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2 suspects in Freelove death await trial date

BY SARAH RAACH
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Last fall, a TCU freshman and her friend were found shot to death in what police believe to be a drug-related incident. Eleven months later police are still trying to discern out what really happened that night while two murder suspects await trial in the Tarrant County Jail.

The bodies of Channing Freelove, a freshmen premed student, and Tarrant County Junior College student Melanie Golchert were found dead in a vacant lot Nov. 13.

The execution-style murders attracted national attention to TCU as authorities tried to solve the mystery.



Channing Freelove

First, the Fort Worth Police Department said they received information asserting that the murders were possibly drug-related.

Police later found 2½ pounds of a "green leafy substance" in the apartment Freelove was living in with Golchert.

The first people to be arrested in see Freelove, page 4



Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, addresses TCU students in the Student Center Lounge Tuesday. Hutchison answered students' questions and discussed campaign issues.

Texas Sen. Hutchison visits TCU

Key issues discussed

BY JODI WETUSKI
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, explained her stance on policy issues and stressed the role of education in democracy to TCU students during a campaign appearance around noon Tuesday in the Student Center Lounge.

Hutchison and her Democratic opponent, Richard Fisher, are entering the final weeks of campaigning before the Nov. 8 general election. Recent polls have shown Hutchison with a 19-point lead.

About 150 students gathered to hear her remarks and ask questions about crime, military issues and the General Agreement on Tariff and Trade — the 124-nation world trade agreement which is waiting for approval in Congress.

Hutchison said she supported "truth in sentencing... because we know that more than half the people going to prison right now are people who are on parole."

Alternate sites, such as tents and abandoned military bases, could be used as minimum security prisons to help relieve the overcrowding problem in jails, she said.

Hutchison said she supported lowering the age at which juvenile offenders can be tried as adults. That would stop older teenagers from sending out younger teens to commit crimes because younger teens usually receive less harsh penalties, she said.

She said she recognized the value of "boot camps and army discipline" to keep young teenagers from

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Sleepy students need to catch up on their zzz's, doctors say

BY ELYSE NUNN
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Rich people, homeless people, old people, babies and even TCU students — everybody's doing it, but they're not doing it enough.

Lack of sleep is a major problem among Americans, and especially among college students, Dr. Max Hershkovitz, a sleep researcher at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, said.

"People try to do too many things in 24 hours," Hershkovitz said. "When push comes to shove, sleep gets shoved."

High school and college students are more sleep deprived than anyone, Dr. James Maas, a psychology professor and sleep

researcher at Cornell University said in an interview with the *New York Times*.

Sleep studies have shown that people between the ages of 17 and 25 need up to 10 hours of sleep a night. However, the average college student only gets about six hours.

Students don't realize they are still growing, said Dr. Burt Schwartz, a staff physician at Brown-Lupton Health Center.

"Even if you're 18 and healthy, you just can't push your body without it saying 'ouch,'" Schwartz said.

Students blame their lack of sleep on too many activities and heavy course-loads, he said.

"We see people who are always fatigued," he said. "It can be a sign of illness, but most of it gets back to poor time management."

Mike Pogue, a senior psychology major said that he's so involved in intramural activities and being a resident assistant that he doesn't have time to do homework until late at night. This is why he says he suffers from lack of sleep.

Working during the day forces Tiffany Youngs, a freshman speech communication major, to stay up late studying, she said.

Late night studying, which cuts out sleep, can lead to reduced productivity, diminished mental and physical health and increased accidents, Schwartz said.

It can also lead to dozing in class. Pogue said he once slept for 20 minutes in the front row of an astronomy class before his professor woke him.

He also said that he had difficulty medi-

tating with his states of consciousness class that met at 8 a.m.

"I'd try to meditate, but it would turn out to be a nice, nice nap," Pogue said.

Sleep loss accumulates from one night to the next, and at some point the debt has to be paid slowly, Hershkovitz said.

"If you go a few nights with only five hours of sleep and then sleep 12 hours on a weekend night, you wake up feeling lousy," he said.

"It drains me if I try to do that," said Kristel Vaught, a junior advertising-public relations and psychology double major. "I feel tired and groggy the rest of the day. Then I'm up until 3 a.m. So it doesn't really

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Main coffee service downsized

BY MARLENE WALLACE
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Marriott officials announced Tuesday that the Student Center espresso bar that closed last week will be replaced with a smaller coffee service in the Main.

Espresso Roma, opened at the beginning of the school year, was removed last week because the bar was not making enough money, Marriott officials said.

Frequenters of the bar said they were sad it had closed.

"I was going to get a cup of hot chocolate this morning and it was gone," said Tine Dynjan, a sophomore movement science major. "I

thought it was a great idea. It was something different."

Tim Shane, a senior theater and radio-TV-film double major, said he was disappointed by the loss.

"I miss it terribly," Shane said. "I love the smell of cappuccino in the morning."

James Fjelstul, senior food service director, said the espresso bar was arranged on a 60-day trial basis.

It was supposed to have been replaced by a smaller cart before the fall break so that service wouldn't be disrupted, he said.

Instead, the bar was sold out by Espresso Roma, the company that loaned the equipment to TCU, to a

Dallas-area mall. The replacement cart was never sent.

Fjelstul said that Marriott had been working with the food service to find a coffee program that would fit everyone's needs.

Fjelstul said many companies including Java Coast, Cafe Italiano, and Karma were reviewed by the Marriott.

"We went through dozens of units to find the right one," Fjelstul said.

Fjelstul said the new coffee program, the Gourmet Bean, arrived Tuesday and should be implemented by Monday of next week.

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Women cautioned after UTA rape

BY DENA RAINS
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Campus Police is asking TCU women to be cautious of suspicious people on campus after a University of Texas at Arlington woman told police she was raped on the UTA campus Oct. 17.

METROPLEX

Connie Villela, crime prevention officer for Campus Police, said she did not think the two suspects believed to have committed the crime will try to rape someone on TCU's campus.

The suspects are probably targeting public universities that are open and not as secure as TCU, she said.

But Villela urged TCU women to "be cautious — always — because you never know when you might become a victim."

Around 2 p.m., the UTA student was walking alone across the parking lot at the corner of West Border and South Pecan streets when the suspects approached her.

They were driving a white full-size utility van with no windows.

Cpl. Anthony Rowlen of the UTA police department said the woman had seen the vehicle a few minutes before the incident. She also said she felt like someone was watching her, but gave it no extra thought, he said.

The woman told police she was taken at knife-point and forced into the van.

Rowlen said the woman told police that one of the suspects held the woman down while the other one sexually assaulted her. The woman was able to get free from the vehicle and run



UTA Police Department/Police drawing of one of the suspects

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NEWS DIGEST

Haiti creates new government

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — The difficulties assembling a new government were illustrated Tuesday by the cumbersome process required to name the next Haitian prime minister, wealthy businessman Smark Michel.

The president of Haiti's lower house announced Tuesday that President Jean-Bertrand Aristide had designated Michel as Haiti's premier-in-waiting.

Frantz Robert Monde said Aristide was expected to convene the body within 48 hours to ratify Michel.

Hutchison releases new ads

AUSTIN (AP) — U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, has two new campaign commercials, one of which attacks Democratic challenger Richard Fisher for his comments in support of President Clinton.

Fisher's campaign said the ad about him shows that Mrs. Hutchison is worried that he is closing the gap in their race. Recent polls have shown Hutchison with a 19-point lead.

"When you're up there is no reason to go on the attack unless you feel threatened," said a spokeswoman for Fisher.

