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Investment program tests students' finance skills

By SHANNON WALLER
TCU DAILY SKIFF

A group of 18 TCU students make decisions involving moneys in excess of \$1.2 million every Tuesday and Thursday. They are part of a 22-year-old investment program within the M.J. Neeley School of Business.

The Educational Investment Fund is an intensive student-run investment course. It was started in 1973 as a result of a gift from the William C. Conner Foundation. The initial gift was \$600,000 in the form of a com-

pany called Alcon Common Stock. The stipulation of the gift was TCU students manage the money by investing it through a hands-on finance program.

Stanley Block, professor of finance and faculty advisor to the fund, said the fund has two main purposes. The first is to provide hands-on investment experience for students. Fund members analyze companies and stocks, and decide based on their research whether to maintain ownership, buy more stock, or sell it.

Block said the students are ulti-

mately responsible for handling the money.

"We press the students to do very thorough analyses," he said. "Neither Dr. Lockwood or I have a vote or veto power. That's what we like about the program — the fact that the students are responsible for their actions."

The fund members work in much the same way professional investors do.

Jason Foster, a senior finance major and fund administrator, said the portfolio, which contains all the stocks owned by the fund, is already intact when each new term begins. He said

each member is assigned about three stocks to handle. That person is responsible for reviewing the stock and presenting his or her findings to the other members. The presenter is then expected to recommend how to proceed with the stock. Fund members vote on a final decision.

Block said members are expected to question the strength of their peers' analyses, and presenters are expected to defend their position and handle the toughest questions.

"They go through the same procedures professional money managers

go through in terms of analysis," he said. "It requires a lot of good financial skills, but also a lot of good investigative skills, like digging deep and asking the right questions."

Block said the other main purpose of the Fund is to raise money for the two designated beneficiaries, TCU and Baylor Medical School. Conner had close connections with both institutions: he formed a pharmaceutical company associated with Baylor and served as chairman of the Board of Trustees for TCU.

Foster said approximately three to

four percent of the money the fund generates each year goes to these institutions.

Block said the fund has distributed over \$1 million to TCU and Baylor Medical School since 1973, and payouts are now about \$70,000 per year.

Block said the fund invests primarily in stocks and some bonds.

Foster said some of the 20 companies they have invested in include Coca-Cola, Duracell, Texaco, Southwestern Bell, Mattel, and Colgate-

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TCU Daily Skiff/ Micha Cortese

Bret Lefler, a painting graduate student, cuts wood to stretch canvas over for his painting in the Moudy building Tuesday.

House hails tennis team

By CHRISTI GIFFORD
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The House of Student Representatives voted by unanimous consent to pass two bills and approved 67-1 a resolution to commend the men's tennis team.

Bill 95-21, to help fund the Golden Key National Honor Society new member reception and campus-awareness drive, will give \$305 for decorations, flyers, programs, letters, food and film.

Alison Aldridge, Waits Hall representative, wrote the bill and submitted it to the House.

Chris Smith, Academic Affairs Committee chairman, said, "This is really needed because the more we encourage academics, the better off we are."

The bill was approved by unanimous consent of the House.

Another bill passed by the House requested \$479.20 to help pay for the

Milton Daniel Hall Woolly Mammoth basketball promotion.

The event consists of Milton Daniel residents throwing five balls during each half of each men's and women's basketball game this season.

"University Relations serves as an amplifier for your voice," said Stoney White, author of the bill and the University Relations Committee chairman. "We all know it's hard to send a resounding message at TCU," but he said he believed passing the bill would support the dormitory's programming and send a message to the students about what the House does.

The money will help purchase Nerf basketballs with the Milton Daniel, House and Mr. Gatti's Pizza logos. The three groups are cosponsors of the event.

A resolution to commend the

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Housing crunch raises questions about the future

By JONATHAN WALBURGH
TCU DAILY SKIFF

An increase in the size of TCU's freshman class has raised questions concerning what will be done about housing accommodations for next year's incoming class.

According to an Office of Communications news release, TCU experienced a 14 percent increase in incoming freshmen, which led to a 7,050-member student body. This enrollment is TCU's largest in 30 years and marks a 15 percent increase from the student body size of Fall 1994. The size of the incoming freshman class led to 260 more students requesting on-campus housing than last year.

To deal with this increase, vacant rooms in Francis Sadler Hall in Worth Hills were made available. The hall had not housed a large number of students since 1993, when the Kappa Delta sorority chapter disbanded. The building only housed seven students last year.

The housing demand also led to many single-room-assigned upperclassmen being given roommates.

Residential Services Director

Roger Fisher said that there will be no housing problem next semester, but the situation next year is still in question.

"There will not be a problem because every semester many students leave campus," he said. "Frankly, right now we don't know what we are going to do next year. If they (admissions) bring in a class of a significant size or larger, we have a problem. We will be acting as soon as we know what their plans are."

Dean of Admissions Leo Munson said they have been in contact with Residential Services over the issue of student housing.

"We have asked what dorm space is available next year," Munson said. "We are of the impression that discussions have been over dorm renovations."

