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## Mexico's new president calls for economic, judicial reform

### Scholar says economy key to country's future

By SARAH RAACH  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Mexico's new president Ernesto Zedillo will create order, more jobs and a stronger democracy, said a visiting scholar from the Universidad de las Americas-Puebla.

Eduardo F. Lastra, a social scientist and expert in economics and politics, was on campus this week to discuss the effects the recent elections will have on Mexico's struggle to become a politically mature democracy.

Zedillo, a member of the long-dominating Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI, has promised to build a "government for everyone."

Lastra told a communications class Thursday that in order for Zedillo to accomplish this, Mexico must "devise a very important social program of investment that could create employment while investing in social services and focusing on poorer

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Eduardo F. Lastra

## President-elect promises more privatization

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SAN ANTONIO — Mexican President-elect Ernesto Zedillo has outlined an ambitious program for continuing economic growth, combating poverty and reforming the legal system.

Zedillo discussed his plans in an interview in Mexico City with the

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San Antonio Express-News. The interview, reported in Thursday's editions, was his most wide-ranging since Sunday's election and the first published in a Texas newspaper since then.

Zedillo, 42, said when his six-year term begins Dec. 1, he wants

to continue the privatization and free-market economic policies of President Carlos Salinas de Gortari.

"During the Salinas administration, the two main tasks were to stabilize the economy and to prepare the country for economic growth,"

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Melody Shaw, freshman advertising/public relations major, questions the eligible bachelors in "The Dating Game," Wednesday evening during Howdy Week.

## Sports campaigns for local fan base

### TCU implements plan aimed at filling Amon Carter Stadium

By MARK MOURER  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The Committee of 100, a group of TCU supporters, is working with the TCU athletic department in an effort to attract students and local fans to TCU football games.

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Committee members have planned to feature bands, barbecue cookouts and carnival events outside Amon Carter Stadium on Saturdays before TCU games.

The committee is made up of over 100 business and community leaders who say they are excited about TCU and determined to give Frog fans a Saturday event to cheer about.

"A new era has begun for TCU," said John Roach, head of TCU's board of trustees, "and the bottom line is we're going to make a TCU football game much more than a

game — an incredibly fun event."

On home-game Saturdays, following the Walk of Frogs, the committee's Frog Alley festivities will kick off in a picnic area east of the stadium.

At Frog Alley, there will be live entertainment, face painters, carnival games, food and karaoke. Lois Kolkhorst, director of athletic marketing at TCU, said that the Committee of 100 wants Frog Alley to be a "come early, stay late" type of event.

"It's going to be the place to be this fall," Kolkhorst said. The committee has also planned a pep rally to be held on Sept. 16 at 5:30 p.m. in downtown Fort Worth. Main Street will be blocked off for the TCU football team, band and cheerleaders. Burlington Northern is scheduled to unveil the "Frog Horn," its gift to TCU.

One of the primary objectives of

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## Increasing problems shut down The Hop

By ROBYN FINK  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The Hop went out of business July 24 after about 30 years because it was not earning a profit, said Blythe Gaissert, a former employee and TCU student.

Last semester, Michael Benson, The Hop's owner, said he planned to enlarge the stage for additional space, eventually expanding The Hop into buildings along the strip on Berry Street.

But during the summer, The Hop suffered from poor attendance and outstanding bar tabs, some as large as \$300, said Gaissert, a junior music major.

Ezra Boggs, singer of Tabula Rasa and former employee of The Hop, said Benson was burned out and aggravated with The Hop's declining popularity. Boggs said Benson used to run The Hop for fun, but they said it just wasn't fun anymore.

"One reason people stopped coming to The Hop was there was

no mass appeal," said Amanda Inabnett, a junior economics major. "The owner had a perfect format my freshman year, but the quality of bands decreased, which brought in fewer people. The atmosphere changed when he took out the tables and raised the price of beer."

Tabula Rasa, from Fort Worth, was the final band to play for the club. Tabula Rasa invested a lot of stage time at The Hop after getting their start there, Boggs said.

The Hop gave a lot of starts for new bands in the Fort Worth/Dallas area, which began to sign with major record labels. Benson was having to pay the same bands more money to play at his club, Boggs said.

Unfortunately, The Hop did not have enough local bands to replace the bands who had signed with bigger labels. Benson said he wanted The Hop to have concerts promoting the more popular bands. However, he needed more

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## Residents angry over high school's abortion skit

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SONORA, Texas — Some residents in this West Texas town are angry that the high school's orientation for freshmen included a skit on home abortion.

The character sketch performed Aug. 10 told the story of a 13-year-old California "surfer girl" who uses a coat hanger during an abortion on herself.

"It's offensive, demoralizing and

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sacrilegious," said Ramiro Perez, father of a student who heard the dramatic reading.

"It sounds like the school is advocating abortion," said Perez, who has demanded the firing of the drama teacher and counselor in charge of orientation. "And it explains how to perform a home abortion under unsafe conditions. I think action should be

taken before something tragic happens."

Superintendent Charles Russell said the employees would not be fired because the skit wasn't meant to offend anyone.

"The material was not appropriate," Russell was quoted in Wednesday's San Angelo Standard-Times. "We won't even attempt to be defensive. We just made a mistake. We'll do everything possible to see it won't hap-

pen again and we're very sorry."

Part of orientation for new Sonora freshmen focuses each year on peer pressure. Drama students sometimes act out ways to deal with such pressure.

But the reading also offended parishioners at St. Ann's Catholic Church, who objected to its insensitive portrayal of a priest and nun who shunned the pregnant girl.

Sonora is about 60 miles southwest of San Angelo.

## Eden's gets new look

By JOHN J. LUMPKIN  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

They're burning incense by the cash registers in Eden's Greens.

New Age music in the background, plants on the tables and incense are part of a new look to the lunch restaurant, located on the lowest floor of Reed Hall, said Amy Truong, Marriott's TCU operations director.

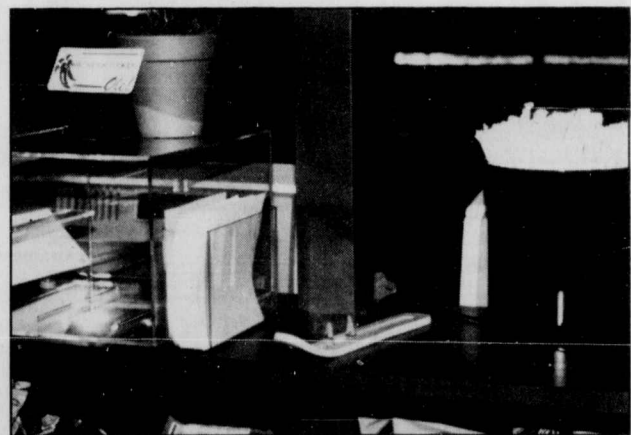
Eden's, open from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday, now offers a cooked-to-order menu that changes every week instead of every day, like the other campus restaurants.

Every week, two or three meals will be available, Truong said. The first week of class saw chicken caesar salad and fettuccine primavera with steak strips.

Items available are a little less traditional than in other campus cafeterias, as well, Truong said. Instead of Coca-Cola and Dr Pepper, the soda fountain serves Fanta and some kind of margarita — without the tequila, of course. Teas and spritzers are also available.

Even the staff dresses differently. "Whatever is there we don't want anywhere else," Truong said, saying while it's too early to gauge the new

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Burning incense between the cash registers, New Age music, and Fanta are some of the new elements at Eden's Greens.

### NEWS DIGEST

#### Mexican election called 'fraud'

RIO BRAVO, Mexico — An opposition candidate charged Thursday that vote counting in the northeastern state of Tamaulipas was riddled with inflated figures for the ruling party.

"It surprises me that President Clinton calls the election in Mexico a clean process with he's not familiar with the process," said Juan Antonio Guajardo, a Democratic Revolutionary Party candidate for senator.

#### Deadly amoeba kills boy

EL PASO, Texas — An amoeba blamed for a South Texas boy's death and a similar dangerous organism found here are very common, but the deadly illness they can cause is rarely seen, a health official said Thursday.

The El Paso City-County Health District has been warning people to stay out of the Rio Grande after tests confirmed the presence of acanthamoeba, an organism resembling the naegleria amoeba strain linked to the recent death.

#### Cubans headed to Texas

WASHINGTON — Forty-nine Cuban boat people fleeing hardship in their country were moved Thursday to an immigration detention center in Texas, beginning what could be a steady flow of refugees to the state.

The Cubans were transferred from a Florida detention center that has reached full capacity to the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service's Processing Center in Port Isabel. They were flown aboard INS aircraft from the naval air station in Key West.

Any other Cuban refugees who manage to make their way to U.S. soil on boats or rafts will be sent directly to Port Isabel.

#### Lottery allows for prison

AUSTIN — The Texas Lottery has made many Texans richer. Now, it may help make them safer.

On Thursday, state legislative leaders took \$25.5 million in cost savings from the Texas Lottery Commission and shifted it to pay for an ongoing emergency prison expansion program.

"We made some tough spending cuts to speed up the prison expansion program, and we've sliced some fat in the process," said Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock. "The taxpayers are getting a real bang for their buck."

