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## Perley to address tenure and academic freedom

By JILL TAYLOR  
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James E. Perley, the president of the American Association of University Professors, is slated to address TCU's Board of Trustees and the board's Faculty Relations Committee, as well as a general audience of faculty members, in a series of presentations today and Friday.

Perley's discussions will center around tenure and academic freedom, as well as the issue of faculty participation in university govern-

nance, said Wayne Ludvigson, a professor of psychology and a member of TCU's chapter of the association.

Ludvigson said the group sometimes serves as a collective bargaining agent in instances of policy negotiation, but its primary purpose is to afford academic freedom to university professors.

"The notion of academic freedom is that ideas should be freely expressed (by professors), not suppressed by threats of losing their jobs or having their salaries cut," said

Ludvigson. Shared governance, Ludvigson said, is the role faculty plays in formulating university policy.

"The AAUP's perspective on shared governance at a university is like the operation of a hospital. It does need some administrators, but the administrators don't tell the doctors what to do or how to be doctors," said Ludvigson.

Neil Daniel, English department chairman, professor and president of TCU's chapter of the AAUP, said Perley will also discuss current

tenure issues.

In an article in *TCU This Week* concerning Perley's visit, Daniel said "academic tenure has been under attack nationally by critics who see permanent tenure as a feather bed for burned-out and incompetent professors."

"Tenure," Daniel said, "is not just job security. It is linked intrinsically with academic freedom."

In his meetings with TCU administration, Perley will remind administration the AAUP is present on campus and has a voice, Daniel said.

Another goal of Perley's visit will be to stir up interest in the AAUP among TCU's faculty members, Daniel said.

"Our chapter has not been very active in the last four or five years. We have about 15 or 16 members, but we don't hold any regular meetings. We send out newsletter, and we hope to develop a 'virtual chapter,' which would function mainly through E-mail," said Daniel.

At a social hour and reception, Perley will make remarks about the purpose and functions of the AAUP

as an organization and why TCU's faculty members should be interested in joining.

Perley, a professor of biology at the College of Wooster in Wooster, Ohio, holds an undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan, as well as graduate and doctorate degrees from Yale University.

Perley was elected in 1994 to the top office in the AAUP, a national organization founded in 1915 to ensure academic freedom to university professors, according to an AAUP information release.



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Senior marketing majors, Brian Hamilton, Sean Craig and Erin Oman show off a Saturn banner while Allison Blocker and Tim Cummings sit inside the promotional car for their Plan-It Marketing Group.

## Marketing students promote Saturn

Festivities to showcase students' research, group unity and organization

By MARK MOURER  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Seventeen TCU marketing students will be reaching the climax of their semester of research today when they present a Saturn automobile promotional event from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. between the library and Sid Richardson.

The student group, called the Plan-It Marketing Group, will be spearheading a major promotional

event into which a semester's worth of research and planning has gone.

On hand will be free food, entertainment and five Saturn automobiles. There will be two SL1 coupe models, two SC1 sedan models and a cutout model, giving students the chance to kick the sides and test the vehicle for stability and durability, said group member Allison Blocker.

The group was selected from several applications last semester and put forth efforts to effectively market

Saturn automobiles to graduate-aged students. They were enrolled in the General Motors Marketing Internship course taught by professor John Thompson.

"When we started this (project), we had no idea what to expect," Thompson said. "My expectations of the program were... I don't know, but this is great."

The Plan-It group felt that Saturn was equally happy with the results. "Saturn was damn impressed,"

said Blocker, a senior marketing major.

"We did campus-wide research through surveys and concluded that most students were unaware of the finer points of Saturn cars," Blocker said. "Many students associated Saturn with just being a cheap car, but they were unaware of the fact that Saturn has one of the highest resale values, and is one of the safest cars."

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## Student group celebrates Native American month

By HEATHER HOGAN  
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The rhythm of drums and the sound of chanting voices echoed from the Student Center Lounge Tuesday during a luncheon presentation by TCU's Native American Association, commemorating Native American Month.

Dances of war and friendship, and even a dance dedicated to Native American veterans, were performed by students and dancers from the American Indian Center in Euless.

Robyn Mitchell, a junior geology major and president of TCU's Native American Student Association, said she was nervous about the event initially, but she was pleasantly surprised by the good turnout.

"I was really paranoid at first," she said, "but I felt it went really well."

Mitchell said TCU's Native American Student Association currently consists of about 10 active, participating members, and there are 37 Native American students enrolled at TCU.

