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Colby women enjoy watching the cable television in their lobby Tuesday. Cable TV is now installed in most dorm lounges.

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Cable TV arrival receives bad reception

By MICHA CORTESE
TCU DAILY SKIFF

University dormitory lobbies and fraternity and sorority chapter rooms are full of O.J. watchers and sports fanatics now that cable TV has been installed. But some students said they feel the money was not well spent. Sammons Cable Co. installed the basic cable TV service on campus

between Jan. 27-29.

The service includes local broadcasts, ESPN, C-SPAN, PBS, the Weather Channel, CNN, WGN and about 40 other channels.

Clark Hall Director James Smith said his residents are usually watching games on TV.

"It's on ESPN three-fourths of the time," he said.

Tas Shore, Colby Hall director, said

there is someone watching TV most of the time.

"They are able to watch more of the O.J. trial, MTV and country music videos," she said.

Having cable makes those who had it at home feel more at home here at TCU, Shore said.

Jack Doerr, a junior psychology major who lives in Martin-Moore Hall, said he and his fraternity brothers mainly watch

late night programs and sports in their chapter room, but he said most of them want cable in their own rooms.

Koby Emmerick, a senior nursing major and resident assistant in Brachman Hall, said students would enjoy cable more if it were in their rooms.

Marie Herrera, a sophomore speech pathology major who lives in Wiggins

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House helps 5 go to retreat

Frog Follies croaks; PC nixes spring event

By DENA RAINS
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Five students will attend a leadership seminar at Texas Tech University thanks to an appropriation bill passed by the House of Student Representatives on Tuesday after several minutes of debate and a failed amendment.

The measure allotted \$785 to send members of the university's Leadership Development classes to Tech Leadership Academy.

The funding fell short of the \$1,570 requested by the author of the bill, Stacey Collins, a sophomore premajor. The Finance Committee amended the amount to \$785.

Though the House funding fell short of the requested amount, Collins, the Waits Hall representative, said the 14 leadership students who signed up for the conference would get to attend.

The personnel in the Student Development Office, which sponsors the Leadership Program on campus, promised the 14 that they would be given funding "from somewhere," she said.

The Leadership Program has a yearly budget of \$4,000 which provides money for the leadership classes, leadership day and a leadership banquet, Collins said.

The purpose of attending the conference is to bring the seminars and leadership workshop concepts back to TCU, Collins said. The leadership participants would like the university to develop a similar program, she said.

An amendment was offered by Shalimar Simon, Pi Beta Phi representative and sophomore criminal justice major, to reduce the amount of the funding to \$392. She said because all 14 people had been promised funding, the House should give money only for two people — just enough to bring back the concept of the seminar.

The amendment failed and the bill was passed with dis-sension.

House President Scott Wheatley said he was surprised that the bill produced so much debate at the meeting.

Wheatley also said he was happy the bill was approved as written and he believed the House should support leadership whenever possible.

In other business, Greg Trevino said Programming Council is cancelling Frog Follies, the annual Spring program held during Siblings Weekend.

Programming Council decided to end the event after it received poor response from the organizations who usu-

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Brite journal premieres today Clinton praises immigration control

Divinity scholars present papers, poems, book review to demonstrate students' theological education, research

By JOANNA SHOEMAKER
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Brite Divinity students will be presenting the first all-student written, all-student edited journal of any seminary in the nation Wednesday at 10 a.m. during Ministers Week activities, said Sara Smith, editor-in-chief of the journal.

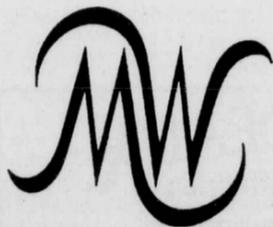
The Brite Student Journal, consisting of seven papers, a poem and a book review, attempts to recognize quality students works while encouraging creative approaches to the various areas of theological education, including theology, ethics, biblical study, history, pastoral care and practical ministry.

"It is an opportunity for beginning authors to first get published," said Dawn Darwin, whose work was published in the journal.

Smith said it is not only a way for Brite students to get published, but also a way of improving academics.

"I think this will really up the quality of papers submitted for class because all of the papers sub-

mitted for the journals have to have a faculty recommendation," Smith said. "Somebody on the faculty has to read these papers and say, 'Yes, this is the quality that we'd want in a journal.'"



Darwin agreed that the journal pushes students to clarify content because they know it will be read by a wider audience.

Smith said she expects the journal to help the Brite doctorate program because it will give student looking at careers in publishing a chance to publish as students.

The journal may also be used as a recruitment tool for perspective Brite students, as well as a tool for alumni fund-raising.

Though many seminaries publish faculty journals, the student journal gives Brite a distinction, Smith said. Twenty-five student papers were submitted last spring for the publication. The editorial board, made up of Brite students, then reviewed the entries, which remained anonymous until the nine works were chosen for the first publication.

The nine pieces not only vary in the theological areas, but also differ in presentation. Works range from a sermon to creative fiction, and from a biblical study to poetry.

Funds for the journal came from Brite Divinity School and the Brite student government.

Smith said Brite students are hoping to publish a student journal each semester, including works of Brite graduates up to 12 months after they graduate.

The publication will be sold for \$2 (\$1 for students) at a booth Brite students have set up as part of Ministers Week.

By MICHELLE MITTELSTADT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration rolled out in force Tuesday to tout its immigration control credentials, with the president saying "we've accomplished a lot in just two years."

President Clinton called on Congress to approve his immigration initiatives, including \$1 billion in new funding in his 1996 budget for beefed-up border control and help for states with large illegal alien populations.

"It is wrong, and ultimately self-defeating for a nation of immigrants to permit the kind of abuse of our immigration laws that we have seen . . . in recent years," Clin-

ton said. "There is too much of it, and we must do much more to stop it."

After the president's address, reporters were briefed at the White House by Attorney General Janet Reno, Labor Secretary Robert Reich and Immigration and Naturalization Service Commissioner Doris Meissner.

The officials, joined by Border Patrol El Paso Sector Chief Silvestre Reyes and INS Western Region Director Gus De La Vina, earlier had briefed Clinton on border control efforts.

While acknowledging the need to deter illegal crossings along the nation's 2,000-mile southwest border,

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Exhibits showcase technology

By JIM LADNER
TCU DAILY SKIFF

State of the art computers, a demonstration of multimedia technologies and great door prizes are some of the events featured at the fourth annual Business Communication Day.

The Center for Productive Communication is sponsoring the event from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Thursday in the Tandy Hall atrium.

Harriet Harral, director for productive communication, said at least 17 companies will have booths displaying communication equipment;

representatives will also be available to discuss current trends in the marketplace.

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There will be plenty of hands-on exhibits, including computer games and simulations, as well, Harral said.

"They will demonstrate technologies of what we could be using right now, and what we could use in the future," he said.

AT&T, Radio Shack, StartText, and SABRE Travel Information are some

of the businesses scheduled to attend. The TCU library, writing center and instructional services to will also participate to help students become more familiar with the resources they provide.

Physician and journalist Dr. Bob Lanier will speak at 3:30 p.m.

Harral said Lanier will speak on how to utilize presentation technology effectively and inexpensively.

"He (Lanier) will be demonstrating how to use technology in presentations on equipment that we already have available to us," Harral said.

Business Communication Day is open to all students.

NEWS DIGEST

Cave found at construction site

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A newly discovered cavern full of stalagmites and stalactites at a new home construction site is one of the most spectacular caves in Bexar County, cavers say.

This 50-by-75-foot cave was found Jan. 25 in a new neighborhood called Encino Creek under development by U.S. Homes.

There are more than 300 caves in Bexar County. This one has been bulldozed shut to keep curiosity-seekers away until developers and regulatory officials can determine what should be done.

House effort to block aid fails

WASHINGTON — The House, by a better than 2-to-1 majority, quashed an effort Tuesday to challenge President Clinton's \$20 billion package for rescuing the Mexican Peso.

Opponents of extending to Mexico a line of credit from a U.S. fund tried to use a little-known parliamentary maneuver to force the issue to the floor.

But House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., ruled against the rescue opponents. And a 288-143 bipartisan majority in the House backed him up on appeal.

Police drop kidnap query

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Police dropped their investigation Tuesday into the disappearance of Robert Race after the junior high school teacher refused to cooperate.

