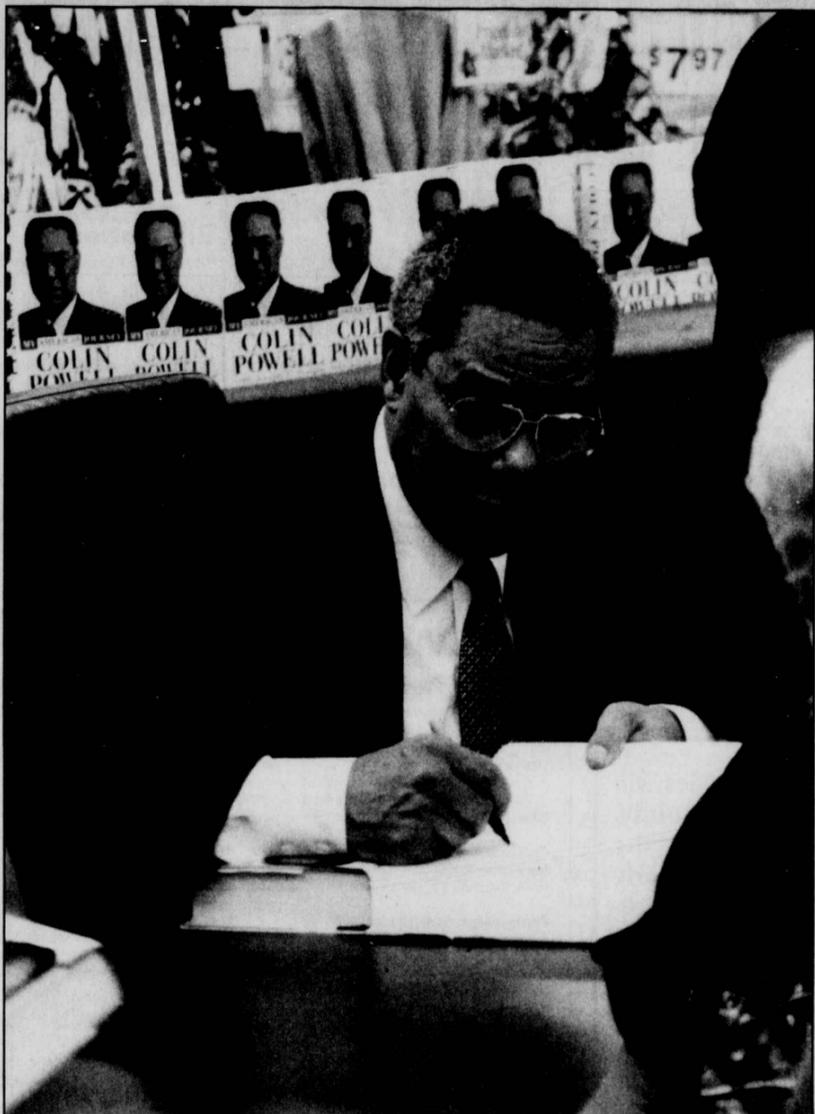


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Colin Powell, a retired army general and former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, signs his autobiography, *My American Journey*, Tuesday at Wal-Mart in Lake Worth.

## Powell speaks about passion for office at Lake Worth conference, book signing

By RYAN J. RUSAK  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Colin Powell, in a local visit Tuesday, identified three factors in his decision of whether to run for president: public interest in his message, his passion for the office, and the impact of the race on his family.

"I really do convey a message that is different and unique from the messages that are out there from others," Powell said in a press

conference at the Wal-Mart store in Lake Worth. He said, "That is something the American people might be interested in."

Powell, a retired army general and former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, outlined his view of a changing political landscape that he said might thrust him into politics.

"I think the American people right now are a little uneasy with all forms of leadership in Washing-

ton...because they don't see the political leadership in the White House or the Congress solving immediately the problems that are out there to be solved," Powell said. "There is a movement toward new kinds of political organization and personages."

Powell also commented on Ross Perot's intention to form a third party, calling the idea "a very interesting proposal."

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## Simpson acquitted, vows to find killers

By LINDA DEUTSCH  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — O.J. Simpson headed home Tuesday, picking up a life of freedom instead of starting life in prison. Acquitted of murdering his ex-wife and her friend, he pledged to track down the real killers who are "out there somewhere."

In a courtroom on the verge of exploding with emotion, a hush fell as Judge Lance Ito's clerk, Dierdre Robertson, read the two words: "Not guilty."

Simpson mouthed the words, "Thank you," at the jury, then clasped his hands together and was embraced by his attorneys.

Tears of anguish and shouts of joy burst from the three families whose lives were torn apart by the bloody June 12, 1994, slayings of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman.

"Oh my God!" exclaimed Simpson's grown daughter, Arnelle, embracing her brother Jason.

"We did it!" a family member exulted to lead defense attorney Johnnie Cochran Jr.

Eerily, the Simpson saga ended much as it had begun, with the fallen football superstar being transported in a white van to his estate while news helicopters tracked him overhead. Tuesday's televised verdicts were the most-watched event since June 17, 1994, when Simpson, in a white Bronco with his friend Al "A.C." Cowlings driving, led police on a surreal slow-speed chase viewed by millions.

Cowlings was at the door to embrace Simpson when he came home. Later, family members gathered for a champagne party on the lawn of Simpson's lush estate.

"Last June 13, '94, was the worst nightmare of my life. This is the second," Goldman's father, Fred, said at a prosecution news conference. "This prosecution team didn't lose today. I deeply believe this country lost today. Justice was not served."

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## Campus questions verdict

By MARK MOURER  
and  
SUSAN SHOULDERS  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The jury's verdict of innocent for charges of murder in the O.J. Simpson case has brought about mixed feelings from TCU students and faculty.

Skeptics claim the verdict might have been delivered based on fear of racial uprising as well as the status of the star.

"I have mixed reactions about the case," said Jim Henley, TCU professor of sociology. "We have a couple of things going here. First, are there different standards of justice for people of varying economic circumstances?"

"Also, is this a backlash to racism in the system?" Henley said regarding past rulings in the Rodney King trial. "Certainly this has been an issue with the Los Angeles Police Department. The minority members on the jury were probably acquainted to police intolerance. I don't know how heavily racism weighted their decision," Henley said.

Vic Larragoite, professor of criminal justice, said it was unfortunate that possible ethnic decisions were even considered in the case.

"It's a shame that we don't think that despite the color of their skin, people can't make intelligent decisions," he said.

He also raised the question of the significance of gender.

"If indeed race was the most important variable," Larragoite said, "what does it say about gender? Did not any of those women empathize with Nicole?"

Henley said other questions about police misconduct were raised by the decision of the jury.

"Ultimately, one must ask if it was possible for evidence to be planted," Henley said. "I even have doubts in my mind on his guilt concerning the planting of evidence."

Duy Ly, a senior criminal justice major, said he thought, for the most part, the jury's mind was made up before the trial. He said a major issue raised by the case was whether or not equitable justice could be gained for all members of society, regardless of race or economic background.

"The question I have to address is why is there disparity in justice between black and white, furthermore in minority versus majority as far as guilt or innocence," said Ly.

Ed Reed, assistant professor of criminal justice, said there was little dispute over the issue of police misconduct in the case, citing specifically taped conversations with officer Mark Fuhrman.

