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Four freshmen attempting to boost Frog spirit to new level

BY RICHMOND WILLIAMS
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Watch out Superfrog, you may have some competition this fall.

Four TCU freshmen have been circulating a petition in the last two weeks designed to boost spirit among fellow students. The petition, titled the "Frog Spirit Block Section Petition," also seeks funding from the uni-

versity for spirit-based paraphernalia.

Three of the students who came up with the idea attended Frog Camp, a program designed to give students a sense of culture and spirit at TCU. The newest Horned Frogs learned cheers, fight songs and other bits of TCU "culture," said Jay Young, program coordinator.

"Frog Camp really fired us up about being at TCU," said Michelle Hummel, a fashion

merchandising major and one of the four students who came up with the petition. "We were surprised to find that there wasn't a section like this already."

Thomas Kunkel, a radio-TV-film major who also planned the petition, said, "We weren't going to stop just because Frog Camp was over." Kunkel said he hopes to bring Frog spirit to a new level.

After the freshman assembly, four students

got together to discuss the lack of enthusiasm, said Natasha Manley, another Frog Camp attendee and a music major. Then a petition was drafted by English major Anastasia Drabicky, Hummel, Kunkel and Manley.

In the petition document, which uses adjectives such as "maniacal" and "frenzied," the signers pledge to "renew the waning commitment to TCU athletics." Funding is requested to acquire the following: ropes to

block off the section, purple and white body paint and approximately 250 "flip tiles," used to create pictures and words.

Although the total cost is not known at this time, the students say they have a member of student government pricing the total amount.

All four realized they would need to do more than simply circulate the petition, they

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Telephone companies offer plans

BY LAYNE SMITH
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Students who haven't yet hooked up their long-distance service should be aware of the plans offered by three major long-distance telephone carriers, said long-distance company officials.

The major carriers — Sprint, AT&T and MCI — offer packages with different rewards based on the types of calls customers make. In addition, they also provide calling cards free of charge, except for the cost of actual calls themselves.

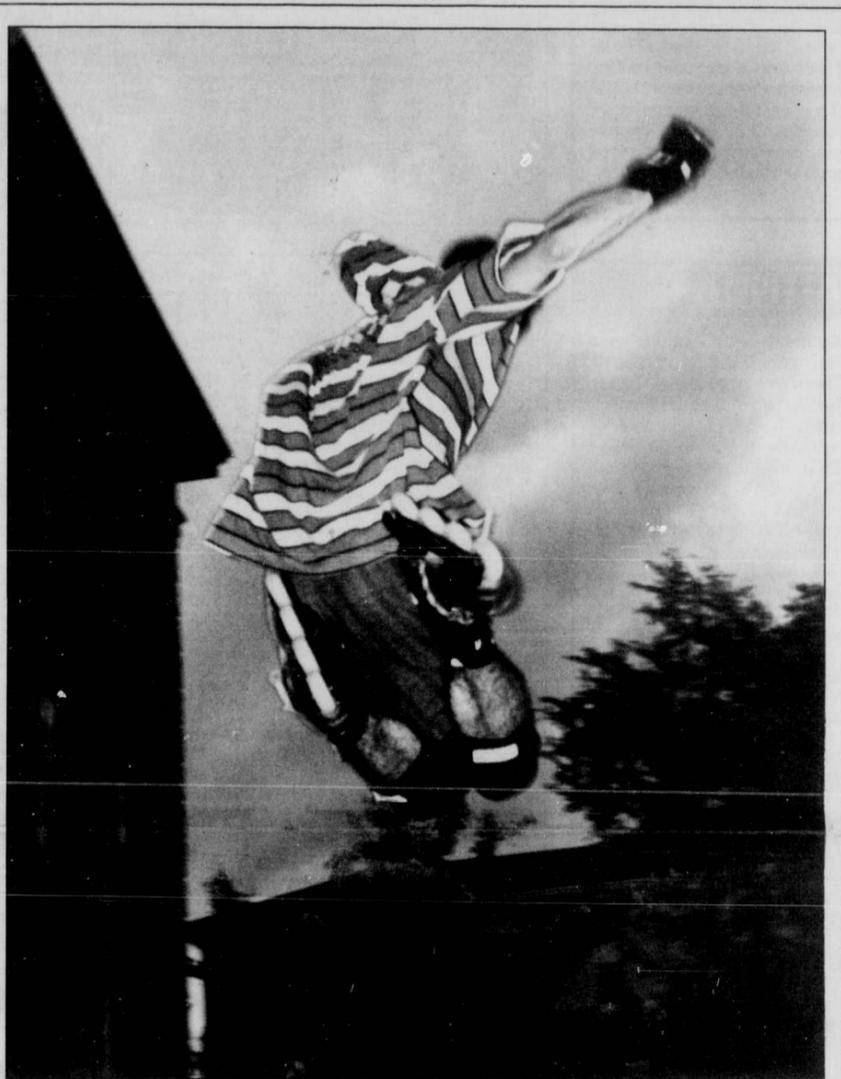
AT&T's True USA, (800) 222-0300, offers the smallest discount of the three services but boasts its ease of use. According to AT&T, customers who spend less than \$25 a month on long distance calls will receive a 10-percent discount. If they spend between \$25 and \$75 a month, they will receive a 20 percent discount. Customers who spend over \$75 a month receive a 30-percent discount.

These rates apply to every long-distance call made within the United States, regardless of the other person's long-distance carrier.

An added bonus to the AT&T plan is the True Rewards program. True Rewards offers frequent flier miles and free AT&T minutes for every dollar spent on long-distance calls.

With MCI's Friends and Family program, available at (800) 950-5555, callers may have up to 20 people whom they call most on a list with the company. This list may be com-

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Ken Goodell, senior chemistry and biology double major, flies through the air while rollerblading Monday evening. See story, page 4.

TCU Daily Skiff/ John J. Lumpkin

Student House readies for fall

House funds Pit offices, signs

BY SHANNON WOMBLE
TCU DAILY SKIFF

New campus signs and office space in the Pit are the first accomplishments made by the House of Student Representatives for the fall semester, said House President Scott McLinden.

McLinden said the TCU administration matched the House's permanent improvements committee donation of approximately \$1,200 to each of the projects.

"I definitely think that the working relationship between the House and the administration contributed to the success of not only the new office space and signs, but to other projects as well," McLinden said.

