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**Researchers: cholesterol vital to development**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Cholesterol may be a heart disease villain in adults, but researchers say the fatty substance has to be present when cells are just starting to form a new life.

A study to be published today in the journal *Science* shows that cholesterol is an important part of the process of that forms organs, tissues and body structures in an embryo, the very earliest stage of life development.

**Kevorkian assists Texan's suicide**

ROYAL OAK, Mich. (AP) — Dr. Jack Kevorkian assisted in the suicide Thursday of a Texas man with multiple sclerosis who feared he would end up "in one of those rat-infested nursing homes."

Kevorkian drove up to a hospital in this Detroit suburb about 3 a.m. and told a security guard he had a patient in the car. The patient, Wallace Joseph Spolar of El Paso, was pronounced dead a short time later.

Documents left at the hospital indicated he was 70, but Kevorkian attorney Geoffrey Fieger said the man was 69.

**Woman charged with endangering child**

LONG HILL, N.J. (AP) — A woman was in jail Thursday, accused of inviting a 9-year-old Girl Scout into her home, dragging her into a bathroom and stifling her screams with a towel.

It's not clear what motivated the attack, but Lt. Michael Peoples said the girl told police the woman became upset over the cookie selection and said she would not buy any cookies. Shortly afterward, she grabbed the child, Peoples said.

Veena Thacker, 50, was charged with aggravated assault, criminal restraint and endangering the welfare of a child.

**State**

**Lottery funds could become scholarships**

AUSTIN (AP) — A proposal to use lottery proceeds to fund college tuition, fees and books for all students who maintain a "B" average through 12th grade was added Thursday to the State Board of Education's list of legislative recommendations.

It is uncertain, however, whether the proposal will stay on the wish list the board will forward to the Legislature.

Six of the 15 Education Board members endorsed the scholarship proposal, five voted against it and four did not vote.

**Tobacco trial to start next fall**

AUSTIN (AP) — A federal judge on Thursday scheduled a trial for next autumn in the state's \$4 billion lawsuit against the tobacco industry.

Both a lawyer for one of the tobacco companies and Attorney General Dan Morales said they were anxious to get into the courtroom.

"We are pleased that the trial judge has now given the parties a definitive date of Sept. 22, 1997, for the beginning of jury selection," Jack Maroney, attorney for Philip Morris, said in a phone interview from Texarkana.

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## Frogs suspended after alleged fight

By Ernie Moran and Kimberly Wilson  
SKIFF STAFF

Three TCU football players were suspended indefinitely from the team Thursday after one of them allegedly assaulted a student at Southern Methodist University Thursday morning, according to reports.

According to SMU Campus Police, a group of TCU football players were involved in an incident at the SMU campus Wednesday night.

Mike Snellgrove, SMU Campus Police assistant director, said that TCU freshman Derek Canine, 19, of Birmingham, Mich., repeatedly threw an unidentified student against a stairwell in an SMU residence hall.



Derek Canine  
Freshman

The SMU *Daily Campus* identified the victim as Andy Abramovits.

Snellgrove said campus police arrived between 2:11 and 2:40 a.m., but medical personnel were not contacted for the student, who said he felt fine after the brawl.

Snellgrove said Canine and Jeff Dover, 20, a sophomore from Grand Prairie, were walking down a hallway in MacIntosh Hall when the student confronted them and asked what they were doing there.

Canine apparently then "grabbed the student and threw him against the stairwell several times,"

Snellgrove said.

Canine was issued a Class C assault citation, he said.

An official at the University Park police department, which has jurisdiction over the SMU campus, said the citation carries a fine of \$236.

A former SMU student, Canine was expelled from the school last year for academic fraud. According to the Associated Press, he handed in a term paper written by his brother.

TCU head football coach Pat Sullivan released a statement Thursday morning saying four play-

ers had been "placed on 'indefinite suspension' for violation of team policy."

Late Thursday evening, Sullivan released another statement that read, in part, "The incident that happened Thursday morning on the SMU campus was an embarrassment to the University, the football program, myself and hopefully, the players."

The statement concluded by saying, "I have tried to instill in every player that such conduct will

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## TCU faculty meet with diplomats

### Latin American ambassadors discuss international trade, culture

By Patricio Crooker  
SKIFF STAFF

Two international ambassadors visited TCU Thursday to talk about the importance of the Latin American market in the 20th century.

The U.S. ambassador to Chile, Gabriel Guerra-Mondragon, and the Costa Rican ambassador to the United States, Sonia Picado, came to Fort Worth for the AeroNafta Conference.

The two ambassadors met with TCU faculty Thursday to discuss the importance of international trade and international culture in education.

The ambassadors said they were optimistic they could expand future relationships and improve TCU's Latin American studies.

Picado said it is important for students to recognize and study other cultures in order to improve the conditions of the world.

"I think all of us need to be citizens of the world," Picado said. "And what we have to do is to move out from our nationalistic ideas."

Picado said that a second language is being taught in all public schools in Costa Rica from first grade to senior level.



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Larry Adams (left), associate vice chancellor for academic affairs, shows the Horned Frog Thursday afternoon to Sonia Picado, Costa Rican ambassador to the United States, and Gabriel Guerra-Mondragon, U.S. ambassador to Chile.

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## Crowd small at P'looza

By Kimberly Wilson  
SKIFF STAFF

While swarms of students enjoyed sunshine in the Reed Hall mall area, 15 to 20 students waited for the crowd to head toward Frog Fountain to participate in Liber'l P'looza.

Sondra Haltom, president of TCU Young Democrats, said student attendance was low at the event held Thursday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

"We've had lots of people roam by," Haltom said.

Haltom said there was not a band booked for the event until Thursday morning. She said Hush, a local high school band, agreed to play for free for the event.

Minh Huymh, a 24-year-old representative from the Victor Morales campaign, spoke to an audience which consisted of only Haltom and about 10 representatives who were sitting at booths.

"Victor Morales can make a difference in the U.S. Senate," Huymh said.

He said Morales was one of his high school teachers and that Morales will work as hard as he can to ensure that he wins the Senate race.

Laura Needels, volunteer coordi-



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Sondra Haltom, president of TCU Young Democrats, addresses the audience (Mike Martinez with the Texas Victory Democrats) at Liber'l P'looza Thursday afternoon in front of Frog Fountain.

nator for the Tarrant County Democrats, said she came to the event to recruit TCU students to help with the campaign.

"We always need volunteers," she said.

Needels said the organization needs volunteers for phone banks, data entry and to assist with mailings. Interested students can contact her at 831-1994.

Aaron York, a freshman speech communication major and a representative for TERRA, TCU's environmental organization, said he expected more attendees.

"I know there are more people who are interested in this," he said. "I would've expected a larger turnout."

Haltom said she put up fliers advertising the event Wednesday night, but many were already torn

down Thursday morning. She said she also sent letters to the heads of many campus organizations to inform them about the event.

