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TCU students targets for false advertising

By NATALIE TAYLOR
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So, you think you've just won an unbelievable deal on a trip to Las Vegas, or maybe a brand new VCR? Or maybe someone came up to you on campus and offered a magazine subscription too good to pass up.

Beware. If an offer seems too good to be true, it probably is. Luckily, a number of outlets exist for students who feel they may have fallen victim to advertising frauds.

You may have heard of them before: a free cellular phone (after purchasing a \$400 contract); a free camera (if you join a film club and pay \$9.95 for shipping); a free two-night luxurious vacation (as long as you pay food,

transportation, taxes, tips and abide by 15 other restrictions).

Businesses and industries that are not pursuing quality business tactics are on the lookout for one-time customers, and college students are becoming prime targets, says Sgt. Connie Vilella, TCU Campus Police crime prevention officer.

Vilella said the trusting nature of college students motivates businesses to use target students for illegitimate advertising practices.

"Some college students are naive and young," she said. "They have not come up against situations like this before; they are on their own for the first time. They want to feel good about the decisions they are making, but sometimes they make the wrong

decisions."

Vilella said the most commonly reported types of on-campus solicitation include salesmen for magazine subscriptions, perfume impostors and credit cards.

"We don't allow soliciting on campus, so we make sure to watch for it very closely," she said.

TCU Campus Police are so strict about soliciting that it has become very hard to do, she said.

If there is a sign posted, solicitors on the TCU campus can be arrested for criminal trespassing without a warning, although campus police usually issue warnings on the first confrontation. Any solicitation on campus must be cleared through the Student Activities office, Vilella said.

Phone solicitation is another way of marketing to college students, Vilella said.

If a student is concerned about an offer that seems too good to be true, it should be checked out, Vilella said. If it is on campus, Campus Police should be made aware. If it is by telephone, students are encouraged to check with the Better Business Bureau.

In cases of continued harassment, a police report can be filed for further investigation, and in cases of phone harassment, the telephone company's security will take action.

Vilella suggested that in any case of doubt, the situation should be brought to the attention of authorities.

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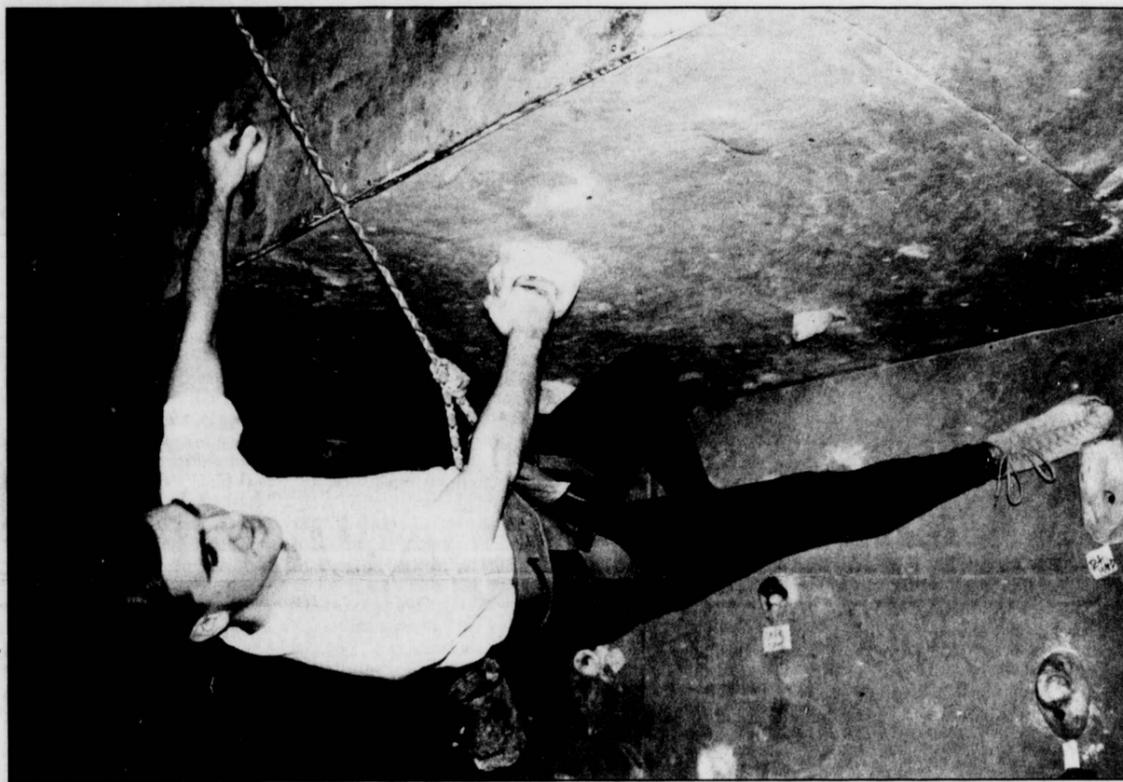


Quick Tips

Avoid Sales Fraud

- Never give your credit card or checkbook number over the telephone to an unknown company.
- Do not allow the salesman to pressure you into giving an immediate decision where money is involved.
- Ask for any offer you receive in writing, and make photocopies for future reference.

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TCU Daily Skiff/ Brian Bray

Barrett Jackson looks for his next move at Exposure Indoor Rock Gym. The junior English major says he tries to go every weekend.

Climbing the walls? Some do — really!

By DENA RAINS
TCU DAILY SKIFF

If the stress of school has you ready to climb the walls, junior English literature major Barrett Jackson has a suggestion: Just do it.

Jackson began indoor rock-climbing while at home for Thanksgiving when his younger brothers influenced him to try the sport, which they had taken up while he was at school.

"Since November, I have gained a lot of technique and skill," Jackson said.

Rock climbing is a hobby anyone can take up, he said, because strength and flexibility are not needed to climb.

"You assume that it's your arms doing most of the work but the legs actually do most of the work," Jackson said. "The secret is to use your legs, not your arms."

Greg Hoff, manager of Exposure Indoor Rock Climbing in Carrollton, said rock-climbing is "a consuming hobby" and "a great physical activity."

"It helps you enjoy nature on another dimension, another plane," Hoff said.

Laura Potter, a sophomore English literature major, started indoor rock-climbing through Jackson's influence.

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Leaders to meet Trustees March 9

House funds Greek banquet, announces town-hall meeting

By MARK FLANAGAN
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Members of the Student Relations Committee of the Board of Trustees will meet with students March 9 to discuss issues students feel should be addressed by the Board, said House President Scott McLinden at the Tuesday House meeting.

"We will be addressing what we like about the school and where we want it to go in future years," McLinden said. "Some of the issues we'll discuss are academic policies, landscaping and the environment at TCU, security and athletics."

A team of student leaders and administrators present the student body concerns to the Board. That committee is made up of Intercom members, which include Don Mills, vice chancellor of student affairs; Susie Batchelor, director of student activities; Barbara Brown Herman, interim dean of students; the five

House officers; and presidents of campus student organizations.

In other House business:

•The House passed a bill to help fund the Order of Omega Greek Awards Banquet to be held in April. The House voted to donate \$200 to pay for the printing of its programs.

