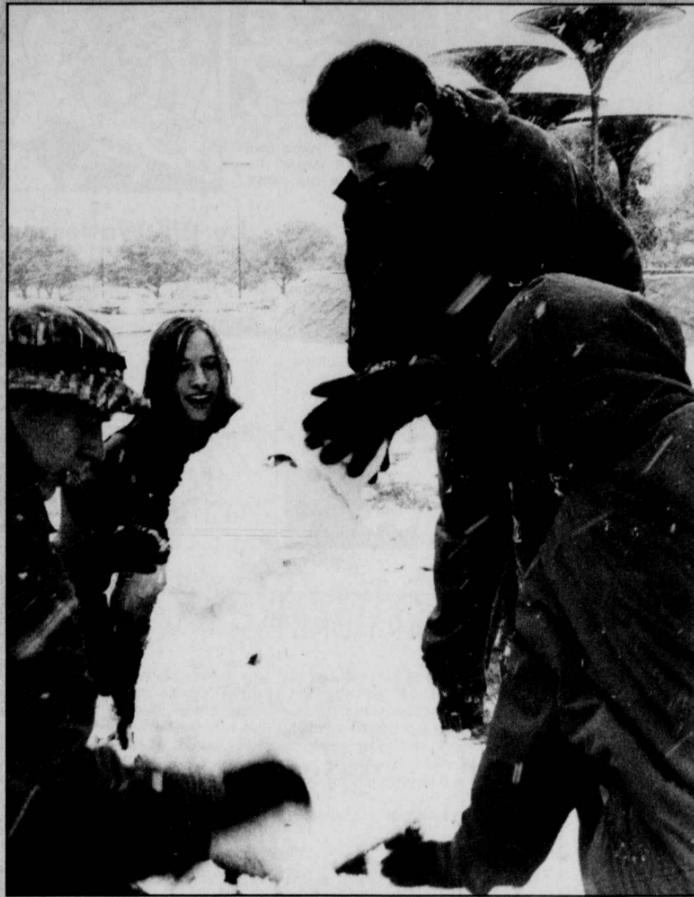


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(left) Kevin Lintz, Erin McAnallen and Ryan Rusak build a snowman in the area around Frog Fountain.
Photo by Blake Sims.

(above) A cool snowman relaxes on TCU students' porch.
Photo by Cre Swats.

(below) Another snowman graces the lawn between Foster and Waits Halls.
Photo by Antonio Romero.



House votes down track

\$40,000 bill fails after debate

By CHRISTI GIFFORD
TCU DAILY SKIFF

After much debate, the House of Student Representatives voted not to pass a bill to give \$40,000 to the Next Frontier Campaign for a Worth Hills jogging track at its meeting Tuesday.

"We've been working on this for a while," said Scott Wheatley, House president. It was the best project the House executive board and the administration could come up with as far as feasibility, he said.

The \$40,000 was designated to come out of the General Reserve Fund of the House, which currently has about \$65,000 in its budget, according to Shawn Groves, House treasurer. The House chose to spend \$40,000 of that amount because it is recommended in the House bylaws that it have a \$25,000 cushion.

Steven Wheelock, Permanent Improvements chairman, said the House needed to get a better idea of how the student population felt about the issue before passing the bill.

"It's not going to hurt to wait on it," Wheelock said.

According to the bill, students at the University Leadership Retreat voted to accept the jogging track as a student project.

"We as students don't necessarily need to give to the Next Frontier campaign," said Thomas Kunkel, a Clark Hall representative.

The House spends \$5,000 for special projects each semester, and Kunkel related that amount to the eight times as much to be spent in one bill.

"Do you realize how much good we do with that \$5,000?" Kunkel asked. He said the House did not need to give \$40,000 to make a political statement.

"Someone needs to get things going," said Julie Jackson, House administrative assistant. She was

referring to Jennifer Schooley's comment about how TCU students had been talking about the building of a track since she got here five years ago. Schooley is currently a Brite Divinity School student and is a representative for the House.

Wheatley said although the bill failed, it was a start.

"That money belongs to the students who are here now," he said. He said he hoped the House administration to come would continue to try to work with such projects.

Other House business included the unanimous passage of a bill to give \$840 for the Brachman Hall annual Christmas party.

Lindsay Dayton, a Brachman Hall representative and the author of the bill, said 50 underprivileged children would be at the party as well as Chancellor William Tucker.

"We're trying to make this similar to Into the Streets," Dayton said.

The residents of the hall have raised and given their own money itself and gotten donations from the Rickel Building for the party.

Another bill which was supposed to be voted on was tabled.

Wheatley said the bill to revise the fiscal policies and procedures of the House could not be completed as written.

The bill asked to give half of the remaining money at the end of the semester to the General Reserve Fund and half would go to the next year's budget.

The bill had to be postponed because of confusion between the Finance Committee, House advisors and the executive board, Wheatley said. It will be dealt with in the coming semester.

"Personally, I think it was one of the best steps in the right direction," he said.

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Profs, questions prompt Atwood to teach religion

By SUSAN SHOULDERS
TCU DAILY SKIFF

As a student asks a question about Buddha and the beliefs behind Buddhism, Jim Atwood grips an imaginary golf club, concentrates on an invisible golf ball, aims carefully and swings. He calls this his listening mode.

"I guess some people might consider it rude, but it helps me think," Atwood, an instructor in religion and assistant to the dean of admissions, said. "You really have to concentrate when you play golf and also when you listen. When I play golf in class, that means I am really listening to the student's question."

Every day, Atwood walks into class with notes in one hand and a yellow Vanderbilt mug full of coffee in the other and begins his lecture on world religions — something in which he did not intend to major when he came to TCU as a student.