One of the new campus signs will be located on Bellaire Drive by the soccer fields and the other in front of the Worth Hills area at the intersection of Bellaire Drive and Stadium Drive. The signs, which are being constructed, will mark an entrance to the campus.

The former Pit game room, located in the basement of the Student Center, now houses five organizations in the recently renovated office space. Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic, Black Student Caucus, Alpha Phi Omega, and the Organization of Latin American Students received the five spaces after applying through the House of Representatives and the administration. The space will also have a workroom and lounge furniture.

House Vice President Scott Wheatley said in addition to these projects, the House will continue with its newsletter, and another "Town Hall" meeting will be scheduled.

"The next Town Hall meeting will

possibly be more of a spirit drive," Wheatley said. "We want to try it again after the great response we got from the first Town Hall Meeting. The newsletter got a fantastic response. We are printing close to 3,000 copies bi-weekly."

Christian Ellis, House treasurer, said that he will work for a voter registration drive. The free legal service offered by attorney Tom Lowell will also continue on Wednesday nights, he said. The food service committee will focus on nutritional values in the cafeterias, Ellis said.

Wheatley said the University Retreat will be combined with the Into the Streets service project again this fall. Opening with a rally on October 7, the retreat will take place the following weekend.

Additionally, the House is looking forward to helping the new freshman class with a spirit petition, McLinden said. He said he believes the spirit will catch on with upperclassmen. The House will also be active in encouraging spirit and participation.

McLinden said the student body may attend the House meetings which are held 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in Student Center Room 222.

Student suggestions are welcome any time in the Student Activities office, McLinden said.



Scott McLinden

More money awarded by financial aid

BY JULIE HILL
TCU DAILY SKIFF

TCU awarded more academic scholarships and grants to students this year than in past years, said Emma Baker, director of student scholarships and financial aid.

Over \$6 million in institutional funds were awarded to undergraduates this year, of which approxi-

mately \$800,000 went to incoming freshmen students, Baker said. Remaining funds were awarded to returning and transfer students.

Between 750 and 800 students were awarded the academic scholarships, worth between \$1.9 and \$2.1 million, she said.

TCU offers several types of academic scholarships which fund a student's education in whole or in part.

The Chancellor's scholarship provides full tuition for up to 15 hours per semester, the Dean's scholarship provides \$4,000 each academic year and a Faculty scholarship awards \$3,000 each academic year. The TCU scholarship provides up to \$1,500 per year.

National Merit finalists, National Hispanic finalists and National Achievement finalists also receive

special awards, Baker said.

TCU academic scholarships are available to incoming freshmen and transfer students that meet the minimum requirements, Baker said. Incoming freshman students must have a score of at least 1100 on the SAT or 27 on the ACT, and they must be in the top 15 percent of their grad-

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TCU declines government scholarship loans

BY GINGER RICHARDSON
TCU DAILY SKIFF

President Clinton and proponents of the Federal Direct Student Loan Program say their program will save billions of dollars for students across the nation.

However, none of those students will be from Texas Christian University. Emma Baker, director of scholarships and

financial aid, said TCU will not be taking part in the new federal loan program until it has proven successful.

"At this time, we're waiting to see if the claims are true," Baker said. "There are a lot of issues and factors to look at — do students like the program, will it reduce the deficit, is the customer service working?"

The Federal Direct Student Loan Program was enacted this fall as part of President Clinton's

deficit reduction package.

Supporters of the program say the package will decrease student defaults, thereby lowering the deficit, as well as lowering interest rates and eliminating the fees the government pays banks to handle loans.

Under the direct-lending program, students will deal directly with their schools. According to a

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First woman graduate of business school dies

BY SUSAN HOPPER
TCU DAILY SKIFF

TCU honorary trustee and alumna Mabel Clark Reed died Aug. 7 in Austin at the age of 88.

Reed, a member of the TCU Board of Trustees from 1977 to 1989, was the first female graduate of TCU's School of Business in 1926. In 1987, the School of Business honored Reed with an award for her contributions to the department.

One of these contributions was the funding of the Mabel Clark Reed Scholarship, which benefits business students. Reed also set up the Mabel Clark Reed Disciples Scholarship, an award benefiting TCU students from Austin

who are members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Reed started these scholarships because she had a "helping hand" of her own in her days at TCU, said Kristi Hoban, acting director of alumni relations and a personal friend of Reed.

"She had a strong commitment



Mabel Clark Reed

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NEWS DIGEST

2 more arrested in hate shooting

WINNSBORO, Texas (AP) — Winnsboro police have made two more arrests in what they say was a racially motivated drive-by shooting.

Arrested Monday were Benjamin "Jody" Walls, 30, and Prentis Lee "Chip" Winkle, 28, both of Winnsboro. They were charged with five counts of attempted murder.

Both were being held in the Wood County Justice Center in Quitman in lieu of \$125,000 bonds.

American announces cuts

DALLAS (AP) — American Airlines announced a management restructuring Tuesday, part of a plan to slash expenses by \$1 billion a year and convince its unions they won't bear the cuts alone.

The airline said it wants to lower labor costs by \$750 million and other expenses by \$250 million annually.

The company aims to get roughly \$75 million of that from its staff of 10,000 managers and administrators, spokesman Tim Smith said.

Japan to make reparations

TOKYO (AP) — Japan was expected to announce Wednesday a \$1 billion spending plan in response to Asian war victims' demands for reparations.

However, the proposal already has been denounced by activist groups for failing to compensate individual victims.

The funding, to be spread out over a decade, reportedly focuses on various "friendship projects" and excludes any direct government compensation to individuals who suffered as a result of Japan's World War II aggression.

Effigy of first lady burned

OWENSBORO, Ky. (AP) — An effigy of Hillary Rodham Clinton was doused with gasoline and burned at a tobacco rally against President Clinton's health care plan. A congressman and a gubernatorial candidate were among those at the rally.

"Burn, baby, burn," chanted Stan Arachikavitz, president of the Kentucky Association of Tobacco Supporters.

About 100 people gathered Saturday to protest administration plans to hike cigarette taxes to fund health care reform.

IRA may call cease fire

NEW YORK (AP) — Joseph Cahill, a founder and leader of the Irish Republican Army, flew into New York Monday on a rare waiver of a U.S. ban against those linked to the outlawed group's acts of terror.

The 74-year-old Cahill, a leader of the IRA's militant provisional wing, arrived amid reports that the IRA was on the verge of calling a cease-fire in its long fight to oust the British from Northern Ireland.