"It is great we are allocating money to reward service and leadership for actions on campus and in the community," McLinden said. "By doing so will heighten awareness for the leadership the Greek community provides."

•Last weekend House officers went to Texas A&M for the Conference On Student Government Associations. Student governments from across the nation attended the conference.

•The Student Concerns Committee will hold a town-hall meeting noon March 14 in the Student Center lounge.

Business school goals alter with accreditation

By JOANNA SHOEMAKER
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Seeking reaccreditation has caused the M.J. Neeley School of Business to change its focus.

The school will be looking more closely at the quality of the graduates of the program instead of just fulfilling "one-size-fits-all" standards of the past, said H. Kirk Downey, dean of the business school.

He said the new, more flexible standards of the accreditation board — the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business — will look more at individual goals of each school and what it has done with those goals.

"As a small, private school, we do not want to graduate more students than the University of Texas, but better quality students than the University of Texas," Downey said.

Business schools are accredited every 10 years, and the Neeley school is in the final stages of being re-accredited for the fall.

The school has submitted a report of its purpose and progress over the last 10 years to deans of five other universities. Those deans have

accepted the report and visited the campus three days this month. Each of the visiting deans will present a report to the accreditation committee based on their observations.

The Neeley school will hear of its reaccreditation status in the summer.

Downey said he was not worried about the reaccreditation, as the school has always been accredited. "There are about 900 programs that are at least as comprehensive as ours and more with only undergraduates," Downey said. "Only 250 of those are accredited."

The 10-year accreditation process is also a process of continuous improvement, he said.

"It forces us to examine what we are doing on a continuous basis and makes sure that we are still complying with standards," Downey said.

Although most people don't notice whether the school is accredited, many notice the high quality associated with accreditation, he said.

Greg Trevino, junior business major, said he still would have considered coming to TCU had the school of business not been accredited, but said the accreditation was the "icing on the cake."

Senate nixes balanced budget amendment

By DAVID ESPO
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Falling four votes shy of a two-thirds majority, the Senate on Tuesday rejected a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution designed to end the government's staggering run-up of red ink.

NATION

The 63-37 vote capped a debate that blended Constitutional and economic arguments on an issue that Congress has wrestled with for more than a decade.

"We must not feed the nation this poison pill,"

Sen. Robert C. Byrd, D-W.Va., said shortly before the final vote. He said the amendment would damage the Constitution's balance of powers and undermine majority rule without necessarily erasing deficits.

Sen. Paul Simon, D-Ill., countered that for "25 years in a row we have had deficits," and said the national debt has grown steadily in his two decades in Congress. Sooner or later, he warned, the government would resort to printing "funny money" to sustain that debt. "We ought to stop this before we get to the edge of the cliff."

The House is expected to vote on an identical amendment at mid-month, and supporters there are within striking distance of a two-thirds major-

ity. Regardless of the outcome, Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell said the issue would "absolutely not" return to the Senate floor this year.

Although close, the final Senate vote was largely drained of suspense. Sponsors said in advance they were likely to lose, despite a \$4.5 trillion debt, to opposition that included the White House, Mitchell and Byrd, the 76-year-old chairman of the Appropriations Committee who patrolled the Senate floor for a week countering each argument made by supporters.

The Senate rejected, 78-22, a proposal to shel-

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NEWS DIGEST

Trial for accused spy starts

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — Accused spy Aldrich H. Ames called his KGB handlers "my dearest friends" and disclosed the identity of at least one diplomat who was helping the CIA but disappeared, a government witness said today.

FBI Special Agent Leslie G. Wiser Jr., the leadoff witness, told of finding a nine-page letter to Ames in Ames' study that contained a "to-do list" from Ames' KGB handlers and other damaging information.

Aid convoy to head for Cuba

MEXICO CITY (AP) — An American religious group announced Tuesday that a convoy of humanitarian aid will soon begin rolling from Canada and the United States for communist Cuba, in defiance of a U.S. trade embargo.

Pastors for Peace, a coalition of more than 600 North American religious groups, said momentum is on its side in a campaign to win U.S. public support for ending the more than 30-year-old embargo.

Union Pacific workers strike

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — A union representing brakemen, conductors and yardmen struck Tuesday against the Union Pacific Railroad.

It wasn't known how many employees honored the work stoppage called by the United Transportation Union, the railroad said.

The railroad operates in 19 states. Pickets were reported at Fort Worth, Little Rock, Ark., Poplar Bluff, Ark. and outside the railroad's national headquarters in Omaha.

McDuff given death penalty

SEGUIN, Texas (AP) — Kenneth Allen McDuff, one of the most brutal killers in Texas history, who has been dubbed "the devil himself" by one victim's mother, was sentenced to die Tuesday for the murder of an Austin woman.

McDuff, 47, displayed no emotion when State District Judge Wilford Flowers sentenced him for the slaying of Colleen Reed, who was abducted from an Austin carwash Dec. 29, 1991.

TCU Calendar

Today:

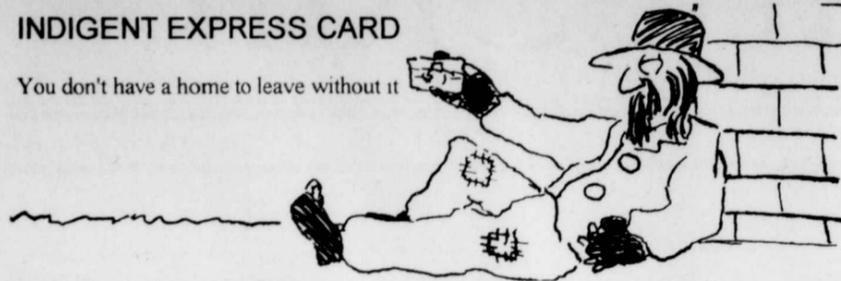
- Noon, International Week Interfaith Worship Service, Robert Carr Chapel.
- 4 p.m. House of Representatives Student Concerns Committee Meeting, Student Center Room 218.
- 6 p.m. International Week Mini Music Concert, Student Center Lounge.
- 7 p.m. TCU Women's Basketball vs. Texas Tech, Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

The Beaten Path

by P.D. Magnus

INDIGENT EXPRESS CARD

You don't have a home to leave without it



Calvin and Hobbes

by Bill Watterson



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.

The International Association of Business Communicators is having a luncheon Monday, March 7 at the Petroleum Club, 39th floor of Continental Plaza, 777 Main St. Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. and the program will start at noon. 10 for students. For reservations call Scott Hernandez at 878-7692 by March 3.

Peer Counselors are accepting applications for helping skills training. This group provides basic skills needed in the client-counselor relationship. The training is from March 31 to April 21 from 3-4 p.m. on Thursdays. Apply at the Counseling Center.

The International Students Association is selling tickets in the Student Center between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. for its March 5 banquet.

Video Contest is open to college students with cash prizes ranging

from \$500 to \$3000. The contest is sponsored by The Christophers, a New York-based international media organization. For more information call (212) 759-4050. The deadline for entry is June 10.

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 Dale Watson, the strengthening and conditioning coach for Ridglea Country Club.

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

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

Student Concerns Committee meets every Wednesday at 4 p.m. in the Student Center Room 218. Anyone may attend. Contact Jeff Benson at 923-5553 or P.O. BOX 32326.

