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Committee: low turnout at traffic meeting little help to us

By RICHMOND WILLIAMS
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The Traffic Regulations and Appeals committee held two town-hall meetings Tuesday and Wednesday to discuss parking, but they got minimal response.

"I don't know if it is as much a disappointment as it is indicative of how much of a problem it is not," said John Breyer, professor of geology and chairman of the committee.

Three students came to the meeting Tuesday night and submitted comments. No one showed up on Wednesday afternoon. Breyer said he has received two letters from university staff and two letters from faculty.

"People like to complain, but when called upon to participate in the solution, they find it's more fun to just complain," said Registrar and committee member Patrick Miller.

The committee includes students, faculty, and staff.

Lack of publicity was not the cause of the low turnout, Breyer said.

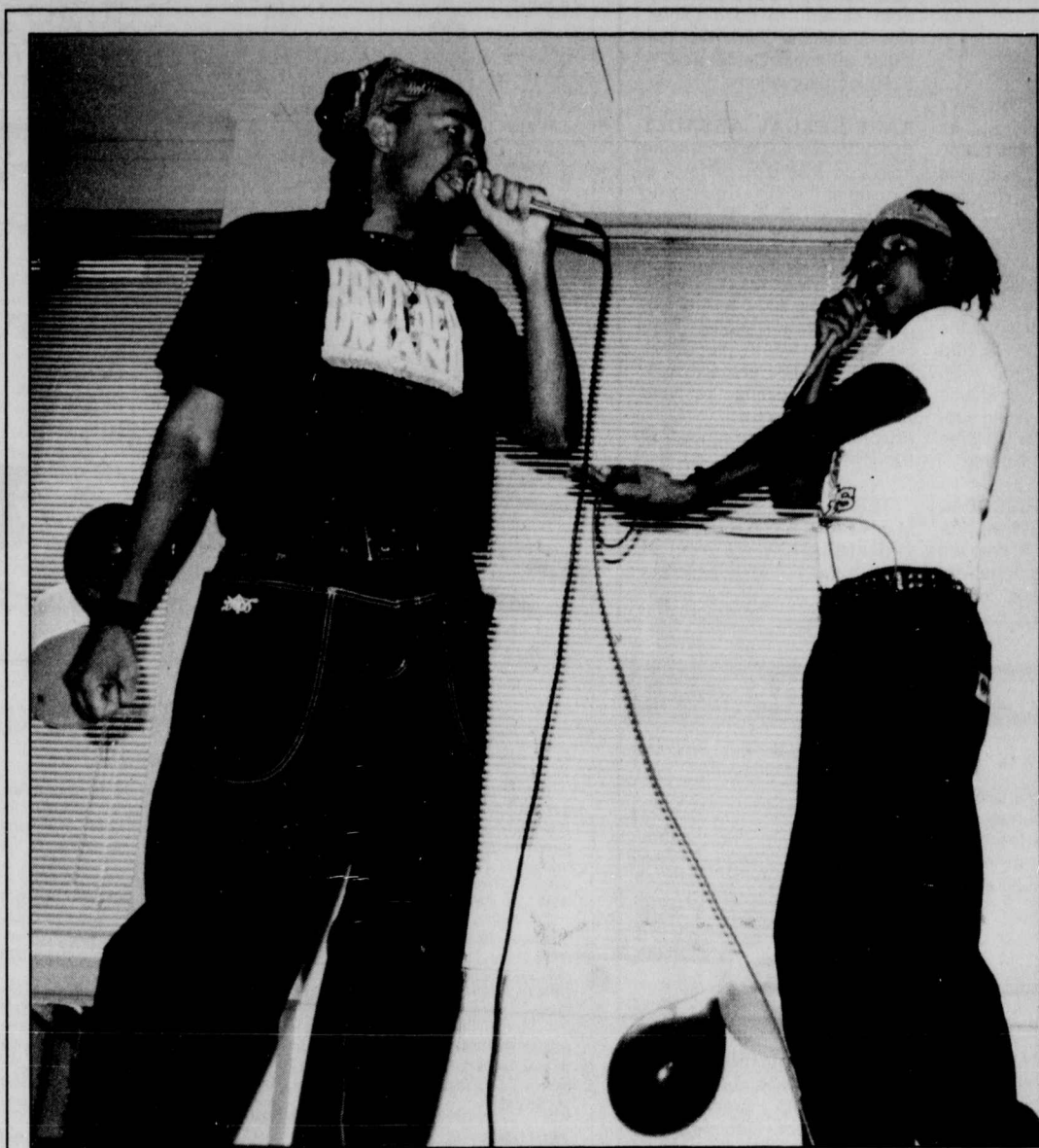
"(The event) was in the *Skiff* several times and the faculty bulletin," he said. "All of the major student organizations were notified and flyers were distributed."

Students who attended the meeting could submit suggested parking solutions to the committee.

The following suggestions were made during the meeting:

- The university should — in an effort to eliminate parking shortages east of University Drive — encourage all stu-

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F.O.L. (Flip side Of Life) artists Skippy and Dominant combine reggae, jazz, and hip-hop music for their performance at Harambe, a celebration of African-American culture, Wednesday afternoon in the Student Center lounge.

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On-campus fund drive starts today

Faculty, staff to view 'Next Frontier' video

By JENNIFER HOLMES
TCU DAILY SKIFF

"The Next Frontier," a campaign aimed at raising \$100 million for TCU, will hold its on-campus kickoff with a special campaign video presentation for faculty and staff at 3:30 p.m. today in the Student Center Ballroom.

The video will look at the development of the university from a historical perspective, said Larry Lauer, associate vice chancellor for communications and public affairs.

"The video will attempt, in a meaningful way, to describe the special character and strengths of the institution and present it as an institution worth making a significant investment in, with a grand and exciting future," he said.

A detailed report on goals for the drive and a breakdown of where spending will go.

Various TCU alumni helped in the production and participation of the video.

Bob Schieffer, host of CBS's "Face the Nation" and a 1959 graduate, narrates portions of the video; Deedie Rose, TCU trustee, wife of Ranger baseball team owner Edward (Rusty) Rose and a 1963 graduate, talks in the video about giving back to TCU; Clarence Scharbauer, a 1973 graduate from Midland involved in an oil and gas real estate business, talks about his experiences at TCU.

Dan Jenkins, a sports writer, novelist and 1953 grad, offers insights to TCU sports; Bob Doran, mathematics department chairman, and Nowell Donovan, geology department chairman, both offer comments on TCU's academic opportunities in the video, according to a TCU press release.

Spencer Tucker, chairman of the history department,

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Terror attack in Tel Aviv kills 20 as peace hopes dull

By DAN PERRY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

TEL AVIV, Israel — The terror at the edges of the quest for Middle East peace exploded Wednesday when a bomb on a crowded city bus killed 20 people and turned a bustling street into a scene from a slaughterhouse.

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The attack wounded 48 people. Police blamed it on a suicide bomber.

Shouts of "Death to the Arabs!" were heard from bystanders on the seaside city's main

thoroughfare as severed arms and legs were gathered for burial, some from on top of four-story buildings.

"It will end. It has to end. We will tear them to bits," said President Ezer Weizman, who called for "extraordinary action" to root out Islamic extremists.

Police suspected a West Bank fugitive known as "The Engineer" of planning the attack, according to Israeli news reports.

The attack sparked anti-government protests around the country and gave Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin little choice but to retaliate against extremist groups who oppose Israel-Arab peace-making.

In a television address, Rabin said he would

seek legislative backing for a wide-ranging crackdown on the fundamentalists, while at the same time pressing ahead in peace talks with the Palestine Liberation Organization.

He stressed the need for a final political settlement that will divorce Israelis from the Palestinians of West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"We need a separation between us and the Palestinians, not just for days but as a way of life," Rabin said.

President Clinton said he still would attend the peace agreement ceremony on the Israel-Jordan border next week. Israel Radio said security would be tightened for Clinton's visit.

"It's like Russian roulette living in this country," said Ronny Levy. "Every day someone

else gets killed."

Israel sealed off the Gaza Strip and West Bank after the mid-morning blast, claimed by the radical Islamic group Hamas in a statement read in Gaza mosques.

Officials indicated Israel might respond with an unprecedented blow against Hamas' armed wing, Izzedine al-Qassam.

Rabin cut short a trip to London, rushing back to consult with security officials and Cabinet ministers. Dozens of demonstrators outside his Defense Ministry office greeted him with chants of "Rabin Resign."

Angry demonstrators also gathered at Dizengoff Square near the scene of the blast, in Jerusalem and throughout the country.

The attack came as Israeli and PLO officials sat down in Cairo, Egypt, to talk about expanding the 5-month-old Gaza-Jericho autonomy to the rest of the West Bank. The talks broke off early Wednesday because of the blast.

