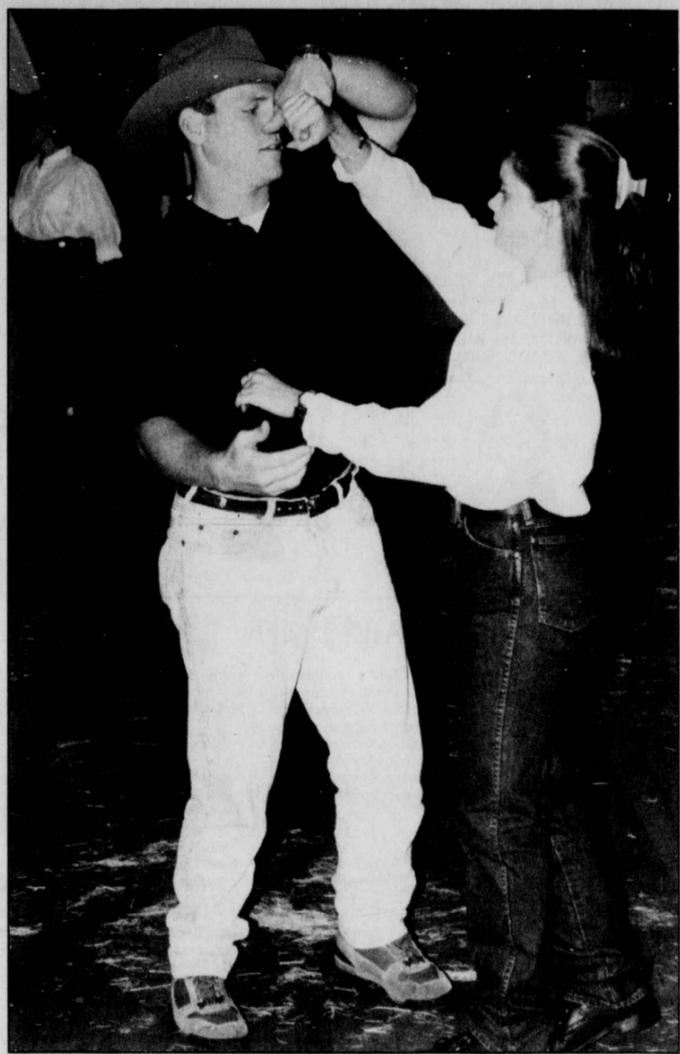


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Barron Pursley, a sophomore management and economics major, and Sunnye Collings, a freshman deaf education major, two step at a western dance sponsored by Campus Crusade for Christ Wednesday.

TCU Daily Skiff/ Rebecca Newitt

## TCU Affirmative action policy raises questions

By SARAH DUNCAN  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Affirmative action programs around the nation are being closely scrutinized after the University of California's decision this summer to drop race as a consideration in admissions.

The decision has left many people questioning the merits of affirmative action programs, and debating whether they are still needed at TCU.

While Edd Bivin, vice chancellor for administrative services and affirmative action officer for the university, said TCU sets target goals for minority populations instead of affirmative action quotas, some students believe TCU should re-examine its policies.

Floresha Hatch, a black sophomore transfer student from Southern Methodist University, said the programs are unfair and outdated.

"At TCU it seems like it's easier to get involved without feeling like you're being given a token," Hatch said. "At SMU, you felt like they were giving things to you to make you shut up because you were black."

Steven Galloway, a black sophomore radio/television/film major, disagrees and said he believes there is still a need for affirmative action at TCU.

"The reason we have affirmative action is because concessions had to be made for all the times black people were discriminated and couldn't move up the ladder over the years," Galloway said.

Darron Turner, minority affairs coordinator for TCU, said affirmative action opens up opportunities for qualified minority applicants.

"People look at minorities and think they're unqualified because of their color,"

Turner said. "But nobody questions whether the white male is (qualified). Positions need to be opened for candidates that aren't traditionally represented."

Currently, TCU has 32 full-time minority faculty, none of whom are full professors, said William Koehler, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs. But 19 percent of all TCU faculty hired this year were minorities, he said.

That percentage is about the same as the university's target goal for minority admissions. If TCU meets its target goal for the year, 17.5 percent of all new students will be minorities, said Leo Munson, dean of admissions. Within the next two years, the university's goal is 20 percent of all incoming students, he said.

Vic Pratt, a black junior business major, said affirmative action programs are a "cop-out."

"Affirmative action won't make up for 400 years of oppression," Pratt said. "It's not genuine. In a business, people don't like you because you're you — they like you because of your ethnicity."

Sandy Ware, associate dean of admissions, said TCU is not lowering its admissions standards in its efforts to increase minority enrollment.

"We want to admit students who will be productive members of the community and who will graduate," Ware said. "We don't bring them here to flunk out."

The university is working to attract minority students through several different recruiting programs, Ware said. These include going to college fairs at primarily black, Hispanic and Asian high schools, along with making calls to minority students interested in TCU, she said.

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Michelle Freeman, a white junior English major, said she agrees with the concept of affirmative action, but thinks some programs need to be restructured.

"I agree with giving underprivileged people opportunities, but they have to want it as well," Freeman said. "Sometimes I see people who don't work because they have a sports scholarship or the government is paying for their education. That makes me angry when I work hard for my grades. Standards shouldn't be lowered because of race," she said.

Turner said the biggest obstacle to affirmative action issues is perception.

"Organizations think they need to lower their standards for minorities," Turner said. "But those people did enough work to get to that position in the first place. To hire them (minorities) just because they're cute — it doesn't happen that way," he said.

Galloway said the highest goal of affirmative action is to eradicate discrimination.

"Affirmative action has helped everybody but the white man," Galloway said. "And that's who's crying the loudest."

Pratt said it's important not to get sidetracked by other peoples' opinions and prejudices.

"Whatever you set your mind to, regardless of outside influences, you can do it," he said. "That's what I have to keep focused on."

**A**ffirmative action  
Part three of a three-part series

## Alcohol and Drug Ed. plans wellness programs

By JENNIFER HOLMES  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Stress management, nutrition, general wellness and relationship programs are part of the prevention and intervention program the TCU Alcohol and Drug Education Center uses to help students, said Angie Taylor, coordinator of the Alcohol and Drug Education Center.

Events scheduled on campus this semester to promote awareness are Health Enrichment Week, Oct. 8-14; the Great American Smoke-Out Day, Nov. 16; and National Drunk Driving Prevention Month in December.

"We try to promote wellness as a whole. If we can address some of the

underlying issues as to why students use or abuse alcohol or drugs, then that in itself is prevention," she said.

Taylor, in her second year with the program, said some of the consequences of alcohol abuse are violence and date-rape. This includes not only the perpetrator, but also the victim who has been drinking as well, she said.

The Center determines through assessment if a student has a problem and needs treatment, she said. The Center then acts as a case manager, helping with supervision of treatment and after-care, Taylor said.

"We're one of the most compre-

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## New Campuslink system gains student acceptance

By AMANDA BRONSTAD  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

In the last two weeks, students have become increasingly familiar with the newest addition to TCU's campus: Campuslink.

The setup for this communications system has been very successful, despite a few quirks, said Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs.

Misdirected phone calls and problems answering on the other end have

been a couple of incidents.

"My roommate's phone calls went to the room above ours," said Andrea Small, sophomore engineering major. Small also said that their phone would ring only half a ring before jumping to voice mail, a problem which was eventually fixed within the first week.

The most frequently mentioned difficulty among students was get-

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## Female Rangers take Ft. Hood Challenge

By K.E. STENSKE  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The pioneer female Ranger team from TCU will have their first practice on Friday, Sept. 1.

The Ranger Challenge is the Army ROTC's varsity sport, said Capt. Cynde S. Tomlinson, scholarship officer and assistant professor of military science. Tomlinson is also in charge of training the women's team. She said she hopes that the members will be more comfortable with her as

coach because she is female.

The team will compete Nov. 3 through Nov. 5 against other ROTC units in the 5th Brigade at Ft. Hood in Killeen. The 5th Brigade covers all schools located in Texas.

The Ranger Challenge, which is comprised of six events, includes a 10K (6.2 mile) road march. This is done in full combat gear including a 35-pound pack. Since it is a timed event, the march eventually becomes a run.

"The Ranger Challenge develops

teamwork, especially the 10K march," said Tomlinson. "Since the goal is to have the best average time, it is easiest to have everyone finish together. There have been instances where somebody would twist an ankle and the team would carry them or their load so that they would all finish together."

The rope bridge is another event. First, a rope must be tied between two poles or trees and pulled tight. Then one person lifts the other members, who are wearing swiss-seats, up

to the rope where they will hook a "D"-ring onto the rope and travel to the other side.