Arlington 911 operators received a telephone call on Feb. 1, in which indistinct cries and moans were heard. Computers traced the call to Race's home, but officers found no one there.

Race reappeared Friday in Pensacola, Fla. He told authorities there that he had been abducted, thrown into a car and driven cross-country before he escaped his captors in Pensacola.

Discovery's mission continues

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — With their primary job accomplished, Discovery's astronauts set an ultraviolet telescope free Tuesday and finally relaxed in space.

On Thursday, the crew will retrieve the telescope and two spacewalking astronauts will practice lifting the 2,800-pound bundle before stowing it for the trip home.

NASA wants to see how well spacewalkers handle bulky objects — and how well spacewalkers fare in new thermal wear — before the United States and Russia start building an international space station in late 1997.

Funding funneled to police

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hundreds of small-town law enforcement agencies throughout Texas will share almost \$21 million in federal funds to hire more police officers.

The funding comes from the crime bill approved last year by Congress. The measure includes \$8.8 billion to hire 100,000 new police officers.

Texas Republican Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison on Tuesday provided the list of 349 Texas agencies receiving the funding. The program is designed for police departments serving populations of fewer than 50,000.

CAMPUSLINES

Campuslines is provided as a service to the TCU community. Announcements of events, public meetings and other general campus information should be brought by the Skiff office, Moudy 291S or sent to TCU Box 32929. The Skiff reserves the right to edit for style and taste.

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES is sponsoring Johnny Polk, TCU alumni and director of T-Bar-M Ranch, tonight at 9 p.m. in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. **PSI CHI** general meeting is 6:15 p.m. tonight in Winton Scott Hall 215. Linda Heckathorn from The Women's Center will speak. **STUDY ABROAD GET TOGETHER** will be from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday in Reed Hall 117. Students who have studied abroad or plan to study abroad will share information. **GOLDEN KEY NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY** will have its first general meeting Sunday at 7 p.m. in Student Center 222. **TCU WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER** will sponsor the first

annual Women's Symposium Feb. 15 and 16. The kickoff and welcome begins at 11 a.m. with "A Woman's World" interpretive readings in the Student Center Lounge.

SPRING BREAK DATES
The University Bulletin (Catalog) published incorrect dates for Spring Break 1995. The correct dates are from 10 p.m. Friday, March 10 to 8 a.m. Monday, March 20.

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.

STUDENTS FOR ASIAN INDIAN CULTURAL AWARENESS needs donations and volunteers for "Experience India," Feb. 11 in the Student Center Ballroom. Call Aashish Patel at 921-3216.

DISCIPLES STUDENT FELLOWSHIP meets every Thursday night at University Christian Church, 2720 S. University. Food is served

at 5:30 p.m. followed by a program and fellowship. A \$2 donation is appreciated for the supper.

TCU CARES (Communities Actively Responding to Empty Stomachs) wants members. Call University Ministries at 921-7830.

MOO-U AT TCU will be held from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 15 in the Writing Center. Make your reservation now for a demonstration by Dr. Cynthia Haynes-Burton from the University of Texas at Dallas. Call 921-7221.

UNITED ASIAN COMMITTEE meets at 5 p.m. Thursdays in Student Center 203. Call Dui at 263-6201.

PERSONAL JESUS RALLY is Feb. 13-15 at 7 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom. Guests include Judah on Monday and George Louterback with Larry Tardy on Tuesday and Wednesday. Sponsored by Baptist Student Ministry.

MATHCOUNTS competition for 7th and 8th graders needs volunteers to help grade and proctor Feb. 18, from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Continental breakfast and lunch will be served. Call Conference Services at 921-7641.

The Beaten Path

by P.D. Magnus



Calvin and Hobbes

by Bill Watterson



WEATHER

Today's weather will be a high of 52 degrees with increasing cloudiness throughout the day.

Thursday will be cloudy with a high in the 50s and a chance of rain.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

Today
5:30 p.m. Black Student Caucus meeting in Student Center Room 205

7:35 p.m. Men's Basketball, TCU vs. Texas, in Austin

7 p.m. Women's Basketball, TCU vs. Texas, home TCU Ministers Week

Thursday
5:00 p.m. Word of Truth Gospel Choir practice in Student Center Room 205. TCU Ministers Week

Friday
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Saturday
RA interviews
Women's Basketball, TCU vs. University of Houston, here
Men's Basketball, TCU vs. University of Houston, in Houston.

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Control

Clinton and his agency heads stressed their commitment to reducing the chief magnet for immigrants: jobs. The major components to decrease access to jobs include increased worksite verification programs to deter U.S. employers from hiring illegal aliens and speeded-up deportation programs. "If we turn off the employment stream for illegal workers, far, far fewer of them will risk the difficult journey here," the president said. "The fact is that employer sanctions have been in the law... since 1986 but no prior administration has made a serious attempt to enforce them," Clinton added. "With this budget and with legislation I will soon be sending to Congress, we will be able to crack down on employers who knowingly hire illegal immigrants." Deterrence of illegal alien hiring will be focused on Texas and the six other states with the largest numbers of illegal immigrants, Meissner said. Special focus will be given to industries known to employ large numbers of undocumented aliens — the garment, custodial, restaurant and construction industries as well as agriculture. "It's no secret why illegal immigrants come to the United States — they want a job," Reich said. "And there are unscrupulous employers who know it. They know they can lure illegals to the country with the promise of work, even offer work with meager wages and unsafe working conditions." Part of the new monies being sought from Congress would fund 1,000 new INS and Customs Service inspectors, 186 new Labor Department inspectors and \$93 million for worksite verification programs. The Federation for American Immigration Reform, which favors a tightening of the nation's borders, contends the Clinton package focuses too much of its funding on relief for states hit by illegal immigration. Some \$550 million would help states with large criminal illegal alien populations and would defray some of the Medicaid and education costs arising from illegal immigration. California, Texas, Florida and other states have sued the government to recoup billions of dollars spent on illegal immigrants, contending that the costs arise from the federal government's failure to enforce its immigration laws.

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■ CHRIS SMITH

Society's feelings toward elderly reflect 'Modest Proposal'

The value society places on the elderly seems to decrease with each passing year. Unless they are 99-year-old cigar-smoking funny men or hold a government office, they are shipped off to nursing homes like cattle.

In the 1700s, the Irish satirist Jonathan Swift, in his "Modest Proposal," tried to bring attention to the plight of the Irish in an indifferent society. Since the Irish were treated so horribly, why not make a profit off of it too, Swift argued. Irish babies could be used as a commodity ranging from meat to leather for shoes and bags. Swift's proposal satirized the feelings of the day toward the Irish, who were seen by many as unhuman, vulgar burdens on society.

A modern-day version of Swift's satiric proposal, applied to the elderly, might go like this:



on these views and turn them into a practicality.

The solution is elementary. All citizens above or at the age of 65 would be terminated. The first year of implementation would eradicate those above 65 and the following years would deal with those who

Society is more and more geared toward the young, and with each year the contributions of the elderly grow smaller. As the gap widens between the young and the old, tensions grow. Ill relations will solve nothing, so the answer is to act

have just turned 65. In order to understand this measure, one must assume the role of the utilitarian, in which the good of the many outweighs the good of the few.

Numerous benefits would arise from this plan. Hospital overcrowding is a major problem, and since the elderly comprise 30 percent of those in hospitals, their deaths would free up valuable space. Medicare would no longer exist, and the money freed up could go toward providing health insurance for those who cannot afford it. Countless dollars devoted to researching elderly diseases could go into more pertinent research such as AIDS.

Next would be the extinction of Social Security and all of the hostility that is associated with it. Newly-freed federal dollars would bring forth countless opportunities. Nursing homes would also become things

of the past, and this valuable space could be used as drug rehab centers, prison extension to curb prison overcrowding and homeless shelters.

Businesses would benefit because there would no longer be any retirement plans, and this money could go into improving products or upgrading safety standards. Environmentally, the planet would benefit, because the fewer the people, the less pollution there is. It would also mean more resources to go around, and that could combat poverty.

Finally, the most significant benefit would be that power would return to those who deserve it: the young. This program would put an end to those who advance in years, but not in beliefs. The world has new ideas, but these ideas are currently blocked by those in power who retain the conservative convic-

tions of the previous generations.

