

# TCU Daily Skiff

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## TCU's sabbatical policy serves as model for Colorado legislature

BY JODI WETUSKI  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

A controversy in Colorado over universities' leave of absence requirements has inspired a state bill that resembles TCU's leave policy.

Public outcry over an administrator's controversial paid leave at the University of Colorado has prompted the introduction of the Colorado bill designed to regulate faculty sabbaticals and abolish administrators' leaves, according to *The Chronicle of Higher Education*.

TCU has a merited leave program, which is different from the sabbatical programs at many other universities, said Michael McCracken, dean of TCU's AddRan College

of Arts and Sciences.

While universities in Colorado are looking at changes, TCU has no major problems with its policy, he said.

A sabbatical usually is a regular, guaranteed leave that is a condition of employment, McCracken said. The professor does not always have to earn the leave, which often causes controversy.

At TCU, tenured professors who have taught here at least seven years may apply for leave, he said. These leaves are not guaranteed, and administrators may not apply for them.

The Colorado bill would abolish administrative leaves, which are often confused with faculty leaves, according to *The Chronicle*. Administrators in Colorado were not

required to work on any type of project related to education while away from their jobs.

At TCU, when faculty members return from a sabbatical they must submit a report on their accomplishments to prove the leaves were a success, McCracken said.

"The expectation is that the faculty member will undergo professional development as a result of the leave of one kind or another," McCracken said. "As a consequence, the university will benefit from that faculty member's accomplishments."

In Colorado's case, the proposed bill will require professors to submit a report on their leave activities, a practice not mandatory now, according to *The Chronicle*.

"The essence of the application (at TCU)

is that the faculty member has a project that in some way is going to enhance his or her scholarship, his or her learning, or both," McCracken said.

In the application, professors describe the project they will be working on, what they hope to learn from it and what type of leave they are seeking.

There are four kinds of leaves at TCU: paid or unpaid semester, and paid or unpaid year.

For paid semester leaves, professors receive full salary. For paid full-year leaves, professors get half-salary, according to TCU's leave of absence policy.

McCracken said that Provost William Koehler looks at applications from faculty of all the colleges before deciding who will receive a leave.

"The point that you would try to make to anybody is that these kinds of leaves should be based of careful analysis," he said. "There should be judgements made on who does and does not get a leave."

These judgements are based on three things: the proposed project's merit, the faculty member's record and how the absent professor's classes will be covered, McCracken said.

Three different strategies may be implemented in covering for a professor on leave, he said. Other faculty may take turns covering class, a class can be deferred to another professor or someone extra may be hired to take over those classes.

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Drama Tiki's John Dyer performs in the Student Center Lounge Wednesday.

## Health care plan support waning

### Clinton faults special interest groups

BY NANCY BENAC  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Clinton shrugged off waning public support for his health-care reform plan Wednesday as the inevitable result of millions of dollars "spent by interest groups to trash the plan."

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"In the end ... I think we'll get it done," he insisted.

The White House is trying to maintain momentum for its plan while Congress moves ahead slowly with deliberations and critics savage the plan in public. Americans' doubts about the plan are rising as the process creeps forward, polls show.

Clinton, trying to highlight popular new benefits contained in the proposal, chatted by conference call Wednesday with eight Americans who struggle to care for disabled or

infirm loved ones at home rather than sending them to nursing homes.

"We would like to see something besides the all-or-nothing program where you either place your child in a state institution or you keep them at home and you have the complete care yourself," said Marge Garrison of Houston, who cares at home for her 21-year-old mentally retarded and autistic daughter.

"So we have been hoping to see that part of your plan put into practice and families be able to get some help," Garrison added.

Replied Clinton: "We shouldn't have a all-or-nothing situation."

"It seems to me that the people this country ought to be rewarding are people that are willing to take this level of responsibility, even willing to pay something according to their ability to pay, but just shouldn't be

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## Faculty Senate to review honor code changes

BY LEE PENDER  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The Faculty Senate will review proposed changes in the academic honor code and consider eliminating some Senate committees in its meeting today.

The Senate's Student Relations Committee will report on student-proposed changes in the academic honor code. Students want faculty members to be excluded from classrooms during exams, said Senate Chairman John Breyer.

The Senate will not support this suggestion, he said.

The proposed changes in the code also include revising the definition of academic misconduct and procedures for prosecution of the offense.

Knowingly and falsely accusing another student of cheating would be considered academic misconduct, according to the proposal.

A student who accuses a peer of cheating could be present at the accused student's hearing to present evidence, according to the proposal. Students who make cheating accusations are not currently involved in hearings.

A change in the Academic Appeals Committee is also proposed. The committee is an appellate body for students accused of academic misconduct.

Three students are currently included in the 12-member committee. The proposal calls for the committee to be comprised of five students, five faculty members, one dean and one staff member.

The Student Relations Committee will consider

reinstating Frog Finder. Frog Finder is a program that helps students choose courses to fit their learning styles and course schedule.

The program would operate through the TCU/INFO system and would list descriptions of courses, such as the types of tests involved in the course and the format of the course (lecture, discussion, seminar, etc.).

The Senate will also consider eliminating some of its committees. The Senate wants to eliminate committees that are not likely to meet or rarely meet, Breyer said. Some ineffective committees are a waste of faculty members' time, he said.

"A lot of these committees are just told a decision," Breyer said. "Their advice is never sought."

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## Student Concerns Committee giving chance to gripe

BY BETH AINE BOLLINGER  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Students can get something done about their complaints concerning the university instead of griping to their friends.

The Student Concerns Committee of the House of Student Representatives made it easier for students to get their concerns heard in its meeting Wednesday afternoon.

The committee finalized plans for its Student Concerns Campaign, which will be co-sponsored by Students Reaching Out.

"Students are supposed to come to us," said Erin Deatsch, freshman premajor and committee mem-

ber. "The point of this program is for us to get out to them."

The campaign begins with a schoolwide, town-hall meeting at noon March 14 in the Student Center Lounge. Student House of Representatives are passing out questionnaires in the Student Center on both March 14 and March 15.

Deatsch said the town-hall meeting would give students a chance to voice their ideas about campus issues in a forum. Once the suggestions are out in the open, they can be acted upon.

"We don't feel there's enough representation of students on the campus," she said. "We want them to have a chance to voice their opinions."

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Don Mills

and head football coach Pat Sullivan will answer students' questions.

House representatives will try to pass out 1,000 to 2,000 questionnaires during the two-day campaign.

Jeff Benson, freshman premajor and committee chairman, said the questionnaires would ask students what they would like to change, whether they feel adequately represented in the House and what concerns they have.

The committee plans to analyze the concerns submitted on the questionnaires and identify concerns to present to the full House, Benson said.

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## Annual feast to give 'Taste of the World'

BY R. BRIAN SASSER  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Students will have the opportunity to get a "Taste of the World" from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today in the Student Center Lounge.

Free food from 17 different countries will be served at the annual International Week event.

Organizations representing countries from each continent will give out the samples and will also present interesting facts about each country, said Manfred Zeidler, a postdoctorate student and chairman of International Week.

"The lounge will be absolutely packed. Everyone will be trying to get a bite from every table," Zeidler said. "It will be fun, informative and there will be lots of food."

Holger Nass, president of the International Students Association, said the event is one of the most popular of the week.

"We expect a huge turnout for the event," Nass said. "It's a great way for organizations and everyone to get involved in the week."

Natives from countries such as France, Poland and Kenya turned in recipes to the ISA. The recipes were given to Marriott so they could prepare the food.

Greek organizations, the House of Representatives and other groups will sponsor each table and serve the food.

Those who attend the event will be able to learn about the country while they eat the food, Zeidler said.

"People serving at each table will ask questions about the country, while those eating try to answer," Zeidler said. "We will also have an information desk so that everyone can get more information."

The total cost of the event was \$2,000.

Programming Council gave \$800 for the event, said Jennifer Schooley, vice president for programming.

ISA raised the remainder of the money for the event.

"We really appreciate the contribution of the Programming Council and the organizations sponsoring tables," Nass said.

#### NEWS DIGEST

### Study: Cancer pain stopable

BOSTON (AP)—New federal guidelines urge doctors to more aggressively attack cancer pain, which a study shows severely afflicts over one-third of Americans with spreading cancer.

Experts estimate that in 90 percent of cases, cancer pain can be well controlled, usually with pain pills. Yet many believe doctors do a poor job of keeping pain at bay.

The scope of this shortcoming is revealed by a survey of 1,308 cancer patients, published in Thursday's *New England Journal of Medicine*.

### FBI looked at mind control

NEW YORK (AP)—Federal agents considered using a Russian "mind control" device to influence David Koresh, the *Village Voice* reported.

The newspaper quoted a source in the FBI's technical services division who said he considered trying to control Koresh's actions with "subliminal" messages during telephone negotiations.

He dropped the idea after makers of the device warned it might make Koresh more violent, the paper said.

### Phillips settles explosion suits

BARTLESVILLE, Okla. (AP)—Phillips Petroleum Co. agreed Wednesday to settle 191 lawsuits by victims of a 1989 explosion at the Houston Chemical Complex that killed 23 people and hurt 130, a spokesman said.

As part of the settlements, neither the company nor plaintiffs can say how much money was paid by Phillips. In November, a Houston jury awarded 15 other victims between \$2,500 to \$110,000 in damages.

### Rice prof says immigrants costly

HOUSTON (AP)—Immigrants cost Texas \$4.6 billion more than they paid in taxes for education, health care and other public assistance in 1992, a Rice University economist said Wednesday.

Illegal immigrants accounted for less than a quarter of the cost, professor Donald Huddle estimates in a study examining the economic impact of just under 2 million immigrants to Texas since 1970.