A swiss-seat is a harness made of rope that is used for rappelling and climbing. The "D"-ring helps support a person's weight on the rope. The objective of the rope bridge is to get everybody from one side to another in the least amount of time.

The third event is the Army Physical Fitness Test. The team must get

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## ISA kicks off year with new member reception

By KRISTEN NYGREN  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The International Students Association honored new international students attending TCU yesterday at a reception in the Student Center Ballroom.

The reception started off with introductions of all international students and faculty that attended. The introductions were a starting point for what ISA hopes will promote a higher level of spirit among the international students.

"The whole point of ISA is to accomplish a better spirit among the international students," said Ralph Goedderz, president of ISA. "We want to help everyone overcome their differences."

Goedderz put a special emphasis on the importance of American student involvement in the organization.

Goedderz said that ISA has three major points of emphasis for a more involved semester, which the organization plans on accomplishing through active student participation. The success of these points cannot be achieved without the participation of American students, Goedderz said.

ISA's three points of emphasis start with fostering a better understanding between international and U.S. students, or building bridges between the two, Goedderz said.

Second, ISA hopes to help accommodate international students with American life as best they can, he said.

Finally, ISA will organize various social events throughout the year, which are very important to the students, Goedderz said.

This year, ISA will carry out themes at each meeting, he said.

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TCU Daily Skiff/ Mimi Mayer

Al Mladenka, director of international student services for Campus Life, speaks at a reception for new international students Thursday in the Student Center Ballroom.

### NEWS DIGEST

#### MCI changes calling plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — MCI plans to scale back the size of a discount offered to customers who use "calling circles" but make the discount apply to more calls, officials said Thursday.

The change should mean a net gain for customers, said MCI spokesman Michael Tierney. The company filed the plan to the Federal Communications Commission on Thursday.

Rivals AT&T and Sprint criticized the plan. "It looks like MCI is giving with one hand and taking with another," said AT&T spokesman Jim McGann.

#### Insanity cause of sexual assault

LEVELLAND, Texas (AP) — A judge has found that a West Texas woman was mentally ill at the time she had sex with the 12-year-old boy who later murdered her husband.

Johnell Condren, 41, was found not guilty by reason of insanity Thursday. She was charged with two counts of aggravated sexual assault and one count of indecency with a child — crimes committed in 1991.

Hockley County District Attorney Gary Goff said testimony showed Condren was paranoid and schizophrenic. Goff said she was released to the custody of her parents.

#### College tries to block rule

LYNCHBURG, Va. (AP) — Jerry Falwell's Baptist college went to court Thursday to block a newly enforced no-gloating rule that forbids a football player from kneeling in prayer on the field to thank God for a touchdown. Liberty University argued that the NCAA ban is religious discrimination and violates civil rights law.

"The NCAA has enough problems with drugs and crime and violence, sex and rape to bother itself with prohibiting prayer," Falwell, the school's chancellor, said after a hearing in federal court.

#### Reid arrested for gun in airport

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Spurs forward J.R. Reid was arrested Thursday when he attempted to board a flight at San Antonio International Airport with a gun in his carry-on luggage, officials said.

Reid was going through an airport checkpoint about 7:45 a.m. when an unloaded .45-caliber handgun was detected by security, said airport spokesman Tony Ronquillo.

Reid was detained and turned over to the San Antonio Police Department. He was charged with felony possession of a prohibited weapon and was released on \$2,000 bond.

#### MSG safe for most people

WASHINGTON (AP) — Although many people say they get sick from MSG, the government concluded Thursday that it is safe for almost everyone and causes only mild, temporary reactions in a few people.

Scientific advisers to the Food and Drug Administration couldn't determine just who would experience these reactions — generally headaches and numbness or tingling — but said asthma patients may be more susceptible.

The report also said there is no evidence that any "free glutamate," the chemical family of MSG, causes or exacerbates severe diseases.

## TODAY ON CAMPUS

### Friday, Sept. 1

9 p.m.: PC Film: Say Anything  
Fall Waiver/Enrollment Period for Student Health Insurance Ends

### Saturday, Sept. 2

Men's soccer: TCU vs. Mary Hardin Baylor (here)

### Sunday, Sept. 3

Men's soccer: TCU vs. Schreiner College (here)  
Women's soccer: TCU vs. UT (here)

### Tuesday, Sept. 5

4 p.m.: Alpha Phi Omega informal rush in the

Student Center Room 205  
5:30 p.m.: OLAS (Organization of Latin American Students) meets in the Student Center Room 218

### Wednesday, Sept. 6

12:00-1:00 p.m.: Phi Theta Kappa first monthly meeting at the "Pit"  
4 p.m.: Alpha Phi Omega informal rush in the Student Center Room 205  
3:30-5:00 p.m.: A Study Abroad Reception in the Student Center Room 207-9  
5 p.m.: Into The Streets organizational meeting in the Student Center Room 218

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**OLAS (ORGANIZATION OF LATIN AMERICAN STUDENTS)** welcomes you to TCU! The first meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 5, 5:30 p.m. in Student Center 218. OLAS also invites students to join in their weekly meeting held Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. in Student Center 202.

**ALPHA PHI OMEGA** National Service Fraternity is holding its fall informal rush on Sept. 5 & 6 at 4 p.m. in Student Center 205.

**STUDY ABROAD** A reception will be held Wed., Sept. 6, 1995, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in the Student Cen-

ter Woodson Room (207-9). All interested in international education are invited to meet students, faculty, and staff who have returned from study programs.

**INTO THE STREETS** will hold an organizational meeting Wed., Sept. 6, 1995 at 5 p.m. in Student Center 218. The meeting is open to all.

**NATIONAL COLLEGE POETRY CONTEST** is open to all college and university students desiring to have their poetry anthologized. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top five poems. Deadline is Oct. 31, 1995. For contest rules, send stamped envelope to: International Publications, P.O. Box 44044-L, Los Angeles, CA 90044.

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## The Adventures of Superfrog

by Ben Roman and Adam Wright



## Calvin and Hobbes

by Bill Watterson



**WEATHER WATCH WEATHER WATCH WEATHER WATCH**

Today, the skies will be partly cloudy, with a 20 percent chance of afternoon showers. The high will be in the upper 90s, with a southerly wind of 5 to 10 miles per hour. Friday night through Sunday will continue to be partly cloudy with a slight chance for rain, highs in upper 90s again, and overnight lows in the 70s.

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as close as possible to 100 points in each of three categories. To get the maximum number of points, a cadet is required to do 82 push-ups in two minutes, 90 sit-ups in two minutes and run two miles in 14:54. Weapons assembly is an interesting fourth event. Two dissimilar guns, an M-60 heavy machine gun and an M-16 rifle, are disassembled and thrown into a footlocker together. The footlocker is then

placed 50 meters away from the individual. On the word "GO!" the individual races to the locker, pulls out the parts and puts the two guns back together in the quickest possible amount of time.

The last two events are the grenade throw and rifle marksmanship. The throw measures distance while the marksmanship competition determines accuracy.

"The Ranger Challenge is to get the cadets in better shape, promote esprit de corps and give them a sense of accomplishment," said Tomlinson. "No matter where you start (physically) you will improve."

Misty Cornett, a second-year psychology major, is the cadet team leader. She was an alternate for last year's team and knows the rigorous training required for the challenge.

"We're going out to do our best," she said. "Our goal is to not get last. We know that there are teams out there that we can beat."

The main reason Cornett joined the team was the togetherness felt among the team members. She said that the fact that the challenge is physical is an added bonus.

"I like camaraderie," she said, "especially when you have a group working toward a challenging goal."

## ISA from page 1

These themes will run in three-week increments including Welcome to Texas, Welcome to Asia, Welcome to Europe and Welcome to Africa. Goedderz said. These meetings will have speakers, and students will give presentations from their home countries, he said.

"We want to get more people involved and have more interaction between International and U.S. students to help us accomplish our goals," said junior Cre Swats, ISA publicity representative.

The ISA also has several other special events planned for this year, starting with the 13th annual Ranch Party on Sunday, sponsored by the International House of University Baptist Church. The annual International Friendship picnic will also take place Saturday, Sept. 16.

## Wellness from page 1

hensive services in the United States as far as drug and alcohol education intervention goes," she said.

The drug and alcohol program tries to influence the campus by providing alternative environments to students such as sponsoring Hypertries, Students Reaching Out, and R.O.A.D. Workers, the group that focuses on the responsibilities of alcohol and drug use, Taylor said.

There is also a Peer Education program consisting of students who may have had these problems themselves, in their families, or with friends, she said.