The morality of this should not be in question, since morality is dictated by the present needs of the society. Since the elderly are no longer needed and their absence would be a monumental good, it is practical and therefore justified.

Swift's proposal outraged many 200 years ago. It was Swift's way of pointing out true social injustice and articulating, albeit satirically, the lack of value society had for its fellow man. Swift painted a frightening scenario. But all satire is rooted, to some degree, in reality. Our own neglect of the elderly speaks volumes about our inner feelings.

Chris Smith is a sophomore psychology and sociology double major from Burleson, Texas.

■ BRIAN WILSON

Reagan record misrepresented by Democrats

Former President Ronald Reagan turned 84 on Monday, so in honor of this blessed occasion, I feel it necessary to clear up some misconceptions about his presidency.

It has long been said that Reagan's policies enabled the rich to benefit "unfairly." This is an outright lie.

In 1990, the top 1 percent of wage earners accounted for 25 percent of the tax revenue collected by the federal government, a 40 percent increase from 10 years before. Yet Democrats refuse to acknowledge this fact.

Another favorite target of liberals was Reagan's policy toward the poor. Contrary to popular belief, Reagan did take action against poverty. In fact, welfare expenditures increased from \$140 billion to \$180 billion from 1982 to 1991.

From 1983 to 1989, 3.8 million Americans pulled themselves out of poverty, thanks not to increased spending, but to lower taxes, which provided the incentive to work hard.

The notion that black Americans were victimized by Reagan's policies is also completely unfounded. Between 1982 and 1989, 400,000 black Americans escaped from the clutches of poverty. Consequently, the black middle class realized greater gains percentage-wise than any other segment of the population during the 1980s. The unprecedented influx of black entrepreneurs is also a reflection of Reaganomics.

Democrats also love to claim that "the rich got richer and the poor got poorer" under Reagan. The poorest fifth of Americans actually saw their incomes rise 12 percent during this time.

Democrats have charged that Reagan was never able to get the deficit under control. While it is true that the deficit was higher at the conclusion of the Reagan administration than when he first took office, once his policies took effect, from 1986 to 1989, it decreased from \$211 billion to \$152 billion.

It would have taken anyone a few years to overcome the double-digit inflation left behind by Jimmy Carter. Democrats who claim that tax cuts, coupled with increases in defense spending, will bankrupt our nation need only to look back to the 1980s, when the federal government was confiscating less money from hard working people, and the military was busy bringing communism to a halt. We were not anywhere close to bankruptcy. In fact, by 1990, with the crumbling of the Iron Curtain, the United States had emerged as the world's only superpower.

Most bothersome is the Democrats' notion that the government loses too much money by cutting taxes. Rush Limbaugh often says, "Washington — it's not your money." Reagan knew that if people were allowed to keep more of their hard-earned money, they would be encouraged to invest in the private sector, causing the economy to experience massive growth.

Reagan's tax cuts were responsible for the creation of 20 million jobs, 82 percent of which were skilled. Not only did Reagan create more jobs, but he also gave the American people a renewed sense of hope. The economic policies of the 1980s encouraged investment, risk-taking and, most importantly, charitable giving. That's right! When taxes are lowered, not only are Americans able to keep more of their own money, but they are more apt to contribute to organizations which provide aid to underprivileged families.

On the flip side, when taxes are raised, it becomes more difficult for people to provide for themselves. Thus, they are less able to help the poverty-stricken, opening the door to inefficient government intervention.

What made Reagan great was his belief in the common man. Ronald Reagan realized that as long as taxes remained minimal, the American people, through hard work and perseverance, could accomplish anything they wanted to.

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



■ EDITORIAL

SOBRIETY CHECKPOINTS

Measure can help stop drunken driving

In 1993, more than 1,000 Texans died and 33,203 were injured as a result of drunken driving cases, according to the Texas Department of Public Safety.

One state senator has introduced a bill in the Texas Legislature which would authorize so-called "sobriety checkpoints" on Texas streets and highways to help combat drunken driving.

Sen. David Sibley, R-Waco, argues that sobriety checkpoints, manned by police, have proven to be an effective weapon against drunken driving in other states, and have convinced motorists to stay sober or stay off the road. Thirty-eight other states currently use sobriety checkpoints, Sibley pointed out.

Last year, however, the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals struck down sobriety checkpoints operated by many local police departments. The court ruled that there were no statewide administrative rules for checkpoints in rendering its decision.

Sibley's bill proposes temporary checkpoints be established by state troopers, sheriffs' deputies or city police on streets or highways to determine whether motorists are driving drunk.

Several law enforcement groups and Mothers Against Drunk Driving support Sibley's proposed legislation. Police officers have perhaps the best perspective to judge the necessity of sobriety checkpoints.

One Austin police officer quoted in an Associated Press story succinctly described why sobriety checkpoints are necessary and valid.

"We don't have to put up with the unnecessary death," he said. "A lot of people still have the idea that traffic collisions involving death is a socially accepted homicide."

Drunken driving is unnecessary, unacceptable and avoidable. Instituting sobriety checkpoints would help end the needless carnage.

■ LETTER

Nothing wrong with pranks

It was a prank! But while observing the facial expressions of TCU students as they read last Wednesday's *Skiff*, a simple protest against Marriott appeared to be equivalent to the O.J. Simpson trial. However, if one had read the prankster's comments carefully, the motive of this incident would be obvious.

One of the pranksters clearly stated that the intention was to remind Marriott about its low quality food and high prices. This was the same stimulus of last year's "fork-lifting" event. They obviously did not plan on keeping these "borrowed" items, because they made no attempt to sell, desecrate or hide them. "We were going to give the stuff back. We did last time," one prankster interjected.

Even if Marriott does not accept this as a

protest, it's comforting to know someone on this campus understands the unforgettable and humorous skill of a college prank. Part of the college experience means creating memories which the entire campus can share 20 years later.

Other campuses appreciate this art, especially the common practice of stealing another school's mascot. Even in TCU's history there have been college pranks. Twelve years ago, four TCU students carried a bed from Tom Brown dormitory across University Drive in broad daylight just because they needed something to sleep on.

So what's happened to TCU? Has it gotten so pathetic that Mike McCaffrey has to beg students to concoct momentous and witty

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■ MIKE McCAFFREY

Two-party system alters Founders' original purpose

How would things be if we didn't have political parties to get in the way of what needs to be done? Better, for one thing.

As much as some people try to justify, defend and praise the political choke-hold the two major parties have on the United States, parties ultimately serve to confound the issues, hoodwink and use the American people.

How did it all get started? Thomas Jefferson and Alexander Hamilton, for all the good they did this country, more than balanced it out when they began what would become the egalitarian Republican and hierarchical Federalist parties. This began a tradition of different views on how things should be done with no real compromise in sight.

There are several reasons to hate political parties. Every time I hear someone describe themselves as die-hard Republican or Democrat, or brag about being a straight ticket voter, it makes me cringe just a little inside.

These people are dangerous. Not because of what they might do, but because of what they let other people use them for. Straight ticket voter is another euphemism for "I don't know who they are or what they stand for, but I just put 'em in office."

As a response, people say, "But they're — and I agree with the — platform." Defenders of political parties smile and tout this as a plus. The argument is that politics is a complex arena and it would take too much time for a "model" citizen to study every position on every issue.

OK, reality check: It is common for senators and representatives in Congress to vote against party colleagues more than 40 percent of the time. You just thought you knew who you were voting for.

If you don't know the what the candidate stands for as an individual, don't "assume" — just vote for none of the above by turning in a blank ballot. That way, your vote counts and you aren't putting someone in office who you don't know. By the time you know their politics, it's too late.

Others seek to justify the party system by arguing that parties act as a unifying force within a divided political structure. Hello, clue phone; it's for you. We have a federalist system for a reason. Or have the proponents of parties been so busy seeking power that they forgot to read the Constitution?

In the *Federalist Papers*, James Madison discussed all the negatives of political factions. At the time, the idea of party mechanisms, organized and working to establish certain platforms, had not yet developed.

So he described the great lengths to which the Founders went to ensure that no one group gained control of the government. It was feared that the interests of one group would be served at the expense of the minority interests. Thus, power was divided into executive, legislative and judicial branches at federal, state and local governments.