### TCU Calendar

Today:

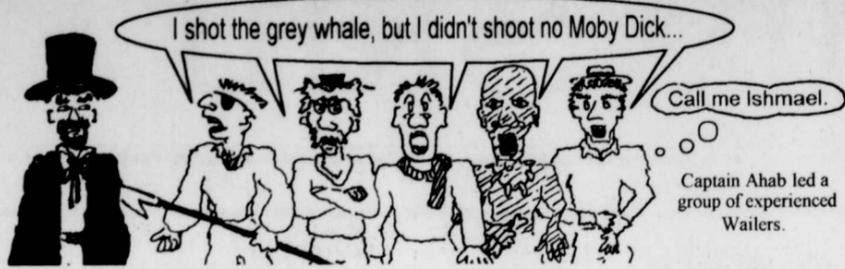
•11 a.m. Chemistry Seminar by Daniel Glatzhofer of the University of Oklahoma, Sid Richardson Lecture Hall 4.

•11 a.m. to 1 p.m. International Week "Taste of the World," Student Center Lounge.

•5:30 p.m. Catholic Community Lenten Series Dinner and Lecture, "What Did Jesus Really Say? With Implications for Our Faith/Prayer Lives," Faculty Center in Reed Hall. For reservations call 921-7830.

The Beaten Path

by P.D. Magnus



Calvin and Hobbes

by Bill Watterson



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According to the November 1992 edition of HR Focus, one drawback of faculty leaves is that faculty get disgruntled while covering for their peers.

McCracken said professors usually remember that if they want a leave in the future, someone will have to cover for them. It's a give and take situation, he said.

Hiring temporary faculty is an

extra expense, but McCracken said the system mostly pays for itself.

"We don't really budget for leaves," he said. "What inevitably happens, has never failed to happen since I've been in this office, is that there will be one or more faculty who want full-year leave.

"We recover that other semester of salary and we use those recovered funds then to hire the occasional faculty members we need for everyone else that's on leave," he said.

Faculty who receive fellowships from outside sources are given unpaid leaves. Their salaries are also used to hire substitutes for other classes, he said.

If one college has a surplus of recovered salaries, that money can be used for colleges that need help funding leaves, McCracken said.

"In my experience, no one has ever been denied a leave because we could not find some way to cover their courses," he said.

According to the university's leave of absence policy, returning professors must also continue teaching at TCU for at least a year.

In the Colorado controversy, leaves were often given to people who used them to decide if they

wanted to continue teaching. These administrators and faculty were not required to return to the university, according to The Chronicle.

At TCU, if a professor does not accomplish what was outlined in his or her leave application, he or she must provide an explanation, McCracken said.

"If an individual applies for a leave and does not accomplish what they said or make reasonable progress toward that accomplishment, they might as well not ask for another leave," he said.

McCracken said in his experience most professors reach their goals.

The leave program is effective because uninterrupted blocks of time are more productive than bits and pieces, he said.

"It (faculty leave) has always been viewed as a way of giving faculty the opportunity to revitalize, to explore new and more effective ways of teaching," McCracken said.

Universities have not always worked effectively to let the public know the purpose of leaves and why they are important to faculty, he said.

"To the man on the street who gets two weeks a year vacation, the idea of getting four months off to do something that they want to do seems like, 'Wow, that's a boondoggle,'" McCracken said. "They don't understand the culture and traditions of academics."

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.

TCU Fencing Club meets from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. every Wednesday in Rickel Room 317. No experience is needed to attend. Call Dave at 923-9477.

Frog Fest/Siblings Weekend will be held April 8-10. Registration materials and information have been sent to all parents. For further information, contact the Recreational Sports Office at 921-1945.

Student Organizations interested in fund raising by sponsoring a booth at Frog Fest should contact Suzette Lomax or Clay Hancock at the Recreational Sports Department, 921-7945.

TCU's Student Foundation will be accepting new member applications through March 29 for the 1994-1995 school year.

The International Association of Business Communicators 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.

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Peer Counselors are accepting applications for helping skills training. This group provides basic skills needed in client-counselor relationships. Training is from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. every Thursday from March 31 to April 21. Apply at the Counseling Center, 921-7863.

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 Wednesdays at 9 p.m. in the Varsity Club Room of Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. Open to all. This week's speaker is Dale Watson, strengthening/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 Wednesdays 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 at 4 p.m. every Thursday 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 order.

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

The Organization of Latin American Students invites all students to its weekly meeting from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday 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 screening appointment, call Dorothy M. Barra at 921-7863.

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

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Deutsch said the campaign was the first step in making it easier for students to let House representatives know what needs to be done.

Benson said the goal of the campaign was to identify issues that students outside of the House care about and start to get something done about those issues.

"We're looking for people who have ideas that we don't hear about," he said. "It's easy to do and easy to understand. It's their chance to make TCU what they want it to be."

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One committee that may be eliminated is the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee. The committee is intended to be a faculty voice in athletic affairs, but the committee does not really have a role in athletic decisions, Breyer said.

"Why should we go along with the charade that faculty members have a voice in athletics?" he said.

The Senate will also decide whether to abolish the Safety and Health Committee, the Use of Facilities Committee and the University

Court because these committees rarely meet. The Student Grievance Committee, which forms as needed, is also being considered for elimination.

A resolution will be introduced calling for faculty input into TCU's role in athletics after the demise of the Southwest Conference.

The Senate feels faculty members might have ideas concerning TCU's athletic choices, Breyer said. No consensus exists among faculty members concerning athletics, he said.

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### EDITORIAL

## Free lectures rich in opportunities

The purpose of universities is to promote learning, and our university is giving its students an excellent opportunity to do just that through the Green Honors Professor lecture series.

This year's lecture series brings 9 scholars of national and international import to campus to share their unique insights and experiences with students and staff.

True, the university's staff includes United Nations consultants, journal editors and Nobel Prize nominees, but the visiting lecturers bring fresh perspectives and arguments to the subjects we study day in and day out.

At how many universities do students have the chance to speak with men such as Kevin Boyle, an international litigator who is trying to defend the Kurds? Where else can you attend — for free — a lecture by Per-Olov Lowdin, the man considered to be the founder of modern quantum physics?

The subjects may not have mass appeal, but for students who are dedicated to discovering all they can about fields such as history, finance, physics and English, the lectures can be fascinating. And the best part is, they're free.

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### COLUMNIST P.D. MAGNUS

## Life without the SWC



Last week I criticized the media for its issue-of-the-moment approach to news. As a regular reader of the *Skiff*, I would like to offer another example, one that's current and close to home: the long-delayed Armageddon of the Southwest Conference.

The campus does seem to be buzzing about it. The *Skiff* has responded to a concern of its audience. Some people, however, have been talking as if the toll of the bell for the SWC is the death knell for TCU. Like Chicken Little, some people hit by bits of the decaying conference are waiting for the sky to fall.

Is it news? Surely. Big news? This isn't meant to offend any football-loving, God-fearing, red-blooded Americans out there, but no, it really isn't.

Imagine yourself 10 years in the future. Thinking back, you remember your college years. Fond memories? Bitter ones? Bad or good, does football play a central role in them? Doesn't the product of these four years (or more, depending), hinge on a lot more than a bunch of broad-shouldered barbarians running around in pads? What of friends? Academics? Thinking about these memories, do you think football will even rank up in the top 10?

According to Chancellor Tucker, athletics are a fundamental part of TCU as an institution. Tucker and others make numerous arguments to shore up this contention. One is that athletics support academics, as shown by the fact that student athletes have a higher graduation rate than the rest of the student body. An interesting statistic, to be sure, but not one that leads to the conclusion Tucker would like to make. With more than 200 students given athletic full scholarships, financing may keep nonathletes from a diploma. Further, it is in the interest of athletic programs to make sure their members don't drop out. As such, athletes are privy to support not given to mere students.

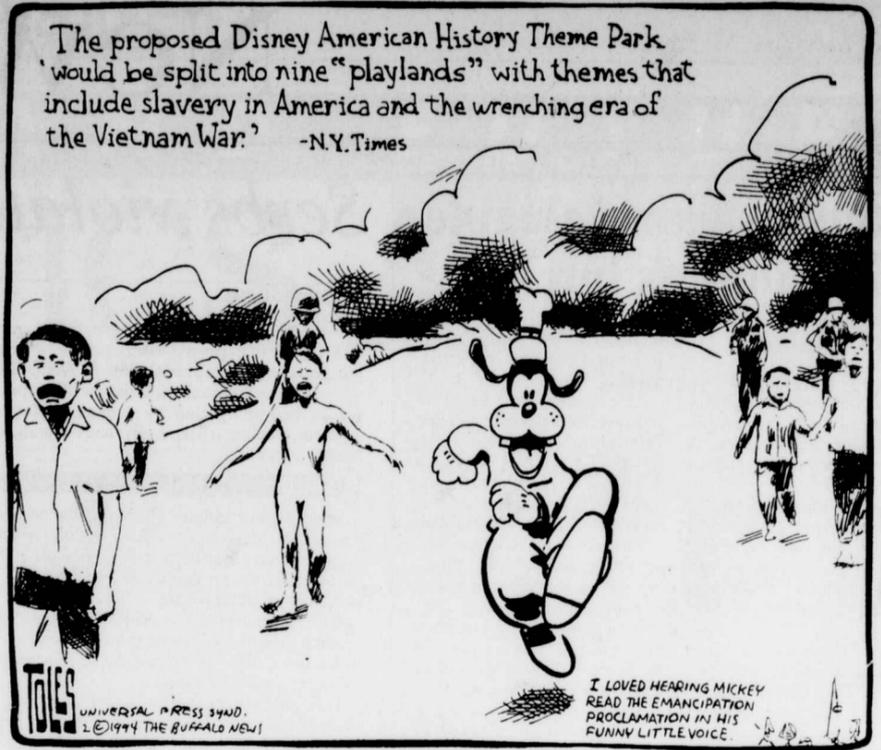
It is also noted that many of the endowments given to the university are, in Tucker's words, "inspired by loyalty the athletics program has created." Even accepting that assertion, it does not prove any inherent value to athletics. Money given by boosters of TCU sports can be earmarked for use in support of athletics. In short, academics does not always benefit from the loyalty of the sport obsessed.

In addition, football costs an enormous amount of money, needing everything from equipment, coaching staff, and travel expenses to those full scholarships and stadium maintenance. Even though athletics may bring in extra donations, they don't begin to match expenses. Athletics loses money. Period. There's just no way around that.

