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## Cruisers soak up education, culture during 'Semester at Sea'

By CINDY GARCIA  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Brenda Slaughter, mother of senior business major Shaun Slaughter, recently opened a letter from her son and read these words with amazement.

"One side of the ocean went on forever and on the other side were giant mountains," Slaughter wrote in his description of his third day in Venezuela. "It was breathtaking and inspiring. It really makes you realize what a small part you play in

the universe. We are all so small and insignificant to the rest of the world, but in our place we are able to make such a large impact."

Brenda Slaughter couldn't believe her eyes.

"This doesn't sound like my son," she said. "This program has been incredible for him. He has changed so much."

Slaughter is talking about the "Semester at Sea," program. Her son along with other TCU students Kari Clark, Marka Malone, and Courtney Bigham are aboard the S.S.

Universe, an 18,000 ton ship equipped as a "floating" university.

The students set sail from Nassau, Bahamas, on Jan. 27, and have visited Venezuela, Brazil, South Africa, Kenya, India, Vietnam, Hong Kong, Taiwan and Japan. They return to Seattle on May 7.

The four TCU students joined 522 other participants representing 187 colleges and universities, said Paul Watson, director of admissions at the University of Pittsburgh, which sponsors the program.

While at sea, the students attend accred-

ited classes offered in a variety of disciplines, each with an emphasis on global issues.

Students can choose from a wide range of structured travel opportunities or travel independently while in the different ports.

Students taking part in the Semester at Sea program also participate in a service project to assist those in need.

Items are collected at the program's headquarters, transported to the ship, and delivered by students on field trips during the 100-day semester.

Slaughter said the service portion of the trip had deeply affected her son.

She said after seeing the destitution of India, the starving children of Africa and the killing fields of Vietnam, Slaughter has really learned to appreciate the United States.

In his letter he wrote, "It only makes me realize how precious everything is that we take for granted everyday."

Slaughter told his mother in their last

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Courtney Lockett, a freshman business major, practices her hula-hooping skills Tuesday afternoon on the lawn between Colby and Sherley Halls.

TCU Daily Skiff/ Rebecca Newitt

## Participants air concerns at town hall

By KIMBERLY WILSON  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The third town hall meeting, held at noon Tuesday in the Student Center, addressed the TCU parking lot situation, student scholarships and TCU's entrance into the Western Athletic Conference.

Scott Wheatley, a junior political science major and president of the student body, asked the board to address a possible new parking policy in the works.

Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs, said parking is a problem that is consistent across college campuses.

"We're trying to at least make the parking policy understandable," he said.

Mills said there will be three parts in the new parking policy.

Certain parking areas will be designated as student-only or faculty-only as part of the new parking plan, said Mills.

From a recommendation by the traffic and regulations committee, movement of people on campus will be limited as well, he said. To do this, students living on main campus will be allowed to park on the main campus or in the stadium parking lot.

Those who live in Worth Hills will also be allowed to park there, on the East side of campus and in the 30-minute lots on the main campus. Freshmen will be able to park in Worth Hills and in the stadium parking lot.

The third part of the plan involves increasing the costs of both parking and parking violations, Mills said.

"If I were you, I'd plan for an increase of the cost of parking next year," he said.

Leon Reed, a sophomore political science major and chairman of the student concerns committee, opened the

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## New director renames, reorganizes recruiters

By CHRISTY HAWKINS  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

When potential students and their parents arrive at TCU for a football recruiting weekend, a member of TCU's Horned Frog Associates greets them and becomes a liaison between the university and the football program.

Rick Villarreal, director of TCU's football operations, said he wanted to change the way the Horned Frog Associates are organized.

The Associates are a group of 30 to 35 women volunteers who answer questions the recruits have about TCU, Fort Worth and the football program.

"I want to incorporate 10 to 12 guys in the program to make it easier for some of the recruits to talk about the campus if they are shy around girls," Villarreal said.

Villarreal said he wanted to expand the membership of the group to 100.

"In the past, the members complained that the Associates took too much time," Villarreal said. "I want to expand the number so that members can participate as much as or as little as possible."

Villarreal said the Horned Frog Associates are important to the process of bringing in athletes.

"It will take involvement of students to recruit quality athletes," Villarreal said.

Villarreal said he wanted the organization to be a diverse group of students who want to be involved in helping the university recruit quality football players.

"Getting TCU students involved is important to our program," Villarreal said.

The new members will choose

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## Awareness goal of Holocaust week

By BRIAN SASSER  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The university's Jewish association and Uniting Campus Ministries are sponsoring "TCU Holocaust Memorial Week" through Friday to help increase awareness of the tragedies of the Holocaust.

Meredith Wilk, a sophomore history major and chairwoman for the week, said she hoped all students would become aware of the tragedy so it would not be repeated.

"Suffering is not limited to Jewish people," Wilk

said. "It's not a Jewish problem. It's a human problem. We must make sure it doesn't happen again."

The week, which is titled "Never Again, Not There, Not Here, Not Anywhere," began Sunday with a showing of "Schindler's List" and continued Monday with presentations by the Dallas Holocaust Museum.

Wilk said Rabbi Sidney Zimelman, rabbi of Ahavath Shalom in Fort Worth, will lead a Holocaust Memorial Chapel service today at noon in Robert Carr Chapel.

Zimelman, who escaped from Poland before the Holocaust, will also lead a Holocaust survival

panel at 7 p.m. tonight in Student Center Room 207.

Wilk said four survivors of the Holocaust will speak about their experiences during the program.

"We hope we can at least touch one person about the realization of what happened," Wilk said.

The week's programs continue Thursday with a showing of "Diary of Anne Frank" at 7:30 p.m. in Student Center Room 207.

Wilk said a candlelight vigil will follow the film.

The week concludes Friday with students meeting at 7:15 p.m. in front of the Student Center to attend local sabbath services.

## Officials plan for dorm room cable by fall

By KRISTAL GRIFFITH  
and NATALIE GARDNER  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

TCU plans to have cable television and long distance telephone services installed in dormitory rooms by next fall, despite the fact a company has not been selected to provide the campus with these capabilities, said David Edmondson, assistant vice chancellor for information services.

Edmondson said the company selection committee is still negotiating with three companies.

Several companies submitted proposals to TCU March 3. The committee then sent the companies a list of about 90 questions.

The committee's goal is to provide individual dormitory rooms with access to the university's computer network by the fall of 1996.

Currently, all dormitory lounges and sorority and fraternity chapter

rooms have cable TV services. 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.

Roger Fisher, director of residential services, said earlier this semester that each prospective company will provide TCU with proposals that outline their ideas on how to wire the campus with integrated cable TV,

phone and computer services.

TCU administration wants to find a company that will pay for installing, state-of-the-art fiber optic cable and then in turn be the provider of cable TV or long distance phone services to students who live on campus, he said.

Although the company would be wiring the campus for free, it would make its money by offering its phone or cable service to students for a reasonable rate, Fisher said.

### NEWS DIGEST

#### Tobacco laws going up in smoke

WASHINGTON (AP) — States are not enforcing a national ban on tobacco sales to teen-agers and the federal government is letting them get away with it, a congressman asserted Tuesday.

Under federal law, no store can sell cigarettes or other tobacco products to anyone under 18. States are required to enforce that law.

The government estimates that 3 million U.S. teen-agers smoke. The tobacco industry says it opposes youth smoking and urges stores not to sell to minors.