Clinton visits Mideast

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — President Clinton arrived early Wednesday on a Middle East mission "inspired by a dream of peace" but shadowed by threats of terrorist violence.

Clinton is visiting six nations. He will attend the signing of an Israel-Jordan peace agreement Wednesday, meet with President Hafez Assad in Syria on Thursday and call Friday on U.S. troops rushed to the Persian Gulf earlier this month after Iraqi troops were seen massing near Kuwait's border. His first stop was Cairo.

Possible O.J. juror rejected

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A woman who expressed doubts that one person killed O.J. Simpson's ex-wife and a friend was thrown off a panel of potential jurors Tuesday, and defense attorneys were not happy.

"The time frame is so close, I just can't see how a person could do all of that in such a short time," the woman said.

Defense attorneys were visibly angered by the release of the 42-year-old postal worker. "My blood is boiling," lead defense attorney Robert Shapiro said outside the courtroom.

Oil spill cleanup continues

HOUSTON (AP) — Cooler weather Tuesday hampered oil-spill cleanup efforts in the San Jacinto River, and the Coast Guard said it would probably take most of the week to finish the job.

Sunshine had helped oil evaporate into the atmosphere, but that process slowed under cloudy skies Tuesday. Some hard-to-reach shorelines also were taking longer to clean, Coast Guard Capt. Richard Ford said.

Ford previously had expected the cleanup to be done Wednesday, but he amended that prediction to Friday or Saturday.

CAMPUSLINES

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FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES, 9 p.m., Wednesday in Daniel Meyer Coliseum Club room. Speakers are from T Bar M Ranch.

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

PROFESSOR'S NIGHT OUT sponsored by Alpha Phi Omega, is a night of free babysitting for TCU faculty and staff, from 6 to 11 p.m. Saturday. Call Katie Thorp at 923-6709.

TCU TRIANGLE gay, lesbian and bisexual student network, is having a program on the six stages of "Coming Out." Call Priscilla Tate, faculty sponsor, at 921-7160.

STUDY ABROAD/INFORMATION SESSION on programs in Germany and Austria will be from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Monday in Reed Hall 101. Dr. Barbara Gugold from Berlin will lead the discussion. All interested students are welcome.

PARABOLA presents "All Roads Lead to Rome; But Not in

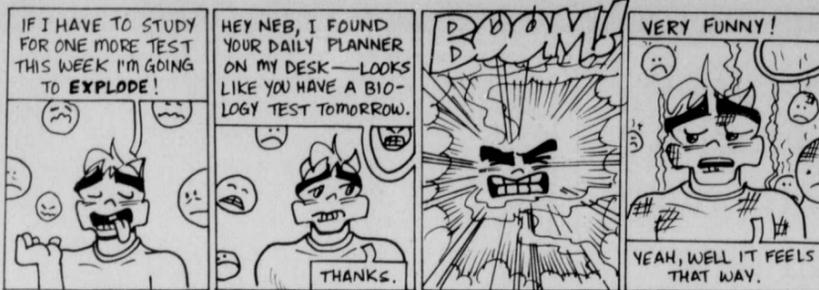
Three or More Dimensions" at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday in Winton-Scott 145. Michael E. Fisher is the speaker. Refreshments served from 3 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in WSH room 171.

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

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 Mon., Oct. 31, from 7 p.m. to midnight in the Cowtown Corral, 500 NE 23rd Street in the Stockyards. A \$6 donation for adults will enable MDA to continue providing support and services in Tarrant County.

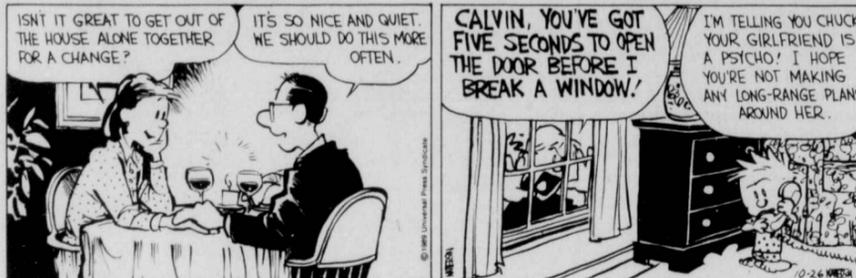
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Noon, University Chapel
3 p.m.-5 p.m., Internet "beginners" workshop, Writing Center
6 p.m.-8 p.m., Colby Hall Halloween
7 p.m., Trumpet Master Class/Recital Series featuring Keith Johnson of University of North Texas, Moudy Building, 141 N
Thursday
8 a.m.-4 p.m., Business English Workshop
9 a.m.-7 p.m., PC Homecoming Week: Queen and Escort Elections, Student Center, Worth Hills
2 p.m.-3:15 p.m., Ballet and Modern Dance present David Conner, "Tap Dance and Ball-

room," Ballet and Modern Dance Building, Studio B
7 p.m., Lecture by Spanish poet Antonio Porpetta, Student Center Ballroom
7:30 p.m., Annual Alumni Awards Dinner, Rivercrest Country Club
Reunion '94 at Homecoming
Friday
Noon, TCU Band performs in General Worth Square on Main Street, adjacent to the Convention Center
12:30-4:30 p.m., Videoconference on "Networked Information and the Scholar," TAGER TV/Telecommunications building
7 p.m., PC Homecoming Week: Parade, Bluebonnet Circle; after parade, Pep Rally and Fireworks at Amon Carter Stadium
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Greek RAs to be installed

By GINGER RICHARDSON
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Greeks living in Worth Hills are gaining greater access to university services already available to students living on the main campus, said Rick Barnes, director of fraternity and sorority life.

Students serving as chapter house managers, a new position within the fraternity and sorority system, are improving relations between Greeks and the administration, Kristen Kirst, assistant director of fraternity and sorority life, said.

"These students help relations because they support university policy. But they are also trusted by their brothers and sisters," Kirst said.

The chapter house managers are university employees and basically function as RA's for the Greek system, Kirst said. They are required to enforce university policy within their fraternity and sorority houses, she said.

Members in the chapter can go to the house managers for help any time they need to, and in turn, the house managers come to fraternity or sorority affairs, she said.

The position offers students living in Worth Hills the same services available to residents in the dormitories, Kirst said.

"Students on main campus can utilize the services of their RA's and the housing department for any problem," Kirst said. "Until now, students in the houses didn't have that option."

Sharon St. Clair, a sophomore nursing major and chapter house manager for Alpha Delta Pi, said her position is beneficial to the entire sorority because her sisters have someone to talk to about a wide variety of problems.

"My sisters can come to me with their concerns about big events on campus — like that mugging in the Ranch Management parking lot or little things like maintenance in the building," she said.

However, the house managers did not receive resident assistant training and don't have to work desk hours, Kirst said. Instead they serve as liaisons between the chapters and the university, she said.

The administration believes the chapter house managers are encouraging their brothers and sisters to take better care of their respective chapter rooms and houses.

Brandon Swoboda, a sophomore speech communication major and chapter house manager for Kappa Sigma, said his brothers are taking greater pride in their house since he was elected to the position.

"I think the whole program is working," Swoboda said. "My brothers see me taking pride in our house and the grounds, and they do the same as well."

There have been less reports of vandalism and damages to the various houses in Worth Hills since the chapter house manager position was created, Kirst said.

"I don't know if there is a correlation or not, but the students seem to be taking greater pride in their houses and surrounding property, so that seems to suggest that this program is working," Kirst said.