#### Three killed in accident

Three men were killed early Thursday morning in an auto accident in the 3400 block of Rockwood Park Drive, off of University Drive near White Settlement Road.

A Fort Worth woman, who was driving the vehicle, was arrested in connection with the incident, a police spokeswoman said.

The 22-year-old woman was also injured in the accident. She is being guarded by police at John Peter Smith Hospital, a hospital spokeswoman said.

## CAMPUSLINES

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August 30 at 6 p.m. in the Student Center Room 203. Call Jennifer Mathieu at 923-9375.

11419 Cronridge Drive, P.O. Box 704-1931, Owings Mills, MD 21117.

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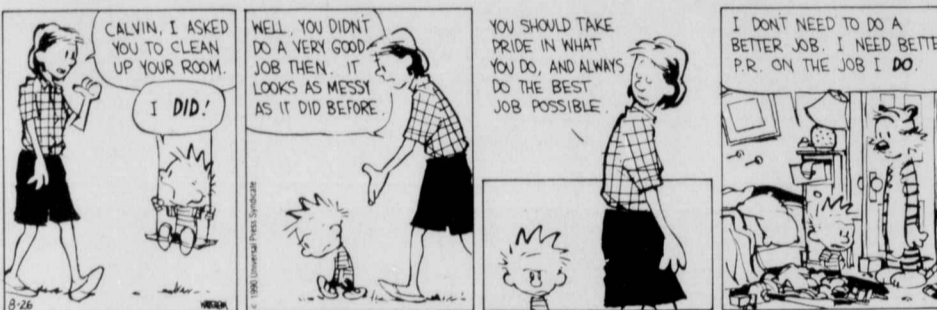
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Today's weather will have highs in the upper 90s. Tonight will be partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms, lows in the 70s.

Saturday through Monday will be partly cloudy, highs in the mid to upper 90s, lows in the 70s.

## CAMPUS CALENDAR

<b>Today:</b> Late registration Alumni/auditor registration Sign promissory note for financial aid Howdy Week: TGIF: Snap Floosie, noon, Student Center Lounge; Almost All-Nighter. Fraternity rush PC pool movie: "Real Genius" Scholarship reception	Schedule changes end Late registration ends Alumni/auditor registration ends Certification of academic progress
<b>Saturday:</b> Fraternity rush PC film: "Tombstone"	<b>Tuesday:</b> Last day to withdraw from classes at 100 percent refund Sign promissory note for financial aid TCU theater auditions
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<b>Monday:</b> Fraternity big day Sign promissory note for financial aid TCU theater auditions	<b>Thursday:</b> ISA welcome for new international students
	<b>Friday:</b> Waiver/enrollment period for student health insurance ends

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said Zedillo, a Yale-educated economist.

"The big challenge of economic policy now is to preserve stability and to promote competitiveness and productivity," he said.

Some "state assets," including some of the nation's highways, might be offered for sale to the private sector, he said.

The government oil monopoly, known as Pemex, will not be sold, although a more sweeping interpretation of Mexican law should provide additional foreign investment opportunities in the energy field, Zedillo said.

The president-elect described Sunday's massive voter turnout as an extraordinary expression by the electorate in support of "the constitution and the rule of law." He sounded a conciliatory note when he said January's guerrilla uprising in Chiapas resulted from legitimate social inequities that remain to be solved.

Zedillo called for the guerillas to abstain from further violence and for the army to resist pressures to repress the guerillas.

Combating the extreme poverty that afflicts more than 13 million Mexicans also will be a priority of his, Zedillo said. He said an ambitious social policy is needed to provide better education and basic services.

Zedillo also pledged to overhaul Mexico's judicial system, which is wracked by corruption and drug-related violence.

"There's a sense among Mexican citizens that our legal system leaves much to be desired, and I agree with them," he said.

Zedillo also said a much-criticized \$50 limit on the amount of tax-free goods Mexican shoppers may bring back from Texas and other border states must be revised.



Colin Cole, son of Holly and David Cole, plays volleyball with the guys after a cook-out/volleyball party with residents from Waits and Tom Brown Halls.

TCU Daily Skiff/ Tina Fitzgerald

## POLICE BLOTTER

**Campus Police reported the following offenses and violations from June 1 to Aug. 24:**

### BURGLARY

A storage trailer at Daniel-Meyer Stadium was burglarized Aug. 3. Capform, Inc., a subcontractor for the university, reported two grinders, two saws, three extension cords, two drills, three pairs of rubber boots and a chipping gun were stolen. The value of the equipment was estimated at \$1,550.

### FIREARMS VIOLATION

A Campus Police officer patrolling the Worth Hills parking lot Aug. 18 reported seeing a handgun in the front seat of a Nissan Pathfinder. The owner was contacted. The owner told Campus Police about the other guns in his vehicle. A .22-caliber handgun, a .30-.30 rifle, one .22-caliber clip with 10 rounds, and two boxes of .30-.30 shells (26 rounds) were found in the vehicle. Campus Police reminded the owner of

the firearms code and confiscated the weapons.

### CRIMINAL TRESPASS

Campus Police found an 18-year old man passed out on the lawn in front of Wiggins Hall Thursday morning. The man was not a student. Police said the man was "was difficult to arouse, not coherent and very dirty." A Fort Worth police officer was dispatched and escorted the man home.

### CRIMINAL TRESPASS

A campus police officer observed two suspects, a man and woman, stopping cars on Stadium Drive Wednesday morning and asking for something. The pair were walking north on Stadium and were asking students for money. The suspects turned east onto campus behind Moncrief Hall where they were stopped by Campus Police and issued criminal trespass warnings.

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places, like Chiapas."

Lastra also spoke with students about U.S. and Mexican relations and the need for a more knowledgeable understanding between the two countries. He said there is too little information about Mexico in the United States, and vice-versa.

"We are neighbors, but we don't know very much about each other," he said. "If a policy is being designed and it benefits Americans, we need to know about it," Lastra said, referring to the North American Free Trade Agreement.

He said the NAFTA negotiations have replaced Mexico's former adversarial feelings towards Americans with a new feeling of partner-

ship.

Larry Adams, associate vice chancellor for Academic Affairs, said he's delighted to have Lastra on campus.

"His insights into social developments in Mexico today should provide useful pointers for us all as we seek to better understand the impact of the Mexican presidential elections."

Delia Pitts, director of international education, said bringing Lastra to TCU reflects the university's commitment to globalization.

"We hope to see a number of different kinds of international programs," Pitts said. "Not only for TCU but for the whole community."

## 'Death futures' insurance company sued

By ROB WELLS  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — A Texas company that deals in insurance benefits for AIDS victims and other terminally ill people was sued in federal court Thursday, charged with violating securities laws.

The issue concerns the growing business of viatical settlements, where the terminally ill sign over parts of their life insurance policies at a cut rate to investors who receive the proceeds when the patient dies.

As morbid as the industry sounds — some have described the business as "death futures" — the \$300 million market allows severely ill people a source of much needed cash to pay for rent, additional medical care and other needs. Many terminally ill patients and some AIDS groups support the business.

The Securities and Exchange Commission sued the leading firm in viatical settlements, Life Part-

ners Inc. of Waco, Texas, and its president, Brian D. Pardo, on charges its dealings in these policies amounted to selling unregistered securities to investors.

The name of the business derives from the Latin word viaticum, the Eucharist given to a dying person.

The SEC lawsuit says Life Partners and Pardo purchase the rights of death benefits from a terminally ill person's life insurance policy. Life Partners then repackage these death benefits and sell them to investors.

When the insured person dies, Life Partners collects the death benefit paid from the insurance policy and distributes it to the investors.

"Through their sale efforts, LPI and Pardo have sold millions of dollars worth of such unregistered securities to hundreds of investors in the United States and abroad," the SEC charged.

The SEC suit, filed in U.S. District Court in Washington, seeks a court order to prevent Life Partners from dealing in the viatical policies. The

suit also asked a federal judge to order repayment of ill-gotten gains and a freeze of the firm's assets.

Pardo, in a telephone interview, accused the SEC of overstepping its authority by trying to describe an insurance agreement as a securities transaction. He said the SEC's suit could harm the viatical market, of which Life Partners is its largest participant.

"This does have a potentially profound affect on the AIDS community," he said.

Pardo denied SEC charges that he and his company made false and misleading statements in the course of their business. Pardo said his business simply acts as agents on behalf of investors and that his firm does not acquire a financial interest in the policies.

"In our view, is there is no substance to the SEC's allegations in regard to this and they are overstepping their regulatory authority," Pardo said. He added that viatical settlements are regulated as insurance in several states, including New York and California.

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program's success, turnout thus far has been good.

Eden's has, in the past, been the testing ground for several Marriott programs, including last spring's failed all-you-can-eat program, which suffered from much lower use than the previous a la carte service.

Other foods available at Eden's include the standard fare of soups and salads, even though the particular ingredients may be a bit offbeat.

Elsewhere, A coffee service in the Student Center — mealcards accepted — is the other major addi-

tion to food service this year, Truong said.

In the Main, desserts now come in varying prices, she said. Pit service and Emperor's Garden will continue as last year.

