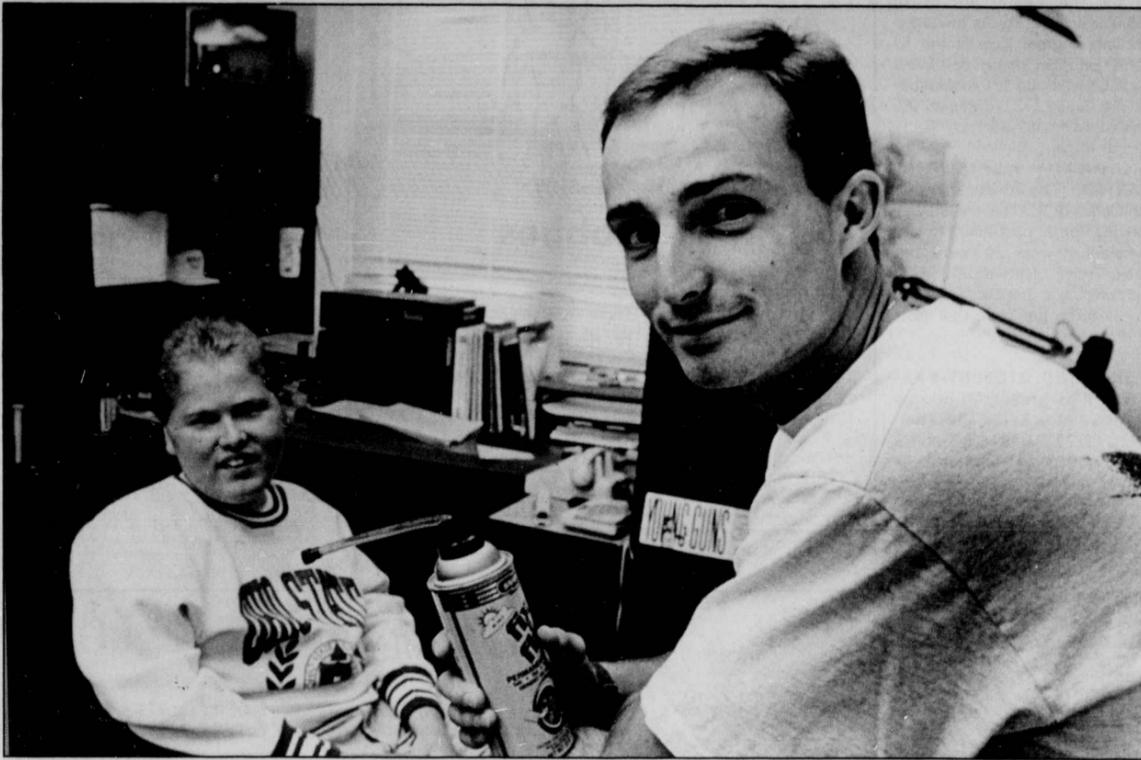


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Eric Holt was an inspiration to many at TCU. He is pictured here with his friend Kemp Laidley.

## Friends recall Holt as courageous

Those close to student remember his determination against adversity

By R. BRIAN SASSER  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

For Quinn Mentone and Kemp Laidley, Eric Holt wasn't just one of the guys. His disability didn't make Holt stand out — his courage did.

And Holt's friends recalled that courage when they remembered the 21-year-old junior who passed away Wednesday due to heart failure.

"He was the strongest person I ever met," said

Laidley, a 1994 TCU graduate who drove to Fort Worth from Lubbock on Wednesday when he heard Holt was in the hospital. "Everyday you could see his spirit. He made you feel good."

For two years, Mentone and Laidley helped Holt get in and out of bed, get dressed and undressed and do other things most students take for granted.

During that time, Holt's friends said they learned a lot about his dreams, his struggles and

most of all, his never ending determination.

"He was extremely independent and strong-willed," said Mentone, who also graduated from TCU in 1994. "He was full of a million dreams. He made a list of what he wanted to do, and worked his best to do it."

Holt achieved one of those goals when he passed his driver's test, Laidley said.

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## Student dies following fall

By KRISTI WRIGHT  
and GINGER RICHARDSON  
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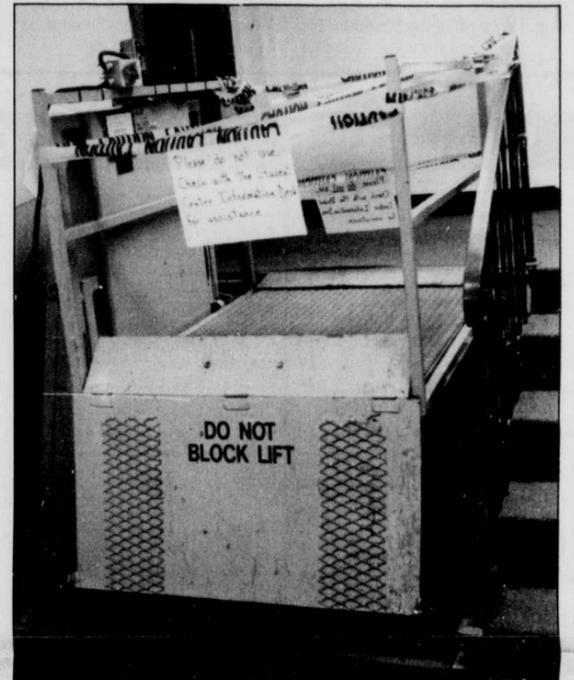
FORT WORTH — A 21-year-old TCU junior who suffered a fall from a wheelchair lift in Reed Hall earlier during the day died at 11:35 p.m. Wednesday at Harris Methodist Hospital.

Eric Holt, a French and Spanish

double major, died from heart failure as the result of breathing difficulties, said Don Mills, vice chancellor for the Office of Student Affairs.

Holt had Duchenne muscular dystrophy, a genetic disease that progressively deteriorates the muscles. He used a wheelchair and

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TCU Daily Skiff/ Layne Smith

Police tape borders the wheelchair lift in Reed Hall.

## 'Ironic' book deal costs Gingrich

By TOM RAUM  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former House Speaker Jim Wright said his first reaction when he heard Newt Gingrich was offered \$4.5 million for a book deal was "Wow!" Then the sense of irony set in.

Of all Democrats, Wright may have the most reason to savor the current speaker's predicament.

The Texas Democrat was driven from office in 1989 — ending a 34-year career — because of an ethics probe of his personal finances, including a controversial book arrangement. The investigation was spurred and fueled by Gingrich.

"The supreme irony is that the speaker has risen to his position by criticizing and trying to attack the reputations and characters of others," Wright said in a telephone interview from Fort Worth, Texas.

"In so many instances we find in life that he who poses as a purist and points the finger strongly at others is quite often involved in the very same enterprise himself," Wright said.

Among other things, Wright was accused by the House Ethics Committee of using bulk sales of his book, "Reflections of a Public Man," to evade limits on outside income.

Gingrich's situation involves his relationship with a publisher owned

by communications giant Rupert Murdoch's company — and Murdoch's ownership of TV stations with legal cases before the U.S. government.

Even though Gingrich gave up the \$4.5 million advance from HarperCollins, saying he would take only \$1 up front, Democrats have still

cried foul and want a special prosecutor. The issue intensified with revelations that before the book deal was concluded Gingrich met with Murdoch and a top lobbyist for his Fox TV holdings, which are being challenged by NBC before the Federal Communications Commission.

The case was briefly discussed, but both Murdoch and Gingrich have called the meeting a courtesy call. Wright and Gingrich have not been the only public figures to reap financial benefits from books. It's a long-established tradition. However, most such books don't wind up biting their authors.

Vice President Al Gore continues



Jim Wright

to reap large profits from his 1992 environmental book, "Earth in the Balance," reporting \$310,000 in income from it last year. As first lady, Barbara Bush's "Millie's Book" earned her as much as \$890,000 in a single year — which she donated to charity.

Her subsequent autobiography, "Barbara Bush," spent months on best-seller lists. This time, she kept the proceeds. Nancy Reagan also did extremely well with her biting "My Turn." And husband Ronald Reagan reportedly got a \$7 million advance for his memoirs, "An American Life," even though actual sales were meager.

Sen. William Cohen, R-Maine, has written novels; former Sen. John Danforth, R-Mo., a book on the Clarence Thomas hearings; and Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y., regularly pens scholarly tomes.

Richard Nixon wrote 10 books. And Jimmy Carter was making the rounds of New York and Washington bookstores this week, signing copies of his eighth book, "Always a Reckoning," a volume of poetry.

In 1948, the government gave a triumphant Gen. Dwight Eisenhower a special tax break for his World War II memoirs, "Crusade in Europe," for which he was also paid the then-princely sum of \$600,000 by publisher Doubleday.

And no one cried sweetheart

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## TCU artist inspired by Texas

By HEATHER HOGAN  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Swiss artist Hafis Bertschinger said he has found inspiration for his "Texas Visions" exhibit in the most basic elements of Texas' Big Bend National Park.

"The land, air and light of the place fascinate me," he said.

"Texas Visions" will be on display Jan. 23 to Feb. 17 in the Moody Building exhibition space. An opening reception will be held in the exhibit space from 6 to 8 p.m. on Jan. 23.