CAMPUSLINES

Campuslines is provided as a service to the TCU community. Announcements of events, public meetings and other general campus information should be brought by the Skiff office, Moudy 2915 or sent to TCU Box 32929. The Skiff reserves the right to edit for style and taste.

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES will resume their weekly meetings this Wednesday at 9 p.m. in the club room of Daniel Meyer Coliseum. Everyone is welcome to hear the guest speaker, Pastor Ron O'Guinn, of Sonset Baptist Church. For more information contact Kevin Herron at 922-8274.

THE KOREAN CLUB will meet at 5 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 1, in the Student Center room 203. The Korean Club

welcomes all students.

WESLEY FOUNDATION Thursday fellowship is at 5:30 p.m. in the Wesley Building, 2750 W. Lowden. A weekly free meal and program is provided. Call 924-5639 for details.

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL works to promote worldwide observance of human rights and educate the community about human rights issues throughout the world. Amnesty International will hold an informational meeting Thurs., Sept. 1 at 7 p.m. in Student Center room 204. Call Angela Kaufman at 926-8084 or contact University Ministries.

LORD'S ACRE will be hosted by the Lake Worth United Methodist Church located at 6401 Azle Avenue on Saturday, Sept. 24. The event

will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and activities will include a Silent Auction, Craft Store, Sweet Shop and a Children's Area. A Barbecue Dinner will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. followed by the Live Auction which will feature a hand quilted queen size quilt and many more items. The Lord's Acre will be preceded by a Rummage Sale on Thursday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information contact Lake Worth United Methodist Church at 237-2758.

FULBRIGHT AWARDS AND OTHER GRANT applications for graduate study will close Oct. 31, 1994. These grants are to promote mutual understanding between people of the United States and other countries. For more information, contact the Honors Program Office in Sadler Hall 207.

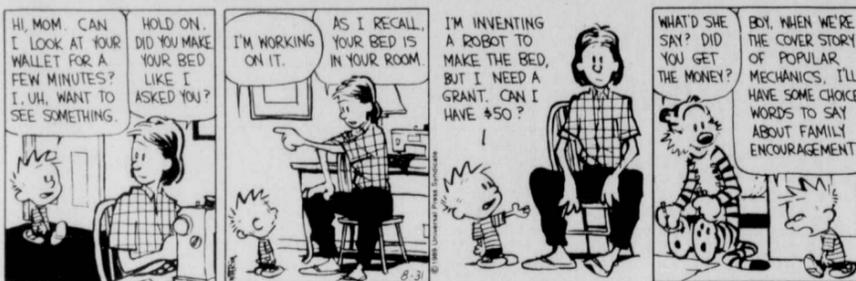
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CAMPUS CALENDAR

Wednesday
12 p.m.: University Chapel
7 p.m.: On Campus Interviewing Orientation, Student Center Room 218
Fellowship of Christian Athletes will resume their weekly meetings at 9 p.m. in the club room of Daniel Meyer Coliseum

Thursday
ISA Welcome for new international students
5 p.m.: On Campus Interviewing Orientation, Student Center Room 218

Friday
Waiver/enrollment period for student health insurance ends

Saturday
7 p.m. eastern standard time: Football game — TCU vs. North Carolina, at North Carolina
Women's soccer game — TCU vs. Incarnate Word, at TCU
Men's soccer game — TCU vs. Mary Hardin-Baylor, at TCU

Sunday
Men's soccer game — TCU vs. Schreiner, at TCU

Monday
Labor Day holiday, no school
Women's soccer game — TCU vs. Saint Mary's of California, at TCU

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It's Purpleicious

TCU women's soccer team to start season on Saturday

By TASHA ZEMKE
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The first soccer weekend of the season will see some tough competition for the Lady Frogs as they take on Incarnate Word and St. Mary's of California.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

TCU lost to St. Mary's last fall, and St. Mary's will be a good challenge this season, Head Coach Dave Rubinson said.

"St. Mary's will be a difficult team because they have experience," Rubinson said. They were also a

nationally ranked team last year.

TCU retains last year's leading scorer, junior Lisa Wells, and Rubinson said he hopes her ability to take charge on the field will give the team someone to look up to.

"Lisa has done a good job in the past, even though she was injured," he said. "Hopefully that will continue."

Half of the 20 players on the team this year are freshmen. TCU lost a handful of players from last season, including Clari Fennell, the team's most valuable player last year.

"People are really working hard and showing willingness to play," Rubinson said. "We should be very competitive against most of the teams we

play."

TCU's 1994 schedule doesn't vary much from that of 1993. New competition includes Nebraska, Drury College and Creighton.

"I'd like us to come out with a winning record and beat some teams we're not supposed to beat," Rubinson said. The women have a good chance to better last year's 8-9-1 record, he said.

"I think this year's team has a lot more personality, and that makes a big difference," he said. "They want to succeed."

The Lady Frogs play Incarnate Word at 2 p.m. Saturday and Saint Mary's at 11 a.m. Monday on the TCU soccer field.



TCU Daily Skiff/Brian Bray

Members of the TCU women's soccer team run during practice Monday. The Lady Frogs open their season this weekend against St. Mary's.

Tech team's inexperience worries Dykes

By SUSAN SHOULDERS
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Although "Rollin' Out the Hits" is Texas Tech's theme this year, Head Coach Spike Dykes says that because of this team's lack of experience, he is not overly confident that the Red Raiders will have a winning season.

FOOTBALL

"We really don't have many strengths this season," Dykes said. "I guess desire would be our best

strength. We've got the desire, but I'm not sure we can pull it off."

In 1993, the Red Raiders ranked seventh nationally in total offense with 475 yards a game.

But the Tech offense is a shadow of last year's team. Five wide receivers, three top running backs, two quarterbacks and six of 10 offensive linemen are gone.

Departed players include running back Bam Morris, who set a conference record with 1,752 rushing yards last season.

Quarterback Robert Hall, holder

of 16 school records, is also gone. Dykes is yet to name a replacement at quarterback.

Tech also must replace Lloyd Hill, who was all-conference at split end last season. The Red Raiders' first-ten receivers this season are likely to be junior-college transfer Bo Adams and walk-on Field Scovell. Neither has played a varsity down.

