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Mandatory multicultural classes subject for debate at A&M, not TCU

BY NATALIE TAYLOR
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The debate over including multicultural issues in university curriculum grew into a storm last week at Texas A&M University. The ripples it created are being felt at universities across the Southwest, including TCU.

Although TCU offers many courses directed toward multicultural study, the university has not passed a mandatory multicultural curriculum either, said Provost William Koehler.

Koehler said a chancellor does not usually become involved in curriculum decisions. Each department is responsible for the

curriculum matters in its discipline, Koehler said. The faculty will make a proposal to change, add to or create a large-scale manipulation of its present curriculum. From the department or college, the proposal will go to a curriculum committee for further research.

Undergraduate proposals are then studied by the Undergraduate Council; graduate proposals go to the Graduate Council. Depending on the extent of the change, the proposals may go to the University Curriculum Committee, which consists of faculty members from divisions of the university.

If a proposal includes significant change, it will probably be reviewed by the University Council, Koehler said, which includes

the president and vice president of the student body.

"By and large," Koehler said, "universities have taken curriculum changes as a faculty matter." Administrators "deal with curriculum on a policy and discussion basis, not from an approving or rejecting standpoint," he said.

Larry Adams, associate vice chancellor for academic affairs, said the curriculum of a university should be the product of the best wisdom and judgement of the faculty.

"The components of the university's curriculum should be based on the objectives and goals of what we want our graduates to possess," Adams said. "These goals guide us into what is approved for the curriculum."

"Otherwise," Adams continued, "the curriculum is simply a set of compromises of what different people think is vitally important, and that kind of thinking would lead someone to put something like driver's education in the curriculum."

Although Koehler said the university is not preparing any type of mandatory multicultural curriculum that he is aware of, a mix of courses pertaining to a multicultural society are now in the curriculum and can be found in the TCU Undergraduate Studies Bulletin or can be picked up from program and minority student adviser Monica Mendez-Grant in the Student Activities Office.

The recent debate facing universities

about the installation of multicultural curricula came to a head last week for Texas A&M University after interim President E. Dean Gage overturned plans for mandatory multicultural study designed by the College of Liberal Arts.

According to *The Dallas Morning News*, the proposed curriculum change would have required incoming freshmen to take at least three credit hours in courses dealing exclusively with minorities or women.

Gage turned down plans for the mandatory "U.S. and International Cultures" program citing "politically correct" issues among his concerns, according to *The Dal-*

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Kathryn Eubank and Seth Sutton prepare for tonight's opening of "Company," the musical that benefits the TCU Guild scholarship fund. "Company" features the work of students from each department of the College of Fine Arts and Communications. Performances are at 8 tonight through Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$10 for the public, \$5 for students.

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Baylor votes to leave SWC

BY BEN JOHNSON
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Baylor University's Board of Regents voted unanimously Wednesday to accept an invitation from the Big Eight Athletic Conference to join three other Southwest Conference schools and the Big Eight in the creation of a new conference in 1996.

The University of Texas, Texas A&M and Texas Tech University were also issued invitations Monday to join the new conference. They have until Friday to officially decide whether they will leave the Southwest Conference.

Baylor Board of Regents Chairman Thomas R. Powers said the regents were proud and pleased to join the Big Eight Conference.

"We feel it will offer us an opportunity to increase the university's exposure on a national basis and will provide our alumni and students an opportunity to be a part of one of the major national conferences in the country," he said.

Baylor President Herbert H. Reynolds said the university intends to be fiercely competitive in the new conference but will be sad to see the



breakup of the Southwest Conference.

"We have the highest regard for each of the Southwest Conference member schools, and we will continue to maintain the closest relationships with them in all areas of university life," he said.

Reynolds said Baylor will have to invest more money in its athletic department in order to compete with the larger schools.

"We realize of course this means that we'll have to upgrade if we're going to be in the upper tier of the new conference," he said.

Baylor Athletic Director Dick

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Two women rob First Interstate Bank

BY CHRIS NEWTON
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Two unidentified women robbed First Interstate Bank in the 1600 block of University Drive at gunpoint on Tuesday. The amount of money taken in the robbery is undetermined.

The Fort Worth Police Department report gave the following account of the holdup:

Two women entered the bank at 9:30 a.m. and approached a teller's window. One of the women said she wanted to open a checking account and was taken by an employee to that department. At that point, the suspect handed the teller a note.

The note was printed and read, "This is no joke, make one wrong move and I'll blow your f—ing head off."

In capital letters the note also said "Empty your drawer."

One of the women then handed the teller a black bag and told the teller to empty the money in it.

The teller told police that when the woman handed her the note, the woman exposed her coat as if to display a weapon, but the teller never saw one.

Fort Worth Police Sgt. Gary Perez said the women might not have used a weapon.

"The teller said that she believed that the sus-

pect had a gun, but that may not be the case," Perez said. "She never got a clear look at the weapon, but it's possible. As easy as it is to get a gun, I doubt they faked it, unless they were really stupid."

None of the bank's employees tried to push the concealed alarm buttons for fear of angering the robbers.

After the robbery both women were seen running north, away from the bank.

One employee stated in the report that a young woman who looked similar to one of the suspects came in moments before the robbery and asked to

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Greek display concludes Black History Month

BY R. BRIAN SASSER
TCU DAILY SKIFF

TCU African-American Greek organizations will present their histories and purposes at a Panhellenic display from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Student Center Lounge.

The event is the final official event in the university's celebration of Black History Month. Members of Alpha Kappa Alpha and Delta Sigma Theta sororities and Alpha Phi Alpha and Kappa Alpha Psi fraternities will have presentations at the display.

"We want to make ourselves accessible to the campus," said Wesley Savage, a senior psychology major and vice president of Alpha Phi Alpha. "We want the students to

know that there are black Greeks on campus."

Myra Alsop, a senior nursing major and vice president of Alpha Kappa Alpha said she wants to show the diversity of African-American Greeks to the general population.

"There is a history behind our organization. We have a strong heritage," Alsop said.

Because of the small numbers of minorities on campus, the display is a chance for minorities to see that there are minority Greek organizations, Alsop said.

"Only 6 percent of TCU is minorities," she said. "This is an opportunity to recruit those minorities and help to present to them our purpose."

Alpha Phi Alpha, which has only

two members, also has trouble because of the small number of minorities on campus, Savage said.

"We don't have a large minority base to pull from like at a state school," Savage said.

Being a smaller organization brings the members closer together, but also is a lot of work for the members, Alsop said.

"We only have seven members. It is stressful," she said. "Because we are a national sorority, we have to maintain a certain number of service projects and go to the different national functions. Members must take on two or three roles."