"There were problems for the prosecution and the defense once the tapes were found," Reed said. "It sort of let the genie out of the bottle about police misconduct, bias in the department, the use of the 'n' word as well as the treatment of individuals in custody."

Reed also said the status of Simpson as an ex-football star, especially one of such local proximity (Simpson played college football at nearby University of Southern California), as well as his prominence in movies and as a commentator was likely to influence jurors.

"Fame and money have an influence over the jurors," he said. "Surely they have to be influenced by a million dollar house. The jury went to tour Simpson's California mansion. How couldn't they be

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## House funds chess tournament

By CHRISTI GIFFORD  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The House of Student Representatives voted 49-19 on a bill to give \$175 for an intraschool chess tournament to be held Oct. 16 at its meeting Tuesday.

The bill, which originally requested \$200, including \$175 for prizes and \$25 for refreshments, was amended by the Finance Committee this week. The change reduced the first place prize from \$100 to \$75, said Shawn Groves, House treasurer.

Chris Smith, the Academic Affairs Committee chairman who wrote the bill, said anyone at TCU, undergraduates, graduate students or faculty members, could participate in the tournament.

"We are hoping for 100 participants," he said.

Each entrant will pay a \$1 fee which will go directly to the Programming Council's Special Events Committee, which is in charge of the College Bowl team, said Vice President for Programming Greg Trevino. The funds raised will help the College Bowl team attend academic trivia tournaments.

Todd Watson, a Clark Hall representative, said he felt prize money ruined the point of playing chess.

The prizes are incentives to participate, Smith said.

The first place winner will receive \$75, the second place prize is \$50 and the third place winner gets \$25.

Kenny Baird, a Tom Brown Hall

representative, said, "The tournament goes far beyond playing chess. It promotes campus unity by bringing a large number of people together."

Other House members said they thought the tournament would provide programing to students who often get neglected.

Sign-ups for the tournament begin Thursday at the Information Desk in the Student Center.

Smith said chess boards, stop-watches and proctors are needed.

A bill written by the Elections and Regulations Committee to revise parts of the elections and regulations code was not introduced to the House at the meeting.

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By DENA RAINS  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The Fort Worth man accused of causing the wreck involving a retired TCU professor is also being charged with aggravated possession of marijuana and an outstanding warrant.

David P. Ahern, 22, is accused of hitting the pickup truck of Eugene McCluney, a retired sociology professor, Saturday afternoon.

According to the police report, Ahern lost control of his car on Southwest Boulevard, jumped the curb, left the roadway and traveled 753 feet down the grassy median entering the opposite lane of traffic on Southwest Boulevard, striking McCluney's truck.

Ahern is cited in the police report for failure to control speed.

No alcohol or drug analysis was taken at the scene, according to the report.

**"He's (Eugene McCluney) pretty sedated right now. But he's not as agitated as he was."**

ERINN MCCLUNEY,  
Eugene McCluney's daughter

Ahern was taken to John Peter Smith Hospital where he was listed in good condition Tuesday evening, said hospital spokeswoman Sheryl Rodriguez.

Ahern was not wearing a seatbelt, according to the police report. McCluney was wearing his seatbelt, the report said.

McCluney, 67, was taken to Harris Methodist Hospital. He suffered from a fractured right leg, ankle and fourth vertebrae as well as fluid in his

lungs, said Erinn McCluney, his daughter.

As of Tuesday evening, Mr. McCluney was in the trauma intensive care unit at Harris, said Ms. McCluney. He is expected to stay there for at least the next week and a half, she said.

Mr. McCluney has also been placed on a respirator in an attempt to remove the fluid from his lungs, she said.

"He's pretty sedated right now," Ms. McCluney said. "But he's not as agitated as he was."

She said her father was stable, but still critical.

Ms. McCluney said although her father cannot receive visitors, phone calls, cards or flowers while in ICU, she would be happy to receive phone calls or parcels at her home and deliver them to her father after he gets out of ICU.

"I have received the best wishes from people at TCU," she said.

### NEWS DIGEST

#### Clinton over Dole in polls

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two new polls show Clinton has widened his lead over the GOP presidential front-runner, Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole while the president and Powell run closely together ahead of Dole in a hypothetical three-way matchup with Powell as an independent.

A Harris Poll found that when asked whom they would back if the election were today, 42 percent said Clinton and 30 percent said Dole in a two-way race.

#### GOP given majority on court

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. George W. Bush appointed two fellow Republicans to the Texas Supreme Court Tuesday, giving the party a 7-2 majority on the state's highest civil court.

Appellate Judge James A. Baker of Dallas was sworn in immediately to fill the vacancy left by the Sept. 1 resignation of Justice Bob Gammage. State District Judge Greg Abbott of Houston will replace Justice Jack Hightower beginning Jan. 1, 1996.

Gammage and Hightower are both Democrats.

#### Servicemen charged with rape

TOKYO (AP) — Three U.S. servicemen were charged Friday with abducting and raping a 12-year-old girl, clearing the way for their delivery to Japanese authorities as protesters nationwide have demanded.

The rape has caused a major uproar on Okinawa, one of the United States' most important military outposts in the Pacific, and generated a nationwide debate over whether Japan should revise the terms under which 45,000 U.S. troops are stationed in this country.

Among those charged were Navy Seaman Marcus D. Gill, 22, of Woodville, Texas.

#### Clinton apologizes for tests

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton apologized to the victims of secret Cold War-era radiation experiments Tuesday and promised greater openness to guard against future abuses.

"We will no longer hide the truth from our citizens," Clinton said at a ceremony where he accepted a report documenting three decades of government-sponsored experiments on people, often without their clear consent.

An advisory panel has recommended that victims of the experiments be financially compensated in cases where they were misled.

#### Shalala speaks out on GOP plans

WASHINGTON (AP) — Seniors could get stuck with sharply higher premiums in the Medicare plans that Republicans want to create, Health and Human Services Secretary Donna E. Shalala said Tuesday.

She told an unofficial hearing by congressional Democrats that the GOP plan to revamp Medicare would scrap current limits on how much hospitals and doctors can charge the elderly.

## TODAY ON CAMPUS

### Wednesday, Oct. 4

**Last day to withdraw from class**  
**Noon:** University chapel service at Robert Carr Chapel  
**3 p.m.:** Uniting Campus Ministries meets in Student Center 211  
**5:45 p.m.:** Christian Science Organization in Student Center 215  
**7 p.m.:** Campus Crusade for Christ "Prime Time" in Student Center 205  
**7 p.m.:** Study Skills Workshop offered in Rickel 106  
**9 p.m.:** Fellowship of Christian Athletes meets in the Varsity Club Room of the Coliseum.

### Thursday, Oct. 5

**4 p.m.:** International Opportunities at Home and Abroad program meets in Reed 117  
**5 p.m.:** International Student Association meets in Student Center 222  
**5 p.m.:** Le Cercle Francais will host a reception in Student Center 204  
**5:30 p.m.:** Canterbury Episcopal student fellowship meets in Student Center 214  
**5:30 p.m.:** Wesley Foundation (United Methodist Campus Ministry) meets in Wesley Foundation building at 2750 W. Lowden for a meal and a program  
**7:15 p.m.:** Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship meets in Student Center 218

## DATES AND SERVICES

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**MAJOR/MINOR FAIR** will be held from 11:30-2:30 today in the Student Center lounge. Seize this chance to answer questions concerning majors, minors, and related careers. Call Center for Academic Services at 921-7486.

