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Visitors cash in on broken casino ATM

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — Remember the Monopoly game card that read, "Bank error in your favor, collect \$200"?

It really happened here, in the city that inspired the board game.

An automated teller machine in a casino began spitting out \$100 bills instead of \$20s.

But authorities warned that those who keep the money might need a "Get out of jail free" card.

Customers lined up as the PNC Bank machine at The Grand mistakenly surrendered an estimated \$85,000 over several hours Thursday night and Friday morning. Casino employees were among those cashing in.

Repeat molesters to face castration

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Gov. Pete Wilson signed a law Tuesday making California the first state to require chemical castration of repeat child molesters.

Similar legislation is being considered in Texas, Massachusetts and Wisconsin. California's bill, which goes into effect Jan. 1, won final legislative approval last month.

Under the measure, molesters who commit a second crime against a child under the age of 13 must receive weekly injections of the drug Depo-Provera, which dampens sexual desire.

Offenders could choose to be surgically castrated instead.

Mir Cosmonauts order garlic, onions

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Houston, send up a roll of Certs for the men aboard the Russian space station Mir.

The two Russian cosmonauts put in an orbital takedown order weeks ago for garlic and onions, and it's finally on the way, aboard the space shuttle Atlantis.

For reasons that aren't entirely clear, space travelers often complain that food tastes bland in weightlessness.

Sometimes that leads to desperate measures: Cosmonauts Valentin Lebedev and Anatoly Berezovoi gobbled up onions meant for research during their 211-day Salyut station mission in 1982.

Lois and Superman to tie knot

NEW YORK (AP) — After almost 60 years of on-and-off dating, Lois Lane and Clark Kent — alias Superman — are getting married next month.

The super-wedding will follow a reconciliation between Superman and Miss Lane, who began dating during the FDR administration (actually, Action Comics No. 1, in 1938). Lois, tired of playing second fiddle to Superman's career, had dumped the Man of Steel back on Valentine's Day.

Beer name ruled constitutional

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — State law banning the use of the name Crazy Horse for malt liquor violates the First Amendment: right to free speech, an appeals court ruled Tuesday.

The state Court of Appeals said the Legislature failed to explain why its 1994 law barring only American Indian names protects the public. The law is "impermissibly content-based, and, therefore, invalid," the court held.

Minnesota banned Crazy Horse Malt Liquor in late 1995, following protests from American Indian leaders and the estate of Crazy Horse, a revered 19th century Oglala war chief who opposed the use of alcohol by his people.

Nicoletti, Paradise in VP run-off

By Rob Sherwin
SKIFF STAFF

Kevin Nicoletti and Ricky Paradise will face each other in a run-off election Thursday after finishing first and second, respectively, in Tuesday's special election for vice president of the House of Student Representatives.

Nicoletti, a sophomore business management major, finished first, receiving 552 votes (37.15 percent). Paradise, a sophomore international finance and accounting major, was second, with 531 votes (35.73 percent). Mark Irish, a junior accounting and finance major, finished third, garnering 216 votes (14.54 percent). Thomas Kunkel, a senior radio-TV-film major, and Martin

Reidy, a senior business management major, ran a distant fourth and fifth, respectively, with Kunkel earning 101 votes (6.8 percent) and Reidy receiving 96 votes (6.46 percent).

Nicoletti said he was excited with the results and is honored to be in the run-off.

"I am thrilled to be chosen by 552 people that want me to be their vice president," he said. "I think that throughout this whole campaign I

got the message out that I have the House experience, and that in these two months people are looking for a candidate who can finish the job."

Paradise also said he is happy with the results, and said he hopes students remember to vote on Thursday.

"I was very happy to find the two best candidates in the run-off," Paradise said. "Basically, I'm going to keep going on like I've been doing. It's going to be word of

mouth, spreading the news."

Paradise said students can expect to see more of his campaign posters, but said he will most likely stick to just one poster.

Nicoletti said he will focus on getting the voters to return to the polls.

"I'm going to do my best to get everyone out there Thursday so they can pick between me and Ricky who they think is the most qualified to do the job," he said.

Irish said he was happy with the number of students who turned out to vote, but said he was disappointed in the results.

"I'm disappointed that I came in third, especially because the other two candidates lack experience in

the House," he said. "I'm disappointed the student body didn't see that."

Irish said he thought the other candidates ran dirty campaigns.

"My posters and signs were torn down, and I was up late each night checking on them and putting them back up," he said. "I can honestly say I didn't lay a finger on anything of anybody else's because that's the kind of person I am."

"I was disappointed how Kevin Nicoletti was campaigning at the football game on Saturday. It was unclassy and he should've been there to support our team," he said.

Kunkel also said he thought

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Kevin Nicoletti



Ricky Paradise

House tables club's request

By Rob Sherwin
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The TCU House of Student Representatives introduced legislation at its meeting Tuesday to help fund the Corporate Exchange Club.

Bill 96-20 requests that \$787.10 be allocated from the House special projects budget to fund the first year of the club and "ensure its success for the future."

The club's primary purpose is to help sophomore and junior business students receive internships, said Kevin Nicoletti, a sophomore business management major and the bill's author.

Nicoletti said the club, which was founded last year, needs to start with a strong foundation so that it can grow and increase its effectiveness.

According to the bill's appendix, the club will host four seminars per year and eight speakers per year.

The bill was tabled to the finance committee and will be reintroduced next week.

In other business, the House

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Brochure describes PC duties

By Erik McKenzie
SKIFF STAFF

A new full-color brochure and more aggressive publicizing has paid off for Programming Council this year.

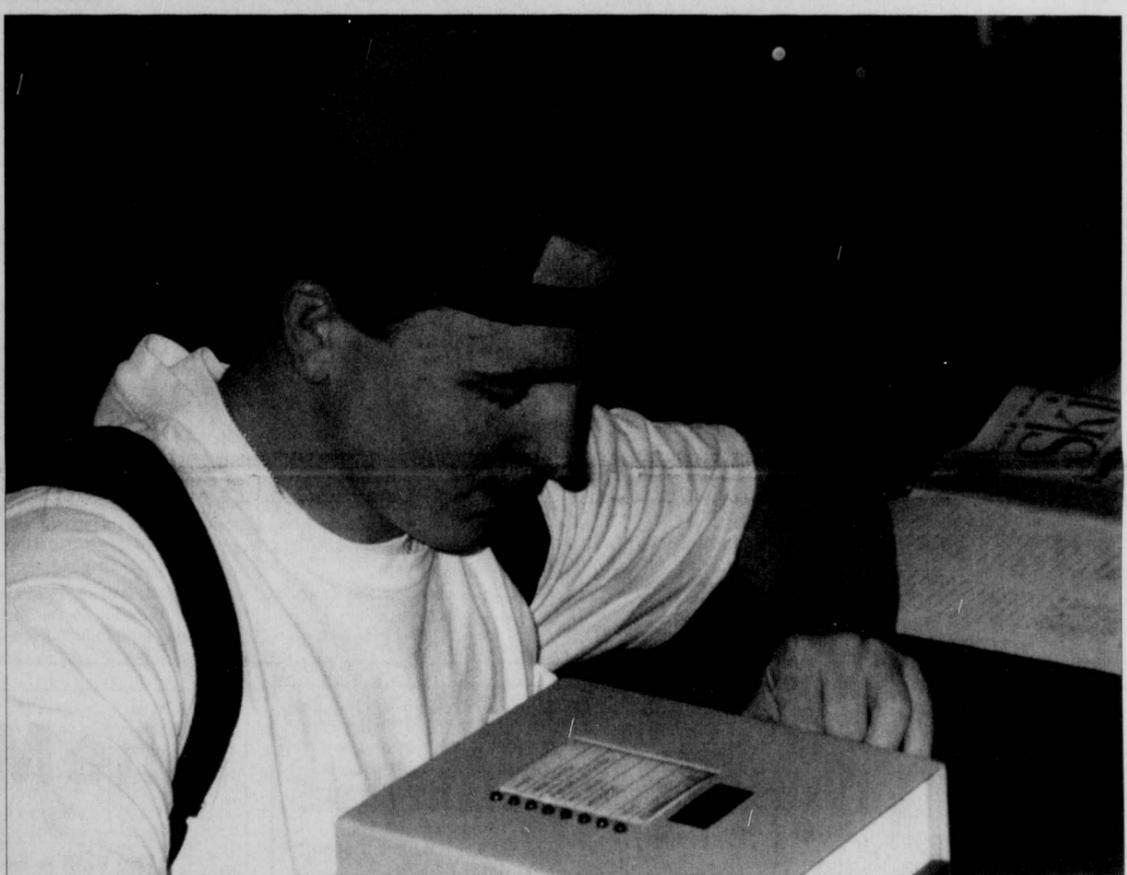
Chad McBride, vice president of Programming Council, acknowledged that some students in the past were unsure of what the council does, but said the executive committee of the council in January started developing new ways to publicize.