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.

The Circle T Girl Scout Cookie Sale continues through March 6. Call the Circle T Council at 732-7736 if you'd like to place an order.

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

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 Center Room 202.

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.

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

Frauds/

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"If it is a legitimate company, they won't mind the report," she said.

One of the most reliable outlets for those who are wary of potentially illegitimate business practices and wish to obtain information is the Better Business Bureau. Unfortunately, many people are not aware of its ability to provide such useful information, said John Riggins, president of the Fort Worth division of the bureau.

TCU students should be aware of the bureau because some companies

who are in bad standing with the bureau are currently targeting the TCU campus, according to Better Business Bureau reports.

Riggins said TCU students are at both an advantage and a disadvantage when it comes to dealing with potentially fraudulent solicitation.

"Unfortunately for TCU, college students, who might have access to more money, are prime targets," he said, citing that he has seen fraudulent campus solicitation more often on private campuses than public

ones. But, Riggins said, "Information is a very good thing to have, and by being in college, you (TCU students) are at an advantage by understanding the value of getting useful information."

Riggins cited several steps to take when confronted with a questionable sales gimmick. Never give your credit card or checkbook number over the phone to an unknown company, he said, because the company would be able to take an advance

payment from your account.

Riggins also suggested you make sure to ask for any offer you receive in writing. "Never take anyone's word for it," he said.

He also suggested being wary of any request for advance or on-the-spot payments. Do not let the salesman pressure you into giving an immediate decision involving money until you are satisfied the offer is as good a deal as it seems, he said.

"Just about every scam I know about requires an advance fee," Riggins said.

The bureau does not accuse companies of fraudulence, but will list a company in bad standing if it does not respond positively to the complaints filed by customers, therefore

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JOHN RIGGINS, President, Fort Worth Better Business Bureau

complaints in order to ensure exactness and efficiency.

Complaints can be sent to the Better Business Bureau, 1612 Summit Ave., Suite 260, Fort Worth, Texas 76102. Written complaints should include your name and address, the name and address of the company in question, a brief explanation of the complaint and how you propose the complaint can be resolved.

The Better Business Bureau handles questions about businesses also. Information is available on complaints filed in the preceding three years, the date the company established itself with the bureau and its current standing with the bureau.

Riggins said that people fall victim to advertising scams because they have blind spots to subjects of universal appeal, such as weight loss plans or free vacations. "Who wants something for nothing? Everyone," he said.

Riggins said that in any situation he faces, where the exchange of money is involved, he is wary. "If someone is asking me for money, that's where ... I start investigating," he said. "If they find it objectionable, they don't get to do business with me."

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EDITORIAL

Open House

In the past, the House of Student Representatives has done little to open up to the students it is supposed to represent. This semester, however, something's different. The House is reaching out to its constituents through a series of newsletters and a town hall meeting scheduled for March 14.

These changes are good. By publishing a biweekly newsletter, the House is letting its constituents and its community know about what is going on in the House and what is happening on campus.

Although House committee meetings are open to the public, few students actually attend the meetings. Making the information readily available by printing and distributing committee and officer reports across campus makes the House and its members

readily accessible. That is an invaluable public service.

Holding a town hall meeting is another excellent idea for which the House leaders should be commended. Opening up the House floor for public comment is yet another way to bring students' opinion into House business.

House representatives were elected to bring students' concerns to the administration's attention and to consider those concerns when spending students' fees.

The House is opening itself to its constituents, and by doing so is moving closer to what it should be — a student government working in concert with students to promote their interests.

Keep up the good work.

COLUMNIST BEN JOHNSON

Ten-gallon Texas pride



A terrible disease has swept over the citizens of Texas. It attacks only people who have lived here all their lives, or those who have lived here so long they've forgotten where they really came from.

This dreadful affliction causes people to talk loudly and boastfully about their home state whenever possible, and gives them an extremely distorted view of reality.

It is known as Texas State Pride.

It's probably not that noticeable to those of you who have lived here forever and don't bother to get out of the state much.

But to those of us that are transplants, it's one of the most obnoxious things about living in Texas.

Everybody takes pride in the state they live in, and there's certainly nothing wrong with that. I always thought it was pretty cool that there was a Broadway musical about my state, and the stories I heard in my youth about the Oklahoma land runs were kind of entertaining. I enjoy my home, and like to talk about it to people that have never been there, especially to people from the coasts that think we still have Indian raids. But the pride I have in my state doesn't consume my entire being like it does a lot of Texans.

Most Texans have the same kind of arrogant self-importance about their state that most people reserve for their country. Most citizens of the United States consider themselves Americans first, and then from whatever state they're from. Here, people are Texans before anything else, and want to be U.S. citizens only when it's convenient.

Maybe it all got to be like this because Texas used to be its own republic. Just by the ad campaign "Texas: It's Like A Whole Other Country," Texans seem to be pinning for the days before they joined the Union. I've even heard a couple of people seriously tell me why they think Texas should secede and become its own country again. So much for learning a lesson from the Civil War.

You can always tell the people who subscribe to the Texiocentric theory, the idea that Texas is the center of the universe. They're usually wearing a shirt that says something like "Don't Mess With Texas" or a picture of the Texas flag with the word "Home" underneath in very majestic lettering. I've even seen one that is a picture of the globe, but the only land mass on it is an enormous Texas.

Now, being from Oklahoma, I suppose I've had more of an opportunity to notice this. When Texans start to brag about their state, they usually get around to slamming other states in the process. I always kind of got a kick out of hearing Texans tell jokes about Oklahoma though, because most of them I had heard when I lived in Oklahoma, except that the jokes were about Texas.

It seems that the more populous states are more likely to suffer from this than most. Those of us in the smaller states realize our limitations and can accept them, and try to emphasize our strengths. But larger states tend to act as if they're more superior to the rest of the country.

Californians always seem to act as if our country couldn't survive without it. (Due to natural catastrophes, we may have to.) New Yorkers are kind of an exception to the rule, since they don't really care what anyone thinks about them.

Texans seem to have the most arrogant attitude about themselves, though. Being proud of your home is one thing. Constantly proclaiming it as "the best little place this side of heaven" while completely ignoring the finer aspects of the rest of the country borders on the sickening.

It gets to the point at times that I just want to take these people with this psychotic form of state pride and beat them over the head with their cowboy hats until they see stars. But I doubt if it would do any good.

They'd probably just see a lone star, anyway.

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COLUMNIST LEILANA MCKINDRA

Not as egalitarian as we assume



It seemed simple enough in the beginning.

The discussion question for class that day was whether the United States worked under the class system or the caste system.

Interesting.

In a class system everyone has an equal opportunity to "make it." An individual's ability to move from class to class depends on how hard he or she is willing to work and sacrifice in the climb to the top. On the other hand, in the caste system individuals are born into certain groups which directly impact their social and work status. There is no chance to move from caste to another no matter how talented or smart or charming a person may be.

Well, I don't know about the rest of the class but my first thought was, of course we have a class system in the United States. Granted, everyone doesn't have completely equal life chances, but it's close enough to count.

Then I began to think about it. If we took the theory of the class system in its purest form in that everyone has an opportunity to move between classes depending on how

hard a person chooses to work, then we do live under the class system. But purity is rare these days.