PLO leader Yasser Arafat said the Palestinians are "fully cooperating with the Israeli government to search and arrest the perpetrators."

There were no reports of arrests by Arafat's police in Gaza.

"Pushing forward with the peace process... is the only way to respond to the enemies of peace who are getting their support, their training and financing from well-known outside

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Lectures focus on social problems

By SUSAN HOPPER
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Race and religious identities are two major concerns that David Maines, visiting sociology Green Honors Chair, will address this week.

Maines gave two lectures Oct. 13 and will give one today to sociology classes about "race coding," the effects of myth on society and humans' lack of instincts.

"Race coding" involves the American tendency to classify people as either black or white, Maines said. While many parts of daily life call for persons to categorize themselves according to race, there is no true scientific basis to do so.

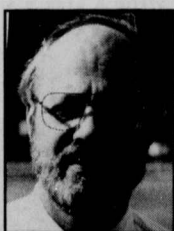
Racial categorization, as it has existed within the last 200 years,

is the basis for much racism as it exists today, Maines said.

"Categorization has nothing to do with 'race,'" he said. "It's only a stratification of power."

The social problems stemming from racism are based on half-truths that society allows itself to perpetuate, Maines said. By side-stepping real issues, people in society spread lies, he said.

"It is irrational that much of his-



David Maines

tory is a lie of avoidance," he said. "Think of all the things we've told our children that are lies."

Maines said he is disappointed in universities as a whole because they are not accomplishing what they should. Most U.S. universities tend to be mediocre in educating their students, he said. The difference between good schools and mediocre ones is a matter of curiosity, he said.

"The question is, 'How curious are we, as professors and students?'" Maines said. "We need to stay curious and keep asking important questions; this is the only system where curiosity is rewarded."

Much of the responsibility for

see Maines, page 3

Richards, Bush exchange fire

By MICHAEL HOLMES
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — If they're still watching campaign commercials, Texas television viewers may be a little confused by ads the leading gubernatorial candidates unleashed Wednesday.



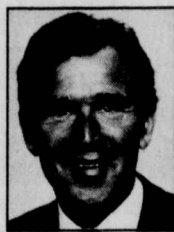
The newest ad from Democratic Gov. Ann Richards shows a photo of Republican challenger George W. Bush, while Bush's ad includes a snippet from a Richards commercial.

But each commercial also spends plenty of time criticizing the other candidate.

"George W. Bush. No experience.

Failed business ventures. More doubts every day," says the latest Richards commercial.

"Ann Richards. False accusations, cheap personal attacks," retorts Bush's new ad.



George W. Bush

Both are airing statewide, the campaigns said.

The focus of Richards' latest installment is Bush's

sale in 1990 of Harken Energy stock for some \$848,000. A week later, the company of which Bush served as a director posted poor



Ann Richards

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NEWS DIGEST

Teen charged with poisoning dad

FORT WORTH (AP) — A teen-ager who police say was unhappy living with her father after her parents' divorce has been arrested and charged in his poisoning death.

Marie Robards, an 18-year-old freshman at the University of Texas, is accused of poisoning her father with barium she obtained from a high school chemistry lab.

Steven Robards, a 38-year-old rural carrier for the U.S. Postal Service, died Feb. 18, 1993.

Police believe that Robards put the poison in Mexican food that her father ate.

Bomb kills 1 in Baghdad mosque

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A bomb exploded Wednesday in the mosque of Baghdad's Religious Affairs Ministry, killing one man and seriously wounding five.

Iraqi television identified the fatality as Attallah Mohammed Salah, director of the endowments office. It said three of the wounded from the time bomb were women.

There was no claim of responsibility, but the TV blamed "agents hired by the enemies of Iraq," usually considered to be a reference to Kurdish separatists or Iranian-linked Shiite Muslim rebels.

Poll: Hutchison in the lead

AUSTIN (AP) — Republican U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison maintains a wide lead over Democrat Richard Fisher, according to a new opinion poll.

The Texas Poll, published Wednesday in several newspapers, showed Hutchison backed by 51 percent of voters and Fisher by 32 percent. Sixteen percent were undecided.

The figures indicate that Hutchison is headed for a "landslide" victory, said Candace Windel, director of The Texas Poll.

Fisher spokeswoman Robin Rorapaugh discounted the survey.

Aristide speaks at palace

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — President Jean-Bertrand Aristide blamed his right-wing foes Wednesday for street violence that has spread fear among Haiti's elite, and he promised a new government of the "rich and poor."

Aristide spoke only in general terms of his plans for an administration embracing all Haitian classes and dedicated to reconciliation.

Speaking to reporters at the National Palace for the first time since a U.S. Air Force jet brought him back, he accused his opponents of already working to undermine him.

Judge: FCC is overprotective

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government is being too protective in trying to control children's exposure to indecent material on radio and TV, a judge said Wednesday.

"You are the national nana," Judge Patricia Wald said of a Federal Communications Commission policy. Wald was one of 11 judges on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit reviewing the constitutionality of regulations forbidding TV and radio stations from airing indecent material except during the hours of midnight to 6 a.m.

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.

ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS groups are currently being organized at the Counseling Center. Call Larry Withers at 921-7863.

CYCLING CLUB is for anyone interested in road racing and mountain biking. Contact Justin Neely at 924-6513.

ISA meets Thursdays at 5 p.m. in Student Center 222.

BAPTIST STUDENT MINISTRY meets at 12:30 p.m. Thursdays for Noondays (a

bible study) in Student Center 216 and at 7 p.m. Mondays for Jumpstart, a worship time, in Student Center 205-206.

MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY ASSOCIATION will hold its 17th annual Halloween event. This year's includes a hayride and a walk along the "Haunted Trail" Friday and Saturday from 7 p.m. to midnight, Thursday and Sunday from 7 to 10 p.m. this weekend and October 27-31. Mon., Oct. 31, the event will be from 7 p.m. to midnight in the Cowtown Corrals, 500 NE 23rd Street in the Stockyards. A \$6 donation for adults will enable MDA to continue providing support and services for children and adults in Tarrant County.

ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL HOSPITAL/CITYVIEW will present Dr. Ed A. Lucas, Accredited Clinical Polysomnographer, for "The A to Z's of Sleep" to dis-

cuss common sleep problems from 11 a.m. to noon Thurs., Nov. 3. Call the Carter Rehabilitation & Fitness Center at 927-6190 for reservations.

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

TCU TRIANGLE, TCU's Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual student network, will meet at 5 p.m. Sunday. This week's program is "From a Biblical Perspective," a program discussing the bible and homosexuality. Call Priscilla Tate, faculty sponsor at 921-7160.

TERRA: TCU'S ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS ORGANIZATION will meet at 5:15 p.m. Tuesdays in Sid Richardson 244.

The Adventures of Superfrog

by Ben Roman & Adam Wright



Calvin and Hobbes

by Bill Watterson



WEATHER

Today's weather will have a high near 80 degrees and a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms.

The forecast for tonight calls for a 20 percent chance of rain with a low in the mid 60s

CORRECTION

Yesterday's senior retreat story incorrectly attributed two quotes. Carolyn Ulrickson said "Everything is tongue-in-check" and "I think students often overlook their classmates in networking for a job."

CAMPUS CALENDAR

Thursday
Noon, PC Concert: Settie, Student Center Lounge
3:30 p.m., "The Next Frontier: A Celebration of Our Future," Student Center Ballroom

Friday
Noon to 1 p.m., "TCU Downtown," Tandy Center
9 p.m., PC Film: "Silence of the Lambs," Student Center Ballroom

Saturday
9 p.m., PC Film: "The Shining," Student Center Ballroom

Sunday
2 p.m.-5 p.m., PC Homecoming Week: Designated All-Campus Decorating

6 p.m., Vocalist Burr Phillips, Ed Landreth Auditorium

Monday
2 p.m.-6 p.m., PC Homecoming: All-Campus Sign Hang
7:30 p.m., New Music Ensemble directed by Gerald Gabel, Ed Landreth Auditorium

Tuesday
9 a.m.-7 p.m., PC Homecoming: Court Elections
PC Homecoming: Decorations Judging
8 p.m., PC Homecoming: Hoops Mania, Daniel-Meyer Coliseum

Wednesday
Noon, University Chapel Colby Hall Halloween

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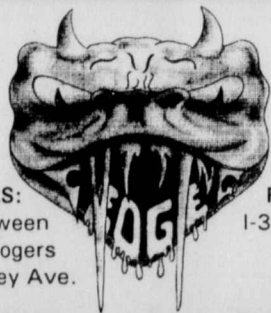
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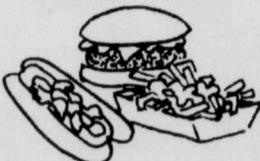
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Speaker: hijacking a blessing

By Missy Evans
TCU Daily Skiff

Success comes from being true to yourself, motivational speaker Jackie Nink Pflug told over 350 students Tuesday night in the Student Center Ballroom.

