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TCU Press art book wins award

BY NATALIE GARDNER TCU DAILY SKIFF

Decorating Texas: Decorative Painting in the Lone Star State, 1850-1950, by Buie Harwood, has been awarded a certificate of commendation from the American Association for State and Local History.

The book, published by the TCU Press in 1993, is a study of decorative painting using stenciling, in-fill painting, and freehand murals and landscapes in residential, religious and commercial structures scattered across the state of Texas.

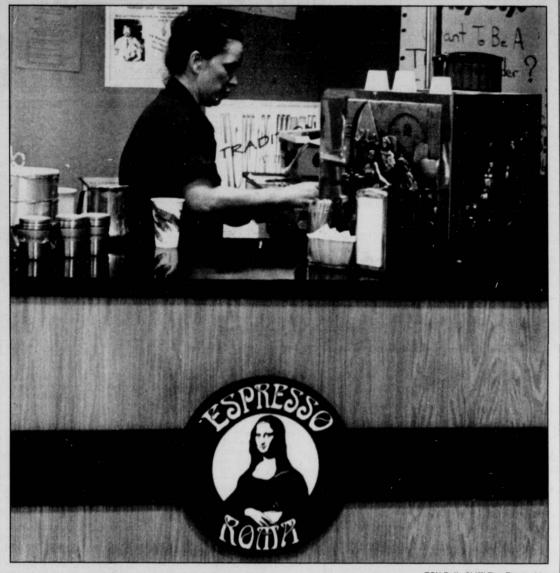
The author will be presented the certificate at the association's 54th annual meeting, Sept. 29 to Oct. 1, in Omaha, Neb.

"We are, of course, very proud to do the book," said Judy Alter, director of the TCU Press. "It fits in very nice with some other studies in that area that we've done.'

Decorating Texas focuses on more than 60 structures, most still standing. In her book, Harwood documents and illustrates this "people's art" with color and black-and-white photographs, reproductions of design patterns and descriptive text. Appendixes include an inventory of some 350 Texas structures with interior or exterior decorative painting and a comprehensive list of artists.

Harwood examines decoration found in the modest rural German and Czech settlements of Central Texas, luxurious office buildings along the Gulf Coast, expensive homes in urban areas such as Dallas

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TCU Daily Skiff/ Tina Fitzgerald

Marriott Food Service employee Elizabeth Drake whips up a cappuccino at the Expresso Roma, the new expresso bar in the Student Center.

IRA truce called path to peace

TCU professor attributes cease-fire to "exhaustion"

BY DENA RAINS

The temporary cease-fire called by the Irish Republican Army Wednesday is an "extraordinarily positive" step toward a permanent peace agreement in Northern Ireland that may take years to settle, said TCU political science professor Donald Jackson.

The IRA declared the cease-fire Wednesday, and Northern Ireland now waits to see if the long-sought truce will hold and bring talks to end a quarter-century of sectarian bloodshed.

A permanent peace treaty will require greater cooperation between Ireland and North Ireland, civil rights guarantees for North Ireland Protestants and a possible merger of the two areas, Jackson said.

"The IRA has been under pressure to do it (the ceasefire) for several months," he said.

Jackson, who has done research on civil rights violations concerning Northern Ireland, attributed the ceasefire to pure exhaustion on both sides.

"Probably it's a matter of the number of years gone by," he said. The people who started the movement as youths in the '60s are now in their 50s and are growing tired of fighting.

The IRA founders got their inspiration from the U.S Civil Rights movement in the '60s, Jackson said. In order to gain more rights for the Catholics in the primarily Protestant Northern Ireland, they adopted the civil disobedience methods used in the United States,

Northern Ireland is ruled by England while the predominantly Catholic Ireland is independent.

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Neeley School tops in Journal ranking

BY GINGER RICHARDSON TCU DAILY SKIFF

When it comes to making it in the real world, graduates of the M.J. Neeley School of Business' MBA program have it made, according to the Wall Street Jour-

In its May 25 article, "Texas B-Schools: How the Grads Rate," the *Journal* says, "Texas Christian University's M.J. Neeley School of Business makes the top five for one reason: communica-

Communications has been an integral part of the graduate program for the past six years, said program director Rob Rhodes.

"For a long time, business schools focused on the core concepts such as marketing, accounting and finance," he said. "As a result, schools became indistinguishable from one another; we decided to integrate communications into our program."

Rhodes said the school does not offer a course on communication, but rather has the expectation that communications and interpersonal skills will be emphasized throughout the program.

To help professors and students with their interpersonal skills, the

school developed the Center for Productive Communications in

"The CPC is really a resource center to help students improve their oral and written communications skills," said Peggy Conway. admissions director for the MBA

The center utilizes consultants from the business community to help graduate students with their interpersonal and presentational

The CPC is one reason the Princeton Review: Student Access Guide to the Best Business Schools ranked the M.J. Neeley School of Business as "the top MBA program in the United States for developing effective communication skills.

While communications may be important to the MBA program, officials of the school say other factors contribute to its success as

Unique program features such as Student Enterprises, the Educational Investment Fund (a student run investment portfolio) and the summer internship program are a few of the reasons for the school's continued success, Conway said.

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Religion prof gains insight in China

Andrew Fort, associate professor of religion, saw the Great Cultural Revolution of China firsthand, in the form of the Asian version of MTV

Fort spent two weeks in China this past June as part of TCU's Education in a Global Society program.

"I now have a very different view of China than the one I grew up with," he

said. "The first thing I saw was a disco in a high-rise hotel, and there was Asian MTV on the television.

Fort and 24 other religion and philosophy professors toured China with the Citizen Ambassadors Program. The group was led by the associate director of the American Academy of Religion, of which Fort is a member.

We flew into Shanghai, then went to Kufu and ended our trip in Beijing," Fort said. "Half of our time was spent on

tourism accenting religion, and the other half was spent in academic meetings with our Chinese counterparts

Fort said the Education in a Global Society is a wonderful program and will help TCU become more multicultural.

'TCU has made a commitment to internationalizing the faculty, and the students

will really benefit from this," he said. The trip was beneficial to Fort, who



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Andrew Fort

Artworks from UTA and UNT on display at Moudy Building

BY MISSY EVANS

"Pink Thing" and "Wendell" are the newest sculptures on display in the Moudy building's north hall.

"Pink Thing" was constructed by Craig Rentzel, a graduate student in art at the University of North Texas in Denton. Rentzel said the sculpture is a symbol of male power.

"The steel cage symbolizes the wall men build around themselves to appear tough, and the insulation symbolizes their internal protection," he said.

The structure also has 1,000 watts of light inside that make it glow like lava when it is

'There are some holes in the insulation which serve to draw you into the light psychologically," Rentzel said.

The other sculpture, "Wendell," was constructed by Jonathan McGinney, a senior art major at the University of Texas at Arlington. The plywood structure hangs from the ceiling and is colored with charcoal briquets.

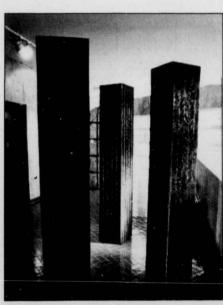
"It shows my love of construction things," McGinney said. "It is symbolic of the world, because there is order in the way it is constructed; yet it is dirty.'

Both of the sculptures are part of the twelfth annual Art in the Metroplex exhibit, which is

housed in the Moudy art gallery. The exhibit contains 26 pieces by 20 local artists. Ronald Watson, chairman of the art department, said. TCU will be represented in the exhibit by four people.

Patty Southerland, a first year graduate student in art at TCU; Christopher Tribble, also a first year graduate student; Elizabeth Leal, a recent graduate of TCU; and Thad Duhigg, an art professor at TCU, have artwork featured in the Metroplex exhibit

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TCU Daily Skiff/ Layne Smith "Wendell" is one of the new artworks being displayed in the Moudy Building.

NEWS DIGEST

Scout leader charged in shooting

NEW YORK (AP) - The Boy Scouts have fired a 24-year-old counselor for allegedly shooting a BB gun at scouts attending a summer camp, hitting one boy between the eyes

Sean Turner, 24, faces seven counts of assault. He was being held in lieu of \$10,000 bail Tuesday after pleading innocent in Sullivan County, where the city youths attended

Turner fired at six of the 12 Scouts under his care, ordering them to dance, police said. The 14-year-old shot between the eyes

suffered a superficial but bloody wound.

Rapper Dr. Dre sentenced

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Grammy-winning rapper Dr. Dre pleaded no contest to drunken driving charges Tuesday and was sentenced to eight months in jail for violating probation from a 1993 battery conviction.

Dr. Dre, whose real name is Andre Young, entered the plea before Municipal Judge Paula Adela Mabrey, who also ordered him to pay a \$1,053 fine and attend an alcohol

education program. Young, 28, was arrested Jan. 10 after a chase through Beverly Hills and Westwood in his 1987 Ferrari that police clocked up to

Faster-than-light illusion spotted

NEW YORK (AP) - A group of astronomers believe they have found the first example in our galaxy of what looks like the impossible: an object moving faster than light. But don't chuck those physics text-

It's just an illusion and the blob of matter is really poking along at only about 92 percent of the speed of light. That's still a record for the galaxy.

The faster-than-light illusion had been spotted several times before outside the Milky Way. Further study might help scientists confirm their understanding of the illusion, researchers said.

None hurt in oil tanker wreck

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) - A fishing boat sunk Tuesday after colliding with a Norwegian tanker about 70 miles east of the coast. No injuries were reported, the Coast Guard says.

At about 5:23 a.m., the tanker Ellida notified authorities in Galveston it had collided with the Crackerjack, of Tampa, Fla., and that the Crackerjack had sunk. The accident occurred about 70 miles southeast of

Freeport, Texas. All three crewmembers of the Crackerjack were rescued by the Cracker Queen and taken to Port Aransas, Texas. The tanker suffered minor damage.

Mine explosion kills 79

MANILA, Philippines (AP) - An explosion in the Philippines' largest underground coal mine left at least 79 workers dead and 20 missing, officials said Tuesday.

The Monday night blast, in a tunnel about 500 miles south of Manila, was the second at the mine in the past six months. An explosion there in March killed 11.

There were conflicting reports about what caused the blast. One official said miners hit a pocket of methane gas that exploded, but a local mayor said the accident was triggered by a dynamite blast.

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CAMPUSLINES

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your reservations. These workshops will be offered again, as requested, at other dates and

LONDON INTERNS OF SPRING 1995 information meeting will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 13, at 4 p.m. in Sadler Hall 205, Conference Room. If you cannot attend please contact Donald Jackson at 921-

STUDY ABROAD RECEP-TION for all students who have studied abroad will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 7, from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Student Center 205-206. The guest speaker will be Delia Pitts, TCU's new director of International Education. Please RSVP to Reed Hall 113 or call 921-7289.

