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Castleberry to graduate despite paralysis, amnesia

By SUSAN SHOULDERS
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Many students take graduation from college for granted. But as seniors prepare to graduate in December, one English major is particularly thankful.

Kristen Castleberry has fully recovered from a car wreck that three years ago paralyzed her left side, and now she is graduating. Her mother, Angela Castleberry, said the road to success has not been easy for her daughter.

In July 1992, Kristen and her boyfriend were involved in a one-car accident while returning home from Eagle Mountain Lake. Castleberry said she does not remember any of the accident, but her family members and doctors told her what happened.

"The road turned left and then right, and we went straight," she said.

Castleberry's boyfriend was wearing his seat belt and sustained minor injuries. But she was not wearing her seat belt and was pinned underneath the dashboard.

"My boyfriend told me I was turned around looking at the car behind us, so when we went off the road, my head went into the dashboard and stuck there," she said.

Ms. Castleberry said her daughter's brain injuries were so severe that she was legally dead when the paramedics arrived on the scene. Her brain injuries caused her to be paralyzed on her left side, and she also dislocated her left hip.

Kristin said when she woke up in the hospital, she had amnesia.

"When I woke up I didn't know anything," she said. "My memory was so bad that my mom would tell me I had been in an accident and was in the hospital, and two seconds later, I couldn't remember where I was."

But her mother said within a few months, her daughter was taking a college-level Spanish course by correspondence and was walking on her own, despite her severe hip injury.

"When she started back to TCU in the spring of 1993, I drove her there for one P.E. class three days a week," Ms.

Castleberry said. "She would close the car door and would have the most lost look on her face, and I would have to tell her again where she was going and what she was doing there."

"I wanted to do everything for her, but I knew I had to let go," she said.

Both Kristen and her mother said her memory has slowly come back, but it has not been easy. Her hip still bothers her, and she sometimes has to walk with a cane, her mother said.

Kristen said she is a little scared of graduating because she still has some

memory lapses.

"I'm very confident, but I have my insecure moments," she said.

Her mother said she is thrilled Kristen is graduating, and she hopes others will be inspired by her daughter's story.

"Hopefully people will think, if she can do it, then they can too," Ms. Castleberry said.

Kristen is 26 years old and has a major in English and a double minor in psychology and history.

"It has just been a miracle," her mother said.

Jazz bands, prof join for performance

By SUSAN CLARK
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The TCU Jazz Ensemble's fall concert will be a night of firsts.

Tomorrow's concert will be the first time this year both the jazz bands and the Jazz Combo have performed together. The concert will also mark the groups' first-ever performance with a full-time faculty member, vocalist Raymond Bazemore, said Curt Wilson, director of jazz studies.

"It will be a really exciting evening of jazz," Wilson said.

The fall jazz concert will be Wilson's 20th and will include the tune "Splanky" from the library of Count Basie, one of the great band leaders of all time, Wilson said. Other pieces in the program are "Lightnin'," "Green Sleeves," and the Latin tune "Requerdos," Wilson said.

Bazemore, who began teaching vocal music at TCU this fall, will sing three pieces, he said. Bazemore requested "Misty," and, in addition, will sing "In The Evening," and "Summertime," he said.

"I don't normally do jazz, but I had a few tunes," Bazemore said.

According to Bazemore, the concert is a "pleasant departure" from his normal performances.

"It gives me the opportunity to show another aspect of my experiences," he said.

There are two 20-piece jazz bands performing in the fall concert, Wilson said. The Monday-Wednesday has older, more experienced members, he said. Band members for both bands are selected by audition, Wilson said. Bazemore will sing with the Monday-Wednesday-Friday band.

"This semester's band is really hot," Wilson said.

This year, the Monday-Wednesday-Friday band was one of 12 college bands chosen to be featured on the "Best of College Jazz," produced by Sony and America Trans Airline, Wilson said.

The third music group, the seven-member Jazz Combo, writes much of their own music and is the "cream of the crop," said graduate student and combo director Ellis Kilgore. Kilgore also plays the trombone for the combo and for the band.

"It's a smaller group," said combo member James Oxley. "There are more solos and improvisations."

Oxley, a sophomore player and chemistry major, is also one of the lead trumpets for the Monday-Wednesday-Friday band.

"Jazz is powerful, and knowing that you're a part of it makes you feel pretty good," Oxley said.

According to Oxley, part of the reason he came to TCU was the quality of the jazz bands.

Another member of the Monday-

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The Spirit of Christmas



Seniors Kerri Morgan, Natalie Brown, and Amy Weigle put presents under the tree before the Holiday Tree Lighting sponsored by Order of Omega and Bank One.

TCU Daily Skiff/Blake Sims

TCU to be site of national show

Leaders debate flat tax

By SHANNON WALLER
and
BLAKE SIMS
TCU DAILY SKIFF

A TCU professor has been added to the panel of experts scheduled to participate in the special "Firing Line" debate on the issue of a flat tax this afternoon in Ed Landreth Auditorium.

Steven Mann, assistant professor of finance, will replace Rep. Pat Schroeder, D — Colorado, on the side arguing against the flat tax. Warren Steibel, "Firing Line" producer said Schroeder had to pull out of the debate at the last minute because of the current budget crisis and a possible congressional vote on U.S. foreign policy in Bosnia.

"To be on the panel is a tremendous honor," said Mann, a second year professor in TCU's M.J. Neeley School of Business.

Others arguing against the flat tax include economics writer Robert Kuttner, MIT economist Lester Thurow and former presidential candidate George McGovern. Arguing in favor of the flat tax will be William F. Buckley, former California Governor Jerry Brown, former Delaware Governor Pete du Pont and John Goodman, president of the National Center for Policy Analysis in Dallas.