Pflug was teaching special education classes at the American School in Cairo, Egypt, in 1985 when her return flight from a week-end holiday trip in Athens, Greece, was hijacked by Arab terrorists.

"It was on that flight, Egypt Air flight number 648, that my life changed forever," Pflug said.

The terrorists shot one victim every fifteen minutes until their demands were met, and 59 passengers died before the incident ended. Pflug was one of the passengers shot in the head, execution-style and left to die. But she did not.

"As strange as it may sound, I feel that I was blessed," Pflug said.

She said she believes that things first appearing as major setbacks are really major opportunities to test a person's strength and ability to grow.

"Although I didn't realize it at the time, I was being nudged in a big way to find a strength I never dreamed I had," Pflug said.

There is a reason for everything

that happens in our lives, and people do not move forward in their lives because of self pity, envy, jealousy, fear or hatred, she said. Those things keep people from discovering their higher purpose, she said.

Pflug suffered several injuries as a result of the gunshot to her head. She lost her upper, left and lower peripheral vision; which means she saw half of everything.

"I could only see the right half of every word," Pflug said. "And to make things worse, I could only see the right half of every letter."

But Pflug worked every day to retrain her eyes. She can now read and drive. Pflug said she also has to work every day to improve her short-term memory, which was also damaged.

"I believe that we can solve our problems in this world, but we can't do it in a day," she said.

People need to set goals for themselves and picture themselves reaching that goal, she said. And they need to pray, she said.

"I really believe that prayer is very strong," Pflug said. "If you put (prayer) out there, things will start happening for you. But you have to take the action step, because those opportunities may never come by again."

She said that people need to be

careful, though, because even when they set goals they can shut themselves off.

"If you get in your mind what your goal is supposed to look like, then you might not be open to the opportunities," Pflug said. "You will only be open to what you think it should look like."

There was a period right after the hijacking when Pflug was in a deep depression — her goals weren't what they used to be, she said. She did not like who she was, and her relationship with her husband suffered immensely. Her marriage ended in divorce.

"If you cannot accept yourself, you will have a hard time accepting others," she said. "And you do not have to get shot in the head to have challenges in your life."

Having a great attitude, refusing to let little things pull you down and committing to at least five to seven things in your life are the ways to accept yourself and overcome challenges, Pflug said.

"So much of what you can accomplish is based on choices that you can make yourself, for yourself," she said.

Pflug's speech was sponsored by the Kappa Alpha Theta, Pi Beta Phi, Chi Omega and Delta Gamma sororities.

Prof: Ignorance of science costly

By Ernesto Moran
TCU Daily Skiff

Warning: Liquid Drain-O can be hazardous to your health.

That was among the points made by David Minter, associate professor of chemistry, at the Honors Fireside in the Reed Hall Faculty Center Wednesday night.

In his speech, "Ignorance of science: What is it costing you?" Minter told about 50 students the harms, both to bodies and pocket-books, of products such as Easy-Off, Clorox, Dristan and Listerine.

Minter gave examples of how science enters into everyday life, how ignorance of science can be detrimental to the public and how chemical and drug companies take advantage of this ignorance.

Minter identified Drain-O and

Easy-Off as materials on the market that are far more dangerous than commonly believed to be. Drain-O could cause third-degree burns if it comes into contact with the skin for a short amount of time, he said.

"Some of these products I believe should not be on the market," he said.

Many products, such as Clorox, Listerine, and many nail polish removers, are simply formulations composed of a single active ingredient dissolved in water, Minter said.

"Many products we buy, there's nothing magic about them," he said. "So by not being able to read labels and understand ingredients, not being able to have an appreciation for quantities, this is some thing that companies are taking advantage of."

Minter also said that ignorance of science can be harmful on a much

larger scale, such as the justice system of the United States.

He told of when he served on a jury in a drunk-driving case and science factored in the jury deliberations. He and other jurors were at odds over the accuracy of a Breathalyzer test result.

"The chance of error in those machines is extremely high," he said.

Minter said that in today's health-conscious society, where low-fat, low-calorie, and low-salt are the buzz words, the terms can mean different things.

A product that is "low in sodium," for example, is really healthier than in its normal form, Minter said. But one that says "low-salt" simply means the sodium is in a different form, but in similar amounts as one that is not.



Eric Kratzer, senior neuroscience major, speaks with David Minter, associate professor of chemistry and 1994 Honors Professor, at the Honors Program fireside Wednesday night.

Etiquette taught while students dine

By Layne Smith
TCU Daily Skiff

The ingredients to success in corporate America are learning how to do four things: make proper introductions, make polite conversation, utilize common courtesies, and practice perfect table graces, said Elizabeth Hyde, instructor of business protocol and communication at SMU.

The seminar was given to 250 students who dined on a four-course meal in the Student Center Ballroom Wednesday night.

"The most important things students should do at any interview is to have good posture, do thorough research on the company before you go on that interview, and also be up on current events," Hyde said.

"Every single lunch you will be going on for the rest of our lives will be an interview lunch," Hyde said. "Whether it is an interview for a job or you are going to lunch with one of your superiors, our antennas

are always up as we try to get to know the other people around us."

Hyde said corporations use the interview lunch as a chance to familiarize themselves with a potential employee's character.

"The interview lunch is the corporation's chance to get to know the graduating student's personality and social skills," she said. "There is really no way for the corporation to know how a graduate will act on a relaxed level unless they can get themselves away from the school or office setting."

"Often times corporations will also have an interview evening, usually a small party, where they can see how you function in a very informal setting," Hyde said. "They are going to be watching to see if you take that second or third drink before they hire you."

Hyde said that even students planning to graduate and move into non-corporate environments can be placed into informal interviews. All graduates should be prepared for an informal interview because it might

be taking place as applicants stroll around the company with a potential employer, Hyde said.

She said it was extremely important that the interviewer get to know applicants on a personal level because no one was going to get hired based solely on what was written on their resume.

"There are so many people looking for jobs and so few good jobs available that those people hiring are being very careful since it is extremely hard to fire someone," Hyde said.

Melinda Nasir, a senior speech pathology major, said the evening was a good learning experience for her.

"With my major I probably won't be going on interviews like this but good social graces are important," Nasir said.

Greg Trevino, a senior management major, said that he had been to a number of job preparation courses in the past and continues to learn the skills necessary for an effective job search.

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the slipping quality in education falls upon the educators themselves, he said.

"Professors' fundamental obligation is having the integrity to do what we're paid for — thinking difficult thoughts, challenging ourselves and our students," Maines said.

TCU is one university that Maines sees as working against mediocrity, he said.

"TCU has smart, lively professors and students," Maines said. "It is always a joy to be around them."

Maines, currently an associate sociology professor at Wayne State

University in Detroit has published seven books and 70 articles over the last 20 years. These publications have covered such social problems as gender inequality and chronic ill-

ness, among others.

Maines will give a lecture about economic decline in cities 7 p.m. today in Sid Richardson's Lecture Hall 1. The lecture is free to the public.

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Some flood victims return home

BY MICHAEL GRACZYK
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HOUSTON — The rains stopped and the sun peeked through Wednesday, easing the woes of some southeast Texas residents who began returning to their flood-ravaged homes. Others weren't as fortunate as waters farther downstream continued to drive people to higher ground.

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"You spend a lifetime accumulating things," Debbie Archer, who fled her two-story northeast Harris County home along the raging San Jacinto River, said. "And then it's gone."

More than 300 National Guard troops were sent in with boats and high-wheel trucks to aid people leaving their homes, help with security, communications and furnish drinking water.

There were no immediate reports of looting.

The Texas attorney general's office hoped to head off any instances of price gouging by warning of prosecution of those trying to take advantage of the plight of flood victims.

"It is unconscionable to prey on those who have suffered the loss of their homes and businesses," Attorney General Dan Morales said.

Downtown Houston, somewhat isolated Tuesday by high water that closed freeway exits, returned to normal Wednesday.

"We are in better shape than anybody could possibly be at this point," Gov. Ann Richards said. "Every kind

of relief that the government has to offer is going to be available there. We are sending teams into these areas from every agency of the state of Texas and everything that we can do is being done."

Housing Secretary Henry Cisneros led a federal delegation to the Houston area that surveyed the damage Wednesday with state officials in helicopters.

President Clinton earlier issued a major disaster declaration for a 26-county area around Houston. Nearly twice that many were counties throughout much of the eastern half of Texas already had been named state disaster areas by Richards.