TCU RESEARCH FUND LECTURESHIP Professor

Robert Gompf of the University of Texas at Austin will give a lecture entitled "Exotic Four Manifolds" at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 6, in Winton Scott Hall 145. (Einstein Room) There will be refreshments in the Gauss Common, Room 171 at 3:30. All are welcome

OPEN AUDITION On Thursday. Sept. 8, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Ed Landreth Room 312 all students are invited to audition for the TCU Show Choir This group will rehearse and perform for university-related events. Singers should bring music for a song familiar to them. An accompanist will be provided. For further information call 277-7582

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by Bill Watterson

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CAMPUS CALENDAR

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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

Saturday

7 p.m. eastern standard time: Football game - TCU vs. North Carolina, at North Car-

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Men's soccer game — TCU Mary Hardin-Baylor, at

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

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Tuesday

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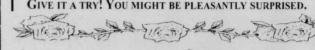
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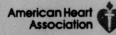
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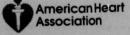
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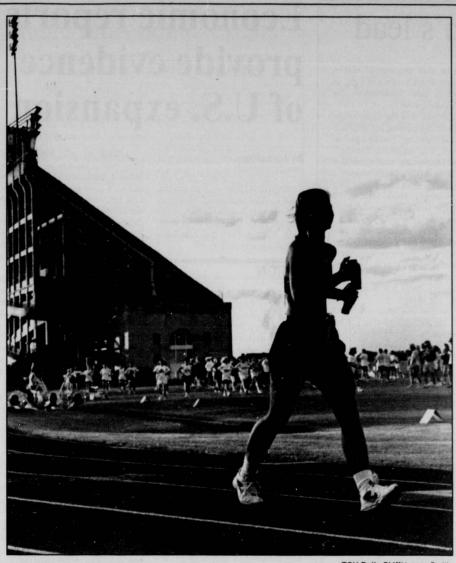
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Clare Blackwell, senior deaf education major, works out to her own tunes as the TCU Marching Band practices behind her.

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Fort Worth and El Paso, movie theaters, university buildings, churches and government offices

Thistle Hill, Fort Worth's historic cattle baron mansion, is one of many houses featured in the book.

"The book will be invaluable to architects and historians, museum docents and interior designers as well as anyone interested in folk art." said Deborah Phelan, owner and operator of Thistle Hill and executive director of Texas Heritage.

The awards program of the American Association for State and Local History recognizes outstanding achievements in state, provincial, and local history. The association focuses on the achievements of individuals and organizations in the field in hope of encouraging standards of excellence and inspiring others to give more care, thought and effort to their own projects.

The Certificate of Commendation

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is presented for superior work within the context of available means and regional standards, according to the American Association for State and Local History.

Nominations for the award are encouraged for work over and above the ordinary call of duty. Special consideration is given to new and promising ideas, approaches and innovations, according to the

Buie Harwood, author of Decorating Texas said,"I was really pleased to learn about the award, because I put about 15 years of work into this

Harwood said the subject of decorative painting in Texas was of interest to her because nothing had ever been written before on the subject. There is a wealth of information out there for this subject, Harwood said.

'This book combined all my interests together," Harwood said. "It was very interesting to me.'

Harwood hopes that people will cquire an appreciation for decorative painting and a good perspective on what is in the Texas area.

Harwood is an associate professor of interior design at the School of Arts, Virginia Commonwealth University. She has taught at the University of Texas at Austin, the University of North Texas and the Winedale Institute for Historic Preservation

A limited edition of 300 copies of Decorating Texas was issued in cloth. The coffee-table book measures 81/2 by 11 inches, sells for \$60 in cloth, \$29.95 in paper and contains 24 color and 50 black-and-white photos as well as design drawings.

TCU Press has an active university press, which publishes eight titles a year, particularly works dealing with the history and literature of the American West.

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In the Student Enterprises program, student consulting teams compete and bid against each other to solve real business problems, she said.

A large part of the hands on learning experience comes from the summer internship program.

"Participants in the summer internship program have enjoyed a 90 to 100 percent placement rate during the last four years," Conway said. "That's phenomenal — you just don't find that at every school." Some corporations currently work-

ing with the School of Business are Pier One Imports, Alcon Laboratories, PepsiCo, IBM and the Bombay Company.

Linda Smith, assistant dean of the MBA program, said the school's close ties to the business community is an invaluable asset for the students.

"Our strong ties with businesses in Fort Worth provide an excellent opportunity for students to sell themselves," she said.

The school also has an International Board of Visitors that serves as a "sounding board for the dean and fac-

ulty," Conway said.
"The Board of Visitors is a corporate advisory board from a broad range of industries that gives us an industry perspective of the business community," she said.

"The opportunities in the MBA program are outstanding," Conway said. "There are a lot of good schools out there, but this program is really starting to gain a lot of attention for its unique opportunities and features. It's a first-rate program.'

teaches both East Asian Religious Perspectives as well as a course on Buddhism.

"It will help in the obvious ways, such as slides to view in class, but it also helps me to humanize the Chinese culture," Fort said. "I am a fan of humanizing other people of the

He said that the trip deepened his understanding of the Chinese culture and its people. Now when students have a question, Fort can answer with a personal experience story.

Religion scholars in China are further behind than their American counterparts because religion there

was repressed until 1976, Fort said. 'The Chinese people live in a context that says 'social harmony is most important, and if religion goes against that harmony, then religion

"The exhibit is a big event for TCU," Watson said. "It opens on gallery night in Fort Worth, and a lot of people will start their tours of the galleries here.'

The Metroplex exhibit will be open 2 p.m. to 8 p.m., Sept. 10.

The Director of the Contemporary Art Museum in Houston and exhibit juror, Marti Mayo, will lecture at TCU at 2:30 on Sept. 10, in Room 141 north of the Moudy Building. can be repressed," Fort said. Fort was also able to compare

China to India, which is his area of specialization

"Overall, China is more advanced than India, and the development that is going on is flabbergasting," Fort

"The quality of life for the average Chinese person is better than the quality of life for the average Indian," Fort said. "I would say that in five years, the Chinese are going to be ferocious competitors for us.'

Fort said he would go back to China if he ever has the opportunity.

"There is more than two weeks worth to do and see," he said.

Int'l ed head travels the world over

BY MARK MOURER TCU DAILY SKIFF

Adorning the shelves of Delia Pitts's office in Sadler Hall are a variety of folk art and literature that span the globe.

The decor in TCU's new director of international education ranges from festival paintings out of Mexico to hand woven baskets from the Ivory Coast in west Africa to a library representing many cultures, a testimony to Pitts's extensive global travel and

Pitts took command of the newly created position on Aug. 1. She will be working with the study abroad and summer study and travel programs as well as with the intensive English stud-

Pitts comes to TCU with plenty of international work experience. She obtained a masters and a doctorate in history from the University of Chicago, and was the founding treasurer of the U.S.-Mexico Fulbright Commission, dispensing over \$5 million in scholarships. She also worked as assistant cultural attache of the U.S. Embassy in Nigeria and Mexico.

When Pitts was at the embassy in Mexico two years ago, she became aware of TCU's commitment to international education. Then she met Provost William Koehler and Associate Vice Chancellor Larry Adams.

"I was very impressed with the program," Pitts said. "Many universities don't have what TCU has in the way of

Pitts said that the school's interest in an international program brought her

"Other universities may have the kernel," she said of the international program, "but this one has the commitment.

Adams said that Pitts' appointment was a mandate for the university to continue its efforts at promoting its international education program.

infusing the international curriculum into the university," Adams said. 'She'll make a significant difference in the summer travel, travel abroad and intensive English studies programs.'

With her position, Pitts will be

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The intensive English study class is

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Associate Vice Chancellor Larry

"One goal of the university has been to enhance international awareness by

working to solidify the study abroad programs.

'We'd like to see more enthusiasm

Pitts will also work with the intensive English study program for incom-

not only to improve writing skills, Pitts

to matricu late TCU's international students into the English-

speaking world. Pitts said

international education

program will serve as an ambassador in recruiting students from around the globe.

Delia Pitts

"We want to bring extremely high quality international students here to TCU," she said. "The essence of our recruitment will be our students studying abroad."

By word of mouth and knowing TCU's students studying abroad, she explained, TCU can gain recognition as a leader in international

"We have a number of points of excellence that are gaining international prominence," Pitts said.

She looks forward to her job here at TCU and anticipates increasing success with the international education program, she said.

'Multicultural is the way the world will be," she said. "We can either ignore it or take advantage of it.'

World Cup attracts TCU students

BY DAVID JIMENEZ

This summer's World Cup Soccer tournament not only had the interest of a worldwide audience, but it had the interest of TCU students, as well

For the first time in World Cup history, the United States was the host country for the tournament. Six games were played at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas, which attracted TCU students as both fans and employees.

Senior Julie Everett was one Horned Frog who attended all six of the games in Dallas. Everett, a center-fullback on the women's soccer team, said the World Cup was good for Americans

"It gave soccer exposure in the United States," she said. "It let people see how exciting soccer is."

Everett said the World Cup was a

good learning experience for her as a

'It was good to see the players'

execution," she said. "The players had skills superior to any I've ever

Sophomore engineering major Curt Norwood drove from Memphis, Tenn., to see the quarterfinal match between Brazil and the Netherlands in Dallas. Norwood said the World Cup was important because it brought other countries' cultures to the United States.

'The World Cup brought soccer to the forefront in the United States," he said. "The game was on everybody's television set.

Norwood, who played soccer in high school, said attending an international soccer match was different from attending a professional sporting event in the United States.

"Fans feel like they're more part of the game," he said. "It was like the Olympics. Players are playing for their country.

Junior Shawn Flanery, a radio-TV-film major, worked for the World Cup. Flanery was a management assistant for the International Broadcasting Center.

Flanery said the World Cup boosted soccer's popularity in the

"The World Cup opened the country's eyes to what a great sport soccer is," he said. "It gave soccer players respect and it showed that the U.S. can have good soccer."

Flanery said he enjoyed watching soccer fans from other countries.

"It was exciting to see the intensity of the fans," he said. "People enjoy a good soccer match. There was constant cheering.

Flanery said he believes soccer could become a major sport in the United States with the media's help.

"We don't see soccer on television or on the news," he said. "With another successful World Cup in the United States and the media's support of soccer, it could be popular in a few years."

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In 1971, England and Northern Ireland sent in troops to quell the civil disobedience practices and were seen to be more on the Protestants' side in the fighting. Jackson said.

'Each side had its own atrocities," he said. For a long time it seemed as if the fighting would never end, he

Jackson said in some ways the fighting in Northern Ireland between the Republicans (Catholics) and Unionists (Protestants) is like that in the Middle East between the Palestinians and the Israelis. Each group acts on revenge against an act on them, he said.

However, the conflicts are different in that extremists in the IRA will probably not go against the declared cease-fire as an extremist in the Middle East would, Jackson said.

"The IRA is a rather disciplined group," he said.

In Catholic areas in Northern Ireland, the IRA basically serves as the police, administering the laws and punishments, he said. The group has an excellent informant and surveillance system

"(The IRA) is not a force to be

reckoned with," Jackson said. "People probably won't go out on their own.

The Protestant terrorists may decide to strike the Catholics during the cease-fire, though, he said. Both groups must look beyond the

actions of extremists and focus on

peace in order to settle the permanent cease-fire, Jackson said. The Irish Republican Army's supporters called the declaration a hisoric opportunity for peace in the British province. But it disappointed British officials and majority Protes-

explicit assurances of a permanent truce. There also are worries about whether Protestant gunmen will hold

tants in Northern Ireland who wanted

their fire. Many militant Protestants fear the British government has made secret concessions to the IRA to win a peace, and the extremists could try to provoke renewed IRA violence by attacking the province's Roman

Catholic minority.