In last Saturday's *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, columnist Bud Kennedy put a different spin on the SWC's twilight, noting the "lost prestige, lost tourist dollars and lost TV time for Texas Christian University's no-longer-big-league home town, Fort Worth." Worth mentioning only because it mourns the SWC without relying on a defense of college athletics itself, Kennedy's point is well-taken. Even as losers, the Horned Frogs mean business to local hotels and restaurants. Nonetheless, it is not and never has been the role of the university to subsidize the community around its campus.

Regardless of the fate of TCU athletics, the rest of the campus will march on. We still have strong academic departments and an excellent faculty who give a student more than monotone lectures and term paper assignments. Even if the university called off sports altogether and turned Daniel-Meyer Coliseum into a giant arboretum, it would not be the end of the world. TCU was a fine institution before the SWC, and it will continue to be no matter what happens next.

P.D. is a sophomore physics and philosophy major from Bursleson, Texas.



### COLUMNIST MATT FLAHERTY

## With pen and drink in hand



Five or six years ago, during my high school experience, I pieced together a theory about artists. After paging through English anthologies and skimming a host of short biographies, I

reached two conclusions. First, that artists prefer to die of tuberculosis. Second, that artists are more emotionally volatile and prone to excess than average people.

While reading "Absalom, Absalom!" this semester, a world class novel by a world class drunk (William Faulkner), I reconsidered my old theory. Several questions came to mind. Why, at least anecdotally, are artists associated with drug abuse? And why are their lives so tumultuous?

To begin, I systematized my earlier hunches by compiling a few lists. For the sake of space and time, the investigation was limited to writers, most of them American.

Writers known or reputed to be alcoholics:

Jack London, Edna St. Vincent Millay, F. Scott Fitzgerald, Hart Crane, Conrad Aiken, Thomas Wolfe, Edgar Allan Poe, e.e. cummings, Edmund Wilson, Jack Kerouac, Stephen Crane, O. Henry, Ambrose Bierce,

Dashiell Hammett, Dorothy Parker, Ring Lardner, Tennessee Williams, John Berryman, Carson McCullers, John Cheever, Truman Capote, Raymond Carver, James Agee and a score of less familiar names.

Five American Noble Laureates in literature also make the list: Sinclair Lewis, Eugene O'Neill, Ernest Hemingway, John Steinbeck and William Faulkner.

Writers who suffered mental disturbances include: Theodore Roethke, Mary Wollstonecraft, Dante Gabriel Rossetti, and Charlotte Perkins Gilman. To name a few who ended their own lives: Hemingway, Berryman, London, Hart Crane, Sylvia Plath, Virginia Woolf and Anne Sexton.

Again, these lists are abridged and anecdotal. But they make an impression. What lessons does this impression impart? Should TCU serve complimentary drinks during English class? Move The Pub into Reed Hall? Those probably aren't good ideas. Most of the writers enumerated were ultimately destroyed by their addictions, as are millions of less renowned persons each year. But it's fair to ask why the connection between emotional volatility, substance abuse and artistic vigor is so visible. I've sketched out a possible answer.

Artists are (painful) attentive people. They sense life more acutely than sober men, and respond to the spirit of an age, or

zeitgeist, like a thermostat responds to temperature. They absorb the world, change it and reflect it, expressing their findings as they progress.

And what has been the zeitgeist of the 20th century? Uncertainty, war, and despair are important players, all richly reflected in modern literature.

Now, importantly, add to this attentiveness a self-indulgent nature and connections form. Science has linked alcoholism and depression with genes. Artistic character may live nearby. Whether writers drink to hide from their sensitivity, or to allow that sensitivity expression, is difficult to say. Experiencing life too acutely is unnerving, even for artists. Unfortunately the bottle may be the quickest anesthetic.

As a postscript, we should note that artistic self-indulgence is not all bad: an unquenchable desire to express oneself is self-indulgent, but it is also human and has produced great novels and wrenching poems.

The trick is to temper self-indulgence with restraint, in art as in life — to stretch beyond the personal and the immediate to touch the universal and the eternal, while retaining the ability to touch your nose and walk a straight line.

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### COLUMNIST ROB EILERMANN

## Trying to survive on Houston roads



Kids, we need to have a little discussion. It is the kind of talk that can save your life.

I recently spent a weekend in Houston, Texas (a.k.a. Gotham City).

I don't have a problem with the people in H-Town.

"Rob, please tell us so that we can feel the same way."

It's the driving. All people in the city of Houston think they are playing a video game when they get behind the wheel.

They think that if they wreck they need only deposit a few more quarters and they can start the game over.

As I was driving down with a friend, I saw some seriously dangerous maneuvers.

But, for some reason, I had taken on the video game mentality. It was like I was watching it on television.

You know, switching lanes without looking, taking exit ramps at 300 mph. The kind of stuff you would see in any of the "Smokey and the Bandit" films.

There shouldn't be speed limits in Houston. First, nobody follows them.

Second, how would one clock an automobile traveling at "ludicrous" speeds?

A problem: acceleration. A common response to a red traffic light or a driver in front of you applying his brakes (which means that the vehicle is slowing down), is to at least let off the gas.

Not so for our friendly Houston daredevils.

Apparently, the gene pool in Houston creates high quantities of lead in the right foot. Houston drivers never slow to a stop. They slam on the brakes at the last possible moment.

If you are lucky enough to be seated in the back of the car, you get the sensation of being in a sling shot as you "kiss" the seat in front of you.

Another habit of the Houston "y'all's" is to ride tail, or in other words tailgating.

Webster's Definition: to hold a picnic, to drive dangerously close behind another vehicle.

Basically there are two types: One is a pre-party before a big football game. The other is to play bumper tag on the highway.

And, kids, this ain't no barbeque.

To Houstonians, tailgating is a game. They call it the "let's see if I can read the road map in the back seat of the car in front of me" game.

I swear, it looked like every other car was in tow.

If for some reason, a car in the front of the line had to make a sudden stop it would cre-

ate a chain reaction of thousands of cars slamming into each other.

Thousands? Who am I kidding? I mean MILLIONS. That is the number of vehicles on any given highway, at any given time in Houston.

But who cares, right? It is only a game. Cars were switching lanes with such recklessness that I felt like I was at a Go-Kart track.

They are crazy people. If there is one thing that irritates me, it is people who put their lives and the lives of others in danger for no apparent reason (The Game).

Common sense tells us that leaving a few minutes early can help relieve the need to rush.

Obviously common sense does not apply. I do not even think that Houstonians have a place to go.

I bet people in Houston use driving as a form of recreation.

"What is there to do today? I know — I'll haul tail on the highway and see how close to death I can get! Yahoo!!!"

Who needs virtual reality when you can play in real life?

Anyway, be careful if you travel in Houston. It really is a neat town. But bring your rosary beads if you are in a car playing "The Game."

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

# News

## Students gain valuable skills, jobs as interns

By CAROL ANN COOKSEY  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

While employers nationwide are cutting back college recruiting, they are also hiring more of their college interns full time after graduation.

It is not unusual for interns to end up working for the agency or company they intern for, said Jack Raskopf, an associate professor of journalism who coordinates the journalism internship program.

"Fort Worth companies such as the Lazzaro Agency, Dally Advertising and Regian Advertising have at least three employees who were once TCU interns for them," he said.

Interns provide both temporary and cheap labor for their employers. Companies can benefit from their help while teaching the interns the tricks of the trade.

The College Board, which administers standardized tests and handles public policies on educational issues, says that employers are hiring 80 percent of their student interns for permanent jobs, according to the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*.

Junior finance major Konrad Halbert interns at Merrill Lynch in Fort Worth. His experience has given him a positive reinforcement about his abilities and the possibility of securing a job after he graduates.

"My employers at Merrill Lynch have given me confidence that I may be able to get a job with them after graduation," he said.

Many employers have expanded their internship program. Recently KXAS-TV

(Channel 5) has opened up its internship program to participants.

The channel's new executive producer has organized a program offering students from TCU, SMU, UTA and UNT internship positions. KXAS currently has about 10 interns, compared to the two it hired before the expansion.

Students with internships have an advantage over other applicants at the company where they are working, Raskopf said.

"Companies like to hire their interns because they are aware of the interns' strengths as well as their weaknesses," he said.

Senior history major Katie VanValkenburgh interned in Washington, D.C. for Sen. Don Nickles, R-Okla., and said she made new friends as well as valuable contacts for the future.

"Some of the people I worked have already been helpful," VanValkenburgh said.

Interns receive hands-on experience while learning about their potential employer.

Senior radio-television-film major Mary Leslie Stocks said the experience is more beneficial than the classes in her major.

She has interned at KTVT-Channel 11, an NBC network affiliate in New York, and is currently interning with KXAS-TV.

Application deadlines for summer internships vary, but many are in February with interns selected by April.

Students can find more information by visiting the Career Planning and Placement Center or offices within their major. Interns usually get college credit and sometimes even pay.

## Serbs violate cease-fire, block convoy

By SRECKO LATAL  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — The prospects for peace proved short-lived Wednesday when Bosnian Serbs answered the world's appeals for an end to fighting by pounding Muslim enclaves, blocking relief convoys and violating the Sarajevo cease-fire.

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Bosnian Serb artillery hammered the Muslim enclave of Maglaj in northern Bosnia, where 19,000 refugees have been under siege most of the past year. Troops pressed an offensive against the northwestern Bihac pocket.

U.N. spokesman Lt. Col. Bill Aikman said Serb artillery fired on the Muslim town of Breza, north of Sarajevo, from just outside the 13-mile exclusion zone around the capital.

U.N. officials also said Serbs fired three rocket-propelled grenades Wednesday at Bosnian positions around the Jewish cemetery in downtown Sarajevo.

They quoted Serbs as telling the United Nations that they did so because Muslim-led government forces were reinforcing their trenches, in violation of the U.N.-sponsored cease-fire reached three weeks ago.

Russian troops are in the Jewish Cemetery on

the Serb side, French soldiers are on the Bosnian side, and "tensions are certainly increased in that area," Aikman said.

