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## TCU leaders to be honored at ceremony

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Students and faculty from TCU will be recognized for their leadership and service at an awards ceremony Wednesday in the Student Center Ballroom.

The Celebration of University Leadership is a special tradition honoring those people who were nominated for leadership and service, said Jen Jones, one of the organizers of the event and a TCU staff employee.

Awards were chosen by faculty and staff members.

"Portraits of Leaders" is a book that will be given to the recipients of the Emerging Leader Award, the Sophomore Leadership Award and the Outstanding Student Leadership Award. The Emerging Leadership Award is a new award this year, Jones said.

"We wanted to recognize the leadership contributions of more people," she said. "Freshmen didn't really have an opportunity to be recognized, so we wanted to give them a chance, too."

The Outstanding Student Leadership Award will go to a junior or senior, she said.

"We asked the people who did the nominating to give us a quote about the person they nominated," Jones said. "We took the quotes and published them."

The three awards will be handed out by Chancellor William Tucker at the end of the ceremony, Jones said. Twenty-four other award-winners will also be recognized at the ceremony.

Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs, will greet the atten-

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Cheah Chun-Wei (front), R.J. Adams and Valerie Begalla work diligently Wednesday in the library computer lab to finish end-of-the-semester projects.

TCU Daily Skiff/Kelly Sherman

## 'Job Fair' helps Frogs find work

BY AMY GALPIN  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

TCU students will have an opportunity to meet with some 300 employers on Friday at the Metroplex Area Consortium of Career Centers Spring 1996 Job Fair at the Arlington Convention Center.

"It is a good opportunity for seniors who do not have a position to find out what positions are available, for those who will graduate in a semester or two to find out about internships, for those who are freshmen and sophomores to find out about jobs for their majors and what majors they need for certain jobs," said Bill Stowe, associate director of Career Services.

Stowe and Director of TCU Career Services Carolyn Ulrickson will be on hand at the job fair to critique resumes and help check in employers.

"It is an exposure to far more companies than we could get on this campus at one time," said Ulrickson.

Ulrickson said the TCU Career Center has helped more seniors than usual this year.

She said for graduating seniors, "The job market looks good, better than it has in a number of years."

The list of companies attending the Spring 1996 Job Fair includes: Applied Research Labs of Austin, Bank of America, Baylor Health Care Systems, the CIA, Computer Science Corp., the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, Southwest Airlines, Tarrant County Mental Health/Mental Retardation Services and Zale Corp.

At the Fall 1995 Job Fair, 263 companies attended. The list from the fall included: Comerica Bank, Dallas ISD, Dallas Police Department, D/FW International Airport, EDS, Quinn, Smith & Co. CPA, Sky Chef, Southwestern Bell, Texas Commerce Bank, the Texas Controller of Public Accounts, Texas Utilities and Trinity Industries.

Registration forms for the Spring 1996 Job Fair are available at the TCU Career Center or at the door.

The Career Center advises students to complete the registration forms before the fair and to bring several copies of their resumes.

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## Prof builds houses, plays piano, teaches about 'meaning of life'

BY NEELIMA ATLURU  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

He moved to Fort Worth 20 years ago with almost everything he owned crammed into his little Toyota with his wife, two cats and a dog.

"I had just enough money to put a down payment on a house," said Gregg Franzwa, an associate professor of philosophy.

So instead of buying furniture, he built it. And now he can't get out of the process of building things.

Over the years, Franzwa said he's been involved in some house projects, whether it was building a home or remodeling one.

"I'm self-taught in carpentry, plumbing and electrical things around the house," he said. "I learned from experience."

Not only is Franzwa handy around the house, he's also a musician.

From the late 1970s to the late 1980s, Franzwa was the pianist for a band, a rock n' roll band.

"We played what you'd now call classic rock," he said. "The last name we had was 'Pico de Gallo.'"

Franzwa and Richard Galvin, the guitarist and the current chairman of the philosophy department, were the only two constant members of the band. The other members were students, who changed throughout the years.

"So there was a constant change of personnel," Franzwa said. "Originally we just got together and jammed, but the students wanted to make money."

The band played gigs in Fort Worth at places including the Hop (now the Aardvark) and J&J Blues Bar.

Franzwa said the band eventually broke up because the

Faculty Senate began to occupy much of his time.

"I miss performing; it was one of my favorite things in the whole world," he said. "It's sort of like teaching. It's just more energetic, more immediate, instead of being conceptual. It's great to get people up dancing, and when they're dancing on the tables it's even better."

Franzwa also played in bands during his undergraduate years at the University of Santa Clara, where he graduated in 1967.

He received one of his masters's degrees in business administration at the University of California at Berkeley. The other master's degree was in philosophy from San Francisco State. During those times, he was book-keeper for small companies and organizations.

In graduate school at the University of Rochester, he had jobs as a graduate assistant and teaching assistant to help support himself.

Going from an MBA to a masters degree in philosophy was nothing major for Franzwa, because philosophy was his minor as an undergraduate student.

"Issues in philosophy were more interesting to me than issues in corporate business," he said. "Philosophy is a good endeavor, it makes you think analytically."

He said he decided to be a teacher because it was the next logical step in his career.

"I wanted to talk about philosophy and teaching just does that," he said.

After he graduated from the University of Rochester in 1976, he came to TCU.

Among the courses Franzwa teaches now are an introductory course to philosophy called The Meaning of

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## Apartments offer freedom

Some students prefer the privacy of living off-campus

BY JILL TAYLOR  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

A student's fondest dream during the long, droning torture of high school is the possibility of moving away from home, parents and petty people they've been forced to attend school with for 12 years.

They just can't wait to experience the freedom of dormitory living. The camaraderie surely must equal that of the "Friends" gang and the nonstop parties must be beyond compare.

When students finally get to live that dream, they eventually begin to realize that, no, there's not a great deal of freedom living in the dorms; no, there aren't nonstop parties, especially in the dorms; and no, you haven't left those petty high school-types behind — your roommate is one of them!

And the new rosy vision becomes one of privacy and true freedom — apartment living.

In the fall of 1995, 2,835 TCU undergraduates lived in dormitories and fraternity or sorority chapter houses, said Roger Fisher,

director of residential services. This number makes up about 48 percent of the fall 1995 total undergraduate enrollment of 5,886.

Fisher said freshmen not living with their parents in the Fort Worth area are required to live on campus their first year at TCU.

"In my experience at a large state institution, most freshman opt to stay on campus regardless of any requirement," Fisher said.

He said on-campus residence drops off a little after students' freshman year, but the major break occurs between the sophomore and junior years.

"That's really typical of the situation at most schools," he said.