Munson commended the work that had been done by the Residential Services department to this point.

"Nancy Grieser (Coordinator of Housing Assignments) made sure everyone had a bed and was relatively happy with their location," Munson said.

Munson said the number of

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O.J. to give NBC live interview

By MICHAEL FLEEMAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

O.J. Simpson will give his first extensive interview since his acquittal to NBC, his former employer, for no pay and with no questions barred, the network said Monday.

Simpson will be interviewed live for about an hour on Wednesday by Tom Brokaw and Katie Couric on "Dateline NBC," said NBC News spokeswoman Beth Comstock.

Simpson's interview will air around 9 p.m. EDT, in the middle of a special three-hour broadcast, she said. Simpson spoke briefly by phone on CNN's "Larry King Live" last week.

Simpson has long had ties to NBC. In addition to serving as a commentator for the network's football telecasts, Simpson counted among his supporters Don Ohlmeyer, president of NBC West Coast, who visited the former football star in jail.

A jury acquitted Simpson, 48, last

week in the June 12, 1994, knife slayings of his ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman. Several jurors have come forward to say they believed the prosecution failed to prove its case beyond a reasonable doubt.

One juror, David Aldana, an East Los Angeles truck driver, kept a journal throughout the trial and is trying to sell the material for a book or movie, his attorney, Gary Brown, said Monday.

Meantime, sources told The Associated Press that Simpson's girlfriend, Paula Barbieri, has been at home in Florida and not off marrying Simpson in the Dominican Republic, as a newspaper in that country reported.

Simpson attorney Carl Douglas also denied as "totally false" the report in Listin Diario, the same paper that accurately reported the wedding of Michael Jackson and Lisa Marie Presley.

Diversity Institute workshops begin today

By CHRISTI GIFFORD
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Connections: Diversity Institute, an eight-week course for students to explore issues in diversity, begins at 3 p.m. today.

"The main thing is to prepare students for life after TCU," director of minority affairs and seminar coordinator Darron Turner said.

Fifteen participants have enrolled in the course and will hear different speakers each week on topics like age and size discrimination, lesbian, gay and bisexual issues and religion and the global community.

Turner said the participants represent different ethnic back-

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DARRON TURNER,
director of minority affairs
and seminar coordinator

grounds, religions and races, but the ratio of women to men is 14:1. Turner said the number was what they had hoped for.

A committee has been working on diversity issues at TCU and

started the program to train students to lead diversity workshops.

John Butler, minister to the university, said it is the hope of the committee that these students will want to take on leadership roles on campus by presenting workshops to organizations.

Butler will lead the November seminar, which will cover religion and the global community and campus culture.

Obviously, TCU can't reflect the whole world, but there are ways to prepare students for the real world, he said.

Participants in the institute were originally required to complete six hours of work in an area they had difficulty in, such as racial diversity

or cross-cultural differences, Turner said.

There is a possibility the students will now work on a class project together dealing with a diversity issue facing TCU. Turner said he wants them to decide on the topic and figure out a way to present it to the campus.

The program is a preparation for students graduating and going into companies which want more involvement in current issues and diversity, he said.

The program will be offered next semester, and students who would like to participate this semester may go to Student Development Services, Student Center 220, by 1 p.m. today to apply.

NEWS DIGEST

Roxanne aims at Mexico

MERIDA, Mexico (AP) — Tourists fled beachfront hotels on the Yucatan peninsula by the thousands Tuesday, but honeymooners and hardy souls hunkered down as Hurricane Roxanne marched toward Mexico's Caribbean resorts.

Roxanne, the 10th hurricane of the busy Atlantic storm season, formed Monday in warm Caribbean waters and gained strength rapidly over two days, taking aim at palm-studded beaches with winds of 115 mph.

"Please be careful. This is a dangerous storm," warned meteorologist Fiona Horsfall.

Clinton mourns racial division

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton expressed surprise Tuesday at the sharp division between blacks and whites over O.J. Simpson's acquittal and said he is deeply concerned "that we are still polarized in some ways."

"I do think we need to work on it," the president said. "Because we don't have a stake in drifting apart."

Clinton may address the need for racial harmony in a speech next Monday in Austin, aides said.

Lottery set for trial seats

HOUSTON (AP) — Only 25 members of the public will be permitted to watch the Selena murder trial each day.

With the jury selected Tuesday to hear the case of Yolanda Saldívar, accused in the March 31 fatal shooting of Selena Quintanilla Perez, a daily lottery for the 25 public seats begins Wednesday.

The 25 will be selected from 2,000 tickets distributed each day at 7:30 a.m., said Joseph DeBruyn, a court coordinator, who added that this is the first time the court has resorted to a lottery for public seats.

Lucas gets economics prize

CHICAGO (AP) — A University of Chicago professor won the Nobel Prize in economics Tuesday for demonstrating how people's fears and expectations can frustrate policymakers' efforts to shape the economy.

Robert E. Lucas' work is now part of the "standard toolbox" of all economists, said the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences.