Bertschinger, an artist-in-residence at TCU since December, uses a num-

ber of different media in the exhibit, including folding artist books and paintings, on thin veils of cotton, measuring up to 25 meters long. Ariel and satellite photographs of Big Bend National Park are also part of the exhibit.

"These maps look even more abstract than my paintings," Bertschinger said.

Bertschinger's art cannot not merely be labeled as "abstract," said Jim Woodson, a painter and an associate professor of art. Woodson and David Conn, also a member of the TCU art faculty, accompanied Bertschinger on his journey through

Big Bend.

Woodson said he remembered watching Bertschinger paint on the bank of the Rio Grande River and was fascinated by the way Bertschinger responded to what he saw.

"He could work far away from the sights and still portray exactly what he experienced," Woodson said.

Bertschinger describes himself as an "experiential artist" who experiences the spirit of whatever sight he is painting.

"I experience my work, he said. "I like to dive into it, rather than experi-

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## 'Frivolous lawsuits' come under fire

By CHRIS NEWTON  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

If Texas Attorney General Dan Morales has his way, convicted criminals will have a harder time suing the state when their lamp light burns out or they are forced to eat chunky instead of smooth style peanut butter.

Morales has proposed a sixfold plan aimed at reducing what he calls "frivolous lawsuits" that he said could bankrupt the Texas court system.

"Every year, thousands of lawsuits are filed by inmates serving time in our state prisons and jails," Morales said. "A few of these lawsuits are valid legal constitutional issues."

"The vast majority, however, are frivolous or even malicious, written for the entertainment and amusement of inmates who have plenty of time on their hands with nothing beneficial to do," he said.

Morales' plan would create new procedures for handling complaints before they become suits, give the courts the ability to instantly dismiss frivolous cases, force prisoners to pay filing fees if they are able and allow hearings to be conducted in the prison, thus reducing transportation costs.

The Attorney General's office handled 659 lawsuits in 1993 and 994 lawsuits in 1994. The office predicts the number will increase to nearly 1,500

by 1995.

Patrick Kinkade, director of the TCU Criminal Justice Department, said he believes Morales plan is legitimate.

"While there may be some legitimate lawsuits, most are probably frivolous," Kinkade said. "When you're in prison there isn't a whole lot to do. One way to kill time is to spend it in the library writing a lawsuit."

Inmates often write their lawsuits without legal help, so most are dismissed early on because of technical flaws in their presentation, Kinkade said.

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### NEWS DIGEST

#### Plane exhibit causes debate

WASHINGTON (AP) — The American Legion demanded Thursday that the Smithsonian Institution cancel an exhibit of the plane that dropped the atomic bomb on Japan, charging that despite five revisions it still portrayed the United States as the aggressor.

The Smithsonian had no comment. A spokesman declined to say if the first public exhibit of the B-29, the Enola Gay, might be canceled.

It was to have opened in May at the Air and Space Museum, one of the most popular tourist stops in Washington.

#### Wild cats scare children

BODMIN MOOR, England (AP) — Children who live on a moor scoured by wind and water in England's southwest don't believe in Scotland's Loch Ness monster. But they're sure the Beast of Bodmin Moor is for real.

In a hunt that recalls the Sherlock Holmes adventure, "The Hound of the Baskervilles," the government agreed last week to spend \$13,000 to investigate "the possible existence of one or more wild catlike animals on Bodmin Moor." Government zoologists will explore local claims that wild cats have been frightening children.

#### Wife takes corpse's sperm

NEW YORK (AP) — A woman whose husband died in a scuffle with police had sperm extracted from the corpse in hopes of having the children they had dreamed of.

Maribel Baez, 29, made the request while the body of her husband, Anthony, lay in the morgue, undergoing an autopsy.

"It was seeing my brother on the table that hurt so much," Anthony's sister, Elizabeth Baez, said Thursday. "That's when Maribel said, 'I want his baby. I want it now. I'm not going to let him go.'"

#### India avalanche kills 125

JAMMU, India (AP) — Five-hundred motorists were stranded in a tunnel for a fourth night Thursday by a snowslide that swept cars and buses off a Himalayan mountain road, killing at least 125 people.

Heavy snow prevented rescue teams from searching for hundreds more people missing after Monday's avalanche on the main highway linking Jammu-Kashmir with the rest of India.

Police said the motorists in the tunnel were safe and that soldiers and villagers had brought them food and blankets.

#### Quake deaths up to 4,047

KOBE, Japan (AP) — Swiss rescue dogs led search teams to more entombed bodies Thursday and the bark of a pet dog led to one woman's rescue after more than two icy days in the wreckage.

With government relief efforts falling far short of victims' needs, thousands more gave up hope of finding food and shelter and joined the stream of residents abandoning the city on foot.

By early Friday, confirmed deaths totaled 4,047, making Tuesday's 7.2-magnitude earthquake the worst in Japan in more than 70 years.



■ SCOTT BARZILLA

## Bush plan for school decentralization may hurt schools

Recently, Gov. Bush nominated Jack Christie, a chiropractor, to head the Texas Board of Education. Bush reportedly wants to run the board more like a business.

Education should be run in a more businesslike manner. One thing we should not lose track of, however, is that even though education may be run like a business, the purpose is to educate children, not make money.

Christie is probably a very good chiropractor. Unfortunately, being a chiropractor in no way qualifies him to hold a teaching position — much less a position on the Texas Board of Education. Appointees should have real and demonstrated experience.

Bush seems to have missed the boat on what it means to run something like a business. The job calls for someone who has an intricate knowledge of education. Hiring



Christie for education is like NASA hiring a plumber to design the space station. Hiring a novice to tend to the workings of education is a bad business deal.

Bush seems to be doing this to get education back in the hands of citizens. He also plans to decentralize education throughout the state so that local districts will have more control. Bush is only setting us up for disaster.

There are several problems with decentralization. The first problem that this will cause is that it puts our children's futures in

the hands of school board members. Some school boards will allow the educators to make the decisions and some will not.

Bush is catering to the religious fundamentalists, because with decentralization it will be more difficult to stop school boards from censoring books of which they disapprove. They also might be inclined to make some important decisions that educators would normally make.

The second problem that decentralization will cause is that there will be fewer statewide standards. In the past every student in Texas had to master a minimum amount of material to get a diploma.

With decentralization, it is hard to say what standards there will be if there are any at all. In this system, it is impossible to guarantee that a student from rural west Texas will know the same things that a stu-

dent knows here in Fort Worth. With no set standards, it is inevitable that the quality of education in Texas will worsen.

The third problem with decentralization is that it is also hard to tell how much the state will support each district in funding. Without an honest attempt to fund each district equally, some districts will have inferior facilities. This problem is even more glaring when the lack of standards is brought into play.

Without equal funding or statewide standards, it is definite that the quality of education will vary throughout the state. Poor districts will be powerless to improve their plight without raising property taxes. Students from poor districts will be leaving with an inferior education.

Some of these problems could be solved by gifted educators, but Bush plans to use

ordinary citizens so that it will run more like a "business." If it runs like any of his other businesses, then we will all be in for a real treat.

His plans for decentralization will also encourage local school districts to take control away from state educators. The final result will ultimately be a group of people blind to the ways of education trying to solve a new group of problems caused by their employer, Gov. Bush.

If Bush wants to run education in Texas like a business, that's fine. The best businesses are run by people who are experts in their field. Chiropractors should be used to run a business with chiropractors. Education should be run by educators.

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■ BOB TURNEY

## Conservative honor deserves strong defense

As a new columnist, my goal is to defend the honor of conservatives everywhere. So all y'all out there in liberal land, wake up! I'm here, and I'm ready to take on the liberal, pinko, flaming Commie Establishment.

If I'm going to slam all you flag-burnin', no-prayin', Bierkenstok sandal-wearin', long-haired Woodstock I or II has-beens, I might need to define a bit of my opinions on the world and on our great nation, Texas (well, and the other 49 states, too).

**Bosnia:** Actually my solution for the Balkans in general — Nuke 'em 'til they glow, shoot 'em in the dark. Drawback: Russian nationalists might object to slaughter of "Slavic brothers." Send them on a fact-finding mission to Belgrade at T-30 minutes or so. No muss, no fuss!

**NAFTA:** Truly a great idea; needs to be opened up to all of the countries of Central and South America. That way if GATT should fail, and it still might, a major trading block with the hottest developing nations in the world will be open to U.S. products.

**Japan:** Either open up on trade, or be prepared to face the Super 301K clause. Wouldn't trade sanctions and red tape on imports be fun, Japan Inc.? (For further reference, see Tom Clancy's *Debt of Honor*).

Notice to Clinton's handlers: Indonesian camouflage does not increase or bolster U.S. credibility. Borrow a suit from Secretary of State Warren Christopher or something.

**Russia:** While I understand the desire of the Chechens for the right to self-determination, I also think that fracturing Russia into hundreds of tiny, ethnically pure enclaves is not only foolish, but also isn't viable. A modern-day slaughter of the innocents is not the answer, however.