"I came to TCU and I was planning on becoming a lawyer," Atwood said. "However, after getting here and passing halfway

through the core curriculum, and having had a couple of religion teachers, particularly Ambrose Edens and Ron Flowers, I decided that what I wanted to do was be like them."

Atwood said he adopted Edens and Flowers as his role models and decided he wanted to be a professor because he thought it would be a good opportunity to read and study religion and also work with students.

He said he had always been interested in religion because when he went to church growing up, he saw people asking questions. Some of the answers he heard did not make sense to him.

"I thought to myself, 'If religion is now, and has been throughout the course of human history, very important to a lot of people, why is that?'" Atwood said. "What is it that compels people to think about and do religion?"

Atwood said he decided that studying religion was what he wanted to do in college to get a better handle on what religion

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Faculty, student representatives meet

By HEATHER HOGAN
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The Faculty Senate and the House of Student Representatives met together for the first time yesterday to discuss the freshman experience at TCU, the campus environment and the possibility of a mid-semester evaluation of classes.

Ashley Russell, a freshman pre-major and member of the House's Academic Affairs committee, brought a proposal to the joint session to institute informal, handwritten, mid-semester evaluations of

professors in addition to the current final evaluation scantron form.

According to the proposal, the evaluations "would be brief and would go directly to the professor of a class, not the department head, thereby allowing the instructor time to make any changes. . . in his or her teaching style as suggested by the students."

Wheatley said the mid-semester evaluations would be more personal and more personal than the scantrons, and would maintain some degree of anonymity because the evaluations would still be adminis-

tered with the professor out of the room.

"Students care more about the classes they are in now than the future of the course (when it is over)," he said.

C. David Grant, associate professor of religion, asked students in attendance how much of the motivation for the evaluations came from being in classes that "stink" and classes the students felt should change.

He said another possibility for addressing the issues which were prompting the proposal was for stu-

dents to meet with their professors outside class to discuss concerns.

"I can only speak for myself, but I can entertain the possibility that something about my class can be shifted a bit," he said. "The syllabus is a contract between professor and student, but there are ways of flexibility."

The joint session agreed to consider the issue of mid-semester evaluations a mandate for further discussion and call for definite action in the future.

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TCU Christmas tree to be lighted tonight

By JONATHAN WALBURGH
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Majestically it stands, covered in the finest holiday trimmings. A powerful figure at its 20-foot height, it stands guard over Sadler Hall and University Drive. It is, of course, the Sadler Hall Christmas tree.

At 10 p.m. tonight the Sadler Hall Christmas tree will experience its moment of glory as it serves as the focal point for the annual Order of

Omega tree lighting. Tonight, the tree's needled branches will help bring the TCU community together for an evening of Christmas cheer and, more importantly, will cover the gifts donated by TCU and Bank One for abused and neglected children.

Chancellor and Mrs. Tucker will be on hand, arriving with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Bill Moncrief, chairman of the marketing department of the M.J. Neeley Business School, will be the featured speaker at the

lighting, and will be recounting several of his Christmas memories.

Other entertainment on schedule for the evening will be a special brass quintet and a choral quartet made up of TCU students.

Natalie Taylor, Order of Omega vice president and chairwoman for the tree lighting service, said there will be holiday music provided as well as candles that participants will light during the program.

According to Jay Hilscher at Hilscher Nursery & Garden Center,

the tree's humble beginnings originated when it was planted 20 years ago. The tree grew about one foot per year to reach its current 20-foot height before being sold to TCU, a frequent Hilscher customer.

As for the tree's future, Assistant Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life Kristen Kirst said the tree will illuminate TCU throughout the Christmas season. When the season comes to a close, the tree will be

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NEWS DIGEST

Babysnatching trial continues

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Testimony continued Tuesday in the civil case of a Fort Worth woman who has alleged that her husband and her lawyer conspired 23 years ago to sell her infant and tell her it was stillborn.

Linda Thompson — who has appeared on a popular TV talkshow to discuss the charges and sold her story as a TV movie — repeated the adoption allegation during opening arguments. Thompson is suing Dallas attorney Albert Leviton, who in 1985 pleaded no contest to charges he sold a baby in an unrelated case and was suspended from practicing law.

Detroit boy sold for drug debt

DETROIT (AP) — A 15-year-old boy who was missing for at least six months had been handed by his mother over to a drug dealer to settle her \$1,000 crack cocaine debt, police said after finding the boy.

Investigators sorted through conflicting accounts of whether he went voluntarily, sold drugs, was used as a sex slave or was forced to smoke crack himself when he was hungry so his captors could save on food.

Acting on an anonymous tip, police found the boy in a run-down house in a neighborhood thick with drug dealers and prostitutes.

Mileage may mean IRS payment

WASHINGTON (AP) — Workers who are allowed to keep frequent-flyer miles from business trips could wind up owing extra money to the Internal Revenue Service, a memorandum from the tax agency suggests.

An IRS spokesman said that message, in a seven-page "technical advice memorandum" reported by The Wall Street Journal, did not mark a policy change on the taxability of the frequent flier miles themselves. The IRS has always said taxes are due when someone converts to personal use those frequent-flyer miles earned on employer-paid business trips, he said.

Bill brings mixed response

WASHINGTON (AP) — The countdown is under way on America's highways. President Clinton's signing of a \$6 billion road bill will give the states the power to set their own speed limits, starting in 10 days.

"Delighted," was the response of D. Gail Morrison of the National Motorists Association who battled for provisions ending the federally mandated speed limits and motorcycle helmet requirements.

Appalled, was the reaction from safety and consumer advocates, who foresee carnage on the nation's roads.

