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## Cable installed in dorm lounges, chapter rooms

By NATALIE GARDNER  
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Students can now watch the big game on ESPN or Congress in action on CSPAN in their own dormitory.

Sammons Cable Co. installed cable television in the lounges of campus dormitories and sorority and fraternity houses over the weekend, said Roger Fisher, director of residential services.

Foster and Waits dormitories will not get cable TV until later this week because Sammons is having trouble wiring the televisions from the basements to the second floors, where the televisions are located, Fisher said.

Students first started to enjoy cable TV on Friday. Over the weekend, all the dormitory lounge televisions, except Foster and Waits, were connected with converter boxes.

The televisions are equipped with basic cable TV service with no premium channels. A federal law prohibits cable companies from providing premium channels to televisions in public areas, Fisher said.

The companies offering premium channels don't want people turning public televisions into theaters and charging admission to show movies, he said.

The basic cable TV service includes local broadcasts, PBS, WGN, CSPAN, the Weather Channel and CNN. About 50 channels are available with the basic service.

Curtis Norwood, a junior engineering major, said he doesn't think cable TV in the lounges works well.

"With so many people watching at the same time, chances are you won't be able to see what you want," Norwood said. "It's just too bad they told us we'd have it in the rooms and we don't."

Fisher said TCU administrators are now working on hiring a company to provide cable

television, phone services and computer networking capabilities to each dormitory room.

"Three companies have responded to our letter so far," he said. "They are all interested and excited in the possibilities."

TCU administrators asked each company to respond with a presentation by the first week of March, Fisher said.

Each company will tour the campus and give a major presentation to administrators, giving their ideas and goals for the new technology at TCU, he said.

Yesterday, TCU administrators met with one of the three companies. The company asked for blueprints and floor plans of the campus and

other pertinent information, Fisher said.

Each company, after touring the campus and meeting with the administration, will decide how they can provide the services to each room and how much it will cost the university and students, Fisher said.

Fisher said the administration would like to have cable TV in the dormitory rooms by next fall. He said the companies who have responded are uncertain whether or not they can reach that goal.

"These companies are the experts," he said. "They need to tell us what they can do for us. They will be the ones to put together a good program for TCU."



## Honors prof to instruct dance class

By CINDY GARCIA  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Fernando Bujones, labeled by papers and critics around the country as "the greatest American male dancer of his generation," will teach TCU master dance classes from Feb. 2 to 4.

"Every since I can remember, Fernando Bujones has been an idol of mine," said Stephanie Rand, associate professor of ballet. "I can't begin to explain the gift that this man possesses."

Bujones has been dancing professionally for 20 years. He studied with George Balanchine, a 20th century ballet choreographer, and he was a principal dancer for the American Ballet Theatre.

In 1974, at the age of 19, Bujones won a gold medal at an international dance competition in Varna, Bulgaria. Bujones was the first American to ever win that competition.

Bujones has electrified audiences in such diverse ballets as "Billy the Kid," "Romeo and Juliet" and "Giselle," according to an article in the *Sarasota Herald-Tribune*.

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Fans wave balloons during TCU's victory over conference rival Texas A&M. See related story on page 5.

TCU Daily Skiff/Layne Smith

## Campaign receives \$1.25 mill

By JILL MELCHER  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

A TCU trustee and an oil producer have pledged \$1.25 million to the university's "Next Frontier" campaign.

Midland independent oil and gas executive John L. Cox and his wife, Maurine Cox, donated \$750,000 last November.

Financial executive J. Luther King Jr. and his wife, Teresa King, pledged \$200,000. King's company, Luther King Capital Management Corp. of Fort Worth, also donated \$300,000 to the campaign. Both gifts were committed in the fall of 1993.

The Cox donation will fund the Cox Banquet Hall, a ballroom-style facility with a 300 person capacity, in the planned Dee J. Kelly Alumni Center.

Bronson C. Davis, vice chancellor for university advancement, said the Cox gift was important because of the particular space the donation aids in building.

"The Cox gift is critical in terms of the effort to raise money for the alumni center," Davis said. "The

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## Frats bring in more men

IFC members predict increased interest in spring rush

By CHRISTY HAWKINS  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

A new interest has been shown in fraternity spring rush, which begins today, said Interfraternity Council rush chairman Judd Lemming.

