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Trustee J. Luther King talks with Sharon Selby, president of the House of Student Representatives, at yesterday's meeting of the Board of Trustees' Student Relations Committee.

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Trustees talk with Intercom

Chairman Adams says student board seat 'isn't going to happen'

BY KIMBERLY WILSON
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Discussion at the Board of Trustees' Student Relations committee meeting Thursday centered on three central issues: communication between students and trustees, the need for more socialization space for students and cultural interaction on campus.

"This is a time for us to interact with you and get your opinions," said Sharon Selby, president of the House of Student Representatives, when she began the meeting.

Governance, in terms of specific ways to improve the communications between students and trustees, was the first issue tackled by the Student Committee.

Selby said a lot of students do not feel that their voice is being heard. She said students would like to have a student representative on the Board of

Trustees, as well as student representatives on the various committees.

Board member Ann Jones said, "The majority of your requests are granted and that to me is a way that you are heard."

Selby said she felt it was more of a symbol to the students to have a member of the student body on the Board. Board chairman William Adams said that the students have requested a student on the Board for "some time now."

"It isn't going to happen," Adams said.

Stoney White, co-president of Students Reaching Out, said he was disappointed in the way the discussion turned out.

"In order to make an impact with the trustees we were forced to say things in a way that compromised our true

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Crash kills five Americans on bus tour to Taj Mahal

TCU senior on study abroad trip unhurt in accident

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

NEW DELHI, India — A bus carrying a U.S. university tour group participating in the Semester at Sea program rolled into a ditch on the way to the Taj Mahal today, killing five Americans, the U.S. Embassy said.

TCU student Vicki Wollmann, a senior radio-TV-film major was part of the tour group, but was not injured in the accident, said Roberta Corder, coordinator for the university's study abroad program.

"There were three tour buses going to the Taj Mahal," Corder said. "But Vicki was not on the one that crashed."

Wollmann and David Symonds, a junior philosophy major, were touring India as part of their semester abroad studies. Symonds chose not to go on the Taj Mahal trip, Corder said.

The U.S. embassy said four students were hospitalized in the crash. A newspaper said at least 18 students were injured but the report could not be immediately confirmed.

The bus overturned in the ditch as it was trying to pass another vehicle. The Indian bus driver and a tour guide also were killed in the accident in northern India.

There were 30 people on the bus — 27 Americans, the Indian guide and two Indian drivers.

The bus crashed around midnight near Bhimnagar, a village 15 miles north of Agra, where the 17th century monument is located.

In Agra, Dr. Munish Gupta said four students were in stable condition in his private Parekh Nursing Home. Three had fractured limbs and one had head injuries, he said.

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Detective joins Campus Police

BY JENNIFER LONGLEY
TCU DAILY SKIFF

For almost 30 years, Detective Johnny J. Yale worked to find the bad guys in Fort Worth. As a patrolman and a detective with the Fort Worth Police Department, Yale put many criminals behind bars, and even sent three to death row.

Yale has retired from the Fort Worth force, but his policing days are not over. He currently works as an investigator for the campus police department.

Yale started with the FWPD as a patrolman in 1967. He was promoted to detective in 1979.

In his 17 years as a detective, Yale has worked in several departments: sexual assault, homicide, robbery, major cases and undercover narcotics.

"Working as a major case detective was great because I was not

bogged down with 30 cases a day," Yale said. "I might have had one or two to concentrate on."

Yale said major cases are those involving high profile thefts and burglaries which required extra effort. Yale said he remembered one case in particular from those years, which involved a robbery of an armored car.

He said he flew several places in Texas to investigate the incident. He said it took a week to catch the thief who stole \$64,000. The thief was one of the riders in the armored car, Yale said.

Before coming to campus police, Yale was in charge of security for TCU athletic events for 15 years, a job he still holds.

His years of working security on campus helped him when he retired from the FWPD, Yale said.

"When I was going to retire, I applied here at TCU," Yale said. "It

was nice because I already knew everyone through working security."

Yale worked on campus patrol for about seven months, before Campus Police Chief Steve McGee came to him with the idea of having a campus investigator.

Yale said the campus has never had a true investigator to do background checks and security checks or to look into reported cases.

Yale's job as investigator includes all thefts, verbal and physical threats, criminal mischief and assaults.

Yale said he thinks the students are appreciative of his efforts.

"Fort Worth has such a heavy workload so they don't have time to look into every case," Yale said. "I have time to look into things that happen on campus."

Yale works a full day on Mondays

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Bands battle for students, siblings

BY AMY GALPIN
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Bands including Crinkleroot, Fisherman's Ensemble, Ten-53, the jim squires band, the Trey Gunter Band and Drama Tiki will hit the TCU campus Sunday as part of Siblings Weekend.

This year all band's sets are five minutes longer than at last year's event. Another change this year is the addition of an emcee, Corn Mo. Corn Mo, who plays the accordian. He performed earlier this year in the Student Center.

Crinkleroot

Scott Davis, bass player and vocalist for Crinkleroot, said, "We thought it would be good exposure and it would be fun to play with the other bands."

Davis, a sophomore radio-TV-film major, said Crinkleroot plays Texas rock n' roll and is influenced heavily by the blues.

Crinkleroot consists of Davis, freshman pre-major Jared Blair on guitar and vocals, and University of North Texas freshman percussion major Chris Brown on drums.

Fishermen's Ensemble

Kevin Rhoads, a sophomore music major who plays guitar, piano and vocals for Fishermen's Ensemble, described his band's music as songwriting-oriented and acoustic folk. Beside Rhoads, the band includes junior accounting major Adam Costello on guitar and vocals, and freshman biology major Matt Rosen playing violin.

Rhoads and Costello came to TCU from Florida and have been playing together for two years. The two started playing with Rosen this fall, when Rhoads ran

into him while searching for laundry quarters in his dorm. Previously, Fishermen's Ensemble has performed at Coffee Plantation and at Mystic Java.

Ten-53

The three members of Ten-53 are 'junior radio-TV-film major Josh Spencer on acoustic guitar and lead vocals, senior nursing major Jeff Moehling on acoustic guitar and back-up vocals and senior psychology major Aaron Benton playing bass player and singing back-up vocals. Playing together since September, the trio named its band after Spencer and Moehling's apartment number. Spencer and Moehling performed at last year's Battle of the Bands.

the jim squires band

Josh Guerra, a member of the jim squires band and a sophomore geology and history double major said, "Our sound is pop jazz. It's laid-back and straightforward."

The band includes Guerra, but is named after sophomore business major Jim Squires. Freshman music major Byron Gordon, and Colette Stewart, a graduate of TCU, are also in the band.

The jim squires band has played together for a year and a half. During that time, the have had gigs at the Dog Star Cafe, the Aardvark, Mystic Java and Club 604. In January the band recorded its first CD.

Guerra said the band members look forward to Sunday because they think it will be fun to perform with the other bands.

Trey Gunter and the Cheyenne Band, and Drama Tiki,

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Grammy recipient to perform Sunday

BY BRIAN WILSON
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The Van Cliburn Foundation is making it possible for students to experience the talents of one of the world's most accomplished pianists.

Two-time Grammy Award recipient Andras Schiff will play an all-Schumann piano recital at 2 p.m. Sunday in Ed Landreth Auditorium.

The performance will feature four pieces composed by the German composer: Arabesque in C minor, "Davidsbundertanze," "Blumenstück in D flat major" and "Symphonic Etudes."

Schiff, a Hungarian pianist, has previously been nominated for four Grammys.

He was honored in 1990 as Best Classical Instrument Soloist for his performance of the Bach English Suites. And Schiff's Schubert's "Schwanengesang," a tune he recorded with tenor Peter Schreier, garnered a Grammy in the same year, for Best Classical Vocal Recording.

"I'm always thrilled that the Cliburn Foundation is able to bring in major talent from all over the world," said Kenneth Raessler, chairman of the music department. "And Andras is no exception."

Schiff recently signed an exclusive recording contract with Atlantic Classics Teldec, a division of Time Warner. Schiff collaborates with some of the world's leading conductors on a yearly basis.

The Cliburn foundation deserves a great deal of credit for bringing some of the top musicians in the

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News Digest

Public tenants get 'one strike'

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton today issued a "one strike, you're out" order that means immediate eviction from public housing for people who engage in drug use or violence.

Clinton directed Housing Secretary Henry Cisneros to issue national guidelines to enforce the "one strike" order through tenant screening and lease agreements.

Under the guidelines, any resident could be evicted for participating in drug crimes or other violent activity or admitting guests who take part in those activities.

Christians cancel Easter service

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Atheists beat Christians to the punch, getting a city permit for a 6 a.m. gathering on Easter around a mountaintop cross that has generated controversy because it's in a city park.

So the Christians decided to hold their sunrise ceremony at 5 a.m.

Then they changed their minds and dropped plans for a service.

City Councilman George Stevens, a Christian service organizer who also is a Baptist pastor, said God told him not to hold the early ceremony.

Robbery suspect shoots self

CHAMBERS, Ariz. (AP) — A Texas man suspected of robbing a gas station shot and killed himself following a chase with police in northeastern Arizona, authorities said.

Charles Lumpkin, 19, of Denver City, Texas, had been absent without leave since March 16 from Goodfellow Air Force Base in San Angelo, Texas, Matrese Avila, a spokeswoman for the Apache County Sheriff's Department, said today.

The suspect allegedly shot a clerk in the hand at a Whiting Brothers service station in Winslow during a robbery Wednesday night.

City speed limits might change

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Transportation Commission voted unanimously today to increase speed limits to as high as 70 mph on state roads within Austin, Dallas and San Antonio. State law gives cities the right to set limits on state roads within their jurisdictions, but those limits must be backed by engineering studies.

City officials in Austin, Dallas, San Antonio have been fighting for speed limits lower than those called for by state safety studies, said Tom Newbern, head of the state traffic operations division.

Dinosaur skin fossil found in rock

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — For years, it was just another pockmarked rock. Now scientists say an extraordinary dinosaur skin fossil is letting them reach back 70 million years.

The fossilized impression of a duck-billed dinosaur's skin was discovered five years ago by a graduate student who was studying rocks near Deming in southern New Mexico.

It was only last year, however, that researchers began to suspect the 10-foot-long, 2-foot-wide textured rock was not just fossilized tree bark.

CampusLines

CampusLines is provided as a service to the TCU community. Announcements of events, public meetings and other general campus information should be brought to the Skiff office, Moudy 2915 or sent to TCU Box 298050. The Skiff reserves the right to edit for style and taste.

A **BIOLOGY SEMINAR** will be at noon today in Sid Richardson Lecture Hall 4. Dr. Steven J. Norris of the University of Texas-Houston will present "The Emperor's New Clothes: A Tale of Antigenic Masking and Variation in Syphilis, Relapsing Fever and Lyme Disease."

TCU TRIANGLE, the gay, lesbian and bisexual student group, meets at 5 p.m. Sunday. Call Priscilla Tate at 921-7160.

THE DEPARTMENT OF JOURNALISM is collecting non-perishable food items and letters as a token of support for Candace McAdams' brother, a sergeant with the U.N. peace keeping troops serving in

Bosnia. The care package will be mailed April 8. All students, faculty, staff and student organizations are welcome to lend a hand in this effort. Call 921-7425 or bring donations to Moudy 256S.

HUMAN RESOURCES will host a brown bag seminar at noon April 12. Greg Stephens will cover tips for traveling in Mexico. Call 921-7790.

TCU'S STUDENT FOUNDATION will accept new member applications for the 1996-97 school year through Friday. SF is a service organization that volunteers in the Admissions, Alumni and Annual Fund offices. Members must be classified as a sophomore in the fall after the application is made and must maintain a 2.5 GPA. Interviews will be held in mid-April. Applications may be obtained at the Student Center Information Desk, the Admissions Office or the Alumni Office. Call 921-7803.

A **RAPE AGGRESSION DEFENSIVE SYSTEMS** class will be offered for

female students from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays from April 1 through April 17. Cost is \$15. Call D.J. Swiger at 921-7777.

ALL STUDENTS PLANNING TO STUDY ABROAD during the summer and fall should stop by the Study Abroad office, Reed Hall 113, to obtain pre-departure information and academic approval forms.

UNITING CAMPUS MINISTRIES meets at 4 p.m. Mondays in Student Center Room 211. All students are welcome.

THE ORGANIZATION OF LATIN AMERICAN STUDENTS meets at 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays in Student Center Room 211.

TCU CIRCLE K INTERNATIONAL meetings are at 6 p.m. Tuesdays in Student Center Room 205. Call Chris Alexander at 920-2458.

CRIME WATCH meets at noon the second Tuesday of each month in Student Center Room 203.