The display also gives African-American Greek organizations a chance to demonstrate how they dif-



fer from other Greeks on campus, Alsop said.

"We are an organization with a purpose to serve mankind and the community," Alsop said. "We have a different focus."

This semester Alpha Kappa Alpha

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Coaches, players say future of sports secure

BY RICK WATERS
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Both coaches and players of TCU's football and basketball teams said they were not fretting about their program's futures, as Baylor became the first university to break away from the Southwest Conference.

"I'm not worried about it (TCU's exclusion from the merger)," said head football coach Pat Sullivan. "I hate to see the Southwest Conference breakup. A lot of people are disappointed about it, but the collegiate athletic scene is always changing."

Sullivan and the TCU football coaches met with the team Wednesday and told them not to worry about the merger.

"Everybody, in my opinion, is overreacting (to TCU's exclusion from the Big Eight)," Sullivan said. "Any changes that happen will go into effect in 1996. A lot of people will be gone by then. TCU will still have two more seasons of playing in the SWC. TCU will still be eligible to play in three bowl games and be the confer-

State won't block move from SWC

ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — The state's top legislative leaders won't seek to block four Southwest Conference schools from joining the Big Eight, their press secretaries say.

Four years ago, top lawmakers threatened budget cuts if the University of Texas and Texas A&M bolted from the conference.

But now, it appears that only lawmakers whose districts include the four schools being left behind — TCU, Southern Methodist, Rice and Houston

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NEWS DIGEST

Davidians' defense ends

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A hot-tempered defense lawyer clinched his teeth, glared at prosecutors and told jurors Wednesday four federal agents and scores of Branch Davidians died senselessly because of law enforcement misconduct.

"Ninety people have now lost their lives in the name of gun parts," said defense attorney Dan Cogdell, referring to a federal search warrant for weapons that led to a failed and fatal government raid Feb. 28, 1993.

Senator questions collider funds

WASHINGTON — The Superconducting Super Collider may be dead, but the Senate's leading critic of the failed \$11 billion project hasn't put aside his criticism of the giant atom smasher. During a Senate hearing Wednesday, Sen. Dale Bumpers demanded an explanation from Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary why the collider's former employees are receiving an "overly generous" severance package.

McDuff convicted of murder

SEGUIN, Texas (AP) — Kenneth McDuff was convicted Wednesday of capital murder in the rape-slaying and abduction of an Austin woman.

A Guadalupe County jury took less than three hours before finding McDuff guilty of capital murder, aggravated sexual assault and aggravated kidnapping in connection with the disappearance of Colleen Reed.

McDuff faces life in prison or death by lethal injection. He has been sentenced to death twice before in the deaths of women.

McDonald's bans smoking

CHICAGO (AP) — A week after it was sued over the hazards of secondhand smoke, McDonald's, the company that foresaw America's love affair with fast food, banned smoking Wednesday from its 1,400 company-owned U.S. restaurants.

More than 3,600 of 9,100 McDonald's stores nationwide will be smoke-free. About 2,200 restaurants banned smoking last year, the Oak Brook, Ill.-based chain said.

2 who spied for U.S. killed

WASHINGTON (AP) — At least two Soviets who spied for the United States were killed after being exposed by the career CIA officer who has been accused of selling national security secrets, American officials said Wednesday.

The Clinton administration seemed determined not to allow the issue to ruin relations with Russia, but Russia's Foreign Intelligence Service chief, Yevgeny Primakov, said he had never heard of CIA operations officer Aldrich H. Ames, the accused spy.

The Beaten Path

by P.D. Magnus



Middle-aged Ninja Middle Managers: Junk Bond, Power Lunch, Audit, and Fax

Calvin and Hobbes

by Bill Watterson



WEATHER

The weather will be clear with a high of 63 Thursday afternoon. Temperatures should rise to 66 on Friday under partly cloudy skies.

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is targeting the black family, education and health care for its community projects, she said.

"We want to help put stability back into the African-American community," she said. "We want to put our personalities to the best possible use."

Another difference between black Greeks and other Greeks is that students must complete one semester before pledging a black Greek fraternity or sorority, Alsup said.

"It gives students the chance to gain a sense of who they are, and gives them a chance to know who is a part of each group," she said.

The display may also be the beginning of African-American Greeks and other Greeks getting to know each other, Alsup said.

"It is an opportunity to look at a different culture and see what they experience," she said. "We can learn about both sides, and each other."

CAMPUSlines

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

Benson at 923-5553 or P.O. BOX 32326.

Student Center Room 202.

The Japan Club is having a party Feb. 26. Those interested should gather in front of the Student Center at 4 p.m. with food and drinks. For details, contact Yumi Keitges at 921-7355.

Volunteer Guardians, a program of Senior Citizen Services of Greater Tarrant County, has an evening workshops Feb. 24 to train individuals to serve as guardians for senior citizens. The workshops are at Broadway Baptist Church, 305 West Broadway, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. A \$25 fee, which will be refunded when you volunteer, includes the training manual and dinner all three evenings. Call Marnie Stites at 338-4433 for more information.

TCU Vegetarians are meeting Monday, Feb. 28, at 7:30 in the Student Center Lounge to discuss the formation of a Vegetarian Society, as well as activities for the Great American Meatout, which runs March 1 through March 20. If interested but unable to attend, call 926-1232 or 921-4108.

Permanent Improvements Committee meets every Thursday at 4 p.m. in Student Center Room 204. Suggestions and comments welcome. Contact J.R. Greene at P.O. Box 29321 or 926-1272.

Rape/Sexual Assault Survivors' Group is forming at the Counseling Center. The group will meet from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Fridays. For initial screening appointment, call Dorothy M. Barra at 921-7863.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes meets every Wednesday at 9 p.m. in the Varsity Club Room of the Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. Open to all. This week's speaker is Mike Dietrich of Search Ministries.

Nominations for JCPenney's 11th annual Golden Rule Awards for outstanding volunteers are now being accepted through March 1. Forms are available at all JCPenney stores' catalogue desks or by calling Theresa Tafelski at 214-881-6415.

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

College of Saint Thomas More in Fort Worth announces The Associates' Lenten Lectures, The Holy Father's encyclical, Veritatis Splendor, Monday, Feb. 28 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. and Tuesday, March 1, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the college library at 3017 Lubbock in Fort Worth. Call 923-8459.

May Degree Candidates should file their intent to graduate in the office of their academic dean. Feb. 25 is the deadline for the registrar to receive names of candidates from the deans.

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

Alpha Phi Omega is sponsoring "Professor's Night Out" for all TCU employees Saturday, Feb. 26. Call Katie at 924-8728 for more information.