With Tech's inexperienced offense, Dykes said the days of winning by simply outscoring the other team have disappeared. He also said that in order to win, the offense is

going to have to catch on fast.

"There is no question that we're facing a major job rebuilding our offense," Dykes said. "We have a really young team this year with very little depth."

Because of their offensive shortcomings, Tech will have to rely heavily on their defense to win. The good news for Red Raider fans is that some experienced players on defense that can lead the team.

"We have a chance to be good

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New offense could help Owls to bowl

By MARK MOURER
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Fred Goldsmith flew from Rice's football program last December, giving the Owls an empty nest to fill at their head coaching position.

FOOTBALL

Goldsmith coached Rice to consecutive 6-5 records the past two years.

Rice's search for Goldsmith's replacement ended with ex-Clemson coach Ken Hatfield. Hatfield was already familiar with Goldsmith's coaching methods. Goldsmith coached under Hatfield at Air Force and Arkansas.

A big fan of the option offense, Hatfield employed his version of the wishbone — called the flexbone — at Clemson last season and implemented it at Rice during spring drills. On the ground, the flexbone utilizes the lone back, the fullback and the quarterback.

Rice is without quarterback Bert Emanuel, who finished his career as the Owls' all-time completion percentage leader at 57.8 percent, and will look to junior Josh LaRocca for leadership on offense.

LaRocca will have help in the backfield from junior Yoncy Edmonds, who rushed for 941 yards last season.

In addition, Hatfield has found his fullback for the flexbone in sophomore Spencer George.

"The fullback situation is coming along real well," Hatfield said.

When he arrived at Rice, Hatfield said that his main concern was finding a fullback to run, block and receive for the Owls. After recruiting, he now has three.

"Spencer George will be the starter, with Pat Callahan and Jamey Whitlock also seeing rotation time," Hatfield said.

Senior Jimmy Lee was Rice's leading receiver last season despite a mid-season knee injury. Under Hatfield's offense, Lee should see his chore list extended. As the Owl's H-back, he will most likely run the ball 10 to 15 times per game.

"He's tough, he's a blocker," Hatfield said. "He's a team player."

On the defensive side of the ball, Hatfield said that he is pleased with his team's effort, but remains concerned about injuries.

Junior cornerback Bobby Dixon (three interceptions in 1993) and junior strong safety Jeff Sowell (two interceptions) return in the defensive backfield.

All four linebackers return, led by senior Emmett Waldron, who has had the most tackles for Rice the past two seasons.

Rice's front linemen look to be the weak spot on defense, returning only one starter, junior Brynton Goynes. Goynes had six sacks last season, missing the school sack record by one.

If the defense stays healthy and the Owls get solid play from LaRocca, Rice could continue its winning ways and emerge as bowl participants.

SPORTS DIGEST

A&M booster angry

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — The wife of the Texas A&M football booster who landed the team on NCAA probation says the school is violating a contract with her family by withholding preferred seating at Kyle Field.

Warren and Pattie Gilbert donated to A&M athletics in 1978 and got lifetime special seating at home games. The NCAA ordered the school, to disassociate itself with Gilbert or face violating probation.

Switzer: Jones is key

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Barry Switzer figures the Steelers will try to pound the Super Bowl champions between the tackles.

"It will be (middle linebacker) Robert Jones' true test and we'll see if he can handle it," Switzer said.

The Cowboys lost defensive tackle Tony Casillas to free agency in the off-season. Casillas refused to report to Kansas City and gave his bonus back, but he's unlikely to surface with Dallas because of the salary cap.

Becker loses at open

NEW YORK (AP) — Doubles specialist Richey Reneberg played the singles match of his life Monday night and ousted seventh-seeded Boris Becker from the U.S. Open in a five-set first-round victory.

With fans chanting: "Who needs baseball! Who needs baseball!" Reneberg beat Becker, a former U.S. Open champion, 6-1, 6-4, 4-6, 1-6, 7-6 (7-5) in a match that lasted more than three hours and ended well past midnight.

A&M hires assistant

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Angela Taylor has been hired as a women's basketball assistant coach at Texas A&M, head coach Candi Harvey announced Monday.

Taylor was an assistant coach at the University of Arizona last season after receiving her bachelor's degree in economics at Stanford in 1993.

During her career at Stanford, Taylor was named the team's best defensive player for three seasons.

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Inline skating attracts both experts and novices

By Lori Leonard

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"Once I went off a ramp, and I didn't see this flight of stairs on the other side of it, and I went crashing down them," he said. "I landed on a bunch of rocks and glass. I was pretty bruised up, and it really gave my mom a scare. I got a helmet for Christmas." "When I pull courthouse stairs backwards, (a stunt in which a skater does a 180-degree jump landing backwards in the middle of a long stair case, continuing to descend backwards to the bottom) it makes me kind of nervous. But you just can't think about it or you'll fall," inline skater Jayson Arrington said.

For Arrington, an employee of a sporting goods

store, inline skating is more than just a hobby, it is his life. Not only does he teach private lessons, he skates at least once a day, mostly at Rapid Revolutions in Dallas.

Rapid Revolutions is open 24 hours a day throughout the weekend, and from noon until 3 a.m. on weekdays. Jumps, ramps, and tracks for all kinds of technical skating are available. On display are the skills of skaters of all ages.

Paul Goggans, 21, skates at Rapid Revolutions. He also works at a sporting goods store where sales of inline equipment has risen 600 percent in the last year alone. Goggans compared inline skating to snow skiing.

"Skating just came natural to me," he said. "Real easy and fun. It sucks though, because we're classified like skaters, and get their bad rep. They have a totally different attitude than us."

Arrington thinks inline skating is more than just a fad, because there are various moves and many tricks yet to be discovered. He said the challenge never ends.

"Skateboarders are only adolescents," Goggans said. "When inline skaters include

lawyers, doctors, and people of all ages from all walks of life. It's a mature sport." Goggans and Arrington suggested new inline skaters take it slow when trying challenging tricks. Even when they learn a new stunt, they always skate with someone who is experienced, and they should in all circumstances wear full protective gear, since they've seen a number of painful accidents.

No matter what ability level you possess, or if inline skating is sport or pure hobby fun protective equipment is a must, skaters say. Knee, elbow, and wrist pads are the most common; helmets are great for aggressive skaters. The number-one injury among skaters is a

broken wrist.

