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## Health center offers shot against runny nose, nagging cough

By SARAH RAACH  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Flu season is just around the corner and now is the time for students to get vaccinated if they intend to avoid the highly contagious virus, said a TCU health center doctor.

Dr. Burton Schwartz said TCU students should get a flu shot as soon as possible because the vaccine is not effective once the virus has been contracted.

"This is the time to do it because college students tend to think in the present and by the time they're sick it's too late," he said.

The health center began offering flu shots Monday, but so far it has only been administered to a few faculty members.

However, Schwartz said they have been receiving phone calls from students inter-

ested in getting vaccinated.

The shots cost \$10 at the health center and may cost more at hospitals or private doctor's offices, he said.

Even though flu season doesn't usually start until December, Schwartz said another reason to get the shot now is it takes about 4-6 weeks for the vaccine to take effect. However, the vaccine will last 5-6 months once administered.

He said most college students and faculty members are prime flu targets because they are often in close contact with one another.

"Just about everyone is a candidate," he said. "It only takes a couple of people to cough on you in an elevator or classroom before you catch it."

Shalonda Brazzell, a senior nursing major and a Colby resident assistant, said flu cases

spread fast in dorms too.

"It spreads because the girls who get sick don't stay in, because they're afraid to miss classes," she said. "Then they hug their friends and hang out in other rooms."

Schwartz said the flu also spreads when people share drinks or lipstick.

Beth Aine Bollinger, a senior news-editorial major, said she received a flu shot yesterday because she didn't want to risk getting sick and missing classes.

"I don't want my grades to suffer if I get sick," she said.

Bollinger lives at home and said she also got vaccinated to avoid catching the illness from family members.

"I have a 3-year and 8-year-old sister," she said. "They invariably bring home the flu whenever there's an outbreak."



Schwartz said there are several factors that can lower one's resistance, making them more susceptible to the flu.

Ideally, college students need 8-9 hours of sleep a night, he said. Lack of sleep can lower

a person's tolerance against viruses.

Poor eating habits also contribute to lowering one's resistance. Schwartz said good nutrition helps keep students healthy.

Lack of exercise, drinking too much alcohol and smoking can also interfere with one's immunity system, increasing a person's chances to catch the virus, Schwartz said.

He said the shot is injected in an arm muscle and isn't too painful. The vaccine itself should not cause any side effects like nausea or a fever either.

Bollinger agreed that the injection wasn't very painful.

"It didn't really hurt when I got it yesterday, my arm is only a little sore today," she said.

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## Former TCU student wins Emmy award

By KIMBERLY WILSON  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

TCU graduate Angela Johnson, now the special projects producer of KXAS-TV, Channel 5, in Fort Worth, was honored with an Emmy Award Sept. 17 in Denver.

The National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences gave Johnson the award for her work on the "JaM" station image campaign for KXAS-TV.



Angela Johnson

Johnson's was awarded for her efforts in an image campaign for news anchors at the 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. time slots at KXAS, she said.

The campaign, known as "JaM," stands for Jane McGarry and Mike

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## Two alumni win award for service work

By MISSY EVANS  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The College of Fine Arts and Communications will sponsor the second Horizon Award luncheon today at noon in the Student Center Ballroom.

Wilma (Miller) and Clarence B. Smith, two TCU alumni, will be awarded in recognition of their active roles in TCU and in the Fort Worth communities.

The Horizon Award is a joint effort between the TCU community and the Metroplex which began four years ago as a weeklong event, said Robert Garwell, dean of the College of Fine Arts and Communications.

One of the kickoff events for the week was a luncheon to recognize TCU alumni that have gone on to be active in the Fort Worth or Metroplex area, as well as active with TCU.

"We realized that before the luncheon there had been no way, other than a phone call or letter, to recognize

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Fraternity members — starting what they call a new Greek tradition — are bringing sofas onto the sidelines to cheer on the men's and women's soccer teams.

TCU Daily Skiff/ Mark McCauley

## Psychiatrists aim to help college depression

By GINGER RICHARDSON  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Promoting awareness of mental illness among college students is one of the goals of National Depression Screening Day, a program sponsored by the American Psychiatric Association (APA).

Free screenings are being held across the country today in conjunction with Mental Illness Week, and nearly one hundred thousand people across the country are expected to take part in the free screening process, according to the APA.

Huguley Memorial Medical Center, 11801 S. Freeway, is the closest participating location for TCU students. Screening sessions will be from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Almost 17.4 million Americans suffer from depression each year, many of which are college students, according to the APA. One out of

every four women and one in every 10 men can be expected to develop the disease during his or her lifetime.

During the diagnostic sessions, individuals will be given the "Jung Depression Screening Test," consisting of 20 questions. Participants will then watch a video while their test is being evaluated. Treatment will be recommended on the basis of the evaluations.

John Schuster, a clinical psychologist at the TCU counseling center, said that while the university is not actively participating in the national screening day, students are welcome to come by the counseling center anytime to be tested for depression.

"We don't wait for a special day," he said. "We screen students everyday — it's one of the main reasons students stop by."

The APA recommends professional help if an individual has at least four of the following symptoms for a period of two weeks or more.

- Change of appetite resulting in significant weight loss or weight gain.
- Change in sleeping patterns — fitful sleep, insomnia or sleeping too much.
- Loss of interest and pleasure in activities formerly enjoyed.
- Loss of energy or constant fatigue.
- Feelings of worthlessness and hopelessness.
- Feelings of inappropriate guilt.
- Inability to concentrate or think.

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## YOU HAVE DEPRESSION IF

You exhibit 4 or more of these:

1. Noticeable change of appetite.
2. Change in sleeping patterns.
3. Loss of interest in activities.
4. Loss of energy.
5. Feelings of hopelessness.
6. Inability to concentrate.
7. Frequent headaches.
8. Recurring thoughts of death.

## NEWS DIGEST

## TWU accused of discrimination

FORT WORTH (AP) — Two Texas Woman's University professors, including a former Outstanding Faculty Award winner, have accused the Denton school of retaliation and a pattern of discrimination against Jews.

In a lawsuit filed in a Dallas federal court, health professors Niles and Leah Kaplan accuse the university of denying tenure and promotion in 1992 to Kaplan and three other faculty members with Jewish surnames.

## Cult commits mass suicide

CHEIRY, Switzerland (AP) — Forty-eight members of a cult authorities say they didn't know existed apparently committed suicide. Authorities were not ruling out the possibility that some of the victims were executed, investigating judge Andre Piller said.

