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Liability insurance forces Greeks to re-evaluate social priorities

By ANN RICKERMAN
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In the late 1980s, fraternities and sororities were ranked as the sixth-worst risk for insurance companies, which is just behind hazardous waste disposal companies.

Greek organizations have been forced to change their social policies so they can buy liability insurance, said Rick Barnes, director of fraternity and sorority affairs.

Liability became a big problem because of so much litigation, usually involving alcohol and social events, Barnes said.

Insurance companies would not insure Greeks because of the risk of large financial claims against fraternities and sororities, said

Diane Gregory, president of Fraternity Insurance Purchasing Group. FIPG developed a risk management program for 38 national Greek organizations.

FIPG changed the social policies with its risk management program. This program of social guidelines has made it possible for Greeks to get liability insurance, she said.

Evidence of changes at TCU are easily found.

In the annual Phi Kappa Sigma Manday, a week in which Panhellenic sororities compete in activities to raise money for Muscular Dystrophy, events have either been moved onto campus or banned because of the risk management guidelines that Phi Kap must follow to keep its liability insurance,

Stout said.

Greek organizations at TCU are required to have liability insurance to be recognized as a TCU organization, Barnes said.

According to the FIPG, most organizations have \$1 million in coverage which includes:

- injury or damage on or off chapter house premises.
- claims by owners or contractors hired by a chapter that fails to supervise an independent contractor working on premises.
- injury or damage when a chapter serves food or beverages which cause bodily injury, property damage or wrongful death

Stout said it costs the Phi Kap chapter \$65 a member for its liability insurance, which is

purchased through its national office.

"Only three companies insure fraternities," said Ken Duke, vice president of claims at Harris and Harris of Kentucky Inc., an insurance company that covers 17 national fraternities.

Barnes said the two biggest reasons for the policy changes were due to the drinking age going from 18 to 21, and the amount of litigation Greeks face.

Underage drinking makes up 52 percent of claims that involve alcohol, according to the Harris and Harris of Kentucky Inc. 1987-1992 Fraternity Claims Analysis.

Now approximately 20 percent of a chapter's members can legally drink, unlike a few years ago when nearly 100 percent could,

Barnes said.

Alcohol is involved in most of the claims against Greeks, according to the Harris and Harris analysis.

In claims for fights, falling off of a roof, sexual abuse and auto accidents, more than 85 percent of the cases involved alcohol, according to the Harris and Harris analysis.

Insurance companies do not readily insure Greek organizations, Gregory said. Social policy changes reduce risk of liability claims so insurance companies are more willing to insure the Greeks, she said.

The risk management program, developed by FIPG, consists of guidelines for fraterni-

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Growing number of adults face growing pains

Campuses can't always meet older students' needs

By LAURA WADE
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Kathy O'Leary sat in the back of the lecture hall, trying to concentrate on her professor's lecture about chemistry.

O'Leary was more interested in the person sitting next to her — her 3-year-old daughter, Kelley. Mom was hoping that bringing Kelley, a last-minute decision since the baby-sitter cancelled, would not prove disastrous.

O'Leary's situation is not uncommon. She is among 14 percent of TCU's undergraduate students who are over age 25. But unlike the typical college student, the adult student must cope with unusual circumstances, such as finding child care, raising a family and even working.

In the last five years, the number of adults applying for college and the number of colleges catering to their needs have increased, said Sarah Schafer, TCU adult services coordinator.

According to the National College Board, adult students comprise more than 50 percent of college students in the nation. TCU has slowly started reacting to the trend, providing adult students some services to cope with their unique problems.

The main reason so many adults are returning to college, Schafer said, is because people want to change their careers. Also, many adults feel that in order to advance in their field, they need more education, she said.

However, many adults have discovered that going back to school requires more than refreshing basic study skills or investing in school supplies.

O'Leary's greatest struggle has been trying to take care of her family while taking classes and studying. Her husband, Dan, and three children, ages 11, 6 and 3, have all made gradual adjustments since her first semester back at school. But those adjustments were accommodated with some uneasiness in the family.

Last fall, O'Leary said she noticed a difference in her 11-year-old son. "Joe has become real quiet and his grades have dropped," she said.

O'Leary's husband also altered his attitude when she

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TCU Daily Skiff/ Courtesy of David Jenkins

Social work instructor David Jenkins' three daughters support the movement to bring child care to TCU, Jenkins said.

Survey: Students want on-campus day care

By JODI WETUSKI
TCU DAILY SKIFF

On-campus child care for students and faculty is an idea that is in great demand at TCU, said Courtney Clay, junior social work major.

The social work department's Community Intervention class distributed a child-care interest survey to all TCU faculty and staff members, including Marriott employees and Brite students, said Cheryl Donnington, junior social work major.

According to the results of the survey, 504 people said they would support an on-campus child care program; 151 families said they would use the facility.

"There's many options right now," Donnington said.

"We just think there's such a need. It's obvious by the survey."

Donnington said members of her social work class are investigating the options of on-campus child care.

Several options are available, she said. TCU could house the program in a current facility on or near campus or a new building could be constructed.

"Another option we could go with is having Kinder-care or another local day care agency sponsor it," she said.

The group attempted to find space in a building on campus, but nothing was available, Donnington said.

"We've met with Emily Burgwyn, who's the acting

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Mills revamps Student Affairs Office adds assistant vice chancellor to staff

By BEN JOHNSON
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A new assistant vice chancellor's position is among the organizational changes the Office of Student Affairs will undergo, said Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs.

"Student Affairs is organized to meet the needs of students of the '60s and '70s," he said. "The issues facing students of the '90s are much more complex."

The reorganization will also improve the student affairs departments, Mills said, and make them more able to address students' problems and needs.

"Student Affairs is a series of segregated departments," he said, "and they should be integrated."

The new plan for Student Affairs will take each of the dozen departments currently under Student Affairs, he said, and loosely rearrange them into six units: Residential Services, Health Services, Campus Life, Student Development Services, Career Services and University Ministries.

Although Student Affairs will be consolidated into these six groups, he said, each of the individual departments will run in mostly the same manner.

Mills said two of the new units, Campus Life and Student Development Services, will be sharing most of the duties of the Student Activities Office. The director of Campus Life will also become assistant vice chancellor of student affairs and will serve as dean of students, he said.

The reorganization changes the role of the dean of students from a predominantly office job to one that is more a part of campus life, he said.

The six units of Student Affairs will report to the new assistant vice chancellor, who will then report to Mills.

The main focus of the reorganization, he said, will be to reduce the number of high-level administrative staff in Student Affairs. That will get more of the staff into areas where it can be of more direct use to the students, he said.

Mills said the new plan will also get departments that have not dealt with each other often to work together on projects that will benefit students.

"I'm hoping there will be lots of working across structural lines," he said.

Mills said students probably will not see any immediate changes in the way business is run.

"They'll notice it more in program opportunities," he said.

Mills said the restructuring was necessary for better communication within Student Affairs.

"Everyone I've talked with was in general agreement that there were too many people reporting to the vice chancellor," he said.

While the position of assistant vice chancellor's job is new, Mills said he does not plan to create any more administrative positions.

"It is important that we do not build a hierarchical structure," he said.

The Campus Life unit will oversee judicial affairs, or the Office for Student Discipline. In addition, it will cover Campus Police, student government, the International



Don Mills

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Convocation speaker to discuss Satan's negative image

By KIM JOHNSON
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Elaine Pagels, an author and religion historian, will speak on the negative imagery of Satan at Honors Convocation at 11 a.m., today in Ed Landreth Auditorium.

Pagels, who is a professor of religion at Princeton and author of four books, will give the address, "Satan and All His Angels: Demonizing the Other," which represents her current research and the subject of an upcoming book, said Nadia Lahutsky, professor of religion.

The lecture will discuss the histori-

cal, negative use of the image of Satan and his cohorts.

Pagels is also known for her award-winning book, "The Gnostic Gospels," which is a study of the long-lost writings of early Christians found in Egypt in 1945. The book is descriptive and helps a general audience understand the complicated concept of the Gnostic people, Lahutsky said.

The Gnostics were a sect of early Christianity that claimed a special knowledge of the secret teachings of Christ, according to a Public Broadcasting Company special Pagels did with Bill Moyers in 1988.

On Moyers' show, "World of Ideas,"

he interviewed Pagels about another book she wrote, "Adam, Eve and the Serpent," which dealt with human sexuality in relation to politics and society. Pagels said the Garden of Eden story formed society's attitudes of marriage, animals and death.

The other two books she wrote were also on the Gnostic writings found in the Egyptian village of Nag Hammadi, Lahutsky said.

A public forum will be held at 2 p.m. in the Woodson Room of the Student Center as a follow-up to the convocation speech.



Elaine Pagels

NEWS DIGEST

Man opens fire at plant

RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, N.C. (AP) — A recently fired employee walked into a Japanese-owned fiber optics plant this morning and opened fire, killing two people and wounding two others, witnesses said. The suspected gunman was later found dead.

"He apparently came in and shot the ones who fired him," said Sonny Hughes, an employee of the Sumitomo Electric Fiber Optics Corp.

Authorities evacuated the plant and combed property after the shooting, reported shortly before 8 a.m.