U.N. officials had suggested they would get tough with Serbs to ensure smooth movement of relief convoys, but two of those remained stranded Wednesday.

Kris Janowski, spokesman for the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees in Sarajevo, said a convoy for Sarajevo, blocked since Monday by Serb women, was still stuck at Hadzici, 10 miles from Sarajevo.

Another convoy for Maglaj was stranded in Zenica, and it may take two or three days before permits are approved by the Serbs to proceed through a half-mile of Serb territory, past the last Croat checkpoint at Brankovici, Janowski said.

Serb, Muslim and Croat leaders all have signed accords pledging free passage for aid convoys, but they have been repeatedly ignored, especially by Serb commanders.

Maglaj depends almost entirely on airdropped aid, which is risky to retrieve from combat zones and often does not reach intended recipients. The town has received no land convoys since October.

Bosnian radio said Serbs fired 300 tank, howitzer and mortar rounds at Maglaj early Wednesday, and that at least two people had been killed during the previous 24 hours. The United Nations could not confirm details of the attack.

Serbs also stepped up their offensive against Bihac in Bosnia's northwest corner, where Serbs support a small Muslim faction that has declared autonomy from the Sarajevo government.

Fighting was reported on the Muslim-Serb frontline northeast of Bihac, particularly in the village of Spahici, said Capt. Oliver Barnay, a spokesman for the U.N. French battalion in the pocket.

"The fighting has increased since Tuesday morning at Grabez Plateau and Spahici," and Bosnian Serb forces seemed to be gaining the upper hand, he said.

"They can shortly reach the Una River and cut the main road leading to Bihac," said Barnay, who was reached by telephone from Zagreb by The Associated Press.

Barnay could not confirm Bosnian radio reports of heavy casualties.

The offensives against Maglaj and Bihac contrast starkly to the Sarajevo truce and to Tuesday's agreement by Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic to allow the re-opening of an airport at Tuzla in northern Bosnia for U.N. aid flights.

The Serbs attacks also come against the backdrop of an agreement in Washington by Bosnia's Muslim and Croat factions to cease hostilities and form a confederation.

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asked to ... bankrupt themselves on the one hand or on the other hand just give up their entire lives," he added.

Sixty-six-year-old Vera Teske of Wheaton, Kan., who tends her 70-year-old husband with Alzheimer's disease, told Clinton: "Too often the caregiver becomes a patient herself because she has too big a burden."

The president, speaking from the Oval Office, told the families: "I hope that your stories, as they go out across the country, will help us to pass a health care reform bill that will ... make sure that we can actually give some help to people who are try-

ing to help themselves and their loved ones."

"You have inspired me to keep fighting for it, I'll guarantee you," he said.

Clinton tried to sound optimistic when reporters questioned him about two new polls showing that while a solid majority of Americans once had supported his health-care plan, now they are about evenly divided.

"How could it be otherwise?" Clinton asked. "Look at the millions and millions and millions of dollars that have been spent by interest groups to trash the plan. ... I don't have as much money to run television ads as the health insurance industry does."

He said entrenched interests are resisting change, "and the people who are doing well in the present system devote a lot of money and time to stopping the change. But I still am actually pretty optimistic about this."

He acknowledged the difficulties of maintaining momentum with the plan's fate in the hands of Congress.

"Every time I get a chance to speak to the American people about it, support goes back up," he said. "Then we go through a long period where nothing is happening in the Congress and everybody is kind of maneuvering for position legislatively and we're being attacked."

Critics in Congress and outside of government charge that Clinton's plan is too bureaucratic, would limit American's health-care choices and put too heavy a burden on businesses.

The president's health plan would not pay for long-term care in a nursing home, but it would create a new program to provide help in the home and community for people who cannot go about their everyday routines without assistance.

## Forget those pencils: GRE test computerizes

By BEN JOHNSON  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Hackers can now get to graduate school without ever leaving the comfort of cyberspace.

Students taking the Graduate Record Examination, the admissions test required by many graduate schools, are now able to take the test on an IBM-compatible computer.

Kevin Gonzalez, spokesman for Educational Testing Service, said there are many advantages to taking the GRE by computer, which began in the fall of 1992. By using the Computer-Based Testing Program, students can see their scores instantly after they finish the test, or cancel their scores immediately.

They can also choose up to four graduate schools to receive the test at no extra charge, he said.

Another advantage to using the CBT over the standard written exam, Gonzalez said, is that the results of the test can be back mailed to students 10 to 15 days after completing the test. That differs from the written test, in which results take around six weeks to process, he said.

This year the computerized GRE test has been changed to enable the program to ask questions at the test-takers' ability level, he said.

The new Computer Adaptive Test of the GRE uses the questions a person has answered on the test, and analyzes the answers to those questions to determine the level of difficulty of the next question, he said. The computer tailors each test to the individual, he said, so time is not

wasted on questions that are too easy or too difficult for the test-taker.

The more difficult questions are worth more points than the easier ones, he said. In this way, the test can still be standardized, even though test-takers receive different test questions, he said.

Taking the computerized GRE costs \$98, which includes the \$48 test fee and a \$45 surcharge for using the computer program, Gonzalez said. The extra charge is to help pay for the cost of the computers and software.

Students will still be able to take the written form of the test through next year, he said. Beginning with the 1995-96 year, the GRE will be offered solely on computer, he said.

Brad Hancock, director of technology at Sylvan Learning Center in Fort Worth, where the test is offered, said the computerized test is much more convenient to schedule for students, because instead of waiting for one of the five dates of the year the written GRE is offered, the CBT test can be taken six days a week, 52 weeks a year.

Hancock said computers are the wave of the future for standardized tests, and this new style of testing could be simpler for students once they get used to it, he said.

"Most students are so computer literate now, that this method would actually be an advantage," he said.

Sylvan also conducts tests for professional groups such as the Federal Aviation Administration and the National Council of Nursing, he said. These organizations have been using computerized testing for some time for easier processing, he said.

Gonzalez said around 30,000 students have taken the computerized GRE this year. Hancock said the Fort Worth testing center has 50-75 people take the test every week.

Gonzalez said computerized testing will eventually be available in other standardized tests offered by the ETS, including the LSAT, GMAT and SAT.

For more information about the computerized GRE, call ETS at (609) 771-7670.



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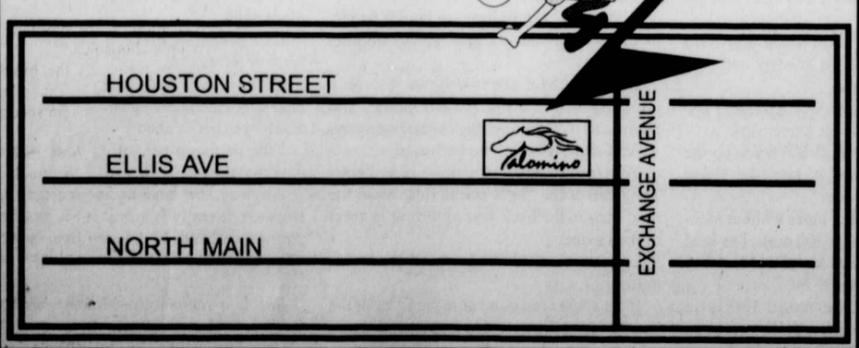
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# A P A S T A N D F U T U R E ATHLETICS AT TCU

## Waldrep appeal will determine athletes' status

By TASHA ZEMKE  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Scholarship athletes at TCU and other Texas universities could be considered university employees and reap workers' compensation benefits if injured, according to a Texas Workers Compensation Commission ruling that is up for appeal this summer.

The debate over whether scholarship athletes should be considered university employees began when former TCU football player Kent Waldrep was paralyzed in a football game against the University of Alabama in 1974.

TCU paid Waldrep's initial hospital expenses, but Waldrep said he should have received lifetime compensation. If he had been considered an employee, he would have.

Athletes should be considered university employees because they work long hours and generate money for universities, Waldrep said.

"Workers' compensation covers all of the athletic departments but not the athletes," he said. "If a coach is run over, he's covered by workers' compensation, but if an athlete is run over, he's not. Something's funny with that."

The Texas Workers Compensation Commission decided in March that Waldrep should have received workers' compensation.

TCU and its insurance carrier, Dallas' Employers Casualty Co., are appealing the ruling in an Austin district court this summer.

TCU does not consider its scholarship athletes employees and will not until the appeal is passed in favor of Waldrep, said Associate Athletic Director Carolyn Dixon.

As of 1991, both scholarship and nonscholarship athletes now sign on to the NCAA's catastrophic-injury plan, not a workers' compensation injury plan.

If a player is seriously injured, the university will pay up to \$25,000 of that player's medical bills, but after that the NCAA insurance policy takes the case out of the university's hands and pays the remaining expenses, said Ross Bailey, head athletic

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### Great (and not so great) Moments in TCU Football

- 1896-First football game. Add-Ran College beats Toby's Business College of Waco, 8-6.
- 1902-Name changes to Texas Christian University. Nickname of Horned Frogs adopted because "of the abundance of those creatures around the campus."
- 1909-TCU becomes a member of the Texas Intercollegiate Athletic Association.
- 1913-14 season-TCU barred from playing Association teams for one season for using players declared ineligible by TIAA.
- 1923-TCU joins the Southwest Conference.
- 1929-Under head coach Francis Schmidt, TCU wins its first SWC football title.
- 1934-Leo R. "Dutch" Meyer becomes head coach until 1953.
- 1935-Southern Methodist defeats the Frogs, 20-14, costing TCU a trip to the Rose Bowl.
- 1936-TCU's first bowl game. The Frogs defeat Louisiana State, 3-2, at the Sugar Bowl.
- 1937-TCU beats Marquette, 16-6, in its first trip to the Cotton Bowl.
- 1938-39-Horned Frogs crowned national champions after defeating Carnegie Tech (which later dropped its football program) in the Sugar Bowl, 15-7. TCU's Davey O'Brien becomes the SWC's first Heisman Trophy winner.
- 1941-UT Longhorns are knocked from their No. 1 ranking, as TCU defeats them 14-7.
- 1942-TCU's only visit to the Orange Bowl. Georgia defeats TCU, 40-26.
- 1948-First televised game.
- 1961-The Horned Frogs once again break the Longhorns hopes for a national championship, beating them 6-0.
- 1971-Head football coach Jim Pittman dies of a heart attack during the Baylor game.
- 1984-TCU scores two touchdowns and a two-point conversion in the final 10 minutes of the game against Arkansas to win 32-31 and wins an invitation to the Bluebonnet Bowl, where they lose to West Virginia, 31-14.
- 1985-NCAA places TCU on probation after alumni are caught giving money to athletes.
- 1992-For the first time in 25 years, TCU defeats the UT Longhorns, 23-14. Campus Police squelch the celebration before it even begins.