They help other students by facilitating discussions and programs dealing with issues such as time management, communication skills, self-esteem, HIV/AIDS education and others, according to the Center's brochure.

Some statistics from an April survey by the Harvard School of Public

Health show that 68 percent of incoming freshmen binged at least once since arriving at college. The study also said 54 percent binged within their first week on campus and 46 percent reported drinking more since arriving at college than in high school. More than half of the frequent binge drinkers in the survey reported having missed a class, having forgotten where they were or what they did, or having done something they regretted as a result of alcohol abuse.

In a 1994 TCU survey conducted by the Alcohol and Drug Center, covering a span of two weeks, 45 percent of freshmen had consumed five or more drinks at a single sitting, compared to 25 percent of sophomores, 16 percent juniors, 13 percent seniors, and 1 percent of others.

Two of Taylor's goals are to have a good working relationship with bars the students frequent, and to work more with faculty.

Taylor hopes to increase their role in being aware of students that might have a problem, she said.

"Part of my job, as I see it, is to look after people in my community, and to get everyone to look after each other," she said.

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■ MIKE McCAFFREY

## The clue phone gives clueless people some extra help

There are many poor souls in this world, bumbling through life, oblivious to their situation. In the process, these people, for whom we have no real sympathy, frustrate and exasperate everyone around them. Frequently, their actions (or inactions) cause us to mutter under our breath, "What's wrong with this idiot?!"



You know who these people are. Unfortunately, they do not, and that's where the problem emerges.

They are the clueless people, or to be politically correct, the "clue impaired." I know you've encountered them. If not, it's probably because you are one of them.

Now, don't misunderstand me, I don't mean stupid people, although there are enough of them loitering around.

No, the "clue" that I mean is more of an internal translator at some nebulous part of

the mind. It takes input, like Bob walks up to you and sticks out his hand. Your "Clue Phone," as it were, translates, "He wants to shake my hand." Having a clue, you shake hands. Good boy.

Unfortunately, some people either don't answer their clue phone, or it has a bad connection, or it's a cellular clue phone and somebody else's clue phone is on the same frequency.

Whatever the case; you have a clue, you get the picture. As a result, they stumble through life, and let's face it, we can't help but snicker. In fact, there's one who I've

dubbed the "Clueless Wonder" because he/she just can't see what is right under their nose.

Relationships and such seem to make everyone a little clueless. For example, she turns to you and says, "Let's go out! I'm tired of sitting here watching TV." Hello, McFly! She's interested, you idiot, so ask her out instead of sitting there watching MTV's "Beavis & Butthead."

And then there's the other side. Did you ever notice that every time you call someone, their roommate always answers the phone and always asks who you are before they check to see if she's home, then pauses and tells you she isn't home and "no," the roommate doesn't know when she'll be back, and she never seems to get your message? Clue Phone — It's for you. Time to give up buddy: She doesn't want anything to do with you! Stop wasting your time.

Here's another situation: It's your roommate's turn to take out the trash. For several days he ignores the overflowing bag. So you tie it up and put it right in his doorway; he cannot enter his room without noticing.

Somehow, he doesn't notice. "Clue phone — It's for you." Either your roommate is a charter member of the Save the Cockroach Foundation, or you are living with a slob — move out.

You sit around all day, watching the O.J. trial. You think it really is the "Trial of the Century," and actually bought the transcripts for all of those sidebar conversations. You honestly care about what happens to Fuhrman's tapes. Ring-ring. Get a clue, better yet, get a life.

You're on the freeway and people all around you are honking and gesturing at you from their cars. They are not admiring your newly waxed 1973 Chevy Nova. Wake up

and buy a clue — turn off the left turn signal and try to stay above the minimum speed.

Everyone needs a clue sometime, but no one wants to say anything to you, because, well, they're your friends and don't want to offend you. Besides, it's more fun to laugh at you behind your back.

So as a solution, I want to start a business: Clue Phone, Inc. Do you know someone who needs a clue? Write down their name, number and the clue that they need.

Staple a couple of bucks to the piece of paper, drop it in my P.O. Box. Keep in mind, subtlety costs extra. It's anonymous, efficient and I get a chance to enrich the lives of my fellow Frogs by "cluing" them in. "Hi, Clueless Wonder? Clue Phone, here — It's for you."

Mike McCaffrey is a senior economics major from Houston, Texas.

■ BOB TURNEY

## The service and prices of Marriot stink

I confess, this is not the column I intended to write this week. I was going to write a column about crime in Tarrant County, talking about the fact that 3 out of every 4 sex offenders in the state of Texas are here, despite a 1993 state law saying they must go to their home counties. I won't, however because I'm hacked off about something else.

Has anyone eaten at the Main? So have I, and I am disappointed. A bagel and cream cheese, along with a medium drink, costs you almost \$2.50! I remember when you could get a 12-inch sub, with chips, in the Main, for under \$5.00. Now, just the sandwich, down in the Pit, with roast beef, American cheese, plain and dry, even without chips, costs over \$7.00!

Even with Jimmy Carter-era numbers on inflation, that's outrageous! Nothing has changed, except the person who makes them is not as friendly, and it doesn't taste as good as before. Not to mention the new uniforms that the

workers sport. I was a big fan of the purple uniforms. These new ones, though, are like the Chancellor's Dining Room camouflage (Sorry, Chancellor, the shot was just too good to pass up). The food is still solid, though, as solid as the Rangers' chance to win the A. L. West. I went in there the other day, and they had what I can only call the chicken equivalent of meat loaf. They didn't call it that, of course. It was something like "Chicken a la Grande," or "Chicken Cacciatore," which is French for "chicken with everything that we could catch, put in a blender, then bake."

However, the Main is heaven when compared to the Pit. That's old news! Now we have the new, improved Cajun-themed Pit! Yes, now y'all who have never experienced the magic of Cajun spices and seasonings can get jambalaya (soup with rice and vegetables), etouffe (soup with rice and vegetables), or even gumbo (soup with rice and vegetables). If we're lucky, maybe we'll get red beans and rice (if you haven't seen and tried it in the Main, thank your lucky stars). Also, they have rotisserie chicken (see comments on bagels in the next paragraph), plain rice (edible, yet flavorful), and dirty rice (looks more like etouffe than the etouffe).

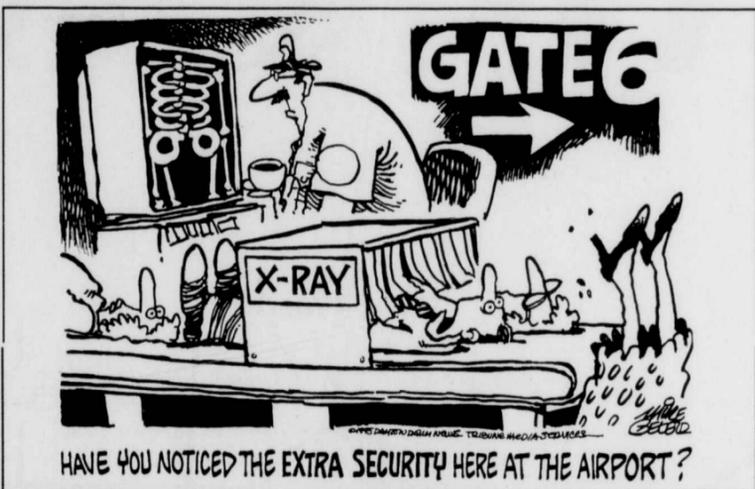
Still, the Pit provides you with all of your old-time favorites. The standby chicken strips, the tasty seasoned fries, and the rack of bagels that rotates in the heat lamp all day long. These bagels are so hard that tossing one in anger is classified as assault with a deadly weapon.

Most distressing is an experiment that I conducted recently, along with my editor. I went through the Main, bought a bacon cheeseburger, with onion rings and a soda, and tallied up the price based on the displayed prices. When I got to the register, however, I discovered a discrepancy between the \$4.48 that I tallied, and the \$4.78 that I was charged.

I didn't know what the difference was, so I got my editor to go through and purchase the same meal, to confirm this. He did, after much griping about having to get a burger with bacon (I think he's a closet commie, I'm gonna watch him closely), and he got the same results. I don't know if the \$.30 is a tax (at 7.75%, that would be around \$.34), or some other surcharge. It shouldn't be, since we pay tax to TCU, and I don't like paying tax twice on a meal. I welcome the response of the Marriot Corp., since the students I asked had different and incomprehensible explanations for this discrepancy.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the person who phoned me over the weekend and called me a Fuhrmanesque obscenity for promoting the Powell-Jackson ticket, and I'd also like to reassure all of you Urkel fans that "Family Matters" is still on ABC and UPN, not the so-called "Fox Network."