Heidi Paap, development coordinator of PC, said the council tried to publicize itself a little more this year.

The Programming Council at TCU serves to organize a myriad of special events during the school year.

Eight committees comprise the council and each are headed by a committee chairperson who works

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Will Pryor, a sophomore political science major, casts his vote during Tuesday's special vice presidential election in the Student Center. The winner will complete the term of Clement Ouda, who resigned earlier this month.

Neighbors complain about party

Sigma Nu members violate own rules regarding noise levels

By Kimberly Wilson
SKIFF STAFF

Members of the Bluebonnet Circle Neighborhood Association were warned about the annual Sigma Nu Fraternity Montego Bay party before it happened on Labor Day weekend, but some said they don't appreciate the side effects of having a fraternity party in their

back yard.

Neighborhood police officer Matt Welch said some residents complained after party attendees urinated and vomited in their front yards.

"That's the kind of thing we were hoping to avoid," Welch said.

Welch said this summer the fraternity and its neighbors held a meeting to try and prevent tension between the two.

Janet Brown, the neighborhood crime prevention coordinator for the area, said the members of the Sigma Nu fraternity "don't realize how loud they get."

She said the members party in their back yard most weekends, sometimes until about 2 or 3 a.m.

At the May 1 meeting, neighbors also met with officers of the fraternity, a national Sigma Nu officer and

Welch to set guidelines to improve living conditions in the neighborhood. Brown said the fraternity members set most of the guidelines at the meeting, but on the evening neighbors complained, the fraternity violated some noise rules.

Brown said she has contacted the Sigma Nu national office about the

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Surf the Net, find a job at on-line career sites

By Ellens Fortner
SKIFF STAFF

Start watching the waves — surfing is becoming one of the trendier ways to land a career.

The Internet has made it possible to research companies, get advice on professional resumes and land a career anywhere in the world, said Jonathan Haber, technical director for Studentcenter.com, an on-line career search service.

"Now you can search vast amounts of information without wasting vast amounts of time, and enjoy munching on popcorn at the same time," he said.

Carolyn Ulrickson, director of TCU's Career Services department, said the process of finding a career — self-exploration, writing a

resume and researching companies — has not changed dramatically.

"Students still have to be willing to go through the process and do the work, but the Internet is a great tool for cutting some of the time down," she said.

For example Studentcenter.com offers the following services to help students utilize their time:

- A searchable database of 35,000 companies in 1,000 different industries that provide summer and post-graduation employment opportunities;
- Insight and advice on preparing effective resumes, cover letters and thank you notes;
- An exclusive list of the best Web sites in different career-related areas;
- Opportunities to take virtual

interviews and submit questions to career-planning experts;

•Information about major cities, all 50 states and more than 30 foreign countries

Web of confusion
Ulrickson said, "Students have more information available to them than ever before. This especially helps international students who want a job back home."

But the vast amount of information available can overwhelm students who are not familiar with the Internet, said Melissa White, assistant director of Career Services.

"The Web is not linearly connected, so it is confusing," White said. "It is a web and people get lost all the time."

To stay on the right track, students need to be able to click past the

extraneous Web pages, White said. "I try to keep just to the source which I know has valid information and can connect me to many other sources," she said.

Ulrickson said one of the most common mistakes students make is attempting to use the Net as an exclusive source of information.

"The Net closely resembles the classifieds," she said. "Historically, the classifieds contain less than 20 percent of the jobs available, and the Net can be like that as well."

Only the beginning
Computer research cannot replace face-to-face interaction with career counselors. Studentcenter.com said on its home page.

"Our motto is 'the job search begins here,' and we offer in-depth

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Pulse

CAMPUS LINES

TCU COLLEGE REPUBLICANS will hold a meeting at 8:30 p.m. today in Student Center Room 202. All students are welcome. For more information contact Paul Sorrells at 924-2022.

TCU INTERIORS ASSOCIATION will hold its first meeting at 4 p.m. today in the living room of the Annie Richardson Bass Building. For more information contact Kay Schultz at 263-4409.

FREE LEGAL SERVICES will be provided by the TCU House of Student Representatives from 6 to 7:30 p.m. tonight in the House office. For more information call 921-7924.

ABOVE AND BEYOND... The House of Student Representatives invites everyone to the 1996 University Leadership Retreat on Friday and Saturday. For more information contact the House office at 921-7924.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION will hold its first meeting of the year at 5:30 p.m. Sept. 24 in Dan Rogers Hall Room 140 to discuss speakers and events. For more information contact Darren Lewis at 920-9184.

SCRUB FASHION SHOW AND STETHOSCOPE DISPLAY will be held at 12:30 p.m. Sept. 26 in the living room of the Annie Richardson Bass Building. All students are invited. Refreshments will be served.

UNDERGRADS INTERESTED IN STUDENT TEACHING need to fill out an application. Applications can be picked up in the Bailey Building Room 102 or 304. All applications for Spring 1997 student teachers are due Sept. 25.

DECEMBER DEGREE CANDIDATES should file their intent to graduate in the office of their academic dean by Oct. 11.

NATIONAL COLLEGE POETRY COLLEGE is open to all college students who want their poetry anthologized. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top five poems. The deadline for submissions is Oct. 31. For contest rules send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: International Publications, PO Box 44044-I, Los Angeles, CA 90044.

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information that helps students identify their personal strengths, define their career goals and fine tune their professional presentation," the home page said. "Once the work is complete, students can utilize a variety of sources, including on-campus recruiting."

Another pitfall of the Net is creating personal Web pages to post resumes, Ulrickson said.

"This is dangerous, and it does not work," she said. "Employers don't have time to go out and find you, you have to find them. By

putting your resume on the Web, you are giving personal information to way too many people."

The Internet is crowded with career openings, with the number rising in just the last year.

Information collected by Michael Forrest, former executive director of the National Association for Colleges and Employers, found the number of hits on the words 'job,' 'career,' 'employment,' 'recruiting' and 'career fair' have increased an average of 3,836 percent in the last year alone.

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heard a report from Pat Miller, registrar and director of enrollment management, on freshman retention.

Miller spoke about three different research projects he is currently working on to determine the reasons for students transferring from TCU after their freshman year.

Miller said the first project will look at the activities and characteristics of students before they come to TCU, as well as their involvements after they arrive at the university.

The second project will examine the different programs that are aimed at helping students make the transition from high school to college, Miller said.

ELECTION

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Nicoletti's campaign, just because some of the things he did, I would say, were strongly unethical," he said. "He played with the rules, and he got endorsed by people in situations that he shouldn't have done."

Kunkel also said Paradise "could have done better," and said he thought Paradise should not have placed his posters right next to Nicoletti's.

He said he was not surprised by the results and said running was a positive experience.

"I want to thank God for allowing me the opportunity to run in this election," he said. "Apparently he has better things for me, so I look forward to that."

Reidy also said he was happy he ran in the election.

"We're doing a survey of entering students to see what sort of adaptation is going on and to see if the things we think are important are things that students are doing," he said.

Miller said the third project will focus on students who have actually left TCU, and will attempt to identify aspects of the university that were helpful or unhelpful.

Miller offered to return to the House later in the semester to report on the progress of his research.

House President Sharon Selby said freshman retention was a priority of the House last semester. She said the TCU Vanguard program was one solution designed to keep freshmen from transferring.

Reidy, a transfer from St. Gregory's College in Oklahoma, said it was tough to get help on his campaign because he didn't know many people, but said he appreciates the help he did get.

"I want to thank everyone who helped and those who let me speak to them," he said.

Clement Ouda, a senior finance major, resigned the office of vice president earlier this month because he did not fulfill the House's requirements for the position.