After the flyover, Richards said it was still too early to give any overall estimate of the damage. She did say she noticed the water had started to recede from Tuesday levels.

Cisneros said in the next several days officials will open six centers in the affected areas where flood victims can apply for federal assistance.

"This is a serious disaster with major consequences," Cisneros said.

At least 10 people died from the storms that began Sunday, dumping as much as 30 inches of rain over three days. Two others were missing and presumed drowned.

The latest victim, Dawn M. Styra, 24, of Yorktown, was found Wednesday in Lavaca County. She had been missing since Tuesday, when her vehicle was swept washed away on U.S. 77 just south of Hallettsville.

More than 10,000 people were estimated to have fled their homes and 53 evacuation centers were opened in 18 counties for those left homeless.

The most serious flooding Wednesday in the Houston area was northeast and east of the city, where the San Jacinto River was breaking 54-year-old record-high levels and continuing to rise.

"We're walking on new ground with this storm," Blake Kellum with the San Jacinto River Authority said. "This is a storm of record by almost 3 feet."

State officials said it was still too early to give any overall dollar estimate of damages.

"As we begin to wind down the rescue phase of this ... then we will get a better angle on the numbers," Ed Schaefer, assistant coordinator for the Texas Emergency Management Division, said. "It's a large scale recovery effort in terms of rescuing people. It continues to be a serious situation."

West and southwest of Houston, flooding was reported on the Brazos, Colorado, Guadalupe and Lavaca rivers. Ranchers were warned to get their cattle to high ground.

"The water came up 30 feet in less than 24 hours," E.G. White-Swift of the Brazos River Authority said.

At midday Wednesday, the Brazos River at Richmond, southwest of Houston, was about a foot below the levels two years ago during devastating December floods.

The Lavaca River at Edna, about 85 miles southwest of Houston, was 11 feet over its 21-foot flood stage and less than a half-foot short of the record set in July 1940.

The San Antonio River at Goliad was at 28 feet and portions of Goliad State Park were under water.

Baptist seminary hires first full-time woman professor

ASSOCIATED PRESS

IRVING, Texas — The nation's largest Baptist seminary has hired the first woman to teach full time in its theology school, despite some opposition from conservative Baptists.

METROPLEX

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary trustees voted Tuesday to hire Karen O'Dell Bullock, 41, to teach church history.

Women traditionally have been allowed to teach at Baptist seminaries, but usually in religious education, music and other subjects not directly related to theology.

Many Baptist conservatives believe that Scripture forbids women to teach men the principles of theology or to serve as senior pastor of a church.

Ken Hemphill, president of the 3,200-student seminary in Fort Worth, said Mrs. Bullock does not see herself as a trailblazer. He noted that she will teach church history, not theology.

"We didn't feel we were dealing with any controversial issue," Hemphill said after the 36 trustees, most of them conservatives, voted unanimously to appoint Mrs. Bullock as assistant professor of church history.

"She is just a lady who is well-qualified to teach and has been teaching in an adjunctive position with incredible student response," Hemphill told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Mrs. Bullock, who did not attend the meeting, holds a doctorate in church history from the seminary and has been teaching that subject part time for two years, Hemphill said.

The Rev. Olin Collins, pastor of Harvest Baptist Church in Watauga, said he supported Mrs. Bullock's election, but said most trustees do not favor women teaching theology.

"I don't think she would have been elected to teach something like pastoral ministries or theology," he said.

Hemphill said views differ on whether women should teach theology and that each appointment must be considered individually. But he said he believes the Bible teaches that women should not serve as senior pastors of churches.

"This isn't endorsing women in senior pastor positions," Hemphill said. "We affirm the role of women in many ministries. But there is a problem, I feel, based on 1 Timothy, with a woman in senior pastoral positions."

One passage in 1 Timothy states, "But I suffer a woman not to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence."

Trustee Laura Cogswell of Sherman asked Hemphill whether Mrs. Bullock saw herself as being under the authority of men.

"I asked her about the authority issue," Hemphill said. "She said, 'I'm under authority of my husband in the home and under authority of the trustees and the president at the seminary.'"

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dents living on the Worth Hills campus and surrounding neighborhoods to walk or ride bicycles to class.

•The university should designate a "car pool lot," in which only cars with two or more riders could park.

•The university should consider purchasing the vacated Tom Thumb lot on the corner of South University and West Berry for the "car pool lot."

•Monies from the university's endowment should be spent for a parking garage, which could also be paid for by an increase in parking permit fees.

•University departments and buildings could be moved closer to existing parking, such as the Ranch Management lot.

•Time-based spaces, such as the 30-minute spaces in front of the student center, could be monitored more closely.

No one addressed the issue of parking safety, Miller said.

He said he thought the mugging incidents last weekend would bring people to the meeting.

Students are not the only people to face crowded lots, Breyer said. He said most faculty and staff park on the street early in the morning before students arrive. He also said most of the faculty with reserved spaces are department chairmen and chairwomen.

Students who live on campus and park on the street regularly should be aware of the Fort Worth city ordinance which states cars can be declared abandoned after a certain period of time, Breyer said.

The Traffic Regulations and Appeals committee will use the comments it received this week and a report recently submitted by an independent consultant in making suggestions to the university.

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parties," Arafat said, alluding to Iran's fundamentalist government.

A suspect in planning the bombing reportedly was Yehia Ayash, nicknamed "The Engineer," from the West Bank village of Rafat.

Ayash is a fugitive wanted for involvement in three earlier bombings, including suicide attacks this year in the northern Israeli towns of Hadera and Afula.

Israel maintains the PLO has done too little to rein in Islamic groups that have shaken the fragile reconciliation declared in the Sept. 13, 1993, autonomy pact. Arafat supporters say they want to avoid civil war in the autonomous areas.

Israeli authorities said they believed a suicide bomber carrying up to 44 pounds of explosives boarded bus No. 5 as it headed up tree-lined Dizengoff Street, the city's main shopping drag.

Around 9 a.m., as the bus approached the cafe-lined central stretch parallel to the beachfront, the explosion ripped it apart. Shattered glass and pieces of metal mixed with pieces of flesh scattered in the street.

Members of Israel's official religious-run burial society labored for hours to remove dozens of bags of bodies and body parts from the scene.

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quarterly earnings and its stock dropped.

Richards is accusing Bush of not making public all documents about a Securities and Exchange Commission investigation of that sale. But Bush says he has OK'd release of his records and that the SEC said there was no case against him.

"He says his business career qualifies him for governor ... Now, it's reported that one business deal may have involved insider trading and worse, Bush still refuses to release all documents on the investigation," the Richards commercial charges.

Bush's campaign quickly sent TV stations a commercial to respond.

"When Ann Richards attacked George Bush's business record, newspapers called her ad 'faulty,' 'overblown,' 'false and misleading.' Now, Richards claims Bush was involved in underhanded stock deals, but the SEC, under (President) Clinton, dismissed the accusation," the Republican's commercial says.

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and Sandy Ware, associate dean of admissions, are the co-chairs for the campus campaign committee.

Students won't have a chance to view the campaign video until the spring at a special student event.

Tucker said it was important that the video kicked off at TCU.

"I think it's exciting that it (the campaign) begins first on campus," Tucker said. "We wanted it that way because (TCU) is, after all, the focus of the campaign."

The New Frontier campaign is the largest fund-raising campaign to date, Tucker said. The on-campus campaign hopes to raise \$1.5 million in donations from the university community, faculty and staff, while the nationwide campaign hopes to raise \$100 million or more, he said.

"The idea is that it's not so much what we give, but that we make some modest contribution to show outside donors that the entire university is behind the effort," Tucker said.

It is important to potential donor foundations and individuals that the

university itself participates in its own campaign, he said.

Tucker said that the committee wants to have students involved in the campaign as well, possibly as part of student-faculty teams to approach faculty and staff about the campaign.

Tucker said that during the "quiet period" of a campaign, before it officially kicks off, fund-raisers believe that they should have about half of the target goal already pledged from major donors. The "quiet period" amount determines what is possible for the rest of the campaign when it goes public.

The campaign has already acquired \$50 million, a portion of which was donated by the Walsh family for the performing arts center and a weight training center, he said.

Lauer said that a major dinner event and video presentation to the public held at the Worthington Hotel on Nov. 17 will also be a part of the public kickoff for the campaign.

"Over the next three years, there

will be regional campaign kickoffs, and (the video) will be used as a part of those," Lauer said. "It will also be used for a variety of alumni association meetings, will probably be shown individually to people and will possibly be sent to potential donors and friends."

Volunteer leaders for the campaign are Bruce LaBoon, national campaign committee chairman; Clarence Scharbauer, regional campaigns chairman; John and Jane Justin of Justin Industries, honorary co-chairmen; Dee J. Kelly, leadership gifts committee chairman and Deedie Rose, steering committee chairwoman.