And now we have a system where there are only two major parties and it is next to impossible to win office without the support of one. Following the 1990 elections, only Rep. Bernard Sanders of Vermont was independent.

What's that sound? Is it a huge flushing sound? It's all the work Madison and the others did going down the drain. Parties do perform some good functions, but so long as there are only two, the negatives will be greater.

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TCU, city work on media brochure

Promotion for 100th Stock Show includes university's benefits to city

By **KIMBERLY WILSON**
TCU DAILY SKIFF

TCU's Communications Department recently teamed up with the Fort Worth Convention and Visitor's Bureau to put TCU on the desks of some 700 media outlets around the world.

A four-panel color brochure provided by TCU was included in a Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show media packet on Fort Worth. The packet honors next year's 100th anniversary of the stock show.

The media packet was sent to approximately 630 media outlets across the country and another 70 around the world. This was the first time TCU had participated in the distribution.

The brochure is typically provided to prospective students and includes general information such as TCU facts, areas of study, campus visits, and admissions.

Mona Gandy, director of communications at the Fort Worth Convention Visitor's Bureau, said the brochure benefits both the city and the university.

"It's (TCU) another facet of the city," Gandy said. "It is an important facet that brings in a great deal of entertainment."

TCU's Office of Finance and Business estimated in a report released last May that the impact of TCU on the North Texas economy is approximately \$506 million annually. The report used an economic multiplier effect of 3.1.

Another joint effort between the visitor's bureau and the university appeared in the January issue of the bureau's monthly magazine, *Round Up*.

The magazine featured an article that described TCU as "one of the main entities that brings people to Fort Worth." The article announced that ground-breaking for the \$11 million Center for the Performing Arts will

take place during the 1995-96 school year and mentioned TCU's entrance into the Western Athletic Conference in 1996.

Andy Kesling, who works in the Communications and Public Affairs Office at TCU, said the article was part of an effort to gain nationwide visibility of the university. Next year marks the 100th anniversary of the Stock Show and that could mean a media blitz on Fort Worth, Kesling said.

TCU and the city will both receive a tremendous amount of publicity from the large amount of media which will be involved in this event.

There are many more joint publicity ideas between the city and the university that are in the planning stages, he said.

"TCU and Fort Worth have a lot to gain from working with one another," he said. "TCU's obviously a big part of the city. It's our hope, that by working together, our combined efforts will reap benefits for both of us."

PC chooses board; sets yearly agenda

By **HEATHER HOGAN**
TCU DAILY SKIFF

TCU's Programming Council has announced its new committee chairmen and women for the 1995 executive board.

PC's executive board has been streamlined this semester; it now has nine committee chairmen and women and a five-member administrative cabinet, said Becky Pretz, a junior advertising-public relations major and PC administrative assistant.

The board began this semester with a new agenda, more excitement and a clearer focus than has been seen in the past, Pretz said.

"The 1995 executive board is developing a long-range outlook instead of just working from semester to semester," she said.

Greg Trevino, a senior management major and vice president of programming, said these long-term goals will make PC more efficient now, and keep it moving smoothly in years to come.

"Taking care of a lot of these organizational details now will make things much easier for future PC'ers," he said.

Pretz said in addition to future planning, PC goals included expanding their influence at the university.

"Right now we're working on co-programming with campus groups we've never worked with before," she said.

Pretz said an example of new influ-

ence was an event organized by the PC fine arts chairwoman where actors in TCU's upcoming production of "Les Liaisons Dangereuses" will display their costumes in a lunch time fashion show in the student center lounge.

Trevino said another PC goal, which was closely tied to co-programming, was to eliminate the conflicts

"We need to combine our efforts . . . to avoid students choosing between several events competing for the same time."

GREG TREVINO,
Vice president,
programming

that arise when the times of several events overlap.

"We need to combine our efforts with other groups to avoid students choosing between several events competing for the same time," he said. "We have tons of resources to share if we work together."

This will also increase the overall quality of programs at TCU, Trevino said.

PC's next big event is Superfrog's birthday party on Feb. 17, he said. The council has arranged bands, games, food, a virtual reality machine, and, of course, an appearance by Superfrog.

Youth testifies about juvenile justice issue

By **PEGGY FIKAC**
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AUSTIN — Mark left home when he was 12, was picked up for aggravated assault at 13 and got into trouble with the law a dozen more times before he beat a man to death three years later in an argument over drugs.

He was committed to the Giddings State Home and School after the 1992 murder. Now under review for potential release, he says he has turned his life around with the help of a therapy group.

"I started caring about other people's feelings and wanting to help other people," Mark said in an interview Tuesday after testifying before the Senate Criminal Justice Committee, which is contemplating a juvenile justice system overhaul.

Mark said he has earned his high-

school equivalency degree, learned to deal with his feelings and would like to go to college. His goal is to be a psychologist or parole or probation officer so he can reach out to youngsters who are troubled like he was.

"I want to help people the way I've been helped — children in particular," said Mark, the same youth who said he once supported himself by "selling drugs and robbing people."

Sen. John Whitmire, committee chairman, said problems in the juvenile justice system are highlighted by testimony from Mark and a fellow state school resident who also was involved in a murder after numerous scrapes with the law.

Mark, who declined to give his last name, said that after he assaulted a youngster at school over a jacket at age 13, he was only held by authorities for an hour or two.

"I think those kids were showing all the signs in elementary years of needing help, and we had no resources or programs for them."

JOHN WHITMIRE,
Chairman,
Texas Senate Criminal
Justice Committee

Whitmire said programs should be beefed up to intervene early and turn young offenders away from a life of crime.

"I think those kids were showing all the signs in elementary years of

needing help, and we had no resources or programs for them," he said of the youths who testified. "There's smart programs we're not using because of a lack of resources."

But once a youth has built a violent criminal record, Whitmire said, officials also must decide whether to spend scarce state resources on that juvenile or concede defeat and put the money elsewhere.

Whitmire said he's exploring the idea of a "juvenile prison" for young offenders deemed to be beyond rehabilitation.

Such a prison would be under the purview of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, which administers adult prisons, rather than the Texas Youth Commission, whose focus is on rehabilitation of juvenile offenders. Youths possibly could be sent there as early as 13, Whitmire said, although he added that he hasn't decided on that age.

Steve Robinson, executive director of the Texas Youth Commission, said more resources are needed to provide guidance and oversight for youths when they leave a state youth facility. There is a proposal to increase the budget for such follow up services by \$1.3 million to \$5.7 million a year.

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Hall, said she also thinks students would like cable in their rooms.

"We get the major channels, but they come in fuzzy and cable in our rooms would improve the quality," she said. "It doesn't bother me that much, because I don't watch TV much."

Miche Dolbec, a junior fashion merchandising major and RA in Colby Hall, said she doesn't have much time to watch TV in the lobby.

"If cable was in each room, I would watch it more," she said.

Dolbec said the residents have

been taking advantage of the weather channel.

Tami Williams, a junior business major who lives in Jarvis, said she is glad cable was installed.

"If I ever wanted to watch something, it's available," she said.

TCU and Sammons Cable Co. have been trying to agree on a plan for the university since spring of 1984.

Erin Trujillo, a junior social work major and RA in Sherley Hall, said she is glad TCU and Sammons finally took action on their word.

However, Trujillo said she feels there are much more important things the money could have been used for. There are some basic problems on campus, such as proper access facilities for people with disabilities, that need attention, she said.

Sheri Henderson, a junior sociology major who lives in Brachman Hall, said she wouldn't get anything accomplished with cable in her room.

"I think it's kind of stupid. I have enough stuff to do already," she said.

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Painful punishment

Mississippi adopts bill allowing prisoners to be spanked

By JACK ELLIOTT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

JACKSON, Miss. — When it comes to punishing scofflaws from graffiti artists to petty thieves, some lawmakers think the best idea is a good, old-fashioned spanking.

Of several states that have considered the idea, Mississippi has gone the furthest. The state House adopted a bill Monday that would allow judges to order paddlings instead of going to prison.

The legislation does not spell out how, when, where or by whom the punishment would be administered. It would not apply to the most serious crimes, like murder or rape.

"We have been packing them in the (prisons) by the thousands and still there's no end," said Rep. Steve Holland, a Democrat who pushed the proposal through. "I think this is a strong policy statement against crime."