Lucas, 58, found that government attempts to regulate unemployment and investment by regulating the national money supply often are undermined by the way people adjust their spending decisions and other behavior.

NASA to try launch again

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA will try for the fifth time Saturday to launch space shuttle Columbia on a laboratory-research mission.

Columbia has been grounded for the past two weeks by a leaky engine valve, sluggish hydraulics, and most recently, a failed computer signal-relay box. Hurricane Opal also caused one delay.

Mission managers decided to try again this weekend to launch Columbia on the 16-day mission as opposed to letting Atlantis fly next. Atlantis is due to lift off Nov. 1.

TODAY ON CAMPUS

Wednesday, Oct. 11

PC Multicultural Event: National Coming Out Day
Health Enrichment Week
Women's Soccer: TCU vs. Stephen F. Austin (here)
12 p.m.: TCU Chapel Service at Robert Carr Chapel
5:45 p.m.: The Christian Science Organization will meet in Student Center 215
7 p.m.: Campus Crusade for Christ will meet for "Prime Time" in Student Center 205
9 p.m.: Fellowship of Christian Athletes will meet in the Varsity Club Room of Daniel Meyer Coliseum

Thursday, Oct. 12

Cliburn Recitals
5 p.m.: International Students Association will meet in Student Center 222
5:30 p.m.: Canterbury Episcopal Students will meet in Student Center 214
5:30 p.m.: Wesley Foundation will meet in the Wesley Foundation Building at 2750 W. Lowden

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"BARRY LYNDON," the fourth film in the "Rosebud Film Series" will be shown at 7 p.m. Thursday in Moudy 164S. A brief introduction by David Whillock, associate professor or radio-tv-film, will precede the film. A public discussion will follow.

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS PLANNING TO ENROLL IN EDUCATION COURSES You must pass all sections of the TASP prior to enrolling. If you have not met this requirement you need to file an application to take the test immediately. Application deadline is Oct. 13, 1995. The test date is Nov. 11, 1995. Applications are available in Bailey Building 201.

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 Win-

ton Scott Hall for donations. Call Jenny at 738-3538.

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. Call 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 Thursdays 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 Theater Production of *Quilters*. Needed are the following: guitar,

banjo, hammered dulcimer, mandolin, violin, cello, bass, and harp. Call Lupe at 763-9239.

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GRADUATING SENIORS December degree candidates should file their intent to graduate promptly in the office of their academic dean. October 13 is the deadline for the Registrar to receive names of candidates from the deans.

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by Bill Watterson



WEATHER WATCH

Wednesday's skies will be clear. Low temperatures will be in the lower 60s, and highs will be near 90, with light and variable winds.

Thursday will be partly cloudy, with highs in the 80s and lows in the 60s.

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applicants was initially lower than the normal 1,200 applications received, but this figure was raised when TCU increased recruiting efforts, which led to 1,300 applicants.

"We actually had fewer applicants last year, but the whole of the university did more work," Munson said. "We are sure we will get the normal number of applicants this year."

Munson said that a plan to deal with the amount of applicants next year has not been finalized.

"The strategy has not been formalized," Munson said. "We need to get from the university what size of class is desired."

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■ KEVIN ARCENEUX

Morality should be a choice made by the individual

We have found the solution to all the world's problems. We can thank the Christian Coalition and our radically conservative big brother "wanna-be's."

According to Ralph Reed, Bob Dole, Phil Gramm, Alan Keyes and others, the problem with this country is declining morality. They point to the increasing use of sex and violence in films, rising crime, single-parent families and women choosing how to control their own bodies as evidence of moral decay.

So we need to make Hollywood more "family" oriented. We need to stop crime by building more prisons and killing more criminals. We need to outlaw abortions and restore Christian prayer in our public schools.

And while we're at it, we should discard the Constitution. It's not necessary when your leaders rule by divine right.



I tend to support ideas like freedom of religion and speech. So, it seems to me the government should take a neutral stance towards religious morality. Roman society was founded almost completely on food, wine and women. Yet, as the great historian Edward Gibbons found, the decline and fall of Rome happened after nationalization of the Church and strict personal "morality" was enforced by law. Besides, choosing who to love, what to believe, what movies to see, and what to do

with your own body should be personal decisions. Moral decisions should be made by the individual.

What if the majority of the people in the United States were Buddhist? I suspect the same Christians who support a return of Christian prayer in public schools would not want their child forced to pray to Buddha.

Only constitutional safeguards, like the separation of church and state, prevent majority rule from trampling minority rights.

At any rate, is "morality" the problem? Just forty years ago the color of one's skin determined whether he or she could vote, eat in certain restaurants, or sit in the front of a bus. And having a certain sexual organ damned a woman to domestic incarceration. All this was happening while children prayed in public schools and movies were

family-oriented.

Is it possible that our "rising" crime rates are more a result of the media having a greater focus on the sensational; or women refusing to see rape as something they "asked for;" or our inability to deal with poverty?

Could the fact that the single-parent phenomenon overwhelmingly affects the inner-city poor be a clue? Is it possible that the systematic deprivation of these inner-city women gives them a sense of no escape? With no hope in sight, do they rely on sex and drugs as the only joy in a joyless world?

