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## Holiday celebrations alike in food, family and tradition

BY SUSAN HOPPER  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

When many TCU students travel home (or elsewhere) for the Thanksgiving holidays, they can expect to find certain things on the dinner table: turkey, dressing, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pies.

Irish students' families serve turkey and pies too—on Saint Patrick's Day.

And in Vietnam, the pumpkin is dried for Tet.

International students from 68 countries currently attend TCU. They bring to Fort Worth traditions which may surprise the aver-

age American. Some holidays are similar, but celebrated differently, and others are dissimilar holidays with similar traditions.

Though many holidays with Christian histories are celebrated in a secular way in the U.S., other countries are more likely to retain the religious significance of the day.

St. Patrick is Ireland's patron, and his importance to the country makes March 17 a special family holiday to the Irish.

"We celebrate St. Patrick's Day much like Americans celebrate Thanksgiving," said Deirdre Walsh, sophomore dietetics major. "It's not a day to go out and get drunk."

The celebration includes the family going

to church together, then spending the day eating and visiting, Walsh said. Apple pies are a favored dessert to follow the turkey, ham and side dishes.

In Germany, Easter has more importance than Christmas, unlike in the U.S., said Ralph Goedderz, a graduate student in business administration.

"Easter is regarded as a more holy holiday because of Jesus' rebirth," he said.

Like Americans, German families dye boiled eggs and hide them for children to hunt. The dinner is likely to consist of lamb, potatoes and green beans.

Tet, or Chinese New Year, traces histori-

cally to when Vietnam was a Chinese colony, said Anh Ho, a graduate student in history. The family's actions on that day are believed to set their luck for the entire year to come.

"The first person who enters your door on the New Year will either bring you good or bad luck the rest of the year," Ho said. "You must be invited to be the first to visit a house."

During these visits, special conduct must be observed.

"You must say happy things, act happy, dress nicely," she said. "If you are sad, you will be blamed for bringing bad luck."

Great importance is placed on sweet foods,

whether from plants or animals. Vegetables and fruits are sliced, dried and sweetened; boiled eggs are also served. A favorite Tet main course is thit kho nuoc dua, fatty pork steamed in coconut juice and marinated in sugar and fish sauce.

In Pakistan and other Muslim countries, the Eids are the most important holidays. The first Eid celebrates the end of a month of fasting (Ramadan) in honor of those who pilgrimaged to Mecca that year, said Ali Osmany, sophomore business major.

"The first Eid is about accomplishing an objective," he said. "You are giving thanks

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## House passes bill to change Programming Council code

BY JENNIFER HOLMES  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

A bill to revise the Programming Council by-laws was passed by the House of Student Representatives during Tuesday's meeting.

Ruth Powell, Waits Hall representative and a contender for vice president of programming in the recent election, re-introduced Bill 94-24. The bill will consolidate several smaller committees under larger ones.

"We voted as a whole, as a council to pass these changes," Powell said. "We wanted to downsize. We felt that it was necessary because we probably got a little too big."

A regular committee, the Multicultural Committee would be estab-

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## Workshops aim to build diversity, reduce prejudice

BY KIMBERLY WILSON  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

TCU faculty, staff and students can take part in two workshops designed to build acceptance of diversity and non-sexist use of language in writing on Nov. 29 and 30.

A one-day interactive diversity workshop will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Nov. 29. It will help participants reduce the impact of prejudice in their daily routines.

Participants will learn how people express their first thoughts and strategies when coping with prejudicial jokes and slurs, said the Rev. John Butler, university minister.

"Diversity carries with it pain that we can diminish in the ways that we relate," Butler said.

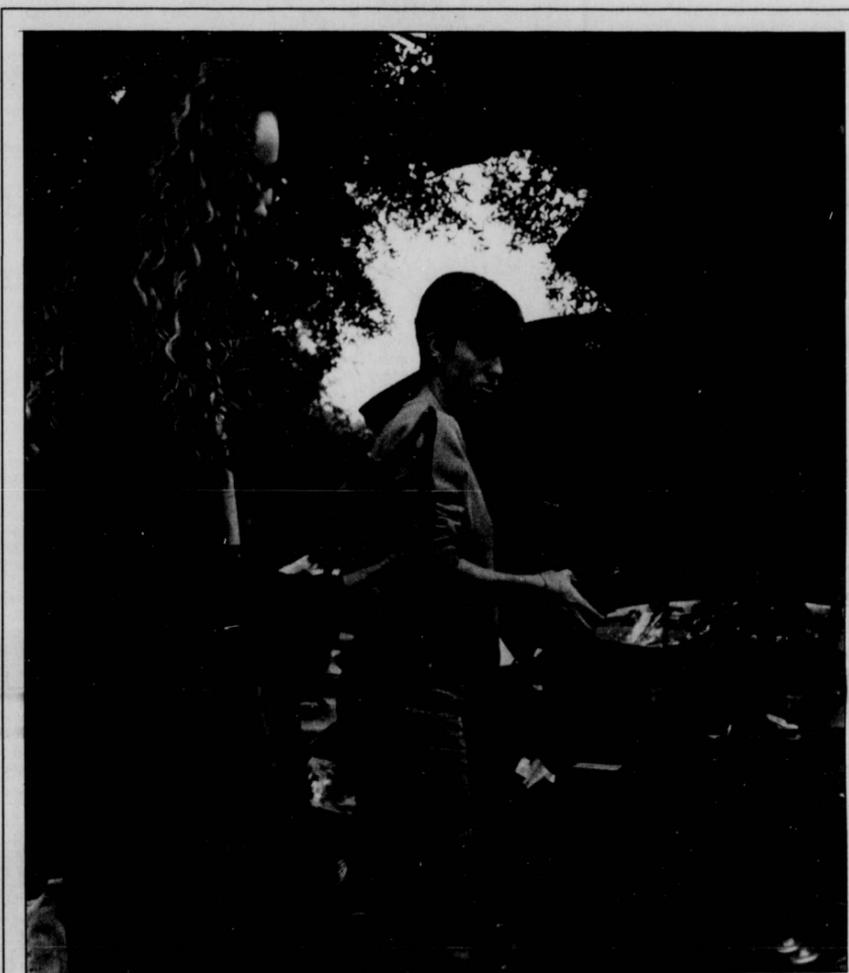
"There are always problems with relationships across identities," he said. "The reason we are having these workshops is that there is a desire on the part of the institution to create a climate more open to diversity."

Participants will gain a better appreciation for the struggles people have with diversity and apply this in their day to day life, Butler said.

The workshop, usually held a few times each year, will be led by TCU staff trained by the National Coalition Building Institute.

"We're always more diverse than

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TCU Daily Skiff/Layne Smith  
Sara Carpeaux, a freshman pre-major, and Emily Ann Jamison, a freshman music and religion double major, help their friend Jen Camicia (not pictured) jumpstart her car so she could help her friends get to the airport.

## Weight gain a holiday tradition

BY CHRIS HAYS  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

As you waddle over to the table for your third helping of smoked turkey, you look over and notice the pecan pie smiling at you with an inviting grin. The sweet potatoes extend an arm and jerk you down in their direction, refusing to relinquish until you have dished out a few heaping spoons onto your plate. The baked beans are calling your name.

Mom's home cooking never looked quite this good. The temptations are irresistible. Thoughts of excessive fat content, cholesterol and high calories are completely disregarded.

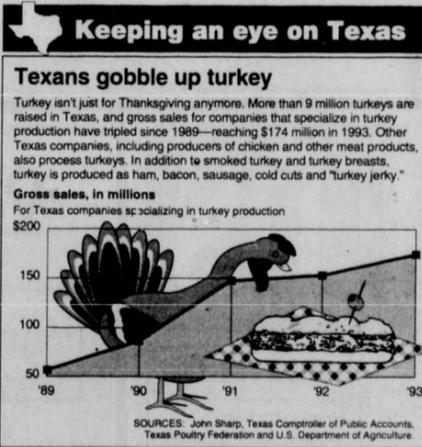
Swallow this: the average American gains seven pounds from Thanksgiving until Christmas, according to data compiled by Weight Watchers.

Gulp.

Weight gain among Americans is due mostly to an increase in the number of social gatherings of which food is often the focus, said Jackie Wortman, member services coordinator for Weight Watchers of Fort Worth.

"People socialize more during the holidays," she said. "Gatherings are often work or family-related, but large quantities of food are usually available."

The availability of more food, however, should not keep



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## TCU prepares to take on Tech

### Frogs aim for Independence Bowl; Red Raiders for Cotton

BY DAVID JIMENEZ  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Friday's football game between the Texas Tech Red Raiders and the TCU Horned Frogs may be the most important game played at Amon Carter Stadium since 1984, TCU's last bowl season.

However, TCU head coach Pat Sullivan said the Horned Frogs do not feel the pressure of Friday's game. Instead, Sullivan said his team is looking forward to playing the Raiders.

"This is what we worked for, to play in these type of games," Sullivan said. "If pressure is there, you won't play to maximum ability."

The Horned Frogs (6-4, 3-3) are coming off a 34-17 loss to the Texas A&M Aggies in College Station Saturday. Despite the loss, TCU has the chance to play in its first bowl game

since the 1984 Bluebonnet Bowl.

The Independence Bowl is played in Shreveport, La. Officials said earlier in the week TCU is one of the three teams they are looking to invite.

The Air Force Falcons (8-3) and the West Virginia Mountaineers (6-5) are also competing for the Independence Bowl berth.

Texas Tech (6-4, 4-2) is playing for its first Cotton Bowl berth as a member of Southwest Conference. The last time the Red Raiders played in the Cotton Bowl was in 1939.

Texas Tech comes into the game with a four-game winning streak. In those four games, the Red Raiders have outscored opponents 144-23.

Included in the winning streak are victories over the Texas Longhorns and the Baylor Bears.

Sullivan said his team faces a dif-

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## Drinking and driving penalties get tougher

BY BILL CRAWFORD  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

A new Texas law will give Driving While Intoxicated offenders a penalty anywhere from two years probation to time in jail to a \$1,500 fine upon first conviction.

Each conviction from then on is even stiffer, said John Williams, a Fort Worth police officer.

Before the Texas Legislature revised the DWI laws, the punishment was too soft, said Campus Police Chief Oscar Stewart. Though the new law is still not as strong as law enforcement officials would like, it is more strict, he said.

Williams said he agreed that the old law was too easy on offenders.

"The new law is tougher, but I would like to see it even tougher," Williams said.

Alcohol and Drug Education Coordinator Angela Taylor said almost half of all traffic fatalities are alcohol-related.

"Alcohol was involved in 44 percent of the 40,115 traffic fatalities that occurred in 1993," Taylor said. Of the 17,461 people who died, 33 percent were under the age of 25.

Safety is the goal for December, Taylor said. The month has been designated as National Drunk and

Drugged Driving Prevention Month, or 3D, by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The theme for this year's campaign is "Take a stand! Don't let friends drive drunk."