When students choose to move off campus, they often consider price the major factor in selecting an apartment. Apartment prices in the TCU area run the gamut from really affordable, especially if the rent is split between roommates, and really pricey, depending on location and amenities.

The nearby Park Ridge apartments, located at 2501 Park Ridge Court, have one of the more com-

petitive rates, offering 367-square foot efficiency units for \$275 a month and two-bedroom units for \$425, said Park Ridge employee Latressa Allen.

The Marina Club, located at 5301 Overton Ridge Blvd, offers apartments for between \$360 and \$505 for a one-bedroom unit and between \$665 and \$740 for a two-bedroom unit, said Amy Bartlett of the Marina Club.

But there are more factors than price alone to consider, according to a recent article in *Link* magazine.

"Scour the joint," *Link* writes. "Make sure windows, doors and locks are secure... confirm that the windows are big enough and high enough for you to be able to escape in case of fire."

Also, check for signs of mice or bugs, *Link* advises. Be sure that water pressure isn't a problem, and check the basement for any major electrical problems or furnace hazards.

After you approve the safety factor in a unit, find out about hidden

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## News Digest

### Study: surgery eases emphysema

BOSTON (AP) — Cutting out part of the diseased lungs can actually help victims of severe emphysema breathe better, a study shows.

A study in today's issue of the *New England Journal of Medicine* helps provide an answer to why the technique works: The surgery seems to make the lungs more elastic.

"Because elasticity improves following surgery, they (patients) can exhale more effectively, allowing air to move in and out more efficiently," Dr. Frank C. Sciurba said.

### Swedish seniors still have sex

BOSTON (AP) — Many married folks have sex well into their 80s, at least in Sweden.

Doctors from the University of Gotesborg surveyed the sex habits of 321 men and women, all of them 85. The results, they say, contradict the stereotype that old folks cannot have sex.

Not surprisingly, intercourse turned out to be rare among elderly people who are widowed or single.

Not so for married senior citizens: Twenty-two percent of the men and 10 percent of women said they continue to have intercourse.

### Australian saves American diver

BRISBANE, Australia (AP) — A quick-thinking Australian diver saved an Oregon man who ran out of air and lost consciousness while scuba diving off a South Pacific island.

Raymond Montgomery, a U.S. Army reserve sergeant from Canby, Ore., said that he ran out of air while diving off the island of Espiritu Santo, in Vanuatu, on Tuesday.

Mark Deaves of the Royal Australian Navy saw Montgomery in trouble. He swam to the stricken man, gave him compressed air from his own supply and then helped him to a nearby boat.

### Actress taken to psych ward

GLENDALE, Calif. (AP) — Margot Kidder, the spunky Lois Lane in the "Superman" movies, was taken to a psychiatric ward after she was discovered dazed and cowering in a suburban back yard. Authorities found no evidence of attempted foul play.

Kidder, 47, has battled health and financial problems in recent years and had been missing for three days when she was found Tuesday in someone else's yard. She was found crouching and wearing soiled clothing and appeared to have cut off her own hair in an attempt to alter her appearance, authorities said.

### Anti-terrorist measure enacted

WASHINGTON (AP) — Saying "America will never abide terrorists," President Clinton today signed legislation giving federal authorities \$1 billion worth of additional tools to fight terrorism at home and abroad.

Clinton signed the bill in a ceremony on the South Lawn of the White House. The audience included victims of terrorist attacks, including survivors of bombings at the Oklahoma City federal building, the World Trade Center in New York and the 1988 bombing of Pan Am Flight 103.

## CampusLines

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

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

**TCU UNIVERSITY CHAPEL** is at noon Wednesdays at Robert Carr Chapel. All students are welcome to attend.

**TCU COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK** meets at 6 p.m. Wednesdays in University Ministries. All students are welcome.

**FREE LEGAL CONSULTATION** is available from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the Student Center Annex. Call 921-7924.

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**CANTERBURY EPISCOPAL STUDENTS** meets at 5:30 p.m. Thursdays for dinner, a program and an evening prayer.

**ORDER OF OMEGA'S** 40th Anniversary Diamond Gala is at 7 p.m. Friday at the Arlington Marriott.

## PurplePoll

Can you name the student body president?

Yes 66 No 33

I KNOW BUT I WON'T TELL

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Today's Purple Poll question was asked of 100 people in the Main Cafeteria last evening by a Skiff pollster.

## The Adventures of Superfrog

by Ben Roman & Adam Wright



## The Beaten Path

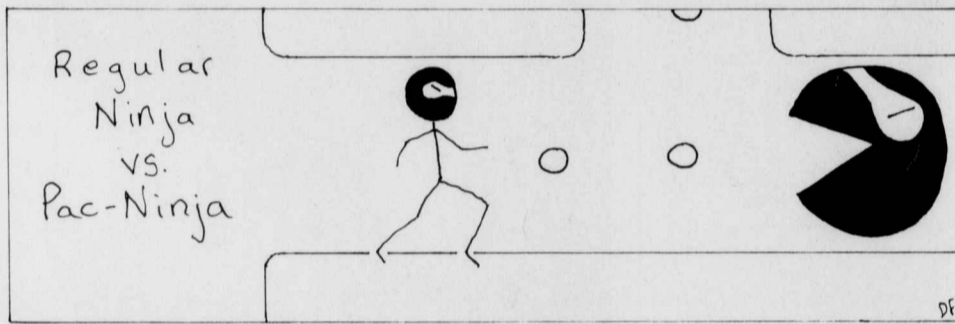
by P. D. Magnus

Lousy summer job #32: Part time speed bump in a parking lot on Hulén Street



## Ninja Verses

by Don Frederic



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costs such as utilities and cable, according to Link. That way, all your bases will be covered and you won't encounter any major surprises.

Katherine Carvey, a senior finance major who has lived off campus since January, said that while monthly rent ends up being cheaper than dormitory charges were, apartment living isn't necessarily cheaper because apartments need furniture and linens.

She said that apartment life provides a great deal more freedom than did dorm life.

"For one thing, it's quieter, and you just have a lot more freedom. In the dorm, there are always people

shuffling around at all hours," Carvey said.

"You can have your TV on late if you want to and blast your radio late if you want to, and you're not really bothering anybody," she said.

But as Carvey discovered, gaining the freedom of off-living means sacrificing the amenities of dormitory life.

She said that living on campus previously had been very convenient in terms of classes, and that convenience is what she gave up in favor of more space, more quiet and more privacy.

"You can't just roll out of bed and go to class," Carvey said. "You have to add on travel time and be ready way ahead of time. Plus, the parking is always worse than I thought it would be."

## Jobs from page 1

The Career Center will be able to put each resume turned in at the job fair on computer discs and distribute the discs to each employer attending the event. However, the Career Center suggests that students with special interest in certain positions should also personally hand the employer a copy of their resume.