Krueger heads to Burundi

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Texas Sen. Bob Krueger is President Clinton's choice to be ambassador to the troubled Central African nation of Burundi, the White House announced Wednesday.

The news ended months of rumors that the Democrat, who served briefly in the Senate last year before being ousted by Republican Kay Bailey Hutchison, would receive the Burundi job.

Krueger's Senate tenure was distinguished by the frequency with which he voted against Clinton initiatives.

Judge denies coach's request

AUSTIN — A U.S. district judge Wednesday denied an injunction request by former Baylor women's basketball coach Pam Bowers that would have reinstated her as coach pending the outcome of a \$4 million lawsuit she filed against the school.

Bowers was fired as coach last month after building a 168-257 record in 15 seasons. She has accused Baylor of discriminating against women's athletics, and of retaliating against her for filing a Title IX complaint, which requires equal opportunities for men and women in college athletics.

Outbreak pinpointed

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Medical investigators have pinpointed the source of the state's worst botulism outbreak in more than a decade, even as cases have continued to surface, a health official said Wednesday.

Laboratory tests detected the botulism bacteria in a potato dip served at the Greek restaurant where patients reported eating before contracting the potentially fatal illness, said Dr. Laurance Nickey, director of the El Paso City-County Health District.

TCU Calendar

Today:

- 11 a.m. Honors Convocation, Ed Landreth Auditorium, featuring Honors speaker Elaine Pagels. No 11 a.m. classes will be held.

- 2 p.m. Open forum with Honors speaker Pagels, Student Center Woodson Room.

- 6:30 p.m. Honors Banquet, Student Center Ballroom. Outstanding students in science, liberal arts, Phi Beta Kappa to be announced.

The Beaten Path

by P.D. Magnus

The Cartoon Graveyard: Where every bone is a funny bone.



Calvin and Hobbes

by Bill Watterson



CAMPUSlines

The Society of Professional Journalists will hold officer elections at the Freedom of Information program at 6 p.m. today in Moudy 265S. The group will watch the FOI video created by its members with attorney Tom Williams. Call Camie Melton at 923-7570.

Avant Garde Publications is sponsoring a literary contest to publish students nationally. The company is looking for original, unpublished essays, anecdotes and short stories of any length pertaining to the title "The Ultimate College Guide." Entries may be of a humorous or serious nature and should deal with topics that will provide assistance to a new college student. Entries must include name, address, school's name, telephone number and be postmarked by June 1. Entries must be submitted to Avant Garde Publications, 104 Laburnam Crescent, Department J, Rochester, NY 14620, Attention: College Talent. Call (716) 242-0830.

ROAD workers will host Angie Taylor, a UNT health education

counselor, at 6 p.m. April 20 in the Woodson Room. Taylor will address the reasons for drinking alcohol.

Riff Ram Rock 'n' Roll Football Blitz will follow the Purple and White Scrimmage at 7:30 p.m. April 21. The event will include free food and a band and is sponsored by the Athletic Department, the House of Student Representatives and Students Reaching Out.

Peer counseling positions are open at the TCU Counseling Center. Applicants must be sophomores, juniors or seniors by the fall of 1994. Applications, at the Counseling Center, are due Friday.

Habitat for Humanity groups will leave for work by 8:30 a.m. Saturdays at the front doors of the Student Center. Participants are encouraged to wear old clothes, thick-soled shoes and work gloves if possible. For more information contact Kyle Watson at 370-7428, Alan Droll at 346-0799 or John Azzolina at 921-0557.

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

Video contest is open to college students with prizes from \$500 to \$3,000. The contest is sponsored by The Christophers, a New York-based international media organization. Call (212) 759-4050. Entry deadline 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 Doug Widger, director of youth for St. Paul Lutheran Church.

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

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

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director of housing, and she said there's no openings as of right now," she said.

The group is currently arranging meetings to discuss the option of renting or buying a house near campus to house the day care program, she said.

A child-care program would help TCU attract and retain new employees and students with young children, Donnington and Clay said.

SMU has had an on-campus child care program for the past 20 years, Donnington said. In order for TCU to compete with other universities, the administration must respond to the needs of the faculty, she said.

"We need to get this issue out in the public," Clay said. "We need the administration to make it a priority because the need is out there."

If you didn't read it in the Skiff, it wasn't worth reading.

returned to school. Even though her husband pushed O'Leary back into college, he did not eagerly change his lifestyle to help the family, she said.

"He has to pick up a lot more slack than he used to," O'Leary said. "He can't just come home from work and sit around without helping around the house."

The couple did work through their problems. Now, O'Leary said, Dan understands he must cook dinner every so often or keep the children away from Mom while she's studying.

Not every adult student faces the same difficulties in the home as O'Leary did. Karol Blaylock, a 44-year-old fashion design major, said her family was supportive when she began classes at Tarrant County Junior College and later at TCU. Her husband was in favor of her returning to college and her son, Jeff, understood her situation since he was also a college student.

Jeff was even willing to acknowledge his mother on campus.

"Whenever we would see each other on campus, he would wave and holler 'Karol' rather than Mom," Blaylock said.

Paying for college is another stress adult students must deal with. For many adults, college can be a financial burden while trying to raise a family. Full-time adult students can apply for the same scholarships and financial aid available to other students, but few alternatives are offered.

Blaylock was able to receive an academic scholarship because of her grades at TCJC.

O'Leary has turned to student loans to pay her tuition. "I'm up to my eyeballs in loans," she said.

If financial stress and family problems are not enough, adult students face one more obstacle that often proves the most challenging. Several adults say that training their minds to study and write papers again is often difficult. Blaylock said that after her first semester at TCJC, she was not sure that returning to college was the right decision.

"I first said, 'What am I doing here?'" Blaylock said. "I was taking

pre-algebra and freshmen composition at the same time. There I was writing and doing math, two things I had not done in a while."

Schafer said Blaylock's feelings were not uncommon, but most adults actually handle the situation well because their lives have taught them to be good time managers.

"I think that they've had to order and manage their time to be independent and to handle a job, their financial situation and household chores," Schafer said.

O'Leary said she had a difficult time sharpening her writing skills and found it even more difficult to get adequate help in departments on campus.

Adult students are not alone when facing these difficult circumstances. TCU does provide some support for adult students through the Extended Education Office.

The one area where many adult students need help from the university is in child care; O'Leary said the best solution to her child care problem would be an on-campus child care facility.

However, TCU does not offer such a solution. Schafer said the university had tried to implement child

care, but its insurance company warned against such a program. The risk of being sued for mistreating the children was too high, Schafer said.

Still, O'Leary said she hoped that eventually the university can find a way to offer a child care facility. O'Leary attended Northwestern State University of Louisiana in Natchitoches, which had a child-care facility on campus and said it solved two of her problems: finding child care and spending more time with her children.

"It's much easier for me to have my children on campus," O'Leary said. "I can spend the two hour break between classes with my kids, which is something I need to do."

Financially, TCU offers only one grant to help adult students. The grant, the Personal/Professional Development Grant, is offered to students over age 22 who are enrolled in no more than 11 hours, Schafer said. The grant covers 45 percent of tuition, not including fees, she said.

Schafer said if TCU offered more financial help to adults, the university would likely draw more adults on campus.

Adult students find the most sup-

port through the Extended Education Office. The office is open until 7 p.m. during weekdays so working adults can utilize the services even after work, Schafer said. The office works to provide adults with a meeting place to communicate and to form study groups, something many adults request, Schafer said.

In October, students formed an adult student club, > Kappa Beta. Schafer said the club tries to schedule workshops on time and stress management and study skills. They also organize social events, such as after-finals parties.

TCU does provide helpful services to adults, but Blaylock said more action must be taken to help adult students, especially if the university wants to continue to draw such students to the campus.

Blaylock also said administrative offices, such as the Registrar's Office, must be open later than 5 p.m. The university should also offer child care and more evening classes for adult students, she said.

If TCU wants to have a part of the latest increase in adult students, Blaylock said, the university has to start thinking about what it can do to help adults now.

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EDITORIAL

Just pen it in later

It's the subtle surprise that stings sometimes.

After all, it's only a brick.

The offer was this: seniors who made a \$50 donation to TCU could be part of the Senior Appreciation Program. With the deal come two ways to leave one's mark at TCU.

One way is to honor up to three influences in a senior's career. A senior names people like family, teachers and friends for recognition, and those people receive a certificate — a sort of "thanks for being there" card.

The other part of the deal is the brick. Each student had two lines of 15 spaces per line to come up with a message for the brick.

Some planned to put their names, majors and affiliations; others wanted to pay tribute to family members; still others wanted to leave a favorite quotation or

bit of wisdom as a message for future generations of Horned Frogs.

But it was released last week that only seniors' names would be put on the bricks.

If some of the students' messages were obscene or otherwise deemed inappropriate, only those students should have been punished. They could have lost their opportunity to be part of the Senior Mall or had their applications sent back so another, more fitting, message could be left.

But instead, a blanket decision was made: no personal messages, just names.

It's a small slight, really, except to a few seniors. The message on the brick made the whole deal worth \$50 to them.