"Fraternities are trying to make spring rush more effective than in past years," said Lemming, a junior marketing major. "It allows more guys to participate who didn't pledge in the fall. We want more people to get involved with the Greek system."

Brandon Swoboda, a sophomore human relation communication major and president of Interfraternity Council, said he expects high participation within the various fraternities during this year's spring rush.

"We're extremely excited about spring rush," Swoboda said. "We want everyone to feel like they are included."

Tom Smith, a sophomore international finance major, said he participated in spring rush last year and said it was a positive experience for him.

"You get to know the people that you pledge with better during spring pledging because the pledge class is smaller," Smith said.

Smith transferred to TCU last spring and said he was happy he could become involved with a fraternity in the spring.

"For those who don't want to wait, spring rush is a good thing," he said.

The Council said it hopes that approximately 100 rushees will participate and that each fraternity will pledge five to eight new members, Lemming said.

The Council said it will give potential new members opportunities to ask any questions they may have through several informational meetings, Lemming said.

Lemming will speak today at Clark Hall at 5:45 p.m. and Wednesday at Milton Daniel Hall at 6 p.m. to anyone interested in participating in spring rush.

Men can sign up for spring rush with their hall direc-

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### IFC SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Clark Hall	Jan. 31	5:45-6:45 p.m.
Milton-Daniel	Feb. 1	6 p.m.-7 p.m.
Fraternity Forum	Feb. 7	11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Orientation	Feb. 10	5 p.m.
Spring Rush	Feb. 11	noon-4 p.m.
Pick Up Bids	Feb. 12	2-3 p.m.
Student Center Reading Room		

## 'Step into My World' to educate throughout Black History month

By KRISTAL GRIFFITH  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

TCU students walk around campus everyday. But this month the black history month committee is asking students and community members to step.

"Step Into My World" is this year's theme of TCU's black history month. Leiliana McKendra, chairwoman of the black history month committee,



said that "Step Into My World" is about seeing another perspective on history. "It's about learning about me, my culture and my traditions through my eyes," she said.

Students can start learning Friday Feb. 3 in the Student Center lounge.

The TCU Jazz Band will perform music titled "America's Original Art Form."

The following week on Feb. 9, Professional Orator Patricia Russell-McCloud will speak in the Student Center ballroom.

Shawn Shepherd, Student Center program advisor, said Russell-McCloud's speech isn't just designed

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## House to hear funding proposals

By DENA RAINS  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The House of Representatives is scheduled to hear a new bill that asks the organization to fund approximately \$3,600 for 23 members of leadership classes to attend the Tech Leadership Academy, a leadership conference sponsored by Texas Tech University.

In other new business, the House will be asked to fund \$500 for "Experience India," a fund-raiser for

Mother Teresa's orphanages in India.

The program is sponsored by Students for Asian-Indian Cultural Awareness, Network of Indian Professionals, University Ministries and the Department of Journalism.

Hema Kansara, a junior English major and secretary of SAICA, said the funding would go toward food and decorations for the program.

The organization has sought sponsorship from individuals in the community but has had difficulty because

the group has only been in existence one year, Kansara said.

A bill will also be introduced that asks the House to create a historian position for the group. The position will be unpaid.

All three new bills will be tabled for discussion and will be voted on at next week's meeting.

Incoming elected officers, appointed officers and members will also be sworn in at today's meeting.

### NEWS DIGEST

#### Explosion in Algeria kills 35

ALGIERS, Algeria (AP) — A car bomb exploded along a crowded sidewalk near Algiers' main police station today, killing at least 35 people and injuring 154, state radio said.

The bomb destroyed cars, shattered windows in buildings, and blew a crater in the sidewalk nearly two yards wide.

The car carrying the bomb was destroyed, and thick smoke rose from other burning cars nearby.

It was the worst bombing during a three-year insurgency by Islamic militants that has killed at least 15,000 people.

#### Horses missing after stampede

KAUFMAN, Texas (AP) — Five or six horses remained missing Monday from a meat-packing plant where two dozen horses were released from their stalls and stampeded onto a nearby highway.

Seven people were hurt and eight horses were killed when the horses ran onto U.S. 175 early Sunday.

Officers said stall locks had been severed and traces of firecrackers were found near stalls.