Reality dictates that, at the very least, institutional racism works against females as well as racial and ethnic minorities. Once you add in personal prejudices, ignorance and narrow-mindedness, the line blurs even more. Those extra conditions create limitations that move away from the beloved class system.

The scariest thing about the situation is that we are taught from early on that we can be anything we want to be when we grow up. I wanted to be a doctor. My dream was to build an office in the middle of some unsuspecting farmer's bean patch so my grandparents wouldn't have to drive so far to go to get medical help. I gave no thought to how gender, race and class figured into things. I definitely hadn't come to the lesson on institutional racism and how much more difficult things become when you're not white and male. I just wanted to be a doctor.

Well, times have changed, and so have my dreams. Now I dream about taking corporate America by storm, dazzling high powered executives with my intellect and competence...then maybe they won't notice that I'm black and female.

It is my fear that those two characteristics will be both my greatest assets and my greatest liabilities. While I hate the thought of

being the token minority on two counts hired to demonstrate the employers' commitment to diversity, it is a chance to get a foothold on a career. On the other hand, there is the possibility that I will get a chance to climb to the higher ranks of some corporation. But then I have to worry about that darn glass ceiling and how hard I can push before it all comes crumbling down on top of me.

Or let's take the case of a divorced mother with two kids. The court system is supposed to award her some type of financial support to help her support her family. But the small amount of what she gets doesn't cover half the expenses, so she gets an extra job or two making a little over minimum wage. The amount is barely enough to survive. If she goes to school she could make more money, but she needs money to go to school. The class system tells her that if she continues to work hard things will get better. Reality tells her that she is trapped.

So, class or caste? At the risk of offending some diehard believer in the ability of everyone to move from class to class, I vote that we're probably closer to a caste type of system than we'd like to admit. And we will stay that way until the reality of circumstances we talk about and actual reality of circumstances mirror each other.

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SYNDICATED COLUMNIST JEFF GREENFIELD

The power isn't all on Pennsylvania



Right now, while tens of millions of Americans are peacefully going about their lives, tending to their jobs, their homes, their families, planning vacations and watching television,

a small cadre of zealots are obsessed with — wait for it — the 1994 congressional elections.

For months, in fact, these lost souls have been breathlessly asking each other questions most Americans could not imagine asking: Is Frank Lautenberg in trouble in New Jersey? Can Ollie North win a seat in the U.S. Senate? What about John Danforth's seat in Missouri? Can Democrats snatch it back? Will organized labor try to punish Democratic representatives who backed NAFTA?

Those are just some of the questions no one can possibly answer right now. But there is one good reason why even the casual political observer might cast a curious eye toward the fall elections: They could spell the end of the Clinton administration's hopes for success.

If you judge these things by press attention, the presidency is the overwhelmingly dominant branch of the federal government.

There is not a day that the chief executive is off the front pages and the TV screens. We know his accent, his appetites and his allergies the way we know the quirks of a family member.

Even in this mass media age, however, it is the Congress that disposes. One vote the other way during last year's budget wars, a dozen votes in the House flipped during the NAFTA debate, and the president's first year — perhaps his entire term — would already be branded a failure. For all the energy and eloquence a president may bring to his job, he is a failed president if he can't get his program through the Congress.

Judged by that standard, the White House should already be sending up serious storm warnings about this fall's elections.

It's not just that the party in the White House usually loses seats after two years. It's not just that the Democrats have more seats in the House and the Senate at risk than do the Republicans.

The President faces other woes as well. For instance: Remember Tip O'Neill's famous dictum that "all politics are local?" That has special force this year — because while Clinton's national approval ratings are better than they were last summer, that has not translated into regional popularity.

In many Southern states, for example, where the president ran very well in 1992, he is now very unpopular. What this means is that in states such as Texas, Florida,

Louisiana and Georgia, Republican candidates can effectively run against the president and cost the Democrats critical seats in the House and the Senate.

Second, the president came into the White House with as short a set of coattails as any new president can sport. Like George Bush four years earlier, Clinton's party actually lost seats in the House of Representatives during the presidential election year.

Moreover it is virtually impossible to find a Democratic senator or representative who feels that he or she won an election because of Bill Clinton's political clout. When FDR or LBJ or Ronald Reagan needed congressional support, he could count on loyalists who believed they owed their political survival to the president.

This president lacks that clout — which means that if a candidate for re-election believes it would be helpful to create distance from the White House, there is little countervailing pressure Clinton can use.

When you add to these factors the fact that party discipline in the Congress has all but disappeared, what's left is a decidedly unpleasant picture for the president: If the Democrats lose even two or three seats in the Senate and a dozen seats in the House, his margins of victory in the first year are gone. And if those margins go, so does the president's agenda.

Jeff Greenfield writes for the Universal Press Syndicate.

News

Interfaith chapel to celebrate diversity

By SHERILYN SHAW
TCU DAILY SKIFF

University Ministries is sponsoring an interfaith chapel service in conjunction with International Week to celebrate religious diversity, said Terry Inman, a student intern in University Ministries and a Brite Divinity School student.

University Ministries is inviting all TCU employees, faculty, students and the public to attend the interfaith chapel service at noon today in Robert Carr Chapel.

"The interfaith service cele-

brates various religious walks of life that do not all recognize basic Judeo roots (religious beliefs stemming from Judaism)," Inman said.

Eight international students will read passages and prayers from the Buddhist, Hindu, Jewish, Islamic and Native American religious texts, she said.

The service will contain only portions of each religion and will not fully represent each form of worship, Inman said. Student testimonies, hymns, anthems and meditations, which are valued in these religions, will also be included in the service, Inman

said.

"The service is being held during International Week as a way to focus on commonalities," Inman said. As the world evolves into a global community, people should refrain from being isolationists and concentrate on those things which all beings share such as spirituality, she said.

The service was planned by the Worship Task Force, headed by Scott Wells, a junior at Brite Divinity School and Geoffrey Aludo, a junior business major. The task force meets weekly to plan interdenominational services, Inman said.

Style show raises \$1,100 for charity

By ANN RICKERMAN
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The Women's Haven of Tarrant County reaped the rewards Tuesday night of proceeds from a style show sponsored by Alpha Chi Omega.

After collecting the money raised from tickets sold for "All That Jazz," a dinner and spring/summer clothing fashion show, the sorority donated \$1,143 to the center.

The donation was over \$300 more than the sorority's charity fund-raising event raised in 1993, said Nicole Dabbert, co-chairwoman of the style show and junior fashion merchandising major.

Meredith Hamer, a junior psychology major and member of Alpha Chi,

said the sorority's national service project emphasizes aiding victims of domestic violence. She said her chapter adopted the Women's Haven of Tarrant County because it helped so many abused women and children.

Karen Vanderwerken, the Women's Haven representative who accepted Alpha Chi's check, said she thought that college students were becoming more educated through involvement in organizations such as Women's Haven.

"It (the Alpha Chi donation) is a gift that keeps on giving," she said. When the Haven's volunteers help mothers, they in turn will help those women's children now and when the children grow older, Vanderwerken

said.