"I think if we had started planning for this last semester, we probably would have been able to get more people and candidates to come."

Many of the representatives said they found out about the event one week ago.

Needels said the fact that the event was held so close to the election probably contributed to the low attendance of representatives and candidates.

"This is crunch time for everybody," she said. "I know of five other things that are going on today, at least."

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## Grass skirts needed at Family Weekend

By Erik McKenzie  
SKIFF STAFF

Da' plane! Da' plane! Welcome to Fantasy Island, TCU!

Family Weekend arrives at TCU today with a tropical theme for a three-day celebration for families of students, faculty and staff.

Family Weekend, which used to be known as Parent's Weekend, has a new name because organizers wanted more than just parents to come, said Ben Roman, chairman of Family Weekend.

He said sometimes different fam-

ily members would come to previous Parent's Weekends, so he said a change was appropriate.

"We want the weekend to be more inclusive of non-traditional families," Roman said.

The new name isn't the only change for this year.

Roman said the tropical theme is intended to make visitors feel as if they're on an exotic vacation.

"Everyone's real excited about the theme this year," he said. "It's

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## Alpha Delta Pi clinches victory

By Amanda Bronstad  
SKIFF STAFF

Cheers echoed through the halls of Ed Landreth Auditorium this week as TCU's sorority members gathered for the first annual Performing Arts Fest of Greek Games, the philanthropy week for the Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity.

The Alpha Delta Pi sorority was the winner of the Greek Games and the Performing Arts Fest.

Steve Shelton, president of Phi Kappa Sigma and a senior communications in human relations

major, said all the sororities did well.

"All the scores were so close, and they (ADPi) were just a little bit more," he said.

The Performing Arts Fest was one of four events, including sign hanging and field events that allowed sorority members to earn points in the Greek Games.

Two members of ADPi sang selections from "Phantom of the Opera," accompanied by modern

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# Pulse

CAMPUS LIFE

**WOMEN'S SELF-DEFENSE WORKSHOP** will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday in Studio B of the Ballet Building. For more information contact the office of Extended Education at 921-7132.

**ORDER OF OMEGA** will hold a committee meeting at 10 p.m. Monday in the Moody Building. For more information contact Holly Leider at 923-5910.

**TCU INTERIOR ASSOCIATION** will meet at 3 p.m. Monday in the living room of the Annie Richardson Bass Building. For more information, contact Kay Schultz at 263-4409.

**TCU MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM** will conduct walk-on tryouts at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. For those interested or needing further information, contact Brian Fish at 921-7968 or ext. 5373.

**STUDY SKILLS WORKSHOP** will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Center for Academic Services, Rickel Room 106. The workshop will cover time management, study skills and test taking. For more information, call 921-7486.

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

# Pulse

CAMPUS LIFE

**Campus Police reported the following offenses and violations from Oct. 4 to Oct. 8:**

### Criminal Trespass

Oct. 4: Officers stopped the driver of a white Neon who was driving the wrong way on Main Drive. The driver said he was at TCU to pick up a friend, but the name of the friend did not match any name on the master list of students. The driver had no license or proof of financial responsibility and was issued a criminal trespass warning.

Oct. 8: A man was issued a criminal trespass warning after he was found in a female's room after hours in Brachman Hall.

### 911 Hangup

Oct. 5: Officers met with a woman in Foster Hall after a 911 hangup. The woman was having trouble breathing and said she had been stung by what she thought was a bee. Her roommate took her to the hospital after she said she did not want an ambulance.

### Injured student

Oct. 4: A student in Foster Hall had a seizure while on her top bunk. Her roommate helped her to the floor. Paramedics found her blood sugar to be extremely high and advised her to take her medication regularly. Paramedics also said the room the student was staying in was unusually hot. HVAC was contacted to correct the temperature of the room, and the student said she would go to the Health Center.

Oct. 5: Officers were called to Moncrief Hall after a student passed out when she cut her finger while carving a pumpkin for a Halloween decoration. Her roommate took her to Harris Hospital.

### Theft

Oct. 4: A live green ivy plant in a wicker basket was reported stolen from the Pit over the weekend.

Oct. 7: A student reported her wallet missing after she left it in the women's restroom in the Student Center.

### Obscene phone calls

Oct. 7: Two roommates reported that they are continuing to receive obscene phone calls, between 6 and 8 a.m. and 10 and 2 a.m.

Compiled by Kimberly Wilson

## WEEKEND

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tropical, and it's going to be a lot of fun."

He said many volunteers in Programming Council have put a lot of work into this year's event to make it one of the best weekends ever.

Phyllis Bodie, who serves as an adviser to PC, said volunteering helps students develop life skills. "They're all great, and they work real hard," Bodie said.

Roman said the weekend officially kicks off at noon on Friday when visitors can check-in at the Student Center in front of the main cafeteria.

The TCU Jazz Band will also be playing at noon in the Student Center for about an hour. Anybody is welcome to listen to the free concert.

"Magical" Open Campus is an opportunity for visitors to get a tour of the campus while being transported by golf carts. The tours, which are from 1 to 5 p.m., will take visitors to several TCU sites where faculty will discuss the significance of each.

Friday includes an art unveiling and a ballet and modern dance performance, but the big event will be the "Copacabana" Amateur Variety Show, Roman said.

He said choirs, dancers, singers and even a puppet show will all be part of the event. All the performers are TCU students, and they will compete for cash prizes.

The variety show begins at 8 p.m. in Ed Landreth Auditorium.

Saturday events begin at 8 a.m. with the "Waikiki" Fun Run/Walk. The walk and run will circle the main campus, and people will receive a free Family Weekend T-shirt for participating.

Guests can attend the Chancellor's Reception at 11 a.m., where Chancellor William E. Tucker will extend a TCU welcome to everyone.

Tucker said he enjoys this time because it gives him a chance to meet family members in an informal setting.

"I welcome the opportunity to talk with parents," he said.

Tucker said it's a good time to ask questions and talk about TCU and its students.

Following the reception, families have four hours to spend before the next scheduled program.

Roman said the break is a good time for students to be with family and maybe do a little shopping. He said it gives families the chance to see the attractions around TCU.

A pre-game luau will begin at 4 p.m. and include Polynesian food, limbo and hula contests and the sounds of a calypso band. Mocktails, non-alcoholic cocktails, will also be served.

Roman said it was important for all students to realize that they're invited to all events.

"Any student can come and participate even if their family isn't with them," he said.

The rest of Saturday is devoted to cheering on the Horned Frogs football team to victory over the University of Texas-El Paso, Roman said.

The game, scheduled to begin at 7 p.m., will be preceded by the March of Frogs. Parents and students can join the band, TCU showgirls and TCU cheerleaders in a march from the Student Center to Frog Alley.

Family Weekend ends on Sunday with a good-bye brunch in the Student Center Ballroom featuring a slide show of pictures from the weekend's activities.

Rachael Parker, assistant to the Family Weekend chairman, said a great deal of work was put into planning the three days, and the effort should show.

