And they will be missed. The Rice offense will have a tough time making up

for the offense lost by the potent guard-center combination of Moore and Scott, and it will not be a happy year in Houston.

But Rice will not be the only team in the city of Houston to struggle. The Houston Cougars will go through tough times as well. New head coach Alvin Brooks will be in for a rude awakening in his first campaign at Houston, as the Cougars will desperately miss the awesome presence of forward Charles Outlaw. In Outlaw and fellow graduates David Diaz and Derrick Smith, the Cougars lose 45 points and 20 rebounds per game, and the team will not be able to compensate. Pre-season all-conference guard Anthony Goldwire will be a force, but with nobody alongside him, it will be tough for Goldwire to compile wins along with stats.

And finally, the Cinderella SMU Mustangs. Last season, the Mustangs came from nowhere to capture the SWC regular season crown. But they were bounced out of the post-season tournament in the first round by TCU, then lost in the first round of the NCAA's. And the end of

last season will carry on in 1993-94 for SMU, as the Mustangs will go from first to worst.

Only one starter is back from last year's miracle team, and it is not Tim Mason or Mike Wilson, the two guys who led the Ponies on their impressive run last year. That starter is guard Chad Allen, who will be virtually the only offense the Mustangs will have this season. All other returning lettermen combined to average 14 points last year.

The Ponies were the Cinderella team in the SWC last year. The clock will strike midnight in 1993-94.

So when the dust clears, Texas will be headed for the NCAA tournament, with a very good shot to make some noise and give the SWC their first tourney win in three years. Of the other teams, only Baylor and Texas A&M look like they have outside shots at the big show. And for the rest of the pack, all pieces will have to fall perfectly into place if they want to give the Longhorns a run for their money.

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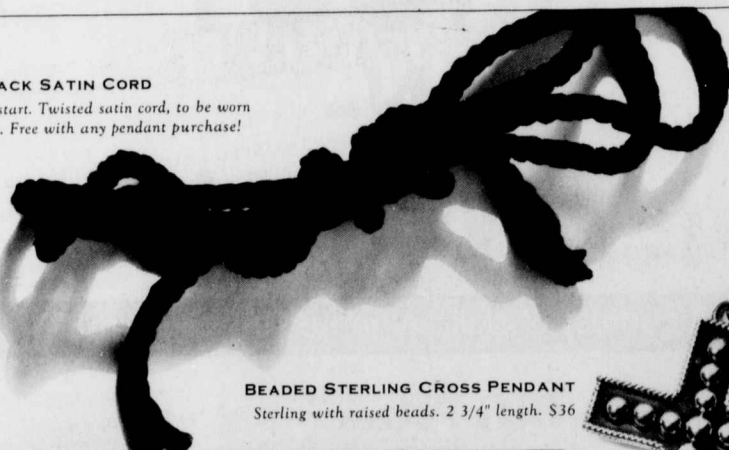
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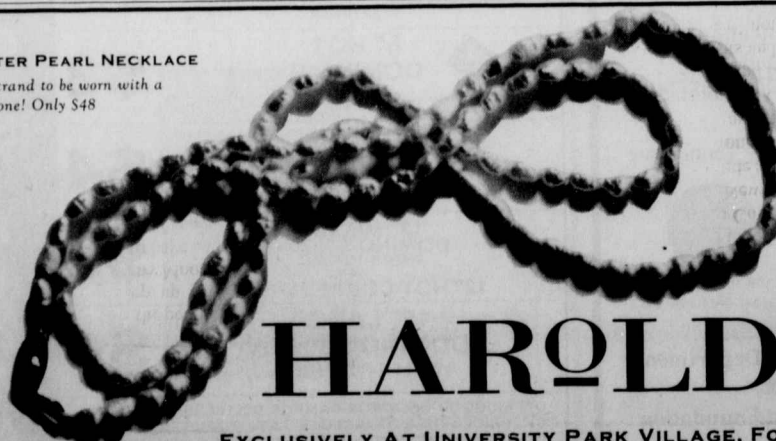
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