For the donors whose priority was naming the important people in their lives, the change doesn't really matter.

Unless, of course, they were doing it on the brick.

COLUMNIST ROB EILERMANN

So many parking spots



30 days and counting....

Parking at TCU has always been an issue. Over the years I have heard students moan about the apparent lack of parking. Well, when you need an answer to something that is difficult to solve you know who to turn to: ME

First, let us get down to the real issue at hand here. Is there REALLY a lack of parking spaces on campus?

No. There are plenty of spaces available around the coliseum. More places than students, I would imagine. So what's the problem?

It's the distance, stupid.

The distance between the coliseum and Tandy Hall is equivalent to the distance between Pluto and the sun. And I ain't talking about Mickey's dog and somebody's kid.

Making the walk has been known to take as long as half a semester. You are never really sure what time of day you will actually arrive.

I wonder how many times a day someone will skip class because there is no parking within the same zip code as the classroom. I would bet there are a few.

Basically, coliseum parking is out of the question.

We live in a free market economy. And if there is a lack of supply, the demand will be high. Sound familiar? Further, when there is such a precious commodity (parking) consumers will pay a high price.

"Okay, Rob, enough of the lecture in economics, solve our problems!"

All right, I will.

If you can't find a spot, park wherever you want. Loading zones, maintenance areas, visitor and faculty lots — these spaces are always close and are generally empty (kinda makes you think, huh?). Only handicap parking should be kept off limits.

Even our esteemed Chancellor Tucker has a sweet parking spot. If it's open and you're late, why not pull in there?

Here is where the economics comes back into play: You must pay a "prime parking fee" (i.e. parking ticket).

If you have the money to throw around, parking should never be a problem.

However, since there are limited amounts of "prime spots" ("illegal" is such a strong word), I have devised an ever greater plan.

The answer my friends, is valet parking.

I have given this whole parking thing a lot of (okay, well, some) thought. It occurred to me that you can park wherever you want. You don't even need to find a "prime parking" loading zone.

Just stop where you are, put it in park, turn it off and get out. Who is going to stop you? The Purple Police?

You can literally park wherever you want! On the sidewalk, in the grass, in somebody's yard, next to Frog Fountain, in the courtyard, the options are endless. Basically, park wherever your vehicle can get to.

Park in the middle of University Drive if you want. No one can stop you.

The best part about all of this is that eventually someone will come by and take your car to a parking lot. Safe and sound, no problemo.

"Buddy's Valet/Towing Service" has a nice ring to it.

Oh, yeah, that whole economic thing comes back again. Valet parking will cost you a bundle. Probably around \$100.

But, hey, if you want the best you have to be willing to pay a high market price.

The only minor setback to my brilliant plan is the whole money thing. I mean, who really has that kind of jack laying around? I know that I can't afford it. And Chancellor "T" would probably get pretty ticked at me if someone showed up in his spot tomorrow.

I guess we'll have to stick with the regular spots. Maybe a parking scholarship...

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



COLUMNIST MATT FLAHERTY

Failing the students with all those A's



Students interested in the characteristics and quality of TCU should investigate a well-kept secret. The "TCU Fact Book," compiled by the Office of Institutional Research, contains a wealth of information about trends and policies on campus.

Consider what the Fact Book reveals about grade inflation. Everyone is familiar with the topic. Students know where to look for easy A's and general convention ranks departments in degree of difficulty. The Fact Book provides empirical evidence on the subject, supporting those who contend high grades are too common.

The Fact Book from Fall 1992 gives comparative data on grade distributions. Some of the results are commendable. In Fall 1991, in lower division social science courses, 20 percent of grades were A's. In natural sciences the figure was 21 percent.

Now peruse the trouble areas: In the humanities, 35 percent of lower division grades were A's. In the College of Fine Arts and Communication, 44 percent were A's. In the School of Education's lower division

courses, 67 percent made A's, and only 8 percent made C's.

This is shameful. Why bother with grades in such a context? Evaluation loses all meaning when there is no way to differentiate a majority of students.

On behalf of the School of Education, it should be noted that only 45 percent of grades awarded in upper division courses in spring 1992 were A's, while in the humanities and natural sciences the numbers shot up to 44 percent and 42 percent, respectively. Consider this a left-handed compliment. The School of Education saves face only in relative terms. Averages are high across the board.

Carping about high grades seems the equivalent of student heresy. Indeed, we all want to earn A's. But here's the rub: The concept of earning a grade is nullified when standards are removed. By awarding A's indiscriminately, departments penalize the best students and reward those a notch below. The result is an amorphous bunching of students; mediocrity bleeds into superiority.

Students are not the only ones harmed by grade inflation. Employers also lose the tools to evaluate prospective employees. When grades cannot reflect skill levels, employers must turn to ... well, who knows what? Deserving graduates cannot be

pleased by the randomness introduced into hiring by grade inflation.

At this point irony may emerge: the student claiming to provide a valuable service by lowering the collective GPA. However, opposition to grade inflation is not support of low effort and poor results. It is support of accurate evaluations which reflect distinctions between students.

The pervasiveness of grade inflation makes its correction difficult. TCU is not alone in this predicament — even at the best schools grades have shifted upward. If TCU lowers its grade averages while other universities maintain the status quo, TCU students will be hurt in the workforce and graduate admissions. TCU's reputation will decline. Anarchy will ensue. The sky will fall. Civilization as we know it will end.

Perhaps this is a bit extreme. The TCU professorate can produce a fair grade distribution without destroying future careers. Several departments and schools within TCU already buck the inflationary trend. When necessary, other measures such as teacher recommendations can balance TCU's (deliberately) lower grade averages. In time, employers and administrators will learn the value of an A earned at TCU.

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COLUMNIST P.D. MAGNUS

American virtues: handle with care



We Americans sometimes talk as if we occupied some fundamental higher ground. There is a temptation to think that being the world's surviving super power entitles us to the seat at the head of the world's

table, that our Constitution and sense of right gives us a superior moral insight, and that maps of the world should, by rights, be printed with St. Louis near the middle.

One example is America's penchant for military intervention. Every time there's a revolution somewhere, a government collapses, or citizens take up arms to kill people who look different, there is a call for U.S. action. So too, when there's an anti-social dictator or two countries clash in regional conflict. Proponents of heavy-handed U.S. intervention invoke without fail America's role as global policeman. Watchdog of the world, peace keeper, or hall monitor of the gods, all these metaphors amount to the same thing: The United States must commit American lives to somebody else's problem.

The United States should protect its interests, of course, and world peace is in the interests of the United States alone as well as the world at large. Similarly, we Americans have every right and duty to offer aid to the weak and suffering. We should not, however, feel obligated by some moral sensibility to put U.S. troops in the role of Fairy

Godmother to anyone who might not be living at our idea of an acceptable level.

Imagine aliens from the planet Quartis coming down from the sky and taking control of our inner cities, explaining that they had superior resources and that the violence and suffering showed our clear inability to manage the places properly. They'd have an arguable case, mind you, but after asking where Quartis was, many Americans would be eager to object.

Take, for instance, the moral arguments against Caller ID, the service that lets you know who's calling before you pick up the phone. It first became available amidst charges of violated rights and general naughtiness. Clearly it violated the caller's right to anonymity. Clearly it does, but which framer wanted that one in the Constitution? (Perhaps they left it out so he could remain anonymous.)

Some rights aren't explicitly in the Constitution, though, like reproductive rights, so you can't write this objection off on that alone. Instead, consider the case of someone at your front door. Doesn't your looking out a peephole at him to see if he's an axe murderer violate his right to anonymity? When we call someone, we voluntarily give up our right to remain unknown. In short, all the ACLU members who like making obscene phone calls will just have to use a pay phone.

One last example: The state of California is using digital fingerprint comparison to catch people who commit welfare fraud. Once the system is in place, officials expect to save millions of dollars every year. A legal thinker decied the program as some-

how offensive, since by testing every welfare recipient it assumes his or her guilt. The program by its nature has to work that way. The only way to just test the guilty ones would be to have them identified in advance.

Moreover, the guarantee of innocence until proven guilty is only a protection in the courtroom. It does not stop libraries from putting book sensors at the exits that scream if someone tries to lift a few volumes, even though everyone has to go through them and that does imply that the librarian suspects each and every person who goes through the doors. Neither does it stop airports from scanning carry-ons and using metal detectors, even though it clearly shows they think every traveler might be planning some act of terrorism.

The point of all three examples is simply to show how well-meaning, self-righteous individuals can speak of American notions of freedom and equality, crafting arguments that sound good but have the logical substance of bean porridge. We Americans, all of us, have the nasty habit of talking about constitutional rights and the selling points of democracy in vague and threatening terms, like they were magic words. Abracadabra! Hocus pocus! Right to privacy! Free elections!

On the one hand, we can get away with it. We are, after all, the United States of America. On the other, we wouldn't want to sound like hypocrites when we told the Quartisians to get out of South Central Los Angeles, now would we?

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INSIGHT

FORT WORTH

GANGS

A SCOURGE APPROACHES TCU

Fort Worth adds cops to gang unit as violence rises

Two months ago, the Ocura family lived in a small home on the east side of Fort Worth. Now all but two of the family members are dead, victims of a drive-by shooting of a gang seeking vengeance against the Ocura's youngest son, who is in a rival gang.