Kicking off the event was a dinner with background music played by the TCU Jazz Band. The music accentuated the night's New Orleans-Mardi Gras theme.

Students from 26 campus organizations modeled fashions from Ann Taylor, Luke's, Al's Formal Wear, Harold's Clothing, Inc., J. Riggins, Soiree and Strictly Hers.

The style show displayed casual and sports wear to formal gowns and tuxedos.

One model said his stage fright melted away when he took his first turn on the catwalk.

"At first I was nervous, but once I

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MBA program more popular than ever for international students

By JOANNA SHOEMAKER
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Business is big business for foreign students.

Almost half of the international students at TCU are business majors or are in the MBA program.

"American business and its methods have established a definite reputation in international business," said Kenneth Bus, assistant director for international student affairs. "International students can really use an American business education to their advantage."

Holger Nass, an MBA student from Germany, said that getting his MBA in the United States would help differentiate him from the crowd and prepare him for international business.

"The TCU business school is very practically oriented. They want people to be able to do things when they're done," he said. "In Germany it is a lot more academic and a lot more theoretical than it is here."

Seba Leoni, senior business major

from Italy, said another benefit of studying at TCU is the university's modern technology. He said when he came here he was very impressed with the computer labs and the library because Italy's are not as modern.

Both Nass and Leoni said they were attracted to TCU because it was a private university.

"In Germany we have only two or three private universities," Nass said. "All of the rest are public schools, and because education is free in those schools, some universities have 300 or 400 people per lecture, so it is not on a personal basis at all."

Leoni agreed. "In Italy there are so many people that sometimes they have to have classes in movie theaters," he said.

Leoni said he likes the availability of teachers at TCU and prefers America's structure of the educational system to Italy's. In Italy, class attendance is not mandatory, he said, and grades are based solely on oral exams. Students must first pass a written exam to be admitted to the

oral exam, which is his or her final grade.

"I think it is just a lot more subjective in Italy," Leoni said. "Here the Scantron is not subjective."

Peggy Conway, MBA admissions director, said many foreign students are looking for personalized services in a school that gets to know and care for its students.

Bus said TCU recruits through mail-outs to individuals and agencies

who are interested, trips abroad and current students.

"Present students are very successful at spreading good news about TCU, and highlighting the quality of the business program," Bus said.

While nearly half of TCU's international students are studying business, Bus said this is not a phenomenon unique to TCU.

The Institute of International Education's 1992-93 Open Doors report

showed that business is the No. 1 choice of majors for students studying abroad in the United States.

Conway said international students seek U.S. business programs to benefit their future. Likewise, business schools are recruiting foreign students to benefit their futures.

"Higher education is a viable export product for the U.S.," Bus said.

The educational and living

expenses of all international students in the United States is about \$3 billion a year, according to Bus.

"An American education is helping them (international students) in their careers and in modern technology that they can take back to their own country, but it is also contributing to the balance of trade," he said.

"We hope their experience will promote better foreign relations for the U.S."

Low turnout expected for Texas primary elections

By MICHAEL HOLMES
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — Turnout for next week's primary elections will be a low 16.5 percent despite a record 9 million registered voters, Secretary of State John Hannah predicted Tuesday.

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Hannah said turnout in the 1990 Democratic primary alone was higher than what he sees for both

party primaries this year.

"It continues to amaze me that voters will decide to let others make important decisions for them," he said.

A record of 9,041,906 Texans are registered to vote this year, Hannah said.

But based on early voting and other trends, he forecasted a 10.7 percent turnout — just under 1 million voters — for the Democratic primary and 5.8 percent — or 525,000 — for the Republican pri-

mary.

Hannah said a lack of hotly contested races was contributing to the low turnout projection.

Both Democratic Gov. Ann Richards and Republican gubernatorial hopeful George W. Bush face only token opposition in their primaries, as does Republican U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison.

Three Democrats are slugging it out for their party's U.S. Senate nomination — Jim Mattox, U.S. Rep. Mike Andrews and Richard

Fisher. But most of the other statewide primaries have been low-key. Indeed, four Republicans and five Democrats face no primary opposition.

A combined 16.5 percent turnout for the GOP and Democratic primaries would be the lowest in recent years.

Hannah said turnout in the 1990 primaries totaled 28.3 percent. In 1986, it was 20.7 percent and in 1982, it was 26 percent.

European Union to add three countries in 1995

By SALLY JACOBSEN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BRUSSELS, Belgium — After four days of bargaining, the European Union on Tuesday clinched deals with Austria, Sweden and Finland on terms for admitting them as new members in 1995.

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Their entry would give a lift to the union's ambition to become a more powerful player on the world scene.

Discussions with Norway were suspended for a week after Norwegian officials refused to give in to EU demands for fishing rights in Nor-

way's rich North Sea waters.

The 12-nation union wants to open its doors to the four rich countries on Jan. 1. They would be the first new entrants since Spain and Portugal joined in 1986.

With 16 member states and a population of 375 million, the European Union would be larger than the North American Free Trade Agreement, which links the United States, Canada and Mexico.

Unlike NAFTA, the EU charter goes beyond free-trade zone status by eventually establishing a single currency, a common foreign policy and EU citizenship.

Diplomats were seeking to mesh

the national rules of the candidates with those of the trading bloc. They missed a midnight Monday deadline for concluding the work to give the European Parliament enough time to vote on the membership accords. Talks could continue until next week.

Negotiations with Austria had bogged down over Austria's insistence on restrictions on heavy truck traffic on its Alpine roads.

Austria had demanded restrictions through 2004, but the union refused. The EU agreed to allow Austria to limit truck traffic until 2001, with an option of extending the limits for an additional three years, depending on

pollution emissions.

Bargaining with Sweden was held up by Swedish demands that its financial contribution to the union be phased in over time. Poorer EU nations objected to granting Sweden a break on its membership dues.

The EU offered a package of financial compensation worth \$424 million over four years, with an extra \$68 million in the first year. Sweden won't have to pay full dues until the fifth year.

Finland won EU promises of special aid for its farmers after arguing their harsh climate and long distance from consumer markets put them at a competitive disadvantage.

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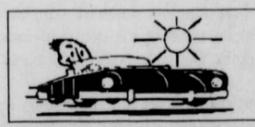
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SPORTS BRIEFS

Baseball team adds game

The TCU baseball team will play an unscheduled game against Tarleton State Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the TCU Baseball Diamond. The game was scheduled as a replacement for the TCU-Howard Payne game, which was scheduled for Tuesday and cancelled.

Swimmers head to Austin

The men's swimming team will travel to Austin this week to compete in the SWC Championships. The event will take place March 3-5.

Oiler owner wants new dome

Houston Oiler owner Bud Adams has proposed that the city of Houston, which already has the Astrodome, build a second dome for sports purposes.

The proposed 75,000 seat dome would cause taxpayers to fork over \$160 million, while the Oilers would pitch in \$75 million.

The dome would be convertible, and the ceiling would drop and the seating be reduced for other events, giving the dome a more intimate feel.

Adams has been unhappy with the Oilers playing in the Astrodome, stating that the seating arrangement is not appropriate for football.

Cowboys visit White House

The Dallas Cowboys made their second straight trip to the White House to visit the president, but this time the team had much fewer representatives.