Taylor said the 3D month is a major activity supporting the campaign Safe and Sober, a program aimed at reducing alcohol-related traffic fatalities to



43 percent and increasing safety belt use to 75 percent nationally by 1997.

"This is a great adjunct to our program," Taylor said. "It stresses the importance of looking out for each other, something that the Alcohol and Drug Education Program tries to emphasize."

She said she hopes TCU students would keep friends from driving drunk or riding with friends who have been drinking.

"I don't want anyone to not come back to school in the spring because of an alcohol-related incident."

### NEWS DIGEST

#### D.C. police officers attacked

WASHINGTON (AP)—A city police detective was killed and at least four other people were wounded Tuesday when a gunman who opened fire inside D.C. police headquarters. Authorities said the gunman also was dead.

Assistant Police Chief William White said, "There may be three dead." But he provided no further details.

Authorities identified three of the wounded as law enforcement officers. Police identified the officer who died as Detective Hank Daly, 51, a 28-year veteran with the Metropolitan Police Department.

#### Court upholds gay expulsion

WASHINGTON (AP)—A federal appeals court today upheld the expulsion of a midshipman from the U.S. Naval Academy who had admitted to authorities that he was a homosexual.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit on a 7-3 vote held rejected Joseph C. Steffan's argument that his discharge solely because of his stated sexual orientation was unconstitutional.

The decision reverses an earlier ruling by a three-judge appellate panel that had ordered the Naval Academy to reinstate Steffan.

#### S.S. knew of plot to kill JFK

The Secret Service was told of a possible plot to shoot President Kennedy from an office building with a rifle at least a week before his assassination, files released by the Miami Police Department confirm.

The right-wing organizer who revealed the alleged plot also told a police informant that day after the Nov. 22, 1963, assassination that Lee Harvey Oswald would never talk about it.

The day after that interview, Nov. 24, Oswald was shot and killed by Jack Ruby in the basement of the Dallas police department.

#### Clinton: U.S. to stand by Ukraine

WASHINGTON (AP)—Welcoming the president of Ukraine on Tuesday, President Clinton expressed the world's relief at the former Soviet republic's decision to give up its nuclear arsenal. Clinton pledged that "America will stand with you to support your independence and territorial integrity."

Ukrainian President Leonid Kuchma responded that his country "hopes to become good and reliable partners with the United States."

The two presidents also signed agreements focusing on joint space ventures.

#### Serbs set villages ablaze

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP)—Serb fighters set villages ablaze and sent civilians fleeing for their lives Tuesday in northwest Bosnia, their response to a retaliatory airstrike by NATO warplanes.

Surface-to-air missiles were fired at two NATO jets flying over Serb-held Banja Luka. The British jets were not hit.

About 50 allied warplanes and supporting aircraft bombed the Udbina airstrip in Croatia, just across the border with Bosnia, in NATO's biggest attack ever.

## CAMPUSLINES

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**SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS.** Pick up a child's gift wish from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays in the Student Center. Today is the last day. TCU Holiday Tree Lighting will be at 10 p.m. Nov. 30 in front of Sadler Hall. Bring your gift to the Tree Lighting ceremony.

**INDEPENDENCE BOWL** If you love the Horned Frogs, then show your spirit by calling the bowl at (318) 221-0712.

**EATING DISORDER GROUP** is forming at the Counseling Center. Call Lisa Rollins-Garcia for an initial screening appointment at 921-7863.

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Contact Larry Withers at 921-7863.

**ELECTRONIC BUSINESS RESOURCES WORKSHOP** at 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 30, will teach how to use CD-ROM; remote databases and the Internet to fund current information to make the best business decisions. Call the Library Reference Desk at ext. 7117 to register.

**FREE STUDY SKILLS WORKSHOPS** at 9 p.m., Tuesday, on Study Skills will be offered in Rickel 106 (unless told otherwise). Call 921-7486.

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

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**OLAS** meets at 5 p.m. Tuesdays in Student Center room 203. Contact Chris Montez at 737-5012 for information.

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

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**DIABETES: THE SHORT AND LONG OF IT** will be presented by the All Saints Episcopal Hospital/Cityview from 11 a.m. to noon on Dec. 1. Dr. David F. Corral, internal medicine and diabetes specialist will speak on the history, complications of and therapy for diabetes.

## The Adventures of Superfrog

by Ben Roman & Adam Wright



## Calvin and Hobbes

by Bill Watterson



## WEATHER

Mostly cloudy skies and cool highs in the middle 50s are expected for today's weather.

Thanksgiving Day will be mostly cloudy with a slight chance of rain and lows near 40 and highs near 50. Friday's temperatures will range from 40 to the lower 60s.

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5 p.m., Thanksgiving recess begins	<b>Sunday</b>
5 p.m., Library, Rickel building close	8 a.m. to 10 p.m., Student Center open
6 p.m., Main cafeteria closes	8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Main Cafeteria open
	Rickel closed
<b>Thursday</b>	1 to 11:45 p.m., Library open
Thanksgiving Holiday, University Offices closed	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Monday</b>
Library, Computer Center closed	8 a.m., Classes resume
8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Main Cafeteria open	Advance Registration for Spring Student Evaluation of Instruction Begins
8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Student Center open	7:30 p.m., Music Faculty Recital, Ed Landreth Auditorium
1:30 to 4 p.m., Rickel open	<b>Tuesday</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	Advance Registration for Spring Exit Loan Counseling, Student Center
Student Center closed	9 p.m., Free Study Skills Workshop, Rickel 106
9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Main Cafeteria	

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## POLICE BLOTTER

**Campus Police reported the following offenses and violations from Nov. 18 to Nov. 22:**

### THEFT

Nov. 18: Two female Moncrief residents complained they had noticed several items missing from their room on Nov. 15. They said their door had been left locked that day. The Campus Police officer said there was no sign of forced entry.

### INDECENT EXPOSURE

Nov. 18: A student said she parked her vehicle on Cantey Street and was walking on Parmer heading south towards campus when a light blue vehicle came up behind her driving slowly. She saw the driver, a Hispanic male wearing a white T-shirt and blue jeans, masturbating. "(The student) stated that she only saw the (suspect's) hand; she didn't see anything else," according to the report. The student said she walked into the ROTC building but saw the suspect turn east on Lowden. Officers checked the area but no one was found.

Nov. 18: Later that afternoon,

two students were looking out their window in Sherley, which faces Cantey Street. They saw a white male in a blue Chevy Lumina van facing east on Cantey Street. The suspect didn't have any clothes on, and when the suspect noticed the students watching him, he began to masturbate. He drove off east-bound, the report said. Officers checked the area but were not able to locate the suspect.

### PROHIBITED WEAPON

Nov. 17: A Campus Police officer noticed a group of students in the Moncrief parking lot "horse playing." The suspect had a broken pool cue stick "that would be considered a prohibited weapon," according to the report. The student said he wasn't aware it was considered as such and the officer confiscated the stick. No other action was taken.

### SUSPICIOUS PERSONS

Nov. 18: An officer saw two males between the Pastoral Care Building and the Faculty Service warehouse. "The suspects were partially hidden by the shrubbery near the east side windows," the report said. The area was searched

by officers, but no suspects were found. Both buildings were inspected, and no entry or damage was found.

**Area police reported the following offense:**

### AGGRAVATED ROBBERY

Nov. 19: A 21-year old Arlington man said he was mugged around midnight outside the Dog Star Cafe on 2911 W. Berry. The complainant said he was talking on a cellular phone outside the business when the suspect walked up with a bandana over his face, asked for his money and brandished a revolver, according to Fort Worth police.

The complainant handed the suspect the phone, his wallet and a small pocket knife.

The suspect was a black male, 15 to 17 years old, and was accompanied by two other males.

The complainant was not injured in the incident.

A witness said the suspect left the scene in a white, late model, Cadillac coupe, police said.

Compiled by DENA RAINS and SARAH RAACH.

## STUDENT HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Meeting highlights for Nov. 22, 1994

### Bills

**Passed:** Bill 94-24 A Bill to revise the Programming Council Bylaws. Related Story, page 1.  
**Passed:** Bill 94-25 \$455 was allocated for the Psi Chi Connection Amount: \$455.00.

### Resolution

**Not voted:** 94-20 A resolution to support the proposed nondiscrimination statement of the university. A lack of a quorum prevented the vote. (A representative left after only the bills approved).

### Programming Council

- Mary Madeleine and James Cardinel, Bush and Clinton strategists who got married, will be at Casa Manana Dec. 4. Cost is \$5 for students.  
- Holiday Fair will be next Thursday and Friday in the Student Center Lounge.  
- "True Lies" next Friday and Saturday.

### Committee Reports

No meetings this week. The following committee chairmen and women were elected for next semester: Permanent Improvements - **Steven Wheelock** Elections and Regulations - **Kelley Pelton** Academic Affairs - **Jason Hamilton** Student Concerns - **Leon Reed** University Regulations - **Stoney White**

### They said it...

"Do you ever notice at TCU that the administrators kiss up to a lot of people? They kiss up to our parents. They kiss up to the people going and coming to the school. The only people they don't kiss up to are us as the students."

-**Thomas Kunkel**, Clark Hall Representative, during a speech for chairmanship of Permanent Improvements Committee

Compiled by Jennifer Holmes

## Youth arrested after car chase

By DENA RAINS  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

A 16-year-old Fort Worth youth was arrested Monday night for felony theft after he led Campus Police on a car chase across campus.

A female student reported a man driving a brown Buick on Main Drive "acting suspicious," according to the Campus Police report.

A Campus Police officer saw the suspect driving in the parking lot near Frog Fountain with his lights off. The suspect left the area and then entered

the Stadium parking lot, the report said.

The officer tried to stop the suspect, but the suspect refused. The officer then used his siren and called for backup, but the suspect still refused to stop, the report said. The suspect continued driving near the stadium and then turned south onto Stadium Drive.

The youth stopped in front of the Rickel Building where he immediately exited the driver's door, placing his right hand onto his right front pocket, according to the report.

Campus Police looked into the inter-

rior of the car and noticed the steering column was broken. They were advised by the Fort Worth Police Department that the vehicle had been reported stolen, and the Campus Police officer arrested the youth.

The suspect was handcuffed and searched. The officer found a large plastic bag of marijuana in the suspect's right front pocket the report said.

The Fort Worth police took custody of the suspect, the contraband and the vehicle. The Campus Police officers issued him a criminal trespass warn-

## Graduates showcase art in 'Five Women'

By SUSAN HOPPER  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Graduating art majors will show their works in a display called "Five Women" next week.

A show is held every semester, and will be the final project for five seniors graduating with bachelor of fine arts degrees in studio art.

The graduating group is the first group of graduates composed of only women, and three of those women are international students.