"It's much more work than I imagined, but I think it'll be really great," Parker said.

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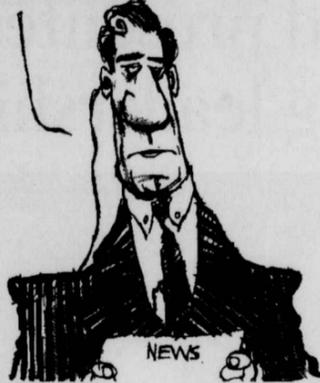
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## EDITORIAL

# TAKING CARE OF MEDICARE

## Poll shows commission is a crucial step

Start looking into health insurance plans for after retirement. If our peers' predictions are right, the financially distraught Medicare system won't be there for Generation X.

The Third Millennium, a nonpartisan organization that focuses on public-policy issues of concern to Generation X, found that almost 60 percent of Americans between ages 18 and 34 don't think Medicare will exist when they reach retirement age.

So don't think for one minute that Medicare, one of the biggest issues of the 1996 election, doesn't have relevance to young voters.

Third Millennium also found that most young people would rather invest in their own health care plans if Medicare can't be fixed.

And as things look right now, that's a strong possibility. But if politics can be at least partly removed from the Medicare reform process, perhaps it can be salvaged.

That's why the bipartisan commission agreed upon by Bob Dole and President Clinton in Sunday's debate is a good idea.

When the parties can't even agree whether changes in funding are cuts or not, the situation must be exempted from politics.

And the commission must be formed soon and get to work immediately. The government has said the Medicare hospital trust fund will be depleted by 2001. The problems would only start there — once the Baby Boomers begin to retire, the entire system could spin into complete, irrevocable disarray.

The bipartisan (or preferably, *nonpartisan*) commission should include politicians from both sides of the aisle, physicians, insurance executives, economists and representatives of the elderly. Each group has a critical viewpoint that should be included in the solution to the Medicare crisis.

Nothing, of course, will happen until the election ends. But immediately after that, the commission should be formed and get to work, regardless who wins the White House. Then, perhaps, some of Generation X's confidence in the Medicare system will be restored.

# X-ers must learn about family

What's the matter with kids today? This question has probably been asked of every generation. And every generation answers with blame for the previous one.

Let's examine the situation. Kids are carrying guns to school. They are involved in more frequent and serious crimes. The teenage pregnancy rate continues to increase. Blah, blah, blah.

The decline of the family institution is to blame. It seems more likely that children come from divorced or single parent families. It's undeniable that these are often loving and happy homes. But just as often, they are quite the opposite.

The transition from a nuclear to a non-nuclear home is what scars children, and children are inclined to blame themselves.

Divorce became common in the Baby Boomer generation. People decided they married too young. They were no longer in love.

Divorce became the common solution, and today's young adults were forced to cope.

Ours is the first generation faced with this problem. Family crisis centers, family therapy and other related businesses have sprung up due to this reality. However, for some people, the emotions are too painful and the scars too deep to heal in a few group sessions. And it's expensive.

So kids vent. They turn angry feelings into angry actions. It's as simple as that. You may be thinking, "Hey, I'm from a divorced home and I am doing just fine, thank you." That's great. But a few parents manage to explain that it wasn't the kid's fault or that kids weren't old enough to understand. Most importantly, the parents made kids understand that the parents still love them.

Unfortunately, many other parents actually use their offspring to hurt each other in nasty court cases. And then they wonder why little Johnny yelled at the teacher and hit another little boy at recess.

We've all heard in the news and politics this idea of a return to family values. How about a return to family? College students have seen the negative affects divorce often can have. The spectrum includes young adults who may have become shy or withdrawn and those who need out-

side help to deal with their scars.

Good ol' Generation X now knows a great deal more about divorce, because its members have experienced relationships that have ended in pain. If anything, we have learned from the previous generation that we must wait until we are ready to get married, we must marry for love and we must work through problems for the next generation's sake.

Tomorrow's children — our children — deserve a mother and a father. Kids need to experience firsthand a loving relationship. This is imperative when children grow up and experience their own relationships. They need to know they are the product of that love. They need to be aware they will be disciplined by both parents when they disobey.

Generation X-ers must take heed of what we have learned from our parents. Learn from their accomplishments and their mistakes. Listen to your parents when they tell you to finish college before getting married. Know yourself before you tie the knot. And when you do get married, act as a team with your spouse — discipline and love your children collectively.

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### COMMENTARY



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### COMMENTARY



ANDY SUMMA

# What a quirky universe

Unless you've been living with Pink Floyd on the dark side of the moon, you've probably realized that we live in a very quirky world.

Quirky people. Quirky places. Quirky events.

Let's face it: Our world is full of quirky quiriness.

(Note: This column was not written for your enjoyment. It was written to give me a chance to say the word "quirky" as many times as possible).

Our world is enveloped in a dense fog of quiriness. In fact, an entire book, "2201 Fascinating Facts," written by the brilliant David "Saint" Louis, documents such bizarre quiriness.

Some of the quirkier instances cited in Louis' book include:

- Cockroaches have lived on earth for more than 250 million years without changing in any way whatsoever.
- A sneeze can travel as fast as

100 miles per hour. Here's a joke: Don't sneeze on the freeway or you could get a speeding ticket!

•A bad joke about sneezing can travel up to speeds of one million miles per hour.

That's pretty quirky!

As you might expect from a bureaucracy that has spent approximately \$17 googabazillion on booger development, the U.S. government is pretty quirky itself.

For example:

•In New York state, it is illegal to shoot a rabbit from a moving trolley car.

•It's against the law in Idaho to give someone a box of candy that weighs more than 50 pounds (insert Rush Limbaugh joke here).

•In Alaska, it's illegal to look at a moose from the window of an airplane.

•Every citizen of Kentucky is required by law to bathe once a year.

•You can't hunt camels in Arizona. Only Marlboros.

Quiriness doesn't come any quirkier than that — except in American courts.

Perhaps the quirkiest of all quiriness occurred in 1970 when an Arizona lawyer sued God.

This is the honest-to-God truth, so to speak.

Acting out every lawyer's ultimate fantasy, Russel H. Tansie filed a \$100,000 damage suit against God. On behalf of his secretary (Betty Penrose), Tansie accused God of neglecting his power over the weather when he allowed a lightning bolt to strike Penrose's house.

Not surprisingly, Penrose won the case when the defendant failed to appear in court. God was busy running the universe that day (that's also how God gets out of jury duty).

Whether Penrose collected the money is not known.

If you're still not quirked-out by the quiriness in the world, consider this:

In 1976, a Los Angeles secretary named Jannene Swift officially married a 50-pound rock.

But the couple later divorced when Swift found her husband was having an affair with a granite pebble in the driveway.

And if you're still unimpressed with the quiriness around us, maybe this will change your mind:

I used a form of the word "quirk" 20 times in this column.