Goodman is replacing Texas Congressman Dick Army (R), who has also pulled out to remain in Washington D.C.

Mann said although he has a tremendous respect for all of the panelists, he said he does feel he is qualified to participate.

"Why am I qualified to be up there? I'm a taxpayer," Mann said.

"I feel I have sufficient academic qualifications," Mann said. "I'm not a lost little sheep up there," he said.

Mann said he is honored to be on the panel, but it does have its down sides.

"One of the things I'm going to have to do is make a short speech and then basically be interrogated by people like William F. Buckley, Jerry Brown and John Goodman... on national television, and then defend myself for five to 10 minutes," he said.

"When I hear something I don't like coming from somebody on the other side who's for it," Mann said, "my job is to poke fun at it in an intelligent, agreeable way if I can do so."

Steibel said he thought Mann was a good selection for the replacement. "He probably knows more about the finance (aspects of the issue) than she (Schroeder)," he said.

Larry Lauer, associate vice chancellor for communications and public affairs, said Mann won't be out of his league in the debate.

"Steve Mann is one of the really bright young faculty members in finance," he said.

"To have this national debate on our campus is an exciting opportunity for everybody at the university," Lauer said.

TCU is co-sponsoring the debate along with the National Center for Policy Analysis, a free-market think tank in Dallas, and the Hatton W. Summers Foundation. The debate is

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Declaring major or minor requires careful planning

By JENNIFER HOLMES
TCU DAILY SKIFF

ANALYSIS

At TCU, students hold the final responsibility in making sure that they have acquired the necessary courses to graduate. While the advising process has been described as trying by some, students have the ultimate say in registering for classes.

Advisers

When registering at TCU for the first time, particularly as a freshman, if a student has declared a major on his or her application, he or she will be assigned an adviser from that department who will guide the student through the series of classes needed to complete a major as well as the university curriculum require-

ments (UCRs).

For freshmen and others without a declared major, an adviser is assigned to advise on the basic requirements.

Donna Jackson, academic adviser with the Center for Academic Services, said the center advises incoming freshmen and sophomores on UCR classes to take. Many freshmen do not know what their major will be for a year or so and are encouraged to take a class in an area that interests them "so they can explore a major."

Class Levels

"Most freshmen will be in the

1,000- or 2,000-level classes," she said. "Some of the departments do not have 1000-level classes, so they start with the 2,000 (classes)."

A new rule this year is that students with 54 hours must declare a major, or they will not be allowed to register, Jackson said.

Requirements

The university handbook, which lists all the departments' different degree requirements, is the best place to start, even before seeing your adviser for the first time. For each degree, a list of suggested classes is given for students to take, which includes the elementary classes in the major, as well as the UCRs.

Audrey Campau, assistant to the

dean of fine arts and communications, said as soon as a student declares a major, the student should go to that department and ask for an adviser.

Transfer students usually know what their major is going to be, she said. Students should file a degree plan by the end of the sophomore year or if they have 54 hours or more.

"Then, there it is — in black and white — and they know what they have done, and what they have yet to do," Campau said. A copy is sent to the adviser and to the student, with the original kept at the dean's office.

Responsibility

"They (students) are responsible for understanding and fulfilling the

degree plan," she said. "It says that in the catalogue. That statement is also on the degree plan, and we have always urged students who have any questions to please come in and ask."

Campau said it is important to file an intent to graduate in the semester prior to the semester in which the student plans to graduate.

Graduation

"If you plan to graduate in December, file that in the spring semester," she said. "If there's something that you and the adviser have missed, perhaps it can be picked up during the summer."

Waiting until the fall to file the

see Degree, page 4

NEWS DIGEST

U.S. begins reconnaissance

KALESIJA, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — U.S. military experts arrived in northern Bosnia Wednesday to scout the battered countryside where thousands of GIs are to keep the peace.

Within weeks, some 20,000 U.S. soldiers are to begin arriving, and then will fan out across northeastern Bosnia. French, British and other troops will patrol the rest of the country.

In the meantime, Brown's teams will be bouncing over hundreds of miles of northeastern Bosnia, checking landing strips, pothole-riddled roads, scores of villages and many minefields.

James Brady hospitalized

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former presidential aide James Brady was in fair condition Wednesday in a northern Virginia hospital after his heart stopped at an oral surgeon's office a day earlier.

Brady, who was shot in the head in the 1981 assassination attempt on President Reagan, had been in critical condition and on a respirator when admitted Tuesday morning to Fairfax Hospital but was upgraded to stable and fair condition Wednesday. His heart stopped while having work done on tooth implants required because of a recent fall.

Schroeder announces retirement

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democratic Rep. Pat Schroeder, the longest serving woman in Congress and a fiery opponent of House Speaker Newt Gingrich, said Wednesday she will not seek re-election.

"I suddenly woke up and said, 'My whole adult life, I've been here,'" said Schroeder, 55, who is in her 12th House term. She said she had no intention of running for the Senate seat being vacated by Sen. Hank Brown, R-Colo. "If I had wanted to run for the Senate I think I would have done it a long time ago," Schroeder said in an interview in her office.

Customs makes cocaine bust

BROWNSVILLE, Texas (AP) — U.S. Customs Service agents have seized 2,285 pounds of cocaine that they contend might be linked to the drug cartel headed by Juan Garcia Abrego, one of the FBI's 10 most-wanted fugitives.

The narcotics, with a street value of at least \$20 million, were discovered in the roof of a refrigerated tractor-trailer late Tuesday.

With the help of drug-sniffing dogs, agents discovered 899 packages of cocaine stashed in the trailer's roof. The narcotics were covered with detergent.