Tamara Carder, from Germany; Fabiana Ferrini, from Peru; and Emilia Garcia-Kaiser, with Spanish roots, form the international contingency, and because of it, invitations and displays for the art display will be titled in English, German and Spanish.

The two other artists are Sallie Knox Funderburg and Brett Dorris. "I feel we're unified," said Carder, a photographer.

Luther Smith, professor of photography, said this unification has affected all the work. Every student in the show except one (Dorris' works focus on flowers) will present works about people.

"Each group of graduates is dif-

ferent, but there's a lot of similarity in this show's images," Smith said. "They've influenced each other."

Even so, the parts of the show demonstrate each artist's individuality, said Jim Woodson, associate professor of painting.

"The content is different in each case," Woodson said. "This show will be interesting in seeing how individuals investigate different subject matter."

For example, Funderburg's paintings are all self-portraits, but not just in one vein.

"Sallie's paintings show different emotional states," Woodson said. "Some are lighthearted; she is able to poke fun at herself."

Garcia-Kaiser calls her works "life drawings."

"I wanted to paint everyday people and normal things that you would see people doing," she said.

The art department as a whole tries to encourage this kind of individuality, Smith said.

"We try to encourage students to develop their own sensibility," he said.

Woodson said he thinks the work stands for itself.

Students and professors alike said

that the uniqueness in the "Five Women" display will attract other TCU students to view the works.

"I think anyone coming to see the show will be excited at the work," Smith said. "It's a great opportunity to see what kind of work our department is doing."

For these five women, that work is the successful culmination of their days at TCU.

"I've learned so much being at TCU these last four years," Garcia-Kaiser said. "It's done wonders."

A public reception for "Five Women" will be held at 6 p.m. Nov. 28 in the Exhibition Hall at Moudy Building North. The show will be on display from Nov. 28 to Dec. 2.

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## Who's Who students recognized

By JEFF WILSON  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities, a national organization honoring students involved in university and community affairs, inducted 50 TCU students at a banquet last night in the Student Center Ballroom.

Chancellor William E. Tucker welcomed the students and their families following the invocation. He remarked about the prestige associated with being in Who's Who.

Donald B. Mills, the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, introduced the selection committee and students previously inducted into Who's Who.

The eight-person final selection committee included students Ethan Boothe and Sharon Selby; Susan Batchelor, dean of campus life; Babette Bohn, assistant professor of art; Judy Groulx, school of education; Sanoa Hensley, assistant professor of accounting; Michael Katovich, associate professor of sociology; and Anne Lind, assistant professor of nursing.

The students were chosen for the organization after undergoing a campus-wide selection process, narrowed down from 175 applications. They were notified of their award in a letter of congratulations from Chancellor William Tucker, said Susan Batchelor, director of student life and a member of the final selection committee.

Nominations for outstanding junior and senior students were offered by students, faculty members, administrators and other campus organizations, according to Who's Who selection procedures.

The nominees must have met the minimum standard 3.0 academic review, Batchelor said. The average GPA for the Who's Who inductees was a 3.5, she said.

Katie Edwards and Dan Buckles were two students inducted into Who's Who. Edwards, a junior double majoring in Spanish and speech pathology who maintains a 3.9 GPA, does not consider herself among the elite students at TCU.

"I wouldn't consider myself elite," said Edwards, who is a member of

Alpha Chi Omega and Student Foundations. "I just do what I do and I don't compare myself to anyone else."

Buckles is a senior biology major involved in the honors program, Mortarboard and the fraternity Delta Tau Delta. He is modest about his induction, too.

"It's always nice to be recognized for hard work," said Buckles, who plans to graduate in the Spring 1995.

The number of submitted nominations for consideration were significantly reduced because many nominees failed to meet the minimum requirement, Batchelor said.

According to Who's Who rules, a university-wide quota of students will be established and apportioned to various programs based on students majoring in those fields.

"Each college selects a certain number of students depending on the number of majors," Batchelor said.

Families of the students were invited to attend. Some family members came from as far away as New Mexico to see the ceremony, Batchelor said.

## WHO'S WHO TCU STUDENTS

Andrea Alleman	Shannon Croteau	Krista Kovach	Jill Saterbak
Krista Ballner	Clark Davis	Danielle Kunkle	Anna Sessi
Christina Barnes	Tracey Donoho	Christina Lipscomb	Rebecca Siddons
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Daniel Buckles	Ryan Gosney	Jeffrey Miller	Jennifer Tuttle
Robert Keith Bunch	Stephani Gray	Anitha Nair	Maureen Ward
Katherine Cohen	Wendy Hawkins	Mary Nelson	Bill Wellons
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Jennifer Coufal	Inabnett	Todd Prickett	Elaine Willey
	Kellie Kahlbau	Shannon Sage	Kristi Wright

## Holiday/ page 1

for completing your fasting and duties."

In fact, the celebration parallels Thanksgiving in some ways because of the feasting which ends the fast. Bakery sweets and fruits are emphasized at Eid, like at Tet, because it is a time of happiness, Osmany said. The feast would include curried meats, some mixed with rice and vegetables.

Most similar to American tradition is the emphasis on the family in each of these holidays. Ho said he believes young people are not remembering the past.

"Many young people are not celebrating old traditions," Ho said. "The old ways are important."

## House/ from page 1

lished to incorporate the Hispanic Heritage Month and the Black History Month committees instead of the ad hoc committee proposed in the bill, Powell said.

Concerts and TGIF overlap one another in programming so under the new provision it will become the Concert Events Committee, Powell said.

"Then there will be sub-chairs for the concerts, and sub-chairs for TGIF," she said.

Visual Arts and Performing Arts will be handled the same way under the Fine Arts Committee, she said.

Historian duties, such as picture-taking, will go to committee chairs which primarily do it already, Powell

said. University relations chair will keep in touch with the *Skiff* and other outside organizations to let them know what programming is doing, and will also be responsible for the calendar, she said.

Attendance at the meeting was somewhat thin, due to people leaving for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Before Resolution 94-20, "a resolution to support the proposed non-discrimination statement of the university," could be voted on, one member left and it was subsequently discovered that there was no longer a quorum, the number of members necessary to conduct a vote.

## Weight/ from page 1

one from attending parties or gatherings during the holidays, Wortman said.

"We encourage Weight Watchers members to socialize, but they should concentrate more on the people at the event rather than on the food," she said.

Wortman said members are told not to go to parties on an empty stomach and to keep their hands occupied to reduce the temptation to grab a few quick bites.

"If anything, they can hold a drink in one hand and a napkin in the other," she said. "If there is a real problem staying away from the wrong foods,

they can have someone close to them get their food for them."

The decision not to overeat and to avoid the wrong foods often comes before one arrives at a social function, Wortman said.

"Weight Watcher members are told to have a plan of what they are going to eat beforehand," she said. "They need to be aware of what they are eating and conscious of the results, which among others, include weight gain."

To further reduce risk of weight gain, recipes should be examined, Wortman said. Many dishes prepared during the holidays are high in fat and cholesterol, but a few small changes can greatly reduce the dangers.

"You want to try and cut the fat and

sugar as much as possible," she said. "Often the amount of sugar a recipe calls for can be cut in half without greatly affecting the taste. Other times, substitutions can be made for sugar. For example, applesauce can make a great sugar alternative in some dishes."

As during any time in the year, those wanting to maintain or lose weight during the holidays should not try to go cold turkey and eliminate fatty foods altogether, but rather keep them in small portions and coupled with healthier foods, Wortman said.

"If too many drastic changes are made, the person will not stick with the diet," she said. "We want to promote a healthier lifestyle, not turn their world upside down."

## Sexism/ from page 1

we think we are, and this is an opportunity for faculty, staff, and students to see the rich diversity that exists on the TCU campus," he said.

On Nov. 30 there will be a program to discuss guidelines for non-sexist use of language. Sponsored by the University Writing Program, the workshop will be from 3 to 5 p.m. in Room 207 of the Student Center.

Materials will be drawn from the

Brite Divinity School, English department and an article titled "Avoiding Sexist Language."

David Kuhne, a sponsor of the University Writing Program and a graduate student in English, said there are ways to avoid sexist writing: Never use the words "man" or "mankind" when referring to all humanity. Avoid using the sex of a person when stating their title. Avoid assumptions that because the majority of a profession is dominated by one sex, the entire profession is made up of only people of

that particular sex.

The writing workshop will be an informal gathering of faculty and students, and ways to be inclusive will be discussed.

"It will be a nuts and bolts session to encourage inclusiveness because everyone is sensitive and wants to be inclusive," Kuhne said.

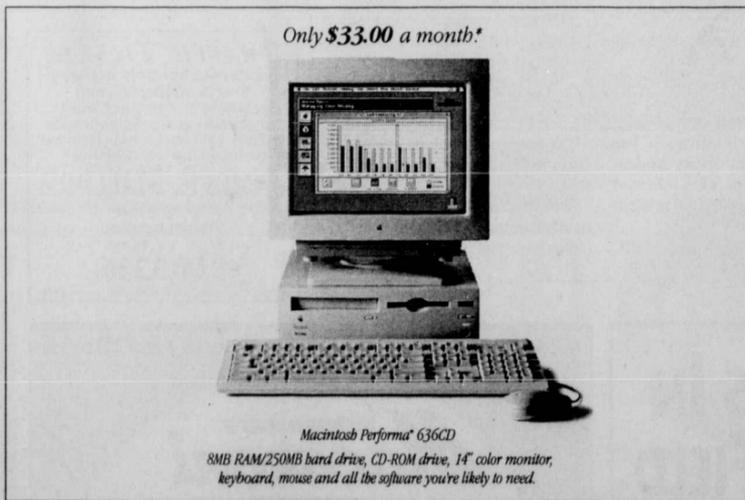
Participants must register for diversity workshop by noon on Nov. 28 at University Ministries. Those interested in the writing workshop can call David Kuhne at 921-6238.

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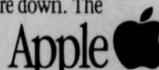


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# Women's Basketball Preview

## Robinson optimistic about upcoming season

BY RICHMOND WILLIAMS  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The TCU women's basketball team will show a significant improvement over last year's team, although it is still rebuilding, head coach Shell Robinson said.

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

"We're still in the first two years of building a program," Robinson said. "The girls and I have set realistic goals."

The Lady Frogs, who lost a tough exhibition game 104-91 to the Uralmash team from Russia, begins regular season play Saturday afternoon at Auburn University in the Dial Classic against Central Florida.

TCU plays six straight contests on the road before returning home Dec. 18 to take on the University of California-Irvine in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

Through several weeks of practice, a starting lineup has emerged, consisting of 5-10 sophomore forward Marie Ramos, 5-9 freshman forward Stacy Price, 5-7 freshman guard Leah Garcia, 5-6 sophomore guard Nicole Perdue, and 6-0 freshman center Rachel Holamon.