Hours before the IRA's declaration, the outlawed Ulster Volunteer Force kidnapped a 37-year-old Catholic, shot him in the head and dumped his body on a roadside.

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Fisher not worried about Hutchison's lead

BY LINDA LEAVELL

DALLAS - Democrat Richard Fisher isn't worried about a new poll showing U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison clearly leading in the race that was deadlocked four months ago.

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"If I'd listened to the pollsters, I wouldn't have run in the first place," he said Wednesday.

Fisher says his victory over former Texas attorney general Jim Mattox in the bruising Democratic primary proves he's a scrapper.

Following the Democratic runoff, Fisher and Hutchison, a Republican, were each drawing 44 percent of the vote.

But a new Texas Poll, conducted Aug. 18-27, shows that if the election were today, 49 percent of likely voters would choose Hutchison, while 30 percent favor Fisher. Nineteen percent were undecided and 2 percent would select another

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The poll's margin of error is plus or minus 4 percentage points, meaning each candidate's support could go up or down by that much.

Hutchison did not mention the poll results during her Wednesday address to the Rotary Club of Dallas, but spoke after the meeting about why she believes the gap between the

candidates is widening.
"We think the people of Texas have seen Richard Fisher waffling on major issues and they've seen me standing firm on the very important issues that are in Congress - the health care plan, the crime bill," she said.

Fisher said Hutchison has enjoyed the publicity of incum-bency this summer, while he has quietly undertaken his "(Dairy Queen) Blizzards, gizzards and doughnuts" tour of small Texas communities. But as the campaign heats up this fall, his name will return to prominence and "we'll pull up even with her and beat her,"

In her speech, Hutchison dis-

cussed her year as a rookie senator, including her opposition to President Clinton's health care reform plan and the recently passed crime bill. She also explained her efforts to help border states seek millions of dollars in federal reimbursements for costs involving illegal

Hutchison won the Senate seat from Bob Krueger in a special election last year. Krueger was appointed to the seat by Gov. Ann Richards to replace Texas Democrat Lloyd Bentsen, who was named President Clinton's treasury secretary

Hutchison said she supported the Senate version of the crime bill, but not the revised \$30 billion measure that passed. The bill approved Thursday bans numerous assaultstyle weapons, helps pay for more police, builds more prisons and funds social programs designed to prevent crime

Fisher said he would have voted for the bill. He seized upon the Republicans' opposition to funding a midnight basketball league, a pro-

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gram he said was one of former President Bush's points of light, as hypocrisy and "obstruction for obstruction's sake."

Hutchison said the Democrats' new tactic for passing legislation is to tell dissenters, "You're a part of gridlock. You are obstructionists."

The Democratic challenger also said he was pleased to receive a fund-raising letter from former first lady Barbara Bush touting "a dynamic, young, successful business person.

"We can no longer afford a pro-fessional politician. We need someone who has met a payroll, hired and fired and paid taxes. We need someone who has worked in his community, paid his dues so to speak," the letter states.

"I thought this letter was about me. I was just delighted to get her endorsement," joked Fisher, a Dallas millionaire businessman.

The letter is on behalf of Mrs Bush's son, Republican George W. Bush, who is running against Ann Richards in the gubernatorial cam-

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Economic reports provide evidence of U.S. expansion

BY JAMES RUBIN

WASHINGTON - The government's chief economic barometer held steady in July and factory orders dropped more than they have in 21/2 years, fresh evidence the economy is expanding only moderately.

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The Commerce Department said. its Index of Leading Economic Indicators, aimed at predicting growth six months down the road, stalled in July after two months of modest gains.

Analysts said that while the performance was slightly stronger than expected, it is still a signal that rising interest rates are slowing economic

"It's pretty much what everyone predicted," said Kermit Baker of Cahners Economics, a Newton, Mass., forecasting service. "I think we're going to see flat numbers for the rest of the year. It's enough to keep the Federal Reserve off our backs, but not enough to get businesses too excited.'

'The leading indicators are a bit more bearish than they look," said Gordon Richards of the National Association of Manufacturers, "The key indicator is the drop in new orders for consumer goods ... a definite sign of slower times ahead."

The index was unchanged in July after rising 0.2 percent in June and 0.1 percent in May. Three straight moves by the index in the same direction are considered a good gauge of where the economy is headed.

The Commerce Department also

reported that orders to U.S. factories fell 2.3 percent in July. Demand for automobiles plummeted as automakers shut down plants for two weeks to retool and for vacations.

The drop in factory orders was the first in five months and the biggest since the indicator of manufacturing plans plunged 3.6 percent in December 1991. Even excluding the volatile transportation component, they slipped 0.2 percent. Factory orders had increased 0.8 percent in June.

Economist David Jones of Aubrey G. Lanston & Co., a New York government securities dealer, predicted factory orders will recover as demand for U.S. cars increases.

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"I think we will have a strong bounce-back because of good export demand, particularly from Europe, and with good investment growth. I look for solid growth in the months ahead." he said.

The Index of Leading Economic Indicators held at 101.5, its all-time high since the government began the measurement in 1948. It has now risen in 10 of the last 12 months.

Three of the 11 components of the index advanced, led by higher raw material prices. Also, building permits were up and there were fewer weekly initial claims for unemployment insurance.

Six of the components retreated. They were fewer factory orders for consumer goods, a decline in consumer expectations, faster business delivery times that usually are a sign of decreasing orders, a shorter average workweek, fewer unfilled orders for durable goods and lower stock

The Commerce Department said the money supply increased slightly and business orders for plant and equipment decreased slightly, but their contributions to the index canceled each other out

Another report released Wednesday could add to the Federal Reserve's worries that inflation is on the rise. The Purchasing Management Association of Chicago said its price-paid index rose to 79.3 percent in August from 71.9 percent in July. The group's index of area business activity fell to 61.6 percent in August from 63.0 percent in July.

Financial markets and analysts now are awaiting Friday's unemployment report for August.

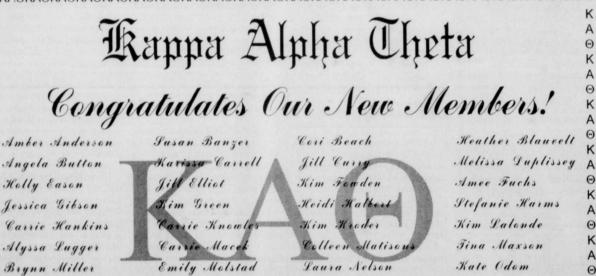
In raising interest rates five times this year, the Federal Reserve has emphasized that price stability could be threatened if labor shortages develop and wage pressures increase.

The Fed last boosted interest rates on Aug. 16, and analysts said they expect the central bank to remain on the sidelines for a few months to gauge the impact of tighter credit.

The Commerce Department said last week that in the second quarter the economy expanded at a 3.8 percent annual rate. Most analysts expect the rate of expansion to slow to 2.5 percent or less this quarter, which ends Sept. 30.

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Judge rules homosexuals can be kept from military

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SAN FRANCISCO — The armed forces can't bar homosexuals based solely on their statements that they are gay, a federal appeals court ruled today in upholding the reinstatement of a Navy petty officer.

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Only a statement that shows a "concrete, fixed or expressed desire to engage in homosexual acts despite their being prohibited" justifies an involuntary discharge, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said.

The ruling upheld a federal judge's reinstatement of a Petty Officer Keith Meinhold, who was denied re-enlistment after disclosing his homosexuality while on television. But it overturned the judge's nationwide

order banning military discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Meinhold sued only on his own behalf, not as a representative of all gays in the military, the court said. It said the case should be resolved by simply forbidding the Navy to discharge Meinhold solely because of his statement, which expressed no desire to engage in prohibited sexual conduct.

The ruling was issued under the former military policy, which treated declarations of homosexuality as grounds for discharge.

Under the so-called "don't ask, don't tell" policy adopted by President Clinton and Congress, service members who declare their homosexuality face discharge unless they can prove they won't engage in homosexual acts while in the service.

U.S., Vatican to square off over abortion, contraception

BY RITA BEAMISH ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration is girding for a show-down with the Vatican over abortion while struggling to keep the spotlight on global population and development at an upcoming United Nations conference.

WORLD

Adding to the complications was growing opposition from conservative Muslims who see the conference as a threat by affluent Western societies to their cultural beliefs.

The administration has played a lead role in shaping the International Conference on Population and Development set to begin Monday in Cairo. Vice President Al Gore will led a 45-member delegation representing the United States.

Most of the 155-plus nations and some 1,200 non-governmental groups sending delegates agree on many aspects of an aggressive voluntary blueprint for curbing population growth in both poor and rich coun-

tries.

Despite what they regard as remarkable accord on goals like improving women's status and integrating population and development strategies, U.S. officials anticipate a heated fight over still-to-be-decided sections on abortion as a reproductive health option.

However, Undersecretary of State Tim Wirth said Wednesday that compromise language appears likely on another contentious front — providing family planning information and care to adolescents.

"Our position is that everything should be done to avoid abortion," said Wirth, the administration's point man on population issues.

The United States, nonetheless, will continue to insist that "if a pregnancy gets into trouble, a woman ought to have access to the full range of reproductive health care services," including abortion, Wirth said.

"They will object to that," Wirth he said of the Vatican.

Vatican delegate Bishop James McHugh, the bishop of Camden, N.J., said he hopes for language clarification or omission that will allow the church to support the document.
But, McHugh added, "We don't have a way in which we can accept a little bit of abortion."

The United States has sought to shift attention away from the controversy as political analysts eye the potential of the large Catholic swing vote for the 1996 presidential election.

"This is not a conference about abortion. This is a conference about the urgency of population stabilization and economic development," Wirth said. "Unless we stabilize the global population, almost every hope for economic development, political stability and maintenance of the integrity of the ecosystems will be severely threatened."

Wirth professed to be nonplussed at decisions this week by Saudi Arabia, Sudan and Lebanon to withdraw from the conference in reaction to claims by Muslim fundamentalists. that it would undermine Islamic views of morality.

And Turkey and Bangladesh have decided to send lower ranking emissaries than originally intended.

The Cairo conference seeks to cur-

tail the world's rapid growth rate, now running at 90 million people a year, an increase equal to the size of Mexico. Today's population of 5.7 billion is projected by the United Nations to grow to 10 billion or 12 billion by 2050 without dramatic steps to stabilize it at 8 billion.

Lester Brown of Worldwatch Institute called U.S. leadership key in shaping what he called "the boldest initiative that the U.N. has ever undertaken."

The Clinton administration has been sparring with the Vatican for months, with Pope John Paul II vigorously assailing the draft document's promotion of artificial birth control and acceptance of

In a speech last week, Gore said the U.S.-backed plan urges abortion only as consistent with each nation's laws. The administration, he said, does not seek an 'international right to abor-

U.S. officials said Gore's remarks did not change the U.S. stance, but clarified its position in light of misperceptions stemming in part from a March State Department cable.

Cons joining fleeing Cubans, officials say

By GEORGE GEDDA

WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration has picked up "credible reports" that Cuban authorities have released some prisoners in recent days, allowing them to join the boat people fleeing the island, officials said Tuesday.

NATION

The officials said the issue will be taken up Thursday when delegations from the United States and Cuba meet in New York to discuss ways of dealing with the outflow of Cubans.

One official said there are about "100 suspect cases" among the more than 15,000 Cubans who are being detained at the U.S. Navy base at Guantanamo, Cuba. But, the official said, all appear to be minimum-security cases involving prisoners serving time for trying to flee the island or stealing food.