And when these women do become pregnant, why would they marry a man who is most likely a drug addict with no skills and no future?

It will take a more open-minded approach to find the root of our social ills.

Maybe it is not a troubled faith in God that is tearing our social fabric apart, but a troubled faith in ourselves. For too long have we been unable to deal with low wages, poor education, discrimination, and other social leaches which perpetuate poverty and further isolate the underclass.

So, we should be wary of the self-proclaimed "moral majority" who propose simple solutions to complex problems, which threaten liberty.

Even Barry Goldwater, a revered conservative, warns in his autobiography, "Our Constitution seeks to allow freedom for everyone, not merely those professing certain moral or religious views..."

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

■ CHRIS SMITH

Price gouging occurs often with Marriott

A frightening menace exists on campus. No, it is not a stalker, the College Republicans, or the return of the Nude Man. In many circles this spawn of Satan is called "Marriott."

The truly scary aspect of this monster is that it has such a huge following. Thousands each day make great sacrifices to its image. It doesn't demand blood or worship; it demands money. And each day, like a herd of lobotomized sheep, people pay upwards of \$7 just to continue their existence.

This vestige of evil capitalizes on every human's need for food and beverage. Not only does it produce bad

food, it indiscreetly reaches into the pocket of each student's parent and begins to suck. It never stops. Year after year, the prices rise, ignoring the trend of inflation, and every year students quietly sit back, stuff their faces, and knowingly submit themselves to price rape.

The hero of Marriott is monopoly and its sidekick is convenience. The monotony of Pizza Hut's lousy imitation of

something edible and the proximity factor of Taco Bell keeps the students coming back, and nothing, save for pathetic attempts at tomfoolery, is ever done.

The complacent students of TCU, on a grand scale, have never had an inkling of rebellion. Sure, a person may get a refill of pop without paying for it, or — my favorite — instead of paying 15 cents for two soda crackers for soup they use croutons from the salad bar.

But no one does anything cool like storming the Bastille, looting Los Angeles, or instigating the Boston Tea Party. The last thing needed is two cheeseheads with too much free time championing the cause by stealing salt and pepper shakers.

Students can bring sack lunches for a week and eat them in the Main, order a plate full of food then decide they don't want it, or have at least a thousand people gather together and chant "You suck. Lower prices. You suck. Lower prices." So many ways of pissing off Marriott have yet to be explored.

Marriott's poison has leaked into other areas, namely the bookstore. I recently purchased a leisure-reading book for \$9.95, and, lo and behold, when the bookstore's price tag was peeled off, the actual price was \$6.95. No reason in the world is good enough to support this brutal head-severing of the consumer.

Is there an end to completely screwing the student over in every facet of college life, or should we just bend over to expedite future ventures into the realm of price gouging?

Advocates of devil-child Marriott say that their prices are competitive with other restaurants. If we are speaking of the Russian Tea Room, then a point may be found, but \$8 for a bucket of grease or I-wonder-if-that-things-moving-in-my-burger-tastes-better-than-the-crap-they-pass-off-as-food mystery entree is comparable only to Greasy Joe's Eat-and-Die Burger Hut.

And to pour salt in the wound, they hire from a pool of former employees from Bob's House of Rude. Ah, the dining experience is amplified tenfold when the server yells "You gonna order or stand just stand there."

And when you remind them for the fifth time that while it is quaint that they prepare the food without gloves, sanitation is sacrificed, they give you that I-hope-you-choke stare and the simple yet profound roll of the eyes.

An insane price, complimented by food quality not deserving of transients and service straight from the Marquis de Sade, creates a delightful addition to campus life. The next logical step in making our stay here at Club TCU more enjoyable is to have a campus serial killer with copies of all the dorm keys.

The prices must drop or the guillotine getting dusty in the Sadler basement will be put back into use. "Attica! Attica!"

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



■ EDITORIAL

UNFAIR

TCU should provide scholarships for soccer

TCU student-athletes currently participate in 14 varsity sports. The majority of those sports give their athletes scholarships to play here. Two do not. They are men's and women's soccer.

The NCAA allows 11 soccer scholarships for both the men's and women's teams at every university. Almost every school uses all 22 scholarships. TCU uses zero. It is the only school in the Southwest Conference that does not.

Nearly all of the competition the soccer teams face is from universities that do offer soccer scholarships. TCU's back is up against the wall before the opening whistle even blows.

It has become a yearly ritual that the TCU women's soccer team loses to SMU. The Mustangs have one of the best soccer programs in the country.

After beating the Lady Frogs 7-0 this season in Fort Worth, SMU women's

soccer coach Alan Kirkup said, "It's a shame a quality school like TCU doesn't support its women's soccer program. If it did, it might see TCU rise to a Top 20 team within the next few years."

It's more than a shame TCU doesn't offer soccer scholarships. It's unfair.

TCU's athletic goal is, or should be, the same as every other university's: to produce the best possible teams in each sport and be able to compete at a national level year in and year out. We strive to become national powers in football and basketball.