Senior guard Stephani Gray, who started last year and was expected to star this year, announced last week she would be sitting out the season due to torn ligaments in her knee.

Robinson, in her second year at TCU, remains optimistic about her young squad. She said the Lady Frogs are aiming for the fourth spot in the Southwest Conference, behind Texas, Texas A&M, and Texas Tech.

She said this would be quite an

accomplishment, and said SMU, which ended up in fourth place at the conclusion of last year, was invited to the NCAA Tournament.

The reason for such optimism, Robinson said, is the return of several players from injuries. The players, including freshman forward Jennifer Pillich, received medical redshirts from the NCAA, giving them an additional year of collegiate eligibility.

"I'm excited to see all of the red-shirts come back from their injuries," Robinson said. "They're as strong as ever. It's good to see that Jennifer still has the rhythm."

When players are forced to sit on the sidelines, they can observe more and learn from their teammates' mistakes, Robinson said. The time off also creates a "hunger" inside them, she said.

Robinson said she will continue to implement an up-tempo style, similar to the "in-your-face" game she played in the early '80s for the Texas Lady Longhorns.

"These girls have some fire about them," Robinson said. "If they score, you're going to know it."

Although they will try for fast breaks and push the ball inside, there are plenty of players capable of pulling up behind the three-point stripe. Robinson said junior guard Kim Altman, sophomore guard Kayla Courtade, freshman guard Karey Faubion, and Perdue can shoot the three-pointer at any time.

Even among all the optimism, Robinson said the team has not forgotten about last season, when the Lady Frogs compiled a 5-20 record and won only one SWC game. The Frogs lost the last 14 contests of the season.

Robinson said, however, that wins



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### Sophomore guard Kayla Courtade fights for a rebound Sunday in an exhibition game.

and losses are not the most important thing when building a program.

The rest of the Lady Frogs include freshman guards Stefanie Harms, Karen Luttrell, and Tenneil Terrell, senior guard Sherri Worlow, and freshman forward Sharita Hutton.

Robinson said the difference between a good season and a mediocre one this year may be an issue of size and depth. While TCU has no players over 6 feet tall, several

teams in the conference have quite a few players between 6 and 7 feet tall.

Robinson hopes to overcome the size discrepancy by playing intelligent basketball, and being able to read and react to the opponent.

"We have natural athletes," she said, "and now we have knowledge to go along with that ability."

Along with the rest of the athletic community at TCU, the Lady Frog basketball team will benefit from the

new athletic marketing efforts. Robinson said she has met with the Committee of 100.

More important than any promotional campaign is the students' response, Robinson said.

"I don't know why students don't come to something that is happening right on their campus," she said. "When one of the girls see their classmates in the stands, they get excited about that. It makes you play

harder knowing your friends are watching you."

Robinson said the Frogs will continue their booster program with the community.

She said she will stay at TCU until she feels she has accomplished the task she set out to do, that of raising TCU women's basketball to a competitive level.

"It's not about myself," she said. "I just want to promote my team."

## Red Raiders look to continue reign

BY RICHARD DURRETT  
AND GREGOR ESCH  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The 1994-95 Southwest Conference women's basketball season begins this week.

### PREVIEW

The Texas Tech Lady Red Raiders look to repeat last year's regular season SWC title. Here is the preview of the eight teams competing in the SWC:

**Texas Tech Lady Red Raiders** (28-5, 12-2 in 1993-94). Texas Tech looks to win its third straight SWC crown. After winning the National Title in 1993, the Lady Red Raiders finished last season with a Sweet 16 appearance in the NCAA tournament.

"We were ranked in the Top Ten all year, won 28 games and got to the Sweet 16 round for the third straight year," said Texas Tech head coach Marsha Sharp.

The Lady Red Raiders' leading scorer, senior post Connie Robinson, is returning from last season. Robinson averaged almost 19 points and eight rebounds per game last season.

Other returnees include junior post Michi Atkins and senior guard Noel Johnson

**Texas Lady Longhorns** (22-9, 10-4 in 1993-94). The Lady Longhorns return three starters, including SWC freshman of the year Danielle Viglione. Viglione averaged 21 points a game and made 115 three-pointers.

Also returning are junior forward Erica Rountt, sophomore forward Amie Smith and sophomore guard Angie Jo Ogletree. Rountt scored in double figures 15 times and Smith led the SWC in rebounding last season.

**Texas A&M Lady Aggies** (23-8, 11-3 in 1993-94). The Lady Aggies are under first-year head coach Candi Harvey who previously coached at Tulane.

Previous head coach Lynn Hickey was promoted to Senior Women's Administrator in the Texas A&M athletic department.

The Lady Aggies are led by junior point guard Lisa Branch. Branch was Co-SWC player of the year last season. Branch averaged 17 points and seven assists a game.

Texas A&M also returns a strong inside game in junior Martha McClelland and junior post Kelly Cerny. The two inside players combined for 25 points and 12 rebounds in 1993-94.

**SMU Lady Mustangs** (18-9, 8-6 in 1993-94). SMU has four returning starters from last year's team which

made the NCAA tournament for the first time in school history.

The Lady Mustangs' starting backcourt, senior Mary Gleason and junior Jennifer McLaughlin, return.

McLaughlin was the team's Most Valuable Player and earned second team all-SWC honors last season.

"I'm always excited to start the season, but this year my expectations are higher than they have ever been," said head coach Rhonda Rompola.

**Houston Lady Cougars** (11-15, 5-9 in 1993-94). The Lady Cougars have a mixture of youth and experience.

Houston's recruiting class included some of the top players in the country. *USA Today* placed the Lady Cougars' recruiting class in the Top 10 nationally.

Houston's new blood includes four guards: Tandra Rucker, Stacey Johnson, Alicia Rodriguez and Felecia Comeaux.

Returning for the Lady Cougars is SWC Freshman of the Year Pat Luckey, who led the team in scoring and rebounding last season with 19 points and nine rebounds a game. Also returning is senior guard Antoinette Issac, in 16 games, averaged 11 points and four assists a game.

**Rice Owls** (13-14, 5-9 in 1993-94). Head coach Cristy McKinney is in her second season at the helm.

The Owls are led by senior post Brenda Conaway. Conaway averaged 14 points and eight rebounds a game.

Also returning will be junior guard Jessica Garcia and senior forward Lacey Guinn. McKinney said the play of her team depends on its key returnees.

**Baylor Lady Bears** (13-14, 4-10 in 1993-94). Baylor returns in 1994-95 with new head coach Sonja Hogg. Hogg previously coached at Louisiana Tech where she won two national championships.

The Lady Bears return three starters. Junior post Amber Seaton averaged 12 points and seven rebounds a game last season. Also returning is the senior backcourt of Kristin Mayberry and Kelli Donaldson. Mayberry hit almost 40 percent of her three-point field goals in 1993-94.

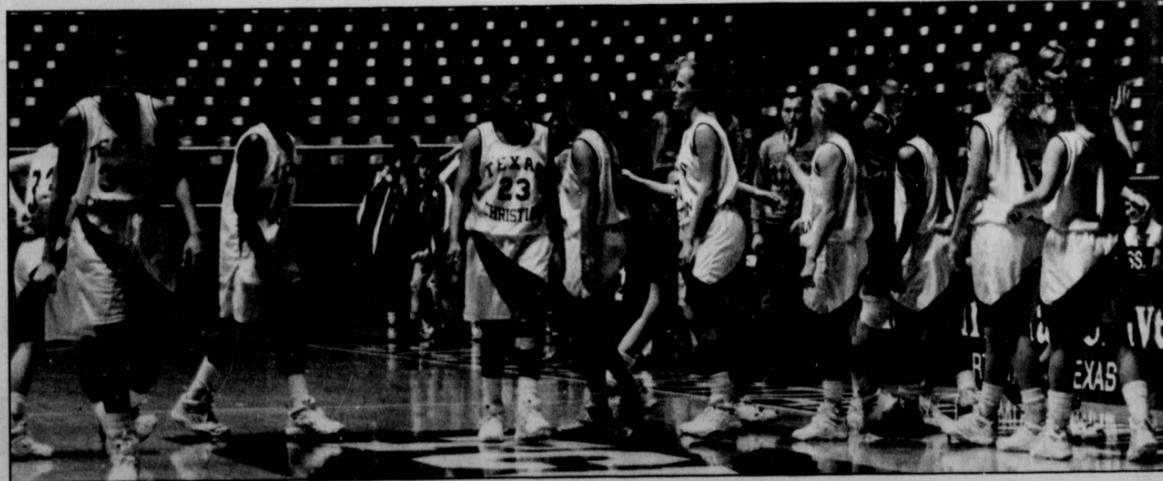
**TCU Lady Horned Frogs** (5-21, 1-13 in 1993-94). The Lady Horned Frogs suffered a major blow when senior guard Stephani Gray announced she was going to miss this season due to a severe knee injury.

Head coach Shell Robinson will start a team with freshmen and sophomores. Sophomore point guard Nicole Perdue returns as a starter. She averaged eight points and four assists as a freshman last year.



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TCU head coach Shell Robinson directs her team Sunday. Robinson is starting her second year as the Lady Frogs' head coach. Robinson is looking to improve on last year's 5-20 season. TCU lost its last 14 games of the season. Robinson said she wants her team to finish fourth in the SWC.



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The TCU Lady Frogs walk off the court after their 104-91 loss to Uralmash (Russia) Sunday at home.

## Game/ from page 1

difficult challenge Friday. However, the Frogs have competed with teams the caliber of Texas Tech.

"We have beaten teams like Tech," Sullivan said. "But they are the hottest team in the conference, including Texas A&M. Defensively, they return nine starters. They are a very strong team with good skill people."

Sullivan said Texas Tech's biggest strength is their defense.

The Red Raiders lead the conference in total defense allowing only 258 yards a game. Also, Texas Tech ranks first in passing defense (75 yards a game) and points allowed (11.7 a game).

The defense is led by junior middle linebacker Zach Thomas. Thomas leads the team with 106 tackles and also has three sacks and interceptions.

Saturday, the American Football Coaches Association named Thomas to its 1994 All-America team.

Sullivan said the Red Raiders' defense is not the biggest his team has seen. However, he said they are quick and they pursue the ball.

Sullivan gives much credit to the

success of Texas Tech's defense to its offense.

"The big difference is offensively they have not turned the ball over," Sullivan said. "When an offensive team holds the ball for a long period, it takes the pressure off the defense."

Sullivan said the offense implements a "hurry up" style of offense where it spends little time in the huddle.

Freshman quarterback Zebbie Lethridge runs the Red Raider offense. Lethridge has thrown for 1,349 yards while rushing for 271 yards.

"He's quicker than Flanigan (SMU quarterback Ramon)," Sullivan said. "We have to find some way to control him."

Freshman running back Byron Hanspard has rushed for 653 yards and four touchdowns. In addition, Hanspard has added 223 yards receiving.

