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TCU Daily Skiff/ Blake Thornhill

Abortion crux of U.N. debate

Birth control compromise falls apart as Vatican takes firm stance

By DANIEL WAKIN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CAIRO, Egypt — A hard-fought compromise on abortion unraveled at the U.N. population conference Wednesday under an assault by allies of the Vatican, which drew increasing criticism for its tough stance at the meeting.

Many delegates complained that the fight over abortion-related wording in a single paragraph of a 113-page policy document on slowing the world's population growth has distracted the conference from other important issues.

The policy statement does not require blanket unanimous approval, and the Vatican did not support documents issued by U.N. conferences in 1974 and 1984. Great effort is being made to reach compromise because the United Nations likes consensus when issuing long-term goals.

Whatever statement is finally adopted will not be binding on any nation, but such U.N. documents influence national and international policies. The Vatican has a delegation because it's a permanent observer at the United Nations.

Hours after the compromise fell apart, the Vatican's chief delegate delivered a tough speech attacking the draft of a plan of action for curbing world population growth over the next 20 years.

Archbishop Renato Martino said that if adopted as is, the text "would endorse pregnancy termination without setting any limits" and might make access to abortions an international right.

Such a right would contradict the laws of many countries and the "sensibilities of vast numbers of persons, believers and unbelievers alike," he said.

The speech continued a months-long campaign by the Vatican and Pope John Paul II to keep abortion rights out of the conference's conclusions. The campaign has put the Holy See at odds with the Clinton administration and others.

Speaking at the opening session Monday, Vice President Al Gore said the draft document did not intend to make abortion an international right and argued it was being misinterpreted.

On the conference's third day,

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Game days employ faithful Frogs

By MARK MOURER
TCU DAILY SKIFF

TCU will start an additional team of Frogs at Amon Carter Stadium this year, and each player is expected to get quite a bit of playing time.

While Knake & Co. take the field, TCU's game day employees, the other home team, will have its hands full taking tickets, selling concessions and keeping the sidelines safe.

The employee roster is full at 322

members, many of which are returning starters that have been with the program for years. But TCU expects its rookie workers to make an impact as well, said Athletic Director Frank Windegger.

Windegger addressed the team of workers Tuesday night at an appreciation dinner, and he stressed the importance of their position.

"Just short of the football team and coaches, you all are the most important people we have," Windegger

told the employees.

TCU's game day personnel take care of a number of responsibilities on Saturdays. They are the first people to greet frog fans at Amon Carter and the last to bid farewell after the final whistle blows. During the game students can find them selling tickets or hot dogs, helping ticket holders find their seats or keeping the sidelines and parking lots safe.

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Group offers anti-theft engraving

By LAYNE SMITH
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Students will have an opportunity to have their valuable possessions engraved for free between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Thursday in the Sherley, Jarvis, Foster and Tom Brown dormitories.

The service, provided by Alpha Phi Omega, is being offered to all interested TCU students, but is targeted toward those living in TCU res-

idential halls.

"People on campus really feel too safe and secure where they are," said Theresa Becker, a senior criminal justice major and coordinator for the project. People are leaving their doors unlocked when they go out because they don't think anything's going to happen to their valuables, she said.

Connie Villela, crime prevention officer for TCU Campus Police, said engraving is a deterrent to crime.

Criminals will see that a certain item is marked and will move on to items that are easier to steal, she said.

The engraving project is being offered through the offices of Jarvis, Shirley, Foster and Tom Brown dormitories tonight. Interested students are asked to register on sign-up sheets that have been placed in the lobbies of these dorms, Becker said.

At 7 p.m. Alpha Phi Omega mem-

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Recruiting effort expanded to Sundays

By JODI WETUSKI
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Student Ambassadors is giving prospective TCU students the chance to see what college life is all about — both inside and outside of campus.

The ambassadors, TCU's largest volunteer recruiting group, will incorporate Sunday Fun Days into their usual recruitment program, said Katie Oleskevich, student ambas-

sador co-coordinator for correspondence and junior Spanish and nursing major.

Before every Monday at TCU program, prospective students and ambassadors will spend that Sunday sightseeing and touring Fort Worth, Oleskevich said.

"We'll take them to see something historic like the Stockyards, something they wouldn't see normally," Oleskevich said.

In addition to the Sunday Fun

Days, Student Ambassadors will continue to do letter writing campaigns, phonothons, overnight housing and Saturday tours, she said.

In the letter writing campaigns, ambassadors write postcards to prospective students to remind them of important dates in the application process, she said.

Phonothons give ambassadors the chance to call and answer any ques-

see Recruit, page 6

Fashion major receives show bid

By CHRISTY HAWKINS
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Two dresses created by senior fashion design major Laura Beth Allyn will be showcased in a fashion show sponsored by the International Textile and Apparel Association on Oct. 21.

Allyn's designs, which were inspired by the clothing style of the 1920s, were eligible for the fashion show after she sent in slides and descriptions to a panel of four judges in June.

In early August, the judges notified her that two of the three dresses she submitted would be modeled at the International Textile and Apparel Association's Convention in Minneapolis.

The dresses were entered in the wearable art category and will be judged based on how they appeal aesthetically, not how garments were actually constructed.

The 1920s are Allyn's inspiration for designing.

"I have always liked that style," Allyn said. "It is very glamorous and expresses the freedom and youthfulness of women of that era."

Allyn said women of the late 1920s wanted to look glamorous, despite the fact that some of them were working women.

Starting in February, Allyn worked non-stop on her dresses until late March. Three dresses were entered in the competition, but one did not meet the requirements of the 1920s theme.

The two dresses chosen for the fashion show consist of off-white crepe material with green, pink, yellow, crystal and pearl beading. Allyn did all of the beading by hand.

"You have to be very dedicated and put your mind to it," Allyn said.

In the future, Allyn said she would be happy to create her own clothing line. She wants to work with computers to aid in designing for a company.

"Computers save a lot of time with design," Allyn said.



Special to the Skiff/ Laura Beth Allyn
Senior fashion design major Laura Beth Allyn designed her garments with a 1920's theme in mind.

NEWS DIGEST

Bushes commit fund-raising goof

AUSTIN (AP) — First, Republican gubernatorial candidate George W. Bush guns down the wrong bird. Then, he goes for a golden egg from the wrong goose.

On Wednesday, Bush campaign officials acknowledged that a fund-raising letter from Bush's mother, former first lady Barbara Bush, inadvertently was sent to the top donor to Democratic Gov. Ann Richards.

Mrs. Bush asked Dallas investor Daniel P. Robinowitz "to help George get elected by sending his campaign a contribution."

Robinowitz has given \$107,000 to Richards.

Government supports black teacher

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — A white teacher laid off in favor of an equally qualified black teacher argued she was a victim of reverse discrimination, and the Justice Department under the Bush administration agreed.

The government helped Sharon Taxman sue and win \$144,000 in back pay and damages in 1992.