"There were horses everywhere," said Texas Department of Public Safety trooper Kevin Pederson. "It was a mess."

#### Clinton asks for aid to Mexico

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton acknowledged today that a \$40 billion rescue plan for Mexico was unpopular. But he predicted Congress would approve the measure in the nation's interest once it sees specific legislation.

Clinton reiterated the administration's argument that hundreds of thousands of U.S. jobs are at stake and that, if Mexico is not helped now, the financial crisis could spread to other parts of the hemisphere.

#### Airlines raise ticket prices

DENVER (AP) — Three airlines are raising ticket prices by up to \$40 a round trip for travelers using the new Denver International Airport, whose opening is at hand after more than a year's worth of delays.

United, American and Frontier airlines announced this weekend that the fees will apply only to passengers whose flights originate or terminate in Denver. They will be used to cover additional rent expenses.

The airport's opening has been delayed four times over 16 months caused by problems with the airport's baggage handling system.

#### Flooding in Europe continues

COLOGNE, Germany (AP) — The Rhine River surged toward its highest level of the century and hundreds fled high water in Belgium today as a week of flooding in western Europe showed little sign of abating.

Flooding along the Meuse River in Belgium has left thousands homeless and crews piling sandbags along swollen canals. In France, at least 40,000 homes have been damaged.

More than 20 people have died and 15,000 have been evacuated in Belgium, France, Germany, the Netherlands and Luxembourg during the past week's flooding.

## CAMPUSLINES

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**STUDY SKILLS WORKSHOP** is today from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in Rickel Room 106.

**PARABOLA** is sponsoring Dr. George Gilbert's program, "How Many Crayons Will Suffice" today at 3:30 p.m. in Winton-Scott Room 145. Refreshments will be served at 3 p.m. in WSH Room 171.

**CONFLICT MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP** is today from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Rickel. For reservations call 921-7100 or stop by the Alcohol and Drug Education Office.

**UNITED ASIAN COMMUNITY** will meet at 5 p.m. Tuesday in the Student Center. Check the marquis for a room number. We will celebrate Chinese New Year, make

plans for Asian Cultural Day and elect officers. All students are welcome. Call Christina at 926-3511.

**FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES** will host Mike Noack, TCU graduate and former FCA president at 9 p.m. Wednesday in the Varsity Club Room of the Coliseum. Everyone is welcome.

**SPRING BREAK DATES** The University Bulletin (Catalog) published incorrect dates for Spring Break 1995. The correct dates are from Friday, March 10 at 10 p.m. to Monday, March 20 at 8 a.m. These dates can be found in the 1994-'95 Student Handbook.

**UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH** is happy to provide student parking in three lots: corner of University and Cantey, corner of Cantey and Rogers and corner of Rogers and McPherson. But students will be towed if they park in the North Lot of University Drive adjacent to the church. That lot is reserved for UCC activities.

**HOUSE OF STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES** is now seeking town representatives. A student

must have a 2.5 GPA and live off campus to qualify. Applications are available in the House office, located in the Student Center Annex. The application deadline is 5 p.m. today.

**OLAS** Organization of Latin American Students meets every Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in Student Center Room 204. For more information call Chris Montez at 737-5012.

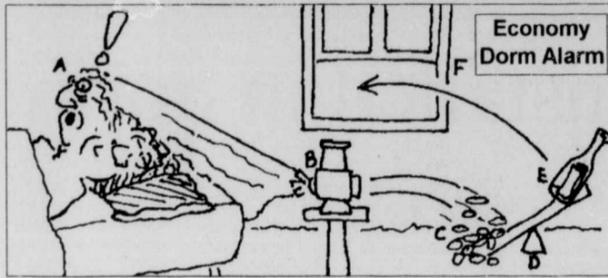
**HIGH ADVENTURE CLUB** meets Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. in Student Center Room 222. Call Paul at 926-9510.

**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP** will meet from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays beginning Jan 31 to March 21. Sign up in Student Center Room 139 or call 921-7830.

**THE STUDENTS FOR ASIAN INDIAN CULTURAL AWARENESS ORGANIZATION** is looking for donations and volunteers for "Experience India," a fund-raising event Feb. 11 in the Student Center Ballroom. Call Aashish Patel at 921-3216 for more information or to volunteer.