Pope praises feminism

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope John Paul II praised the achievements of feminism, saying it has championed the dignity of women and contributed to a more balanced view of womanhood. The pontiff, who has reached out to women in statements several times this year, said feminism has reacted against all that has "impeded the value and full development of the feminine personality" in politics and society.

John Paul criticized "feminist currents" that undervalued the figure of the Virgin Mary in considering her a "narrow domestic" symbol, rather than a spiritual figure.

TODAY ON CAMPUS

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 meets in Student Center 222
5 p.m.: TCU Catholic Community meets in Reed Hall Faculty Center
5:30 p.m.: Canterbury Society for Episcopal students meets in Student Center 214
5:30 p.m.: Wesley Foundation for Methodist students meets in Wesley Foundation Building (2750 W. Lowden)

Friday, Dec. 1

World AIDS Day
PC Fine Arts: Names Project Quilt Display
PC Special Events: Holiday Fair
PC Films: *Nine Months*
TCU Jazz Ensemble
Student Account Payments Due
Senior Exhibition: *Studio Art Final Day*
Safe Holidays

Saturday, Dec. 2

PC Films: *Nine Months*
Young Choreographers Concert/Dance
Thesis Production

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GOLDEN KEY NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY will elect officers for 1996 at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 1, in the Student Center. Check the marquee in front of The Main for the room number. All members welcome. Call Ellen at 920-4551.

MARY COUTS BURNETT LIBRARY CHRISTMAS CHARITY this year is the Reeves Children's Center, a remodeled home serving children and families with AIDS. The center, in addition to funds, needs diapers, baby wipes, baby formula, ster-

ile water, toys, clothing, shoes, medical supplies, etc. Contributions can be made to the center (2641 Avenue L, in the Polytechnic section of Fort Worth) or in Laura Dubiel's office in Special Collections on the second floor of the library. A presentation will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 1, in the library conference room on the basement level northwest. Call Laura Dubiel at 7774.

LOVE, SEX AND ROMANCE IN THE '90S A Bible study will be held at 7 p.m. this Sunday, Dec. 3, in the second-floor lobby of Sherley Residence Hall.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED for well-screened girls and boys, ages 15-18 years old, from Europe, South America, Asia, and the Eastern Bloc for the spring semester and for the 1996-1997 school year. Students speak English, are fully insured,

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PSI CHI PSYCHOLOGY HONOR 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.

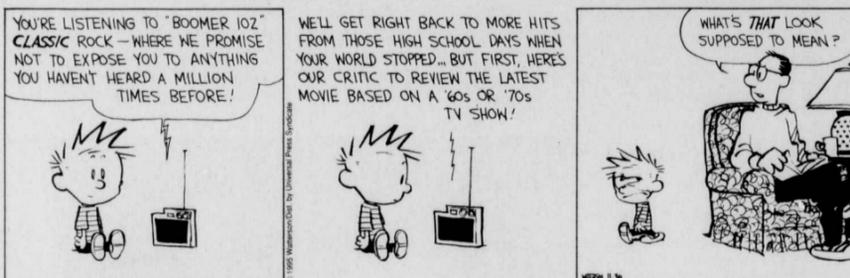
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Debate

part of the foundation's lecture series.

Michael Kinsley, from CNN's "Crossfire", will moderate the debate. Immediately following the debate, two thirty minute tapings of Buckley's "Firing Line" programs will take place.

Rep. Arney is a leading advocate of the flat tax. The Fort Worth Star-

Telegram reported his version would instate an across-the-board 17 percent tax on income. Low-income families would receive some breaks. A family of four, for instance, would be able to earn up to \$33,300 before paying taxes.

Income tax supporters argue a flat tax would alter our economy in the greatest way since the Great Depression. They focus on the effects it would have on middle and low-income workers.

TCU undergraduate business stu-

dents conducted a poll of students concerning the issue yesterday. The poll revealed 35 percent of TCU students favor the flat tax over the existing income tax structure, according to an office of communications release. The poll said 26 percent favor the current system, while 22 percent of respondents had no opinion. Seventeen percent said they didn't understand the issue well enough to make a judgement.

All 1,200 seats in Ed Landreth have already been reserved, however,

600 overflow seats have been made available in the Brown-Lupton Student Center ballroom on a first-come, first-served basis. A large-screen television will be set up to view the tapings of the programs.

Audience members must be seated by 2:45 p.m. The debate will begin at 3 p.m. and last two hours.

The debate will air on PBS on over 200 stations nationwide in December. The "Firing Line" programs will be broadcast on public television stations in January.



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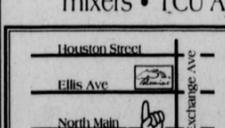


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■ MARK MOURER

It is important to like what you do, but do what you like

I decided a couple of days ago that since this was the *Skiff's* last week, perhaps I should read over the duties expected of the Campus Editor, which is what I have been all semester.

I was pleased to find I had fulfilled most all of the requirements, even selflessly offering some of my work to be rewritten by other editors, which was not necessarily specified in my contract.

The one thing listed that I had not done was write a column, so I figured I'd take advantage of what time I had left to do so.

Following in the next however-many paragraphs will be a couple of thoughts from one who is about to try and dodge the real world after graduation, having given reality the Heisman for the past nine semesters in champion form.

It occurs to me that not nearly enough



people take full advantage of their college years to be absolutely brainless and stupid, to act on impulse and spontaneity rather than on plan and structure.

College exists to provide us with the opportunity to do just that. We are living in a purgatory state here, somewhere between on-your-own-village and supported-by-home-burg, which is a blissful little spot where one can, if playing his cards right, get away with murder.