Now the government has switched sides and is backing the Piscataway Board of Education in its appeal. The Clinton Justice Department contends the board had the right to retain Debra Williams for the sake of racial diversity.

Nigerian ruler maintains power

LAGOS, Nigeria (AP) — Flexing his muscles after defeating a pro-democracy strike, Nigeria's military ruler on Tuesday banned newspapers, made it easier to keep opponents in jail and decreed that his regime had absolute power.

Thousands of Nigerian oil workers ended a two-month strike on Monday.

They went on strike to demand Gen. Sani Abacha surrender power to Moshood K.O. Abiola, who is widely believed to have won the annulled 1993 presidential election. Abiola is in jail awaiting trial on treason charges.

'Shootist' pleads guilty

SEATTLE (AP) — The bank robber dubbed "The Shootist" and his wife pleaded guilty Wednesday to crimes committed during an eight-year string of heists that began in the Dallas suburb of Plano, Texas.

John Madison Williams Jr. and Carolyn Marie Williams pleaded guilty to charges of conspiracy, armed bank robbery and use of a firearm while robbing banks.

Williams' nickname came from his penchant for firing a round into bank ceilings during each of 56 robberies across Washington, Texas and California.

'Pungent odor' clears classes

Office equipment giving off a "pungent odor" caused several classrooms in Beasley Hall to be evacuated Wednesday afternoon, according to Campus Police.

Between 1 p.m. and 2 p.m., an office printer on the first floor overheated and gave off an "electrical" odor, said Randy Cobb, TCU safety director.

Students were evacuated for about 20 minutes before the source of the smell was discovered, Cobb said.

CAMPUSLINES

Campuslines is provided as a service to the TCU community. Announcements of events, public meetings and other general campus information should be brought by the Skiff office, Moudy 291S or sent to TCU Box 32929. The Skiff reserves the right to edit for style and taste.

TCU TRIANGLE, TCU's gay, lesbian and bisexual student network, will be hosting their first meeting of the semester on Thursday, Sept. 8, at 7:30 p.m. The topic this week is "Why we are here." Call faculty sponsor Priscilla Tate at 921-7160.

OPEN AUDITION On Thursday, Sept. 8, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Ed Landreth Room 312. Students are invited to audition for the TCU Show Choir. This group performs for university-related events. Singers should bring music for a song familiar to

them. An accompanist will be provided. Call 277-7582.

FRENCH CLUB will meet 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13, in Student Center room 214 to hold officer elections. Call A.J. at 346-0597 for details.

CPR TRAINING will be given at the Camp Fire Resource Center, 2700 Meacham Blvd. from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. on Sept. 12. Fee is \$15. Registration deadline is Sept. 9. Call 831-2111.

DELTA SIGMA PI Fall Rush 1994 has begun. At 4 p.m. Sept. 12, there will be a "Meet the Chapter" informal meeting in Dan Rogers Hall Room 140. "Business Day" (professional attire) is 4 p.m. Sept. 13 in the same room. Brief interviews (professional attire) will be on 3:30 p.m. Sept. 15 on the Student Center second floor. An informal party is scheduled for 9

p.m. Sept. 16. For directions call Rebecca Haywood at 922-6524. For information contact vice president of Pledge Education, Beth Gluck at 263-8757.

OLAS, the Organization of Latin American Students holds meetings Tuesdays in the Student Center rooms 205 and 206 at 5:30 p.m.

ASTRONOMY NIGHT at the TCU Observatory (Stadium and Bellaire across from the Rickel) on Saturday, Sept. 10 beginning at 8 p.m. Telescopes will be set up for public viewing of stars and planets. This activity is weather dependent.

FALL SWIMMING AND DIVING LESSONS will be offered by the TCU coaches for children ages four years and older in the indoor pool in the Rickel Building. Call 921-7963.

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WEATHER

Today's weather will be mostly sunny with highs around 90. Tonight is expected to be partly cloudy and lows in the 60s.

Friday and Saturday should be partly cloudy with highs between 80 and 90 degrees and lows between 60 and 70 degrees.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

Today
Angel Flight Rush
Trent Graphic Art Sale
ISA Reception for New International Students
5 p.m.: On-campus interviewing orientation, Student Center Room 218
7:30 p.m.: Chester String Quartet performs with pianist John Owings, Ed Landreth Auditorium. Free. Call 921-7602 for information.
4 p.m.: Welcome reception for students 22 years and older. Sponsored by >Kappa Beta. Bass Building room 107.

Friday
Men's soccer - TCU vs. University of Texas - Pan Am Tournament at UTPA
Uniting Campus Ministries Retreat
PC Film: "Reality Bites"

Trent Graphic art sale
Saturday
PC Film: "In the Name of the Father"
Uniting Campus Ministries Retreat
Men's Soccer - University of Missouri-Kansas City, Tournament at UTPA
Fall Honors "Escape"
Football Game - TCU vs. New Mexico (There)
7 p.m.: Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra Come As You Are Series with John Giordano, Conductor; Fabio Bidini, Piano Soloist, Ed Landreth Auditorium. Tickets are \$15 and \$25. Call 926-8831 for tickets.
2 p.m. to 8 p.m.: Reception for Art in the Metroplex. Including: Juro Matri Mayo lecture and awards. Moudy Building 141 N.

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Students dress up in new and traditional fall fashions

By HEATHER HOGAN
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Now that TCU students' purple and white wardrobe quota has been met and the bookstore's t-shirt racks sufficiently raided, many students are left wondering what to wear in a new atmosphere and climate.

Though students from different regions of the country bring new trends and influences to TCU, there are still common threads among fashion conscious horned frogs. And new trends are on the horizon.

Denim, khaki and athletic shorts are always popular with both men and women, as well as t-shirts, baseball hats and other brightly-colored athletic wear, said Ellen Sherwin, a junior fashion design major.

Other wardrobe essentials for women include wrap skirts, vests and silver accessories, especially large hoop earrings, Sherwin said.

Knits are great for the college crowd, as they are so comfortable and easily layered, said Elsie Decompiagne, public relations manager of Foley's Department Store. These athletic looks are easy to get away with and, fortunately, knits will be coming out in more vivid colors and styles this fall, she said.

In addition to the casual beat-the-

heat fashions, many classier looks are coming out this fall.

"It's back to the basics this year," said Ann Wisecup of Harold's. "Traditional school styles are definitely making a comeback." Sales are booming at Harolds on short, full skirts, as well as pleated skirts and plaid kilts.

Skirts are seasonably short this semester. "It's thigh-high this year," Decompiagne said.

Annette Carol, manager of the Gap at Hulen Mall said fashion denim and dressy items for women have sold quickly to the college age group. Slacks, sport shirts and classic tailored styles for men are also large-sellers, Carol said.

Tailored menswear is a growing trend for both sexes, Wisecup said. Hot selling fall items include red and black blazers, Oxfords, suspenders and business-type suits.

"A popular look this fall will be solid pants and jackets of the same color, with a darker shirt underneath and a splash of red or green to set it off," Decompiagne said.