The Fort Worth/Tarrant County Health Departments are seeking 20 people to serve as full-time community health advocates/outreach workers as a part of the Volunteers in Service to America Program. Volunteers will work as outreach workers and health advocates in 10 specific neighborhoods throughout Tarrant County. Call Dan Worley, Human Services Coordinator, Fort Worth/Tarrant County Health Departments, at 871-7250.

The Circle T Girl Scout Cookie Sale continues through March 6. Call the Circle T Council at 732-7736 to place an order.

Psi Chi the national honor society in psychology will be accepting applications through March 4. Applications available on the Psi Chi bulletin board in Winton-Scott Hall.

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

Society of Physics Students is offering free physics, astronomy and math tutoring every Tuesday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in Sid Richardson Room 323.

The Organization of Latin American Students invites all students to its weekly meeting every Tuesday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in

Student Concerns Committee meets every Wednesday at 4 p.m. in the Student Center Room 218. Anyone may attend. Contact Jeff

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EDITORIAL

To park in a safe place

Students, faculty and visitors at TCU have been lobbying for additional parking on the campus for years. Up until recently this had been based purely in convenience, but now there is another reason: safety.

In Tuesday's Skiff, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Don Mills said that for students to be safe they needed to walk in groups on campus and to try to park on campus.

That advice was prompted by a recent rash of crimes within the confines of Frogland. A recent car theft where the victim was held at gunpoint, a high-speed chase through the campus and the theft of thousands of dollars of musical and computer equipment from Ed Landreth Hall and the Moudy Building have all occurred since the fall semester ended.

In an effort to combat this growing

crime wave, the administration has hired two additional security officers, from the Pinkerton Security and Investigation Services, to patrol the campus. But is this enough?

Mills' advice indicates it is only safe for students and faculty to park on the grounds of the campus, but as we all know that is not always possible. At peak class hours it is often impossible to find a parking space on the east side of the campus.

Because of the lack of available parking, students are forced to park in the surrounding neighborhoods that are not within the jurisdiction of the TCU Police.

The administration cannot waste any more time deliberating over this issue. In order to make our campus safer for its students and faculty, our parking situation must be addressed.

COLUMNIST P.D. MAGNUS

News our way: shifty



Issue-of-the-moment media coverage is as much a part of our modern lives as the microwave, the automobile and the Post-It note. When the media talk about South Africa was hot and heavy, people were concerned about South Africa. At any given time, Bosnia, Russia, Haiti or any other country might be the hot spot du jour. It's tempting to blame news agencies for the whole phenomenon, but it's not that simple.

If issue-of-the-moment journalism can be blamed on anything, it's our culture that's at fault. News media, being a free and unsubsidized sector of our society, has to get money from somewhere. Without advertisements, the newspaper

would cost more for a single issue than it currently does for a year's subscription. With better readership, papers can secure more and better-paying advertisers. As such, they sensationalize.

So what can we do about it? One option is to give up following the news. If you don't follow the news, news types can't manipulate you. Unfortunately, that's not very practical, a clear case of throwing the baby out with the bath water.

Another option is to do nothing; let the media keep manipulating you and never stop to analyze which thoughts are yours and which are from the evening news. This option is one step short of not thinking at all.

The third and better option is to watch what you watch. Avoid the kind of programs that are clear sensationalism. Further, you have to stop and think about what the talking heads are saying. Few if any items are actual lies, but all have a spin given to them by word choice, timing, and emphasis. The facts are there. You just have to take the time to look for them.

Here's one example: In typical issue-of-the-moment fashion, the news media has focused its attention on crime. Novelty crime stories always get attention. Just look at Lorena Bobbitt and Tonya Harding (or, better yet, don't look at them).

To be fair, the media can't take the blame for this one alone. Politicians looking for an election issue are passing up hot potatoes like spending control and health care, grasping for something they can't be on the wrong side of. Very few voters would argue that crime is a good thing, especially since convicted felons don't get to vote.

Targeting this issue of the moment, conservatives have lined up to support a "Three Strikes and You're Out" approach to incarceration, where old men who have already been in twice get sent to prison forever instead of being released to menace society from their wheelchairs.

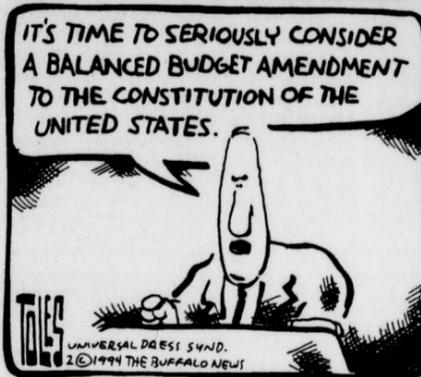
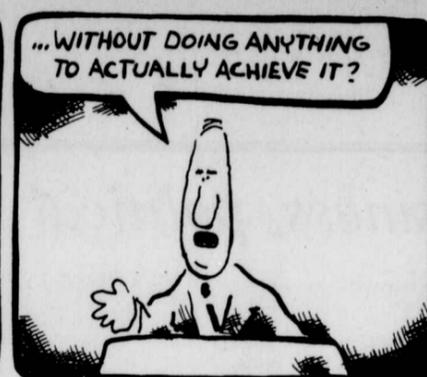
Liberals, too, have come out against crime, advocating attempts to eliminate the root cause of crime. Jesse Jackson, for example, has called for job training and placement to keep the underprivileged from turning to crime in the first place.

What happened to drugs, the former political poster child of crime? After the media blitz against drugs in past years, it's just not a hot topic anymore. The government appointed a drug czar and convinced producing countries to wage a drug war at great cost in money and lives. The war at home, despite well-publicized busts of record-breaking size, failed to stanch the flow of drugs. There's nothing new to say about drugs, except that all the political and media rhetoric failed to stop the drug trade. Declining rates of drug use have turned around now that the spotlight's gone.

Colombia, the world's largest cocaine producer, is being pressured less by the United States to pursue its futile drug war. According to the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, novelist Gabriel Garcia Marquez recently recommended that consuming and producing countries should "grab the bull by the horns and concentrate on the various possible ways of administering legalization." He's not alone among influential Colombians making that suggestion.

Here in the United States, though, we're on to new pastures. Drugs? Sure, we remember those, but they're old hat. The crime beat has moved on.

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LETTERS

Make progress with Affirmative Action

In his column on Feb. 17, Matt Flaherty raised an interesting point: Why does our society, through its public policy, advocate and employ the use of affirmative action, which is, after all, a results-based policy? I will try to keep this short.