Moving in a domestic direction: **Speaker Toad:** Sorry, Newt, I saw *Little Orphan Annie* instead of *Boys' Town*. Also, I played the mean, oppressive orphanage woman in a production of "Oliver Twist." That doesn't mean abortion is the answer, however.

**Balanced Budget Amendment:** As a fiscal conservative, I welcome such an idea. But taxes are an integral part of deficit reduction, at least in the short haul, and I also believe that Social Security needs a severe overhaul. In other words, I'm not scared of the AARP (until they surround and flip my Caddie like they did to former Rep. Dan Rostenkowski in the debate over the catastrophic health bill in 1986).

**Forrest Gump:** He may not be a 60-watt bulb, but at least he got his teeth fixed, unlike Jimmy "life is like a bag of peanuts" Carter.

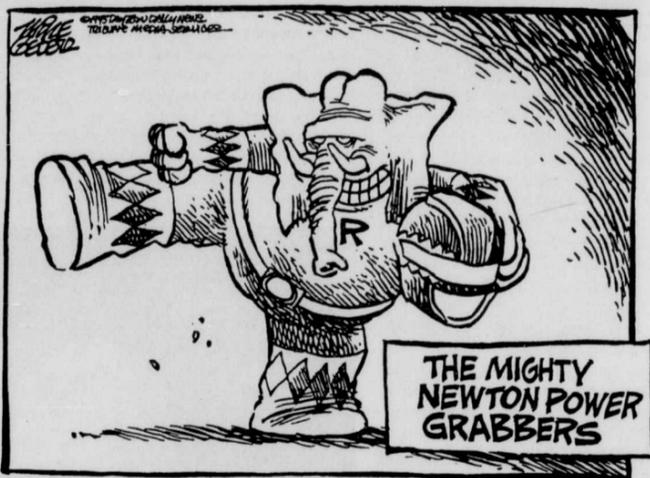
**Gun Control:** Criminals aren't going to worry about the legality of carrying a gun. Law-abiding citizens will. Therefore, legalize it for those who meet the strict standards and qualifications that the Texas DPS sets, and honest, frightened and previously unprotected citizens will have a means at their disposal to defend themselves. Only a no-death penalty, rapist-counseling, wanting to put everybody in rehab and teach-them-basketweaving liberal would object to that.

On the local front: **Max Knake:** Not only did you go out the night before the game, get trashed, and play the slots, you admitted it to the press! Head check and bed check time, Paddy boy.

**Parking:** Yes, we've been down this road before, but here is actually a new idea. Buy the old, abandoned Tom Thumb, raze the sucker, and then pave it. Designate maybe a third to a half of the existing lot for the current merchants, or even make them go out and get their own parking.

That about sums it up for me. What else is left to say? Not much. See you next week, when we examine the talk radio medium: "Rush Limbaugh: God on Earth, or just divinely inspired?"

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■ EDITORIALS

## PROMOTION

### Lois Kolkhorst brought unique talent to job

It has been well-documented that Amon Carter Stadium had the highest percentage increase in football attendance in the nation last year. Daniel-Meyer Coliseum saw its first sellout in two years last week against Texas — and the fans weren't all wearing orange.

All of this didn't happen by accident. In 1992, TCU decided to take their promotion a step further than most universities, and named a full-time athletics marketing director. The energetic 1988 TCU graduate they named was Lois Kolkhorst.

Lois hit the ground running. She was determined to come up with a campaign that would make the likes of Nike and Pepsi envious.

Lois did what everyone thought was impossible: she got major corporations to pour money into losing programs. Lois got average Fort Worth residents,

the vast majority of whom are not TCU graduates, to get excited about TCU sports.

Provost William Koehler said athletics is like advertising for a university. People around the nation who might not know anything about TCU got a chance to see the "Next Frontier" video at the halftime of the Independence Bowl.

But there comes a time to move on. Lois has taken a position with the Washington County Chamber of Commerce in Brenham, Texas. If she applies the same energy, Brenham may soon be coveted as a vacation spot and business center.

TCU should hire the same type of person to replace Lois Kolkhorst. Someone who doesn't mind working all the time. Someone who can deal with the headaches of event planning. Above all, someone who loves TCU and its athletic program.

## PROMISES

### Gov. Bush should champion responsible reforms

On Wednesday, George W. Bush took the oath of office as Texas' 46th governor, pledging to free Texas from excessive interference by the federal government.

"The more government tries to do," Bush claimed in his inaugural address, "the less it accomplishes." Bush also described his governing principle as "government if necessary, but not necessarily government."

Bush has promised to reform the Texas welfare system, end "junk lawsuits," turn over control of school boards to local districts and institute stricter penalties for juvenile offenders.

Many of Bush's conservative ideas appeal not only to Texas Republicans, but many Texas Democrats as well.

However, many of Bush's proposals deserve close scrutiny.

Bush's plan to lower from 15 to 14 the age at which juveniles could be tried as adults should not be enacted merely to satisfy a "get tough on crime" mood. The plan should be examined to make certain it will actually prevent crime.

Likewise, Bush's plan to end welfare benefits after two years to most recipients deserves serious consideration, but should be scrutinized to ensure that poor families, especially poor children, will not be left without means of subsistence.

In Bush's speech, he proclaimed that "Texans can run Texas." Bush's challenge is to help implement responsible reforms that go beyond campaign rhetoric.

■ VICTORIA DEEN

## TCU students' courtesy makes campus unique

I came to TCU because someone held the Student Center door open for me and a girl I didn't know said, "Hi!"

This is typical at our university, and too often we take it for granted. Tiny efforts people make to be considerate of others, sometimes as little as just looking people in the eyes and smiling on the way to class, distinguish our campus from others in the nation.

Every day at TCU, someone goes out of their way to make you feel at home. Yesterday, while I walked to class in the freezing rain, the woman in front of me held the door of the Student Center open so that I could go right in. I did the same for the man a few steps behind me.

On dreary afternoons, it's comforting to know that when you walk across campus you can usually anticipate a cheerful "hello" from a fellow student headed in the opposite direction.

Since I rarely have the opportunity to say "thank you!" to the man who holds the door for me or the girls who say "good morning," today I want to commend these people. Their efforts are more appreciated than they may ever know.

There's a lot of talk about a lack of "tradition" at TCU. After discussing this with my parents, alumni of the university, I'm happy to announce that TCU has a long-standing tradition of friendliness that goes back at least three generations.

There seems to be an aura of southern hospitality about our school that you don't detect at large, public universities like Texas Tech and the University of Texas at Austin. Even in the days when women couldn't wear pants on campus and a dorm mother locked the doors of Colby at 11:00 p.m., students chose to come to TCU because it "felt like home."

Today, about 25 years later, the extended family of friends that my parents built during their years here still gives them support in even their darkest times. Although it seems strange to consider this now, my father says that he truly does feel a bond with other TCU alumni every time he meets them.

TCU is set in a dangerous world. Our campus physically exists between the lower income gang territory of Berry Street and the upper income housing that tries to ignore this threat. In daily life, we interact with some students who are the children of millionaires, while others have very little.

Despite this confusing whirl of social class and social ethics, on this campus we usually treat people the way we want to be treated.

No matter who is struggling up the steps behind me, I try to hold the door so that it won't slam in his or her face. A well-intentioned "hello" is accepted by strangers and given with ease. Courtesy and consideration can be learned on this campus as well as biology and Spanish.

This is not only a sign of the attitude of this university, but of the individuals who come here. Our university is full of people who genuinely want to affect other peoples' lives for the better. After four years on this campus, these students are able to demonstrate this desire every day to make others' lives easier.

There seems to be so much hostility in the work force we anticipate entering. When people describe it they say things like "cut-throat" and "dog-eat-dog."

It is reassuring to know that our education will prepare us not to just compete, but to interact.

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"His dream was to drive," Mentone said. "He did it."

Holt, a French and Spanish double major, also wanted to be an international law student, Laidley said.

"He knew four languages," Laidley said. "He even applied to go to Mexico in the summer. He wanted to do it all."

Holt couldn't go to Mexico because it was not accessible to his wheelchair. He faced a constant physical battle everyday.

"He didn't have trouble with people accepting his handicap," Laidley said. "His physical problems made it tough. It was hard for him to breathe."

But Holt took life in stride; he lived day to day.

Holt's daily struggles were caused by Duchenne muscular dystrophy, a degenerative disease that causes a progressive deterioration of the body's muscles — including the respiratory system. The disease usually claims the patient's life during his or her 20s.

Holt was recently hospitalized for kidney stones and pneumonia. For six months, he had been using a respirator to aid his breathing during the night. The respirator allowed him to have more energy during the day, Mentone said.

"He was getting worse," Mentone said. "Eric said, 'Things are different. I could get a cold now and it could kill me.'"

Holt knew a lot about his disease, and kept up with the new advances in research, Laidley said. He told Laidley and Mentone everything about the disease the first day the three met.

"He knew as much about the disease as the doctors," Laidley said. "He was up on all of the research and treatment."

Throughout all of Holt's daily battles, he remained positive and liked to have fun, his friends said.

"On Halloween, we made Eric's chair into a tank with cardboard," Laidley said. "He drove around shooting bottle rockets. It was great."

Holt even kept up his positive attitude when he was in the hospital, Mentone said.

