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Roe v. Wade attorney to speak to TCU students

By RYAN J. RUSAK
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Sarah Weddington, attorney for Jane Roe in the historic *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court case, will speak to students about leadership today, Thursday and Friday.

Weddington's speech, "Leadership: A Critical Skill for Tomorrow," will benefit all students, said Phyllis Bodie, program coordinator for

Campus Life.

"We are targeting fraternities and sororities, and we are targeting opening it up for everybody," she said. "You (students) just might learn something."

Weddington will also participate in a conference called "Gender Difference and Leadership Style," and she will speak at the North Texas Health Science Center on Thursday. Bodie said Weddington will also

participate in a class on racial and gender issues taught by Edward Reed, assistant professor of criminal science.

Weddington will conclude her visit by working with TCU staff members to help them improve their job performance, Bodie said.

"She will be working with professional staff in student affairs and help them achieve professional renewal," Bodie said. "We always have some-

thing to do, and we might get burned out."

David Ellis, chairman of the Forums Committee, said that Weddington's topic is of great importance to college students.

"Basically, it's about us," Ellis, a junior finance major, said. "It's about leadership, and



Sarah Weddington

that's what we're doing."

Ellis also noted that Weddington's visit was timely due to recent events. Norma McCortey, who was known as Jane Roe in the *Roe v. Wade* case, recently declared herself a convert to the pro-life movement.

"We thought *Roe v.*

Wade and Sarah Weddington was a good mix," Ellis said. "After that incident when Jane Roe kind of reversed her position, it kind of added to that."

Despite Weddington's claim to fame as *Roe's* lawyer, her TCU appearance is not associated with the abortion issue, Ellis said.

"She's not going to emphasize

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Gay Donohoo and her 2-year-old daughter Kristi get a heart balloon from Tharpo the clown at the "Celebration of Women in Athletics" Tuesday night in front of Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. See story on page 5.

Policies may violate family leave statute

By TASHA ZEMKE
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In April 1993, TCU Social Work assistant professor David Jenkins became a father to three daughters in one fell swoop. His wife gave birth to triplets.

It was a stressful time for Jenkins. His wife had a difficult pregnancy and was hospitalized, he had three newborns to think about and his father had recently died. Jenkins felt overwhelmed enough at the time to ask for a delay of tenure.

Tenure

Jenkins was denied. If Jenkins' situation had happened a few months later, TCU's denial of tenure would have fallen under a new federal law, and TCU could have been in violation of it.

According to the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) of 1993, 12

weeks of non-paid leave are available to employees for: childbirth, adoption or acceptance of a foster child; to care for a seriously ill spouse, child or parent; or for the employee's own illness. The law is gender-neutral.

1994 FMLA

Under the FMLA, which went into effect in 1994, TCU could be violating federal law on two counts, according to two TCU political science professors. Instead of applying the law to every faculty member, TCU grants the tenure extension on a case-by-case basis. TCU will grant a 12-week leave to professors, but by not granting a tenure extension, the leave affects professors adversely.

Even as a private institution, TCU must comply with the federal statute because it receives government

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Chairman resigns due to 'haven of lies, apathy'

By CHRISTI GIFFORD
TCU DAILY SKIFF

A committee chairman in the House of Student Representatives turned in his resignation letter Monday to Scott Wheatley, House president, citing several problems within the organization as his reasoning.

Christopher Smith, the Academic Affairs Committee chairman, wrote in the letter that the "House is no longer a place of leadership; it has become a haven of lies, apathy, and power mongering."

Wheatley said the House has had some difficulty working with Smith, and the administration, especially the campus life office, has had a few problems.

"It has not been smooth sailing for a while," Wheatley said. Smith was not happy with a lot of things that were going on, especially with issues of authority.

The Executive Board of House felt some relief with Smith's resignation, he said.

He said Smith's letter did not give concrete reasons for resigning, and he thought they were probably very personal.

Smith said, "Obviously, I can see why they are not upset with my departure; for they now can select a mindless pawn to manipulate."

"It is standard practice of the Executive Board to frown upon people who oppose their illogical views," he said.

Wheatley said the House Executive Board would appoint a new chairperson or pair of chairpersons to head the committee for the remainder of the semester.

"We don't want to do anything without consulting the committee," he said.

After the House meeting Tuesday, the Executive Board met with the committee and decided to have three committee members be interim chairpeople for the remainder of the semester.

Kenny Baird, Willy Pinnell and Ashley Russell, all members of the committee, volunteered to rotate leadership of the group.

Russell, a Wiggins Hall representative, said, "I'm unclear about the circumstances behind the resignation and I'll miss his

see *Resign*, page 4

Police question Clark residents

By CHRIS NEWTON
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Fort Worth police questioned Clark Hall residents Wednesday as part of the continuing investigation of a reported sexual assault.

Two TCU students face charges in connection with the alleged sexual assault of a female student on campus. A pair of alleged assaults occurred in Clark on Oct. 4 and Oct. 16, both involving the same victim.

Clark resident Ronnie Garcia, a history and news/editorial double major, said two Fort Worth Police

officers and Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs, conducted a meeting in which the residents of Clark were asked to come forward if they had seen or heard anything the residents believed might be important to the case.

"They were pretty insistent that anyone who lived near the suspects talk to the police," Garcia said.

The district attorney requested the detectives interview every resident in the dormitory, according to Fort Worth Police officials.

Suspects Judd Payne, a freshman computer graphics major, and James

Kiehle, a sophomore premajor, have been suspended and are not being allowed on campus, according to administration officials. The students were roommates in Clark Hall.

Both students were suspended after they were arrested for the assault.

Mills said TCU has still not reached a decision as to whether the suspects will be readmitted to the university.

"We're not doing an independent investigation at this time," he said.

Mills said the incident is being investigated by the Fort Worth Fam-

ily Violence and Sexual Assault Division.

Lt. Pat Knebllick, Fort Worth Police Department public information officer, said the case should be presented to a grand jury by the end of the week.

"Right now, we're just tightening the case," Knebllick said.

Mills said TCU coordinated the Clark meeting in order to avoid students being disturbed by Fort Worth police while studying.