Equipment can be expensive — starting at \$40 for your basic skates going all the way up to \$600 for build-your-own skates. The price depends on style, number of wheels, and brand. Roces, Bauer, and the Nordic Ski Boot Co. make some of the best skates on the market, according to skate sellers.

There are numerous stores that sell them, such as Sun & Ski Sports, Ski Tex, and Ski-N-Sea. You can even rent a pair to take a spin in for the day, and get some great cardiovascular exercise.

Tired of the same old TCU side walks, then grab some buddies and "blade" on over to the River Legacy Park in Arlington, where they have a place for you even if you're not a pro.

And some final advice from Jayson: "Skate within your limits. Skate safe, and have fun."



breeze brings a welcome relief, they set out with their equipment to ride the cement sidewalks in search of adventure, fun and maybe a little exercise.

Hearts pounding, they race with dynamic speeds, reaching up to 45 mph. They glide with no boundaries as the wind blows harshly against their bodies, resulting in tangled hair and wrinkled T-shirts.

For some, taking a slower pace is safer. They stumble aimlessly, for every step is crucial in the prevention of bruises.

Who are these ritualistic people? They are inline skaters, otherwise known as Rollerbladers — a name derived from the most popular brand of inline skates.

It all began when a Californian named Chris Edwards put round blades on his hockey skates. Although there are 75-year-old photos of old timers skating on the infamous homemade inline skates, the trend actually hit its high peak about three years ago. Now the sensation has spread worldwide, as fanatics search for new dangerous tricks to reach their ultimate thrill ride — like skating with wheels balanced on a hand rail.

Not all inline skaters are such professionals; some only seek fun, like Carrie Miller, a freshman from Arizona.

"At first I fell a lot, because I'd always try to do too hard of things. You have to be somewhat coordinated," she said.

Alfonzo Silva, also a freshman, has more experience. He had been roller skating regularly for four years before he set foot in inline skates.

Want success in college? Don't hit the snooze on this one

With school now a week old, it is pertinent at this time to get to the real source of success in today's college environment. No, we are not talking about good study habits, fried okra for lunch, watching "Regis" or remembering the words "send home" during all campus purchases.

Hard as it may seem, there is one thing that is more vital to the collage of college occurrences. This one thing is as important to success on the college level as an alibi is to O.J. Simpson or popcorn is to Roger Ebert.

In today's world, everything revolves around time. Society's obsession with time is particularly evident on the college campus. Success is only achieved in this conquest of time with the help of one special tool: the alarm clock.

Alarm clocks allow you to awaken to the

soothing sounds of your favorite radio station or possibly even a preferred tape or CD. Barry Manilow, however, is not requested for wake-up purposes, but for sleep timer functions only.

One major objection to some current alarm clock users is they insist on waking up to the sounds of the alarm buzzer. Why? Do these people not realize that tests were done on lab animals to determine the most hideous tones known to man in order to make the wake-up process that



PETER COUSER
THE LIGHTER SIDE

much more unpleasing.

Also, these buzzer beings also need to realize the serious consequences they subject themselves to by awakening to the noise that suddenly makes Victoria Jackson's voice sound like the ocean surf.

The decibel levels of these tones is higher than a jet airplane at takeoff or a rock concert. Once again this does not include Barry Manilow, unless the song is "Copacabana." So the first piece of advice when using an alarm clock is to wake up to music, not noise.

Another interesting quirk about alarm clocks is the button that wears out on Dream Machines all across college campuses every six months, 'da snooze. Why does the time period of a snooze last nine minutes?

A snooze is nine minutes probably for

the same reason that an imitation 14K gold necklace costs \$99.95 and not \$100.00 on those home shopping shows. Ten minutes is too long. Just as research has shown that we are more likely to buy a product for \$99.95 than for \$100.00, so we are more apt at pushing the snooze if it is for nine minutes and not ten. Elementary, my dear Watson!

This brings us to the last piece of advice. Through much investigative reporting it has been discovered that it is customary for alarm clock users to set their clocks ahead anywhere from two to nine (but not ten) minutes fast to prevent tardiness.

However, one problem found in this method to elude the madness is that you can become too relaxed in awakening because you realize that 8:30 on your

clock is really only 8:23. This method of purposely moving the clock ahead can be successful only if you truly feel 8:30 on the clock as 8:30 in your heart.

Now that the basics of alarm clock success has been discussed, it is up to you to improvise from here. It is a pretty good idea to spread out your classes to allow for catnaps here and there.

During the conception of this article alone, three 19-minute (not 20-minute) naps have been enjoyed. It has been said over the years that the short 15-25 minute naps can be the most refreshing.

The best words of wisdom ever to reach these ears is that sleeping for one hour during the day is the equivalent of sleeping for two hours at night. Wow, that 35 hours of sleep yesterday really felt great.

■ NATALIE TAYLOR

Public must be informed, involved to heal world's wounds

O.K., TCU... It's time to voice your opinion. Tell the Big Wigs up on Capitol Hill what you think. Let the people who run this country know just where we stand on all the pressing issues our nation faces today.

You've heard about all the issues: health care, Rwanda, Cuban and Haitian refugees and the crime bill, to name the most publicized.

Maybe you don't know all the details about these issues. Maybe you're not sure who's fighting in Rwanda or where the Cuban refugees are living or how much health care is going to cost if a bill gets passed.

But you're pretty sure that these topics are of relative importance in America right now.

Don't get me wrong. As a news junkie, I'll be the first to tell you that a person



carry its fair share of responsibility in a democracy. Not only is the public apathetic about voicing an opinion about impending issues, it allows an epidemic of widespread ignorance to take over so that the public actively finds ways to keep as uneducated as possible.

As a whole, the United States is a reac-

tive, and not a proactive, nation. The United States has always been great at jumping on problems as they spring up around the world and within our own national boundaries. Our reaction time is fast when trouble erupts.

The United States is always first on the scene with a first aid kit and a few quick remedies. We're accustomed to patching up wounds enough. We usually manage to stop the external bleeding. But it's the internal bleeding, the root of a problem, that we don't know how to fix.

That's because reactivity is a quick fix and does not work. We allow signs of tragedy to accumulate until they reach the point of chaos. Then America jumps in, swings its big stick around a few times, tapes some gauze on the injured and makes it back home in time for supper.

America is not yet capable of being a proactive entity yet — from the nation's leaders to society as a whole. Recently, President Clinton seems to back into issues forced upon him by Congress and take a stand on them only after long periods of deliberation and persuasion with his councilmen.