## Rich athletic history fades with conference

By BEN JOHNSON  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The breakup of the Southwest Conference may bring an end to a 70-year chapter of TCU sports history.

Even though football had been at TCU since 1896, the university did not join the new conference until 1923. One of the conference teams then was Oklahoma A&M, now Oklahoma State University, while Texas Tech University and the University of Houston were not yet part of the conference.

The Horned Frogs won their first SWC football championship in 1929, under coach Francis Schmidt.

The team also did well in the 1930s, winning two more conference championships, and was even awarded the national championship in 1938.

Walter Roach, assistant football coach at TCU for nearly four decades, said he especially enjoyed

coaching Horned Frog football during the 1930s. The team had a lot of national prominence then, he said, which culminated in the university's national championship victory.

He said one of the reasons for the team's success in the late 1930s was the number of good passers during that period.

"We threw the ball a lot more than most other teams we played then, and that helped us," he said.

The football team also won a total of five SWC championships during the 1940s and 1950s, and went to several bowl games. Libby Proffer, dean emeritus of students, said part of the reason for their success was the size of the other conference schools compared to TCU.

In earlier decades, the University of Texas and Texas A&M were much smaller schools, and had an alumni about the size of TCU's, she said.

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## Alumnus says merger sold out conference

By RICK WATERS  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Many TCU alumni are disappointed that eight decades of Southwest Conference tradition and memories are being traded for a buck, said Jerry Ray, president of the Alumni Association.

Ray, a 1958 graduate, said former students have mixed emotions about TCU's exclusion from the Big Eight's expansion.

"Green (money) has become so important in sports these days that the tradition and memories seem unimportant," he said. "I've talked

with some alums in Austin and other cities and they are saying the same thing."

However, Ray said alumni are confident the administration and athletic directors will make decisions that are in the university's best interest.

"I think Mr. Windeger and Dr. Tucker are doing what is going to be best for TCU, whether that is joining another conference or forming one," he said.

Ray is not alone. Many of his fellow alumni are telling the university

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## Athletes say 'the good life' not that easy

By CHRIS NEWTON  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

While most students dread the idea of 8 a.m. classes, in order to be an athlete you must have a drive and commitment that exceeds that of the average student, said TCU football player Marcus Allen.

"It's tough," he said, "but I think its going to prepare me for life." Moncrief resident assistant Tom Rose said students have a misconception that athletes live the "good life."

"They live in a nicer dorm," he said. "I'm not saying that they should or should not, but I do know that they work very hard."

"How many people are waking up early in the morning to go run laps around the field? Then they have to go to classes."

Although wins and losses are a large part of being on an intercollegiate team, A's and B's are still the priority.

"Our common goal is, first, academics and second, athletics," Allen said. "We're here for an education. That's something we never forget. I feel that it's a blessing from God that my parents aren't burdened with the cost, but I don't lose sight of gaining my education while performing on the field."

Sophomore premajor Robin Schieffer runs track and says being an athlete does make life more difficult.

"It's like taking another 12 hours of classes," she said. "It's a great release and I love it, but when the pressure comes it all comes at once."

Schieffer said the coaching staff also puts the athletes' grades first, especially when the schedules demand that the team travel.

"The coaches are really flexible," she said. "When we're not running, we're back at the hotel studying. They also let us have time off for reviews or big tests."

Allen said that twice a week he wakes up at 5:45 a.m. to work out in the weight room.

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Moncrief Hall must integrate athletic and non-athletic students by 1996, because of a NCAA ruling designed to break up athletic residence halls.

## Moncrief must allow non-athletes by 1996

By MARK FLANAGAN  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

TCU must make some changes in Moncrief Hall in order to comply with an NCAA policy ruling that goes into effect in 1996.

The NCAA adopted a rule on the housing of student-athletes at its 1991 convention, said Bob Oliver, director of legislative services for the NCAA. The ruling will go into effect Aug. 1, 1996.

According to the rule, "The institution may not house student-athletes in athletics dormitories or athletic blocks within institutional or privately owned dormitories or apartment buildings on those days when

institutional dormitories are open to the general student body."

A provision was made Jan. 16, 1993: "The prohibition against the use of athletics dormitories or blocks does not apply when the institution demonstrates that its housing assignment policies do not differentiate between student-athletes and students generally."

For a school to comply with the rule there must be at least a 50-50 mix of students with student-athletes, Oliver said. There must be a mix of students and athletes on each floor and athletes can not be put into blocks or given designated wings in a building.

The NCAA will not be checking

up on universities because it is an institutional responsibility to comply with the rule, Oliver said. The only time the NCAA might check on a school is if someone reported a violation of the policy or during an athletic certification review.

The NCAA does not spend time and money to go around and check on the universities to see if they are in compliance with the rule, Oliver said.

"The ruling was passed because of a number of schools who had provided very special housing for student-athletes," said Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs. "For

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## SWC collapse won't affect Master Plan

By DAVID JIMENEZ  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Even with the uncertain state of TCU athletics, Edd Bivin, vice chancellor for administrative services, said the athletic plans outlined on the master plan will not change.

However, Bivin said there is no timetable as to when the facilities will be built.

"The Master Plan is a suggestion," Bivin said. "It is not written in stone."

The Master Plan is a long-range blueprint of the physical campus in the 21st century. Various planners, architects and engineers worked with university leaders to design the mas-

ter plan.

Included in the plan are proposed athletic facilities to be added on to the Worth Hills campus.

According to the master plan, the baseball field would be moved to the southern edge of the Worth Hills campus. The TCU Baseball Diamond has a small area adjacent to Daniel-Meyer Coliseum and the track.

Also, according to the plan, the baseball team would share its dressing room and its parking facilities with the soccer team. Currently the soccer team has no such facilities.

Soccer is a non-scholarship sport at TCU. Head soccer coach David Rubinson said the addition of these

facilities would help the program.

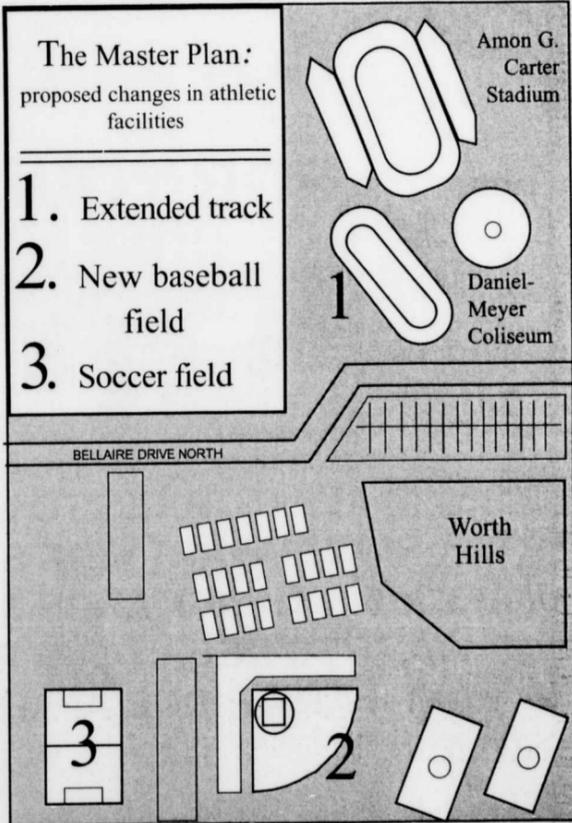
"It (new facilities) would help with recruiting," he said. "It would add much more to the program and make people choose us."

With the move of the baseball field, the track could be expanded to eight lanes with an area for spectator seating.

TCU is not able to host track and field events because the track has only four lanes and no spectator seating. In order to host a Southwest Conference track and field competition, a track must have at least eight lanes.

Despite never hosting a track and

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# Sports

## SPORTSBRIEFS

### Men's basketball loses at Texas Tech

The TCU men's basketball team lost to Texas Tech 94-90 in Lubbock Wednesday night. TCU's record fell to 7-18 overall and 3-10 in the Southwest Conference. Texas Tech raised its record to 15-10 and 9-4 SWC. The game was close one that went down to the wire, but the Red Raiders made the plays down the stretch to pull it out. Tech's Mark Davis made the plays down the stretch for Tech. He sank a shot from the baseline and made three free throws in the final minute to seal the win. TCU had two chances to tie or win the game, but Byron Waits missed a jump shot and Jentry Moore missed a three-pointer. TCU junior center Kurt Thomas led all scorers with 29 points. Tech's Jason Sasser led the Red Raiders with 26 points.

### No. 1 Texas beats tennis team 9-0

The TCU women's tennis team lost all nine matches to the No. 1 ranked Texas Lady Longhorns in Austin Wednesday. Texas jumped all over the Lady Frogs and dominated the entire match. TCU didn't win a single set during the nine matches. The Lady Frogs play Rice Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at the Mary Potishmen Laird Tennis Center.

### Cowboys say Smith's surgery successful

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Dallas Cowboys running back Emmitt Smith underwent surgery Wednesday to repair a shoulder separation that occurred in the final game of the regular season. A statement from the team said the operation by Dr. Jim Andrews was a success, and the Super Bowl MVP likely will be ready for training camp. Smith is expected to remain hospitalized through Friday at Health-South Medical Center.

### Skaters Torvil and Dean retire

MILTON KEYNES, England (AP) — Tired of the pressure and frustrated with the judges, ice dancers Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean retired from competitive skating Wednesday. The British couple, who won the gold medal at the 1984 Winter Olympics in Sarajevo, made the announcement after finishing third in their Olympic comeback at Lillehammer.