**PSI CHI PSYCHOLOGY HONORS SOCIETY** is having a Christmas book drive to benefit a downtown homeless shelter. Anyone with new or old, adult or children's books is encouraged to donate. There will be a box in the Psi Chi library in Winton Scott Hall to drop donations in. Contact Jenny at 738-3538 for more information. Psi Chi's executive meeting will be held at 6:15 on Oct. 4. Regular members are welcome to sit in and observe or share ideas.

**INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM** will be held at 4 p.m. on Oct. 5 in Reed Hall Room 117. Topics will include careers, volunteer work camps, internships, short term work and teaching abroad and graduate study opportunities. All interested students are welcome.

**TCU TRIANGLE**, TCU's gay, lesbian and bisexual student group meets at 1 p.m. Sunday for a car pool to the State Fair of Texas. Call Priscilla Tate at 921-7160.

**R.O.A.D. WORKERS** Health Enrichment Week has been postponed from Oct. 9-14 until January to kick off the "Get a Life" campaign.

**SUNDAY MORNING SPORTS CAR** broadcasts on Sunday mornings on FM 88.7 The Choice. Tune in from 8-9 a.m. for the latest information on all sports. Stick with KTCU from 9-10 a.m. for a review of Saturday's college football action,

and from 10-11 a.m. get a preview of Sunday's pro football match-ups. Call in all morning with your questions and comments. Contact Brett Van Ort at 922-9967.

**UNITING CAMPUS MINISTRIES** invites all students to participate in service, social and interfaith and ecumenical activities. UCM meets at 3 p.m. every Wednesday in Student Center 211. For more information, call the University Ministries office at extension 7830.

**TCU CATHOLIC COMMUNITY** meets every Thursday for Mass at 5 p.m. followed by supper at 5:30 p.m. in the Reed Hall Faculty Center.

**MUSICIANS NEEDED** for the TCU Theatre Production of *Quilters*. Needed are the following: guitar, banjo, hammered dulcimer, mandolin, violin, cello, bass, and harp. Please contact Lupe at 763-9239.

## The Adventures of Superfrog

by Ben Roman and Adam Wright



## Calvin and Hobbes

by Bill Watterson



## WEATHER WATCH

Today's skies will be partly cloudy, with highs in the mid 80s. Southerly winds will reach 10-20 mph.

Thursday's weather will continue to be partly cloudy and windy, with highs in the 70s and lows in the 60s.

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**Powell** from page 1  
 Powell said he and Perot had discussed the idea of a third party, but had not talked about potential party candidates.  
 Powell also described his education in New York City public schools.

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In college, he said he discovered the army through an ROTC program, which prepared him to compete with West Point graduates in the military hierarchy. He said education of young Americans was important.  
 "Without that high school diploma, you foreclose 90 percent of the options in life and you're going perhaps nowhere," Powell said. "So get that education."  
 Calling it his "attention-getting book tour," Powell signed copies of his autobiography, *My American Journey*, for Wal-Mart customers. Lines circled throughout the store and snaked through much of the parking lot. Some expressed surprise that Powell would visit a Wal-Mart store.  
 "Regardless of what you think of General Powell politically, I think it's incredible that a man of his stature would mix well with the common people," said Sam Estrada, a senior radio-TV-film major.  
 Wal-Mart district manager Bill Smith explained that the Powell tour stopped in Lake Worth for a variety of reasons.  
 "He's on a Wal-Mart tour, and he wanted to be close to a military base," Smith said. "And this store happens to be one of the better hardback-selling stores in the Metroplex."  
 Ultimately, Powell said he would follow instincts on the presidential race.  
 "At the end of the day, it will have to feel right to me," Powell said. "I'm not going to be pushed into it or encouraged into it."

Inquiring minds read *the Skiff*.

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■ KEVIN ARCENEUX

## Republican attacks on multiculturalism are ridiculous

There is a war on multiculturalism and many Republicans are helping to fuel it. With much applause, Pat Buchanan declared "America first" last spring when he announced he was running for president. He was clearly dissatisfied with all this talk of diversity — we are Americans before we are anything else.



"politically correct classes about the abuses of the white male."

No one can miss the racial overtones in all these statements. All of these people clearly see the proper "American" civilization as a white, Anglo-

Saxon-dominated culture.

Mr. Buchanan clearly is frustrated with all those African-Americans, Latinos, American Indians, etc. wearing their heritage on their sleeves. As I think he sees it, they should assimilate and be like the white man.

Dole completely forgets that this is a country of immigrants. English has no more

right to be the official language than any other. Oh yeah, but the white Anglo-Saxon immigrants were far superior to all the others, right?

And Gingrich fails to realize that during the 1950's, schools were still segregated, and blacks had to sit in the back of busses and drink from different water fountains.

Also in the 1950's, Senator McCarthy went on a witch hunt and accused everyone and his or her dog of being a communist. People were forced to take loyalty oaths and free speech was suppressed.

Yet, we should blast back to the past where racism was perfectly acceptable, women could only be housewives and no one could dare think of challenging capitalism. This sure is a great idea.

And what about those "politically correct" classes showing all the "abuses of white

males?" I could see the problem here if all these abuses were lies, but they are not.

White men did rape, plunder and murder Native Americans for their land. White men did abduct people from their homelands and force them into involuntary servitude.

White men did write laws that repressed blacks and women by denying them equal opportunity to education and employment. White men did colonize the Southern hemisphere so they could exploit its natural resources at the expense of its people's freedom and dignity.

We must recognize these abuses and establish a society which disavows them; this can only be achieved by accepting them and committing ourselves to learning more about them.

I recently had a discussion on this topic with a few fellow students. They said they

were opposed to all this "diversity stuff." They believed the reason people went to TCU was because "we came from the same mold."

These people are by no means racists; they just like familiarity. Yet to accomplish that, they are locking themselves in a world of mainly white, upper-class people. The result is that they don't see the real world.

Multiculturalism is good. Our culture is not monolithic; we have to acknowledge and respect other viewpoints. Besides, it is diversity that will allow us to grow because it enables us to draw from many different viewpoints and experiences. If we put blinders on and only see the white culture as having validity, our society will stagnate and die.

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

■ MATT PEARCE

## Gun control laws do not affect crime

For decades, liberal reformists have pushed for heavy gun control, which they feel would reduce violent crime and decrease the murder rate. However, studies conducted since the 1970's have shown that gun control accelerates these rates and does little more than empower criminals.

A 1983 nationwide survey of convicted felons, conducted by the National Institute of Justice, showed that most criminals would not try to victimize a person that they believed was armed. Fifty-seven percent believed that most criminals "are more worried about meeting an armed victim than they are about running into the police."



In the survey, 74 percent agreed that one of the reasons burglars don't go for homes where people are present is that they worry about being shot. In addition, 39 percent said they have turned back on committing a crime because they believed the would-be victim was armed, and eight percent had done so many times.