And the public allows itself to be uninformed. We find issues such as health care, the crime bill and Haitian refugees distant and confusing. And although all these issues have the potential to hit home, it's only when and if that happens that we decide to react and spout an opinion or take some action.

But that's usually too late. The United States prides itself on its role as an international leader, a source of admiration and a model for the world as it moves into the 21st century. But leaders cannot continue being leaders by backing into con-

licts after they've already struck full swing.

American leaders need to address issues head on before they erupt into turmoil. And the public must give them informed feedback on the policies and tactics they plan to instigate to halt a major problem before it gets the chance to start.

If violence, war, overpopulation and illegal immigration are the diseases inflicted upon this country, reactivity will not stop the bleeding.

It will take proactivity from the public — vested interest in foreign and domestic policy, voiced opinions, and abundant action — to actually heal the wound.

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■ CHRIS SMITH

EPA campaign makes smokers witches of '90s

Cough. Hack. Wheeze. These are the universal battle cries for nonsmokers. Smokers have become public enemy number one. In the eyes of many, they rank right up there with Charles Manson and the Son of Sam. But the murder is done slowly and legally.

Over the past two years, secondhand smoke has been portrayed as a devil spawn that destroys the lives of countless innocents. Humbug. The Environmental Protection Agency has formed a modern day witch-hunt against the smokers of America. Just like the witch trials in Salem, Mass., 300 years ago, the EPA has replaced facts with its own set of beliefs.

The EPA, in its all-knowing wisdom, has forsaken science as a means of proving the detrimental effects of secondhand smoke, and has adopted a political crusade against smoking as its method of verification. Environmental Tobacco Smoke (ETS) is the technical name for secondhand smoke.

Yet as Gary Huber, a professor of medicine at the University of Texas Health Science Center, writes, "ETS is so highly diluted that it is not even appropriate to call it smoke."

Saccharin has been shown to cause cancer in laboratory rats, yet a person would have to eat, snort and have saccharin pumped intravenously into their bodies every day for the same results to occur in humans. It all adds up to one word: hype.

Anyone who smokes realizes that it is bad for them, unless they have been living in a cave in the Arctic for the past 20 years. Why is smoking singled out as the only evil?

The ad campaigns showing the harms of smoking are only laboring the obvious. There should be signs on tall buildings that read, "Leaping from this building may cause your head to scatter itself around in many random and grotesque ways upon impact with the concrete, and may also complicate pregnancy."

Of course, there is no such label because the results of jumping are disgustingly apparent. Eating fried chicken is bad for the body. But again, there is no warning label from the Surgeon General that states, "Eating this greasy crap will cause your heart to eventually explode."

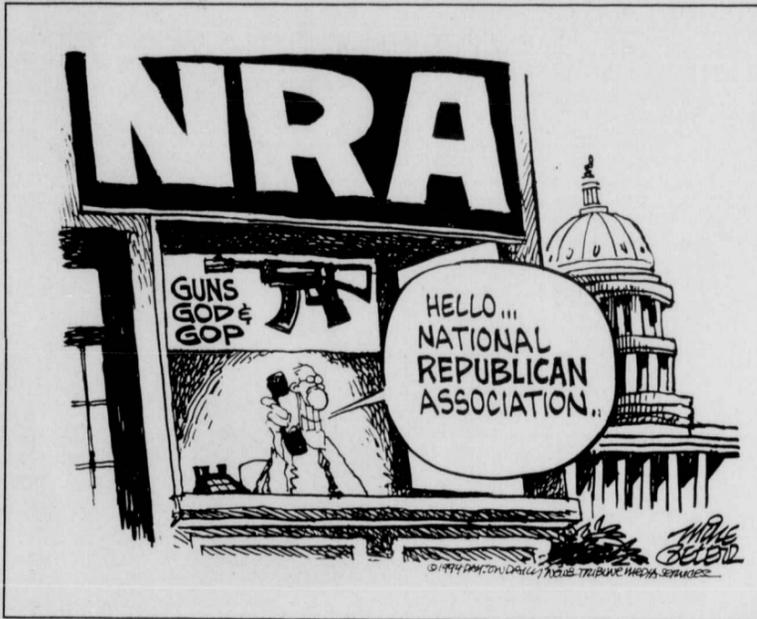
All of the money pumped into this maniacal ad campaign opposing smokers should go to a more worthy cause, such as automobile safety standards. One is far more likely to die in an auto accident than from secondhand smoke. So why aren't all cars required to have both driver and passenger side air bags?

A person who drives a car represents a far greater hazard than a person who smokes. Smoking causes clothes to smell rotten and breath to turn rancid, but poor personal hygiene will bring about the same results, and people who smell aren't banned from restaurants.

Why aren't there studies done on things that people aren't too sure about? Take, for instance, Vienna sausages. Yes, they are cheap as hell, but are they safe? The idea that smoking is harmful to the smoker has been imbedded so deep into our heads that before a child can walk, it understands the dangers of tobacco. There would not be an increase in smoking if the warning label was removed from the pack. Smokers everywhere thank health agencies for constantly reminding them that they will die a horrible death, but enough is enough.

So the next time you're in a crowded room with poor ventilation, light up a non-filtered cigarette, the kind with the blue smoke, grab a lardy vat of the Colonel's recipe and an I.V. of Sweet 'N Low, and laugh about how your car has no air bags.

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■ CHRIS NEWTON

Parking problem is old enough to warrant solution

When I first arrived at TCU, I was under the impression that the university was in the process of building a parking garage. Two years later, I realize I'll probably be a member of the alumni community long before a student drives into a parking garage on the TCU campus.

It's safe to say that we're really no closer to having a parking garage now than we were, or could have been, several years ago.

You're probably well-aware that a garage has been on the administration's "Master Plan" for some time, but you may not know that complaining about the lack of parking is a TCU tradition that began in 1979. Yes, as early as 1979, students were complaining about parking on campus. You were probably in second grade at the time.

So if you're expecting to drive one day into a parking garage and then walk leisurely to your 10 o'clock class, don't hold your breath.

Fourteen years ago, students were handed the same lines from the Sadler Hall. We've heard it all before.

In fact, you're more likely to see the Christopher Harrison Newton School of Journalism building than a parking garage on our campus.

For you freshman that actually thought the day might come when your successors wouldn't have to park in Ranch Management, don't bet on it.