Opponents believe it is more: unconstitutionally cruel, humiliating, and uncomfortably reminiscent of the whippings doled out to slaves and the beatings endured by civil rights demonstrators.

"I lost three teeth to the stick of a police officer. And that was after... I had my law degree, when I was out trying to get something for my people," said Rep. Ed Blackmon Jr., a Democrat and one of 32 blacks in the 122-member House.

The last state to whip a criminal was Delaware, which flogged a man who

broke into a house and beat a woman in 1952. It abolished the punishment 20 years later. In 1989, a state senator proposed whipping drug dealers, but the bill never came to a vote.

The idea took hold again after American teen-ager Michael Fay was flogged in Singapore last May for vandalism.

In New York, a Republican state senator proposed last month that judges be given the option to sentence graffiti artists ages 13 to 18 to as many as 10 strikes on the clothed backside from a three-quarter inch hardwood paddle.

"What we're looking to do is embarrass him. He's going to be spanked like a child," said state Sen. Serphin Maltese.

There has been no action on the bill, which says the paddling would be done in the judge's chambers by the youth's parent, or a court bailiff if the parent refuses.

In Tennessee, two Republican legislators proposed punishing vandals and burglars by public caning on courthouse steps. In addition to existing penalties, local sheriffs would administer one to four lashes for misdemeanor offenders and more for felons.

Proposals elsewhere have had little success. Last year, the Sacramento, Calif., and St. Louis city governments rejected paddling legislation, and a proposal was defeated in committee in the California Legislature.

California is considering two bills

introduced this session.

A bill that would have punished graffiti vandals with caning was shelved Monday by the New Mexico Senate Judiciary Committee in favor of legislation that mandates restitution and community service.

In Louisiana, the state House defeated a bill that, like the New York measure being considered, would have allowed the spanking of juvenile delinquents by a parent or a corrections officer if the parent refused.

Critics in Mississippi say the legislation would further stain the state's historically tarnished image.

"As hard as some of us work to try to improve or enhance the image of this state, there is another group working just as hard to make it the way it used to be," said Bea Branch, state president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Others said spanking just won't have any effect on criminals.

"Some criminal lawyers have even suggested that with some of their tougher clients, (paddling) will be seen as a badge of honor, further proof of their manhood," said David Ingebretsen, state director of the American Civil Liberties Union.

He said such "bizarre things" slip through during floor debate because "everybody wants to go home and say they've been tough on crime. But in the quiet atmosphere of a Senate committee, I certainly hope it will die."

Bush promises action on campaign agenda

By MICHAEL HOLMES
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — Gov. George W. Bush called on lawmakers Tuesday to enact his proposed changes in welfare, schools, juvenile crime and civil lawsuits, saying, "These are not partisan values, these are Texas values."

In his first state of the state address, the Republican governor repeated his four key campaign promises and pledged to keep faith with the voters.

"You and I know that people have become cynical. It has happened partly because government has tried to do too much. It has also happened because people run for office saying one thing and then do another," Bush said. "I intend to keep my word."

Bush reiterated his call for stricter welfare rules, more local control of education, tougher laws for young criminals and changes to help limit damages and frivolous lawsuits.

Democratic Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, who presides over the Senate, gave Bush high marks.

"I think the governor punched all the right buttons. He touched all the issues which he ran on in his race for governor, and the number of votes which he received pretty much speaks for itself," Bullock said.

Not everyone in the Democratic-controlled Legislature was as enthusiastic.

Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos, D-Austin, noted that Texas welfare benefits already are among the nation's lowest.

"To blame some of the problems that we have on poor people in this state is ridiculous," Barrientos said. "He won the campaign. He is the governor of Texas. Leave the political rhetoric at the door. We've got work to do."

Bush told the lawmakers his guiding philosophy is one of "limited government, personal responsibility,

strong families and local control."

Bush has designated tort reform — changes in the way civil lawsuits are handled — a legislative emergency. A bill designed to stop "frivolous" lawsuits already has passed the Senate, and others are in the works that would limit damages.

"We must act swiftly and boldly. Texans expect meaningful tort reform and will not tolerate piecemeal or watered-down changes. The scales of justice in Texas are out of balance. It is time to stand up and say, 'We object.'"

The governor said the current welfare system "rewards illegitimacy, diminishes the motivation to work and robs Texans of dignity and self-worth."

He called for requiring mothers to identify the fathers of their children before receiving welfare benefits; revoking any state license held by a child support deadbeat; and requiring teen welfare mothers to live with their parents or in another supervised setting.

He also proposed cutting off benefits for recipients who have additional children beyond two while on welfare. "If you choose to have additional children... that's your right, but the taxpayers of Texas will not provide additional money to encourage you to do so."

When it comes to educating children, Bush told lawmakers local school districts are better equipped to do the job than a distant state bureaucracy.

Bush called for increasing the state's share of school spending, now about 45 percent of a \$16.5 billion annual total.

Sister school hosts second summer session for TCU

By KRISTIN NEMETZ
TCU DAILY SKIFF

A summer session in Mexico is helping TCU students learn the language.

Donald Frischmann and Peggy Watson, associate and assistant professors of Spanish, respectively, conduct the six-week summer program at Universidad de las Americas in Puebla, Mexico.

Frischmann said UDLA is TCU's sister institution in Mexico. The two schools have shared an exchange program for three years, he said.

"It gives students the chance to experience life, study Spanish and learn the Mexican culture," Frischmann said.

Students participating in the program receive six hours of credit and experience course-related field trips on weekends. Participants live in dorms with Mexican students who attend UDLA.

Frischmann said in previous years the program was conducted during the fall and spring semesters.

But, last June and July, TCU tried a summer program and it was quite successful, he said.

Students who attend are required to complete three semesters of college Spanish because courses at UDLA are taught in the native language, he said.

Casey Fries, a junior business major and Spanish minor, attended last year's trip. He said he had never been to Mexico before and learned more in six weeks than he could have imagined.

"It was a great chance to hear the people speaking in different accents," Fries said. "Understanding the language started out difficult but you can pick up on it pretty easily."

Fries also said he learned outside the classroom by going out at night and even watching Spanish television.

Lori Aune, a senior speech communications major and Spanish minor, said her experience at the program was unsurpassed by anything she has learned in the United States.

"I didn't realize how valuable the trip would be until now," Aune said. "Not just my Spanish, but my entire knowledge about Mexico has increased."

Both Fries and Aune said they encourage students to take advantage of the program.

Rabies outbreak worries Texas vet

By JOSH LEMIEUX
ASSOCIATED PRESS

EDINBURG, Texas — When veterinarian Adalberto Garza sees neglected dogs wandering around houses that exist a half-step above Third World conditions, he wonders when the explosion of rabies will hit.

"If there is a large population of unvaccinated animals, it's just a matter of time," Garza says. "It's just a bomb ready to go off."

The latest rabies outbreak in South Texas claimed the life of 14-year-old Rolando Bazan of Edinburg. The city of 30,000 residents is surrounded by poor communities called "colonias," many on the edge of coyote country.

Nine dogs or cats in the area have been confirmed rabid since the boy died of the virus in November. More than two weeks have passed without a new case, and the public outcry seems to be dwindling.

That's what worries Garza. Despite a state law requiring yearly rabies vaccinations for dogs and cats, he fears that many pet owners

will revert to their old habits of neglect.

"I'm sure the same syndrome of complacency that has happened in Edinburg is happening in other parts of the Rio Grande Valley," Garza said.

Officials say it's not only the relatively poor communities along the Texas-Mexico border that are vulnerable.

In San Antonio — the nation's 10th largest city with 1 million people — veterinary services manager William Lammers estimates that only 30 percent of the dogs and cats are vaccinated for rabies.

"We don't want the same thing to happen here that happened in Edinburg," said Lammers, whose department has increased the frequency of rabies vaccination clinics.

Lammers' department picked up 46,000 dogs and cats in San Antonio last year — only 2,500 of which were claimed by owners. Another 50,000 dead animals were picked up from streets or shelters, he said, estimating that three of every four of them had

been pets.

Rabies, normally transmitted through the saliva of an infected animal, is fatal in humans unless diagnosed in time. Its progression can be stopped by a series of shots.

State health officials say there have been 531 confirmed cases of canine rabies across 18 South Texas counties since September 1988. Dogs accounted for 216 of those cases while coyotes accounted for 270. Four people have died of rabies in Texas during that period: two from dog bites and two from bats.