#### TV to cover Texas House

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas House will begin experimenting with live television coverage, possibly as soon as this week, Speaker Pete Laney announced Tuesday.

The initial experiment will be available only to Austin cable TV viewers. But the project will help determine whether televised legislative coverage can be offered to a statewide audience, Laney said.

"This month-long test will help us determine the feasibility of televising our sessions statewide in the future," Laney said.

#### Bomber strikes for 16th time

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The cool and meticulous Unabomber, who has attacked without warning during 17 years of terror, wrote letters indicating he's unraveling, federal sources said Tuesday.

The latest victim: a lobbyist for the timber industry in California. Gilbert B. Murray, 47, was killed Monday when a mailed package bomb went off in his Sacramento office.

Murray was the third person killed in 16 attacks attributed to the Unabomber since 1978. Twenty-three people have been injured.

#### Going to jail? Dial 1-900-prison

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — For \$2.50 a minute, anyone who has just been sentenced to prison can call a new 900 number created by Jimmy Tayoun, former Philadelphia city councilman and admitted felon, and get the lowdown on the most commonly asked questions about going to the big house.

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#### Dancer Ginger Rogers dies

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Ginger Rogers, whose glittering string of Depression-era musicals with Fred Astaire helped Americans forget the emptiness of their wallets and the grumbling in their stomachs, died Tuesday. She was 83.

Rogers, who won an Oscar for the 1940 drama "Kitty Foyle," died at her home in Rancho Mirage near Palm Springs.

From vaudeville to television, Rogers' career spanned 65 years.

"She was a genuine, 14-karat gold legend," said actress and dancer Ann Miller.

## CAMPUSLINES

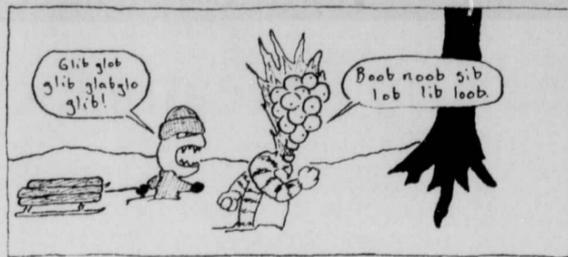
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PSI CHI general meeting is 6:15 p.m. tonight in Winton Scott Room 215. There will be food and prizes. SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISTS is having a pizza party and 1995-96 officer elections at 5:30 p.m. tonight. GANG FORUM 7:30 p.m. tonight in the Student Center Ballroom. Refreshments will be served at 7 p.m. The event is sponsored by TCU's Classroom Management class. FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES meets 9 p.m. today in the coliseum. New officers will be elected. PHI BETA DELTA Honor Society for international scholars will meet

at 3:30 p.m. Thursday in Moudy Room 132N. Everyone is invited. The program is "Scholarships, Grants and Opportunities for International Study; for Faculty, Students and Staff." WHITE, 20 & MIDDLE CLASS, an oral interpretation program, will be performed by Ross Louis at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Moudy Building South, Room 320. Call 921-7610 for details. PANHELLENIC will sponsor a toy drive through Thursday benefiting the Women's Haven. Any campus organization that would like to participate call Rebecca Conner at 927-8790. The winning group receives a \$100 donation to the philanthropy of their choice. BIOLOGY SEMINAR "Palimpsest Messages in DNA Sequences" by Mark Shanley from University of North Texas is from noon to 1 p.m. Friday in Sid Richardson Lecture Hall 3. UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE applications are due Friday and can be picked up and turned in at the Information Desk.

MATH LECTURE "Entire Functions Vanishing at Infinity" by professor Bob Burckel from Kansas State University is 4 p.m. Friday in Winton Scott Hall Room 145. Refreshments will be served in WSH Room 171 at 3:30 p.m. CLOTHING DRIVE is going on from May 5 to 12. Bring all your used stuff to the Good will trailer in front of the Student Center or drop it off in dorm boxes. Sponsored by Uniting Campus Ministries. PUBLIC RELATIONS STUDENT SOCIETY OF AMERICA meets 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month in Moudy 271S. NOONDAYS are 12:30 p.m. Thursdays in Student Center 216. Bring lunch and a friend to learn about the names of God. Sponsored by Baptist Student Ministry. WRITING WORKSHOPS are held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays in the Extended Education Office, Sadler Hall Room 212.

## The Beaten Path

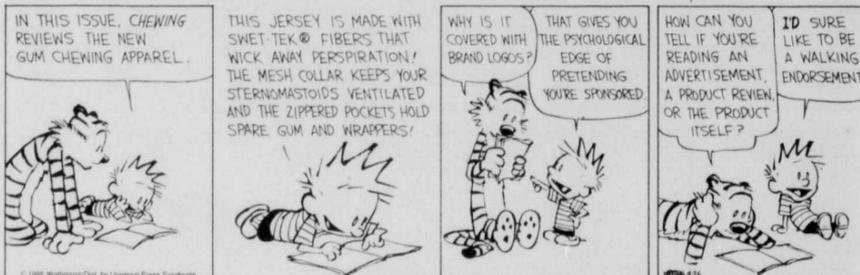


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by P.D. Magnus

## Calvin and Hobbes

by Bill Watterson



## WEATHER

Today's forecast is partly cloudy with a high in the upper 70s. Tonight will be mostly cloudy with a low in the mid 50s. Thursday will be partly cloudy and cool with a high near 70.

## CAMPUS CALENDAR

**Today**  
noon, University Chapel, Jewish Service, Robert Carr Chapel  
Student Foundation New Member Reception  
8 p.m., Theatre TCU and Stage West present *The Crucible*, Stage West  
5:30 p.m., Society of Professional Journalists meeting, Moudy Room 271  
6:15 p.m., Psi Chi meeting, Winton Scott Hall Room 215  
9 p.m., Fellowship of Christian Athletes meeting, Daniel-Meyer Coliseum

**Thursday**  
Student Foundation Appreciation Dinner  
8 p.m., Theatre TCU and Stage West present *The Crucible*, Stage West

**Friday**  
noon, biology lecture, Sid Richardson Lecture Hall 3  
4 p.m., math lecture, Winton Scott Hall Room 145  
5 p.m., University Committee applications due at the Information Desk  
8 p.m., Theatre TCU and Stage West present *The Crucible*, Stage West

**Saturday**  
Harris College of Nursing Senior Brunch  
Sigma Theta Tau Induction  
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**Sunday**  
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## Homosexuals deserve freedom from hatred, discrimination

It's odd that in a country which cherishes freedom so dearly, one group of people is still considered second-class citizens. Minorities and women have both asserted themselves in a way that forced the country to re-think countless years of discrimination. Yet, despite our country's newfound commitment to equal rights, homosexuals have been left out.



This is where those on the political right say, "We forgive, not condone." But that is not adequate enough, because there is nothing to forgive. Homosexuality is not, in my mind, a sin.

There is an element in our society which argues that homosexuality is contrary to biblical teachings, and is therefore wrong. However, it is open to interpretation on how the Bible comes down on homosexuality.

How can a God of all-knowing love and power condemn people who cannot help who they are? I do not purport to understand what it is like to be gay, but I find it hard to believe that anyone would choose to be a part of a group so hated and despised for no reason other than being human. Furthermore, many scientists have discovered biological

and genetic factors that may cause people to have a greater propensity to become gay. Besides, there is no reason to censure homosexuality. How can loving someone else be a harm to society? Why should it matter whom a person falls in love with and, consequently, shows their affection toward? It is beyond the scope of reason to believe God, who is supposed to be all-knowing and all-powerful, would make irrational laws.