Don and Maryruth Weyend, owners of Carousel Productions in Denver, produced the campaign video. The Weyends have three children who have graduated from TCU.

"They have a long association with, and knowledge of, the university," Lauer said. "And it's their love and support of the university that helped make this video as effective as it is."

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Sophomore free safety David King defends against a pass earlier this season against Baylor.

Reeder enjoying '94 season

By JEFF WILSON
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Michael Reeder had all the inspiration he needed for last week's game against the Tulane Green Wave when he read an edition of *The Dallas Morning News*.

FOOTBALL

TCU head football coach Pat Sullivan said the redshirt freshman kicker looked like the team's manager. That's all Reeder needed to inspire himself.

Reeder booted three second half field goals including the game winner, a 45-yard kick with 6:41 remaining, to lift the Horned Frogs to a 30-28 victory.

"He called me that (manager) last week in the Dallas paper," Reeder said. "Since it worked out nicely, I told him to try it every week."

Since his kick came with over six minutes to go, Reeder was ready to try another field goal if Tulane scored again.

"That was definitely on my mind," said Reeder on the possibility of having to kick a field goal late

in the game. "I wasn't celebrating or anything after that kick. After I kicked the one that made it 27-21, I expected them to score again."

The game winning field goal was the second longest of Reeder's brief career at TCU. He kicked a 47-yard field goal earlier in the season against Kansas.

"I kick the ball better when I try to kick it hard instead of just trying to put it through," said Reeder, whose longest field goal before this season was 35-yarder at Sulphur High School in Montgomery, Ala. "I like the opportunity to kick the long ones. There's a lot less pressure on long kicks. The short ones are expected to be made."

Short or long, Reeder's kicks are usually a sure three points for the Frogs, Sullivan said.

"I have all the confidence in the world with Mike," Sullivan said. "He has confidence in himself and the team has confidence in him."

"I talk to him in the locker room before each game and ask him what he feels confident with," Sullivan said. "Saturday, he told me he felt comfortable 50 yards and in."

The walk-on kicker is confident

in himself and fairly certain that the team has confidence in him, too.

"I hope they do," Reeder said. "They talk to me and tell me 'good job', but they don't talk to a kicker that much."

"I'm confident, but that's the worst time to kick," Reeder said. "Once you take it for granted, you miss one then you think about it and miss another."

Reeder has little reason not to be confident. His only missed field goal this season came on a 51-yard attempt against Texas. He has converted eight of nine field goals on the season and is 16-for-17 on extra points.

Although Reeder leads TCU in scoring with 40 points six games into the season, he wasn't the number one kicker coming into pre-season camp. Sophomores Brandon Najarian and Bryan Lienart were the top two kickers coming into this season. However, Reeder won the job before the season started.

"I expected to get my chance coming into this year," Reeder said. "I knew I wasn't number one. It happened to work out nice for me."

Enjoy NFL; boycott the Cowboys

The NFL is boring. If you've watched any games this season, you know that.

Sure, every week there are some exciting moments. Every now and then a team will come back from being down two touchdowns or so and win the game on a last-second field goal. But that's pretty rare.

Most weeks, if you read the final scores and highlights on Monday morning you feel like you're seeing the same thing over and over. Vikings 27, Giants 10. Browns 11, Oilers 8. Bears 17, Saints 7. Whooppee!!

But that's not really why the NFL is boring. The NFL is boring this season, as it has been the last two seasons, because deep down every fan knows that when all is said and done and the Super Bowl is played in January, it will be the Dallas Cowboys who will be hoisting their third straight Super Bowl trophy over their collective heads.

They are, unquestionably, the best team in football. Period. Even the fans who thought, or hoped, that the San Francisco 49ers or some other team would seriously challenge the Cowboys this season are confessing. There will be no 49ers celebrating after the Super Bowl. There will be no Eagles, no Giants, no anyone. There will be the Cowboys and only the Cowboys. And for all those who are suddenly on the San Diego Chargers bandwagon, its nice that they are good, they are undefeated and all, but be serious. If, and that's a gigantic if, the Chargers even make it to the Super Bowl, forget it. They're Dallas fodder. Everyone is.

Perhaps never in football history has there been a greater gap between the top team in the league and everyone else. The Cowboys have left everyone, except for the Detroit Lions, which was obviously a fluke, in their wake. The Eagles have gone down. As have the Cardinals and Steelers. About 10 or 11 other teams will too between now and Jan. 29.

To the Cowboys fan, this season is heaven. After all, in just three short months they will be able to say, "Da Boyz baaaybeee," and "Yes, we did it again," (stress on the word we, as if they all play for the team) yet again, which will, considering Cowboys fans, keep them content for another year or so, until we go through the whole charade again after Dallas wins its fourth straight Super Bowl next year.

But to the non-Cowboy fan, or even the Cowboy-hater (as incomprehensible as this may be to the typical Cowboy fan), this season is awful. We root for our home teams,

but why? They are going nowhere.

We love to watch the excitement of the NFL, but is there really any?

Sure, the Chiefs-Broncos game Monday night was one of the greatest contests in a long time, but when it's taken in the context of the 1994 NFL season, who cares? Who cares that Joe Montana showed once again he is the best quarterback ever? Who cares that the game was an oasis for fans who have seen dull, boring games on Monday night all year? The Chiefs won't win anything, and Denver surely won't. The Cowboys will. Plain and simple.

So, what's a true NFL fan (who isn't a fan of the Cowboys) to do? The solution may be simple.

Boycott the Cowboys. Do not watch them. Do not go to any of their games. Do not watch the sportscasts on the news.

Forget who they are. Forget they are in the league. You'll find that the NFL is a lot more exciting. There are drawbacks, like the fact that you only get to see one game on TV on Sunday, but that's all right. With no Cowboys in the NFL, that Packers-Vikings game or the Bills-Dolphins game actually has a lot of meaning. The Eagles-Giants game is a big game. After all, it's for first place in the NFC East.

If you are one of those skeptical types who needs proof that this works, wait no more. There is guaranteed proof that this works for even the truest of football fans. I know because I've tried it. Last week, in fact, I watched a wonderful Raiders-Dolphins game Sunday afternoon, then watched the Chiefs-Broncos Monday night. And it was more than enough for me.

For those who know nothing but football on Sundays, you'll open up

a whole new world for yourselves.

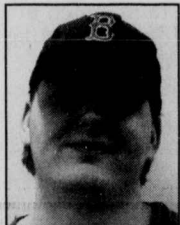
Weather reports for this weekend say it is going to be beautiful Sunday at around 3 p.m. Go for a walk. Take a bike ride. Climb a mountain. Do something that will better your life. Do anything. Just don't watch the Cowboys.

And there's an added bonus to all this. When you go to school or work on Mondays, how often does some Cowboy fan say, "Hey, did you see that Cowboys game yesterday? Man, they're soooooo sweet!" Well, you can look at that Cowboy fan next Monday morning and say, "No, I didn't watch it." This will cause a very interesting reaction. The Cowboy fan, unable to comprehend the fact that someone didn't watch the game, will not know what to do.

So, if you really want to enjoy the action of the NFL this season, if you want to feel the excitement that has been gone from your football life for three years, boycott the Cowboys. You'll find the season is much more satisfying.

And by the way, become a fan of the AFC, because their championship game is your Super Bowl. Enjoy!

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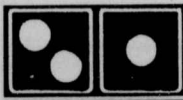
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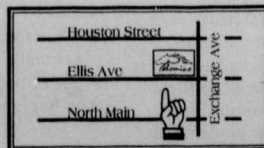
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Greeks defy stereotypes; spotlight positives

What does it mean to be a member of the Greek system at TCU? Are the negative images associated with such organizations fair? Although the Greek system still faces many problems, it has changed significantly since the 50's. Fraternities and sororities at TCU want to buck the image that has plagued them in recent decades.

By GINGER RICHARDSON
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Controversy has surrounded the fraternity and sorority system since it came to TCU in 1955.

While the mere mention of Greek letters and fraternity socials may bring to mind images of the infamous 'Animal House' movies, members of the system say that stereotype is a gross misrepresentation of Greek life.

Being a member of a fraternity is more than late night alcohol binges, fighting and hazing, said J.R. Greene, a sophomore marketing major and member of Phi Kappa Sigma.

"Fraternities do use alcohol — there's no point in lying and saying they don't," he said. "But the Greek system is dedicated to helping the community, too."

Unfortunately, the positive aspects of fraternity and sorority life — such as a commitment to scholarship and service — don't get enough attention, Greene said.

"Negatives always speak louder than positives," he said. "The public would much rather focus on the few bad incidents — like fights, rather than pay attention to all the good that is being done."