It is natural, and usually without malice, for people, including those who employ people or who recruit and admit students to graduate schools or professional schools, to gravitate toward those with similar cultural backgrounds (birds of a feather, and so forth). If you don't believe me, take a look at our fraternal organizations or look around our dining halls. I myself (other than being African-American) am a graduate of a military junior college and a reserve military officer. Consequently, most of my friends are also military officers or have a military background. I have some friends who are civilians, but I identify more with military people.

My argument is simply that in order for people to move beyond the narrow confines of their own experience, there usually exists an external stimulus to do so. I am sometimes led to believe that those who are bound by affirmative action programs must hire the first minority person they see if the disparity in qualifications is so great. Perhaps that is a sign that the people doing the hiring or admitting (in the case of schools) are not serious about seeking the best that we all have to offer.

I do wish to assure Matt Flaherty, and the millions who think likewise, that minorities, middle-class or otherwise, do not have it "made" in this country. I have yet to be hired

on the spot by some potential employer with a small percentage of minority employees. In fact, as a young black male, I am often treated with suspicion and fear before I utter one word.

But the next time Matt gets angry about the systemic bias in favor of someone else, perhaps he should look at all of the minority presidents, all of the minority governors and senators, all of the minority editors and columnists at the *Skiff*, all of the minority administrators and department chairmen and chairwomen and full professors at this institution before decrying the decline of the white male in this Republic.

We have come a long way, but we have had to fight for every inch, and until we really have parity and a real merit system, we still need affirmative action.

Craig A. McNeil, senior general studies major

History Month all year

I would like to offer P.D. Magnus not so much a dose of convicting scorn as what I would like to think might be a bit of enlightenment. Let's begin with his (mis)conceptions about Black History Month. We've all heard it a million times: Why have Black History Month but not White History Month? Stupid question. We have White History Month. In fact, we have several. We call them January, February, March, etc. Look into your typical high school, or college for that matter, history text. Aren't these so-called "World History" texts really European History? When they do talk about other lands, they do so in a European context: i.e. China has no history before Marco Polo. Furthermore, if you take the time to attend some of the festivities this month,

you'll find that African history constitutes a very small portion of the concentration. Instead, Black History Month teaches about black Americans whose contributions to this country's cultural history have been downplayed or even ignored by mainstream education. They include persons such as W.E.B. Du Bois, Langston Hughes, Sojourner Truth and George Washington Carver, to name only a very few of many.

It seems Mr. Magnus' misunderstandings are a result of his odd linkage to the term "African-American" with Black History Month. As noted above, to link these terms might give the false impression that February is really African History Month. It is only partly so, and that part is very valuable. Magnus makes the claim that most American blacks know very little about Africa. He's probably right. That's the whole point, Black History Month is a time for cultural exploration. For myself, studying the history of Europe with a critical eye has been an almost spiritual experience. The history of my people is one of many sins but also of many glories. And since my journey began, I have felt a greater understanding of the desire to be associated with one's past, regardless of its faults. Should that sense of heritage be denied others? No. Can we add at least one-twelfth of the year to celebrate the history of over one-eighth of the population? Of course. And more power to us all. It is not and would not be a threat to white history to continue Black History Month as well as devoting other times of the year to Asian history, Native American history, Latino history, Jewish history and so on until all Americans have and know a past they can recognize as their own.

Stuart Minnis, graduate student, media studies

COLUMNIST MATT FLAHERTY

Fighting for ideas in a society of slang



American history is filled with contrasts. One that endures is the opposition of abstract thought and anti-intellectualism (bein' agin' fellers who think too much).

Anti-intellectualism flares up to destructive proportions only occasionally. In his 1963 book, "Anti-intellectualism in American Life," Richard Hofstadter documented the reactionary tendencies of Republicans, evangelicals and conservatives in the 1950s, especially during the McCarthy hearings (a God-fearin' American given a bad name by commysymp).

Soon afterward, anti-intellectualism lost its force. It became less of a tidal wave than an undercurrent, until the late '60s, when liberal reactionaries (guys who don't think so much) took up the mantle, shouting down speakers and preferring protest to civilized debate. This undercurrent continues today in hackneyed form as political correctness (doin' stuff 'cause it's a party line, kind of like not being a scab durin' strikes).

However, p.c. is not the most persistent

form of anti-intellectualism. Hostility and distrust of complexity are more common.

This distrust is not restricted to the uneducated. In fact, many hard-working Americans without the time or patience to delve into the history of ideas respect intellectual achievement and look upon it with pride. Much more pernicious is anti-intellectualism (bein' agin' fellers who think too much) found in unexpected places, like the university professorate.

I have heard degreed professionals boast of their inability to understand James Joyce or William Faulkner. Difficulty reading these eccentric authors is understandable; pride in a lack of understanding is pathetic, especially for those in positions of prominence.

Philosophy and analytical thought (highfalutin' nonsense) aggravate this reaction. Reasoned and complex arguments are not always easy to follow; at the least they require effort. Sometimes the people expected to lead the American mind are unwilling to make this sacrifice, and instead cater to our lowest common denominators.

The world today is difficult to summarize with sentences from a Hemingway novel. Problems are more complex than yes's, no's, or unsubstantiated opinions. Ideas and arguments run the civilized world. If our institu-

tions had come from God without assembly required this burden would be eased. Instead, to understand American government, men like Locke, Rousseau and Mill must be considered.

Such investigations may be maligned or termed meandering blather. This criticism reflects more about its speaker than its subject.

Individuals in places of influence should always aspire to the exceptional, not the mediocre. They should respect thought and culture. Most importantly, they should respond to the higher human instincts and avoid philistinism (bein' vulgar and contrary to learnin'). Leaders who cannot fulfill this prescription should be replaced.

In 1921 H.L. Mencken published a humorous update of the American Declaration of Independence which began with the words: "When things get so balled up that the people of a country have to cut loose from some other country and go it own their own hook ... then they ought to let everybody know why they done it so that everybody can see they are on the level, and not trying to put nothing over on nobody."

With a statement so lucid and appealing, why bother with the original?

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

News

Business, political science professors added for next school year

By Christy Hawkins
TCU Daily Skiff

The university has hired three new assistant professors for the 1994-95 academic year.

Joanne Conner Green will join the staff as an assistant professor of political science in the university's AddRan College of Arts and Sciences.

Vinod K. Jain and Mauricio Rodriguez will join the university's M.J. Neeley School of Business.

Jain has been appointed assistant professor of management; Rodriguez

will be an assistant professor of finance.

Green said she is anxious to meet everyone and to see what students are interested in.

"Myself and my family are very excited about moving to Texas," Green said.

Green is completing her doctorate at the University of Florida. She is active in the American and Southern Political Science Associations and the American Statistical Association.