Voting polls will be open 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday in the Student Center and Worth Hills cafeteria.

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Programming Council has tried to bring more attention to what it does and wants to generate interest among students to become a part of the committees, Paap said.

Special events and activities at TCU, including Howdy Week and Family Weekend, are sponsored by PC. Much of the work that goes in to coordinating these events comes from the efforts of volunteers and members of the council.

She said much more interest was generated this year by Howdy Week and freshman orientation, partly due to the work of Orientation Student Assistants and a more colorful and fun informational brochure.

Kevin Nicoletti, a sophomore business management major who was an Orientation Student Assistant, said last year was somewhat confusing for freshmen but PC has done a better job this year of explaining what they do.

"It's important to get involved," Nicoletti said. "The events are for the students."

One way for students to learn about PC is through the new full-color brochure that briefly describes each committee of the council and shows some events and faces of the council.

An insert is included in the

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problems, but said this year "we haven't gotten much of a response at all from them."

Brown said TCU Campus Police Chief Steve McGee will not return her calls.

She said she understands Sigma Nu is not a recognized fraternity on the TCU campus, but said because the members are all TCU students, TCU should still attempt to help the community deal with the students.

Brown's husband, Ray, said the students need to try harder at being good neighbors.

"They're eventually going to learn that they're going to have to get along with their neighbors, but they need to learn it now," he said. "Whether TCU likes it or not, they are representing TCU."

Welch said, "It's kind of a catch-22. If it was one of the other fraternities they (TCU) could deal with them as a fraternity."

Other neighbors said the fraternity has been fairly cooperative.

Stacey Mary, who lives behind the fraternity house, said she had a problem with members playing basketball

brochure for students who want more information. Students can return the insert to the PC office if they would like to help with events or activities.

McBride said volunteering isn't necessarily a full-time effort.

"The good thing about Programming Council is it can be as much of a commitment as you want to make," McBride said. "If you want to help out more though, that's great."

Programming Council's budget comes from the student government fees that each TCU student must pay at the start of the school year.

McBride said PC gets 60 percent of the budget, while the House of Student Representatives receives 40 percent.

He said money is then split between Howdy Week, administrative costs and each of the eight committees.

He said because Programming Council has more money, many of the events have been improved.

He said more money is being spent on programs this year because of the larger freshman classes.

McBride said despite having more money, PC needs more volunteers to insure quality events and activities.

"It's hard work, but it's fun," he said.

at midnight because the court backs up to her yard. Mary said fraternity officers agreed to stop playing basketball after 10:30 p.m., and the disturbance stopped.

Welch said police have already received about six complaints about the Sigma Nu fraternity house.

Housing Corporation President and Sigma Nu alumnus Robert Kelly said members told him they went door-to-door to warn neighbors of the upcoming party and gave out fraternity officers' phone numbers in case things got out of hand.

Kelly said members also toured the neighborhood after the party to make sure trash wasn't left in neighboring yards.

"I think they (the officers of Sigma Nu) have done a fine job this year. It beats having the drugs and prostitutes," Kelly said.

Kelly said the house was known as a haven for prostitution and illegal drug use before the Sigma Nu fraternity moved into the house in 1987.

"We've really cleaned up the place," he said.

Officers of Sigma Nu could not be reached for comment.

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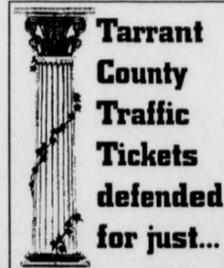
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MEDICAL RECORDS

President Clinton should release his immediately

The job of president of the United States has been called the most stressful position in the world. Presidents seem to age at a superhuman rate. And because of the power inherent in the office, the president's health is a constant issue to the American public.

Bill Clinton has been president for almost four years. Though he is consistently pronounced healthy by his physicians, the American people have no way to gauge how much of a toll the job has taken on his health.

With the election less than two months away, this is a critical issue. President Clinton should disclose his complete medical records to the press and the public immediately.

Republican candidate Bob Dole often has called for Clinton to release his records. This is not a partisan or inherent-

ly political debate. It is about the right of the American people to judge the vitality of the person who will occupy the Oval Office for the next four years.

To his credit, Dole has released all of his records, going back more than 50 years to his World War II wounds. Politically, Dole had to do this to answer those who say that at 73 he is too old to be president. Voters now know Dole's health is strong.

At 50 years of age, Clinton need not convince the voters he is of presidential age. But after a tumultuous four-year term, he should inform the voters, fully and accurately, of his prospects for healthiness in a second term.

President Clinton need not release his records for political gain. He should do it because the American people deserve a chance to make the most informed choice possible.

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Past presidents set precedent

With the presidential election rapidly approaching, it's an apt time to look at some of the presidents who have preceded these two candidates vying for the White House. By looking at former presidents' basic qualifications, perhaps we can see some similarities to Bill Clinton and Bob Dole.

George Bush Bush attended Yale University. This means that he's fairly quick. He had extensive experience in the CIA and in Congress. He also tutored under Ronald Reagan as vice president for eight years. Therefore, Bush gets very good grades for his experience and above-average grades for his intellect.

Ronald Reagan The Gipper is probably the least qualified president of the modern era. He did graduate from Eureka University in California, but that doesn't compare to most other presidents. He was the governor of California, so he had little national experience. These factors show he had little political practice and hardly any intellectual ability.

Jimmy Carter Carter was a nuclear physicist. I don't know what that is, but it sounds impressive. He was an outsider when he came into the presidency, so his lack of knowledge hurt him.

Gerald Ford Ford was a football star at Michigan. Unfortunately, he got a bad rap on "Saturday Night Live" and other comedy shows. He had a lot of experience in Congress before he became vice president, so he wasn't as bad as SNL made him out to be.

Richard Nixon Tricky Dick was a lawyer, so he did have something on the ball. He also was one of the most experienced presidents, hav-

ing served in Congress and as vice president. He gets fairly high grades on both accounts.

Lyndon Johnson LBJ was the Senate majority leader before he became vice president. Not bad. He might score low on the intellectual scale, but he compensated in his experience and ability to make the deal.

John Kennedy JFK is the epitome of 20th century intellectualism. Stints at the London School of Economics and Harvard are very impressive. He spent very little time in Congress but boy, was he smart.

Dwight Eisenhower Talk about your four-star generals. Military experience is often a road to the White House. However, there was some substance behind the uniform. Eisenhower was the president of Columbia University. That's impressive.

Harry S. Truman Truman was the last president who didn't graduate from college. However, he did have some experience in Congress, and he showed guts. He might be next to Reagan on the intellectual scale.

Franklin Roosevelt FDR wasn't a raving genius and he wasn't a Washington insider. Parallels to Reagan may not be unwarranted.

Herbert Hoover Hoover got his start in the private sector, but wound up in the Cabinet. That's a

peculiar way to move up. Hoover was fairly intelligent, but he lacked actual experience.

Calvin Coolidge Not much is known about this guy. He was famous for being tight-lipped. Rumor has it someone asked, "How can you tell (he was dead)?" at his memorial service.

Woodrow Wilson Wilson was the only political scientist in the White House. He knew his stuff. Wilson was president of Princeton University before winning the White House. Chancellor Tucker for president? Well, let's not go that far.

Howard Taft Taft is a unique figure in U.S. history. He is the only president who also served on the U.S. Supreme Court. That's mindboggling. He gets my respect.