Andy Summa is a junior news-editorial major from Alvin.

### Letter to the Editor

#### Reed Hall doors will be fixed soon

Having read in the Skiff editorial section a concern about the Reed Hall elevator doors ("An Open Door?", Oct. 9) prompts me to inform the people involved what is really happening.

After the elevators were installed, the small lobbies for each became an area that needed fire-detection equipment installed. Normally any stairwell in a building must have all doors leading into or from it closed at all times. The

heavy door problem was due to the fire rating of the doors involved; it is being resolved now by the installation of fire-detection operated door-closers.

When complete, the heavy doors will be held open at all times and will close only when the detection systems causes them to do so. So in the very near future, not only will the students and staff be happy, also we will have kept the Fort Worth fire marshal pleased.

Rex Helms  
supervisor, general maintenance

# Whining eco-warriors blow environmental woes out of proportion

OH NO! TERRA is going after a TCU institution: the Styrofoam containers we get our fine food in at the Main. I guess it was only a matter of time before our resident Earth freaks got around to attacking our less-than-friendly food containers.

TERRA is attempting genocide of an entire species of food storage units. Don't these poor pitiful packages deserve the same rights as boxes and bags?

I remember when McDonald's still put their tasty cuisine in cute little plastic foam containers. Mealtime was funtime because getting to your sandwich was just a little

bit magical. Pop open the top and POOF! There was a hamburger. Now that burgers are wrapped in paper the magic is gone. And the magic is really gone when half of your sandwich is stuck to the wrapper.

What is this society coming to? Can't we even be allowed to enjoy dinner time? Has political correctness ruined supper as well?

So what if Styrofoam won't biodegrade for 8 billion years? I'll be dead then anyway. I happen to like Styrofoam. It's fun to break apart into little bitty hard-to-pick-up pieces that can blow around campus. Besides, plastic foam is evil, and I like evil.

I'll admit it: I'm selfish and lazy. I used to recycle stuff, but then it became boring and a hassle. So I stopped. I guess I could change my Earth-hating ways but again, I'm selfish and lazy. And quite frankly, I'm proud of that.

I'm also sick and tired of these eco-war-

riors and their whining. "The air is becoming unbreathable." "Our water is polluted and undrinkable" and "Stop cutting down the rain forests, it's bad!" C'mon, who cares about that?

The Earth won't be unlivable in our lifetime, so don't worry about it. Each generation's job is to make the world just a little more unlivable than before. Our parents did it for us and their parents did it for them. It's tradition.

Let's face it: Mother Earth doesn't like us anyway. She never has. That's why we have things like hurricanes, tornadoes and earthquakes. Our planet is trying its best to eradicate us. We are much like mosquitos to our home world. So if the Earth doesn't care about me, why should I care about it? The logical thing to do would be to make sure the Earth doesn't survive any longer than we do.

I really enjoy hearing the tree huggers

get political. They start nagging our elected officials that our already oversized and inefficient bureaucracy should do something to save the spotted owl or some other stupid animal whose home is being eradicated by bulldozers.

Well why don't they just do like people do when they're forced out of their homes: move to a new one! DUH! Or if they can't do that, live on a park bench or under an overpass. Then the homeless people can have pets and they'll be much happier.

If you really want to get rid of trash without harming the Earth, send it into space. Or more appropriately, send it into the sun. Let our personal heat and light source also become our trash incinerator in the sky. We can load up our trash on big, unmanned space ships that just fly into the sun. It'll be great, trust me.

Of course science is to blame for the real problem with waste management.

Matter, science tells us, can be neither created nor destroyed. If this is the case, then those Styrofoam containers have to exist in some form or another. And isn't it better to have that particular lump of matter in the form of a non-lethal Styrofoam container rather than say, a set of brass knuckles? Yes, I know that Styrofoam and brass are two entirely different elements on the periodic chart, but matter is matter.

Styrofoam really isn't our problem. People are our problem. They make the stuff that pollutes the Earth and makes groups like TERRA mad. But unless the environmentalists wipe out everybody, get used to bad environmental habits. Remember, even a good stew leaves behind thick glops of gross stuff in the pot.

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# Summer abroad information fair to be held Saturday

By Matt Pearce  
SKIFF STAFF

Students and their parents will be able to learn more information about summer abroad programs at the Summer International Study Programs fair Saturday in the Student Center.

Mary Alice Oatman, assistant director of extended education and summer sessions coordinator, said the fair was planned for Family Weekend so both students and parents can become acquainted with the programs and meet the professors involved.

"Mainly there will be displays of different programs and things they

will be doing," Oatman said.

She said specific costs of the programs won't be determined in time for the fair, but students will be able to sign up for more information on the programs.

Oatman said students and parents have the same concern about studying abroad.

"Money is the most important," Oatman said. "Students who don't think they can go may qualify for financial aid."

Oatman said parents are often worried about sending their children to a foreign country, especially if they've never been to the country themselves. She said parents are con-

cerned with the safety and survival of their children, and these concerns are addressed at the fair.

Jane Mackay, chairwoman of the management department and an associate professor of management information services, helps run the TCU-in-Budapest program. She said parents and students are usually nervous about going to Hungary, partly because Hungary used to be ruled by a communist regime.

"They have no basis on which to compare if they've never been outside the U.S., much less Texas," Mackay said.

She said Hungary's communist history should not worry anybody

interested in traveling there.

Oatman said the fair takes place every year, and past fairs have been very successful.

"We always get a lot of interest," Oatman said. "Most parents want their college student to have the opportunity to study abroad."

Roxie Guevara, a junior education major who studied at the Universidad de las Americas-Puebla last summer, said it's very important for students to go to the fair and talk to the professors about their experiences.

"The professors that are there have been through it year after year," she said. "There's just a wealth of information."

Guevara said it's important for students traveling to a foreign country to prepare for a culture shock, but they shouldn't be scared.

"Just because they don't like the first few days doesn't mean they should quit and go home," Guevara said. "They should go into the experience with an open mind."

She said studying abroad gives students an opportunity to make new friends and learn things about themselves they'd never thought of before.

"You are submerged in this lifestyle, and you learn what you take for granted," Guevara said. "You don't realize what you have until you

don't have it for a few months."

Mackay said the growing global market makes it more important for students to learn about foreign business and culture.

"I would encourage every business major to have some international experience," Mackay said. "Along with that, I'd encourage every student to study a foreign language."

Oatman said the deadline to apply for financial aid for summer programs is Dec. 20. Deadlines for registration vary with each program.

She said students need to sign up as early as possible because each program has a minimum number of students it can take on the trip.

## Horizon Award presented for outstanding leadership



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Robert J. and Mary Wright receive the fourth annual Horizon Award Thursday at a luncheon and presentation in the Student Center ballroom. The award is given to people showing outstanding leadership, service and contributions to fine arts and communication.

By Angela Seutter  
SKIFF STAFF

Robert J. and Mary Wright were presented yesterday afternoon with the fourth annual Horizon Award at a luncheon and presentation in the Student Center Ballroom.