Clinton lobbies for support

WASHINGTON (AP) — Determined to press ahead with deployment of U.S. troops in Bosnia, President Clinton lobbied members of Congress Tuesday on Capitol Hill and then at the White House. "He's hellbent to do it, so we're going to have to support him," said a Republican critic.

Clinton had more persuading to do outside Washington as well. Thousands of Americans called the White House after his televised speech of the night before, and "there was a great deal of skepticism," conceded spokesman Mike McCurry.

TODAY ON CAMPUS

Wednesday, Nov. 29

PC Fine Arts: Names Project Quilt Display Advance Registration for Spring 1996

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 UM office for location

4 p.m.: Food Service Committee meets in Eden's Green

5:45 p.m.: The Christian Science Organization meets in Student Center 215

7 p.m.: TERRA meets in SWR 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 (FCA) meets in the Varsity Club room of the Coliseum

10 p.m.: Order of Omega Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony in front of Sadler Hall

Thursday, Nov. 30

PC Fine Arts: Names Project Quilt Display

PC Special Events: Holiday Fair

TCU Opera Scenes — Moudy Building

5 p.m.: International Students Association will meet in Student Center 222

5 p.m.: TCU Catholic Community will meet in the Reed Hall Faculty Center

5:30 p.m.: Canterbury Society for Episcopal students will meet in Student Center 214

5:30 p.m.: Wesley Foundation for Methodist students will meet in the Wesley Foundation Building (2750 W. Lowden)

The Adventures of Superfrog

by Ben Roman and Adam Wright



Calvin and Hobbes

by Bill Watterson



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TERRA. TCU's environmental awareness organization, will hold its last meeting for the semester at 7 p.m. today in the Student Center Lounge.

AUDITIONS FOR FROG FIT INSTRUCTORS for Spring 1996 will be held beginning at 12:00 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2 in Rickel 122. Those auditioning should have prior aerobic experience. Please contact Recreational Sports at 921-7945 for more information.

TCU INTERIORS ASSOCIATION will have a senior internship panel at 3:30 p.m. today in the Bass Living

Room. Refreshments will be served. A group yearbook photo is scheduled to be taken. For more information, contact Jenny Ward at 920-2945.

ORDER OF OMEGA'S TREE LIGHTING ceremony will be held at 10 p.m. today in front of Sadler Hall. The night's activities will include appearances by Chancellor and Mrs. Tucker, as well as Santa and Mrs. Claus, holiday music and tales of Christmas memories by Dr. Bill Moncrief. If you picked up a Spirit of Christmas gift card, please bring your wrapped gift to the ceremony.

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.

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 southerly winds blowing at 10 mph. High temperatures will reach the mid 60s.

Tonight will be fair, with a low in the 40s.

Thursday will be partly cloudy, with a high nearing the 70s.

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■ RYAN RUSAK

A Christmas wish list for TCU and the world at large

Dear Santa:
For 1995, I have foregone my usual desires for Christmas. This is due to my sincere wish that you use whatever gifts you have allotted for me to better TCU and humanity in general (and because I have solemnly come to the realization that you are incapable of delivering a red Corvette). Thus, here goes.

I wish Jerry Jones' mama would call him from Arkansas and say, "Now, Jerry, you stop harrassin' that nice Mr. Tagliabue."

I wish the university would level a building which contributes nothing to the student body — like Sadler Hall — and create more parking.

I wish Billy Joe Armstrong, the lead singer from Green Day, would have a tragic accident wherein a grizzly bear rips out his vocal chords, preferably before Green Day



microscopic tracking devices in all of its eating utensils to prevent another tragic theft incident.

I wish physicians would quickly develop a personality transplant process and save the body of Al Gore.

I wish some cable company would broadcast an all-Anna Nicole Smith channel.

records its next album.

I wish the guy who says "I love you, man" in all the Bud Light commercials would enter the Republican presidential primary.

I wish Marriott would install

I wish aliens from the planet Quibron would swoop down to the earth and confiscate every Barry Manilow recording ever made. In fact, they can take Barry too.

I wish Bill Gates would hold a press conference and say, "I am giving my entire fortune to the Apple corporation, because my shameless pilfering of their ideas is the only reason I'm not flipping burgers today anyway."

I wish someone would overhear President Clinton saying to Hillary, "I hope your little investments will buy us a nice big house in Arkansas around January 1997."

I wish Bob Dole would appear in a campaign commercial and say: "Hi. I'm Bob Dole. I dye my hair, and I have no soul."

I wish the Utah state legislature would realize that stupid little box area on top of the state is not symmetrical, and get rid of it.

I wish all the squirrels on the TCU campus would unite and take over the administration. This would be a significant improvement.

I wish House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt would stop smiling just for five seconds, because then, and only then, would he admit that he and his entire party have no plan, no agenda and no future.

I wish someone, ANYONE, would tell us which one is Hootie and which are the Blowfish.

I wish the United States military would storm the home of Bill Watterson and force him to continue drawing "Calvin and Hobbes." And while they're at it, they should go get Gary Larsen too.

I wish that sometime before I graduate, I will be able to drive on the stretch of Hulen Street from I-20 to Bellaire Drive without

having to slam on my brakes and veer into another lane to avoid crashing into construction vehicles and workers.

I wish the TCU Bookstore would sign a binding agreement limiting their price increases to only 4,000 or 5,000 percent of normal retail price. Think of the money students would save!

I wish the entire British royal family would volunteer to donate their heads as soccer balls.

Finally, my most spirited and fervent wish is that the university would hire Scott Wheatley to teach a class called Journalism 3213: Making News.