Her study of "PACs and the Political Process in the 1990s," co-authored with M. Margaret Conway,

is scheduled for publication next year in Congressional Quarterly.

One of the main things that drew Green to the university was the opportunity to work with many women undergraduates, she said.

"More women are going into political science," she said.

Green earned her bachelor's degree in 1990 at the University of Buffalo and earned her master's in 1992 at the University of Florida where she held a fellowship from the Division of Sponsored Research. She was also director of the Florida Consortium for Political Research in

1992-93.

Jain is completing studies at the University of Maryland at College Park. Jain, originally from India, has lectured at the University of Bahrain, England's University of Aston and California State University at Fresno and at India's University of Delhi.

Jain received his bachelor's and master's degrees at the Indian Statistical Institute. In 1971, he completed a master's degree at the University of California-Los Angeles.

Rodriguez, new associate professor of finance, is completing his doctorate in finance at the University of

Connecticut.

One of the reasons Rodriguez said he chose TCU was the business school's facilities.

"It is very up-to-date," he said.

Rodriguez also commended the university's faculty.

"They are very high quality," he said. The emerging markets interest of the faculty's research also interested him.

Rodriguez earned a bachelor's degree in finance in 1988 at George Washington University and completed his master's of business administration in real estate in 1989

at The American University, where he received a grant from the American Society of Real Estate Counselors.

Formerly a real estate analyst with MPC & Associates, he is an instructor in corporate finance at the University of Connecticut and in real estate analysis at Montgomery College.

Originally from El Salvador, Rodriguez has done a wide variety of research in the topics of capital investments, dividend policy, real estate, decision-making and geographic information systems.



TCU Daily Skiff/ Brian Bray

House of Student Representatives President Scott McLinden is kidnapped by members of Amnesty International on Wednesday in front of the Student Center. The staged abduction is part of an observance of Human Rights Day.

Five men kidnap House president

By Vanessa Salazar
TCU Daily Skiff

At precisely 12:30 p.m., five young men in suits entered the Student Center's Main Cafeteria and kidnaped House of Student Representatives President Scott McLinden.

Upon entering the building, the kidnapers blocked two exits from the Main and refused to let anyone in or out of the cafeteria. The abduction came quickly and unexpectedly as two men wearing business suits and carrying trench coats entered the cafeteria while the other two blocked the cafeteria's main entrance.

The kidnapers approached McLinden and asked him to come with them. When he asked why, the attackers began to use force. The men scuffled, then forced McLinden out of the building and stuffed him into a waiting black van.

"They just said 'Is your name Scott McLinden?' Then they said 'Come with us.' We asked them what the problem was and tried to help him out but they just took him away," said Joe Reed, a freshman business and theater double major.

While students looked on in a mixture of surprise and confusion, several Amnesty International members watched in amusement as if viewing a play. Why? Because it was.

Members of Amnesty International collaborated with McLinden to stage the kidnapping in observance of TCU's Human Rights Day. All members said they hoped to give students a taste of what it feels like to be abused and arrested for doing nothing at all, a fate suffered by political prisoners all over the world.

"The kidnapping thing was something I was scared of," said Angela Kaufman, a junior religion and phi-

losophy double major and coordinator of TCU's Amnesty chapter. "It was a risk but a risk that I'm glad we're doing now because Devin (Tinney, a junior English major and the coordinator of the event) has really worked on it."

Several years ago, the first mock kidnapping was staged by Amnesty, Kaufman said.

"When we looked back at it as a group, we thought this was a good way to educate people on campus about what goes on in many other countries," Kaufman said. "When you've never experienced something like a kidnapping or political disappearance or torture or anything like that, it's hard to imagine or think that it's real and that's the main purpose of the kidnapping, not to show off or get publicity but hopefully, to make people think."

McLinden was safely returned to his office after the ordeal, and said he thought the students in the Main responded well.

Some students seated at McLinden's table were in on the plan and were able to play along while others seated around him were taken by surprise. The mock kidnapping served its purpose as an insight as to what goes on in other countries, McLinden said.

McLinden said he believes that being a well-known campus figure made no difference in being kidnapped.

"It could have been anyone they did this to and it would have been the same," he said. "Anytime you see something like that at the Main, it's very unusual. When people try to take someone away, I don't think it would be any different had it been anyone else."

"I think it showed that if it happened to anyone that it's a crime."

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Sports

SPORTS BRIEFS

Lady Frogs lose at Texas A&M

The frustrating season continued for the TCU women's basketball team Wednesday night.

The Lady Frogs (5-17, 1-11 Southwest Conference) dropped their 11th consecutive game, 86-65, to the Texas A&M Lady Aggies (18-5, 9-2 SWC) in front of 989 people at College Station.

The Lady Aggies jumped out to a 43-32 lead at halftime and they never looked back.

Senior post Amy Bumsted led TCU in scoring with 17 points while senior forward Donna Krueger added 12 points. Texas A&M sophomore center Martha McClelland scored 22 points and grabbed seven rebounds.

Texas A&M shot only 36 percent from the field for the game. However, the Lady Aggies had 23 more field goal attempts than TCU.

The Lady Aggies had a 63-46 rebounding advantage over TCU including a 32-18 advantage on the offensive glass. The Lady Frogs also committed 26 turnovers.

TCU will next play the nationally ranked Texas Tech Lady Raiders Wednesday at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum at 7 p.m.

Men's tennis team loses to Harvard

The TCU men's tennis team opened the USTA/ITA National Team Indoor Championships with a 4-3 loss to the Harvard Crimson on Wednesday at the Louisville Tennis Club.

The Frogs dropped to 2-2 on the season. TCU jumped out to a 1-0 lead by sweeping three doubles matches. However, Harvard won four out of six matches in singles play to capture the match.

Aggies outclass TCU in blowout win

By Ty Benz
TCU Daily Skiff

TCU looked like a minor league team Wednesday when the Frogs played first place Texas A&M in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

The Aggies outplayed the Frogs in every way during A&M's 86-60 victory before 3,531 fans.

A&M improved its record to 17-6 overall and 10-1 in the Southwest Conference. TCU's record plummeted to 6-17 and 3-9 in the conference.

"A&M beat us in every way they could beat us," TCU head coach Moe Iba said. "They have a disciplined ballclub and they get you down and keep pounding you. Give A&M a lot of credit, they were a better ballclub tonight."

The Aggies took control of the game early as they jumped out to a 19-7 lead and then went on a 10-2 run to give them a 46-34 halftime lead.

A&M dominated TCU on both sides of the court in the first half.

The Aggies had excellent ball movement on offense, which created open shots. A&M scored 22 points in the paint in the first half, including seven slam dunks or layups. In the first half, the Aggies shot 56 percent.