All of the fraternities and sororities, with the exception of Lambda Chi Alpha, have a chapter house manager officially recognized by the university.

Tim Kruse, a senior marketing major and president of Lambda Chi Alpha, said his chapter did select a member to fill the position but the chosen fraternity member is not officially recognized by the university.

"We have a chapter house manager for our own purposes," Kruse said. "But he already had a part time job, so he wasn't recognized by the university."

Kruse said his fraternity would nominate a member for the position when applications are sent out next month.

STUDENT HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Meeting highlights for Oct. 25, 1994

Bills

Sent to Finance Committee: Bill 94-17 to donate \$250 to Red Cross to help fund the recovery of Houston community after the floods.

Bill 94-18 to fund construction of high-elements ropes course, \$3,500.

Bill 94-19 for yearbook Reps to attend National Journalism Convention, \$1,980.

Bill 94-20 to help fund Milton Daniel Hall's "Three Pointer" basketball spirit promotion, \$250.

Resolution

Passed (unanimous): Resolution 94-17 "A Resolution to Support All Homecoming Week Activities."

Programming Council

Due to poor weather, outdoor Homecoming decorations for the rest of the week have been cancelled.

Miscellaneous

The House has hooked up an answering machine on a dedicated phone line. The number is 921-7924.

They said it ...

"We thought we should make (professors') parking spaces reflect the student evaluations."

— Sharon Selby, chairwoman of Academic Affairs Committee, joking following an announcement of a meeting with professors to discuss poor teaching, the grading system and student evaluations.

Compiled by Jennifer Holmes

Retreat focuses on campus unity

By BILL CRAWFORD
TCU DAILY SKIFF

This semester's Nov. 12-13 Students Reaching Out retreat will be "a lot of fun, unity-building and boundary-breaking," said retreat co-chairwoman Jennifer Dugan.

The retreat, sponsored by SRO and the Alcohol and Drug Education Center, will be at the Greene Family Camp, just south of Waco.

Dugan said she went to the retreat last semester at the Greene Family Camp and had a great time.

"I am really excited about going back again this semester," Dugan said. "It is a lot of fun."

The first day is devoted to getting to know everyone by playing ice-breaker games, discussing different problems facing TCU and its students and coming up with ways to solve the problems, she said.

"At the end of the first day, we do the low rope course," she said.

Dugan said there are several rea-

sons for the retreat.

"You get to know people and make new friends," Dugan said. "And it's a great way to get involved with what's going on at TCU."

Alcohol and Drug Education Program Specialist Steve Cummins said the goals for the retreat are to provide opportunities for the participants to learn how they and the other members of their organizations can address the issues and challenges at TCU and to have fun.

"The retreat is very participatory and experiential in nature," Cummins said.

There will be two rope courses of different heights used to develop trust among the members of the different groups, he said. The low rope course, on which everyone is asked to participate, is 10 feet high.

Cummins said the retreat has been a big success over the last few years.

"It is a catalyst for creating enthusiasm on campus," Cummins

said.

Cummins said SRO and the retreat work to build unity on campus.

SRO is a group made up of representatives from three student organizations affiliated with the Alcohol and Drug Education program and other students at large. The group works toward breaking down barriers between different campus organizations.

Dugan said the ultimate mission of the organization is to make a difference in the campus community.

"SRO brings together a group of concerned students to build a campus network in an effort to make a positive impact on the university environment," she said.

People interested in attending the retreat can sign up at the alcohol and drug education center in the Rickel Building, Room 230. Deadline for applications is Nov. 11, and space is limited.

The registration fee is \$25, which will go toward food and housing.

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help."

The best way to catch up on lost sleep is to take short naps, an hour or less, or to go to bed a little earlier for several nights until the sleep is made up, Hershkowitz said.

Katie Dayton, a senior special education major, said, "If I stay up late one night, then I go to bed earlier the next night, not to make up, but because I'm tired."

Schwartz said he sees a lot of students who have trouble falling asleep at night because they carry too much anxiety, he said.

"I tell them to decide what time they're going to go to bed, take a

hot shower or bath and put on pajamas or a nightgown. That gets you mentally ready to go to bed," Schwartz said.

Caffeine, decongestants, eating, drinking and exercising too close to bed time should be avoided, he said.

Vaught said she used to get five or six hours of sleep each night, but has gotten into the habit of going to bed earlier.

"Last year I'd take naps between class and work, but now I don't need to," she said. "It's unbelievable how much difference one more hour of sleep makes."

Sound Off!

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away, he said.

The first suspect is described as a white male, between 5'5" and 5'8" and about 35 to 40 years old. He has blond-brown hair that is short on top and pulled back into a shoulder-length ponytail. There is a scar on his right cheek.

The second suspect is a white male, about 25 to 30 years old with short brown hair and a muscular build.

The suspects could also be in or using a white older model Lincoln with black interior and a missing hood ornament, police said.

Rowlen said he believes the suspects to be locals and does not think they will attempt a similar crime on TCU's campus.

He also urged TCU women to be cautious of suspicious activity.

"If something looks suspicious and feels suspicious, nine times out of 10 it is," Rowlen said.

To avoid becoming a rape victim, Rowlen suggested that women not walk alone and stay aware of their surroundings.

If a woman thinks she is being followed, she should go into heavily populated areas and alter her walking route, he said.

The UTA police department is sponsoring informative programs about crime and crime prevention in order to keep another assault from happening, Rowlen said.

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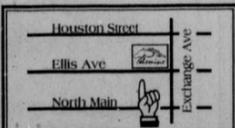
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House officer candidates announced

TCU DAILY SKIFF

The filing period for House officer positions in the upcoming elections closed at 5 p.m. Oct. 25. Elections will be held from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Nov. 15.

Ballot boxes will be located at the Main and Worth Hill cafeteria. If needed, run-offs will be held Nov. 17.

Campaigning for House officer positions begins next week after Homecoming activities.

The names of those who filed for House positions are:

President: Ethan Boothe, Jason "Jay" Fishel.

Vice President: Jeff Benson, J.R. Greene, Sharon Selby.

Vice President for Programming: Ruth Powell, Becky Pretz, Greg Trevino.

Secretary: Christy Campbell, Theresa Hill, Kelley Pelton.

Treasurer: Shawn Groves, Toma Pyle.

Homecoming Court selected; final election to be held Thursday

Nearly 1,000 students turned out Tuesday for the initial round of Homecoming court elections. Nominees for Homecoming Queen in the Thursday runoff are: Dana Cummings, representing the House of Representatives; Marie Louise Inabnett, representing Chi Omega; Shannon Croteau, representing Order of Omega; Ashley Appleton, representing Co-ed cheerleaders and Phoebe Flemming, representing Student Foundation.

Nominees for Homecoming Escort are: Scott Wheatley representing the House of Student Representatives; Scott McLinden representing University Council; Greg Trevino, representing Milton Daniel; Matthew Pickelman, representing Order of Omega, and Clark Davis, representing Lambda Chi Alpha.

The final election will be held Thursday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Ballots can be cast in the Student Center.

'Destiny in Space' opens in renovated Omni theater

By MARLENE WALLACE
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Stars, planets and moons fill Omni Theater in its out of this world new film.

To promote its newly renovated facilities, the Omni Theater is offering the film "Destiny in Space" on its 80-foot super screen to give viewers a look at life in space above Earth and possible life on Venus and Mars.