The Spring 1996 Job Fair will begin at 10 a.m. and end at 4 p.m. Parking in the Convention Center lot will be \$4, but admission to the fair is free.

For more information contact the Career Center in the Student Center Annex or call 921-7860.

## Sell it in the Skiff

To place a classified ad, just call 921-7426.

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## Leaders page 1

Larry Lauer, associate vice chancellor in communications and pub-

lic affairs, will be the master of ceremonies.

Nomination forms were sent out earlier this semester. The people who accepted their nominations by sending back their forms were among those chosen for the awards.

## Weather Watch

Today will be partly cloudy and windy with a high of 90 and a low of 60.

Friday will be cloudy with a high of 81 and a low of 60.

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Thank you for supporting the Skiff classifieds. Friday will be our last paper.

If it's all Greek to you, see today's Perspective on page 5

**McDonald's**  
Three new McDonald's Restaurants are scheduled to open at DFW International Airport in November & December of this year.  
**Immediate openings for Manager Trainee positions.**  
We are looking for mature, professional, energetic, neat manager trainees to serve up smiles to our customers!  
Call our independently owned and operated McDonald's office between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. at (817) 428-7808.  
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Appointments and interviews will be scheduled for the week of April 29 to May 3.  
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John Lamberth

## Departures have ruined comics

Have you read that ultra-pathetic section of your newspaper called the comics section lately? I have and I've got to tell you that it really sucks. And I'll tell you why.

Of course you know that "The Far Side" and "Calvin and Hobbes" are no longer with us. They have been retired to that great comic section in the sky. Gary Larson and Bill Watterson apparently just got tired and decided to throw in the towel. And this leaves us with nothing!

I used to go for the comics section and read everything except for those "serious" comics like "Mary Worth" or "Apt 3-G." I would save "The Far Side" and "Calvin and Hobbes" for last because they were the best. They always had something bizarre to brighten my otherwise boring day. Now that these two are gone, the comics just aren't that funny.

I still like "Dilbert." It's pretty goofy, but it just doesn't hold my attention for long. There's also "Bizarro" and "Mother Goose and Grimm," but these just can't pull the comics section out of the downward spiral it is stuck in. There are too many comics that just aren't funny.

I don't know what happened to "Peanuts." Charles Schulz drifts between absurdity and mediocrity. Sometimes it's really strange and funny, other times it gets mushy and annoying.

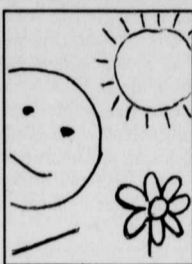
I have a question about "Marvin." Just how long is that fat kid going to be a baby, anyway? Entire species of animals have evolved and become extinct in the time "Marvin" has been an infant. Of course, "Dennis the Menace" has changed less in the last million years than dirt.

There are two comics though that are definitely written by Satan himself as a scheme to undermine humor in the world and make us all have no sense of humor and turn to hatred as a source of amusement. I am talking about "Family Circus" and "Love Is..." These two "comics" make me want to share my lunch with the world.

If "Family Circus" were ever funny, I don't remember it. Bill Keane has been relying on the antics of the stupidest group of children since "The Brady Bunch." I hate Billy. I hate Dolly. I hate Jeffy. I would hate P.J., except he is apparently going to remain mute for all eternity, so I feel sorry for him. These children of the damned are happy to point out some "childhood misconception" and then expect you to laugh, no matter how idiotic it is. And if I never see their ghostly grandparents again, it will be too soon.

If you don't know what "Love Is..." this comic will be happy to explain it to you. In this strip, two anatomically incorrect naked people are shown doing some-

### The Dark Side Beckons



thing annoyingly cute like holding hands and watching the sunset. They are always happy and as far as I know, they have never said a discouraging word to each other. Apparently, they don't understand that "love is..." something that generally turns into lack of interest and then intense dislike and the chance to "see other people."

Now, here at our newspaper, our comic section consists of three strips created by students. They could be worse, but they could be better. "Superfrog" ought to have the title character appear at least once. Neb Namor is a geek. I actually like "Ninja Verses," but I'm not sure why. And as for "The Beaten Path," I'm at a loss for words.

I really miss that tiger and his kid, and I need more talking cows. But then, don't we all?

John Lamberth is insane.



Chris Smith

## Terrorism headlines don't define IRA war

Many people pick up the daily rag and lament about the state of the world. The headline reads, "Terrorist bomb kills four," and the average reader proceeds to define the world's decline in terms of increased terrorist activity. However, the number who read the article and actually know the history behind the conflict is profoundly minuscule.

Those who blissfully run through the Elysian fields of 10-second sound bites and political ignorance gasp at the thought of innocents being killed to attain a political objective. They are perpetually eluded by the fact that collateral damage (death of innocent civilians) is a harsh truth in war. This is again compounded by the perception that war must follow the stringent guidelines set forth in our fourth grade history books.

One example of undue vilification is the Irish Republican Army. Joe Q. Public will quickly denounce these "terrorists" and follow suit with the Rodney King legacy: "Why can't we all just get along?" Yet most cannot identify the actual struggle, motives or opposition that are essential to the conflict.

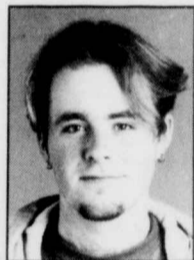
In the case of collateral damage, the IRA has indeed killed its share of innocents; however, statistics suggest another villain. Over the last 20 years, the IRA has had a civilian kill rate of 37 percent. Before you choke on your crumpled copy of the United States Constitution, there is more.

This percentage owes a great deal to the British government, who time and time again take an ungodly amount of time to evacuate target areas. The IRA has a habit of warning the police before a bomb is to explode (e.g., the recent Dockland bombing where a warning was issued an hour before with an IRA code word and evacuation measures were not taken until six minutes before the bomb went off; one man, who later died, was allowed to re-enter the building).

This tactic of delay is used in British politics as well as police measures quite frequently. Most alarming though is the civilian kill rate for the loyalist paramilitaries in Northern Ireland (which the British government secretly funded and supplied via M15). Being that the choice of the Catholic religion is enough to get one shot by these goons, it is no surprise that the kill rate for civilians is 90 percent.

The British military proves to be a sound second in civilian death with 55 percent. This stems from the constant use of rubber bullets to

### Modern Angst



contain demonstrators (Great Britain is the only industrialized nation to still use them) and a strict "shoot first, ask questions at the funeral" policy (e.g. Gibraltar). Not included in this figure is the fact that a political prisoner (according to former

British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, there is no such thing) is more likely to live through a plane crash than a stay in one of Britain's finest prisons.