"We are still reeling from what we found," he said. "When we first walked in it looked a wax museum. The bodies were lying in a circle with their heads outward."

A cassette tape in the chapel explained some of the group's spiritual beliefs, but gave no reason for the killings.

## Candidates argue on insurance

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Ann Richards and Republican challenger George W. Bush duelled Wednesday over insurance. Bush proposed a no-fault automobile insurance plan which he said would lower rates.

"Texans who contrast her failed promise with my plan will see a huge difference between vague rhetoric and specific reforms which will work to lower the cost of automobile insurance," Bush said.

Richards said she promised in 1990 to hold the line on insurance costs, despite campaign ads saying she had a plan to lower rates.

## California outlaws gas chamber

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The door to San Quentin Prison's gas chamber may have slammed shut for the last time, ending a 56-year history in which 196 of California's most notorious criminals were put to death by breathing cyanide.

U.S. District Judge Marilyn Hall Patel ruled Tuesday that the acid-green chamber is cruel and unusual punishment that kills by causing an intense "air hunger" similar to strangulation or drowning. If the ruling stands, the state's death penalty will be carried out by lethal injection.

## Arts festival starts at noon

Face painting, beading and pottery will be some of the activities available at an arts festival from noon until 4 p.m. today by Frog Fountain.

Free food will be available, and several local vendors will be present, said Amy Gafford, chairwoman of the Visual Arts committee of Programming Council.

About 200 to 300 are expected to attend, she said. Admission to the event is free.

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## 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.

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**BAPTIST STUDENT MINISTRY** (previously Baptist Student Union) meets at 12:30 on Thursdays for Noondays (a bible study) in Student Center 216 and at 7 p.m. on Mondays for Jumpstart, a worship time, in Student Center 205-206.

**TCU CATHOLIC COMMUNITY** presents a supper pro-

gram at 5:30 p.m. every Thursday in the Faculty Center of Reed Hall, Room 214. All are welcome. The organization is having a retreat during Mid-Semester Break (Oct. 13-16). Call University Ministries for more information.

**ALL SAINTS HEALTH SYSTEM QUALITY OF LIFE LECTURES** from 11 a.m. to noon today will hold a lecture on Fat/Calorie Intake presented by Paige Vogl, Dietician at the Carter Rehabilitation and Fitness Center (CRFC). Learn how to calculate your personal needs. Seating is limited so call the CRFC at 927-6190.

**RAPE/SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS GROUP** meeting from 2 to 3:30 p.m. on Fridays, is forming at the TCU Counseling Center. Call Dorothy M. Barra at 921-7863 to set up an

initial screening appointment.

**TEXAS COMMISSION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE** will be at Tarrant County Junior College South Campus from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Friday to discuss the Americorps program in the Recital Hall, Fine Arts Building at 5301 Campus Drive. Contact Carmen Maverick at 512-475-3158.

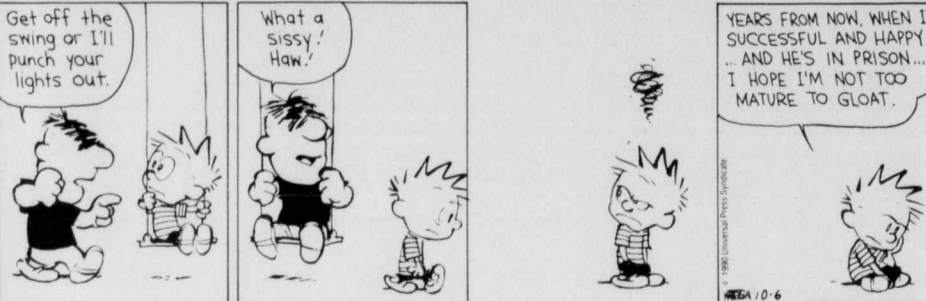
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## The Adventures of Superfrog by Ben Roman & Adam Wright



## Calvin and Hobbes by Bill Watterson



## WEATHER

Today's weather will be mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs will be in the upper 80s. There is a 30 percent chance of rain tonight. Lows will be in the upper 60s.

## CAMPUS CALENDAR

**Today**  
 Lucy Harris Linn Institute 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., "The Artist and the Baseball Card," Moudy Bldg. exhibit space  
 Noon to 4 p.m., PC Visual Arts: Arts Festival, Frog Fountain  
 Noon, Horizon Awards luncheon, Student Center Ballroom  
 5 p.m., International Students Association meeting, Student Center 222  
 8 p.m., Theatre TCU — "The Madwoman of Chailot," University Theatre

**Friday**  
 8 p.m., Theatre TCU — "The Madwoman of Chailot," University Theatre  
 University Leadership Retreat  
 Student Account Payments

**Due**  
 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., "The Artist and the Baseball Card," Moudy Bldg. exhibit space  
 PC TGIF: Karaoke  
 Noon to 1 p.m., TCU Jazz Ensemble performance  
 9 p.m., PC Film: "Jurassic Park," Student Center Ballroom

**Saturday**  
 7 p.m., Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra  
 University Leadership Retreat: "Into the Streets"  
 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., "The Artist and the Baseball Card," Moudy Bldg. exhibit space  
 8 p.m., Theatre TCU — "The Madwoman of Chailot," University Theatre  
 9 p.m., PC Film: "Jurassic Park," Student Center Ballroom

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## TCU woman complains of peeping tom

By DENA RAINS  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

A female student said she was shocked to find a man looking at her between a crack in the shower stall she was using at the Rickel Building's women's locker room Monday.

The student was not hurt in the incident.

She said she doesn't normally use the locker room but that she needed to take a shower in between swimming laps at the Rickel and a meeting she had later that night.

As she turned on the water, she saw a glimpse of an arm through the crack but thought it was another woman. She said she felt uneasy about the situation because she didn't hear any water running from the neighboring stall.

"I am so trusting; I didn't think anything was wrong," she said. "I should've trusted my instinct."

After she turned off the water and noticed a black male looking at her, she wrapped a towel around herself, approached him and began to yell at him.

"I was more pissed off than anything," she said.

The man told her he was a freshman and that he thought he was in the men's locker room.

The female student continued to yell at him and tell him to leave. The man said he didn't know how to get out and asked her repeatedly how to exit the locker room before he "casually walked out."

"I'm lucky nothing major happened," she said.