The officials, asking not to be identified, said it is not clear whether the administration will try to have these Cubans repatriated. The spokesman at the Cuban diplomatic mission here was not available for comment on the U.S. allegations.

Cuban prisoners are routinely tattooed between the thumb and forefinger, making them easily identifiable by U.S. officials.

Cuban authorities angered U.S. officials 14 years ago when they allowed thousands of prisoners and mental patients to join the Mariel boatlift. Many of the prisoners had been guilty of violent crimes.

admitted to the United States, and Cuba has allowed more than 1,100 of these Cubans to be repatriated. But the Clinton administration is seeking the return of an additional 4,000, and will raise the issue in this week's talks.

Former Foreign Minister Ricardo Alarcon will represent Cuba at the talks, the first phase of which will be held at the U.S. mission to the United Nations.

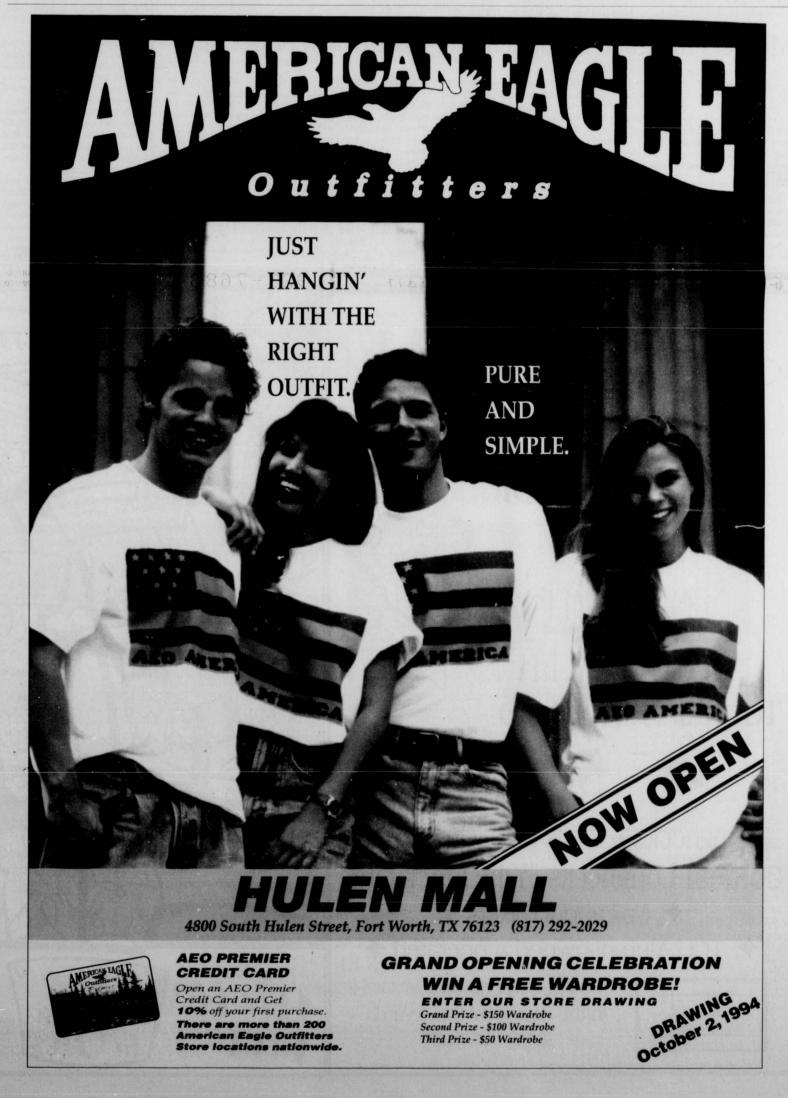
Alarcon was President Fidel Castro's most trusted foreign policy adviser until he left diplomatic life last year to become president of the National Assembly or parliament.

A State Department official expressed hope that the appointment of a close confidante of Castro indicates a seriousness of purpose by Cuba heading into the talks. Alarcon is well known in international circles for his scathing criticism of U.S. policies.

Career diplomat Michael Skol, who will head the American delegation, said in a telephone interview the U.S. goal in the talks is to "end the rafter outflow and to increase the possibility for legal, safe migration."

A week ago, Coast Guard cutters picked up more than 3,200 Cubans in one day, leaving U.S. officials worried about a refugee crisis.

But there has been a sharp drop in the numbers in recent days, which U.S. officials attribute to a combination of bad weather and appeals aired on U.S. government-sponsored broadcasts for Cubans to stay home.



Candidate Bush cries foul at Richards

"That young Bush boy" angered by comments on Governor's radio advertisement

By PEGGY FIKAC

AUSTIN — Republican George W. Bush is crying foul over a radio ad by Democratic Gov. Ann Richards that says he's been bailed out by "daddy's friends" in business and refers to him as "that young Bush bov."

TEXAS

"How dare Ann Richards demean my family and my business partners with her negative commercial? She should be ashamed," Bush, who is managing general partner of the Texas Rangers baseball team and son of the former president, said in a Wednesday statement.

Richards' campaign spokesman, Chuck McDonald, said her ads are responding to radio commercials by Bush in Central and East Texas. Bush's ads link Richards to "Washington bureaucrats" who Bush says want to strip away Texans' property rights.

"Obviously, this campaign is going to respond to any attacks launched by the Bush campaign . . .

They started this business, and they are well aware of it," McDonald said.

He said Richards' ads are running on the radio stations that aired Bush's commercials.

"George Bush wants to apply a double standard to this race," McDonald said. "Mr. Bush believes he can say anything bad about Ann Richards' performance as governor any time he wants, and for us to respond is somehow an affront to him."

In the commercial at issue, a male voice says, "That young Bush boy — you know, the former president's son — he talks a good game, but has he ever done anything?"

A second male voice says, "He makes a big deal about running a baseball team. Fact is, he owns a little more than 1 percent of the Pangers"

"Every business he's been involved with had to be bailed out by daddy's friends. Seems like he always gets to start at the top. And now he expects to do the same thing in state government," says a third male voice.

The announcer concludes, "Most people think we need a governor who

really understands what a job is, and they're supporting Gov. Ann Richards."

Bush said none of the businesses he's been involved with had to be bailed out.

"I am proud of my dad and mom and their leadership and integrity, and I'm proud of my business career, which by any objective measure is a success," he said.

Bush contended that he has taken "the high road" in campaigning.

"My radio commercial on property rights outlines the facts of Ann Richards' well-documented flip-flop on inviting the federal government in to take over the private property rights of Texans," he said.

Richards this summer withdrew her support for special federal protection for several Texas waterways after calling the U.S. government "ham-handed."

"I will stick to the issues and the facts, and it's personally offensive to me and the voters of Texas to see ... Governor Richards launch untrue personal attacks on my family and my business career," Bush said.

McDonald said the Bush cam-

paign's advertising has "grossly distorted" Richards' record. "I find their shock here a little amusing," he said.

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Another radio ad by Richards' campaign says "that lady governor" has brought more jobs to East Texas, while a third jabs Bush over property rights, referring to a lawsuit by some landowners over acquisition of property for The Ballpark in Arlington complex.

The latter spot says, in part, "So George W. Bush says he's all for property rights. Says he doesn't want the government coming in and taking your land away. Well, tell it to the private property owners in Arlington. Texas — the ones who had the misfortune to get between George W. Bush and a fast buck."

Hughes said the Rangers believe landowners have been fairly compensated for their land, but they have a right to go to court.

She added, If Ann Richards believes the people of Arlington are not happy with The Ballpark, she should go to Arlington and tell the people there they voted the wrong way" in approving tax money for the facility.

Rangers sued by property owners

BY PAULINE ARRILLAGA TCU DAILY SKIFF

ARLINGTON, Texas — Property owners fighting for control of land surrounding The Ballpark in Arlington have sued Texas Rangers managing general partner George W. Bush, other Rangers owners and the ball club's law firm accusing them of conspiring to illegally obtain the land.

TEXAS

The lawsuit, filed Friday in Harris County district court, accuses Bush and his Rangers partners of coercing the city of Arlington to condemn private property for ventures benefiting the Rangers.

Bush, the Republican candidate for governor, has campaigned in part on landowners rights. He owns 1.8 percent of the Rangers.

Bush campaign spokesman Reggie Bashur referred comments concerning the lawsuit to Rangers officials.

Rangers president and limited partner Tom Schieffer, who also is named in the lawsuit, said Wednesday he had not yet seen the lawsuit, but dismissed it as a political ploy.

"This is the silly season in politics, and George is running for governor. So I guess you kind of have to expect things like this because of his running for governor," Schieffer said.

"There certainly was no conspiracy," he said. "We don't have anything to be ashamed of. I think we built the finest facility in baseball, and I think people would agree with that."

Members of the Charles Robert Mathes family accuse the Rangers and the club's law firm, Jackson & Walker, of violating fair business practices by conspiring to obtain their property. Jackson & Walker was representing both the Rangers and the Matheses when the city of Arlington began proceedings to acquire the land for the Rangers' sports-entertainment complex, the suit says.

The property owners contend the firm and the Rangers worked together to drive down offers to buy the land and coerce city officials to condemn the land for private use.

Cities generally are authorized to condemn land only for a public purpose.

"(The Rangers) wanted to have a monopoly on that entire location and the only way for them to get the monopoly ... was to use their political power to change the law in Texas and use their political power to coerce the city to use this new law to condemn all of their competitors in the area," said Glenn Sodd, a Corsicana attorney representing the landowners.

"They used the threat of leaving Arlington — a place we don't think they ever intended to leave — to coerce city officials into giving up \$135 million in taxpayer funds to induce them to stay in Arlington," Sodd said.

The lawsuit seeks an undisclosed amount of actual and punitive damages.

Messages left Wednesday at the public relations office of Jackson & Walker were not returned. Jackson & Walker, based in Dallas, has offices in Houston.

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Murders by grade-school children skyrocket, police say

By TERRI LIKENS ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — The boy has a tattoo on his arm that says "I love Mommy" and is nicknamed "Yummy" for his love of cookies. He stands about 4-foot-8 and weighs 68 pounds.

NATION

Police say he is a veteran felon. Now they suspect he is an 11-year-old killer. The boy is being sought in connection with two shooting sprees Sunday that left one teen-ager dead and two injured.

But Cook County Public Guardian Patrick Murphy said Wednesday that boy is almost as much a victim as those who took the bullets. "He has had a horrible, horrible life," Murphy said.

According to Murphy's records, the boy was removed from his mother's home after investigators found cigarette burns on his neck, back and buttocks, scratches on his face and abdomen, and cord marks on his legs. He and his brother were placed in the custody of his grandmother, who Murphy said provided no discipline.

In the past two years, the boy was prosecuted at least eight times for felonies including robbery, car theft, arson and burglary. He was convicted twice and received probation, although one judge sentenced him to three weeks of detention for probation violations.

According to a 1993 study by the U.S. Bureau of

Justice Statistics Clearinghouse, the rate of juveniles committing murder, rape, aggravated assault and robbery increased 50 percent, while the rate for adults committing the same crimes increased about 25 percent during the same period.