"We wanted to facilitate having

see *Assault*, page 4

House tables conference fund bill

By CHRISTI GIFFORD
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After much debate, the House of Student Representatives voted at its meeting Tuesday to table a bill to give the Texas Catholic Student Conference \$1,000 to help pay their budget deficit.

The religious group has an annual conference which is being hosted by the TCU Catholic Community March 15-17.

The bill originally requested \$3,904.33, but the Finance Committee reduced the amount to \$1,000 to

pay for the conference speaker.

Leon Reed, Student Concerns Committee chairman, said the House had too much confusion about why the conference already had a deficit months in advance of the conference.

He said he thought the group could cut its spending before it asked for money.

Shawn Groves, House treasurer, said, "The Finance Committee would like to support Edwina Gately (the speaker at the conference)."

Thomas Kunkel, a Clark Hall representative, said the House passed

many bills to send people to conferences to get TCU's name out using a few representatives of the school. Therefore, bringing 400 to 500 people for the conference at TCU would cause them to see the university firsthand.

Chanel Schrier, a Colby Hall representative, said she thought the fact that the group had a \$3,904.33 deficit showed a lack of responsibility and said she did not support the passage of a bill.

The Finance Committee has \$1,919.80 remaining in the Special Projects Fund budget for the semes-

ter, which pays for bills such as this.

In other House business, a bill was introduced requesting \$3,300 to pay for four buses to take 200 students in Hyperfrogs to the University of Texas/TCU football game at Austin Nov. 17.

The bill, written by Reed, was tabled to the Finance Committee for a week and will be presented to the House for debate and a vote Nov. 14.

Stoney White, the University Relations Committee chairman, said the Frog Forum originally scheduled

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NEWS DIGEST

Alleged wife killer out on bond

MERIDIAN, Texas (AP) — An Arlington man accused of killing two of his wives has been freed again after posting bond Tuesday.

Jack Reeves posted the requisite 15 percent of the \$300,000 bond that had been set by state District Judge James Morgan, said Kay Nelson, a spokeswoman for the Bosque County district attorney's office.

Reeves, 55, was jailed last month after being indicted by a Bosque County grand jury for the murder of his most recent wife, Emilita, whose remains were found by a hunter near Lake Whitney on Oct. 1.

Las Vegas hotel imploded

LAS VEGAS (AP) — The Landmark Hotel, a once-elegant landmark opened by Howard Hughes but left shabby and vacant 25 years later, was reduced to rubble Tuesday in an implosion that jolted thousands of sleeping tourists.

The hotel, a tower with a saucer on top like the Space Needle in Seattle, was loaded with 100 pounds of strategically-placed dynamite at its base.

The surrealistic scene was captured by a Warner Bros. crew shooting for a proposed movie titled, appropriately, "Mars Attacks."

Lanier takes lead in Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — Incumbent Bob Lanier raced to a comfortable lead in early vote returns Tuesday as he tried for a third and final term as mayor of the nation's fourth-largest city.

Lanier, 70, was the prohibitive favorite in a three-way race against political amateurs David Wilson and Elizabeth Spates.

In the first returns counting votes cast before Election Day, Lanier had 7,954, or 83.4 percent; Wilson had 1,061, or 11.1 percent; Mrs. Spates had 524, or 5.5 percent.

GOP allows budget bills

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans advanced bills Tuesday that would let the government continue to operate temporarily, but at levels designed to bind President Clinton's hands during his budget duel with Congress.

The administration said it strongly opposed both measures, contending they would risk forcing a government default and a partial shutdown of many agencies. One of the bills would raise the debt limit slightly, the other would let the government keep spending money for a while — crucial federal functions that will soon otherwise cease.

Peres continues peace mission

JERUSALEM (AP) — A day after Yitzhak Rabin's burial, the gloves were off: Politicians traded bitter recriminations over who was to blame for his murder, and his widow accused right-wingers of creating the climate of hate that encouraged the assassin.

Shimon Peres, Rabin's successor, has vowed to carry on the slain man's vision, and on Tuesday, he got on with the business of peace, meeting with Jordan's Crown Prince Hassan and sending a clear message to Palestinians that Israel's internal turmoil will not delay its troop pullback in the West Bank.

TODAY ON CAMPUS

Wednesday, Nov. 8

Schedule advising for Spring 1996
 TCU Symphony Concert
12 p.m.: TCU Chapel service
3 p.m.: Uniting Campus Ministries meets in Student Center 211
4 p.m.: Into the Streets will hold an organizational meeting; check University Ministries office for location
4 p.m.: Food Service Committee meets in Eden's Greens
5:45 p.m.: The Christian Science Organization meets in Student Center 215
7 p.m.: TERRA meets in Sid Richardson Lecture Hall 4
7 p.m.: Campus Crusade for Christ meets for "Prime Time" in Student Center 205
9 p.m.: Fellowship of Christian Athletes

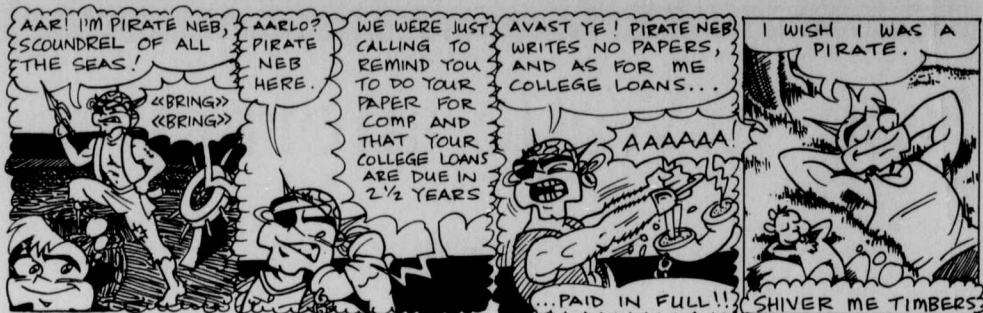
meets in Coliseum Varsity Club Room
9 p.m.: Free study skills workshop offered in Rickel 106