The Adventures of Superhog

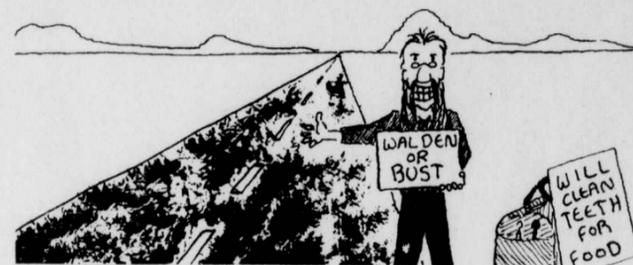
by Ben Roman & Adam Wright



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The Beaten Path

by P. D. Magnus



Following the teachings of Emerson and Thoreau, Phil became a transient dentist.

PurplePoll

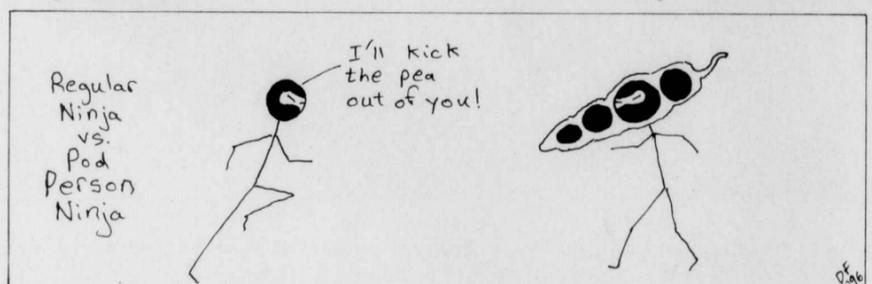
Is anyone coming to visit you during Siblings' Weekend?

YES	NO
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Today's Purple Poll question was asked of 100 people in the Main Cafeteria last evening by a Skiff pollster.

Ninja Verses

by Don Frederic



Trustees

intentions," White said in an interview after the meeting.

Adams told the students that the Board feels the governance of the university is the responsibility of the trustees and they do not feel a student can do much to affect the policies.

Adams said the problem with having students on Board committees is that Board members understand the continuity of many issues that sometimes take years to implement.

"If there's anything we can do short of putting you on the Board, we are willing to do it," Adams said.

Adams said the "real work of the Board" takes place on the committees. He said the board recommends monetary and policy issues only.

"We do not run the university," he said.

Selby said that students still have the perception that the Board is completely in charge of the university.

White said he was disappointed that the Board did not understand the need for students on Board committees.

"We would like to have more open relations with the board and they were rejecting that," White said in an interview after the meeting.

Adams said Board members value the students' opinions.

"We think it's very important input, we encourage it," he said.

Board member Clarence Scharbauer III said choosing students to be on Board committees is another problem.

White said the university is currently having a problem with space availability in meeting rooms in the Student Center. He also said there is a lack of "hangout space" on campus.

White said he thought a new University Center would help alleviate the problem of meeting space and would encourage more students to spend more time on-campus.

"Off-campus students don't feel that they're a part of the TCU community," White said.

White said the Permanent Improvements committee is looking at developing the area between Reed and Jarvis Halls as a hub of student socializing.

Adams said a new university center is definitely in the master plan.

Board member J. Luther King said, "In terms of the way it is laid out and the way it is used, it can definitely be improved."

House secretary Julie Markus addressed cultural interaction on campus. She said she was impressed with the Engaging with Cultures Task team, an administrative group that works to improve cultural relations on campus.

Markus said many students want to take advantage of campus diversity.

Matthew Rosine, president of United Campus Ministries, said, "the concern is that we need to get students appreciating all the diversities we have."

During previous meetings, the committee discussed the levels of scholarships, compared to tuition costs.

Chad McBride, vice president of programming, brought up the scholarship depreciation issue, but it was never addressed and the committee moved on to other subjects.

Overall, White said he felt "somewhat optimistic" after the meeting, but said the students may have acted "too diplomatic." He said he thought most of the students involved wished they could have said things "in a more frank way."

"I don't think the trustees fully understood what we were presenting to them," White said.

White said the "discussion" approach that Selby proposed at the beginning of the meeting was a positive development. Selby said that in the past the meeting had been more of a presentation by the students with little student-trustee interaction.

"That kind of broke down the barrier that was there," White said.

Board members said they would like to keep the new discussion format.

Battle

who has performed at various places in the Fort Worth area and can be heard on KTCU 88.7, will be the other two

bands playing on Sunday.

Each band had to submit an application and demo tape to the Programming Council. The Council required that each band have one member who is a full-time TCU student and that all bands not have con-

tracts with recording companies.

Greg Barron, concert events chair for the programming council and a sophomore environmental science major, said the Battle of the Bands is a good fun way to end Siblings Weekend.

Schiff

world to TCU, Raessler said. "The major talent we have in Ed Landreth because of the Cliburn

foundation is phenomenal," he said.

Schiff's performance will be preceded by a Cliburn Conversation at 1 p.m. in Moudy Building Room 141N.

David Dubal, a noted authority on the piano and author of several

books on the subject, will preside over the lecture.

Tickets to the concert can be purchased through the Central Ticket Office for \$10, \$18 and \$32. Free tickets are available for students through the music department.

Weather Watch

Today will be partly cloudy with a high of 73 and a low of 52. Saturday will be mostly cloudy with a high of 73 and a low of 51. Sunday will be partly cloudy with a high of 65 and a low of 47.

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India

Rescuers had to slice off the roof of the bus, lying on its side, to reach passengers, according to the Amar Ujala, a newspaper published in Agra. The newspaper quoted witnesses as saying the bus was going too fast and the driver lost control on a bend.

Police said the bus was coming from New Delhi, 125 miles north of Agra. It was part of a larger group of American college students traveling to the Taj Mahal in two buses. The second bus, carrying 31 people, continued to the monument, unaware of the accident, the newspaper said.

The group had traveled to India earlier this month to the southern city of Madras, an embassy official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Most flew back today to Madras, from where their ship sails Friday to Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

"We are in shock," was all one student would say.

Corder said that both TCU students had been offered counseling and are doing "okay."

The dead students were identified as Chere Lulhere of Long Beach, Calif.; Jennifer Druck, also of Cali-

fornia; Sarah Schewe of Amherst, Mass.; and Virginia Amato of Metairie, La.

Service identified the fifth victim as John Wilson, of Pittsburgh, the husband of an educator at the University of Pittsburgh.

Schewe, 20, was a student at Georgetown University, said a spokeswoman for the University of Massachusetts.

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Police Blotter

Campus Police reported the following offenses and violations from March 25 to March 28:

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

March 25: Between 1:30 and 4 p.m., the window of a car parked on Cantey Street was smashed out.

HARASSMENT

March 26: Police received a complaint from Tom Brown Dormitory at 7:30 p.m. Complainant reported receiving harassing phone calls that have continued since October, 1995.

THEFT

March 26: At 8:10 p.m. a theft was reported from the Rickel locker room. Complainant laid items on a bench and took a shower. The items were gone when he returned.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

March 26: A damaged door was observed by university staff at the Letterman's Club in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. The door had pry marks along the edge near the deadbolt lock. Several pieces of wood were

lying the doorway. No suspects were found in the area.

SUSPICIOUS PERSON

March 27: At 12:50 p.m. a solicitor was issued a criminal trespass warning at Sherley Dorm. The suspect was escorted off campus.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENT

March 27: A legally parked car rolled out of its parking space and into another legally parked car.

MEDICAL EMERGENCY

March 27: Police responded to a student who had fallen down the stairs at the ROTC building. Fort Worth Fire Department and Medstar treated the student and transported the student to Harris Methodist Downtown.

INJURED STUDENT

March 28: A student was transported to Harris Methodist Downtown by Medstar after she had fallen out of the top bunk and hit her head on the sink. The student said she had been drinking and was trying to vomit in the sink when she lost her balance and fell.

Compiled by Jennifer Longley.

Program coordinator breaks down walls

BY NEELIMA ATLURU
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Growing up in Trinidad, Phyllis Bodie didn't have an idea of what racism was or what forms it took.

"As a child, I wasn't exposed to the idea of being black or white," said Bodie, program coordinator at TCU. "The people running the island were black."

When she came to America, however, she said things were categorized.

"It's interesting being here in the U.S.," Bodie said. "Living in the different parts of America, you see the differences in America."

She said there is a big difference in the attitudes of northerners and southerners.

For example, Bodie said she noticed there is more tolerance for diversity and differences in Washington, D.C. And in Massachusetts people recognize that racism does exist and are outright about their feelings, she said.

"In the north, it's easier to deal with — you know

when people don't like you," she said.

Bodie sees Texas, however, as a whole different country to the rest of the United States.

She said she finds it difficult to read people's feelings for one another.

But that has not deterred her from helping TCU students in any way she can.

"Students seek me out to find information about a lot of things," she said. And she said she tries to help them get what they are looking for.

On July 1, Bodie will celebrate her 5-year anniversary at TCU.

Although her official title is program coordinator, her job encompasses much more.

"There's lots of stuff I do that's not in my job description because there's a need," she said.

Bodie said she wants students to be responsible and stretch themselves so they may grow as individuals.

"I want them to have meaning and purpose and be committed to what they want to do," she said.

TCU is not immune to the racial and social problems of society.

As products of a learning institution, Bodie said students and educators should embrace these problems and work toward solving them.

Rather than just talking about the problems that exist on campus and in society, people should apply what they have learned in class and during life.

"We need to be willing to talk, to work at the solutions and then there will be hope," she said. "Talking means nothing if you plan on doing nothing. You need to ask yourself, 'What are you committed to doing?'"

Bodie said she believes everybody in America can live in harmony.

"It's all about respect," she said. "We need to respect each other and realize we all have something to contribute. We all matter."

Bodie works as adviser to Programming Council and also works with minority groups on campus. She helps bring outreach programs, such as enhancing diversity and other issues to help students, to campus. These include faculty members and students working together.

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and comes in Tuesdays or Wednesday for a half day. He said if his caseload is heavier, he will spend more time on campus.

Yale said working at TCU is less stressful than working at the FWPB because most of the incidents are minor. He said he realizes, though, that each incident is very important to the students and faculty.

"My main concern is the safety of the students, faculty and visitors on campus," Yale said.

He said the patrol officers do an excellent job of being seen on campus to prevent crime. But Yale said he thinks students are happy to know that someone is looking into crime.

Crime Prevention Officer Connie Villela said Yale helps the students because of the follow-ups he performs.

"He really shows an interest in what has happened," Villela said.

Yale said his experience with the FWPB has also helped him at TCU

because he can assist students in filing reports with Fort Worth.

McGee said Yale's ties with the FWPB have really benefited campus police.

"He has brought a professionalism and expertise to our department," McGee said. "He has been a positive impact on campus police."

McGee said Yale has helped to solve several thefts and other offenses on campus. He also found the suspect in a Worth Hills assault, McGee said.

Yale said he has used his vast experience with FWPB to help him in his job at TCU. During his 30 years on the force, he had many experiences that he said were memorable.

Yale said he remembers protecting the crime scene at the Cullen Davis mansion for 12 hours the night of the infamous Fort Worth murders.

"There was still fresh blood throughout the house that night," Yale said.

Following the murders, Yale was one of the many officers that worked for Priscilla Davis. He was a plainclothes protection officer who accompanied her for two years.

Yale said the most satisfying work that he did was as a sexual assault detective.

"It is gratifying to catch some guy who has sexually assaulted someone and put them in jail," Yale said.

Yale has not been lucky enough to stay out of the line of fire in his policing days.

"I've been shot at a couple of times, and I have shot at a few people a couple of times," Yale said.

But that won't keep this dedicated detective from doing the job he has done well for so many years.

Law enforcement is a tradition in the Yale family.

Yale has one daughter on the Fort Worth police force. His other daughter is a Tarrant County deputy sheriff.

Senate approves new agriculture policy bill

BY JIM ABRAMS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Senate passed massive farm legislation Thursday that would end price-based subsidies and government planting controls that have been the basis of farm policy since the Depression.

The Senate passed the measure by a 74-26 vote and sent it to the House, where quick approval also was expected. President Clinton has voiced "very serious reservations" about the bill but has said he would sign it.

The House-Senate compromise bill, which also covers nutrition and conservation programs, dairy product management and peanut quotas, has traveled a long, slow road through Congress.

But there was a sense of urgency to get it passed this week, with Congress set to leave for a two-week recess and Midwestern farmers anxious to know government policy as they prepare for spring planting.