Many of the fights that arise between fraternities occur because the Greek system is too divided — fraternity against fraternity and Greek against independent, Greene said.

"I think these divisions and misunderstandings cause the negative stereotypes toward the Greek system, but also cause problems (like fights) within the system," he said.

Still those divisions pale in comparison to all the good that is being done, Greene said.

Matt Brennan, a junior psychology major, and member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, said the Greeks' commitment to the community is often overlooked by the general public.

Most fraternities and sororities due some kind of community service, he said.

"SAE's place a strong emphasis on working with the community," Brennan said.

Many Greek organizations such as Delta Gamma, Phi Kappa Sigma, Alpha Delta Pi and Sigma Chi host philanthropic weeks. All proceeds raised benefit their national charities.

The Phi Kaps just finished raising money during Mandays for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Greene said these positives need more publicity.

do well academically because of the strong emphasis on study hall and study skills.

Achieving academically is not unique to only sorority women, Brennan said. Fraternities are concerned about scholarship as well, he said.

"We're really emphasizing scholastics in our fraternity," Brennan said. "Our pledges have to do

sorority system has been hit with an unjustified reputation.

"The Greek system doesn't deserve to be thrashed the way it has been," Greene said.

Alcohol is a part of Greek life, he said, but it is a part of campus life, too.

"There are tons of organizations — athletic teams and the like that party and drink," he said. "And I guarantee that they aren't as responsible as some of the fraternities and sororities."

Phi Kappa Sigma and Pi Beta Phi have both instituted a beeper system where members take turns serving as sober rides for their brothers and sisters, Greene said.

"That system saves lives," he said. "It shows that my brothers and I care about what happens to one another — that is what being in a fraternity is all about."

Brotherhood and sisterhood are the cornerstones of Greek life, and Jennifer Schooley, a senior political science major said pledging Zeta Tau Alpha helped give her that sense of belonging.

"Joining a sorority has not only give me a lot of connections and leadership opportunities, it has allowed me to find a group of people who will always support me in whatever I do," she said.

Greene said acceptance is a strong factor in why many people join a fraternity or sorority.

He pledged a fraternity in the spring of his freshman year and said he knows what it is like to be both independent and Greek.

"I'll admit, before I pledged, I sometimes felt out of it," he said. "There were occasions where I felt insecure and that's a terrible feeling."

"But I don't think you have to join a fraternity to get a lot out of TCU; that just happens to be the decision I made."

Carvey said she agrees Greek life is not for everyone, but joining Alpha Chi Omega was one of the best decisions she has made.

"I'm proud of my sorority and my sisters," she said. "I enjoy wearing my letters and knowing there are over 100 girls out there who share the same goals and ideals that I do."

Fraternity and Sorority Grade Statistics Fall 1993

SORORITIES		FRATERNITIES	
Alpha Delta Pi	3.06	Alpha Phi Alpha	2.96
Alpha Kappa Alpha	2.82	Delta Tau Delta	2.84
Alpha Chi Omega	3.06	Kappa Alpha Psi	1.92
Chi Omega	3.21	Kappa Sigma	2.74
Delta Delta Delta	3.06	Lambda Chi Alpha	3.04
Delta Gamma	3.02	Phi Delta Theta	2.40
Delta Sigma Theta	2.73	Phi Gamma Delta	2.82
Kappa Alpha Theta	3.20	Phi Kappa Sigma	2.71
Kappa Kappa Gamma	3.09	Sigma Alpha Epsilon	2.44
Pi Beta Phi	2.92	Sigma Chi	2.62
Zeta Tau Alpha	2.98	Interfraternity	
Panhellenic Average	3.07	Council Average	2.71

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According to Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life

Natalie Richardson, a junior radio-TV-film major, agrees. Her sorority, Delta Gamma, is making preparations for Anchorsplash, a week-long fundraiser that benefits sight conservation and aid to the blind.

"I think the Greek system is really moving away from that whole Animal House mentality," she said. "But people still view us through those old stereotypes."

Those stereotypes also portray Greek women as bad students, which just isn't the case, Richardson said.

"Delta Gamma as well as all the other sororities on campus place a very high emphasis on scholarship — Greek women actually have a higher GPA than non-Greek women," she said.

According to averages from the spring of 1994, Greek women had a mean GPA of 3.0; independent women had a mean GPA of 2.97.

Richardson said sorority women

12 study hall hours a week and this year we've started offering financial incentives for good grades."

If an SAE earns a 3.0 or above, he receives a percentage reduction off his annual dues. By contrast, a member will see his dues increase if his GPA is below a 2.25, Brennan said.

Members of the fraternity system also challenge the notion that they are irresponsible drunks.

Katherine Carvey, a junior business major, and member of Alpha Chi Omega said because scholarship and service are so important to her sorority, there just isn't time to be constantly partying and drinking.

"You can't keep up your grades and leadership activities if you're partying and going out all the time," she said. "Obviously, since we do have a high GPA and are involved all over campus, that stereotype just doesn't fit us."

Greene said the fraternity and

Fraternities seek to govern themselves

By SARAH RAACH
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The Interfraternal Council serves to govern fraternities on campus by enforcing and upholding the organization's constitution and Panhellenic's bylaws, said Rick Barnes, IFC adviser and director of Fraternity and Sorority Life.

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And although some students may question the fairness of a Greek system that governs itself, Barnes said fraternities must adhere to TCU rules and state laws as well as the IFC.

"The Greek system chooses to govern itself," he said. "And as long as TCU feels we do it appropriately, they won't get involved."

Barnes said most universities with Greek systems have IFC organizations to govern fraternities, and TCU's IFC system is comparable if not identical to most other university's. Barnes said the IFC enforces its own constitution, which is currently being revised and updated. Disciplinary measures and decisions are made based on the constitution.

Although the IFC reviews all cases pertaining to fraternities it does not always decide what disciplinary measures should be taken for fraternity violations.

Kristen Kirst, assistant director of Fraternity and Sorority Life, said the Fraternity and Sorority Judicial Board usually determines what action to take against violations, but the IFC can influence the decision by recommending punishment.

The Fraternity and Sorority Judicial Board consists of representatives from each fraternity and sorority who listen and decide cases. IFC is also made up of members from various fraternities.

Kirst said the IFC oversees all cases going through the Judicial

Board, but the only aspect of Greek life that IFC deals with exclusively is rush rules and violations.

"We're mainly just a governing body for fraternities," she said.

Eric Waltermire, a senior advertising/public relations major and former IFC representative for his fraternity, said IFC wasn't too involved with fraternity matters when he was in the organization.

"When I was there (IFC) didn't seem to do much of anything during meetings except decide who to give money to or discuss rush," Waltermire said.

K.C. Alvano, a junior political science major and IFC rush chairman, said IFC determines rush rules and guidelines for fraternities and also decides the consequences those fraternities that violate rules are subject to.

Barnes said IFC deals with fraternities as a whole only, not with individual members.

"If a fraternity member violates a policy, IFC will address the entire fraternity, not just the member responsible for committing the violation," Barnes said.

Kirst said there is no established number of fraternity members that must be present in order to consider a particular incident a fraternity violation, but usually there must be more than two.

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the fraternity must be involved before it's considered a violation of the entire fraternity," she said.

Kirst said she didn't think the number of fraternity infractions, like fist-fights between rival fraternity members, increased this year compared to last year, but rather publicity concerning Greek incidents has increased.

Alvano agreed, saying "I personally haven't noticed an increase, it just seems like anything fraternities do wrong is publicized more this year."

Independents, fraternities need to focus on breaking down barriers

Understanding. It seems to be a quality many people are sorely lacking. It cannot be denied that sometimes it appears that there is a rift between those students who are independent and those who are members of fraternities or sororities.

If nothing else it can be traced to the fact that most Greeks live in a completely different part of campus.

Also causing the rift are the negative images most independents link with the Greek system.

At one time, the wild stereotypes portrayed in the movie Animal House may have been true, but if colleges and universities are going to move forward they must be willing to denounce the existing images and in essence, start over.

The TCU Greek system, just like any other organization, has the right to exist and flourish.

But the Greek system must also be ready to face the fact that their history has at times been questionable.

In years past, fraternities were known for hazing and even competed with each other to see which could haze their pledges the worst.

Several students, at campuses around the nation died or were permanently scarred before universities cracked down on hazing.

Although the administration fervently

denies it, there are rumors that hazing still goes on at TCU.

In the 1960's alcohol and drug consumption among fraternities and sororities was listed as two-and-a-half times that of non-Greek students, according to a 1989 issue of Time.

Fraternities and sororities also appear to be closed societies for those who can afford to pay an average of \$500 to join. Obviously, this is going to exclude a good number of students. This only serves to strengthen the barrier between independents and Greeks.