However, dogs are believed to pose the highest risk of infecting humans with rabies.

"Wherever canine rabies exists, people die," said Dr. Keith Clark, director of zoonosis for the Texas Department of Health. "The single most important thing is to vaccinate pets. The second most important thing is to pick up strays."

Experts call Texas' canine strain Mexican Urban Rabies because it has been found in urban dog populations in Mexico.

Bill calls to lessen violence in schools

ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — A bill calling for zero-tolerance for school violence and requiring removal of violent and disruptive students has been introduced in the Legislature.

"It is time that we return our classrooms back to the teachers and the majority of students who come to school to learn," said Rep. Jesse Jones, D-Dallas, a cosponsor of the bill.

Jones said Tuesday that deadly weapons and illegal drugs are becoming too common in many schools. During 1993-94, he said, the Dallas public schools confiscated 79 guns being carried by students.

The proposed Safe School Act would remove students from regular school programs and place them in alternative settings if they assaulted a school employee or another student, if they possess illegal drugs on campus or if they possess a firearm or other prohibited weapon.

"The zero-tolerance policy will restore order to our public schools by setting clear codes of conduct for student behavior," Jones said.

Jones said a survey conducted by the Texas Federation of Teachers found 92 of the 150 House members supported such legislation. Rep. Christine Hernandez, D-San Antonio, also is sponsoring the measure.

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Imran Ali, who graduated from TCU last December with a marketing degree, discusses his mock interview with Jennifer Clough, an assistant director of the TCU Career Planning and Placement Center.

Finding first job elusive pursuit?

Experts say graduates should pay attention to hiring trends

By KRISTAL GRIFFITH
TCU DAILY SKIFF

An improving job market means employers will hire more workers this year, but companies are putting higher demands on job candidates than ever before, according to the College Placement Council.

Fifty percent of corporations responding to a survey by the College Placement Council said they will hire more new college graduates this year, said Dawn Oberman, director of employment information for the CPC.

But graduates must aggressively market themselves and demonstrate their abilities to potential employers, Oberman said.

"Employers are requiring students to have skills and experience in their field," she said. "In addition to co-ops and internships, students need good communication skills and computer knowledge."

TCU's Career Planning & Placement Center is working toward adapting and responding to employers' changing needs, said Carolyn Ulrickson, career center director.

While employers will visit slightly more college campuses this year, overall campus visitations by employers have declined 50 percent in the last decade, according to CPC data. Because of this decline, and the need to accommodate busy employ-

ers, TCU's career center is using

more technology, Ulrickson said. "We hope that by next fall, we will have a video conference room where employers can interview prospective job candidates through the terminal," she said. "That way, recruiters from New York and other places won't have to fly to Texas to interview TCU students."

The career center is also trying to get on the national job line Internet, Ulrickson said. The Internet is growing rapidly with about 30,000 companies listing their addresses and job openings in the system, Oberman said.

Increasingly, the career center is receiving computer disks instead of publicity packets from employers, Ulrickson said. The disks give users information on the company as well as a list of job openings, she said.

While technology is making job information more accessible to students, students shouldn't apply to a company just because it is listed on the Internet or they've read information on the company's promotional disk, Ulrickson said.

The career center can help students make sure companies are reputable, she said.

"We must keep up with trends in employment law," Ulrickson said. "We will not place our students in a company where the job requirements are illegal."

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Career center's services suit jobseekers

By CHRISTY HAWKINS
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Millions of college graduates face an increasingly competitive job market every year. Students can help prepare themselves for success in the working world at TCU's Career Planning and Placement Center.

The center offers a variety of services to both students and alumni of the university to assist in career planning, searching or changing, said Carolyn Ulrickson, career center director.

Although the majority of people who use the center are TCU students, 25 percent are alumni, Ulrickson said.

Student traffic has increased this year at TCU's Career Center by approximately 50 percent, Ulrickson said. One reason for the increased number of students visiting the center can be attributed to students who have used the center and then told

their friends about it, Ulrickson said.

Also, the job outlook is up and will be up for a while, and students want to know how to find a job that is right for them, Ulrickson said.

The biggest success story of the career center has been the computerized resume service Resume Expert, Ulrickson said.

Resume Expert allows students to produce a resume, register their information with the career center and be referred to job openings in their specific fields of interest, Ulrickson said.

Through the service, students are given computer disks which can be accessed through DOS computers. Information for their resume is entered into the database and the computer formats it for them in a style they like, she said.

"It takes 15 minutes to enter things into the database," Ulrickson said. "This program allows students to create their resumes with their own

person style."

The resume disks are given out at no charge, she said.

Resume Expert includes a tutorial disk to help students understand the process, Ulrickson said.

"Since it is on DOS, it takes time to do, but it is worth it," said junior finance major Atila Ali, who used Resume Expert. "Inserting the information is not difficult since the tutorial disk is there."

Ali hopes companies will contact him about internship openings that he might be interested in since his information is now on the career center's database, he said.

Another item which can greatly aid job preparation is the mock interview, Ulrickson said. Through the career center, students can participate in videotaped mock job interviews.

Practicing the interview before it actually happens helps students be prepared to know about the company

for which they will be interviewing, Ulrickson said. Additionally, it will help students understand the position they are trying to attain and understand the skills they have to offer to the employer, she said.

The mock interview usually lasts 15 minutes, and afterward Ulrickson discusses each student's strengths and weaknesses in the mock interview, she said.

Actual on-campus job interviews are done each year with approximately 100 companies conducting over 1,200 individual interviews in the career center, she said.

"Companies tend to schedule visits to interview when they are confident they need people," Ulrickson said.

The interviews are mainly for graduating seniors, but some companies will interview juniors and sophomores for summer employ-

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SKILLS DESIRED BY EMPLOYERS

Rated on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 least important and 5 extremely important.

SKILL	RATING
Oral Communication	4.7
Interpersonal	4.6
Teamwork	4.5
Flexibility	4.3
Analytical	4.3
Written communication	4.3
Proficiency in field of study	4.1
Leadership	4.1
Computer knowledge	3.9

Source: College Placement Council Job Outlook '95

CAREER PLANNING SUGGESTIONS

Many students procrastinate too long before beginning the job search. TCU's Career Center recommends some of the following guidelines:

FRESHMAN YEAR

- ◆ Identify interests and test them through courses, student activities and summer work
- ◆ Identify majors that relate to your abilities and interests
- ◆ Attend Career Week

SOPHOMORE YEAR

- ◆ Obtain information about occupations
- ◆ Seek leadership roles in student professional organizations
- ◆ Explore relevant work experience such as internships

JUNIOR YEAR

- ◆ Relate interests and abilities to career fields
- ◆ Develop working relationships with faculty and professionals
- ◆ Begin learning about job search strategies

SENIOR YEAR

- ◆ Register early at Career Center and take advantage of on-campus recruiting
- ◆ Talk with professionals in your field about job-search techniques and opportunities
- ◆ Identify and expand your network

Alumni computer network helps students locate employment options, connections

By CHRISTY HAWKINS
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Alumni Sharing Knowledge (ASK), the TCU Career Planning and Placement Center's alumni database, is the center's link for graduates who need jobs with alumni who can connect them.

Currently, ASK has 1,840 alumni participants, said Carolyn Ulrickson, career center director.

"The purpose of the network is to give students a good job search, and to have friendly people involved — people that truly want to help," Ulrickson said.

ASK was started in September 1992 as a joint project between the career center and the Alumni Association, Ulrickson said.

The network began with volunteers from the alumni office mailing out requests to all alumni to enter the network, Ulrickson said.

Alumni who wanted to participate sent the forms back with their current employer and job title listed, and chose how many student contacts they would prefer to have over the semester, she said.

Originally the questionnaires were

sent out to those working in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, Ulrickson said.

"We expected 200 to 300 responses, but we got 800," Ulrickson said. "Due to the popularity, we decided to go national."

Questionnaires will be sent out soon to 1993 graduates, Ulrickson said.

Searches of the database can be done by zip code, TCU major, job title, and many other ways as well, she said.

The network helps people who can't rely on on-campus interviews to find jobs, Ulrickson said. Many students, such as those with nursing, engineering and education majors, generally have a clear idea of their job duties, she said.