Several of TCU's vice chancellors have commented here in this bastion of journalism

excellence about issues concerning the financing of the school and minority hiring and tenure issues, as well as scholarships and financial aid.

Allow me to appoint myself a vice chancellor on existing socially while in college.

From my office high atop the roofs on Forest Park Ave., I would love to deliver a press conference telling students nothing more than to quit taking themselves so damn seriously.

We only have four (perhaps four-and-a-half, five) years to totally indulge ourselves in what it truly can mean to be a college student, and it pains me to see other people wasting such an opportunity.

College is not just a chance to get an education through the classroom, but an opportunity to educate oneself in the ways of random road trips, mindless disregard of

studying in hopes of cramming it all in an hour before the test and foolish pranks that, committed elsewhere, might get you incarcerated.

I've been fortunate enough to become friends these past four-and-a-half years with people who understand the need to leave The Pub after last call and drive to Colorado for the weekend immediately. I've been blessed with friends who understand when we're out of beer at 3 a.m., such an impending crisis warrants a quick drive to Oklahoma to get some more.

Finally, after nine semesters, I have even found a pal who will not only climb on the roof and listen to me babble about nothing of significance, but she also gets me out of work, goes to Waco with me on a moment's notice and makes me learn to eat peas. I never would have thought four-and-a-half

years ago that such gifts, such memories, such fun would have been able to happen here, but it has for one simple reason: I did everything I could while I was here, not all of which I'm proud, but which I would never have done differently, even for a better GPA.

A couple of years ago, my old buddy Hal gave me some of the best advice I ever could have received, and I would like to pass it on in hopes that you push every day to the limit, not to learn as much as you can or further your education, but to just live as much as you can. Just live.

"It's important to like what you do," Hal told me, "but it's imperative to do what you like."

Mark Mourer is a soon-to-graduate senior who will be available on a bar stool at The Pub for the rest of the semester.

■ BRIAN WILSON

NEA shouldn't condone gays and bisexuals

What special interest group holds in higher regard the agenda of the politically correct than the National Education Association?

The recent decision by the NEA to recognize October as National Gay and Lesbian History Month is definitely in a class by itself when it comes to complying with compassion and understanding — the pillars of political correctness.

One can surmise with relative ease the reason the decision was made — the American public school system has become content to conform to the latest societal fads rather than do what is right for the future of this nation.

However, what is especially troubling is the fact that nearly two-thirds of those who voted favored devoting October to educating young, vulnerable school children about the gay lifestyle and its history.

How is this month going to be structured? Will the children be persuaded by successful homosexuals that same-sex relationships are completely natural?

Will teachers feed them lies such as the one about Abraham Lincoln being gay?

The objectives of the NEA are unclear as of yet. But the potential long-term effects of the decision should frighten everyone concerned with the future of America.

Another disturbing element of the decision is the ease with which a powerful liberal group like the NEA is able to impose its values on children, while blatantly accusing Christians of doing the same.

For some time now, many people of religious faiths have attempted rather unsuccessfully to persuade Congress to pass a school prayer amendment. They hope that such an amendment, in conjunction with a measure allowing government-supported schools to reintroduce students to American values, will improve the quality of education.

Conservatives realize the answer to solving our social problems is not, as liberals claim, to further subsidize multicultural activities that make a mockery of the traditions and values that have made America the greatest nation on earth.

But the NEA is trying to convince children that everything must be tolerated, because tolerance is the defining characteristic of America.

It is important to remember that we must love everyone, regardless of their lifestyles. But, in so doing, we must not lose sight of the need for standards. It's not homosexuals who are the enemy here. It's homosexuality.

The attraction toward alternative lifestyles will never diminish if we continue to bash gays. Not only is this completely wrong, but it also increases the acceptance level of homosexuality among the social and educational elite, those who let their emotions dictate their actions.

What is intolerable is the militant agenda of homosexuals, the objectives of which completely undermine the biblical principles upon which the two-parent family is based.

New York State recently passed a law permitting homosexual couples to adopt children. With all the corruption that persists in today's society, the last thing we need to be telling children is that it is all right to be gay.

But if the NEA declares Gay and Lesbian History Month a success, allowing it to continue for years to come, that is exactly what could happen.

In order for America to continue to reign as the world's most powerful nation, we must realize the importance of the two-parent family and the threat posed to it by the gay agenda.

Not only must Gay and Lesbian History Month become a distant memory, but we must also take steps to educate America's youth about the virtues of marriage if we are to solve the horrible social problems that we face on a daily basis.

Brian Wilson is a junior news-editorial major from Vienna, W.Va., and is the founding member of the West Virginia chapter of the Scott Brooks fan club.

■ EDITORIAL

'NAY'

House members showed courage by voting down bill

Perhaps the toughest thing people have to do in their lives is tell someone "no," but that's precisely what the majority of the members of the House of Student Representatives did this week.

This week the House voted down Bill 95-33, which proposed that the House spend \$40,000 out of the General Fund for a track in the Worth Hills area.

Those who chose to vote against the bill deserve wholehearted congratulations. It's easy to vote to pass any bill that comes before you, but it takes a lot of courage to say no.

However, perhaps the most pleasing thing about the vote was the spirited debate that preceded it. Representatives took the time to honestly debate the subject, and their decision reflected the time and effort they put into it.

The debate may have been more time-consuming and tense than it has been in the past, but sometimes it takes more time and a more tense situation to make the best decisions.

The "nay" vote does not necessarily

mean there will not be a jogging track. It simply means that the process will be delayed until next semester.

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

Ludicrous ideas can be dismissed easily, but the House took a potentially good idea and decided to wait and study it longer before implementing it.