Emmitt Smith, Troy Aikman, Michael Irvin and Russell Maryland were the only players on hand for the ceremony, joining Jimmy Johnson and Jerry Jones in meeting President Clinton.

Lady Frogs look to thwart Tech title hopes

By DAVID JIMENEZ
TCU DAILY SKIFF

With all the talk of the demise of the Southwest Conference, it is easy to forget that there is still a week left in the regular basketball season.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The TCU Lady Frogs have not forgotten as they prepare to face the No. 6 Texas Tech Lady Raiders on Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

Despite the high ranking, TCU head coach Shell Robinson said the defending national champions can be defeated.

"Any team is beatable," Robinson said. "They're not the same team as they were last year. Anything can happen."

The Lady Frogs (5-17, 1-11 SWC) are coming off an 86-65 road loss to the Texas A&M Lady Aggies. The loss was TCU's 11th in a row.

TCU senior post Amy Bumstead scored 17 points for the Lady Frogs before fouling out with more than seven minutes left in the game.

Senior forward Donna Krueger added 12 points for TCU while junior guard scored 11 points and grabbed nine rebounds.

Texas A&M outrebounded the Lady Frogs 63-46 in the game.

With the loss, TCU is now assured of finishing in last place in the SWC.

The Lady Frogs have not won a game since Jan. 9, when they beat the Houston Cougars, 78-72, in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

On the other hand, the Lady Raiders come into Wednesday's game in the middle of the SWC race.

Texas Tech (22-3, 10-2 SWC) is currently tied for first place in the conference with the Lady Aggies. The Lady Raiders play Texas A&M on Saturday in Lubbock for the SWC regular season championship.

The Lady Raiders have won five games in a row, including a 92-70 win over the Rice Owls on Saturday. Junior guard Connie Robinson scored a career-high 34 points against the Owls.

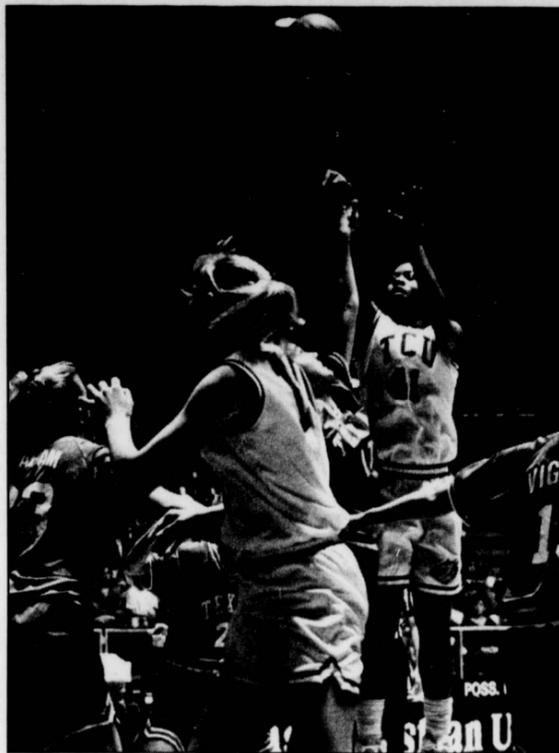
The Lady Frogs are 0-26 lifetime against Texas Tech. The Lady Raiders humiliated TCU 93-44 in Lubbock on Feb. 2. Robinson said TCU had "stage fright" when it first faced Texas Tech.

She said the Lady Frogs hope to use the home court to its advantage.

"No one wants to be embarrassed on their home court," Robinson said. "Our team feels comfortable at home."

The SWC regular season ends on Saturday. Wednesday's game will be the final home game for TCU.

TCU ends the regular season on Saturday against the Texas Longhorns in Austin.



TCU's Donna Krueger puts up a jumper while Amy Bumstead fights for position in a game earlier this season.

TCU Daily Skiff/ Brian Bray

Men's tennis team prepares for LSU

By LEE PENDER
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The TCU men's tennis team is looking forward to going outdoors again.

MEN'S TENNIS

The Horned Frogs finished 17th in the National Team Indoor tournament in Louisville, Ky., last weekend. TCU will play the remainder of its matches outdoors. And according to TCU head coach Tut Bartzon, the Frogs play better outdoors than indoors, so the change in scenery will be welcome.

The Frogs are making a transition from the indoor surface to the outdoor surface in practice this week, Bartzon said.

"We need to get used to playing outside again," Bartzon said.

Indoor play is especially tough for Paul Robinson, TCU's No. 1 singles player. Robinson lost all three matches at the indoor tournament.

"The conditions are definitely not conducive to Paul's style of play," Bartzon said.

Robinson was not the only singles player who struggled at last week's tournament. TCU lost four of six singles matches to its first opponent, Harvard. Harvard defeated TCU, 4-3.

Only Devin Bowen and David Roditi won singles matches against Harvard.

"Roditi and Bowen are playing the best they've played all year," Bartzon said.

Some of TCU's players could

have given more effort indoors, Bartzon said. TCU players are not as familiar with the indoor surface as they are with playing outdoors. This unfamiliarity may have "psyched them out."

"The effort in some cases could have been more positive," Bartzon said. "Sometimes when you think you're playing under adverse conditions, you don't go in with a positive attitude. We've got to have everybody as positive as they can be. Whoever can get the best mental outlook is generally going to come out on top."

TCU rebounded from a loss to Harvard to win its next two matches over New Mexico and Kansas. The victories were a relief to TCU, Bartzon said.

And according to the coach, the disappointment of losing to Harvard should help the Frogs give a stronger effort in future matches.

"It sharpened their desire to do better," Bartzon said. "Their resolve has been strengthened."

TCU's next match is Saturday against Louisiana State in Baton Rouge, La. LSU finished tied for 15th in the National Indoor Tournament.

TCU will need to play with consistency to win a tough LSU match, Bartzon said. The Frogs will also need to give a better effort than they did at the indoor tournament.

"Whatever the effort was, it's going to have to get a little bit better to beat the better teams," Bartzon said.

Frogs travel to Tech for final road game

By TY BENZ
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The TCU men's basketball team is hoping its road success continues Wednesday night.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

The Frogs (6-17, 3-9 Southwest Conference) broke a four game losing streak Saturday on the road in Tulsa when TCU defeated Oral Roberts 89-84. While TCU has struggled in conference play this season, two of the Frogs' three SWC wins have come on the road, at Houston and at SMU.

But TCU head coach Moe Iba said the reason why TCU is playing better on the road is due to how they have responded to the defensive

pressure away from home.

"The difference between Saturday night and other times this season, is that when we fell behind, we kept going inside to our big men," Iba said. "That spelled the difference in the ballgame."

If TCU is going to defeat Texas Tech in Lubbock Wednesday, the Frogs' big men, 6-9 post players Kurt Thomas and Byron Waits and 6-5 forward Eric Dailey, must have big games.

The reason why TCU's big men could have big games is because Tech's tallest starter is 6-7. TCU's height must negate Tech's quickness, Iba said.

"They aren't as big as we are, but they are quicker," Iba said. "We have to utilize our big people well

to overcome it."

The last time the two teams met (TCU lost 71-69), TCU's big people (Thomas, Dailey and Waits), combined for 47 of TCU's 69 points. Thomas led with 28 points.