ASK is useful for students majoring in fields that don't relate to specific job titles, such as political science, anthropology or sociology, she said.

Other examples of companies that don't usually recruit on campus are those that offer jobs in the fields of journalism, radio-TV-film and English. Networking is a popular way of attaining a job in those areas, Ulrickson said.

"A networking person for these fields is helpful," Ulrickson said. "ASK helps those with broad job options the most."

ASK helps place students in jobs with small employers, which Ulrickson said is a new trend.

"The job market has changed," she said. "Big companies aren't coming on to campus as much to recruit. The majority of jobs now are with small employers."

The network has been successful, but the alumni participating have one request, Ulrickson said.

"They want us to send them more students," she said.

In today's market, people coming in need all the assistance they can get to find a job, said Pepper Hitchcock, a TCU alumnus and ASK participant.

Hitchcock graduated in 1975 from TCU with a degree in business management. He currently sells medical equipment.

Hitchcock has had a total of three students call him, mainly with questions about sales and marketing, but hasn't had anyone call him during the past 18 months, he said.

Hitchcock's last three jobs have been secured through networking

"The job market has changed. Big companies aren't coming on to campus as much to recruit. The majority of jobs now are with small employers."

CAROLYN ULRICKSON
Director, Career Planning and Placement Center

with people, he said. Networking is very important in finding a job in small markets, he said.

"I am very grateful to TCU for helping me find my first job," Hitchcock said. "That is why I want to participate in ASK."

To participate in ASK, students can schedule an appointment with a career center counselor from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday and from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday.

The career center also has drop-in hours from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Lady Frogs hope to escape history

By BRAD HORN
TCU DAILY SKIFF

When the Lady Horned Frogs basketball team battles the Texas Longhorns tonight at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum, it will hope the Longhorns have forgotten all about recent history.

However, the Longhorns probably won't forget that in the history of Southwest Conference women's basketball — spanning 25 games — TCU has never defeated Texas.

If the Longhorns wanted to add any insult to injury, they could pick up a sports page and notice the Frogs have lost 18 consecutive games and are currently in the SWC cellar, having not won a single conference game all season.

Combine that with a Longhorn team noted for a winning tradition and the possibilities for a TCU vic-

tory seem slim.

Wednesday night will mark a rematch with the Longhorns. (8-10 overall, 4-3 SWC) The Frogs suffered an earlier defeat at the hands of Texas, 89-49, Jan. 10 at the Erwin Center in Austin.

The game will have special meaning for Frog head coach Shell Robinson as she faces her alma mater and former coach.

A 1986 graduate of Texas, Robinson played for the Lady Longhorns from 1981-1986 under coach Judy Conrad.

Conrad, the winningest coach in women's basketball history, recently added to her accomplishments with her 650th career victory in 19 seasons.

The Frogs now have five consecutive home games before closing the season with two road games and the SWC tournament Mar. 9-11 at Reunion Arena in Dallas.



TCU Daily Skiff/Blake Sims

James Turner goes to the hoop earlier this season against Baylor. Turner and the Frogs take their 5-2 SWC record to Austin tonight to battle Texas.

Mediator strikes out; baseball pact unlikely

By RONALD BLUM
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Clinton found out Tuesday what most baseball fans already knew: The players and owners will resist compromise with all their might.

The president's hand-picked mediator gave both sides his suggestions for settling the six-month strike, but got nowhere. Players and owners, along with their lawyers, were then summoned to the White House, perhaps to personally face the frustrated commander-in-chief.

Clinton, Vice President Al Gore and several White House aides met with mediator W.J. Usery for 35 minutes in the Oval Office. Usery brought with him an outline on how to resolve the dispute, but did not disclose those plans to reporters.

White House aides said there was a possibility they would ask players and owners to accept binding arbitration.

"The president was exasperated that there was no progress toward settling the baseball strike," White House spokesman Mike McCurry said.

Both sides had received an outline earlier in the day. They did not discuss what was in the plans but clearly were not pleased.

"It's not something we are going to

accept," one agent said, speaking on the condition he not be identified.

Earlier in the day, the Republican leadership of Congress discouraged turning to Capitol Hill for a solution to the strike. Clinton has no legal power to end the strike, and would need Republican support to force either the terms of a settlement or binding arbitration.

With spring training due to start a week from Thursday, the strike appeared no closer to conclusion than when it began Aug. 12. Union lawyers speculated that Clinton and Usery might try to persuade them to accept binding arbitration.

"We'll just have to see what they offer," Detroit's Cecil Fielder said.

The sides, who have warred in hotel after hotel for month after month, were to begin their White House sessions in the Roosevelt Room, probably with Usery, Labor Secretary Robert Reich and deputy White House counsel Bruce Lindsey.

Representing the players were Fielder, Atlanta's Tom Glavine, Pittsburgh's Jay Bell, Kansas City's David Cone, free agent Scott Sanderson, union head Donald Fehr and associate general counsel Eugene Orza.

Representing owners were Milwaukee's Bud Selig — the acting commissioner since owners forced out Fay Vincent in September 1992 — Boston's John Harrington, Colorado's Jerry McMorris and former St. Louis chief executive officer Stuart Meyer. They were accompanied by lawyers Chuck O'Connor and Rob Manfred from the law firm Morgan Lewis & Bockius.

Asked before the meeting if he was optimistic, Selig said: "We'll let you know when we get back."

Frog pitchers combine for no-hitter

By RICHMOND WILLIAMS
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The TCU baseball team began defending its Southwest Conference Championship title to open up the 1995 season in impressive fashion Tuesday, beating Abilene Christian 10-1 behind the strength of its first no-hitter in a decade.

Right-handers Toby Dollar, Scott Atchison, Flint Wallace, and left-hander Derek Lee all combined for the first Frog no-hitter since Kight Higgins held Southwestern University to no hits in 1985.

The game was only the sixth no-hitter in school history and the first nine-inning no-hitter.

Atchison (1-0), a freshman, received the win in his first collegiate contest. None of the other pitchers received a save.

"I just went out there and threw," Atchison said, "and let the defense play."

The game, played before 310 blanket-covered fans at the TCU Diamond, looked like it might be a pitcher's duel on both sides early on.

The Wildcats went up by one run in the second inning when the Frogs had all three of their errors, allowing Wildcat third baseman Kevin Thompson to score.

The score remained 1-0 until the fifth inning, when the Frogs exploded.

TCU scored six runs in the inning, with Jason McClure and Alan Wyles both getting hit by errant Scott Jenkins pitches before Jenkins was pulled by Wildcat coach Bill Gilbreth.

TCU improved its overall record against the Division II ACU to 15-0, with five of the games coming under current head coach Lance Brown, the 1994 Southwest Conference Coach of the Year.

After the offensive outpouring in the fifth, TCU coasted to victory, scoring two runs in both the

sixth and eighth innings.

The Frogs pitchers racked up 13 strikeouts, five of them coming from Lee. Dollar, a sophomore transfer from the University of

Miami (Fla.), got the start and lasted for three innings.

The Frogs travel to Stephenville next Tuesday for a doubleheader against Tarleton State.

HORNED FROG BASEBALL

Date	Opponent	Time
Feb. 14	at Tarleton State	1 p.m.
Feb. 16	Tarleton State	2 p.m.
Feb. 18	at Northwestern St.	2 p.m.
Feb. 21	Oklahoma	2 p.m.
Feb. 22	at UT - Arlington	2 p.m.
Feb. 25	Louisiana Tech	1 p.m.
Feb. 26	Louisiana Tech	2 p.m.
Feb. 28	Stephen F. Austin	1 p.m.
Mar. 3	at Arkansas	3 p.m.
Mar. 4	at Arkansas	1 p.m.
Mar. 5	at Arkansas	2 p.m.
Mar. 7	Evansville	2:30 p.m.

SPORTS DIGEST

Big 12 looks for leader

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The race to be Big 12 commissioner is virtually a two-man affair between Kansas athletic director Bob Frederick and Southwest Conference commissioner Steve Hatchell, sources tell The Associated Press.

"Others will be interviewed. But it's a showdown between those two," a person close to the process said on condition of anonymity.

"Things can change. Something unexpected can always pop up. But as things stand now, about the only chance anybody else could have might be as a compromise candidate."