Here's why: Most buildings on campus were built with endowments given by extremely wealthy individuals who want their legacy to live on in the form of a prestigious learning facility.

Who's going to donate \$3 million to get their name stuck on a parking garage?

The administration hasn't given a parking garage a high enough priority in our budget to build it without some ridiculously large donation. Therefore, you'd better expect at least two tickets every semester until you graduate.

A fellow Southwest Conference school (for now) was once in the same dilemma.

"For many years, there were no parking garages on campus (at Texas A&M) so the number of spaces where students could park was limited," said Tom Williams, director of Parking, Transit and Traffic Services at A&M.

Sound familiar?

"The number of parking tickets started going down as the parking garages were built and parking lots expanded," Williams said. And you wondered if the number of tickets given is directly connected to the lack of parking.

When A&M had a parking problem, it took them only a year to begin construction of a new garage. Problem solved. Why have we dawdled around for 14 years?

TCU students are sick of not being able to find parking. Campus police are sick of having to write a zillion tickets a day and *Skiff* columnists are sick of complaining about on-campus parking and have been for the past decade.

The solution? The ball is completely in the administration's court. They've met and talked and talked and met, but nothing's happened.

Maybe tomorrow I'll park in Chancellor Tucker's parking space. Maybe tomorrow morning when I drive to campus, I'll park on the lawn in front of Reed Hall.

Maybe there's not really a parking problem at all. Perhaps the administration's just challenging us to be creative.

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■ EDITORIAL

WOMEN'S STUDIES

Program is good idea, but should be serious minor

The concept behind the new women's studies minor — recognizing the contributions made by women in all professions — is commendable.

Over 600 universities nationwide offer women's studies programs. And TCU spent five years researching the proposed minor, examining the best aspects of various women's studies programs to implement into its own.

But TCU should not inaugurate a women's studies program just to say it has one.

The administrators of women's studies need to make sure the program is a serious minor, with all the academic requirements called for by other minors.

Many similar academic programs — concentrating on neglected histories and opinions of minorities — are springing up across the country, and certainly many of them are valid, in-depth programs.

But certainly some of them are just politically correct window-dressing, created to make a university look good.

The TCU managers of the new minor need to make sure this program is not among these and is, instead, serving a real need on campus.

Proponents stress that the new minor is open to both male and female students, which is fine. Seven professors from six different departments have been recruited to teach women's studies courses, which will contribute a valuable depth and breadth to the curriculum.

Rhonda Keen-Payne, an associate professor of nursing and a member of the women's studies advisory committee, argues that the new minor will help those without a voice find one, and help all students recognize women's full potential. These are valid points.

As the program develops, more can be determined about what needs to be changed or adjusted in its curriculum. But as with all new programs, women's studies should undergo a serious evaluation by the time it graduates its first students.

■ LETTER

Parking issue not a problem

The parking garage issue — I don't see it as a problem.

First of all, provided you arrive to school ahead of time, 10 to 15 minutes ahead of your class, you will find a parking spot. I've been doing it for four years and I've never had a problem.

Second of all, the parking garage is

not really a good idea because it's the same thing as the stadium parking. It's going to be a little bit far for most of the people.

So, I think it's inconvenient, but I think the school should have told us about it. But they didn't.

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Rec sports offers fun and games

By J.P. KEARNEY
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Remember those all-night ping-pong tournaments in the neighbor's garage, those volleyball games on the beach, or playing a pick-up game of basketball until the sun went down? Miss it? Well, here's your chance. The intramural sports season is almost here.

To participate in intramural sports, one must be a student with three or more hours, or a faculty or staff member. The Recreation Sports Office has entry blanks and information pertaining to each event. The entry forms must be returned to the office by the assigned due date.

Intramural sports during Septem-

ber include softball, with entries due Sept. 2; sand volleyball, with entries due Sept. 9; golf and tennis, both due Sept. 16; putt-putt golf, due Sept. 23; and lastly cross-country run and flag football entries due Sept. 30.

Three intramural activities are offered in the month of October. Forms for racquetball must be on file by Oct. 7, while floor hockey and table tennis must be turned in by Oct. 28.

Punt, Pass and Kick will be offered in November, along with Sports Trivia. Forms will be due in the Recreation Sports Office by Nov. 11.

Basketball intramurals also begin in November with three on three competition. Forms are due by Nov. 18. Regular team basketball is the last

event of the semester with entry forms due Dec. 16.

All events are free to TCU students, staff, and faculty, except for golf and putt-putt, which require green fees.

Those who want to set up a team before the regular intramural season starts can take part in the pre-season softball or four-man sand volleyball tournaments. Entry fee is \$10 per team, due at 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 2 (for softball) and Sept. 9 (for volleyball) in the Rickel Building, Room 279.

The most participated sports in intramurals last fall included flag football, soccer and softball, said Larry Martin, intramural sports director.

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MCI's plan is best suited for customers who call between one and 20 people and aren't afraid to give out the phone number of their friends and family would receive the best discount from MCI's Friends and Family program.

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to giving back to TCU," Hoban said.

Chancellor Bill Tucker said, "Mabel Reed stood in the great tradition of Texas Christian University. She was an absolutely remarkable human being and a generous friend of her alma mater."

Only one thing would arouse Reed's anger — an unkind word about TCU, Tucker said.

Reed's more than 70-year association with TCU began in 1922, when the then-Mabel Mills enrolled in her first classes. From that time until her graduation in 1926, Reed lived on campus and took classes year-round, Hoban said.

"She considered TCU her true home," Hoban said. "She was as purple as they come."

As a friend of TCU — students, faculty and institution alike — Reed was incomparable, Tucker said.

"She was an inspiration to all," he said. "Universities need Mabel Reeds — Texas Christian University had one."

Reed was first married to Warren Clark, who was a nephew of TCU founders Addison and Randolph Clark. After Clark's death, she married Hiram Reed, TCU trustee and son of trustee David Reed, for whom Reed Hall is named.

Survivors include three children: Warren Malcolm Clark, Carolyn Clark Oatman and Rita Reed George, as well as by nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

The family requests that memorial contributions be made to the Mabel Clark Reed Disciples Scholarship, Austin's Central Christian Church or the Junior Helping Hand Home for Children.

Funeral services for Mabel Clark Reed were held Aug. 9 in Austin. Tucker conducted the burial service at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Dallas.

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uating class. Transfer students must have completed at least 27 college hours and have a minimum of a 3.5 grade point average, she said.