Police suspect the 11-year-old, a hardened gang member, fired at a group of boys standing on a South Side street. In that attack, Kianta Britten, 16, was hospitalized with a gunshot wound that injured his spinal cord. He was in serious condition Wednesday at Columbus Hospital.

Despite the seriousness of the accusations against the boy, who has not been charged, Murphy said he feels pity.

"He never had a chance," he said.



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Ducks return to Texas in record numbers; doves open Thursday

By TERRI LANGFORD ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON — The Texas hunting season kicks off Thursday with doves, but it's the upcoming duck season that's making all the

TEXAS

For the first time in decades, ducks are making a record comeback in Texas and across the country.

Last year there were an estimated 59 million ducks nationwide. This fall, after considerable rain and flooding, game officials are predicting 71 million.

'It's a remarkable increase," agrees Ron George, Texas Parks and Wildlife's deputy director of wildlife.

Four years of great hatchings, attributed to more water, ample nesting cover and programs that retire certain lands for waterfowl habitats, have contributed to the increase,

"The northern U.S. and Canada have been in a drought," George said. "All the floodings, the Mississippi and the Missouri Rivers, broke the drought. You've got a whole lot better water situation this year.'

For the first time in years, hunters will be able to increase their three-duck bag limit to four when the season opens in most areas Nov. 19. While not as high as the pre-1980s bag limit of 10 for some species, game officials are hoping that the four-bird limit will tease hunters enough to return to their

The low population and some say stingy limit have steered even the most dedicated duck hunter — and even more serious, the younger hunter - away to other game, where the limits are more generous.

"They have so many ducks now, they can't hide it," said Forrest West, a hunting guide, remarking on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services, which sets limits and determines hunting policy for the nation.

Lower limits have hurt duck hunting for the past several years, said West, owner of the Los Patos guide service. A younger generation has been not been introduced to the sport, which also hurts the industry, he said.

"They've just given us one more duck and that's kind of like giving a drink of water to a guy who's just starved to death," West said. Back to doves

Gov. Ann Richards, her rival candidate George W. Bush and thousands of other hunters won't be reporting to work to make it for opening day Thursday.

The season opens around 6:30 a.m. and Texas Parks and Wildlife is expecting a better opening than last year, particularly in the South Zone (opens Sept. 23), where whitewings have recovered. Limits are 15 mourning doves daily. The

possession limit during mourning dove season is 30 birds, twice the daily bag limit.

In the four-day, whitewinged dove season (Sept. 3, 4, 10 and 11) in the special whitewing area, bag limits are 10 doves with no more than five mourning doves and two white-

An estimated 615,000 whitewings are nesting in the lower Rio Grade valley, a huge increase from 441,000 last year. In upper South Texas, 577,000 whitewings were nesting through a 16-county area, an increase from 479,000 in 1993.

Freezes in 1983 and 1989 killed citrus trees in South Texas. That, combined with drought over the years, had reduced whitewing num-

"This year we've recovered," said George. "A 39 percent increase in the lower Rio Grande Valley. We're really doing

Also noted is how the whitewing's range has expanded this year.

'We have whitewings as far north as Waco and Lubbock," George said.

Other game predictions: -Deer season looks to be average to above average. Despite good spring rains and a fairly wet August, conditions have been dry in far West Texas, which are affecting deer and antelope populations there. East Texas is in "pretty good shape," George said.

-Turkeys hatchings statewide were poor because of dry conditions at critical times during the year. However, George predicted the last few years of good hatchings will sustain good hunting this year. "Generally better in South Texas than the Edwards Plateau," said George.

-Quail will be one of the dark spots for hunters. "Because of the way the rain fell, quail numbers may be a little down," George said. "Quail is not something we're going to be brag about this year."

-Geese look great this year after a good breeding season, officials said.

As always, hunt only if you have a new 1994-95 hunting license and take some time to consult this year's hunting guide. For additional information on hunting and fishing regulations, contact the Texas Parks and Wildlife toll-free number at 1-800-792-

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Rangers limited partner Gerald Haddock, who worked at Jackson & Walker from 1990 to early 1994 and is named in the lawsuit, said he had not yet seen the lawsuit but that the allegations appeared to be unwarranted.

"I'm not familiar with the current status of the proceedings, but based on my knowledge of the various transactions, the allegations are without merit," Haddock said.

The condemnation involves approximately 12 acres of land located just east of the new ballpark that the Rangers already have developed for parking and other facilities. The city of Arlington and the Arlington Sports Facilities Development Authority filed suit to acquire the

The landowners filed a counter claim in 1992 contending the condemnation was illegal because the land is for private use. That claim is pending in a Tarrant County court.

City and Rangers officials argue that the complex will benefit the public, although an agreement between the team and the city allows the Rangers to keep all revenues. Plans for the complex include a 12,500seat amphitheater, office buildings and a "riverwalk" featuring shops and restaurants.

Even though the city will own the land, charging the Rangers up to \$3.5 million a year, the agreement gives the team total control over its use. The agreement also applies up to \$1.5 million of each year's rent to an eventual purchase by the Rangers in as few as 12 years.

Bush has made government control of private land an issue in the governor's race, criticizing Democratic Gov. Ann Richards for changing her position on federal control of several lakes in Texas.

Horror novel haunted by aroma of burned flesh

BY LARRY GERBER

LOS ANGELES — Some of the horror novels they sell nowadays are enough to turn your stomach. With three copies of "Drawing Blood," you don't even have to turn the pages.

NATION

The three books, copies of a \$50 limited edition of the novel by Poppy Z. Brite, were marked up to \$600 because they are embellished with the odor of burned human flesh.

Two sold less than a week after the plastic-wrapped offerings were advertised in rare book dealer Barry R. Levin's catalog.

'Some books sort of sell them-

selves," Levin said. "Books take on a life of their own. They go through life and meet famous or infamous people, they are involved in famous or infamous events.

The three copies of "Drawing Blood" took on a death of their own.

Last Dec. 24, a man walked into Westwood Mail Services with a container of gasoline and set himself and the business afire. He died a few days

The man's motive was unknown. The fire gutted the lobby of the delivery business, but didn't harm most mail awaiting delivery, including a package for Barry R.

Levin Science Fiction & Fantasy "We found the books were just fine," said Levin. "Except for this What was it like?

"You really don't want to know." said Levin. "But the cannibals in New Guinea supposedly call their favorite delicacy 'long pig,' and it did have that sickly sweet odor."

The publisher of the special editions turned up his nose. "I find that really shocking," said James Cahill, whose Huntington Beach company released nearly 300 signed copies of the 1993 novel in deluxe bindings.

Author Brite, who works in New Orleans, said she wasn't happy about the fire but isn't at all squeamish about the aromatic enhancement.

"I like that sort of thing," she said. "It's very appropriate for the book in

She described "Drawing Blood" as a "haunted house love story, with underground comics, computer

hackers, family murder, personal hells ... No one actually burns to death in the course of it, but there's a lot of death in the story, a lot of pain."

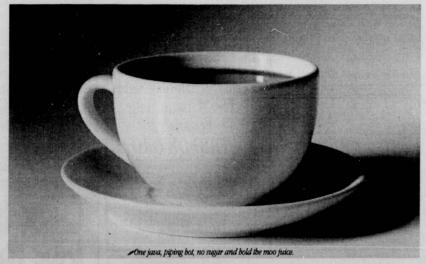
Levin is giving the special edition profits to Westwood Mail Services to ease the cost of the fire.

"It seemed only fair somehow," he said. "It's a mom-and-pop operation. They're not wealthy people, and they've got everything wrapped up in this business.

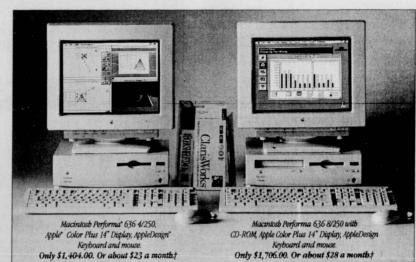
Brite has a caveat for collectors: "The only problem with this is ... if anybody reads it, the smell will dissipate, unless they rewrap it in plastic or keep the book in the fridge.

Not that she wants it hermetically sealed. "I think one of the joys of reading it would be turning the pages and having the aroma of burned flesh wafting up at you."

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SPORTS

Lack of bowl may hurt Aggies' spirit

BY THOMAS MANNING

For the past three years, the Texas A&M Aggies have been head and shoulders above the rest of the Southwest Conference

FOOTBALL

The Aggies haven't lost a Southwest Conference game since 1990, leaving everyone else in the conference in their wake with a 22-0 conference record since 1991

This year, the Aggies may very well dominate the SWC again. The talent is there. And Coach R.C. Slocumb, who has compiled a 49-12-1 overall record since joining Texas A&M, is also there

But, no matter how good the Aggies are, they won't be trying their luck in a fourth straight Cotton Bowl this season

The reason is the Aggies have been placed on NCAA Probation. And that means no bowl game for the perennial-powerhouse Aggies.
On paper, A&M doesn't look as

good as it has in the past three years. There are holes in the offensive and defensive lines, and there are highcaliber players who must be replaced all around.

"We lost heavily on both sides of the ball in the lines, and that's a real challenge for us," said Head Coach R.C. Slocumb. "Because of that, I see it as a rebuilding year, probably more so than we've had in recent years."

Running back Greg Hill would appear to be the biggest loss. Hill was selected by the Kansas City Chiefs in the first round of the NFL draft. He was the Aggie workhorse on offense the past three years, and earned All-SWC honors in 1991 and 1992.

Yet running back remains a strong position for the Aggies. Senior Rodney Thomas was All-SWC last year and looks to build on his impressive numbers (996 yards, 13 touchdowns) as the Aggies No. 1 back in 1994.

Thomas, along with sophomore Leeland McElroy (who led the team in receiving last season with 19 catches and four touchdowns) will anchor an A&M offense that returns

will need to get experience in a hurry, particularly on the offensive line Only one lineman is a returning starter for the Aggies.

The quarterback position is set, with junior Corey Pullig returning to run the show. Pullig was solid last season, throwing for 17 touchdowns while tossing 10 interceptions. But it is obvious that A&M's main offensive focus will be the running attack

"We'll be a ball-control passing attack with big-play potential," said offensive coordinator Steve Ensminger, who came over from Georgia the off-season. "Those running backs have got to touch the ball 60 percent of the time, maybe 70 per-

Defensively, the Aggies were dominant last season. But defensive tackles Sam Adams and Eric England and cornerback Aaron Glenn were drafted into the NFL and will be hard to replace. And the Aggies will attempt to replace these veterans with youth, which could spell

Texas A&M still has strong units at linebacker and in the secondary Senior Antonio Armstrong was All-SWC at linebacker last season and should once again be a force. Another all-conference selection, cornerback Ray Mickens, will anchor the sec-

The defensive line will be the main concern for the Aggie defense, as inexperienced players will need to step in and replace Adams and Eng-

The Aggies could once again have a perfect SWC record in 1994, but a lot of pieces of the puzzle will have to fall into place. Texas A&M needs to have its young players step up and fill some big shoes.

But the main problem the Aggies will face in '94 will be in maintaining their competitive edge and drive in a season that they know will not end at

"We've got plenty of motivation," Slocumb said. "We haven't lost a Southwest Conference game in three years, and that's something worth playing for. It will be a big challenge to keep that going.

Baylor relies on quarterback for success

BY DAVID JIMENEZ TCU DAILY SKIFF

The Baylor Bears' success on the football field may be dictated by the success of their quarterback.