The Bible is a conflicting, unreliable source. I doubt there is much in it that can be given any weight. Yet, if this is one of God's laws, then he cannot possibly be all-loving; if God is not all-loving, then he is imperfect; if he is imperfect, then he does not exist. We should not give validity to things that don't exist.

Besides, it doesn't matter what the Bible or God says. The question comes down to this: what should society base its laws upon? This country does have a separation of church and state.

Whether people like it or not, the Supreme Court has made that the law of the land since 1962. The argument that homosexuality is wrong, is based on a "Christian" law — so, in short, it is a religious belief. Society's laws cannot and should not be based solely on religious beliefs. Restriction of freedom should only be done when social costs outweigh social benefits. Some "sins" meet this criteria. But homosexuality does not.

The only reason left for our society to ignore gay rights is that some people do not want to accept homosexuals. They do not accept them because they do not understand them and refuse to try to understand

them; consequently, they fear them. Fear is an irrational emotion that impedes progress. Laws should not be based on irrational emotions.

Gay people are human just like the rest of us. They have faces, names, families, hopes, dreams and feelings. It is ludicrous to condemn a person for only choosing to love someone — regardless of the other person's gender.

Homosexuals should be able to express their sexuality just as I am allowed to express my heterosexuality. There is nothing wrong with their lifestyle. People would figure this out if they would stop fearing what they don't understand and just open their minds and their hearts.

Kevin Arceneux is a sophomore political science major from Fort Worth.

■ P. D. MAGNUS

## Concealed gun law wouldn't stop bloodshed

Even with Texas on the verge of allowing its citizens to legally carry concealed handguns, gun control is far from a dead issue. Some have argued that allowing concealed weapons permits will increase crime and encourage an old west, shoot first and ask questions later, quick and the dead mentality. The typical pro-gun response is that crime has not significantly changed in states that already have such laws.

What should we be able to carry guns for, then? Surely the shift in policy is for something more than pageantry. It has to be something more than an extension of the constitutional right to keep and bear arms for the sake of freedom itself.

Instead, the idea was introduced because it would discourage crime. If crime is unaffected by concealed weapons, then although the arguments against it fail, so do the arguments for it. Without a compelling reason to change the law, the status quo should win out.

The bombing of federal offices in Oklahoma will probably be picked up on by at least one zealous liberal: Look at what paramilitary gun nuts do if they're allowed to run rampant. Riding the coattails of such a national tragedy makes good propaganda. Media attention has made private militias out to be terrorist organizations plotting to overthrow the government.

Most of the groups define their purpose as defending the American way of life and keeping a misguided government in check. Some militia leaders add that although they train in the woods with guns, their role is nonmilitary. If that is the case, then they are nothing more than lobbyists and weekend wargamers.

The likely reality is that neither the media nor the militia leaders are being accurate. Such groups have no serious agenda beyond some vague notion of making the nation right, holding survivalist exercises the way the Elk's Club would have a barbecue. Militias are social clubs with big dreams of making the world a better place and a naive belief that they are actually doing it.

The question of what the militias are up to is irrelevant to the issue of gun control, however. The Oklahoma City bombing was not carried out with a handgun. Insidious anarchists with a passion for explosions will not be squelched by gun control.

That realization suggests a favorite motto of the National Rifle Association: "Guns don't kill people, people kill people." The inevitable persistence of paranoid, rebellious lunatics doesn't lead to that conclusion, either. All it implies is that guns are not bombs.

The notion that guns don't kill people is correct to the obvious extent that guns don't stalk sorority women across campus in the dark, but it's moronic to think that criminals would commit as many violent acts as they do with guns if they had to rely on butcher knives.

If you are being robbed, you are less likely to lose your money if you pull a gun on your assailant than if you cooperate, but the chance that the thief will kill you jumps dramatically. Pulling a gun ups the stakes. Robbery is often a situation of "your money or your life" and pulling a gun doesn't change that. It just indicates which one you've chosen.

The presence of guns also leads to death in other statistically significant ways. A gun bought for home defense is more likely to be used to kill someone accidentally than to kill an intruder. Even in the houses of well trained gun owners, guns all too often fall into the hands of children and some innocent person ends up dead.

The debate over gun control becomes obscured with irrelevant arguments and unsupported assertions. The actual issue is simple. Guns in the world make for more death, injury and suffering than the same world would have without guns. The militias, the NRA and even the Constitution can do nothing to change that.

P.D. Magnus is a junior physics and philosophy double major.

■ EDITORIAL

## FATHERLESS HOMES

### Welfare reform should preserve families

More and more children in this country are growing up in homes without a father. Since 1950, this disturbing statistic has quadrupled, according to a just-released study by the Annie E. Casey Foundation.

In 1994, according to the foundation, 24 percent of children were living in homes without fathers present. In 1950, only 6 percent of children were living in mother-only households. Douglas Nelson, executive director of the foundation, said in a recent *Washington Post* story that children in families without fathers are more likely to be poor, but also have lower self-esteem, security and aspirations.

Children who grow up without fathers are twice as likely to drop out of school, five times more likely to be poor and "much more likely" to end up

in juvenile-justice facilities or foster care, according to the study. In addition, girls raised in single-parent families are three times more likely to become unwed mothers.

As Congress prepares to vote on measures to reform the nation's welfare system, including possible cuts in welfare benefits for unwed mothers, it should consider the consequences for these one-parent families. Republicans claim their cuts and time limits for welfare will encourage more personal responsibility on the part of recipients.

Any welfare reform plan that passes Congress should, in its final form, work to preserve families, not act to break them up. Program cutbacks designed to modify behavior may be an ill-advised method to encourage this needed preservation.

■ LETTER

### AIDS affects everyone

I recently attended an AIDS discussion that gave me the facts about AIDS, as well as made me aware that AIDS is taking the lives of innocent people every day. Before attending this discussion, I thought that only people in high risk groups, such as drug users and homosexuals, were open to the AIDS virus.

But AIDS can be contracted by anyone, through sharing needles or having unprotected sex with one person or with multiple partners. After I left this discussion, I felt scared for my safety as I could have this disease through some of my sexual encounters and not even know it. I also realized that the spreading of AIDS is a rapidly growing problem in our society today.

Now, my question from this discussion is, with the increasing spread of AIDS, why aren't people taking the precautions to prevent the spread of AIDS in our society? As of today, there are no cures for AIDS, so preventing the disease is our only way of avoiding it. AIDS can be avoided through not sharing needles for drug and steroid use, because after a needle is used, it can still contain a bit of the previous user's blood inside. If this needle is used by someone else, it can transmit the virus into their bloodstream. The spread of AIDS can also be prevented through the use of latex condoms during sexual intercourse. Using condoms can help prevent the meeting of a couple's fluids, which can also pass along the disease.

The part of the discussion that reassured me and made me aware that AIDS was everyone's "problem" was when a guest speaker who had voluntarily come to the discussion spoke of how she had contracted the AIDS virus. She had only one sexual partner her whole life — her husband. This lady thought that she would never be at risk of contracting AIDS until two years ago, when she was diagnosed with the AIDS virus. Her husband was also diagnosed with AIDS.