"Is it a war? You're damn right it's a war," said Sgt. James Cartwright, director of the Fort Worth Police Department's gang unit.

In an attempt to curb the epidemic of gang violence that has emerged over the past year, Fort Worth police have declared war on the active gangs in the Fort Worth area, assigning 50 more police officers to the gang unit.

"It's always been a war, and it's one that we're interested in winning," Cartwright said. "Stop shooting, terrorizing, and drug dealing or go to jail!"

Officers were added to the gang unit in response to the increase in almost every gang-related area of crime, he said, including drive-by-shootings, armed robberies and graffiti.

"What was good enough at one point isn't good enough anymore," Cartwright said. "This is serious business. If we're not prepared for what's out there, we're dead."

Gang violence is as much a problem in the TCU area as it is anywhere, Cartwright said.

TCU alumnus Matt Welch is one of the 50 officers who have been reassigned to the gang unit. Welch said the unit has cited the 10 most violent gangs in the Fort Worth area and is planning to adopt a zero-tolerance policy.

"We know their hangouts," he said. "We have warrants out for some of their members' arrests, and we're going to go out and find them."

According to the unit, there are 270 identified gangs and 4,000 active members in Fort Worth.

Cartwright said the department is taking a pro-active stance against gang violence.

"Some people might criticize the fact that we're going to go out and apprehend these people, but that's exactly what we're going to do," he said. "Things are getting out of hand. We're going to try to combat this problem before crimes occur."

Underage gang members can expect no mercy if they've violated the law, Cartwright said.

"These kids are killing people. It's gotten to the point that if you die in the line of gunfire, they consider you a hero," he said. "If we treated killers like kids we wouldn't last a day out there."

While prevention and intervention are also parts of the solution, Cartwright said the unit's job is to bring in those who have broken the law.

"I know all of this makes us sound cold," he said, "but this has to stop."

There are six elements in controlling the gang problem from a prevention standpoint, he said.

"They're known as the big six: church, school, community, business, parents, and the police. If any one of these drops the ball we're going to have a problem," Cartwright said. "This can't all fall on our shoulders. Damn it, parents should raise their kids so that they won't go out and kill people."

"Instead we're going to have to go out and ruin a lot of lives," he said. "That's something that we don't want to do, but we have no choice."

Gang intelligence officers have "made a science" of apprehending gang members, Cartwright said.

"We track and identify people that we know to be in gangs," he said. "We have volumes of files full of names and information. Finding them isn't a problem."

The 50 officers who have been reassigned are currently in training and will go on active duty next week.

"We're basically teaching the officers how to I.D. gang members, approach gang members, and arrest them," Cartwright said.

The unit will be evaluated in 90 days to decide if the officers will remain assigned to the gang unit for the entire summer.

Stories by Chris Newton

Newton, the Skiff's crime reporter, went incognito as a high school student to observe daily life in Paschal classrooms, where the gang population has gained national notoriety.

Maintaining control in classroom daily struggle for local teachers

"You'll be sorry someday. Someday you'll understand," yells a Paschal High School teacher as she desperately tries to regain control of a classroom of 37 students. The class is a mixture of students, two of whom are in a gang. Three more have dated boys who are in gangs.

Students stand up and walk across the classroom at will, blurring out jokes and yelling at each other. Those students who aren't actively disrupting the class either sleep or write notes, many coming in late, some leaving in the middle of class with no excuse.

Although most gang activity occurs outside of school, most gang members spend the largest portion of their time in the classroom. In 1985, Paschal made national news with the arrest of several members of the "Legion of Doom," a gang of students that declared itself to be an enforcement group aimed at ridding the school of violence by beating up other gangs. Most of the students the "Legion of Doom" went after were minorities.

Jeff Davis, a counselor at the YMCA, said gang members are teen-agers who may endure a lot of stress at school as well as at home.

"It's important to remember that most gang members are teen-agers who should be attending high school," Davis said.

One of the largest problems with disciplining students who are behavior problems or keeping up with students who are in gangs is the issue of overcrowding in the classroom, said a sociology teacher at Paschal.

"I just can't deal with this many students. I've never seen kids like this," said the teacher. "They're so egocentric. Everything has to be how they want it. Some of them are really bright kids, but some of

them aren't interested in an education. They just want to be left alone."

To add legitimacy to the teacher's assessment, most of the class spends the entire hour without even attempting to do the assigned work.

At the end of the class period, only 15 of the 37 students turn in their assignments. One student, who did do the assignment, finished in 6 minutes and drew cartoons the rest of the hour.

"It's almost impossible to get some students to do their work," the teacher said. "I feel like I'm a teacher and a parent."

When the teacher makes an attempt at discipline, many of the students mock her openly.

When she reprimanded a male student for playing with the hair of the girl in front of him, the student jumped up and said "Get out of my face."

Then he laughed when she told him to go to the office, slapped a few high fives and walked out of the room.

"I don't think they don't like me," the teacher said. "They're just not into being told what to do."

Davis said it is this kind of school atmosphere that allows so many students to fall between the cracks.

"Between the home and the school, no one can really be accountable for the kid," he said. "The parents neglect them, and the schools are too crowded or don't have enough control. It shouldn't be their job anyway."

Last year, Paschal officials decided to have two police officers monitor its hallways every day, said Assistant Principle George Torres.

"I believe the decision to put police on school campuses in this district was made because of the

onslaught of kids that are more daring," he said. "Knowing there is a policeman on campus strengthens the sense of security."

Torres said when he hears rumors of upcoming conflict, his office intervenes.

"If we hear about it and it's taking place on campus we usually can prevent it," he said. "If it's off campus, we have no business becoming involved."

Torres said the majority of gang activity takes place after school.

"When the kids come here they're students, and they get disciplined just like any other student," he said. "We try to make sure that a student doesn't bring their gang involvement to school."

The principal's office has developed a system for allowing students who hear rumors about fights or violence to file anonymous reports, Torres said.

"It's called a 'code blue,'" he said. "Usually if someone is about to get beat up there will be someone who doesn't want that to happen."

In many cases, hallway fights end with someone being arrested and taken to jail.

"If someone gets beat up in the hallway and they want to press charges, they can," Torres said. "It is considered assault by contact. It's not out of the ordinary when there is a fight to have one of the students taken off in handcuffs. This lets everyone know it's serious."

Davis said in order to understand how gangs operate you must understand how gang members live outside of the school. Being in class takes up a large part of gang members' time, but when they are in class they are outside of their element, Torres said. That's why

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Paschal High School is the closest secondary school to TCU. Its assistant principal said the school is troubled by gangs.

TCU Daily Skiff/ Brian Bray

Not all gang myths are true

The myths surrounding gang violence and gang activity have almost become legends and lore in our society, said criminal justice professor Carol Thompson.

"It would seem that we believe all gangs participate in drive-by shootings and the sale of drugs," she said. "This just is not true. The word gang is not very well-defined. It has come to be used as a fear-invoking word."

Thompson said the assumption that a rise in the rate of gang violence signifies an increase in criminal behavior is flawed.

"We don't know for sure that the increase in gang activity and membership means that juvenile crime is on the rise," she said. "The juveniles who participate in gang crime might be committing crime on their own. Gangs just provide an audience for their behavior."

Thompson said that people should not live in fear of gang activity.

"The biggest myth is that the average person needs to live in fear of gangs," she said. "Actually, they tend to stay in areas where the members live."

While the nature of gang activity may have been blown out of proportion, it would appear the reports of the malicious killings without remorse are accurate, Thompson said.

"In a famous documentary by Bill Moyer, it's pretty clear that the kind

of heinous activity and cold-blooded behavior that we see on television is caused by a low self-esteem," she said.

"Any of the acts that we look at and consider to be unthinkable or indescribably cruel are usually done by people that have so little value for human life that they have no problem committing violent crimes," Thompson said. "They've been treated with so little value themselves that they are just returning the favor."

Sgt J. L. Ramirez of the Fort Worth Police Department's gang unit said gang violence is most tragic when it claims the life of the innocent.

"So many times in gang violence, there are innocent bystanders," he said. "It would seem that it's just the way it works."

Ramirez attributes the growth of gangs to the growth of access to guns, the media and the breakdown of the family.

"There's so many things that have contributed to the problem that it's hard to pinpoint just one," he said.

"We can run around and try and put everyone in jail, but we can only build so many jails. In the end someone's going to have to come up with a real solution," Ramirez said. "Not only for the problem with gangs but with the way children are being raised without any respect."

Thompson also cited the proliferation of guns as a possible cause of gang violence.

"Because they're involved in drugs and the sale of drugs they often are involved in burglaries," she said. "Guns are the first thing they will take."

They also buy guns from illegal markets or they buy "pop guns," which are small, inexpensive guns, she said.

Fear, respect and the need to be part of a group are the main reasons why teenagers join gangs, Ramirez said.

"If you're in a gang, especially one of the larger ones, no one messes with you," he said. "It puts you above anyone else that is not in a gang."

It's a problem everyone must deal with, Ramirez said.