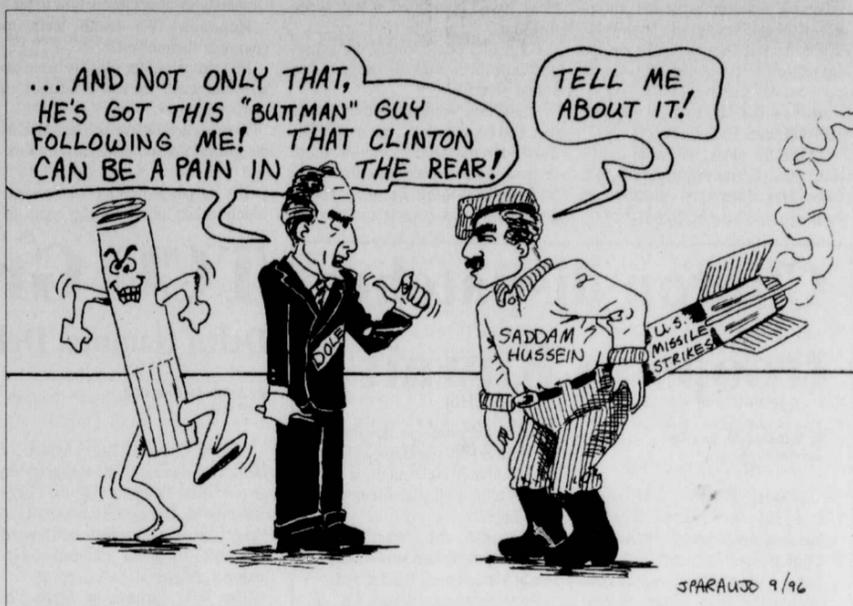
Theodore Roosevelt Teddy was progressive for his time. He vigorously fought for environmental protection and other health measures. That must have taken some insight. Teddy gets good marks overall.

Clinton's and Dole's credentials are similar to some other presidents. Contrary to popular belief, both candidates are qualified for the job. A look at the past can sometimes reassure us about the future.

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SCOTT BARZILLA



Hump Day is a lot easier if you go to chapel service

It's noon on Wednesday: Do you know where you should be? Unless you have class or work, your answer should be Robert Carr Chapel.

Did you know students plan and execute a short (30 minute) chapel service every week?

Guess what? They do. A committee plans the service and tries to vary it; it's not your average boring church service.

A hint of the benefits of chapel:

•Hump days are never easy to get through, and a quick time for quiet, praise and worship could improve your mood and stress level beautifully;

•You probably didn't go to church Sunday, so you might as well get your weekly quota (it would make your parents so proud!);

•The students, faculty and staff who work hard to keep the tradition going need your support and would

appreciate your attendance; •The Chapel Choir is amazing. I have heard the singers improve each year since I've been here. My freshman year, I had several friends who performed with the choir, and I thought they were great. My sophomore year, I didn't want them to be better because the same friends weren't in it, and I didn't think they could get better. They did.

Last year, the choir sang brilliantly, and this year, I can't even describe how good it sounds. Director Ron Shirey must recruit better and better singers each year. If for no other reason, go to chapel to hear the choir sing. It's a guaranteed pick-me-up. I don't get impressed that often by choirs since I have heard some great ones that make most pale in comparison, but for the size of Chapel Choir and the fact that it is comprised mostly of freshmen, it can compete with the best.

•And last but not least, University Chapel is an experience everyone should have. The ministers or seminary students who preach always give challenging and concise ideas to ponder, and the hymns, prayers and calls to worship aren't usually the

same old thing. Since I was the Worship Task Force Chair for two years, I suppose I'm a little biased. However, even if you're not sure what it's like, you should try it.

The average chapel attendee isn't a religious fanatic, so you shouldn't feel uncomfortable. They go for fellowship and a service that feels good, in mind and body.

No one is going to try to change your mind unless you want it changed. Come as you are, in whatever clothes and whatever mind-set.

Seeing students lounging around in the Student Center just before noon on Wednesdays is so frustrating! At least people could come once for half of their lunch hour to try it.

If you don't like it or agree with how it's done, you don't have to come anymore. You could always go to University Ministries and ask how to get on the Worship Task Force. I'm sure they would love your input.

After all, we'd love to see some new (and old) faces at chapel.

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CHRISTI GIFFORD

Administration columns bad idea

The Skiff has been called many things by its fond readers: the "Stiff," the "Scoff" and my favorite, "TCU Daily Skiff: Yesterday's News Tomorrow." Now it looks like we can add, the "TCU Daily Sellout."

I love the Skiff. As far as college papers go, I think it is one of the best. The staff is committed to putting out a respectable newspaper with journalistic integrity and the quest for accuracy taken to heart. However, I am very disappointed in the editorial board's decision to run the six-column series on TCU "myths" by Dennis Alexander. Last semester's editorial board was approached with the same offer, and it respectfully declined.

I see nothing wrong with the Skiff running a guest column or two. But an entire series? No. That's where we have crossed the line.

The Skiff is a student newspaper, not an administration newspaper. Its responsibility is to be the voice of the TCU student community, not the administration.

Well, you may say, so what if the Skiff publishes a series written by the administration. What harm can be done? Columnists and students still have a voice. These are valid responses.

Yet for the Skiff to preserve its commitment to the student community and responsible freedom of the press, it must avoid even the appearance of becoming subservient to the administration.

How many respectable city papers run a series written by a powerful leader? I don't see Bill Clinton or Bob Dole writing a series of columns. Sure, they may write a guest column here and there, but they aren't given a whole damn slot.

This is for a reason. I bet Bill Clinton would love to write a regular column in any respectable newspaper. Yet, newspapers understand to do that would be like giving Bill Clinton free air time. It would be showing favoritism. Although Clinton's views would not necessarily reflect the views of that paper's editorial board — like any other columnist — the power Bill Clinton holds as president would give the appearance that he could exercise control over that paper, and thus dictate news to the paper.

Last Thursday, Bronson Davis, vice chancellor for university advancement, introduced the series dedicated to educating students on the supposed "myths" of TCU. His information was gleaned from interviews, focus groups and surveys the administration conducted in 1994. This is scholarly work.

Nice angle. But it is statistically dishonest to generalize based on focus groups or interviews (they flesh out a topic — not explain or draw conclusions). And on these surveys in which students participated, I wonder if the administration drew from a random sample. Moreover, I wonder if the number of 200 students involved was arrived at by determining a z-score, then multiplying it by a plotted standard deviation and dividing by the possible margin of error.

In short, I wonder if these little surveys have any statistical significance whatsoever. Judging from Davis' column last week, the sur-

veys were mailed out. That's a big no-no in the world of sampling and a mistake that will render the conclusions based on these surveys statistically flawed and utterly meaningless.

I'm also amused that Davis' compatriot, Dennis Alexander, will be writing these wonderful columns aimed at educating us all.

This is the same man who each semester writes at least one letter to the Skiff exposing so-called myths. Yet they seem more like personal attacks than educational missives.

One semester he accused a columnist of being unable to perform basic math when he wrote a letter exposing the parking problem "myth." It seems there is plenty of parking on the West side of the campus. Great point; too bad the columnist was complaining about parking on the East side of the campus.

And last semester he wrote a letter that defended the tuition hike by insinuating Chris Smith and I are incompetent, despite the fact that we both gave well-reasoned arguments. He refuted none of these; rather, he deigned to insult us. What display of logic, form and decorum.

It does not bode well for the administration's little endeavor for the "demythologization" of TCU when the man who is allowed to author said cause has displayed an irreverence for logic and civility in debate and garners little support from the TCU student community.

I hope next semester, the Skiff once again has an editorial board that respects its obligation to ideals of a free press and a student newspaper.

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Course to teach women self-defense techniques

By Kimberly Wilson
SKIFF STAFF

Female resident assistants got to defend themselves against "attackers" earlier this semester as part of a Rape Aggression Defense class simulation sponsored by Campus Police.

Soon female students, faculty and staff will get the same opportunity.

"It mostly made me more confident," said Krista Nuttal, an RA in Colby Hall dormitory. "I think all women would benefit from it."

Sergeant John Pacheco, officer Debbie Swiger and Darron Turner, director of minority affairs, teach the class. It will be offered at least twice this year.

Sergeant Connie Villela, crime prevention officer, said the program has a dual purpose.

"It teaches women that they can be nice and be assertive," she said. "The more shy the woman is, the more important it is that she take this class. It's not like Kung Fu or anything where you have to keep up the train-

ing."

Pacheco said in previous classes, instructors have run across many women who "don't know how to hit."

He said, "We teach them to empower themselves."

He said part of the class is based on textbook work; the rest is taught in a gym.

Women need to know that a kick in the groin "doesn't always work," he said.

The simulation part of the course, which takes place in the gym, is

optional and gives the women a chance to practice skills they are taught Pacheco said.

There are two scenarios, and students are not allowed to begin fighting back until they have been touched by one of the "attackers."

"Attackers" wear suits designed for the course. The suits protect the "attackers" from harm, but make it possible for them to realize how hard they are being hit.

The simulation is an attempt to make the students realize what an

attack is like, Pacheco said.