Even the United States gives the IRA competition in collateral damage. In the Iraqi conflict, the U.S. civilian kill rate was 23 percent. This is considering that the military has smart bombs (in which one of the benefits is a decrease in civilian casualties) and the most advanced military technology in the world.

A war is not defined by military tactics. For all intent and purpose, the conflict in Northern Ireland is indeed a war. If terrorism is defined by using violent force to gain a political advantage, then I indict the world.

The United States is founded upon terrorism. The Green Mountain Boys, Minutemen and the entire colonial army were considered terrorists at the time, yet they are now promoted to god status.

We understand their fight for freedom, therefore we praise them. Most do not and will never understand the fight for freedom in Ireland or anywhere else outside of our pathetic world of political isolationism, therefore they are condemned.

Freedom is not a precept originating or bound within the United States. Its fight continues on foreign shores against countries we embrace as friends and turn a blind eye toward when atrocities are committed.

The first step is understanding, and only then can one accept or reject. If a four-word headline is your guide, you will always be lost.

Christopher Don Smith McGabhain supports the Irish Republican Army in their quest for a united and free Ireland.

## Girls

### Including boys in holiday defeats original purpose

The purpose of Take our Daughters to Work Day was dissolved this year by changing the title to the more inclusive, "Take our Children to Work Day." Notice the difference?

Now we're taking boys to work, too. However, the reasons the annual event was initiated have nothing to do with the male gender. According to Ms. Foundation spokeswoman Lauren Wechsler, the day was created to "teach girls that they are appreciated for their ideas and skills, not just for their appearance."

It was also founded in response to so many recent studies that have described the plummet girls experience in self-esteem at the onset of puberty. Nowhere in those reasons are boys mentioned.

Wechsler went on to say that "bringing boys in

on the day really just shortchanges the girls and the boys because boys don't need to feel they're valued in the workplace. They know they

### Editorial

are."

Some may argue that a gender-exclusive Take Our Daughters to Work Day is sexist, and that is a valid point. If boys are to be included, however, there should be no pretense as to its purpose. Including all children would no longer nurture the suffering self-worth of girls; rather, it would provide a glorified field trip.

The creators of the holiday have no problem with boys tagging along with their parents, too, as long as it is done on a separate day.

Otherwise, the point is lost and parents should fill out permission slips for these excursions.

### Housing contract should be amended

### Letters

I am writing this letter to voice my personal thoughts on one aspect of the housing contract. Earlier this month, I received a notice stating my balance on my "meal card" seemed too high for that time of the semester. I was reminded that I was required to spend a minimum of \$400 under the housing contract. I had purchased the \$650 meal plan and had only spent about \$200. I was very disappointed to learn that I would not be refunded (or credited) the amount left on my card over \$250. Since then, I have been

frantically spending the money on my meal card in order to decrease my balance to \$250.

On Tuesday, I decided to inquire about this and other subjects at the Residential Services office. My questions included, "How can you justify requiring a student's parents to spend a certain amount on TCU food to add to the numerous costs of attending this school?" and "Why should TCU students be required to eat on campus?" Sure, the food services might be a good thing for those students without a car or simply convenient, but how can

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Matt Pearce

"I believe Jerry Jones and Bob Packwood are the same person."

## Morales makes Gramm look like Mike Tyson

Greetings, ladies, gentlemen and mindless drones. This is the last you'll hear from me this semester. Before you start applauding, I still have some unfinished business to take care of.

**Gramm vs. Morales.** Victor Morales might as well start hanging out with Peter McNeely, because he's going up against a Mike Tyson-like opponent. Morales might be popular now because of his crusade in his Nissan pickup, but his days are numbered. In his first debate with Phil Gramm, look for Morales to be KO'd in the first 90 seconds. A vibrant personality doesn't always make a good politician — see Ann Richards.

**Stress.** There are few of us who haven't dealt with it. Over the past few weeks I've been denied entry to two classes in my major, rewritten two papers five times, once after the computer swallowed a copy, and seen my checking account vanish. On top of that, the Red Sox started their season 3-15.

But I've found a new way to control my anger. Rather than cracking skulls open with

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my roommate's baseball bat, I found something less violent: biting the heads off gummy bears. When finals come around, my teeth will serve as a regular gummy bear guillotine, and yours should too. I just thought I'd share that.

**Greeks.** I swore I'd never waste column space on the Greek system. Recent events have prompted me to break my promise. I wouldn't mind if everything the Greeks did was declared illegal, but I don't want my anti-Greek sentiment to get me lynched.



One of my fellow columnists came up with a great idea: Instead of calling fraternity members Greeks, they should be called Romans. After all, fraternities are prone to committing random acts of pillaging and revelry, much like the Romans were.

**Jerry Jones and Bob Packwood.** I firmly believe the Dallas Cowboys owner and former U.S. Senator could be the same person. For starters, they look very much alike, and their careers are not dissimilar. Jones has made his mark by screwing with the NFL, and Packwood, well, never mind.

**Jennifer Aniston.** If she'd only brush her hair once in a while, she might be a goddess. What concerns me the most isn't her hair or anything that has to do with "Friends."

Aniston has appeared in a stay-in-school ad, giving kids a great reason to stay in school: "smart is sexier than stupid any day." Isn't this a wonderful message for horny teens? If you do well in school, more people will want to hop in the sack with you. Does this world really need more teenage dreams

shot by re-electing this guy.

**Clinton.** You didn't think I'd finish this column without mentioning him, did you? Here's a Clinton quote dated April 1992: "I have proved one thing. I'm not very slick. I often say something I shouldn't. It makes the evening news just a little bit off-kilter so that characterization they like to make of me can be reinforced one more time."

There you have it. Bill Clinton warned us early on that he's not that smart, yet 43 percent of us didn't listen. Let's not make the mistake of re-electing this guy.

Thank you for taking the time to read my ramblings. If you thought this column sucked, I don't care. It's the end of the year, and I'm running on empty. See ya later.

Matt Pearce is not a role model. Some of the things he does can cause a person to get hurt, expelled, arrested or possibly even deported. To put it another way, don't try this at home.

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they justify requiring the students to spend a certain amount on TCU food? What about those people who might not enjoy the food at TCU or those who find it more economical to dine off-campus?

I requested that for the fall semester, I be required to spend \$400 on TCU food services. In my two years at TCU, I have found that it can be much more economical to eat elsewhere. Also, it's no secret that our school's food is sometimes found to be less than appetizing. It is evident from this semester that the \$400 minimum is too much for my personal situation. It might be justified if I got the \$400 plan, spent around \$200, and was credited with the remaining \$200 for the following semester. However, this is not the case. If I did not spend the required amount, Residential Services would simply take that money out of my account and put it

in their accounts.