"We're just now getting started," she

said. Mitchell said she and four other students make up a core group that is currently working with the administration in attempts to recruit more Native American Students to TCU. Mitchell, who is from the Navajo Nation in Shiprock, N.M., said she and the other students go every year to recruit at schools in their areas.

She said Larry Adams, associate vice chancellor for academic affairs and Native American Student Association adviser, is of Native American

descent and also actively recruits in the Oklahoma region.

"Cost is a major factor," she said, "and there is also not exactly a huge Native American population here already. Most Native Americans students, specifically in New Mexico and Arizona, are more likely to attend larger state schools," she said.

Mitchell said she was scared about leaving New Mexico for TCU, but she was assured by the presence of groups

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## NEWS DIGEST

### Rules to better HMOs, PPOs

AUSTIN (AP) — New state rules governing health maintenance organizations and preferred provider plans will mean better treatment for millions of Texans, Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer says.

The changes, which will take effect Jan. 1, come at the request of Gov. George W. Bush. Among them are new requirements in the way HMOs pay for emergency treatment and protections to keep HMOs from punishing patients for complaining about services.

### Lawmakers back Peres

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — Uniting to prove that ballots, not bullets, must determine the government of Israel, lawmakers across the political spectrum backed Shimon Peres as premier on Wednesday.

President Ezer Weizman gave the Labor Party leader 21 days to form a new Cabinet after parties representing 111 out of the 120 Knesset members — including most of the right-wing opposition — recommended him.

Many Israelis are deeply repentant over the poisonous political atmosphere that cost Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin his life.

### Gramm has another rival

AUSTIN (AP) — Insurance consultant David Young has announced that he will seek the Republican nomination for the U.S. Senate seat currently held by Phil Gramm.

Young, formerly a regulator with the Texas Department of Insurance, has made previous unsuccessful runs for Texas Railroad Commission, governor, lieutenant governor and U.S. Senate.

He challenged Gramm 12 years ago as a Democrat.

Young said campaign finance reform would be at the center of his campaign.

### Bodies found in store's freezer

NAPLES, Fla. (AP) — The bodies of three people, victims of an apparent robbery, were found in a walk-in freezer just before dawn Wednesday at a Cracker Barrel restaurant where they worked.

The restaurant had been ransacked, but it was not immediately clear whether anything had been taken. Detectives found bills and rolled coins at the edge of a field behind the restaurant, a sheriff's spokesman said.

The three employees — a woman and two men — were believed to have reported for work between 4:30 a.m. and 5 a.m.

### Police mistake woman's gender

DENVER (AP) — A woman arrested on prostitution charges spent 15 hours in the men's jail and had sex with two prisoners before deputies discovered she was no man.

The officer who arrested Jimmie Joe McGee thought she was a man, and so did jail guards, said sheriff's Capt. Carlos Jackson.

"We've had very effeminate-looking males come into the jail . . . including transsexuals and transvestites," Jackson said. "Those are things that contributed to the mistake."

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## TODAY ON CAMPUS

**Thursday, Nov. 16**

PC Multicultural Film: *Last of the Mohicans*

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Advance Registration for Spring 1996

Schedule Advising for Spring 1996

Great American Smoke-Out

TCU Board of Trustees Meeting

5 p.m.: International Students Association

meets in Student Center 222

5 p.m.: TCU Catholic Community meets

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5:30 p.m.: Canterbury society for Episco-

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5:30 p.m.: Wesley Foundation for

Methodist students meets at the Wesley Foundation Building at 2750 W. Lowden 8 p.m.: TCU Theatre presents *Quilters*

**Friday, Nov. 17**

PC Films: *Apollo 13*

Advance Registration for Spring 1996

Schedule Advising for Spring 1996

TCU Board of Trustees Meeting

8 p.m.: TCU Theatre presents *Quilters*

**Saturday, Nov. 18**

Football game: TCU vs. Texas (there)

8 p.m.: TCU Theatre presents *Quilters*

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**ORDER OF OMEGA** will meet at 10 p.m. on Nov. 20 in the Chi Omega house. All members are required to attend.

**STUDY ABROAD** All students planning to study abroad in the Spring 1996 semester should stop by the Study Abroad office in Reed Hall 113 no later than Nov. 22 to confirm their acceptance, receive credit approval forms and pick up the schedule for pre-departure orientation.

**TCU TRIANGLE**, the gay, lesbian and bisexual student group, will meet at 1 p.m. this Sunday, Nov. 19, to go to the Texas Gay Rodeo. For more information, contact Priscilla

Tate at 921-7160.