TCU also dominated Tech's three 6-7 inside players, Darwin Ham, Jason Sasser and Mark Davis, and forced them into bad shooting games. Iba said the key was keeping them outside.

"When we played them last time, we tried to take away their big people and give them outside shots," he said. "They didn't hit too many of them."

But despite TCU's inside play, the Red Raiders were able to rally in the second half and defeat the Frogs by making the key plays

down the stretch.

But Iba said the key to the game will be how well TCU responds to Tech's pressure defense.

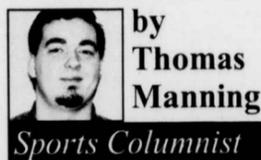
"Because of their athletes, they put a lot of pressure on your half-court offense," Iba said. "We have to move well and get it inside to our big people."

Another motivating factor for TCU is if they lose at Tech, the Frogs would be in a tie for last place in the SWC.

Iba said he was encouraged by TCU's effort at Oral Roberts.

"The win against ORU helped our attitude," Iba said. "The kids didn't play hard against SMU or (Texas) A&M, but they did give a good effort and played much, much better against ORU."

More going on than Tonya, Nancy, SWC



by Thomas Manning
Sports Columnist

It seems like all the talk the last couple of weeks in the world of sports has centered on two issues: the Tonya Harding-Nancy Kerrigan fiasco and the demolition of the Southwest Conference.

Well, those two issues have been

beaten to death, so let's take a look around the world of sports and see what else is going on.

Even if you are not usually very interested in the Olympics, you must admit that the Winter Games from Lillehammer were exciting and interesting. Aside from the figure skating mess, the Olympics were a great showcase of the world's best talent and the true spirit of sports.

Tommy Moe and Bonnie Blair accomplished their goals and brought home gold for the United States. Norway's own Johann Olav Koss made his homeland proud with

three golds in speed skating. The Swedes won one of the most exciting hockey tournaments ever.

And Dan Jansen, of course, finally won a gold medal, in the men's 1,000 meter speed skating event. Now, not to take anything away from Jansen, who also set a world record in the event, but what did he actually do? He won one medal in one Olympics after failing numerous times previously. Jansen is being made out as a national hero, but is he really? Think about it.

But don't think about Michael Jordan playing baseball. Because as he

gets more and more involved in actual big-league workouts, it looks more and more like he isn't going to be wearing a White Sox uniform opening day. Sox pitcher Kirk McCaskill threw 29 pitches to Jordan in one batting practice outing, and Jordan put six balls into play. And Kirk McCaskill isn't going to win the Cy Young Award any time soon. Goodbye, Mr. Jordan.

And speaking of baseball, for all you purists out there, here is some news: the new alignment and subse-

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ter Social Security from budget-cutters and permit borrowing for permanent government projects such as highways and buildings.

Defeat of the alternative sponsored by Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., had been expected, with many Republicans scolding it as a loophole-ridden proposal that would do little to rein in deficits. They charged it was designed to siphon off support from their own proposal.

Since last Tuesday, said Sen. Dirk Kempthorne, R-Idaho, "we've paid \$3.2 billion in interest. That \$3.2 billion could have reduced taxes \$40 ... for every tax-paying family. We're talking real money."

Sen. Robert C. Byrd, D-W.Va., countered the amendment would upset the Constitution's balance of powers and damage the economy.

"Writing this kind of straitjacket into the nation's founding charter could jeopardize our economy, diminish the Constitution, distort its system of checks and balances, and undermine the principle of majority rule that is at the core of our democracy," said Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass.

"It runs the risk of endangering our economic recovery by requiring excessive tax increases, or very damaging cuts in defense or investments in technology and job training, or Medicare and Social Security," Clinton told reporters at the White House.

The amendment would forbid a deficit unless three-fifths of both houses of Congress vote otherwise. The proposal would take effect in 2001, and Congress could waive the requirements in wartime.

The House is expected to vote in mid-month on an identical proposal.

Despite a final round of Senate speechmaking, there seemed little doubt the amendment would fall short of the two-thirds majority needed to prevail. Supporters spoke as if they expected to lose, vowing to try again in the future. "This isn't going to die. The deficit will keep piling up," said Sen. Paul Simon, D-Ill.

The debate reflected profound constitutional differences, as well as disagreements over what steps were justified to reduce the government's chronic deficits and a debt that exceeds \$4 trillion.

Some Democrats were expected to

vote against the amendment after first supporting the milder amendment that would exempt Social Security, allow for deficits during recession and allow government borrowing for permanent projects such as roads and buildings.

Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, argued the alternative was "clearly insufficient. It is not a serious balanced budget amendment."

Backers of the alternative bristled at the suggestion they were playing politics with the Constitution, and said their approach was patterned after the type of restrictions that many states operate under.

If there was one area of agreement, it was that the issue would reappear.

Rep. Harold Knutson of Minnesota proposed the first balanced budget amendment in 1936, according to a history of the issue compiled by the Senate Judiciary Committee.

More recently, the Senate approved an amendment in 1982, only to have the House reject it. Four years later, a different version failed in the Senate. In 1992, the House rejected yet another version.

Serbs to allow aid flights

By SAMIR KRILIC
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Nudged by their Slavic brethren in Russia, Bosnian Serbs sought to disarm NATO firepower Tuesday by agreeing to open Tuzla's airport to aid flights.

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An airlift to the Muslim city in northern Bosnia, like the one that is helping feed Sarajevo, could provide food and humanitarian assistance to hundreds of thousands of people.

Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic made the concession following talks in Moscow with Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev.

Washington was pleased: "I think the Russians are trying to further the peace process. I think they're trying to be helpful," said White House Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers.

NATO had threatened to open Tuzla's airport by force.

In related developments Tuesday:

•The Muslim-led government and Croats reportedly are close to signing a preliminary agreement in Washington to create a federation. The United States has spearheaded efforts to push the former allies back together.

The United States proposed the Muslims and Croats form one

entity combining the territory they control in Bosnia. The next step would be to induce the Bosnian Serbs to agree to a two-republic state.

Under the U.S. plan, the federation of Muslims and Croats would seek economic ties with Croatia.

•The head of the U.N. operation in former Yugoslavia, Yasushi Akashi, flew by helicopter to Tuzla from Vitez, central Bosnia. Akashi said he needed 4,000-5,000 more U.N. troops to enforce the Muslim-Croat cease-fire. The frontlines appeared to be quiet despite reports of sporadic gunfire.

•Serbs were reportedly continuing attacks on the northern enclave of Maglaj. The United Nations planned to send a convoy Wednesday to Maglaj. The last to reach the 19,000 people there was October.

Gen. Rasim Delic, commander of Bosnian government forces, said many of the Serb artillery pieces pulled out from around Sarajevo were targeting Maglaj.

•In Paris, French military sources said the four Bosnian Serb jets shot down Monday and two others that escaped probably took off from two bases: the Bosnian Serb stronghold of Banja Luka and from Udine in a Serb-controlled part of neighboring Croatia.

•Sarajevo remained relatively quiet. U.N. spokesman Lt. Col. Bill Aikman said government troops were digging new trenches on front lines near the capital and that Serb

sniper fire was increasing.