Thursday, Nov. 9

Lucy Harris Linn Institute
 Schedule advising for Spring 1996
 Sigma Lambda Alpha: *Elvis at TCU!*
5 p.m.: International Students Association meets in Student Center 222
5 p.m.: TCU Catholic Community meets in Reed Hall Faculty Center
5:30 p.m.: Canterbury society for Episcopal students meets in Student Center 214
5:30 p.m.: Wesley Foundation for Methodist students meets at the Wesley Foundation Building at 2750 W. Lowden

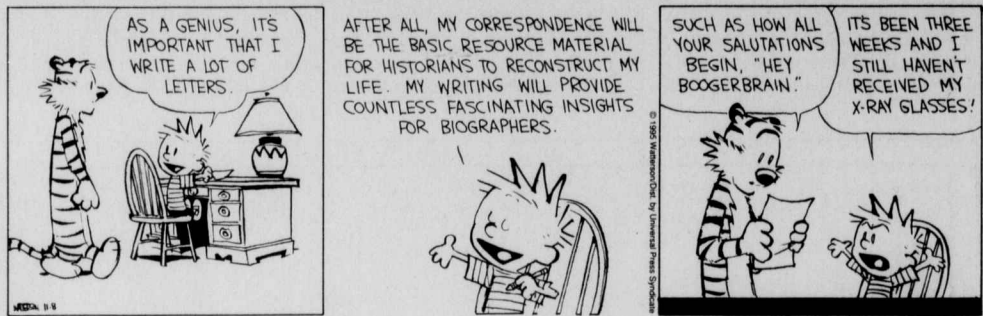
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PSI CHI, the national psychology honor society, will sponsor a lecture by Dr. Emily Fallis on the role of psychology in the justice system. The meeting will be held at 6:15 p.m. tonight in Winton Scott Hall Room 215. All members are encouraged to attend, and all other students are welcome. Call Jenny Hurlburt at 738-3538.

THE TCU INTERIORS ASSOCIATION will be sponsoring a talk by Wilson and Associates, a

leading interior design firm, from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. today in the Bass Living Room. Refreshments will be served.

PORTRAITS for the 1996 *Horned Frog Yearbook* will be taken in the Student Center Lounge from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for students and from 1:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. for faculty today.

FREE BABY-SITTING for TCU faculty and staff is being sponsored by Alpha Phi Omega from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Nov. 11. Contact Nicole at ext. 3295 or Kace at ext. 2141.

MUSICIAN MAGAZINE is now accepting entries for its 1996 Best Unsigned Band Competition. The program offers unsigned bands and artists the opportunity to get their music heard by people in the music

industry — from top music critics and editors to established artists and producers. Deadline for entries is Dec. 31, 1995, and interested bands/artists can receive information, rules and official entry form by calling 1-800-BUB-7096.

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 for donations. Contact Jenny at 738-3538.

TARRANT COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION offers a FREE Legal Advice Hotline between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. Call (817) 335-1239. Lawyers and callers remain anonymous.

WEATHER WATCH

Today's skies will be mostly sunny with a high in the upper 60s. Southerly winds will reach 10 to 20 mph by afternoon. Tonight will be partly cloudy with a low in the upper 40s.

Thursday will be partly cloudy and warmer with highs in the 70s. Friday's weather will be mostly cloudy with a chance of showers. Highs will be in the 70s, and lows will be in the 50s.

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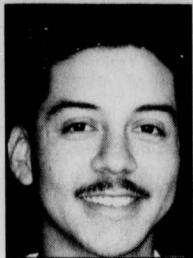
Concealed weapons law will increase amount of violence

"Excuse me, is that a 38-caliber you're wearing?"

To be truthful, many of us are very discouraged about the recently enacted Concealed Weapons Law. Violence is a big concern among many families and especially among teen-agers. Allowing the Concealed Weapons Law will lead to more violence.

Gangs, drugs, peer pressure, low self-esteem, lack of family attention and economic problems are some factors associated with the spread of violence. As far as guns are concerned, there should be a longer waiting period before someone can buy a gun and more creative trade-in programs. As for many families and communities, the question is, who will be carrying a gun, and where?

Yes, we do need to be protected nowadays from the dangers that we may encounter in society, but why do we have to handle the sit-



uation with guns? The bad news is that Governor Bush signed the measure that will allow thousands of Texans to carry loaded guns into a variety of public places. Beginning January 1, 1996, those who have successfully completed a 10-hour training class and passed a background check will be able to carry concealed handguns into all but a few prohibited places.

In fact, training classes have waiting lists, and by the middle of September, 88,000 Texans had requested the application from the Department of Public Safety. Do we really

feel that a 10-hour safety course can make up for the loss of lives?

Now tell me, do you see anything wrong with this picture? Everyday, all you see on television or in the newspaper is handguns and violence. It seems that having this law will make things worse.

We've all heard the rhetoric from pro-gun groups. "Guns don't kill people, people kill people," they say. But we all know as the number of handguns has increased in this country, the number of murders and suicides by firearms has skyrocketed. And, in a May 8, 1995, *Time* magazine article, Michael Kramer describes research by Leonard Berkowitz that shows even the presence of guns affects behavior. Berkowitz is an emeritus professor of psychology at the University of Wisconsin who has studied the "weapons effect" for more than 40 years.

His experiments have shown that even the sight of guns, since they are associated with violence, can induce aggressive ideas. Berkowitz says "a weapon can function as a conditioned stimulus, eliciting both the thoughts and motor responses associated with its use."

Berkowitz views guns as a risk factor for violence. Guns increase the chance that something bad will happen, and not just because they have the power to cause injury. Guns aren't neutral. They create aggression that wouldn't normally exist in their absence.

According to statistics from the Texas Against Violence Association, in the U.S. during 1992, more than 1,550 violent crimes were committed against youths ages 12-17. In 1993, 2,966 juvenile males and 184 juvenile females were arrested for murder. Guns

are the most common weapon used in homicides by youths.

Do we all want our children to be exposed to a handgun-laden society? How many more accidental killings caused by handguns do we really want to read or write about. What action can the average citizen take? Boycott movies, TV programs and video games that show gratuitous violence. Don't buy war toys. Support organizations that provide alternatives for children and teen-agers at risk. Use and teach conflict resolution skills in your own home, school and work place. And continue to demand that lawmakers require gun manufacturers, gun dealers and gun owners to take responsibility for their weapons every step of the way.