The film celebrates the reopening of the Omni Theater after a six-week renovation and expansion which added 30 new seats, new carpet, a quiet room for parents with noisy, small children, a headset system for the hearing impaired and wheelchair accessibility and seating, Missy Mathews, marketing assistant for the Omni Theater, said.

"Star Trek" actor Leonard Nimoy — Spock — narrates the film.

The film uses actual footage taken from nine shuttle flights and shots in space from the satellite ORFEUS-SPAS.

Viewers can observe life outside the space shuttle Discovery as it orbits the Earth and watch astronauts as they launch other satellites into orbit and make repairs on the Hubble space telescope.

Computerized data taken from the Magellan satellite was filmed to allow audience members to witness for the first time the rugged and colorful terrains of Venus and Mars. The film also examines the possibility of creating an Earth-like environment on Mars in the future.

Pictures taken from the newly-repaired Hubble telescope reveal never-seen-before views of newly formed planets and galaxies, some with a solar system makeup much like ours, according to the film.

"Destiny in Space" runs everyday at the Omni Theater at the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History, 1501 Montgomery Street, until Jan. 1. Admission is \$6; \$4 for persons over 60 and children ages 5 to 12.



TCU Daily Skiff/ Tina Fitzgerald
Meg Korby, sophomore education major, Katy Sasina, junior chemistry and psychology majors and Mary Susan McNatt, junior education major, cast their votes for the Homecoming Court on Tuesday in the Student Center.

Freelove/ page 1

The case were Brandi Michelle Cirelli, then 20, and Sherrie Lynn Sikes, then 24.

They were arrested for soliciting two men to kill Freelove, not for the murder of Freelove and Golcher.

Cirelli and Sikes reportedly also dealt drugs and were involved in ongoing sexual relations with Freelove, according to an affidavit.

Police believed Sikes and Cirelli hired two men to kill Freelove after a violent brawl involving the three women.

On January 19, solicitation of capital murder charges against the pair of women were dropped due to insufficient evidence.

The two women admitted to arranging a burglary at Freelove's apartment before her death.

A roommate of the dead women told police the women were on their way to sell marijuana to a man called "Boot" the night they died.

Authorities had established that Freelove was a drug dealer and was trying to sell drugs to pay off a drug debt at the time of her slaying.

Later, Melvin James "Boot" White, 19, and Darron Deshone "Taz" Curl, 22, were charged with capital murder in the case. They were not the men

Sikes and Cirelli were originally accused of soliciting to kill Freelove.

Prosecutors said they believe the suspect's motive was "just a plain old rip-off" because they thought Freelove had a substantial amount of drugs and money.

The two men are still in jail awaiting trial. They are each being held on \$500,000 bond.

White's attorney, John Beatty, said White is pleading not guilty.

Terry Moore, the prosecuting attorney, said Deshone is also pleading not guilty.

"Our evidence is good and we will be tough on them," Moore said.

Coffee/ from page 1

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Fjelstul said that adding a variety of flavored hot chocolates and hot teas to the program is currently under consideration by the Marriott.

"Students are welcome to give us suggestions at any time," Fjelstul said.

The Gourmet Bean will be located in the Main near the pastry bar.

Hutchison/ from page 1

committing crimes.

Susan McCue, a spokeswoman for Fisher, said in a phone interview that Fisher believed "individuals, regardless of age, who commit violent felonies, should be tried as adults."

Fisher also would propose more military-style boot camps where young offenders could learn values and cooperation, McCue said.

These boot camps have a high success rate, are cost-effective and are "morally the best alternative," McCue said.

Hutchison, who serves on the Senate Armed Services Committee, said she does not support cuts in military defense spending because the United States "needs security for young people fighting on the front lines."

McCue said Fisher supported defense spending necessary to maintain a united military front, and would only cut unnecessary programs, outdated technology or administration.

Hutchison said the government was "turning our own United States troops over to the United Nations" by support of missions in Haiti and Somalia.

U.S. troops should fight only when U.S. security interests are threatened, as they are in Iraq, she said.

McCue said Fisher believed the United States should work with the United Nations to promote peace, but that U.S. military leaders need to remain in control of U.S. operations.

Hutchison said she did not know which way she would vote on the General Agreement on Tariff and Trade.

She supports lower tariffs, but does not want to raise taxes to pay for GATT, she said. She also expressed

concern that the United States would lose sovereignty through the program.

Fisher supports the "opening of an international market for U.S. goods and services, but he wants to make sure sovereignty is not given up in the process," McCue said.

Hutchison called education the "foundation of democracy" because it helps put qualified young people in the job market.

"I don't want to give success to anyone," she said. "I think people have to work for success. I want everyone to have that opportunity with a solid foundation of an education."

Hutchison said she demonstrated her concern for education by adding to a bill an amendment that made prisoners ineligible to receive Pell Grants.

The amendment has "freed up Pell Grants for next year for 100,000 new students," she said.

Fisher regards education as the fundamental key to success of a country and necessary for advancement, McCue said.

He supports the decentralization of the Department of Education by giving more power to local and state school districts, McCue said.

He also supports giving more funds to higher education so that "every child, regardless of socioeconomic background, has a chance for an education," she said.

Hutchison said her main opponent in the election was the "Democratic philosophy of government." States need to be stronger, and the federal government needs to stop over-regulating citizens, she said.

McCue said that statement is just "more partisan rhetoric coming from a career politician who wants to keep her job."



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Horned Frogs gaining momentum, focusing on Owls



TCU Daily Skiff/Layne Smith
Junior running back Andre Davis runs away from Houston defenders Saturday.

BY DAVID JIMENEZ
TCU DAILY SKIFF

TCU head football coach Pat Sullivan said the Horned Frogs are gaining momentum after winning two consecutive games.

FOOTBALL

"Anytime you win," Sullivan said, "you gain confidence. We've been better in gaining confidence the last two weeks."

After losing its opening Southwest Conference game to Baylor and Texas, TCU has beaten the Tulane Green Wave and the Houston Cougars to improve its record to 4-3 overall and 1-2 in SWC action.

Sullivan said he is happy with his team's performance against the Cougars. He said the defense, which caused four turnovers, played especially well.

In the last two games, the

Horned Frogs have scored 61 points and totaled 822 yards of offense. Sullivan said the key to the offensive success has been junior quarterback Max Knake.

Sullivan said Knake has done a good job reading defenses and taking advantage of what defenses give him.

Over the past two weeks, members of the offense have produced. Junior running back Andre Davis has compiled 246 yards rushing and 176 yards receiving over this span.

Knake has thrown for 488 yards and two touchdown passes with no interceptions. Junior tight end Brian Collins, who caught only one pass against the Green Wave, caught seven passes for 98 yards and scored three touchdowns.

Despite the team's recent success, Sullivan is wary that things can easily change.

"When you win," Sullivan said, "things are good. When you lose,

you're looking for a place to hide."

The Frogs will look to increase its winning streak against the Rice Owls Saturday at Amon Carter Stadium.

The Owls (3-3, 2-1 SWC) are coming off a 7-0 loss to the Texas A&M Aggies Saturday. On Oct. 16, Rice defeated the then No. 12 Texas Longhorns, 19-17.

Sullivan said he is not surprised by Rice's success in SWC play this season.

"For the last two years," Sullivan said, "They've beaten us. People don't realize how good Rice is. They beat Texas on national TV and they finally got some exposure."

With a difficult game against Rice, Sullivan said, TCU needs to concentrate on its opponent.

"Each week is a new week," he said. "When you win, enjoy it for a couple of days and then focus on your next game."