## Robson's ninth inning homer wins game

By THOMAS MANNING  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

In a game that was much closer than it should have been, the Horned Frog baseball team defeated Tarleton State 6-5 Wednesday at the TCU Baseball Diamond.

### BASEBALL

The victory extended the Frogs winning streak to five games, but it took some late inning heroics by the Frogs' hottest hitter to secure the win.

The Frogs (13-4) came out of the blocks on fire, building up a 5-0 lead after three innings.

TCU got a two-run homer by Shawn Stanek in the second and a two-run single by Craig Farmer in the third to jump out to the early lead.

But the Texans (3-9) came back, and cut the Frogs' lead to 5-4 with four runs in the sixth.

TCU starter Flint Wallace gave up all four of the sixth inning runs. The right-hander finished the game giving up four runs on seven hits in five and one-thirds innings.

After the game, TCU head coach Lance Brown said that Wallace has been suffering from a sore elbow, and that the injury affected his pitching Wednesday.

"Flint's had some elbow irritation lately, and it started to act up on him today," Brown said. "Plus, it's been 11 days since he last threw, so there was bound to be some stiffness."

The relief pitching of Tarleton State is what really kept them in the ballgame.

Senior Ricardo Trevino held the Frogs in check for four plus innings while his teammates battled back.

"Trevino is a good pitcher," Brown said. "He beat us 2-1 last year, so he's got good stuff. Plus, we got a



TCU Daily Skiff/ Brian Bray

TCU senior Shawn Stanek fouls a pitch off the screen in an earlier game this year. Stanek did connect with a home run during TCU's 6-5 win over Tarleton State Wednesday.

little complacent with the five run lead, and they were able to get right back into it."

The Texans tied the score in the seventh on a bases loaded walk by TCU reliever Jeff Baker. Baker came on in relief of Erik Brown, who put two batters on with none out.

Baker got the next two batters, however, and then held Tarleton

State in check for the next two innings, putting the Frogs at a 5-5 tie in the bottom of the ninth.

And in the bottom of the ninth Adam Robson led things off by blasting his fourth home run of the year over the right field wall. The homer was Robson's third in three games, and it gave the Frogs a 6-5 win.

"Adam's just now starting to feel

one hundred percent," Brown said. "He hit the ball well last weekend, but he was still a little tired. Now he's back at full strength, and that gives us a big boost."

Robson and the Frogs will look to continue their winning ways this Friday when TCU takes on Coker College at the TCU Diamond. The game will start at 2:30 p.m.

## Cassell helps Rockets break slump

By MICHAEL LUTZ  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON (AP) — Sam Cassell is helping Houston coach Rudy Tomjanovich enjoy the team's three-day respite from the NBA schedule.

The Rockets had lost two straight games when they faced Orlando in the Summit Tuesday night.

A three-game losing streak would have been hard to take until they host Los Angeles Saturday.

But Cassell, a rookie battling for playing time, helped the Rockets end their abbreviated skid and gave Tomjanovich hope that the Rockets' struggling offense is showing signs of improvement.

"Now I see a lot of possibilities for us growing as a team," Tomjanovich said. "Obviously, our offense has been struggling since the All-Star break. Sam came in and created a new dimension with his penetrating."

Cassell scored 16 second half points, had five assists and two steals in 25 minutes. He had six straight scoring plays near the end of the third quarter and at the start of the fourth period, to keep the Magic at bay. The

Rockets won 97-85.

"If I'm given the opportunity, I feel I can put it in the basket against anyone," Cassell said. "It's always a learning process. I've waited for my chance. I've got a start but I'm really still waiting."

Cassell, the Rockets first round draft pick from Florida State, has had to fight for playing time this season.

"That's why we drafted him and why we're really high on this guy," Tomjanovich said. "He's such a competitor. He does whatever it takes to help the team."

Cassell is getting more respect from his teammates.

"We were kidding him before the game about being a rookie, but he stepped up and showed he could play in this league," guard Kenny Smith said. "We've got to have different guys stepping up every night."

Tomjanovich liked seeing Cassell driving for the basket.

"He created opportunities for everyone," Tomjanovich said. "A guy that can penetrate like that helps everyone. If we can have someone penetrating like Sam did, this team can go all the way."



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# Sports

## Two swimmers place for NCAA Tourney

BY TASHA ZEMKE  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Two swimmers from TCU women's swimming and diving team qualified for NCAA consideration standards last weekend at the Southwest Conference championships. The consideration standard places a swimmer on a list of alternates for national competition.

### SWIMMING

Sheila Hewerdine, a freshman, placed third in the 400-meter individual medley, ninth in the 200-meter individual medley and sixth in the 200-meter butterfly.

Deirdre Steven, also a freshman, placed third in the 200-meter butterfly and fifth in the 400-meter individual medley.

Both women will swim at the Bevo Classic this weekend in Austin attempting to make automatic standards to secure a definite position in national competition, said head coach Richard Sybesma.

"They both have an excellent chance to make the automatic standard in the 200 butterfly with some rest," Sybesma said.

The women's team placed fourth behind the University of Texas, SMU and Texas A&M.

"I was very pleased with our finish," Sybesma said. "Texas is currently ranked second in the nation, and SMU is ranked fifth. We felt we could finish third or fourth in the team race."

Sybesma said the teams in the conference were improving because this year's meet was extremely fast.

Five TCU swimming records for women were set at the meet. Sheila Hewerdine set a 200-meter IM record time of 2:04.19; she also set a 400-meter IM record time of 4:21.12.

Sophomore Jamie Bobo set a record 100-meter backstroke time of 57.99 and record 200-meter backstroke time of 2:02.40. The 400-meter medley relay, which placed fourth at the meet, set a new record time of 3:51.73.

## Tech wears down Lady Frogs, 89-63

BY DAVID JIMENEZ  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Bad things happen when you play the No. 6 Texas Tech Lady Raiders.

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The TCU women's basketball team lost to the Lady Raiders 89-63 in front of 2,020 people on Wednesday night in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

The Lady Frogs (5-18, 1-12 SWC) have lost 12 consecutive games. TCU is now 0-28 lifetime against Texas Tech.

The Lady Raiders (23-3, 11-2 SWC) used a 30-9 run to extend a 41-29 halftime lead to a 71-38 advantage with 9:44 left in the game.

TCU senior post Amy Bumsted led the Lady Frogs in scoring with 21 points. She said the Lady Frogs were not prepared to play to start the second half.

"We came out in a daze," Bumsted said. "You can't do that against a good team."

Lady Frog head coach Shell Robinson said Texas Tech beat TCU down the court in transition.

"We kept getting beat back down the court," Robinson said. "They kept scoring on the break."

The Lady Raiders jumped out to

an 8-0 lead to start the game. Texas Tech led 18-8 before TCU used an 8-2 run to come within 20-16 midway through the first half.

Texas Tech junior guard Noel Johnson, who scored 17 points including five 3-pointers, then hit two consecutive 3-pointers to extend its lead back to 26-16. The Lady Frogs were never able to get closer than six points in the first half.

TCU lost 93-44 to the Lady Raiders on Feb. 2 in Lubbock. TCU head coach Shell Robinson said the game was learning experience.

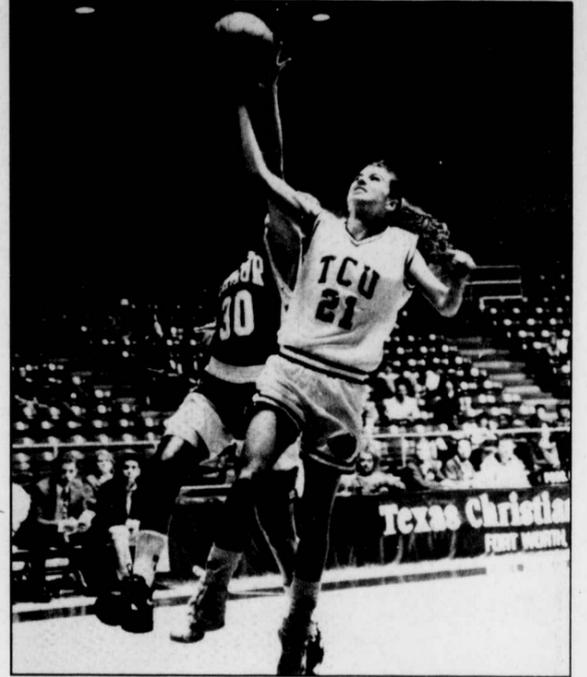
"We learned that we can't come out and play five-to-10 minutes of a half," Robinson said. "We have to initiate the pace of the game."

Texas Tech head coach Marsha Sharp said she could see TCU's improvement from the first time the two teams met this season.

"They've made great strides," Sharp said. "Their kids play hard, and Shell has done an outstanding job."

TCU freshman guard Nicole Perdue scored 11 points while senior forward Donna Krueger scored 11 points and grabbed 13 rebounds.

This was final home game of the season for the Lady Frogs. TCU finishes the regular season on Sunday in Austin against the Texas Longhorns.



TCU Daily Skiff/Brian Bray  
TCU point guard Nicole Perdue shoots a layup in an earlier game. She scored 11 points in TCU's 89-63 loss to Texas Tech

## Fire faces crucial weekend

BY ALAN DROLL  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The Fort Worth Fire's fortunes took a roller-coaster ride this week. They ended up about where they started: in a must-win situation.

Crunch time begins in earnest this weekend. Saturday's battle with Dallas won't mean as much unless the Fire take out the Oklahoma City Blazers Friday night. Both games are at the Tarrant County Convention Center.

The Fire overcame a flat effort at Tulsa last Wednesday with a pair of crucial home victories. Fort Worth beat the Wichita Thunder 6-3 Friday, then outscored the Dallas Freeze 9-7 Saturday night.

"We knew it was a big weekend for us and we came out and played the way we know how to play," said Fort Worth Fire head coach Steve Harrison. "We held our emotions in check and we came back with two great efforts back-to-back."