The seven-year "Freedom to Farm" bill would end the link between prices and subsidies, instead guaranteeing farmers steadily declining "market transition payments" based on past subsidies.

At the same time, the government would no longer require land to be idled or deny payments if farmers switch from their his-

torical crop.

"From now on the federal government will stop trying to control how much food, feed and fiber our nation produces," said Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman Dick Lugar, R-Ind. "Instead, we will trust the market for the first time in a long while to direct those signals."

With farmers knowing exactly how much they will receive from the government, they will be able to plan ahead, saving money for hard times, supporters said.

But critics warned that the new system could leave farmers vulnerable when prices or production are down and that it is unseemly to pay farmers who let their land sit idle.

"I believe the underlying farm policy contained in this legislation is fatally flawed," said Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D. "Farmers get a check from the government even if they plant nothing. That is wrong. This legislation contains payments that are fixed but sharply declining. That is wrong. This legislation provides no adjustments if prices plunge or yields are low. That is wrong."

The crafters of the legislation met administration demands by retaining the Conservation Reserve Program, which keeps environmentally sensitive farmland out of production by paying landowners 10-year leases and by guaranteeing \$200 million to protect the Everglades.



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■ Leigh Anne Robison

'Siblinglessness' can define you

For the first six years of my life, I wanted, more than anything in the world, a little sister. I had no older siblings, and my parents had built a house out in the country on several acres of land. So to put it bluntly, I spent a lot of time being bored.

I fostered a pretty elaborate imagination in those early years. Of course, I had imaginary friends, and I talked to them out loud all the time. It's no surprise my mother put me in preschool — probably to assure herself her child would not become a socially-inept, neurotic, Lizzie Borden-in-training.

After my parents' divorce, however, my view on siblings began to change. I became accustomed to my household consisting of just my mother and me. When she began to date a few years later, I was a pre-teen terror who instantly hated any man she brought home for me to meet. She was my mother, and I wasn't about to share her with anyone. In all honesty, I had gotten used to being spoiled with 100 percent of her attention.

This brattiness could be a cause of my status as an only child, but I'm not sure. For so long I was lonely, but then I accepted my life the way it was. Anyone else would have been an intruder. Don't get me wrong, if I had a brother or sister, I think I would cherish him or her enormously. When

I found out that my mother had miscarried a baby when I was three, I felt a loss, too.

However, I know I would not be the person I am today at all if I had siblings. I think being an only child has boosted my academic career. Out of sheer boredom, I taught myself to read before I started school. Whenever I needed help with homework, my mother was always accessible. I never had to go through school in the shadow of more successful older siblings.

I can also stand to be alone more than most people I know. While I'm not what you'd typically call a "people person," I'm not antisocial either. I like being an introvert, and if I hadn't been forced to entertain myself as a child, I don't know if I necessarily would be. I also contribute my love for writing to my siblinglessness.

I get to be the sole heir to my mother's fortune (ha ha). I'm an only grandchild, so I guess that makes me an heiress also. See, there are perks people never think about. I've recently watched a friend's mother haggle with her siblings over her parents' estate, and I'm thankful I'll never have to deal with that stress.

Now that I'm an adult (I guess), I have realized what I consider the one drawback to being an only child, and

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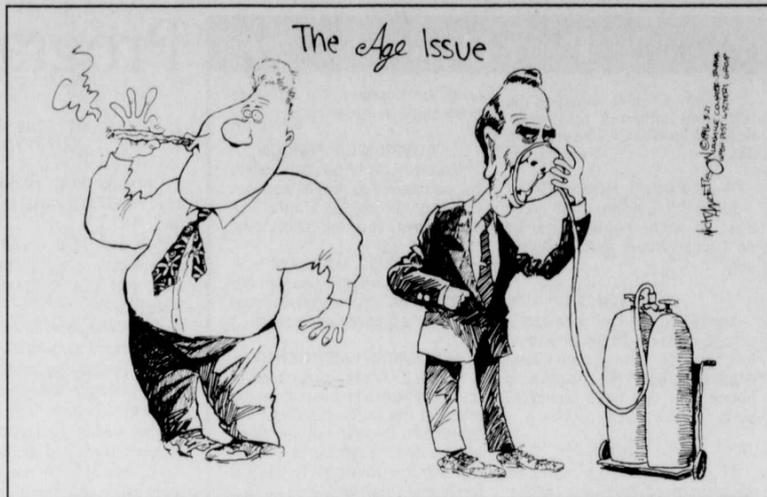


that is the fact that I will never be an aunt. Sure, my fiancé has nephews, and that's exciting for me, but I don't think it's quite the same. So on the opposite page,

you'll find an essay written by my brilliant and beautiful cousin, Amanda. She's the youngest in our family and has let me play surrogate big sis for several years now, even though she has a perfectly adequate one already.

After all, it's not only brothers and sisters who participate in our annual Siblings' Weekend. Extended family and good friends are often included in the festivities as well. And I, for one, am grateful — not just for my lack of siblings, but for the people who are just as close to me.

Leigh Anne Robison is a senior English and history major from Houston, Texas, and is the Skiff opinion editor.



■ Andee Moore

Weather, Easter break, profs bum columnist out

Sometimes I have so much to say that I cannot narrow it down to just one topic. And so, with your permission (well, not really), this week's column consists of random, choppy thoughts that have been on my mind and probably many other minds.

First off, what is up with this weather? It's 30 degrees one day with freezing rain, and 80 degrees the next. It's almost April and we're still wearing flannels and jackets to class. Hey, maybe it'll snow for Easter! I for one am sick of it.

Next, what about getting only one day off for Easter? I realize we just had Spring Break but last time I checked, this university's name is Texas Christian University. I think it's rather sad considering that Easter is one of the major events in Christian life.

And is it me, or did all of our professors get together and decide to give tests and loads of work at the same time? Maybe they just want to shock us back into the working mode. I don't know for sure, but I think it's all a big conspiracy.

Raise your hand if you think parking on our campus is simply horrid. I thought so. Thanks for playing, but the somewhat new system beginning last semester has only made the situation worse. I do not know one person who doesn't have a gripe about it. And of course, the one time you leave your car in a fire lane just to run in and out, you get a ticket. Life is simply not fair sometimes.

And just when you don't have \$50 for Campus Police, CampusLink sends you a bill. No matter how hard you may try to figure it out, the rates are undefinable. A 5-minute call in the middle of the afternoon can sometimes actually be less than one placed after 10 p.m. But sometimes not. The question you're left with is a simple, "What?" And there's nothing you or I can do about it except realize our helplessness and pay their looney rates.

And speaking of money, I recently heard that tuition is going up to \$315 per credit hour. I can't help but wonder if this is for the new Campus Police Jeep Cherokee. Is this for those high-speed-off-road chases with us unruly college kids? Because I, for one, have never seen them do anything more than write tickets and sit in their cars (now nicer and newer).

And folks, I have pride in TCU and school spirit but could someone please explain the point of that dang Frog Horn? There is nothing else to ask but "why?"

No Holds Barred



A gripe most of us have is the university attendance policy. More power to a student who can miss seven lectures and still get an A. If he or she has paid the money, why must some educators insist on giving that student a B or C over a few missed

classes?

Time management is an important concept in college and life. If you need to skip a class to study for a test because you have to go to work later, then you do what you have to do. College is a choice, as is attending classes. We all know it's important to go and that we should go, but sometimes you can't help racking up more than three absences. And some teachers even require notes to excuse absences. I'm sorry, but notes from Mommy or doctors should be left in high school.

Speaking of which, if a student really is very sick, some professors insist on a note from the Health Center. If you're too sick to go to class, then chances are you're also too sick to trot your little butt over to the Health Center for a note.

Which leads me to yet another point. Our Health Center has unfortunately acquired the nickname of "quack shack." One of the reasons may be because of what I have heard is a common occurrence. Students with colds and sore throats often go and are asked when the last time he or she had sex was. I don't mean to scare anyone from going to the Health Center. I'm sure the personnel are highly qualified to help, but, what does a sore throat and allergies have to do with sex?

Now, I know it sounds as if I think there's nothing positive at TCU, but that is definitely not the case. There are simply some topics that need to be addressed. I think TCU is a fine academic institution with much to offer a young adult like myself. You know, I think maybe I'd see more good if only the sun would come out . . .

Andee Moore is a sophomore advertising and public relations major from Austin who just needed another week off for Spring Break.

Students and Trustees

Both groups must make effort to strengthen ties

Challenging authority is often a difficult thing to do.

From the time we are young, we are taught to respect our elders and those in positions of power.

But it's time the students of this university stood up for themselves and stopped being intimidated by the Board of Trustees.

And it's time for the Board of Trustees to stop treating us like little children who have no say in the future of this university.

Today the Board of Trustees meets to debate and decide on a variety of issues that affect you, the student.

But yesterday, Trustee William Adams informed student members of the Student Relations Committee that the "governing of the university is the responsibility of the trustees . . . we feel there is not much a student can do to affect the policies."

That attitude is why the student population has such a negative view of the Board of Trustees.

Their policies do affect students, and they should take our concerns to heart, rather than writing them off as the pointless whining of Generation Xers.

The Student Relations Committee, comprised of both students and trustees, meets once every semester to discuss issues of vital importance to the student body. This two and a half hour meeting is the only interaction between the two groups.

In order for this meeting to be productive in any way, shape or form, frank, honest and aggressive

■ Editorial

communication of the students' concerns to the Board members is critical.

If the students that serve on the committee continue to be intimidated by the trustees and are not adamant about what they want and desire, the Board will turn a deaf ear to the issues the students present — just as they have done in the past.

For the past three semesters students have raised the issue of scholarship depreciation. Tuition rises every year, but merit scholarships, which are presented to prospective students as percentages of tuition costs, do not keep pace with the hikes.

Chad McBride, vice president of programming, raised the issue again at yesterday's meeting. Instead of forcing debate on the topic, the students let the trustees gloss over the issue and change the subject.

Sharon Selby requested that a student representative sit in on Board meetings to better facilitate communication. She and the other students on the committee were shot down.

They were not forceful in their convictions, and the Board used their power to intimidate students rather than taking the time to listen to them.

Both parties are at fault. It's time the Board opened up the lines of communication. After all, what exactly are they trying to hide? And it's time the students stand up to the trustees and make their voices heard. Showing trustees respect is one thing; being intimidated by them is another.

■ Bob Turney

"Ex-convicts with short tempers don't exactly make the best poster boys"

Tyson, the ex-con, did the crime and the time

Scattershooting while wondering what ever happened to Dennis Watson. Yeah, I've always wanted to start a column like that. It's even apropos to this week's topics, since we are going to be dealing with the world of sports.

During Spring Break, some of you might recall that there was a heavyweight title fight, between that battlin' Brit, Frank Bruno, and that good ol' home-grown American product, Iron Mike Tyson. Myself, I think Bruno was suffering from some of that mad cow disease to get into the ring with a mad dog like Tyson, but for a paycheck that falls in the seven figure range, there are a lot worse things I would do.

All of this is, however, extraneous to my point. I was watching the six o'clock newscast, and the sports anchor, Spencer Tillman, was talking about the big fight. Somewhere in his description, he referred to Tyson as an "ex-con." Later, on the 10 p.m. newscast, he ended his segment by apologizing for using that term to describe Tyson, due to a number

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of people who called the station and protested his use of this phrase.

Let's analyze this for a minute. Ex-con is short for ex-convict, someone who is no longer incarcerated in our penal system. It's not necessarily a derogatory term, it is just an accurate assessment about how someone has spent some of their life. Does this term apply to Tyson? I have a short checklist to help us with that determination.

Accused of violating the law, specifically one that prohibits nonconsensual sex? Check. Retained several future members of the O.J.



defense team before trial? Check. Put on trial and convicted? Check. Appealed? Check. Jailed? Check. And finally, released? Check. Well, unless there is some special new politically correct term out there to describe this situation (and even if there is, I ain't too likely to use it, am I?), then Mike Tyson is an ex-con.

Now, I'm sure that some of y'all out there are mumbbling various nasty comments about me, my lineage or my choice in colors for linens. Some might even be bold enough to label me a racist to my face. My defense is that I don't call Tyson an ex-con because he is black, I do it because he was convicted for raping someone. Sure, everyone deserves a second chance, a clean slate, etc., but if Tyson wasn't black, and if the girl that he raped hadn't been the Miss Black USA, but the Miss USA, would he be given the same second chance? No. His handlers, PR people, Don King, whoever, are trying to take advantage of his ethnicity to try to get him off a hook that he deserves to be on.