Frogs optimistic after scrimmage

BY MARK MOURER
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The TCU men's basketball team held an intra-squad scrimmage last Saturday to see how the team was shaping up under new head coach Billy Tubbs.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Emphasis on "shaping up." "This is by far the best conditioning these guys have seen," said senior manager Brandon Aldrich. "The defense slowed down a little near the end of the scrimmage, but the offense ran well and was a lot more relaxed."

"I'm in the best condition of my life," said senior post Kurt Thomas, who scored 63 points for his squad Saturday.

"I've always been able to put up the numbers," Thomas said, "but with my conditioning as it is I've become a more dangerous player as far as putting points on the board goes."

Thomas said that he will be playing the same aggressive scoring style that he always has, but the team will be pressing the ball up and down the court more this year producing more

points. "People were wondering if we'd be able to put points on the board," Thomas said. "Obviously we proved that in the scrimmage — the offense scored 120 points or so."

Make that 124. The final score for the intra-squad scrimmage was 124-94.

Tubbs said that he was pleased the way things have shaped up so far since official practice began Oct. 15. He said that he was more encouraged about the season after the scrimmage than he was before practice started.

"I think we're as far along as we need to be at his point in the season," Tubbs said. "We've come a long way. I feel better about our team now than I did in June, but we've still got a long way to go."

"We did better than I had anticipated offensively," Tubbs said, "but that may have been because the defense allowed those scoring opportunities."

Tubbs said that the team will continue to emphasize defense in practice, and that he and the team are still in a learning phase.

"It takes some time to get to know the strengths and weaknesses of the team and we're working through that now," Tubbs said. "The players are

still learning the system and I'm still learning about the players, but everybody seems dedicated to the cause of winning here. The guys have really been working hard."

The attitude on the team has shaped up, too, sophomore guard Jeff Jacobs said.

"The team is more upbeat this year," Jacobs said. "We're a lot more positive about the season than we had been before."

Senior guard Marco Jeans said that the team's improved attitude and conditioning will help them win close games that come down to the wire as well as keep the team on top once they establish a lead.

"This year, we feel like even if it's the Phoenix Suns that come in here, they're not going to win," Jeans said.

"When we run late in the game or into overtime, we'll be able to win," Jeans said. "Most teams will only be conditioned to go up the court 70 times or so, but we'll be ready to go 90 or 100 times and won't get so tired when we take our shots."

Tubbs said that the team's conditioning was such that they would still be able to run full-speed after taking an opponent up and down the court.

Backup Peete rescues Cowboys

BY DENNE FREEMAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

IRVING, Texas — The Dallas Cowboys bought themselves a \$575,000 quarterback insurance policy in the offseason. Rodney Peete was worth every nickel.

FOOTBALL

"You talk about somebody stepping up and producing when we needed him," said Dallas running back Emmitt Smith. "It was nice to know that we have a backup who can come in and win."

Peete threw two touchdown passes as the Cowboys rallied for a 28-21 victory over the Arizona Cardinals after starter Troy Aikman suffered a concussion in the first quarter.

"Peete gave an exceptional performance," said Dallas coach Barry Switzer. "He started off a little slow, but that's because he never got to execute the game plan in practice. As he got better the team got better."

Peete had played his entire five-year NFL career with the Detroit

Lions before deciding to move on.

"In Detroit you were on a constant roller-coaster ride," said Peete, an on-and-off starter with the Lions, but a backup when Erik Kramer led them to the NFC Central title two of the last three seasons. "I'd be the starter at the start of the season then they'd move somebody else in."

Peete and Kramer were cast aside by the Lions in favor of free-agent Scott Mitchell. The Cowboys moved in for close to bottom dollar for an experienced backup a year after spending \$1 million to sign Bernie Kosar for eight games after Kosar was cut by Cleveland.

Kosar also paid dividends, leading the Cowboys to a victory over the Cardinals while Aikman recovered from a hamstring injury. Kosar signed with Miami for the '94 season.

Peete said he needed a good game, because his new teammates weren't sure what he would do.

"This gives them confidence that I can go in and make things happen," Peete said. "It was important for me to show them that I can get them into the end zone. Teammates never

really have total confidence in you until you do something in the heat of battle."

Peete completed 12-of-19 passes for 186 yards. He took the Cowboys on three touchdown drives.

"I was a little shaky at first. I hadn't had a lot of reps in practice and it took time for me to get comfortable," he said. "We ran our basic offense. We didn't cut back much at all."

Offensive coordinator Ernie Zampese gave Peete high marks.

"He did the job," Zampese said. "It was pretty impressive considering he had to come off the sidelines cold."

Impressive enough that the Cowboys won't worry if Peete has to play again Sunday at Cincinnati.

"We needed a game like this where we lost our general and had somebody backing up Troy who could win," said wide receiver Michael Irvin, who caught two touchdown passes. "We don't want to lose our general anymore, but it's good to know what Rodney can do. It's good to know if the general goes down we're still not helpless."

SPORTS DIGEST

Royal hurler honored

NEW YORK (AP) — David Cone, coming off the worst season of his career, bounced back to again beat out former teammate Jimmy Key in a close vote Tuesday for the AL Cy Young Award.

Cone, 16-5 with a 2.94 ERA for the Kansas City Royals, won the award despite not leading the league in any pitching category. Key, 17-4 with a 3.27 ERA for the Yankees.

Strike talks postponed

NEW YORK (AP) — Mediator W.J. Usery's meeting with baseball players was postponed a day until Wednesday.

Usery is to listen to the union's view of baseball's troubled labor relations.

Eugene Orza, the union's No. 2 official, said the meeting was pushed back a day for the convenience of some of those attending the session.

Cowboys sign lineman

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Free agent offensive lineman James Parrish was signed Tuesday to provide depth for the Dallas Cowboys, who lost right tackle Erik Williams in a car accident that caused knee damage.

Parrish was signed to the Cowboys practice squad last December. He has spent time briefly with the San Francisco 49ers, Miami Dolphins, and Indianapolis Colts in the NFL.

Astros slugger honored

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Houston Astros first baseman Jeff Bagwell is The Sporting News' choice as baseball's player of the year.

Bagwell hit .368 with 39 home runs and 116 runs batted in.

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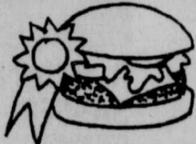
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Advent of basketball season evokes fond high school memories

As I attended Hoops Mania it suddenly occurred to me that basketball season is rapidly upon us, and, I must admit, it makes me sentimental as I look back on my blessed days on the court — in high school.

High school basketball was a much better experience for me than baseball was. In baseball, I played a very good defensive first base, but my hitting was poor at best. Usually, it is the pitcher who never gets to hit and is replaced by a designated hitter when it is his turn to bat.

However, my stats were such that I was never allowed to hit. Instead, I always heard the following lines: "Pete, go coach first base" or "Hey Pete, go warm up so-and-so." I'm not bitter, though. My high school coach knew best, as evidenced by my strikeout three weeks ago in slow-pitch softball (I swear something got under my contact lens.)

High school basketball, however, was a different story. I went to a small school with coincidentally little school spirit.

This was the ultimate situation for me. Since I wasn't the best athlete in the world, I got a lot of playing time and individual attention and basketball was my sport of choice.

For anyone who has ever played high school basketball, the most dreaded words from the coach were always: "get on the line."