The freshman wide receiver duo of Sheldon Bass and Stacy Mitchell have a combined 604 yards on 55 receptions.

Sullivan said Texas Tech's offense

will be difficult to contain.

"Tech has more team speed than anybody that we have played all season," he said.

Sullivan said a major reason for Texas Tech's success this season has been its lack of injuries.

"Texas Tech has started the same 11 people on defense," he said. "It is the same on offense. We have lost a couple of people for the season and we have several guys who are banged up. Overall, we're going to be all right."

Sullivan said intangible factors like the crowd (over 35,000 tickets sold) could play a role in Friday's game.

"All things come into play," he said. "However, you try not to make it such an issue where it is the focal point and the team loses focus."

Sullivan said the key for the Horned Frogs in Friday's game is being able to create turnovers and not making mistakes on offense.

The game Friday is scheduled for a 10:08 a.m. kickoff. ABC will be televising the game for a national audience.

## PURPLE PROGNOSTICATORS

	Texas Tech at TCU	Texas at Baylor	Nebraska at Oklahoma	Florida at Florida State	Packers at Cowboys	Dolphins at Jets	Eagles at Falcons
<b>David Jimenez</b> Sports Editor <small>Last week: 5-2 Total: 42-35</small>	TCU	Baylor	Oklahoma	Florida State	Cowboys	Jets	Falcons
<b>Mark Mourer</b> Sportswriter <small>Last week: 2-5 Total: 45-32</small>	TCU	Baylor	Nebraska	Florida	Cowboys	Dolphins	Eagles
<b>Thomas Manning</b> Sportswriter <small>Last week: 4-3 Total: 45-32</small>	TCU	Baylor	Nebraska	Florida	Packers	Dolphins	Eagles
<b>Bill Crawford</b> Sportswriter <small>Last week: 3-4 Total: 41-36</small>	TCU	Baylor	Nebraska	Florida	Cowboys	Dolphins	Falcons
<b>Jason Carter</b> Sportswriter <small>Last week: 1-6 Total: 44-33</small>	TCU	Baylor	Nebraska	Florida State	Packers	Dolphins	Eagles
<b>Brad Horn</b> Sportswriter <small>Last week: 2-5 Total: 35-37</small>	TCU	Baylor	Nebraska	Florida State	Cowboys	Dolphins	Eagles

## Swim teams compete in Louisiana

By SCOTT RUSSELL  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The TCU men's and women's swimming and diving teams traveled to Monroe, La. for their fourth consecutive weekend meet and swept all but one out of five dual meets.

### SWIMMING & DIVING

The women brought its overall record to 4-2 by decisively beating Delta State University and overcoming the women's team of North Carolina State by just one point, 57-56.

"We swam really well and it was exciting to beat such a big school," junior Sunshine Campbell said.

Head swim coach Richard Sybesma said he was happy about

the women's win which was its first win over N. C. State.

"It was a really big win, especially because we won with such a narrow margin," Sybesma said.

Sybesma said he was particularly impressed with the performances of sophomore Sheila Hewardine and the women's 400-meter medley relay team.

The men suffered more from the fatigue of swimming four weekends in a row and suffered its first loss of the season at the hands of N. C. State.

"N. C. State really swam inspired because their coach announced that this would be his last meet ever," Sybesma said. "He's been coaching for over 25 years and really been a good coach. So I think they really wanted to win the meet for him. I think our teams

are about equal talent wise, but they won because they were better emotionally prepared for the meet and they were able to win the close events on that day."

Individual successes on the men's side came from junior Walter Soza who won the 400-yard individual medley and the 200-yard freestyle. Senior Luke Small won the 100-yard freestyle and junior David Doggett set a new school record in 3-meter diving.

"I felt the divers dove really well this weekend," said head diving coach Chip Weiss. "We pretty much took this as a training weekend, it was important to work hard between now and the end of the semester and we look good going into the spring."

The teams next meet will be Dec. 7 when they face SMU.

### SPORTS DIGEST

#### Suns forward to return

PHOENIX (AP)—Charles Barkley, finally able to come off the injured list, will have to wait a little longer before rejoining the Phoenix Suns.

The star forward has missed all nine of his team's games this season because of a pulled stomach muscle.

On Tuesday, the Suns said Barkley will sit out Wednesday night's home contest against the Los Angeles Clippers.

"Charles is still recuperating, and we'll see him when he's healthy," coach Paul Westphal said.

He could not say when Barkley will return.

#### Union defends Spur

NEW YORK (AP)—The NBA players' union has filed a grievance on behalf of forward Dennis Rodman of the San Antonio Spurs.

The union says the Spurs had no right to dock Rodman about \$105,000 for violating team rules.

Charles Grantham, executive director of the players association, told the *New York Daily News* in Tuesday's editions that the case will be heard by arbitrator Dan Collins, a New York University law professor, in the next few weeks.

#### NHL labor talks pause

BOSTON (AP)—NHL labor talks recessed Tuesday for Thanksgiving, with no imminent end in sight to the nearly two-month lockout.

Another meeting was scheduled for Friday in New York or Boston, where both sides will confront four major issues that remain in contention.

"I don't see a deal being done in a day's time," NHL Players Association executive director Bob Goodenow said after the sides met for the fourth day in the last six. "There's an awful lot of work to be done and a lot of issues to be resolved."

## TCU CADET PROFILE KATE LOVELADY ODOM

AGE: 19

HOMETOWN: Fort Worth, Texas

HIGH SCHOOL: W. E. Boswell High School

CLASSIFICATION: Sophomore

MAJOR: Nursing

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Recipient of the 4 year Army ROTC Nursing scholarship. Co-captain of the Boswell Varsity Gymnastics team, head cheerleader of Boswell Varsity cheerleading squad, member of Kappa Alpha Theta, member of the National Student Nurses Association, and member of the Army ROTC Rangers.

QUOTE: "Army ROTC has opened a door of opportunities for me that I never expected. ROTC makes me a stronger person physically and continually improves my leadership abilities. I never anticipated I would be doing anything like this. Now I would never give ROTC up because of the friendships and the promise that I will have an exciting and demanding job as a nurse right after college."

WHY TCU? "The ROTC program at TCU definitely concentrates on quality rather than quantity. This provides individual attention and a greater family atmosphere. TCU also has one of the best nursing programs in the state. Together, TCU gives me the best training and resources to be a nurse and an Army officer at a great price."

CAREER OBJECTIVES: "After graduating in May of 1997, I will attend Officer Basic Camp in San Antonio, Texas. I hope after that, I will have the opportunity to travel overseas and be stationed in Germany or Italy."

PROFILE: Vibrant, enthusiastic and influential. A confident leader in all aspects of her life. Kate has what it takes to succeed.



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## College students have plenty to be thankful for lately

Thanksgiving: certainly it is a day full of food, football and fatigue. Unfortunately, a lot of times the true meaning of the holiday is left behind.

This is a time to be thankful, not just for your parents and the food, but for the little things in life that we take for granted. Today, let's look at the things that college students — particularly here at TCU — ought to be thankful for.

Thank goodness student elections are over. The Student Center is a safe place again. The pestering done by candidates and their closest friends for students to vote makes that whole area look like one big dark cloud.

What seems to quiet these people very well is when you say, "Yes, I voted, but I did not vote for you." I enjoy seeing these people about as much as Custer likes to see more Indians. Most people would rather have root canal surgery or 10 finals in one day than walk by the fake-friends-for-a-day people.



**PETER COUSER**  
THE LIGHTER SIDE

One solution: no one representing someone who is running may stand closer than two miles from the voting site. You would see one happy voter, guaranteed.

College students should also be thankful for holiday cards. Whether for a birthday, Thanksgiving or Easter, it never fails that cards enter the mailboxes of college students from different relatives.

Monetary pieces of paper which accompany the cards, no matter how big or small, are always appreciated and accepted.

However, the cards are disposed of almost immediately. It has happened to all of us. We get a card, look inside, see the money or check and never read the poetic message that accompanies it.

Thank you card companies for your hundreds of cards that you put out each year, but to be honest you could send out blank sheets of paper and everyone would be just as effectively as long as there was money inside.

Another thing that college students need to be thankful for is the remote control. Even though most adults use one about as effectively as an illiterate person uses the library, our generation depends on them. They control our stereos, VCR's, televisions and even other remote controls.

Remote controls allow us to be lazy, but they also allow more productive usage of our laziness. If you do not like commercials, change the channel. Bad song on the radio, change the station. Mad at your roommate, hide the remote.

The world ceases with the loss of a remote. Sofa cushions thrown right and left are only a small portion of the permanent damage done when a remote control disappears.

Just last summer one family in particular lost the remote. No one would admit to the crime, and finally the eldest kid (also the wisest) — who will remain nameless — bought a new one. Included with it was a special holder designed to keep the remote control from getting lost. Well, they lost the holder, and not soon after the remote disappeared again.

Despite these small adversities, remote controls are vital and college students should be thankful.

Another vitality for the college student is the answering machine. If you do not have one, put it on your Christmas wish list. Your social life depends on it.

Some prefer the bland, "Sorry, we aren't here. Leave a message at the tone and we will return your call." This is a total waste of technology. Be creative, because the person is already going to be hacked off that you are not there in the first place.

There is nothing worse than calling long distance to a friend at another school and then having to pay for the call when the ol' machine kicks in. If their message is absurdly boring, our relationship as friends is over. It does not have to be funny, just some music or a clever voice and the caller has been somewhat redeemed for their bad timing.

Answering machines are great for screening calls. If you are lying in bed half asleep, the urgency to answer the phone is not there, especially if the call is from someone you do not want to talk to.

If the call is important (like Ed McMahon), you can always get to the phone and say you were just getting out of the shower. For this very reason, my mom thinks that I take 3 showers a day.

There are many things that college students should be thankful for: David Letterman, microwaves, large closets, flies that button, Jason Garrett, Melrose Place, junk mail, send-homes, word processors and deodorant.

However, as a graduating senior told me just the other day, the best thing to be thankful for as a college student is that McDonald's is still hiring. Go figure. Happy Turkey Day.

# 'The Atheist Perspective'

## New Pagans for Hedonism & Darwinism group a haven for non-conformists

BY NATALIE GARDNER  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

In a small room tucked away in the corner of the Student Center Ballroom, TCU's newest organization — Pagans for Hedonism & Darwinism — meets for the first time. But it's not what you might imagine.

There is no animal sacrificing, no devil worship, no flaming pentagrams. Just talking — and laughing.

At a typical meeting, members joke about planning the first ever Pagan-Christian flag football game. One member complains jokingly that the meeting room isn't big enough for the pentagram he was going to draw on the floor.

Members joke about the ill-conceived perceptions that other TCU students have of their newly founded group.

Another member wonders if anyone else felt like she did when she was shunned by a close friend because she wasn't a professed Christian.