The Next Frontier is a worthy project and it is important for students to take part in it, but at the same time, the students should have a say in where \$40,000 of their money goes. The Worth Hills track represents a mentality of wanting to eat desert first. It appears that there are many improvements that should be a higher priority than a jogging track.

Wheelock said the House needed to get a better idea of how the student population felt about having a track built in Worth Hills. Saying no to Bill 95-33 allows the House to determine student support for the idea before rushing into another project. That is what representation is all about.

■ LETTERS

TCU's policy on reporting crimes

There has been considerable conversation on campus recently regarding what students should do if they become victims of crime or witness a crime. Let me restate our policy. In every case, a crime committed on campus should be reported to TCU police or Fort Worth police. Off-campus crimes should be reported to the Fort Worth police.

Notifying TCU police will generally result in faster response than notifying Fort Worth police. TCU police will assist in making a report to Fort Worth police, if the student desires.

You may be assured that TCU police reports are not released to the *Daily Skiff* in a manner that allows victims, witnesses or suspects to be identified. Furthermore, university staff and counselors will provide assistance and/or support as necessary for victims of crime. If appropriate, referrals are made to off-campus agencies.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Susan Batchelor, Dean of Campus Life; Mr. Steve McGehe, Chief of Campus Police; or the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs.

Donald B. Mills
Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

Athletes have it tougher than you think

I am writing in response to Miss Becky Pretz's article, "Academics and athletics can't exist together" which appeared in the Nov. 7 *Skiff*.

To begin, Miss Pretz wondered to which student TCU would award a full scholarship: a student who scored a 1,200 on the SAT and had a 3.9 high school GPA, or an all-star athlete who

scored an 800 on the SAT with a 2.1 GPA. Well, probably both would win. Scholarship money is allocated to academics and athletics separately; they don't take away from each other.

Miss Pretz is bothered by the fact that those students on academic scholarships have to maintain a 3.25 GPA, while students on athletic scholarships must have a "mere" 2.25. However, athletes are not recruited to TCU because they excel academically, like many other students. For example, members of the TCU Marching Band on scholarships are not required to maintain a 3.25 GPA.

Miss Pretz went on to question, "How can TCU expect to prepare athletes for future jobs when they aren't equipped with the proper tools?" Some of the most important qualities employers look for are work ethic, leadership, drive, time management and the ability to work with others.

These are the qualities TCU athletes use everyday, and these are the qualities taught in a classroom as well as learned through life experiences. Athletes work extremely hard and sacrifice weekends, weeknights and time with friends.

Having been a TCU athlete, I never had a spring break or a Parents' Weekend. I missed Homecoming, fall break and Labor Day weekends, and I spent many birthdays away from family and close friends because I was representing TCU.

Miss Pretz thinks the time spent training and practicing is a "small price to pay." Well, I would like her to explain that to the men's and women's basketball players who get two days off for Christmas and must report back on Christmas Day.

Pop quiz: Who has the highest GPA and graduation rate, the student athletes or the general student population?

Answer: The TCU athletes (look it up).

Leigh Ann Smith
Athletic Academic Coordinator

■ LEIGH ANNE ROBISON

American troops may prevent the second Holocaust

Monday night, President Clinton addressed the nation regarding his decision to send 20,000 American troops to keep the newly-established peace that has been found in the Balkans. An ABC poll reported only 38 percent of Americans support these actions. Fifty-eight percent are opposed to sending troops, while the rest were undecided.

My own unofficial, unscientific newsroom poll results were stacked similarly. In fact, the discussion spiraled into a veritable John McLaughlin-a-thon.

The arguments against Clinton's decisions were presented rationally, and my peers almost convinced me they were right. I'm a peace-loving junkie, but I don't believe peace can be reached without serious American intervention. It's a touchy issue, loaded on every side.

But either way, what remains at the heart of the issue is simple.

Human lives will be in danger.
Human lives will be lost.

The question that follows is whether those lives will be those of good old American boys or those of Bosnian, Serbian and Croat men, women and children.

I have been told we shouldn't send our troops over to risk their lives when the United States has no national interest, a controversial statement with which I take issue. I contend that the United States has the greatest interest of all — a humanitarian one.

The bottom line is that people will die. To say we shouldn't send our soldiers is to say American lives are more precious than Bosnian lives. Any politician who can say that and mean it really scares me. No one's life is expendable.

It would be foolish to argue since this is only a peace-keeping mission, American lives won't be at stake. Inevitably, violence will break out before long. Orthodox Christian Serbs vowed to fight to their deaths an hour after the peace agreement was publicized. The civilians aren't going to take this new boundary lying down.

There will probably be no peace to keep. Nevertheless, American interest in the Balkans runs deep. Does the phrase "powder keg of Europe" mean anything to anyone?

These people have been at it for hundreds of years, not just the past three and a half, as Dan Rather will tell you. The Balkans sparked world war, and it's certainly natural to worry about such an atrocity happening again. Our interest lies in doing anything necessary to stop further ethnic cleansing or mass executions.

Surprise, surprise, Clinton's policy has run into resistance in Congress. The GOP resisted sending troops, although I didn't see them fussing about Bush initiating Desert Shield. It's a political game, no matter which party is in the White House. It's always going to be a display of grandstanding, but perhaps the Republicans should remember the Golden Rule they so often embrace in their tireless rhetoric about "American values."

We have to help people who cannot help themselves. It's our obligation as a world power.

American politicians are selfish. Does anyone disagree with that statement? To be concerned with national welfare is one thing, but to ignore a second Holocaust is quite another.

Leigh Anne Robison is a senior English and history major from Houston. She also holds the office of honorary Skiff snowbunny.