After the female student reported the man to the attendant on duty at the weight room, they looked for the man around the building, but they couldn't find him.

It seemed easy for the man to get in and out of the locker room, she said. So easy, in fact, that she believes he must have done it before.

"You're not safe anywhere," she said. "Even at TCU."

The student said she was unsure whether she would use the locker room in the Rickel Building again.

## Nurse to speak on health care reform

By HEIDI MOWERY  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

A former vice president of nursing at Harris Methodist Hospital in Fort Worth will tell nursing students and faculty how less hospital patient care will take place at the hospital but at home.

Donna L. Bertram, will give a speech entitled "A Potpourri: Health care, Nursing and the Community" as a part of the 19th Lucy Harris Linn Institute's speaker. The speech will be held at 5:30 today in the Student Center ballroom.

Gail Davis, professor of nursing and chair of the programming committee for the Lucy Harris Linn Institute, said Bertram's speech will not only include health care reform discussion but also integrating hospital patient care at home.

Davis said health care reform is an issue students should be concerned with because of a growing trend in which patients are spending less time in the hospital. Less time spent in the hospital means health care providers will have to follow through with

treatment into the home.

Davis, who has worked with Bertram on devising measuring instruments and techniques for measuring work satisfaction, called Bertram "a real nursing leader."

Bertram's daily involvement in the day to day operation of providing health care qualifies her to speak on health care in the hospital and community, Davis said.

Bertram is currently the senior vice president and chief operating officer for the Penrose-St. Francis Health Care System in Colorado Springs, Colo., a \$350 million health care system with 2,900 employees and 600 physicians. Before moving to Colorado she was the vice president of nursing at Harris Methodist Hospital in Fort Worth.

Bertram also co-wrote the book *Financial Management in Critical Care Nursing* with Judith L. Wilson in 1992. Bertram has also been inducted into the Fellowship of American Academy of Nursing.

General admission is \$45 and \$10 for undergraduate students with a valid ID.

## Blues/

•Recurring thoughts of suicide or death.

•Feelings of overwhelming sadness and grief.

•Physical symptoms such as stomachaches or headaches.

Schuster said he sees many of these symptoms in the students who visit the counseling center.

"This disease is very prevalent at TCU and on campuses across the country," he said. "We see freshmen who are having separation anxiety and difficulty working out their identity as well as upperclassmen who are having relationship and financial problems."

Schuster said he doesn't know why so many people struggle with depression during their lifetime.

"That's anybody's guess; you could write a book on why this is so prevalent," he said.

Even though depression affects so many, it is one of the most commonly under-diagnosed diseases in the country, said David Banks, program director at Huguley Memorial Medical Center.

The disease often goes untreated because of the public's perception of mental illnesses, he said.

"There is a real stigma associated with going to seek therapy," Banks said. "As a result, many fail to get the

treatment that could make them feel better."

Treatment for depression varies depending on the individual, Schuster said. Counseling and/or antidepressant medication has proven very effective, he said.

Eighty to 90 percent of those who suffer from depression can be effectively treated, according to the APA.

Private sessions at the counseling center last from 45 minutes to an hour and are free for students. Confidentiality is maintained at all times, Schuster said.

"We are legally and ethically bound to keep quiet about anything a student decides to tell us," he said.

Dennis Atkinson, a Fort Worth psychiatrist, visits the center once a week to prescribe medication for those students in need.

Psychiatrists look at a student's personal and family history to help determine the need for medication and counseling, Schuster said.

## Emmy/

Snyder, two new anchors to the Fort Worth area and the station that Johnson was trying to promote.

It was young and energetic and reflected the vitality of the youngest anchors in the area, she said. In a focus group test, "JaM" was found to be the most recognizable campaign in the market, she said.

Johnson said she is proud of the Emmy, but she said the achievement she is most proud of is her work on the Channel 5 Salvation Army Angel Tree. The Angel Tree helps children from low-income homes receive Christmas gifts from contributing people in the community.

The first year she worked on the program, there was a 250 percent increase in participation. The next year, there was a 150 percent increase, and the following year involvement increased another 95 percent. Work is already in progress to make this year's Angel

Tree even better than before, Johnson said.

She graduated from TCU with a bachelor of science degree in 1987. While working as a radio-TV-film major, Johnson was the promotional director for KTCU, managing a staff of thirteen students and learning many technical skills. She said she still listens to KTCU.

"The students are doing really innovative things, and every year it gets a little better," she said.

Johnson said that her experience at KTCU helped her a great deal when she entered the job market, and she said all students should get as much hands-on experience as they can while attending college.

Her 18-hour course load became strained by a new job in the spring of 1985. She answered an ad for a part-time position at KXAS-TV, and when she was interviewed, Johnson told her prospective employer that if

he gave her a chance, he wouldn't be sorry.

She was hired at the station's promotion department which added an extra 30 hours of work to her week. Johnson learned what she considers the most important life skill during her first semester at KXAS-TV: time management.

"I realized how important it is to be able to reschedule your life," she said.

Perhaps Johnson is so successful because she enjoys her job very much. She has no desire at the moment to become a producer or director anywhere other than her current top ten market. She said she loves producing, and her personal goal is to be the best producer in the top ten stations in the country.

"It's never a dull moment. Not a 9-to-5 job. It's the wackiest, most bizarre job, and it's fun and important," Johnson said.

## WAC/

league would be looking at El Paso, San Diego and Denver.

During the past two days, El Paso has emerged as an early front-runner, Benson said. "They have the foundation to hold this game."

Benson noted El Paso has a good facility in the Sun Bowl, site of the annual John Hancock Bowl, and has the necessary organization in place for ticket sales.

He was careful to say, however, that the location search is in a very early stage and that the WAC will not actually begin soliciting sites until next year.

The basketball and football committees are scheduled to begin developing site specifications for the championship games in January. Solicitations will be made around March, with a final decision to come in May.

## Flu/

The vaccine, called Influenza Virus Vaccine, Trivalent, Types A and B, works by releasing inactive flu antigens into the body which stimulates the production of specific antibodies. According to a vaccine fact sheet, these antibodies will then protect the body from the virus.

However, there are many different strands of the flu and the vaccine will only offer protection from the strand from which the vaccine is prepared, or closely related strands.

Schwartz said the federal government determines which strand will occur each year by making an educated guess based patterns and cycles

the strands go through. For example, one particular strand may occur only every five years.

"Once vaccinated, one should not get the flu, and if they do it should be very mild," he said.