We have quality tennis, golf and track teams. And yet no effort is made to see that the TCU soccer program is able to achieve the highest degree of success it can. If TCU wants to be competitive than they have to give the soccer programs a fighting chance.

■ LETTERS

The Skiff disregards diplomacy

I am shocked by the editorial "Powerless" which appeared in the Oct. 3 Skiff. The allegations made about the House of Student Representatives, such as "the House has no ability to persuade the administration on matters of policy or procedure" and "the House has chosen to accept its lot . . . and has given up on the idea of obtaining power to really have a say in the way things are run," are outrageous and completely fallacious.

I have served as a member of the House for four semesters now, and I have witnessed on several occasions how important the opinions of the House and the student body are to the administration of TCU. I assure you I was skeptical myself until I bothered to take the time to participate in changing our university myself rather than talking about it.

In response to the allegation that "(TCU) House resolutions do absolutely nothing," I would like to remind everyone that resolutions are written to express support or disagreement with an action, group or individual.

The U.S. House of Representatives regularly passes resolutions which incite action by

the other branches of the government. Is this practice applaudable for the nation but not the campus?

The House resolution was reintroduced this semester to reaffirm how vital this elevator is to a new House and a new student body. There are many new House members who passed this resolution. Are you suggesting the opinion of a new House body is not important enough?

A little research into prior actions by the House would have shown that we are doing much more about this and many other issues than passing pieces of paper in order to improve the TCU community.

Numerous discussions have occurred with the administration about this elevator, and I'm certain these will continue. Presenting the resolution was another diplomatic way of expressing how important the elevator is. Diplomacy is one of the most effective means of instigating change; this is a fact the Skiff editorial board may want to keep in mind in the future.

Kelley Pelton
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■ ROBERT WOLF

Parents did not embarrass like they had before

Everyone has them. There is no way to avoid them. They are everywhere, no matter what you and your friends might think.

That's right, I'm talking about the parental units. Those domestic beacons of hope and wonder descended on our humble campus.

Even though this was my third Parents' Weekend, there was something different about this particular weekend. Maybe it was the weather, or it could have even been all of the "Hollyworth" decorations which turned TCU into a virtual movie back lot.

Or, maybe, I have really missed my parents this semester. Being from Shreveport, Louisiana (the intellectual capital of the free world), I don't get to go home all that often. Shreveport really isn't all that bad.

In fact, this is the first time I've seen the domestic deities all semester. But, as the red Wolfmobile came driving up to the front of Milton Daniel, a smile moved across my face.

As soon as I got within a few feet of the car, I could hear the old Merle Haggard eight-tracks blaring from the stereo "system." I've never been so happy to hear country music.

And then there was the gift of my winter clothes. Honestly, I think that is why the vast majority of students were looking forward to seeing their parents.

Since we hadn't seen each other in two months, they were more than happy to oblige with my request for real food. We took the customary trip to Chili's, and they caught me up on all the local gossip.

Apparently, one of my former teachers was caught giving 12-year-old girls alcohol at his own home. Then, a family friend got hit by a floral delivery truck. Thankfully she was all right, but she joked that if something had happened, at least the flowers at the funeral would have been nice.

The highlight of the weekend was being able to give my parents a tour of the campus in one of the Programming Council's rented golf carts. I will never forget the look of glee on my mom's face as we passed by our library — I think she actually believed that I spend every night there studying hard. You've got to love her.

Then, we separated during the football game. After last year's near heat stroke, they decided to sit this one out. That was a good thing considering all of the sunburns. My dad gets a sunburn on the way to the mailbox, so I can only imagine what shade of red he would have been:

The most important thing I did with my parents this weekend was going to Hulén Mall. This may sound a bit spoiled, but I learned something special — I am no longer embarrassed by anything that happens while I am around my parents.

A very cute girl who is a freshman at TCU flirted with me in one of the stores at the mall, and she was quite obvious about it. Usually, when people pour it on that thick, I am embarrassed, but for the first time, it didn't bother me having my parents around while this happened.

All in all, it was a great weekend with Ma' and Pa' Wolf, and I am thrilled to know that I am no longer embarrassed by them or anything that happens while I am around them.

There is only one negative consequence of Parents' Weekend, though — the students get the delicious leftovers in the Main all week long. Chicken Beak Casserole, anyone?

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I am forced to juggle consistency, wild life

By SARA PETERSON
TCU DAILY SKIFF

So I am driving down a "lone stretch of highway" as the story goes and I am thinking that consistency is a fashionable but foolish goal.

I am thinking that theories never come to me in stereotypical atmospheres — say at a stoic, oak table with a pencil stuck behind my ear. Instead, they take shape in my car, in fifth gear, with lots of insipid concrete around to inspire my mind, which brings me to my other theory that irony is a highly underestimated force.

It seems I have a lot more driving to do and a long ways to go.

I am a juggler of romance and practicality. Playing the cello seems like an eccentric thing to learn... only when could I pencil in the lessons? I would like to toast White Zinfandel to a sun that drips on the Ivory Coast in Africa.