Vernon Maxwell quiet after allegedly punching fan

By BOB BAUM
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PORTLAND, Ore. — Hot-tempered Houston Rockets guard Vernon Maxwell quietly left Portland with his teammates Tuesday as NBA officials weighed what penalty he would face for allegedly punching a fan.

"You know I'm not going to talk about it," Maxwell said as he left a downtown hotel.

Witnesses said Maxwell charged up a dozen rows into the Memorial Coliseum crowd during Monday night's 120-82 loss to the Portland Trail Blazers and punched 35-year-old Steve George in the jaw.

George and his attorney said they plan to press charges and are considering a lawsuit.

A police report filed by George at 1:36 a.m. Tuesday was forwarded to the Multnomah County district attorney's office.

Maxwell likely would face a misdemeanor charge of fourth-degree assault if George signs a complaint, Portland police spokesman C.W. Jensen said.

George's attorney, Richard Maizels, said his client would sign the complaint but did not know when.

George, who is deaf in his right ear, was examined at a hospital emergency room late Monday night to make sure his other ear was not damaged in the incident. So far, there was no indication of any serious injury, Maizels said.

A freelance television cameraman captured the altercation on video and sent the tape to the NBA's office in New York.

Rod Thorn, the NBA's vice president for operations, said a player has never gone into the crowd to assault

a fan in his 10 years with the league. In March 1991, Charles Barkley was fined \$10,000 and suspended for a game for spitting on fans. His target was a heckler, but he hit an 8-year-old girl instead.

Maxwell has a history of trouble. Since 1993, he's been arrested twice for altercations in night clubs. Last year, he paid a \$15,000 fine for illegally carrying a gun in his car.

Cameraman Carl Wikman said his tape clearly shows Maxwell going into the crowd and striking George.

The incident occurred during a timeout with 3:33 left in the third period. The section of fans beneath the backboard next to the Houston bench had been riding Maxwell all night, and the temperamental guard had returned the taunts with obscenities, Wikman said.

"He's known as a hothead, and he gets it everywhere he goes," George said. "He blew a gasket. They were down by 30. He wasn't happy. He was having a bad night and he lost it."

When Maxwell headed into the stands, teammate Robert Horry and assistant coach Larry Smith followed him.

"Maxwell does hit the guy first," Wikman said. "At that point, the guy's brother shoves Maxwell back. Then Horry comes between the two. . . Maxwell is the only one who threw a punch."

Wikman said his videotape also picked up Maxwell shouting obscenities at the crowd during the second quarter and at a teammate who tried to calm him down.

Later, Wikman said, a man with his young son asked Maxwell to cut

down on the cursing because the boy was there, and Maxwell responded with more obscenities and told the man to move to a higher seat if he didn't want to hear it.

Maxwell, Horry and Smith all were ejected by officials.

The Rockets' Mario Elie said players have to expect those type of reactions from the crowd.

"You hear hecklers at all arenas," he said. "That's how it is. You deal with it. That's part of the game. They pay their ticket, they get a little drunk, they say something rude, but you've got to go beyond that."

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That also means keeping up with equal employment opportunity laws, Ulrickson said.

Even though companies aren't supposed to specify gender in job description, some have called the career center looking for "pretty little girls," Ulrickson said.

"If they ask for a waitress, I must remind them that waiters and waitresses can apply for the job," she said.

Both Ulrickson and Oberman agreed that the way students market themselves is of utmost importance.

Students should know which skills employers are looking for when applying for work, she said.

Research compiled by the College Placement Council shows that corporations rank social skills and personal traits as more important to successful work performance than academic knowledge and work experience.

But students should not misinterpret the findings, Oberman said.

"Corporations ranked all skills as important," she said. "Students need to have a broad base of abilities, including foreign languages, to help them look marketable."

Job candidates who have had internships appeal to corporations, especially if the internship was offered by that particular company, Oberman said.

"Twenty-eight percent of companies' new hires come from their internship or co-op programs," she said.

Ulrickson said she agreed that internships are crucial. TCU's career center has an internship database that can access 18 different disciplines, she said.

The job outlook for 1995 graduates has improved and U.S. employers have promised to add to their

work forces during the first quarter of 1995, according to CPC research. That increase is at a faster rate than any first quarter since 1989, according to the CPC.

Research shows that those students who are prepared and finding jobs are getting rewarded. Entry-level salaries are expected to increase by 2.8 percent, and college graduates may see a salary increase of 3.9 percent, Oberman said.

Still, opportunities are not like they were in the mid-1980s, she said.

"Students back then had many jobs to choose from," she said. "But today, students need to follow the opportunities they are given."

If students start thinking about their career their freshman year, they'll be more likely to find what they're looking for, Ulrickson said.

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ment and internships, she said.

The career center library contains several hundred volumes in 24 categories ranging from job information to employer directories, Ulrickson said.

"Our library matches any in the Southwest," Ulrickson said.

Informational booklets and videotapes which include information on several hundred employers are available to students and can be checked out for several days so students can look over them, she said.

Many students aren't aware of the capabilities the career center has to assist students in helping them find and apply to graduate school, Ulrickson said.

"We offer Discover, an interactive career guidance program, to help students in identifying graduate programs," she said.

The center offers a graduate

school information day in the fall of every semester, Ulrickson said.

For freshmen, or other students who are unsure of their career interests, the center offers ways for them to find out which career are suited to their interests, abilities and values, Ulrickson said.

One way for students to explore their career options is through internships, Ulrickson said.

The center offers an internship database which can connect students with internship opportunities in over 18 areas of interest, Ulrickson said.

"Internships are important for students to get out there and do a specific job to figure out if that is what they want to do," Ulrickson said.

One-day internships or "shadowing" a person in their job setting can also be arranged through the center, she said.

"Shadowing is the best way to

learn about a career," she said.

The career center can also help students find part-time off-campus jobs or holiday and summer jobs, Ulrickson said.

An excellent summer job opportunity can be found at Camp Day 1995. The center is sponsoring 33 summer camps in the Student Center Lounge on Feb. 9. Camp representatives from Texas, New York, Oklahoma and Missouri will be present, she said.

The camps need counselors and support staff, Ulrickson said.

The career center does more than just help student find jobs, Ulrickson said. Staff also offer students moral support, she said.

"Graduates can have 25 no's before applying for a job after college before they have one yes," Ulrickson said. "And that can be frustrating. I just tell them it is one more no closer to a yes."

STUDENT HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Meeting highlights for Feb. 7, 1995

Resolution

Passed: 95-2 The House resolved to fund \$850 for the Experience India benefit. The finance committee stipulated that the funds be used for the expenses of the benefit and not for a donation.

Passed: 95-3 The House resolved to fund \$785 to send 5 students to the Tech Leadership Academy at Texas Tech University this weekend. An amendment was offered to the bill to reduce the amount to \$392. The amendment failed and the original bill was approved with some dissension.

Programming Council

— Greg Trevino, vice president for programming, said there would be no Frog Follies this year because of lack of support.

— He also announced professional orator Patricia Russell-McCloud would be speaking as a part of Black History Month at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Student Center Ballroom.

— This Friday, the Programming Council and Alcohol and Drug Education will co-sponsor a panel discussion on alcoholism at 8 p.m. in the Student Center ballroom followed by the film "When a Man Loves a Woman."

They said it ...

"They could use it to go out and get drunk or whatever with the money if they wanted to and we can't really regulate it."

—Shawn Groves, House treasurer, on the reason why the Finance Committee does not fund unapproved organizations that do not submit budget reports to the House.

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ally participate in it.

"It will more likely be resurrected in some other form or fashion next year," he said.

The Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic and other organizations will be offering suggestions about how to improve the event, Trevino said.

A bill to help fund the Experience India fund raiser was also passed with one representative dissenting. The House will allot \$850 to the program with the stipulation that the

funds go only to the cost of the program and not a donation.

House Treasurer Shawn Groves announced the bill to give money to the Student Escort Service had been defeated because the group did not conform to House petitioning bylaws.

According to the bylaws of the House, a group must be present at the Finance Committee when its bill is discussed, group members must submit a preliminary funding report and

they must be an official university organization, Groves said.

Groups that are not university approved organizations do not submit budget reports to the university and therefore the money could be used for items other than requested, he said.

In new business, a bill to create a House historian position was submitted and will be tabled for a week to the Elections and Regulations Committee for discussion.

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