Schwartz said students and faculty members should come in for the shot soon because they only received a limited amount of the vaccine.

"Once we run out we don't get anymore, so get it now," he said.

Schwartz said the shot can be administered to almost anyone except for persons with allergies to chicken eggs or any components of the vaccine. Pregnant women should consult their doctors first.

## Horizon/

alumni for their contributions," Garwell said.

The Smiths have established three scholarships in the College of Fine Arts and Communications, including the Wilma Miller and Clarence B. Scholarship, the Maude Young Miller and W.B. Jack Miller scholarship and the Dorothy Bell Scholarship.

They also funded the building of the Miller Speech and Hearing Clinic, underwrote major repairs to the organ in the Robert Carr Chapel and are active community members, Garwell said.

Garwell said he expects family and friends of the Smiths, along with many faculty and administrators to attend today's luncheon.

The recipients are chosen after a lengthy process, Garwell said. An administrative council discusses the individuals who were nominated by the eight College of Fine Arts and Communications departments, and the final decision is made in conjunction with the office of university advancement.

"We start looking at submissions in the fall and continue on through the spring," Garwell said. "So, we will be starting the whole process over again very soon to choose next year's recipient."

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## Jail may be the best discipline for some student lawbreakers

"We always take care of our good old boys. A fight here, a drunken brawl there. It's okay. Boys will be boys. We take care of our own."

In some circles many would say this is what discipline at private universities used to be. Of course it is built on a sweeping generalization and is definitely a stereotype, but was there any truth to it, and what is the state of discipline at private schools today?



**CHRIS NEWTON**  
COLUMNIST

The fact is that a student who commits a crime against TCU, will probably be punished by the university. Only in serious matters does TCU press charges.

This is definitely a good thing in the eyes of students, but is it right?

The philosophy is valid. Discipline at TCU should not be completely punitive. This is an institution of higher learning, and if a student breaks the law, university policy would say that they deserve to be punished, but would spare them the experience of dealing with local law authorities.

Those who are cynical would say that the university is simply protecting its own interests.

A student in jail is one less student paying tuition, and one less alumni to make donations in the future.

While many have conjectured that private universities pamper their students, I honestly believe the universities' intentions are good.

Or at least I am willing to give them the benefit of the doubt.

But is this really the best way to educate students?

No one likes to see or hear about a student getting in trouble with the law. It reflects poorly on the university, it affects the students' career indefinitely and it detracts from the entire community.

But if students break the law we may be doing them a greater disservice by softening the consequences.

When a student graduates from TCU and steps out into the real world the first lesson they will learn is that there is no longer a safety net to catch them when they fall.

Students who have been pampered too much may learn this lesson the hard way.

Isn't it possible that a student who has been repeatedly spared from the consequences of their actions might come to think that they are immune to the law?

So, TCU, will you be responsible when a student graduates from TCU commits a crime and is put in jail? Will you be there to bail them out? Will you be there to make the police go easy on them?

Of course not. So where is the logic in protecting students now?

Schools of higher education are supposed to be in the business of preparing students for the real world. This is definitely a case of sparing the rod and spoiling the child.

It would be silly to suggest that every time a student breaks the law the university should call in Fort Worth. But there have been more than a few cases of the university handling major infractions of the law internally — even some cases of DWI.

Although the university can discipline effectively and can be harsh, it is no substitute for a law enforcement agency. When a student breaks a serious law; they should learn a serious lesson.

Though we come here as students we are expected to be adults when we arrive. The university is not a babysitter, nor is it a parent. In theory, we are all equal in the eyes of the law, but when a private university refrains from turning over a serious matter over to the police, they teach the opposite — that status can place one beyond the law. Unfortunately, students might one day find out just how wrong that notion is.

While it may seem harsh, teaching students how to stay out of trouble with the legal system may be the most valuable lesson some students ever learn.

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## Does the discipline system curb crime at TCU?

By SARAH RAACH  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

*Campus crime committed by students has always been an issue at every university, but the philosophies behind dealing with that problem are in a constant state of change. Is the discipline system at TCU really the best way to deal with student offenders?*

A student who breaks the law and goes to jail may learn more than the student who is handled by the TCU discipline system, said Chief of Campus Police Oscar Stewart.

"In several cases students have been handled by Fort Worth police and in most cases it has been the most effective and enlightening experience," Stewart said. "They learned a very good lesson."

Only a small percentage of students who break the law ever see a Fort Worth officer. While most offenses are handled internally, Stewart said.

"The experience of being in jail is what some offenders need," he said.

"Discipline by the university can be rough, but nothing is as rough as being put in jail."

Stewart said going to jail even if a student is able to make bail, can be an eye-opening experience.

"When you're in jail you can't leave, you don't really have any rights and you're housed with other criminals. For most students it's a real shock."

Although Stewart did not have the statistics to prove it, he said that the great majority of offenders are repeaters.

"Most students who break the laws are repeat offenders. There is actually a small number of students on this campus that are involved in delinquent activities," he said.

"The problems are usually caused by a select population of students who commit offenses again and again."

He said that by the end of the year some of the police officers know students by name.

The decision of whether or not to call the Fort Worth police is a discretionary issue for the Campus Police and the Office of Student Affairs.

A lot of times what takes place depends on behavior of those involved.

Stewart said he remembered one incident in which a female student was arrested for unpaid parking tickets.

"Sometimes people have to be in jail before they realize the severity of something they've done," Stewart

said. "This girl treated a Fort Worth police officer as if there was nothing that he could do to her. She was wrong. That night she spent the evening with hookers in the county jail. When she was arrested she was

on her way to a campus party in a nice dress. Her attire didn't help get along with her new roommates," Stewart said.

Another student who went to jail because of drug usage wrote Stewart a formal apology after experiencing what he described as a humiliating ordeal.

According to Stewart the student even thanked the police for "opening his eyes."

"When students deal with a system that treats them like an adult, many, for the first time realize that their status can't bail them out of every situation."

Stewart said that he feels that the university was very effective in handling discipline matters in the past, but declined to comment on the current

policy that involves hall directors and other administrators as well as the Dean of Students office.

"I want to refrain from comment-

that until a way is found to deal with repeat offenders, the problem will always exist.

"We have to convince the people

that keep committing crimes that what they're doing is serious, Stewart said. "If that means we must be harsh, then let's be harsh."