While most convicted criminals agree that strict gun laws will help people like them, many supposedly educated lawmakers believe that these same laws will reduce violent crime. In 1976, the District of Columbia enacted the nation's strictest gun law, making it illegal for any civilian to buy, sell, carry or even keep a gun in the home. Incidentally, Washington, D.C., has one of the nation's highest homicide rates in the country. Police officers in the city have opposed the ban, saying that it makes their jobs more difficult.

Gun control advocates remind us constantly that a gun is the most effective weapon that can be used in any situation. This is true, but it certainly does not support a need for gun laws. People deserve the right to have an effective weapon to defend themselves against a criminal who would have a weapon no matter what the laws state.

Another popular pro-gun control argument is that guns accidentally shoot children more frequently than they do criminals. The problem here is not the selling of guns to parents, but the parents' negligence in dealing with the guns.

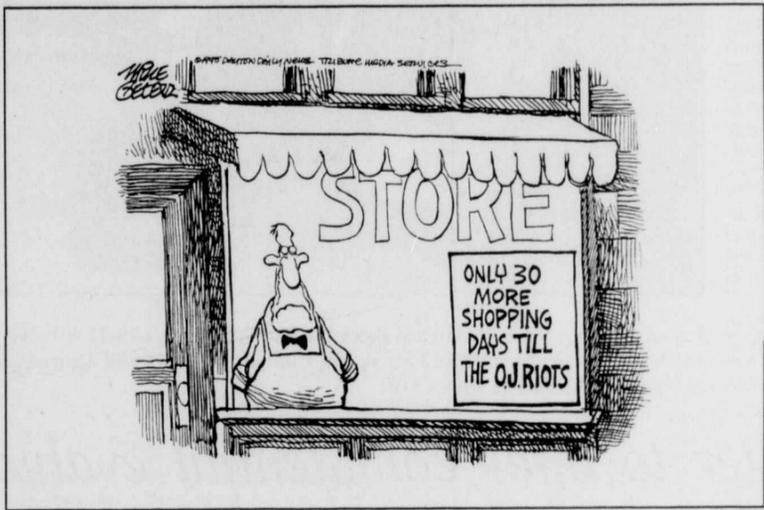
Parents should know that the best way to keep kids away from guns is to keep the weapon in an area where the children won't find it, such as a safe. Also, parents who own guns must educate their children about the dangers of guns and make sure the children know never to touch a gun if they come across one.

Though I am not a Texas resident, I applaud the state's new efforts to decrease gun control and to educate people on safety. Unlike many states, Texas is making a real effort to take power away from criminals and give it back to the citizens. I believe that states like Texas and Florida, which enacted its concealed weapons law in 1987, will help prove to others that gun control is not the answer, and that safety education goes much further.

Certain gun control methods, such as the Brady Law, have good intentions but can do little to control crime. Under the Brady Law, a person must wait five days before purchasing a gun so a background check can be done. But it takes less than five minutes for a black market dealer to open the trunk of his car and deal out a pistol to anybody who wants one. Anyone who is desperate for a gun will not wait five days, and he does not have to.

While there are certain people who should be forbidden to own guns, weapons should not be restricted from the general public. I am not encouraging everyone to tote a Smith and Wesson in their backpack, but the right to ownership should not be infringed upon. The key to reducing violence lies in education and in stiffer sentences for criminals. Guns are fatal and have other obvious dangers, but it's the people who misuse them who need to be controlled. Those who can handle guns properly deserve the right to do so.

Matt Pearce is a sophomore news/editorial major from Wenham, Mass.



■ CHRIS SMITH

## Religious zealots endanger liberty of everyone else

A rather amusing event took place last Sunday on Hulen Street. Before images of The Barnum and Bailey Circus pop into your heads, try thinking of something more interesting than the "greatest show on earth." This circus featured the most devout anti-abortionists.

The area from the library on the north side of I-20 to the Denny's two miles south was lined with all ages of people with signs reading "Abortion kills children."

Some nonchalantly held up their signs, while others jumped up and down, screamed at passing cars, wept, prayed and shook their fists at the heavens. After recovering from my sudden, uncontrollable fit of laughter, I decided to venture out amongst the rabble.

The ages in this mob of righteousness ranged from an elderly grandmother to a three-year old using his sign as a bullroarer instead of a holy decree. Some contentedly sat in lawn chairs while the more daring braved the perils of traffic to spread information about this horror of horrors.

The excitement began with the infiltration of this mass by two evil pro-choicers. A woman with the sign "My body. My choice." and her undaunted male companion hoisting "Guns Don't Kill People, Christian Fundamentalists With Shotguns Do." worked their way through the crowd.

A woman of immeasurable girth began taunting the two. Amid the slurs and threats of eternal damnation, she did ask one thought-provoking question: "What would the world be like if Mary had gotten an abortion?" Immediately, as though he had been trained for this moment, the usually silent male began to speak.

He spent an enraged 5 minutes explaining how Jesus has caused more suffering on Earth than Hitler, Stalin, and all the abortion doctors combined. This man was Bertrand Russell incarnate. Flabbergasted, the woman said that he would be in her prayers as she began to scurry off in search of more infidels or a pork chop (probably the latter).

The rest of my journey proved to be fruitless, save an seeing an aged zealot speaking in tongues, whose diarrhea caused him to make painful faces.

Then the hamster began running on the wheel in my head and I realized that if you take a throng of people all sharing a love of God and an extraordinarily high score on the social dominance scale, you have the makings of an influential political lobby, or the next Inquisition.

Just the sight of five-year olds holding up protest signs filled my head with visions of future book burners, wife beaters, and United States senators creating a Brave New World society in which tapes of Ralph Reed and Jerry Falwell speeches are played for newborns while they sleep.

Fortunately for the sane citizens of America, the Supreme Court upheld the statute that says pro-lifers can't harass employees and patients or block the entrances of abortion clinics.

It is great that these people feel the need to express their opinions on the sides of a heavily trafficked street. The only problem is that their protest doesn't end there. It extends into all facets of freedom and liberty. Whenever a pseudo-holy command from God is used to justify laws that affect everyone, insanely Christian or not, then the fabric of argument and persuasion is nonexistent.

The Holy Crusades ended in Turkey.

Chris Smith is a junior psychology/sociology/mathematics triple major from Burleson, Texas.

## EDITORIAL NOT GUILTY?

### Simpson trial shows that justice is not blind

As every human being with a pulse knows, Orenthal James Simpson was acquitted yesterday in the murder of his wife and Ron Goldman.

First of all, the not guilty verdict delivered by the jury says nothing about the guilt or innocence of Simpson. It simply means the jury thought there was a reasonable doubt as to whether he committed the crimes of which he was accused.

Could O.J. have been found guilty if he wasn't as rich or as famous as he happens to be? Recent trends seem to indicate he would not.

The Menendez brothers murder trial and the William Kennedy Smith rape trial are prime examples of this phenomenon. Rich and/or famous defendants can afford the F. Lee Baileys and the Robert Shipiros, while the rest of us are stuck with a public defender or an attorney with minimal expertise.

Defendants like O.J. have a sizeable advantage because they have the money to hire attorneys who can do the research and have the ability to influ-

ence a jury. These facts indicate some people can buy justice while others are left out in the cold.

Another major concern is the growing distrust some segments of the country feel toward the police. Mark Fuhrman's testimony and the subsequent information reported on him certainly did not help in this area.