Regardless of what Tyson hopes to achieve, what is even more discouraging is that many leaders in the black community have lined up to support him. What they fail to realize, however, is that while this draws attention to racial issues in the short run, it will hurt them in the long run. Ex-convicts with short tempers don't exactly make the best poster boys. Not to mention that convicted rapists and admitted wife-beaters have hit an all-time low in popularity, and deservedly so.

Well, that's enough preaching for one week. Please tune in next week, when I examine the latest trend in the "Signs of the Decline of American Society" series (sponsored by your local GOP — coming soon to a Congressional seat near you): Does sliced cheese really need instructions on how to open it on every wrapper?

Bob Turney is a senior political science and history double major from Houston who feels that PC dog won't hunt.

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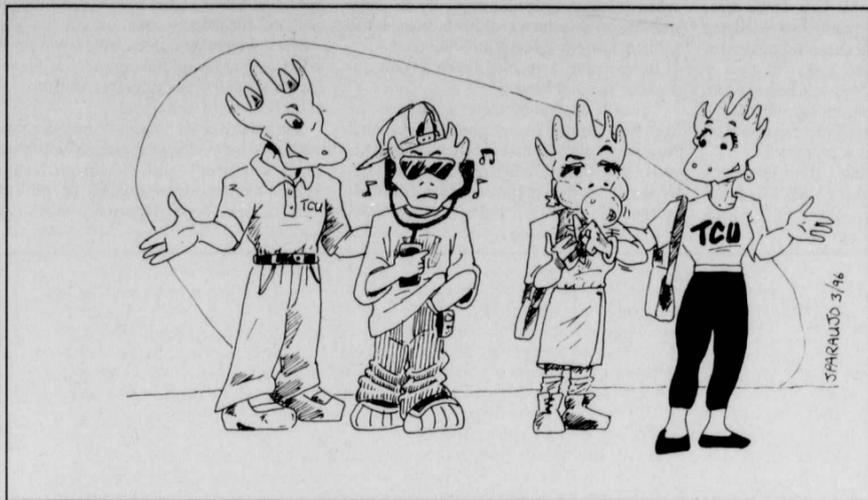
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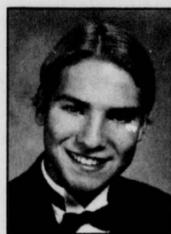
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Chandler Gifford

Campus makes college chaotic

Upon arrival at any university or college, a student is faced with far-too-complicated registration and utter chaos. After the student becomes acquainted with the campus, say after two years, he or she becomes comfortable with his or her environment.



The student learns the different significance of each building. All of these buildings are the exact same drab color and architecture. Whether it be the library or student union or laboratory, each brick of each structure dates back to about 1066 A.D. (This has nothing to do with the Normans, though.)

College students somehow distinguish between the indistinguishable. In these buildings, the students partake in studies of all kinds. And 99 percent of these courses are required, no matter what major the student pursues.

For example, an English major must take at least three years of, you guessed it, agricultural sculpture. At any

rate, these classes are often comprised of two or three thousand students. This provides an excellent learning atmosphere, because of the ideal teacher-to-student ratio.

People say that the college years are some of the best of life. "The friends you make in college, you'll have for the rest of your life." This is undoubtedly due to the maturation factor. The maturation factor is the rapid change of high school 18-year-olds to "adults."

This metamorphosis is marked by the highly respectable indoctrination we know as fraternity or sorority initiation. Another sign of college students' vast sophistication is their ability to pretend they are familiar with each of the 48 million varieties of beer. So, because all university students are so matured from their teenage status, solid relationships tend to form.

College is a time of learning and fun. It's about finding oneself. A college education begins the road to a person's independence. Just keep telling yourself that.

Chandler Gifford is an 18-year-old senior at Winter Park High School in Winter Park, Fla. His sister, Christi, is the Skiff news editor.

Kristy Richardson

Bye high school, hello stress

"Fill this out COMPLETELY!" "I wouldn't recommend that." "What's your Social Security Number?"

Applying to and registering for college is the most complicated process I've encountered yet. Yesterday I went to select my classes.

It seems that everyone knows what is best for me except me. My parents and counselors all have an opinion as to where my life is heading.

I had recovered from the stress of applying and then selecting the "right" school. That traumatic experience was the beginning of a long strand of stressful issues.

I thought I would just move out, party and party some more. Nowhere did I plan on going to classes. But I finally figured out my 15 credit hours. I hope I didn't schedule to be in POS 321 on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10:40-11:30 because that's when I have ENG 102H.

Wait, maybe that's Tuesday and Thursday! I hope the mysterious person behind the computer knows what those letters and numbers stand for because I have no clue!

I'm indecisive about my feelings. At the same time this chaotic cyclone is whirling around in my brain, I feel so excited to GET OUT!!

No more curfews, chores or fathers telling me to drive slowly and wear my seatbelt every morning. I'm ready to grow up. At least today, anyway.

But other days, my friends and I

cry for hours over being seniors. No more Friday night football games together, Saturday cheer competitions or midnight Taco Bell runs.

Also, today I want to be a broadcast journalist, but tomorrow I think I might want to be an astronaut. Maybe that had something to do with watching "Up Close and Personal" and "Apollo 13" all in one weekend.

Soon, I'm off to Arizona State to start my future. So, if the last four years have been preparing me for that, why do I have no clue as to what to expect? What will college prepare me for? Maybe I'll just make Jimmy Buffett my hero and live on the beach drinking margaritas. Now that has potential...

Kristy Richardson is a 17-year-old senior at Horizon High School in Scottsdale, Ariz. Her sister, Ginger, is the Skiff managing editor.

Amanda Rackler

College will add stress, excitement to life story

College. Every time I hear that word I have to take in a deep breath. I am so used to the normal lifestyle I live now. I get up at 7:15 every morning, Monday through Friday, I go to school, practice tennis until five and come home to start the pile of homework awaiting me. A normal weeknight for me usually doesn't end till around 12 or 1 a.m. But I can't forget those early mornings for Student Council meetings or those late nights for phone time with my friends.

Then come the weekends. I usually meet at Taco Cabana with my friends and go from there, whether it be to a movie or to a "social gathering" at a friend's house. This is all normal to me. But then I wake up and realize I still have a whole other life out there: college. Whatever seems like the biggest problem to me now will, in two years, become the least of my worries.

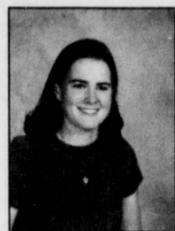
However much fun I am having now, I will have more. However stressed out I am now, I'll become even more stressed out. If I had to

pick one word to describe how I feel about college, it would have to be excited.

Although I may be adjusted to my San

Antonio lifestyle right now, I am definitely ready for a change and a different pace of life.

I don't know what college will be like, but I have formed a few opinions over the years. The first thought that has been running through my mind lately is that I might not make it. I'm worried that I will get there and not be prepared. I will arrive with big thoughts of those sorority parties and late nights with all kinds of people, and I will never make it through my first lecture because my mind will be so far out of focus. I guess



that I, along with many other college-bound hopefuls, think that college will be one big party. However, I also know that I will be proved wrong.

Meeting new people, living in a different environment, and facing more challenging situations are some of the many things I am looking forward to.

After living in the same town for 17 years, I'm definitely ready for college, no matter where it may be that I end up. That same ol' drive down Lockhill-Selma to that same building which looks like a prison is getting pretty old, so I am sure wherever I go will bring me some sort of variety.

I am hoping each day of college will bring an important lesson of value and actual substance. College will be one big experience that I'll never forget: one huge, eventful chapter added to that big book called "Life."

Amanda Rackler is a 17-year-old junior at Clark High School in San Antonio. Her cousin, Leigh Anne Robison, is the Skiff opinion editor.

Nick Drabicky

College = ChickFest

I believe that college will be quite an experience. I think that college will be probably the best and worst times of my life.

I love the fact that you are on your own and don't always have parents telling you what you can and cannot do. The thing I like the best is all the chicks that can be found in college and all the other new people that I can meet.

I fear it a little because of the late nights doing endless amounts of homework that all the professors and teachers give you. I also fear it because of the very cramped dorm rooms that the college provides. I have been in my sister's room and realize how small the dorm rooms actually are.

I also have experienced how poor the students are!! I hope I'm never that bad when I get to college. For the most part I think college will be exciting but I still have doubts.

Nick Drabicky is a 14-year-old freshman at Jesuit in Dallas, Texas. His sister, Anne, is a Skiff copy editor and contributing writer.



Siblings

Brothers and sisters take over Skiff

Today's Opinion section is a little

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these writers feel about col-

different than usual. To recognize the siblings who will hit the campus this weekend, we have created a second page by the brothers and sisters.

We asked for an essay of any length with the topic being "What I think college will be like." We asked boys and girls of varying ages to tell us what they thought our experiences at a university entailed. What we got entertained and enlightened us.

The columns have been edited very little, as we wanted to present our siblings' ideas as they were given to us. Of course, we are a little biased, but we're really proud of these kids. We realized that the apprehension some of

lege is startlingly familiar. Monday we wrote an editorial about all the stress a graduating senior encounters.

It takes a while to get adjusted to a new school, and when we finally have, it's off we go again.

Our view of the future has been shaped by classes and night life, but these ideals have been accumulating since birth. It's our siblings and parents who have witnessed our evolution the most.

These Opinion pages reflect what we have learned about life — not just while at TCU. It's a never-ending saga of excitement and fear. And it hardly ever turns out quite like we thought it would.

Jonathon Gardner

College is paradise

I'm in fifth grade and I wanted to be a scientist, but I found out I would have to cut up innocent animals. Now I'm going to try to be a business man and take all the business courses I can so I can be qualified for most jobs. I also think I'll take Math, Science, History and Language because I like them and I'll be able to make use of them.

I expect to meet many different and interesting people. If I'm lucky I get a cool apartment. I'll have to learn to cook. Well, maybe not, maybe I could just eat frozen pizzas all the time. I'll have to do my own laundry. I hope I don't turn all my clothes pink.

I'm looking forward to surfing my own computer so I can surf the internet, send E-mail and most

of all, design my own party invitations. Now I'm looking up information in almanacs and dictionaries.

I will study hard and it will be a breeze. This "college" will be a paradise. You have total freedom and a lot of responsibility. You don't have any moms around to tell you to clean up your room everyday. But, you know, I wonder what will happen if you don't clean it at all. Well, my imaginary college adventure has ended now. It's been fun.

The End.

Jonathon Gardner is an 11-year-old fifth grader at Howard Perrin Elementary School in Benton, Ark. His sister, Natalie, is the Skiff campus editor.



Karen Turney

College isn't one big party like she thought

When I was a senior in high school, I really didn't know what to expect of college life. I had narrowed my choices to three schools: TCU, Xavier University in New Orleans and The University of the South in Sewanee, Tenn.

It was a tough decision, but I decided on Sewanee because I had a great time when I visited. The people at every school were friendly, but it didn't hurt my impression that I vis-

ited on Winter Party Weekend.

I guess after that I thought college, especially at Sewanee, was one big party. The reality, I soon discovered, is that college is tough, especially for freshmen, but I can always make time for fun.

Although I didn't know what college would be like, my older brother helped ease some of my fears. He assured me I would learn to love college, no matter what experiences

might lie ahead of me.

He was right. I can't imagine ever leaving Sewanee because I have truly learned to love it here. If there is one thing I remember about his advice, it is to enjoy my college years because before you know it, they will end.

So, as my big brother Bobby is on the verge of graduation, I want to thank him for his understanding and compassion. Most of all I wish him luck in all his endeavors and remind

him to remember what he learned through his experiences at TCU.

Karen Turney is a 19-year-old freshman social work major from Houston and sister of Skiff columnist Bob Turney.



Mark Wetuski

College opens door to many opportunities

I think college is going to be one of the best times of my life because it will be the end of my school days and I think I will enjoy them.

I also think college will be a very good and important learning experience for me because from that point, I will be looking at the rest of my life. I have many plans for my life but I am not quite sure which road I want to take. But I know college will help me and it will give me great opportunities in any field of business.

I think I will make a lot of new friends in college because I see that my sister, Jodi, has made many new friends. I feel that the teachers will also become my friends and that they will help me when I need help most.

I will also get used to living away from home. I'm sure that sometimes I will feel homesick. Activities like parents weekend and siblings weekend will help. When Jodi leaves for college, I miss her; and when I come up to see her on sib-

lings weekend, I feel so great to see her again.

College will be a very great time of my life and I can't wait to get there.

Mark Wetuski is a 13-year-old seventh grader at St. Mark Lutheran School in Houston. His sister, Jodi, is the Skiff editor-in-chief.



Judge won't intervene in Army medic's discharge

By MICHELLE MITTELSTADT
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WASHINGTON — A federal judge refused Thursday to intervene in the military's court-martial proceedings against an Army medic slapped with a bad-conduct discharge for refusing to wear U.N. insignia during a peacekeeping mission.