Junior movement science major Gerard Hinderlich said that he has seen the discipline system in action and believes students who break the law should deal with the Fort Worth police.

"When the law is broken, the law is broken," he said. "If you break the law you deserve to be handed over to the police."

Hinderlich said he believes TCU refrains from turning some matters over to the Fort Worth police because it is concerned with its image.

Former Resident Assistant Tom Rose said that TCU is capable of handling most problems internally.

"If it's a problem that happens on TCU property then it is within its jurisdiction to handle the matter however it sees fit," Rose said.

However, Rose said, there are some situations that warrant the involvement of the city police.

"Any activities involving large crowds such as football games or any violent crime such as rape, mugging, and robbery would warrant the involvement of the Fort Worth police."

While the number of TCU offenders is on the increase, Stewart said



Oscar Stewart

### OPINIONS

**Do you believe that the discipline/judiciary policy is effective in curbing offensive behavior in students?**

**Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs:**

"The system at TCU is designed primarily to respond to individual problems. In that sense I do believe it is a policy that will work on individual students. Once students understand what is expected, they meet those expectations. We want to help students learn what is appropriate and inappropriate behavior, and I believe our system does that. And it modifies the behavior of those who violate our policies."

**Rick Barnes, director of fraternity and sorority life:**

"I think the revised judicial program is effective, because it deals with incidents more at the peer level rather than in an office in some ivory tower. I think this system has been proven at many campuses, and I think students prefer it that way."

**Matt Hovde — Junior Tom Brown resident assistant:**

"Does our system eliminate all violations? No. But does it keep our campus relatively clean, safe, and comfortable? Yes, I think it does."

"It is TCU's legal right to handle violations of most sorts as they see fit. If they can do that and keep us safe there should be no argument against that right."

**Gerard Hinderlich — Junior:**

"I don't think it does. That's why people break the rules on campus — because they know nothing is going to happen."

Offenses at TCU in 1993	
Liquor Law Violations	32
Drug Abuse Violations	1
Weapons Possesions	7
Sex Offenses (Forcible)	1
Vandalism	24

## Russel says discipline system effective; fair

By DENA RAINS  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

While some students might consider campus discipline to be harsh and uncaring, Mike Russel might beg to differ.

Russel, the assistant dean of Campus Life, said some students might think the process harsh because they violate the Code of Student Conduct and don't think they've done anything wrong.

He said the department of Campus Life has many goals for the student discipline system.

"The goal of discipline is to teach students who violate student

policy that their behavior was wrong," Russel said. "Another goal is to keep them from repeating that behavior."

Russel also said he has a responsibility to all students, both violators and non-violators, to maintain the "educational environment" on campus.

Most students who go through the campus discipline system think they have been treated fairly, Russel said. Most are not arrogant or deny having violated policy.

"Most information I get is pretty solid," he said. "It would be hard for people to deny they did something."

The discipline system starts with information Russel receives. Most of this information is gathered from Campus Police reports, he said.

He reads all the reports and not only looks into Code of Student Conduct violations but also notes injured students or students whose vehicles have been stolen.

After Russel has noted the violation, he sends a letter to the student telling them they have been accused of a violation and asking them to schedule a meeting with him.

If the student does not schedule an appointment after repeated correspondence, Russel said he either puts the student's records on hold (which makes it impossible to register or drop a class) or decides there is sufficient evidence to conduct a hearing without the student present.

Russel said before he holds a hearing without the accused present, though, he "wants to make sure it's the right person."

This rarely happens, he said. Most students do schedule times for a meeting.

During this meeting with Russel, the student must decide whether to be present at his or her hearing. According to the Code of Student Conduct Section 5.1.4, if the student decides not to be present at the hearing, the matter will be heard and decided by a hearing officer.

Who serves as hearing officer depends on what the offense is, Russel said. If the violation occurred in a residence hall, the case will be heard by the Residential Living Commission. If it involved a student in the Greek system or living in chapter housing, the case will be heard by Fraternity and Sorority Affairs. All other offenses go to Russel's office.

At the hearing, the accused is given a chance to talk about his or her involvement with the incident.

According to the Code of Student Conduct section 5.1.5 "The accused student may have a person present to advise him or her in all judicial interviews and/or hearings."

The adviser may only counsel the student and not actively participate in the hearing or proceedings, unless clarification is needed as determined by the hearing panel chair or hearing officer."

The accused student is also allowed to submit written statements, invite witnesses, and ask questions of any of the witnesses. He or she is also notified of all witnesses called in his or her case.

"After the hearing, the judicial body, in closed session, shall determine by majority vote whether the student has violated each section of the Code which the student is accused of violating," according to the Code of Student Conduct 5.1.5.

The panel then will "decide upon an appropriate judicial sanction."

These sanctions could include "a warning, probation, suspension, expulsion, educational reassignment, restitution, and community service," Russel said.

The student is also given a chance to appeal the hearing decision, according to the Code of Student Conduct 5.4.

Russel said he checks to make sure the student has performed his or her part of the punishment.

Very rarely do repeat offenders pass through his office, Russel said. But the various sanctions are designed to fit the possibility of repeated violations, he said.

Alcohol violations are probably the most common offenses, Russel said.

"This campus has a problem with alcohol just like any other campus," he said. However, the university does have an "outstanding alcohol and drug educator program."

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■ LAURA POTTER

## 'Chick movies' are more realistic than action thrillers

Dating in college always seems to boil down to dinner and a movie, or a movie and then dinner if you are being creative. After several of these dates, the foremost problem is how to tactfully get across the message that you don't want to see another movie. But guys usually don't get the message, so it's off to see another movie. There are basically two types of movies: "guy" movies and "chick" movies. And they are very different from one another.

After copious quantities of research, I have discovered that guys seem to favor action movies, like "Cliffhanger," "Die Hard," "Rambo," or any movie with Chuck Norris. The requirements for a good action movie are mind boggling. First of all, there must be a large number of deaths in the film with a huge body count, not including all the people with head injuries, broken limbs, mangled



bodies and various assorted gunshot wounds. In fact violence is so important that someone has to be beaten up or mortally wounded at least every five minutes or the movie just won't make it. With the amount of blood these films go through, you could become a billionaire in the movie special effects field just distributing fake blood.

You can't have an action movie without at least two car chase scenes, which have to be in the middle of busy streets and cause at least half a dozen innocent citizens to wreck

their cars. Also, in every action movie, some vehicle, somewhere, has to blow up in a fiery explosion. Whether it's the hero flying through a store front window or some villain being tossed from three stories up, no action movie is complete without someone flying through glass of some sort.