They both tried dating back, wondering how they could possibly have contracted the virus. Her husband died 10 months ago from AIDS, and she later learned that her husband had con-

tracted AIDS from a sexual encounter on prom night with a heroin addict. This heroin addict had already died four years earlier, and this poor, innocent lady has but five or six months to live before her life is taken away by the AIDS virus.

People's awareness today should be relatively high, since many celebrities have died recently from AIDS, which shows that anyone can be infected. With one in every 250 people in Tarrant County currently infected with the AIDS virus, the general public should take the precautions to stop the spread of AIDS. In the next century, it is estimated that the amount of AIDS victims in the United States today will more than double. The one thing that will always stay with me after listening to this discussion is that no one is safe from contracting AIDS, and that I should take care of my body the best way that I know how.

Matthew Walsh  
Freshman, business

The last issue of the Skiff for the semester will be published Friday, April 28. All letters for publication must be received no later than 2 p.m. Thursday, April 27. All letters should include the author's name, signature, classification, major and phone number. Letters can be delivered to the Skiff office in Moudy 291S or mailed to P.O. Box 32929. Letters may also be faxed to the Skiff at 921-7433.

■ MIKE McCAFFREY

## End of semester prime opportunity to rehash gripes

To paraphrase an old song: "It's the end of the year as we know it — and I feel fine."

Well, not really, but that's beside the point. The point is that this is my last *Skiff* column for the year, and it's time to recap the opinions of the past two semesters. Yes, Mike "I'm afraid to tell you my honest opinion" McCaffrey will now vent all leftover frustration and anger for the semester. Here goes:

**East campus parking.** It is insanely chaotic and the administration will never do anything about fixing it, so why don't we all just stop complaining (insert alternate wording of your choice) about it. Bill One and Bill Two (Chancellor and Provost) have their named spots front and center of Sadler Hall, so what do they care? I don't know; I think if they had to walk far and find a spot near Dan Rogers Hall in time for a 10:00 class, we'd have a parking garage built on that lot across from the Bass Building within the week.

**Tuition.** As one professor of mine once commented about the Clark Brothers statue: if you look at it just right, it looks like one of them has his hand out, demanding money, and the other looks like he's holding a gun at his side, ready to draw on you. Isn't that appropriate? I think so. "Unofficial voices" for the university can say whatever the heck they want to, but they don't have to cut the check every August and January. We and our folks do. I so enjoy explaining to my parents every April how they're going to have to pay more next year and, no, there's no real, tangible reason why.

And then there's that trustee who wanted to raise our tuition up to the level of schools like Tulane (somewhere around \$20,000 a year), because he thought it would somehow magically improve TCU's image and credibility. Do the people on this guy's planet realize he's escaped? What does it take to be a trustee, anyway? It obviously doesn't require common sense.

**NBA Basketball.** I have faith in the Dream. Repeat, baby, repeat.

**Congress.** The Republicans have taken over both houses. We are in hell, pure and simple. Repent now — the end of economic well-being and all civil liberties for those of us who really are middle class is near.

**Gun- and explosives-toting lunatics.** Oh, yeah, the Second Amendment is a good thing. (Sarcasm, there.) This proposed concealed weapons law is perhaps the stupidest thing I've seen in a long time. Oh, yes, let's put more guns out there, and take away the rights of police to do anything about it until after the gun is fired. Guns don't kill people; people kill people — is that what they say? What a crock. What do you need assault weapons for? Hunting? What's left after you shoot a deer with one of those?

The NRA and such organizations rant, rave and preach about their Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms, but they forget to address the question of whether we ought to have that right. People could be trusted with that right 200 years ago, but not anymore.

**Coffee.** If everyone in the world would just sit back and have a good, strong latte, peace would reign, hunger, disease and homelessness would cease to be, the planets would come into alignment and everyone would want to be a Democrat.

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## Couser bids farewell to campus

It is an emotional time as seniors like me head down the home stretch towards the day of "shake hands with the right, grab diploma with the left."

No, it's not time for this writer to break down, cry and reflect on how everything happened so fast. Instead, it is time for seniors to realize they have no clue what tomorrow will bring.

Questions dominate a senior's way of thinking. Have I learned anything? What's my major? What grade do I need on my final to pass the course? Is McDonald's hiring?



**PETER COUSER**  
THE LIGHTER SIDE

These are just a few that come to mind. It is frustrating to experience four years of college (or many more) and still not have a clear picture of what the future holds.

Is it a scary prospect to peer ahead and hypothesize about what is to come? Sure, but it is more pertinent to look at what was learned during our stay at the home of the Horned Frog. Let me ponder.

First, I learned that it is possible to go through college without taking an 8 a.m. class, that a nap is your friend, Vivarin does work and resident assistants break visitation rules more than regular students.

I know that the Main food is best on Mondays at TCU, Parents Weekend and Homecoming.

I discovered Interoffice mail can be sent to yourself, it is cool to wear your backpack using only one strap, the TCU bells play the TCU Alma Mater (discovered during junior year) and that those bells are not really there; it's just a compact disc.

A word of advice — do not send in every credit card offer you get in the mail. I did, and currently I possess 37 different ones with a credit limit of \$285,000. And yes, I have maxed out all of them.

Regardless of what some fraternities have told me, I learned the TCU Study Abroad program is not a service where guys can be set up with attractive women.

And then there is the classroom. Generally, a teacher returns your test, calls out your name, and hands the test to you. I learned that if she folds it back up before looking your way that it is bad news.

However, if she folds it up, staples it shut and then places it into a manila folder, you need a class drop slip.

It is also difficult to sleep in hard, wooden desks without head bobbing. We all know what can follow continuous head bobbing. The big D. Drool.

Turning to sports, football games are more social events than times to root for the home team. Ask most well-dressed students at these contests what they enjoy about football games, and they will tell you they like watching the home runs and that good-looking person about five rows down.

During my stay, there has also been the change from Wacker to Sullivan and from turf to natural grass. This creates another problem. Sure, natural grass reduces injuries, but unfortunately it now gives the A&M cheerleaders something to graze on.

I've also learned that Billyball is better than Slow-Moe ball, that the Shreveport economy loves TCU, a college baseball game is better than any pro sport and women's basketball desperately deserves and needs more student and fan support. Oh, and they also need a big post player.

Now my major is radio-TV-film, and I know what you are thinking. What a wimpy major! You are 100 percent wrong. Believe it or not, it is really tough to watch that much TV without acquiring poor posture.

Many major events occurred during my four years at this university. Tom Thumb and The Hop both closed, Albertsons moved in, as did Taco Bell Express (indigestion soon followed).

The Rangers won their first — oops, STRIKE! No World Series. Michael Jackson returned to the public eye, but then was told to beat it. The Go-Go's and Eagles reunited.

Air Jordan retired. Air Jordan

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# Weddings

*Something old, something new,  
something borrowed, something blue.*

## Planning the wedding: A commitment in itself

By JODI WETUSKI  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Deciding whom to marry may be the most important decision one makes in a lifetime. However, once that choice is made, thousands of other questions need to be answered before the big day arrives.

For college students, those choices are compounded with the everyday stress of classes and exams.

"Planning for a wedding is like a part-time job," said Charlotte Rubenkoenig, a senior speech communications major who is making plans for her wedding in September. "I spend about two hours a day just making calls to florists and photographers. It's a big to-do."

Theresa Patterson, a senior music education major, quit her job because planning her July wedding took up so much time.

"During the week, I concentrate on school," Patterson said. "But on the weekends, Kip (her fiance) and I work on the wedding, going through lists and getting a little bit done each time. Saturday is always the big wedding errand day."