"Last week, when he had his kidney stone, we knew it hurt," Mentone said. "But he was playful. Every time the nurse would come in, he would speak to her in a different language. They didn't know what to think."

Many students on campus said they often saw Holt and his dog, Samantha, in the Reading Room, the Main and the Student Center. More than likely, his friend Jeff Imamura was by his side.

"He showed that a disabled student could do anything any other student could do on this campus," said Don Mills, vice-chancellor for the Office of Student Affairs. "He very much showed that difficulties don't keep you from actively participating in life."

Jennifer Sweeney, coordinator for academic services for students with disabilities, said many times a student's influence on campus is concentrated in one dorm room, one department or one building, but Holt had an influence on the entire campus.

"He considered himself a real trailblazer," Sweeney said. "He was always wanting to do things that were new and daring."

Laidley said once students got to know Holt, they looked past his disability.

"At first he was a handicapped kid," Laidley said. "But we quickly became friends and looked past the handicap. He touched a lot of people on this campus, not just the group that hung out with him."

Although he was a role model on campus, Laidley and Mentone said Holt will be best remembered as a friend.

"He was one of the best listeners I've ever been around," Laidley said. "He was a true friend."

"He was full of courage," Mentone said. "He was full of heart."

Laura Worley is a senior social work major and a good friend of Holt's who was with him on the day he died. She said the loss was made easier because she knew he went to a better place.

"I know he's happy now," she said.

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guide dog to maneuver around campus.

Holt first reported he was having trouble breathing after falling out of his wheelchair trying to leave a wheelchair lift on the first floor of Reed Hall.

Four staff members from AddRan College of Arts and Sciences said they heard Holt calling from Room 109 at about 3:30 p.m. and rushed to the scene.

"When we went in the room, we found Eric lying on his stomach on the floor and his chair was upright in the lift," said Ida Hernandez, an administrative assistant for AddRan College. "Samantha, (Holt's guide dog), was standing next to Eric and began barking when she saw us."

The administrative assistants helped Holt back into his wheelchair and asked him if he needed medical attention. Holt refused, said Barbara Loneragan, also an administrative assistant in AddRan College.

"He was in some distress, breathing wise," Loneragan said. "But he seemed OK. He was ordering us around — telling us how to get him back in the chair and everything."

Using the mobile phone attached to his chair, Holt called his friend, Laura Worley, a senior social work major, and asked her to help him.

"All he said was, 'I need your help. I just fell,'" Worley said. "I asked him where he was and he told me in Reed Hall."

Worley arrived at Reed Hall from her home in about 10 minutes.

"His face was grayish-white and he wasn't breathing very well," Worley said. "He couldn't tell me what had happened but when I asked the people there what had happened, they said he had fallen off the lift."

Holt said he wanted Worley to take

him to Holt's Moncrief Hall dorm room so that he could use his breathing apparatus.

"He had a machine that helped him breathe, but I had to hold it up to his face," Worley said.

Holt's breathing did not improve despite the aid of the apparatus, she said.

"I just was hoping someone would come by because I couldn't leave him to get help," Worley said.

Gregory Esch, Holt's suitemate, entered the room, called 911 and then summoned the hall director, Geoffrey Rich.

Medstar Ambulance service arrived at about 4:30 p.m. and took Holt to the hospital.

Even though Holt was having a hard time breathing, he did not want anyone helping him other than his close friends, Rich said.

"He told me to be sure to take care of Samantha, his dog — to make sure she was OK," Rich said.

Several of Holt's friends and two of his aunts, Kaethe Miller of Irving and Sue Martin of Grand Prairie, waited at the hospital through the night.

"He fought hard to the end," Rich said. "We understand that he was never able to catch his breath again. His heart just couldn't take that."

Holt's death was listed as a "no case" at the Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office, meaning death was the result of natural causes, said

Kelly Green, forensic investigator at the Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office.

The coroner's office has waived its jurisdiction in the case because no trauma or foul play was involved, he said.

"Had Eric Holt's death been caused by trauma suffered during the fall earlier in the day, the death would have been listed as accidental and we would currently be investigating," Green said.

However, Kaethe Miller, Holt's aunt, said she felt the fall contributed to Holt's death.

"He had a fall and with his MD his lungs just weren't strong enough," she said. "I know it (the fall) was related. His lungs were so weak, he couldn't fight off the injury."

Mills said Holt was alone, except for his guide dog, at the time of the fall; thus, no one knows why or how he fell out of his chair.

Will Stallworth, physical plant director, said the city of Fort Worth had inspected the lift on Sept. 28, 1994, and issued a certificate showing its next inspection should be Oct. 6, 1995.

City and state government regulations require all elevators, dumbwaiters, moving walks and escalators to undergo and pass periodic inspections, Stallworth said.

"The physical plant had not had any problems with the lift," Stallworth said. "On the first of October

we had tightened a loose guide rail, but since then, it has been fine."

Thursday morning, a representative from Liftaids Co. checked the lift and found no problems, Stallworth said.

Loneragan said the lift was suspended 4 to 6 inches above the floor when she arrived on the scene of the fall. She did not know why it didn't go all the way to the ground, she said.

"We had some trouble with that lift in the past," she said. "But nothing recently."

Esch, who also uses a wheelchair and the lift in Reed Hall, also said it had malfunctioned in the past.

"Sometimes it didn't get all the way to the top of the lift," Esch said. "But I don't remember it ever not going all the way to the bottom."

Holt was using the lift to go down at the time of his fall.

Esch said he was uncomfortable using the lift.

"It was so old and it kind of clanked," he said. "You never knew if it was going to fall apart."

Esch said the lift had not malfunctioned recently, however.

Jennifer Sweeney, coordinator of academic services for students with disabilities, said Holt had never complained to her about the Reed Hall lift.

"To my knowledge no one had complained recently," Sweeney said. "In fact, Eric and I had just gone up and down the lift together (not too long ago)."



Philip Carney, a freshman political science major, serves patrons on his first day on the job at Berry Street's new Boston Chicken restaurant.

## Boston Chicken moves by campus

**By SCOTT RUSSELL**  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Boston Chicken, one of the fastest growing food chains in the world, recently opened a new store location on Berry Street, across from the south side of the campus.

The restaurant, located where Long John Silver's used to be, specializes in rotisserie chicken. The poultry is marinated for 18 hours in a secret garlic and vinegar recipe and then cooked for two more hours on spits in a rotisserie oven.

"The key to Boston Chicken's success is that most people love chicken, and ours isn't fried, so it's healthy," said Mike Symons, a junior business major and Boston

Chicken employee.

Efrain Lugo manages the new Berry Street location, along with a year-old restaurant on Camp Bowie. The two restaurants are the only Boston Chicken stores in the immediate area.

Lugo said business is booming at the TCU location.

"Even though the Berry Street location has only been open since Christmas, it is already more successful than the Camp Bowie location," Lugo said. "Everyone told us this is a great location because of its proximity to campus. As classes have begun to start, we've been averaging 300 student customers a day."

Berry Street's new Boston

Chicken is one of only three Boston Chicken restaurants in the Fort Worth/Dallas area with drive-through service.

"We've been very glad to have the drive-through several times recently — when we've had more customers than we've had seating capacity for," Lugo said.

Despite the success of Boston Chicken, executives with the Marriott food service on campus do not feel that it will hurt their business.

"I feel that the new Boston Chicken will have an insignificant impact on our food service," Marriott food service manager Jim Fjelstul said. "I believe they have a great institution but our service is unique to this campus."

**Eric Hardy Holt**

Friends and family will remember him for his remarkable courage and his friendship. Holt died of heart failure after having difficulty breathing. He was 21.

Holt and his support dog, Samantha, a golden retriever, were well-known by students, staff and faculty across the campus. Holt used a wheelchair and had Duchenne muscular dystrophy, a genetic disease resulting in the progressive wasting of the muscles.

Holt was a double major in French and Spanish. He was minoring in Japanese and also studying German. He was expected to graduate in May 1996.

He participated in Special Olympics and was a facilitator of the TCU Leadership Development Program.

Holt was the second son of Bill and Sally Holt of Lancaster, Ohio. He is survived by his parents; two brothers, Mike, 23; and Peter, 18; grandparents Helen and Richard Holt of Nashu, N.H.

A memorial service for Holt will be 4 p.m., Sunday in Robert Carr Chapel.

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## Stock show promisin' boot scootin' good time



Bareback bronc riding is one highlight of the Southwestern Exposition and Stock show, running until Feb. 5.

BY GINGER D. RICHARDSON  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

If Cowtown resembles a ghost town this weekend it's because cowboys and varmints will be goin' elsewhere for a boot scootin' good time.

The 99th Annual Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show rides into town today, and almost a million people from all over the world are expected to pour through the gates of the Will Rogers Coliseum during the 17-day exhibition, said Delbert Bailey, publicity manager for the event.

"There is something for everyone at this show," he said. "We have a rodeo, a petting zoo, a livestock show and craft booths from Mexico, New Zealand, Venezuela and Australia."

"You really can't go wrong," Bailey said.

The stock show features exhibitions of beef and dairy cattle, horses, mules, donkeys, sheep, swine, goats and commercial cattle.