Almost every action movie made has a lengthy, dramatic scene focusing on the hero's physique and showing the hero suiting up with enough weapons and protection to battle three armies single-handedly. The camera focuses on his physical, "rippled" body and pans across his weaponry to the melody of bass intensive music.

But despite all his preparation, the hero will somehow get shot in the head, or the shoulder or the leg. But don't worry, he always manages to prevail against all 27 of

his opponents anyway. No matter the plot of the movie — even if there is absolutely no reason to have one — every action movie has an obligatory sex scene. It's usually something completely ridiculous.

All too often, the hero and his defenseless female companion cross a mine field, and 10 minutes before the enemy is going to find them, they make love in the back of a tank. How's that for realism?

A really good "chick movie," on the other hand, has to have at least one scene where men are lounging around without shirts on, exposing their massive chests to the camera. According to guys, a "chick movie" has too many sappy scenes, and the other scenes are too emotional.

Every "chick movie" has to have a heart wrenching scene that makes the audience get

down on their knees and bawl. Every character will be loved for who they are, and if not, they come to grips with themselves and don't let it bother them.

"Chick" movies are a little more realistic than action movies, as no one tries to kill everybody standing, and there is more than one good guy. They don't take place all in one day, but over the course of weeks or months. People die naturally; they aren't dismembered or dropped from 22 story buildings. Instead, they die in car wrecks, from heart attacks, disease and old age.

There are distinct differences between action movies and "chick movies." Of course, if guys want their dates to like them, it's obvious which type of movie to go see.

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■ P. D. MAGNUS

## Stereotypes are wrong in any, every situation

There is nothing more bothersome than overbroad generalizations. If you have any doubts, just ask one of the African-American students on campus. Any one of them would be willing to take time out of their football training program to sit down over some fried chicken and watermelon to explain to you all about what racism and prejudice are like.

That example proves the point, because most people are aware that prejudice against blacks is unacceptable. Other examples, phrased more innocuously, might slip by completely unnoticed.



Take a column in Monday's *Star-Telegram*. It called for honesty in lessons related to Hispanic Heritage Month. The column argued that it's not fair to portray conquistadors as heroes just to provide positive Hispanic role models while ignoring the fact that, in the words of the article, "these same explorers were busy plundering and destroying peoples and cultures."

Tacked on after that advice was a diatribe against teaching Hispanic heritage as Spanish heritage. Instead, the article demanded, Latino students should be taught that "they are not Spanish or white . . . but rather a mix of all peoples of the world."

Cleverly disguised inside the attack on prejudice is a call for even more prejudice, the kind that the author would prefer.

It is possible that an Hispanic is a "mix," as the article suggests, but any given Hispanic might also be a pure bred Spaniard, in which case the suggestion is false.

Hispanics are not some giant mush pot that can be spoken of in historical generalities. It is good to include the bits about cruelty and pillaging, but applying them with the same broad brush strokes just recolors the dogma.

Just to show that there is no underlying, anti-Hispanic agenda, here's another example of another example of prejudice: ageism. Baby Boomers were, for many years, the subject speculation. What effect would they have on society?

Now that one of them is in the White House, the focus has jumped ahead to the now mythic Generation X. Far from being the generic brand one might suspect, Generation X refers to us folks born between 1960 and 1976. We are, in popular lore, ill-tempered, amoral, apathetic ne'er-do-wells addicted to television, microwave ovens and CD players.

One recent poll reports that 46 percent of X'ers believe in UFO's. This evidently is supposed to show that we are delusional freaks who put more truck in *Star Trek* than the nightly news.

But broad defenses of X'ers from such scandalous charges are also mistaken. Just as some of us are apathetic hedonists and some of us are nice folks, some of us are consumed with angst and others are simply jerks. There are a whole bunch of us. We aren't robots.

Talking about Baby Boomers and the generation that came after them, sometimes called the Baby Busters, can be a valuable demographic tool when approached by way of meaningful statistics.

Trying to generalize that into a zeitgeist, or spirit of the times, is another matter entirely. Just so with Generation X. Although many look forward to the time in the next century then an X'er moves into the Oval Office, by then do we will no doubt be talking about Generation Y.

Almost everyone agrees that prejudice is bad. The few people that will defend it, among them members of the KKK and the Nation of Islam, are way out of the political mainstream.

Trying to defeat negative stereotypes by replacing them with positive or "more accurate" stereotypes, though, is nothing more than a shell game. It may be good for the self esteem of a few bozos here and there, but it does no good for society at large.

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■ EDITORIAL

## COMPLAINTS

Ambushing *Skiff* staff ineffective

In the past few weeks, the *Skiff* office has been inundated with a series of students coming by the office to complain. These have ranged from a simple "I don't like this" to threats and verbal abuse on staff members.

In a way, it's gratifying: it means we're being read.

On the other hand, storming into our office and demanding answers from the nearest staff member is no way to make yourself heard. It's unprofessional and immature.

We have about sixty staff members, and exactly eight of them are involved in making editorial decisions. Ambushing a reporter to make them explain why an editorial said so-and-so won't get

you any answers. The best way to communicate with the editors and the rest of the campus is the letters to the editor on this page. That's where your opinion can be heard. You can mail your letter, call it in on the Sound Off line (921-7683) or e-mail it to us on the TCU computer system.

If you really want to talk to an editor, have the professional courtesy to call ahead and make an appointment. Editors will be happy to listen to your concerns — but not 30 minutes from deadline.

We're not trying to be closed to the campus — if fact, just the opposite — but if you want to talk directly to us, try to do it in a civilized way.

■ LETTERS

### Respect the flag

In the evening, throughout the night and all day on Sept. 15 and 16, Air Force ROTC's Arnold Air Society sponsored the POW/MIA vigil. This event remembers U.S. soldiers from all branches and backgrounds who never returned home.

A ceremony preceded the vigil during which the black POW/MIA flag was raised to wave beneath the American flag. For 24 hours following the ceremony, both Army and Air Force ROTC cadets stood guard for long, tiresome, proud hours under these flags.

During the ceremony, the national anthem played and cadets stood at attention, saluting the flag we dream to soon defend. As I stood there, I saw people walking past the ceremony. But many of them didn't even seem to notice.

Why do Americans take the flag and everything it represents for granted? People were wounded, imprisoned, tortured and killed so every American on this campus could have the freedom to follow their dreams.