Ryan J. Rusak is a sophomore news-editorial and history double major and official North Pole correspondent for the TCU Daily Skiff.

■ KEVIN ARCENEUX

EEOC should force Hooters to hire males

This is my last column for the semester, so I thought I'd end by addressing an important topic that is probably on everybody's minds: the future of Hooters.

For those of you who may have been living in a Paleolithic cave for the past decade, Hooters is a restaurant that features scantily clad women, who invariably have large breasts, as waitresses. Basically, these women romp around the place with T-shirts and shorts about the size of loincloths, which are so tight it looks like they have to be properly greased up before the girls slide them on. The T-shirts are conveniently tied in the back to show the female's midriff and tighten the front so their already swollen breasts may protrude even more (I had to do research for this column).

I must admit Hooters makes some really good spicy buffalo wings, and they have plenty of beverages from which to choose. But their problem right now isn't with the buffalo wings or the beverages.

It seems Hooters has the interesting policy of only hiring female servers. And right now the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) is wondering if that violates Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which says employers can't discriminate on the basis of sex, race, national origin, etc.



Two men have lodged this complaint against Hooters, and it looks like a court will be deciding on it pretty soon. So for the past few weeks, I have heard the endless bemoaning of male compatriots everywhere. They all fear the end of Hooters as we know it. Yes, folks, it is the end of the world.

I somewhat disagree, though. Don't get me wrong; I am a victim of hormonal changes due to beautiful women as much as the next guy, but — call me crazy — I am just a little more dedicated to the Constitution.

Hooters is violating the principle of equal opportunity. Ah, but what differentiates Hooters from all those gentlemen's clubs that show women wearing less than the servers at Hooters?

There is an exception to Title VII. Basically, if an employer can show that hiring only one sex is a bona fide occupational qualification (a reason why only one sex is qualified for the job), then the courts recognize the employer's right to discriminate on the basis of gender. Some people would argue that Hooters is a male-centered restaurant. Its patrons are predominately male, and the only reason they go there is to see women dressed as scantily as possible.

I called Hooters before writing this column. I asked the manager what "kind" of restaurant Hooters was. His answer: "a family restaurant." This is what differentiated Hooters from the gentlemen's clubs. They purport to serve all types of people in a family atmosphere, whereas the clubs are up-front with the fact they only service men, and adult men at that.

Maybe I'm different, but places like Hooters were not where my family had Sunday lunch. Give me a break. If Hooters management are going to pretend like they are a family restaurant, they need to act like one and be inclusive.

Hooters has countered this argument by saying something like: "doesn't the government have better things to do?" But then that was the same argument every segregated school in the South used in 1954. Newt Gingrich even asked the same question, but then again, what do you expect from a man who has sex with campaign aides on his desk and thinks 1955 was the apex of our civilization?

Ensuring equality is a vital interest of the government. Hooters may be a mere trifle, but the whole is greater than the sum of its parts. All Hooters has to do is admit they are not a family restaurant and say what we all know: Hooters is a restaurant for men, stupid men, but just men.

Kevin Arceneux is a moderate with socialist leanings who believes silverware is your friend.

■ EDITORIAL

LONELY TRIP

House busing bill was poorly conceived

Sometimes good intentions are not enough.

When the House of Student Representatives voted to allocate \$3,300 to pay for four buses to take students to the TCU vs. UT at Austin football game, it seems they over did it — by about three and a half buses. Only 26 people showed up to make use of the buses, leaving three buses completely empty and one half full.

It's amazing how few people in the House knew about the details of the total failure of the program. The *Skiff* interviewed several prominent House officials as well as several House members who either didn't know or didn't want to comment on the buses. Didn't anyone care about the bill they had voted on or is the spending of \$3,300 student dollars not a big deal?

The entire program was a classic example of irresponsible spending. There are several ways the House could have protected the students' money from being so blatantly wasted. The first and most obvious is that they should have started advertising for the event earlier and had a sign-up list long before the buses were rented.

Another way the House could have avoided this obvious waste of funds would have been to survey students before hand to see how much interest there was in the project before pursuing

it.

Since the program used the students' money and was for the students, they should have made a concerted effort to see if it was something the students would take advantage of before barging into the program.

Going into such an idea blindly is completely unjustifiable and almost shows a lackadaisical attitude toward spending students' money. The House is to be commended for originating an idea to promote school spirit. They are definitely on the right track. The program had a lot of potential and could have been a good expenditure of funds.

However, this is another example of the fact that good ideas are not enough when it comes to representing the student body. Good ideas should be studied and almost exhausted before they are implemented.

No one should assume an idea will work. No one should assume anything. The students deserve more than that.

Perhaps the House should have spent more time debating the logistics of the bill instead of the need for "school spirit" and whether we were the "underdogs" and how being underdogs would affect school spirit.

Intelligent debate involves an effort to think of the students' interests instead of deciding who will win the game.

■ LETTERS

Gender stereotypes are largely true

I am a woman and a feminist, and I disagree wholeheartedly that women are still hampered by female gender roles. Men and women are different. We should all learn to embrace our differences. I do agree with Miss Pretz — we should make it a point to try to understand each other better, but that doesn't mean dissolving our differences.

Miss Pretz said her political science class talked about how women had to take on "male characteristics" in order to get elected. Whoever decided that "honesty, openness and integrity" were strictly male characteristics?

Actually, if you want to be stereotypical about things, I would attribute those qualities to the female gender, rather than to the male. What do women with these characteristics get labeled as? Powerful? Strong? Good for them. It is these types of women who will change the stereotypes.

Miss Pretz stated that differences are acceptable as long as "they don't discriminate or make others feel less worthy." Differences do not discriminate, people do. If a difference makes you feel less worthy, then it is a self-esteem problem rooted in the way people have talked to you about women, not in the way you as a woman have been treated because you are different.