Attorneys for Michael New had appeared before U.S. District Judge Paul L. Friedman

earlier this month asking him to give the 22-year-old Conroe, Texas, soldier an honorable discharge.

In his ruling Thursday, Friedman refused to intervene though he didn't slam the door shut on further involvement once New's appeals through the military justice system are concluded.

New is the first American serviceman court-martialed for refusing to accept foreign command on a United Nations operation. He

refused to supplement his U.S. battle dress uniform with a U.N. patch and headgear before the start of a peacekeeping mission to Macedonia last October.

In refusing the order, New said he had sworn allegiance to the U.S. Constitution, not the U.N. charter. He argued that any order requiring him to serve a foreign master was unlawful.

In their novel pleading before Friedman, New's trio of lawyers argued that the soldier was involuntarily returned to civilian status

when given an unlawful order by his commanders — thus he no longer falls under the military justice system's jurisdiction.

In his order, Friedman labeled the argument a "tenuous stretch."

"Even if ultimately there is merit to the argument that the orders given to Specialist New were unlawful because they changed his responsibilities and allegiances from the U.S. to (the) U.N., the court would find it difficult to conclude that such changes transformed

Specialist New's status from U.S. military to civilian," the judge wrote.

The government contends New was never asked to shift his allegiance to the U.N. and remained at all times directly under the U.S. military chain of command.

The judge's order "seems to track the arguments that we made in the case, so we are certainly satisfied," said federal prosecutor Robert Shapiro, who argued the government's case before Friedman two weeks ago.

Shuttle set to return from Mir a day early

By MARCIA DUNN
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SPACE CENTER, Houston — With bear hugs and teary eyes, space shuttle Atlantis' astronauts said goodbye to the crew of Russia's space station Mir and then sealed the hatches Thursday, leaving Shannon Lucid behind for a five-month stay in orbit.

Later in the day, Atlantis' crew was scheduled to unlatch the shuttle from Mir after five days of docked flight about 250 miles above Earth. The shuttle is scheduled to return to Earth on Saturday.

The farewell ceremony was a sentimental moment for all eight space travelers but especially shuttle commander Kevin Chilton. He wiped his eyes and wrapped his arms around Russian cosmonauts Yuri Onufrienko and Yuri Usachev.

"We know we'll see Shannon again when she comes back," Chilton said. "But there's a big ocean between Russia and America, and we're not so confident, or sure, or certain, I should say, that we'll ever see our two friends Yuri and Yuri again." He paused to regain his composure, then added: "In person."

Usachev said he wished they could stay together longer, "but Shannon is with us now ... and we'll do the good work that needs to be done."

With that, the astronauts and cosmonauts clasped hands and then retreated to their respective spacecraft for the undocking.

Lucid is the second American — and the first U.S. woman — to live aboard Mir. When she returns to Earth in August aboard a shuttle, the 53-year-old biochemist and mother of three adult children will have spent more time in space than any other American.

NASA cut short the shuttle's mission by one day because of bad weather in the forecast at Cape Canaveral, Fla., and a leak in one of the steering systems used for descent. Atlantis will return to Earth with five astronauts.

It will be the first time a U.S. spaceship comes back with fewer people than it left with.

"I guess you'd normally get in trouble for coming back one person short," Chilton said, "but this time I think we'll get a pat on the back."

Mission Control gave Lucid a pep talk before she left Atlantis for the last time and floated into Mir: "We want you to really enjoy and take in everything on this flight that you're about to do. You're a very lucky person to get to do it. It won't always be easy."

Hoping to make her stay as enjoyable as possible, NASA has promised her a better selection of food and more frequent contact with family and friends than Dr. Norman Thagard, the only other American ever to live on Mir.

During the five days that Atlantis and Mir were docked, the crews hauled more than two tons of equipment, water and other supplies to the Russian station. About a half-ton of cargo, mostly science experiments, was moved in the opposite direction for return to Earth aboard Atlantis.

The mission marks what is expected to be the beginning of a permanent presence in space for the United States.

Five more Americans are supposed to live on Mir, now in its 10th year, through early 1998. And already, a NASA astronaut is training as commander of the first crew of the international space station; construction of that complex is supposed to begin late next year.

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Washington wars with hungry sea lions

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SEATTLE — Like gluttonous courtiers around a banquet table, fat California sea lions have been lolling about at Seattle's Ballard Locks, gorging themselves on the steelhead salmon struggling to make their way upstream.

Now the state is going to put an end to the royal pigout.

With the fish runs depleted, and much of the blame put on the portly pinnipeds, the state got federal approval earlier this month to shoot two of the more voracious sea lions, a move that has drawn animal-rights protests and pleas to the governor.

"Nobody wants to kill sea lions, but this is just a matter of priorities," said Kathleen South of the state Department of Fish and Wildlife. "It's just reached a very critical point."

The sea lions are protected by federal law but are neither a threatened nor endangered species.

The bewhiskered behemoths targeted for death have been identified by the state as Nos. 17 and 225. No. 17 is Hondo, the only one of the pack that has been named and the biggest sea

lion on record at 1,084 pounds. Adult males normally run 750 to 1,000 pounds.

If state agents spot Nos. 17 or 225, they can shoot the animal with a bullet or a lethal dose of tranquilizers. As of Wednesday, no shots had been fired.

Every year, as salmon make their way from saltwater Shilshole Bay on Puget Sound to freshwater Lake Union and Lake Washington, they are delayed by the Ballard Locks, where they have to climb a fish ladder.

The setting is a smorgasbord for hungry sea lions, some of which just sit and wait for lunch to swim by and devour the 25- to 30-inch spawning fish. As many as 120 sea lions gather at the locks during the April-May steelhead run.

Animal-rights activists say the locks are the problem — not the sea lions. They are calling instead for major changes, including new fish ladders, so sea lions and salmon can co-exist.

On Thursday, those two groups, and the Earth Island Institute, announced they were suing in federal court in Washington, D.C., to stop any sea lion killings. The lawsuit says the National

Marine Fisheries Service has yet to demonstrate that no feasible alternatives exist.

The fisheries service said some agency employees have received death threats. An agency sea-lion trap, used for research, was vandalized on Sunday, one day before the license-to-kill went into effect, and a group calling itself the Animal Liberation Front took responsibility.

All week, a small group of placard-toting demonstrators has staged a daily "death watch" at the locks.

Over the years, wildlife officials have spent more than \$1 million trying to drive the sea lions away. The animals have been unfazed by air horns, firecrackers and rubber bullets. Sea lions were trapped and then released some 900 miles away in California, but they simply swam back.

Placing them in zoos is out, too, said Brian Gorman of the National Marine Fisheries Service.

"They are hard to train, they tend to be aggressive, they eat a lot, they are not cute," he said.

Menendez's aunt berates prosecutor

Family doesn't want death penalty, she says

By LINDA DEUTSCH
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LOS ANGELES — An aunt of the Menendez brothers angrily berated a prosecutor today for trying to put the defendants to death, declaring "The family members don't want any more bloodshedding."

Teresita Baralt, shouting at Deputy District Attorney David Conn, repeatedly verged on tears as she told him why she had refused to meet with the new prosecution team in the brothers' second trial.

"Mr. Conn," she said, "you want to kill my nephews. Do you think I want to give you more ammunition in that? ... This is my family, not yours. We don't want these boys dead."

Erik, 25, and Lyle, 28, were convicted last week of first-degree murder in the 1989 shotgun slayings of their millionaire parents, Jose and Kitty Menendez. They face either execution or life in prison. At the conclusion of penalty-phase testimony, the jury will deliberate on which punishment to recommend.

Under prodding by Conn, Mrs. Baralt said she never saw her brother or sister-in-law strike their sons, although she said she saw psychological abuse.

She described Jose Menendez as charismatic and, in dealing with her, gentle. But she said "Jose was a ruthless individual" and believed in being harsh with his sons, demanding perfect performances in sports and berating them if they lost. She

said Mrs. Menendez was his ally.

"Normally, you have one parent that can be tough and the other picks up the pieces," Mrs. Baralt said. "She wasn't there for them to pick up the pieces as they were growing up."

During the first phase of the trial, the brothers acknowledged killing their parents but said they did so after years of abuse. The prosecution charged that they killed out of greed.

Mrs. Baralt began testifying Wednesday as the first defense witness in the penalty phase of the trial.

"I can't see how nobody can see why it happened," she testified. "There have to be powerful reasons for it to have happened. These kids are not killers."

Under questioning by defense attorneys Terri Towery and Leslie Abramson, Mrs. Baralt painted a picture of children whose parents never cuddled or soothed them but instead believed "you had to be tough with them because they were boys."

Mrs. Baralt said the brothers were under constant pressure to be No. 1 in athletics and were told by their entertainment executive father: "God loves winners. Nobody remembers second place."

Mrs. Menendez, she said, rarely expressed affection for the children and on occasion did inexplicable things such as allowing them to become lost in a shopping mall, then failing to answer calls to retrieve them until she was through with her shopping.

Health officials warn of hantavirus in rodents

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FARMINGTON, N.M. — People could be risking exposure to the deadly hantavirus when they clean up sheds or other buildings that were closed all winter and may have attracted rodents, public health officials warn.

"People should assume every rodent they come in contact with is potentially infected," said Dr. Ralph Bryant of Albuquerque.

The disease can occur anytime, but health officials say they see more cases between April and August. The virus

produces flu-like symptoms that rapidly progress to respiratory distress; the death rate is about 50 percent.

Health officials advise:

— Use disinfectants such as bleach when cleaning rodent nests and droppings.

— Avoid sweeping or other cleaning methods that raise dust.

— Wear gloves.

Researchers believe hantavirus is transmitted when people breathe dust containing particles of feces or urine from infected rodents. The most common carriers appear to be deer mice, but other rodents are also carriers.

"Use only wet cleaning methods to avoid creating dust which could be inhaled," said Russell Ensore, an environmental health specialist with the Indian Health Service. "Wet the area or material with disinfectant and water before cleaning."

Hantavirus was first recognized in May 1993 in the Four Corners area where New Mexico, Arizona, Utah and Colorado meet, but officials said the virus has been around for many years.

In Texas, there have been four confirmed cases, including two deaths, in recent years. One person

died of the virus in Deaf Smith County last May, and a second person died in Angelina County in 1993. The other confirmed cases were in Kleberg County in 1994 and Jefferson County last fall.

"It causes the capillaries to leak fluid, especially the capillaries in the lungs," Bryant said. "What happens is the fluid leaks into the lungs, and the people literally drown in their own fluids."

"The scariest thing about this disease is it can strike so quickly," he said. "We've seen people die within 24 hours."

Media group worried about Net ads for kids

By JEANNINE AVERSA
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Bulletin boards or billboards?

A media watchdog group said today the government should regulate what the group considers advertising that exploits children cruising the Internet.

The Center for Media Education said a number of companies, including Kellogg's, Frito Lay and SpectraCom, have designed web sites "to capture the loyalty and spending power" of children.

Kellogg's, Frito Lay and SpectraCom, which runs KidsCom web site, said their sites don't exploit children.

Many of these web sites are advertisements in disguise that unfairly target children, the center said. It

wants the Federal Trade Commission to investigate and set guidelines to protect an estimated one million children who use the Internet.

"Companies are creating electronic pipelines into children's subconscious, urging them to identify with their brands," said Jeffrey Chester, executive director of the center, in an interview.

"Advertisers and marketers are able to amass information on individual children's behavior and needs and sell to them. Doing that bypasses the parent," he said.

The center, a non-profit group supported by private foundations, has been active in urging TV stations to air more educational shows and to rate cartoons and other children's programs.

The FTC does not specifically regulate advertising for children over the Internet and other on-line services, said FTC spokeswoman Bonnie Jansen. She said the FTC's jurisdiction over deceptive marketplace practices extends to the Internet.

The FTC has taken action in 10 cases involving Internet pitches, she said. None of them involved children.

The Center for Media Education said some web sites either invade children's privacy by requesting personal information or exploit them by weaving products and opportunities to buy them with such on-line activities as sending a friend an e-mail or playing a game.

Taking a page from Federal Communications Commission regulations regarding TV advertising aimed at children, the center recommended labeling ads and promotions and separating them from editorial content.

It also proposed that product characters like Tony the Tiger, Snap! Crackle! and Pop! and Chester Cheetah not be allowed to communicate in any way with a child over a computer network and that personal information should not be collected from children.

None of the web sites mentioned in the center's report make a direct sales pitch or urge children to tell their parents to buy a particular prod-

uct or service. But many offer the opportunity to make a purchase using credit cards.