Antonio Romero Jr. is a freshman journalism major from Fort Worth.

■ KEVIN ARCENEUX

The GOP steals from the poor to help the rich

Well, here we go again. It looks like the Republicans are trying their hardest to return us to the policies of the eighties. And with the budget they're trying to reconcile in the House and Senate, they can't fail.

The GOP says we need to balance the budget at all costs. Okay, let's see how they've done.

First, they cut welfare. This amounts to \$70 billion over seven years, to be exact. Yet this is being done without any real reform. Our welfare system could be successful if politicians would actually fix it; instead, they have decided just to cripple it even more.

Medicaid and Medicare are next on the chopping block. The claim is if it isn't cut, it will go bankrupt by 2002. After the cuts, it will only go bankrupt in 2013. Hello, we still have a problem. Maybe the solution lies in reforming the system. How about getting health care costs under control, something President Clinton suggested in 1993? Oh yeah, but it is easier to cut than to reform. Who cares if it affects the poor and the elderly. It's survival of the fittest, right?

Next up for the guillotine is education. I guess I can understand cutting Head Start, which only helps poor children have half the chance of their wealthier counterparts at starting their educational career on the right foot. I mean, inner-city and rural schools are only severely inferior to wealthier school districts in terms of supplies, teachers' salaries, dollars spent per student and everything else.

I can also understand eliminating AmeriCorps. It only helps volunteers make it through college and better their lives while earning a small stipend for working in impoverished communities; you know, helping to teach small children to read, building playgrounds, helping elderly people keep up their homes and organizing safety patrols for schoolkids in drug- and gang-infested neighborhoods.

It only comes in on budget and has a benefits:costs ratio of 2 to 1. But community involvement and self-betterment are un-Republican; these kids should just have it handed to them like most rich folks.

It's also smart to cut student loans. I mean, it's not like we are just handing these people money; they are paying it back with interest. Besides, it just means without loans they will have no way in hell to pay for college, which is for the elite anyway. They should be forced to get real jobs that don't pay much, so they can stay stuck in the slums and maybe even get on welfare — if it still exists, that is.

Of course, we do need a tax cut for people who make above \$100,000 a year. \$245 billion sounds like a good number. Oh, but what about that balanced budget? Let's cut the earned-income tax benefit which allows many working poor families to stay just above the poverty line and make ends meet. Think of it as a redistribution of wealth from those who don't have much money to those who have too much money. Yep, sounds fair to me.

And it looks like there is no need to close the tax loophole that allows for a 50 percent tax deduction for "business-related" entertainment — you know, night clubs, sports games and other things necessary for the business machine to keep running.

Hey, but Republicans aren't really as opposed to "pork-barrel" spending as they pretend. It's all in the definition. Pork is only when the government spends money that helps people become productive members of society. To Republicans, the government should just help the wealthy and powerful. And they know there isn't much that can be done, because the people who are sacrificed have no voice.

Well, I say the poor do have a voice. It's at the ballot box, but it seems they don't realize this. Therefore, it is time the world hear the rally cry: "Poor people of the world UNITE."

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



■ EDITORIAL

ETHICS?

House poster campaign not fair debate venue

Flyers urging the support of increasing the student activities fee have been posted all over campus — in dorms, in the Reed-Sadler mall and in the mail room.

They are trying to garner support for their pet project — giving themselves more money in the form of a student activities fee increase of \$5 a year over two years.

The reason for the increase is to keep up with inflation and to draw higher-profile performers and speakers, the House says.

But these posters are paid for by the House of Representatives' publicity fund. There are several reasons why this is ethically wrong and unfair:

First, the House is using part of the student activities fee from this year (\$20 per student) to increase the fee for coming years. In essence, they are using your money to encourage support for something you may not want to support or, for prospective graduates, may not even see or reap the proposed benefits.

Second, the House is at an unfair lobbying advantage. They are the only

group on campus with the finances and other resources to create such a lobbying campaign. Moreover, they are the only group on campus that has the credibility it takes to influence student thinking. No group can possibly try to create a campaign of similar size or legitimacy to encourage resistance against the resolution.

Third, the House is contradicting itself. The group declined to debate the issue at great length on the House floor because they felt it should be up to the student body to decide. Now, however, they began a lobbying campaign to support the resolution. What is the student body supposed to believe?

If the House wanted to urge students' support for the issue, they should have done so in venues that were also available for the other side to debate. The *Skiff* would have gladly welcomed guest columns, letters to the editor or any other sort of debate forum. We would have also supported any sort of open debate on the issue. The poster campaign, however, is an unethical and unfair venue.

■ LETTERS

Skiff shouldn't have an agenda

I was looking forward to coming back to my Alma Mater to see all the old guys and revel in the good times. What I found instead was *The TCU Daily Skiff* pulling more of its old stunts. The most recent (as of this past weekend) involves the hazing article on the front page.

Let's start at the top. The Chi Omegas get top billing for a "prank." Allow me to put on my reality glasses. I remember the days when I was a freshman (before I pledged) and enjoyed the art of pranks with my friends in the hall. None of this was damaging or considered hazing. And I assure everyone that none of it was as lame as what the Phi-Os got caught for.

Next come the Phi Kaps. I admit I do not know anything about this incident, but neither

does anybody at the *Skiff*. Never mind that, printing it is still a good idea as long as you can make somebody look bad, right?

Finally comes the pinnacle of my disgust, and I'm not even in any of the tagged fraternities. There was an incident about a month ago involving the SAEs. The incident was dealt with about two weeks after by the SAEs. Why is the *Skiff* just now printing this article? The only answer is that the *Skiff* was holding out to make the Greek system look as bad as possible on homecoming weekend. Perhaps the journalistic movement on campus can learn to report responsibly and in a timely fashion based on the events rather than their own personal agendas.

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■ MATT PEARCE

Rabin's death is a huge blow for world peace

The shocking assassination of Yitzhak Rabin showed that peace in the Middle East has not yet been secured. Throughout the world, Rabin has been hailed as a crusader in bringing Israeli factions together.