The next time people hear the "Star-Spangled Banner" being played, they should place their hands over their hearts and pay some respect to the banner that carries with it all their freedoms and dreams.

Michelle K. Parks  
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### Abstentions were justified

The article written by Jennifer Holmes and Tasha Zemke on the Student House of Representatives' rejection of the resolution seeking support for the TCU Triangle did not give enough attention to the main reasons why the bill did not pass, nor was it truly reflective of the session.

Members who voted against the resolution are not anti-gay. There are significant issues that contributed to the rejection of the bill that weren't mentioned in the article: questions of protocol, language in the resolution, and more inclusive wording.

One question raised was whether or not it was the House's place to handle the problems that the TCU Triangle is having without sending it through the Student Organizational Committee (SOC) first. The SOC governs all student organizations allowed on campus, as well as which organizations will be recognized and allowed to meet on campus. Having the Student House

pass initial judgement on problems of recognized organizations undermines the SOC's authority and could inadvertently influence its decisions.

The "let it be resolved" statement, the portion of the resolution which is actually voted on, called for the House to support the existence of the TCU Triangle and not the right of "student organizations to exist," as was stated by Representative Garca. We wanted to make the resolution more inclusive by making a friendly amendment stating that the Student House strongly supports the rights of all organizations that have been recognized by the SOC and are allowed to meet on campus. The response to the friendly amendment from Representative Garca was a firm, "No." He wanted the original wording of the resolution, which called for the House to vote on the existence of the TCU Triangle rather than on its rights as a recognized organization. That threw in a big dose of personal morals and opinions into what was a clear-cut issue. He witnessed the result.

Finally, the last line of the "let it be resolved" statement wanted the House to condemn any and all attempts at discrediting the TCU Triangle. Basically, that statement wanted the House to take away your constitutional right of protesting. Sorry, we don't have the power to do that.

Therefore, the rejection of the bill was not solely due to some members' prejudice toward homosexuals, as the article implied, but also because of flaws in its wording, questions of clarity, and respect for other organizations' authority. I hope I have clarified the circumstances surrounding the vote on the TCU Triangle resolution, and I would also ask that reporters seek input from all sides before printing future stories.

Also, referring to the editorial on Sept. 30 that criticized the abstentions: if the representatives abstained because they didn't want other representatives to know how they felt, the editorial is correct. But if they abstained from the vote because they didn't understand the meaning or purpose of the resolution (which I think was the case) then their abstentions should be respected. Representatives shouldn't vote on issues they don't fully comprehend. That is like signing a contract that you haven't read or don't understand. If you are in the habit of doing that, let me know, and I'll send you a few contracts.

Leon Reed Jr.  
Freshman, political science  
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■ BOB GREENE

## We're raising a nation that can't read, write at all

This is from a college professor in Maine: "This past June I watched 37 of my students graduate. All of them were bright, well-motivated, ambitious young people. And all but two were functionally illiterate. The exceptions were an Asian young man and a German woman who had been taught proper English spelling, grammar and punctuation in their native lands. The rest (the American students), despite 17 years of formal education, used 'there,' 'their' and 'they're' interchangeably, along with similar confusion with 'to,' 'two' and 'too.' Moreover, they paid no attention at all to the number or gender of antecedents. Their spelling was phonetic gibberish. In a word, none was capable of writing a business memorandum whose credibility would not be seriously undermined when it reached a superior."

His point is that U.S. children are being cheated in school; worn down by decades of declining standards, some teachers — not all of them, of course — seem to be giving up in the face of the culture's slide.

The country appears to have decided that proper grammar does not matter; anything goes. From a retired teacher in New York: "In 1980, I was assigned to teach English in a special education class. One day, my assistant principal passed by my classroom and gasped in horror because I was teaching a grammar lesson. She asked me to come out into the hallway, and then informed me that teaching straight grammar was not allowed."

In her school, the teacher said, there was a great racial sensitivity expressed about correcting the verbal and written grammar of those black students who came to class using so-called street dialect: "We were informed this dialect was to be treated as a language unto itself." As long as the students were expressing their thoughts, that was all right.

At least the students in Maine and New York were talking and writing in English. Under the growing trend of so-called "multiculturalism," the United States is becoming a nation in which anyone is encouraged to speak and write in his or her native or ethnic language — and those people speaking English are expected to accommodate those who choose not to.

What is wrong with this, you may ask? Is not the United States supposed to be a melting pot? Have we not traditionally welcomed people from all over the world, coming to our shores speaking many languages?

Yes, of course. But in a melting pot, things melt — a melting pot brings different ingredients together into a united whole. We are no longer a melting pot — we are a pot, but the different factions in the pot stubbornly decide to stay separate, decide not to change or learn. Rep. Toby Roth of Wisconsin, quoted in a *Reader's Digest* article, said: "America is fast becoming a society divided by language." Roth points out that while more than a dozen other nations, from Uganda to New Zealand, have declared English their official language, the United States has never done so.

Our country is called the United States, not the United Nations. Yet, with our own children not learning the proper way to speak or write — growing up assuming that it doesn't matter — and with new citizens from all over the world being given no real impetus to learn English once they arrive here, you have to wonder where we're headed. And whether, when we get there, we'll even be able to read the signs.

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TCU junior tight end Brian Collins runs away from Baylor linebacker Tony Tubbs Saturday. The Frogs next game is Oct. 15 against Tulane in New Orleans.

## Golf team rises in polls

BY STEWART NEFF  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The TCU men's golf team has achieved its highest national ranking in school history this week.

### MEN'S GOLF

According to the latest Golfweek biweekly poll, TCU is tied for No. 5 in the country. The Horned Frogs started the season at No. 16.

TCU has been ranked in the top 25 season-ending poll each of the last five years.

The golf team started off the season with an impressive 7th place finish at the William Tucker Invitational in New Mexico. Junior Deron Zinneker led the Frogs by finishing ninth individually overall, and sophomore Andy Aduddell finished 19th overall. The Tucker Invitational contained a field of 10 ranked teams, and Oklahoma State won the event.

The Frogs then finished 4th over-

all at the Ping/Golfweek Preview Invitational. Stanford won the event ahead of Georgia Tech, Oklahoma and TCU, respectively.

"The top 18 teams in the country were at the Ping/Golfweek Preview," said head men's golf coach Bill Montigel, "and finishing fourth is something to be very proud of."