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Owner of pub makes familiar environment for patrons

BY JAMES PURL
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Robert Harshman, known to most patrons of The University Pub as Bob, has become a familiar face for the spirit-drinking 21-and-over crowd at TCU.

Harshman thinks that 4,000 to 5,000 students have been through The Pub in his seven years of ownership, seven years in which his life has changed drastically.

After Harshman finished a three-year tour of duty with the Army in 1977, he took a job as a welder in the shipyards of New Orleans before moving to Fort Worth and taking a bartending course at the trade school. That course led him to his first bartending job at the Pub. He worked there from 1984 until 1988 before the opportunity arose for him to buy the bar.

"You don't make big bucks being a bartender," Harshman said. "I was able to get three different loans to be able to buy it (the bar)."

The original building was constructed in the 1940s. It has been a shoe shop and even an ice cream parlor. Since being turned into the Pub 15 years ago, additions to the original structure have made the Pub a unique place. Harshman said the picture wall has been one of his greatest additions.

"The best thing that I did to the Pub was to start taking pictures and making the picture wall," Harshman

said. "I am trying to make people feel like it is their bar."

The picture wall has been up for six years and many alumni and older students come back to look at the wall.

"Every time I come back to town I go to The Pub to see Bob and to see my pictures on the wall," 1994 TCU alumnus Logan Emory said.

Harshman said some alumni get right off the plane and go directly to The Pub. He said he would like to get the camera out more but the high cost of film holds him back. He said, though, he always tries to get pictures of his regulars.

The alumni who come to town often use The Pub as a meeting place. This year's Homecoming weekend was no different.

"At 5 p.m. Saturday afternoon after the Homecoming game, this place was filled with 100 alumni," Harshman said.

He said the students and alumni need a place to relax and meet and The Pub has been a good place for several years now. He said this is the kind of atmosphere he likes to create. He said the memories of school and friends usually draw people back. Staffing and proper business techniques are the reasons he has been able to keep The Pub going all of these years, he said.

Many students have found out about the strict policies Harshman has.

"There is a very well-known fact that if you are not 21 you cannot get



Robert "Bob" Harshman, owner of The Pub, pours a pitcher of beer in his bar on University Drive. The Pub is a popular hangout for TCU students over 21.

in to The Pub," said Matt Fitzgerald, senior marketing major. "The policy helps create a more relaxed, mature atmosphere where I can meet all my friends."

"You live and die by the minors," Harshman said.

Harshman said he thinks the strict over-21 policy is a good one, but he faces the one problem of losing

most of his customers every two years and having to gain more.

He also said he has to be customer-oriented and tries to get feedback on the items he carries and the service and cleanliness of The Pub. Some actions have included getting several new brands of beer and firing certain staff members in the past.

He said he has noticed a change in the type of TCU students that come to The Pub.

"They are more conservative and seem to be more responsible about drinking and school work," Harshman said.

Harshman said that, despite the grueling hours and hard work which are part of being a small

business owner, he is content with his life for now. He said the whole experience of The Pub has enriched his life.

"This is the best thing to happen in my life," Harshman said. "All of the different experiences and people have helped me accomplish something, and I have been able to make them feel good too."

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intent to graduate may mean if there's a problem, it might be too late to correct it in that semester, she said.

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Upper Level Classes
Many students, not realizing what is required with upper-level classes, may find themselves, as seniors, stuck for another year or more trying just to satisfy that one requirement for graduation. This means more hours stuck in college plus dollars spent unnecessarily.

It pays to study the catalogue, check with your adviser, even double-check with the department head, and if there is a second major or a minor, check with that department as well. There are many subtle differences to the various combinations available, and every step the student takes should be double-checked every semester.

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Wednesday-Friday band and the Jazz Combo, Rene Ozuna, plays the saxophone professionally with the group "Tropics," Wilson said.

"He is one of the best jazz saxophone players in the Metroplex," Wilson said.

Ozuna graduated from TCU in 1987 and has returned to obtain a teaching certificate, Wilson said.

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Faith and determination help TCU's LaFavers fulfill childhood dreams

BY THOMAS MANNING
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Growing up, we all have dreams about an idealistic future for ourselves, but few of us are fortunate enough to have our dreams realized.

Rick LaFavers is one of the few to have his childhood dreams fulfilled.

The 6'0", 190-pound senior strong safety dreamed about playing Division I football as a child, and through a positive attitude and an undying desire for excellence, LaFavers has done just that, and has done it well for TCU.

LaFavers didn't think his childhood dream was too farfetched because he envisioned himself as eventually being much bigger and taller than he actually became.

"When I was little, I remember taking those height tests and thinking I was going to be 6'3" and 240 pounds and was going to be an outside linebacker," he said. "As I got older I realized the size I was in high school was about as big as I was going to get."

Even though playing outside linebacker was not going to be in the cards for LaFavers, he did find his niche at the safety position while at Amarillo High School. It was a blessing to not have to switch positions from year to year because it helped him progress as a player, he said.

"I've played strong safety since my sophomore year in high school and I'm thankful for that because I think it allowed me to improve each year and not have to change much," LaFavers said.

After high school, LaFavers still had a desire to play football in college, but knew he would have to do so as a walk-on. He said he didn't even know where TCU was before he applied, but it was the first school he applied to and the last school to accept him. As far as football was concerned, LaFavers said he looked through a football magazine to find out about teams' depth charts and realized TCU would be the best opportunity for him to succeed on the field.

"I don't think I would be here if I didn't go through hard work and my parents constantly encouraging me," he said. "The decision to go to TCU came through prayer and finding out where God wanted me to be. Everything really fell into place, and I did not have to compromise anything. It's kind of scary to see how close my dreams have come true right down to the detail."