Rabin had been known for his military expertise since helping Israel become a nation in 1948. He was committed to military service in defending his nation. He felt it was important to be prepared for war.

After years of military involvement, including five years as army chief of staff, Rabin shifted his focus to establishing peace. He was relentless in defending Israel's rights in peace negotiations, and he argued long and hard with Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yassir Arafat before making peace agreements.

While many Israeli leaders tried to end conflict, Rabin was the first to seriously seek peace. He was among the first Israelis to work with Palestinians to reach an agreement that could be accepted on both sides.

The 1994 Nobel Peace Prize shared by Rabin, Arafat, and Israel Defense Minister and acting Prime Minister Shimon Peres drew controversy, mainly because of Arafat's history as a warmonger and terrorist. Despite Arafat's past, his efforts in reaching a peace accord were noted the way they deserved to be.

The twist in Rabin's murder is that the alleged assassin is a right-wing Israeli who felt Rabin was betraying Israel by compromising with Arafat and the PLO. After decades of conflict and civil war, Rabin is the first Israeli Prime Minister to be killed, and the accused is one of his own people. The alleged killer, Yigal Amir, wanted to see Israel fight rather than negotiate and considered Rabin a traitor.

Rabin had been wary of the right-wing opposition in his country. In some right-wing rallies, he was compared to Adolf Hitler. Amir showed no regret for murdering Rabin, and his actions were cheered by fellow right-wingers as well as members of the Islamic Jihad.

Many supporters and allies of Rabin believe his assassination will improve peace efforts. Because he was allegedly shot by a militant countryman, many feel the peaceful side will grow stronger and unite.

Unfortunately, this may not be the case. Because the right-wingers now have the publicity and attention they sought, they have the potential to spark a new civil war to take the place of the one between Israel and Palestine. While the majority of Israelis hailed Rabin, a large number who feel betrayed by him are threatening the peace efforts and security of the nation.

In order for Rabin's messages of peace to be maintained, we all must work hard to preserve what has already been accomplished and seek to accomplish more. Peace is not something that can be achieved and forgotten about. It must also be maintained.

In the wake of Louis Farrakhan's rise to mainstream fame, it is necessary for Americans to pay attention to the situations in Israel and the Jewish community. Yitzhak Rabin was a patriot to his nation and a crusader for world peace. His messages transcended all races and backgrounds in the world.

Although world peace is not foreseeable in the near future, people like Rabin make it seem a viable possibility. His spirit will exist for years to come.

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Marijuana still popular among college students

By THOMAS MANNING
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The 1960s. The mention of the decade conjures up images in everyone's minds. The '60s brought phrases and images that remain in today's culture. "Make love, not war." "Tune in, turn on, drop out." Flower children. Marijuana. The '60s brought marijuana and its use into the limelight. It seemed as though every college-aged person was smoking pot or knew someone who was.

But 30 years later, while the flower children and the peace signs have faded away, marijuana use remains an issue in society.

Trends

And despite trends in the past three decades of young people's switch to other, harder drugs such as cocaine and LSD, marijuana remains the most used illegal substance among high school and college students in the United States.

"It's really not that big of a deal," says John, a 22-year-old TCU senior. "Some people go out with their friends to a bar and have a few drinks. Other people get together with a bunch of friends and smoke pot. One is acceptable, and the other isn't. It

seems kind of ridiculous."

John, who requested anonymity, admits to smoking marijuana "a few times a week," and said that he figures one-fourth of students at TCU either smoke marijuana regularly or have in the past. But according to research conducted by TCU's Alcohol and Drug Education Center, the actual number of people at TCU who smoke marijuana is considerably lower than what John thinks.

Studies

"Our studies have shown that less than ten percent of the students at TCU smoke pot," said Angie Taylor, coordinator of the alcohol and drug education program at the university. "That's about 500 students, which isn't really all that much."

That number will rise soon, according to Frank Majka of the Fort Worth Police Department's Narcotics Intelligence Unit.

"Marijuana use has increased 100 percent in the past few years as far as kids in middle school and high school go," he said. "Kids right now don't have the fear of the drug that they used to. It just isn't that big of a deal to them."

Stronger

Majka said the fact that young people don't consider marijuana a

big deal is disturbing because the marijuana people are smoking today is much stronger than what their '60s predecessors smoked.

Marijuana is made up of more than 400 chemicals, but the most potent of those is delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol (THC). THC is the main mind-altering ingredient in marijuana, and the amount of THC in marijuana determines how strong the plant is. That amount, according to Majka, has increased greatly in recent years.

"Marijuana is so different from what it was even 15 years ago," Majka said. "In the '60s and '70s and even into the '80s, most of the pot you saw had about five percent THC. Today the level of THC can get up to about 30

percent. It's a much more potent drug today than it ever was."

Majka said that despite the increase in potency of marijuana in recent years, it is increasingly hard to convince young people of the drug's dangers.

Dangers

"It's hard to tell them that it's a really bad thing," he said. "Can it kill you? Not directly. Does it hurt your body? Yes, but not that much more than cigarettes. The main effect of marijuana is psychological, and that makes it hard to keep youngsters away from it. You still get that sense of rebellion without the fear that it's going to do anything really bad to you."

John, the TCU senior, said, "I think that some people just lump all drugs together. The fact is, smoking pot isn't the same as using cocaine or

heroin, but there's this certain stereotype that if you smoke pot it's just like using cocaine or heroin or other stuff. But the fact is it's really not all that different from having a few beers."

Effects

The psychological effects of marijuana smoking have been well-documented. Moodiness and lack of interest in work or school are two. For college students, missing class and lack of motivation are symptoms.

Taylor said she gets numerous requests from students and dormitory resident assistants to give talks and have programs that will enable students to be able to know if one of their roommates or friends is becoming involved with marijuana.

"We've had requests from RAs and hall directors," she said. "Basically, they have a feeling that someone they know is smoking pot, but they're not sure if they're right and they're not sure what to do about it. It then becomes our job to let people know what to look for."