I understand that if I commit to spending \$400 on my meal card, the school expects me to spend that amount. I informed Residential Services that I simply did not plan to spend \$400 next semester, and I politely asked that they not require me to do so. I feel that I would have a sufficient amount of money to carry me through next semester if they would simply allow me to use the \$250 remaining from this semester. I was told that under TCU's housing contract, this is not possible. As long as I live on campus, I will be required to spend a certain amount.

A representative at the Residential Services office informed me that utilizing TCU's various food services is simply an opportunity of living on-campus. I was never informed about how or why that "opportunity" became an obligation. The representative stated that all students living in university housing are required to spend an average of \$3.57 a day on food.

Most students would agree they should be able to spend their money wherever they want.

With the costs of getting a quality education at TCU continually rising, I do not believe it is acceptable for the school to give students any less than what they are paying for. If I do not spend the required \$400 this semester, why not simply refund me or credit it toward my tuition balance? I believe these suggestions would be the only way to deal with students in a fair manner.

Residential Services should give the students the "opportunity" to choose from purchasing or not purchasing one of the various meal plans. TCU administrators should be more willing to listen to and work with the students. If this were the case, TCU students would have a more positive outlook about the school and the administration as a whole. Also, the university would be more attractive to incoming students.

**Blake R. Henry  
junior, business**

## Engine work could delay rocket test flight

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**WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE, N.M.** — A more advanced version of the vertical-landing Delta Clipper rocket is tentatively scheduled for its first test flight May 17, but work on new engines could delay the project.

Former astronaut Charles "Pete" Conrad Jr., flight program manager for the Delta Clipper XA, said the flight date is tentative because further testing is needed on the engines for the single-stage-to-orbit rocket.

"Since new engines are going to be used for this series of tests, it's imper-

ative everything checks out before anything is definitely scheduled," said Conrad.

The Delta Clipper XA is a 40-foot experimental prototype of a rocket that would ferry commercial payloads into orbit.

McDonnell Douglas Aerospace will test it at this Army range, where test launches for the smaller Delta Clipper DC-X successfully ended last summer.

Keith Takahashi, a McDonnell Douglas spokesman, said tests on the XA's four engines haven't yet been performed.

"A lot of new equipment has

been installed," Takahashi said. "It's a completely new system that will be used. Therefore, it thoroughly needs to be checked out and ground-tested before it's ready to be launched."

Takahashi said May 17 was just a target launch date and that other factors, such as weather, might play a role in determining a firm date.

Conrad said a major goal in the Delta Clipper XA series will be to improve the rocket's flight turnaround time. During DC-X testing, engineers almost met turnaround goals, but Conrad said those results weren't as critical with the smaller rocket.

## Special points of light

### School on TCU campus helps children defeat disabilities

By LEAH N. GARCIA  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

From the time Brent started school it was clear he was different from other students. He was having trouble coping in a regular classroom setting.

Brent was academically and socially behind, and his teachers and parents noticed that his grades were low and his distant attitude made him stand apart from the other students.

Brent's mother said that even he noticed the feelings associated with being set apart from the other kids. Everyone realized that some quick changes would have to be made in order to protect Brent's future.

Testing revealed that Brent had a learning disability, and he was referred to Starpoint School at TCU.

Starpoint serves as an on-campus lab school for teacher training and also as a school for children with learning disabilities in Fort Worth and surrounding areas.

Most students who are referred to Starpoint have average to above average intelligence. Some are even gifted. But many of them have shown poor academic performance in regular preschool classes.

Principal Kathleen Williams said: "The kids have bumped their heads into so many walls, so they anticipate failure. We try to give them some success to make them feel important."

Williams said the teachers' goal is to build the kids' esteem because they come in with feelings of defeat

and incapability.

According to Williams and Brent's teachers at Starpoint, he is doing better socially and academically. He will attend regular classes at Fort Worth Academy next year.

"He walks taller, is successful and has an air of confidence that was not present before," Williams said.

Williams said Brent is not excited about leaving Starpoint but is anticipating the chance to go back to a regular school and feel like the rest of the kids.

The Starpoint School was started in 1966 by M.J. Neeley and his wife, whose disabled grandson struggled in school. The Neeleys realized that teachers should be trained to help children with special education needs, so they initiated a laboratory school on the TCU campus. It helps train the teachers and helps prevent unfortunate academic experiences.

Through Starpoint School, learning-disabled kids hope to replace their sense of failure with accomplishment. Second-year principal Kathleen Williams said love and a nurturing environment are a priority in the tightly structured small classes.

"In this way, the method of learning matches the capabilities of the child," Williams said.

A typical day for a Starpoint student primarily follows the same academic calendar as the Fort Worth Independent School District. Students attend school from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. from Monday to Friday. In the mornings, heavy emphasis is put on reading and language with a lunch

break and physical education between. In the afternoons, the kids work in math, social studies and science.

With only 40 students and 10 faculty, Starpoint is able to individualize the curriculum to meet the need of each child.

Starpoint teacher Robin Davies said, "These children receive a unique education, a lot of intervention, planning and a whole new lifestyle here at Starpoint than at a traditional school."

Children who attend Starpoint range in age from six to 11 years of age and are generally there for two to four years. Children exit the program when the staff realizes they need to be placed in a traditional school that will complement the child's abilities.


Williams boasts about Starpoint's success.

"Every child who left Starpoint last year went on to regular schools and made the honor roll," Williams said.

Williams describes her job as having the best of many worlds. She enjoys interaction with the teachers and especially the kids. She also likes developing close relationships with the children at the school.

A child who was approved to enter a regular school once told her, "Ms. Williams, I really don't want to leave here."

When she told him that he would be going to another school that would teach him new things, he said, "Yeah, but it will never be the same as this."