Defensively, the Aggies took the Frogs out of their offense with constant pressure on the ball. The Aggies

had seven first half steals and forced TCU into a poor shot. The result was that the Frogs shot only 41 percent in the first half.

"We didn't execute," TCU sophomore guard Jentry Moore said. "When we did, the shots weren't falling."

"I thought our defense tonight was outstanding, especially in the first half," Texas A&M head coach Tony Barone said. "We wanted to come in here and take the game away from TCU. And we were able to do that." The second half was more of the same as the Aggies went on an 18-3 run to seal their blowout victory.

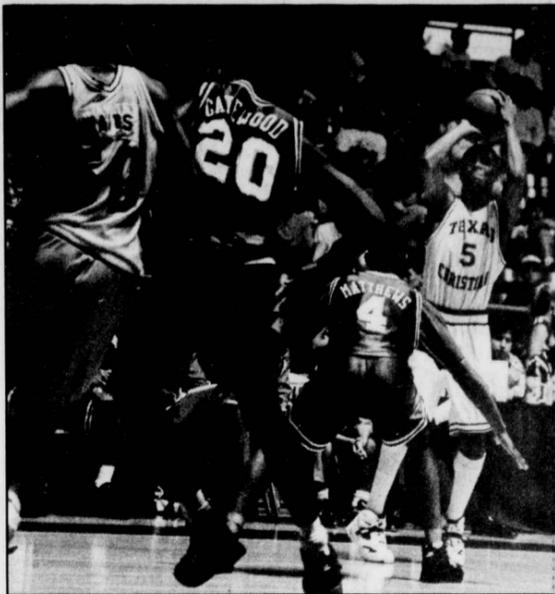
"We didn't come out to play tonight," Iba said. "We had some people in the game and others weren't."

The Frogs looked out of sync all night long in every area of the game as the Aggies outshot, outrebounded and outthrustled the Frogs the entire game.

"We didn't play as a unit," Iba said. "We're just not together as a team right now."

The only bright spot for TCU was the play of freshman point guard Jeff Jacobs, who scored a team high 17 points, including four three-pointers, and five assists.

"Jeff Jacobs was one kid who played hard tonight," Iba said. "A&M made him handle the ball and be aggressive, and when he realized that, he responded well."



TCU Daily Skiff/Alex Talliercio

TCU sophomore Jentry Moore guard shoots a jump shot during an earlier game this season. The Frogs lost 86-60 to Texas A&M Wednesday night.

TCU's inside-outside combination of junior center Kurt Thomas and Jentry Moore shot a combined 6-of-23 from the field.

The Aggies were led by forward

Joe Wilbert, who scored 18 points on 7-of-7 shooting in only 18 minutes. Guard Chuck Henderson added 16 points, including four three-point baskets.

Trades helping Fire immediately

By Alan Droll
TCU Daily Skiff

Fort Worth Fire head coach Steve Harrison's wheeling and dealing may finally be paying off for the Fire last week.

The Fire took two out of three, sandwiching two victories over the Memphis RiverKings around a physical loss to the Wichita Thunder to keep alive slim playoff hopes.

Fort Worth has owned Memphis this season. The Fire is 8-4 against the CHL's fifth-place team. On the other hand, the Fire has scorched the first-place Thunder just once in eight tries.

Dallas, with 55 points, still holds a comfortable lead over Memphis (43 points) and Fort Worth (42 points) in the race for the CHL's final playoff spot.

Before last night's game at Tulsa, the Fire had 15 games remaining. Memphis and Dallas had 13 and 11 games left.

To remain in the hunt, the Fire will have to hold its own against the toughest the CHL has to offer. After Tulsa, the Fire is home again this weekend for two games against Wichita and Dallas.

Wichita returns Tuesday and plays the Fire Wednesday.

Harrison's trade mill was hopping last week. After the IHL's Kansas City Blades loaned defenseman Sean Gorman to the Fire Wednesday, Fort Worth was involved in a three-way trade

Thursday that sent Wichita bad boy Darren Srochenski to Fort Worth.

Then, just hours before Friday's 4-1 victory over Memphis, Harrison traded two forwards for RiverKing winger Tom Mutch, a second team CHL All-Star last season.

While Mutch donned a Fire jersey, Jason Brousseau and Ryan Leschasin became RiverKings.

Fort Worth had been in a slump before the tradefest. The Fire had won just one of their past ten. It was time to make a move, said Harrison.

"When things aren't working out, you have to make things work. It was time for an adjustment."

The Mutch trade paid immediate dividends for both clubs. Leschasin tied the game 1-1 with assists from former Fire players Ray Desouza and Brousseau. Mutch answered in the third period. His blast from in front of the blue line gave the Fire a two-goal cushion.

Mutch, who had been struggling in Memphis after leading the team in scoring last year, said Harrison's confidence in him has given him a boost.

"Hopefully I can get it going now," Mutch said. "Maybe I was getting a little stale (in Memphis)."

Wichita frustrated the Fire Saturday. The Thunder checked all over the ice and came from behind with three unanswered goals for a 4-2 road win. Fort Worth lost despite out-shooting the Thunder

49-35.

The game turned ugly when Fort Worth's Mike Chighisola was taken down near the crease by Greg Neish with under three minutes to play.

Referee Chuck Harrison made no call, and Chighisola came up fuming. Mike McCormick stepped in to fight Neish as Harrison was escorting Chighisola off the ice.

"Every time Harrison refs he has something to do with the outcome of the game," Chighisola said afterward.

"Instead of doing his job and breaking up the fight, he comes after me and throws me out. If (Harrison) wants to play, he can try out for a team and put on equipment."

The Fire sunk the RiverKings 8-1 Tuesday. Goalie Pat McGarry had a stellar night in the Fort Worth nets, coming within 3:05 of the first shutout in the Fire's short history.

Stephen Tepper notched two goals, including his third short-handed goal in as many games. For the entire season, Fort Worth has seven short-handed goals.

Tepper has nine goals and three assists in just 12 games with the Fire, adding some much-needed scoring punch and speed.

"This team's making a big effort to try and make a push here at the end," Tepper said. "and if we put a string of wins together, you know...we'll just see what happens."

Bad luck, poor attendance why TCU left out of merger

by Thomas Manning
Sports Columnist

Exactly one week ago today you read in this very column how great the new ABC-SWC television deal was, and how the Southwest Conference and in particular TCU was going to thrive in the next few years.

Well, uh, scratch that.

Yes, it has all come down. Forget the TV deal. Forget the SWC. And, in all likelihood, forget even hoping that TCU will be on national TV ever again.