For some students, wedding planning is a long-distance affair. Jocelyn Tiepelman, a senior history and art history double major, is getting married in Phoenix, Ariz., in October, but must do the planning from Fort Worth.

"All of my planning is done over the phone," she said. "I'm really lucky because my family is helping me out so much."

Tiepelman has a wedding planning book, which is a "Godsend" for her.

"Some women know a lot when they get engaged, but I knew nothing," she said. "What really gave me a clue was the book."

Tiffany Diederich, a junior deaf education major, is getting married in Fort Worth in December. She plans to do much long-distance planning over the summer from her home in Kansas.

"Charles (her fiance) is very excited and involved in the whole process," she said. "He'll be in Arlington this summer, so he is doing most of the footwork."

### Unexpected Challenges

No matter how organized one is in the planning process, unexpected challenges always seem to crop up.

The church in which Diederich plans to get married has presented some planning difficulties.

"They haven't approved the date yet," she said. "When I called, they said 'December looks good,' but I wouldn't know for sure until six months prior. When I tell people my wedding date, I always have to say 'Dec. 16. I hope.'"

Diederich is getting married in a Catholic church, and she found that there are many details that the church controls.

"They tell you what time of day you can have your wedding," she said. "So I haven't been able to plan what type of reception I'm going to have. In my mind, I have a morning, an afternoon and an evening reception planned out so I'm prepared no matter what they say."

There's just one more obstacle Diederich has to overcome in planning the wedding location.

"The church is being rebuilt and strengthened because it's so old," she said. "I don't know what stage they'll be in by my wedding. I just hope they have pews!"

Choosing and working with the reception site can also be a challenge. Rubenkoenig called a country club a year in advance to schedule a reception, but they were already booked.

"They had a party of about 50 already scheduled for that day," she said. "But the club moved them upstairs so my party — there's about 300 people — could have the main ballroom."

Tiepelman said her wedding color is navy blue, but the hotel where she is holding her reception does not have navy tablecloths.

"Now we have to look into renting either through the hotel or a party planning place," she said.

Diederich found that some reception sites do not allow rice to be thrown at the couple, so she is exploring other options.

"We are looking into having bubbles instead of rice, but that's really expensive," she said.

Patterson said the photographer she was planning on using did not pan out, and now she and her fiance, junior advertising-public relations major Kip Boydston, are searching for a replacement.

Patterson said she wanted to find the best photographer possible because pictures are such an important part of a wedding.

"Pictures last forever," she said. "The dress yellows, the cake is gone, some of the people you lose touch with — but you always have those pictures."

### Unexpected Costs

Everyone thinks about the reception, the dress and the photographer as major wedding expenses. But little things add up — and a wedding is created from hundreds of little things.

One expense many people forget about is postage.

"The big thing is stamps," Rubenkoenig said. "Three-hundred invitations is a lot of money, and then there are response cards and thank-you notes."

Patterson said her fiance's grandfather gave them a roll of stamps, included with a wedding gift, to help out with that detail.

Jamie Murry is a freshman RTVF major who is planning her wedding in May 1996. Murry has worked at TCU Florist and at Let's Party in Arlington. At both places, she has helped with wedding coordinating.

"The cost of flowers is often underestimated," she said. "People think 'oh, they're just flowers,' but they cost a lot."

Diederich said she had encountered many little details in her planning.

"There are garters and toasting glasses and cake slicers — things you never think about at first but cost money," she said.

### Emotional Stress

Since weddings take so much time and money to prepare, many people feel stress during the planning process.

Tiepelman said she and her mother had to work their differences out early, so as to avoid later problems.

"I didn't expect to start fighting with my mom so early," she said. "But I wrote her a letter, so there could be no yelling or interrupting. I just shared some of my feelings with her, and things have been better ever since."

Boydston said communication was the best way to deal with the

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### 12 to 24 months before the wedding

- Visit clergy and set date for ceremony
- Decide on size and formality of the wedding
- Interview party planners, wedding consultants, photographers, videographers, musicians and florists
- Select place for reception and make reservations
- Start shopping for wedding dress
- Draw up guest list

### 6 to 12 months before the wedding

- Select and order invitations
- Register with bridal gift registry
- Reserve location for rehearsal dinner
- Decide upon men's attire

### 4 months before the wedding

- Address invitations and announcements
- Check with post office for postage needed
- Meet with caterer and plan rehearsal dinner
- Arrange accommodations for out-of-town guests and attendants
- Visit florist to select flowers
- Decide on honeymoon destination

### 2 months before the wedding

- Compile guest list for wedding showers
- Mail invitations for wedding and rehearsal dinner
- Confirm dates and times of rehearsals
- Check with local authorities for blood testing
- Make appointments with doctor for complete physical
- Plan music selection for reception
- Select wedding rings and arrange for engraving
- Check with newspaper for wedding announcement placement

### 1 month before the wedding

- Have final gown fitting
- Make hair stylist appointment
- Have bridesmaids dresses fitted
- Give caterer estimate of numbers of guests
- Make sure you are insured against damage or loss in transit

### 2 weeks before the wedding

- Set a date to get marriage license
- If desired, change name on bank account, Social Security card, license, insurance and other important documents

### 1 week before the wedding

- Do final check on details with florist, caterer, clergy, musicians and photographer
- Finalize your honeymoon plans and begin packing

### 1 day before the wedding

- Have a manicure, pedicure and massage to help relax
- Give ushers the list of guests to be seated in the reserved section

### The wedding day

- Allow at least two hours before the ceremony begins to get dressed
- Have a wonderful wedding and enjoy the moment

This list was compiled from "100 Wedding Tips To Keep You Sane" published in the June/July 1995 edition of *Modern Bride* magazine

## Counseling shows realities of married life

By LAYNE SMITH  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Many young couples believe their wedding day will be a dream come true. The reality of marriage, however, often fails to live up to the romanticized view of exchanging vows.

Some couples have a fantasy about their marriage, said Tom Sevier, clinical director for the evening program at Excel, a day-hospital program that counsels young couples and families.

"They have this dreamlike prince and princess living in a castle idea of what marriage is going to be like," he said.

Those beautiful images of marriage are overly-romanticized by the media, said Jean Giles-Sims, a professor of sociology.

"The models we see on TV and film misrepresent marriage and marriage can't live up to those expectations," she said.

Traditionally, people have been told that a successful marriage is based on couples who have the same interests and

are sexually attracted to one another, said Cheryl Dielman, clinical director of Ridglea Family Guidance.

However, a successful marriage can't be built on physical attraction. Instead, couples must be able to relate to one another.

Many couples don't have the ability to resolve conflict, Dielman said. This lack of communication can create a crack in the foundation of the marriage, she said.

"What research suggests is that a couple's ability or inability to resolve conflict makes a big difference," she said. "So little things that go on during the day will trigger those unresolved issues and those little things then become big things."

Ray Wafford, director of the Advanced Assessment and Counseling Center said despite what many believe, a successful marriage is based on more than just love.

"The biggest misconception, regardless of age, is that if a couple feels a lot of love for each other it will all work

itself out," he said.

Without basic communication skills, the marriage will be problematic, no matter how much you care for someone, Wafford said.

"The adage that love conquers all is a misconception," he said.

Wafford said pre-marital counseling was often a good idea for young couples planning to get married because it would help them be less dependant on external support groups.