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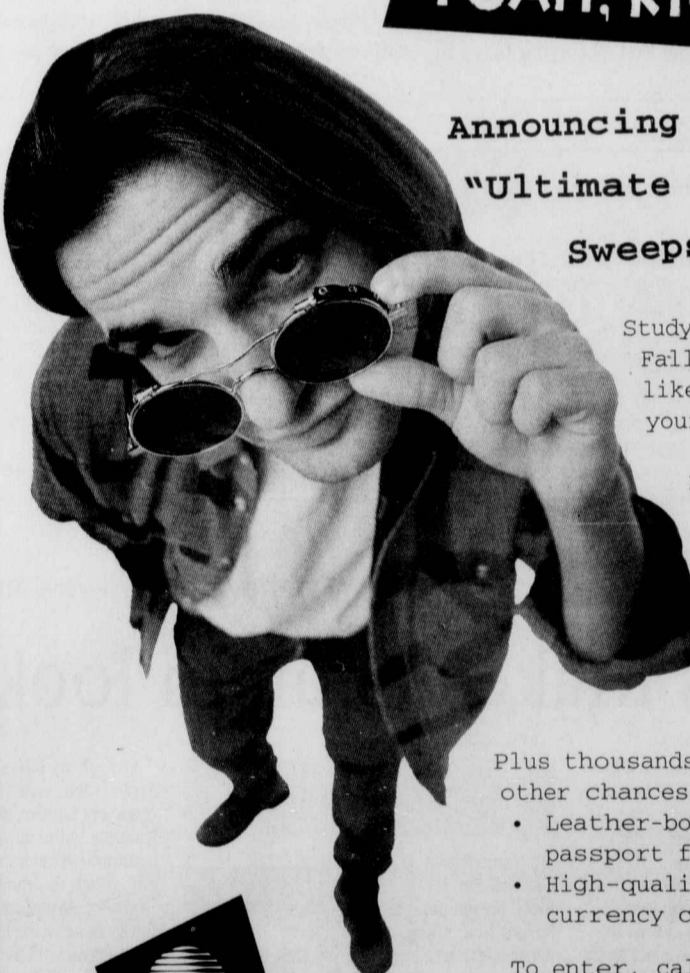


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## Greeks tough as diamonds on anniversary

By NEELIMA ATLURU  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Today it seems hard to imagine TCU without fraternities and sororities.

But for 81 years, there was no Greek system on campus — the first pledges weren't rushed until 1954 and 1955.

A committee of representatives from the Board of Trustees, administration, faculty and student body was formed to discuss bringing Greek organizations to campus.

According to the Sept. 17, 1954, issue of the *TCU Daily Skiff* the committee finally allowed Greek organizations on campus for two reasons: to give students the opportunity for self-expression and discipline and to

increase the enrollment.

The Sept. 24 issue reported that the committee felt pressure and decided "fraternities and sororities should be added to keep local students in Fort Worth and draw other students from over the state who had been bypassing TCU and attending schools supporting fraternal organizations."

The Oct. 29 issue reported the Greek system was said to be necessary at TCU because it would keep TCU a complete democracy and continue the school's progressive movement.

Through the entire process, the committee members seemed to keep the future of TCU on their minds as they made the decisions and set the guidelines.

The paper reported that the com-

mittee members said "the addition of the organizations would aid TCU financially by procuring future contributors to the university's expansion program."

The formation of cliques and betrayal of historic traditions were some of the drawbacks to the Greek system the committee discussed.

To evaluate the benefits of the Greek system, the committee sent questionnaires to 75 church-affiliated colleges and universities like TCU to learn what their practices were in regard to fraternities and sororities.

These forms were used to evaluate the effect fraternal organizations had on student morale, student discipline, academic standards and financial resources.

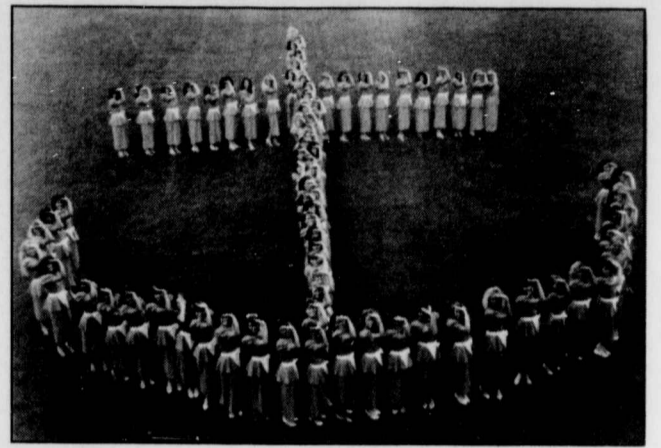
The committee decided that the advantages of Greeks outweighed the disadvantages and eight fraternities and eight sororities were invited to begin chapters at TCU.

Students interested in rushing had to turn in a questionnaire about their intentions on joining a fraternity or sorority.

Over 100 men and almost 200 women pledged. The grade requirement then was a 1.2 grade point average to be eligible.

That was then, and this is now. Today, there are 10 fraternities and 11 sororities at TCU.

Although studies show a decline in the national trends of membership into the Greek system, that is not the



1982 Delta Gamma sisters salute, anchor-style.

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Phi Kappa Sigma members and their dates toga-party in 1989.

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## Order of Omega to host banquet Friday in honor of Greeks

By ROB SHERWIN  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The Alpha Delta chapter of the National Order of Omega will honor outstanding members and organizations of the TCU Greek system when it hosts the 40th Anniversary Diamond Gala Friday evening.

The Order of Omega, an honor society for Greek students, will also celebrate 40 years

of fraternities and sororities at TCU by highlighting the history and contributions the chapters have made over the years.

The event is different from past banquets in that it will be held off-campus. National officers and executive directors of the chapters have also been invited, said Andrea Foy, a senior speech pathology major and Order of Omega president.

"The purpose is mainly to entertain the stu-

dents and to show our national and executive officers that TCU has a great Greek program and how we appreciate them coming," Foy said.

Kristen Kirst, the assistant director of fraternity and sorority life and Order of Omega faculty sponsor, said the banquet is a joint effort between the TCU administration and the Order of Omega to show the importance of Greeks at TCU.

About 400 people are expected to attend the banquet, said Amy Godlewski, a senior political science major and member of Order of Omega.

Kirst said one of the main highlights of this year's event is a video presentation, titled "Now and Then," which will recall the past 40 years by showing still pictures, actual footage and interviews with Greek alumni.

Natalie Taylor, a senior radio-TV-film and

Spanish double major and Order of Omega vice president, said the video will serve as the evening's entertainment and will replace the traditional keynote speaker.

"We decided against having a keynote speaker because we wanted to put more emphasis on the history and more emphasis on the actual awards," she said. "It's some-

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### From Alpha to Omega

1995 Alpha Delta Pi Alpha class members (above) celebrate the same traditions the sorority did forty years ago. The Zeta Tau Alpha chapter (right) was one of eight sororities brought to TCU in 1955. Pictured are the ladies of the first Zeta pledge class.



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## Would you like fries with your Muzak?

By JANINE ZUNIGA  
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DALLAS — A downtown McDonald's is hoping to give street toughs the boot by serving up a little Bach with its burgers.

Manager Michael Hom said Wednesday that he's trying to scare away only troublemakers with the piped-in classical music that wafts both inside and out of the restaurant.

"We planned it to lower the number of street toughs that occasionally loiter here," Hom said. "We've got a lot of business clientele, and we're trying to make every effort possible to create an environment and atmosphere they feel comfortable visiting."

He's no aficionado, but Hom enjoys the classical Muzak tunes and says that "so far it seems to be

working."