## The Beaten Path

by P.D. Magnus



Student (A) is wakened by intruder (not shown) and sits bolt upright, flipping switch on Salad Shooter (B). Salad Shooter fires carrot discs (C) onto see-saw (D), throwing message in bottle (E) out window (F) onto lawn, where campus police will find it and come to help.

## Calvin and Hobbes

by Bill Watterson



## WEATHER

Today's forecast is sunny with winds of 10-15 mph and a high of 68. Tonight will be mostly clear with lows in the upper 30s.

Wednesday will be clear to partly cloudy with a low in the 40s and a high near 70.

## CAMPUS CALENDAR

**Today**  
Pick up 1995-6 FAFSA Assistant applications due  
Resident Assistant applications due

**Wednesday**  
noon, University Chapel, Robert Carr Chapel Last day to withdraw at 50 percent refund  
Pick up 1995-6 FAFSA

**Thursday**  
7 p.m., Women's Basketball vs. Arkansas, in Fayetteville  
Pick up 1995-6 FAFSA

**Friday**  
Orientation Student

**Saturday**  
Women's Basketball, TCU vs. Texas Tech, here  
Men's Basketball, TCU vs. Texas Tech, in Lubbock

**Sunday**  
Cliburn Concert

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<b>THURSDAY</b>	7:15 4:15 5:15
<b>SATURDAY</b>	7:15 6:00

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## Rush

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or at the IFC table in the Student Center from 11 to 1 p.m. Feb. 6-10.

A Fraternity Forum will be held in the Reed-Sadler Mall from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Feb. 7. Representatives from each fraternity will be available to

answer questions from participants, Lemming said.

Orientation for everyone participating will be Feb. 10 at 5 p.m. Rush will be held Feb. 11 from noon to 4 p.m. Rushes will spend approximately 30 minutes at each house, Lemming said.

Bids may be picked up in the Student Center Reading Room on Feb. 12.

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## ■ BECKY PRETZ

# Political correctness crusade moving toward paranoia

As you look at my picture, you can tell that I'm a white female with brown hair and brown eyes. Can you also tell that my thighs are so big that they can fuel a fire from all of the friction when I walk?

In today's society, if I wanted to be politically correct I would have to describe myself as a European-American woman whose tresses and irises are endowed with mocha-coloring. Added to that, I'm physiologically impaired.

A little too much? I think so. I see myself as an American who wound up with an extra X chromosome rather than a Y. It may seem like a general description to most, but I'm proud of my nationality.

By classifying myself as a plain American, without a hyphen, I don't feel as though I've sacrificed my identity in any way. I haven't lost touch with my culture



because I haven't attached my nationality to the country that my ancestors came from over 150 years ago. As Americans, we are allowed to incorporate some of our ancestors' traditions to formulate one for all of us.

Many minority groups (tied to race, gender, religion or sexual preference) believe that they don't fit into the mold of American society. What so many people don't realize is that we have traditions of our own that no other country duplicates, such as the fact that different people are not only toler-

ated, but also legally protected.

Political correctness has gone entirely too far. There's a big difference between respecting each others' differences and paranoia. I get so lost in the new terminology for every group that I never know what to say. I practically walk on eggshells because I'm so afraid of offending someone. We're at the point where we're too afraid to communicate with one another.

Women, for example, are just a little retentive over many issues. I've actually heard women get upset because a man is chivalrous toward them.

Excuse me? That's called manners, girls. I come from a place where spousal abuse is quite common. I've actually seen teen-age boys beat on their girlfriends in the halls at school. I'll take an open door any day over having it slammed in my face, thank you.

One thing I've noticed in Hawaii is that no one really cares how you refer to them as long as it isn't derogatory. If someone calls you something that isn't considered politically correct, I challenge you to look at the intended meaning before you get angry. You'll probably find that the person meant no harm.

Most of you will likely say that it's easy for me to say that because I'm white. As a minority in my home state, I've been called every sort of name referring to a white person.

Someone told me a story about his friend's mother. She entered a hotel elevator in Las Vegas with about \$7,000 in cash in her purse. Three large black men also came in with a shorter black man, who reached toward the woman.

She thrust her purse at the short black

man and begged him not to hurt her. He said that he only wanted to push the button.