On the Kellogg's web site, Snap! Crackle! and Pop! — the Rice Krispies cereal characters — invite on-line visitors to come into their clubhouse. But first, the visitors are told to type their e-mail address.

A visitor can send a friend an e-mail card and select a character to appear on it. The choices are all Kellogg's cereal characters.

Another choice allows a visitor to buy a Tony the Tiger watch or official Kellogg's clothing.

Kellogg's spokeswoman Karen Kafer said most of the company's web site browsers are adults. "Many people think Tony the Tiger and Frosted Flakes are kids oriented. But 50 percent who eat Frosted Flakes are adults and they want to go visit Tony the Tiger on the Internet, too," she said.

"We have very few kids who visit the site," she said, adding that the site was developed using Better Business Bureau guidelines on children's advertising.

On Frito's web site, one of the on-line activities asks visitors to describe their dream date and chose which Frito Lay snack their virtual date would prefer. Upon choosing,

the virtual date is pictured holding the snack.

Frito Lay spokesman Tod MacKenzie said the company's web site is "totally innocent, good fun. It has some games and humorous questionnaires. It is not a soft sell. It is almost a no sell."

The center also found that when browsers leave their e-mail address at web sites, they often get unsolicited e-mail from the company urging them to return for promised gifts and new activities.

On SpectraCom's web site, children are asked to fill out detailed personal questionnaires that include favorite TV show, commercials, musical groups and interests.

Children are offered points for their responses that can be used to "buy" various brand name items, including video games, basketball cards and cases of cookies.

Ingrid Svensson, director of client services for SpectraCom, said it asks the questions to match children worldwide with electronic pen pals. Svensson said, "We have collected a very large data base," but said the information remains confidential and is not sold or rented to anyone.

She said SpectraCom started out as a market research firm and has expanded beyond that.

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Of rock and roll, loss, pain and moving on

To understand the members of the Gainesville, Fla., band For Squirrels, and why things happened the way they did two weeks ago in Austin during the South by Southwest Music and Media Conference, you must understand their story.

This is their story as I know it.

Three high school buddies from Clearwater, Fla., go off to college together. Two of them, bored in their free time, go down to the local pawn shop and buy a couple of guitars.

After messing around for many a late-night in their dorm rooms and local clubs, they get serious, add a drummer to the little band and use their college loans to record a CD, titled "Baypath Rd."

They make a name for themselves around the area and the rest of the state and get signed to an independent label, Yesterday and Today Records, and re-release five songs on an EP.

After more touring, they sign a major label deal with Sony/550 Music in late 1994. But just before the release of their second CD,

"Example," two band members and the group's manager lose their lives in a car accident as the band returns home from a triumphant performance at CBGB's during the CMJ Music Festival in September 1995 in New York City.

Vocalist Jack Moran, bassist Bill White and unofficial "fifth member" Tim Bender are killed when their van blows out a tire, goes out of control and rolls off the highway near Savannah, Ga.

After trying to recover both physically and emotionally, the surviving members - guitarist Travis Tooke and drummer Jack Griego - decide to continue, adding high school pal Andy Lord on bass while Tooke takes over

on vocals.

This was the series of events leading up to a highly-anticipated performance March 15 at Emo's as part of South by Southwest.

I discovered the band sometime around the summer of 1994, but I was never able to see them perform live until SXSW. I'd waited two years for this night, so maybe my expectations were unfair. I had to keep reminding myself that this was not the same band I'd first heard.

When the band finally took the stage at 11 p.m. that Friday, the message hit home: This was not the way it was supposed to be. There were two people missing onstage, and another offstage, and no matter what happened tonight, nothing was going to change that.

What happened was that Tooke and Lord came out dressed like guys from the early '80s and late '70s, respectively. Tooke had on a long, shiny silver jacket and was wearing eye makeup, while Lord sported an afro and brown corduroy jacket. Before starting,

Tooke sarcastically said, "Are you guys ready to rock? Well, you came to the wrong place."

The band, however, did rock. Kicking things off with "8:02 PM" and "Stark Pretty," two of the best songs on "Example," the band had the crowd going. The group's two most obvious influences, R.E.M. and Nirvana, were equally evident, though I was a bit disappointed that I didn't see any songs from "Baypath Rd." on the setlist. As Richard Ulloa, owner of Y&T Records, told me after the show, "They're moving on, moving forward."

The wonderful start would not last. When after three songs a rude, inconsiderate individual made his way towards the front of the crowd and yelled over my right shoulder, "Do you guys do any rock and roll?" Tooke's fuse was lit, and the direction the show was headed in became obvious.

"Here's some rock and roll for you," Tooke replied, throwing a cup of water at the crowd before launching into a new song,

"World's Greatest Lover." The crowd was split the rest of the night, some cheering, some booing.

But while Tooke displayed anger and rage as he played and sang, it was a different story afterwards. The look of anguish on his face showed the struggle the band was going through between each and every song. They seemingly had to regain their composure before beginning every number.

And during "Mighty K.C." the band's hit single, Tooke tellingly left off the last word of the chorus, "Things are gonna change in our favor." When, at the end of the song, he could no longer hold back, he twice screamed "I want you back!" over the song's final notes.

As the band set up to play its next to last song of the 40-minute set, "Superstar," Tooke was informed that the band had to cut the set short to allow the next band time to set up. Tooke saw it as a challenge and jumped

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'Hectic' pace lends to comedy

By Amy Treadaway
TCU Daily Skiff

David O. Russell is back at the writing-directing helm with his riotous dysfunctional family release, "Flirting with Disaster."

"Flirting" breaks from its shadowy predecessor, "Spanking the Monkey," and tells the tale of an adopted man trying to find his biological parents and encounters many oddly hilarious characters in his quest.

"It's been a really big two years. I was totally new to all of this," he said. "I don't think any film will be as hard as the film I just did, because it was something of a little sophomore challenge. Can you deliver on a multi-million dollar movie? Can you make it commercial and yet distinctive enough?"

"Spanking the Monkey," a dark drama centered around the sexual frustrations of a boy and his mother, earned Russell the Audience Award for Best Picture at the Sundance Film Festival in 1994, and awards for Best Screenplay by a New Writer and Best Picture by a New Director at 1995's Independent Spirit Awards.

Russell held the rehearsals in his New York apartment, and with the cast of "Flirting" containing such personalities as Ben Stiller, Mary Tyler Moore, Alan Alda and Lily Tomlin, Russell said it was very hectic.

"I won't do that again. I don't think," he said. "We had 8 people in our apartment and every scene in this movie has 8 people, which was another thing that was very stressful. . . You want to have a sense of chaos, you know, when you're in a room full of family there's this chaos. And you have to do this, it has to feel like controlled chaos."

"I'd looked up one moment at my wife and she said that Mary Tyler Moore is using our toilet, and we had to think about that for a moment. These people were in our house and it was exciting. And it was intimidating and I have to say they were all very gracious about it."

Russell said the pressure helps the movie appear real.

"This movie, for me, is a reinvention of a screwball genre," he said. "You have to make pressure, which means it has to be unexpected it has to sneak up on people."

"My 'M-O' is to create an environment that's very real, very naturalistic. . . and so you're lulled into this reality and then you're ambushed by these insane things that happen," she said.

Russell said the inspiration for "Flirting" came from an experience within his family.

"At the time I wrote this," he said, "my sister, who's adopted, found her biological parents and she had kind of a schizophrenic experience where one minute they seemed like the Holy Grail and the next minute, well, that's really what I'm having fun with in this movie."

"Flirting" offers wacky family members presented in a familiar light. The film appears to have a foot grounded in reality and another flitting with the absurd.



Photo courtesy of

Steve Martin stars as a maverick sergeant in the new comedy, 'Sgt. Bilko,' opening Friday.

Shapiro speaks out; Collins quits

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONDON — Already the most ridiculed of British royals, the Duchess of York has gone beyond the pale.

An eight-page photo spread of the former Sarah Ferguson looking ghostly pale, wide-eyed, slender and hard to recognize has evoked spectacular derision in the British press.

"The freckles and the flab, the wide wrinkles and colorful cheeks, have all vanished," the Daily Mirror said.

The spread also earned an undisclosed fee from "Hello," a magazine that treats celebrities with a soft touch and a big purse. It's a favorite outlet for the cash-strapped, big-spending estranged wife of Prince Andrew.

So how did the freckled, 36-year-old mother of two end up looking like a catwalk model?

"In truth, what changed the Fergie of old. . . was a combination of creative inspiration, cunning technology and a trunk full of make-up," wrote Daily Telegraph feature writer Jane Gordon, who had herself done over to explain the process.

LONDON — It's an exodus from Genesis for drummer and vocalist Phil Collins, after 25 years with the band.

Collins, 45, announced Thursday that he will do music for movies, "some jazz projects and of course my solo career."

That means Genesis will be looking for a new member for the first time since Peter Gabriel's departure in 1975. The group has sold more than 80 million albums since then.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — For singer Barbara Mandrell, the show goes on — broken toe and all.

She fractured a toe on her right foot Sunday when she tripped over the family's Labrador retriever.

Despite the injury, Mandrell is rehearsing this week for a tour that begins April 5 in Las Vegas.

She is known for country-styled songs like "I Was Country When Country Wasn't Cool."

NEW YORK — Robert Shapiro says he never believed the defense team's main argument in the O.J. Simpson trial but calls the jury's decision "the only verdict that could have been returned."

He also portrays former colleague F. Lee Bailey as a backstabbing "loose cannon" in his new book, "The Search for Justice." Shapiro reportedly was paid \$1.5 million by Warner Books for the 363-page tome.

In excerpts published Thursday in the Daily News, Shapiro said he never believed Simpson "was being victimized by a racist police organization because he was black."

But the jury's decision was correct, he said.

"This was a case of solid reasonable doubt," Shapiro said. "Based on the evidence presented to this jury, 'not guilty' was the only verdict that could have been returned."

LOS ANGELES — Steven Spielberg and his actress-wife Kate Capshaw adopted a girl.

Mikaela George, born Feb. 28, got her first glimpse of her father on Monday night when Capshaw held her up in front of the TV set while Spielberg presented an Oscar, Spielberg spokesman Marvin Levy said Thursday.

It was the second adoption for the couple, and it brings the Spielberg brood to six. The couple also have one child each from previous marriages and two born during their marriage.

LOS ANGELES — While other actresses strutted in Armani, Vera Wang and Richard Tyler at the Oscars, Sharon Stone topped off a long black skirt with an off-the-rack \$22 turtle-neck from the Gap.

"Her office called our San Francisco office and notified us she would be wearing Gap at the Oscars. She just wanted to be comfortable. We couldn't have been more excited," said Gap spokeswoman Rachel Bold.

Stone pulled her entire Oscar ensemble together from her closet, said Heidi Schaeffer, publicist for the actress.

'Bilko' fits mold of schtick flicks

'Family Thing' highlights brotherhood

"Sgt. Bilko" (PG)

The trend of making feature films from old television shows has produced a steady stream of wretched movies, and the new "Sgt. Bilko" only continues that trend, despite a talented cast.

Steve Martin takes the title role, as Master Sergeant Ernest G. Bilko of Fort Baxter, a moronic and forgetful leader of the base's motor pool. He really doesn't know much about vehicle repair, and neither do the bumbling members of his platoon. They spend all day gambling on horse races, slot machines and card games.

They try to keep their activities secret from Colonel Hall (Dan Aykroyd), Bilko's naive boss, who is easy to fool and confuse anyway.

One day, however, the Pentagon sends Major Thorn (Phil Hartman) to Fort Baxter to assess the progress of a new weapon being built on the base. He has had a long-running feud with Bilko, and when he discovers that Bilko is on the base, Thorn shifts his attention to stealing Bilko's vulnerable girlfriend (Glenn Headly) and his reputation. But Hall stands by

Bilko, and together they try to turn the tables on Thorn.

I've heard many people say they want to see "Sgt. Bilko" over the last week or so. Well, let me just say that the film's few funny moments are in the ads and previews.

The screenplay has some lovably goofy characters to deal with, but just recycles the tired jokes from movies like "Stripes." Sure, it might be funny, but that was 15 years ago.

Martin has some funny and endearing moments, but his physical comedy schtick is past its prime. Aykroyd is getting fatter rather than funnier, and Hartman plays his role like a one-note buffoon. Headly ("Mr. Holland's Opus") looks lost in the standard mistreated girlfriend role.

Director Jonathan Lynn ("My Cousin Vinny") just lets the cliches add up, which should only lead to boredom for the audience as the film approaches its lame conclusion.