I think there may be more truth in those "pre-determined differences" than you realize if they've been around so long and we can still find examples of them (like driving). As much

as you may like to believe it, strength and stamina are not the only real differences between men and women.

Women are more nurturing, and men are more competitive. That is not to say there are not any nurturing men or even that all men can't be nurturing at times; it just means that on a whole, there is a difference.

The reason stereotypes about men and women have not been broken down is that we continue to talk about how hampered we still are, instead of talking about how free we feel. I am here at TCU and have had all these great opportunities. Being female isn't going to slow me down.

I think as women we have to realize we're going to have to work inside the system and inside the stereotypes in order to change things. There are plenty of good role models for us to look to.

As for Jamie Lee Curtis, maybe it was her own mind that she submitted to her husband. My real question is this, does a woman's choice have to be the non-traditional one in order for her to be unhampered by gender roles? I don't think so.

I fully intend to stay home and raise my children, and that is not because society has told me that is all I am worth. The women's movement supposedly gave me the right to choose my own lifestyle and career. Raising a family is my choice. Does that mean I am hampered by gender roles? No.

Cris Waldthausen
junior, ballet and english

■ MATT PEARCE

TCU should've hired someone else for anthem

Before Saturday's game against the Aggies (aka. Sheep Lovers or Bulletheads), one traditional event brought a fitting conclusion to the season, the Southwest Conference and TCU's fall semester.

No, I am not referring to Superfrog's overdone, worn-out entrance onto the field by helicopter. The event of focus is the singing of the national anthem.

For those who were not at the game, let me give you a run-down. In the introduction, the singer was deemed nationally known, just like every other performer brought to a game as far back as anyone can remember. Like most singers we bring in, this guy will soon be appearing at Billy Bob's, although he sounded more like he had just spent a few hours there.

It took the singer three attempts to sing "Oh say can you see" in a way that he saw fit. I successfully blacked out the remainder of the song, but I do remember thinking how I could probably write ten Ace Ventura sequels in the time it took him to finish. At the end, the fans gave the robotic standing ovation during the words "home of the brave."

I guess I should have applauded the song as well, even though the singer ranks below the famous barking dogs in talent. After all, it is the national anthem. But it was difficult to avoid spending more time looking at the clock than the flag next to it.

This rendition of "The Star-Spangled Banner" reminded me of a classic episode of "The Simpsons" in which the late Bleeding Gums Murphy bought his sweet time singing it at a league baseball game. But at least Bleeding Gums' version could be tolerated by those who are sober.



I'm not trying to slam country music, although doing so is one of my favorite hobbies. But something as sacred as our national anthem should be held in the highest regard and should not be belittled by someone with less than a half-octave voice range and no ability to sing in a constructed time signature.

I can't help but wonder where TCU scouts its "talent." Does the school look for acts kicked off of Lollapalooza's sixth stage, or does every administrator have a hard-luck half-brother who's trying to get a break in a singing career?

TCU surely could have found someone with more talent. Was Roseanne booked last week-end? Even Snap Floosie or that guy who sang "Listen to Your Mama" in the student center a couple months ago would have been better. Come to think of it, those barking dogs wouldn't have been so bad either.

Saturday's performance of the national anthem was a fitting epitaph for the last few months. Unfortunately, TCU's involvement in the Southwest Conference did not exactly go out in style.

The performance also brought into light TCU's hunger for "big name performers." Those who voted against the recent referendum to hike student fees deserve to be applauded. The school should first prove it can save enough money to bring in at least marginal talent before we raise fees.

Although the singing of "The Star-Spangled Banner" at one game may seem insignificant, it showed that TCU needs much improvement. When we begin Western Athletic Conference play, we should save money and let the band play the song. It would sound better anyway. The quest for big-name performers should stay off the field.

Matt Pearce is TCU's only sophomore news-editorial major from Wenham, Mass. and is Chairman of the Massachusetts State "Honor Your Fat, Drunken, Six-Term Senator" Society.

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TCU to name tennis courts in honor of "Tut" Bartzzen

BY THOMAS MANNING
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Bernard J. "Tut" Bartzzen, who in 21 years has led TCU from rock bottom to one of the top collegiate men's tennis programs in the nation, will be honored Saturday when the varsity tennis courts at TCU will be named in his honor.



"Tut" Bartzzen

A ceremony will be held at 11 a.m. at the Mary Potishman Lard Tennis Center and will feature comments from TCU Chancellor William Tucker and Trustee Bayard H. Friedman, managing trustee for the Mary Potishman Lard Trust.

Tucker said the naming of the courts is a fitting way to honor Bartzzen.

"Coach Bartzzen is the most successful coach in the history of TCU sports," Tucker said. "Here's a person that came to what was a weak program, and under his leadership it has become one of the model tennis programs in the United States."

Bartzzen said when he originally learned of what TCU was planning to do, he was shocked.

"Obviously to have something like this done while I'm still around is a great honor," he said. "This was something I didn't ever even give a thought to. I was shocked."

Tucker said the decision to name the courts after Bartzzen was made by the trustees on the recommendation of the administration last spring.

"We thought it was an appropriate way to recognize what Coach Bartzzen has done for TCU," he said.

"He is a model coach, and he's recognized throughout the community and the country. People are attracted to him and to TCU not only because of his record and his winning percentage, but because he is recognized as a great teacher of the game of tennis."

Bartzzen's numbers speak for themselves. His career coaching record at TCU is an astounding 396-147. Since he took over the men's tennis program in 1974, he has led the Frogs to a winning record every season. His teams have posted 20-win seasons 10 times, and have been ranked in the Top 20 every year but one since 1977. That one year, 1984, the Frogs finished 22-9.