**LOVE, SEX AND ROMANCE** A Bible study over these topics will take place at 7 p.m. this Sunday, Nov. 19, in Sherley Residence Hall second floor lobby.

**GENERAL MOTORS MARKETING INTERNSHIP** is having its Saddle Up with Saturn promotion from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. today between the library and Sid Richardson. Come take a look at the Saturn cars and enjoy free food, music and prizes. For more information, contact Debi Stegall at 922-0063.

**TCU STUDENT ALLIES**, a group for students who wish to learn more about and support gay, lesbian and bisexual students, meets at 7:30 on Tuesdays in Student Center 204. Everyone is invited. Call Joel at 336-2431 or Carrie at 926-7257.

**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.

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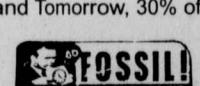
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# OPINION

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## ■ SCOTT BARZILLA

# 'Baywatch' is the best comedy ever on television

Over the course of human history, many great debates have occupied our attention. Millions have pondered the pillars of religion and politics.

These debates have continued in the 20th century and will surely continue on, but perhaps the greatest debate of 20th century has gone unnoticed, as if everyone shies away from its sheer magnitude. This, of course, is the recognition of the greatest comedy that has ever come across the television waves.

The 1940s and '50s offered us very little when it came to comedy, but the "I Love Lucy" show definitely deserves mentioning. The '60s offered us even less when it came to comedy, but some shows like "I Dream of Jeannie" were able to trudge through the mire.

Comedy in the '70s took a turn for the better with "Welcome Back Kotter" and



"The Jeffersons," but no decade could ever surpass the '80s for sheer comedy magic.

This decade brought us the likes of "Cheers," "Night Court" and "The Cosby Show." However, even these don't

satisfy the criteria of the greatest comedy of all. The only one that could possibly be considered the best is "Baywatch."

That's right, "Baywatch." This show exemplifies the full evolution of comedy. You see, comedy in the '40s and '50s just couldn't be construed as anything but. Then, comedy evolved. It became more subtle, and

with its subtlety came an improvement in comedic material.

The whole beauty of "Baywatch" is that you have to look for the comedy. The producers don't seem to be trying to make a comedy, but that is what comes out. As in anything, perfection is truly reached when it seems that you could reach results through no effort at all.

The opportunity came for David Hasselhoff, the star and primary producer of "Baywatch," to save his floundering career after failing to gain acclaim in several attempts at fine drama.

Hasselhoff's genius is in his ability to expend what seems to be little effort or money in producing a fine comedy. Why go to lots of effort to hire good actors and screen writers to concoct a good comedy when you can hire cheap workers who know

little about the craft and accomplish the same thing?

Hasselhoff's brilliant mind created a piece that would appear to be a drama at first, but in fact would reduce this drama to comedy in the appearance of its perceived incompetence.

Simply put, he transformed the comedy by taking the risk out of it. "Spend thousands and make millions" seemed to be Hasselhoff's new credo, rather than the inverse of that phrase. And why not kindle his own singing career in the process?

The format of the program is simple. You save fifteen minutes of plot development by including music videos that add little to anything except a few cheap laughs for the audience.

This gimmick is probably what made it a hit in Europe. Critics claim its charm is

the beautiful women, but they fail to understand that most Europeans do not have MTV, so this is their opportunity to see music videos.

Seemingly bad acting, poor production technology and weak writing don't hurt the cause either. All of the elements combine to form a new comedic format that greatly surpasses those of old. This is why "Baywatch" is the best comedy of all time.

Few debates in the world today rival the social importance of that of the best comedy. Hopefully, I have rekindled this great debate of the ages. For those who want to know, "Baywatch" appears Monday through Friday at 10:30 on channel four.

*Scott Barzilla is a junior political science major from Houston, and is the opinion editor of the Skiff.*

## ■ RYAN RUSAK

# Dole has best odds to gain White House

Two significant events from last week have made the Republican presidential race worth watching again. Colin Powell politely declined a nomination that he could have acquired with minimal effort. The second event was of greater consequence: the 1996 election is now less than one year away.

For conservatives, the Republican nominee must have two qualities. He must be devoted to the Republican revolution, or at least be willing to sign most congressional bills. Second, he must be able to defeat Bill Clinton.

There are some telltale signs that indicate which Republican will face Clinton. With my trusty odds to win the nomination, conservatives can forecast the primaries (Note: These odds are for speculation, and should not be used for wagering).