"During the counseling session, they will be able to present a history of the relationship, some of the things that are working well and some of the problems they are having," he said. "They would also experience some basic skills training, learn better ways to be with each other and ways to get the love they want."

Counseling can help increase communication in a relationship, Wafford said.

There are a number of opportunities for young couples to work on their communication skills, he said.

For example, there are weekend workshops that teach couples how to communicate by example and exercise, Dielman said.

"They will learn some very specific and pragmatic skills where the couple will say 'oh, there is a way that we can both communicate where we can both win,'" Dielman said.

Experts also recommend that young people be comfortable with themselves before they start trying to build a successful marriage.

Finding the right person inside yourself is just as important as finding the right person outside, Giles-Sims said.

"A major part of being in your twenties is learning who you are and trying to find out what you are going to do," she said.

When people get married right out of school, often times they haven't completed that process, she said.

"They may have thought they have completed it but they may discover they

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meeting by praising the communication between students and faculty.

"Our school is noted for being one in which we take pride in the faculty-student relationship."

He noted that the student concerns committee had made progress this year by having more meetings in the dorms and residence halls in order to voice student concerns to the board of trustees more effectively.

Josh Harmon, representing Brite Divinity School, questioned what has been done to bring women into higher positions in the university.

Chancellor William Tucker said every faculty search at TCU is an "open search."

"We have the objective of attracting the best person for the job so there is no double standard," Tucker said.

Vince Carpenter, a freshman business major, asked about the possibility of access to graphic interfacing on the computer network. He also wanted to know whether or not there

is the possibility of TCU having a 24-hour computer lab.

Dave Edmondson, assistant vice chancellor for information services, said there are currently no plans to provide support for such a lab.

"Our goal right now is to provide data network access in dorm rooms 24-hours," Edmondson said.

Teddi Donevska, a sophomore math major, questioned why scholarships and grants are not increased according to tuition increases.

Chancellor Tucker said the amount of financial aid increases at a faster rate than tuition.

William Koehler, vice chancellor for academic affairs, said "a conscious decision has been made to put that money into need-based aid rather than academic scholarships."

When the forum's focus turned to sports, Leon Reed asked what will be done to get the city of Fort Worth to support our school when we join the Western Athletic Conference.

Glen Stone, assistant director for media affairs, said TCU has great support from the community and from all types of corporate sponsors.

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phone conversation that he and the other TCU students love the program and think "everyone should do it."

Slaughter said she was considering letting her other children go on the program when they reach college.

The program costs \$12,195 for tuition, room, board, and passage fare on the S.S. Universe. The ship contains classrooms with closed circuit television capabilities, a library, theater, student union, cafeteria, swimming pool, basketball and volleyball courts, and a weight room.

Watson said in a press release that the ship was complete with a student life staff to provide programming activities and a dynamic campus atmosphere.

Roberta Corder, coordinator of TCU's study abroad program, said students interested in the Semester at Sea program should contact the study abroad office in Reed Hall Room 113.

## House taps reserves to fund requests

University gains \$25,090 for building, parking lot upgrades

By DENA RAINS  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The House of Representatives passed two bills Tuesday intending to improve the senior mall area, the Reed-Sadler mall, the Pit, lighting in the Main, the Frog Fountain parking lot and the Student Center.

Together the bills allotted \$25,090 to those projects.

The bill to renovate Reed-Sadler mall and install a handicapped-accessible door to the southeast corner of the Student Center was passed without objection.

The bill asked for \$15,848 from the House's General Reserve Fund. The money will be taken from this fund because the Permanent Improvements fund was depleted.

House President Scott Wheatley said the General Reserve Fund included \$40,000 of "workable" funds and \$20,000 of "cushion" to be used by the House in emergencies or if enrollment declines. The general fund comes from the monies left over from previous budgets, he said.

Treasurer Shawn Groves said the general fund was "not used often" but had been "used in recent years for special projects," such as the offices in the Pit and the sign at Bellaire Drive and Berry Street.

Steven Wheelock, the Permanent Improvements chairman and author of the bill, said while the bill would give \$3,000 toward the purchase of

the automatic door, he expected the university to pay the remaining rest of the door's purchase price, which is approximately \$10,000.

Wheatley said the university helped in the same manner when the sign at Bellaire Drive and Berry Street was purchased and renovations in the Pit were made.

The second Permanent Improvements bill asked for \$9,242 for a granite TCU seal in the senior mall area, lighting for the fine arts display in the Main cafeteria, shrubbery for the perimeter of the Frog Fountain parking lot and a sofa sectional for the Pit.

The funding from this bill depleted the Permanent Improvement Committee's annual budget.

Also included in the bill were new carpet for the pool table area of the Pit, a new TV cabinet and plants for the Pit. These additions (approximately worth \$1,900) will be provided by the Student Center.

In other business, the House passed a bill to give \$1,000 towards the purchase of 50 robes for Mortar Board.

The representatives also voted on new committee leaders. The new leaders are: Chris Smith, academic affairs chairman; Kelley Pelton, elections and regulations chairwoman; Shawn Groves, finance chairman; Steven Wheelock, permanent improvements chairman; Leon Reed, student concerns chairman; and Stoney White, university relations chairman.

## Student Foundation honors new members

By JILL MELCHER  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

TCU's Student Foundation sponsored a reception Tuesday afternoon to welcome 37 new members and five new officers into the organization.

Sponsored by the university's Alumni Association, the Student Foundation works with alumni, the Admissions Office and the Office of University Advancement.

Tony Hlavacek, a junior biology major and president-elect of the group, said the foundation received 85 applications, interviewed 66 of those applicants and chose 37 to become new members.

He said the interviewing committee included the five new officers, four current members and three TCU staff sponsors.

Foundation members currently give most of the campus tours, call TCU donors to show appreciation and aid the alumni with homecoming activities, Hlavacek said.

"We also help the athletic depart-

ment out with campus spirit," said Hlavacek. "We pass out clickers at football games and give out basketballs and t-shirts at basketball games."

Hlavacek said he doesn't expect any major changes in the organization.

"I'm looking forward to a little more participation of the Student Foundation," he said. "I want us to keep up

with what we're doing, but get more into campus and be a little more visible."

The new officers for the Student Foundation are Tony Hlavacek, president; Anna Sessi, vice president; Jim Eider, director of activities; Kimberly Shelfer, director of student recruitment; and Tanya Dennis, secretary.

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a new name for the group, Villarreal said.

"I want the members to change the name to what they want," Villarreal said. "The organization will remain prestigious on campus."

Villarreal came to TCU five weeks ago from Louisiana State University. "The attitude about TCU at LSU was that no one went to the football games," Villarreal said. "We have seen that change this year."

"We have a lot of energetic and intelligent people at TCU who should help recruit," Villarreal said. "School spirit is part of the college experience."

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stress. "Theresa and I work well together," he said. "We can vent our frustrations without getting upset at each other."

**Looking Ahead**  
With all the stress it takes to plan a wedding, it is easy to get wrapped up in the planning and forget the pur-

pose, Rubenkoenig said. "It can be really stressful, but you need to have fun with it," she said. "It's like planning a big party." Diederich agreed. "You have to try to make it fun, you're only engaged once," she said. "School is stressful enough, your wedding should be a happy time."

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returned. Webber called a timeout that Michigan didn't have. TCU went to the Independence Bowl, Kurt Thomas led the nation in scoring and rebounding and the baseball team won the SWC.