Groans immediately would follow as the team lined up on the baseline for a true test of desire, which could only be measured through the most grueling of sprints. Called anything from "horses" to "line" to the always popular "suicides," these last few minutes of practice seemed to last forever. And coach would set unreasonable goals for the team to accomplish (down and back six times in 15 seconds) on these joy runs so that you would get to experience more of them. Something always told me that this is what the underworld would be like: continuous wind sprints.

Eventually, the coach would feel pity for you. If a member of the team could make a free throw, the running for the day would be over. A sliver of hope would enter my exhausted torso, only until the coach selected the worst shooter on the team.

Why did the coach always take the worst free throw shooter? Some of the guys would even start to run before the shot was taken because they knew that it was a lost cause. Running sprints was more or less a "trail of tears" or "road to nowhere." It was awful. In fact, I remember that I even pretended to vomit once to get out of sprints.

My coach did some weird things outside of practice, too. He got so frustrated with us at times that he would make out different lineups for a game, and every two minutes a new team would come in. He had his tall team, short team, quick team, slower-than-molasses squad and team of players born in months starting with the letter "J." We always got destroyed in those games.

During my senior year we also had a team towel. Stolen from a rival school, it was a little hand towel with the words "Coach Fred" scripted on it. We used it to wipe our feet as we entered the game to get better traction. It brought the team good luck for a while, but soon we lost 4 or 5 games in a row and coach finally burned the towel in a private bonfire behind our gym during one of his P.E. classes. It kind of reminded me of Luke Skywalker burning Darth Vader in "Return of the Jedi." However, in the movie, Luke won in the end while we still managed to lose our next couple of games after the death of "Coach Fred."

Coach and I had an interesting relationship, too. My junior year I had been a starting forward and early in the season he came to me and explained that he needed me to be that ultimate sixth man, who would come in the game off the bench and inspire the team. Being the team player that I was, I agreed to do so only to soon discover that a sixth man on his team sometimes did not enter the game until halftime. I actually cheered when our big men got into foul trouble, knowing he would have to put me in.

I never understood Coach. Everything came to a head during our Homecoming game my senior year. Since our school was too small for football, our big Homecoming was centered around basketball.

I was a co-captain that season because of my ability to keep my cool in all situations. However, we were getting drilled by 20 points in the third quarter when I got hit with an elbow as I chased a loose ball. I snapped.

Without thinking, I took a swing at the guy who threw the elbow. Luckily for him, I came up empty.

The referees stepped in and warned me from doing anything else. Coach immediately pulled me, and I sat. My last Homecoming game, and I was on the bench right next to coach and he was not speaking to me at all.

After what seemed like hours, I apologized for my actions. Another period of silence passed before he finally acknowledged my existence. "Pete," he said, "I only have one thing to say to you."

I swallowed hard, ready for an earful.

Coach continued, "Pete, if you are going to swing at the guy, for crying out loud, at least hit 'em."

That was it. He sent me back into the game and not another word was ever said about the incident.

Coach was impossible to interpret or understand my entire high school career. He was only consistent in one area: the worst free throw shooter would always get that chance to end the insanity of countless sprints with the make of one free throw.

And, you know, I missed it every time.



PETER COUSER
THE LIGHTER SIDE

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Not your average cup of coffee

Nestled in downtown Fort Worth, The Coffee Haus offers drinks as diverse as its customers

BY NATALIE GARDNER
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The scene at The Coffee Haus is unmistakable: A flutist strolls by playing a familiar tune. A group of rowdy students talk about their weekend plans. An elderly couple shares a piece of strawberry cheesecake while looking at the Fort Worth skyline.

In another corner, a middle-age couple plays a game of checkers as they sip their cappuccino. The waft of vanilla and amaretto hit customers as they walk through the door.

The Coffee Haus, which opened in April 1994, is not just a place that serves coffee; it's a new cultural statement and a trend that is starting to hit Fort Worth.

The Coffee Haus, down the street from Caravan of Dreams and across the street from Billy Miner's Saloon in downtown Fort Worth, serves specialty coffees and desserts.

The cafe's best selling drink is Cafe Mocha, a mixture of espresso and steamed milk with whipped cream and chocolate syrup covering the top, said Don Noe, owner of the Coffee Haus. Customers favorite desserts are the white chocolate raspberry truffle and the Jack Daniels upside-down chocolate cheesecake.

The tables outside on the sidewalk are filled with people sipping coffee out of mugs that look and feel like large soup

bowls with handles. It is almost easier to drink your coffee with a spoon than chance spilling coffee down your shirt.

Customers can choose from 26 natural varieties of coffee, 26 flavored varieties of coffee and 30 Swiss water decaffeinated coffee. Some of the cafe's specialty coffees consist of espresso, cappuccino, Cafe Latte, Iced Mocha, Cafe Sorbetto and iced cappuccino.

Not only can customers drink coffee and eat assorted varieties of cheesecake, they soon will be able to participate in weekly poetry readings and amateur guitar nights, Noe said.

"We are wanting to expand the fun things we do, such as the poetry readings and guitar nights," he said. "Our coffee house in Arlington, already has these things."

Activities such as these attract more people and add to the idea of a coffee house as a "cultural melting pot," Noe said.

Poetry readings at the Coffee Haus in Arlington demonstrate how diverse society is, he said.

"We can have a 65-year-old man read a serious poem and a 17-year-old read a funny poem and both appreciate the other's expression and all can feel comfortable," Noe said.

Noe opened his first coffee house in 1987 in Arlington's Lincoln Square. He then opened a small coffee cart in Hulen Mall, which is staffed through the TCU

Career Planning and Placement Center. Later he decided to open the Coffee Haus in Tarrant County.

At the time of the opening of the Coffee Haus in downtown Fort Worth, only one shop exclusively sold coffee in Fort Worth, Noe said.

Noe believes that coffee houses are popular because coffee drinks such as cappuccino are fun drinks that can be personalized. He also believes that there is a recent trend away from night clubs and alcohol consumption.

"People still want that social aspect without the alcohol part," he said. "You can drink all night in a responsible social environment."

Courtney Rowden, junior deaf education major, said, "Coffee houses seem to be the new trend. They provide a good social setting for many different kinds of people. They provide an alternative place to have a drink and just talk."

The "regulars" that frequent the Coffee Haus are a major part of Noe's business, Noe said.

The "Monday through Friday crowd," comes in everyday during work breaks, he said. Employees know exactly what kind of drinks these customers like and how they like them.

The Coffee Haus has a coffee club that is aimed at these regular customers. Customers, on their first coffee purchase, receive a card that is punched each time a coffee is bought. After five

punches on a card, customers will receive a free "coffee of the day" and after ten punches, they will receive any speciality drink on the menu.

Sundance Square draws a wide variety of people ranging from young adults to professional people to families, Noe said.