**Bob Dole:** Rumor has it that Dole ordered champagne for his campaign staff when Powell announced his non-candidacy. However, Dole is so desperate to win the presidency, he has become a political prostitute, selling his soul to almost anyone who cares. Still, Dole is the front-runner and heavily favored to win the nomination. Odds: 2-5.

**Phil Gramm:** Gramm has the best chance out of the true conservatives to win the nomination. He is a tireless, well-funded campaigner, but he'll need to pull out some heavy weapons to unseat Dole. Thus, Gramm will do something either incredibly brilliant or hopelessly stupid within the next six months. I hope for the former, but expect the latter. Odds: 5-1.

**Pat Buchanan:** I'm not convinced Buchanan can pull in even the Christian Right. His attack on the GOP Medicare plan may have scored points with seniors, but revealed Buchanan's incompatibility with the revolution. Odds: 8-1.

**Lamar Alexander:** Republican pundit Bill Kristol said Powell's move helps Alexander more than anyone. Personally, he puts me to sleep. And if he's going anywhere in the polls, Alexander must lose the lumberjack look. Odds: 10-1.

**Steve Forbes:** The multimillionaire has some outstanding ideas and has attacked Dole in radio ads. But Forbes looks too much like an accountant to win. Odds: 12-1.

**Dick Lugar:** Lugar's foreign policy would be on par with that of George Bush. But who cares enough about trade wars with Japan to vote for Lugar? Odds: 15-1.

**Alan Keyes:** Keyes may be the best orator in the field. He may be the most conservative as well. He also doesn't stand a chance of becoming president. Odds: 20-1.

**Arlen Specter:** If we're going to nominate a liberal, why not go all the way and go for Michael Dukakis or, better yet, George McGovern? Besides, Boris Yeltsin would not be able to say, "Welcome to Moscow, Arlen," without breaking into hysterical laughter. Odds: 30-1.

**Bob Dornan:** "B-1 Bob" is pure entertainment on the House floor. On one hand, as a nominee he would want to use nuclear weapons on any state that appeared to be leaning towards Clinton. Then again, that might not be so bad. Odds: 32-1.

**Newt Gingrich:** Gingrich won't say whether he intends to run. Hopefully he realizes his immense value in the House and will stay put. Please, no one tell him how many books he could sell as president. Odds: 35-1.

**Colin Powell:** I keep having this hilarious recurring dream. General and Mrs. Powell are eating dinner, and Colin says, "Oh, please, honey, please, please let me run. You can redecorate the whole White House, my treat." Odds: 300-1.

**Bill Clinton:** If Dick Morris said, "Mr. President, you can win as a conservative Republican," Clinton would change parties tomorrow. Such is the sorrow of a man without a soul. Odds: 500-1.

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## ■ EDITORIAL ELECTIONS

### Students seem to be apathetic towards elections

Even though there is a student body runoff election today, three of the five student body offices have already been decided, and a very important referendum was voted down.

It is so disheartening to see such a low voter turnout on Tuesday. About 1,400 students voted for the offices, and only about 1,100 of those voted on the referendum. Voter turnouts have traditionally been fairly low, but treasurer-elect Brian Spindor told the *Skiff* they were lower this year than they were last year.

This is unfortunate because of the referendum that was voted on. Some may deem campus politics as unimportant, but the proposed fee increase was very important to every student and would have hit them in a place students hold dear: their pocketbooks. What does it take for students to become involved in campus politics?

When so few students turn out to vote, the elections turn into popularity contests, in which friends of the candidates decide the outcome.

What if even half of the student body voted in Tuesday's election? Who knows how different the outcomes would have been?

Voter apathy at TCU proves only one thing — students do not conceive student government to be important.

They're wrong.

The House is only as powerful as the body it represents. The students of TCU have spoken and their voice was decidedly weak. As a result, we will only have ourselves to blame if it seems like our student government fails to make the changes students desire. Change can only occur when more students care enough to become more active in campus matters.

## ■ LETTER

### Wheatley should resign his office

Last Friday, our student body president, Scott Wheatley, posted a pair of letters in the window of his office near the back door of the Student Center. In the first, he accused a member of the *TCU Daily Skiff* editorial board of stealing silverware from the Main and concluded that any organization hiring such brazen felons must itself be untrustworthy. The second letter complained that the *Skiff* was squelching free expression by failing to print the first letter.

There have been past differences between the *Skiff* and the Student House, but heretofore those differences have been over matters of policy. The *Skiff* Opinion page has featured complaints against specific House actions, while the House has questioned the *Skiff*'s decision to print, for example, the voting records of House members.