Los Angeles has a long history with this problem. Everyone in the country saw a Los Angeles policeman beat Rodney King on videotape.

Fuhrman's racial epithets and his close proximity to the case caused many minorities to believe he headed a conspiracy to frame O.J. Simpson. This caused the backlash against the police and the subsequent joy many people felt when he was acquitted yesterday.

It is quite possible these two factors worked together to affect the jury's decision.

Unequal justice and the growing distrust of police are two issues that won't go away. The Simpson trial just showcased the problems.



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## Local rugby club to assist in campus team's debut

By MARK MOURER  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The Fort Worth Rugby Club will take its first step in bringing rugby to TCU when the team has the first TCU side meeting tonight at 7 p.m. in the Rickel Building, Room 316.

The meeting will serve as an informative sign-up for TCU students who would like to participate in state-wide collegiate competition while learning rugby fundamentals from veteran members of the Fort Worth side, said Keith Dalton, Fort Worth Rugby Club president.

This is the first all-out effort to establish a TCU-based side, which means team in rugby terminology. Dalton, who graduated from TCU in 1991, said that TCU's side will be competing in scheduled matches throughout the fall and spring seasons against several other colleges around the state, including Southern Methodist University, the University of Texas, Baylor and the University of North Texas.

Dalton said the fall season is just underway and will run through December, with a short break until the spring season starts in February. He said the spring season ends with the state and national tournaments in late April and early May.

Dalton said TCU students who participate will get the chance not only to play with the college-aged team, but will also have the chance to play with the Fort Worth side.

"The TCU side will practice with the Fort Worth side, so they won't have to worry about only being able to practice with eight or 10 guys," Dalton said.

Fort Worth side head coach Mike

Kwedar said that coming out for the TCU side will benefit both the TCU players and the Fort Worth side.

"We're already coaching and practicing," Kwedar said. "In fact, it helps if the TCU kids come out. Basically, what we're doing is offering our facilities and our equipment."

Dalton said TCU side players would also have an opportunity to compete alongside the Fort Worth team, in addition to having their own games scheduled with other colleges.

"We'll be scheduling matches with the other college teams," Dalton said, "but everybody who comes out has the chance to play with our side first."

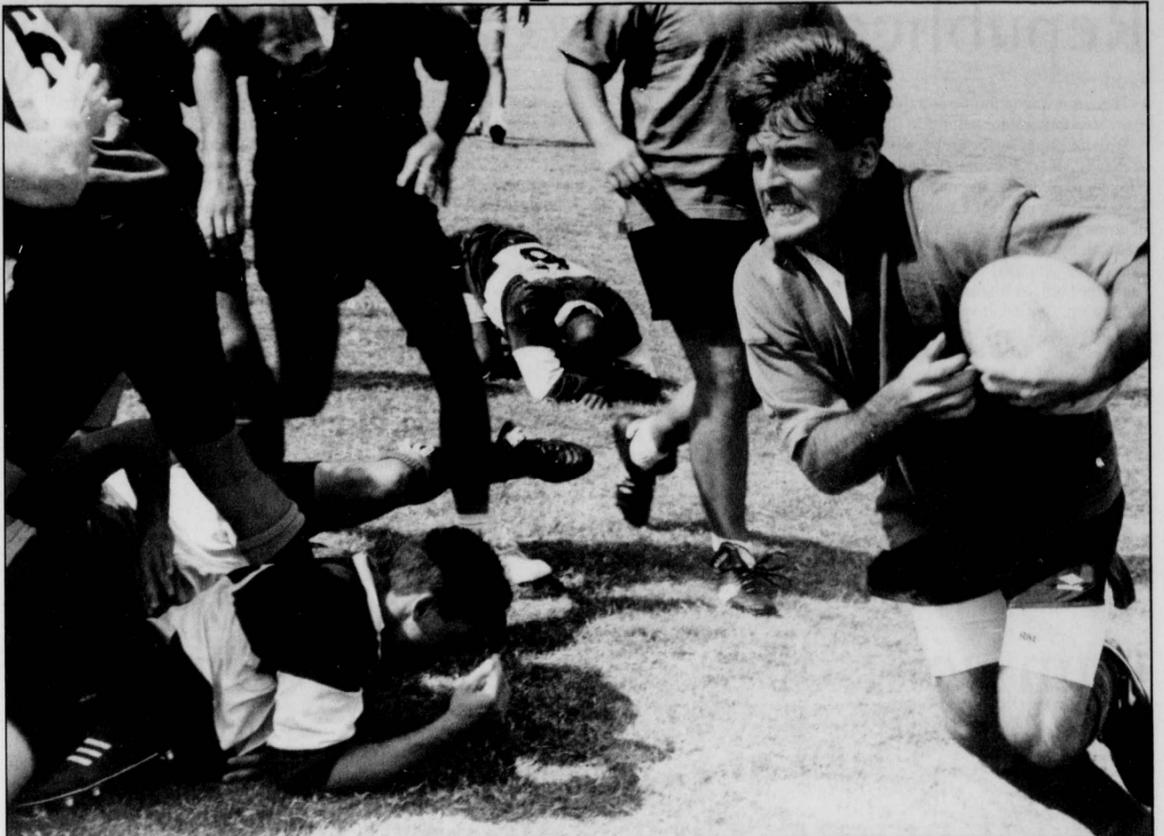
The TCU side will begin practicing with the Fort Worth side on Tuesday. The practices will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7 p.m. at Rockwood Park.

TCU rugby players will have the opportunity to learn from one of the masters, as the Fort Worth side will be hosting one of the top scorers in the world, Kwedar said.

South African fly half Gerhard Van Rensburg is a World Cup-caliber player, Kwedar said. He said that Van Rensburg's presence and experience will not only improve the play of the Fort Worth members, but will also help them set their sights on competing for a national title.

"He's that good," Kwedar said. "We are literally playing with one of the best players I have ever seen." He said he wants TCU guys to come out and take advantage of the opportunity to play with a player of this caliber.

"No matter what your level is, this guy elevates your performance," Kwedar said. "Once this happens, then you're a better player. Ultimately, Fort Worth will be a better club."



TCU Daily Skiff/ Keith Dalton

Lance Beatch, a TCU senior, advances the ball in Sunday's 19-12 win over SMU at Gateway Park. The TCU Rugby Club will start practicing with the Fort Worth Club on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The first TCU Rugby Club meeting is tonight at 7 p.m. at the Rickel, Room 316.

## TCU Counseling Center to offer confidential evaluations, group discussions for Mental Health Awareness Week

By JONATHAN WALBURGH  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The TCU Counseling Center will hold a free depression screening tomorrow at 4 p.m. as a part of National Depression Screening Day and Mental Health Awareness Week.

The screening will allow TCU students, faculty and staff to take a

depression screening test and talk to mental health care professionals concerning the results, as well as offer a chance to hear various discussions concerning depression.

Monica Kintigh, national depression screening day site coordinator said the tests will determine the type of depression a person has, if any.

"Basically the screening will

determine minimal, mild, moderate or extreme depression," Kintigh said.

Kintigh said the signs of depression include restlessness, fatigue, lack of concentration and feelings of worthlessness. She said attempts will be made to distinguish depression from other maladies.

"Depression will be distinguished from having the blues, "a one-time feeling of lethargy from something that is ongoing," Kintigh said.