The SWC is very close to being history. Baylor has already accepted its invitation to join the evil Big Eight, and it is only a matter of time before Texas Tech, Texas A&M and Texas join Baylor to complete the cruel deal that will leave TCU out in the bitter cold.

There is no use in beating a dead horse and going over the options that TCU has. Sure, there are a few, but look at them. Joining the WAC? Becoming an independent? Not only do these and the other options not even look appealing, they are all merely speculation.

So, instead, let's explore exactly why TCU is on the outside looking in

at the deal that may eventually lead to the downfall of Frog athletics.

There are basically two reasons why this cruel twist of fate has occurred.

One is bad luck. Yes, as odd as it seems, luck has a lot to do with TCU being left out of this mix.

Sports goes in cycles. A team that is good this year and good next year may in all likelihood be on a downhill swing five years from now. Other than perennial powerhouses like Notre Dame and Miami, this rule is generally true in college sports.

Let's look at TCU two years ago. The football team is 7-4 and fans are filing into Amon Carter Stadium. The basketball team wins 20 games and barely misses the NCAA tournament. They go to the NIT and win a game before finally being knocked out. Fans fill Daniel Meyer Coliseum. Balloons fly from the rafters before every game. Everyone is happy.

TCU is good. In contrast, Baylor is a very average athletically. The hoops team is going nowhere, and the football team is good, but not that much better than TCU.

Basically, if this merger stuff goes down two years ago, TCU is included in a heartbeat.

It's just bad luck. But bad luck isn't really a valid explanation for why one athletic program is included in a deal that will

bring it prestige and recognition for years to come and another is not.

Yes, there is another, very big reason why TCU isn't going to be part of the Big Eight merger.

If you want to know who is really to blame for all of this, put the paper down, walk over to the nearest mirror, and look closely.

What you will see is the real reason for TCU's apparent athletic demise.

Obviously, not all students are apathetic toward TCU sports. Sure, there are some who religiously file into Amon Carter or Daniel Meyer and cheer for the home teams.

But those students are in a huge minority.

As a general rule, TCU students do not care about athletics. They don't go to games, and when they do, it is for the wrong reasons. And, as TCU has just found out, attendance is a major factor in determining who is big time and who is not.

And lack of fan support is why TCU is not big time.

Now, the usual argument to this attack is a simple one: "Hey, if the teams were good, I'd go to all the games."

Well, here's an interesting fact: the Iowa State Cyclones have an awful football team. And you know what, they still average 39,000 fans per game. And, hey, guess what? They

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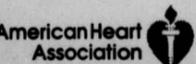
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DOMINO'S PIZZA

News

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are complaining. Texas, Texas A&M, Texas Tech and Baylor have received invitations to join the Big Eight Conference.

Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock "thinks it's an honor for these four schools to be asked to join the Big Eight," said his press secretary, Glenn Castleberry.

"The speaker has felt this is a management decision on the part of the universities," said Janet Warren, spokeswoman for House Speaker Pete Laney, D-Hale Center.

"And we would expect the universities to continue to get fair and objective treatment in the legislative process," she said.

Bill Cryer, spokesman for Gov. Ann Richards, had no comment on the proposed merger.

Lawmakers representing the four schools not invited to join the Big Eight have been vocal in their opposition.

Sen. Mike Moncrief, whose Fort Worth district includes TCU, said he is "obviously very strongly opposed to this move. At first blush, I sure don't see a great deal of positive to be

gained in my district or a majority of the senatorial districts throughout this state."

Houston legislators said a realignment of the Southwest Conference could devastate the University of Houston, and one lawmaker is threatening to seek budget cuts to prevent other schools from defecting.

"I'm for UH getting its due," said Rep. Debra Danburg, a Houston alumna. "If that means taking it out of the hides of the University of Texas and Texas A&M, I'll be glad to do it."

Rep. Robert Eckels, chairman of the Harris County delegation, said he's trying to schedule a meeting for Thursday to discuss strategy. He said he hopes to get members together with the regent boards of the schools by the end of the week.

"This would be a disservice to both Houston and Dallas," Eckels said. "It would leave Texas with a shell of a conference and take away attention, revenue and prestige from our urban institutions."

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are going to be in the new Big Eight-SWC merger! And TCU isn't!

Surprised? You shouldn't be. And you shouldn't be surprised that all of this has happened, either.

Because, when you get right down to it, it is you, Joe Student, who is to blame.

So, while all of you whine and complain about what TCU is going to do and how it is going to be awful to go to a school that doesn't have a good athletic program and isn't in a major Division I conference, recall all of those games that you could have gone to but didn't want to because you had something better to do.

TCU is in big trouble. And there is bound to be finger pointing regarding who is to blame and why. So, before you join in the finger pointing, stop and think. Because when you really think about it, the students of TCU have nobody to blame for this whole fiasco but themselves.

Thomas is a junior news/editorial major from Boston, Mass.

Race-based awards OK'd by Cabinet

BY SARAH RAACH
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The Clinton administration is preparing to tell colleges and universities they may target minorities for scholarships in order to rectify past discriminations or promote campus diversity.

But the university did not need the White House's approval to carry out such practices.

An official announcement is expected later this week.

The Department of Education held a briefing last Wednesday to inform interest groups of the department's decision that targeting scholarships is not prohibited under federal law.

Although targeting minorities for scholarships has never been declared illegal, it has been a controversial issue since 1991 when then-Education Secretary Lamar Alexander said colleges and universities could not reserve scholarships for minorities. Now the Education Department has decided that targeting scholarships is not illegal.

Under the new policy, colleges and universities would be permitted to target minorities for scholarships, but only to make-up for past discrimination or to promote diversity among the student body. The schools would be required to monitor their distribution of scholarships to determine if they are achieving these goals.

Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Dean of Admissions at TCU, Leo Munson, said TCU is well ahead of the government. For years TCU has had scholarship funds set aside in which minorities are given prefer-

ence, even though doing that has been in contention with the government.

"We've been doing what the government finally said is okay to do for years," Munson said.

Roy Whatley, a junior business and finance major, was glad the government finally came to a decision about the issue.

"I think it's a good thing," Whatley said. "It will help more minority students who desire to attend predominately white universities but don't have the funding."

Not all students are pleased with the Education Department's decision. One student, who preferred to remain anonymous, said, "I think a person should receive a scholarship based on his or her academic merit or athletic talent. It's not fair that minorities will now get preference for scholarships, even if I'm more qualified."

Junior radio-TV-film major Matt Hiley said he thinks that being allowed to target minorities for scholarships defeats the goal that the government is striving for, which is achieving equality throughout the nation.

But those students who do not support the Clinton administration's decision should not worry about it changing TCU's policy, said Emma Baker, director of scholarships and financial aid.