As a university, TCU should be dedicated to rational discussion and reasoned argument. Scott Wheatley has crossed that line by reducing dialogue between the House and the *Skiff* to the level of ad hominem attacks. The *Skiff* has never once printed an article announcing

"Wheatley seen mugging old ladies" or "Wheatley is a lowdown cattle rustler."

Even if it did, such revelations would not be attacks on the institution of the House as a whole. As such, Wheatley is wrong to have resorted to personal attacks, but he's also illogical to make the inference that one indiscretion on the part of one staffer discredits everything written in the *Skiff*.

Worse than all of that, Wheatley has dragged the House along with him. Wheatley, as a member of the community, is free to say most anything he wants; he is protected by the First Amendment. When he accepted an office in the House, however, he took on certain rights and responsibilities. His actions are a heinous and unforgivable breach of trust.

It is not as if Scott Wheatley, man on the street, made these accusations. Instead, he made them in his role as president. By typing the letters on TCU letterhead and posting them in his office, he has used his office as a weapon in a personal grudge match.

I have spoken with Scott about the matter, and he defends himself on two grounds. First, he

*see Letter, page 4*



## ■ LEIGH ANNE ROBISON

# Credit cards will get you during the holiday rush

There are now 38 shopping days until Christmas. It should tell you something that I know this so far in advance. It's time to start planning for the holidays, and I, for one, am thrilled.

I have a tendency to go a little nuts when the smell of pine wafts through the muggy December air. Every holiday ornament, gift and foodstuff simply must be mine, no holds barred.

My Christmas affliction started three years ago when I was a freshman here. I had recently acquired my first credit card — an MBNA MasterCard with a cute little horned frog in the top left corner, now dissolved from overuse.

The ease with which your average college student can get his or her hands on that sweet piece of plastic is pathetic. The applications sneak into my mailbox on a weekly basis, and most are already as fully completed as an admission application to a state school. If you have the ability to sign your name and can breathe on your own, regardless of whether you opened your checking account yesterday, you can get a credit card with a minimum \$500 limit.

Then one day it arrives, looking pristine and begging to be used.

I remember my first purchase — a Bloom County anthology for \$12.95. It was a Christmas present to myself. I swore I'd never spend more than I could pay off when the bill came.

Ha. So many beautifully tempting avenues open up to credit card owners, and the holidays are just the right time to break those puppies in. Employing plastic in December is as much of a Christmas tradition as gulping eggnog and draping tinsel, but the repercussions are much more severe and far-reaching.

I know I'm still paying for the VCR I impulsively bought in January of 1994. The VCR is gone, but the bill remains.

And because I'm such a diligent spender, the plastic princes often send me letters bestowing upon me the great gift of a raised spending limit. They don't realize if they give me a \$3500 limit, I might actually spend \$3500. Okay, they probably realize I will, they just don't understand that I can't afford to pay them anytime soon. I'd have to write eight columns a day if I wanted to pay off my bills by the time I have to start paying my student loans, even if they do waive the interest.

Last summer my mother did me a favor by taking away my Discover, Visa, Express, Lerner, Limited and Disney cards. She let me keep my MasterCard "for emergencies." What qualifies as an emergency was left to my discretion, but when I tried to charge round-trip plane tickets to London, we had another intervention.

The solution for me has come in the form of a three-inch, gold piece of plastic with the word "Visa" on it. No, it's not an unlimited credit limit, but a debit card. Anytime I use it, the money is taken directly out of my checking account. I'm forced to record it, and writing down every penny I spend has significantly helped me cut down. My credit card bills are decreasing quite slowly, but that's better than having them grow.

I urge all of you, especially those of you wielding brand new plastic: please don't try to impress your friends and family with stellar Christmas presents. They aren't expecting you to have all kinds of money lying around — you're in college, after all. Sure, gifts can last a lifetime, but so can the bills.

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# African-American profs question diversity issues

By MARK MOURER  
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TCU's efforts at globalizing its international curriculum have continually been increased over the past three years, but questions remain as to whether or not the highest level of teaching skills are still present on campus as well as nationally.

Philip Curtin, professor of history at The Johns Hopkins University, made a statement in last spring's *Chronicle of Higher Education* regarding African History studies at colleges across America.

Curtin said too many American campuses were "ghettoizing African history" by making the field an enclave within the university set aside for black professors.

His remarks sparked controversy and were voiced at the annual African Studies Association held in Orlando Nov. 4-6. Curtin's March article was the sole topic for a session at the conference.

Several African American professors commented that "white men still control the power and resources of the (teaching) field," according to the *Chronicle*.