The next day, she discovered that her bill was paid by the man, who thought her actions were the funniest thing he'd ever seen. The note was signed by Eddie Murphy.

I give Eddie Murphy a lot of credit for finding the humor in that situation, even though most people would have been outraged if they had been in his place. He probably realized that she was a product of a world full of stereotypes and prejudices concocted by those who were too intimidated to deal with any of our differences.

Just like all of us,

Becky Pretz is a junior advertising/public relations major from Mililani, Hawaii.

## ■ BRIAN WILSON

# Strong family values crucial to stop crime

Last year, President Clinton attempted to curb America's crime problem with the signing of a \$60 billion crime bill.

The bill outlawed 19 "assault-style" weapons, called for 100,000 new police officers to patrol the streets and created "midnight basketball" leagues for inner-city youth. Contrary to popular belief, no social problem has ever been solved by throwing more money at it. The issue of crime is no exception.

The only way to effectively cut crime in this nation is to attack its root cause — the breakdown of the American family. In spite of what liberals have told us for the last 40 years, increased spending, ineffective social programs and assaults on our constitutional rights will not accomplish this goal.

The semiautomatic weapons banned by the crime bill are responsible for 1 percent of the annual homicides in America. This particular measure does nothing more than set in motion a gradual erosion of our Second Amendment rights. It certainly will not handcuff

crime enough to appease the American people.

Beefing up police forces across the country will do about as much good for the crime epidemic as the Democrats' attempt to water down the Second Amendment, because the 100,000 police officers will not be dispatched to the streets immediately. They will be phased in over a period of five years. Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, recently told *USA Today* that the financing of the crime bill will make it tough for any more than 20,000 new officers to be put on the streets.

The real solution to this enormous problem entails a three-step process: strengthening the American family, reintroducing values to school children and instituting tougher sentencing laws.

If we are really committed to fighting crime in this country, we must begin in the home. There is no substitute for a loving mother and father. And sadly, 50 percent of American children live with only one parent.

Liberals have always tried to convince us that crime is caused by poverty, because of the high crime rates which persist in inner cities. What they have forgotten is that the two-parent family is almost nonexistent in these areas. There is often an absence of authority figures in these financially strapped communities to make sure children are living by the rules. If children are not taught right from wrong at home, they are much more likely to break the law.

In addition to teaching values on the home front, we must see to it that public education begins to instill discipline in children once again. It has been so long since school children were held accountable for their actions that sadly, they have begun to do things that require discipline much harsher than any principal can hand out. Many of today's students go so far as to bring guns to school. Such occurrences should result in immediate expulsion from school and a date in criminal court.

The final thing that must be done if we are to solve America's crime problem is end the early release of criminals, who astonishingly serve an average of 37 percent of their sentences. The solution to the growing problem of overcrowded prisons will not be found by releasing violent criminals early. We must return to the days when criminals received proper punishment for their crimes.

Terminating parole and instituting "values-based" curriculum into schools across the nation are important steps in overcoming our crime problem, but the family is absolutely essential to the cause.

The cooperation, respect and self-discipline preached within this sacred institution for decades will go much further than a multibillion dollar filled with ineffective programs and empty promises.

Brian Wilson is a sophomore news-editorial major from Parkersburg, W. Va.



## ■ EDITORIAL

# STUDENT HOUSE

## Incoming officers have special responsibilities

Today, the 1995 Executive Board of the House of Student Representatives will be sworn in at the House's first meeting for the semester.

Student House officers hold a special position on the campus. They serve as the only direct link between the administration and the student body as a whole. When addressing student concerns, the administration relies on student body officers to serve as the voice of the campus.

Student body officers are also paid to perform their duties. This year, Student Body President Scott Wheatley will earn \$1,750. The other student body officers, including Vice President Sharon Selby, Secretary Christi Campbell, Treasurer Shawn Groves and Vice President for Programming Greg Trevino will be paid \$1,500.

Each student's yearly \$20 student government fee helps pay these officers' salaries. As such, the House officers have a special obligation to ensure to the best of their ability that student concerns are understood and acted upon by the administration.

Several concerns and problems need to be addressed. Parking on campus continues to be a major problem. Various proposals to build parking garages have gone nowhere in the past. The administration needs to formulate a comprehensive plan to help alleviate the situation.