The university has already been allotting money for scholarships for minority students and will continue to do so, the government's policy won't mean any changes for TCU's student body, unless outside scholarship programs feel more freedom to target minorities, Baker said.

French prof says photos can mislead

BY KIM JOHNSON
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Photographs can be misleading, according to research done by Stephen Infantino, associate professor of French.

"Let me show you this," he said.

Infantino pulled a book from the neatly ranked columns on his office wall and turned to a picture of a man running, his arms raised and his mouth open as if he were yelling.

The caption under the photo read "Une belle victoire," French for a good victory.

He then said to turn to the photo on the next page, which told quite a different story.

The man from the first photo appears to be running from a man with a gun.

The caption under the second picture warned to beware of selected pieces.

"The thing about widely published photographs in the public domain is that they do have an effect on your perception of events," Infantino said.

He cited a widely publicized photograph of European leaders smiling and shaking hands with Hitler.

"They were signing a non-aggression pact," Infantino said. "Much of France was lulled into a false sense of security."

A few months later, Hitler occupied France.

"A picture of something doesn't make it the truth," he said. "A photograph is a super illusion, the greatest of all because it's not real. It's a picture of a thing or event in the past."

"People tend to lose that distinction," Infantino said. "When you lose that distinction, you kind of lose your grip on reality."

Although most of his current research is based on historical fiction of France, Infantino noted the difference in how military conflicts are covered now compared to the past.

"Millions of people saw Americans on TV being killed during Vietnam," he said.

"Obviously it is going to change people's perceptions of war," Infantino said. "It made people more reluctant to go into a war when they could actually see what it was like. The human element is brought back by photographs and the violence is brought back by photographs in a way that no word can do."

However, Infantino said, the human element was missing in Operation Desert Storm.

"We saw the bombing of Bagdad," he said. "We watched Desert Storm on TV. We didn't see people being killed in Desert Storm."

Somalia, again was a different situation.

"Someone who wants you to start a war can show you pictures of starving children," Infantino said. "Someone who wants you to end the war can show you pictures from the same place at the same time of your friends being killed."

"It is photography that got us in to Somalia, and it is probably photography that got us out of Somalia."

He said photography, journalism and the media make the world a smaller place.

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Ellis said several details of the agreement, including what to do with each conference's agreements on bowl games, must still be worked out.

"We're on the very first step of a long ladder toward this merger," he said.

TCU, Southern Methodist University, the University of Houston and Rice University were not invited to join the Big Eight.

The potential breakup of the

Southwest Conference leaves those schools not invited to join the Big Eight to look for their own television contracts.

TCU Athletic Director Frank Windegger said Baylor's decision was totally expected.

He said TCU could not make a decision about its future in the Southwest Conference until the other schools invited to join the Big Eight make their decisions official.

"As soon as this is all final, we'll meet with the conference and our advisers and come to a decision," he said.

The Board of Regents at Texas A&M meets today to decide if A&M will merge with the Big Eight. The University of Texas and Texas Tech's Board of Regents will each meet Friday.

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las Morning News.

In a Feb. 16 statement concerning his decision not to approve the program, Gage said:

"A proposal has been brought forward by Texas A&M's Faculty Senate that recommends a 'U.S. and International Cultures' requirement for all undergraduate students at the university level, so I believe it is inappropriate to implement a similar policy in any single college at this time. The university-wide issue must be addressed first."

Some faculty members said Gage's decision came as a surprise to faculty and administrators of the College of Liberal Arts. Associate Dean of Liberal Arts Janis Stout did not believe a president should intervene in the college's curriculum decisions.

"We're concerned about the governance question," Stout told *The Dallas Morning News*.

Mary Jo Powell, assistant director of university relations at Texas A&M, said many faculty members of the College of Liberal Arts believe Gage has taken inappropriate action

in intervening in its curriculum decisions.

"There are some faculty members in the College of Liberal Arts who believe their curriculum should be determined only by themselves, and the university's president should not intervene, although there are many college presidents who would take issue to that," Powell said.

Powell said the A&M Faculty Senate created a university-wide proposal in November 1993 similar to that proposed by the College of Liberal Arts.

Gage has appointed a task force to examine whether to implement a mandatory multicultural curriculum throughout the university.

"I believe there are significant issues that need to be considered before the decision is made to proceed," Gage said last Wednesday. "I have asked interim Senior Vice President and Provost Dr. A. Benton Cocanougher to appoint a group with appropriate membership that will examine both the Faculty Senate's proposal and other pertinent input factors."

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ence champions."

Junior defensive end Vincent Pryor said the team reacted favorably to the meeting, but many players still feel cheated that TCU was not among the schools invited in the merger, he said.

"The big question we have is what criterion was used to select the four schools that were chosen," said Pryor, who is scheduled to graduate before the merger would go into effect. "Waco is not a major market compared with Fort Worth, and they really don't outdo us in attendance by that much."

Pryor said he thinks the Bears' 5-6 season should have been more of a factor in the decision made by the Big Eight schools' presidents.

Sullivan said new recruits, who will be most affected by the merger will be contacted by football coaches.

According to a story in the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, Arlington Martin recruits Jon Donahue and

Mark Perry said they were upset and afraid TCU would drop from Division I-A status.

However, Sullivan said TCU will stay in Division I-A regardless of which conference the university joins or forms. TCU will keep its status if it becomes an independent, he said.

"We are going to assure them that TCU will be involved in Division I-A football," Sullivan said. "I know that Chancellor Tucker and the Board of Directors are committed to Division I-A football for TCU. Dropping to a lower division is not an option."

Sullivan said he is uncertain which option the university will take or which option is most favorable.

"I don't know what all the options are right now," Sullivan said. "I think they will continue to unfold as decisions are made and events take place. Whatever happens, it will be a change."

The basketball program is facing a similar situation.

Head basketball coach Moe Iba said his program's future cannot be determined until the university

makes a decision about whether it will join a conference or which conference it will join.

"Until it (the merger) is a done deal, no one can say what will happen to TCU basketball," Iba said.

Freshmen athletes, who will be seniors when the merger goes into effect, know that recruiting could be a problem for TCU, said freshman basketball player Jeff Jacobs.

"High school players in Texas might be more inclined to go to the four schools who can get in (to the Big Eight)," Jacobs said. "It could be tough for us to compete with that."

"But if we get into a conference of equal strength as the SWC, we'll be OK," he said. "If we go to the WAC we could recruit from the West."

Some fans of the Southwest Conference are disappointed with the merger.

"I think the schools that are leaving are kissing away a lot of tradition," said Don Cecil, a 20-year TCU fan. "The schools traded away the tradition they helped build for a buck. I think that's sad."