Carolyn Brown, assistant professor of history at Rutgers University sits on the association's board of directors. She said the area of African studies, particularly, is under-represented in terms of African-American professors.

She said just because African studies come to issue does not mean that affirmative action in hiring policies is not relevant.

"It's against the law for TCU to restrict hiring ethnic minorities," Koehler said. "What we have done at TCU is conceptualized and begun to implement a Faculty Enrichment Program as a means to diversify the campus."

Koehler said the program consists of identifying possible faculty members who can bring enrichment to TCU. He said TCU tries to locate minority professors, particularly when there are faculty shortages in its vari-

ous schools.

"I think there are better ways to increase hiring objectives with regards to diversity than quotas," Koehler said. "We need to see what the needs of the colleges are."

For a university to make a commitment to hiring more minority, particularly African-American, professors, Pitts said, there needs to be an economic commitment as well as a determined identification process.

"If a university is going to be committed to getting more minority professors, it needs to make a strong dollar commitment as well as to search out and find talented black professors," Pitts said.

"The talent is there, there just aren't enough black professors in schools to make us come cheap," she said.

Koehler said often times an offer might be made to a qualified professor, regardless of race, that fits the university's needs, and the professor is unavailable. For one reason or another, be it that the professor is

already established at another university or they are not interested in TCU, the desired professors cannot always be obtained.

Many African-American professors are not necessarily wanting to be chosen over white professors on terms of affirmative action. They simply feel there is room in higher education, particularly African studies, that might be better suited for African-American professors.

Marcia Masenda, sophomore English major, said she feels that though an African-American professor might be more inspired to teach their cultural history, perhaps an unbiased teacher would benefit students.

"Objectivity could be a benefit of such a class being taught by someone without ties," Masenda said.

Other students felt that an active interest in the subject matter was essential in professors.

"I think you've got to have a passion for what you teach," said junior art history major Garette Whiteside. She is

enrolled in Pitts's class and said it is interesting to hear from a professor who has so much first hand knowledge of a place from being there.

Kristen Castberry, senior English major, said above all talk on quotas, whomever is most qualified to teach a particular topic should be teaching it.

Koehler said that whoever is most suitable for the needs of the university and the school itself will be hired.

He said in the last three years, five male minority professors have been hired and one female Caucasian.

Senior math major Greg Perdue said in his time at TCU, he has seen some improvement in globalizing the campus. He said however, that TCU still has a long way to go to fully achieve a multi cultural campus.

In Pitts's case, she was hired as director of international education first and was also suited to teach the course on African history, she said.

Pitts added she feels TCU is headed progressively towards fair representation multiciculturally on campus.

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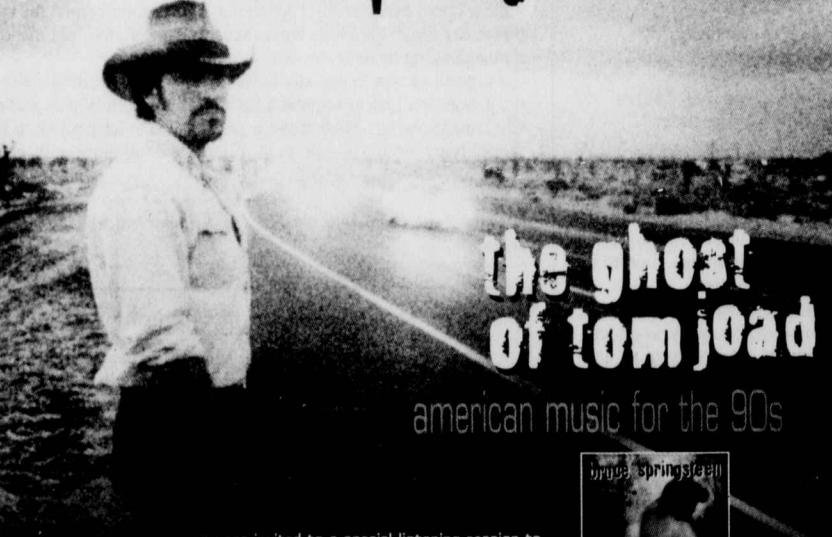
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## Letter

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notes that the *Skiff* has a forum the House does not have and as such the House is at a disadvantage. Second, he

noted that he was only going to leave them up for one day.

As to his first point, the *Skiff* has often printed letters to the editor defending the House in light of negative coverage in the *Skiff* — the fact that they will not allow a personal

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vendetta to take place in the letter column is hardly a valid complaint.