Stock show displays can be an educational experience as well as a cultural one, Bailey said.

Youngsters and the general public can learn exactly what it takes to breed and feed great livestock, he said.

"Buyers determine what is

good and bad beef," Bailey said. "The stock show can teach people like you and me how to achieve the product that the public wants."

Other educational events at the stock show include a petting zoo, a milking parlor and a children's barnyard, Bailey said.

For those who want a little more action, the rodeo portion of the event will feature 28 daredevil performances, with over 700 competitors vying for top prizes in one of five events. Rodeo competitions include bull riding, saddle bronc riding, calf roping, steer wrestling and bareback riding.

Overall, the 17-day event is expected to bring over \$50 million into the city of Fort Worth, Bailey said.

"This is the biggest thing in Fort Worth and the Metroplex, for that matter, during the course of the year," Bailey said. "The economic impact alone is phenomenal."

The Southwestern Exposition and Stock Show runs from Jan. 20 through Feb. 5. Rodeo tickets can be purchased from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily at the Will Rogers Coliseum box office at 877-2420. Friday night and weekend tickets are \$14. Weekday matinees and Monday through Thursday night performances are \$12.

## 'Murder' puts Alcatraz on trial; 'Legends' falls short of promise

"Murder in the First" (R)

Based on the events in a true-life case, "Murder in the First" follows attorney James Staphill's prosecution of the Alcatraz Prison Facility and its effect on the inmates therein.

Christian Slater stars as Staphill, who has been assigned to an impossible murder case: Henry (Kevin Bacon) emerges from three years in solitary confinement in the "dungeons" of Alcatraz, (the "jewel" of America's penitentiary system) and kills a man (with a spoon!) in the cafeteria. Rather than try the case with a guilty plea, Staphill accuses the institution and its guardians of making Henry into a killer.

That's the plot. What makes this film into a seemingly endless, bloody, torturous diatribe on spiritual destruction is not certain, other than Marc Rocco's heavy-handed, vaguely surreal direction. The film is endlessly overdone, with gratuitous "artsy" angles, torture, and a 12-minute opening sequence con-

taining lots of screaming and crying.

The truest crime in this film adaptation from true-to-life events is that it all seems like a throw-back to 1992's "A Few Good Men". Despite vaguely interesting performances by Bacon and Slater (and, of course, Oldman, if you're a fan), the spirit of the movie can't be saved.

Grade: C

"Legends of the Fall" (R)

If what you're looking for is a sweeping, epic melodrama starring pretty people who alternately preen and cry for the camera, "Legends of the Fall" is the ticket this season.

What should have been an out-

standing cast (Anthony Hopkins, Brad Pitt, Julia Ormand, Aidan Quinn) is wasted by flat writing and perversely two-dimensional characters. Audiences may find themselves wondering why they don't care more for the ill-fated Ludlow family and their struggles against each other.

Pitt does well as Tristan, the youngest Ludlow, and Ormand is wispy and sad-eyed as his true love, who is engaged to his brother Samuel (Henry Thomas, of "E.T." fame). That is the essential plot of the film: what happens when fated love goes wrong, blah blah blah.

It just doesn't ring true. Hopkins is laughable as the reclusive father, even more so after the stroke that renders him incapable of speech (as cruel as that sounds). And the lovestruck, angry brothers rage and cry and carry on for what seems like the entire 2-hours-plus of the movie.

Some may find "Legends" romantic and engaging. For those who cannot stomach the weak scripting, blatant stereotypes, and gaps in plot, you are not alone.

Grade: D

"Tales From the Crypt: Demon Knight" (R)

Be forewarned, "Tales From the Crypt" is not for the squeamish. This HBO staple consistently features seamy sex and gore, usually in campy fun, never taking itself too seriously.

"Demon Knight" is no different. In fact, it is almost an exact replica of the TV program, with an opening sequence to match. The spirit is the same, and as always, it is hosted by the shrieking maniacal muppet, the

see Crystal, page 8



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Tristar Pictures/ Kerry Hayes

Brothers Quinn, Pitt and Thomas love the same woman in "Legends of the Fall."

## Singleton's 'Higher Learning' good effort

"Higher Learning" (R)

After suffering a sophomore slump with 1993's "Poetic Justice," the follow-up to the 1991 film "Boyz n the Hood," director John Singleton rebounds with "Higher Learning," a major film about racial tensions on a college campus. It's far from a great movie, but it is intense and should raise filmgoers' eyebrows and have them thinking about its message as they leave.

The setting is the fictional multi-racial campus of Columbus University in Southern California. Each of the main characters represents a stereotype. Fudge (Ice Cube) is the twentysomething slacker who takes it upon himself to "teach" each of the black freshmen his brand of campus race relations and eventually takes track phenom Malik

under his wing. Malik (Omar Epps) hopes to coast on his athletic scholarship until a tough political science professor (Laurence Fishburne) informs him that he will have to work for a good grade.

Kristen (Kristy Swanson) is a freshman who wants to join the party scene, but changes her mind after drinking too much and almost becoming a victim of rape. She takes shelter in a women's group headed by a lesbian (Jennifer Con-

nelly) who leads her into a journey of sexual confusion.

Most of the story, however, centers on Remy (Michael Rapaport), a white freshman who wants to fit in with the fraternity crowd but can't overcome his immediate fear of being an outsider. He falls in with an off-campus society of neo-Nazi skinheads and his clashes with Fudge and Malik, among others, become the focal point of the story.

"Higher Learning" is a very flawed film in terms of character consistency and realism. But there are also moments of great poignancy and intensity, such as the films many violent clashes involving Remy. Its shortcomings can be overlooked because of the heart and meaning Singleton puts into this

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### IN CURRENT RELEASE

Film	Todd	Crystal
"Dumb and Dumber"	C+	D
"Houseguest"	D-	—
"I.Q."	B	B+
"The Jungle Book"	C-	C
"Little Women"	B-	A-
"Nell"	B	—
"Ready to Wear"	B-	B-
"Safe Passage"	D	B

### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### Casa presents musical

Casa Manana is currently presenting "Ruthless!" a satirical musical about an ambitious 8-year-old who is determined to be a star at any price.

The musical is running through March 5 at Casa's "Theatre on the Square," located at 110 E. Third St., in downtown Fort Worth.

Performances are Thursday and Friday evenings at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 5 and 9 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m.

Tickets range from \$15 to \$18 and are available by calling 332-CASA or any Ticketmaster outlet.

#### SNL star performs at SMU

Adam Sandler of "Saturday Night Live" fame will be giving one performance only on Feb. 1 at the McFarlin Auditorium on the SMU campus.

Tickets for the show go on sale today at all Dillard's locations and can be purchased by calling 768-2000. Ticket prices are \$22.00, \$17.50 or \$15.00.

The show begins at 8:30 p.m. and is sponsored by SMU's Programming Council. Seating for the performance is limited. All major credit cards will be accepted.

#### Ballet gives performances

The Fort Worth Dallas Ballet is sponsoring a "romantic weekend" of performances Feb. 3, 4 and 5 at the JFK Theatre at the Tarrant County Convention Center.

Performances will be at 8 p.m. on Feb. 3 and 4, and 2 p.m. on Feb. 5.

Ticket prices range from \$8 to \$34 and can be purchased at all Dillard's stores or by calling 1-800-654-9545. Students will receive a 50 percent student discount at the box office the day of the performance. Only one ticket per ID will be accepted.

#### Tracy Bird sings at Billy Bob's

Tracy Byrd will be performing live tonight at Billy Bob's Texas in the Stockyards and Mark Collie will be headlining at the nightclub on Saturday.

All shows start at 8 p.m. and seats are still available for both concerts.

Tickets for Tracy Byrd are \$12.50, \$10.50 and \$6.50 and the price for seats to Mark Collie is \$9.50, \$7.50 and \$5.50.

Concert tickets can be purchased at all Ticketmaster locations or at the Billy Bob's box office. To order by phone, call 624-7117.

#### TCU presents arts events

The following events will be taking place in Ed Landreth Auditorium:

- Green Honors Professor Fernando Bujones will present master ballet classes open for public viewing on Feb. 2 and Feb. 3.

- TCU New Century Danscene presents the Creach/Koester Dance Company at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 (\$6 for students.)

- The Northwest Texas Clarinet Consort Concert will perform at 7:30 p.m.

- The Fort Worth Chamber Orchestra presents pianist Awadagin Pratt, at 7 p.m. on Jan. 21 and Jan. 24.

## TCU hopes to rebound

### Frogs hit the road again

By MARK MOURER  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The TCU men's basketball team will be facing the Rice Owls Sunday in Houston in a battle to regain a share of the Southwest Conference lead.

#### MEN'S BASKETBALL

The Frogs (10-5 overall, 2-1 in SWC) will be looking for their first conference win on the road after falling to Baylor Wednesday night 98-90.

TCU dropped to second place in the SWC. The Frogs joined the Texas Longhorns, who trounced SMU 100-59 Wednesday, and the Raiders of Texas Tech.

TCU and Rice have a long history together. The teams have 156 previous Southwest Conference meetings with the Owls holding an 81-75 advantage. The Owls have won the last four contests over the Frogs.