As the season progresses, romantic looks for women and classic looks for men will hit the stores. The light and neutral colors of summer will be replaced by jeweled colors and gold highlights, Decompiagne said.

From rose to a nearly purple hue, red is definitely the color of the season, said both Carol and Decompiagne.

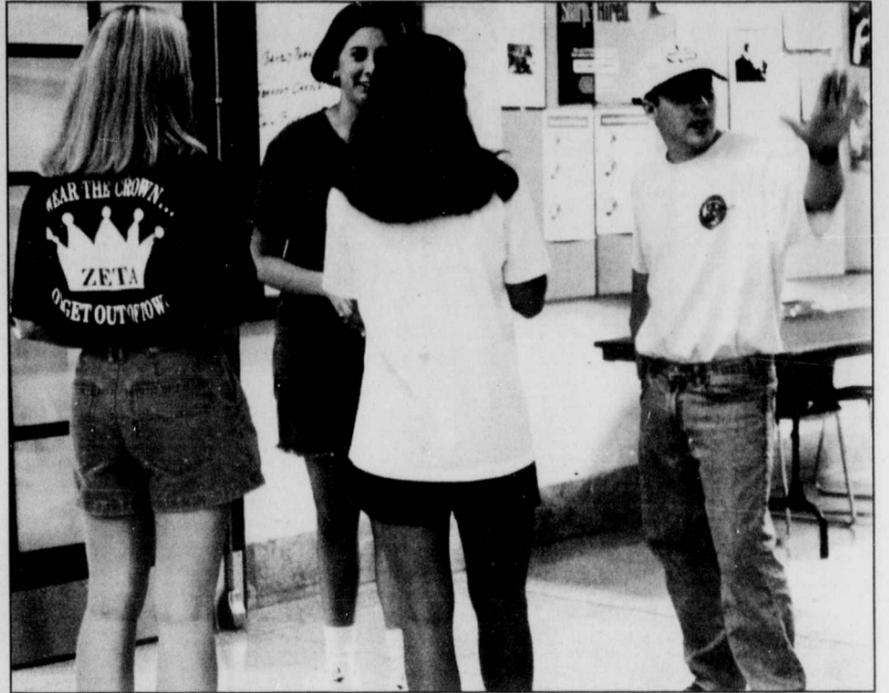
The slip dresses that were so cool and comfortable last summer will now be coming out in velvet and dark, shimmering colors for a more glamorous evening look.

Military jackets and equestrian wear are also visible in the fall fashions. And whole new lines, in what Decompiagne called "ethnic" patterns, are drawing on Russian and Oriental traditions.

Men are not without their own unique trends emerging this fall. Colors have become warmer and brighter. Long-sleeved rugby shirts and plaid sports shirts in vivid colors are favorite items this fall, according to Hulen Mall, J. Riggins employee, Cynthia Ramos-Ayala.

New looks are also being created with traditional clothing favorites. The best example of this is the pairing of new tailored sport coats and ties with denim shirts and jeans or baggy pants, Ramos-Ayala said.

From the runways to the hallways, bright colors and traditional fashions are a hit this fall as students go back to hitting the books with style.



TCU Daily Skiff/ Tina Fitzgerald
TCU students sport the typical comfortable look seen across campus this fall.

FM 88.7's ratings climb by 500 percent since '93

By SHANNON WOMBLE
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Ratings at FM 88.7, KTCU, have risen 500 percent compared to this time last year, according to the latest Arbitron Diary Data report.

The report says that the cumulative listening audience of the student-run radio station has 19,300 listeners, up from last year's audience total of 3,800 listeners.

"As a station, we knew our ratings were up, but we had no idea at what time the vast majority of our listeners were tuning in," said Andrew Haskett, station manager.

The Arbitron Diary Data group, which gathers radio and local television research, released an hour by hour audience breakdown for FM 88.7. The study showed the afternoon classical music and evening new rock music segments were the most popular station programming. The early morning program, between 7 a.m. and 8 a.m., had fewest listeners.

"The morning audience will build as listeners learn that we are signing on earlier," Haskett said. "The 7 a.m. time slot is not quite a year old."

FM 88.7 acquired a culturally diverse audience over the past year, according to Arbitron's report. Haskett said the diversity comes from the

fact the music played at KTCU is the least played on any radio station in Fort Worth.

Station workers were surprised to find the lack of a Hispanic audience, despite KTCU's Latino USA program, Haskett said.

"We are going to look into the audience of the Latino USA program, which is designed to target the hispanic community," he said. "We may need to come up with a new method of targeting that audience."

The number of women listeners outnumbered the men at many time slots throughout the day, Haskett said that women are KTCU's primary target audience mainly because so many other stations take a discriminatory tone.

He also said the ratings will give the student staff of KTCU the ability to operate the station as paid professionals do. In the past, student program directors have set programming based on their own opinions and guesses.

"Tremendous credit should go to Research Director Paul McManus, Student Program Director Sara Freeman, the entire student staff and volunteers," Haskett said. "They really took hold of the station and made it a success. This is just the beginning of KTCU's ratings climb."

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bers will meet interested students at their room to engrave identification numbers on any valuables they wish, Becker said.

Villela recommended that students not pick their social security numbers as the number to be engraved on their valuables.

"Social security numbers are not a good idea," Villela said. "Criminals can do a lot to your credit with a social security number."

Students who have their valuables engraved with a drivers license number have a far better chance of having them returned should they be discovered by police, Villela said.

When police officers find stolen merchandise with identification numbers, they definitely will try and contact the individual, she said. Merchandise without identification is rarely returned to its owner, she said.

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1960 graduate's book published

By CHRISTI GIFFORD
TCU DAILY SKIFF

An autograph party to promote the book "North of the River, a Brief History of North Fort Worth," was held Wednesday at the Fort Worth Livestock Exchange Building.

The TCU Press and the North Fort Worth Historical Society jointly planned the party for author and TCU graduate J'Nell Pate.

Pate said she was interested in North Fort Worth because it's the part of town which caused the area to

grow from a small town into the size it is today. The cattle, stockyards and meat packing industry caused the Fort Worth population to triple in a decade, she said.

"That's why we're a cowtown," she said.

A federal writers' project from the 1930s and interviews of "old Northsiders" helped Pate write the book, she said. Immigrant families that have moved into the area also contributed information for "North of the River."

A native of Fort Worth, Pate grad-

uated in 1960 from TCU with a bachelor of arts in journalism and returned to receive her master's degree in history. She received her doctorate in history from the University of North Texas and is now a history professor at Tarrant County Junior College.

Pate worked on the book between six and eight years, she said. "I work full time in the winter, but I'm persistent," she said.

The book, which was published by the TCU Press several weeks ago, will be available for sale in bookstores in two weeks.