A student in the far corner wonders if the group will be labeled as a group that worships Satan. A student responds that the group is open to anyone who wants to look at other forms of religious beliefs besides Christianity.

These are pure cynics. But their cynicism has cost them. They are separated from the rest of campus, and the group's location — in many ways — resembles the group's image of itself, a haven for non-conformists.

Chris Smith, president of the group, said he and his friends felt there needed to be an organization that catered to students who don't hold the same philosophy as current campus organizations.

"If you are an atheist and you have a problem that you want an answer to and you go to University Ministries, they are going to give you an answer, but through the Christian perspective," he said. "But, if you go to the PHD club, you are going to get people that share your same views and be able to give you answers from an atheist perspective."

PHD members do not believe in the established religions that other TCU students believe. They believe in the ideology that there is no God and therefore no structured religion.

PHD was formed to give students a chance to talk about issues, such as evolution and creation, Smith said. Some students have questions they feel they can't ask a staff member in University Ministries, he said.

"We are not using it (the word pagan in the group's name) in the Christian sense that anyone who is not Christian is evil and pagan and sacrifices animals, nothing like that," he said. "We are using the word to say that we are not corresponding to any group represented on



Members of the newly-formed Pagans for Hedonism and Darwinism find comfort in their non-conformity.

campus."

The group feels hedonism — which refers to the self-indulgent pursuit of pleasure as a way of life — is one of the group's main goals, Smith said.

Smith said the group would not be participating in any illegal activities as a source of pleasure.

"We will be talking about hedonism in a topical sense, instead of a body-type pleasure," he said. "There won't be any drunken orgies or anything like that."

The group also focuses on Darwinism as a belief in the creation of human beings.

"I myself, am not buying into the creation theory," Smith said. "We are indeed evolving, and we have been evolving. We'll be having

philosophical discussions about what is next if we are still evolving."

Smith said the group will talk about how they believe religion is a fad and will phase out when humans reach the end of evolution.

"Basically, this is a place you can come and feel comfortable with what you believe," Smith said. "You don't have to worry about condescending people in this group."

The group plans to watch movies that examine philosophical issues, read poetry and do things that would not be normally found on campus, he said.

Two months ago, Smith and his friends decided to form the PHD group. The group was told it needed to get at least 10 signatures to be considered for official recognition by the

Student Organizations Committee.

Twenty-five students signed the group's petition for recognition. Smith said he got students from all over the campus to sign the petition. He did not know the religious preferences of the students who signed.

John Harvey, chairman of the Student Organizations Committee, said that everyone on the board voted in favor of the group, except one student. In general, the group didn't have any problems with recognizing the group as an official organization on campus, he said.

"We knew these people weren't going to be worshipping Satan or anything," Harvey said. "This is just a philosophical discussion group that will appeal to atheists and agnostics."

The group did have problems with how the group would be perceived by people not in the TCU community, he said. Harvey said that since TCU is a private school, the group had to consider the way TCU sells itself to prospective students.

"TCU is a Disciples of Christ school, but we don't discriminate against other denominations, like the Baptists or the Methodists," he said. "If we don't exclude them, then why would we exclude a group of atheists and agnostics, groups without religious beliefs?"

Prospective students will have to accept the different groups that are part of the TCU campus, Harvey said.

"If people are going to be bigoted against certain groups, then that is their problem," he said. "We had to decide if we were going to care about what people off-campus thought about the groups."

The Student Organizations Committee officially recognized Pagans for Hedonism & Darwinism on Oct. 26. The only restraint that was put on the group was not allowing the organization to go by the acronym, "Ph.D."

Harvey said this was because some members of the board were afraid students would think they had to have a doctorate degree to be part of the organization.

Smith said most students are accepting of the group, but like some other controversial groups on campus, signs for the group's meeting were torn down.

"If people have a problem with this, they can come talk to me," he said. "People are idiots. I thought I got done with this type of stuff in high school. If you don't like the club, don't go to it. And if people can't comprehend that, then they need to find another school."

Smith feels that there is an automatic bias against his group from certain people.

"When I had to get the flyer approved to hang up, I handed it to them and they said they weren't going to approve it because we

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## TCU Trekkers beam to surface after release of 'Generations'

BY DAVID JIMENEZ  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

When "Star Trek" first premiered in 1965, little did people know what was to come nearly 30 years later.

"Star Trek" has developed a cult-like following of fans, known as "Trekkers," who analyze the show, attend "Star Trek" conventions and buy various memorabilia from the show.

This avid fan base once again became apparent last weekend when the new release of "Star Trek: Generations" made over 20 million dollars at the box office and was the top money-making movie of the weekend.

The popularity of the "Star Trek" television shows and movies has dramatically risen since the show first went off the air in 1968.

Senior Kevin Lintz and junior Matt Hovde and graduate student Rob Laney call themselves "Trekkers."

Lintz, who is an elementary education major, said "Star Trek" was more than just an average television show.

He credits "Star Trek" creator Gene Roddenberry with creating a show which portrays a vision of hope in the distant future.

"He showed what the world could be like," he said. "He showed a faith in humanity."

Hovde, a radio-TV-film major, said the shows and movies are so popular because of the universal themes it has presented over the years.

Hovde said some of the themes presented on "Star Trek" include racial tensions, racial differences and gender issues.

Lintz, who owns old "Star Trek" comic books and a poster of the Enterprise, said the show introduced awesome special effects and a future world that people had never thought could happen.

However, he said the generation is not a basic science fiction television show.

In addition to the universal themes presented, he said "Next Generation" addressed issues prevalent in science like genetic engineering.

Hovde said the "Star Trek" characters are different from any other show on television.

"The characters represent the American dream," he said. "Story shows future which is exciting and favorable to people."

The character which Hovde said epitomizes this is Captain James Kirk. Kirk was the captain of the Federation Starship Enterprise in "Star Trek."

Hovde, who owns a poster of Kirk, said he relates to him more than Captain Jean-Luc Picard of "The Next Generation."

"Kirk is more heroic, noble and more American than Picard," he said.

However, Laney said Picard was his favorite character from the "Star Trek" episodes.

"He's very even-headed," Laney said. "He knows when to break the rules. He's brave and intelligent and knows when to go by the book."

Lintz said the most significant character in the "Star Trek" shows is Worf, the tactical officer of the Enterprise in "The Next Generation."

"Worf has human characteristics and yet he is another species," Lintz said.

In the show, Worf is a Klingon which are a former enemy alien race of the Federation. Worf was the first Klingon to be a Starfleet officer in the Federation.

Lintz said this compares to the end of the Cold War between the Soviet Union and the United States.

"In the show," he said, "the Federation accepted Worf even though he was of a different species. We learned as the Cold War ended, the Russians were not bad people, and we could peacefully live together."

Laney said it will be difficult for "Star Trek" to have continued popularity. He said it is hard to conceive anything better than the original episodes.

Lintz said "Star Trek" will have a continued popularity in the future. He said new spinoffs like "Star Trek: Deep Space Nine" and "Star Trek: Voyager," which will air in January, are continuing the original show's popularity.

However, Lintz said the technology displayed in current issues does not awe viewers like in earlier episodes.

"Our technology is catching up to the show," he said. "Future is catching up at a faster rate than in the '60s."

## One century later, 'Earnest' play has not lost importance

BY GINGER RICHARDSON  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The clothing of the actors is strictly turn of the century, from men's smoking jackets and ascots to the bustles and lace on women's dresses. At first glance, the characters on the dimly lit stage appear to be the perfect models of upper Victorian society.

But take a closer look and the image changes. The men and women on stage are hiding their true feelings and desires because their society says they must. Look again, and it becomes obvious that the characters in this play live on today, a century later, in our present culture.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of "The Importance of Being Earnest," by Oscar Wilde. In celebration of the event, Texas Stage is presenting what some call Wilde's greatest work — a masterpiece originally explored the role playing, customs and attitudes commonly displayed in Victorian society.

For those unfamiliar with Victorian times, it was a period of rigid social customs and boundaries. It was a time of great hypocrisy and acting. By pretending to be something they were not, men and women were able to avoid realities they found to be unpleasant — like homosexuality, which was punishable by law.

To combat this, many gay men and women chose to marry for the sake of social respectability.

"The Importance of Being Earnest," explores some of these issues — and how they relate to Victorian society, the time during which Wilde lived.

Many students who are familiar with the play, however, say it is representative of today's society, as well. This is a remarkable feat, especially since the play was first performed in 1895.

"For a play that was written a century ago, it has some surprising insights into modern attitudes," said Leigh Anne Robison, a junior history major.

Today's society still places too much emphasis on proper social roles, Robison said. In Wilde's play, men and women were

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## Schwarzenegger makes successful return to comedy in 'Junior'

**"Junior" (PG-13)**  
Arnold Schwarzenegger, Danny DeVito and director Ivan Reitman, creators of the hit comedy "Twins," are re-teamed in "Junior," co-starring Academy Award-winner Emma Thompson, which opens today.

Schwarzenegger plays Dr. Alex Hesse, a frustrated scientist whose funding for his latest experiment — Expectane — with Dr. Larry Arbogast (DeVito) was recently rejected by the board at their university. Expectane is a drug which functions to



**TODD JORGENSON**  
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facilitate pregnancies through a blue chemical.

But Hesse's and Arbogast's curiosity remains fervent, so they implant the drug in Dr. Hesse, figuring that as long as they're going to continue the experiment, they might as well try for a scientific breakthrough. An independent scientific firm has offered Arbogast a lot of money if he and Hesse can prove the success of the drug.

Arbogast had planned on terminating the experiment after the first trimester, but Hesse's parental instincts take over and he insists on carrying the baby to term. Hesse doesn't know, however, that Arbogast stole the egg implant from one of their colleagues, the pretty but slutzy Dr. Diana Reddin (Thompson). Since Hesse and Reddin already had affections for one another when Arbogast was cajoled into admitting the source of the

egg, the news came as a pleasant surprise for both.

As Hesse begins to gain massive amounts of weight and display obvious symptoms of pregnancy, however, university research administrator Noah Banes (Frank Langella) finds out about the illegal experiment and does his best to stop it. At the same time, Arbogast is acting as gynecologist for his ex-wife Angela (Pamela Reed), who is pregnant with another man's child. The two try to rekindle their romance as Hesse and Reddin are just beginning theirs.

"Junior" marks a welcome return to comedy for Schwarzenegger, who has had success in the past trying to poke fun at his muscular machismo in "Twins" and the inferior "Kindergarten Cop." He seems to have fun in this role, and is basically the best thing about this otherwise formulaic comedy.

The film's problems start in the progressive build-up of unbelievable situations. The viewer is forced to suspend their disbelief more and more as the movie goes on, to the point of not really caring about the characters.