Ukraine peacekeepers protecting crews repairing Sarajevo's streetcar line were forced to return fire after Serb snipers fired at them and hit a civilian, said Aikman.

Karadzic said the first plane with humanitarian relief to land in Tuzla would be Russian. Kozyrev promised to send Russian observers to help ensure the airport is not used for military purposes.

The Russian Foreign Ministry said the airport would be opened "in the near future."

"From the technical point of view, we would need four days for the opening of the airport," said Swedish Maj. Gunnar Karlson of the U.N.'s Nordic battalion in Tuzla. "Everything beyond that is a political question."

Karlson said more troops and equipment for communications, unloading of cargo and bad weather operations would be needed for a sustained airlift. The Nordic battalion has up to 1,000 troops in the Tuzla area.

An airlift could augment aid supplies. U.N. aid officials say they have been fulfilling only about 25 percent of the needs in the area by trucks that often are blocked in Serb-held territory.

There are some 800,000 people in the Tuzla area, many of them refugees from other parts of Bosnia. The U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees says half are in need.

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"He dragged me along one day," Potter said. She said she is not the type that usually likes physical activity, but she did enjoy rock-climbing.

"It's something I can do," she said. Potter started indoor rock-climbing over Christmas and has returned six times since then. Jackson has continued to climb at two centers, Exposure and Stone Works Rock Climbing, both in Carrollton.

He said Exposure is his favorite place to climb.

"It has a variety of climbs and rock faces," Jackson said.

He said the business has a large area for climbing and many different, angled climbs. Exposure is also air-conditioned, plays music and sells refreshments.

Jackson has also climbed at Stone Works and said they have higher climbs and is directed more at professionals.

Exposure charges \$2 as a one-time fee for a required safety test. After a person passes the test, they are given a card to show on subsequent visits. Stone Works doesn't charge for its required safety test.

In the safety test, the staff members teach beginners safety procedures and how to "belay" a climber.

In climbing, one end of the rope is attached to the climber while the other end is attached to the belay person. The middle of the rope is thrown over a beam at the top of the climb.

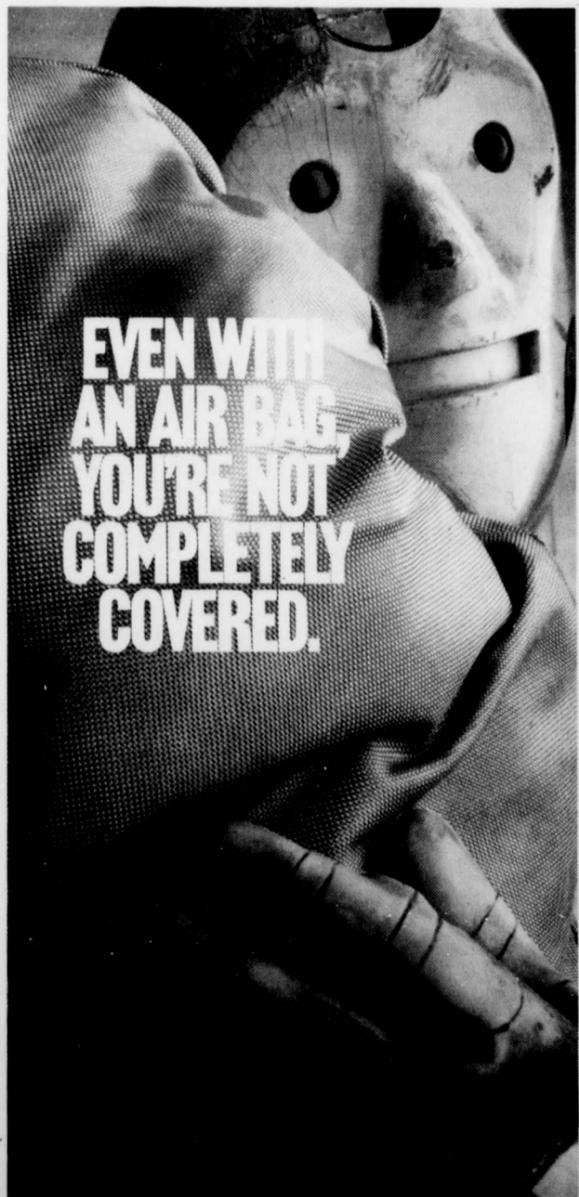
As the climber works his or her way up the wall, the belayer below him or her takes up slack in the rope. That way if the climber falls, he or she will not fall to the ground but will be suspended after falling a few feet.

Exposure's belay devices have automatic safety features, which will catch the rope and keep the climber from hitting the ground even if the belay person has forgotten to take up the slack.

The belay person also lets out the slack in the rope so the climber can reel down the mountain.

Both businesses offer discounts for large groups of climbers. Participants can either climb in pairs or go individually and have staff members belay them.

Both Stone Works and Exposure charge \$8 for an all-day pass. For climbers without equipment, Stone Works rents it for \$5, and Exposure charges \$6.



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quent expanded playoffs is a good idea. The more you really sit down and think about it, the more you will come to that conclusion. There will be more excitement with more teams involved in the race for playoff spots, and more fans will have a reason to go to games in late September. Take it from a purist-at-heart: this alignment thing will work out great.

NFL free agency, however, is something that really isn't so great. Think of what makes baseball all that it is today: a collection of greedy, money-hungry players battling it out in the courtroom with penny-pinching owners over. It all centers around free agency. And now it seems that football will follow America's Game and become a sport dominated by

free agency.

Already the likes of Reggie White and Jeff Hostetler have taken advantage of the agreement and made millions, and others will be sure to follow this off-season. Darryl Johnston, Alvin Harper, Nate Newton, Ken Norton, Jr. and Tony Casillas are only a few of the **Cowboys** who will benefit from free-agency this year. Multiply that number by 28, and that's a lot of rich, greedy football players. And the last thing the NFL needs is internal struggles between players and ownership. It's almost ruined baseball, and it sure won't help football, either.

And finally, let's end with a little Dallas Stars talk. Now, about six months ago, before the start of the NHL season, it seemed almost laughable to think that hockey could thrive in the football-dominated sport of Texas.

But, amazingly enough, the sport of hockey has caught on, and the Dallas Stars have become the hottest sports ticket in town. And what's even more amazing is that Stars fans have actually become excited, knowledgeable hockey fans. Who would have ever believed it?

Well, there are a lot of things coming up in the next few weeks that will hopefully put the SWC and Tonya and Nancy on the back burner. Baseball season is quickly approaching. Hockey and basketball begin their playoffs in a little bit. And, the most exciting event in sports, the NCAA basketball tournament, is only a couple of weeks away. Here's hoping that these events can make us forget about what has gone on in recent weeks in the world of sports.

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got out there it was a lot of fun," said Corbin Broesche, a freshman pre-major who represented Phi Kappa Sigma.

Al's Formal Wear's Hulen Street store manager, Milton Young, said his store has done a lot of business with TCU students.

He said he was really impressed with the style show and planned to do it again if given the chance.

Dabbert and Murphy emceed by reading excerpts the retailers wrote for each outfit, Murphy said.

"After weeks of working hard," Dabbert said, "we are very proud of giving such a large check to the Women's Haven."

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