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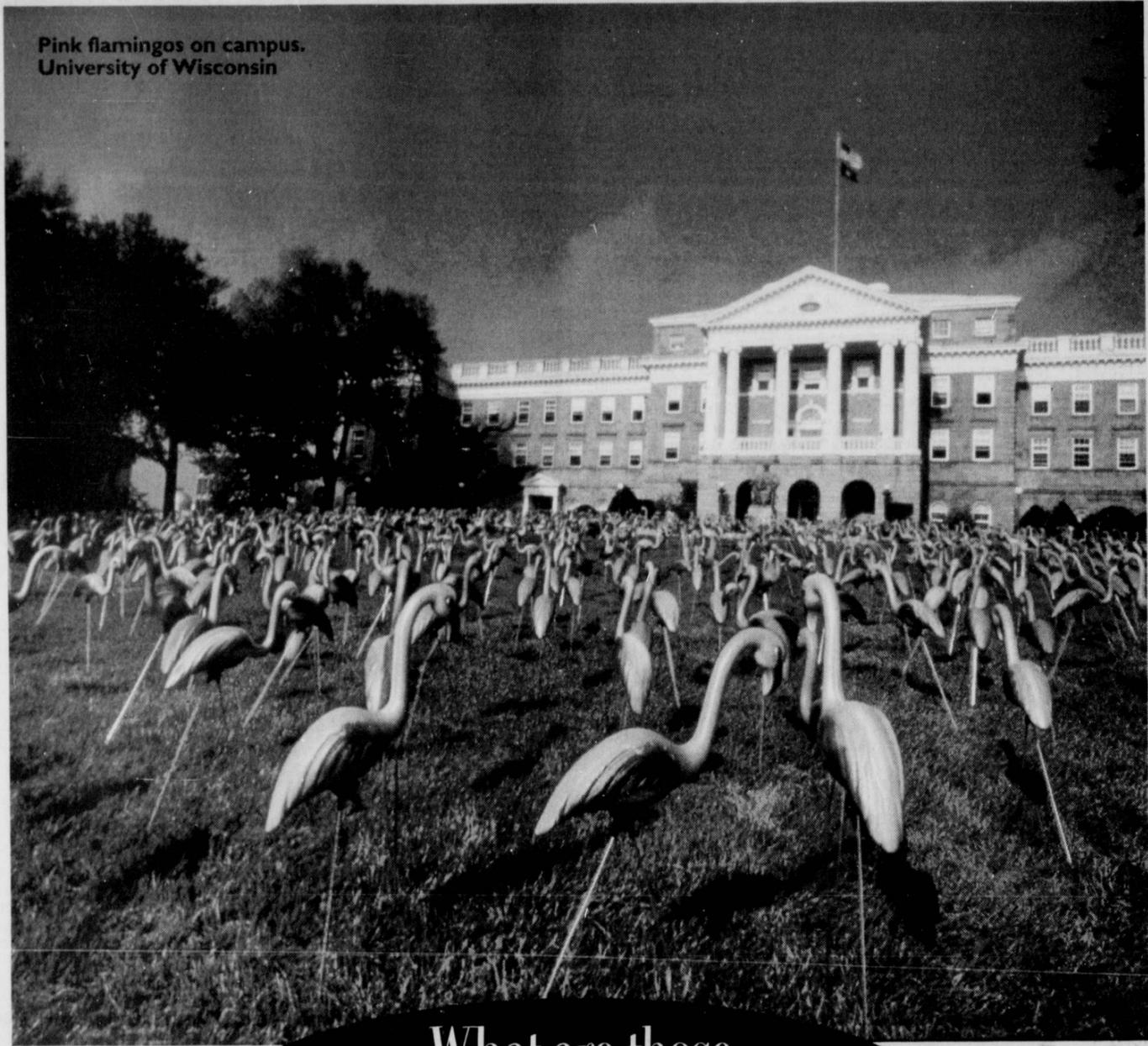
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Injuries force TCU to make changes for Saturday

By JEFF WILSON
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Injuries Saturday night at North Carolina's Kenon Memorial Stadium has left voids at positions important to TCU this Saturday's game at New Mexico.

FOOTBALL

TCU head football coach Pat Sullivan said his team needs to recover from these injuries in time for Saturday's game.

"The first thing we have to do for New Mexico is to get our team healthy enough to play a football game," Sullivan said.

In all, five Horned Frogs suffered injuries in the 27-17 loss to the Tar Heels. The loss of starting senior offensive guard Bart Epperson and senior reserve offensive guard Chuck

Wills will hamper TCU's efforts at stopping the Lobos defensive line, which is anchored by 300 pound defensive tackle Damon Burrest.

TCU trainer Ross Bailey said he and his staff stayed busy throughout the North Carolina game on Saturday.

Bailey called the game, "Unreal. One of the longest nights I can ever remember."

Epperson is feared lost for the season after damaging ligaments to his left knee in the game against North Carolina. Epperson saw his string of offensive downs end at 897 straight.

Wills, a senior reserve at strong guard, is out for the New Mexico game with a hip flexor.

Fortunately, the Horned Frogs are deep on the offensive line, Sullivan said. Jon Donahue, J.P. McFarland and Mark Perry, the three freshman lineman recruited in the

spring by TCU, should not be pressed into action.

"Offensive line is the one position it takes young people a long time to learn how to do it," Sullivan said. "We signed three offensive linemen and they aren't ready to play yet by any stretch of the imagination."

Junior tailback Derrick Cullors, who gained 117 yards total offense in the season opener, is doubtful to play against the Lobos due to a ligament strain in his knee.

Cullors missed the entire 1993 season due to a leg injury.

Junior running back Andre Davis and sophomore fullback Koi Woods will carry the workload for the Frogs, but a suitable backup for the tandem has not been named, Sullivan said.

Davis rushed for 34 yards on 14 carries in addition to 22 yards receiving Saturday

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PAT SULLIVAN,
Head football coach

against North Carolina. Woods added a touchdown run to go along with 26 yards receiving against the Tar Heels.

"We scrimmaged Monday with all the players who didn't play Saturday," Sullivan

said. "We gave the ball to everyone who carried it in high school. The only way we learn who can play running back is in scrimmage situations."

On the defensive side of the ball, TCU lost senior starting nose tackle Brian Brooks for the season to a spiral fracture to the right leg. Brooks' replacement, sophomore walk-on Hayes Rydel, led TCU with 13 tackles and forced and recovered a fumble.

"With Hayes on defense, his play uplifted our team and our depth," Sullivan said.

Starting senior linebacker Michael Moulton, who is hampered by a hip flexor suffered in the North Carolina game, is expected to play at New Mexico.

The Horned Frogs will battle the Lobos at 7 p.m. Saturday at University Stadium in Albuquerque, N.M.

San Francisco, Dallas: NFL's most fearsome

The 1994 NFL football season began last weekend, with all 28 teams seeing action with hopes of making it to Joe Robbie Stadium in January to play in Super Bowl XXIX.

Usually, some fairly safe guesses can be made regarding who has a legitimate shot at making it to "The Big Show." Eliminate perennial losers such as Tampa Bay,

Cincinnati, the Los Angeles Rams, Seattle, and a few others, and you're left with the usual six or eight teams who actually have a chance at winning it all.