I am attracted to immediacy and I want too much, too quickly. I want to attain insight, reward and expertise over a weekend. I want to go to the store and back in ten measly minutes. I want to achieve perfection on the first try. Then I slow down and become a sincere admirer of tranquility. "What is my hurry, anyway?" I ask myself as I slink down on my couch, pocket myself in pillows and spend the day watching commer-

cial, basically, in my pajamas.

A wise professor stops me in the hall. He wears the creased face of concern and he asks me, "What do you plan to do with your life?" He tells me I must be earnest, for I am in the bubble of time when things need to be predicted, calculated and



SARA PETERSON
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scheduled: the twenty-something era on the eve of an undergraduate experience. This day I feel the pulse of confidence in me and I give him a staunch and dramatic answer. I tell him I will do what I've always been doing. I will be a dauntless performer, a fruitful creator, a smiling neighbor. I will achieve. I will dream. I will strive. I will behave. That's what I will do. He is satisfied and we continue on our separate ways.

Another chance meeting with the same wise professor and this time I am weaker. This day I am stuck in a pothole of pessimism. I ask him, a tinge of humility in my voice, "What am I going to do?" He deals me comforting clichés as if we are playing rummy. Time is on my side. Plenty of options lie at my disposal. Things have a way of falling into place. He knows I must decide a future with serious consideration but not at the dangerous expense of letting go of youth completely. He knows we all need it later.

So I wait. And I move. And I trust him and I think he is right, even if he is an agent of inconsistency.

New pros learn the details of teaching

Advising, tenure, research, publishing work also important for the job

By HEATHER HOGAN
TCU DAILY SKIFF

While teaching at the college level may come naturally to some — especially with experience as a teaching assistant or graduate student — professors beginning their careers find themselves in a balancing act, weighing office hours against preparing lectures, against writing articles and working at the tasks which they need for gaining tenure and promotion.

Victor Larragoite says he fell into teaching by accident.

"I just kept doing well in school and really liked my studies," he said.

Larragoite, an assistant professor of criminal justice, began his second year of teaching this year.

After completing his master's degree in sociology in one year, Larragoite began the doctorate program which he is currently finishing. He advised others interested in becoming a professor to finish their doctorates before beginning to teach.

"I came out way too early when I went out looking for teaching jobs," he said. "Don't do it without finishing your Ph.D."

Larragoite said he came to TCU because of the "lure" of Fort Worth and because he felt he could make an impact here and wanted to be a part of TCU's diversity efforts.

Teaching was natural to Larragoite before beginning at TCU, because he taught for three years as a graduate student, he said.

Larragoite called his first year a "coping year," and said at the time he hadn't realized all that professors have to do. Professors have to balance teaching, advising, helping students and working on articles, dissertations, committees and more, he said.

"You really have to be focused and it's certainly not glamorous," he said.



TCU Daily Skiff/ Don Johnson
Priscilla Tate, associate dean of the AddRan College of Arts and Sciences, said although the goals are still the same for educators now as they were when she first started as a professor, it is easier now for a person to begin in the education field.

Larragoite said he works almost 12 hour days five days a week and often works Saturdays as well.

Melissa Young, beginning her first year as an assistant professor, also said she felt welcome by the "high quality" students and faculty at TCU.

"Students here are very enthusiastic and willing to work hard," she said.

Young, an assistant professor of speech communications, came to Texas from Buffalo, N.Y., where she finished her master's degree.

Young said she'd considered teaching while finishing her bachelor's degree and during her senior year her professors convinced her to pursue it.

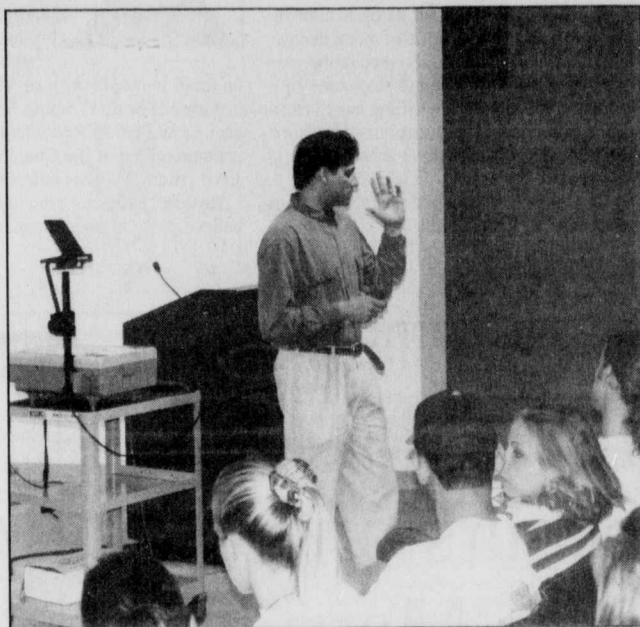
While Young said being a professor is not much different than the teaching she did during graduate

school, TCU is a much different experience than what she encountered in Buffalo. She said TCU is made up mostly of very traditional students in the 18 to 22 age range. In Buffalo, however, there were many returning students or older students finishing their degrees while already in a career.