"Many of them haven't ever thought through what they would do in a situation like that," he said. "It really helps women by giving them more options to work with."

Pacheco said TCU has been very supportive of the program. He said the athletic department has donated some items, and TCU purchased the two suits for "attackers" for over \$1,000 apiece.

The class costs \$15 for students, faculty and staff and includes a man-

ual and a lifetime membership to RAD Systems. Lifetime members can take the course as many times as they desire, Pacheco said.

The next session of the 12-hour course begins on Oct. 1. It will be 6 to 9 p.m. on two consecutive Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Another course begins Nov. 5.

For more information or to sign up for one of the upcoming RAD courses call Campus Police at 921-7930 or the Office of Extended Education at 921-7132.

Clinton dispatches troops to Kuwait

By Susanne M. Schafer
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — In moves designed to "keep Saddam Hussein in a box," President Clinton has dispatched 3,500 Army soldiers to Kuwait and warned the Iraqi leader of new attacks should he threaten his neighbors or U.S. forces.

"It's obvious that he's always pushing the envelope," Clinton said Tuesday. "We didn't want to create a precedent that would lead him to believe he could take further action. We didn't want there to be any ambiguity at all."

After congressional leaders met with Clinton at the White House, Democratic senators said Clinton had not hesitated in sending the troops to Kuwait. Although plans to send 5,000 soldiers were announced on Friday, reports emerged Monday that the decision was being reviewed.

"We're doing it because the Kuwaiti government feels threatened," Defense Secretary William Perry said of the deployment. The 3,500 soldiers from Fort Hood, Texas, would join 1,200 others conducting exercises in Kuwait by the end of the week, he said.

Perry rejected speculation the Kuwaiti government was unwilling to accept additional U.S. forces, or the United States-led coalition that mounted the 1991 war against Iraq had been fractured during the past two weeks.

"The bottom line is, the coalition is alive and well," said Perry, who had returned early Tuesday from two days of consultations with Gulf and European allies.

Senate Republican leader Trent Lott of Mississippi expressed satisfaction after attending the meeting with Clinton, although he termed it "somewhat belated."

He said for troops to go into action would depend on whether Saddam threatens U.S. forces or his neighbors.

Before departing for a three-day campaign swing in the Midwest and West, Clinton said his actions were "designed to

improve the strategic position of the United States and our allies to keep Saddam Hussein in a box and limit his ability to threaten his neighbors."

He said the actions are designed to tell Saddam "the box you are in is now a tighter box."

Perry, when asked at a Pentagon briefing what Iraqi actions would prompt renewed U.S. strikes, replied: "We will not tolerate any threatening actions against our air crews." Should any be taken, he pledged, "we will respond very sharply."

At the State Department, spokesman Nicholas Burns said a new diplomatic note was sent to Baghdad's U.N. mission warning Iraq not to threaten U.S. forces or his neighbors. It was the second such warning in the past 10 days.

The note was "to put Iraq on notice," and would remain in effect "indefinitely," Burns said.

Clinton sought to dispel criticism of his recent steps against Iraq, sparked by Saddam's treatment of Kurdish minorities in the north. Over the past two weeks, Clinton has unleashed 44 cruise missiles against air defense sites in southern Iraq, sent two aircraft carriers, eight F-117A stealth fighters, dozens of other attack aircraft, Patriot units and B-52 bombers into the region.

The president argued that other actions would have been too risky, such as sending ground troops in to force Saddam out of northern Iraq or staging an attack that would have cost civilian lives.

"I feel good today that we did the appropriate thing in the appropriate way and we got the results that we sought," Clinton said.

But after today's meeting, some GOP lawmakers scolded Clinton for not matching tough words with deeds.

"Saddam Hussein is far better off than he was two weeks ago," said Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz. He said Saddam now controls parts of northern Iraq that he previously did not, and the Iraqi leader has split the Gulf War allies as well.

TCU Greek chapters win awards

Delta Gamma, Delta Tau Delta, Chi Omega given national awards in summer

By Amanda Bronstad
SKIFF STAFF

TCU's Gamma Tau chapter of Delta Gamma received a runners-up award this summer for the 1995 Outstanding Collegiate Chapter of the Year, the highest national award available to Delta Gamma's 118 national chapters.

The TCU chapters of Alpha Chi Omega and Kappa Alpha Theta also won national awards in chapter management and chapter finances for 1995.

Beth Lawless, TCU president of Delta Gamma who attended the week-long national convention in Saint Louis, Mo., this summer, said only three chapters were given runners-up awards, which are designated for chapters with excellence in membership, pledge education, programming, social standards and service foundations.

She said one of the reasons TCU's chapter won the award is improvements in its scholarship program.

"The women with a 2.25 GPA and under were required to attend a ten minute scholarship review and were restricted from going to parties," Lawless said. "Before, we just had study hall and not being able to vote."

Lawless said the chapter awards

students and pledge classes with the most improved grade point average and the highest big-little sister GPA for each semester.

Bunny Shackleford, president of the Fort Worth alumnae chapter of Delta Gamma, said convention-goers were amazed because the 1995 award is the second consecutive high-ranking award given to TCU's chapter. Two years ago, the chapter won the Outstanding Collegiate Chapter of the Year Award.

"It's really unusual for a chapter to be in this category twice," Shackleford said. "Everybody who came up to me was in awe because this never happens."

Misty Morris, a senior accounting major and officer of TCU's chapter, won the Rosanne Milan Golden Anchor Award, a provincial Outstanding Collegiate Award.

Shackleford said she was not surprised Morris won.

"She's a hard worker," Shackleford said. "She probably won the award because of her activities with Delta Gamma, her activities outside of the sorority and her grade point average, which is wonderful."

Shackleford said she was excited that a student from Fort Worth won the award because Rosanne Milan was a member of the Fort Worth

"Fall semester is the hardest because of so many events like Parent's Weekend and Homecoming. We're trying to keep everything balanced."

Elaine Frazier, Alpha Chi Omega president, on award for improvements.

alumnae chapter and Milan's daughter attended TCU.

Other TCU sororities also won awards this summer.

The local chapter of Alpha Chi Omega won the 1995 National President's Award for Chapter Management, the National Lyre Award for correspondence with headquarters and the National Rush Award, which is given to 15 of the 140 chapters nationwide. The awards were given out this summer at the national convention in San Diego.

Elaine Frazier, president of TCU's Alpha Chi Omega, said the chapter won the management award because of improvements programming.

"We're trying not to over-program," Frazier said. "Fall semester is the hardest because of so many events like Parent's Weekend and Homecoming. We're trying to keep everything balanced."

The Kappa Alpha Theta sorority won first place in chapter finances and received the Golden Kite award,

which is given to the top 15 chapters nationwide.

The Thetas also won second place in the Balanced Woman Member Education and Member Development programs and third place in chapter efficiency, according to members of the sorority.

Nikki Cook, local president of Kappa Alpha Theta, said the TCU chapter won a variety of awards because it is very well-rounded.

Other TCU sororities and fraternities who won national awards were:

The Delta Tau Delta fraternity: The Court of Honor Award, which is the second-highest award a Delta Tau Delta chapter can receive, and two awards for scholarship and exceeding its rush goal.

The Chi Omega sorority: The Award of Excellence, and advisor Lindsey Merrill won the Outstanding Personnel Advisor Award.

The Kappa Sigma fraternity: An award for Best (Rush) Recruitment.

Shelter needs volunteers, sponsors contest

By Candace McAdams
SKIFF STAFF

The Women's Haven of Tarrant County, a shelter for battered women, is looking for volunteers among TCU students.

Stacy Love, director of volunteers at the Women's Haven, said the shelter is a wonderful way for TCU students to help out in the community.

She said the center is looking for volunteers to spend time with the children of the battered women while the women are in group therapy.

She said the volunteers are only required to work two or three hours a week. Volunteers should try to come at least on a weekly basis so the women and children at the Women's Haven can become familiar with the students, she said.

Kendall Austin, public relations

coordinator for the shelter, said volunteering for the Women's Haven is a great opportunity for students in majors such as social work.

"Social work majors can do their volunteer work at the shelter, which would help the students understand more about what they are learning in the classrooms," Austin said.

Brenda Smothermon, a senior social work major who interns at the Women's Center, said volunteering can lead to personal satisfaction.