But this year is a little bit different. Sure, you can round up a bunch of potential Super Bowl contenders from the AFC (Buffalo, Kansas City, Denver, the Los Angeles Raiders, Miami), but who cares? No team from the AFC has won the Super Bowl since Ronald Reagan's first term, and nobody really believes that this will be the year, either.

In everyone's mind, the race for the Super Bowl will come down to two NFC teams. And, with all due respect to the Packers, Vikings, and Lions, they may as well just make plans for the last week in January, because they're going to have some free time.

Of course, the only two teams that anybody is even talking about are the San Francisco 49ers and the Dallas Cowboys. Possibly never in the history of the NFL has there been such a glaring difference in the talent level between the two top teams and the rest of the league. Realistically, watching the Cowboys and the 49ers play against the rest of the NFL is like watching men against boys.

Example One: Last Sunday, the Cowboys traveled to Pittsburgh for their season opener against the Steelers. Now, Pittsburgh is a pretty solid team. Barry Foster is one of the premier running backs in the NFL, and the Steeler defense, led by cornerback Rod Woodson (who was named to the NFL's all-time team last month), is one of the most dominating in the league.

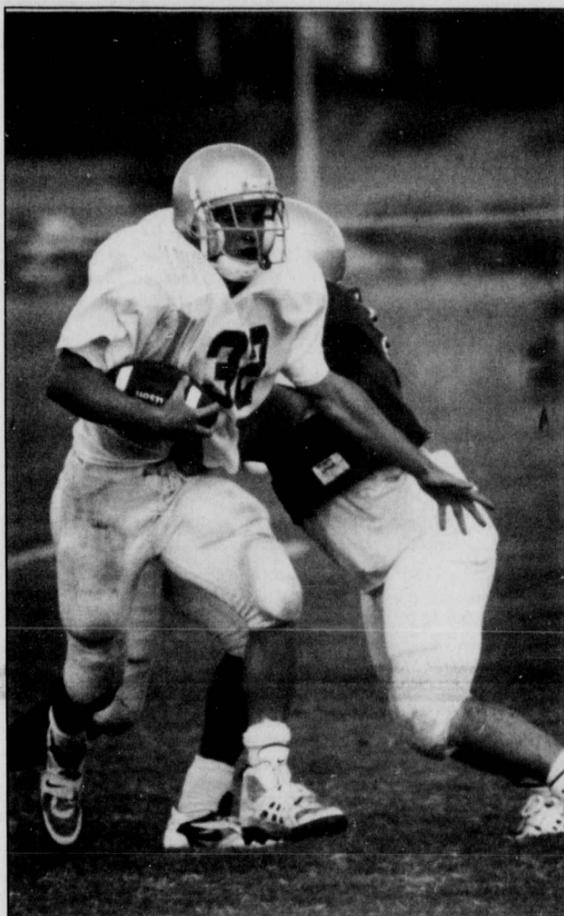
Final Score: Dallas 26, Pittsburgh 9. Foster did absolutely nothing against a Cowboy defense that most people think is a notch below the level it was at last year, while Emmitt Smith ran over, around and through the Steeler defense all day long. Michael Irvin had over 100 yards receiving against Woodson. Things were so bad, even Darryl Johnston scored on an athletic touchdown reception. The Cowboys traveled to Pittsburgh to face one of the AFC's toughest teams and simply destroyed them.

Example Two: One day after the Cowboy victory, the San Francisco 49ers opened their season by hosting the Los Angeles Raiders on Monday Night Football. Like the



THOMAS MANNING
SPORTS COLUMNIST

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TCU Daily Skiff/ Randy Scoggin
TCU player Joseph Phipps breaks a tackle last week in practice.

Walk-ons excel despite opening-game defeat

By MARK MOURER
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The TCU football team received encouraging performances from three walk-ons this past weekend against North Carolina.

FOOTBALL

Hayes Rydel, Matt Moore and Michael Reeder contributed to the Frogs' impressive showing against No. 17 North Carolina on both sides of the ball. They earned individual praise from Head Football Coach Pat Sullivan and their play added to the positive outlook that the team takes with them into Saturday's game against New Mexico.

"You just can't say enough about Matt and Hayes," Sullivan said. "They're full speed football players."

Rydel, a sophomore noseguard, comes to TCU this season after playing two years at Navarro Junior College. He led the Frogs with 11 solo tackles and two assists. Rydel also was credited with a fumble recovery

and a fumble caused.

Rydel entered the game after starting noseguard Brian Brooks suffered a spiral fracture to the right leg in the first quarter.

"I was a little nervous when Brian went down," Rydel said. But he said he was glad to get the chance play.

Rydel said that he has become more mentally focused during practice this week and is looking forward to his first start in a Frogs' uniform against New Mexico.

"You can only do the best you can and that's what I plan to do against New Mexico," Rydel said.

Rydel, at 235 pounds, is not bothered by the deficit in size he gives up against the Lobo's offensive line, which averages 290 pounds.

"I don't think any player I face will have the intensity I do," Rydel said. "No matter what the size of my opponent, I'll always get in there and fight till it's over."

Moore, a freshman fullback, scored on his first play for the Frogs, roping in a 14 yard touchdown reception on the TCU's first offensive

series.

Moore, from Mayde Creek High School in Katy, will probably be playing both fullback and halfback in the TCU backfield. Sullivan said that Moore would be more involved with the offense due to his performance against the Tar Heels and the injury to Derrick Cullors, who is out for two to three weeks with a knee strain.

Michael Reeder, a freshman place kicker, booted in both PATs and TCU's lone field goal.

TCU enters Saturday's game a six-point underdog against the Lobos. However, Sullivan said he feels if TCU plays New Mexico the same way that they played the Tar Heels, "There'll be a lot of smiling faces around TCU."

Winning will require repeat performances from TCU's impressive young talent, possibly even improved performances. That should not be a problem, Rydel said.

"I can't wait to play," Rydel said. "This team is more close to becoming a success than it has been in a long time."

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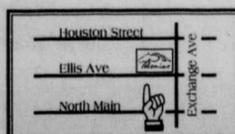
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Steelers, the Raiders are one of the AFC's finest, and many pick them to be the AFC representative in the Super Bowl. They have a dangerous passing attack and a very solid defense.

Final Score: San Francisco 44, Raiders 14. The game was a joke. 49ers receiver Jerry Rice, without a doubt the best receiver football has ever seen, caught two touchdown passes and ran for another to break Jim Brown's all-time touchdown scoring record. Rice now has 127 touchdowns, and with another four or five good years ahead of him, he should establish a record that might never be broken.

The Raiders did absolutely nothing. The defense couldn't touch quarterback Steve Young, who led the 49ers on one scoring drive after another. Like the Cowboys, the 49ers dominated every facet of their game.

So, what does this dominance by these two teams mean? Well, two things. One is that the Nov. 13 game in San Francisco between the Cowboys and the Niners will possibly be the biggest regular season game of all time. This game will be a preview of the NFC championship game, and both teams should be absolutely pumped. Former Cowboy and current 49er Ken Norton has already said that he has been looking forward to that game more than any in his career. This will, without a doubt, be the biggest game of the year.