Beyond that, food service is the same in price and portions, save for a few cosmetic changes, Truong said.

Students can voice their concerns to food service officials through comment cards and the Student House of Representatives Food Service Committee.

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of the smaller local bands to play so he could pay for the bigger bands and still earn a profit.

The Hop was ideal for students because it brought in cutting-edge bands within walking distance and it admitted students 18 years and older, said Kylie Johnston, junior English and religion double major.

Johnston said The Hop's close

location was especially ideal for freshman without cars or upperclassmen who did not want to drink and drive.

The Dog Star Cafe, a coffee shop formerly called Kerouac's, which is located next to The Hop, will have local bands play on Friday nights to attract former Hop customers, said Steven Susnar.

## Father accepts daughter's heart as life saving gift

By JENNIFER LOVEN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ROYAL OAK, Mich. — For Chester Szuber, it was the gift of life, but at a cost so dear he almost didn't accept it. The youngest of his six children — an exuberant 22-year-old nursing student — had been killed in a car accident and it quickly became clear her heart could be his.

The family had little time to decide. Patti Szuber had insisted she wanted her organs donated if she died.

But her mother couldn't bear the thought of the risky surgery claiming her husband too. Chester Szuber thought ahead to the unwanted attention the rare procedure would bring to their grieving family.

In the end it was his decision. "It would be a joy to have Patti's heart,"

Patti's brother, Bob Szuber, remembers his frail father saying.

On Monday, Patti's heart was flown from the Tennessee hospital where she had died only hours earlier to Michigan, where it was implanted and restarted in her father.

Chester Szuber, 58, was off a breathing machine by the morning after the surgery and was in good condition Thursday, said Dr. Jeffrey Altschuler, who performed the transplant operation.

Chester Szuber is expected to leave the William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak within two weeks, to lead "essentially a normal lifestyle," Altschuler said.

His daughter's death on a mountain road in Tennessee came while she was on a trip with a friend before her return to nursing school.

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## Gramm, Hutchinson vote against crime \$30 billion crime bill

By MICHELLE MITTELSTADT  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Senate Democrats managed Thursday to salvage the \$30 billion crime bill from Republican attempts to block a measure they contend is riddled with pork and watered-down crime-fighting provisions.

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The Democrats did so without the help of Texas Republican Sens. Phil Gramm and Kay Bailey Hutchison.

Gramm had stage-managed the Republicans' opposition to the bill, invoking a procedural maneuver that forced the Democrats to come up with at least 60 votes to keep the bill alive.

After four days of tug-of-war, the Senate voted 61-39 Thursday to reject the "point of order" that Gramm raised as a way of halting the White House-backed bill in its tracks.

It was not immediately clear when the bill would be put to a vote for final passage, which would send the bill to President Clinton's desk. Republican opponents took to the floor after the key procedural vote to give speeches criticizing the measure.

The stakes were enormous for Clinton, who lobbied hard to pass the six-year measure that includes funding to help hire 100,000 more police, fulfilling a campaign promise.

Clinton hailed the victory, which came with the help of six Republicans.

"Today, senators of both parties took a brave and promising step to bring the long hard wait for a crime bill closer to an end," he

said. But Gramm said the vote marked the death of what could have been a much better crime bill. He and other Republicans had urged Democrats to allow votes on a series of amendments that would pare \$5 billion in crime-prevention spending from the bill and toughen mandatory minimum sentences.

"My disappointment is that a potentially great crime bill got hijacked and became a purveyor of pork and basically a soft crime bill," he said in an interview. "That's not to say there are no good provisions in it. You can't spend \$30 billion without doing some good for somebody."

Gramm, who is weighing a 1996 presidential bid, said his opposition centered on problems with the bill — not White House politics. The Democrats, however, accused Repub-

licans of acting for political purposes to deny the Democrats proper credit for a tough crime bill while trying to kill a ban on assault-style firearms.

Earlier in the week, Gramm had said he had the 41 votes needed to derail the House-passed crime bill. Thursday, he accused the six GOP senators who voted for the bill of abandoning their earlier commitment to oppose it.

"What happens in this is the only city in America where people sign a letter saying how they are going to vote and the next day change their mind," he said.

In a speech earlier on the Senate floor, Mrs. Hutchison denied that Republicans were trying to torpedo passage of a crime bill, arguing that the measure looked nothing like the version approved last year by the Senate. The crime bill underwent significant change

when House-Senate negotiators met earlier this month.

"It is a different bill; it is a new bill and therefore I think we should be able to amend it," she said.

Rhetoric ran high during the debate.

During her speech, Mrs. Hutchison claimed that prison overcrowding has resulted in the release of 50 Texas death row inmates. "We have 50 people walking the streets of Texas that were once on death row," she said. "They have been pushed out because of overcrowded prisons."

That came as a surprise to Texas prison spokesman Charles Brown. "No way that could happen," he said. "I don't know of any inmate getting off of death row because of overcrowding conditions."

## Babbage's; Software Etc., combine to increase sales

By SUSAN HIGHTOWER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS — Two major software retailers said Thursday they will join forces to take on bigger competitors for sales of personal computer games and other programs.

### NATION

The merger of Babbage's Inc. and Software Etc. Stores Inc. would create the nation's largest chain of software stores, with close to 700 outlets and more than \$500 million in revenues.

The combined company will be stronger than the two have been separately, said Babbage's chairman Jim McCurry.

"It's as simple as two plus two is equal to five, or more," said McCurry, who would be chairman of the new company.

Under terms of the deal, Babbage stockholders will get 1.3 shares of stock in the new company for each share they own, while shareholders in Software Etc. will get one new share for each current share.

Babbage's shares gained \$1.25 to \$13 Thursday while Software Etc. gained \$1 to \$10, both on the Nasdaq Stock Market. At closing Wednes-

day, before the deal was announced, the combined market value of the companies was approximately \$130 million, Software Etc. spokeswoman Mary Lilja said.

The company will have a new name and likely will be headquartered in Dallas where Babbage's is based, McCurry said. Software Etc. is based in Minneapolis.

Both chains will continue operating under their current names, and no store closings are expected, he said, even in shopping malls where both are found.

Both retailers have stores in malls around the country. But most of Babbage's 321 stores are in Texas and Florida, while Software Etc.'s 357 locations are concentrated on the West Coast.

The new company will maintain the current differences in the product lines of the two chains, McCurry said. Babbage's sells a higher percentage of video games, while Software Etc. concentrates more on PC software and computer-related books.

"Our intention is to continue to operate and expand both retail concepts under their existing names," McCurry said.

The company also expects to develop new concepts, such as soft-

ware superstores outside of malls, which Software Etc. is exploring now, he said.

The companies still must reach a definitive agreement, and the deal needs approval by both boards of directors, shareholders and regulators. However, it could close within 60 days or less, McCurry said.

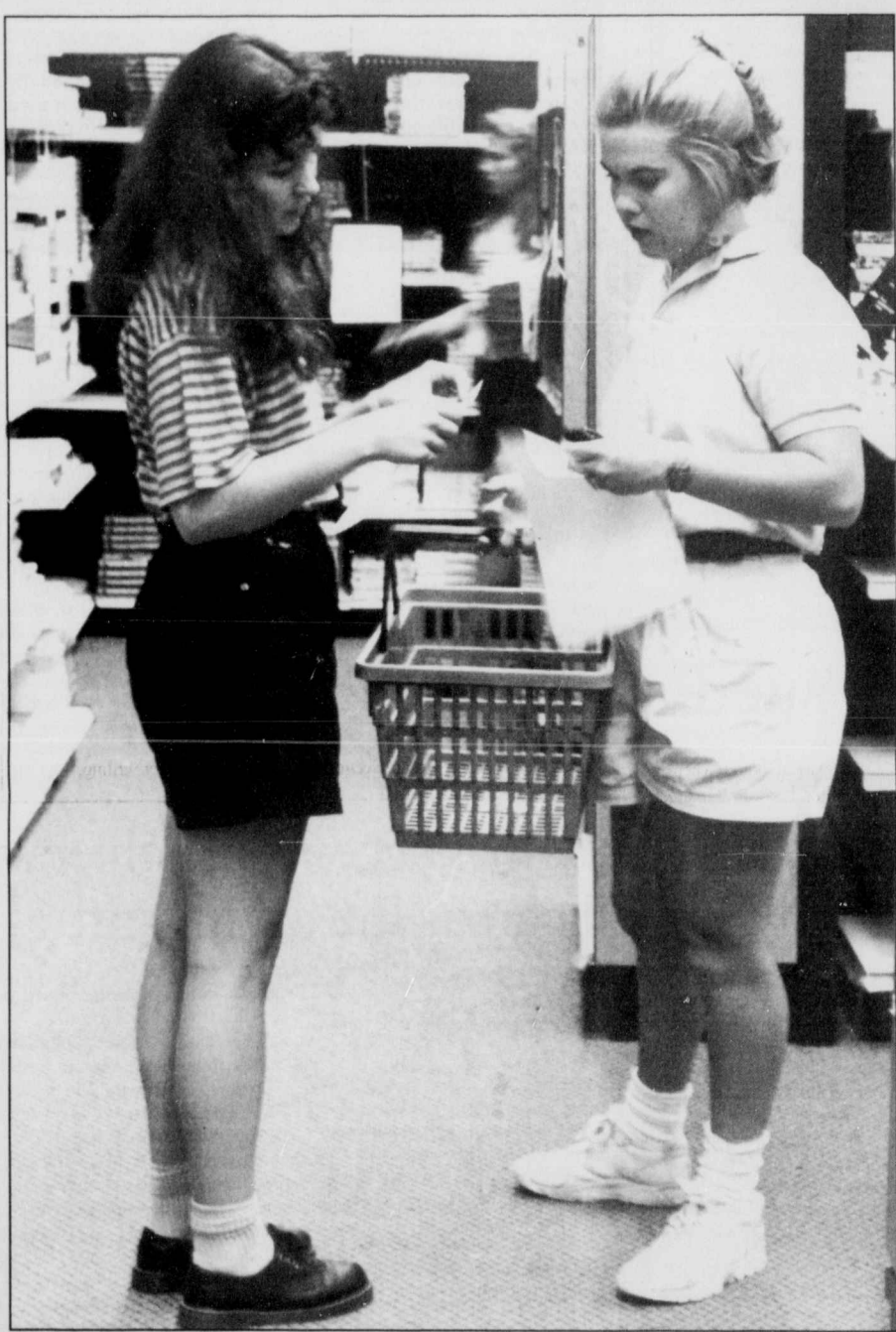
Software Etc. president Daniel DeMatteo and Babbage's president Gary Kusin would keep their posts. Software Etc. chairman Leonard Riggio would be chairman of the executive committee of the new company and a member of its board, which would have an equal number of members from each company.