Prevalence

Although marijuana use is not prevalent at TCU, there have been incidents involving students and marijuana. On Oct. 3, two male students at Milton Daniel Hall were

found smoking pot in their dorm room. Incidents like this occur about once a semester, according to Taylor.

But despite the lack of a significant problem with marijuana at TCU, Taylor said it remains important to keep awareness of the drug and its effects in the spotlight at the university.

"Our main job is to eliminate misconceptions and increase awareness about pot," she said. "Where we're concerned is with people trying to cope with situations and turning to pot to help them do that. We don't want pot to stop anyone at TCU from achieving their goals."

Goals

Taylor said her main objective is to make sure everyone at TCU knows about pot and knows that smoking marijuana is not the answer to any problem.

"We target kids moving into the dorms at the beginning of the semester, and we usually have activities going on every couple of weeks," she said. "We try to keep the subject in front of people as much as possible. It's our job to help people know the facts and make wise decisions."

"We want to help students reach their goals personally, academically and socially without any interference from substance abuse."

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pro-choice/pro-life," he said. "She's done a lot of other stuff afterwards."

Ellis said that despite the controversial nature of the case, the Forums Committee has not received any complaints, nor do they anticipate any protests or disturbances.

"We were kind of wondering about that (complaints), but we have

received none," Ellis said. "(Programming Council) events don't receive many complaints afterwards or during."

One of Weddington's other accomplishments was her 1972 election to the Texas House of Representatives. While there, she "worked to reform the Texas rape statutes, passed an equal credit bill for women, passed a pregnancy leave bill for teachers, and led successful efforts to prevent any pas-

sage of anti-abortion legislation," according to an information sheet about Weddington.

Weddington also served as Assistant to the President of the United States under President Carter. She was co-chairwoman of the U.S. Delegation to the United Nations Mid-Decade Conference on Women in Copenhagen in 1980, and has since worked as a writer, lecturer and teacher, the information sheet said.

Weddington has been recognized by several major organizations, including the National Council of Jewish Women, the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders and the National Associa-

tion for Campus Activities.

According to the information sheet, Weddington has also received awards from *Time*, *Ladies Home Journal* and *Esquire* magazines.

Bodie said that Weddington's professional accomplishments and talents can help students learn to use what they learn in college to excel after graduation.

"It's one thing to go to class, but it's another to take what you have learned and be marketable," Bodie said. "Isn't it good to see how to transfer (academic learning) into skills?"

Weddington will speak tonight at 8 p.m. in the Woodson Room of the Student Center.

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leadership, but I feel we have enough leadership to continue what we've started."

The committee has been investigating the qualifications of students who receive Chancellor's Scholarships, Wheatley said. If the committee wants to continue that investigation, he said, the Executive Board supports them.

The three goals the committee will deal with this semester include a proposal to the House and then the Faculty Senate to have mid-semester faculty evaluations in addition to

end-of-semester evaluations; an information sheet about Chancellor's Scholarships and who receives them; and making an Outstanding Athlete bulletin board for in front of the Main, said Sharon Selby, House vice president.

Pinnell said if the committee did not complete its tasks, it would appear the committee was quitting, too.

Smith said he thought his committee was great and it had ambitious plans. It is unfortunate that he had to give up that responsibility, but the problems he had with the Executive Board outweighed his commitment to his committee, Smith said.

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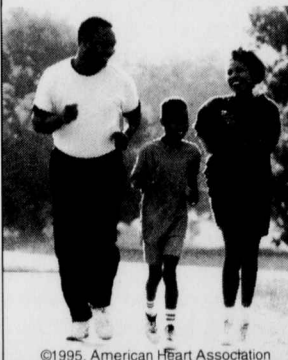
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for Thursday was cancelled.

"We were interested in doing it with CampusLink, but due to communication breakdown between my subchair, Sondra Haltom, and CampusLink, we were unable to program it," White said.

Applications for chairpeople for the House committees, including Academic Affairs, Computing Affairs, Elections and Regulations, Finance, Food Service, Permanent Improvements, Student Concerns and University Relations, are in the House office in the Student Center Annex and are due Nov. 20.

Kimberly Wilson also contributed to this report.

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the officers involved in the case meet with Clark Hall and ask the questions they needed to," Mills said. "The officers indicated that anyone who has any information should bring it forward."

Mills said the Fort Worth police would let the administration know whenever they come on campus.

A Clark resident who is a neighbor of Payne said Payne has returned to his dormitory since his arrest, although escorted by police officers, to retrieve some of his belongings.

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Fans, players celebrate TCU's women athletes

By THOMAS MANNING
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Hundreds of fans showed up for TCU's "Celebration of Women in Athletics" celebration Tuesday night, and those that were there were treated to free food and drinks, a live deejay, an appearance by Superfrog, and a chance to win an all-expenses paid trip to Cancun, Mexico.

They were also able to get autographs from members of every Horned Frog women's athletic team as part of the tribute to all women athletes at TCU.

The festivities, which took place in front of Daniel Meyer Coliseum before last night's exhibition basketball game between the Lady Frogs and Central Texas AAU, a collection of all-stars from around the area, brought approximately 1,000 fans to TCU.

Many of those fans were youngsters who were experiencing their first TCU women's basketball game, and the festivities seemed to be a success for them.

"It's things like this that's going to get him interested," said Mike Shires, pointing at his son, Drew, who was getting autographs from TCU's women's swimming team. "A basketball game in and of itself isn't going to draw people here. What's going to get people interested is things like this, where you can meet and get to know the people you see playing. That's what's going to bring him back here."

The celebration was organized by Kay Higgins, director of TCU's women's resource center. Higgins said the goal of the event was to raise awareness of what women athletes contribute to the university.

"We wanted to recognize the contribution of our women athletes and draw attention to their achievements," Higgins said.

She said the committee that was formed to organize the event was made up of 23 members, which included faculty, students, and administrators. It was originally planned for the fall to complement Hoops Mania, a basketball celebration focusing on TCU's men's team. But when Hoops Mania was canceled, the focus became more to bring this event to the forefront.

Higgins said women's athletics at universities often get overlooked, but that recent trends show that women's athletics are becoming increasingly popular.