And, of course, the dominance by these two teams will mean that, for the third straight year, the Cowboys and 49ers will fight for the NFC title in the championship game. (Actually, we may as well just call this game the Super Bowl, because whichever team wins is going to have the pleasure of destroying the AFC champion in yet another Super Bowl.) If, for some reason, this doesn't happen, it will be one of the biggest surprises in the history of football.

So all of this only leaves one question unanswered. And that question is, of course, who will win the NFC championship game between the Cowboys and the Niners. Well, let's look at things a bit more closely.

Both of these teams have a very good chance of

entering the playoffs with records of 15-1. One of them will lose the Nov. 13 game in Frisco, and we have to figure that the other will lose a freak game sometime during the year. So let's just say that the 49ers beat Dallas in the big regular season game, so the NFC title game is out West.

Now look at the matchups. Defensively, the teams are even. The Cowboy defensive line gets the nod over the 49ers, with Charles Haley flexing his muscles last Sunday. But the Niners' linebackers, led by the former Cowboy Norton and former Saint Rickey Jackson, are superior to the Cowboys. That leaves the secondary. Dallas wins here, with James Washington, Larry Brown, all of it easily topping the Niner secondary, which right now appears to be the weak link of the team.

Offensively, the match ups will probably be the best the NFL has ever seen. Emmitt Smith is clearly better than Ricky Watters, but Jerry Rice and John Taylor are clearly better than Michael Irvin and Alvin Harper. The Cowboy offensive line is better, but the Niners are deeper at every position.

So it will come down to quarterbacks. Steve Young is the best quarterback never to win the Super Bowl, and Troy Aikman is the man who's led Dallas to the last two titles. They are clearly the best two signal callers in the NFL.

So what will happen? Well, nobody has ever won three straight Super Bowls, and some pretty good teams have tried. The Steelers of the '70s couldn't do it. The 49ers of the '80s couldn't do it. Nobody has done it.

And, guess what? The Cowboys of the '90s won't do it either. In the greatest NFC championship game ever, Young will hit Rice in the corner of the end zone with no time left on the clock to give the 49ers a thrilling 42-41 victory. The Niners will go on to the Super Bowl, and win it, while Dallas will be forced to realize just how hard it is to win three straight Super Bowls.

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anger and frustration were growing that abortion has dominated discussions.

"We are drowning in these issues," said Mohamed Ali Taskhiri, leader of the Iranian delegation.

Egypt's population minister, Maher Mahran, told reporters: "Egypt is not a hostage in the hands of the Vatican. Nobody can twist our arms."

Ghanaian delegate Harriet Tacahie-Menson said, "I'm a Catholic but I think the Vatican is behaving just like the proverbial ostrich."

Delegates from 178 countries are working to approve a plan that will lay out a policy for reining in the world's population, which is expected to more than double by 2050.

They seemed to have reached consensus Tuesday night on a minutely worked-out 175 words on policies toward "unsafe abortions."

The compromise weakened some language but still urged governments to deal with unsafe abortion as a major public health concern, acknowledged the legality of abortion in some countries and said measures should be taken to reduce it.

The compromise was dashed within hours when delegations from at least seven nations and one U.S. territory objected, supporting the Vatican's contention that some phrases were pro-abortion.

The opponents were Argentina, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Malta, Slovakia, Uruguay and Guam, a U.S. territory that has

observer status at the United Nations and a separate delegation at the conference.

A main objection was the reference to legal abortions, delegates said.

The compromise had united diverse countries like Iran, Pakistan, the United States and Benin, a Vatican supporter. The European Union, Norway and Sweden also accepted it as their "rock bottom" compromise.

"For those who came to a consensus, this is very frustrating," said Henning Melber of Namibia, a delegate who favored the compromise.

The session was sent back to a committee for more work, but delegates put off further discussion until Friday.

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students may have about TCU, she said.

"This year we're doing it (Phonothons) differently. We divided the country up regionally," Oleskevich said. This way an ambassador can speak to someone from their hometown if they want to, she said.

TCU ambassadors also share their rooms with prospective students to give them a taste of dorm life, Oleskevich said.

Saturday tours are mainly for people who live in the metroplex area

and for students who don't want to miss school for Monday at TCU, she said.

Brad Voss, a freshman pre-major, said he remembered his contact with Student Ambassadors and joined the organization.

"I stayed a weekend in Clark last October," Voss said. "I remembered getting lots of phone calls from them (ambassadors), so when I got the invitation to their meeting, I decided to check it out."

Todd Blouin, assistant director of admissions, said Student Ambassadors

is "the most amazing organization as far as admissions goes."

Last year, ambassadors reached about 6,000 prospective students by phone, over 10,000 with phone calls and letters, and thousands more through Monday at TCU, Blouin said.

"Incredible amounts of people come into contact with Student Ambassadors," Blouin said. "We could never get along without them."

There are about 250 active members right now, Blouin said. Those interested in joining should go to the admissions office, he said.

SPORTS DIGEST

Wilbert requests jury Dallas adds Chapman UH denies cheating

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Texas A&M forward Joe Wilbert has requested a jury trial on a charge he assaulted a Texas Tech basketball fan during a post-game brawl.

Wilbert was indicted last spring for Class A misdemeanor assault on a man who was attending a basketball game Feb. 5.

The scuffle broke out between fans and players as Wilbert and other Aggies attempted to leave the court after their 89-88 victory.

IRVING, Texas (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys signed rookie Lindsey Chapman for a second time on Wednesday as backup to Emmitt Smith.

Chapman was cut from the Jets training camp this summer. He was signed by the Cowboys and cut the next day.

Dallas cut Lincoln Coleman on Tuesday and thought they had Bell, until the Redskins matched the Cowboys' two-year offer of \$108,000 and \$135,000.

HOUSTON (AP) — Former and current University of Houston football players routinely paid another player to take their math exams, the *Houston Chronicle* reported Wednesday.

University officials say the newspaper is milking old news.

But three former players say the cheating is more widespread than first reported to college officials last December.

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Some of the staff have been employed since the early '60s. Oliver Sutton is beginning his 30th season to work in the ticket booths outside the stadium. He said that he originally began working at TCU on game days to make extra money, but now it has become a tradition that he enjoys doing.

Security at the stadium employs over 100 people. Salvador Raso started working security at Amon Carter Stadium thirty years ago. He has worked in the parking lot, by the press elevator and in the press box. Raso is a retired assistant deputy sheriff who also took the job to make extra money, but found that working for TCU has been a rewarding experience, he said.

Mike Humphries has been providing security for the stadium for four years. He works for the Fort Worth Police Department and keeps the sidelines safe during home games.

Originally in the chancellor's box, Humphries has since moved to the field where he could be "closer to the action."