The test will also be private, she said.

"The test is confidential," Kintigh said. "People will be anonymous and nothing will be done to follow up."

She said various discussions about depression will also be held at the counseling center at the same time. Subjects of the discussions will include myths about suicide, depres-

sion and suicide. Other discussions will include medicine, psychotherapy and adolescent depression.

"Many college students come here at the end of adolescence going into adulthood," Kintigh said. "Sometimes depression comes about in different ways than in adults. People are more concerned with children and adolescents now, which is why more of them have been identified than were 20 to 30 years ago."

She said one group of people does not suffer from depression more than another.

"I think all people are affected by depression," Kintigh said. "It's just that more and more people have been identified."

Kintigh said this is the first year that the counseling center is participating in National Depression

Screening Day.

According to a counseling center press release, the event was started by Harvard psychologist Douglas Jacobs in 1990. The press release also said over 82,000 people were tested last year at 2,000 screenings nationwide.

Kintigh said over 17 million Americans suffer from depression, but less than half seek treatment. The press release also said treatment could help 80 percent of those suffering from depression.

"We hope this nationwide effort to provide mental health screening for depression will educate our faculty, students, and staff about the signs and symptoms of depression and encourage those who may be vulnerable to seek evaluation and treatment," Kintigh said.

## Reaction page 1

influenced by this?"  
Mike Katovich, associate professor of sociology, said influence has previously played a part in jurors' decisions. "I can't remember the last time a millionaire was convicted," Katovich said. He also said there have been instances before where wealthy defendants were found to be innocent due to their status in society, lending credence to the theory that money can buy a good defense.

Reed said Simpson was able to hire at least 13 attorneys to work on his defense, something the prosecution in no way could afford to counter.

Reed also said Simpson's public stature, his appearance and his perception by the public might have influenced the jury's decision.

"His reputation as a clean, good-looking guy didn't hurt him," Reed said. "He looked like a social guy, like the guy you'd invite for dinner. He did not look like the guy who could have committed these grizzly murders."

Reed said Simpson's defense attorneys were able to portray Simpson more as a victim of police misconduct rather than that of a criminal.

"To acquit him, they (the defense attorneys) may have been able to persuade the jury that he couldn't have committed the crimes," Reed said.

"They used things like the possibility of the gloves being planted and the gloves not fitting to sell the jurors on the idea that he was a victim, not a criminal," Reed said.

Katovich said the media's portrayal of the trial and the exposure of Simpson's case could have had an impact on the decision.

"It's hard to tell because all of the information we get is from TV," Katovich said. "TV tries to get us to second-guess ourselves. We can see the back stages of this, but it's difficult for us to formulate ideas if the only information you get is from TV."

Henley said hopefully the overexposure of the Simpson trial will leave people uninterested in seeing the same thing happen again. He also said such an outcome is highly unlikely due to the revenue created by televising the trial.

"I hope to see an end to televised justice," Henley said. "Of course the media isn't going to go for that. If it sells, people are going to watch it."

Reed said the end of the trial should send a message to America of the need to wipe out violent crime.

"I believe there's a message here," Reed said. "Violent crime is bad whether it's being done by black people or white people."

He said above all, we should support the decision because it was rendered by an official judiciary process.

"That O.J.'s off doesn't make me happy," Reed said, "but we have to accept this decision because it's our system."

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## Construction prohibits TCU student parking on streets north of campus

BY MARK MOURER  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Parking to the north of campus will be restricted for the rest of the week, possibly into early next week due to resurfacing work being done on Wabash and Rogers streets, said James Anderson, manager of construction services for the City of Fort Worth.

The work will be done on Rogers from the 2600 block, just north of University Christian Church up to Avondale, while Wabash construction will begin on Cantej just north of Ed Landreth Auditorium and run to Avondale.

Anderson said the milling process, or the chiseling of existing asphalt, will prohibit parking on the streets as machines bore two inches into the pavement and will reach up to five feet from the curb in preparation for an asphalt overlay.

"Most of the curb and guttering work has been done, as far as I can tell," Anderson said. "The milling work will have to be done which will

keep cars from being able to be parked along the street."

"This will possibly be done by later in the week, but it might not be completed until early next week, say Monday or Tuesday," Anderson said.

TCU Police Chief Steve McGee said the construction company contacted the office of Student Affairs about educating the students about the situation.

"They contacted Student Affairs about letting the students know about the road work," McGee said. "They were wondering about some help keeping cars from being there because they'd have to get the cars moved. I took the letter to the Skiff to get published because of the time restraints."

"I just wanted to notify the students because I don't think anybody would want that stuff on their cars," McGee said.

Notices were placed on cars parked on Wabash and Rogers about the upcoming construction.

The construction company, J.L. Burtram Construction, was awarded

the contract over the summer. The contract is worth \$955,723 and consists of asphalt maintenance of repairing or replacing curb and gutter work, the milling process and the eventual asphalt overlay, Anderson said.

He said the actual asphalt placement will probably be done rather quickly, depending on the weather. This process can be completed within a day, he said, so long as the temperature stays from 45 to 50 degrees or higher.

Asphalt overlay is a maintenance technique designed to extend the life of the pavement structure, Anderson said.

"This type of construction is necessarily messy, but I'm sure you will agree that the final result will have been worth the disruption," Anderson said.

Chief McGee said he was concerned for the students who used the two streets for parking in residences and for school.

"I pity the person that leaves their car there," he said.

## Simpson page 1

At a defense team news conference, Cochran insisted the issue of race, which he played heavily in the trial, did not overcome the facts.

"This verdict speaks justice," Cochran said. "This was a case based upon the evidence."

He denied playing "the race card," saying that credibility had won out.

"Race plays a part in everything in America," he said. "But this stuff about playing a race card is preposterous."

He said he hoped the Los Angeles Police Department would alter shoddy investigative practices exposed in the trial.

As the words setting Simpson free were spoken in court, his elderly mother, Eunice, seated in a wheelchair, wiped her eyes, held up her hands prayerfully and murmured words of thanks.

"I was always in prayer. I knew my son was innocent," she said at the defense meeting with reporters.

Across the room, Goldman mouthed the word "murderer" as the verdict was announced. Kim Goldman, who spent most of a year in court honoring her dead brother's memory, doubled over and sobbed along with a younger brother and sister.

At the courthouse, Simpson's older son, Jason, read a statement from his father:

"My first obligation is to my young children, who will be raised the way that Nicole and I had always planned. . . . But when things have settled a bit, I will pursue as my primary goal in life the killer or killers who slaughtered Nicole and Mr. Goldman. They are out there somewhere. Whatever it takes to identify them and bring them in, I will provide somehow."

"I can only hope that someday, despite every prejudicial thing that has been said about me publicly, both in and out of the courtroom, people will come to understand and believe that I would not, could not and did not kill anyone," his statement said.

The jurors who acquitted Simpson in less than four hours of deliberations refused to speak with attorneys or explain their verdicts to reporters. The usually dapper jury came to court in uncharacteristically casual clothes. One black man smiled at the defense team as he entered the courtroom.

The verdicts, returned Monday but held overnight by Judge Lance Ito to give lawyers and families time to assemble, caught everyone by surprise. There was immediate speculation that Simpson had been convicted because jurors had asked the court to

read them a segment of testimony considered favorable to the prosecution.