Grade: D+

"A Family Thing" (PG-13)

Race relations and family com-

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☆ Todd Jorgenson



Amy Treadaway ☆

Stone can't save remake; 'Flirting' a hilarious riot

"Diabolique" (R)

Even the ubiquitous Sharon Stone can't save this flop.

Nicole (Sharon Stone) and Mia (Isabelle Adjani) are two very different women with one thing in common — the abusively demented Guy (Chazz Palminteri). Guy is married to Mia, an annoyingly timid ex-nun, and sleeps with Nicole, whose turns include obnoxious spandex ensembles and chain-smoking.

Strangely enough, these two women bond and decide they've had enough, so the plot to kill Guy, Nicole creates a plan and Mia becomes her accomplice, but strange things begin to happen (stranger than plotting to kill abusive men, that is).

Enter Shirley (Kathy Bates), a

homely police detective trying to look intelligent in this very disappointing remake of the French classic.

Oh, this movie is bad. Really bad. Stone and Adjani are so far into their stereotypical molds their characters suffocate. Stone is the "bad girl" (shocker) doomed to wear heavy make-up and ridiculously tight clothing while throwing evil glares at all who encounter her.

Adjani, by comparison, looks angelic in her white flowing garbs she apparently snatched from the dining room drapes. She cries and whimpers throughout the film and it is hard to believe she has the courage

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Mascots are ticket to Final Four choices

And then there were four. After two weeks of exciting and surprising finishes, the NCAA Tournament has narrowed itself down to Syracuse, Mississippi State, UMass and Kentucky, thus illustrating why logic cannot be used in picking the winning teams in the Big Dance.

Three years ago I entered a 50-person pool at my father's office with a winner-take-all purse. I spent three days analyzing and reanalyzing the 64 teams and came up with a Final Four I thought would work. Three of the four didn't make it out of the round of 16, and one — Duke — my dog could have predicted correctly.

Two weeks later I found out that the grand prize winner picked the entire tournament on which mascot was better, with the Blue Devil being the best of all. It was then that I decided to quit the NCAA pool business.

That was, until this year. I joined a pool with three other TCU students figuring that I had a better chance to win. I told myself to go through the brackets and pick the teams using my gut and not so much my head.

I asked my girlfriend to pick first round games that I had question marks by; I should have asked her to pick the entire tournament for me. Anyway, I completed my bracket with Kentucky, Georgetown, UConn and Kansas making the Final Four.

The first round games on Thursday and Friday were close, but after 32 teams had exited the "Big Dance," I had only lost one Sweet 16 team — Memphis. I thought the Tigers would be a sleeper team; instead, they fell asleep against Drexel (of all teams) and flew back home to watch the rest on television.

After the second round, I had chosen 12 of the Sweet 16. Not bad, I'm telling myself.

Then Black Sunday. Goodbye Georgetown and Kansas; goodbye Final Four. Only my pick to win the Championship, Kentucky, survived.

I thought for fun I would go through the tournament and see what would have happened had I picked the brackets based on cool and different mascots.

So, my final four would be: Syracuse (what is that fuzzy orange thing anyway?), UConn (I just like the Huskie as a mascot), UMass (any team that has a mascot with a gun is hard to pick against) and Wake Forest (isn't Demon Deacon an oxymoron?). To think, I would have had two of the four teams correct!

In a tournament that has seen Princeton defeat the defending national champion UCLA Bruins Drexel handle Memphis, Western Carolina come within one shot of being the first 16th seed to knock off a No. 1 team, and the Southeast Conference remind the entire sports world that it isn't just a football conference, I was left with an exciting Final Four and empty pockets.

After all this, I've decided to stay out of the madness of tournament pools... until next year.



Richard Durrett
Sports Columnist

'Temple Tornado' returns to TCU

After four Super Bowl trips with Buffalo, Davis sets sights on college degree

BY GREGOR ESCH
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The "Temple Tornado" is once again blowing through the TCU campus.

This time, however, former TCU first-team All-American running back Kenneth Davis is swirling in the classroom instead of on the football field.

Davis, who got his nickname for his blazing speed, returned to college in January to acquire his undergraduate degree. Davis is currently taking nine hours and will graduate in May with a degree in speech communications.

He said he had always planned to come back to school one day after his NFL career and earn his degree.

"I always wanted to come back to TCU," he said. "The city of Fort Worth has been wonderful to me. It's a great city with a great university and the faculty of TCU is wonderful. I'm very proud of what this university accomplished before and after I was here. I'm very proud to say that I will earn my degree from Texas Christian University."

Even though Davis was a second-round draft pick of the Green Bay Packers in 1986 before he had completed all the necessary hours for a degree, Davis' mother, Ollie, said she always had confidence that her son would have a degree with his name on it.

"He always promised the family that he would one day come back to TCU and walk across the stage," she said. "It was his decision to do it (to finish school), but I knew he would do it. I'm very proud of what he has done."

Davis first arrived on the TCU campus in 1982 from Temple High School in Texas as an All-American. Davis said he could have gone anywhere in the country after his senior season. He said he had originally committed to Nebraska but wanted to stay close to home. TCU was certainly glad he changed his mind.

Davis' name can be found all over TCU's record book. He ranks third on the Frogs'

career rushing list with 2,994 yards that included a record three 200-yard games. He also owns the single-season rushing record, with 1,611 yards in 1984.

The 1984 season was a banner year for Davis and the Frogs. In his junior season, Davis was named to All-America teams and finished fifth in Heisman Trophy balloting.

The season was also spectacular from a team standpoint. TCU raised eyebrows by posting an 8-4 record, one year after finishing a lowly 1-10. The Frogs lost their last game of the regular season, squandering a chance at a berth in the Cotton Bowl. The team did, however, receive an invitation to the Bluebonnet Bowl, its first bowl appearance in 19 years.

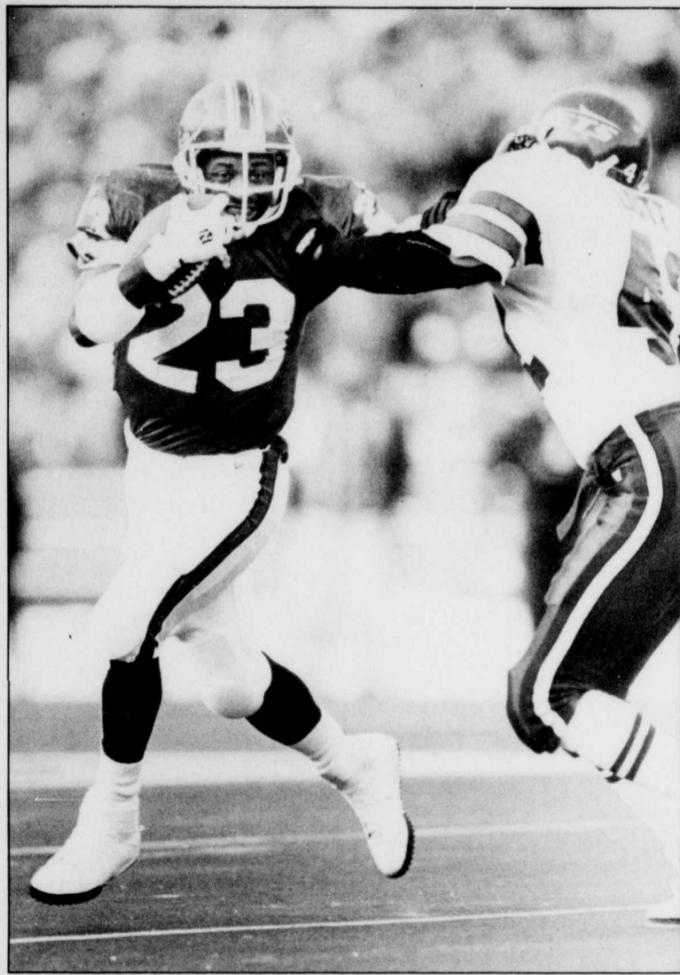
"That season was phenomenal," Davis said. "It was something that the city had wanted for a long time. TCU fans and alums could finally take their sweaters and jackets out of the trunk and wear them with pride. What it did for not only the school, but also for the Southwest Conference was magnificent. The season had a special scent to it that everybody was smelling."

The 1985 season was one full of hope, Davis said. The Frogs' recruiting class was touted by many as one of the nation's best. Combining this class with the return of Davis and sophomore Tony Jeffery in the backfield made the Cotton Bowl a distinct possibility.

Davis said his hopes were higher than the Cotton Bowl for that season.

"Going into my senior year I really felt we had a legitimate chance to compete for the national championship," Davis said. "A lot of people didn't believe it could happen, but I felt with the direction the university was going and with the players we were adding, we had a chance."

All the high hopes for the season and for future seasons were dashed early in the 1985 season when Davis and six other players were dismissed from the team on what Davis calls "Black Thursday." Davis was impli-



see Davis, page 10 Kenneth Davis in action during his days with the Buffalo Bills.

THIS WEEKEND IN TCU SPORTS

Men's Tennis:	TCU vs. Rice at Mary Potishman Lard Tennis Center Saturday 1 p.m.
Women's Tennis:	TCU vs. Texas A&M at Mary Potishman Lard Tennis Center Saturday noon
Rugby:	TCU vs. North Texas at Intramural Fields Saturday 3 p.m.
Baseball:	TCU vs. Oral Roberts at Oral Roberts Saturday 4 p.m. Sunday 1 p.m.
Swimming and Diving:	TCU at NCAA Championships Thursday to Saturday in Austin
Women's Golf:	TCU at Arizona State Sun Devil Classic Friday to Sunday in Tempe, Ariz.
Track:	TCU vs. UTA Saturday at Arlington

Tennis team shuts out Baylor, 7-0

BY ERNESTO MORAN
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The No. 5-ranked TCU men's tennis team began the final stretch of the season with a 7-0 blowout of Baylor in a Southwest Conference match Thursday at the Mary Potishman Lard Tennis Center.

The Frogs' record improved to 15-2 overall and 2-0 in the SWC.

After going 4-1 over Spring Break, including a co-championship at the Blue-Gray National Collegiate Tennis Classic, TCU has four regular-season dual matches left before the Frogs host the SWC Tournament.

All remaining matches are against conference opponents.

The Frogs split two matches on a California road trip, losing to No. 7 Pepperdine, then defeating No. 44 California-Irvine.

TCU swept the doubles action against the Bears by scores of 8-1, 8-3 and 8-4.

Senior Tim Leonard and sophomore Andres Urencio won to complete the sweep. The duo had decisive No. 3 doubles wins in its matches against Pepperdine and California-Irvine after TCU had split the Nos. 1 and 2.

Head coach Tut Barten has pen-

ciled in the two as the team's final doubles pair after experimenting with various combinations during the season.

"We've been playing pretty well together," Leonard said. "But I don't think we're as comfortable as we'd like to be. We still need a few more matches."

Senior Paul Robinson, the No. 2-ranked singles player in the nation, won at No. 1 singles, 6-0, 6-2.

Robinson said the team wants to win the regular-season SWC title that eluded it last year. A late season loss

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Swimmers to compete at Olympic trials

BY SCOTT RUSSELL
TCU DAILY SKIFF

TCU senior Walter Soza will travel to Austin this weekend along with the rest of the best collegiate male swimmers in the nation for the NCAA Championships. He will compete in the 200-yard and 400-yard Individual Medley events.

"The competition will be really tough, but my goal for the Championships is to finish in the top eight in the country; at least place in the top 16 in both the 400 IM and 200 IM," Soza said.

This meet will mark the end of Soza's illustrious career at TCU.

"I am very thankful to TCU for giv-

ing me the opportunity to swim and get an education," he said. "I'm happy to be through, but I know I'll miss it after I graduate."

Head coach Richard Sybesma said that Soza is the best male swimmer ever to attend TCU.

During his tenure at TCU, Soza has qualified for the NCAA Championships all four years and in 1993 became TCU's first ever male All-American swimmer.

Over Christmas break this year, Soza received word that he will be the only swimmer that will compete for Nicaragua at the Olympics in Atlanta.

However, TCU sophomore Jason Flint and junior Ted Murphy will try to join him as they compete in this week-

end's Canadian Olympic trials in Montreal.

"I'm not getting my hopes up too high for the trials this weekend because I'm still young," Flint said. "I'm focusing more on the trials in the year 2000."

Though this will be the first Canadian Trials for Flint, Murphy competed, but did not qualify, at the trials in 1992.

"It will help having a fellow Frog teammate with me who has been there before to help show me the ropes," Flint said.

Sophomore Rodrigo Segura and junior Angela Clark will also be competing in the Mexican and Zimbabwe trials, respectively.