"You may not have to deal with it right now, but one day when you want to send your kids to school they will have to deal with it. There is really no way to hide from the problem."

Thompson agreed that everyone deserves blame.

"We're all morally responsible for our society being in a condition that our young people feel that they have to kill, rape and steal to empower themselves," she said. "Everyone must share in the responsibility of trying to solve the problem."

INSIGHT

Gang violence incidents reported in Fort Worth during 1993



Drive-by shootings	190
Robberies	19
Murders	17
Aggravated assaults ...	185
Sexual assaults	3
Assaults	92

Source: Fort Worth Gang Unit

Dallas driveway shooting deaths hit close to home for TCU junior

By GINGER RICHARDSON
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The last time Crystal Decker saw her Uncle Mike was on Christmas Eve at the annual family gathering. She remembers a house full of kids, bustling activity and love.

Less than three months later Michael McManemin was dead. The 39-year-old father of two was shot to death in his driveway at about 7 p.m. March 14.

His wife and two pre-school-aged children were eating dinner inside the family home at the time of the shooting.

Now, one month later, in the wake of the crime and the subsequent press coverage, Decker and her family are still trying to put the pieces back together.

"After this happened, everyone, myself included, just sort of switched into high gear," said Decker, a junior radio-TV-film major. "I just keep myself busy — that way I don't have to think about it."

"Fortunately, the press has been mercifully kind. On the night of the shooting, Michael, the 4-year-old, went up to the police officer and asked, 'Are you going to find the bad man who shot my daddy?' and from that point on the press really kept their distance," she said.

Decker said it was almost surreal to hear about the crime on television.

"It's hard hearing about someone who's close to you dying on the TV set," she said. "I completely lost it — a shudder went through my body every time I heard the name."

"This is the man who encouraged me to read and write, and now I am a writer," she said. "A lot of

who I am today, I owe to Uncle Mike, and it's hard to accept that he is gone."

When Decker thinks about her uncle, she remembers a childhood playmate and a man with a great affection for children.

"He was the guy who would play with me when no one else would, back when I was a little kid," Decker said. "He sold toys for a living, and on weekends he would hold garage sales and sell the toys to all the small children in the neighborhood."

"After this happened the whole neighborhood went into a vigilante state."

Police believe McManemin's assailant either followed him home or was waiting for him in the driveway of his house, said Sgt. Chuck Hudson in a March 15 article of *The Dallas Morning News*.

"We believe the man was trying to steal Michael's keys to get into the house," Decker said. "Uncle Mike knew that his family was inside, so I think he was trying to protect them."

The suspect never got McManemin's keys, only his watch, she said.

"The whole family has tried to give Laura (his wife) some distance," Decker said. "But she has had tons of support."

"It's just a shame that his kids are so young, and now, they will never have the opportunity to know their father — all over something as unimportant as a watch."

Police say the crime bears a remarkable resemblance to the driveway shooting of 63-year-old Bob Scott on March 3, according to an article in *The Dallas Morning News*. The suspect in that case is an African-American male in his 20's,

about 5 feet 11 inches tall, weighing between 190 and 200 pounds with a light complexion.

The suspect in McManemin's shooting was described as a young African-American male wearing a white baseball cap, Decker said. He has not been apprehended.

Despite her grief, she believes something such as this tragedy was bound to happen to someone she knew sooner or later.

"Being a film major, I live with movies, and while this may sound a little odd to some, the first thing that went through my mind was the theme behind the movie 'Six Degrees of Separation.'"

"The theme behind that movie is that every person on earth is connected to one another by a trail of six people, and it's just a matter of finding the right six," Decker said.

"Violent crime is bound to happen to someone you know, just by that theory alone," she said, "and it was just a question of how close it was going to get."

"Our family feels like there was no way we could be exempt from something like this happening."

Decker believes the crime was motivated by the opportunism that has become so ingrained in American society, she said.

"This was not a racial issue," she said. "This rise in crime is definitely a problem that was born from the 'I want and I will take and I will hate you if I can't have all that you have mentality.'"

"It's just a shame that they had to take someone like Uncle Mike," Decker said. "A man was killed who loved so much — his life, children. He had so much hope and promise, and I think the world has suffered a great loss by losing such a fantastic role model."

'Urban survival?'

Term used as defense in local murder case where alleged killer had only gun

ASSOCIATED PRESS

FORT WORTH, Texas — In a move that could add a new wrinkle to the legal theory of self-defense, attorneys for an 18-year-old accused of murder are arguing it as a case of "urban survival."

"It was a kill-or-be-killed situation," attorney Bill Lane told the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*.

"In a high-crime area where there isn't enough police protection, you'll be dead if you count on calling 911. It's jungle warfare out there," said Lane, whose client, **Damon Osby**, 18, went on trial Tuesday on murder charges.

Lane and co-defense counsel David Bays say their client was acting under what they call an "urban survival syndrome" when he shot and killed two men in a parking lot April 18, 1993.

Bays described the syndrome as "this sort of mind fix that comes over a young black male living in an urban neighborhood when he's been threat-

"In a high-crime area where there isn't enough police protection, you'll be dead if you count on calling 911. It's jungle warfare out there."

BILL LANE,
Attorney

ened with deadly force by another young black male."

Tarrant County prosecutor Steve Marshall said self-defense arguments don't apply to the killings because "there was only one gun and he (Osby) had it."

"He shot both in the side of the head from within 3 or 4 feet," Marshall said. "It was very professional."

Tarrant County prosecutor Suzanne Hudson added: "There is no evidence he was threatened with

deadly force. The law says you can defend yourself with deadly force if you are threatened with deadly force."

The two men had a gun in their truck, said Bays, who along with Lane was appointed by the court to represent Osby before State District Judge Bill Burdock.

Osby is accused in the deaths of Willie "Peanut" Brooks, 28, and Marcus Brooks, 19, cousins who were shot in the head during a fight with Osby.

Osby said he had a running dispute with the cousins and that the fatal incident began with them chasing him in their trucks.

"There wasn't no words said," Osby said. "Marcus just come up to me and hit me in my face with his fist. We just started fighting."

"I just backed up and I pulled my gun out of my back pocket ... and shot Marcus one time. Peanut was right next to Marcus. I shot Peanut one time ... I was just scared and started shooting, he said."

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gang activity is more common on the street than in the schoolyard.

"Of course I acknowledge there are gang members here, but no more than at any other high school of our size," he said. "And when they do something, we usually read about it in the paper like everyone else."

One Paschal student attributes a lot of gang activity to students who have no hope of being successful.

"It's basically known who's in what gang," he said. "You just make a point to stay the hell away from those people if you don't want any

trouble. You can avoid it if you really want to."

The student said there are visible signs of gang activity at the school and in the community.

"There's the occasional fight in the hallway between gang members, but usually they keep the serious stuff outside of school," he said.

"Most of the stuff happens at lunch when everyone is hanging out together," the student said. "You just have to be careful who you sit by and who you make friends with."

Another student, who is in a gang,

said the presence of police officers in the school is a joke.

"They don't do anything. If they're going to be serious, they need to really know what's going on," he said. "They're just for show."

A student who is a friend of several gang members said most of the gangs in the area deal in graffiti.

"Everybody has been marking their territory, keeping things chill lately," he said. "Nobody's been messing with each other. As long as everyone stays in their place — it's cool. They just want their own place."



Donnie Grubs, a security guard at the Fort Worth Zoo, stands next to graffiti under the Park Hill bridge. Spring and summer are the worst times of the year for gang graffiti, he said.

Photo by **Brian Bray.**

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News

Support group to help addicts

By KATHY CALDWELL
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Grant Goble knows about alcohol and drug addiction, so he wants to start a support group for TCU students.

Goble, a former drug addict, said he would start a group for students who were already in recovery.

A TCU support group would help students stay sober by helping them deal with problems that are unique to students, Goble said.

"This group is meant specifically for student addicts and the problems they face trying to stay sober in a college environment," Goble said.

Students with alcohol and drug problems have trouble fitting into the social scene where alcohol and peer pressure are prevalent, he said.

Having a support group gives students an opportunity to meet friends who can relate to what they are going through, Goble said.

"Sometimes students think they

are the only ones who have addiction problems, and we need to let them know they are not alone," he said.

The format for the group meetings has not been decided on, so the first meeting will give students a chance to help structure the group, Goble said.

Students who are interested in helping put together the support group can attend a 2 p.m. planning session today in Rickel Building room 230.

Reports of the weird and wacky

Journal presents studies that matter — like how fast snails really go

By RANDOLPH E. SCHMID
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — If no one will research the benefits of chocolate cake, how will we ever know them? And if someone does the research but stodgy journals won't print it, who'll get the word out? Introducing the Journal of Irreproducible Results.

Marc Abrahams, the editor, brought his scientific slide show to the Library of Congress Wednesday to discuss his 40-year-old publication and the great advances in irreproducible science that it reports.

"About one-third is completely real, about one-third is totally concocted and about one-third of our readers can't tell the difference," Abrahams said of the material he publishes for scientists with a sense of humor.

He was also here to promote his new book, "Sex as a Heap of Malfunctioning Rubble," a collection of articles from the journal.