Associate Athletic Director Mel Thomas is in charge of the game day employees. He said that since TCU hired the bicycle security patrol, there have been no incidents of vandalism or theft in the parking lot.

Jim Mahlie, who graduated from TCU in 1942, takes tickets at the turnstiles and is continuing a tradi-

tion that he started when he was enrolled at TCU.

"I used to carry Cokes up to the sports writers (in the press boxes)," Mahlie said. "Back then we didn't have an elevator, so I had to carry the cases up the ramps."

Among the new faces on the work force are Aaron and Melody Davis of Alvarado, Texas, who work at a concession stand to raise money for their Cub Scout pack.

Aaron was recently elected Pack Leader of 1213 and will be bringing several of the pack's leaders to work on gamedays. The paychecks that they receive will go to helping the pack operate.

"We'll probably be able to recharter all of the boys and pay for advancement awards," Davis said.



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■ LAURA POTTER

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Don't believe me? I will prove it to you using examples adapted from recent science fiction novel and comic book covers and video games.

Let's say life looks like a video game. Milton Daniel catches fire, after someone pours gasoline on his bed and then smokes a cigarette. Everyone rushes from the building, standing around helplessly, except for a couple of residents who are roasting marshmallows and chanting, "Burn, baby, burn."

The fire engine pulls up to the dorm and out jumps the first fireman. He is covered from head to foot in yellow flame retardant equipment, ranging from thick boots to a helmet and goggles. Following him, a female firefighter jumps out, ready to run into the burning build-



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

ing and put out the fire.

She's protected against the immense heat and dangerous flames by her flame retardant high-cut bikini and her bright red high-heel shoes. As a woman, she doesn't need the protective equipment that men do.

In fact, her biggest worry is how to douse the flames while retaining her provocative pose.

Unlikely, you say? Try this one. Stretched across a vast battlefield, a mighty male army is battling an army of Amazon women. The men move slowly in rank formation encumbered by their complete body armor. They fight Ama-

zon women with big breasts and tiny waists wearing halter tops and breech cloths.

Obviously, women are more suited to handle warfare and killing without the troublesome bother of protecting themselves during battle. Like the female firefighter, their biggest problem is trying to squeeze D-cup breasts into size AA bikini tops.

Still skeptical? Have you ever seen the cover of a science fiction book or looked at the illustrations in comic books?

If you analyze the women they depict, it appears as if many artists and illustrators actually believe that women are invincible and drop-dead gorgeous even while fighting hand-to-hand combat.

Women are pictured fighting fierce fire-breathing dragons, battling evil forces and sword fighting vicious opponents dressed in *Sports Illustrated* swimsuit fashions, demon-

strating the remarkable skill women have in heroic endeavors. Could a man make such deft maneuvers wearing an iron bra?

Video games, one of the fastest-growing entertainment enterprises in the country, particularly portray women like this.

Have you ever played "Street Fighter II?" In the regular version, the only female opponent is "Chun Li," an aesthetically pleasing woman who fights all over the world in a bright blue crop top and breechcloth.

It is actually quite amusing watching her beat up male opponents and never once messing up her hair or clothes — if you could call them clothes. In fact, one could really admire the cute way she manages to stick her butt out when she throws a fireball.

But "Chun Li" is nothing compared to her new counterpart, "Cammie," added in the championship version of "Street Fighter."

Cammie fights her matches wearing a green leotard with a thong back. Have you ever tried to simply walk with a wedgie? Imagine kicking and jumping with one.

Stereotypically, "Cammie" is blonde. Her figure is simply splendid and she is programmed to show off her better features before each and every move. It's amazing how realistic this game is.

As a woman, I recognize the standard that is provided for me by comics, magazines, games and books, and realize that I, too, can be a buxom blonde who fights for truth, justice and the American way.

Oh, goodness! Look at that! A child is about to be run over by a big rig truck. Now where did I put my bikini?

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

■ P. D. MAGNUS

Removing flag is unnecessary P.C. pandering

Headless of logic, the Confederate flag is still a rallying cry a century-and-a-half after the end of the Civil War. The battle doesn't rage between blue and gray anymore, though. Lines are drawn instead between black and white.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, an organization dating back to the days when the polite word for an African-American was a "colored person," opposes the presence of the Confederate flag on South Carolina's Capitol in Columbia. The NAACP contends that the flag blatantly symbolizes hatred and bigotry. "Every time I see the flag, it is an attack on my dignity," says William Gibson, NAACP national chairman.



Gibson and his allies are opposed by those who see the flag as a symbol of history and culture. "If we can have a Martin Luther King Day, a black history month, why can't we have the Confederate battle flag fly over the statehouse?" said a man named Bill Carter to an all-white crowd at a pro-flag rally. Carter does lose some credibility, however, for having been the campaign manager for the unabashedly racist 1992 presidential candidate David Duke.

It's disturbing when lines are drawn between black and white, making it hard to approach the problem rationally. Anyone who breaks racial rank invites charges of "selling out." A black can't disagree with the NAACP without getting lumped in with the likes of Carter or Duke. Similarly, any white who supports the flag or any black who denounces it just reinforces racial tensions regardless of their motives.

In reality, the Confederate flag is only a symbol of hate because Bill Carter and David Duke rally around it. A faint parallel may be drawn to "X" hats worn by militant blacks. Should whites feel that "X" hats are an attack on their dignity? Hardly.

It's a safe bet that no one alive today remembers the Civil War. Does the NAACP propose to control symbols based solely on what some people today might think of them, rather than what they mean in a larger context? The Civil War boils down to far more than just a case of Southerners owning slaves and being willing to kill for the right to keep them. Industrialization, trade and states' rights also played roles.

At least today's battles over the Confederacy are peaceful ones. The NAACP is betting on its current tactic: an appeal to the South Carolina Supreme Court that circumvents the legislative process. The NAACP is asking the court to rule that the flag must be removed because it violates civil rights laws. The court has not yet decided whether it will even hear the matter.

Recalling the controversy surrounding the first Rodney King verdict, a group led by the NAACP commented that the Supreme Court is the last hope for a peaceful resolution.

If the Confederate flag should be hauled down as an assault on black dignity, why not the U.S. flag? Surely it is an atrocious assault on the dignity of Native Americans. The Indians, after all, were oppressed, corralled, abused and killed by soldiers of the U.S. Army. The Native Americans, however, could not mount such a campaign even if they wanted to. They lack the numbers and political clout of black activists.

If we choose to eliminate offensive symbols, why stop at the Confederate flag? We will drop the American flag, of course, to ease the dignity of Native Americans. Destroying the Lincoln Memorial will ease the dignity of Southerners whose ancestors lost the Civil War. Demolishing the LBJ Presidential Library in Austin will soothe the dignity of the illiterate. And we'll have to dynamite Mount Rushmore, to ease the dignity of anyone whose head isn't enormous and made out of rock.

I was once treated very rudely at the Red Lobster on Hulen. So I demand it be destroyed, as a way of rebuilding my personal dignity. It's the least society can do.