DeVito throws in some of his whiny cynicism at every turn, but never really turns friendly at any turn. Thompson's character is too much of a stooge to be accepted, and her blossoming romance with Hesse feels quite phony. I also enjoyed Thompson's attempt to change roles for herself, but she could have selected a better script than this. Langella tries hard in the villainous role, but his character is not really that evil, but rather comes across as the most realistic character in the film.

What Reitman and his screenwriters fail to realize is the seriousness of these circumstances. I appreciate their attempts to add

some humor to a situation that in this context is quite funny, but when the film finally turns more serious toward the end, the change of mood is too jarring. Overall, "Junior" is a true disappointment considering the talent involved.

**Grade: C**

**"A Low Down Dirty Shame" (R)**  
Rarely has the title of a film been so apt as in the case of "A Low Down Dirty Shame," the title of which also serves as a sufficient critique.

Keenen Ivory Wayans (of TV's "In Living Color") stars as Andre Shame, a cocky, womanizing independent private eye in definite need of a big case. When he and his secretary Peaches (Jada Pinkett) get the call on a kidnapping case, which also involves stolen drug money and corrupt DEA agents. Shame uses his violent tactics to track down the bad guys, but eventually gets in over his head.

Simultaneously, Shame is trying



**Keenan Ivory Wayans**

to rekindle his romance with Angela (Salli Richardson), who has since been involved with the mob, and still maintain a romantic relationship with Peaches.

"A Low Down Dirty Shame" is obviously trying to be a spoof (or at least a knockoff) of 1970's pictures such as "Shaft" and "Superfly," but it

comes across muddled and boring. Wayans is completely unsatisfying in the lead, and many of the supporting characters are only mob caricatures.

Wayans also wrote and directed (which he also did for the far superior "I'm Gonna Get You Sucka"), and the result is not funny, clever, exciting or original. The film cannot decide whether it wants to be an action film or a comedy, but either way it fails. Charles S. Dutton gives the worst performance of his career as agent Rothmiller.

Many people might become offended as well with some of the language and broad characterizations, and the film is way too violent. Alas, only Jada Pinkett ("Menace II Society," "Jason's Lyric") shows any signs of life with a performance that is energetic at least. However, you can have fun counting the times when Wayans' head is shaved compared to when he has some hair.

**Grade: D**



Universal Pictures/ Bruce McBroom  
Dr. Alex Hesse (Arnold Schwarzenegger) makes himself a test subject for a new drug to ensure healthy pregnancies in "Junior."

## 'Pagemaster' worth looking up

**"The Pagemaster" (G)**  
Meet Richard Tyler (Macaulay Culkin), a young boy who lives in constant fear of the statistics that foretell danger in all areas of his life.

Richard won't get on his bicycle without full body armor, won't climb into the treehouse his father built for him or scamper through the dark in his own house.

But one day, when caught in a storm, Richard takes refuge in the public library — and finds himself travelling into worlds of adventure he never knew existed.

Aided by the embodiment of classic themes Fantasy, Adventure, and Horror and led by the enigmatic Pagemaster himself, Richard must perform three acts of courage before he is allowed to return to his own world — and get his own, non-animated body back!

All right, it's an animated feature. But as far as animated features go, it's an accomplishment. Boasting



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Twentieth Century Fox  
Richard Tyler, voice by Macaulay Culkin, brandishes a sword in front of Long John Silver.

some innovative computer graphics and a number of recognizable voices, "The Pagemaster" will thrill young viewers. The message of the joys of reading alone makes this movie worthwhile.

Patrick Stewart (of "Generations" fame) is the swashbuckling Adventure, and Whoopi Goldberg lends her voice to the high-spirited Fantasy. Culkin is the prototypical whiny kid, but what else could he

be, under the circumstances? Christopher Lloyd as the Pagemaster is appropriately regal, without being too overbearing, and the ensemble makes for a good time.

Little brothers and sisters will love you for taking them to see "The Pagemaster" over the holiday, and it provides enough smiles — and thrills — to let you enjoy yourself, too.

**Grade: C+**

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were't a recognized group," he said. "I said, 'The hell we are. You can call.'"

The employee at the information desk did call and apologized to Smith after finding out the group was recognized on campus.

He had the same type of problem when he tried to reserve a room for the group to hold their first meeting, Smith said.

Smith said he is concerned about the prejudices on campus concerning different religious beliefs.

Some people don't realize that there

are people who attend TCU who don't believe in any established form of religion, he said.

"When they hear our name, think 'Satan worshippers,'" Smith said. "People are blind to anything else but Christianity. A lot of people are blind to anything but Baptists. It's like buying a thing of jelly beans, you only respect the ones you like."

Smith hopes to make Pagans for Hedonism & Darwinism a group for students with all different kinds of religious views, not just atheist views.

"If all we do is provide a place where people can come and feel comfortable with what they believe in, we've accomplished what we need to do," he said.

The group will talk about issues that members have questions about, but which can't be answered by anyone outside of the organization, Smith said.

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judged on their outward appearances and their family line — these things should not matter, but do, she said.

"A man's identity should not be based on where he comes from, but rather be defined by his actions and intentions," Robison said.

Characters in Wilde's play often hid their true personalities and desires, in order to prevent being shunned by society. Men and women worked hard to adhere to the morally acceptable

customs of the time.

Jim Sheehan, a senior marketing major, said this acting is evident in every aspect of our society.

"Every time we're around someone new, we act the way we think they want us to," Sheehan said. "Everytime were with a different person, we become a different person ourselves."

Chris Moran, a junior fashion promotion major said she also believes people have changed relatively through time.

One of the best things about the play, Moran said, is that it accurately reflects the human race — no matter

what the time period.

"We're always trying to make a good impression on someone, and no one is ever completely honest when they're trying to make a good impression," she said.

"Basic human nature is never going to change," she said. "Wilde knew that 100 years ago."

"The Importance of Being Earnest," is playing Thursday through Saturday, until Nov. 26, downtown at Texas Stage, located in the Caravan of Dreams. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at the door, or by calling 877-3333.

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■ CHRIS SMITH

## TCU should emulate Las Vegas, legalize on-campus gambling

TCU has many problems. All one has to do is read this very Opinion page for all of the ills that exist on campus. The problems range from inadequate parking and being ranked 210th out of 200 colleges in the latest *USA Today* poll to the nonexistent community cohesion and lousy campus security.

The solution is very simple. Look around at the big cities across the United States. Which one stands out economically? Las Vegas, of course! The city of self-perpetuating decadence is by far the prototype for a thriving economy.

TCU should follow suit. If gambling is allowed on private Native American reservations, then why not on the TCU campus?

Economically speaking, there is no viable alternative that could generate as much revenue as a casino style complex on campus. It could have everything from blackjack and



would have a personalized parking space. Trams could be used to take people from their cars to classes, the Student Center and to their dorms. There would be no need for the escort service.

And since athletics gets the lion's share of money now, the revenue could go into academics. Gone would be the days of losing out

to Honest Al's College for the Vegetative and Recently Deceased in academic polls.

Topnotch professors could be employed, research would go through the roof, tuition would remain stagnant or decrease and TCU could be more selective in its admissions.

Just think of the possibilities with all of that money. Parking difficulties would be a thing of the past. Every student would have a personalized parking space. Trams could be used to take people from their cars to classes, the Student Center and to their dorms. There would be no need for the escort service.

Who can think of the laws of dynamics if sex is constantly rearing its head during class?

Relations with the fellow student would

be greatly improved. Any psychologist will tell you that if the libido is full, then the energy overflows into less productive areas.

Theft and vandalism would dramatically decrease because everyone would have an eternal smile and a happy outlook on life. Every orientation would be catered to so that none would be left out. The brothel could be rented out to the Greeks on weekends.

The Programming Council would have a field day. Comedians, musicians and special speakers could easily be afforded. SMU would pale by comparison and turn green with envy.

Campus jobs would be in infinite supply. The position of "Madam," poker dealer and the person who drops the little ball into the roulette wheel could provide an income for students, as well as provide them with hands-

on experience for a bright future career.

Of course, the foreseeable problem with all of this is the questionable morality of gambling and prostitution. The solution is rudimentary. Yes, they do contradict the use of the word Christian in the school name. But TCU could show all others that it, too, can be flexible. It could retain the Christian name while accepting the practicality of real world situations.

Open-mindedness, wealth, intelligence and happiness are the principal benefits of this plan. Although it would put *Skiff* columnists out of work due to lack of campus maladies, it would be the obvious choice for the betterment of our beloved TCU.

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■ SCOTT BARZILLA

## Public schools shouldn't teach moral virtues

With the assent of the Republicans to the U.S. Congress and governorships, the governing philosophy of the nation will change. The most important change will be in attitudes toward education.

There are some Republicans who are calling for prayer in schools and for a return to the teaching of "religious principles." Included in this philosophy is the idea of censoring certain books because they supposedly undermine the fostering of these "religious principles."

Teaching moral virtue for the sake of moral virtue doesn't make much sense unless that moral virtue accomplishes something greater. The "family values" campaign was all about curing the woes of our nation through the cultivation of family values or moral virtue.

We now must look at the wisdom and feasibility of this plan, because it just might come to pass. On the surface, teaching morals is very feasible and would achieve mostly good things. The proponents are on the right track in affirming that the place for rebuilding America is in the public schools, but they are missing the boat on what should be taught.

Certainly, that is the only place where the government has a captive audience. However, prayer in school and religious education is not the vehicle for improving the quality of minds of citizens in the United States.

Religious education's primary problem is that not everyone has the same religious beliefs. Teaching even the most basic religious values will cause division instead of unity, because non-Christians will ultimately be insulted by the insinuation that if they don't believe in those values, then they are bad people.

Even different types of Christians will be divided because these teachings will exploit the differences in the dogmas of each of the Christian sects. Christians will ultimately be divided against one another and the school system because they have been taught something a little different in their homes and churches than what is being taught in school.

Even prayer in school will cause problems, because nonreligious people will subliminally be made to feel inferior and evil because of their choice not to pray. By not believing in a religion or divinities, they will be considered rebellious for not accepting those religious values.

As for the banning of books, the problems behind that philosophy is more apparent. However, a funny thing about human nature is that we are more curious to do something when the authorities try to keep us from doing it.

Thomas Jefferson believed that bad ideas must be allowed to stand — as a model of freedom — just as long as good ideas are free to combat them. Censorship is contrary to the beliefs and ideals of our forefathers, and it only makes people more curious to find out what you're trying to keep them from seeing.

Religious beliefs are very personal and very tough to change. Teaching them is a very dangerous way to solve the value problems in our country. Another way must be found to bring back the "American values" that everyone longs for.

The best way to improve the value problems in our nation is to teach kids civic virtue instead of moral virtue. Moral virtue is too individual and will cause too much division. Civic virtue is something that people from every walk of life can appreciate. Love of country and respect for law is something we can teach everyone no matter what their religion, or lack thereof.