FOOTBALL

The only problem Baylor coaches have is who will play quarterback. Since four-year starter J.J. Joe graduated, the quarterback situation is still up in the air.

"I think the biggest question is how good we get at quarterback," Baylor offensive coordinator Jack Crowe said. "I don't think we settled everything in the spring."

Moore is scheduled to start at quarterback when the season begins on September 3 against Louisiana Tech. However, Moore's only experience at quarterback last season came in a 38-13 loss to TCU.

Junior Kevin Rhea and sophomore Reed Livesay will back up

At running back, junior Brandell Jackson and senior Bradford Lewis return to lead the rushing attack. Jackson and Lewis combined to rush for 1,286 yards in 1993.

In addition to Jackson and Lewis, Baylor added freshman Jerod Douglas to the backfield. Douglas, who played for Converse Judson in high school, is the leading rusher in the history of Texas Class 5A high school football. Douglas rushed for almost 3,000 yards in his junior year and over 2,000 yards as a senior.

Baylor returns two starters on the offensive line, including 1993 All-Southwest Conference lineman senior David Leaks. In addition to Leaks, junior Fred Miller returns to start at right tackle.

The strength of Baylor may be its defense. In 1993, the Bears allowed 30 points per game. This year, the Bears will be returning 10 defensive starters.

Seniors Scotty Lewis and Steve Strahan will anchor the defensive

front for Baylor. The two combined for 104 tackles including 20 behind

the line of scrimmage.

Junior strong safety Adrian Robinson returns in the secondary. Robinson intercepted four passes and broke up three more in 1993.

To help the defense, the Bears added freshman free safety Nikia Codie to the defense. Codie was a high school blue-chip safety at Cle-

Head Coach Chuck Reedy said he believes Baylor has the right combination to win in 1994.

"I know that the way to win championships is with defense and running the ball," Reedy said. "That formula has never changed."

Wife of A&M booster to keep preferred seats

ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLLEGE STATION, Texas The wife of a banned Texas A&M football booster on Wednesday won her fight to sit in preferred seats at Kyle Field, but she was warned not to bring her husband.

A&M Athletic Director Wally Groff said that, after a check with the NCAA, Pattie Gilbert would be allowed to sit among the 18,000 or 20,000 Aggies in a special section at home football games

"It is our understanding that since Mrs. Gilbert did not violate any NCAA rules, we can issue the tickets to her provided the tickets are not used by her husband," Groff said.

Warren Gilbert, a Dallas businessman and prominent Aggie booster, landed Texas A&M in NCAA trouble by paying nine football players for work they didn't do between 1990 and 1992

The Gilberts gave \$30,000 to A&M's 12th Man Foundation athletic fund in 1978, entitling them to four preferred tickets and parking to home football games for life.

But A&M was ordered to disassociate itself from Warren Gilbert in January, when the NCAA put the

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school on five-years' probation. The NCAA said allowing Gilbert to claim his preferred tickets would violate terms of the probation.

When the foundation refused to provide the Gilberts' tickets, Mrs. Gilbert complained that the school was breaching its contract.

Groff warned that Mrs. Gilbert could have her preferred privileges revoked by trying to bring along her husband and said the school would be watching

Groff hinted that other Aggies, angry with Gilbert over the sanctions, might also help with the "Warren

Asked whether Gilbert might feel uncomfortable in the preferred seating section, Groff said "I suspect that's probably true, yes.

Groff stressed that Gilbert was free to purchase football tickets that are available to the general public without violating NCAA rules

Pitcher says strike could end season

ASSOCIATED PRESS

ARLINGTON, Texas - The owners' continued insistence on imposing a salary cap will drive the baseball strike right into next season, says Kevin Brown, the Rangers' player representative.

BASEBALL

"There are no ifs, ands or buts about it," Brown said. "Salary cap is not an option this year, next year or in 1996.

The Major League Players Association went on strike Aug. 12 because of the owners' threat to implement a salary cap. Until that threat is removed, Brown said Tuesday, there will be no baseball.

Brown said the players' union has made a number of proposals the owners refuse to consider unless the players consider a salary cap.

last week. Federal mediators were expected to meet with both sides separately Wednesday.

But Tom Schieffer, president of the Texas Rangers, agreed that it is unlikely major league baseball will resume this season. Owners announced Tuesday

they have canceled a quarterly meeting scheduled for Sept. 7-9 in Detroit.

Schieffer said he hopes the cancellation of the meetings will be viewed as a sign the owners are united and negotiations should resume immediately

Schieffer said he continues to support the owners' insistence on a salary cap.

"It may not be the only solution, but we haven't seen a better solution. Until someone comes up with a better one, we have to stick with the one at hand," Schieffer

SPORTS DIGEST

Jordan looks at fall

CHICAGO (AP) - Michael Jordan may go on playing baseball until December

The Chicago White Sox on Tuesday asked the Arizona Fall League for permission to allow Jordan to play in its upcoming season.

Jordan is currently with the White Sox's Double-A Birmingham team. He is batting .203 with three home runs, 49 RBIs and 30 stolen bases. He has struck out 109 times in 424 atbats, and has 10 errors in the outfield.

Spurs hire assistants

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs announced Wednesday Hall of Fame center Dave Cowens, longtime college coach Hank Egan and former Spurs guard Paul Pressey have been named assistant coaches. The three join the staff of head coach Bob Hill, who was hired Monday.

"All three of these guys bring a different expertise to our coaching staff," Hill said. "The one thing they all have in common is a desire to compete and win games.

Sun bowl ensured

EL PASO, Texas (AP) - The City Council voted Tuesday to set aside \$600,000 to help ensure the Sun Bowl, formerly known as the John Hancock Bowl, will be played this year.

The money will be used to cover any shortfalls the Sun Bowl Association may encounter in putting on the annual game, which is losing its title sponsor, said association Executive Director Tom Starr.

If there are no shortfalls, the money will not be used, he said.

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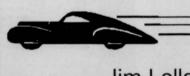
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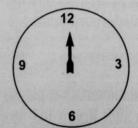
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Two TCU soccer players fight for a loose ball at practice Monday. The TCU men's and women's soccer teams begin regular season play this weekend.

Switzer feeling pressure of leading NFL champions

BY DENNE H. FREEMAN

IRVING, Texas - After going 2-3 in his warmup for the big NFL show, the new coach of the Dallas Cowboys is pressured for the first time to prove he won't botch what he inherited from Jimmy Johnson.

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'I just hope I can do as good a job as Jimmy Johnson did, and (owner) Jerry Jones hopes I can, too," rookie coach Barry Switzer said.

Switzer watched the two-time Super Bowl champions silently most of the exhibition season. Running back Emmitt Smith, wide receiver Michael Irvin and center Mark Stepnoski came back from offseason operations and the only major injury was to second-string running back Derrick Lassic

Smith, Irvin, and Stepnoski are ready to go against Pittsburgh in the first game of the season Sunday.

Dallas lost 28-10 to New Orleans, but Switzer wasn't disturbed. He has learned quickly that exhibition games mean little. This is the fifth year the Cowboys have been .500 or below in the exhibition season.

'Maybe it's good we didn't play well," Switzer said. "It left a bad taste in our mouths. It could help us when we go out and play Pittsburgh."

Switzer said Stepnoski's performance eased his mind.

"Stepnoski was the big thing for our offense," Switzer said. "I thought we would fall off drastically if Derek Kennard had to play center. We would be short in both spots. He wouldn't be as good as Step and we'd have to find another guard.

"Step tells me he is ready to go and said. "So am I."

didn't haven't any problems. We think he can play four quarters against Pittsburgh. He's one tough hombre.

There won't be any dull days at Valley Ranch, win or lose another Super Bowl.

The new coach has enough oneliners to fill any note pad, and almost daily there is a new Switzerism at Switzerland, such as when he said running back coach Joe Brodsky "dog-cussed" Lincoln Coleman for fumbling.

Or when he proudly announced after six weeks of training camp he finally learned how to pronounce the name of rookie placekicker Chris

"It's bone-yo, bone-yo, bone-yo," Switzer said.

Or when he said punter John Jett "is the best punter I've seen and I've seen a lot of guys kick in Colorado."

Or when he said "believe it or not I got here at 7:30 in the morning, I was so excited to see film of the Den-

Or "I get confused at Texas Stadium, because I don't know which direction it runs. It's not east-west, is

Or like this point about the rustiness of the first-teamers: "Just having them where they are and what they are doesn't mean they'll be what they

Dallas starts its run for a record third consecutive Super Bowl title without free agent offensive linemen Kevin Gogan and John Gesek, placekicker Eddie Murray, linebacker Ken Norton and Pro Bowl safety Thomas Everett.

"Everybody is curious to see what's going to happen," Switzer

NHL players, owners argue over salary cap

BY KEN RAPPOPORT ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK - For the moment, hockey is one step ahead of baseball in the area of labor negotiations. At least they're talk-

HOCKEY

NHL spokesman Arthur Pincus said both sides were back at the table Tuesday in Toronto in an attempt to work out a new collective bargaining agreement. Also present at the meeting was NHL commissioner Gary Bettman, Pincus said.

It's the first meeting between Bettman and NHL Players Association executive director Bob Goodenow since Sunday, when both sides came away from a five-hour session without an agreement.

There have been reports that Bettman offered to waive the owners' demand for a salary cap in exchange for a ceiling on rookie salaries. But the NHLPA reportedly rejected the proposal on grounds that a rookie salary cap would have a negative effect on salaries throughout the league.

Most owners are upset over salaries being paid to untested players, particularly after the Ottawa Senators gave rookie Alexandre Daigle a \$12.5-million, five-year contract 14 months ago.

Meanwhile, both sides were seemingly approaching a zero hour

that could freeze hockey before i starts. Unlike the baseball strike this time it's apparently the owners call, not the players.

The Dallas Morning News reported Tuesday that Bettman will order a league-wide training camp lockout beginning Monday if no contract agreement is reached by then. However, the NHL refuted

Meanwhile, NHLPA spokesman Steve MacAllister revealed that Goodenow has been meeting the past few days with officials in both Ontario and Alberta provinces in Canada to discuss labor laws.

Under laws regarding strikes and lockouts in those two provinces there has to be a conciliation process before any such action can occur. That would prevent the NHL from closing camps in Edmonton and Calgary until Sept. 11 and in Toronto and Ottawa until Sept. 16.

Salaries are the main issue. Owners are seeking to tie salaries to team revenues. Players hope to have salaries set by the open market. The players' ultimate goal is free agency, something owners have rejected in the past

Bettman has threatened to impos sanctions on Thursday. Bettman has said if a new agreement is not worked out by then, he will eliminate meal allowances, force players to pay their way to training camp and reduce rosters, among other things Most teams are scheduled to oper camp this weekend.

Oilers may have less controversy this year

BY MICHAEL A. LUTZ ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON — The 1993 Houston Oilers had Warren Moon, Buddy Ryan, Sean Jones, William Fuller and controversy

FOOTBALL

They are all gone this season, including the controversy.

Sure, there was a very polite battle between Bucky Richardson and Sean Salisbury for the No. 2 quarterback job and muted grumbling about Lee Williams' offseason rehabilitation

But it was nothing like last season's warfare that erupted when Ryan, then the defensive coordinator,. huddled his half of the team into one corner and declared it was "us against the world," including the Oilers offense.