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■ SCOTT BARZILLA

## The criminals of today don't have the drive

Conservatives and moderates alike have lamented about the decay of our moral fiber. More and more people are complaining about the increasing violent nature of our society. These points are good ones, but should be saved for another time.

The biggest problem in the world today is not the amount of criminals in the world, but the decreasing intelligence that the criminals of today have.

In the early 1900's, organized crime began to take a foothold on our society. Specifically, during Prohibition, bootleggers were distributing alcohol to almost everyone who wanted it.

The amazing thing about the bootleggers is that they managed to do all that while staying out of prison. While it can be said that it was because the authorities were being lenient, they still had to be discrete about their practices.

The mafia of yesterday has been replaced with the gangs of today. While both have participated in some unscrupulous activities, it can be said that the mafia understood the notion of moderation.

A perfect example of this fact is the scene in "Pulp Fiction" where Vince (John Travolta) shoots the kid in the back seat of their car. There was no reason for this. It was just a stupid error.

The mafia did kill people, but it was always for good reason. This is the key factor that separates the criminals of today from the criminals of yesterday.

Stupidity is a dangerous thing when you talk about the criminal mind. It is a safe assumption to say that the criminal mind is unbalanced in some way, but at least the criminals of old knew the concept of moderation.

Another aspect of the dubiousness of criminals is the general ineptness of ability to plan a crime. The perfect example of this is the Tonya Harding/Nancy Kerrigan fiasco. Couldn't the perpetrators find a better weapon and place to do this? Couldn't Tonya Harding and her husband distance themselves from these clowns?

As foolish as it might seem to rate one crime's effectiveness over another, it does raise some interesting questions about the new breed of criminals. One late night comedian said that the only reason that serial killers don't kill more than six or seven people is because they have no work ethic.

Seriously though, the entire concept of the criminal mind is something that is incomprehensible. Anyone who commits a crime no matter how small should ask themselves why they did it. Could there possibly be a legal way to get the same thing accomplished?

To illustrate this point I would like to bring in a local example. I will use the example of a girl in the bookstore. While she was purchasing a textbook she managed to sneak a Reese's Peanut Butter Cups package inside of her wallet.

The key fact in this case was that she was paying for her book with a send home. Why didn't she just simply put the candy with the book for the send home? This is the type of stupidity I am talking about.

This is precisely the point I have been driving at. Why commit a crime when you have no reason? I would never suggest anyone to commit a crime, but at least if one is going to commit one - think through it first. You might discover there is no need for it.

Scott Barzilla is a junior political science major from Houston, and is also the Opinion Editor of the Skiff.

## EDITORIAL TRAPPED

### Elevator leaves disabled student stranded

Yesterday a TCU student sat in the Moudy Building watching the day slowly pass him by. He didn't have class, nor did he even want to be there.

But the elevator was out of order and the student, who is disabled, had no way of leaving the building's second floor. For more than three hours he was forced to stay on the floor.

Before everyone starts shaking hands and congratulating anyone for the installment of a sliding door in the Student Center, they should breathe a deep sigh of relief that there wasn't an emergency in the Moudy Building yesterday. What if there had been a fire?

What if the student had a date? Who will apologize to the student for the classes he missed?

What happened yesterday is inexcusable and the Skiff fully condemns the inability of the administration to keep the elevator in good repair.

Last week the Skiff misinterpreted the Americans With Disabilities Act in stating that TCU was not bound by law to comply with the statute. While we regret and 'own up' to the error, it does nothing to change the opinion that was stated.

In fact, it only reinforces the need for the administration to focus more intently on adding new ways for disabled students to enter and exit buildings.

Sidewalk ramps are still needed in several

places. Lifts and elevators need to be installed in several buildings around campus. After an attempt to fix the Moudy elevator Thursday afternoon, less than two hours later it broke down again. It's a good thing the disabled student hadn't come back.

The Moudy elevator not only has a long history of breaking down, but several people were trapped in-between floors on the elevator last year.

With all the recent improvements on campus, it is impossible to accept lack of money as an excuse. If it were a priority for the administration, the elevator could be replaced tomorrow.

TCU spends hundreds of thousands of dollars in building other new facilities. Perhaps some further prioritizing is in order.

We should never be grateful about strides made toward accessibility at TCU. We should expect them. We should demand them. No one deserves a pat on the back for installing an accessibility door in the Student Center when a student was trapped for hours in a building with an unreliable elevator.

In the end it's really not about the law. It's about a responsibility to the students who come here to receive a quality education.

While the ladies and gentlemen in Sadler Hall should be praised for some of their achievements, it is way too early to compliment them for their improvements in accessibility.

■ LETTERS

### Benson's column was 'pathetic'

I am not completely surprised by your extremely unprofessional Opinion Page on Thursday. I think I can speak for the entire student body that Mr. Benson's fish fry was the most inane and completely senseless opinion column that it has ever been my misfortune to read.

Out of all the pressing issues, on campus or around the world, Mr. Benson's pathetic attempt to shine light upon small town politics had to rank right below the amount of toilet paper in each of the bathroom stalls.

His writing style is bland at best, and com-

plimented by his complete disregard of a subject that warrants actual time and effort, creates a vast wasteland of mindless drivel.

It is my hope that this was a complex satire on the Skiff's avoidance of issues that pertain to the majority of its readership rather than a regular commentary that I will have to suffer through every Thursday.

I hope that future issues of the Skiff Opinion Page will prove to be more enlightening and worth the "paper it is printed on."

Adam Zerda  
Junior, Chemistry major

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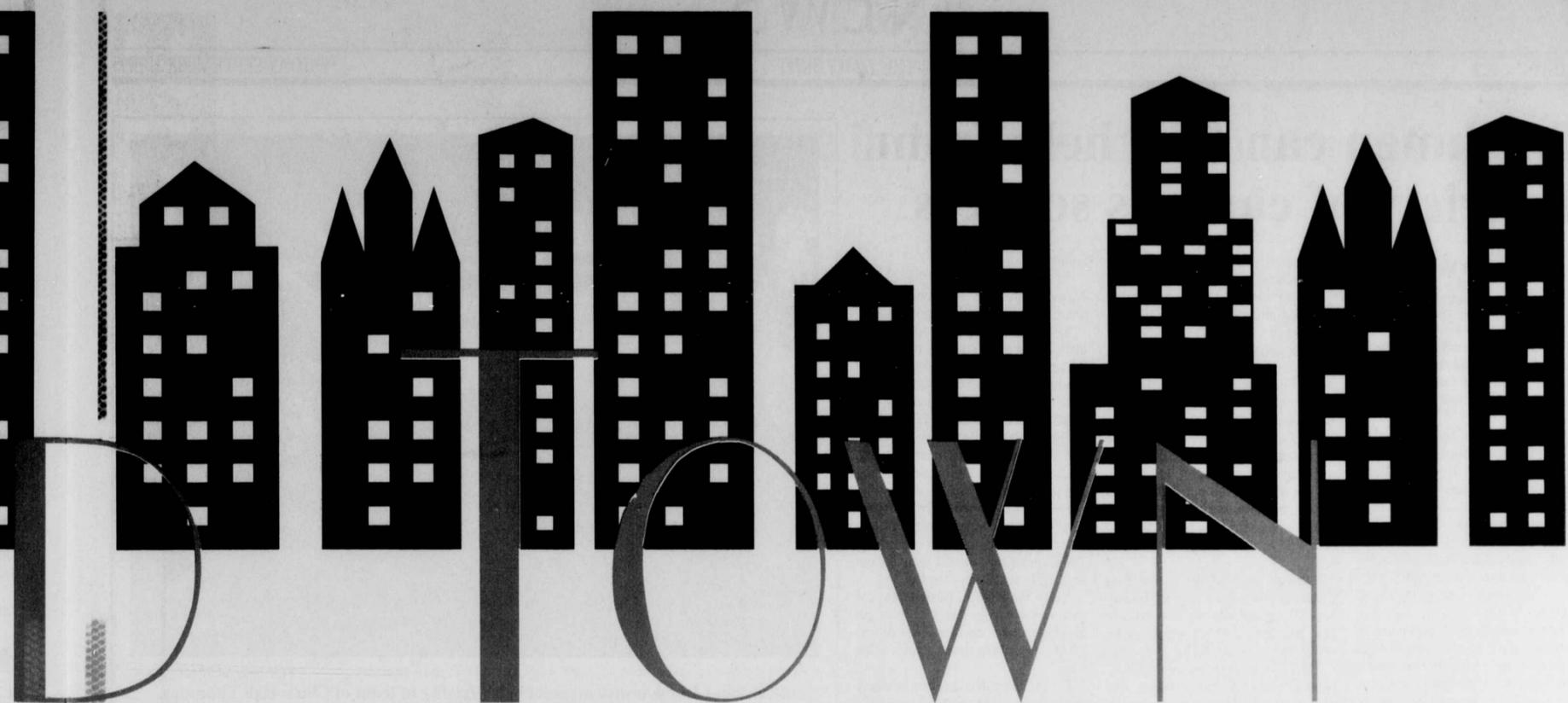
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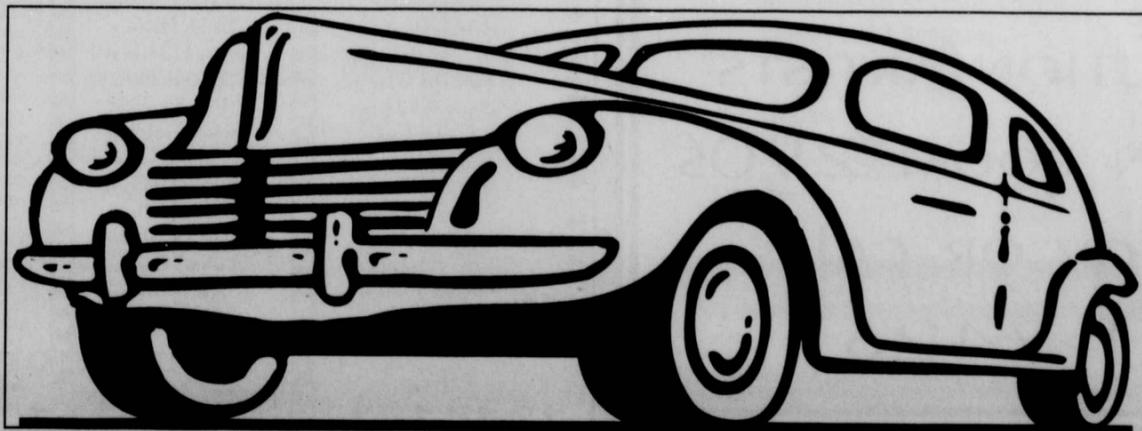
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## Local companies welcome surge in business due to start of school