The new Student House officers will face many challenges as well as opportunities in the coming semester. They should work to ensure that students' voices are heard.

## ■ LETTER

### "Women" is spelled right

I am writing in response to Laura Potter's Jan. 19 column regarding the fact "womyn" are still discriminated against and slighted in a male dominated, sexist society. While I agree with a few of the underlying principles of that column, I am compelled to write in an effort to shed some light on a dimly lit subject.

In some areas of society, women are not treated as equals, but this is due mostly to the background that some of today's society was raised in. Some of the older generation still have the belief that women should be at home and not at work, and I often agree with that.

While I myself am eagerly looking forward to my career as an Air Force officer, I hope that I might be allowed to stay at home with my children when they are young in order to teach them values and morals my husband and I feel are appropriate (something many families are unable to do because it takes two incomes to even survive in today's economy).

I do feel strongly that women are being treated the same as their male counterparts, more so today than ever. In my own personal experience, I am a cadet in Air Force ROTC who happens to be female (a minority in ROTC), yet I have never

experienced any different treatment than my male counterparts — because I never demanded people notice I was a female. I am a cadet first, a female second.

As a matter of fact, last semester I was honored to be chosen out of many qualified candidates in my class (mostly men, I might add) to be the cadet group commander. Incidentally, it was an all-male staff who felt I was qualified to handle the demands of the job. I have always demanded my work be judged on its merits, not on the fact that a woman did it.

I believe that if women would demand that they be judged on their work alone and not concentrate on the fact that a woman did the work, women would be further ahead. Also, if women accepted the fact that they are part of a team which includes men, we might be further ahead. You cannot be treated equally while demanding that people notice you are so vastly different.

Notice I spelled women with an "e" and not a "y." I am honored to be part of mankind and find nothing sexist in that. To me, it means I have more in common with men than the fact that I live.

Pamela A. Assid  
Senior, nursing  
Air Force ROTC cadet

## ■ MICHAEL ROWETT

# Dick Armeys slur was newsworthy, deserved attention

There he goes again. House Majority Leader Dick Armeys, in his reference on Friday to Massachusetts Democratic Rep. Barney Frank as "Barney Fag," showed once again that he is afflicted with a continuing case of foot-in-mouth disease.

Armeys' remark, taped during a question-and-answer session with radio reporters, was in reaction to a question about a forthcoming book the Irving Republican plans to write. Given the recent controversy over House Speaker Newt Gingrich's initial \$4.5 million book advance, Armeys should have expected the matter would be brought up.

Armeys said he would donate the royalties from his book to charity. But he told the radio reporters that "I don't need Barney Fag, Barney Frank, haranguing in my ear because I made a few bucks off a book I worked on."

Armeys immediately apologized to Frank, one of the nation's only openly homosexual lawmakers, and characterized the remark as a "mispronunciation" of Frank's last name. Armeys then addressed the controversy on the floor of the U.S. House, angrily denouncing the media for reporting his remark.

"I take strong exception to the airing of the tape and even the transcript of a stumbled word as if it were an intentional personal attack," Armeys said. Armeys said he had taught his children to respect others, and added, "We have a long list of words we don't use, of names we don't call, of sentiments we don't express."

Armeys' characterization of his comment as a mere "mispronunciation" is more than a little ludicrous. But his argument that the media had no business airing his remark is even more unbelievable.

If President Clinton had made a similarly derogatory comment about a Republican legislator during a radio address, you can bet Armeys and other Republicans would righteously assail the "liberal media" for sheltering the president.

In the wake of the Connie Chung incident with Newt Gingrich's mother, the topic of "on the record" versus "off the record" statements by interviewees to the press has attracted new controversy. But Armeys' remark was an absolutely on the record statement, recorded with his permission, which happened to make him look like a bigoted fool. There was no media manipulation or tampering with Armeys' remark. Those were his own words, and he chose to express himself while the microphone was open.

Most politicians experience verbal stumbles at least occasionally, and many are afflicted with a continuing state of verbal idiocy syndrome. If they don't want the public to know about their "sentiments we don't express," as Armeys put it, they should be more careful when they open their mouths.