The Horizon Award is presented by the College of Fine Arts and Communications to individuals who show outstanding leadership, service and contributions to fine arts and communications at TCU and the community at large.

Robert Garwell, dean of the College of Fine Arts and Communication, said the award is important because it is a way to recognize the contributions so many people have made to the college and to the community.

"The nature of the individuals

we have been recognizing is such that they embody the essence of helping this institution take a step, a major leap forward," Garwell said.

He said the nature of the individuals they look for is what Bob and Mary Wright represent.

Upon accepting the award, Mr. Wright said he and his wife were honored to receive the award from the college, which leads the way for TCU in international recognition.

"It is so special to us because of the standards set by the college and what it means to us, and I know this will go on forever," Mr. Wright said.

Garwell said the Wrights have endowed several scholarships, including one for students in the

jazz program and one in memory of Mr. Wright's late uncle, Pete Wright.

The Wrights have donated \$100,000 toward the construction of an instrument rehearsal room in the Walsh Center for the Performing Arts.

Mr. Wright is chairman of the Dallas Region's Next Frontier Campaign and has been on the Board of Trustees since 1993.

He graduated from TCU in 1950 and is president of Medical Cities, Inc., and the Crow-Wright Company, which develop and manage health care facilities throughout the United States.

Mrs. Wright is president of Medical Space Design, a firm that specializes in design for medically related facilities.

## Foreign execs study at TCU

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Executives from France and Germany have attended a TCU seminar for the past two weeks to learn about American businesses and culture.

The seminar, titled "Communicating with American Businesspeople into the 21st Century," is designed to improve English skills and understanding of American companies for foreign businesspeople.

France Telecom and Deutsche Telekom, the companies that sent their executives to TCU, want their employees to be able to speak English fluently and gain a more international focus on business, said Kurk Gayle, TCU's director of intensive English.

"The French company wants all its employees to be cross-culturally aware," Gayle said.

He said TCU is the only training facility in the country used by France Telecom and is one of two facilities in the United States used

by Deutsche Telekom.

Gayle said the executives have visited several businesses in the Fort Worth area, including Motorola, Sprint and Southwestern Bell.

Werner Baudis, head of Deutsche Telekom's research department, said he believes Americans are very skilled in the business world.

"I think American businesspeople have the right focus and horizon when they are speaking about business," Baudis said.

The executives have noticed several differences between American businesses and businesses in their home countries.

Baudis said he noticed many people in business in the United States are in their 20s and early 30s, the years during which most prospective German businesspeople complete their studies.

Baudis also said business has a greater impact in the United States and is less influenced by

the government than in Germany.

"I think the business is a more essential part of everyone's life in America," Baudis said.

He said in Germany more people seek government jobs because the business world can be very risky.

"Most people in Germany are not as interested in founding their own business," Baudis said.

Guy Ottenwaelter, marketing manager of France Telecom, said hierarchy structures in French business are stiff, and it is difficult to advance to upper level jobs.

He said he also noticed that American universities tend to be more technologically advanced.

"Here, there are many things like the Internet and video conferencing," Ottenwaelter said. "Many universities in France are poor and don't have many things."

The program will end tonight with a farewell dinner, and the executives will fly home Saturday.

## Children to star at stadium

By Candace McAdams  
SKIFF STAFF

About 100 young football players from the Fort Worth area will take to the field at 11 a.m. Saturday to get a feel for college football.

They will gather on the TCU track field to participate in the Kick, Pass and Punt event, sponsored by the Committee of 100 and the New Car Dealer Association.

John Fink, TCU marketing director, said children 14 years of age and under can participate in the event.

He said it is a great way for children to get involved with TCU.

"It lets kids see what it is like to throw and kick a college football," he said.

Fink said the participants will be judged on how far they can kick, pass and punt the ball.

Members of the Hyperfrogs and the Junior Committee of 100 will measure how far the ball goes.

Fink said all participants will receive a free T-shirt and a ticket to TCU's football game against the University of Texas-El Paso Saturday night. The winners of the different categories will receive their trophies on the playing field before the kickoff, he said.

Leanne Ivey, executive assistant

for the Committee of 100, said the committee sent flyers to the 550 Junior Frog Club members. They also advertised in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, she said.

"We are expecting a great turnout on Saturday," she said. "It is a great experience for these kids to see what college football is like."

Lee Chapman, a representative from the New Car Dealers Association, said the children are divided into four different age groups: 7 and 8, 9 and 10, 11 and 12 and 13 and 14.

There is no entry fee for the participants. Registration for the event begins at 10 a.m.

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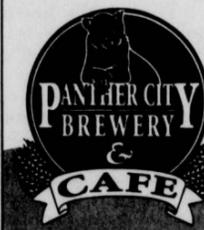
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"Ninety percent of the students choose English over French," Picado said.

Picado said Costa Rica needs young teachers to improve the program. He encouraged students to consider the possibility of going to Costa Rica to work.

"We need new graduates to go there to teach to bilingual schools," Picado said. "Organizations are paying students to teach."

Guerra-Mondragon said many Chilean universities are currently involved with American universities and he offered to help TCU open programs for the future.

Guerra-Mondragon said the future inclusion of Chile in NAFTA will create more opportunities for students to learn about the country.

"We are looking forward to the next century through trade integration and information," he said.

Larry D. Adams, associate vice chancellor for academic affairs, said the ambassadors' visit was planned as an effort to make TCU more of an international educational institution.

"Our goal, of course, is to help the university become international in our programming in order to benefit our students and faculty members," Adams said.

Adams said the ambassadors were able to learn more about TCU and begin to develop working relationships for students and faculty exchange.

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Doug Hopkins, past president of TCU Triangle, blamed the low voter turnout on the location of the event. He said more students walk by the other side of the Student Center rather than in front of it.

FIGHT

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absolutely not be tolerated. That is why I decided to suspend the three players. Anyone who breaks a team rule will pay the price.

"Again, the incident that occurred Thursday was a total embarrassment. I deeply regret it and I apologize."

According to a source close to the football team, the third player present at the incident was Kevin Colon, a sophomore from Lincoln, Neb. A source with the SMU Campus Police confirmed Colon was present at the SMU incident.



Dover

Colon could not be reached for comment.

The source told the Skiff that Gaylon Hyder, a junior from Longview, was the fourth player named in the original statement but was not involved in the matter. The source said Hyder had quit the football team.

The source also told the Skiff that

GAMES

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William Thomas Burdette SKIFF STAFF

Katherine Barnes, a sophomore biology major, and Nikki Moberg, a sophomore business major, perform at the first annual Performing Arts Fest of Greek Games Wednesday in Ed Landreth Auditorium. The event kicked off philanthropy week for the Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity.

dancers whose faces were painted half-white to resemble the Phantom's mask.

The week's second-place winner was the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority, whose show on Wednesday was a flashback to the '80s and '90s. Members of the sorority danced in bell-bottom pants and ponytails.