His teams have won three Southwest Conference Championships, and he led TCU to the NCAA doubles title in 1981. He has been named SWC Coach of the Year numerous times, and in 1984 was voted NCAA Coach of the Year. He was inducted into the Collegiate Tennis Hall of Fame in 1985.

Yet despite all his success, Bartzzen admitted it hasn't been easy bringing TCU to and keeping it at the top of collegiate tennis.

"We had so far to go when I first got here that just the goal of getting competitive with the teams in our area was utmost in my mind," he said. "Then, of course, we started looking beyond that and striving to become competitive with the best teams in the country."

TCU did that, and with the doubles title in 1981 Bartzzen said he thought it would be a little easier to get the best players in the nation to come to TCU. It wasn't.

"You'd think the lure of being able to win a national championship would make recruiting easier," he said. "Instead what happens is you start losing guys because they don't think they can compete at such a high level, and they wind up going somewhere else. It didn't get any

easier with a national title under our belt."

Recruiting remains difficult even now for Bartzzen, but for different reasons.

"It's tough now because there are so many quality teams now," he said. "In the past you'd have 20 or 25 top teams, but now you've got 50 teams competing for the best talent. It just keeps getting deeper and deeper and there are more and more quality teams."

Bartzzen was a star player at William and Mary. He didn't lose a match in his four years there, and claimed the Clay Court title four times, something only three others (Bill Tilden, Frank Parker and Jimmy Connors) have done. But he isn't quick to say that his teams would beat the teams he sees play today.

"We were a quality team," he said. "We went five years without ever losing a match, and we won the NCAAs two years in a row. We could have played with anybody."

"But now the depth is so much greater. I'd say you could put the No. 1 team then and the No. 1 team now together and it would be competitive, but to take the No. 25 team then and the No. 25 team now would be no contest. Today there are just so many teams with good talent."

As he enters his 22nd year as head of the TCU men's tennis program, Bartzzen said he hasn't seriously thought about when he'll walk away.

"I've been hearing rumors of my retirement for five years now," he said. "And I haven't started any of them. But I know someday I won't be able to do it anymore and I'll have to turn the program over to someone else."

"My health is good and I still feel like going out there and hitting with the guys and getting them ready to play," he said. "It's still what I love to do, and I'll stay a coach as long as my health is as good as it can be."

Tubbs takes unconventional approach to balancing family and basketball

BY KIP BOYDSTON
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Most people would not want to miss out on the joy of experiencing Christmas morning on Dec. 25. But for men's basketball coach Billy Tubbs, St. Nick comes in the middle of November every year.

Tubbs knows that being a basketball coach definitely has its ups and downs. Being a college coach often means being out of town, usually for tournaments, during the traditional holiday season. So Tubbs and his family combine the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays and celebrate them in the middle of November before the season begins.

"My wife is an incredible person, and my kids have always been very supportive," Tubbs said. Family has always been very important to him. Tubbs said he didn't know how coaches do it if they don't have their family's support.

Families are critical in the lives of coaches, Tubbs said. He said he is amazed at the way his wife and kids have put up with his schedule through the years.

He said he lives every day to the fullest, no matter what the day may bring. While some people may see their job as boring and routine, Tubbs said there is no typical day in his life.

The only typical thing about any given day in his life is the fact that he never always manages to squeeze in his three-mile run. The only true regime in his life are his practices with his team. In those practices, he always demands the maximum effort from each of his players.

"Success can't always be determined by looking at the win-loss record at the end of each year," he said. "As long as my players play to the utmost of their ability, and max out, then when we walk off that court, I will feel that we were successful."

He said perhaps his best team was his 1978-79 team at Lamar University. He guided that team, one he thought didn't have the natural ability of other teams, to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA



TCU Daily Skiff/Blake Sims

TCU basketball coach Billy Tubbs says despite the fact he's been coaching the sport for 22 years, his love for the game causes him to "never really feel like I am working."

tournament. In 1988, he took his Oklahoma Sooners squad to the championship game of the Final Four.

"I don't have long career goals," Tubbs said. "As a team, we have short goals from game to game. If my teams give their all at all times, when they walk off that court — win or lose —

they've been successful."

While Tubbs doesn't have a typical day, the same is true for his seasons. As a coach, he said he never gets a break from his duties. Most people get vacation every year. Tubbs, however, said