Professors to always remember why they chose university education and TCU.

"We want them to help create a place that exemplifies good teaching and good research," she said.

Tate said new professors have a tendency to over-extend themselves and try to do too much all at once. They can't spend too much time with



TCU Daily Skiff/ Rebecca Newitt

Victor Larragoite, an assistant professor in criminal justice, said during his first year of teaching, he did not realize all the work professors had to do.

"It's much different to teach in a class where there's an 18-year-old, a 70-year-old and a 25-year-old all in the same row," she said.

Young offered some advice to students who are considering furthering their education to go on and teach at the college level.

"Get experience teaching, not just sitting in classes," she said. "Make sure you at least assist a professor before you teach on your own."

Priscilla Tate, associate dean of AddRan College of Arts and Sciences, has been teaching since 1958. She advised new or prospective pro-

students, or not spend enough time. In trying to do the right thing, they often do more than they should, she said.

"It takes a while to figure out a new place," she said. "Their (new professors') tendency is to burn the candle at both ends, but the real key is finding the right balance."

Tate said educators have made such strides in recent years it is much easier starting off as a teacher now than when she began. But, she said, the goal is still the same: "finding the best way to do things for the professor and the students."

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TCU Football Notes

Davis earns SWC honor

Tailback Andre Davis was named Southwest Conference Player of the Week after his performance against Houston Saturday. Davis rushed for 171 yards on 28 carries in TCU's 31-21 win over the Cougars and scored three touchdowns on the ground. Davis also caught two passes for 10 yards, including an 8-yard touchdown pass from Max Knake in the second quarter.

Davis wins the SWC's player-of-the-week honors for the second time this season. The senior also picked up the award after his 166-yard rushing, 95-yard receiving effort against Iowa State in TCU's season opener. He scored three touchdowns in that game.

Davis' performance against the Cougars also moved him up on some TCU record lists. He moved into the No. 3 spot on TCU's all-time career rushing chart, as he now has 2,846 career rushing yards as a Frog. He is only 148 yards behind Kenneth Davis (1982-85) for second place on the list.

Davis' effort against Houston gave him his 14th 100-yard rushing game, a new TCU record. And he needs only 154 yards to have over 3,000 yards rushing and 1,000 yards receiving in his career.

Lack of killer instinct?

Despite the Frogs' 3-1 record, the team and coaching staff aren't patting themselves on the back.

The Frogs continue to struggle with applying the knockout punch to opponents. Despite Saturday's 31-point performance, head coach Pat Sullivan is expecting more from the offense.

"Offensively (against Houston), we weren't perfect by any stretch of the imagination," he said. "Basically, we just seemed a tad off in our timing."

TCU led Houston 10-0 at halftime Saturday, and built that lead up to 17-0 in the third quarter. But the Frogs couldn't put the game away as Houston was able to keep the game close thanks to a 401-yard passing day by Houston quarterback Chuck Clements.

Southwest Conference Standings

	SWC	Overall
Texas	2-0	4-1
Baylor	1-0	3-1
TCU	1-0	3-1
Texas Tech	1-1	2-2
Texas A&M	0-1	2-2
Rice	0-1	1-3-1
SMU	0-1	1-4
Houston	0-1	0-5

Next Week's Games

TCU at Rice, noon
 SMU at Texas A&M, 1 p.m.
 Texas vs. Oklahoma (at Cotton Bowl), 2:30 p.m.
 Arkansas St. at Texas Tech, 6:30 p.m.
 Baylor at Houston, 7 p.m.

Canucks, Rangers teams to beat in NHL

The 1995-96 National Hockey League season has already started, but one or two games does not a season make. So here are some predictions to contemplate through the first 84-game NHL season in two years.

Let's start out by looking at the toughest division in the NHL: the Atlantic.

Thanks to new NHL rules, the defending Stanley Cup champion **New Jersey Devils** do not have the advantage of the neutral zone trap to bail them out this year. But they do have the best goalie in the NHL. Martin Brodeur (16-4, 1.67 goals against average in playoffs) picked up where he left off in the post-season, posting a shutout in the Devils' first game this season. The Devils also possess a great pair of blueliners in Scott Stevens and Scott Niedermayer. Niedermayer is only 22 years old but is already being compared to Detroit's Paul Coffey. The only problem is that the rest of the league will be looking to knock off the Devils this season, and they play in the same division as Philadelphia, the New York Rangers, and up-and-coming Washington.

Philadelphia has the "Legion of Doom" back this year, but not on the same line. Flyers head coach Terry Murray opted to place John LeClair (25 goals, 24 assists in 94-95), last year's right wing, as the second-line center. Eric Lindros, also only 22, centers the first line again. Look for last year's Most Valuable Player to eclipse the 60-goal barrier. Mikael Renberg, only 23, sets up on Lindros' left side this year. The only problem for the Flyers: no depth at the blue-line. And can 31-year-old Ron Hextall play 50 to 60 games in goal this year? Doubtful.