Armeys certainly isn't the first politician to utter slurs. Former Vice President Spiro Agnew's references to people of Polish origin as "Polacks" and to an overweight Japanese reporter as a "fat Jap" during the 1968 presidential campaign were perhaps even more boneheaded than Armeys' latest gaffe.

But both comments were on the record, and both were newsworthy. The next time Armeys gives an interview, he should weigh his words more carefully, lest he utter forth another "mispronunciation."

Otherwise, Armeys should buy himself a muzzle. In all probability, any collection of brilliant political observations being collected for posterity would not suffer.

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## Aggies too close for comfort



TCU Daily Skiff/Layne Smith  
TCU freshman guard James Penny skies as he tries to swat an Aggie inbound pass from Corey Henderson.

## Bragg hits winning free throws against A&M with seconds left

By DAVID JIMENEZ  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

There is a thin line between winning and losing.

### MEN'S BASKETBALL

This sports axiom applied Saturday after the TCU men's basketball team defeated the Texas A&M Aggies, 72-71, in front of 6,057 people in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

TCU freshman guard Juan Bragg hit the tying and game-winning free-throws with 2.6 seconds left in the game.

Texas A&M's (9-11, 2-3 SWC) last-second gasp fell short. Aggie senior forward Damon Johnson's tip of Chris Oney's miss fell off the rim as time expired.

TCU stayed undefeated at home, 9-0, and remained in first place in the SWC with a 5-1 conference record.

TCU head coach Billy Tubbs said Saturday's game was "strange."

Senior guard Tony McGinnis' layup gave Texas A&M a 71-70 lead with 2.6 seconds remaining in the game.

After the Horned Frogs and the Aggies each took timeouts, TCU had to inbound the ball the length of the court.

Texas A&M freshman forward Dario Quesada of Spain, defended the inbound pass from sophomore guard Jeff Jacobs.

While defending the pass, Quesada fell over Bragg while watching Jacobs, and was called for charging into Bragg. Bragg then hit the game-winning free-throws.

Tubbs said drawing a foul was the highest percentage play in that situation.

"I liked that play," he said. "It was better than throwing the ball deep and hoping."

Tubbs said Bragg, who is an 82 percent foul shooter, was the player he wanted at the line.

"I like the way Juan shoots in pressure situations," Tubbs said.

A&M head coach Tony Barone took the blame for his team's loss.

"It's Tony Barone's fault," he said. "I will take complete blame. That is one of the oldest plays in the book. It was a very poor job of coaching."

"I never considered the game over," Bragg said "but I thought it would take a miracle to pull this out."

TCU had a 35-31 lead at halftime, and extended that lead in the second half. Senior forward Micheal Thoele capped a 20-8 run with a layup to take a 55-39 lead with 12:33 remaining in the game.

However, the Aggies charged back into the game with a 20-4 run to come within 59-58 with 7:36 remaining in the game.

Senior forward Joe Wilbert, who led A&M with 31 points and eight

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## Frogs look toward professional future

By JIM LADNER  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

TCU football has seldom been a stepping stone into the National Football League, but after this past season, look for that to change.

### FOOTBALL

For the first time in years, experts say TCU will have at least three new players playing on Sundays next fall.

Wide receiver Jimmy Oliver, defensive linemen Royal West and Vincent Pryor, offensive linemen Barret Robbins, Boyd Milby and Bart Epperson, and linebackers Mike Moulton and Reggie Anderson are all vigorously working out in preparation for the NFL draft in early April.

Of those eight, draft expert Mel Kiper Jr. said Oliver, West and Robbins will definitely be drafted. Kiper predicts Robbins as a third round selection, West a fourth round pick, and Oliver to be taken somewhere between the fourth and sixth rounds.

Kiper publishes draft previews during the winter months and has appeared on ESPN.

"West is an overachiever," Kiper said. "He's a good player who has the ability to play several positions on the defensive line. Robbins is a big 300-pound center everyone is looking for, and Oliver is one of the fastest players available but will have to learn to be an inside receiver

in the pros."

The others, such as Moulton and Anderson, could raise their stock with NFL scouts with good individual workouts and could possibly be late round selections, he said.

Larry Lacewell, director of player personnel for the Dallas Cowboys, said a couple of Frogs have caught his eye.