Doug Kriz, philanthropy chairman of Greek Games and a senior psychology major, said he was pleased with the entire show.

"I think it went really, really well,"

he said. "I'm looking forward to it being better in the future. This event has a lot of potential."

The third place winner was the Delta Gamma sorority whose act on Wednesday coincided with the Olympic theme of Greek Games.

Delta Gamma members danced to "Venus" and conducted a humorous routine between two ancient Greeks in toga dresses. Their act also tied the Phi Kappa Sigma philanthropy, the Leukemia Society, into their show.

"There's no traffic on this side of the building," he said. "I've seen between 15 and 20 people come out of the Student Center in the half-hour that I've been sitting here."

But Haltom said that overall she wasn't too disappointed.

"The people that I knew would be interested have stopped by," she said. "I'm thrilled that we got some local people in the party to come."

the three named in the second statement had been out drinking earlier that evening. A source with the SMU Campus Police confirmed the players had been drinking.

In his statement, Sullivan referred to an incident in May that resulted in indictments on charges of assault with serious bodily injury and assault with a deadly weapon against four players. Those players are still on the active roster and awaiting trial.

"In the case of the May 10 incident involving four players in Downtown Fort Worth, the criminal justice process is underway," the statement said. "As soon as the criminal justice process runs its course and the facts are known, appropriate action will be taken."

"(C)oncerning the events early Thursday morning at SMU, two players were not charged by police, a third player was charged, and paid a fine. At that point the criminal justice process ended... As a result, they have all been suspended indefinitely."

Sullivan could not be reached for comment.

Canine, a quarterback, is sitting out this season, under an NCAA requirement for transfer students. Dover, also

a quarterback, was redshirted last year and has three more seasons of eligibility remaining after this season. He started the first four games for the Horned Frogs but was benched this week in favor of junior Fred Taylor.

Dover did not return phone calls from the Skiff. Canine could not be reached for comment.

Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs, said no disciplinary action has been taken by the TCU Campus Life office yet, but that it remains a possibility.

"We will certainly look into it," Mills said. "That process started today. I would suspect the disciplinary process would continue and come to a resolution fairly quickly."

Snellgrove said that although Dover was present when the incident occurred, he was released because he was not directly involved.

Monica Thomas, a resident assistant who was on duty in MacIntosh Hall, said security officers called her early Thursday morning to inspect a wooden door that was thought to have been broken by the TCU players.

"They were causing trouble somewhere else on campus, I think," Thomas said.

Family weekend a paradise

By Amanda Bronstad SKIFF STAFF

Several students are preparing for a weekend of pina colodas, hot sun and Caribbean beach front blues.

No, it's not Spring Break. But audience members will feel as if they are on an island paradise as the Club Copacabana Amateur Variety Night opens at 8 p.m. today at Ed Landreth Auditorium. The show coincides with this year's Family Weekend theme, Fantasy Island TCU.

"We're really excited," said Ben Roman, chairman of the Family Weekend Committee of Programming Council and a junior radio-TV-film major. "This is one of the most popular events we've had in past years." Roman said the Family Weekend

Committee has already sold 1,000 tickets for an auditorium that seats 1,200.

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the door or in the Student Center between noon and 6 p.m. today.

Ten students will perform acts that include night club jazz, classical flute music and tap dancing, Roman said.

Suzie Ayres, a deaf education major, said she has not attended the show before but plans to attend this year.

"I'm thinking of inviting my mom, and if there's enough excitement, I'll bring my little 5-year-old boy," Ayres said.

Byron Bishop, a freshman English and political science major, said, he

will perform Bryan McKnight's "I Will Be Still in Love with You." "It's a mushy, tear-jerker song," he said.

The winners of the variety show will receive cash prizes of \$150 for first place, \$100 for second place and \$50 for all other participants, Roman said.

Only cash prizes will be awarded this year because college students appreciate the value of cash. In previous years, prizes such as CDs and radios were donated, he said.

The emcee for the event will be Wanda Sykes-Hall, who has performed on television programs such as A&E's Evening at the Improv, MTV Comikaze and Stand-Up on Comedy Central.

Sculpture to be unveiled on Reed Hall lawn today

By Bobbie Ann Stroud SKIFF STAFF

A local artist will reveal one of his works to the TCU community as Family Weekend kicks off today.

Barrett DeBusk will hold a slide presentation at 2:30 p.m. today in the Student Center lounge to discuss the dynamics of his various works. There will be a reception and unveiling of one of his works, "The Globe," outside Reed Hall following the presentation.

DeBusk said he began his career in 1976 after seeing "Ruckus Rodeo," a larger-than-life comic depiction of a rodeo by artist Red Grooms.

"It was at that moment that I realized art didn't have to be serious to be enjoyed," he said. "That experience enabled me to relax about the creation of art and allow it to be whimsical and fun."

DeBusk's early focus was on substantial, sizable pieces in steel and stone, mostly for outdoor installation, he said.

"My desire was to achieve an integration of manmade materials and organize nature with natural stone," DeBusk said.

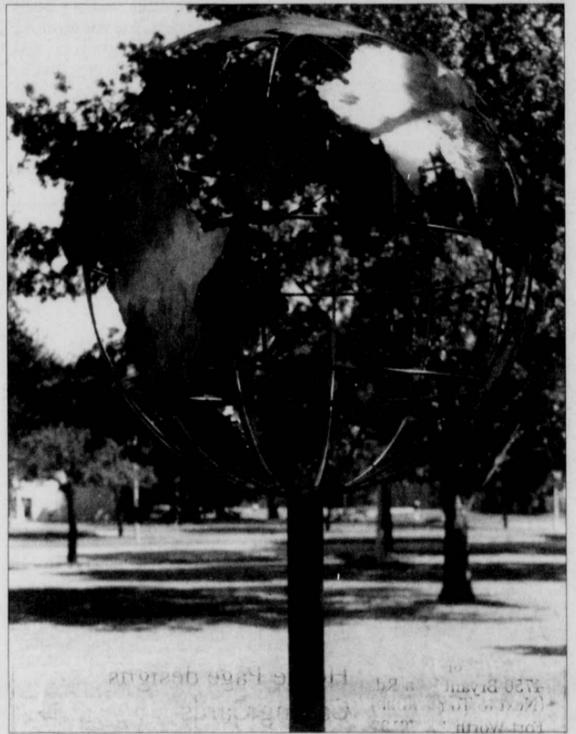
DeBusk, who has received more than 10 awards in the Dallas/Fort Worth area, said he wants to provide a direct link through his works between the materials he uses to create his pieces and the environment.

He said he creates spare yet witty linear steel sculptures based on his own life, people he has known and places he has been.

"These subjects for my pieces are taken from my life," he said. "I try to catch people and things I see everyday and add some spirit and humor."

Jessica Lowry, chairwoman of the Programming Council's Fine Arts Committee, said "The Globe" is a direct reflection of the TCU student body.