Against his second argument, just as it is not a defense from charges of kidnapping that the criminal returned the victims when he was done with them, neither can Wheatley defend himself on the grounds that he only left the letters up for a day.

Finally, many I have talked to have observed that Wheatley's actions were funny. That may be, but that does not excuse them. Campus pranksters do things they think are funny, but they should know if they are caught they will be punished.

The problem is that Scott Wheatley has violated the trust inherent in his office. His actions have a clear and logical relationship to his integrity and responsibility. If he had resigned his office and promptly lambasted all the people he felt had wronged him, that would be one thing.

As private citizens, it is our right to say things like these: Scott Wheatley is a reckless, irresponsible and childish cad who should have the common decency to resign his office with the little dignity he has left.

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## Month *from page 1*

such as the American Indian Center and the Native American Chamber of Commerce in Fort Worth. She said she now hopes she can help other incoming students feel comfortable and accepted here.

Mitchell said TCU's newly formed Native American Student Association also joins in events with the University of Texas at Arlington's larger association and with the Dallas Inter-Tribal Association.

Mitchell said there will be a powwow over the Thanksgiving holiday which will bring together representatives from Native American student groups all around the metroplex. Well-known inspirational leaders from the Native American Thunder Alliance will be on hand to speak to the students, she said.

"They (the other students) are kind of like a support group," she said.

A representative of the American Indian Center in Euless said the Red Nation powwow will also be held that weekend in Dallas as part of Native American Month.

## Switzer *from page 5*

But Sanders wasn't covering Rice Sunday, and it took all of two plays for the 49ers to take advantage of the situation and get Rice open in the middle of the field for an 81-yard touchdown pass that would set the tone for a game Frisco wound up dominating.

You'd figure Switzer and his coaching staff would adjust to the situation, realize their tactic wasn't going to work, and have Deion blanket Rice for the rest of the game.

Nope. Rice wound up burning the Dallas defense for four catches and 15 yards in the first half Sunday, and when the halftime gun went off, the game was over.

With all the technology NFL coaches have at their fingertips on gameday, with coaches up in the booth sending faxes of plays to coaches on the sidelines, and offensive and defensive schemes being adjusted to throughout the game, Switzer did nothing to stop what was happening to his passing defense Sunday. Why? Because he can't coach.

But with the talent Dallas has had both on the field and in the coaching

staff, Switzer's main job is to get the team mentally ready for gameday. Which brings us to the other question raised by Sunday's game: Dallas has traditionally been able to walk the walk, which is why the Cowboys can talk the talk, the 'Boys talked the talk all week, they couldn't walk the walk Sunday. They couldn't even crawl.

Again, why? How could Switzer not do his one main job, getting his team psychologically prepared to go to battle against its arch rival? The answer, not surprisingly, is that he is a bad coach.

It simply proves that Jerry Jones is a greedy, bitter man. He's bitter that Jimmy Johnson was the main orchestrator of Dallas' success in the early 1990s, and he's greedy because he's out to prove it was he who has made the Cowboys what they are and will do anything to let everyone know it.

Jones is wrong, and he's going to use Switzer, a man who has no right to be in the position he's in, to prove it. Unfortunately for Cowboy fans, Jones will learn after Switzer's fourth straight loss to San Francisco next January that he isn't going to win anything until he figures out that building a successful football franchise is the result of the work of many, not just the financial power of one.

## ROTC *from page 1*

science.

Simpson said the cadets were ready to go on the exercise. Cadet Kelli Kirkland, a freshman nursing major, said she was disappointed the exercise was cancelled.

"We (the freshmen cadets) were looking forward to it," she said. "Now

we're going to have to wait to use the skills we've been trained. The ranger MS1's (freshmen cadets) were going to have the opportunity to work with the juniors. Now we won't have that opportunity."

Porter said the shutdown doesn't affect the unit's day-to-day operations or have any long-term effects. Money going to the cadets, direct pay or scholarship money, won't be affected either, he said.

## Saturn *from page 1*

"Saturn was wanting to target graduating seniors, but in their commercials, they didn't talk about the benefits of owning a Saturn, they just tried to sell the car on experience," Blocker said.

Blocker said the group hopes to reach 2,000 to 3,000 students at the promotional today. She said it was the first time the lawn area between the library and Sid Richardson has been used for an on-campus promotion. She said the site was chosen because it would attract more students than promotional events held at Frog Fountain.

Blocker said free food and a disc jockey will be a part of the afternoon's event.