TCU will be facing a Rice team that is 3-0 in SWC play for only the second time in 40 years. Rice has defeated Houston and SMU on the road 87-76 and 85-71, respectively. Rice beat Texas A&M 66-62 Tuesday night at the Summit in Houston.

Offensively, Rice runs a more conservative attack than TCU, averaging only 71.5 points per game. Most of Rice's scoring comes from their two forwards, senior Adam Peakes and

sophomore Jesse Cravens. Peakes is Rice's leading scorer and rebounder, averaging 16.8 points per game and 9.3 rebounds. He now ranks 19th on Rice's all-time scoring list with 1,052 points. Peakes had his career-high 32 points against SMU on Jan. 14.

Cravens is Rice's second leading scorer with 13.7 points and 5.8 rebounds. The Owls have also gotten contributions from junior center Kevin Nanney, averaging 12 points and 6.2 rebounds per game and junior guard Tommy McGhee with 11.6 points and 4.3 rebounds per game.

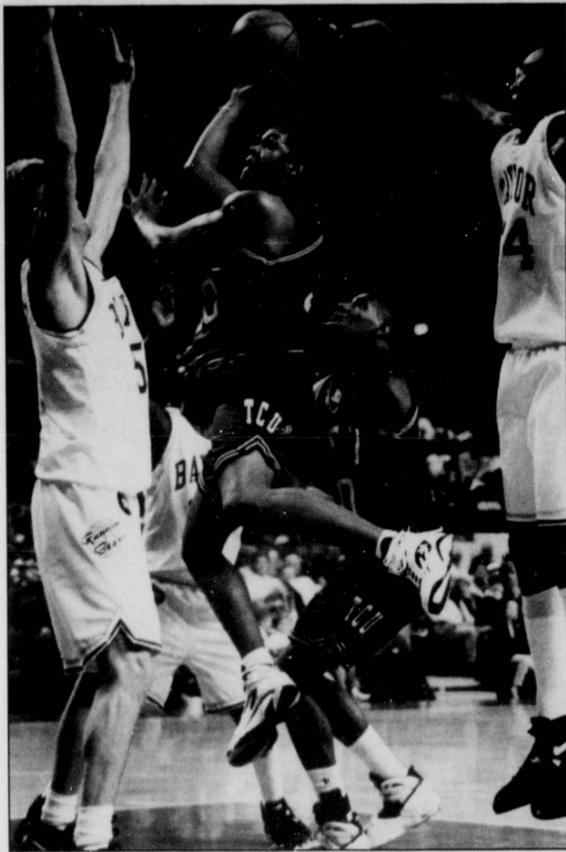
Rice's defense, which has held opponents to 69.1 points, will have its hands full against the Frogs' fast-paced attack. TCU will bring to Autry Court the nation's third-highest scoring offense, averaging 95.6 points per game.

Senior center Kurt Thomas is the NCAA's second leading scorer with 28.4 points per game, almost as many points as Peakes and Cravens combined.

TCU will also bring the Southwest Conference's three-point percentage leader in sophomore guard Jeff Jacobs. Jacobs is currently hitting 48.6 percent.

Senior starting forward Michael Thoele injured his ankle against Houston Jan. 14, and had to sit out

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TCU Daily Skiff/Blake Sims

Forward Byron Waits goes to the hoop against Baylor.

## Sybesma, Weiss anticipate their tough weekend

By SCOTT RUSSELL  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

This weekend the TCU swimming and diving team will have to step it up a level as they prepare for a meeting with No. 25-ranked Texas A&M on Friday and the No. 8 Tennessee men at TCU on Saturday.

#### SWIMMING & DIVING

The men take a 6-2 record into the meets. The women are currently 4-3.

"The men's team is going to have a really competitive weekend as they face two Top 25 teams," said head swim coach Richard Sybesma. "But we haven't had a swim meet since early December, and we've had several good workouts throughout the holidays, so the Horned Frogs are ready," he said.

The men will feel some relief on Saturday, as several of Tennessee's top swimmers and divers will be competing in the Dallas Morning News Classic at SMU.

"Tennessee has a really great program but we'll be helped out somewhat by the fact that their

best male diver will be in Dallas," said head diving coach Chip Weiss.

Both Sybesma and Weiss feel that the men's and women's teams will have a competitive meet against the Aggies.

"Every year we finish right next to A&M in the SWC Championships so it has become quite a rivalry," Sybesma said. "This year we have several swimmers who can compete against A&M, so I think it will be a good meet."

The swim team hopes to continue its winning ways after a strong fall semester of competition.

A highlight of the team's fall competition came on Nov. 4-5 when they traveled to South Bend, Ind. for the Notre Dame Relays and a double dual meet with Notre Dame and Bowling Green.

Both the men and women swept competition in the relays while breaking almost every Notre Dame Relay record in the process. The following day, the men swept every event as they defeated both Bowling Green and Notre Dame.

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### SPORTS DIGEST

#### Frogs named all-stars

Three TCU senior football players will get a chance to shine in the postseason once again this weekend.

Wide receiver Jimmy Oliver and defensive tackle Royal West are members of the West squad for the Hula Bowl in Honolulu, Hawaii this Sunday. Center Barret Robbins will be a member of the South squad in the Senior Bowl on Saturday in Mobile, Ala.

Both games will be televised by ESPN. Kickoff for the Senior Bowl is scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday, while the Hula Bowl kicks off at 7 p.m. Sunday.

#### Volleyball to meet

The TCU Volleyball Club will be having an open organizational meeting next week to kick off the new semester.

The club will meet next Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. in Room 105 of the Rickel Building.

The meeting is open to any women interested in playing volleyball at TCU.

Laurie Volkel is the head of the club and she can be reached at 263-8563. Feel free to call for more information.

#### Tubbs debuts new show

TCU head basketball coach Billy Tubbs is the host of a new variety show called "Tubbs on Sports."

The show, utilizing Tubbs' flashy, tell-it-like-it-is style, incorporates guests from sports, film, music and politics. The weekly show is produced by Claiborne Productions. Features on various subjects will also be included in the show.

"Tubbs on Sports" will debut on the Home Sports Entertainment network this Sunday.

#### Baseball dream still alive

HOUSTON (AP) — A ragtag group of about 90 people showed up at Houston Baptist University on Thursday with their baseball gloves and a goal of playing baseball for a living.

After the daylong tryout with the Atlanta Braves, they left without contracts or even much of a chance to make the team.

"The dream never dies," said pitcher Kevin McDonald, who played four seasons in the minor leagues and now is pitching coach at nearby Alvin Community College.

#### Williams faces big men

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas Mavericks center Lorenzo Williams wasn't able to prepare for such a trifecta of big men while playing in the CBA last season.

Williams was the victim of a 42-point night from Shaquille O'Neal Wednesday as the Magic eased past the Mavericks, 108-97.

Last Sunday, Williams was burned for 43 points by David Robinson of the San Antonio Spurs as the Mavericks escaped with a 108-103 road victory. Friday, Williams must face Patrick Ewing and the New York Knicks.

## Former football stars eligible for expansion

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The list includes a Super Bowl MVP, a Heisman Trophy winner, a six-time Pro Bowl selection and more than 600 pounds of Perry brothers.

Mark Rypien, Desmond Howard, Chris Doleman, and William and Michael Dean Perry are among the players who will be available in the NFL expansion draft.

On Thursday, the league released the list of players who can be picked in the Feb. 15 draft by the expansion Car-

olina Panthers and Jacksonville Jaguars, who will both begin play next season.

Each of the 28 established teams must make six players available in the draft. All those teams submitted their lists except San Francisco and San Diego, which don't have to send in their names until Jan. 31.

Rypien, who quarterbacked the Washington Redskins to victory in the 1992 Super Bowl, was Vinny Testaverde's backup at Cleveland last season.

"He knows the Browns are committed to Testaverde," his agent said. "He was a bit frustrated he didn't get to contribute more. Carolina or Jacksonville are certainly attractive to him."

Howard won the 1991 Heisman Trophy at Michigan, but the wide receiver has been a disappointment during his three seasons with the Redskins.

Doleman was 1992 NFC defensive player of the year with Minnesota, which traded him to Atlanta last season. Although he's on the expansion list, his \$2.7 million salary may scare off the Panthers and Jaguars.

William "The Refrigerator" Perry rose to fame in 1985 as a member of Chicago's Super Bowl champion team. After being released by the Bears in 1993, the 335-pound defensive lineman signed with Philadelphia.

Michael Dean Perry is smaller (285 pounds) than his brother, but is considered a better lineman. A five-time Pro Bowl choice with the Cleveland Browns, he had 69 tackles and four sacks this season.

Fourteen former Pro Bowl players and 12 first-round draft picks were on the expansion list.

The other Pro Bowl selections were Rypien, Doleman, Arizona's Gary Clark, Karl Mecklenburg of Denver, Rodney Holman of Detroit, Chris

Miller of the Rams, Max Montoya of the Raiders, Johnny Johnson of the Jets, Ferrell Edmunds of Seattle, Pierce Holt of Atlanta, Mark Carrier of Cleveland, and Ethan Horton and Leonard Marshall of Washington.