Simpson's sister, Carmelita Durio, said the family spent the night on "an emotional roller coaster," praying together and steeling themselves for what lay ahead.

Her sister, Shirley Baker, who joined Durio in the courtroom almost every day at the trial, said she was elated.

"I just feel like standing on top of this table and doing a jig," Baker said.

The verdict reverberated from Los Angeles to the White House, where President Clinton watched the verdicts on TV, then wrote a statement.

"The jury heard the evidence and rendered its verdict," Clinton said. "Our system of justice requires respect for their verdict. At this moment our thoughts and prayers should be with the families of the victims of this terrible crime."

HOUSE OF STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES - HOW THEY VOTED OCT. 3, 1995			
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	Bill 95-20		Bill 95-20
<b>Town Reps</b>		<b>Sherley Hall</b>	
KaRon Burell	aye	Morgan McGiffin	nay
Tedi Donevska	aye	Theresa Singleton	nay
Martin Graul	nay	<b>Tom Brown Hall</b>	
Tim Hardman	aye	Kenny Baird	aye
Michele Linn	nay	Chris Haynes	aye
Margaret Maxey	aye	Willy Pinnell	aye
Todd McCollister	aye	<b>Waits Hall</b>	
Dennis O'Laughlin	aye	Alison Aldridge	nay
Laila Wang	aye	Ava Mason	aye
Adam Zerda	aye	Christine Spencer	nay
<b>Brachman Hall</b>		<b>Wiggins Hall</b>	
Lindsay Dayton	nay	Adrienne Elrod	nay
Iana Konstantinova	absent	Elise LaMontagne	aye
Sis McCambridge	nay	Ashley Russell	aye
<b>Brite Divinity School</b>		<b>Alpha Chi Omega</b>	
Tracey Lawler	aye	Julie Street	abstain
Jennifer Schooley	aye	<b>Alpha Delta Pi</b>	
<b>Clark Hall</b>		Leslie Horton	nay
Chad Davis	aye	<b>Chi Omega</b>	
Thomas Kunkel	aye	Ann Thames	aye
David Quinlan	nay	<b>Delta Delta Delta</b>	
Todd Watson	nay	Caryn Conwell	aye
<b>Colby Hall</b>		<b>Delta Gamma</b>	
Mandy Cofer	aye	Jill Grimsley	nay
Renee Foster	aye	<b>Delta Tau Delta</b>	
Becca Gardener	aye	Brad Singleton	aye
Krystal Holster	aye	<b>Kappa Alpha Theta</b>	
Jill Major	aye	Libby Baird	aye
Chanel Schrier	aye	<b>Kappa Kappa Gamma</b>	
<b>Foster Hall</b>		Stacey Holmes	absent
Heather Anderson	absent	<b>Kappa Sigma</b>	
Donna Burg	nay	Chad Parsons	aye
Meredith Harrison	aye	<b>Lambda Chi Alpha</b>	
Theresa Hill	aye	Greg Leet	absent
<b>Francis Sadler Hall</b>		<b>Phi Delta Theta</b>	
Karen Humphrey	aye	Greg Vier	nay
<b>Jarvis Hall</b>		<b>Phi Gamma Delta</b>	
Jennifer Bedell	aye	Carl Stensberger	aye
Sarah Cullett	absent	<b>Phi Kappa Sigma</b>	
Mindy Markland	aye	Clement Ouda	aye
<b>Milton Daniel Hall</b>		<b>Pi Beta Phi</b>	
Todd Chiscano	nay	Kari Baker	absent
Mark Lankowski	nay	<b>Zeta Tau Alpha</b>	
Brian Petrucci	nay	Tiffany Ungeleider	aye
Will Pryor	aye	<b>Voting Officers</b>	
Antonio Romero Jr.	aye	Shawn Groves	absent
Tim Watson	aye	Kelley Pelton	aye
<b>Moncrief Hall</b>		Leon Reed	aye
Desiree Martinez	absent	Sharon Selby	aye
<b>Sherley Hall</b>		Chris Smith	aye
Marny Brum	aye	Greg Trevino	aye
Andrea Kinder	aye	Stoney White	absent
Hollie Langlais	nay	Steven Whitlock	aye
Julie Larson	aye		

## House from page 1

Kelley Pelton, chairwoman of the committee, said the bill that was proposed for the meeting had been reviewed by the House's Executive Board. The group decided not to present the bill at Tuesday's meeting so the committee could continue its work on revising the code, she said.

The Executive Board had some concerns with the revisions concerning a statement in the code about slander or libelous material in a campaign.

The statement reads: "Violations of the Election Code include . . . use of slanderous or libelous material against an opponent."

The board thought this statement might have gone against the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, Pelton said.

Another question brought up by the board dealt with the scheduling of the House officer elections in November. The elections sometimes need to be changed due to Homecoming and other university events and holidays.

Pelton said the committee would reword the statements in question and present the bill Oct. 10.

Kimberly Wilson also contributed to this report.

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## Trinity Valley prepares players for success on and off the field

By BRETT VAN ORT  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Each year college football teams across the country have to deal with the loss of key players due to graduation. But for Trinity Valley Community College, those losses become a bigger problem each year.

Trinity Valley has become well-known in recent years for producing players that go on to careers at Division I-A colleges. The junior college, located in Athens, Texas, finished first in both national junior college football polls last season.

TVCC head football coach Randy Phippen said he lost 24 sophomores from last year's Cardinal roster, which went undefeated last season.

The 12-0 squad lost 23 of those players to other NCAA Division I-A schools. The other Cardinal that left went straight to the pros. Darren Benson was picked in the third round of last year's draft and signed with the Dallas Cowboys.

Two TVCC players that departed last year are current Horned Frogs Fabian Stegall and Bernard Oldham. Stegall, an offensive lineman, and Oldham, a defensive lineman, both started in TCU's last game versus Vanderbilt. Both are juniors, as only sophomores leave TVCC, a two-year school.

"Every year you lose half of your team," Phippen said. "But if you have a good year, you see how much you lose because the kids you lose are all really good."

Phippen's team is treading water in 1995 after the success it enjoyed last season. A 2-2 mark shows how much the Cardinals miss players such as Oldham, Stegall, and Benson. Those three are not the only players putting up numbers elsewhere.

Albert Conell, a wideout at Texas A&M, caught a pass from Corey Pulig against Colorado that put A&M up for the last time in the Aggies defeat against the Buffalos two weeks ago.

Donald Sellers, TVCC's quarterback last season, crouches under center for the New Mexico Lobos this season. The Cardinals also produced the top three running backs in the Lone Star Conference this season, all of them coming from Athens after last season's national championship.

Trinity Valley's football team consists of players who aren't allowed to play Division I-A football straight out of high school because of academic requirements. Phippen sees this as an opportunity for TVCC to pick those players up and set them straight in the classroom while also preparing them for Division I-A football.