The departures have been eased by the presence of new defensive coordinator Jeff Fisher and Cody Carlson's smooth transition to replace

Will the calm waters of preseason translate into a continuation of the 11-game regular season winning

streak the Oilers have going?
"We made some strides," Carlson said. "We need to make more. But I think we're in a pretty good position. We have the personnel to get the job done, no matter who's on the field. All we need to do is polish it up.'

The aggressive 46 defense under Fisher has picked up where Ryan left it, aggressively pursuing turnovers. The Oilers were second in the NFL with 43 takeaways last season and they established a similar trend in

Penalties and mistakes, a problem last season when Ryan first installed his pet defense, returned in the last two preseason games. In Saturday's exhibition final against the Los Angeles Raiders, the defense was flagged five times in the first quarter.

"The No. 1 thing now is we've got to talk about discipline," Fisher said. "We can't beat ourselves with dumb penalties. We've got to use our heads. This club has a tradition of being penalized a lot. We've got to clean that up.

The cleanup likely will include a rotation system at right defensive end. Williams was supposed to become a starter, but slow progress from offseason knee surgery forced the Oilers to waive him last week.

Former Steeler Kenny Davidson will start at left end and converted linebacker Lamar Lathon, veteran Keith McCants and No. 1 draft pick Henry Ford will work on the right

The secondary is the Oilers'

strength, headed by All-Pro safety Marcus Robertson and cornerback Cris Dishman.

Carlson will preside over an altered offense that now includes two backs on occasion and some tight end alignments. The run-and-shoot is still the primary offense, but it's not the same for Haywood Jeffires, part of the "Fab Four" starting wideouts.

'That was a special time here." Jeffires said. "The nickname went for all of us. It was not an individualized

Only Jeffires and Ernest Givins remain. Drew Hill moved to Atlanta and retired and Curtis Duncan was waived before the season started.

Tight end Pat Carter is making his presence felt in the Oilers lineup.

'The tight end has fit in naturally, and the players haven't faced an extraordinary amount of learning something new," assistant head coach Kevin Gilbride said. "I feel good about Pat Carter and what he's doing for the team. He gives us an answer to problems we've had in the

The Oilers expect the tight end to help scoring inside the 20, a problem for the run-and-shoot. It didn't work out too well in preseason, however.

The offense scored six touchdowns in five exhibition games, overworking kicker Al Del Greco, who converted 13 of 15 field goals, including 11 in a row

The Oilers need Carlson to stay healthy because Salisbury isn't ready to trigger the run-and-shoot and, despite his popularity as a homegrown (Texas A&M) product, Richardson is unproven over a full

Richardson is the No. 2 because he's had three years to work with the run-and-shoot, still the predominate Oilers alignment.

"I feel badly for Sean," Gilbride said. "He hasn't been here long enough. I'm not unahppy with him, but it's hard not to make comparisons when you see what Bucky has done.

The Oilers expect another big season from Gary Brown, who took over at running back at midseason and gained 1,002 yards. They also hope for a better begin-

ning than a year ago, when they were 1-4 and Pardee's job supposedly was on the line. Pardee and the Oilers survived by embarking on the 11-game winning streak that put them into the playoffs for the seventh straight year, the longest current streak in the NFL.

Then they reverted to past playoff flops by losing to Kansas City in the first round of the playoffs

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Are we falling behind?

Tuition money; where are your dollars going?

BY GINGER RICHARDSON

Tuition increases. It happens almost every spring, and past fee hikes may have cost TCU a ranking in Money Magazine's Top 100 Best Collegiate Buys. That's right, Texas Christian didn't make the cut. Rice did. Baylor did, and so did several other Texas schools.

Universities were evaluated on the basis of sixteen factors — in order to receive a high ranking in Money's survey "a college must charge less in tuition and fees than schools that provide educations of comparable quality But is Money Magazine wrong? Should TCU have been included in that list

of Best Collegiate Buys? Here, once and for all, are the facts and figures on how the University spends its revenue and where your tuition goes

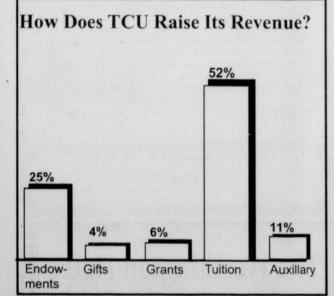
No survey can tell you if your getting your dollar's worth. In the end, only you can answer the questions, 'Is TCU worth it?' and 'Are we really falling

Every time there is a tuition increase, questions arise as to whether the higher fees are necessary, and whether those student charges are well spent. Ann Sewell, associate vice chancellor of finance and business said they are.

"TCU is a bargain," she said. "Even though we didn't make the Money Magazine list, I truly believe we are worth it. The quality of education here is very high and every dollar is well spent.

So how exactly does the university spend those dollars?

Based on the 1994-95 budget, TCU expects to receive over \$52 million dollars from tuition and fees this year. Endowment income is expected to give the university another \$24 million. According to current estimates, the university



is expected to make \$116.1 million dollars in revenue this year.

low that money is spent in several different ways. Again, based on the current budget, the university has allocated \$60.1 million for salaries and benefits; \$17.3 million for financial aid and scholarships; \$25 million to operating costs of all the departments on campus and \$12.8 million for utilities, insurance, taxes and repairs. Added together, total expenditures for the university are \$115.2 million.

The remaining \$900,000 is an incidental fund used to cover emergency and

Even though the university is in the black, Sewell said tuition increases are necessary because the price of quality education increases almost every year. "The market basket of goods that the university purchases goes up every

year," she said. "We have to follow the Higher Education Price Index which is higher than the Consumer Price Index.' The HEPI is generally greater because of two factors, Sewell said. It is labor

intensive, and items such as library books and research equipment are both weighted more heavily in the HEPI.

ewell said TCU could hold tuition down, but only by sacrificing the quality of education

'We could start a policy like state schools have," she said. "We could keep the tuition lower by putting more students in the classroom, but person-

ally I would like to keep the standard of education high." Standard of education was not one of the criteria by which Money Maga-

zine ranked their top 100 best buys. The purpose of their survey was simply to try to show which universities offered educations worth their cost. In many of the areas, such as faculty resources, (the faculty to student ratio)

TCU was right on the national average, with a ratio of 14.4 to 1.

"To me," Sewell said, "faculty/student ratio is a measure of the personal attention given to each student. That personal attention is part of what you pay

see Tuition, page 12

by Amy Jablonski

Artwork



TCU unable to draw big name entertainers

Lack of facilities and money leaves TCU behind SMU in programming events

BY CHRISTY HAWKINS

When SMU hosted a Pearl Jam concert at their Moody Coliseum last spring, many TCU students wondered why Daniel-Meyer Coliseum was not considered to host the event.

According to SMU's Activities Coordinator Arlene Manthey, the university works with 462 Productions of Dallas to schedule their con-

462 Productions has worked with SMU for several years, Manthey said. Past groups who have appeared at SMU are REM, 10,000 Maniacs and the Bangles.

While SMU will tout such popular bands as The Spin Doctors, Gin Blossoms and Cracker Sept. 15, TCU students many wonder again why their university does not hold any large

Programming Council's Concerts

Committee Chairwoman Meredith Hudson said the university does not have a big enough venue to hold large

"Many bands want a big çoliseum and Dallas is a better location than Fort Worth," Hudson said.

SMU's Moody Coliseum has a capacity of 6,800 while TCII's Daniel-Meyer Coliseum holds 7, 166

Hudson said a lot of red tape would have to be cleared through the universities administration before large acts could come to campus. Manthey said the administration at SMU requires clearance, but approves the bands coming in to entertain the students and the Dallas area.

Hudson said SMU's budget is a lot bigger for concerts than TCU's. Students pay an activities fee of \$20 here, while students at SMU pay as much as \$60 per year.

Large bands such as Pearl Jam and The Spin Doctors would wipe out the universities' \$13,000 concert budget for the whole year since they charge \$20,000 or more per show, Hudson

certs Committee is to entertain the and the convention center," Lee said whole TCU student body. She said the university has a different taste for bands than SMU

"We're working on local bands for this year and a comedy concert featuring Julia Sweeney, who plays Pat on 'Saturday Night Live,' or Carrot Top," Hudson said.

Hudson said the Homecoming Concert will feature Jack Ingram, who plays with a Jimmy Buffet sound, and Dahveed Garza, a Mexican-folk singer who played at the former club The Hop.

462 Productions is working with SMU to bring in a comedy concert featuring Adam Sandler from 'Saturday Night Live.

462 Productions President Mark

Lee said he is interested in working with TCU, despite the small concert

"We schedule many events in Fort Hudson said the goal of the Con- Worth at the Will Rogers Coliseum

Lee said 462 Productions doesn't schedule very many country music

"Our main thrust is alternative." Lee said.

Arlene Manthey said SMU does not do the concerts to make money. "The programs are for our stu-

dents," Manthey said. Many TCU students would like to

see hot bands on campus. "I would pay more money to have better activities on campus, such as better concerts," said Cathy Moser, a sophomore journalism and French

Junior advertising/public relations

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Deans look for a way to increase pride in TCU

BY SARAH RAACH TCU DAILY SKIFF

Students and administrators have been trying for years to bolster school spirit, but at a dean's retreat this summer, administrators focused on ways to increase TCU pride, said William Koehler, provost and vice chancellor

Koehler said there is a difference between the words spirit and pride. Spirit is generally associated with athletic events, while pride deals with actual respect for one's school in a more academic sense, he said.

"We think it's important as deans to instill pride and respect towards this institution," Koehler said.

Concern over student retention at TCU raised the issue of pride at the dean's retreat, he said. Administrators are aiming to decrease the number of students transferring from TCU. A greater sense of student pride towards the university may help increase retention numbers. Koehler said.

'You don't leave a place you're proud of," he said.

Koehler also said making TCU a more selective school would help

As a more selective university, " people would know how difficult was to get in, so they would be proud of themselves," he said.

Anitha Nair, a junior biology and political science major, thinks school pride is an important aspect of col-

"Pride is important because you

want to leave a legacy for the incoming students," she said. "You also want to be able to tell your children how proud and spirited your college

Amy West, a junior elementary education major, thinks more school

pride would create a stronger sense of campus unity.

"School pride is important because it creates a common link that pulls students from all areas of campus together, because we're all pulling for the same goals," West said.

Mary Coberly, a sophomore criminal justice major, agrees that TCU lacks school pride, but thinks pride and tradition must occur sponta-

"TCU is trying too hard to create something that's not there," she said. "Pride is not something that can be created, it creates itself.

OPINION

■ P. D. MAGNUS

Overpopulation is real environmental disaster of 1990s

Many people criticize how poorly we treat the environment. They wage a war of ideals against pollution and rampant energy consumption while extolling the virtues of recycling and sometimes even tofu.

True, humans are doing all sorts of things to our planet that we weren't doing a century ago. Little things like the greenhouse effect may have an apocalyptic importance for the poor sods that inherit our planet. Ozone depletion could be disas trous. The air may someday be thick enough to cut into blocks with a cake knife. Landfills may someday replace timber as a major resource. Yes, yes. All of that's true.