Students will also be eligible to win prizes like tickets to Mavericks games, Hyenas Comedy Club, the Kimball Art Museum and plane tickets on Lonestar Airlines, Blocker said.

Also at the promotional event will be several Saturn and GM representatives who can speak to students on leasing, financing and first-time buyer information.

The GMMI course is administered by Sgro Promo Associates in Emeryville, Calif., in conjunction with General Motors and its divisions.

According to a Plan-It group press release, "the partnership between the

corporate giant and educational community is beneficial to all parties."

The release said Saturn of GM and Saturn of Fort Worth have given the group \$2,500 to implement the promotional campaign. The dealership's name and location is exposed to campus and Saturn's products are being marketed toward future buyers.

Students also stood to benefit from the experience.

The group was able to hone communication skills and research techniques while learning to work together in teams. They also were able to get a feel for professional work presentation skills while receiving academic credit.

"It made me more comfortable speaking professionally in the working world," Blocker said. "I also gained contacts with representatives from GMAC, Saturn and the TCU administration."

For the first time at TCU, the GMMI course is being reviewed nationally by GM. The previous two years, TCU has only competed with other schools in the state, such as the University of Texas, Baylor, Southern Methodist University and Texas A&M, among others, Thompson said.

In TCU's first year, the group finished second in state-wide review competitions, and it finished first last year.

Now, Blocker said, the GMMI course is stepping up a level in competition by being reviewed nationally.

The GMMI program now consists of approximately 70 universities nationwide who are competing for a portion of the \$40,000 in GMMI Scholastic Achievement Award monies given to campuses that excel in all areas of the program.

Thompson said the national results will not be known until May.

## Runoff *from page 1*

students must be or do.

The presidential candidates answered a question about what they would like to be remembered for.

Selby said, "I think I'd like to be remembered for addressing issues of freshman retention and establishing a collegiate feel."

Wheelock said he wanted to be remembered as the "Great Communicator."

"I don't want division," he said. "I want to make sure people are represented." Wheelock said he wanted people to see him as "just one of the students."

Burrell asked Selby about minority retention.

She said she had recently heard about minorities losing scholarship money, especially after their freshman year.

"I'm in favor of more percentage scholarships," Selby said. She said incoming students often do not realize tuition is going to increase each year, so their "set amount" scholarships are worth less each year.

She said she thought House needed to be efficient, and she thought one of her talents was organization.

"Even more, I want to return student government to focus more on the constituents," Selby said.

"The House is suffering for lack of issues," she said. "It needs to be more dynamic."

Wheelock also addressed issues of campus unity and the problems associated with the House.

"In terms of relations with the *Skiff*, I believe it is our system of checks and balances," he said. He said he knew the House was a human organization, so it wouldn't be perfect.

Wheelock said he thought the *Skiff* had done a great job, not because he agreed with everything, but because the *Skiff* was upholding its responsibility.

Both the House and the *Skiff* have a great deal of power, he said.

A focus of Wheelock's campaign is the addition of a Coffeehouse to the Pit.

He said he would like to get the Pit Coffeehouse in motion because students want a place to "hang out." Students

want to interact, and Marriott is not out to make a profit off the addition of a coffeehouse. The coffeehouse would not bring in a lot of money because students would not be buying large quantities of food, he said.

Selby said the coffeehouse would be a reality no matter who was in office because the school had been working on the possibility for two years.

"It is a great idea, but it's more about the overall big picture," she said. She said she wants to work on establishing more of a collegiate feel at TCU.

The vice presidential candidates debated minority issues.

"I believe strongly that experience is the best teacher," Ouda said. He said he has been a part of many diverse groups, and campus organizations would not see him as an outsider.

Kunkel said he had been involved with groups which encourage diversity, such as Frog Camp.

"I would go after it actively," he said. "I get impassioned about a lot of things."

Concerning the University Leadership Retreat, the planning of which is a major duty of the House vice president, Kunkel said he would like to make it a "fun" retreat.

"People need to get out and get to know each other," Kunkel said.

He said he wanted to make the retreat low-cost, so more students would attend. He also wanted to bring professors who really care about students, he said.

Ouda said "My plan is to go out and ask the students what is it they want from the University Leadership Retreat." He said after asking the students he would set goals.

Singleton said the University Relations Committee had been working on a "Get Out and Vote" campaign for the past month.

She said she hoped students would follow through on their commitments and vote today.

"If students supported Sharon, they need to do it again," Singleton said. "Or if they supported Steven, they need to vote for him again. If they didn't vote for either candidate, they need to take the responsibility as a student and vote."

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