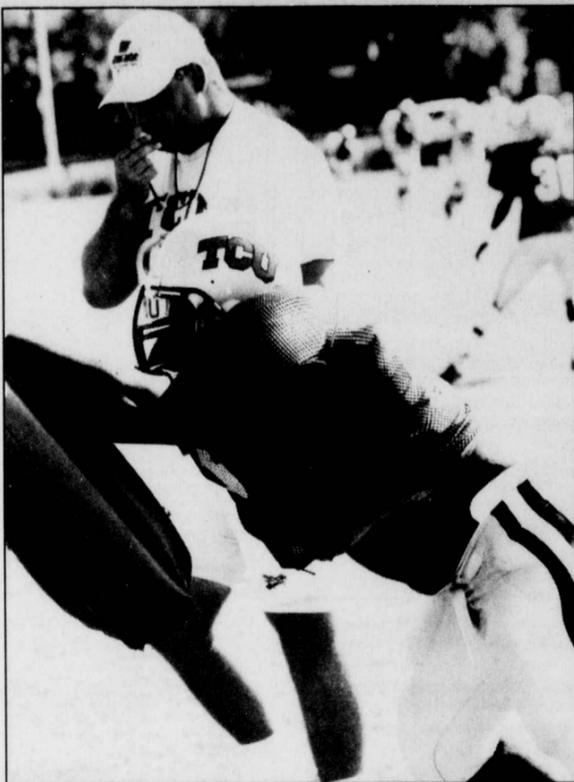
"I don't know if there is a more rewarding job in all of college sports," Phippen said. "The kids accomplish their goals here and then move on. This place is kind of like a stepping stone for these guys."

Oldham has proved to be the strongest Horned Frog on the roster this year. He became the first Frog to bench press more than 500 pounds when he accomplished the feat almost a month ago. He likes the switch to Division I-A, but says there isn't much difference in the level of play.

"Coach Phippen told us over and over last year that guys at Division I-A hit harder," Oldham said. "But I don't really feel a difference here. There are just bigger boys overall at this level."

Last year's Horned Frog roster contained three TVCC products. Brandon Hickman, Bart Epperson and Chuck Willis all finished out their athletic eligibility last year and are finishing up their academic requirements this year.

"The guys that we've gotten have worked out well both on and off the field," TCU head coach Pat Sullivan said. "The three guys we got to fill holes on our offensive that first year all will graduate from TCU and will fulfill all these academic requirements. And they were all starters on



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TCU guard Fabian Stegall puts a hit on a tackling dummy at practice. Stegall is one of several players to join TCU after playing at Trinity Valley Community College in Athens, Tex. Former Frog player and current assistant Chuck Willis, another former Trinity Valley player, looks on.

this football team. And the guys we got this year are both in starting roles."

Sullivan said once the Trinity Valley players finally get to TCU, they are expected to produce immediately.

"The thing about signing junior college players is that you only get

them for two years," he said. "When they get here we want to play them immediately, because there isn't much time to get them prepared."

## Lady Frogs struggle in first tennis tourney

By THOMAS MANNING  
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Three members of the TCU women's tennis team reached the singles finals in their respective brackets last weekend, but it was an SMU Lady Mustang that walked away with the title at the TCU Invitational.

SMU's Patricia Zerdan, the top-ranked player in the tournament, defeated Deirdre Walsh, TCU's No. 1 player, in the final. Zerdan downed Walsh 6-1, 6-1 to capture the championship at the Mary Potishman Lard Tennis Center.

TCU head coach Roland Ingram said he was disappointed with the results of the Lady Frogs' opening match of the season.

"We didn't play as well as I thought we would," Ingram said. "I felt we could have played better throughout the weekend."

The matches were divided into flights, with Flight I featuring the top two players from each team, Flight II the next two, and so on. Along with TCU and SMU, Tulsa and Tyler Junior College played in the tourney.

In the Flight III singles draw, TCU's Leonie de Loryn and Patti Vital reached the finals with wins Saturday. But de Loryn was moved to another match to avoid a same-school match up in the final, and Vital wound up losing her match to Melissa Kelly of Tyler JC 2-6, 6-4, 6-3.

"The coaches decided what we didn't want to do was to play our own teammates," Ingram said. "So we just flipped the match ups. We had whoever won the semifinals play the loser of the other semifinals match. Of course it didn't show up as a win for us because Patti lost in the final. But it was really a win for TCU in that

bracket."

Although Walsh got to the tournament final, Ingram said she really wasn't ready for it.

"She wasn't mentally ready to be in the finals," he said. "But she lost to a very good player."

The coach said his team made some of the mistakes that a team not mentally ready to play a tournament makes.

"When you get down in matches you've got to settle down and remedy the problems you're having," Ingram said. "We didn't do that. We panicked and got frustrated, and that led to more mistakes."

Ingram said what the team needs right now to remedy its problems is more experience.

"We've got to play more matches," he said. "We've got another tournament in two weeks in Arlington, so that's going to give us some more experience."

Despite the disappointing effort over the weekend, Ingram remains positive.

"I guess I'm just too much of an optimist," he said. "I expected us to play better over the weekend. But we've got seven young ladies on this team that are working very hard, and they are going to play better and better as the season goes along. And we're still playing short right now. We've got two more girls coming in the spring, and I know that if we keep working hard we're going to play some very good tennis this year."

The women's tennis team will next be in action in two weeks when they head to the UTA Quad Invitational in Arlington, Texas, Oct. 13-15. The Lady Frogs will face competition from UT-Arlington, Southwest Louisiana, Sam Houston State and UT—San Antonio.

## Switzer tries to get Cowboys on track as Jones continues battle with owners

By MARK BABINECK  
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IRVING, Texas — Barry Switzer and Jerry Jones spent Tuesday preparing the Dallas Cowboys for two very different battles.

Coach Switzer and his staff are figuring out a way to crack Green Bay's staunch defensive front without star quarterback Troy Aikman, who suffered a strained right calf in Sunday's 27-23 loss at Washington.

Jones, speaking at his regular mid-day news conference, said he was leaving later in the day for a meeting with NFL officials at an undisclosed place and time to continue discussions concerning the league's \$300 million lawsuit against the club.

Jones, the Cowboys' owner, said

the league got its first glimpse at the actual deals he has fashioned between Texas Stadium and sponsors such as Nike, Pepsi-Cola and Dr Pepper after meetings last week. He has maintained communications with other owners and the NFL throughout the weekend.

The federal lawsuit has not impeded negotiations between Jones and other potential sponsors, such as American Express, he said.

"I think there's some potential for positive results (from the meeting) as opposed to going full bore into heavy countersuits and heavy litigation," said Jones as his Nike logo lapel pin glistened in the camera lights. "I think there's enough to be gained to make me spend the energy and travel time to have the meeting."

He said the four-hour session involving him and a group of owners last week was "constructive," but nothing positive came of it.

Jones also said he believes the \$35 million contract of comeback Deion Sanders, who is recovering from ankle surgery, will be approved by the league without any alterations.

Meanwhile, Switzer and his staff must draw up his game plan for Sunday's matchup against the Green Bay Packers without Sanders or Aikman against the league's No. 1 defensive unit.

"It's scary to look at them and see how physical and strong and talented they are," he said. "To have dominated them the way we did in the playoff game (35-9) and to look at what they've accomplished this year, statistically it's not the same football team, but it is. It's the same players."

The Packers are yielding just 230 yards per game, including 84.5 on the ground. The Cowboys will counter with NFL rushing leader Emmitt Smith and his 127.6 yards-per-game average.

"Statistics mean something now," said Switzer of the defensive-minded Packers, who will come off of a bye week. "We've got a great challenge ahead of us."

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