As of late, many of the fraternities have been tarnishing the respectability of the entire Greek system. The IFC could do itself a large favor by ending the mindless fraternity brawling that seems to surface every semester.

Fraternity rivalries are silly, as are the fights that result from them. The bar room brawls are unfitting for students of an institution of higher learning and make fraternity members look like little boys.

Other problems facing the Greek system, nationally, are continuing claims that date rape is a larger problem among fraternity members than independent students.

A 1991 edition of the Chronicle of Higher Education shows a correlation between college date rape victims and sorority membership.

Incidents involving date rape are reported more often when fraternity men are involved than other male students.

On the upside, fraternities and sororities contribute a tremendous amount to the community as well as the campus. Few organizations of independent students do as much service work as the Greek community.

Being independent myself I cannot com-

ment on the aspect of brotherhood and sisterhood many members say their fraternities give them, but most of the fraternities and sororities do try to contribute positively to the campus. They also have an impressive record of contributing to our society.

Many of the editors of the Skiff, past and present, have been Greek. The student body president has been a fraternity member four out of the past five elections.

Seventy-six percent of our nation's senators, and 85 percent of the Fortune 500 executives were fraternity members. All but two presidents since 1825 were fraternity men.

Also to their credit, the U.S. Office of Education report shows that seventy-one percent of all fraternity men persist to graduation, while just over 50 percent of all non-Greek men graduate.

It can not be disputed that Greeks have a history of contributing to our society.

It is also evident that at least some of the Greek organizations are striving to improve their relations with other campus communities.

The Delta Tau Delta fraternity's decision not to wear a T-shirt that displayed the Confederate flag, because it offended many minority student, was a huge step in the right direction. The Deltas definitely deserve the respect of independent students.

The Greek system should be given a clean slate, no longer subject to the stereotypes of years past. What they make of that new beginning is up to them.

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CHRIS NEWTON
COLUMNIST

Fraternity and sorority expenses at TCU

Fraternities	
Pledge fee	\$80
Initiation fee	\$100-\$150
Chapter residential facility*	\$850
Semester dues	\$450-\$550
Additional expenses	(alumni and social events, party favors are subject to members discretion)

*This is the cost, as determined by the University, for living in a chapter house.

Sororities			
	Lowest	Average	Highest
Pledge fee*	\$32	\$70	\$100
Initiation fee*	\$110	\$180	\$210
Badge fee*	\$56	\$125	\$300
House fee*	\$100	\$120	\$200
Average semester dues**	\$270	\$305	\$600

*Indicates one time fee only
The badge fee depends on individual member's preference.

**Average semester dues includes one-time fees

Source: Guide to Fraternity and Sorority Affairs, TCU

■ **BOB GREENE**

Young child's fight for life inspires a father's farewell

Kevin Christopher "K.C." Conlon, 3½, of Flossmoor, Ill., died in August of a rare type of brain tumor. Near the end of K.C.'s life, as he lay in his bed at Boston Children's Hospital, his father, Kevin Conlon, wrote a letter to him.

Here, condensed to fit this column, is Kevin Conlon's farewell to his son:

"Dear K.C.,
"As I lie in bed holding you, I am painfully aware that you will be with us for only a few minutes or hours. The hour is late, but my feelings are so strong as I leave you with your beautiful and loving mother to find a place of refuge in the hospital to compose my thoughts in this letter to you.

"My heart breaks when I think of the struggles you have endured in the last eight months to get that 'rock' out of your head. I would give anything to switch places with



you. Nothing would make me happier.
"As you close your eyes and decide when you want to go to heaven, please remember how proud I am of you. From the day you were born to today, you have brought me only joy and happiness. You have exceeded my highest expectations of what fatherhood would be like. You have not only been my son, but my dearest friend and constant companion; when I was at work or out of town, I ached to be with you.

"K.C., we had so much fun together. Do you remember how you would always pull

me out of bed early every morning to watch your kid shows with you on the couch? Think back on all the times we played with your toys, the train set, the blocks.

"Remember how often we went swimming in the summer at Max's house, Dolphin Lake or Lion's Pool? How many hours did the two of us spend on the swing set or in the sandbox? How many times did we go out for pancakes, or to buy chocolate doughnuts from the Flossmoor Bakery? Most of all, I loved to pick you up at school and wait for you to tell me about your day.

"My greatest joy was to watch you with your little brother, Cody. As much as I will miss you, my deepest hurt comes from the realization that Cody won't have you every day as his big brother.

"What I will especially miss about you are your charming, gregarious ways. I will miss

hearing those silly jokes of yours. Somehow, you made everyone feel important. Your capacity to remember people's names was amazing to me.

"Yes, K.C., I will miss you day to day, on our trips, but also on special days like Christmas. Last year you were too sick to enjoy Christmas, and for the last eight months I have dreamed of making Christmas 1994 a special one. I can't imagine the day without you ripping open your presents.

"I will miss you terribly. All I have learned from you validates that my life is on the right course and that my values are in the proper place. How else could I have such a wonderful boy as you? For this I thank you.

"Since December of last year, your life has been dominated by the struggle to get well. You fought as if you were an army of 10,000 men. You were so brave.

"As you prepare to go to heaven, please know that Mommy, Cody, your grandparents, cousins, uncles, aunts, friends and I passionately love you. We will never forget all the joy and happiness you brought us each and every day. I am the luckiest man in the world to be your father and friend. I love you madly.

"So, K.C., it is OK to close your eyes and rest peacefully. You do not have to fight anymore. You have won life's greatest battle: You have become a completely full and beautiful person and for this God has invited you to His house in heaven. Thanks for being my son.

"Love Always,
"Daddy."

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■ **P. D. MAGNUS**

Judging people as individuals is truly tolerant

Lately, many columnists, as well as letter writers, have been beating a long dead horse with the same stick. This dead horse is homosexuality on campus, and the stick is the TCU Triangle, the much mentioned gay, lesbian and bisexual student network.

Most of the recent debate has centered on a much-maligned letter to the editor, in which the writer tried to show that homosexuality was forbidden by the Bible and had no place on a Christian campus.

Since that letter, his detractors have written enough angry letters to fill one or two irate alphabets. No one has come out in support of him. Whether he is a single intolerant voice in a sea of political correctness, or others like him have been shamed into silence by the tidal wave of responses is unsure.

Many writers have simply agreed with previous letter writers, writing perhaps as much to show how many people held the "tolerant" opinion rather than to say anything new.

Religion professor Daryl Schmidt, responding to the letter, wrote that TCU's affiliation with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) discourages "institutionally imposed restrictions based on 'Biblical principle.'" Schmidt added, "That would be quite contrary to the 'Christian' legacy of TCU."

Perhaps at enlightened TCU, but the Southwest Regional Assembly of the Christian Church is not so generous. Instead, they recently defeated two measures, one affirming the right of homosexuals to be ordained and another guaranteeing that the church would not prevent avowed homosexuals from being ordained.

Only a third, weaker position survived. With a narrow margin of 55 percent in favor, a resolution was passed that leaves the decision to individual congregations.

Unknowingly echoing the local pariah/letter-writer, the Rev. Doug Harvey said in Monday's *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* that although the Bible may be interpreted in different ways on some issues, it never waives in condemning homosexuality as a sin.

This discussion also raises the implicit issue of whether homosexuality is a matter of choice. Many advocates of gay rights contend that it's not. People, they say, are either born gay or they are not born gay. Therefore, they reason, homosexuality is morally OK.

If a matter of choice, homosexuality could be a heinous sin. Conversely, it might be a significant, life-changing choice, but one morally equivalent to heterosexuality.

If not a matter of choice, it may be, like hair color, something that should be accepted. However, the same bigots who now declare homosexuality a sin can just treat the predisposition toward homosexuality like any genetic disease, changing gays from an object of scorn to an object of pity. Given advances in genetic technology, gay babies could be aborted and homosexuality made a treatable "illness."

Rather than answering the question, these examples show that homosexuals are no better off if it does turn out to be part of their nature. Many gays report that their preference is not a choice; they'd know better than anyone who denounces homosexuality out of hand.

It's really a question for sociologists and psychologists, although the answer satisfies nothing more than curiosity. It can't be used as a compass for anyone wrestling with the moral acceptability of homosexuality.

Whether someone can respect homosexuals is not dictated by the Bible, or whether or not it's a choice. Instead, the best cure for bigotry is to know homosexuals as people rather than as sexual preferences, demographic groups, or political labels. Once you realize that they are just people, that there is no red "A" emblazoned on their chest and no palpable aura about them, neither the Bible nor the choice/nature distinction amount to anything at all.

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■ **EDITORIAL**

BINGE DRINKING

It's time to say 'when'

The University of Arizona at Tucson announced earlier this week that it will receive a \$1.8 million grant from the federal government over the next 5 years to combat binge drinking on campus.