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Town Reps				Sherley Hall			
KaRon Burrell-White	yea	nay	yea	Morgan McGiffin	yea	abstain	yea
Tedi Donevska	yea	nay	abstain	Theresa Singleton	*	*	*
Martin S. Graul	yea	yea	abstain	Tom Brown Hall			
Tim Hardman	absent	absent	absent	Kenny Baird	yea	nay	abstain
Michele Linn	yea	nay	nay	Chris Haynes	yea	nay	yea
Margaret Maxey	absent	absent	absent	Willy Pinnell	yea	nay	yea
Todd McCollister	*	*	*	Waits Hall			
Dennis O'Laughlin	yea	nay	yea	Alison Aldridge	abstain	yea	nay
Amy Smeltzer	yea	yea	yea	Ava Mason	absent	absent	absent
Laila Wang	yea	nay	yea	Christine Spencer	yea	nay	*
Adam Zerda	absent	absent	absent	Wiggins Hall			
Brachman Hall				Adrienne Elrod	yea	abstain	abstain
Lindsay Dayton	yea	nay	nay	Elise LaMontagne	yea	abstain	yea
Danni Geleva	yea	*	abstain	Ashley Russell	yea	yea	yea
Sis McCambridge	yea	nay	abstain	Alpha Chi Omega			
Brite Divinity School				Julie Street	yea	yea	abstain
Tracey Lawler	yea	yea	nay	Alpha Delta Pi			
Jennifer Schooley	yea	yea	yea	Leslie Horton	absent	absent	absent
Clark Hall				Chi Omega			
Chad Davis	absent	absent	absent	Ann Thames	yea	nay	yea
Thomas Kunkel	yea	nay	yea	Delta Delta Delta			
David Quinlan	yea	yea	nay	Caryn Conwell	absent	absent	absent
Todd Watson	*	*	*	Delta Gamma			
Colby Hall				Jill Grimsley	absent	absent	absent
Mandy Cofer	absent	absent	absent	Delta Tau Delta			
Renee Foster	yea	nay	yea	Brad Singleton	*	*	*
Becca Gardener	yea	nay	yea	Kappa Alpha Theta			
Krystal Holster	yea	nay	yea	Libby Baird	abstain	nay	yea
Jill Majors	yea	yea	yea	Kappa Kappa Gamma			
Chanel Schrier	yea	yea	yea	Stacey Holmes	absent	absent	absent
Foster Hall				Kappa Sigma			
Heather Anderson	absent	absent	absent	Chad Parsons	absent	absent	absent
Donna Burg	yea	nay	yea	Lambda Chi Alpha			
Meredith Harrison	yea	nay	yea	Greg Leet	absent	absent	absent
Theresa Hill	yea	nay	yea	Phi Delta Theta			
Jarvis Hall				Gregg Vier	yea	yea	abstain
Jennifer Bedell	yea	nay	nay	Phi Gamma Delta			
Sarah Gullett	absent	absent	absent	Carl Stansberger	absent	absent	absent
Mindy Markland	yea	abstain	yea	Phi Kappa Sigma			
Milton Daniel Hall				Clement Ouda	yea	abstain	abstain
Todd Chicano	yea	abstain	yea	Pi Beta Phi			
Mark Lankowski	yea	nay	yea	Carey Baker	absent	absent	absent
Brian Petrucci	yea	nay	abstain	Zeta Tau Alpha			
Will Pryor	yea	nay	yea	Tiffany Ungerleider	absent	absent	absent
Antonio Romero Jr.	yea	nay	yea	Voting Officers			
Tim Watson	yea	nay	yea	Shawn Groves	abstain	abstain	abstain
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Desiree Martinez	yea	yea	yea	Leon Reed	yea	nay	nay
Sherley Hall				Sharon Selby	yea	yea	abstain
Marny Brum	absent	absent	absent	Greg Trevino	yea	nay	yea
Andrea Kinder	yea	abstain	yea	Steven Wheelock	yea	nay	yea
Hollie Langlais	yea	nay	yea	Stoney White	yea	nay	yea
Julie Larson	yea	abstain	yea	* denotes not recorded vote			

Bill #: To give \$840 for the annual Brachman Hall Christmas party for orphans and underprivileged children.
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Bill #: Requesting \$675 for the Psi Chi convention at TCU.

Student mother faces tough problems

By JENNIFER DUELL
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Editor's note: the name of the subject has been changed to protect her identity.

For many female students at TCU, mom is not someone they call for money. Mom is who they are.

Lindsey, a 21-year-old junior, is also the mother of a two-year-old daughter. She attends TCU full time.

Lindsey became pregnant the spring semester of her freshman year in college. Her boyfriend went with her to the doctor. She said he was very supportive, but told her it was her decision whether or not to have the baby.

"At first, I felt like my life was over," she said. "I was scared."

Lindsey's situation is not uncommon.

Shawn Shepherd, director of communications for Planned Parenthood of North Texas, said 53 percent of pregnancies are unintended. She said sometimes birth control fails.

Jean Giles-Sims, an associate professor of sociology at TCU, said most women in college have goals which include children, but usually after graduation and marriage.

"Women who have more opportunities tend to avoid becoming pregnant," she said. "If they do become pregnant, they're more likely to handle it with making a decision about an abortion than to go ahead and have the child."

Lindsey said she considered all options such as abortion, adoption and keeping the child. She said she decided to keep the child because "it was the only option I felt was right for me."

Giles-Sims said pregnant students like Lindsey need support and encouragement from their boyfriends, families and friends.

Lindsey said her boyfriend was very encouraging and suggested marriage, but his parents were disappointed and angry.

She said her mother was against her having the baby and hinted at abortion.

"(My mom) said it wasn't a good time for me to have a baby, and I needed to finish school," Lindsey said.

Giles-Sims said in the past, having a child would have prevented the woman from finishing school.

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Frog Camp, freshmen seminars and the general freshman experience were also discussed at the meeting, and both the House and the Senate agreed to discuss the issues further in their student relations committees.

Fortenberry said there was an 84.3 percent retention rate among freshmen who participated in freshmen seminars, compared to TCU's overall retention rate of 76 percent. The rate among those who attended Frog Camp was 87 percent and the retention rate of those who pledged fraternities or sororities was 89 percent, she said.

A preliminary report from the Senate's Academic Excellence committee on the effectiveness of freshmen programs will be completed by January, Infantino said.

Also discussed was TCU's alcohol policy and the idea of a pub-like setting for students and faculty to gather socially on campus.

Wheatley said TCU's atmosphere is not as "collegial" as one might expect and that more lounge space or a pub or coffee shop might help.

Steven Infantino, chairman of the Senate's Academic Excellence committee, and Gregg Franzwa, immediate past chairman of the Senate, said they had never before gathered at a campus without an gathering place of this sort.