This is not to validate anyone's pet doomsday scenario. Instead, it lays the groundwork for a concept so moronically simple that it doesn't package well as a doomsday sound bite



For all the separate threats that face the modern world, not one of them would be worse if there weren't so many of us. The world's steadily increasing species count doesn't make

sense in a day and age where we don't have rampant infant mortality, unchecked plagues, or protracted, genocidal wars to keep down the population.

Even the most skeptical scientist admits our planet has mechanisms that can soak up some degree of environmental damage. Unfortunately, the havoc humans wreak on

Mother Earth is too much for even a highly efficient repair system to keep in check. Attempts at being more green, to be more conscious of the role we play in the environment, are some help. If our numbers continue to increase, however, all the green thinking in the world won't do the trick.

We wouldn't necessarily have a clean, green utopia if we controlled the population, but over breeding, especially among the poor, is a serious problem. Parents of large broods, especially single parents, are only hindered in trying to claw their way out of poverty. Often it becomes impossi-

The United States can't face overpopulation alone, though. The Third World, where the uneducated and poor aren't given an alternative to rampant procreation, makes U.S. worries look like a day at the admit-

Any serious efforts to educate the Third World population about neat little modern innovations like condoms and family planning have been hindered, if not blocked, by the Vatican and its South American Catholic buddies. Contraception, it seems,

is a sin on the scale of worshipping false gods. Attempts to create a real agenda for global population control in the United Nations, for example, have been lobbied into submission by well-meaning but annoyingly self-righteous papal flunkies.

Even though the United States can't act alone, it's in our best interest to discourage excessively fruitful activity in already troubled regions of the world, not to mention our own back yard. If that means standing up to the Vatican, then that's what has to be done. A round table discussion with the

Pope, President Clinton and Dr. Ruth would be a good start, but what's needed is real action.

The situation may not seem urgent, but by letting the hordes grow, and at the same time, providing humanitarian aid to keep the world's wretched in the game, we may just be paving the way for plagues or war in the future that will be too large and too widespread to contain.

Thomas Malthus predicted disaster for the population that grows without bounds, because one day it will outstrip the ability of its environment to support it. There is no reason to doubt him.

P.D. Magnus is a junior physics and philosophy double major from Burleson,

■ TODD MCKINNEY

School is like different world during summer

Is it me, or does time seem to be ticking faster

Summer vacation, or what I had of it, is gone. Fall will soon be winter. And where did spring go? I've been trying to find it all summer.

Unfortunately, I've found no trace of it. In fact, the only thing that I've found is myself driving a car full of things back to TCU, which I'd just left a week earlier after spending 10 weeks in summer school.

TCU is an entirely different place over the summer - aside from the landscape, of course.



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Occasionally, you'll see a student pass by before they disappear into the Texas heat. And when you do see a crowd of people, they're usually high school students being herded from one place to the next. Then they, too, vanish from sight within moments. If they aren't high school students, then they're probably part of the ongoing summer orientation programs.

But where are the students? They're the people who make a university what it is. During my 10 weeks of summer school, it seemed that educating students wasn't the university's top priority. During the summer, students are shoveled into Clark Hall and left to watch TCU entertain crowds of high school students. Granted, recruiting new students is important. But educating students is more important, whether they're attending TCU during the fall and spring or during the summer.

TCU does provide students with opportunities to study both here and abroad during the summer. So it's not necessarily the university's fault for the lack of attendance during the summer. But the university doesn't provide any sort of special events which might attract the students to school over the sum except for classes.

Summer classes are nothing like those offered in the fall or spring. Ordinarily, one-third to one-half of a typical class is absent on any given day. Even on test days, some students miss class.

It's different in the summer, though. Students have to put forth effort to get good grades. If you miss many classes, you're in trouble. So much material is covered in a minuscule amount of time

There's something curious about summer school and those students who attend it. If you hang around the mall between Sadler and Reed 10-minutes before class begins, you will see hoards of students pass. Soon after, though, there's nothing left except for a grackle or two, perhaps a squirrel, and somewhere off in the distance, you'll hear an occasional footfall

rise out of the silence and drop right back into it. When class is dismissed during the summer, the students hurry away, as if the payement is too hot to walk upon. Then, silence takes over until the next class begins. And before long, the evening has

arrived and the campus falls asleep. Until now. Now, alarm clocks are ringing and beeping and cackling the university back to life.

Classes have begun again. So time has brought you back with it, like spring brings summer; summer brings fall; fall, winter; and winter brings back spring. Before you know it, sum-

Quite honestly, it's nice to be back to the TCU I wanted to attend this summer. Now, TCU students outnumber high school students. And the mall between Sadler and Reed is moving again, with students weaving in and out of one another's way,

Todd McKinney is an senior English major from



■ EDITORIAL

SHOWERS

Just a sprinkle a day

drenched students and buildings - a job usually reserved for the university's sprinkler system.

On any given day, a walk between Jarvis and Reed Halls can present a challenging water obstacle course for students and faculty. From seemingly out of nowhere, sheets of water careen from the skies, soaking all within range.

It's not uncommon to see students and faculty frantically dodging puddles and running around the spray.

Robert Sulak, the physical plant's assistant director of landscaping and grounds, said most of the sprinklers on the front lawn are set manually during the day. Sprinklers on other parts of the campus work on an automatic system between midnight and 6 a.m.

Sulak said the sprinklers occasiontrees. Sometimes, they hit sidewalks canoe.

On Wednesday, Mother Nature and sides of buildings instead - or unsuspecting passers-by.

> The sprinklers are set to water the lawn in a semi-circle path, Sulak said. But when a spring inside the sprinkler slips, a 75-foot full circle spray can easily soak anyone caught in the sprinklers' path. Sometimes, it seems the sprinklers shoot water in various directions in a decidedly haphazard fashion.

If you're in a hurry, it's impossible to wait for the sprinklers to make a complete pass. Most often, you have to make a hard choice: choose to get completely drenched, or try to race the sprinklers — a contest the water usually

It's important to keep the university's landscape looking nice, especially during the hottest part of the year. But on some days, the area between Reed and ally go awry, missing shrubbery and Jarvis is best navigated with a small

■ LAURA POTTER

There's more to TCU spirit than football games

During a conversation last week, three freshmen told me I'd committed a serious transgression. They explained to me that as an upperclassman, I was devoid of school spirit, and anxious to perse-

cute poor little freshmen for having any.

Out of the generosity of their hearts, they offered to help me shed my errant ways. They offered to show me how I could become a true Horned Frog like they were.

Calmly and rationally, I asked them to tell me why they'd made such an asinine assumption. They didn't really respond, but asked me how many football games I had attended last year.

Clinching my teeth, and holding back my true emotions, I smiled politely and said, "I'll bet it was more than you did."

This conversation was agitating. In order to keep myself from going out and randomly assassinating freshmen, I'll vent on what has continually annoyed me since high school: the assumption that school spirit is always associated completely

with football. Back in high school, there was a home coming celebration when the football team came back to play a certain home game, but there was never a special schoolwide celebration for the basketball

team, or the track team or the soccer players. In fact, sports other than football are rarely mentioned, and if you're in the band or the ater programs, forget being remembered at all

Popular opinion at TCU seems to be that a spirited person is one who attends football games and cheers on the purple and white.

What about everything else? Football fans and those who run the football program will disagree with me, but football does not a college make. I challenge you to sit down and find a definition of "university" in a dictionary which mentions football as being crucial to a university's exis-

tence. You won't, because a university is an educational institution,

not a sports amphitheater. TCU is much more than just its football program. In fact, if you look at TCU as a whole, football plays a very minor role.

There are majors ranging from accounting to English to physics and everything in between. But there's no college of football, nor can anyone major in football. If you actually sit down and study the mechanics, football is simply an extracurricular activity

So, why is the focus resting on football alone? Why is football considered the sole outlet for school spirit?

School spirit means enthusiasm or loyalty to a school. It doesn't mean loyalty to a specific program of a school, but loyalty to the school as a whole. If school spirit at TCU is simply going to football games and cheering, that means TCU is only one giant football team with a crowd of loyal fans. What happens to everything else?

Perhaps I just don't understand some basic principle. I don't know about anyone else, but I didn't come to TCU to sit at football games. I am here to get the education and the piece of paper which will make it possible for me to succeed in life.

I love being at TCU, and I'm very involved in several TCU programs. I don't go to many football games. But I still think I have school spirit.

Laura Potter is a junior English major from Plano, Texas.

■ LETTER

Bad Ad

T'm calling to sound off about the advertisement for the gentleman from California that is looking for a companion. I don't think it's appropriate for a

He doesn't mind sending a picture, which doesn't sound safe. He doesn't care if the person is financially secure, yet he'll say that he is.

And most people that are going to universities are young girls, so what better way for this guy to find fresh meat to

I think that the ad is inappropriate and I do not think that we should run those type of ads in the future.

Debra Sparks Dispatcher, Campus Police

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PERSPECTIVE

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average in the areas of library resources and instructional budget per student (how much the university spends each year on any one student). According to Money the national average for instructional library resources per student was 183 to 1. The Mary Couts Burnett Library resource ratio was well above that at 240 to 1. The average university instructional budget was \$4,818. TCU's instructional budget was just over \$18,000 per student.

Other criteria included entrance examination scores of the freshman class and the percentage of those students that finished in the top fifth of their high school classes. Money found that on average, 46 percent of entering freshman finished in the top fifth of their graduating class; at TCU, that number was just under 50 percent.

According to a Money Magazine representative, TCU and Rice University were both hurt by consecutive tuition increases. The representative would not say what other factors influenced the decision.

Rice was ranked the number 2 best college by in the survey because of "the unusually superb education it

Barry McFarland, senior associate director of admissions at Rice said the university is lucky in that its unusually large endowment allows it to keep its tuition low and the quality of education high.

"Tuition was not even charged at Rice until 1964 and we are able to keep it low by the virtue of the fact that we have a large endowment," he

"We have an excellent faculty and low student/teacher ratio all of whom are dedicated to delivering the highest quality of education.

Despite Rice's high ranking, McFarland said he does not place too much value on surveys.

"Obviously it is great for Rice from a recruitment standpoint, but I don't hold too much stock in them,' he said. "Surveys like this are a great place to start your college search but a terrible way to make a final decision. There are a lot of great schools out there to choose from.'

Sewell said TCU is and always will be one of those great schools.

"I think it's a great school at a good value," she said. "The administration and Board of Directors don't want to gouge the students out of money and believe if they get out of line with tuition and fee charges, those students will go somewhere else.

"We don't want that to happen," she said.

In the same edition of Money Magazine TCU is listed (but not ranked) in "Money's Guide to 1.010 Colleges." Each school was given a student academic rating on a scale of one to five (one being the highest). SMU was given a rating of two; TCU received a three.

According to the 'Money' profile, a typical TCU freshman is in the top half of his/her class, has a GPA of 3.0 or better, SAT scores between 950 and 1099, and ACT scores between a

And while TCU may not be one of the top 100 buys in the nation, it was listed by 'Money' as the tenth best buy in the Southwest region of the

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major Gavin Millay said he would pay additional student activities fees if bands he enjoys came to pay on

"It depends on a person's taste," Millay said. "If a rap or hip-hop band came to TCU, I would not pay to see said. "Scheduling the concerts has nothing to do with SMU versus them.'

Millay said Dallas is more modern than Fort Worth and has better facilities and therefore attracts larger acts. Manthey agreed.

"It is tough for Fort Worth," she



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