By HEATHER HOGAN  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

On Aug. 10, local businesses started feeling it.

The beginning of classes gave a sudden boost in clientele to most stores near the TCU campus.

According to Jon Meyerson, owner of Jon's Grille at 3009 S. University Dr., Jon's does some of its best business during the seven days before school starts when only the Main is open.

Meyerson said that Jon's is not a

student hangout, per se, but that they love it nonetheless when TCU is back in session.

"The strip takes a big hit during the summer," he said.

Jon's Grille has been around for seven years and, according to Meyerson, has developed a good family and business clientele.

Meyerson said the customer fall-off in summer isn't nearly as dramatic as with other businesses.

"We're trying to establish an element of consistency," he said. "We'll always try to take care of you guys

(TCU students)."

Tyler Alberts, a bartender at The Pub, 3019 S. University Dr., said their business always picks up when school starts, even with a strict ID policy. Pub policy is to card everyone, even the regulars, he said.

"We love it. Keep the minors out, everybody else in, let them drink a little, and help everybody have a good time," he said.

Campus Tans Plus is another business on the University strip where TCU students are vital to the existence of the business, said Gale

Brawley, who co-owns the salon with her daughter, Lori.

Brawley said that while Campus Tans Plus has a steady professional clientele, TCU students are a tremendous asset to their business.

"We don't worry so much about competition because we know that people can get the personal attention here that they won't find other places," she said.

Brawley has attended weddings and graduations of many of her student clients, often takes them out to dinner and even loves to have stu-

dents study on the couches in her lobby.

"I love to have them here so I can mother them," she said.

Miley Huffman, photography manager of Flash Photography said that business remains steady during the summer months, but is "nothing compared to while TCU is in session."

During summer, Flash employees restock new merchandise and the photographic work shifts from formals and parties to high school graduations.

As the grocery store nearest to campus, Alberston's receives a great amount of business from TCU. According to store director Richard Hicks, when TCU is in session, Alberston's sees an especially great demand for plastic space-saving containers, small appliances and bottled water.

Hicks said Alberston's is also connected to TCU through occasional donations to various university organizations. For example, during Rush

see Business, page 10

## Ft. Worth rugby 'side' seeks student involvement in action-packed game

By MARK MOURER  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Imagine a window to the sports world that is not blurred by contract holdouts, free-agency disputes or disgruntled owners.

Through this window you could see players who compete for the love of the sport, who hit because it is fun, who run to beat the wind.

A few TCU students say that the image is not far from reality.

Several TCU students have played on the The Fort Worth Rugby Club side ("side" is rugbyian for "team") and have found a return to the youthful glory days that appeals to so many rugby players.

Beau Rawlins played offensive tackle for TCU until he graduated in 1993. He found an outlet for his competitive nature while playing with the Fort Worth side.

"I love it," Rawlins said. "It's kind of like an Ironman sport. It flows more than football - there is no start and stop. You don't get to rest after every play."

Rawlins said that playing rugby gave him the opportunity to expand his playing skills.

"I liked playing especially because I finally got to run the ball," Rawlins said.

Keith Dalton graduated from TCU in 1991 and is the president of the Fort Worth Rugby Club. He said that the club is increasing its efforts at reaching TCU students.

"Our focus this year is on getting TCU students to come out and play," Dalton said. "We've been talking about recruiting TCU students for years, but this is the first year we've done something about it."

Most other colleges in Texas have rugby represented on campus, either through an intramural tournament or an actual union club, Fort Worth head coach Mike Kwedar said. He said that the only other school in Texas he could think of that did not have a team was Tarleton State.

"A&M has a team, SMU has a team, Texas has a team. TCU is the only school of that size that doesn't," Kwedar said. "Heck, Steven F. Austin has a team."

He agreed with Dalton about trying to get TCU involvement, and the two have been talking to TCU about setting up a recruitment process.

"We've talked about it before, but now we've got the organizational structure to get it done," Kwedar said.

One reason that the club has more to offer this year than in the past is the recent acquisition of South African fly half Gerhard Van Rensburg.

"This guy would've played for South Africa's World Cup team," Dalton said. "He's every bit as good as the guy they had starting for them, but he lived 200 miles or so away and had obligations on his farm in South Africa."

"That's why we want TCU guys out, to give them the chance to play with a player of this caliber," Dalton said.

He said that Van Rensburg was one of the highest scorers in the Trans Vaal region of South Africa. Kwedar had high praise for the journeyman fly half and said his impact on the team would be far-reaching.

"The fly half is to rugby what the quarterback is to football, and we are literally playing with one of the best players I've ever seen," Kwedar said.

Kwedar said that the acquisition of Van Rensburg has the Fort Worth club setting their sights set on a national championship. He hopes TCU players will be able to learn from Van Rensburg.

Kwedar said that coming out and playing for the Fort Worth club would be an excellent opportunity for interested students to learn about

rugby or continue playing if they already have experience.

"We're already coaching the side," Kwedar said. "In fact, it would help if TCU students would come to practice. Basically what we're doing is offering our facilities and our equipment to teach guys to play."

Most of the players on the team have played high school or college football, with some even bringing previous rugby experience.

Next weekend, the tenth annual Cowtown Classic will kick off the season for Fort Worth. The season will continue into the spring with the playoffs closing it out in April.

Kwedar said that if TCU response is good enough, it would be possible to form a TCU team that could compete with the Fort Worth club in the Texas Rugby Union, which faces opponents from Dallas, Arlington, San Antonio, San Angelo and elsewhere.

Erik Sanchez, former member of the Fort Worth club, said that the club welcomes anyone who wants to come out and run through some drills in order to get a better understanding of the game.

"We'd love for TCU students to get involved," Sanchez said. "The guys who have been playing longer are real patient with the new guys. We want to make sure that they get a real feel for the game, so we take time to explain why we do the things we do."

Rich Detz, senior business major, was recruited by Dalton last fall to play with the club. He said that he enjoyed playing because of the comparisons he could draw to football.

"Rugby carries some of the same characteristics of football," Detz said. "You're still playing a full-contact game."

One thing that is not as well known about rugby is its social aspect, he said. When a team comes in to play from out of town, the home team hosts a party for the visiting team. This is a rugby tradition done to show respect for both teams as well as to help ease the pain of the afternoon's rough-housing.

"We'll go to a bar after the game and shake hands and laugh and buy each other beers," Sanchez said.

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"One time, after a game, I went and bought a beer for a guy who had laid a really good hit on me."