"We've had a lot of positive remarks from customers," he said. "There's been a handful of folks who don't care for it, but those really aren't paying customers."

Others like Cleo Pearson, a Dallas musician waiting nearby for a DART bus, said he thinks the whole idea is just a publicity ploy.

"Who can they say is undesirable?" Pearson said. "They just don't want undesirables here, but they have a place of business here."

The idea isn't new. 7-Eleven Food Stores use classical music to chase away loiters on the West Coast, and Stop 'N Go tried it for a while in Grand Prairie.

Lt. Jeff Cotner, commanding officer in charge of the central business district that includes the McDonald's restaurant, calls it crime prevention through environ-

mental design.

"You can change the environment to make it safer," he said. "I guess depending on what type of music, you can foster people hanging around or foster people moving on."

The downtown restaurant shares the same few blocks with a bus station and a DART transfer point. In 1988, a homeless man shot and killed a police officer near the restaurant. And in 1993, violence at the Dallas Cowboys parade started there.

Cotner, who heard the music while dealing with some truants, said he understands what's behind the effort.

"I knew why they did it," he said. "The message I received was clear."

Some people laughed the music off, including two young men who

walked by the Commerce Street location snickering as "The Blue Danube," a Strauss waltz, came out of a number of built-in speakers above their heads.

Others enjoyed it.

"I like it," said Arturo Mederano, 21, a Dallas gardener who was taking a lunch break at the restaurant with a friend. "It makes me feel relaxed."

Even Pearson, who disagrees with the idea, said he enjoys the music and thinks the "undesirables" will as well.

"It doesn't bother them," he said. "It's not going to run anybody off. If you play enough of it, they'll probably start to like it."

"It calms attitudes," he said. "It's not like that 'boom boom' kind of music. It makes them feel like they gotta be a little bit respectful, that's all."

## Pieces of history auctioned recently

### Jackie's belongings garner more than \$6 million in Sotheby's sale

By CATHERINE CROCKER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — The desk on which President Kennedy signed the Nuclear Test Ban Treaty of 1963 was sold for \$1.43 million Wednesday on the second day of a frenzied auction of the belongings of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis.

The Louis XVI mahogany table, estimated at \$30,000 by Sotheby's auction house, was the subject of a 10-minute duel between two telephone bidders before the hammer went down to the cheers of those in the sales room.

The buyer was identified only as a European foundation.

"This may be the longest it's taken to ever sell a piece of furniture," said the auctioneer, Sotheby's president Diana Brooks. "I just had the chills selling it. It was selling history. There will never be another moment like that."

Legions of fans packed the auction house to bid on worn sofas, salt shakers and jewelry. The most expensive item in the catalog, a diamond engagement ring valued at \$600,000 that was a gift from Aristotle Onassis, was scheduled to be sold Wednesday night.

"This is the last opportunity people have to be a part of her life," said Larry Richmond, a Boston dealer. "You take Jackie's name out of this, and it's like any antique auction."

Winning bids were about 10 and 20 times the presale estimates listed in the catalog. The treaty desk went for 48 times its estimate.

Sotheby's based the estimates on the intrinsic value of the objects — few of which are antiques or unusual works of art — rather than on who owned them.

A French grammar book valued at \$500 to \$800 with "Jacqueline Bouvier" hand-printed on the cover and her schoolgirl doodles of fashionable ladies sketched inside sold for

\$42,500.

A plain slipcovered sofa sold for \$32,200, more than 20 times the presale estimate of \$1,500. And the cheapest item in the catalog, a reproduction of an etching of Washington, D.C., valued at \$20 to \$30, went for \$2,070.

Also up for sale Wednesday was a Tiffany gold key pendant engraved with "109" and given to President Kennedy by an organization of PT boat veterans. Kennedy commanded PT 109 in the Pacific during World War II, and survived an attack by the Japanese. The estimate was \$200 to \$300.

The total take for Tuesday was \$4.5 million, more than eight times the presale estimate. Wednesday morning's session total was \$2 million, 20 times the presale estimate.

"They are market prices — what people are willing to pay," said Andrew Benerofe, who owns a suburban real estate company and paid \$61,900 for a book valued at \$2,500. The book was inscribed to Mrs. Onassis by its author, Israeli founding father David Ben-Gurion.

Maureen O'Connor, the former mayor of San Diego, snared enough salt-and-pepper shakers to serve as Christmas presents for each of her 13 siblings. The shakers were valued at several hundred dollars; she paid \$11,500.

"I grew up under Camelot, and my family is a big Democratic family in California, and we feel strongly about the Kennedys," she said.

The prices include Sotheby's commission, which is 15 percent of the first \$50,000 and 10 percent of anything above that amount.

Mrs. Onassis died in 1994. Her will directed her children, Caroline and John F. Kennedy Jr., and the John F. Kennedy Library in Boston, to choose whatever they wanted from her possessions, then sell the rest. Proceeds were to go to her estate.

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thing different. We haven't put it together like this before."

Taylor said she has been working with Reid Shackelford, a junior radio-TV-film major, on the video since the beginning of the semester.

"We've conducted interviews with members of the TCU Greek community, some that have been here as much as 40 years, and some that are just now graduating," Taylor said.

"We've asked other members of Order of Omega to turn in pictures and other things from the archives of their organization, which was kind of difficult," she said.

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case at TCU. Currently, 23 percent of the TCU student body is in a fraternity or sorority, said Rick Barnes, director of student organization services.

He said TCU has maintained an average membership over the years. He attributed the reason to the traditions held in the South. "Here, it's a more traditional-type campus," he said. "This is a part of the country where fraternities and sororities are a big part of the college orientation program."

Barnes said the closing of the Kappa Delta sorority at TCU in 1994 produced a slight decline in the over-

all average. Sororities at TCU have not suffered the declining membership that other colleges and universities have.

Rebecca Conner, a junior psychology major and president of Panhellenic, said the membership at TCU rose on average over the last year. "I think the reason for this is the reputation and traditions of Greeks here," she said. "We're trying to promote 'go Greek' and being a Greek member. We're trying to emphasize scholarships and that we are service-oriented and social organizations."

Barnes said TCU fraternities, however, have experienced a one to two percent decline in membership, but not as much as the overall national average.

"Nationally things have dropped no more than 5 percent," Barnes said.

Clint Brumble, a junior accounting and finance double major and president of the Interfraternity Council, said one of the largest groups of students who went through rush happened last fall.

"TCU has not reflected national trends as far as a decrease in members," he said. "There are many people interested in rush."

After rush, students receive bids to join a fraternity or sorority. Whether they choose to accept or decline the bid is reflected in the final numbers.


Barnes attributed the declining trends to other commitments of the college students. "Students say they are going to wait a year before joining a fraternity," he said. "They get involved in other activities and decide not to join the fraternity."