Wichita ended the Fire's weekend high Tuesday night in Fort Worth. The first-place Thunder scored four unanswered third-period goals to spoil a magnificent effort by rookie Dominic Maltais to win, 8-5. Maltais scored four goals to set a new Fire record.

Maltais was more worried about the outcome than the record.

"There's no satisfaction for me because I lost tonight," Maltais said. "I wish for a win. I want to go to the playoffs."

That feat won't be easy, but yes, it's still in reach.

Before last night's game in Wichita, the Fire had 11 regular-season games remaining. Fort Worth trails the fourth-place Freeze by nine

	W	L	OTL	PTS
Wichita	36	16	6	78
Oklahoma City	32	20	5	69
Tulsa	31	20	4	66
Dallas	24	23	7	55
Memphis	21	29	5	47
Fort Worth	22	29	2	46

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points in the race for the Central Hockey League's final playoff spot. As of yesterday, the Fire is in control of its own destiny. Barely.

Fort Worth has more games left with Dallas than with any other team (four) and has one game in hand on the Freeze. Dallas hosted Oklahoma City last night.

Fort Worth fell behind early when the Fire's newest enforcer Darren Srochenski rumbled with former teammate Stephanie Venne late in the first period.

Srochenski was assessed a five-minute fighting major, and Wichita's quick-striking power play attack netted three goals during the penalty.

"Venne's probably one of the dirt-

iest players in the league, and I don't like him going around spearing guys," Srochenski said.

"At the time I just kind of lost it," he said. "Maybe I should have stayed a little bit calmer, but he's a dirty player and something has to be done about stuff like that."

Stephen Tepper's fourth short-handed goal kept the Fire close during Srochenski's penalty, and his teammates responded.

Good stick work and three second-period goals by Maltais gave Fort Worth a 5-4 lead. It wouldn't last.

Wichita took the face-off and scored just 12 seconds the third period, and it was an omen of bad things to come. Bob Berg and Paul Jackson completed hat tricks to lead Wichita to victory.

Wichita outshot the weary Fire 23-3 in the final period.

The ride began badly eight days ago in Tulsa. The night before, Fort Worth had pasted Memphis 8-1, but Coach Steve Harrison's Fire couldn't handle success. Tulsa fired a CHL-record 73 shots on goal en route to a 7-3 victory.

Corwin Saurdiff set the CHL record with 66 saves and took the loss. Saurdiff has been recalled by the International Hockey League's Kansas City Blades.

The third period has been a sticking point all year for the Fire. It wasn't last weekend. The Fire closed out Wichita with three unanswered goals after Wichita had tied the game 3-3.

## Men's golf team wins tournament

BY LEE PENDER  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The TCU men's golf team had a relaxed attitude about last weekend's Ron Smith/University of South Florida Invitational Tournament.

### MEN'S GOLF

TCU focused more on playing well in the tournament than winning it, TCU head coach Bill Montigel said.

The laid-back approach worked. The Frogs won the tournament by 17 strokes over runner-up Central Florida.

"We didn't set any goals," Montigel said. "We never talked about winning it. I think that's why we did so well."

TCU played well enough to claim four of the top six individual

spots in the tournament. J.J. Henry led the Frogs with a second-place finish.

TCU's Robert Boisvert followed Henry in third place. TCU's Andy Aduddell and Mike Flynn tied for fourth place.

Henry and Aduddell are freshmen who were playing in only their second tournament. Their finishes were impressive, Montigel said.

"With freshmen you never know what to expect," he said. "We knew they had the potential to play well."

The field the Frogs faced included Kansas, which finished in the top 20 at last year's NCAA championships. The Jayhawks finished 12th in the Ron Smith tournament, 50 strokes behind TCU.

"There were some awfully good teams there," Montigel said. "I feel

like it was a pretty strong field."

TCU will face another strong field Monday and Tuesday when it travels to Lafayette, La. for the Southwest Louisiana tournament.

Texas, Oklahoma, SMU, Baylor and Rice will be among the teams TCU will face in Louisiana.

Texas is perennially one of the top five teams in the nation, Montigel said.

TCU defeated Texas and SMU at the Harvey Pennick Intercollegiate Tournament in the fall. The Frogs will be successful again if they play as well as they did in Florida, Montigel said.

The Frogs will take the same relaxed approach to this week's tournament that they used last week, the coach said.

"Our goal is to go out there and go one stroke at a time," he said.

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# Entertainment

## Metroplex band gains national attention, airplay

By MANDY RAY  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The Metroplex seems to be full of cynics for Dallas-based bands that make it big. The people who deem bands "sell-outs" once they move past an independent record label may be considering Course of Empire to join the ranks of Tripping Daisy and other bands who have earned national attention; but, once they hear COE's latest release, "Initiation," they may be singing a different tune.

**REVIEW** The band's latest effort features loud, thrashy guitar riffs from Mike Graff, thick bass licks from Paul Semrad, stinging vocals from Vaughn Stevenson and the tight, powerful drive of drummers Chad Lovell and Michael Jerome. That's right, two drummers. You can hear the first release, "Infested" on KDGE-FM 94.5 or catch the video on MTV's "Dream Time" or "Alternative Nation," or maybe even "Headbanger's Ball." It just goes to show that their sound is really in its own category, not conforming to restricting labels such as, "grunge," "alternative" or "heavy metal."

"Initiation" follows Course of Empire's self-titled debut on Carpe Diem Records, and it doesn't stray too much from their original style. There are no light-hearted, easy-going, please-the-record-company moments on this effort. COE has sacrificed none of their original sound or content for their contract with Zoo Records. The harsh, sonic distortion and the tight, pushing rhythms blanket a dark, almost contemptuous wit.

A few songs like "The Gate" and "Running Man" don't include words, and if you like it loud and a little trippy, you'll like them. Songs like "Hiss" and the dreamy ballad, "Apparition," dig in with cutting, almost haunting imagery. Songs such as "White Vision Blowout," "Breed," and "Infested" practically spit contempt on conformity while promoting self-awareness.

Bassist Paul Semrad said the idea for "Infested" was born out of their habit of distributing drums during their shows to audience members in the Deep Ellum club scene: "We wanted to see if people could help a pre-written song evolve into something which nobody foresaw," he said. "When it worked, it could be very exciting and actually very musical. But sometimes it was just a bunch of drunk people banging on the drums, or throwing them!"

The only thing left to say is, "See them live." Rumor has it that COE was the only band of any following that Tripping Daisy was "okay with" to play the Bomb Factory a few weeks ago (the show that was to replace the canceled Trees Outdoor Music Festival last October). Take that how you will, but be on the look out for this band and this disc. If you haven't heard them, you're missing out.



Paul Semrad, bassist; Mike Jerome, drummer; Mike Graff, guitarist; Vaughn Stevenson, vocalist and Chad Lovell, drummer make up Course of Empire, one of the latest Dallas-based bands to play nationally. Reviewer Mandy Ray said COE's sound is in a style all its own — don't miss it.

## Morals, mishaps, vices top weekend openings

By TODD JORGENSEN  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

**"Angie" (R)**  
Geena Davis plays the title role in the new film "Angie," which opens this weekend. Angie is a woman with simple aspirations. She just wants to be

happy and do what is right, but the challenges of life prove to be more difficult than she expected.

**REVIEW** Angie lives in a modest Brooklyn apartment with her boyfriend Vinnie (James Gandolfini). Everything is fine until Angie starts an affair

with an off-the-wall Irish lawyer, Noel (Stephen Rea). About the same time, Vinnie gets Angie pregnant. Angie, always wanting to do the right thing, wants to continue dating Noel but knows that Vinnie must stay around as the baby's father.

Most of the film deals with the reactions of Angie to her pregnancy and her relationships with the two men and her best friend since childhood, Tina (Aida Turturro). Tina tries to guide Angie through the tough decisions she must make.

After the baby is born, people frantically begin to walk in and out of Angie's life in ways she never expected. Angie has a tough time adjusting to life with her child, but her experiences, however painful, show her what is important.

"Angie" doesn't try to teach us any lessons about life, but rather shows the experiences of one average woman. The episodes, whether comical or sobering, are engaging throughout. The only problems occur in the middle when the plot occasionally stalls. Also, the character of Tina is not really given anything important to do.

Geena Davis is in top form as Angie, showing great range and exuding confidence in her acting. She seems perfect for the part.

Stephen Rea ("The Crying Game") battles gamely through an under-written part with some dandy Irish one-liners.

Director Martha Coolidge ("Rambling Rose," "Lost in Yonkers") again shows a fine touch as the film always rolls at a comfortable pace. The screenplay was written by a man, Todd Graff ("Used People"), who knows what he's talking about.

Overall, the film makes up for a rather thin plot by providing a wealth of entertainment value.

**Grade: B-**  
"The Chase" (PG-13)  
Charlie Sheen kidnaps Kristy Swanson and takes her on a high speed chase in "The Chase," a high-energy, original new action film from writer/director Adam Rifkin.

The film opens with prison escapee Jack Hammond (Sheen) robbing a gas station. He takes the only customer, Natalie Voss (Swanson), as a hostage in her car and leads police on a high-speed chase along California's I-5 with the intent of going to Mexico. Once a news crew spots the chase with a traffic helicopter, the whole city becomes fixed on the lengthy chase.

The film maintains a high excitement level and the way it lampoons modern news coverage is hilarious.



Geena Davis stars in the movie "Angie," as Angie, a woman whose unexpected pregnancy and subsequent birth of a son sends her on a journey of self discovery.

The performances are competent and include cameos by Cary Elwes and musicians Henry Rollins, Anthony Kiedis and Flea.

Occasionally the direction gets too obnoxious, but the sheer originality makes up for most of the weak elements. **Grade: B**

**"Greedy" (PG-13)**  
If you want to learn how to take money from wealthy relatives, you can skip the new film "Greedy," from director Jonathan Lynn ("My Cousin Vinny").

Unless you hate all your relatives and have no morals yourself — then you may enjoy this film. If you are boring and are hiding major secrets about your past, you may relate to the characters.