LaFavers said he was "nervous" about his status with the team after the head coaching change after the 1991 season, when Pat Sullivan took over for Jim Wacker. At the time he saw the change as a negative to his future on the team, but now views it as positive in his career.

"It was like being a walk-on all over again," LaFavers said. "I had to



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Rick LaFavers assists on one of his 70 tackles this season. LaFavers credits his faith in God and his strong will to succeed as the secrets to his becoming a leader both on and off the football field.

prove myself all over again, but it made me work harder and not get complacent. I'm grateful that I did come in as a walk-on because I wonder if I would have worked as hard with a scholarship. Being a walk-on instilled in me the come-from-behind attitude that it's not where you start but where you finish."

The big moment in LaFavers' football career at TCU came in the spring of his sophomore year, when he earned an athletic scholarship from the school. But the rewarding of the scholarship didn't change his attitude toward continuing to work hard. In fact, LaFavers said he worked even harder after receiving the scholarship.

"With or without the scholarship I was motivated because I don't like being second best to anyone," he said. "My motivation has always been to try to be the best at whatever I do. A scholarship was still a year-by-year thing."

LaFavers, 22, wasn't home free after receiving the scholarship. He almost lost it after a summer of being a lifeguard and being very low on money. He lost weight and had gotten out of shape. Coaches were disappointed and thought the scholarship had made LaFavers complacent.

"I was basically in the dog house," he said. "That really motivated me because I felt I was misunderstood, and that motivated me to compete and re-establish myself."

He proved himself to the coaches again and has never looked back. As a starter this season, LaFavers was among the team leaders in tackles (with 70), and also established himself as a leader on the field.

"Rick would always help me on reading coverages and telling me where to be," said senior free safety Mikiya Martin. "He's just like having another coach out there on the field."

LaFavers said his girlfriend, Kim, was instrumental in his success this season through being supportive in times of disappointment.

LaFavers, who is an avid watcher of game film, said he is flattered and humbled when people call him an

"I fully accept my responsibility of being a role model to young kids. I think my beliefs in God put more pressure on me than kids do as far as living up to expectations. I'll more than meet these kids' expectations if I'm living right. That's what I strive for."

RICK LAFAVERS,
TCU safety

overachiever, but said he does have athletic ability and couldn't be successful without a combination of both heart and ability.

Coaches agree there is definitely more to LaFavers than just a big heart.

"Rick is a better player than a lot of people give him credit for," TCU secondary coach Chris Thurmond said. "He's also a good athlete. He can run, tackle and break on the ball well. He does all the things that we have to have to be successful."

LaFavers' determination has caught the attention of many of the young people that attend TCU football games. After home games this season, kids from his church and other young fans could be seen waiting outside the locker room wearing TCU No. 23 jerseys.

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Frogs hope home opener will bring season's first win

BY MARK MOURER
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The TCU men's basketball team will tip off in its home opener tonight at 7:05 p.m. against Middle Tennessee State at Daniel Meyer Coliseum. Tonight's matchup will be the first of four straight home games for TCU.

Tonight's game will mark the first game at Daniel Meyer Coliseum in the Frogs' second season under head coach Billy Tubbs, who guided last year's team to a 16-11 record.

The Frogs bring an 0-3 start to the court tonight after they lost all three of their games in their season-opening Carrs Great Alaska Shootout over Thanksgiving weekend.

The Blue Raiders are 2-0, winning previous contests against Indiana State and Oral Roberts.

TCU owns a 2-0 edge in the short series against MTSU, winning each of those games during the past two seasons.

Tubbs will be starting sophomore James Penny and freshman Damion Walker at forward tonight, senior Byron Waits at post and sophomore Juan Bragg and junior Jeff Jacobs at guard. Look for junior guards Anthony Burks and Sharif Butler and junior forward Saipele Tuailii to see significant playing time off the bench.

For the early part of this season, Walker has led the Frogs in scoring, averaging 19.7 points per game. Penny has contributed an average of 15 points per game, with Waits also averaging in double figures with 13.7 points per game.

Waits also is leading the team in rebounding, pulling down 28 boards in the first three matchups with Walker close behind, grabbing 25.

One of the main concerns facing Tubbs' squad early in the season is shooting accuracy, but defensively the Frogs have been playing pretty well, the coach said.

"I knew the Shootout would be a learning experience," Tubbs said. "I hope the team learned something. We are playing pretty well defen-

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Blue Raider Head Coach David Farrar said his returning players, plus an added arsenal of new players, should combine to display great chemistry on the court.

"(Junior forward Chad) Wampler and (junior guard) Nod Carter give us legitimate scoring from team-oriented players," Farrar said. "At the same time, we feel we have helped our shooting ability solidly with the addition of players like (freshman guard) Kent Ayer and (junior forward) Paul Burns.

"(Junior forward) Aylton Tesch does more of his scoring inside, but his play should certainly give us a higher field goal percentage."

The main thing the Frogs hope to gain from tonight's matchup is a notch in the win column, Burks said.

"The biggest thing we need out of this is a win," Burks said. "We need to come out and play hard, play up to our capability. In the past few practices, we've had our enthusiasm come back. Hopefully that'll carry over into the game."

The only injury concern for TCU is sophomore forward Dennis Davis, who stretched his medial collateral ligament in the Shootout against Ohio. Trainer Chris Hall said Davis is making good time on his recovery, and could possibly be back in action when TCU takes on Howard Saturday.

"Generally, you give a stretched MCL a week, 10 days, sometimes two weeks," Hall said. "He's gone through some conditioning but still has a little soreness, but overall, he's making good progress."

Tubbs remained hopeful that the team would continue to improve. He said tonight's matchup is important to the team's rebounding efforts and encouraged everybody to come support the Frogs.