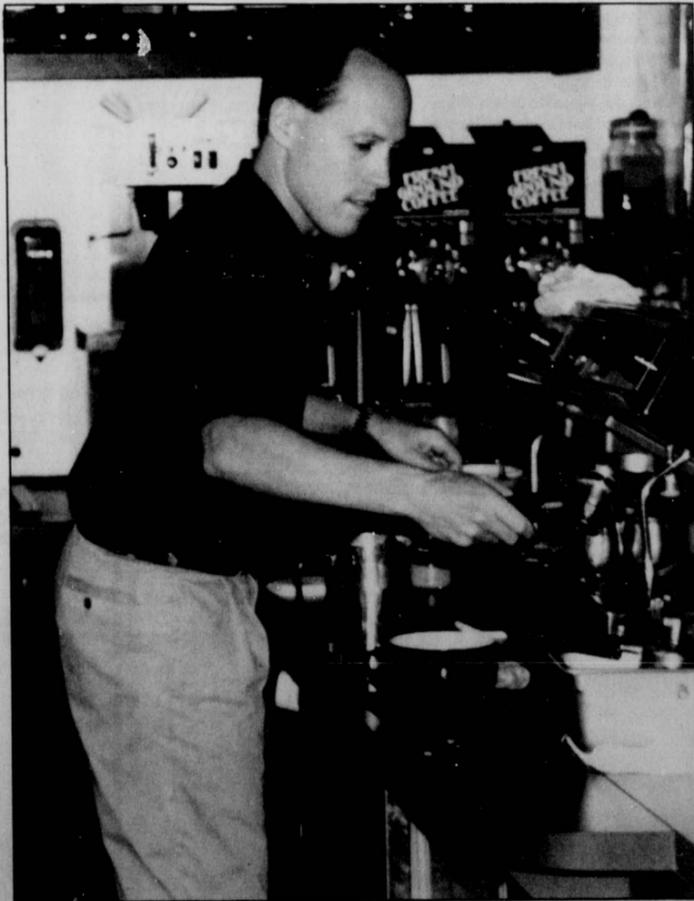
The Coffee Haus provides a discount program aimed at these wide groups of people. If customers bring in an AMC movie ticket, they will receive a free coffee with the purchase of another.

Kate Ford, junior nutrition and dietetics major, said, "The whole atmosphere of Sundance Square is the perfect place for a coffee house because there are always lots of people and things to do. There are always people you know walking around."

It seems that it has taken a long time for the coffee house trend to hit Fort Worth, Ford said. Coffee houses have been popular farther North for a few years, especially around college campuses, she said.

"I was really surprised there weren't many coffee houses in the area when I first came to TCU from Missouri," Ford said.

Noe said he hopes to attract more TCU students by offering an alternative place to the night club scene. He believes that coffee houses can be more than just a place to buy unusual coffee drinks.



Employees of The Coffee Haus mix up a blend of decaffeinated coffee. The Coffee Haus, which opened in April, is a popular date spot for students.

TCU Daily Skiff/ Erin Dulaney

The 'Big Apple' isn't all rotten to the core

New York City?
Get a rope, right? Well, don't be so quick.

A couple of weekends ago, I made a trip to "the Big Apple" with some of the other Washington D.C. interns to see what New York was all about.

We were expecting skyscrapers, bright lights, lots of people and David Letterman.

We got something better. We got Sirajul.

Yeah, we saw Times Square, a Broadway play and the statue of Liberty, but the highlight was meeting the famous neighbor and world traveler of Letterman's, "Late Show."

"I love being a celebrity," Sirajul said while he signed t-shirt after t-shirt. "I sign anything, you don't even have to buy it here."

Earlier this year, Sirajul and his buddy Mujibur went around the world giving reports for Letterman's show. They went to the Olympics in Norway, to the Grand Canyon and many other places

along the way. They left as little-known store clerks. They came back stars.

Their souvenir shop was crammed with wide-eyed tourists who were throwing money at anything with "Mujibur and Sirajul" on it. They found shirts, sweatshirts and caps. They couldn't get enough.

"Do you have that in an extra-extra-large?" one man asked.

"Sure, sure," Sirajul said quickly.

Between autographs, Sirajul hung up shirts and talked about his trip around the world.

"I liked fly-fishing," he said. "Mount Rushmore was nice."

Among the crowded streets and rows of skyscrapers, Sirajul was everything New York was not. He was honest, friendly and wore a big smile.

When I aimed my Handycam his way, he gave a grin and a thumbs up sign. He looked like a politician, but he actually was having fun.

I told him I liked his report from Houston and that I was a Rockets fan.

On my postcard, Sirajul wrote: "To Houston rockets fan, I love Houston. Next time I'll be there."

Well, he may not be the best grammar student or an expert in English, but he was friendly and happy as could be.

So when you hear, "New York City?" you can get a rope.

Just leave Sirajul alone.



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■ LAURA POTTER

Everyone should be cautious to preserve personal safety

On the way to type in this column on the Skiff computers, I took the long way around despite my sprained knee because of a man.

Walking down the sidewalk between Waits and Foster, I saw a tall man with a scraggly beard wearing shorts and a red T-shirt. He was carrying a big pick ax in his hand.

Needless to say, I just didn't feel safe enough to walk in front of him.

He hadn't down anything to me or made any menacing actions. He could have been a TCU student going to a dress rehearsal in the theater department, but I was scared anyway.

My natural reflex was to run. But since my knee was sprained, I couldn't run, so I just tried to get out of his way. I did stop long enough to memorize his features, so if he killed someone on campus, I could describe him to the police.



comes near me will be a potential aggressor.

The world just isn't safe anymore — if it ever has been at all. You have to be wary of everything. You can get mugged, raped or killed just walking to your car. It seems you have to be on guard constantly, and be continuously aware of your surroundings.

Recently, two female TCU students were

This may seem paranoid. But when I walk outside by myself, I carry my keys between my knuckles, and keep my pepper spray in close reach. I worry about whether or not the next person who

attacked in what is supposed to be a patrolled campus parking lot. This lot was supposed to be a "safe zone," but that didn't stop them from getting mugged.

Walking around the TCU campus after dark, you will find many places where the sidewalks are not well-lit. There are plenty of places for someone to hide.

Although we are told not to prop doors or let unknown people inside the dorms, very few people actually follow these rules. Too many residents have a false sense of security about their safety.

Despite the fact that the outdoor doors are locked, we are instructed to lock our own doors. Why? Because someone can get in, and in this scenario could walk down the halls checking doors until he finds one that is unlocked. Personal safety necessarily involves caution.

Our campus isn't exactly located in the safest part of Fort Worth, either. Knowing this is scary. But at the same time, you have to refuse to be a victim, no matter what has or what could happen to you.

Going around scared all the time will make you miserable. You have to learn to let go of your fear. It's very difficult to do; I can attest to that, because I am still struggling with it.

On the other hand, you have to protect yourself. You can't just let things happen to you. You have to be ready to defend yourself, because no one is going to do it for you. You can't count on the police to be there, because they probably won't.

Take self-defense classes or learn a martial art like judo or tae kwon do. Just knowing how to break out of an attacker's hold so you can run can save your life.

Learn to scream very loud. And preferably, scream distinctively.

On an Oprah Winfrey show, they once featured a woman who had perfected a bestial scream which put potential attackers, as well as everyone else in the vicinity, off-guard.

In safety talks, police have said to yell "fire" and not "rape" or "help," because people will respond to potential personal harm like a fire more than to a cry for help.

You can also carry a whistle with a very audible high-pitched sound that will attract attention, or carry mace or pepper spray.

It is better to be ready in case something happens, than to be helpless when it does. Our world isn't safe and we have to be prepared for it.

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■ MATT PEARCE

Mudslinging in politics is national trend

When I went home for fall break, there were three major things I looked forward to doing: seeing my dog, playing my drums and watching 10 minutes of television without seeing an ad from George W. Bush or Ann Richards.

While all three of my wishes came true, the main political race in my home state of Massachusetts actually matched the insanity of the Texas gubernatorial race. I'm referring to the U.S. Senate race in the Bay State between incumbent Democrat Ted Kennedy and his Republican opponent, Mitt Romney.

These two political races have quite a few intriguing similarities. Each race pits a liberal Democratic incumbent against a younger, less experienced Republican who grew wealthy through business ventures.