"They (the volunteers) feel what they do rewards themselves and they give something back to the community," she said. "There is a huge need for shelters and resources."

The Women's Center is a counseling center that refers women to the Women's Haven and any other places they may need to go, Smothermon said.

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Brenda Smothermon, senior social work major

Love said The Women's Haven takes other precautions to ensure that women are comfortable and that their location remains confidential.

"We want the address of the shelter to be private to keep the women safe," she said. "That is why our address is left out of the phone book."

To help fund some of its programs, the shelter is sponsoring a photography contest, which is open to everyone in the community, Love said. The contest will include pictures of women and women with children.

Contest coordinator Haven Blake

said all proceeds from the \$15 entry fee will fund the shelter's services and programs. Eight-by-ten-inch color prints are preferred. All entries must be mounted or matted and previously unpublished and should include an entry form and model's release statement. All photos must be marked with a name, address and telephone number.

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Professor to deliver lecture combining literature and art

By Kelly Melhart
SKIFF STAFF

Ronald Watson, a professor of art and chairman of the department of art and art history, will combine art and literature in his lecture today at noon.

The lecture, "To Fly By Those Nets, Stephen Dedalus, poet," will focus on Watson's painting titled, "Stephen Dedalus, Poet."

The lecture will also discuss the basis of Watson's painting, the James Joyce work, "Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man." Watson said the lecture will include passages from Joyce's work.

"It will discuss the background Joyce had and relate it to the contemporary art situation through the painting," he said.

The lecture is the second in a series of lectures being presented by the TCU studio art faculty during the fall semester. Each week a different faculty member

will speak.

Luther Smith, professor of art, said, "This is a great opportunity to get inside the minds of the artists. Students can see that these people can produce art, they don't just talk about it."

The lectures began Sept. 11 and will continue through Nov. 20 and will feature photographers, sculptors, painters, print-makers and ceramics.

Smith said, "Each one of the lectures will be different. They'll vary from person to person."

Watson said the lectures are designed principally for the students to give them a different perspective on their professors.

"The main idea is to share some of the things faculty members are doing that might not be discussed in class," he said.

Following the lecture is an opportunity to ask questions.

Smith said, "This is a great opportunity to pick their brains,

to see why artists produce art."

The lectures are scheduled to be given at noon every Wednesday in Room 132 of the Moudy Building North.

Several students and community members crowded Room 132N last week to hear painter Jim Woodson's lecture, "Losing Perspective, Coming to Our Senses."

Watson said, "I thought it was a great success. People really liked it."

Woodson's lecture began with a talk on how people view the world around them and how they can change that view to experience the world firsthand.

The lecture ended with a slide show featuring Woodson's work from 1995 to 1996.

Watson said if the lectures are successful, they will continue in future semesters. The lecturers will also be expanded to include other faculty art members.

Students gather to discuss effects of family alcoholism

By Amy Thompson
SKIFF STAFF

Students gathered to learn and share their experiences and feelings about alcoholism and other addictions in their families during the "Adult Children of Alcoholics" seminar at the TCU Counseling Center Tuesday night.

Monica Kintigh, a staff psychologist at the counseling center who lead the group discussion, said it is difficult for many people to address addictions because of shame, guilt or fear of letting their family down.

"Absolute loyalty is often required in a family when someone is suffering from an addiction," Kintigh said. "You are supposed to keep family secrets, to be the diplomat or mediator of the family."

Kintigh said dysfunctional families characteristically face alcohol addictions.

"Dysfunctional families tend to be shame-based," she said. "Family members have trouble showing freedom or individuality when dealing with a family addiction. It's tough to admit there's a problem and that it is not your fault."

Kintigh said children growing up with an addict in their family feel it is best to protect and care for them, but she said this doesn't help the situation.

"It's hard to watch someone you love hit rock bottom, so it's natural to dig them up and cover for them," she said. "You have to realize the more you protect and care for someone with an addiction, the more help they will need in the long run — they will never learn."

Kintigh said she thinks many alcoholics struggle in their fight for sobriety because they are afraid of the unknown.

"It's always easier to hold onto the old way of doing things," she said. "The risk of letting go is great. Sometimes they fear no one will be there."

Kintigh said the seminar was designed to help people heal when they've been living with isolation and addiction. One student at the meeting said she has learned that drinking socially is OK, not just to ease pain, which was how alcohol was used in her family.

"It's good to watch the healing in families getting over an addiction,"

said a student who spoke on condition of anonymity. "The trust comes back, the guilt goes away."

Kintigh said each family is different, with their own dynamics and character. She said students who form support groups to share their experiences can benefit one another.

"It's easy for parents with addictions to put blame on the children," she said. "The (children) can carry this guilt into adulthood. They are afraid to build relationships. They believe in unattachment, because they don't want to be left behind."

Kintigh said children influenced by alcoholism either pick up the bad habit or inherit a sense of codependence.

"When you don't feel good about yourself, or your family, it is easy to find an addiction to comfort you," she said. "We want students to know that as they enter into the adult world they have a choice — they can either hold on to this unhealthy family experience or choose their own path. You can't be ashamed or afraid. You need closure in order to move on."

Commission recommends Perot not be included in fall debates

By Sandra Sobieraj
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — In a decision cheered by Republicans, a nonpartisan commission recommended Tuesday that Ross Perot be denied a spot in this fall's presidential debates because he has no realistic shot at winning a place in the White House. An outraged Perot vowed to sue.

Still to be seen is whether excluding Perot would hurt his presidential prospects by denying him a stage or give him new ammunition to argue against the two-party system.

The Commission on Presidential Debates said its purpose in recom-

mending the exclusion of Perot and Reform Party running mate Pat Choate was to provide a forum for candidates "from whom the American people actually will choose the next president."

"Participation is not extended to candidates because they might prove interesting or entertaining," said the panel of five Democrats and five Republicans, which has played host to the fall debates since 1987.

Choate denounced the commission process as a "corrupt little game."

Republican Bob Dole's campaign, pinning its come-from-behind strategy on a boost from the

debates, hailed the decision.

"They assume there was no realistic chance that anyone but myself or the president would be elected," said Dole, campaigning in Arizona. "I'm prepared. We're ready to go."

The Clinton campaign, which thinks including Perot would help its cause, called the ruling regrettable and pledged to continue to push for Perot's inclusion in ongoing talks with the Dole team.

"I enjoyed having him in there in 1992," Clinton, campaigning in Michigan, said of Perot. "I'm not afraid of any debate."

The commission's non-binding recommendations in recent elec-

tions have served as the starting point for negotiations between the presidential campaigns. Negotiators for the Clinton and Dole campaigns met in private Tuesday afternoon to discuss the number, timing and format of the proposed debates.

The commission has recommended one vice-presidential forum and three presidential debates, with the first to be held Sept. 25 in St. Louis. Sources said the Clinton campaign was pushing for the first showdown to be held a week later, on or around Oct. 2.

Russell Verney, national coordinator of Perot's Reform Party, rejected the commission vote as a "very subjective decision that was

More than 60 percent of Americans in public opinion polls say they favor Perot's inclusion in the presidential debates.

made by the Republicans and Democrats to protect the two-party system."

Some White House aides predicted that decision could anger voters and trigger a backlash against Dole for advocating Perot's exclusion. More than 60 percent of Americans in public opinion polls say they favor his inclusion.

"There may be an adverse reaction," said White House Deputy Chief of Staff Harold Ickes.

Choate shot back at a news conference. "Martyrdom is not what we're seeking," he said. "Office is what we're seeking."

Verney said the Reform Party would file suit by Friday in U.S. District Court in Washington against the commission and individual officers of the panel, asking them to use more "objective criteria" in deciding participation in the debates. But election-law experts dismissed any such suit as futile.

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Study's point: don't roll another joint

By Kimberly Wilson
SKIFF STAFF

Fort Worth marijuana sales are on the rise, and, nationwide, more and more youth are trying pot.

Lt. Gary Gray of the Fort Worth police department's narcotics division said it is hard to say whether marijuana smoking is increasing in the college communities in Fort Worth.

"Marijuana sales are on the rise a little bit," Gray said.

He said marijuana has always been in the area and will probably stay as long as it continues to be a lucrative business.