Modern technology has greatly improved scientists' ability to measure things, Abrahams said. For example, a

Hungarian researcher used a Doppler radar to measure a snail's pace.

"The really impressive thing is that people would spend the time to do these things," Abrahams reflected.

Michigan researchers wrote a paper with statistical proof that aging is contagious.

They measured the age of the general population, which is already infected, and found that, on average, every year everyone aged about one year, explained Abrahams.

Assuming that kindergartners were not yet infected, the researchers calculated the average age of kindergarten classes for three straight years and the average was 5 each year.

Their conclusion: "aging occurs as a consequence of a prolonged exposure to an adult environment." They were unable to decide whether the infectious agent was a virus or a bacterium.

"This is a statistical method often used in Washington," Abrahams added.

Chocolate cake — cacus chocolatus — figured in an experiment at

Williams College in Massachusetts reported by the journal.

A sample of students was asked to eat cake, testing whether it had medicinal benefits. After a brief wait to allow the cake to act, the students reported their general well-being seemed improved.

A second group tested the benefits of the topical application of cake — holding a piece under their armpits for 60 seconds. "None of these reported the same beneficial effects that those who had taken the cacus orally had reported."

Visiting Washington from his Cambridge, Mass., office, Abrahams may have been in the home of "administratium," which the journal has identified as the heaviest known element.

"Administratium" has no electrons or protons, but has one neutron, 75 associate neutrons, 125 deputy associate neutrons and 11 assistant deputy associate neutrons.

While the element is inert "it can be detected chemically because it seems to impede every reaction in which it takes part."

Phi Beta Kappa to present '94 initiates, award winner

Nation's oldest academic honor society inducts 31

By SARAH RASCH
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Chancellor William E. Tucker will announce the new Phi Beta Kappa electees today at TCU's 32nd annual Honors Convocation.

Phi Beta Kappa is a national organization honoring outstanding students who have at least 90 hours in liberal arts.

Robert Doran, professor of mathematics and a Phi Beta Kappa liaison, said juniors who have maintained a 3.9 GPA and seniors who have maintained at least a 3.7 are eligible for the organization.

At tonight's Honors Banquet, a Phi Beta Kappa award will be presented to an outstanding member who has displayed consistent academic excellence. The recipient of the award will not be disclosed until the banquet.

Emmitt Smith, the organization's current president, said the award is based not only on exceptional grades but also on other achievements.

"Just being inducted into Phi Beta Kappa is the most prestigious academic award one can earn," he said. "But to be chosen as the most outstanding initiate of the new class is an exceptional honor."

The award winner is elected by the organization's members through a secret ballot. The winner will also receive \$300.

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ties and sororities to follow to protect themselves, Gregory said, and these guidelines are the changes Greeks have made.

The university's social contract follows the guidelines which include:

- possession, use and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages while on chapter premises must be in compliance with any state, county and university laws.

- no alcoholic beverages may be purchased with chapter funds.

- use or purchase of bulk quantities of alcohol (such as kegs) is prohibited.

- no chapter members may serve, sell or purchase alcohol for any minor.

- no alcohol can be served at rush functions.

- no chapter may co-sponsor a function where alcohol is purchased by any of the host chapters, groups or organizations.

- open parties where alcohol is present, meaning those parties with unrestricted access by non-members of the fraternity, without specific invitation, shall be prohibited.

"We think risk management programs tend to be indicative of responsibility, preventability and predictability," Duke said.

He said the programs showed the

group was taking responsibility for its actions, identifying potential problems and doing everything it could to protect itself.

The changes for Phi Kappa Sigma Manday week include skit night, which used to be held in the chapter room with kegs. Now Manday events are held on campus, such as in the Woodson Room in the Student Center, or at an off-campus location where less than half of the location's revenue comes from alcohol, Stout said.

The Manday all-campus party, which was an open party for the TCU community, is now illegal, said Chris Johnson, a former president of Phi Kappa Sigma.

Open invitation parties are prohibited by the risk management policy.

Not having the all-campus party reduces the amount of money raised for Muscular Dystrophy by over \$1,000, Johnson said.

Changes in the field events, where the sororities compete in athletic contests, include where the event was held, Johnson said. Field events were once held off-campus and were sponsored by Budweiser, but now are held on the intramural fields, and no alcoholic beverage company can sponsor any fraternity event, he said.

These changes have been implemented in the last seven years, and

none were done by the fraternity's choice, Stout said.

He said the fraternity not only doesn't make as much money for Muscular Dystrophy, but also the attendance at the events has decreased by several hundred people.

Some Greeks resent the forced changes, Johnson said, but the changes are necessary to protect the Greek organizations.

Walker Bond, a junior business management major and president of Phi Delta Theta fraternity, said the changes are good.

The future of his fraternity will now be more focused on its three principles, which are academics, fellowship and social life, with the new policies in place, he said.

Bond said fraternities and sororities won't be social drinking clubs anymore, but they will always be social clubs.

Marie Louise Inabnett, a junior accounting major and president of Chi Omega sorority, said members were more aware of the dangers in social situations because of risk management policies and the liability problems Greeks face.

She said the new policies are positive, and will protect all Greek members if the organizations work together to follow the risk management policies.

Gregory said the de-emphasis on alcohol that risk management promotes would allow the values and ideals, such as service and education, to be the focus of Greek organizations again.

Duke said Greeks were headed back to community service and living the ideals the organizations were founded on instead of being a community problem.

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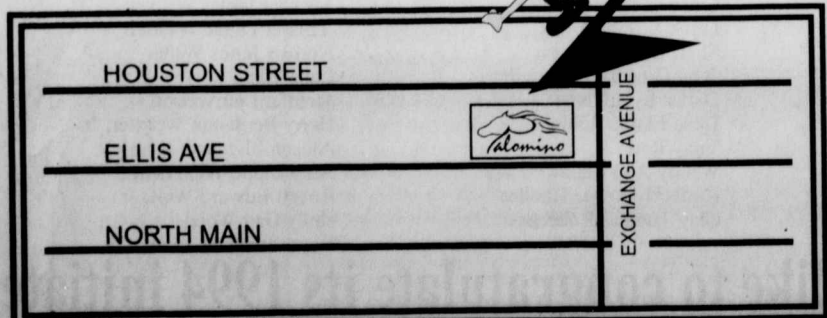
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Vikings want to trade for Moon

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston Oilers quarterback Warren Moon continues talking with Minnesota Vikings about a possible trade while expressing interest in finishing his career with the Oilers.

"Warren still wants to be in Houston," Moon's agent, Leigh Steinberg said following the latest round of negotiations with the Vikings. "But if there's going to be a trade, Minnesota would be a reasonable place. Warren hasn't totally ruled out restructuring his contract with the Oilers."

Moon said following a meeting with Oilers general manager Floyd Reese last week that he would not agree to a restructured contract. Steinberg and Moon have been meeting with Vikings vice president Jeff Diamond at Steinberg's office in Newport Beach, Calif.

Moon is scheduled to make \$3.25 million this season. Backup quarterback Cody Carlson, with a \$3 million contract this season, is in the final stages of restructuring his contract.

Oklahoma searches for new coach

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — University of Oklahoma officials met Monday to discuss their strategy in replacing basketball coach Billy Tubbs, who left during the weekend for the job at Texas Christian.

Among the names speculated upon in the media have been Tubby Smith of Tulsa, John Calipari of Massachusetts, Jim Crews of Evansville, Bob Huggins of Cincinnati and Charlie Spoonhour of St. Louis.

Golf teams to compete in top-notch tourneys

BY LEE PENDER
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The TCU men's and women's golf teams will both compete in tournaments this weekend.

GOLF

The men's team will travel to the Vanderbilt Music City Invitational tournament in Nashville, Tenn., where it will face national powers such as Georgia, Nebraska and Tennessee. The 54-hole tournament will run Thursday through Saturday.

The Music City tournament will be played on the Springhouse Golf Course. Springhouse hosts a yearly event on the Senior PGA tour.

Montigel said he was not familiar with that course, but players will examine it during practice rounds. The Horned Frogs have never competed in the Music City tournament.

"It's in really good shape, or they wouldn't have a (Senior PGA) event there," Montigel said. "We'll just go and look at the course. (TCU players) can usually get a good idea of what they need to do in the practice round."

TCU is a young team that has improved over this season as it has gained experience, Montigel said. Two freshmen and two sophomores will play for the Frogs in Nashville. TCU players have few weaknesses, he said. TCU is ranked No. 15 in the nation by *Golf World*.

"I'd like to see our guys get up and down a little better from 60 or 80 yards, and maybe make a few more putts," Montigel said. "From the beginning of the year, we've gotten a lot better."

The Music City tournament is TCU's last before the Southwest Conference tournament and will be used as a tuneup for the conference tournament. The SWC tournament will be April 24-26 in Waco.

TCU will face stiff competition at that tournament, Montigel said. Among the standout teams will be Texas A&M, SMU, Houston and Texas. Texas is ranked No. 7 in the nation and Texas A&M is ranked No. 19.

While the men's golf team is in Nashville, the TCU women's golf team will play in the Women's Southern Intercollegiate tournament in Athens, Ga. Kristyl Sunderman, a sophomore transfer from UCLA, scored lowest of all TCU players in last weekend's outing, the Arizona State Lady Sun Devil Invitational.