"The Globe" represents how we are all from different parts of the



Christi Gifford SKIFF STAFF

"The Globe," a sculpture by artist Barrett DeBusk, decorates the lawn in front of Reed Hall. The sculpture will be officially unveiled today.

world, and yet we all come together at TCU," she said.

Lowry said Family Weekend is the best time to present a sculpture such as "The Globe."

"I think the sculpture unveiling will give students an opportunity to get family members involved in what's going on at the TCU campus," she said.

The Programming Council's Fine Arts Committee held auditions for various artists who wanted to have their works featured during Family Weekend, said Gloria Robinson, adviser to the PC Fine Arts Committee.

Robinson said 10 finalists were chosen and students voted on the winner.

"There were many different works to vote on, and it really gave students a great opportunity to view various works from artists on and off campus," she said.

Robinson said after a week of voting the students decided on DeBusk's work.

"I think it's a great experience for the artist because he will get exposure to the TCU community, including the students and faculty," Robinson said.

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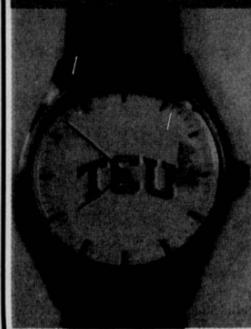
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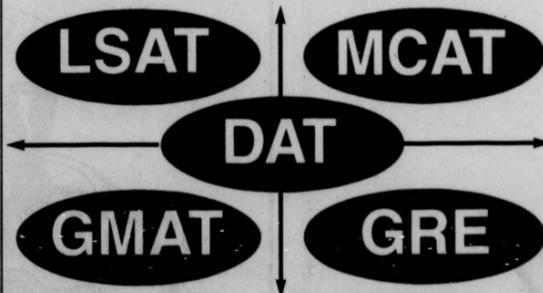
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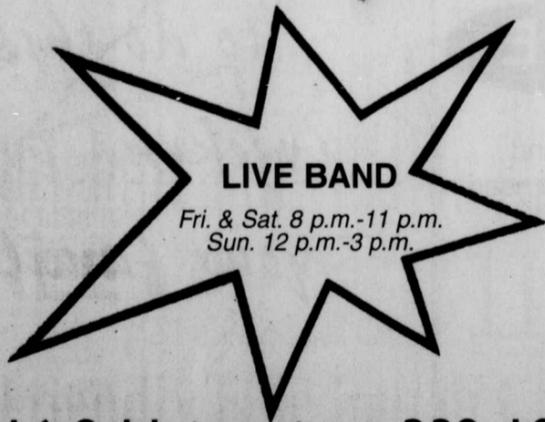


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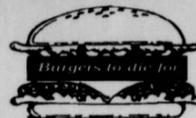
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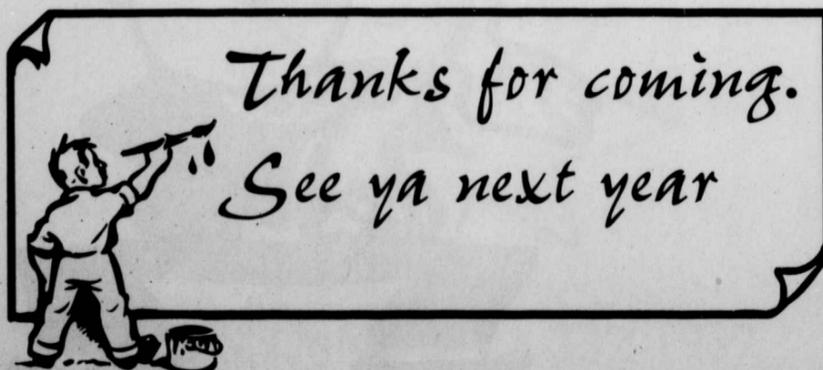
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## Powell campaigns with Dole in Ohio

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## Magazine interviews candidates' wives

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hillary Rodham Clinton and Elizabeth Dole have more in common than they thought: the same pet peeve about their husbands. Good Housekeeping discovered this when it put a series of questions to the two women, including "What's your husband's most annoying habit?" Mrs. Clinton: "Like most men, my husband is an avid channel-surfer." Mrs. Dole: "He always channel surfs. It drives me nuts." In the magazine's November issue, the two women also said what they would do with a half-hour simply to pamper themselves. Mrs. Clinton: "Go out and take a quiet walk." Mrs. Dole: "Grab an engrossing book and a piece of key lime pie."

## Natural Law candidate on ballot

ABILENE (AP) — Richard Caro doesn't know much about the 17th Congressional District. He has trouble naming the incumbent and his main rival. And he admits he's not all that familiar with the issues here. But none of that is going to stop the Austin resident from trying to represent West Texas in the U.S. House. "This was one of the only districts open, and I really wanted to run," Caro told the *Abilene Reporter-News*. Caro is among a number of Natural Law Party members who have made ballots across the country. The party, founded by Harvard professor and presidential candidate John Hagelin, believes the road to conflict-free, problem-solving government lies in science and transcendental meditation.

# Alum runs local GOP campaign

## Day explains Republican philosophy, values, election-year goals

By Ellena Fortner  
SKIFF STAFF

Two hours and 53 minutes. During this brief time Paula Day, a co-chairwoman for the Tarrant County's Dole-Kemp campaign and a TCU alumna, ran the gamut of topics from the philosophy of the Republican Party, to how she should paint the shed in her back yard, to the problems of pop culture to the pros and cons of latte versus cappuccino. Day arrived for the interview with papers, photocopies and books stacked up to her chin. She proudly displayed her Dole buttons and called her T-shirt and jeans "campaigning attire." Driving a car cluttered with bumper stickers, signs and a poster saying "Clinton Morphs," Day said her campaign schedule is hectic. "I start early in the morning with phone calls and reading newspapers, and there are days when I can get trapped behind my desk with work," she said. The political activist started as a TCU vocal performance major in 1983. "I segued into TCU from Tarrant County Junior College South Campus, and the people here just accepted me and gave me a huge sense of family," she said.

### The importance of the arts

Pointing out the paintings in the coffee shop, Day emphasized the importance of the arts in everyone's life. Day quoted one of the many letters she has written to newspapers that she pulled from the mountain of clipped articles. The letter said, "William Buckley has encouraged us to think of music, drama and art as monuments of our society every bit as much as marble palaces. The greatness of such works of art lies in their ability to inspire the human spirit. I am conservative, but I am not so foolish as to think such treasures should be buried or laid up on some dusty shelves." People are too willing to assume all Republicans are working together to destroy the federally funded National Endowment for the Arts, Day said. "The arts teach discipline," she said. "We need to teach our children about the arts in school so they can learn the work ethic that arts teach." **Day's Day** Although Day has two multi-lingual singing recitals to her credit, most of her day centers around telephones and campaign signs. "My morning usually starts about four in the morning," she said. "I glance at the front page of the morning paper and head straight

for the opinion page. Then I start my correspondence, and people start calling me pretty early."