Jill Robinson, a research assistant for the Texas Commission on Alcohol and

Drug Abuse, said the latest research statistics her organization has for the use of marijuana for the 18- to 24-year-old age group in Texas is from 1993.

"That's the one age group that really gets skipped over," she said. "I do know that it's really on the rise among youth."

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services stated in a 1992 survey that 49 percent of people between the ages of 18 and 21 had tried marijuana.

The Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse reported in 1993 that 33.9 percent of all adults in Texas between the ages of 18 and 24 have used marijuana.

Alan Leshner, director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse said it is known that students who smoke marijuana heavi-

ly lose the ability not only to learn during the time they are high, but also approximately one day after.

"All along, we've been telling young people not to smoke marijuana, especially if they want to do well in school," he said.

The *Journal of the American Medical Association* published a study Feb. 21 that showed critical skills related to attention, memory and learning are impaired among heavy users of marijuana, even after 24 hours of non-use.

The study was conducted by Dr. Harrison G. Pope Jr. and Deborah Yurgelun-Todd.

Researchers compared 65 college students who were considered to be "heavy

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users," smoking a median of 29 of the past 30 days to 64 so-called "light users" who had smoked a median of one of the past 30 days.

After closely monitoring the students between 19 and 24 hours to make sure they abstained from drugs and alcohol, they were given standardized tests. The tests measured aspects of attention, memory and learning.

The results of the tests showed that "heavy users" made more errors and "had

more difficulty in sustaining attention."

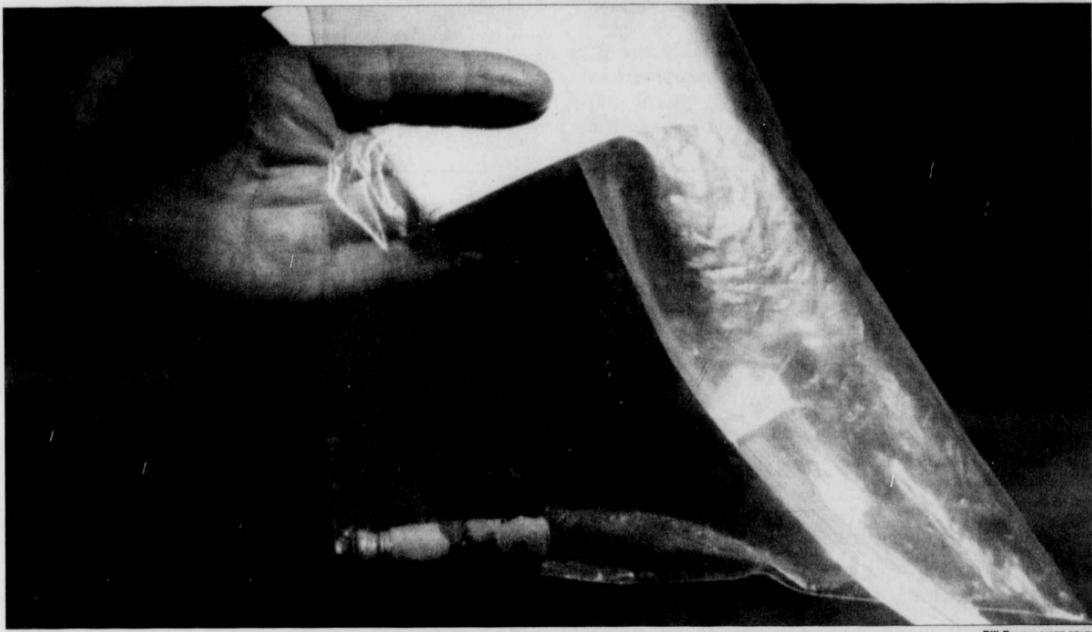
"The heavy users," Pope said, "could not pay attention to the material well enough to register the information in the first place so that it could be recalled and repeated later."

He said young adults should consider the effects of drugs like marijuana which have been more commonly used in the last few years.

"Young people are putting themselves at high risk of failure due to their use,"

Goin' up in smoke

Recent reports show marijuana use increasing among young people, and many parents are not concerned. What is TCU's status in the marijuana explosion? Are attitudes about pot changing? Will the drug ever be legal?



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Marijuana accepted in society's circles

By Candace McAdams
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Pot has become more socially acceptable among teenagers today because many see marijuana as less harmful than other drugs and parents allow it more than in the past, said Angie Taylor, coordinator of the Alcohol and Drug Education Center.

"Parents expect their students to try marijuana," Taylor said. "Parents experimented in college, and so they expect their children to do the same."

The number of teenagers who expected to try illegal drugs in the future has doubled since 1995, according to a statement released by the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University.

The report said 22 percent of adolescents age 12 to 17 said they are very likely to try illegal drugs in the future. In 1995, 11 percent said they might use illegal drugs someday.

Among 17-year-olds, 43 percent say marijuana is easier to buy than either cigarettes or beer, the report said.

The survey found that 40 percent of parents don't think they have any influence over a teen's decision about whether to use drugs.

"The extent to which a parent takes responsibility for their teen resisting drugs is a key factor in lowering a teen's risk of using drugs," Joseph A. Califano Jr., president of the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse, said in the report.

"Teens with families who get together over the dinner table, in church, at play, teens with parents who assume responsibility for their children's attitudes towards drugs are drug-free," he said.

"What everybody else is doing" is the key attitude that determines whether a child uses drugs, according to a report issued by the Partnership for a Drug-Free America, a non-profit anti-drug organization. Kids tend to overestimate how many of their peers use the drug, the group said.

That report said four out of five 10th graders do not use marijuana and more than 70 percent disapprove of anyone using marijuana. Not using marijuana and disapproving of that behavior are clearly what most kids are doing and feeling, the report said.

Allen St. Pierre, deputy executive director of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, a group that advocates legalization of marijuana, said children are more willing to admit they use drugs than they were in the past. He said many kids think it's OK to use pot because America has accepted it.

"Look at the leadership in America," he said. "Both (House Speaker) Newt Gingrich and (President) Bill Clinton have admitted to using the drug."

"They knew there would be no harmful repercussions to their career by admitting to using the drug," he said.

The American culture also influences children's attitudes about the drug, St. Pierre said. Television programs mention the drug often.

"It is impossible to watch late-night television without hearing Jay Leno or David Letterman making some sort of reference to marijuana," St. Pierre said.

Greg Perdue, a senior math and history major, said he has had friends that use marijuana as a "gateway drug," meaning they eventually began to use other drugs. He said people look at pot as an introductory drug.

"I don't preach to people about it, but I choose not to use it," Perdue said. "If my friend needed help, I would help him."

"I don't think less of people who use it, but I hope they respect the dangers of what the drug can do."

Jeff Crape, a junior marketing major, said many people seem to think that marijuana is no longer a drug, and smoking it is some type of recreation.

"Recently, I think there has been a lot of talk about the legalization of marijuana, and this has caused a lot of people's attitudes to shift about marijuana."

It's a fact				
STATISTICS ON STUDENT USE OF SUBSTANCES				
TYPE OF USAGE	TCU 1989	TCU 1992	TCU 1994	NATIONAL AVERAGE 1992
Used marijuana at sometime in life	n/a	26%	27%	45%
Used marijuana at least once in past year	35.3%	17%	21%	30.1%
Current use of marijuana (have used in past 30 days)	11.8%	7%	11%	10.9%

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Legalization of pot moving to fifth state

By Angela Seutter
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This fall, California will vote on Proposition 215, not for the election of a candidate but on whether a doctor should prescribe marijuana for certain medical conditions.

While the war on drugs is a hot campaign issue, the battle for legalization of marijuana will continue long after the polls close in November.

The National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws uses its \$1 million yearly budget to push for the reformation of the current marijuana laws.

Allen St. Pierre, deputy executive director of NORML, said the group's main reasons for its pursuit of the legalization of marijuana have to do with medical, agricultural and psychological uses.

"Next to soybeans, marijuana is one of the most utilized plants in the world," St. Pierre said.

According to NORML, industrial hemp is one of nature's strongest and most versatile agricultural crops and can be used in making textiles, paper, paints, clothing, plastics, cosmetics and animal feed.

Marijuana can be useful in the treatment of chronic pain and conditions arising from cancer, AIDS, glaucoma, multiple sclerosis and epilepsy, St. Pierre said.