TCU hopes to fare better this weekend in Georgia than it did in Arizona. The Lady Frogs finished 16th at the Arizona State tournament.

The Lady Frogs are also preparing for the upcoming Southwest Conference Tournament. TCU will host the tournament, which will be played at Fort Worth's Mira Vista Country Club.

The Admiral should be NBA's MVP



by
David
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Sports Columnist

There's more happening in the sports world other than the hiring of new TCU basketball coach Billy Tubbs and the opening of the Ballpark in Arlington.

The NBA regular season is winding down and there are many close races for playoff berths and postseason awards.

The race between Houston Rockets center Hakeem Olajuwon and San Antonio Spurs center David Robinson for the Most Valuable Player Award will probably be the closest vote in history.

Robinson deserves the win the award. He leads the league in scoring (29.2 points a game) and leads the league in free-throws made and leads all centers in assists (4.9 a game).

With the play of Robinson, the Spurs have overachieved this season. Not many people expected San Antonio (53-23) to be competing for the NBA Championship. Robinson has almost single-handedly turned the Spurs from pretenders to championship contenders.

Unlike the Spurs, the Los Angeles Lakers are not worried about the playoffs or postseason awards. The

Lakers may be questioning the commitment of new head coach Earvin "Magic" Johnson. On Saturday, Johnson missed the game against Portland Trail Blazers to coach a high school all-star game.

Johnson may have brought the old glamour and glitz back to the Lakers. However, the Lakers probably don't see Johnson as a long-term solution.

The Lakers are grooming current assistant coach Michael Cooper to eventually be the head coach. Cooper, a teammate of Johnson during the 1980's, will probably be the coach that leads the Lakers back its "Showtime" days.

In baseball, the start of a new season has brought a wealth of exciting rookies.

Toronto Blue Jays slugging outfielder Carlos Delgado is adding punch to an already high-powered offense. Delgado has hit five home runs in its first eight games. Houston Astros outfielder James Mouton has a blend of speed and power the team needs. ESPN analyst Peter Gammons said Mouton, a second baseman in the minor leagues, is the National League Rookie Year favorite.

The Atlanta Braves continue to reload. The Braves have not missed the bat of Ron Gant. The addition of outfielders Tony Tarasco, Ryan Klesko and catcher Javier Lopez has Atlanta off to a running start.

Add current stars Frank Thomas, Juan Gonzalez, Ken Griffey Jr. and Barry Bonds, the baseball season

should be full of fireworks.

Talking about fireworks, Who is this Jim Rome guy? Last week, he interviewed former Los Angeles Rams and current New Orleans Saints quarterback Jim Everett on ESPN 2.

Everett had a disappointing season with the Rams last year. Ask him about his new team or about previous years with the Rams.

However, Rome intentionally called him "Chris Evert" three times. Everett, not liking the comparison to the former tennis player, flipped over a coffee table and threatened to injure Rome.

Granted, Everett should not have acted in this hostile manner. But Rome should not have intentionally tried to hack off a professional football player.

Everett is about 6 feet 5 inches tall and weighs about 220 pounds. Rome on the other hand looks more like me.

Everett, talking about the incident on the Tonight Show with Jay Leno, said, "Even my grandmother wanted me to hit him."

Like the NBA, the NHL season is winding down. Fans in Dallas-Fort Worth have reason to be excited about the Dallas Stars.

The Stars are currently in fourth place in the Western Conference and are only one point behind Toronto for third place. Dallas has set a club record with 41 victories.

However, the Stars will not be able to get out of the West. The Detroit Red Wings, led by center Steve Yzer-

man and right wing Sergei Federov, are the team to beat. Expect the Red Wings to beat the New York Rangers to capture the Stanley Cup title.

Back home, the TCU baseball and men's tennis teams are causing havoc in the Southwest Conference.

The baseball team surprised the No. 9 Texas Longhorns over the weekend when they swept them. The Frogs (27-14, 7-2 SWC) play the Rice Owls at the TCU Baseball Diamond for what could be a preview of the SWC baseball final.

Is this just a fluke that TCU and Rice are playing for maybe first place in the conference? Nope. Both teams are really good.

If TCU gets the pitching it did against Texas, the Horned Frogs may be the team to beat in the SWC. Rice, No. 18 in the nation, have a quality team led by outfielder Jose Cruz Jr. Like TCU, the Owls have won a series over the Longhorns.

The men's tennis team, like the baseball team, beat the University of Texas. The Frogs, currently No. 5 in the nation, are expected to continue their climb towards the top spot. Texas was ranked No. 4 in the nation before losing to TCU.

So while most fans are still enthralled with Billy and the Ballpark, they need to remember that there is more out there in the world of sports.

David is a junior broadcast journalism major from Corpus Christi.

Relay team edged out of first by UH

BY TASHA ZEMKE
TCU DAILY SKIFF

TCU men's 400-meter relay team qualified for nationals and placed second in a near photo-finish against the University of Houston at last weekend's Texas Relays in Austin.

TRACK

Houston's relay team, which has recently been coached by track star Carl Lewis, edged TCU by .09 to win with a time of 39.28 seconds. Lewis decided to help coach at his alma mater because he "got tired of (Houston) not winning relays," he told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

The fact that Carl Lewis coached Houston's relay team had little to do with their win, head track coach Bubba Thornton said.

"They've got some good athletes, and they clicked Saturday," he said. "They were good competition for TCU."

TCU's relay team of junior Donovan Powell, sophomore Brashant

Carter, junior Jimmy Oliver and sophomore Dallas Cowan holds the third fastest time in the event in the nation. It was the first time all season the relay team was defeated.

"We need to work on parts of the relay like exchanges, running mechanics and being competitive as a person," Thornton said. "This team has an excellent chance of winning at the national meet. They just need to keep the right attitude and good motivation."

The relay team ran its fastest time ever during the Texas Relays at 39.37 seconds, and Thornton said they will be running faster than that at nationals.

Thornton said that the four men who ran in the Texas Relays won't necessarily be the ones to compete in the NCAA championships in June. He said he is sure that Powell and Carter will continue to run the first two legs of the relay, but the third and fourth legs are not set in stone.

The four candidates up for the last two spots on the team are Oliver,

Cowan, junior Lloyd Edwards and senior Charles Gardiner, said Thornton. All but Edwards have run in the 400-meter relay at one point during the season.

"We've got several weeks to do quality training and get in tune," Thornton said. The decision won't be made for a few more weeks, he said.

The 400 relay is the fourth event TCU has qualified in for nationals. And in each event, TCU is ranked nationally. Aside from the relay team's third place ranking, Carter is ranked third in the 200-meter dash, Powell is ranked eighth in the 100-meter dash and junior Stevanie Wadsworth is ranked third in the shot put.

"This is something to point to," Thornton said about the qualifiers.

"These are the top performers in the nation. That's something special."

Wadsworth, who has been throwing consistently farther each meet, threw the shot put 55 feet, 1 inch at the Texas relays.

Andres Gomez, a freshman who runs the 10,000 meters, dropped his time at the Texas Relays to 30:17.55.

"He ran excellent. He's been consistent, and all of a sudden made a good drop in time. It was a good, even race," Thornton said.

The women's team has had a difficult season placing in many events aside from shot put. It has been hard to qualify the women because they are very young, Thornton said. The women's team will be faster next year, he said.

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Entertainment

Serial killer mom ranks higher than Disney's family film

By TODD JORGENSEN
TCU DAILY SKIFF

"Serial Mom" (R)

Off-beat director John Waters ("Hairspray," "Cry-Baby") returns with his latest project, "Serial Mom," opening this weekend.

Kathleen Turner stars as Beverly Sutphin, who appears to be the ideal mother in a family so clean and joyful they make the Cleavers look like the Munsters. She has a husband, Walter (Sam Waterston), who makes a good salary as a dentist. Her children, Misty (Ricki Lake) and Chip (Matthew Lillard) are normal, with the possible exception of Chip's obsession for watching slasher movies. In fact, the entire neighborhood seems so friendly that everything appears perfect.

Naturally, things are not perfect in the neighborhood nor in the Sutphin family. Beverly is just a serial killer disguised as a perfect housewife. For example, when one of Chip's teachers is rude to Beverly at a PTA meeting, Beverly responds by running him over with the

family station wagon. Also, after Misty's boyfriend refuses to take her to the beach because she's too big, Beverly stabs the boyfriend in the back. She hits an annoying neighbor over the head with a leg of lamb just for singing along to the theme song from "Annie." When Chip's friend Scotty (Justin Whalin) witnesses one of Beverly's killings, he too becomes a target.

As the police and neighbors begin to close in on Beverly, she becomes a cult hero to rebellious youths and frustrated women everywhere. She hilariously argues her way through her trial, all the while being distracted by a juror wearing white shoes after Labor Day.

"Serial Mom" may not be for all tastes. It is a rather sick film, but not in a bad way. The gory episodes and naive characters make for uproarious episodes in this otherwise serene community.