There could eventually be some layoffs as a result of the merger, but the total number of workers will likely grow, McCurry said.

Analysts said the deal is a surprise — but a good idea.

"After thinking about it, it just seems to be a very, very shrewd move," said Lewis Alton, managing partner of San Francisco-based investment bank L.H. Alton & Co.

Over the last year, the software entertainment market has changed from one featuring a diversity of lower-selling products to one dominated by big sellers.



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## Police suspect a link in gay killings

By JAY JORDEN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS — A widening investigation into a series of gay killings now involves three victims, all of whom were stabbed and left partly clothed in what suburban police believe is the same attacker's frenzy.

### METROPLEX

Police are reviewing three unsolved murders for possible connections: two in the Dallas area and one in Gainesville, near the Oklahoma border.

Thursday, Irving police said that a warrant was issued for an Arkansas parolee in the latest slaying. Larry David Allen was found after his nude body was stabbed repeatedly and thrown through a window.

"The common denominator in all the slayings is that all three of our victims went to the same Dallas area in Oak Lawn and frequented clubs there," said Irving police Capt. Travis Hall. "All were homosexuals.

And all of them had multiple stab wounds."

Edwin B. Perkins, described by Travis as bisexual, was named in an arrest warrant issued by Municipal Judge Milton Sterman in Allen's slaying. Perkins was registered in a room at an Irving motel where Allen died Aug. 18.

An Irving police detective said that the attacks had the marks of a hate crime. But a gay rights leader said the possibility of a serial killer did not raise anxiety any higher among gays already wary of harassment.

"I think the Irving police have shown aggressive, compassionate tenacity in getting on this case, piecing it together and reaching out to other jurisdictions," said John Thomas, executive director of the Dallas Gay and Lesbian Community Center and of the Foundation for Human Understanding.

Hall said some of the victims could have been sexual partners of Perkins, 33, who was paroled from Arkansas prisons last year.

"We have three individuals with the same lifestyle, with all three stabbed to death," he said. "All three frequented the same area that Perkins frequented."

Other cases may match. Dallas detectives planned to contact Irving police about two unsolved cases, said Dallas police Lt. Ron Waldrop. A case in Gainesville, 75 miles north, was also under review by Irving police.

"We are looking at everything that fits the profile, involving gay victims," Waldrop said. "But nothing fits the profile yet. We are looking at the whole spectrum."

Hall said in the second slaying, Leopoldo "Paul" Quintanilla Jr.'s nude body was found dumped in a north Irving field June 22, with his hands tied with nylon rope.

Both Quintanilla and the first victim, Larry Leggett, had been stabbed more than a dozen times, Hall said. Leggett's body, nude from the waist down, was found Jan. 25 at his southeast Irving residence.

Investigators said Quintanilla may

have been killed outside Irving before his body was dumped in the field.

"There's an indication that the second victim was last seen in the company of a black male matching Perkins' description in the Oak Lawn area," Hall said.

Police found Allen's body Aug. 18 on a third-floor walkway outside a Texas Inn room.

"We have witnesses identifying Perkins as the male that fled the scene out there," Hall said.

The Dallas County district attorney's office said Perkins pleaded guilty to a felony drug charge in 1991, receiving five years probation in a drug case. His latest probation was revoked Aug. 17.

Perkins spent about nine years in prison on aggravated robbery and attempted capital murder charges. He was released in 1988. Three years later, he was sentenced to five years for carrying a prohibited weapon and receiving stolen property. He was paroled on those charges last November.

## Bush challenges Richards over school quality

By PEGGY FIKAC  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — Republican gubernatorial candidate George W. Bush accused Democratic Gov. Ann Richards on Thursday of facing a "credibility crisis" after new figures were released on low-performing schools.

### TEXAS

The Texas Education Agency on Wednesday released numbers showing 153 Texas schools would have been ranked low-performing this year — rather than just 55 — if the state had used last year's rating system.

The difference appears to be due in large part to a law requiring more grades to be tested on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills, the reading writing and math test that forms the basis for school rankings.

The number of low-performers still is down significantly from last year's 326, out of more than 6,000 schools in Texas.

But Bush took issue with the different numbers that have been released by the agency.

"We need a rating system that focuses on education, not politics," he said. "The people of Texas are entitled to openness and honesty in state government, yet Ann Richards' education bureaucracy is giving lessons in stonewalling and doubletalk."

"The governor faces a spreading credibility crisis," said Bush, who has contended school ranking standards were changed in an election

year to try to make Richards look better.

Education Commissioner Lionel "Skip" Meno has said changes were not made for political reasons but to give a more accurate view of school performance.

Richards' campaign spokesman Chuck McDonald said students are doing better on state and national tests, citing a recently announced rise in Texas students' combined score on the national SAT college entrance exam. Students' scores went up on the math section of the test and down on the verbal part, but there was a net increase.

"George W. sees a giant conspiracy everywhere. Everyone's out against him, trying to make Ann Richards look good," McDonald said.

"The simple fact of the matter is by all measures, including national measures, Texas students are doing better," he said. "It's time for George W. Bush to put this behind him."

This year's school rankings were based on scores from TAAS tests given in grades three through eight and 10. Last year's figure was based just on grades four, eight and 10.

In addition, the standard changed. Last year, in order for a school's performance to be considered acceptable, 20 percent of the students had to pass all the TAAS exams taken.

This year, the state looked individually at the exams. The new standard requires that 25 percent of the students pass each exam, but a different group of students might pass reading than math or writing.

## Suicide victim suspect for murder

ASSOCIATED PRESS

MESQUITE, Texas — An East Texas minister who leaped to his death Thursday from an interstate highway's overpass had been questioned the previous day in his wife's slaying and was considered a suspect, police said.

### TEXAS

Mark Randall Embree, minister at Court Drive Church of Christ in Palestine, Texas, jumped 160 feet onto Interstate 635 the morning he was scheduled to return for more police questioning.

Embree's death came two days after his 32-year-old wife, Susan Virginia Embree, was found dead in the couple's home. She had been shot twice — once

in the chest and once through the neck.

Law officers who interviewed the 34-year-old Embree on Wednesday evening had asked him to return at 10 a.m. Thursday for more questioning due to new evidence found in his wife's slaying, said Palestine Assistant Police Chief Pat Henderson.

"Our investigation has determined that Mr. Embree had a dark side, and I'm not going to elaborate on that at this time," Palestine Police Chief Charles Oliphint told the Palestine Herald-Press.

Henderson said Embree was cooperative and showed no suicidal tendencies.

Tony Green of Corpus Christi, a friend of the Embrees and a former church member who was their landlord, said Embree told him that police inter-

rogated him for more than 10 hours and would not let him eat or drink anything.

"They just played with his head really hard for over 10 hours," Green told the newspaper. "They had no right to harass him like that yesterday."

Police denied Embree was mistreated in any way during the questioning. They say he waived his right to have an attorney present.

Henderson said police were still in the initial phase of their investigation and might have other suspects.

The Dallas County medical examiner's office ruled Embree's death a suicide. He was pronounced dead at the scene at 5:25 a.m. of blunt force injuries to the head and trunk.

Embree's car was parked on the ramp near where he jumped over the railing from the interstate's northbound lanes

to the westbound lanes of U.S. Highway 80, said Mesquite police spokesman Melvin Willis.

He said the contents of a note found inside Embree's vehicle were not immediately known.

Embree's body hit one of the traffic lanes where it was discovered by a passing motorist. Part of the interstate remained closed through much of the morning rush hour.