"Even though we're 0-3, we still need the fans' support at home," Tubbs said. "At home, we'll get some confidence."

sively. We just aren't shooting the ball very well."

TCU averaged 74 points per game in the tournament, while allowing 92.3 points against them.

"Going into Alaska, I think we thought we were a pretty good shooting team," Waits said, "but I think we shot something like 30 percent from the field, and that's not too good."

"We learned we still have a lot of work to do," Waits said. "We're still a young team. Some guys are still having problems remembering which holes to go to."

"In Alaska, it was like everybody was cold at the same time. We'll come out of that slump (tonight)," he said.

MTSU is returning four starters from last year's squad, which fell to TCU early last season 100-78. MTSU returns senior guard Tim Gaitner and senior center David Washington. Also, sophomore forwards K.J. Harden and Roni Bailey return.

"Basically, what we're seeing is a real good team that's been together for a while," Burks said. "(Tonight), we're going to try and play our game. We haven't had much of a fast break and, you know, we're supposed to be the Running Frogs, so

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E-mail provides alternative to letters, phone calls

BY MICHA CORTESE
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Electronic mail is quickly emerging as an important computer-based medium at many colleges and universities throughout the world.

Cre Swats, a junior advertising/public relations major, said she uses e-mail on a regular basis.

"Without e-mail I would never contact anybody in my family, because writing letters is such an effort, and I never have stamps," she said.

"It's something you can do quickly and easily between classes," Swats said.

Easy Access

Richmond Williams, a junior radio/television/film major, said he uses e-mail because he can use it any time, even in the wee hours of the morning.

"It's cheaper than long distance

calls and more convenient than letters," he said.

Frustration

Williams said he uses e-mail about once a week from his room to write his mother and his friends at other colleges, but said it is difficult to get through sometimes.

"I don't have a UserNet card, and I'm not connected to the main system," he said. "I have to dial in, and it is almost impossible to get on from 6 p.m. to midnight. That is very frustrating."

Doug Wilks, a junior advertising/public relations major, said he thinks e-mail will eventually make the U.S. Postal System obsolete.

"By the year 1998, not having e-mail will be like not having TV in the '50s," he said.

Format

E-mail is a relatively recent development and does not yet have a stan-

dard usage format, according to a TCU Information Services newsletter.

E-mail is spreading rapidly at TCU and is being used by more and more departments on campus everyday, Robin Mayne, manager of user services, said.

Campus Effect

Glen Hulme, manager of mailing services, said e-mail's effect on campus mail is negligible.

"We process the mail as it comes in, so we don't have a way of keeping track of it," he said.

"I'm hoping it will have an effect, but we haven't seen any significant reductions yet," Hulme said.

Karen Moncrief, senior user services consultant, said all departments and students on campus have access to e-mail.

"All you need is to be connected to a mainframe, and you can use e-mail," she said.

Judy Cartmill, coordinator of mail-

ing services, said the TCU post office uses e-mail very little right now, and it hopes to communicate more with other offices in the future.

Interoffice

"We use e-mail within the office, and more people get involved everyday," she said.

"E-mail will have some kind of impact on interoffice mail, but there hasn't been anything drastic," Cartmill said.

McKinney Boyd, U.S. Postal Service communication program specialist, said e-mail is having little impact on first-class mail.

Mail Alternatives

According to the Postal Service publication 1995 Position Papers, the alternatives to first-class mail are facsimile, e-mail, electronic funds transfer and electronic data interchange.

"Consumers pay their bills electronically, but companies are sending statements back to the customers,"

Boyd said.

"Business-to-business mail had the largest hit from e-mail," he said. "Overall, the volume of mail is up 1.5 percent from last year."

Postal Volume

According to the postal service publication, the first-class mail volume in 1993 was 92.17 billion pieces, and by 1994 it had increased to 94.38 billion pieces.

The total mail volume in 1993 was 171.22 billion pieces, and that volume increased to 177.07 billion pieces in 1994, according to the publication.

"E-mail's effect today is minimal, but by the year 2000 it probably will have an impact," Boyd said.

Uses

Mayne said some appropriate uses of e-mail include circulating routine departmental memorandums, asking short questions, making requests for written

confirmations or authorizations and communicating with people in remote locations.

Other uses of e-mail are posting bulletins on timely issues, requesting information after hours or when the receiver has time to reply and to avoid phone calls with long-winded people, she said.

Communication

Vanessa Lanzarotti, assistant registrar, said she uses e-mail to correspond with others in her office and across campus when she has an important but not urgent message, because e-mail is more convenient for her and the receiver.

"I use electronic mail as a productivity tool to enhance communication and acquire information," she said. "The advantages in an administrative office can be unlimited."

Moncrief said in the newsletter a major benefit of e-mail is that she can share information with the campus immediately.

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tions if I'm living right. That's what I strive for."

Said head coach Pat Sullivan: "Rick is someone I know his parents have got to be tremendously proud of. He's got very strong Christian beliefs and sets an example for kids on and off the field."

LaFavers met one of his young admirers, 11-year-old Justin Ville, over the Thanksgiving holiday this year. LaFavers travelled to Garland to see Ville and sign the many autographs the youngster requested. LaFavers then gave Ville, who suffers from a brain tumor, two tickets for TCU's game against Texas A&M.

"That experience is what makes it all worthwhile," LaFavers said. "It's so important to be a man of character and integrity, because you never know who's watching you."

Ville's family was impressed with LaFavers' generosity.

"For him to take time from Thanksgiving to visit someone he's never met before is unbelievable," said Joe Ball, Ville's grandfather.

For Rick LaFavers, nothing is unbelievable.



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