Letterman moved, Cheers closed and Chevy went back to making movies (good idea). Lyle and Julia, Roseanne and Tom, Prince Charles and Lady Di, and Loni and Burt just couldn't make it together.

Unfortunately, tragedies also played a major role in the last four years. There were the unbelievable events in Waco and the true devastation of Oklahoma City. O.J. Simpson

and his Ford Bronco raced into the headlines and will continue to do so for a long time to come.

I guess when it is all said and done these four years have brought so many memories to this young, aspiring writer. The friends I've made and the teachers who have spent countless hours preparing me for my future have certainly assured me that TCU was where I was supposed to be.

That's pretty much what my life is all about as I venture out of the dark and enter bright, new horizons. The future's so bright, I gotta wear shades as I continue my quest on the lighter side.

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have different needs from their partners, which can be disruptive to the relationship," she said.

Unfulfilled expectations is another problem newlyweds face. Sevier said some people were disappointed because what they expected was often not what they get from their spouse.

"They really didn't get to know each other prior to making the decision to marry and a lot of times, after the honeymoon period is over, you get to see the real person," he said. "It may not be what they wanted."

"Once you do find the real person in those critical first two years you must learn to meet not only their expectations, but also accept their shortcomings and their differences," Sevier said.

Couples must also be prepared to face continual changes in the relationship, Dielman said.

"There is growth and a lot of change in a marriage," she said. "If you are married for a long time you will end up having about four or five marriages with the same person because each of you will change and grow."

Aside from lack of communication, the first thing that generally falters young marriages is a failure to work together when making decisions about money, Sevier said.

"Sometimes their wants extend beyond their means and when that happens they become disillusioned," he said.

Giles-Sims said that after graduation, couples had to face great financial demands, but had very few resources with which to meet those demands.

Placing a career ahead of a relationship is part of the American culture, Sevier said.

"We are a success-oriented society, but sometimes our success doesn't catch up with our abilities or our wants," he said. These financial problems may strain a relationship, Sevier said.

"When finances start creating stress at dealing with the financial burden of paying the bills you will begin seeing the couple fighting amongst themselves," he said. "It creates tension in all the other aspects of the relationship."

Couples also have the misguided

idea that one person has to solve the other person's problems, Dielman said.

"People don't realized that the problems will work themselves out 75 percent to 80 percent of the time just by talking to the other person and listening, not trying to fix it for them or give them advice," she said.

Men and women tend to follow certain roles that are detrimental to the marriage, Dielman said.

"Men have been socialized to believe their job is to try and fix the problems while women think their job is to try and nurture the man," she said. "While all that is good, we do tend to take it to extremes."

In addition to general financial problems, the changing job market can put stress on a marriage, Dielman said. Relocation tends to remove people from their friends, family and other support groups, she said.

"It used to be that people were more connected with their families and friends but with more people moving because of jobs it seems to be putting a lot of pressure on marriages," she said.

Couples must learn to be patient with each other, Sevier said. They must learn to listen, learn not to be too critical of the other, learn to accept each other and learn to look at what the relationship needs.

"Be willing to change because your relationship will change from day one to the fiftieth year," Sevier said. "Everyday is going to be a little bit different than the one before and you must learn to be trusting and flexible for your relationship to grow."

Some of the things couples believe in the beginning will definitely change, Sevier said.

"A lot of couples define a particular point as the time when they will be happy," Dielman said. "But a lot of times couples get to that point and realize that they're still not happy."

"When you get all caught up in the hustle and bustle of building a career, you find that what was really important was spending time with your family," she said. "The important thing may be just sitting by a lake and talking to each other."

"The rest of the stuff just doesn't matter."

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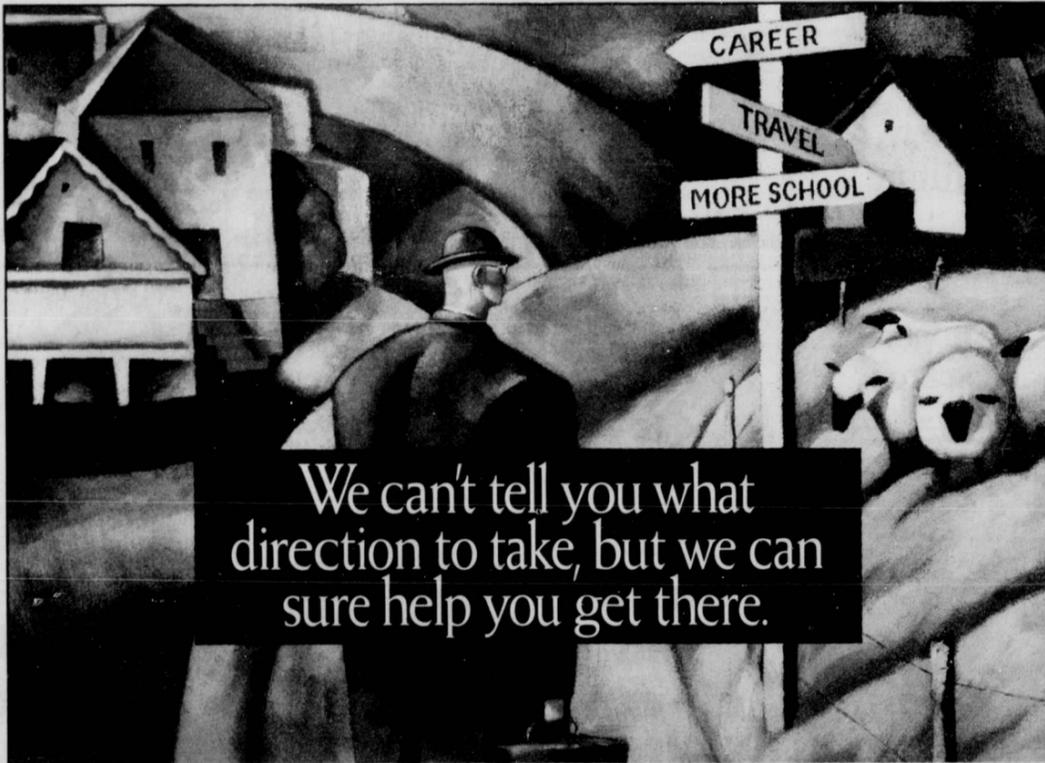
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## Opening Day warrants Major League preview

By JIM LADNER and GREGOR ESCH  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

After 257 days, Major League Baseball finally returns. Here is your Opening Day guide to the ins and outs of every team by friendly Skiff columnists Jim Ladner and Gregor Esch, who will take on the National and American Leagues, respectively.

**National League East**  
Favorite: Atlanta Braves  
Greg Maddux, Steve Avery, Tom Glavine and John Smoltz still make up the best rotation in the majors and that alone should put them over the top. Their offense will be jump-started by the addition of do-it-all, leadoff man Marquis Grissom. Fred McGriff and David Justice solidify the rest of the lineup. The only real question is whether Steve McMichael can be an effective closer.

**Dark Horse:** Florida Marlins  
The Fish should be floundering no more with the solid additions of pitchers John Burkett and Bobby Witt. They should account for 27 wins alone. Look for a monster year out of a newly muscled-up Gary Sheffield, and 80-plus steals from Chuck Carr. Andre Dawson should

provide valuable leadership and closer Bryan Harvey, when healthy, is the best closer in the NL.