Embree had reported his wife's death, along with some missing items, to police Tuesday after he said he returned home from a business trip in the Dallas area.

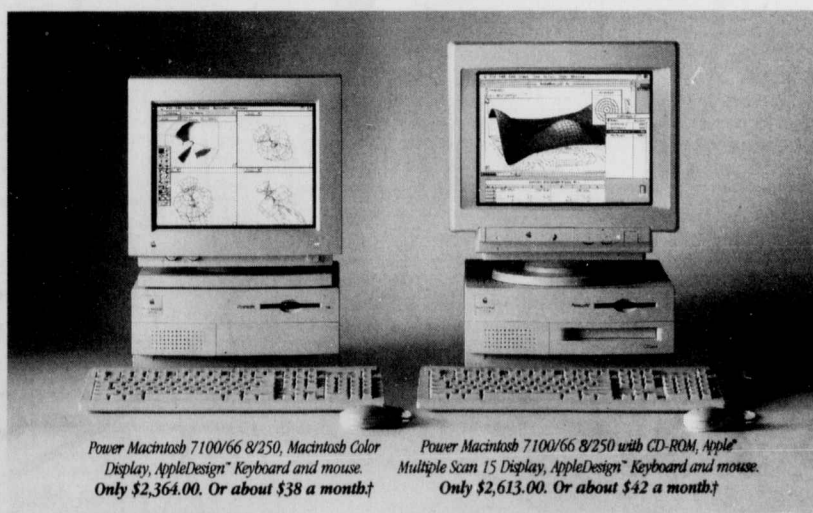
The couple's son, Sean, who will be 4 this week, was at home when his mother was killed, but was uninjured.

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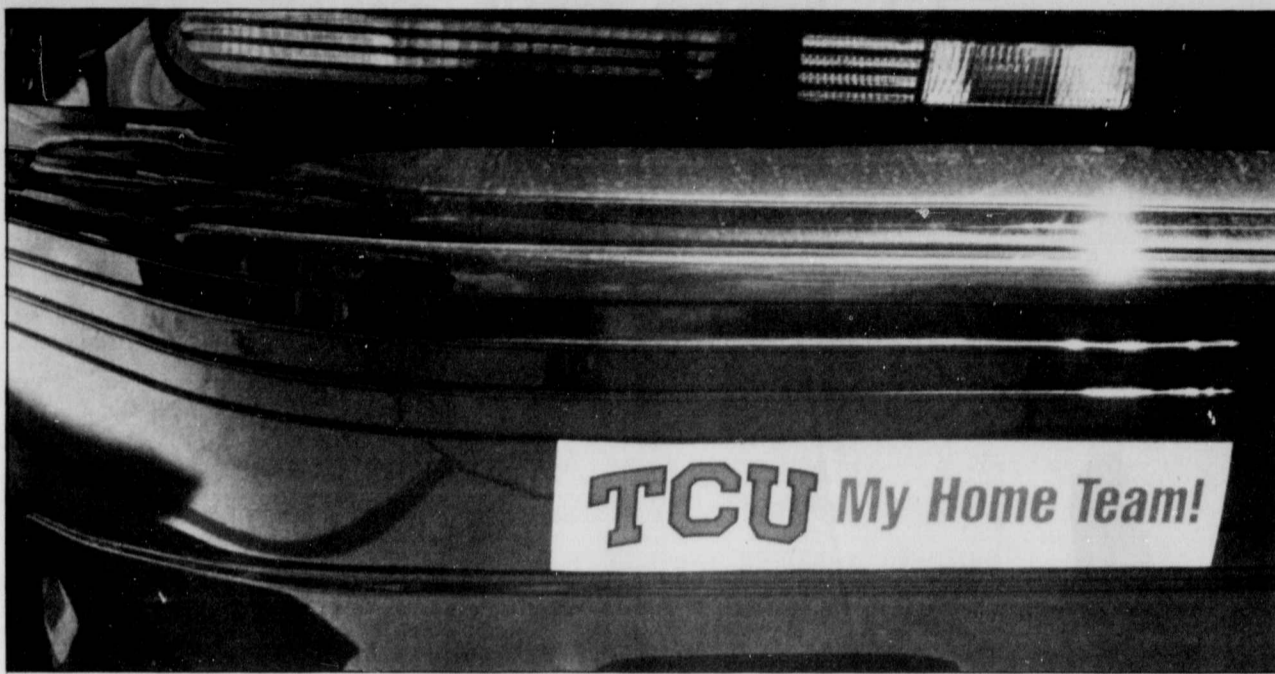
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Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs, displays this bumper sticker on his car supporting TCU. The Committee of 100 is working to promote TCU football.

## Committee of 100 to promote spirit

Last Wednesday was the annual TCU football media day, which meant that, once again, reporters from around Dallas-Fort Worth and beyond gathered to hear and report on what TCU head coach Pat Sullivan had to say about the upcoming year.

As usual, Sullivan was optimistic. He spoke of how the team progressed throughout the spring and summer. And he seemed to be optimistic about the Frogs' upcoming 1994 campaign.

That was to be expected. But what was not expected was that about halfway through his address, Sullivan turned the mike over. The person he gave up the podium to was even more excited about the upcoming season than Sullivan was.

John Roach, best known as the CEO of the Tandy Corporation, stepped up to the mike wearing a bright purple tie and proceeded to speak for 15 minutes on the upcoming football season. And the things he said were practically amazing.

Roach is the driving force behind the Committee of 100, which is comprised of community and civic leaders from Fort Worth, whose goal is to arouse interest in TCU sports.

After hearing of all the things that the committee, and more specifically Roach himself, have done in the past couple of months, anyone even remotely associated with TCU sports couldn't help but be excited.

Roach spoke of so many projects and special events that it was hard to keep up with him. He spoke enthusiastically and showed genuine excitement over TCU sports, which is something that isn't easy to come by around Fort Worth.

Roach announced parades, parties, special events, ticket discounts, free tickets for Fort Worth kids and countless other things that will be going on during TCU home games. All of this is being done in order to, in his words, "make sure that the city of Fort Worth is turned on to and enthusiastic about TCU sports."

He also spoke of the major changes that have gone on in the last six months around TCU. The school hired a top-notch basketball coach, joined a quality Division I-A conference, brought in Nolan Ryan as an assistant baseball coach, built a state-of-the-art new weight room, and made many other improvements.

And it's not just the sports program that Roach and his committee are working to improve. Tons of things, all the way down to the new purple-and-white street signs, have been part of the committee's efforts to stir up school spirit and make students proud to be associated with TCU.

Roach has a personal interest in the quality of the TCU sports program and

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THOMAS MANNING  
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### SPORTS DIGEST

#### Wolves may see Hill

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Orlando Magic assistant coach Bob Hill has interviewed for the San Antonio Spurs' head coaching job but hasn't been offered the position.

That leaves open the possibility that Hill could be lured to the Minnesota Timberwolves.

Hill, former head coach of the Indiana Pacers, interviewed in San Antonio on Wednesday. He was expected to meet with Timberwolves executives on Friday to discuss the coaching job there, the San Antonio Express-News reported.

#### No new strike talks

NEW YORK (AP) — Negotiations between striking players and baseball owners broke off today and no new talks were scheduled, dimming prospects that mediators can help end the two-week-old walkout quickly.

"People didn't walk out saying: 'We'll never talk to you again,'" union head Donald Fehr said after today's session broke off. "But clearly there was nothing else to say."

#### McGwire needs surgery

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Oakland Athletics first baseman Mark McGwire has decided to undergo surgery on his left heel, which has plagued him for the past two seasons.

McGwire said foot specialist Donald Baxter in Houston will remove the entire fascia, a sheath of connective tissue that unites skin to underlying tissue and helps supports the arch. Baxter removed part of the fascia last Sept. 24.

#### Tech needs QB help

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Spike Dykes instructed sportswriters Thursday to open their Texas Tech football booklets to the blank page reserved for the coach's appraisal of his offense.

"If you would, just put 'Help' in there," Dykes told the Southwest Conference media tour. "Capital 'H.'"

Less than two weeks before the Red Raiders open their season at home against New Mexico, Tech still hasn't named a starting quarterback.

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## 'Huskers, Mountaineers meet in season opener

By RICK WARNER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

This year's college football opener almost was last year's closer.

### FOOTBALL

Nebraska and West Virginia, the only major teams that didn't lose a regular-season game in 1993, play Sunday afternoon in the Kickoff Classic at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J.

Some people thought the Cornhuskers and Mountaineers should have met for the national championship last New Year's night in the Orange Bowl. But once-beaten Florida State was invited to play the Cornhuskers, and the Seminoles won

the national title with an 18-16 victory.

West Virginia settled for a Sugar Bowl showdown against Florida, which routed the Mountaineers 41-7.

Now, instead of playing for the national championship, the No. 4 Cornhuskers and No. 24 Mountaineers will play the first game of college football's 125th season.

Both teams have key players returning, but Nebraska has more of them.