"I've only seen Oliver and West, both at the Hula Bowl, and I was impressed," Lacewell said. "They both had good workouts over there. We will be evaluating them and other TCU players in the near future," he said.

One Frog who is not getting ready for the draft is running back Andre Davis. Last month it was rumored Davis would forgo his final year of eligibility and make himself available for the draft. However, last season's Southwest Conference rushing leader is currently enrolled this spring semester and is participating in off-season workouts.

Kiper said Davis really had no choice but to return to TCU for another season.

TCU has not produced a consistent NFL player since cornerback Larry Brown was drafted by the Dallas Cowboys in 1991. Other former Horned Frogs currently in the NFL include linebacker Kyle Clifton of the New York Jets, running back Kenneth Davis of the Buffalo Bills, and linebacker Tracy Simien of the Kansas City Chiefs.

### SWC STANDINGS

Team	SWC			Total				
	W	L	T	W	L	T		
TCU	5	1	0	833	13	5	0	722
Rice	4	1	0	800	9	7	0	563
Texas	4	1	0	800	12	4	0	750
Texas Tech	3	2	0	600	9	7	0	563
Texas A&M	2	3	0	400	9	11	0	450
Houston	2	4	0	333	5	13	0	278
Baylor	1	5	0	167	6	12	0	333
SMU	1	5	0	167	4	13	0	235

## Italian soccer suspended after stabbing death, riots

By DANIEL J. WAKIN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ROME — The stabbing death of a soccer fan and the riot that followed has brought on the cancellation of a round of games in this soccer-mad nation.

Though violence is endemic in and

around the stadiums, it's the first time such a step has been taken regarding Italy's deepest passion. Many players, coaches and soccer officials had called for the action.

The presidents of the soccer federation and Olympic committee met Monday on how to respond to Sunday's killing of Vincenzo Spagnolo, a 25-year-old Genoa team fan.

They decided to suspend all national league sporting events Sunday, when Italy's 18 first division teams play, along with the second and third divisions. The soccer schedule will be delayed a week, with a makeup day to be determined later. International play, such as Davis Cup matches in Naples against the Czech Republic, will be held.

"We realized yesterday that this time we had really hit bottom," Anto-

nio Matterese, head of the federation, said. "We made the decision with great grief, but we were forced to."

Mario Pescante, head of the Olympic committee, said the cancellation would signal sport's rejection of violence.

It also will hurt the state and private Fininvest television networks, which together devote some 13 hours to soccer on Sunday, plus follow-up programs on Monday and Tuesday.

On Monday, police said an apprentice gardener from Milan's outskirts, Simone Barbaglia, 19, had been arrested and charged with the crime.

Spagnolo was knifed in the stomach outside the Genoa stadium as fans were streaming in to watch the game against AC Milan, the team owned by media tycoon and former premier Silvio Berlusconi.

As the news spread during half-time, angry Genoa fans began raining bottles and other objects on the field. The game was suspended, and hundreds of fans rampaged outside the stadium, smashing car windows, setting fires and throwing rocks at police, who responded with truncheons and tear gas.

The events have seized public attention, dominating front pages, and resounded through the halls of church and state.

The Cabinet condemned the crime. Senate President Carlo Scognamiglio expressed condolences to the victim's family. Milan's city council held a moment of silence.

The Vatican's official newspaper called for stricter punishment for soccer violence.

### SPORTS DIGEST

#### UNLV coach resigns

LAS VEGAS (AP) — UNLV's beleaguered basketball program received another jolt Monday with the announcement that acting coach Howie Landa is stepping down.

Landa had coached the Rebels to a 5-2 record after taking over earlier this month for ailing coach Tim Grgurich.

Grgurich stepped aside in early January, complaining of medical symptoms related to exhaustion.

Interim UNLV president Kenny Guinn said he felt the pressure had been building since the assistant took over the team for Grgurich.

#### Rangers fans sue

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Texas Rangers fans have until Wednesday to renew their season tickets or lose their rights to the best seats at The Ballpark in Arlington.

But many people are grumbling, and some have gone to court, because of a long players' strike that could mean games with minor league players or worse.

Two Dallas bondholders have brought litigation against the Rangers.

The club announced earlier in the month a rebate policy, under which the tickets will become as low as half-price for games in which replacement players are used.

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