Sanchez described the rugby team as one giant buddy system. He said that many people don't know about it because they don't ask.

"Rugby is a game of constant motion," Kwedar said. "It differs from football in that with rugby, you have people running constantly for two 40 minute halves. Football will see the clock run sometimes even when the play stops."

"Also, when a player is injured and comes off the field, the side must play one man short until he can come back in the game."

One of the most significant aspects about the way rugby works on the field is the constant and unpredictable switch from offense to defense.

While football teams will have two different units on the field for offense and defense, rugby players must always be ready to switch modes because of the game's continuous pace.

Sanchez said that Texas' large football mentality helps new players adjust to the game.

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## 'Kids' may be best movie of this year

By TODD JORGENSEN  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

"Kids" (NC-17)

A bold and harrowing look at 24 hours in the lives of teens roaming the streets of the inner-city, "Kids" marks the directorial debut of photographer Larry Clark.

Shot in a pseudo-documentary style that makes the experiences seem more realistic, the story focuses on Telly (Leo Fitzpatrick), a boy of about 15 whose main passion in life is deflowering as many virgins as he can. His best friend Casper (Justin Pierce) is envious when Telly says he may be able to bag two in one day. But when his first conquest, Jennie (Chloe Sevigny) learns that she is HIV-positive, she must rush to inform Telly before he deflowers another girl.

That provides the dramatic thrust of the film, but most of the film is a documentary-type day-in-the-life look at these kids and their lives of sex, drugs and violence. There's no adult supervision of any kind, such as parents or police. Most of the film focuses on extreme circumstances such as a severe beating in a local park which are everyday occurrences to these kids.

It's a powerful and uncompromising piece of work which chronicles the lives of these kids through their everyday vulgar conversations and actions. It's also an important film.

These kids are the future of our country and their lives are already being thrown away, but they don't know it. They know of no other life to lead.

Some have criticized "Kids" for its lack of a well-defined story or its refusal to present a happy ending or any real solutions to the problem. Instead it is realistic, graphic and dramatically compelling, and far too complex and thoughtful to dismiss. The film also refuses to glamorize the lifestyle it presents by presenting repellent characters which are nevertheless interesting to watch. The screenplay is by 19-year-old Harmony Korine, a prime example of one of the kids chronicled in the film.

No children under 17 will be allowed into the theater to see "Kids" because of the graphic sexuality, language and violence (the opening sex scene is a real shocker). This is a shame because the movie is about teenagers and the real life problems which they see everyday anyway. The film believes in what it has to say. It dares to be controversial and succeeds in painting a harrowing picture of kids on the streets today. And remember, it's only an average day.

Overall, "Kids" may be the best film of the year so far. The young inexperienced actors are outstanding, and the movie has a thought-provoking resonance which lasts well after you leave the theater.

Grade: A



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McManus (Stephen Baldwin) mulls over his arrest in the film "The Usual Suspects."

## 'Suspects' glues eyes to screen

Thriller/puzzle gives nothing away to unsuspecting audience

By TODD JORGENSEN  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

"The Usual Suspects" (R)

Five men are involved in a heist of \$91 million in drug money in the complex crime thriller "The Usual Suspects," which opens today in Fort Worth.

Dean Keaton (Gabriel Byrne), Michael McManus (Stephen Baldwin), Verbal Kint (Kevin Spacey), Todd Hockney (Kevin Pollak) and Fred Fenster (Benicio del Toro) are the title characters, a band of thieves who hear about a ship carrying the drugs, but while implementing their plan to get the money, an explosion obliterates the ship and leaves only two survivors, one of which is the crippled Kint. The story then shifts to Kint's account of what led up to the incident as given to stubborn police detective David Kujan (Chazz Palminteri).

Kujan's hope is to catch the legendary criminal mastermind behind the smuggling scheme — Keyser Soze. Few have ever spoken to Soze and many more wonder if he exists at all. So the mystery focuses on just who Keyser Soze is, where he can be found, and how much of a role he had in the drug smuggling ring. But how much of Kint's story can be trusted?

The genius of "The Usual Suspects" is that it leaves

the audience in as much a sense of mystery as the characters on screen. The structure of Christopher McQuarrie's screenplay is such that as scenes and clues are revealed to the characters for the first time, the audience is also seeing it for the first time.

"The Usual Suspects" is a puzzle in addition to a movie. And it's an airtight puzzle at that. It will keep your butt glued to the seat and your eyes glued to the screen. Rarely does a scene or line of dialogue pass without revealing something significant to the plot, and it does pay off at the end.

The actors also don't give anything away. Byrne and Spacey headline the superb ensemble work here, and Bryan Singer's capable direction keeps everyone guessing.

All this makes for a film which is unorthodox, and it may turn you off at the beginning if you're not expecting it. You will be confused through the first few minutes, but the story will catch you up if you're patient. It's not a great film, but at least it succeeds in being different. Some people who enjoy everyday passive entertainment may not enjoy this kind of manipulation, but for those who are looking for a unique experience at the movies, "The Usual Suspects" should fit the bill nicely.

Grade: B+

## events & happenings

September

**1 Friday, Concert** — "An American Fantasy," the opening of Dallas Symphony Association's JC Penney Super Pops season; 8:15 p.m., Meyerson Symphony Center. Tickets range from \$15.50 to \$47.50. For more information, call (214) 692-0203.

**2 Saturday, Concert** — Rite of Strings featuring Stanley Clarke, Aldi Meola, and Jean-Luc Ponty; 7 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., Caravan of Dreams. \$28 reserved seating. Call 877-3000 for more information or tickets.

**Musical** — "Phantom," Casa Manana Theatre, 8 p.m. Tickets range from \$18 to \$25 and are available by calling 332-CASA or any Ticketmaster outlet.

**Concert** — Woody Lee, Billy Bob's, call 624-7117 for information or tickets.

**3 Sunday, Concert** — David Allan Coe, Billy Bob's. Call 624-7117 for information or tickets.

**Concert** — Warren Hill, 7 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., Caravan of Dreams, \$19 reserved seating. Call 877-3000 for information or tickets.

**5 Concert** — Colin Boyd, 10 p.m., Club Dada, Free.

**6 Play** — "Who's Afraid of Virginia Wolf?" 8 p.m., Stage West, pay what you can (\$4 minimum), call 784-9378 for more information.

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## 'Barometer Soup' best Buffett since 'Mango'

By MARK MOURER  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Horned Frog Parrot Heads (a feathered, reptilian concoction) can raise a margarita toast to Jimmy Buffett's new CD, Barometer Soup. The latest release by the journeyman musician is arguably his best in a decade.

The CD, which was released Aug. 1, contains 11 new tropical tracks and a Buffettized version of James Taylor's "Mexico." Nearly all of the numbers are written in vintage Buffett style, spinning yarns about rouges and t-Buffett's travels and ponderings.

Buffett has been releasing music for over two decades, and the singer/songwriter's music has drifted back and forth along the tides of evolving music styles like an empty bottle.

His acoustic guitar hits from the '70s have been played by everything from light rock to country to contemporary stations. The '80s saw Buffett experiment with electric keyboards and synthesized music. Thank God the musician has gotten those tendencies out of his system.

Buffett has now come full circle with Barometer Soup and seems to be able to combine all the great stuff from his past 25 years or so on this new release. Though the music has taken on a heavier island sound than before, it is less artificial than some of his works like 1988's Floridays and 1989's Off to See the Lizard.

The CD starts out with the title

track, an upbeat song with heavy Caribbean flavor and that tone carries over with the next few numbers. Buffett embodies society and its tendency to slip into vices and vexations are characterized on "Remittance Man."

"Blue Heaven Rendezvous" is perfect for dropping anchor out at bay on a clear, starlit evening. The song provides a cool, gentle breeze to help escape the muggy summer weather.

Possibly the track most reminiscent of classic Buffett tunes is "Jimmy Dreams," a musical lecture from Buffett on his worldly philosophies.

"Lage Nom Ai" and "Don't Chuknow" will take longtime Buffett fans back to classic favorites like "Volcano" and "One Particular Harbor."

The CD closes out with "Mexico," an old James Taylor favorite, which is done up right by Buffett and his Coral Reefer Band and will be enjoyable for flip-flopping fans of both artists.

Buffett's last memorable full-length release was 1985's Last Mango in Paris, and it should be dually noted that the wait was well worth it. Though annually touring and entertaining millions of Parrot Heads, the legend in our time has not put anything in stores musically as good as Barometer Soup since Mango.

As far as total album quality, Barometer Soup should please Buffett fans, from Bermuda short-wearing fanatics to those who still haven't learned all the words to Margartaville.