The first-rounders were Howard, Doleman, Miller, Horton, William Perry, Terrell Buckley of Green Bay, Derek Brown of the Giants, Eugene Chung of New England, Gerald Robinson of the Rams, Jon Hand of Indianapolis, Louis Oliver of Cincinnati, and Rod Bernstine of Denver.

Each team was permitted to include only one player with at least 10 years' experience, and one player who was placed on injured reserve in the 1994 season.

No established team can lose more than three players in the draft. Every time a team loses a player, it can remove another name from its unprotected list.

"From the beginning of the process we were aware of the types of players who would be included," Jaguars coach Tom Coughlin said. "History told us not to be overly excited. We knew there would be players from the injured reserve, players with 10 years and players with high salaries. Almost every player on this list fulfills one of these four designations."

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## Start of professional hockey not a minute too soon

Hello hockey, goodbye negotiating table.

After 102 days of being iced, hockey enters the 1995 season with an agreement that both sides view as anything but a compromise. Thank goodness the phrase "drop dead date" will officially drop dead.

National Hockey League Commissioner Gary Bettman and the entire sport of hockey couldn't have stumbled into a better situation when baseball prematurely ended one of the most exciting seasons ever.

As fans starved for more "gut-wrenching" action, hockey began the preseason as the fastest growing sport in America. The league had signed a \$155 million deal with

Fox, ready for its best exposure ever.

One major problem surfaced in early October when hockey's board of governors (another word for the owners) decided that hockey couldn't skate without a collective bargaining agreement. The players promised not to strike, but Bettman decided to make a deal immediately.



**RICHARD DURRETT**  
SPORTS COLUMNIST

But immediately turned into months, and the NHL Players Association and the owners squabbled before finally signing a piece of paper which both sides felt the urge to rip into shreds.

Give me a break. The deal, as it stands now, hardly deviates from the original. The players didn't get what they wanted in terms of free agency and the owners didn't get the chance to implement the salary cap. These were the same basic problems that occurred way back in October when Bettman stopped the season.

For the typical sports fanatic (like myself) 1994 was a complete disaster. It's amazing how players that are making millions of dollars a

year always want more. Thirty years ago, Willie Mays made \$105,000, which in 1965 was the most lucrative baseball contract ever. Today, the major league *minimum* is \$106,000. I could put on a uniform, sit on the bench and make more money than Willie Mays.

The problem with sports in the '90s is greed. Every professional athlete wants to be the highest paid player and every owner wants to make the most money. Whatever happened to playing for pure enjoyment?

I know every "fed-up" fan claimed that if a strike occurred they would never attend another professional sporting event in 1995. All of us were lying. The condition

of sports has deteriorated in 1994 and while fans hate the disagreement, they will return.

Today, hockey begins the revitalization process with a 48-game schedule that has teams playing almost every other night. Due to the shortened season, all non-conference games have been eliminated, meaning that Eastern Conference franchises won't have to depart the Eastern time zone.

The Dallas Stars play four road games in eight days starting tonight against the defending Western Conference Champion Vancouver Canucks. The shortened season will place players in greater physical risk and could cause fatigue come playoff time.

After a hockey season that produced a Stanley Cup for the New York Rangers, ending a 54 year jinx, the greatest sport on ice has the opportunity to regain some momentum at a time when the NBA is experiencing a slight decline in popularity.

Instead of asking when the next "drop dead date" will occur, fans can now wonder whether the Rangers will repeat, if the Canadians will win an unprecedented 25th cup or if the Stars will shine bright in Dallas!

My New Year's Resolution is to forget about strikes, lockouts and negotiations and enjoy the NBA, the Super Bowl and now the NHL. I urge you to do the same.

### PURPLE PROGNOSTICATORS

	TCU at Rice	Texas at Oklahoma	Georgia Tech at Virginia	Rockets at Bulls	Magic at Suns	Supersonics at Mavericks	Stars at Canucks
<b>Richmond Williams</b> Sports Editor Last week: 0-0 Total: 0-0	TCU	Texas	Virginia	Rockets	Magic	Supersonics	Canucks
<b>Ginger Richardson</b> Managing Editor Last week: 0-0 Total: 0-0	TCU	Texas	Virginia	Rockets	Suns	Supersonics	Stars
<b>Jodi Wetuski</b> News Editor Last week: 0-0 Total: 0-0	TCU	Oklahoma	Virginia	Rockets	Magic	Supersonics	Stars
<b>Brian Sasser</b> Campus Editor Last week: 0-0 Total: 0-0	TCU	Texas	Georgia Tech	Rockets	Magic	Supersonics	Stars
<b>Brad Horn</b> Sportswriter Last week: 0-0 Total: 0-0	TCU	Oklahoma	Virginia	Rockets	Magic	Sonics	Stars
<b>Dave Jimenez</b> Sportswriter Last week: 0-0 Total: 0-0	TCU	Texas	Virginia	Bulls	Magic	Supersonics	Canucks

### Meet from page 6

"I think in our trip to South Bend we proved not only that our first men can swim competitively, but that our second and third swimmers can do a good job also," said senior Luke Small.

Against SMU on Dec. 7, both the men and the women lost to the Mustangs. The men were defeated by a score of 131-86, and the women dropped the decision 133-90.

Some highlights of the meet were a 100-meter butterfly win by sophomore Sheila Hewerdine (58:21), junior Walter Soza's win in the 100-meter backstroke (53:05) and a winning performance by sophomore Chris Kern in the 500-meter freestyle (4:42.52).

Senior David Doggett took top honors in the 3-meter diving competition.

Men's second place finishes in the

meet included Kern in the 200 free, Soza in the 200 individual medley, junior Matt Houston in the 100 fly, sophomore Bratcher Runyan in the 100 back and senior Luke Small in the 100 breaststroke.

Women who finished second were sophomore Julie McCormack in the 50 free, Hewerdine in the 200 IM, sophomore Jen Miller in the 100 back and senior Julie Musgrove in the 100 breast.

Freshman diver Sarah Crawford finished second in 3-meter diving.

Currently, the women are 0-2 in conference competition and the men are 0-1, but Sybesma said he hopes to change that with the meet against A&M this weekend.

The Friday meet will be at 7 p.m., while the men compete at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

### Rebound page 6

against Baylor. He is likely to return to the lineup against the Owls. Thoele is averaging 13.8 points per game with 4.6 rebounds.

Rice head coach Willis Wilson is in his third year at the helm with a record of 40-30. Wilson will be facing first-year TCU coach Billy Tubbs, whose career mark stands at 449-205.

Tip off for Sunday's game is at 5:30 p.m., and will be televised on the ESPN2 network.

### Artist from page 1

ence it from the outside."

Bertschinger speaks of a certain "mental attitude" which he hopes people will experience in his exhibit.

He includes in the display a series of pictures of different plants of the region. He xeroxed them from a book to add information on the park; but, he added to these what he called "explosions of color" to allow people to experience the look of plants and flowers as they would outdoors.

One important tool Bertschinger said allows him to express his special vision of nature is the use of acrylic paint on cotton veils. He said the filmy

cotton allows colors to blend and run together and gives a flowing feeling to the work.

In paintings such as "River," his perception of the Rio Grande, and "Savannah," a tribute to the desert, it is color, light and motion which Bertschinger uses to allow people to experience the feeling of the places he has portrayed.

"I love watching the light and the water play with the color on the cotton," he said.

Bertschinger said he uses only these basic elements to allow him to be a part of nature as the pioneers might have 150 years ago.

That quest has kept him painting, drawing and keeping journals of travels all over the United States and in

other countries as well, he said. Bertschinger spent an entire summer on a 2,000 mile horseback journey alone along the Oregon Trail. He also undertook a 3,000 kilometer bike ride across three Japanese islands and a train journey from Switzerland to Hong Kong.

Bertschinger is fluent in four languages and has exhibited in London, Paris, Hong Kong and Tokyo.

Following the exhibition at TCU, Bertschinger will travel to Hawaii, Japan, Nepal, Central Africa and then back to Switzerland. But, he said, he does plan to return to Texas next year.

The "Texas Visions" reception and exhibit are free of charge and open to the public.

### Lawsuits page 1

But the Attorney General's office still has to consider each case filed.

The state office has also been sued for such reasons as confiscating pornographic magazines and faulty lighting.

Kinkade said court crowding is a serious problem.

"Court-clogging is a problem every bit as bad as prison overcrowding," he said.

The state estimates that taxpayers pay \$1,700 for an inmate lawsuit resolved by a one-day evidentiary hearing, and \$3,000 for an inmate lawsuit resolved by a one-day jury trial.

Records show that one Texas inmate has filed 123 suits and lost all of them.

Prisoners' rights still must be taken into account, Kinkade said.

"There are some very important issues that can be exposed through prisoner lawsuits," Kinkade said. "Freedom of religion, freedom of

speech and abuse are all topics that can emerge because of lawsuits.

"Morales isn't trying to throw prisoners' constitutional rights out the window... he's just trying to cut down on the money and time wasted when a prisoner sues the state for not providing hot sauce with his eggs," he said.

If Morales presents his reforms to the Texas Legislature they could be enacted during the current session.

"This is a good first step toward ending the abuse of our court system by criminals," Morales said.

### Wright from page 1

deal.