Look for the **Rangers** to make a push for the Cup. They have aged but have a bunch of playoff experience

on their roster. Adam Graves was a 50-goal scorer in 93-94, but had a sub-par year last season because of a bad back. If he remains healthy, look

for a most improved player award. Mark Messier will give his heart and soul to be champ again. Pat Verbeek, a late season acquisition from the Whalers and Luc Robitaille, arguably the best left wing in the league, wing Messier now. Goalie Mike Richter was blamed for the Rangers eighth place finish last season, but a 2.92 goals against average isn't too bad.

The Devils, Flyers, and Rangers all have a chance at the Atlantic crown, but in the Northeast it's a two headed beast.

Pittsburgh lost the best two left wings in the NHL over the off-season. Along with Robitaille, the Penguins let Kevin Stevens leave town. They traded Stevens to their arch-rivals, the Boston Bruins. And who did they get in return? Bryan Smolinski and Glen Murray. Yeah, Smolinski scores, but he doesn't play defense which is an area the Pens are lacking in now that they have gotten rid of Larry Murphy, and Kjell and Ulf Samuelsson. But all is well in Steeltown, for Mario is back.

Yes, Mario Lemieux is back, but will his back hold up through an 84 game? That will be the question on Penguin fans' minds as they hope Lemieux can once again team up with Jaomir Jagr (32 goals and 38 assists last year) to form a deadly scoring tandem.

Boston takes Stevens off the Pens' hands and moves out of the smaller-iced Boston Garden into the new Fleet Center. With the loss of Al Iafate, the Bruins blueliners were lacking depth heading into the season. So along comes Kyle McLaren. McLaren, just 18 years old, will be

counted upon to take some of the defensive pressure off 34-year-old Raymond Bourque. A first line of Stevens, Adam Oates (53 points last year) and Cam Neely (41 points) will give the Bruins their offensive punch.

In the Western Conference, the defending conference champion **Detroit Red Wings** are still the cream of the crop in the Central Division. The Wings were the best team in the NHL from Day One last year, then got to the Stanley Cup finals and were thwarted by the slow-paced New Jersey Devils. Detroit still has the firepower to make it back to the finals with superstars Sergei Federov (the league's MVP two seasons ago), Paul Coffey (last year's top defenseman) and Steve Yzerman leading the offensive charge and Mike Vernon (19-6-4 last year) coming back as the No. 1 goalie.

But the Red Wings seemed shell-shocked after last year's sweep at the hands of the Devils, and this team has a history of underachieving (see the first-round playoff loss to San Jose in 1994). It will be up to Scotty Bowman, the winningest coach in NHL history, to convince the Red Wings they can bounce back and take the Cup this year.

Detroit's main competition in the division will come from **Chicago and Toronto**. The Blackhawks have the best goalie in the conference in Ed Belfour, but finally have to realize that you must score goals to win games. Jeremy Roenick is still a force and should be back to his usual self after an injury-filled season last year. The rest of Chicago's offense is aging with the three other centers on the team all over 33 years old. Injuries shouldn't be a surprise to this dinosaur.

The Maple Leafs lost out to Chicago in the first round last year. Goalie Felix Potvin shouldn't be blamed, as he shut out the Hawks twice in the three games Toronto took from Chicago. The Leafs are still stacked at the forward position with the likes of Doug Gilmour, Mats

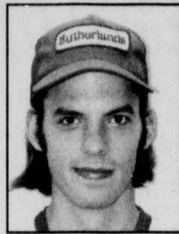
Sundin, Dave Andreychuk and Zdenek Nedved, who registered 98 points in 59 games at Sudbury in the OHL last year. The Leafs also have the quarterback they've always needed on the power play, Larry Murphy, who came over from Pittsburgh.

In the Pacific, **Vancouver** rules and everybody else can pick up the leftovers. Alexander Mogilny comes over from Buffalo to team up with former Red Army teammate Pavel Bure. Put little Cliffy Ronning in the middle and you have an offensive machine that moves and scores quicker than NBA All-Stars. Kirk McLean is as good as it gets in goal. This is the team to beat in the West.

The **Colorado Avalanche** moved west from Quebec after an Eastern Conference-best regular season record and a first round playoff exit. A lot of youth is here in this franchise as they have built through the draft after being doormats for years. The goaltending is shaky, as witnessed by the Rangers scoring at will on Stephane Fiset and Jocelyn Thibault in the playoffs. Look for a good year and a better fit in this speedy division than the slow, melodic, bash-your-brains out pace in the Northeast, where the Avalanche were last year.

The rest of the teams in the West are pretenders, including the **Dallas Stars**, who have only one proven goal-scorer in Mike Modano, yet did nothing during the off-season to shore up their offense.

Don't be surprised to see a repeat of the 93-94 Stanley Cup Finals. New York and Vancouver could play for the oversized champagne glass once again. And if that's the case, don't expect the Rangers top bring the cup home for the second time in three years after going a half-century without winning one. Vancouver, with Mogilny's addition, will stomp the Rangers on the way to a four-game sweep and the Stanley Cup Championship.



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