The Preview took place at Ohio State University in Columbus, which is the site of the 1994 College Championship. Zinneker and Aduddell tied for eighth place individually at the Preview.

Montigel said that he is very pleased with his team so far this season. He said TCU will have to be consistent to remain ranked in the Golfweek Poll with the tough competition in every tournament.

"Our schedule is as good as anyone in the country," Montigel said. "Every tournament we need to get better and learn something new."

Montigel said he has been impressed with some of his young

golfers. Grady Girard, listed as one of the top freshmen to watch in the preseason, has a scoring average of 75.8, and he finished 27th overall at the Preview.

Zinneker and Aduddell have each finished highest on the team once so far at a tournament, and the two golfers seem to be the foundation of the team. Zinneker has a scoring average of 72.6, and Aduddell has an average of 73.2.

Montigel said junior Doug Roecker, sophomore Brent Wolf, and sophomore Matt Goggans have played well. Goggans competed in his first tourney at the Preview, and he finished 64th overall.

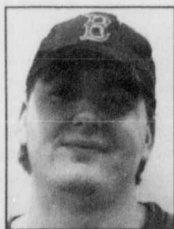
The TCU men's golf team will compete in the Red River Classic at the Dallas Athletic Club October 9-11.

Top-ranked Oklahoma State leads a field of 14 teams. Four out of the top five teams in the country will be at the Red River Classic. Besides TCU and Oklahoma State, Texas and Oklahoma will be at this tournament.

## Strike talk in pro sports getting old

In a perfect sports world, we would be watching the first round of Major League Baseball's extended playoffs this week.

But the players went on strike in August, and just a few weeks ago both the players and owners finally agreed on something: that the season was lost cause, and the strike would cause the World Series to be cancelled for only the second time in the 20th century.



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While the baseball strike may have been hard for many fans to deal with, after two months, most seem to be over it. After all, football is in full swing, and with it being fall, hockey and basketball are starting to pop up in fans' minds as well.

But wait. Last week was supposed to be the official start of the National Hockey League season. And, if you hadn't noticed, the first week of the season saw a grand total of zero games played. That's because the NHL's players, like their baseball counterparts, are also on strike. And, believe it or not, there is talk of problems between players and management in the NBA that might lead to a basketball players' strike as well.

What is happening here? The players and owners of each major American sport are having such a hard time agreeing on anything that strikes seem to be the only solutions these days. Well, instead of going through the motions and discussing what the two sides are fighting over in each sport (the salary cap, revenue sharing, free agency, etc.), it is probably a better idea to look at what all of this means to each sport.

Forget baseball. Too much time has been spent on the baseball players' strike anyway. In a nutshell, the players are greedy, the owners are greedy, and the only people who deserve to be going on strike are the baseball fans.

Hockey, on the other hand, is a different story. The NHL has done much in trying to promote itself in the last couple of years. Commercials featuring the most popular and marketable players, new teams in Texas, California, and Florida, and a television contract with Fox have all helped the NHL gain popularity throughout every region in the country. Hockey is no longer a sec-

ondary sport in America, and many are saying that it will overtake basketball as the most popular winter sport in the country.

With momentum on its side, what could the NHL possibly be thinking by not starting the season on time? Of the three sports in question, hockey is by far going to be the most hurt by a players strike. The NHL is at a crossroads right now. On one hand, it is about to emerge as a major force in the sports world. Popularity is at an all-time high. Fans throughout the country are pumped about the sport. But on the other hand, a prolonged strike would ruin everything. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out that the longer this strike lasts, the more that anticipation and excitement about the hockey season is going to fade. And that's the last thing the NHL can afford.

Basketball is at the opposite end of the spectrum from hockey right now. With no more Larry Bird, Magic Johnson, and Michael Jordan, the sport is searching for an identity. Sure, Hakeem Olajuwon emerged as the best player in the NBA last year, but is he, along with Shaquille O'Neal, Larry Johnson, Derrick Coleman and Reggie Miller, going to be able to return basketball to the glory it once had with Bird, Magic and Air Jordan? That is an important question for the NBA right now.

Like the NHL, the last thing professional basketball needs is a strike. If the NHL resolves its problems and begins its season, but basketball misses an extended period of time at the beginning of its season, it isn't hard to see that the NHL will become the sport of the winter, and basketball will be in serious trouble, possibly for a long time.

The NBA and NHL are facing crucial periods right now. Both sports (or businesses) must be very careful in working out their problems. But the ramifications of these two situations appear to be simple. Between the NHL and the NBA, it will be the one who settles its man-

agement-player dispute quickest and most efficiently that will become king of the sports world once the football season ends in late January.

And, speaking of football, if there is one winner in all of this strike mess, it's the NFL. The only sport whose players and owners aren't talking strike, the NFL is also enjoying a season with no competition from the World Series or the opening weeks of the NHL. With baseball, basketball and hockey stuck in ugly disputes between players and owners, football has quickly and easily once again established itself as the king of American sports.

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### SPORTS DIGEST

#### Spurs cut Daniels

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs have waived guard Lloyd Daniels, who spent two seasons with the team.

Spurs general manager Gregg Popovich announced the move Tuesday, just three days before the team's training camp is scheduled to begin.

Daniels signed with the team as a free agent in July 1992. As a rookie during the 1992-93 season he appeared in 77 games, averaging 9.1 points, 2.8 rebounds and 1.9 assists.

Daniels averaged 5.7 points, 1.7 rebounds and 1.4 assists in 65 games last season.

#### Smith questionable

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Emmitt Smith jogged around on his pulled hamstring on Wednesday but if it was a game he couldn't have played.

The Dallas Cowboys running back said, "It's still up in the air whether I'll play on Sunday."

The Cowboys host the Arizona Cardinals on Sunday.

"I still have some work to do before I can get there," Smith said. "I think I've got a good shot. It has to be good enough that I can run full-speed."

Smith pulled the hamstring in the first half of Sunday's 34-7 victory over the Washington Redskins.

#### Former champ arrested

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Former three-time world boxing champion Wilfredo "Papo" Gomez was arrested Tuesday on charges of buying cocaine.

Gomez, 38, considered the best boxer in Puerto Rico's history, was already free on \$30,000 bail on domestic violence charges against his wife.

Police officers say they saw Gomez buy cocaine in a San Juan public housing project, then drive away. When the former boxer saw police, he led them on a brief chase but stopped when he was blocked by police cars.

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