"I think we should encourage public officials to write. There's nothing wrong with that in a literate society," Hess said. But, he added: "They're politicians, and they have to understand the consequences of it."

Noting he'd traded a \$4.5 million advance for a token \$1 in up-front money, Gingrich fumed on Tuesday: "I mean, even by the standards of the people who most want to try to demonize me, it does seem to me at some point they're going to run out of this story."

Wright says he won't disparage the Georgia Republican or "suggest that Mr. Gingrich is involved in anything corrupt or inherently illegal."

But he says he's amazed that Gingrich could find time as speaker to write books that could justify \$4.5 million.

"In this case, it shows he wasn't a piker," Wright said.

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## Safety fair promotes defense, awareness

By CHRIS NEWTON  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Channel 4 newscaster John Criswell will be the victim of a campus mugging courtesy of the TCU Safety and Crime Awareness Fair on Monday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Student Center.

Criswell will give a speech on safety and then participate in a program put on by Model Mugging, one of the many agencies that will participate in the fair.

The program is designed to teach participants defense techniques for debilitating assailants of any size, as well as how to overcome panic responses in life-threatening situations, said Campus Police Sgt. Connie Villela.

"Model Mugging helps people learn how to react in an emergency situation," she said. "If you've never thought about what you would do in an attack or how you would call for help, when the time comes, you may find that you freeze."

The fair will also include appearances by the Fort Worth Police Department's Bomb Squad robot, as well as the department's Air One helicopter, which will make a landing on the field adjacent to Frog Fountain.

The activity is aimed at all TCU students and faculty, Villela said.

"Statistics prove that the highest number of victims are young males . . . in almost every category," Villela said. "They don't take part in safety awareness activities and they don't think anything is going to happen to them."

Some students place themselves in high risk situations unnecessarily, Villela said.

"In criminal justice, they sometimes use the term 'victim perpetrated crime,'" she said. "I don't like to use that term, but there are definitely patterns of activity that place certain people at risk. Young men tend to stay up late, stay out late and drink."

Other organizations involved are Citizens Against Crime, Universal Martial Arts Academy and TCU Acquaintance Rape and Alcohol and Drug Education.

Awareness is crucial to campus safety, Villela said.

"Most criminals look for victims who are preoccupied and not paying attention to their surroundings," she said. "This gives them the opportunity to catch their victims by surprise. If you are aware of what's going on around you, then you can be prepared to defend yourself if necessary, or avoid being a victim altogether."

## Aim of TB awareness week is prevention

By GAYLE GOODMAN  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Tuberculosis cases are up 71 percent in Tarrant County since 1987, and the American Lung Association of Texas is prepared to take action against the rise of the disease.

Tuberculosis Awareness Week begins Monday throughout Fort Worth and Texas.

Becky Payne, head nurse at the TCU Health Center, said tuberculosis is a disease that affects and deteriorates the lungs. It is a highly contagious disease because it is spread through the air, she said.

Texas had the fourth highest rate of TB cases in the country in 1993, up from seventh in 1990, according

to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Tarrant County had 118 cases in 1993.

The American Lung Association reported an increase in cases of drug-resistant TB as well. This type of TB can be deadly, Payne said.

According to the American Lung Association, 50 percent of the people who develop a resistance to Isoniazid and Rifampin, the two most effective anti-TB drugs, will not be cured.

Edward Carter, president of the American Lung Association of Texas, said the drug-resistant TB is also highly contagious.

"The real danger from a public health standpoint is that people who have become drug resistant will pass

drug-resistant TB to other people," Carter said.

Payne said TCU began mandatory skin testing of incoming freshmen, health care providers, and other special groups to prevent the disease's spread this year.

"This is preventative medicine," she said. "We are doing a massive screening to detect who may be at risk. But a positive skin test for TB doesn't mean you have TB."

A positive test means the patient was probably exposed to the disease at some point in his or her life and may have a higher risk of developing active tuberculosis, Payne said.

There have been no cases of active tuberculosis found on campus, but some skin tests have proven positive

exposure to the disease, she said.

"When we have a suspicious TB skin test, we have a physician evaluate it to double check," she said. "Then we have a chest X-ray done. That's how you find out whether someone has active TB or not."

Most people who test positive on the skin test are put on Isoniazid tablets for 90 days to help prevent the development of the disease, Payne said.

The Health Center offers TB skin tests for \$5 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The center also offers pamphlets published by the Public Health Department that provide information on preventative drugs.

## Bush backs proposal for swift punishment

AUSTIN (AP)—Gov. George W. Bush is backing a proposal that would cut the time for court appeals by death-row inmates, saying punishment for capital murderers should be swift and just.

"My attitude is they ought to streamline the process," Bush said.

"Texas ought to respect prisoners' rights, but it's unfair to both the victims, criminals and society as a whole, to delay an ultimate verdict in a state that has chosen to have the death penalty," he said.

State Attorney General Dan Morales on Thursday touted a proposal to set time limits for filing

appeals and require an inmate's appeals to be consolidated.

He said the change, if approved by the legislature, could more than cut in half the time it takes for death-row appeals to go through the court system.

Currently, an inmate is held on death row for an average of more than eight years before execution, Morales said. Some have been held there for up to 18 years, he said.

The proposal also would provide for a lawyer to be appointed for all death-row inmates who want one, Morales said. He said the failure of the state to provide lawyers has contributed to delays.

The Legislature would decide how to pay such lawyers, possibly through an increase in court fees assessed against convicted people, he said.

The proposal is being sponsored in the Legislature by Sen. John Montford, D-Lubbock, and Rep. Pete Gallego, D-Alpine. Among its supporters are crime victims' advocates, such as Bob Stearns of VIGIL, Victims Initiating Gains in Legislation.

Stearns, of Round Rock, said his son was kidnapped and killed in Sugarland in 1974, but that his killer was not executed until 1991. He said state and federal changes are needed to

avoid "the excruciating agony of the delays."

But the idea of combining what are currently two stages of state court appeals for prisoners has raised some concern.

Mandy Welch of Houston, director of the Texas Resource Center, told the *Houston Chronicle* that the proposal has drawbacks.

"Anytime you limit the number of appeals, you risk the possibility of an unjust execution," Welch said.

She also said the state would have difficulty finding enough lawyers to handle all cases going on simultaneously.

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Cryptkeeper.

"Demon Knight" stars Billy Zane as the Collector, a force of evil whose mission is to instigate the apocalypse. He can only fulfill his mission by locating the last of seven keys, which were scattered across the universe by God and his angels long ago.

The only hope for mankind is the Demon Knight, (William Sadler) who goes by the name Brayker. He takes refuge from the Collector by hiding in a church-turned-tenement

complex, until a final showdown in which he and the residents fight the forces of darkness, with varying results.

Jada Pinkett ("Jason's Lyric," "A Low Down Dirty Shame") is a perfect she-Rambo sidekick as Jerlyne, and Zane is both charming and menacing as the Collector.

"Demon Knight" is a great "Crypt" episode, and it probably would have done better had it stayed on HBO. But on its own, it's not as interesting as it should be. Despite great special effects, the film doesn't hold your attention for over an hour. But, for what it was, it was good.

Grade: C+

## Todd from page 5

picture. His message may appear somewhat clouded, but I admire this attempt to go beyond mere popcorn entertainment.

Grade: B-

"Nobody's Fool" (R)

Academy award-winning director Robert Benton ("Kramer vs. Kramer") brings us "Nobody's Fool," a congenial holiday tale about a 60-year-old man who realizes how empty his life has been.

Donald Sullivan (Paul Newman) has always lived with his priorities out of whack. He never spent time with his family, including his now grown son (Dylan Walsh) and grandchildren. He also hasn't attained much of a job outside of his old construction work, which gave him a permanently bum knee, and he still rents a room above his eighth grade teacher (Jessica Tandy, wonderful in her final performance). "Sully" is simply a man who just, as Tandy puts it, "hasn't done more with the life God gave him."

"Nobody's Fool" is about Sully's attempts to reunite with his family and to right the many wrongs in his life as he advances in years. It's sort of like "Grumpy Old Men" without one of the men and without the slapstick. What carries this quiet film over the top is the deep characters and a sterling perfor-

mance by Newman — some of the best work he's ever done.

Grade: B

"Far From Home: The Adventures of Yellow Dog" (PG)

A boy and his dog become stranded in the wilderness after a rainstorm boating accident in this new family adventure from writer-director Phillip Borsos. Jesse Bradford (who was outstanding in 1993's "King of the Hill") stars as 14-year-old Angus, who finds a stray dog and after convincing his parents to keep him, names him Yellow (which is about as good a name as Angus, I suppose.) Boy and dog embark with Angus' father John (Bruce Davison) on a trip down the coast when they encounter a storm and their boat overturns. John escapes unharmed but Angus and Yellow end up missing. They are forced to spend several days alone in the wild, using survival skills that Angus has acquired from who knows where.

"Far From Home" would probably play best either as a made-for-TV movie or a boy scout instructional video on wilderness survival. Bradford is convincing as the average kid, and Davison and Mimi Rogers are suitably worried as the parents. Smaller kids might like this, but most of us have seen it too many times before to care.

Grade: C

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