"A lot of times people make the assumption that they don't really know anything about women's athletics, but all they really need to do is get more exposure to it and they're hooked," she said.

"It's very exciting," said Cinnamon Sheffield, assistant track coach. "We've had a really good turnout. There's not a lot of attention given to women's sports much of the time. Whenever you have something like this that brings people in and draws excitement, it helps every women's sport."

TCU students who attended the event were eligible to sign up for TCU's "Horned Frog Fanatic Fan Contest," which gives students a chance to win a Spring Break trip to Cancun. Last night was the only chance fans had to register for the grand prize, and one name will be drawn at each men's and women's home game this season, with the winner of the trip being drawn from those winners at the men's final home game March 2.

Sports has become a 'Get Out of Jail Free' card

Sports Quiz: Match the athlete with the rules violation/misdeemeanor/felony offense he is currently associated with.

1. Andre Davis.
2. Leon Lett.
3. Clayton Holmes.
4. Rod Strickland.
5. Warren Moon.
6. Shawn Walters.
7. Steve Howe.
8. Lawrence Phillips.
9. O.J. Simpson.
10. Tyrone Williams.

Choices: a) violation of the NFL's drug policy (cocaine), b) assault on his former girlfriend, c) six-time abuser of baseball's drug policy, d) spousal abuse, e) violation of the NFL's drug policy (marijuana), f) accepting money from an agent, g) accepting more money from an agent, h) assault on his current girlfriend, i) weapons possession, j) killing his wife and her friend.

While you may not be able to pass this quiz, it doesn't matter. That's hardly the point.

These are 10 men who are supposed to be our athletes, our role models, the people we can look at and remember why we like sports. Instead, they make headlines not for what they do on the field or court, but for the acts of stupidity they commit when the cameras aren't on them.

These ten guys can be placed into three groups: 1) college guys breaking NCAA rules, 2) college or pro guys breaking laws by hurting themselves, and 3) college or pro guys breaking laws by hurting others.

Andre Davis, TCU's star running back and the reigning co-MVP of the Southwest Conference last year, got into trouble with the NCAA for

taking gifts from a buddy through an agent. That is a blatant violation of both NCAA rules (by Davis) and state law (by the agent). Davis' punishment? A four-game suspension.

The NCAA has become a target of many in recent years for its odd and sometimes inconsistent handling of situations like this. The penalty for rules violations, the NCAA claims, is ineligibility. But you'll see Davis on the field in two weeks in Austin when the Frogs enter the stretch run of the season, which means he successfully beat the system.

So has Yankee reliever Steve Howe. Howe has been busted for cocaine six times in his 14-year major league career. And yet, surprisingly enough, he was on the Yankees' playoff roster just a few weeks ago.

Leon Lett of the Cowboys tested positive for marijuana recently, and the NFL handed him a whopping four-game suspension. Why? Because it wasn't his first offense. If it was his first offense? No problem, Leon. Lett's teammate, Clayton Holmes, may be in more serious danger at the hands of the NFL. His alleged positive cocaine test may keep him out of the league for a year, a whole year. But next year, Holmes will be free to get burned by receiver after receiver and not have to worry about his ugly past.

Perhaps the most bogus scenarios of all are the ones involving Strickland, Phillips, Moon, and Williams. These men were busted for inflicting or attempting to inflict physical violence on others, most notably women. In our everyday society, that's unacceptable, and worthy of punishment by the state or federal

government. So to what state penitentiary or jail do you send your letters for Moon, Strickland, Phillips and Williams? Hey, don't worry about it. Just head to the next Vikings, Blazers or Cornhuskers game. They'll be there, proudly wearing their teams' uniforms and trying to win you're cheers on the field while they should be trying to win back the respect of their peers and fans off it.

Everybody deserves a second chance. That's true for professional and college athletes as well. But for the ordinary citizen, if you want to commit the crime, you've got to do the time. And that's simply not the case in athletics. It appears that no matter what they do, no matter how bad they hurt others and no matter how many rules they break, they'll always be able to come back to the NFL, NBA, Major League Baseball, the NCAA or whatever.

There is a double standard in this country toward athletes. The simple fact is they really don't have to respect the same laws of this country and rules of their workplaces as the rest of us do.

Millions of young kids dream of entering the world of sports when they get older. Sadly, if they wind up making it, many not only wind up enjoying the fame and success they achieve on the field, but also the spoils and the free reign they have to do whatever they want off it.

By not enforcing and strengthening their rules, the governing bodies that rule sports are giving a bad name to athletics, and simply reinforcing our stereotypes of athletes as selfish thugs who remain far above the law simply because they are physically gifted.



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grants and is a business that employees more than 50 people, according to the FMLA.

TCU's University Faculty Handbook states that TCU is in compliance with the federal law, but some TCU professors argue that when it comes to tenure issues and options for faculty, TCU falls short and could be liable if sued.

Issues

Jenkins did not take the 12-week leave of absence and continued to teach at TCU immediately after the birth of his triplets. He taught and did research during the day and then came home to a situation some parents find hard enough with one infant. But his situation was three-fold. Triple diaper changes, triple cries during the night, triple feeding, triple bathing.

"I felt like it was triple insanity at times," he said. "Up and down all night long. I felt like I didn't sleep at night."

Jenkins was given no explanation why his request for extended tenure was denied, except that his case had been reviewed at the highest level and refused.

Refusal

At TCU, professors have seven years to fulfill certain teaching and researching requirements. After that, the administration considers professors for tenure. A request for a probationary period of one's tenure would result in the delay of the seven-year tenure clock.

TCU faculty states that, "Leaves of absence without pay for the purpose of . . . appropriate reasons

may be granted by the Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs for good cause. Where possible, such absence should be planned so as to interfere with the work of the university as little as possible."

Jenkins said that it wasn't really a matter of planning. He and his wife had been trying to conceive children for such a long time that when his wife finally became pregnant, there was little to do but rejoice and not worry about the interference of work.

"It wasn't our choice to have triplets," he said. "It just moved from a pregnancy to three babies."

Looking back, the case would have been interesting if the FMLA had come sooner or if his triplets had been born later, Jenkins said. But he and his family survived, he was able to keep up with his work and will be reviewed for tenure this year.