Turner's performance is brilliant in terms of facial expression and sheer energy. The rest of the actors fit nicely into their supporting roles. Despite some occasional lapses in

the storyline, the film compensates by being fun and original. This is a must-see for John Waters fans everywhere, and it will most likely become a cult classic in the future.

Grade: B

"Bitter Moon" (R)

Another sick new film is "Bitter Moon," a tale of lust and betrayal from controversial director Roman Polanski ("Chinatown," "Frantic").

Hugh Grant ("Sirens," "Four Weddings and a Funeral") and Kristin Scott-Thomas star as a British couple taking their second honeymoon on a cruise. On the ship, they meet an American, Oscar (Peter Coyote) and his French wife Mimi (Emmanuelle Seigner), who are obviously having marital problems. Oscar goes on to explain in graphic detail to Nigel (Grant) about his many sexual encounters with Mimi, before and after they were married and how they have grown to hate one another. For Nigel's ignorance, Fiona (Scott-Thomas) begins spending all of

her time with other men on the ship. All of the characters then take dramatic twists and turns both physically and mentally. The conclusion is rather shocking.

"Bitter Moon" has an absorbing story, taking the viewer deep into the minds of these characters and allowing the viewer to journey with them through their passionate encounters. The problem is that the journey is no fun. The episodes are so depressing that they become less entertaining to watch as the film progresses. Polanski shoots the film nicely in a surrealist style, but the acting is merely satisfactory, the dialogue is sometimes laughable, and the storyline strains credibility.

Grade: C

"White Fang 2: Myth of the White Wolf" (PG)

Walt Disney Studios, apparently fresh out of new ideas but insistent on making movies anyway, comes out now with "White Fang 2," the studio's latest assault on audience intelligence and blatant attempt to cash in at the box office.

This time, the young man from the first film, Jack Conroy (Ethan Hawke, who has a cameo in this sequel) leaves his gold claim and wolf, White Fang, to the care of his friend Henry Casey (Scott Baird). The plot, such as it is, consists of a Yukon Indian tribe whose land is being sought after for gold mining by a corrupt priest. It is up to Henry and White Fang to save the tribe by finding the lost caribou so the Indians can eat.

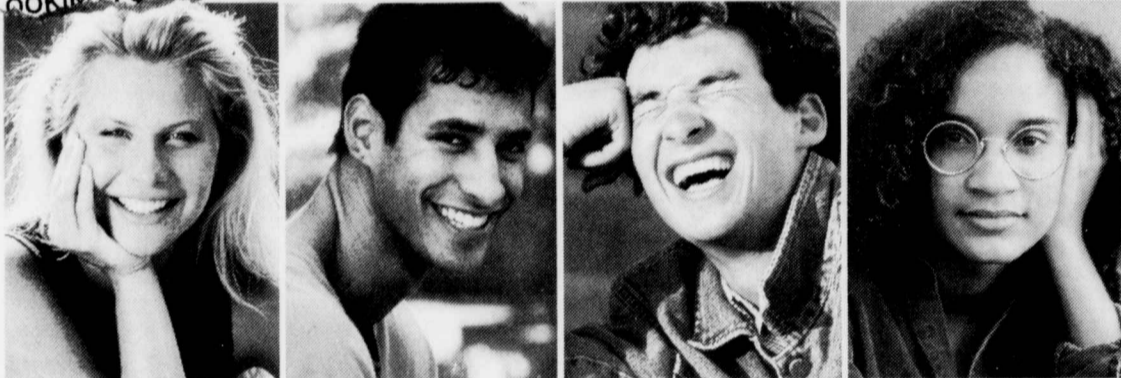
What's most appalling about this film is that White Fang, the title character, is treated completely as a supporting character and isn't really made necessary at all. The whole story is boring, predictable, and not believable for a minute. And please, enough with the Indian legends and dream sequences in movies like this. I'm really tired of Disney trying to pass off garbage like this as quality family entertainment. Following on the heels of "Blank Check" and "D2: The Mighty Ducks," "White Fang 2" may be even sicker than "Serial Mom" or "Bitter Moon."

Grade: D

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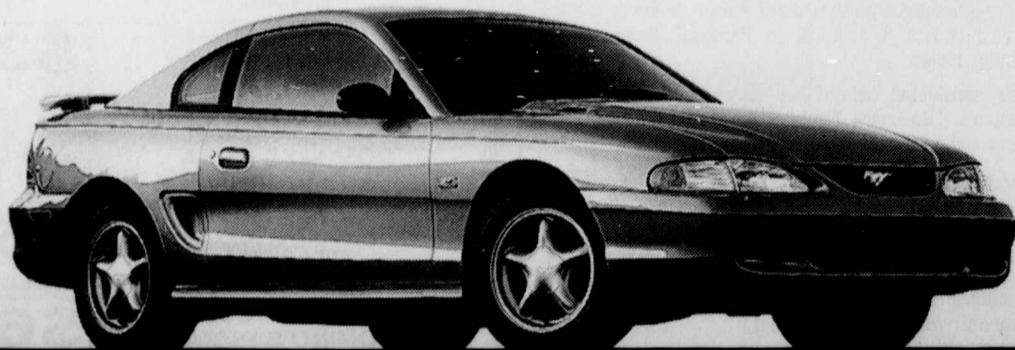
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Quickserv Johnny stealing the show

By MANDY RAY
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The new band Quickserv Johnny takes crowd participation to a different level. Singer Matthew Thompson has handed out sour-apple Super Bubble gum and dry toast and plans to hold a drawing for eight-packs of 97 percent fat-free turkey franks. This band really gives.

REVIEW

Pleasing the ever-critical ears of Deep Ellum club-goers, Quickserv delivers alternative tunes that mesh the hard-edged groove of bassist Bert Hamlin and drummer Lance Lujan with the bluesy noodling of guitarist Glen Sheets and the smooth wail of Thompson.

After disbanding the former group Blue Ruin, Sheets, Hamlin and Lujan hooked up with former American Psycho singer Thompson — and Quickserv Johnny was born.

Lujan, Sheets and Thompson are all alums of The University of Oklahoma; but, except for Thompson (who is in the process of moving from Norman), the band is based in Dallas.

Quickserv Johnny is a relatively young band, having only played together with Thompson since November 1993.

Already, it is drawing health-sized crowds that parallel if not outnumber the headliners the band has opened for. It did that with its opening show for Soul Food Cafe at Trees a few weeks ago.

The next weekend, Quickserv opened for Course of Empire and

The Grays in Norman, Okla., after a handful of dates in Dallas and Norman — not bad for a band who is less than five months old.

Quickserv's music speaks for itself. Both on stage and on the demo recorded live at Trees, the band's drive is laid down by Hamlin and Lujan and garnished with Sheets' riffs and Thomas' powerful yet subtle voice. The band will be handing out free copies of the demo at the show Saturday night, and it tempts us with four songs including "Adolescence Revisited," "Fall Around the Way," "Up A River" and "Spine."

Quickserv's sound is familiar, but it doesn't really sound like any one other band. For a split second, you might think of Tripping Daisy, Pearl Jam or AC/DC when you hear them; but, actually, it's hard to put a finger on what they remind you of.

"We like that idea," Lujan said. "We want to be able to spark curiosity in people by writing some decent music that people will enjoy and that we feel good about writing and playing."

Quickserv Johnny plays at Stempy's (formerly The Rhythm Room) in Dallas April 16. The following Saturday, April 23, it opens for Deep Blue Something at Trees. In the meantime, you may be able to hear any of the four mentioned tracks on KTCU 88.7 during the 6 p.m. to midnight time slot.

Quickserv Johnny is unsigned at the present, and it may be hard to get your hands on a copy of that demo. So, call KTCU or see them live. Either way, don't miss this band. They have a lot more to offer than fat-free turkey franks.

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Student Association, programming, Greek life and the Student Center.

Residential Services will run mostly the same way as before, Mills said, and will include Housing, Residential Life, Food Services and the ID Card Center.

Under the new plan, Health Services will combine not only the Health Center, but also the Counseling Center and health education, he said.

The new Student Development Services unit will consist of Recreational Sports and Alcohol and Drug Education. It will also head the programs for minority and women students, as well as for new students, he said.

Mills said the campus leadership development program will also be part of Student Development Services. He said leadership development has plans to expand its services as well.

Along with offering its leadership courses, he said, the new program plans to offer a variety of resources to help student leaders in their jobs. The program is also considering activities for specific leadership positions, such as seminars for treasurers, he said.

"Ultimately, what we would like is

for students to have, along with an academic transcript, a good leadership and activities transcript," he said.

The Career Services unit will contain the Career Planning and Placement Center. Mills said the center, along with continuing its current services, will act as a consultant for the university. It will assist the university in areas such as developing job descriptions and hiring new faculty and staff.

Mills said Career Services will also oversee the development of new senior programs that help seniors weather the transition from college life to the real world.

The new activities and services for seniors will include a senior retreat, which will occur during the Fall 1994 semester, he said.

University Ministries will continue its current duties, Mills said. In addition, it will take over the university's volunteer program, and will coordinate intercultural programs on campus.

Mills said the changes in staff positions would not cost the university any more in salaries than was being spent, and could possibly cost less.

In a class by itself.

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