**National League Central**  
Favorite: Cincinnati Reds  
No mustaches here. Owner Marge Schott has disallowed facial hair on the team, but has added enough talent to get back in the playoffs. The Sanders' Boys — Reggie and Prime-time — and Ron Gant (if he's 100 percent) make up the best outfield in the league. Pitching and defense is more than solid with starters Jose Rijo and John Smiley. First baseman Hal Morris is one of the most underrated players in the NL.

**Dark Horse:** Chicago Cubs  
For years, the Cubbies have had three 40-home run guys and a Double-A pitching staff. This year is exactly opposite. Bleacher Bums should see few balls fly over the ivy for either side. Even though Sammy Sosa and Rick Wilkins are the only real home-run threats but, the pitching staff should be excellent. Youngsters Steve Trachsel, and Kevin Foster have worlds of potential. Closer Randy Myers is very reliable, but might be traded by mid-season for young talent.

**National League West**

**Favorite:** Los Angeles Dodgers  
Tommy Lasorda's bunch is relying on a new theory to get back to the playoffs: youth and a great farm system. LA's four-man, home-grown, outfield rotation only averages only 24 years old, with last years NL Rookie of the Year Raul Mondesi leading the charge. All-Star catcher Mike Piazza will take care of a solid pitching staff headed by ageless Tom Candiotti, and Ramon Martinez. Twenty-one-year-old Korean fireballer Chan Ho Park is also expected to crack the rotation.

**Dark Horse:** Colorado Rockies  
They were within a couple games of the lead last July when Andres Galarraga broke his wrist. This year he's healthy and the Rockies' rich owners have gone out and gotten the best free agents money can buy. Former Expo Larry Walker might hit 45 home runs in that thin mountain air and Billy Swift is immediately the best starting pitcher in their brief history. The Rockies also have two important intangibles: the most enthusiastic baseball fans in America, and manager Don Baylor.

**WORST PLAYER IN THE NBA:** Donald Hodge of the Dallas Mavericks.

I know this is a baseball column, but since I have another chance I want to talk about this seven-foot stiff. The best addition the Mavs could make to their roster next year will be a subtraction. Getting rid of Hodge and his pathetic game should be the utmost priority. Trade him to the CBA for a box of cereal and clean towels, anything.

**American League East**

**Favorite:** New York Yankees  
Thirteen years of frustration will end. The boys from the Bronx should win baseball's toughest division. Though it has some age, the lineup is solid. It seemed like eons ago that the Yankees had the best record in the American League, even though it was just last year. The drought should have ended last year and with the acquisition of one of baseball's biggest jerks — but also a former Cy Young winner — Jack McDowell, Don Mattingly should play in the first playoff game of his fine career. This is the "Which new pitching acquisition is the bigger jerk?" division with McDowell and former Ranger Kevin Brown now in Baltimore.

**Dark Horse:** Boston Red Sox  
Boston has already won an award

before the first pitch has been thrown. The winner of the team with ugliest manager, former Ranger manager Kevin Kennedy. Jose Canseco and Fenway Park is the deadliest combination in baseball. The shortened season and possible injuries are the only thing that keep him from 50-plus homers. The improved pitching staff will have to stay afloat until ace Roger Clemens comes back from a muscle strain in late May at the earliest. Ken Ryan must emerge as the closer.

**American League Central**

**Favorite:** Cleveland Indians  
The winner of the hard luck award last year. Just when Cleveland had a good team, they cancel season. Just another footnote in a 35-year curse. It ends this year. Baseball's best lineup is led by studs Carlos Baerga and Albert Belle. Their starting pitching got a big boost when Orel Hershiser signed as free agent. But the age of him and Dennis Martinez and a shaky bullpen are questions. Definitely on the warpath.

**Dark Horse:** Milwaukee Brewers  
Fitting in the role of sleeper because offense will put you to sleep and now, with the best offensive catcher in baseball, Dave Nilsson,

out for an extended period, you might turn into Rip Van Winkle. Good, fundamentally sound team and decent pitching which helps win close games (Listen up, Rangers.) Mark Fetters isn't bad as a closer, but can they get to him. The return of Pat Litzsch, former Rookie of the Year, will add spark to an anemic offense.

**American League West**

**Favorite:** Seattle Mariners  
Until the Rangers can stop throwing games away (literally), I can't pick them. I have questions about the Mariners too, but they do have Randy Johnson and Junior Griffey, who can dominate a game anytime. They also get the nod in the closer role with fire-baller Bobby Ayala until Ranger Darren Oliver proves he is fit for the role. Anybody has a chance in the weakest division in baseball.

**Dark Horse:** California Angels  
It is hard to pick a surprise in a division where a case can be made for anybody to win the division, but I guess I'll go with the Angels. They do have fire-plug Tony Phillips, Chili Davis and Tim Salmon on offense, and Mark Langston on their pitching staff, but forgive me if my heart doesn't stop. Maybe this division should stay on strike.

### SPORTS DIGEST

#### Panel reviews boxer's gripe

NEW YORK (AP) — Axel Schulz, who lost a disputed majority decision to champion George Foreman, may get another shot at the IBF heavyweight title.

The New York Times reported Tuesday that IBF chief Bob Lee expects the fight to be reviewed next week by a special committee after Schulz filed a protest over the decision.

The panel will watch the tape of the fight, with no audio, and if the seven committee members decide the decision was unjust, Lee could order a rematch. If Foreman refuses the order, he could be stripped of the title.

#### Frogs snap losing streak

The TCU baseball team broke out of its five-game slump Tuesday afternoon at the TCU Diamond, defeating UT—Arlington, 8-2.

The Horned Frogs (24-24) got base hits from their first six hitters in the bottom of the first inning. Maverick starter Chris Pulido (1-3) left before he got a single out.

TCU's Derek Lee (2-3) struck out seven batters without any walks before being relieved by Scott Atchison in the seventh inning.

In the bottom of the eighth, with the Frogs leading 5-2, they got three more runs. Center fielder Jason McClure led the Frogs with two RBIs.

## 1995 NFL schedule released

By HAL BOCK  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Nobody ever said being an expansion team would be easy. The Carolina Panthers will find that out fast, playing their first two NFL regular-season games on the road.

The NFL schedule, released Tuesday, has Carolina opening at Atlanta on Sunday, Sept. 3, and then playing at Buffalo a week later. Jacksonville, the other expansion franchise, opens the season at home in a new downtown stadium against Houston and then travels to Cincinnati in Week Two.

Carolina will play its home games this season at Clemson University's Memorial Stadium in Clemson, S.C., before moving to Carolinas Stadium in Charlotte, N.C., for 1996. The Panthers' first home game comes Sunday, Sept. 17, against the transplanted St. Louis Rams.

The only other teams opening with two straight road games are Detroit, which visits Pittsburgh and Minnesota before returning to the Silverdome, and Tampa Bay, opening at Philadel-

phia and then playing at Cleveland before coming home.

Three teams — Chicago, New England and Washington — play their first two games at home. The Bears host Minnesota and Detroit, the Patriots have Cleveland and Miami and the Redskins are at home to Arizona and Los Angeles.

The Rams, whose move from Los Angeles was approved earlier this month, open on the road at Green Bay and then return football to St. Louis in the season's second week when they play New Orleans.

With the Rams gone, LA is down to a single team. The Raiders open at home against AFC champion San Diego on Sept. 3, then spend the next two weeks on the road at Washington and Kansas City before returning home to play Philadelphia Sept. 24.

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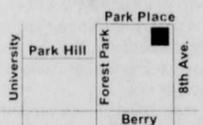


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