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Trying to protect himself against another injury, the indoor campaign did not yield the results Allison had hoped for, he said.

"I felt timid. I felt running indoors would injure me again," said Allison, referring to the often unstable wooden tracks. "I wasn't ready for indoor. I couldn't get the feel of the track."

"Time-wise, place-wise, it was bad for me," he said.

Then came the outdoor season. Allison pleasantly surprised his coaches by producing for the team from the outset.

At the Baylor Early Bird, the first outdoor meet of the season, Allison was able to win the 100-meter dash and garner a provisional qualifying mark for Nationals.

Allison said his performance in Waco, Texas, gave him confidence for the rest of the year.

"I felt like my work was finally beginning to pay off," he said.

If Allison's coaches are to judge, it has definitely produced dividends.

"He's done a great job for us,"

said John McKenzie, middle and long distance coach for the Frogs. "He's getting better every week. You never know how a person will react after a knee injury."

"It's a matter of meeting expectations," McKenzie said. "Things have worked out really well."

Allison said the most exciting time he has had since his return occurred at the Texas Relays.

After failing to make a clean baton exchange in the 4x200-meter relay, Allison helped lead the Flyin' Frogs' 4x100 squad to a slim victory over Louisiana State.

The 4x100-relay squad's time of 39.20 was fast enough to secure an automatic qualifying mark for the national meet.

"The Texas Relays was the highlight of my comeback," he said. "It still stands out."

Allison has already cleared one hurdle, but his work is incomplete, he said. He said he dreams of one day representing his homeland in the Olympic games.

Whatever happens with his pursuits in the future, Allison said he will always credit his peers for his successful return.

"I will always remember my teammates," he said.

## Sky has not fallen in on Frogs yet

I don't mean to sound like Rush Limbaugh, but I have to say, "See, I told you so!"

If you don't remember, I outlined five things the TCU baseball team had to do well in order to win the Southwest Conference earlier this season in the premiere Baseball Insider column. They are as follows:

1) Pitchers must throw strikes; 2) Baserunners must be held on; 3) Hitters have to be selective; 4) The routine play needs to be routine; and 5) The team as a unit must have a common goal of winning.

The lack of progress in these five individual categories is easily evaluated when put into statistical form.

1) TCU pitchers have given up 5.2 walks per nine innings; 2) Opposing baserunners have been successful 83 percent of the time (103 of 124); 3) TCU hitters averaged one strikeout per five at-bats; 4) Defensively, the Frogs have a fielding percentage of .950; 5) For lack of a percentage, you get my

credible opinion on this one — finger pointing has outweighed team unity thus far.

With the lack of success in these key fundamental aspects of baseball, coupled with TCU's less-than-enviable record (27-26), one might think that the sun has set on the Frogs, who are going into their last three regular series of 1996.

But, the sky is not falling. For any other season beside this one, TCU's hope of participating in post-season play would look bleak at this juncture in its season. However, the bottom line is that TCU will be allotted a slot



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in the SWC Post-Season Tournament, no matter its record. The winner of this tournament will go on to regional play. Traditionally only the top four finishers in the SWC are invited to this tournament, but because this year will be the last of SWC baseball as we know it, all teams in the conference will compete.

I don't mean to sound like the Frogs cannot get to the Post-Season Tournament on their own merits; in fact, they probably will. Furthermore, with two conference series left, the Frogs are still not mathematically out of winning first place with a 7-8 SWC record. The down side is that TCU must face the perennial powerhouses Texas Tech and Texas in its final two conference series. With all of these factors under consideration, I say to the team, "Don't empty both barrels on an unrealistic goal of winning the conference." To do this would diminish TCU's much more realistic goal of winning the SWC Post-Season Tournament in a

dark horse, Cinderella story-type fashion.

Head coach Lance Brown said he will be doing a lot of "experimenting" in these next three weeks preceding the tournament. He also conceded that the best shot of making a regional tournament bid is by winning the tournament, not by taking first place in the conference. Brown added that TCU could have an advantage going into the tournament because the week prior to it, the Frogs play a regular season series against Texas Tech in Lubbock, Texas.

"We can get used to the surface of the field," Brown said.

Well, the sun has set on the last edition of the Baseball Insider. I enjoyed being your humble disseminator of Frog baseball news. I am hoping to move on to political commentary in next semester's *Skiff*, to shed a conservative light on the evils of the liberal Democratic Party. See you next time, and until then, eat your Wheaties.

## Tubbs from page 7

after the early-signing period. And admission requirements have eliminated a lot of (high school) players."

### A new schedule

Tubbs said he is also excited about the Frogs' schedule, which includes a home date with Big Ten powerhouse Purdue and a nationally-televised home game against a

highly-ranked opponent yet to be determined. Both of those are part of separate deals that sent TCU to Purdue and Kentucky last year.

"It's a schedule favorable to us because there are more home games," Tubbs said. "We're going to have some neat games, and we're going to have some nationally-televised games."

"I think this is the year that we really start getting our program in shape."

## NBA from page 7

strictly a spot-up shooter. Ferry will never live up to the No. 2 pick, but give him credit for a solid season.

We don't have to go far to find the winner here. In a season of major disappointment for the Mavs, it was great to once in while

break through the clouds of the season and check out the performance of George McCloud.

McCloud was just third on the team in scoring but the most consistent player. McCloud was the Mavs' outside threat, making 257 3-pointers. After languishing in the NBA and CBA for seven years and battling personal problems, McCloud is definitely here to stay.

*Non-impact Player of the Year:*

This is for a player who was acquired during the season or in the offseason to help his respective team get over the top, but flopped. To me, no player fits this description better than John "Hot Rod" Williams in Phoenix. Williams was supposed to be the needed inside presence for the Suns, especially defensively. He has been more of an absence than a presence, averaging a meager 7.3

points and totaling 90 blocks in 62 games. Hot Rod has been more like "Hot Rot" this season.

*The Huh Award:* Jason Kidd will never be confused with Socrates after trying to explain a loss to the Miami Heat by saying, "We just need to separate the professionals from the taxpayers." What?! If you can figure this one then send your explanations to me via E-mail.

## Franzwa page 1

Life, Theories of Human Nature and Philosophy of Mind.

He said his 20 years at TCU have been great.

"I enjoy teaching, as it's my natural inclination to explain things," he said.

Franzwa received the Faculty

Recognition Award during the Honors Convocation earlier this month. He said he was surprised.

"If I knew, I might have even worn a tie," he said.

Franzwa will be on leave in the fall. He said he will go back to Berkeley for a month to be in a seminar with a famous philosopher from California. When he comes back to Fort Worth, he said he will work on an anthology, *Anthology in Business Ethics*.

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