"Once students have met the requirements, they begin to compete for the scholarships that we have," Baker said.

The competition entails consideration of a student's application, including his or her transcript, extracurricular activities, honors or awards and recommendations. The applicant's essay is also considered, Baker said.

None of the scholarship money offered through the university goes unclaimed, Baker said.

"We award more (money) than we have, knowing that some people aren't going to come to TCU," Baker said.

Grants are also available to any TCU student that has a minimum 2.5 grade point average and has completed a certain number of semester hours. Applicants must also complete a financial aid form and return it before the deadline in early May. Students continue to be eligible for grants as long as they meet the requirements each semester, Baker said.

Private and federally funded grants are also available to students and have the same deadline application, she said.

Because applications must be sent to the federal government, the financial aid office encourages those students applying for grants to return their applications by March 15, Baker said.

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defensively," Dykes said. "We have more juniors and seniors on that side of the ball with playing experience than we've had in a long time."

Although their 1994 schedule isn't as tough as last year's, Tech must still face Oklahoma, Nebraska and three-time defending Southwest Conference champion Texas A&M.

"It's going to be a hard season," Dykes said. "We really have our work cut out for us."

But if any coach can turn a team around, Dykes is the one to do it. Last year Dykes and his staff turned a 1-5 team into one that ended the regular season with a five-game winning streak and a bowl appearance.

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"I really think it will be a week to week deal for us," Dykes said.

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said. Hummel, Kunkel and Manley met with Pat Sullivan, head football coach, and Lois Kolkhorst, director of athletic promotions.

"When I heard their (the students') ideas, it was like manna from heaven," said Sullivan. "From day one, I've been begging students all over campus to be this way. This is going to give us the edge we need."

The four freshmen say they have over 1,000 signatures and gain more every day. They plan to present the petition to the House of Student Representatives, the vice chancellor and the alumni association, said Kunkel. "We'll do whatever it takes," Kunkel said.

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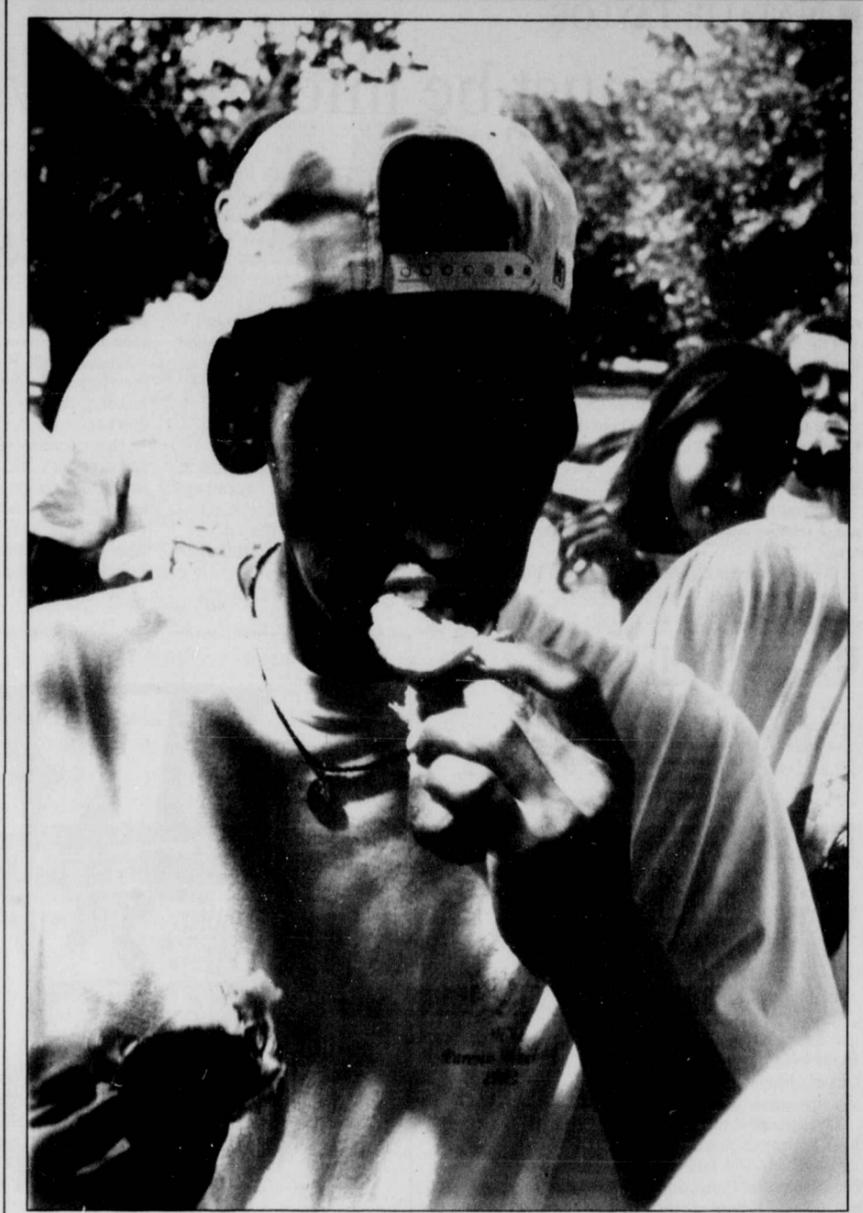
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Eb Faz, a junior business and spanish double major, wins the hot dog eating contest on Sunday at the Milton Daniel Madness Sunday picnic.

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White House spokesman, students currently paying up to 8 percent of their loans in fees will pay only 4 percent under the new package.

Sen. Paul Simon, chief sponsor of the program, said Clinton's plan will allow students to repay their loans on an income based schedule.

Clinton's aides are estimating the plan will save the government about \$4.3 billion through 1998. According to a White House spokesman, the government issued over 6 million

student loans in 1993. Defaults on those loans totalled over \$2.5 million.

Proponents of the plan hope the lower interest rates will help reduce the number of defaults.

Baker said TCU has not had a problem with students defaulting on their loans under the traditional program.

"We haven't had any default problems," she said. "Under the traditional program, students have up to

10 years to pay back their loans, and our track record has been good."

Baker said that TCU might eventually take part in Clinton's program if it proves successful.

"We're always open to seeing what's out there and what is going on in the market," she said. "If the plan works, we might consider taking part."

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