Kirk Douglas plays the wealthy grandpa/uncle who all the relatives are wishing will die soon. For some unknown reason, his insurance policy has a clause that will only allow him to give all his money to one person. Will it be one of his conniving nephews (Phil Hartman, Ed Begley, Jr.), his new money-hungry mistress (Olivia d'Abo), or the sweet member of the family who doesn't want the money (Michael J. Fox)?

All of this plot predictability made me want to vomit. There are some genuinely funny moments (the very last scene is a romp), but the characters are mean-spirited and no fun at all.

**Grade: D+**

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trainer.

The NCAA insurance plan benefits families of athletes who would otherwise have to pay expensive health care costs, and it also protects universities from lawsuits.

Waldrep's ruling, if put into effect,

will go beyond the NCAA insurance policy because it covers injuries not necessarily catastrophic or life-threatening, Waldrep said.

"Colleges have neglected their responsibilities to athletes, and the NCAA is greedy in regard to sports," he said. "It all boils down to the dollar, and the dollar needs to protect the athlete."

TCU athletic department officials refused to comment on the ruling.

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"It's hard to perform well as a student when you're physically exhausted," he said. "Discipline is the key."

Rose said TCU athletes live unique lives and deserve the respect of the student body.

"I would say that there aren't too many students here that work as hard as the athletes," he said. "To say that they have it easy just because they live in a nice dorm is a premature assumption."

The everyday aches and pains of being on a strict workout schedule also make life difficult, Schieffer said.

"You really take it for granted — being healthy. One day you'll be walking to class thinking about how much your leg or foot hurts," she said. "It makes doing little things uncomfortable. It really is a great sacrifice."

Contrary to campus myth, Rose said Moncrief Residence Hall has very few discipline problems.

"I haven't had to write up anybody. I haven't even been close," he

said. "The problems we have go straight to the coaches. We haven't had too many problems."

Rose said that does not reflect special treatment.

"Some kids in other dorms get written up and appeal it," he said. "It doesn't really affect their life that much. If the coaches find out about athletes misbehaving or violating policy, I'm not sure what they do, but the problems stop."

Because of the coaches' strict discipline, Moncrief Hall is the only dorm on campus where alcohol is prohibited.

"The coaches made the decision to make Moncrief a nonalcoholic dorm, even if they are 21 years old. This is a sacrifice that most students don't have to make," Rose said.

The campus tends to underestimate how well the athletes perform academically and how disciplined they are, Allen said.

"A lot of the times people overlook how good a group of guys we have," he said. "We want to represent this school and what it stands for as well as we can."

"We really just want to be seen as a part of this campus. We want to interact more with the student body."

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That made for a much smaller gap in team funding between the schools, Proffer said.

"The private schools just had a much better chance then," she said. "The playing field was more level with the other schools."

Once some of the other schools in the conference grew, Proffer said, smaller schools such as TCU were at a disadvantage. The larger conference schools, as they grew in attendance, surpassed the small school's ability to award scholarships and build their sports programs, she said.

"It just became increasingly harder for us to keep up," Proffer said.

Proffer said women's sports have come a long way since she started working at TCU in the 1950s. The university placed much less importance on women's sports than it does now, she said.

Football was by far the most popular spectator sport when she first came to TCU, even more than it is now, Proffer said.

"The minor sports were much more minor in those days," she said.

Proffer said one of the university's ongoing traditions was holding a bonfire the night before one of the first games of each season. The bonfires would be held near the stadium, Benbrook Lake or other areas around Fort Worth, where students would set fire to huge wooden "TCU" letters.

These bonfires were a very popular way to get students excited about the upcoming season, she said, even though the administration would often get calls the next day from construction sites around the city regarding missing lumber.

One of the major changes Proffer said she remembered about TCU's sports program was that coaches used to be able to get tenure like other faculty, she said. That gave them a different kind of loyalty to the school, she said.

"It made them more a part of the TCU family," she said.

Proffer said she remembers going to the pep rallies when Leo R. "Dutch" Meyer was coaching and listening to him speaking to the student body.

"He was a great person and a wonderful speaker," she said.

Her fondest memory, though, was when head football coach Abe Martin called one of his players out of a game, even though the player was having one of his best games of the season, she said.

"When the crowd saw he was being called out, they were upset, and began cheering for him," she said.

Later, she said, she overheard Martin tell someone "The kid hasn't had a chance to hear any applause for him yet this season." That was typical about his feeling for the players and the game, she said.

"He cared about his students and what the game meant to them," she said.

Joan Swaim, coordinator for bibliographic control at the library, said she went to all the football and basketball games when she was younger and her parents worked at TCU. She said sports have changed from what they were when she first started going to the games.

"I guess it's more a business venture now, and less a part of the regular campus program," she said.

Swaim said the rivalry between TCU and SMU has always been strong, especially when the teams were prominent in the conference.

"The proximity between the two schools made the rivalry very sharp," she said.

Proffer said sometimes the rivalry between schools would get out of hand. She recalled a lot of mascot painting and stealing in the 1950s and 1960s, she said, until administrators finally began to clamp down on the problem.

The rivalry between TCU and Texas A&M was particularly fierce at times, she said. At one football game at TCU in the 1960s, when several hundred fans left the stands and began fighting.

The fighting spread all the way to Milton Daniel Hall before it was stopped, she said.

Swaim said her best memory of

TCU sports was when her husband, Johnny Swaim, won the SWC championship in 1968, his first year as head coach of the basketball team.

"It was thrilling to represent TCU in that manner," she said.

Betty Knox, director of the TCU News Service, said sporting events, especially football, were a much bigger part of campus life than they are today.

"Football was just more a part of the college experience in those days," she said.

The coming of fraternities, sororities and other campus organizations may have led to a decrease in the number of students attending TCU sporting events, she said. These activities began to take more of the students' time, she said. The increase in the popularity in professional sports has also contributed to lower attendance, she said.

Knox said one of her recent best memories was when the football team defeated UT for the first time in 25 years.

She also fondly recalls the season that led TCU to the Bluebonnet Bowl a decade ago.

Despite a few changes, she said, sports at TCU is still fairly similar to what it used to be.

"It's really not that different," she said. "The more things change, the more they stay the same."

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they are upset the SWC is forsaking its heritage. But TCU will continue to survive either as a member of the SWC or another conference, Ray said.

TCU alumni agree the remaining schools are of good academic quality, which will help in forming a new conference, Ray said.

"We've had some calls from alumni that are sad the conference broke up but glad the schools that stayed are academically strong," said DeVonna Tinney, Alumni Relations director. "I think they are trying to look at it as an opportunity to move forward in Division I-A."

Tinney said most callers are asking, "What are we going to do?" and "What happens now?"

Alumni are frustrated because a solution has not been reached and the administration is working to find answers, she said.

"I hate to see this much history and tradition go down the drain," said Bridgett Thomas, a 1968 TCU graduate and president-elect of the Alumni Association.

"I think it is really sad to think this

has all been done because of money and greedy people," she said. "It is really a shame. I hope something positive can come out of this for TCU."

Other alumni believe the exclusion could not be avoided.

"The whole situation was probably inevitable," said 1984 graduate Mark Wilson. "When the College Football Association lost control of its television deal, people knew there was going to be a big shake-up."

Wilson said TCU alumni could be unsupportive of the university's athletics in the upcoming years because of the frustration of losing seasons and exclusion from the Big Eight.

"In the short term there might be some kind of backlash," he said. "But if the teams gain success again, then supporters will jump back on the bandwagon. But turning the programs around is on the university's shoulders."

For now, alumni wait patiently for the future of TCU athletics to unfold and hope for positive changes, Thomas said.

"Now that it (the merger) is done, I think we need to just take a positive approach and do what is best for TCU," she said.

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example, the University of North Carolina had an off-campus apartment complex that the school rented for the basketball team, and the University of Kentucky built a facility for its basketball team that was known as the Taj Mahal."

Moncrief Hall is nicer than the other dorms on campus because it is the most recently built, Mills said. Moncrief Hall does not violate the rule because if the university were to build another dorm on campus, the new dormitory's facilities would be equivalent to those in Moncrief.

The administration plans to look at different options as to what sports need to live together and what sports do not need on-campus housing, Mills said.

"We really haven't begun in-depth discussions on the change since it doesn't come into effect until the 1996-97 season," said Emily Burgwyn, interim director of housing. "It should become a priority within the next year and discussions should begin."

Any final decisions on what should be done to comply with the rule probably will not be made until

next year, and then plans will probably be made for implementation in 1996, Mills said.

Two of the schools in the Southwest Conference, Rice and Southern Methodist universities, do not offer special living arrangements for athletes.

"We do not have an athletic dormitory here at Rice," said David Steele, assistant athletic director of business at Rice. "Our student-athletes are mixed in with the regular students across campus."

Student-athletes have always lived in dormitories with the other students, Steele said.

"We feel that here at Rice our student athletes are an integral part of the student body," he said. "It is in the students' and the athletes' best interest for the athletes to be well-mingled with the rest of campus."

At SMU the athletes are housed with the other students on campus, said Edith Cantrell, administrative assistant in the athletic department compliance office.

She said athletes have lived on campus with the other students for at least six years now.

"I really don't see a benefit in having an athletic dorm," she said. "It is a good idea for the athletes to interact with the rest of the student body."

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field competition, the TCU men's track team has been ranked in the top 25 nationally for the past eight years.

Bubba Thornton, TCU head track and field coach, said adding on to the track would be less of a burden on the athletes.

"Our team has to travel every

weekend and it becomes a drain on them," Thornton said. "If we could have two or three events on campus, travelling doesn't become a drain on the athletes."

Thornton also said hosting a track event would be beneficial to TCU.

"If we could host competitions," he said, "it would spread the word about TCU. It would give more exposure to the university."



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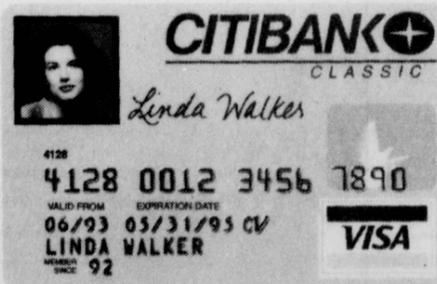
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