We need to teach kids something that will unite them together instead of something that will divide them. Moral virtue is very important in the lives of every citizen. Just leave it to the citizen and those who care for them to shape their moral virtue. Education should focus on virtues that everyone can learn and embrace.

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■ KRISTI WRIGHT

## JFK assassination evokes memories of slain president

Jane Wood Wright was 19 years old that November day in 1963 — the day the president was shot. She was listening to the radio at her desk when the disc jockey interrupted the music with the news.

"President Kennedy was so good-looking, so charming — that's why he was so popular," recalls Ms. Wright. "Over the next few days we were all glued to the television set watching and wondering. I cried along with the nation," she says.

Though 31 years have passed since that dreadful day in Dallas, Americans are still not convinced of who committed the assassination. Historians have written books, Congress has issued commissions and Oliver Stone has made a movie, but the truth remains known only to the person or persons who actually committed the deed. The assassination remains the ultimate whodunit.

In an attempt to satiate that curiosity, Congress established the Assassination Records Review Board in 1992. Its purpose is to collect and open to the public all government documents relevant to the assassination of Mr. Kennedy and the ensuing investigation. On Nov. 18, the board held hearings in Dallas.

The records the board uncovers for the public are not going to identify the killer or killers; they are not going to solve the mystery. But they should shed some light upon the more important, yet less frequently pondered question — why was Mr. Kennedy killed? That is the question Americans should ask. Who decided to rob the nation of its leader?

Though his assassination etched Mr. Kennedy forever into the consciousness of Americans, they remember his death, not his presidency. President Kennedy offered a dream for the nation and the leadership to achieve it. And in today's society, one that dethrones kings as fast as it creates them, inspiring leaders are difficult to find.

And so, this week, as Americans are reminded once again of the assassination, I would reflect upon some passages from President Kennedy's Jan. 20, 1961 Inaugural Address:

"Now the trumpet summons us again — not a call to battle, though embattled we are — but a call to bear the burden of a long twilight struggle, year in and year out, 'rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation' — a struggle against the common enemies of man: tyranny, poverty, disease and war itself . . ."

In the long history of the world, only a few generations have been granted the role of defending freedom in its hours of maximum danger. I do not shirk from this responsibility — I welcome it. I do not believe that any of us would exchange places with any other people or any other generation. The energy, the faith, the devotion which we bring to this endeavor will light our country and all who serve it — and the glow from that fire can truly light the world.

And so, my fellow Americans: ask not what your country can do for you — ask what you can do for your country.

My fellow citizens of the world: ask not what America will do for you, but what together we can do for the freedom of man.

... With a good conscience our only sure reward, with history the final judge of our deeds, let us go forth to lead the land we love, asking His blessing and His help, but knowing that here on Earth, God's work must truly be our own."

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■ EDITORIAL

## SAFETY

### Security escort service commendable, but it came from the wrong source

The student security escort service began last week at the request of female students who did not feel safe walking around campus at night.

The program, in which male and female volunteers walk with female students to their destination on campus, has begun with modest success. Any student may call the escort service number and request support. Within minutes, two escorts accompany each caller. The Campus Police have even referred callers to the new service.

How well the system will really work remains to be seen, but students are to be commended for their creativity, initiative and commitment.

In short, they saw there was a problem and they came up with a viable solution.

However, it is unfortunate that students feel they must devise a program to feel more safe. There is an entire group of employees responsible for seeing that the campus is a safe environment. They're known as the administration.

One might wonder why they haven't been proactive in ensuring campus safety, rather than play off an original idea from the students. That's their job — to foster an environment for learning.

And students cannot learn when they're scared for their safety.

■ LETTER

### Coliseum should be renovated

After reading the article in Tuesday's *Skiff* about the Showgirl cuts, I grimaced and thought, "Here we go again." This is another prime example of TCU trying to solve a problem by changing the easiest thing to change instead of addressing the heart of the issue. The cut by itself will not increase the spirit at basketball games. Accompanied by other changes, maybe, but by itself, the only thing that the reduction of Showgirls does is cut fan support. If you were at last Thursday night's game, you are well aware of the fact that the last thing needed is to reduce the handful of fans that show up for the game.

The first thing that should be done is figure out why the seats in the Coliseum are painted a disgusting combination of Texas and Baylor colors. It is bad enough that these schools bring more fans than we have show up (see: scheduling of big home games during Christmas break), but with their colors being displayed in our Coliseum, it feels as if we are playing on the road right here in Fort Worth. Purple and white seats would give a TCU-ish atmosphere to the place and hopefully be a source of intimidation.

And while we're on the Coliseum . . . Move the Cheerleaders to the baseline opposite the Showgirls and fill that ridiculously vacant space

along the sidelines with retractable bleachers. Students need to be down on the court to cheer the team on and taunt the visiting team. As it is, the few students that actually show up for the games are so far away from the action, that they may as well be in their dorm rooms (where a lot are). Let the fans be part of the action.

Of course, that would require fans. We need people at the games. Why should our team make a commitment to us, when we don't reciprocate? Granted, we might not win 20 games THIS year, but the players do represent the university and should be supported regardless of performance (see: increased football attendance this year despite only one victory against a team that currently has a winning record).

If we seriously want to increase spirit, then let's be serious about it and do it. The administration needs to spend the money that we know that it has, (because of the large check we send them), and update the Coliseum. We students need to try and support the basketball teams for the whole year regardless of their record. If we aren't going to make any worthwhile and meaningful changes in increasing spirit, then let's not pretend to. After all, "Do or do not; there is no try."

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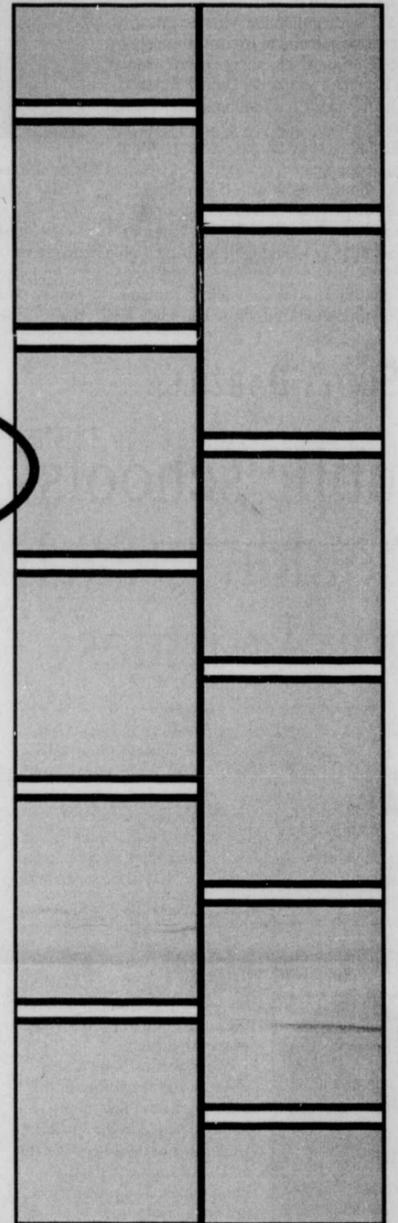
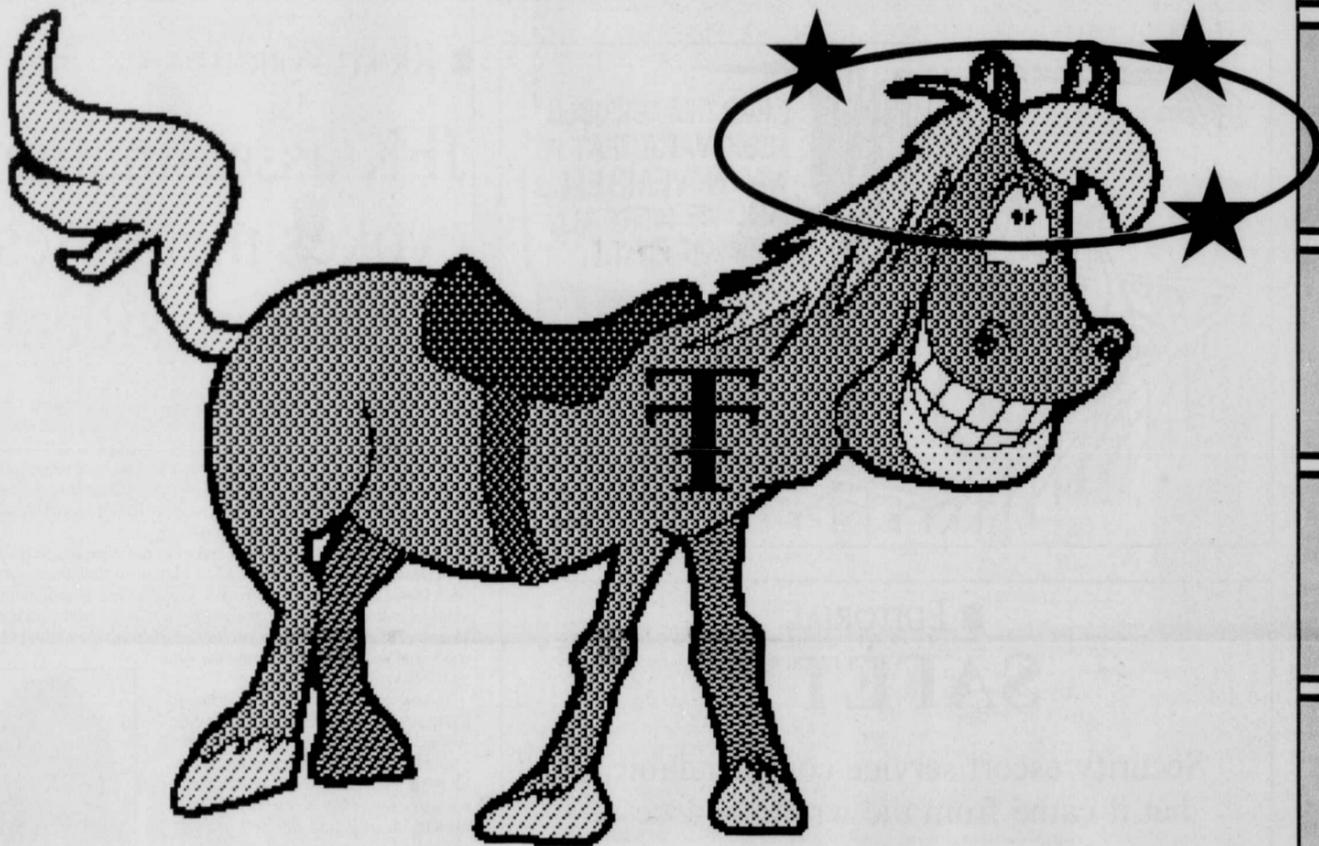
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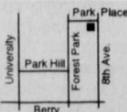
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