"But I've seen more broken glass and smashed-up cars on this campus than other places," Infantino said.

Theresa Hill, a junior advertising/public relations major, said the idea of an establishment which would sell alcohol, but also coffee, tea, Coke, and other refreshments would be a great benefit to the safety of students.

"If there's no way to socialize, students are drinking and driving and

coming back to campus drunk," she said.

Pat Paulus, assistant professor of biology, said a pub would not solve the problem of drinking and driving because TCU is such a car-oriented campus anyway.

But, she said, the advantages of a pub-like atmosphere where faculty and students of legal drinking age could socialize informally were that students could see professors as positive role models of social drinking without drunkenness.

The matter will be taken back to the House and Senate for further discussion and possibly a motion to be proposed in the future, Fortenberry said.

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Tubbs *from page 4*

his family has never had a vacation in the traditional sense of the word.

"Occasionally we (his teams) will play in a tournament where my family can go with me. But we have never been to the Grand Canyon or Disneyland as a family like most American families," Tubbs said.

At the end of the season, he still isn't finished. The preparation for next year has already begun. Recruiting and scouting for the next year

begins while the current year is being played.

"Perhaps the greatest thing about being a coach is the fact that I've been doing it for 21 years now, and I have never had a job," Tubbs said. "Basketball is something that I have always loved being a part of, so when I am at work, I never really feel like I am working. Sometimes, I wonder what I would be doing now if I hadn't become a basketball coach."

Tubbs doesn't think about that for long, though, because now it is time for him to get down to the hard court for another practice with his team.

Tree *from page 1*

disposed of by the Physical Plant.

Taylor, a senior radio/television/film and Spanish double major, said the lighting of the tree will be the climax portion of Order of Omega's Spirit of Christmas campaign. The first part began when Order of Omega members passed out gift request cards from children under the care of Child Protective Services. Taylor said well over 500 gift request cards were distributed this year.

She said the lighting of the tree is a longstanding tradition associated with ringing in the holiday season at TCU.

"It should be good program weather, hopefully it will get people in the holiday spirit," Taylor said.

She wanted to remind everyone who is bringing a gift to have their gift request card firmly attached before dropping it off at the tree.

"It's fun to see everybody out to celebrate the start of the holiday season," Taylor said. "We hope to have 500 to 1,000 participants, regardless of what tradition people celebrate."

Moms *from page 5*

Now, Lindsey spends mornings at school and afternoons studying and doing "domestic things" while her daughter is in day care. She said being a mother and a student is not as difficult as it is made out to be.

"You can do it; people do it all the time," she said. "It is not as hard as it seems."

John Schuster, a clinical psychologist at the TCU Counseling Center, said for the students who decide to

keep their child, their life plan must change both socially and economically.

Lindsey said the biggest difference is how she spends her free time.

"The time I spend with my family is the time that other students spend going to clubs or with their sororities," she said.

She said not all pregnant students are as lucky as she was. She said being financially stable is very important.

"I think the whole reason why (pregnant students') goals would disintegrate is because of financial reasons," she said.

Schafer said the support of the spouse is also very important while attending school because families must readjust. She described this support as a "blessing."

Lindsey said her husband is very supportive of her going to school.

"I think (my husband) feels responsible for my education," she said. "His main goal in life is for me to finish school."

Lindsey also said it is important to realize that even when a person uses birth control there is a chance of pregnancy.

"Is it really worth it? That 15 minutes of whatever you're doing can change your life," she said.

House *page 1*

A bill requesting \$675 for the Psi Chi convention was reduced to \$250 by the Finance Committee. The convention has been hosted by TCU for seven years. All students are invited to the convention.

Psi Chi is the national honor society for psychology, and the TCU chapter has been ranked No. 1 in the nation, according to the bill.

Groves said the bill amount was reduced because of precedents in the last few years. He said the bill last year was reduced.

Chanel Schrier, a Colby Hall representative, said, "It will provide an opportunity for Psi Chi and TCU to hear Dr. Mortimer Mishkin, chief of the laboratory of neuropsychology and associate director for basic research at the National Institute of Mental Health in Bethesda, Md."

The bill passed, 35-7, with 13 abstentions.

Also at the meeting committee chairpersons were elected for spring 1996. The new Academic Affairs Chairwoman is Ashley Russell. Elections and Regulations' chairwoman will be Theresa Hill. Stoney White was elected for Permanent Improvements chairman, and Becca Gardner was elected into the position of Student Concerns chairwoman. The new University Relations chairwoman is Theresa Singleton.

Reed announced there will be a town hall meeting from noon to 1 p.m. today in the Student Center Lounge. Administrators will be available to answer students' questions about anything, he said.

Atwood *page 1*

might be. "The thing about religion is it allows you to study a variety of things. With religion, you can do history, philosophy, language studies, ethics, social issues, anthropology or just about anything," Atwood said. "You can do all sorts of things because religion ties in with all of these."

He said he tries to bring all of these aspects into the class to make it more interesting for the students, even though he said he has a reputation for giving hard tests.

"I think that sometimes I am a good story teller, and I virtually always have a good time. I hope they (students) have a good time, too," Atwood said. "And I think the tests should be hard, although they are not nearly as hard as the ones I had when I went through this department."

But Atwood said he is not without flaws.

"What I don't do well enough is listen to students," he said. "Let me rephrase that. What I don't do well enough is listen to anybody. But I'm working on that."

Atwood is also a counselor in the admissions office at TCU. He runs the freshman admissions committee and is a link between the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and TCU.

Atwood said the administration felt a need to have someone in admissions who also worked with the church.

He travels to different churches, talking to youth groups and congregations about college, financial aid and how to decide what is best for the parents and the students.



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