Another parallel is that each race consists of the Democrat attacking the Republican's personal record, while the Republican is exposing the weaknesses of the incumbent's political record. And third, neither candidate in either race has done anything to instill confidence in their

states' voters.

I didn't watch much television while I was at home, but I saw enough to catch up on what I had been missing in the Massachusetts political campaigns.

It seems that Kennedy is mostly knocking down Romney's support of cutting taxes for the wealthy, while Romney is claiming that Kennedy has been deceiving the voters into thinking that he has created jobs in Massachusetts.

Romney has also accused Kennedy of making false accusations about his record, and Romney has state newspapers supporting his claims. Does this sound familiar to anyone?

We all know how the race for Texas governor is shaping up. Annie Richards doesn't think George Junior deserves to be governor because he owns less than two percent of the Rangers, and George is afraid that Annie will allow every 12-year-old in the state to go to school with their semiautomatic guns strapped around their shoulders.

There is another striking similarity between the Massachusetts Senate race and the Texas gubernatorial race. In Texas, Bush's critics are slamming his supporters for choosing him because of his name.

Pardon me, Texas, but Ted Kennedy has made it as the Bay State's U.S. senator for the last 32 years because of his name. In fact, he was first elected in 1962 in a special election to fill the seat vacated by his brother Jack.

The Kennedy name has carried Ted (a.k.a. "Dry Martini") through his joy ride through Lake Chappaquiddick (and I mean "through" the lake), wild adventures with nephew Willie Smith and his peculiar "No shoes, no pants, no problem" philosophy towards life.

If Ted has his way, happy hour in Massachusetts would last another six years. Since Bill Clinton has endorsed Kennedy, the campaign has been dubbed by David Letterman as "Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure."

Having the right surname can save your career. Those in the Richards camp who think that the inexperienced George W. Bush's name isn't enough to get him elected could learn a lesson from Massachusetts and its Kennedys. Mr. Bush could be on his way into a long journey through Texas politics.

The governor's race in Texas consists of little more than mudslinging and counterattacks. The arguments are extremely childish.

It reminds me of arguments from my elementary school days, where one kid would yell to another one, "You're a stupidhead." Then the other one would yell, "I know you are, but what am I?" This appears to be the direction that Bush and Richards have taken.

Since I can't vote in Texas and won't make it home to vote in Massachusetts, I've taken the logical approach to each race. I'll just sit back and laugh at both sides. That way, I can take advantage of cheap-shot politics without being offended by anyone.

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■ EDITORIAL

PARKING

Low meeting turnout troubling

Last week, the Traffic Regulations and Appeals Committee received minimal response — in the form of only three students — at two town-hall meetings held to discuss campus parking issues.

Registrar Patrick Miller, a member of the committee, chastised the TCU community for not showing up: "People like to complain, but when called upon to participate in the solution, they find it's more fun to just complain."

Miller's right. Such apathy on the part of students, faculty and staff on the parking issue — something many believe is a problem — is troubling, and the reasons behind this deserve examination.

The affected parties — students, faculty and staff — deserve blame for not taking the time to show up and express themselves.

But the administration is also at fault. Students can't be expected to express themselves when they think their ideas fall on deaf ears. The administration once turned down a parking garage proposal without consulting students on whether they wanted it or not. If students had made their concern about parking apparent, the administration might have taken their opinions more seriously.

With the failed attempts to connect with the community, the administration now has another reason to treat parking as a non-issue.

Students need to realize that making changes in the parking situation will be an uphill battle, and if they are too lazy to fight it, nothing will change. Apathy won't solve the parking problem; only action on the part of students will.

■ LETTERS

Breaking laws ill-advised

I am writing in response to a letter written by Molly Adams in the Wednesday, Oct. 19, 1994, issue of the Skiff. Miss Adams seems to feel that it is O.K. to "mess around in a foreign country, not knowing the code of punishment..." She was referring to the caning of the American teen who had spray painted cars in Singapore. As a result, he was caned for his actions. Stating that the teen did not know the code of punishment is ludicrous considering the fact that the boy grew up in Singapore and went to school there.

It is impossible for me to comprehend why anyone would want to commit a crime of vandalism in any foreign country whether or not they know what the code of punishment is in that country. It would be in your best interest to be on your best behavior, but Miss Adams seems to think that messing around in a foreign country is OK and not knowing the laws is an excuse to pardon the crime.

Well, Miss Adams, I am a foreigner in your country. I may not know your laws, but I do know that I will not go around vandalizing other people's property for fun. I would surely not tol-

erate such action from you in my country. Ignorance is not an excuse for "making poor choices," especially in a foreign country.

Wajeeha Hussein
Senior, management

Greeks should take criticism

First of all, Mike McCaffrey writes on the Opinion page; therefore, you're reading his opinion. Whether or not it is based on fact is beside the point. If he chooses not to back up his column with charts, graphs and an annotated bibliography, that's his right as an opinion columnist.

Second, it bugs me to see non-related materials being entered on both sides of this argument. His "sorority girlfriend" has absolutely nothing to do with the subject that has transpired. I agree McCaffrey was out of line with one or two comments about the Greek system itself. However, I must agree that the times I

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■ KRISTI WRIGHT

National service can potentially change America

The first all-new program of President Clinton's administration comes from a not so all-new idea — people helping people.

In September, Mr. Clinton introduced the first volunteers of AmeriCorps, a national service program in which college students work on pro bono projects in exchange for financial aid for college. AmeriCorps is administered by the Corporation for National and Community Services.

Beginning next year, students in the program who complete two years or 3,400 hours of community service can earn \$4,750 a year to apply toward college tuition. In addition, those who participate in full-time service jobs will receive a \$7,500 living allowance, and health- and day-care benefits. AmeriCorps has received \$365 million in federal funds for the first year.

This program fulfills Mr. Clinton's campaign promise to create a domestic Peace Corps, which should not only help rebuild American cities and communities, but also help students pay for college. Mr. Clinton already has envisioned the ideals and goals for the project as "an American way to change America."

"All across America, we have problems that demand our common attention," Clinton said. "It is time for millions of us to change our country block by block, neighborhood by neighborhood — time to return to our roots an excitement, an idealism and an energy."

Keeping in mind those lofty aspirations, 30 programs in Texas have been established. The Dallas Community of Churches community outreach program, Making Connections for Children and Youth, opened 30 full-time positions and 20 part-time positions and the Dallas AmeriCorps Partnership Project offered 40 full-time and 40 part-time positions.

The success or failure of these projects will depend on the details of who works on each project and what work they do. AmeriCorps staff members should be careful not to bite off more than they can chew when designing the various service programs.

Although Mr. Clinton has said the program should accommodate all people who choose the service option, selection of participants should be highly competitive. A fledgling program, such as AmeriCorps, requires dedicated, efficient and hard-working staff members and participants. Thus, staff members should carefully screen participants by examining applicants' previous academic performance, community service, personal goals and character.

The first students selected have a double mission. They should not only perform their service, but should also set a foundation of success upon which others should build. Then, Mr. Clinton should use that record of accomplishment to request that Congress continue AmeriCorps. Only then should the program expand the number of participants and experiment with the types of service projects offered.

When AmeriCorps realizes measurable achievement — participants earning college degrees, communities benefiting from their work and nationwide participation — it should be on its way to fulfilling Mr. Clinton's vision.

Eventually, AmeriCorps has the potential to reflect the request and vision of another United States president almost 35 years ago:

"Ask not what your country can do for you," said President John F. Kennedy. "Ask what you can do for your country."

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