NORML also advocates recreational use of marijuana if it is used by a mature, responsible adult, according to its mission statement.

St. Pierre said one of the main

arguments used against legalization is the gateway theory, suggesting that the use of marijuana leads to the use of other harder drugs, though he disagrees.

"Really, the only correlation between marijuana and harder drugs is that they are distributed through the same channels," St. Pierre said.

However, the Partnership for a Drug Free America disagrees with the message of legalizing illicit drugs that is given to youth.

A statement released by the agency in 1993 said legalization sends society the message of public approval, eroding the anti-drug attitudes of the nation's youth and encouraging them to try illegal drugs.

Angie Taylor, coordinator of the TCU Alcohol and Drug Education Center, does not agree with the push for legalization.

"The potential for harm is too great," Taylor said.

She said marijuana is already available in pill form for medicinal purposes and hemp is already being marketed for industrial purposes.

"Many of the arguments NORML have are being addressed under current legislation," Taylor said.

Yet, according to NORML, the legalization of marijuana continues to make forward strides.

In 1996, four states introduced legislation allowing for domestic hemp cultivation, and Hawaii and Vermont both passed measures promoting industrial hemp research.

Marijuana use down

By Patricia Crooker
SKIFF STAFF

The use of drugs among teenagers and college students has increased in the past years, according to a recent Columbia University study.

The story at TCU is different. A 1994 TCU survey conducted by the Alcohol and Drug Education Center showed TCU students are less willing to use illegal drugs.

TCU Campus Police Chief Steve McGee said marijuana is not really a problem on campus.

"We have a lot more calls for alcohol abuse than for marijuana violations," McGee said.

In 1995, the TCU police made only one arrest for a drug violation. He said the only illegal drug cases on campus last year were marijuana cases.

"The people we are going to catch are the ones that smoke it in dorm rooms," McGee said. He said the majority of the cases

involve freshmen.

Monica Kintigh, staff psychologist at the TCU Counseling Center, said some reasons for the use of marijuana among college students are stress and social pressures.

"They (those who use drugs) are trying to feel better about something in their lives," Kintigh said. She said substance abuse is a symptom of an underlying problem in the user's life.

"Unfortunately, it is one of those cycles where the more they use, the more stress it creates for them," Kintigh said.

Kintigh said she does not think marijuana use at TCU is worse than at any other college.

Angie Taylor, coordinator of the TCU Alcohol and Drug Education Center, said marijuana use is not as prevalent as alcohol use, but marijuana is more prevalent than other popular drugs such as cocaine, crack and speed.

High Expectations		
Penalties for possession of marijuana		
OFFENSE	STATE LAW	TCU POLICY
Possession 0 to 2 oz.	0 to 1 1/2 years/\$0-2,000 Class B Misdemeanor	1 year+ probation
Possession 2 to 4 oz.	0 to 1 year/\$0-4,000 Class A Misdemeanor	1 year+ probation
Possession 4 oz. to 5 lb.	1 1/2 to 2 years/\$0-10,000 State Jail Felony	1 year+ probation
Possession 5 lb. to 50 lb.	2 to 10 years/\$0-10,000 Felony 3rd Degree	1 year+ probation
Possession 50 to 2000 lb.	2 to 20 years/\$0-10,000 Felony 2nd Degree	1 year+ probation
Possession 2000 lb.+	5 to 59 years/\$0-50,000 Capital Felony	1 year+ probation
Possession Paraphernalia	\$500 1 year probation	same as possession of drugs
Repeat Offender	If already convicted for 2 Felonies, third Felony	1 year+ Suspension

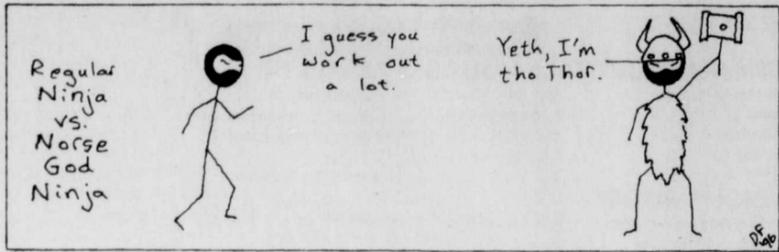
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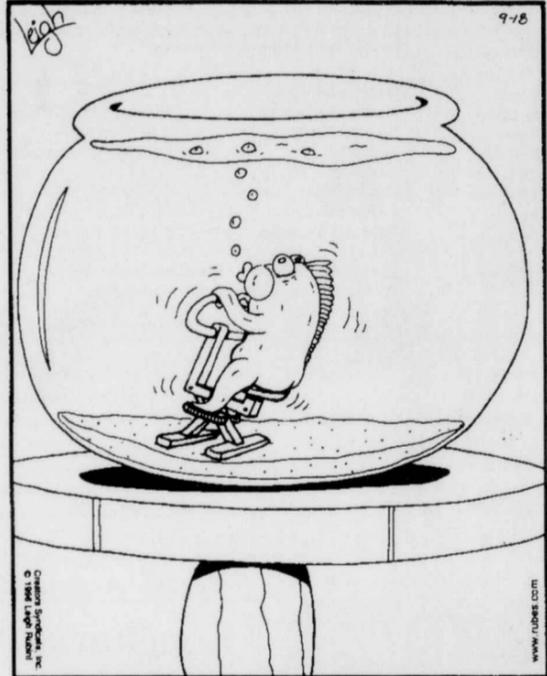
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This website gives honest information about Sexually Transmitted Diseases. Links include local clinic locations, frequently asked questions, and tips on how to communicate with your partner about the risk of STDs.

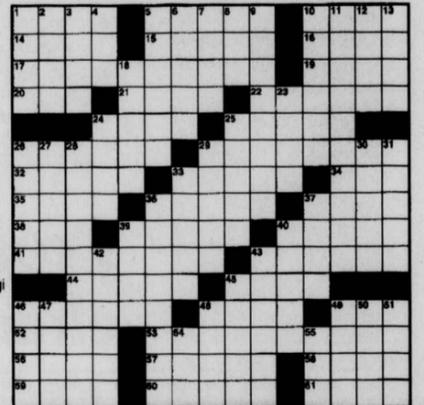
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Newsday Crossword

LOW-RENT DISTRICT by Gregory E. Paul
Edited by Stanley Newman

- ACROSS**
- 1 "O... Mio"
 - 5 With 29 Across, jazz pianist
 - 10 Study hard
 - 14 High-school dance
 - 15 Emergency signal
 - 16 Lunar light
 - 17 Pent-up problem
 - 19 Scent
 - 20 Brown brew
 - 21 On the briny
 - 22 Egg stone
 - 24 Odyssey
 - 25 ...Christian ethic
 - 26 Find not guilty
 - 29 See 5 Across
 - 32 Bind (up)
 - 33 *Price Is Right* shout
 - 34 Cry's partner
 - 35 Glimpse
 - 36 Propelled a gondola
 - 37 Kismet
 - 38 New England cape
 - 39 Folklore being
 - 40 Transparent
 - 41 Conferences
 - 43 Curious George is one
 - 44 "We have met the ..."
 - 45 A gift of the Magi
- DOWN**
- 46 Zen goal
 - 48 Quasimodo's charge
 - 49 Actress Zetterling
 - 52 *Cinco + tres*
 - 53 Hooverville
 - 56 Bible bk.
 - 57 Banks of the Cubs
 - 58 Weirdo
 - 59 Part of D.A.
 - 60 Luster
 - 61 Yet
 - 6 Glossy
 - 7 Vena
 - 8 Exist
 - 9 Sent another way
 - 10 Anger
 - 11 Electronics chain
 - 12 Gobs
 - 13 *Utopia* author
 - 18 Nostril
 - 23 Baltic Sea feeder
 - 24 Walrus feature
 - 25 Sparkler
 - 26 Mythical Titan
 - 27 Witch
 - 28 Marine's dwelling
 - 29 Surveys
 - 30 Naval type
 - 31 Impecunious
 - 33 Bonkers
 - 36 Takes an oath
 - 37 The "F" in UNICEF
 - 39 Layer
 - 40 Sucker, for short
 - 42 Snobbish
 - 43 Liquefied
 - 45 Wish granter
 - 46 Drink mixer
 - 47 Word form for "vinegar"
 - 48 Scourge
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