Thirteen Cornhusker starters are back, including option QB wiz Tommie Frazier, four offensive linemen, leading receiver Abdul Muhammad, All-Big Eight defensive tackle Terry Connealy and standout linebacker

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## Oilers might make offer to receiver

By MICHAEL A. LUTZ  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON — Houston general manager Floyd Reese says he'd consider signing former Oilers wide receiver Curtis Duncan, who was released Wednesday by the Green Bay Packers.

Duncan caught 41 passes for 456 yards and three touchdowns for the Oilers last season before becoming a casualty of the salary cap. He was released by the Oilers on July 14 and caught on with Green Bay.

Reese said he'd consider bringing Duncan back after fully evaluating the receivers the Oilers have in camp.

"It's difficult to add people when we are trying to cut them, which we'll have to do in the next two weeks," Reese said. "He knows our system so he'd be one up on some of the others we have in here right now."

Duncan had his best season with the Oilers in 1992, when he earned Pro Bowl recognition by catching 82 passes for 954 yards and a touchdown.



TCU Daily Skiff/Randy Scoggin

TCU quarterback Chance McCarty looks downfield during a scrimmage Saturday. McCarty is battling Todd Stanford for the backup quarterback spot.

## Frogs concentrate on Knake's health

By BRETT VAN ORT  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

TCU quarterback Max Knake has a screw in his foot, but he's still ready to play football.

### FOOTBALL

Knake broke a bone in his foot this summer, but is expected to play in TCU's opener Sept. 3 at North Carolina. He has only gone through non-contact drills throughout fall practice.

In 1993, Knake set several TCU single-season passing records and posted the second-highest completion percentage in school history. And Knake said he plans to improve this season.

But he won't play at all if he suffers a season-ending injury. And TCU does not have an experienced quarterback to fill in for him.

"I feared a red shirt right after I broke my foot", Knake said.

Now, Knake does not seem too worried about his foot. But quarterbacks coach Steve Brickey said he is concerned about Knake's health.

"Of course you have to be a little concerned," Brickey said. We've tried to give him some work, but at the same time try not to expose him to re-injury. We're also a little concerned about his conditioning, but I think he will be ready for the North Carolina game."

Behind Knake at quarterback are sophomores Chance McCarty and Kevin Cordesman, and freshman Todd Stanford. Another quarterback, Scott McLeod, is expected to miss the season with a knee injury.

Brickey said he has not decided who will run the offense if Knake's season ends early.

"Right now, Stanford and McCarty are even, and I can't say if one is ahead of the other," Brickey said. "We'll probably make a decision after Friday's scrimmage."

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Ed Stewart.

Frazier, a junior who has started 19 straight games, is an elusive runner who has worked hard to improve his passing.

"He's a great player," said West Virginia coach Don Nehlen. "He could easily be the Heisman Trophy winner."

Quarterback is a question mark for Nehlen, who must replace 1993 starter Jake Kelchner and backup Darren Studstill. Sophomore Chad Johnston, who threw only 15 passes last season, will make his first college start against Nebraska.

"He'll have to grow up quick," Nehlen said.

Much of the offensive burden will fall on junior tailback Robert Walker, who rushed for a school-record 1,250 yards last season. However, the Mountaineers may not have to score too many points if their veteran defense lives up to expectations.

"They've got a lot of size and strength," said Nebraska offensive tackle Rob Zatechka. "They look a lot like us."

Not quite. Had they played last year, it probably would have been a close game. But this year Nebraska has a big edge, especially at quarterback.

## Fans/ from page 1

Frog Alley is to promote TCU to its students and the people of Fort Worth and boost interest in and attendance at games, Kolkhorst said.

"We've got to get Fort Worth to adopt us as the home team," she said. "All of this is for the betterment of the football program, but I think that the Committee of 100's efforts will carry over into all sports."

The committee is generating more awareness in TCU than ever, Kolkhorst said, but student turnout at games is especially important.

"Students can bolster the football season," Kolkhorst said. "The

alumni will look to the students, which are the heart and soul of the university," Kolkhorst said. "The (football players) today want to play in a packed house. The two biggest markets are the TCU students and the Fort Worth families."

Committee members have worked with TCU head coach Pat Sullivan, whom Kolkhorst described as "very involved" with the Frog Alley program.

Sullivan said he appreciates the committee's efforts and stressed the importance of student involvement at games.

"You don't know how much this means," Head Coach Pat Sullivan said of the committee's efforts, "We need students."

The committee was born out of the demise of the Southwest Conference and is intended to prepare TCU for play in the Western Athletic Conference, Kolkhorst said.

The committee's efforts were first seen in the Purple and White scrimmage last April. The scrimmage was moved from its traditional Saturday spot to Thursday night in an effort to attract more student involvement.

## Spirit/ from page 8

the school in general. He graduated from TCU in 1961, and now that he is in charge of a major corporation, he is obviously making the most of his opportunity to give back to TCU. And his efforts absolutely should not and will not go unnoticed.

Everything seems to be set for a great season at TCU. The Fort Worth community, led by Roach, is turned on to TCU. Already, 20 percent more season tickets have been sold at Amon Carter Stadium for the upcoming season, and with all of the exciting events going on in support of the Frogs, TCU will be a fun place to be this fall.

"The TCU administration has been doing its part," Roach said. "And the Committee of 100 was formed to give fans the opportunity to do their part. We want the people of Fort Worth to

identify and be involved with TCU sports."

With the efforts of people like John Roach, it will be very hard for anyone in the Fort Worth community not to be caught up in the excitement surrounding TCU this fall.

All of the pieces are in place for a fun season at TCU. The football team has a legitimate shot at a bowl game, and the leaders of the Fort Worth community are doing all they can to rally around the Frogs.

The last piece of the puzzle needs to be put in by us, the students and fans of TCU. It is our responsibility to make everybody's efforts worthwhile. If we take advantage of all that is going on around us, we could be in for the most exciting season at TCU in a long, long time.

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## 'Corrina' poignant, too sappy

"Corrina, Corrina" (PG)

The loss of a mother and a wife is the focus of "Corrina, Corrina," a drama set in the early 1960's which opens in Fort Worth today.



**TODD JORGENSEN**  
FILM CRITIC

Ray Liotta stars as Manny Singer, whose wife has left him without anyone to care for his 7-year-old daughter Molly (Tina Majorino), who has refused to speak a word since the funeral.

After numerous interviews with prospective nannies, Manny selects Corrina Washington (Whoopi Goldberg), an understanding and joyful woman who has made a career out of taking care of the houses of snooty, upper-class people. Corrina immediately takes Molly under her wing, teaching her not only how to deal with the loss of her mother, but also with issues such as religion and social life at school.

At the same time, Corrina develops a relationship with Manny to fill the void created by the loss of his wife. Their relationship develops slowly and must remain secretive, due to the racial restrictions of the times. Corrina's family begins to feel hostile toward Manny, as do Manny's co-workers toward Corrina.

Most of the problems with "Corrina, Corrina" lie within the script of rookie screenwriter Jessie Nelson (who also produced and directed the film). First, the characters aren't given much depth. Corrina seems almost omniscient in dealing with all the problems that surround her, including Molly's muteness, Manny's difficulties at work, and Molly's troubles in school. Viewers never get a feel for why Corrina is the right woman for the Singer household.

The screenplay also tries to tackle too many issues at once. With the loss of a parent, issues such as religious conflict, racial tension and interracial romance, female bonding and work-related troubles all take center stage during the film. Some of the issues are just dropped or brought to quick, unsatisfactory conclusions. Ultimately, the story wallows in predictability for the sappy final half hour.

However, the performances by Goldberg, Liotta and Majorino are uniformly excellent. The film give us some touching and funny moments, but they are in excess toward the end. The film as a whole ends up sacrificing character credibility for heartwarming mush.

Grade: C

"Milk Money" (PG-13)

Never underestimate the power of an 11-year-old boy's hormones. Or what he and his friends can see for a few bucks.

In "Milk Money," three young boys have the goal of seeing a naked woman and are willing to pay for it.

The three boys pool all their money and decide to go from their suburban neighborhood to the inner city to achieve their desire.

When a thief tries to steal their money, the boys are saved by a prostitute named V (Melanie Griffith). In return, the boys give their money to V and see her naked.

However, when V runs into problems with the leader of her prostitution ring, she can only seek out one of the boys, 11-year-old Frank (Michael Patrick Carter) for help. Through a series of comical lies, V develops a relationship with Frank's single father (Ed Harris), who must decide whether to break off the relationship when he finds out the truth.

There are some amusing moments in "Milk Money," but they are drowned out in the silliness of the situations. The acting by the young boys is enthusiastic, but Harris doesn't seem interested and Griffith replays her ditzy female role from such films as "Born Yesterday."

The problems are compounded by sequences involving separation and crime bosses, and a chase scene near the end emphasizes how far the film has careened out of control.

Grade: D+



Warner Bros./Sidney Baldwin

Woody Harrelson and Juliette Lewis star as Mickey and Malory Knox in "Natural Born Killers," Oliver Stone's thriller examining violence, murder and the media.

## Boldly Brutal

'Natural Born Killers' brings violence close to home

By CRYSTAL DECKER  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Years ago, a cartoon called "Pogo" made itself famous by invoking the quote, "We have seen the enemy, and he is us."