Bingeing — having five or more alcoholic drinks at one sitting — is such a problem on college campuses that the government is paying hundreds of thousands of dollars to combat it.

Binge drinking is a big problem at TCU, too. A survey last spring of 664 TCU students showed 42 percent had binged in the previous two weeks — a number higher than that at Arizona.

Forty percent of those surveyed also said alcohol had caused problems in their life in the previous year. Fifty percent reported some form of public misconduct at least once in the previous year as a result of drinking.

"It's a problem here — very much so," said Mike Russel, assistant dean of admissions. "I see the effects of binge drinking."

Some of those effects include lost work, hangovers and brushes with the law, not to mention fines and all-day campus workshops if violators get caught enough times.

It's a sad judgement on college students that so much money is needed to combat such problems, problems that could be solved by simple moderation on the part of students.

But recent cases of public intoxication have shown we aren't learning this lesson. A few weeks ago, one woman was found unconscious in a toilet stall in a residence hall. Another was found unconscious in a dorm room where she had urinated on herself.

These incidents may seem humorous to some, but when we lose another Suzy Creekmore in an alcohol-related incident, no one will be laughing.

Drinking is one of the responsibilities that comes with becoming an adult. It can be an enjoyable activity, even relaxing to some. But it can also be abused — and many students here are doing it.

■ **LETTER**

McCaffrey unfair to Greeks

In response to Mike McCaffrey's column in the Oct. 18 *Skiff* regarding Greeks in study hall, I have some unanswered questions.

To begin with, what about the independents in the library? Do you mean to say that every independent who walks into the library has duct tape over his mouth and never utters a word? I think not. It is not only Greeks who talk in the library.

Obviously, people are going to talk there; I admit that when I used to have to do study hall, I heard whispers, but they were no louder than the noises the chairs in the library make. If background noise bothers you so much, Mr. McCaffrey, I suggest you get a single room and lock yourself up in it with all of your books. That way, no one will disturb your

studying.

As for the fraternity guy who "sat with his backpack zipped up and did nothing but stare into space," what kind of noise was he making that bothered you? Was he upsetting you because he wasn't studying, or because he is in a fraternity?

One last thing: When I was a freshman, I did study hall for five hours a week in the library. My grades went up eight tenths of a point from first to second semester, and I have made the Dean's List every semester since.

Mr. McCaffrey, next time you decide to write an article, I suggest you get both sides of the story, because, after all, that is what responsible journalism is all about.

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■ **TODD MCKINNEY**

Certain behaviors inevitable, should not be surprising

Last week, while dining at a local restaurant late one evening, a friend and I witnessed a couple engaged in a kiss. Their torsos stretched across the table and over their freshly served dinner. It was an intense kiss — long and wet. But we were distracted from their romantic moment to the plates in the hands of our waitress, which contained our dinners.

My friend said to me, "Wow! What did you think of that?" "What? That kiss?" I asked. Then I added, "It's not very appetizing."

He agreed and then said, "You know, this isn't the place for anything like that."

"Nope. You're right," I said.

"Yeah," he said. "I don't mind small kisses or something, but what usually follows that type of kiss is not dinner." We both laughed robustly and carried on with dinner.

About 45 minutes later, the couple passed our table on their way out the door. And to our great surprise, it was a homosexual couple.

"Oh my God," my friend said in shock. "Wow!" I exclaimed.

"To each their own," my friend added after a moment.

I agreed with him and then I said, "Times are changing!" We laughed again and carried on with our lives.

In my column last week, I claimed that "I don't condone homosexuality . . ."

What I said is wrong. Let me expound.

I don't condemn homosexuals. I don't care whether or not someone is homosexual or heterosexual. That is who they are, whether by their choice or by their nature.

I'm just not drawn toward homosexuality. I don't care about another person's sexual orientation because it is not my place to make sure that people are conforming to the "moral" laws of society, unless, of course, it's harmful to another person.

However, what I don't find necessary is a couple, heterosexual or homosexual, deep kissing at a restaurant. I could withhold myself from the temptation out of respect for the appetites of the other paying customers. I would want the same courtesy extended to me, too.

Moreover, I would think people would find such a romantic moment better kept in the privacy of their lives. I'm not speaking of holding hands, hugs, or small kisses but this intense kissing and beyond. I would rather share a kiss like that with my partner in privacy. And definitely not in a restaurant.

Finally, my observation that "times are changing" is not entirely correct. But it's not completely wrong either.

I had never actually seen homosexuals display their affection for one another publicly before. I found it shocking. It's not something my eyes are used to seeing.

Some people are becoming more tolerant of homosexuality than most people have been in the past. But there are still many more people who resent that their "morals" are being broken by other people.

But homosexuality has been around as long as people have. Members of aboriginal tribes were homosexual, as were some Spartans. So are about three to 10 percent of the American population. It's not going to change, so we might as well accept it as it is and carry on with our lives.

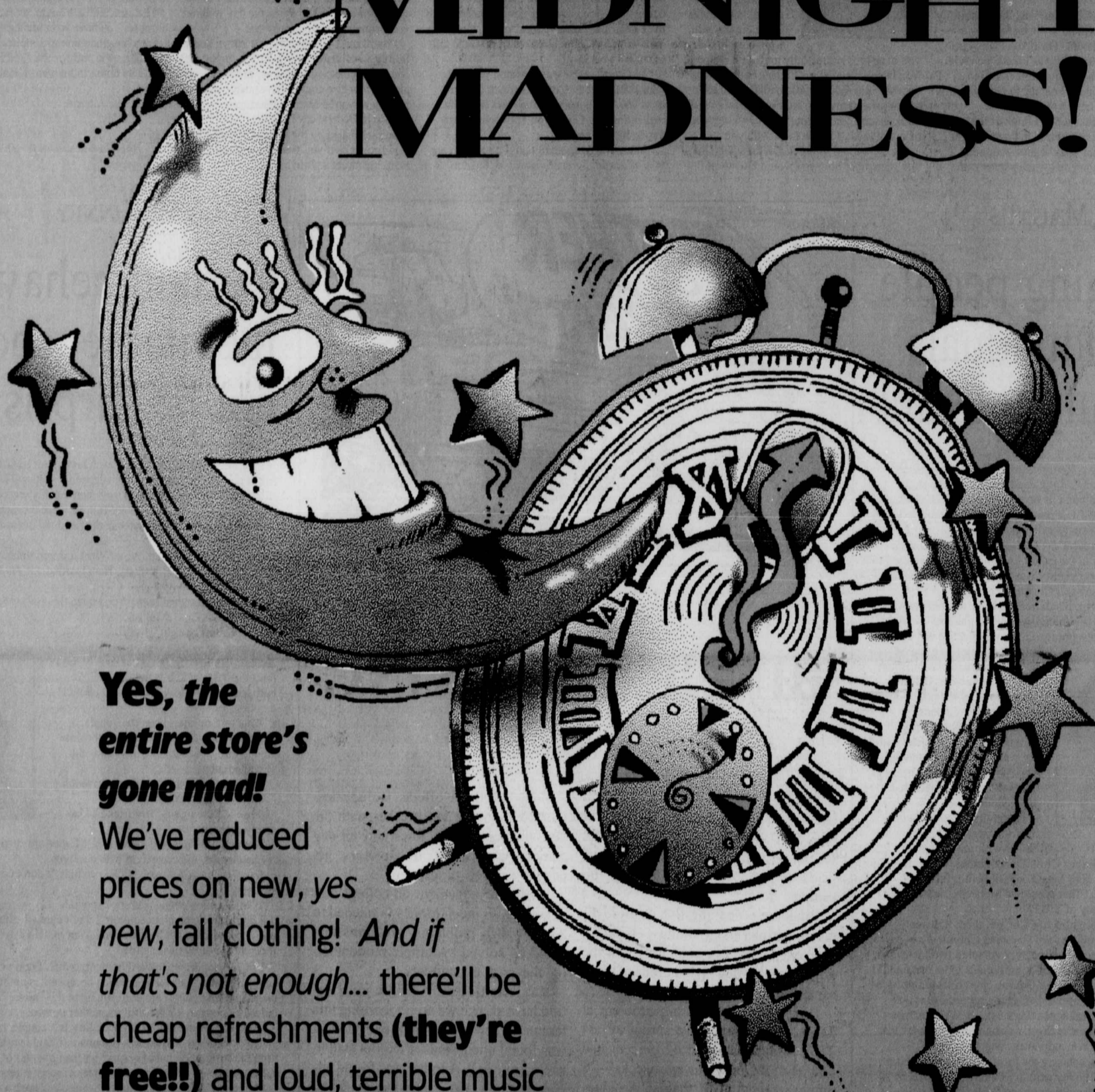
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