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■ TODD MCKINNEY

Students should seek education above recreation

What does the word university bring to mind? Classes, of course, followed by many hours spent paging your way through the library from one book to the next. And it brings to mind professors, essential for our guidance through each book, periodical and computer program.

But what else comes to your mind when you think about the word university? School spirit? For those at TCU who do have spirit, it means football games, parades, purple shirts and songs to live by. There are also extracurricular activities such as the Programming Council, student government, Greek organizations, and more songs to live by.

Now, for a change of pace, what do you think of when you consider university life during the Renaissance era?

Would Shakespeare write a play differently today than he did in 1604, when he published "Hamlet?" What would Charles Darwin think about building perfect people with our genetics technology and how that affects natural selection? How would Mozart compose a symphony today?

T.S. Eliot writes that "the past should be altered by the present as much as the present is directed by the past." But I think it's fair to say that this can be applied to almost everything else — from history to science to language to music and to the end of the world. How does our point of view of the present alter our vision of the past? And vice versa? Is it for better or for worse?

Which brings us back to TCU and the present day university. Look again at the images you have about the university, past and present. Ask yourself what they had that we don't.

They spent time reading the Greek classics, pursuing Latin, questioning religion, establishing sciences and studying musical instruments. Of course, they didn't have the options of entertainment that we have.

They also had the motivation to discover the outer limits of a certain subject before expanding their ideas and thoughts into other areas of interest. They did so with enthusiasm to be the best they could be and for the betterment of society.

Today, we have all that, too. We have the time to learn new languages, study the sciences and read the classics. But do we make time for it?

People have the motivation. But it's easier to play football, twiddle your thumbs to the beat of the next local band, or throw a party.

It's not any one person's fault, though. It's everybody's fault. Our standards have diminished. On Thursdays, we worry more about the weekend than we do the next day of school. Yes, we all need fun, but we should also pursue our educations as individuals and as a whole society.

Next time you think about the word university, think about what you can make it rather than what it is supposed to do for you.

Make use of the Writing Center. Your tuition dollars pay for it, so you should take advantage of it. Go to the library, where you have access to more than one million items such as books, periodicals, microfilm and computer programs that can access the world for you in a matter of seconds. After that, let the TCU orchestra entertain you with a symphony, then watch a play performed by the TCU theatre department.

Then, when you can handle no more, catch a football game, dig the rhythms of the local bands, or throw a party.

But remember, all of extracurricular time could be spent educating yourself and society to higher levels.

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■ LETTER

School Spirit

Laura Potter's recent editorial on school spirit really struck a chord with me. It seems that she is wrestling with the issue of how TCU football figures into her educational experience here and whether attendance at athletic events is a true measure of school spirit.

Perhaps I can explain my slant on this issue best by comparing football games to service. Does the essence of modern religion hinge on a symbolic group ritual? I think not. What is really important in our religious experience is what we feel inside — our faith. Personally, I feel much closer to God when I strap on a 40-pound backpack and climb to the top of a 14,000 foot mountain peak than I do sitting on a pew in church. So I understand how Ms. Potter feels about having school spirit without attending football games.

But what we both miss out on is fellowship. In a church service, many people from diverse backgrounds come together on a regular basis to

share a common faith. Each person is stronger with the group to support them and the group is stronger because of each person's contributions.

A TCU football game is similar to a church service in many ways. Athletic events often provide the opportunity for people with different backgrounds to come together as part of the TCU community. An athletic event may seem trivial on the surface, but isn't it just about the only chance we get to bring students, faculty, alumni and friends together for fellowship?

So you're right, Ms. Potter. You most certainly don't have to attend football games to have school spirit. But by focusing only on educational opportunities, you miss out on a great opportunity to join a TCU fellowship. And whether you realize it or not, the fellowship in the football stadium is diminished by your absence as much as you are diminished by not participating in it.

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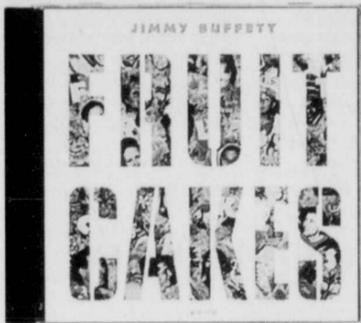
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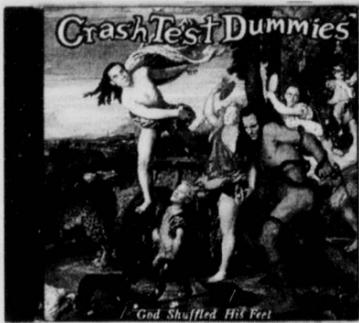
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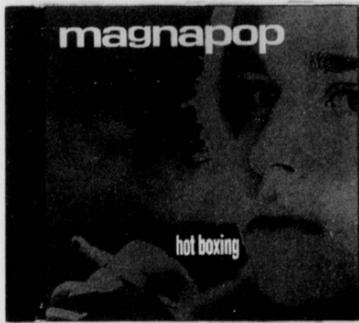
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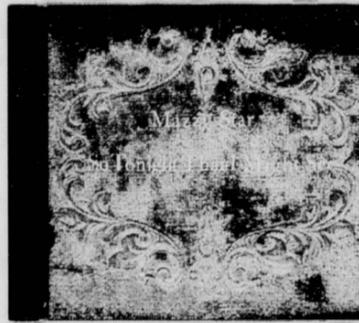
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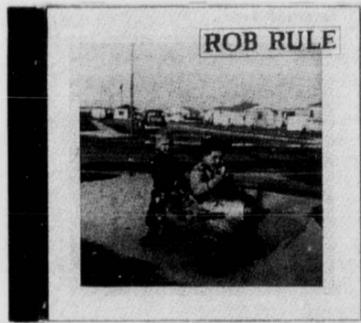
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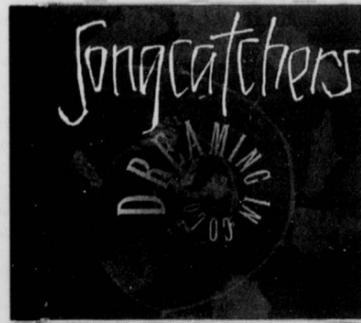
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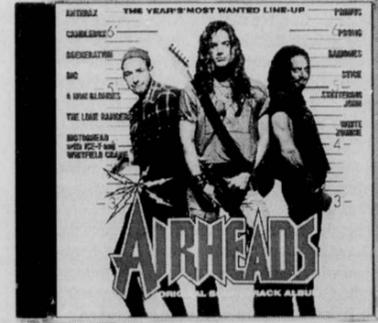
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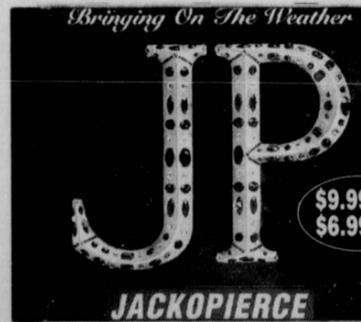
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