## CinemaScope is all 'Knight' can brag about

By TODD JORGENSEN  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

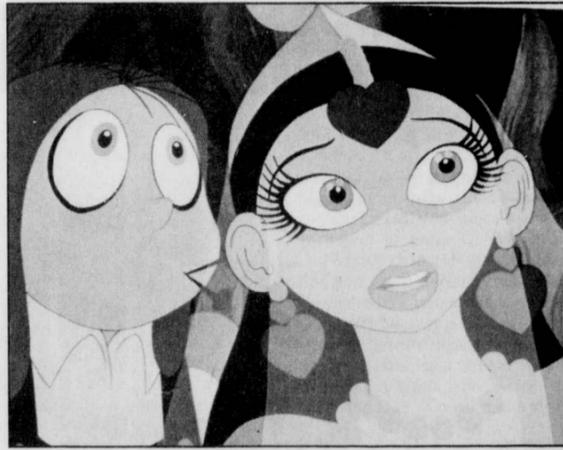
"The Amazing Panda Adventure" (PG)

Eleven-year-old Ryan Tyler (Ryan Slater) makes a trip to visit his busy father (Stephen Lang) on a panda reserve in the wilds of China in this absurd boy-and-an-animal story from director Christopher Cain ("Young Guns," "The Next Karate Kid").

Naturally Ryan winds up on his own with a local girl and a lovable panda trying to escape from poachers and brushing with death several times to save the panda and himself. I appreciate the attempts of the film makers to at least throw in some Chinese culture, and the kids really try to make it exciting, but the screenplay is idiotic and the ending is way too pat.

The film is preceded, however, by the fast-paced and delightful Looney Tunes short "Carrotblanca." I didn't realize the entire story of "Casablanca" could be retold in seven minutes and still add on a happy ending.

Grade: D



Miramax Films

The voice of Tack, the cobbler (left), is that of Matthew Broderick while Jennifer Beals gives Princess Yum Yum (right) her voice in the film "Arabian Knight."

"Dr. Jekyll and Ms. Hyde" (PG-13)

Tim Daly and Sean Young star in the title roles of this dismal identity-switching comedy about a scientific

experiment gone horribly wrong.

Daly plays Dr. Richard Jacks, who stumbles on to an old formula for changing identities. He tries out the formula on himself and at random points begins sprouting breasts and long hair in transforming into an evil alter-ego, Helen Hyde (Young). Helen is set on ruining Richard's life in every way, including spoiling a potential breakthrough at his job and tearing him apart from his fiancée (Lysette Anthony).

Like the recent "A Kid in King Arthur's Court," this screenplay has no basis in reality, thus covering itself for most inconsistencies. But it also doesn't have any funny moments, and that's the bottom line.

Grade: D

"The Show" (R)

The behind-the-scenes lives of some of today's hottest rap and hip-hop artists are chronicled in "The Show," which opened last weekend.

Stars such as Craig Mack, Dr. Dre, Warren G., Tha Dogg Pound, Naughty by Nature, The Notorious B.I.G., Wu-Tang Clan and Run DMC are featured in concert footage and candid interviews about their lives and philosophies. Another part of the film focuses on a conversation in

see 'Knight', page 10

## Summer films offered more variety, less blockbusters

By TODD JORGENSEN  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The summer of 1995 featured more variety at the movies than in recent years. There were fewer runaway blockbusters and more family films. Here's a look back at the best and the worst of this summer's offerings from one critic's point of view.

May was the month of the romantic comedy, with Billy Crystal's "Forget Paris" having more funny moments than the relatively boring "French Kiss" with Meg Ryan and Kevin Kline. "The Englishman Who Went Up a Hill But Came Down a Mountain" pleasantly surprised everyone including myself, and the title was an unexpected portent of the summer for its star, Hugh Grant.

Action films seemed to be the way to go, with "Crimson Tide" and "Die Hard with a Vengeance" each providing plenty of thrills and big-budget explosions. Then again, there was the rotten "Johnny Mnemonic" (or "Moronic" or "Pneumonia") starring Keanu Reeves.

As for family films, "Casper" was an enormously entertaining film for kids, certainly much more so than the talking pig movie, "Gordy," and the slightly better "Gumby: The Movie."

Artsy films which didn't succeed include Gerard Depardieu and Roman Polanski in "A Pure Formality" and the ridiculous, steamy farce "Erotique."

Other May winners included Mel Gibson's spectacular battle epic "Braveheart" and Tim Roth and Edward Furlong in "Little Odessa," while the disappointments included the Chris O'Donnell-Drew Barrymore romance "Mad Love" and the inner-city horror fable "Tales from the Hood."

June started very well with Clint Eastwood's gentle weeper "The Bridges of Madison County," co-starring Meryl Streep. The cheery adventure "Congo" followed, and then came the bankable sequel "Batman Forever," which boasted good acting, directing, action, special effects and makeup. Val Kilmer really proved he is the new Batman.

Disney didn't disappoint with its rousing animated adventure-romance "Pocahontas," which didn't live up to recent standards but is still a grand piece of entertainment. Ron Howard's "Apollo 13" was a riveting drama. Standouts included Tom Hanks, Bill Paxton and Ed Harris.

The Stallone vehicle "Judge Dredd" was loud and annoying, while "Mighty Morphin Power Rangers: The Movie" was a bit better than I expected. The talking dog movie "Fluke" was a despicable piece of family entertainment, and the foreign drama "The Postman" was both moving and entertaining.

July's big movie was "Nine Months," the highly publicized but mildly disappointing comedy starring Hugh Grant. Also big was "Waterworld," the mega-budget adventure with Kevin Costner which featured impressive action scenes overcoming a weak story. "First Knight" showed that medieval battle films have now worn out their welcome for a while, and "The Net" was a standard computer thriller which even Sandra Bullock couldn't save.

"The Indian in the Cupboard" was the best of the family film lot, overshadowing the straightforward sequel to "Free Willy" and Disney's dismal "Operation Dumbo Drop." Amy Heckerling's "Clueless" was one of the summer's funniest films, but so was "Species," which disguised itself as a gory sci-fi alien thriller. A top foreign film was "Bandit Queen," about caste structure in India.

August's offerings were mostly holdovers, but there were surprises. Michelle Pfeiffer carried the otherwise average "Dangerous Minds." Keanu Reeves, conversely, was the only reason not to like the touching romance "A Walk in the Clouds."

Even Denzel Washington looked awful in the summer's worst offering, "Virtuosity," while Daniel Stern was deservedly "bushwhacked." Julia Roberts couldn't save the aimless comedy-drama "Something to Talk About." The documentary "Unzipped" offered an insightful look into the world of high fashion, while in family films another Disney throwaway, "A Kid in King Arthur's Court," was beaten out by the surprise family hit of the summer, the gentle talking pig film "Babe."



## A&M a lock; Texas hopes to contend

### Mackovic hopes to silence critics in '95

By MARK MOURER  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

John Mackovic heads into the last season of Southwest Conference football facing the same opponents he has seen for the past three years.

The Oklahoma rivalry that has raged for 89 years will be even more exciting this year, as the Sooners new head coach, Howard Schellenberger, leads a strong team.

Mackovic's Longhorns will be the closest an SWC team will come to unseating a virtually unbeatable Texas A&M squad for the conference crown.

And, as he has done for at least the past two seasons, Mackovic will be facing the critics of his program, the likes of which seem to multiply in numbers quicker than proverbial rabbits.

Mackovic is 19-14-1 at the Longhorn helm and once again is hearing rumors about the need to win. The powers-that-be in Austin have all but gone on record to say that without improved performances over last year's 8-4 mark, the former NFL coach could be needing to update his resume.

But how bad was last year? The Longhorns were the only SWC team out of the four that made it to the post-season to win their bowl game. They beat the North Carolina Tar Heels in the John Hancock Sun Bowl.

They held a spot in the Associated Press Top 25 for nine weeks and finished at No. 25.

It looks as if the Longhorns did not perform as poorly as their critics might make out.

From that same team, Texas will return 17 starters. They are also coming off a recruiting effort that will likely see freshmen getting

playing time.

The Longhorns, who have adopted "A Program on the Rise" as their motto, look to hopefully establish themselves as a team that can compete with powerhouses Nebraska and Oklahoma in the soon-to-be Big 12 conference.

#### Brown leads offense

Mackovic's infusion of a pro-style offense will win games for him this year, as that side of the ball is loaded with talent.

Texas will be counting on sophomore quarterback James Brown to take snaps and lead the offense in the same manner as last season's 69.6 completion percentage. As a starter in just four games, Brown threw 12 touchdown passes with only two interceptions.