Oliver Stone, the visionary, often-frightening filmmaker known for his Vietnam epics, strays from his usual formula to give us a horrifying Future Vision that might as well be taken from the 5 o'clock news.

We are introduced to Mickey and Mallory Knox (Woody Harrelson and Juliette Lewis) in the midst of one of their signature killing sprees. Amidst the graphic violence (which, please be warned, is not for the squeamish), the audience comes to realize that these deranged, amoral serial killers are also lovebirds, on what seems to be a honeymoon jaunt through the desert — only with a lot more blood.

Add this dimension: they are the most pop-

ular couple in America! Teenagers mill around aimlessly in front of a tabloid-TV camera with signs that read "Murder Me, Mickey." But who is worse — Mickey and Mallory or the tabloid reporter Wayne Gale, who hunts them with just as strong a lust for ratings as the Knoxes have for random murder?

Of course, this is exactly the point Stone tries to make. During an interview in prison, Mickey coolly explains to Gale that "the demon" is in all of us, and for some, the demon is closer to the surface. Mickey considers himself an angel of fate, God's assistant in the evolutionary system of natural selection.

One thing that must be understood before seeing this film is that Stone, while brilliant, is brutal. Stone's method of showing something to the audience is through shock and, most usually, violence. If you are faint of heart, or more importantly, easily disturbed,

you may want to hold off seeing this film.

However, if you are ready to see exactly where and how our society has fallen and where we are headed, this is a must-see film. If the audience was anything like the one I saw it with, you will be stuck in your seat, with your eyes glued to the screen. Stone throws image after image at you — some animated segments, some old TV clips, some nightmare images drenched in blood. You won't find yourself cheering on Mickey and Mallory, but you will be afraid of them for this reason: you understand them, maybe a bit too well.

Watch for incredible performances by Robert Downey, Jr. as Wayne Gale, the ratings-crazed tabloid journalist and Tommy Lee Jones as a maniacal, spitting, frenzied prison warden. Woody Harrelson also gives an especially outstanding performance as Mickey.

We have seen the enemy, and he is us. "Natural Born Killers" proves it.

Grade: A-

## American culture hits 'Barcelona'

"Barcelona" - (PG-13)

In 1991, "Barcelona" director Whit Stillman earned an Oscar nomination for "Metropolitan," a witty, deadpan, romantic film detailing the lives of cynical New York debutantes and their dates.

Sound like a bore? It probably would have been if the writing hadn't been so good and the people so funny.

Everyone loves to laugh at a snob, and "Metropolitan" does just that.

"Barcelona" is more accessible to the filmgoers of today (face it, we couldn't all be debs), but it's just as easy to laugh at. This is the kind of comedy that students should love — the situations occur mostly at clubs or parties, the dialogue is pretentious, the characters endearing but mildly annoying. The issues discussed are philosophical, political and about nothing in particular. This is college at its most basic form!

Ted is a repressed, lovesick sales rep from Chicago working in Barcelona, zealously dedicated to his business. Fred is his hyper-political, whining, deceitful cousin who has just come to town as a diplomat for the 6th Naval Fleet, to arrive soon in Barcelona. Together, they voyage into the Spanish club scene, discuss culture and politics, fall in love with beautiful Spanish women, and manage to offend everyone with their American-ness.

Still doesn't sound like fun? The writing makes it work. Ted is hysterical to watch. He is so uncomfortable with himself, his cousin, and everything around him. Fred makes you laugh with his arrogance and his big mouth.

The film, although billed as a romantic comedy, is essentially about these two and American culture.

It's not a brainy movie, but there is a lot of talking. If you're up for something a little different, this is definitely the art-house ticket for the summer.

Grade: B



**CRYSTAL DECKER**  
FILM CRITIC

## 'Forrest Gump' week's best movie, 'Lion King' tops \$250 million mark

By JOHN HORN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — "Forrest Gump" scored twice at the box office: The film finished first on the charts and topped the \$200 million milestone.

The Tom Hanks movie narrowly surpassed "Clear and Present Danger," which also continues to play well. Monday figures showed, "The Mask" held third place again.

In eighth place, "The Lion King" with \$251.4 million to date passed "Batman" (\$251.2 million) for seventh place on the all-time charts.

Of the new films, Bruce Willis' "Color of Night" debuted blandly in fourth place.

The weekend's Top 15 films, according to Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc., based on actual returns and stu-

dio estimates:

1. "Forrest Gump," Paramount, \$11.2 million, 2,230 locations, \$5,044 per location, \$206.7 million, seven weeks.
2. "Clear and Present Danger," Paramount, \$11 million, 2,433 locations, \$4,539 per location, \$73.5 million, three weeks.
3. "The Mask," New Line, \$7.6 million, 2,516 locations, \$3,023 per location, \$82.8 million, four weeks.
4. "Color of Night," Disney, \$6.6 million, 1,740 locations, \$3,799 per location, \$6.6 million, one week.
5. "True Lies," 20th Century Fox, \$5.2 million, 1,860 locations, \$2,806 per location, \$121 million, six weeks.
6. "The Little Rascals," Universal, \$4.7 million, 1,927 locations, \$2,430 per location, \$32.2 million, three weeks.
7. "The Client," Warner Bros., \$4.41 million, 2,210 locations, \$1,996 per location, \$73.8 million, five weeks.
8. "The Lion King," Disney, \$4.33 million, 1,783 locations, \$2,432 per location, \$251.4 million, 10 weeks.
9. "In the Army Now," Disney, \$4.2 million, 1,452 locations, \$2,877 per location, \$14.1 million, two weeks.
10. "Andre," Paramount, \$4 million, 1,469 locations, \$2,737 per location, \$5.5 million, 14 weeks.
11. "Blankman," Columbia, \$3.7 million, 1,615 locations, \$2,301 per location, \$3.7 million, one week.
12. "It Could Happen to You," TriStar, \$2.7 million, 1,366 locations, \$1,965 per location, \$28.1 million, four weeks.
13. "Maverick," Warner Bros., \$2.1 million, 904 locations, \$2,289 per location, \$94 million, 14 weeks.
14. "The Flintstones," Universal, \$1.6 million, 798 locations, \$2,012 per location, \$127.2 million, 13 weeks.
15. "Angels in the Outfield," Disney, \$1.3 million, 1,114 locations, \$1,162 per location, \$44.1 million, six weeks.

### SUMMER MOVIES

Film	Todd	Crystal
"Black Beauty"	B-	B-
"Clear & Present Danger"	B+	B-
"Color Of Night"	D-	D+
"The Client"	B	B
"Forrest Gump"	C	A-
"The Mask"	D+	B+
"True Lies"	B	B



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■ CRAIG MCNEIL

## Clinton's problems poison relationship with Congress

President Clinton is facing a dire situation. His ability to govern is declining, his popularity is decreasing and the upcoming congressional elections promise to lessen the Democratic party's majorities in the Senate and in the House of Representatives.

Congressional losses during a midterm election for the governing party are a given in American politics, even with presidents like Dwight Eisenhower, Lyndon Johnson and Ronald Reagan who won landslide victories. But many of the problems facing the Clinton administration could make these losses even larger than usual.

Clinton's economic plan, which passed last year by narrow margins in both the House and the Senate, has not destroyed the economy as many of his detractors predicted, and has actually been a great success. The economic plan



ing at a healthy rate.

But despite all this good news, the President is barely able to get the time of day from Congress.

Why is President Clinton so unpopular with Congress? In order for a president to be able to impose his will on Congress, Congress must

will be able to halve the deficit in four years and show the first steady decline in actual federal spending since Harry Truman lived in the White House. Additionally, the economy is growing

fear the president. Legislators must be afraid of receiving angry phone calls and losing at the polls if they defy the president's will.

Clinton does not frighten Congress because the American people will not fight for him. Americans are tired of the Whitewater scandal and sexual misconduct charges. Such allegations weaken the already limited amount of trust Americans have in the presidency. They are also tired of a foreign policy that seems uncoordinated, uninterested and adrift and is led by people who seem uncoordinated, uninterested and adrift.

Many Americans view the White House as a ship that has no compass, and one that would be lost even if it had one. In order to change this perception, a serious house cleaning is needed. Anyone with any involvement in the appearances of impropriety at the White

House and Treasury Department regarding Whitewater should be sacked. Deputy Treasury Secretary Roger Altman and Treasury Counsel Jean Hanson's firings are a good start. Presidential advisers Harold Ickes, Margaret Williams, and yes, even George Stephanopoulos, should also be fired.

The foreign policy team clearly needs to be retired. Secretary of State Warren Christopher should be "promoted" to special presidential envoy for the Middle East. Anthony Lake, the national security adviser, should be replaced with someone who can recognize when the United States has either no policy toward a given country, or more than one policy, and has both the nerve to correct the problem and the will to go on television to defend the policy changes.

And the president needs to stop playing into

the hands of conservative talk-show host Rush Limbaugh. Limbaugh is a verbal columnist who is neither dangerous nor extreme.

Limbaugh's assaults on the size of America's government are legitimate and are, to some extent, only as important as the president makes them. Clinton cannot win by attacking dissent; he can only win by having a superior argument.