Controversy

The real controversy did not arise until a year and a half ago when Donald Jackson, a lawyer and TCU political science professor told William Koehler, provost and vice-chancellor for academic affairs, that there might be a problem. Jackson also brought it up at a Faculty Senate meeting late in the year.

The potential violation was brought to Jackson's attention in the fall of 1993 when the political science department interviewed Joanne Green, now an assistant political science professor, for a faculty position.

Green said she asked about faculty maternity leave and was told there was none.

"That was an issue of concern to me," said Green, who is due to deliver a child in May.

Jackson said the university is required to set up a procedure for a faculty member to request an extension of probation for a time equal to his or her leave under the FMLA. TCU does this, but where the university falls short is when it denies the probationary period for a non-tenured employee, he said.

Pregnancy

"In the past, pregnancy was not treated as such, which would extend the probationary period," Jackson said. "Pregnancy was dubbed 'a voluntary act,' separate from something like, for example, a heart attack."

"But now, not to grant a probationary extension for childbearing is imposing a penalty under the FMLA," Jackson said. TCU is not granting an absolute right to all professors, he said.

Green said that pregnancy has not historically or religiously been considered a "voluntary" act, but rather one which serves as "an evolutionary function and a duty to God."

"The notion of the university saying pregnancy is a voluntary choice is outdated," she said. "Since the women's movement, women no longer have to choose between a family or a career."

TCU needs to be responsive to the needs of a changing society, Green said.

The law firm of McDonald Sanders, which represents TCU, would not return the Skiff's phone calls in regards to the university's connection with the FMLA.

TCU Policy

However, Koehler backs up the university's policies.

A probationary period for faculty tenure is admitted if something "beyond the control" of that employee occurs that "substantially

interferes with (a faculty member's) ability to continue responsibilities," Koehler said.

He cited examples such as an auto accident or being severely injured and hospitalized for a period of time as events beyond one's control.

In the case of child care most cases of extended tenure have been denied at TCU, he said. The bottom line is that TCU looks at its probationary period of tenure policy on a case-by-case basis, he said.

Err

"If we're going to err, we're

going to err on the side most favorable to the faculty member," he said. "In the past, we've treated the birth of a child as something not warranting a probationary period, as opposed to any trauma. Maybe we need to change this."

Koehler said that although the university may be considered a company by law, it differs from private companies because of its employees' yearly work schedules.

"In most corporate settings, there is a continuum of work that is different than the schedule of work in a university, which deals with delivering instruction to students on a semester-by-semester basis. So if a faculty member misses several weeks in a semester, the faculty, in essence, misses a semester."

Probation

How would TCU cope with a faculty member who decided to start a family while teaching when the TCU policy states that a probationary extension is one-time only? This would limit a faculty member who warranted 12 weeks off during every year, and an extension to match, he said.

Jackson said that even a worst-case scenario for the university should not affect a childbearing faculty member or her spouse adversely.

"Say that in each of the six years it takes for a professor to become tenured, a child is born to that professor. That professor would be entitled to take a maximum of 72

weeks, or 18 months off. This still shouldn't affect tenure," he said.

Green said that, like herself, most university faculty plan to have their children in the summer so it affects the academic year as little as possible.

Summer

But summer is the most productive time for research, one of the demands of TCU professors for tenure, Green said. Can professors get an extension in tenure even if they have had a child during the summer? she asked. "You should be allowed to," she said.

The problem of a professor taking leave during the academic school year poses a large problem, both for the faculty who must cover for their colleague and for students who will find themselves with a new instructor halfway through the term.

"It's not highly desirable, in terms of the student, to have someone teach for half the semester and then change faculty," Koehler said.

Sally Fortenberry, associate professor of design and fashion and chairwoman of the Faculty Senate Committee, agreed that the issue was a concern, but one that could be adapted.

Adaptation

Staff are generally willing to help out when a member of their department takes a leave of absence, she said. But the pressure to plan ahead for a child definitely puts a strain on that faculty member, Fortenberry said.

"Faculty who know they're going to have a child prepare ahead of time and crunch it out. They'll overly exert themselves on research, on work and on classes prior to the child. Physically and mentally, this puts a strain in that professor's life," Fortenberry, with two children of her own, knows from experience.

"No one understands all that is involved unless they've been through what it's like having a child," she said.

When the Faculty Senate convenes this year, the issue of the FMLA and its effect on TCU's tenure policy will be dealt with, Fortenberry said. Fortenberry said she has already spoken with Koehler, and he knows the subject is on her agenda.

Resolving the problem is not an

easy process, but it is federal law, and it will benefit both TCU's male and female faculty members, she said.

Administration

Fortenberry said the reason it has taken so long to bring the federal law up to speed at TCU might be because there are more men than women in TCU's higher administration and not enough women role models to encourage women in academia.

"Our administration must be aware of multiple roles and be willing to make compromises so that professors can do their best," she said.

It appears that the two sides of the battle will be between those faculty and administration who have never had children and don't understand why extended tenure should be allowed for a pregnancy leave, and those who have or are planning to have children, Fortenberry said.

Green said she thinks TCU's delay reflects societal norms related to women and work and the idea that the woman's primary responsibility is to her family.

"In the past, when women got pregnant, they quit work," she said.

"Our society is reluctant to acknowledge the duality of women's roles today, and TCU needs to acknowledge this through its policy," she said.

Power

The professors at TCU who are least powerful and most affected by the FMLA are those without tenure, she said.

"But I think Koehler will agree with what the majority wants to do, even though this will be a slow process," Green said. "Someone could sue TCU, so we need to fix these problems for both liability and moral reasons."

Koehler said the issue has been talked about in administration, but a policy change has not been written because TCU feels like it can deal with problems on a case-by-case basis within the current structure.

"We may have to change our policies, and if we have to, we will," he said. "Obviously, the university is going to comply with federal and state statutes."

Kevin Arceneaux contributed to this report.

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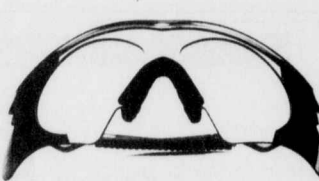
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