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Cat-killers cut from team

EAST BERNARD, Texas (AP) — Four high school baseball players charged with beating a cat to death have been kicked off their two-time defending Class 2A championship team.

East Bernard Independent School District Superintendent Nancy McNeal decided to ban the youths after they were arrested on animal cruelty charges Wednesday.

The teen-agers signed statements admitting they killed the tabby on March 16. The athletes told authorities they put the cat in a bag, pummeled it with baseball bats, then ran over it with a pickup truck.

Mariners may play in Japan in '97

NEW YORK (AP) — Talk about long road trips: The Seattle Mariners may open the 1997 season in Japan.

Baseball officials, who just completed negotiations to play regular-season games in Mexico this August, are discussing a deal in which Seattle would start next season in Japan, possibly against the Detroit Tigers.

Two years ago, officials began negotiations for a trip that would have had the Mariners and Tigers finish 1995 spring training with two exhibition and two regular season games in Japan.

UH to pay ex-coach \$650,000

HOUSTON (AP) — A former University of Houston assistant football coach will receive \$650,000 and a letter of recommendation from the school under a settlement to his "whistleblower" lawsuit.

The agreement came shortly before the case was to go to trial.

Steve Staggs, 35, sued the university in September 1993 charging it violated the state's "Whistleblower Act" by firing him earlier that year. His dismissal came two months after he went public with allegations of NCAA rules violations and other irregularities.

Injured Pitt receiver improving

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Demale Stanley, the receiver who was seriously injured during last week's practice, was upgraded from critical to serious condition at University of Pittsburgh Medical Center.

Stanley, a 19-year-old freshman receiver from Belle Glade, Fla., broke his neck and sustained spinal cord damage as he bumped into a padded wall while practicing at its Cost Center indoor complex.

Emergency surgery was performed that night. Visitors reported some movement in Stanley's left shoulder and arm had returned by Tuesday.

Graf progresses to finals

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. (AP) — Steffi Graf closed to within one victory of her fifth Lipton Championships title by beating Lindsay Davenport 6-4, 6-4 in Thursday's semifinals.

Graf's opponent in the final Saturday will be the winner of the match between Chanda Rubin and Karina Habsudova.

The top-seeded Graf, who beat Davenport in three sets two weeks ago in the semifinals at Indian Wells, needed only 66 minutes this time. Graf converted all five of her break-point chances and finished with a 103-mph ace.

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to kill a fly, much less her husband. More unbelievable is Guy's ability to attract females. Mia stays with him because she is too scared to leave, but the audience isn't shown harsh abuse, just a few childish scoldings and a black eye or two. The audience should hate this man and want him dead. I just wanted the film to die. The scenes between Guy and Nicole are just sex, and even they aren't electric enough for her to stick around this loser.

The characters are awful, especially Bates, who appears from nowhere shoving her prosthetic breast in the camera at every possible moment. And there are way too many twists. They took a perfectly good classic French thriller and pushed it over the edge into the pit of bad remakes. This movie only reinforces the old saying "If it ain't broke, don't fix it."

Grade: D

"Flirting with Disaster" (R)

Stop what you're doing and see this movie! It's one of the funniest films I've ever seen.

Even though Mel Coplin (Ben

Stiller) loves his beautiful wife, Nancy (Patricia Arquette) and their baby son, his life feels empty and he believes his only solution is to find his biological parents. He enlists the help of Tina Kalb, (Tea Leoni) a sultry psychologist from the agency where Mel was adopted, and the three of them pack up the car and begin the search.

Meanwhile, Mel's adopted parents (Mary Tyler Moore and George Segal) worry why Mel is so obsessed with finding his true parents. Weren't they good parents? Why is he looking for them? Was it something they did? Will he make it home in time for his adopted father's 60th birthday party?

The three travellers encounter the most outrageous, and yet oddly familiar, family prospects ever invented as this wildly hilarious comedy turns into a whirlwind of life, sex, love and family. You will recognize some of your family in this film.

The characters are written incredibly well — obnoxiously funny and yet realistically grounded. The actors' performances are amazing and the plot twists bring this film to heights of delirium and leave you floating on a cloud of laughter. Mary Tyler Moore is delightful as the neu-

rotic adoptive mother and Lily Tomlin and Alan Alda are priceless as a trippy hippie couple.

This movie is one of the best. See it as soon as possible.

Grade: A

"Antonia's Line" (NR)

It's easy to see why this Dutch film won the Academy Award for Best Foreign Film; it's wonderful.

"Antonia's Line" refers to the generation of women with the strong spirit of this wildly independent woman. The film starts with Antonia (Willeke van Ammelrooy) returning to her hometown village with her daughter, Danielle (Els Dottermans) and traces the experiences of the two women and the generations of women who spring from the kind-hearted and eclectic Antonia, a very memorable woman.

The characters in the film are hilarious; they include Olga, (Fran Waller Zeper) the village midwife, undertaker and cafe owner, Looney Lips (Jan Steen), the likeable village simpleton and Mad Madonna, (Catherine Ten Bruggencate) who howls at the full moon. The pace is quick and covers the four generations of Antonia's line beautifully. This film is well written, wonderfully acted and appropriate for the Best

Foreign Film Oscar.

Grade: A

"It's My Party" (R)

What do you say to someone that you know will die tomorrow? And if that isn't sad enough for you, try sitting through a 110 minute film based on it.

Nick Stark (Eric Roberts) is a successful artist with AIDS who decides to throw a farewell party for himself because he will commit suicide the next morning to avoid his impending lingering death. How depressing is that? His friends, family and loved ones gather by his side and share the collective moments of Nick's life.

But Nick's estranged lover Brandon Theis (Gregory Harrison) shows up, and the two lovers are faced with reconciliation through the harsh face of death.

This movie is sad. Really sad. And it doesn't always work. The dialogue is choppy, riddled with homosexual jokes and overly maudlin lines. Some characters stand out, like the rude jester Monty Tipton (Bronson Pinchot) and the self-proclaimed "fag-hag" Charlene Lec (Margaret Cho). The rest are pretty much washed away in the flood of tears that dominates this film.

Grade: C-

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to the final song: "They're going to turn us off now, so we're going to play until they turn the PA system off. This is 'Tomorrow Never Knows.'"

Holding a newly-purchased guitar (the price tag was still hanging on its neck), Tooke ripped through the Lennon/McCartney classic — figuratively and literally speaking — while doing his best impression of Kurt Cobain's performance at the Reading Festival.

When the guitar strap fell off early into the song, Tooke repeatedly pounded the guitar into the floor, trying his best to break a hole through it.

Then he smashed it into the railing above the stage a dozen or so times, attempting to bring the roof down. Finally, he held it above the crowd for a few moments before gently tossing it to a lucky fan.

While many were turned off by the band's attitude and performance, I kept one thing in mind as I waited outside to meet them: What happened to them was unfair, and their reaction is understandable as they try and move on.

What I witnessed, though, was more painful than any mosh pit I've ever been in.

For Squirrels opens for Echobelly on Tuesday night at Trees in Dallas.

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to Texas A&M in 1994 dropped the Frogs into a tie for first, and a loss to Texas last year in Austin cost the squad the No. 1 seed in the SWC Tournament that the Frogs eventu-

ally won for the second straight year. "After losing to Texas last year, we want to set the record straight," Robinson said. "We should be able to beat them, hopefully, at our place."

The Frogs will play again on at 1 p.m. Saturday against Rice University. The match will be held at the Mary Potishman Tennis Center.

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cated when TCU was found to have violated NCAA rules. His brilliant career abruptly ended and the university was placed on NCAA probation.

"That was something that was very negative," he said. "Not only did it hurt me but also the university because we had a chance to be very successful my senior year."

After spending his first three seasons in the NFL with Green Bay, Davis signed with the Buffalo Bills and was part of four AFC championship teams. He played in four Super Bowls with the Bills.

Davis said the great accomplishments of those teams are unfairly overlooked just because they were never victorious in the Super Bowl.

"People can joke and say whatever they want to say about it," he said. "But when you really get down to it, it's a question of 'Have you been there? Are you one of the 19 players that can say they've accomplished

something that no one in no other sport has accomplished, meaning playing for four championships?' Most people say it's like kissing your sister, and I guess maybe it is."

Davis, 33, didn't play football last season and said he is retired, but he doesn't rule out a return once he finishes school. Besides going to school, Davis works at a family-owned service station in Dallas.

Davis said he owes a lot of his success to the TCU administration and faculty. The fact that he left on bad terms the first time did not diminish his respect for the school.

"Returning to school has given me the opportunity to show a lot of kids and other people that just because you have a lot of adversity and problems in your life, you can still accomplish goals," Davis said.

"I never let the situation get the best of me," Davis said. "I want to do what's right and walk across that stage. I've always said that if you cut me, I bleed purple. That's how much my heart and soul is with this university."

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passion are brought together in "A Family Thing," a poignant new comedy-drama from director Richard Pearce ("The Long Walk Home," "Leap of Faith").

Earl Pilcher (Robert Duvall) is an elderly Arkansas man whose mother dies and leaves him a mysterious letter telling of a half-brother he never knew he had. The problem? The half-brother, Chicago policeman Ray Murdock (James Earl Jones), is black. The letter also tells of his mother's final wish — to meet Ray in Chicago and spend some time bonding.

So Earl hops in his rusty old pickup and drives to Chicago, where he meets the reluctant Ray and his blind, wise aunt (Irma P. Hall). After a mugging, he is forced to stay longer than he anticipated, and their relationship grows.

"A Family Thing" is alternately funny and touching, with some wonderful acting and a screenplay that makes the premise almost plausible. Duvall is terrific as the man torn between tradition and family, and Hall gives an Oscar-caliber performance as the old woman who freely adopts Ray and refuses to let differences in skin color come between her family. These moments help to overcome some forced situations and sloppy development of the supporting characters.

Grade: B-

"Little Indian, Big City" (PG)

Has it really gotten this bad? Common American audiences, who have developed a severe intolerance for slow-moving films and subtitles, will probably eat up this poorly dubbed French comedy. Intelligent and discerning audiences, though, should find this film to be degrading and embarrassing. If they want this film to be in English, fine. I

won't use any of the French character names and will use the English voice actors' names.

A successful businessman (Cameron Clarke) ventures into a remote jungle to get his ex-wife (Beth Maitland) to sign final divorce papers so he can remarry. While there, he discovers a son named Cat Pee he never knew he had. He takes the curious Cat Pee back to Paris so he can hunt people's house pets with a bow and arrow. Yes, it is as bad as it sounds. In fact, it's even worse.

By the way, Disney is remaking the film (which apparently was popular in France — then again, they love Jerry Lewis) with Tim Allen, to be released next winter. Oh, joy.

Grade: F

"Race the Sun" (PG)

Science geeks get physical in this visit to "Dangerous Minds" territory, featuring Halle Berry as the upstart science teacher of a gaggle

of unmotivated youngsters.

The misfits live in Hawaii, where Sandra Beecher (Berry) has taken over the toughest class of rebels in the school (sound familiar?). With the science fair quickly approaching, Sandra wants to get her class involved. But they are all stereotypical clods, so she comes up short.

Eventually, class sketch artist Daniel (Casey Affleck) comes up with the idea to build a solar car and compete in the state finals. After enlisting the help of reluctant shop teacher Frank Machi (James Belushi), these Bad News Bears are on their way.

While remaining a spirited and good-natured adventure story throughout, "Race the Sun" is mired in a screenplay that is both corny and contrived, acting which is mixed at best (ranging from Berry — good, to Belushi — bad) and an obvious predictability after the first five minutes. I appreciate the effort, though.

Grade: C-

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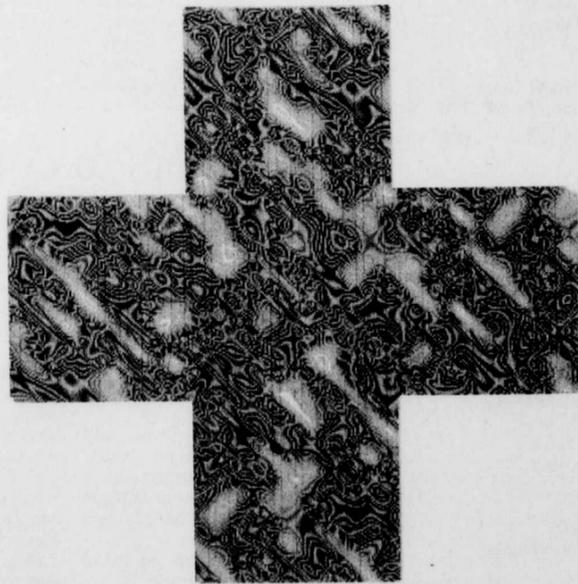
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