He will be without receiver/tight end Lovell Pinkney, who was drafted by the St. Louis Rams. He will, however, have junior Mike Adams, an All-SWC player in 1993 who missed most of last season with a knee injury. A healthy Adams and senior Justin McLemore will prove to be good targets for Brown and potential threats to opposing secondaries.

The shuffling around in the offensive line will directly affect Texas's running game. If former left guard John Elmore does well at left tackle and former center Dan Neil performs well at left guard, the only worry on the line will be with the youth at center.

Right tackle Octavious Bishop is a redshirt freshman, too. The only secure spot is at right guard where senior Corby Brooks will return.

The 'Horns will start Darrell Williams at tailback since Priest Holmes will be out with a torn anterior cruciate ligament.

#### Defense maturing

Last year's youth on defense will have matured through spring drills and will be counted on to provide more consistent stoppage.

All four linebackers return behind a defensive front that will feature senior Stonie Clark and sophomore Chris Akins. Both nose tackles are playing at over 300 pounds. Texas returns All-American end Tony Brackens, who has 17 sacks in his past two seasons.

The defensive backfield consists of Bryant Westbrook, who had four interceptions last season in six games. Junior safeties Tre Thomas and Chris Carter return also.

#### Showdown at South Bend

The Longhorns will have their work cut out for them on the road when they travel to South Bend, Indiana to face the Notre Dame Fighting Irish. That Sept. 23 match up could prove to be an early turning point in the Longhorn's season if they return with too many injuries.

Texas will need to remain healthy in October when it faces the Oklahoma Sooners in Dallas Oct. 14 and the Virginia Cavaliers the following weekend in Austin.

November will see Texas shut down their season hosting TCU and Baylor, this year's watch-and-see teams, before they drop the curtain on the SWC Dec. 2 against Texas A&M in what will probably be the Aggies biggest threat to an unbeaten season.

**Projected 1995 Record:**  
9-3  
(6-1 SWC)

**Projected SWC Finish:**  
2nd

### Aggies in hunt for national championship

By THOMAS MANNING  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

It's amazing what can happen when the best team in a conference can't qualify for the postseason or the conference championship.

That's exactly what happened in the Southwest Conference last season, as Texas A&M missed out on the Cotton Bowl and the SWC title because it was placed on one-year probation by the NCAA.

The result was a scramble for the conference title in 1994, which ended with a five-way tie for the SWC championship. And the other result was a blowout loss for the SWC in the Cotton Bowl, as Texas Tech was romped by USC 55-14 last Jan. 2.

Who knows what would have happened had A&M been eligible for post-season play last year. The Aggies finished 1994 10-0-1, and were ranked No. 8 in most post-season polls. If Texas A&M had represented the SWC in the Cotton Bowl, the results may have been different. The Aggies would have matched up with USC a lot better than Texas Tech, and a victory in the Cotton Bowl most likely would have led to a Top 5 ranking for R.C. Slocum's team.

But hindsight is always 20-20, and A&M is looking to put the past behind them and focus on the 1995 season. And in the minds of most college football experts, the Aggies have a chance to be right at the top of the polls come bowl time this season.

#### McElroy, Pullig return

Offensively, Texas A&M has a 1-2 punch that should challenge TCU as the best in the conference. Running back Leeland McElroy is quickly becoming one of the favorites to win the Heisman Trophy. The junior rushed for 707 yards and nine TD's last season and has excellent straight-ahead speed and an ability to cut through the smallest holes. He will finally get his chance to be the sole featured back in the offense, now that Rodney Thomas has departed.

McElroy's key battery mate in the offense will be senior quarterback Corey Pullig. Pullig threw for 2,056 yards last season (second in the conference to TCU's Max Knake) and 13 touchdowns for an offense that stressed the run more than the pass.

Senior Chris Sanders returns and

will again be Pullig's No. 1 target. The Aggie receiving corps is deep, with Darren Brinkley, Aaron Oliver and Justin Lucas all expecting to see a lot of balls come their way.

Senior tackle Hunter Goodwin and junior guard Calvin Collins (a pre-season all-SWC pick) anchor another solid A&M offensive line, which will be called upon frequently to open up holes for McElroy.

#### D in usual form

The strength of the Texas A&M Aggies in recent years has been the defense, and this season should be no exception. Junior end Brandon Mitchell is expected to be all-SWC again this season and lead the Aggie front four.

The linebacking corps, usually the strength of the defense, was hurt by the departures of Antonio Armstrong and Reggie Graham. Senior outside backer Reggie Brown and junior inside linebacker Larry Walker will be expected to fill the void left by Armstrong and Graham's departures.

The secondary looks to take over the linebackers as the toughest of all units on the Aggie defense. Senior Ray Mickens is a legitimate All-America candidate at cornerback. Mickens is one of the best cover men in all of college football. He will be joined by fellow-returnees Donovan Greer at the other cornerback spot, and Typail McMullen and Dennis Allen will man the safety spots.

#### Undefeated season ahead?

The Aggies have all the necessary tools to be a Top 5 team this season, and many are picking A&M to go ahead and win the national championship, which would be icing on the Southwest Conference cake in its final season of existence. But there are always factors that keep A&M from getting the national recognition that they deserve, mainly a soft schedule.

This season may be different. The first two games should be easy wins against LSU and Tulsa, but Sep. 23 will mark the challenge of the season for the Aggies as the team heads to Boulder to face Colorado. If the Aggies lose that game, forget about all talk of a national championship. But if A&M pulls it off at Colorado, an undefeated season is highly probable.

Realistically, the only true SWC challenge should come on the final game of the season, when Texas



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A&M hosts Texas Dec. 2. That should be the SWC game of the year. Unless the Aggies suffer a mental lapse one week (as they did last season in a 21-21 tie with lowly SMU), that game should let Aggie fans know if the team will be challenging for the national title on New Year's Day.

The Aggies should win against Texas, especially considering that the game is at Kyle Field, and that the Aggies haven't lost to another SWC team since 1990. The Colorado game will be key to the Aggies national title hopes, but it appears to be a no-brainer that, after a one-year layoff, the Texas A&M Aggies will once again sit atop the SWC pile in the conference's last year.

**Projected 1995 Record:**  
11-0  
(7-0 SWC)

**Projected SWC Finish:**

**1st**

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### 'Knight' page 8

prison between Slick Rick and Russell Simmons.

"The Show" is a candid but repetitious piece of work which wears out after a while. The concept is good, and the execution is OK, but what turned me off is the arrogant attitude which many of the artists carried. Some, such as Warren G. and Naughty by Nature, come off as refreshing and funny. Others, such as Run DMC and Notorious B.I.G., only act annoying and vain. "The Show" is a mixed bag which works

only some of the time.

**Grade: C**

#### "Arabian Knight" (G)

A blatant and shameless ripoff of Disney's "Aladdin," "Arabian Knight" wants viewers to know that it is the first animated feature in widescreen CinemaScope since "Sleeping Beauty" four decades ago.

That's all fine and dandy if you don't see the film at the United Artists Hulen 10 Theater, where the picture is condensed and cropped off

at the top and bottom, presenting a distorted image. Be careful of this effect in other widescreen films at UA Hulen as well.

The film itself is pretty difficult to get excited about anyway, with lackluster musical numbers, a dumb storyline and characters named Tack, Zigzag, Yum Yum and King Nod. The only saving grace is a bravura vocal performance by Jonathan Winters as a small-time thief.

**Grade: D-**

### Business page 7

Week this year, Albertson's donated soft drinks and sport drinks in support of the students' efforts, he said. The store also distributed approximately 1,100 coupon pages to new students at orientation, he said.

"We always try to give something back to TCU," Hicks said.

Alphagraphics on West Berry is another local operation that has seen business surge, and not only because TCU is back in session. The store has also gained new clientele since the summer closing of the Kinko's at 2435 S. University, according to store owner Bernie Weaver.

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play for? Those answers will be the same, and they will both be: the **SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS.**

Sanders already plays baseball for the Giants in San Francisco, and he knows the 49er system. And besides, why ruin a good thing? He's already won one championship there, why not two? The fact of the matter remains that if Deion signs with the 49ers, they're a lock. If he signs with the Cowboys, they're a lock. And if he signs with someone else, then its going to come down to the talent

that the Niners and Cowboys have right now. In which case, the Niners are simply too good and too deep to be overtaken, even by Dallas. The Niners will use their easy schedule to get home-field advantage in the playoffs, and we all know what happened when the Cowboys travelled to 'Frisco for the title game last year. It will be the same result again in 1995, as the 49ers will beat the Cowboys in the NFC Championship and move on to face, and beat, the Miami Dolphins in Super Bowl XXX.

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