President Clinton will be successful when he realizes that everything his administration does or fails to do affects his ability to get Congress to do other things. The president bears the ultimate responsibility for solving the problems that plague his administration. It's all connected.

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■ VICTORIA DEEN

## 'Victim cult' lets criminals escape justice

A new cult has swept across America in the past two decades, attracting politically correct believers from the inner cities to Beverly Hills. Montel Williams, Phil Donahue, Sally Jessy Raphael and Oprah Winfrey are the demagogues who are initiating a new breed of Americans into the "Cult of the Victim."

You don't have to look far to find a victim anywhere and everywhere. Once someone has stood up in front of a studio audience, or even a "jury of his peers" and told a sob story about his childhood, it suddenly doesn't matter that they chopped up schoolgirls and hid their bodies in a bomb shelter. Before the newsprint even has time to dry, this poor, abused victim's got a book deal, a TV movie and a new mansion with an even bigger bomb shelter behind the sauna.

It all began with the infamous "Twinkie defense." In 1978, Dan White's attorneys convinced a jury that he murdered San Francisco Mayor George Moscone and city supervisor Harvey Milk because he ate too many twinkies. Basically, the defense argued that White had a biochemical reaction to twinkies, and "the sugar made him do it."

Lyle and Erik Menendez admitted they were the ones who pumped 16 rounds of ammunition into their parents. Lyle said they did it because their father cheated on their mother. That still doesn't explain why they shot her point blank while she tried to crawl away after their father hit the floor.

Of course, attorney Jill Lansing helped the poor boys explain all this to the jury. These self-confessed murderers were transformed into sexually abused children fighting for their lives under the watchful eye of villainous parents. Forget the fact that these "boys" are closer to middle age than childhood. Forget that they both had sports cars at the time and college educations. Forget that they were adults and able to leave a house and family full of bad memories and start anew.

Apparently, that doesn't matter. Even Fort Worth juries have been deadlocked by victims turned culprits. Damian Osby claimed that "urban survival syndrome" prompted him to shoot cousins Willie and Marcus Brooks to death in a crowded Fort Worth parking lot on April 18, 1993. Neither Willie nor Marcus was armed, but Osby said that since the cousins were young black men in a crime-ravaged section of the city, he fired out of fear.

The cult of the victim isn't just alive in America's courtrooms. Victims strut across the TV screen and thunder from the pulpit. It's interesting they never discover they're victims until a scandal breaks or they need some publicity.

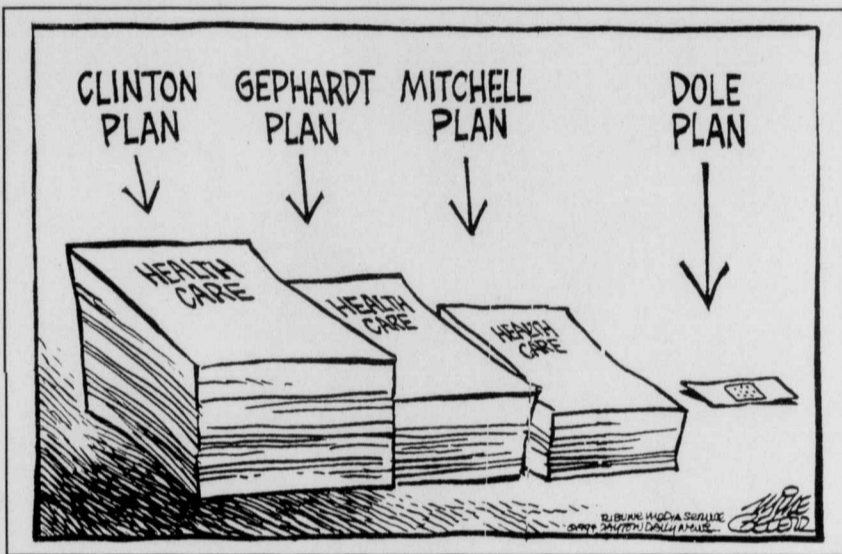
But don't worry. You too can be a victim. The next time you feel like striking out at your roommate, girlfriend or boyfriend, go right ahead. Start crying afterward and explain about your dysfunctional family. See how sympathetic they'll be.

If you miss a deadline for a job assignment, or show up late to work, remember to tell everyone about your abusive relationship. Don't let people treat you like a normal adult. You're exempt.

In today's society all "victims" have been absolved of responsibility. It's the world's greatest cop-out, and everyone seems to be taking it.

In our parents' day, people associated adulthood with responsibility. In this age of the victim, the main difference between children and adults seems to be that children are more mature. They're supposed to learn from their mistakes.

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■ BOB GREENE

## Baseball owners, players can solve this; it's not hard

This was on a Monday night back in March, in the middle of spring training. Frank Thomas dressed quietly in front of his cubicle inside the Chicago White Sox clubhouse in Sarasota. A game had just ended. Thomas pulled on a green, short-sleeved sport shirt and waited for something.

What he was waiting for was for the commotion across the way to settle down, and for the crowd to clear out. Michael Jordan, with the Sox for spring training, had finally gotten his first hit. After the throng around Jordan's locker had disappeared, and Jordan had begun to get dressed, Thomas walked over to him.

"Now you can relax," Thomas said.

Jordan — the pupil here, after years of being a basketball teacher — said to Thomas: "I've been relaxed."

"No, you haven't," Thomas said evenly.

"I have too," Jordan said.

Thomas stared at Jordan and said some pretty amazing words: "It's not hard. The game's not hard. I've been telling you for weeks — this is not hard."

I've been thinking about Thomas' words in recent days. Easy for him to say, of course — "This is not hard." He was the Most Valuable Player in the American League last year; for him, it probably really isn't that hard.

But what he said — "This is not hard" — is something the owners and players would have done well to keep in mind as they failed to prevent a baseball strike. It applies on more than one level.

What the players do — although they are remarkably skilled — is not hard work at all. They earn enviable sums of money — some of them earn obscene sums of money — for playing their game in the sunshine, in front of adoring fans. The average major league salary, we all now know, is \$1.2 million. This is not hard, what they do.

What the owners do is not hard, either. They market a product that people love. They never have to worry that their goods will go out of fashion — the owners may grow older, but the players who perform in the park remain young, a new crop of talented ballplayers replacing the older ones each spring.

Figuring out a way to keep baseball going this summer should not have been hard, either. Even if you accept on faith that the issues involved here are complicated, reaching a compromise should have been easy. In a land faced with real and tragic problems — people living with hunger and poverty, neighborhoods torn apart by gunfire, children growing up in fear — it's a little sickening for either the players or the owners to ask Americans to feel any sympathy at all for their paltry troubles. They are lucky beyond dreams, every owner and every player. What they do is not hard.

Baseball is loved, whether or not the major league players choose to compete. If fans miss the game, they ought to simply go outside with their children and toss a baseball around. You don't need professionals to play it for you. Here's a bit of free public relations advice for the owners: invite the public in to play catch, run the bases, on your diamonds. Don't charge a penny. The ball fields are sitting there; use them. Give them to the families of your communities; let the families feel like big leaguers. The families will have a better time than they ever did sitting in the stands.

Let the families enjoy the big-league stadiums until the professionals deign to return. The owners and players live such fortunate lives. They should have been able to solve this. This is not hard.

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■ EDITORIALS

## TRIANGLE

New organization will help increase diversity, understanding

TCU's newest campus organization may not represent most students, but it is giving an opportunity to those students who perhaps haven't felt included in the past.

The TCU Triangle, a group for gay, lesbian and bisexual students, has been recognized by the university as an official organization for the first time. And while students may agree or disagree with the ethics or lifestyles of these students, this organization still has the right to hold meetings and support the students who attend TCU.

Perhaps this recognition will bring

the issue of homophobia out of the closet, and TCU students will become aware that in our world there are many diversities and that these diversities exist on our campus as well. TCU is, after all, a liberal arts university.

Certainly, TCU is not the first university to have a gay organization on its campus. Other universities across the nation and in Texas have had support groups and clubs for the homosexual population for years. We're assuring equal rights for all with this new step, just a little late.

## ATTENDANCE

New policy eliminates bureaucracy, treats students fairly

The new university attendance policy finally treats students like adults.

The new policy, inaugurated this semester, allows absences to be resolved between students and professors. The defunct Dean of Students office, now the part of the Student Affairs office, is no longer involved in the process, eliminating the need to deliver an excuse to a professor as well as getting rid of a great deal of confusion.

There are no excused absences; all work must be made up by students. Students with university excuses are allowed to make up work missed. Students who miss class for other reasons will be allowed to make up work at the discretion of the individual professor.

By making attendance a matter to be resolved between students and professors, a great deal of bureaucracy will be eliminated. Students need merely to communicate with their professors regarding attendance, whether in writing, in person or by telephone.

While the new Student Affairs office will not be involved in cases of sporadic absences, personnel will intervene in a situation where a student misses class frequently. Again, bureaucracy is reduced, because the interpretation of "frequent" is left to individual professors and instructors to decide.

The new policy is long overdue, and is a distinct improvement over the previous policy.

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