Cultivating a meditation garden, Day tries to steal a few moments of quiet time before the day begins.

"I have been planting some bulbs and mulching recently," she said. "Yesterday, I put vinegar on the back of the shed to get it ready to paint, and I probably should try to paint it today. I haven't decided exactly what to do with it, maybe a scripture across the back."

Relishing in the hands-on work, Day said many people want homemade products.

"I think people hunger for the homemade because it reminds them of the solid, stable values which contrast the pop culture ideals which seemed to be forced on us," she said.

Day wakes her husband, Justice Sam Day of the Second Circuit Court of Appeals of Texas, by 6 a.m. with the help of her Jack Russell terrier. Day sits down to eat breakfast and watch C-Span. After that, it's campaigning as usual.

"Yesterday, after I got away from my desk with phone calls coming in a chain-smoking manner, one after the other after the other, I went up to the Tarrant County Republican headquarters to drop off some signs and pick up some literature," Day said.

The literature concerned women's health and the Republican Party, which Day said is a complex issue often misunderstood.

"Republican women realize that many other issues affect health care besides abortion, but many others do not realize all the Republican Party does for women," she said.

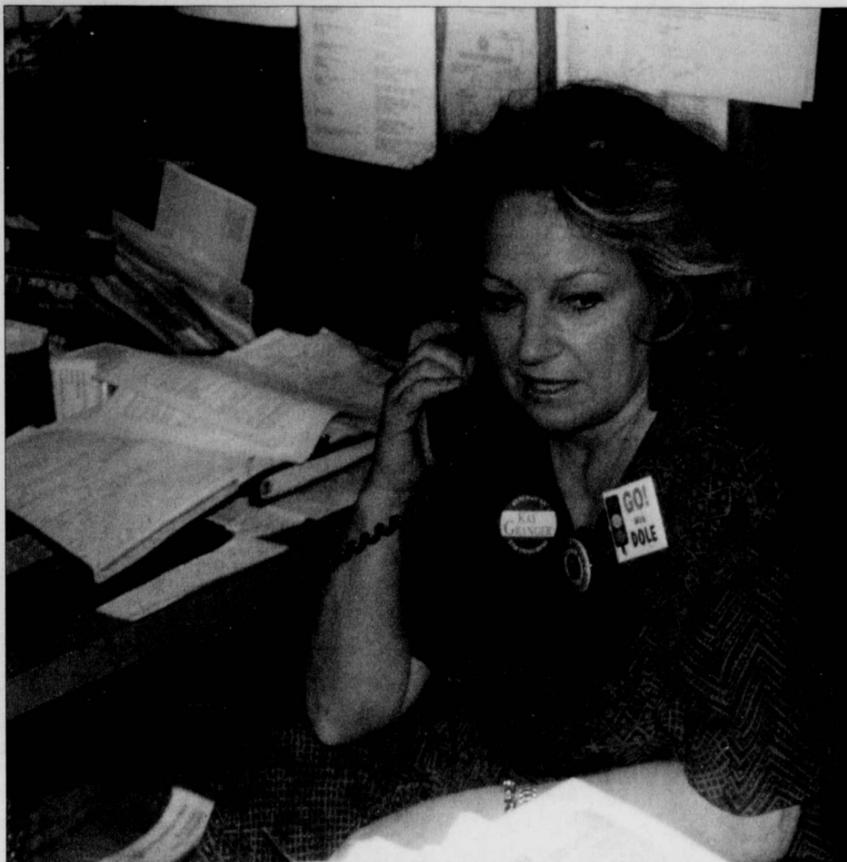
### Republican Politics

Using literature from the headquarters to illustrate her point, Day said, "For instance, there was a bill to give parents a \$500 tax break per child (that) Clinton vetoed."

Working to get the Republican message out to voters, Day said Republicans have often been misrepresented.

"For instance, we say the government should help those who can't help themselves, but we believe in cutting some programs," she said. "This doesn't make us coldhearted. I think the worst thing a parent can do is spoil or enable children. The government is enabling people, and it is that aspect of welfare which keeps people dependant, which is detrimental to the soul and spirit of the person and society as a whole."

Day said she sees the spending priorities of the Clinton administration as a major problem, and she thinks Republicans offer a more fiscally sound government.



Rebecca Newitt SKIFF STAFF

TCU graduate Paula Day, a co-chairwoman of the Dole-Kemp campaign in Tarrant County, works in her home office Tuesday. Day said her days start early in her office, reading newspapers and answering phone calls. She has been active in local Republican Party politics for several years.

"Republicans are working to reduce government spending so that in the future you and your children will not be in a much higher tax bracket," she said.

After this brief campaign, Day remembered some of her more outgoing attempts to win voters over, such as talking to the employees of Grady's American Grill in the back parking lot.

"The first thing I ask is, 'Do you pay taxes?' They say yes," she said. "Then I ask them 'Do you approve of the way the government spends your money?' No one has ever disagreed with me, and the cook and waiter walked away with a bumper sticker."

She said no one has disagreed with her since the third grade, when her father explained the differences between the parties. Democrats, he said, were for the small man, and Republicans were for big business.

"When my father asked me which one I was, I told him that without big business the small man

would have no job, so I chose Republican," she said.

### The importance of family

Switching from cappuccino to latte, Day stressed the importance of family in her life.

"Although my parents divorced when I was 10, I never felt I came from a broken home," she said. "I had my grandmother and aunts as mothers."

Keeping house by the age of 10, Day said she grew up in a traditional household which emphasized good values and a strong work ethic.

"Once when I was ironing, I stopped to check how much skirt was left, and my grandmother quoted the scripture about keeping your eyes to the front and your hand on the plow," she said.

With her hand still on the plow, Day encourages teaching what she calls the three E's to school children: ethics, etiquette and elocution.

"The pop culture has left honor behind," she said. "People talk about personal rights over responsibility. If we taught the three E's, we wouldn't need mediation; we would have honor."

Day wrapped up with the warning that Republicans were going to sweep the Tarrant County area despite poll showings. She said she hopes more women learn about the Republican Party and she prays for funding and encouragement for homemade values.

Before escaping, though, she discovered some friends and passed along some informational pamphlets and campaign information.

Heading back to TCU, Day pointed out where she had her recital and on which street corner she found her cat.

With appointments on her schedule, Day left with the promise to help anyone who wanted to get involved with the Republican party. Those interested can call the headquarters at 332-9371.

# Competing philosophies: Which has the edge in '96?

## 'Liberal' label has been maligned, but liberals have accomplished much

I am a card-carrying, pro-choice, assault weapons-banning, Gingrich-hating, affirmative action-supporting, American Civil Liberties Union-loving, Kennedy-worshipping, Clinton-backing, church and state-separating, big government-wanting, bleeding heart, feminist, liberal Democrat. That's right, I said the "L" word. I confess — I am a liberal. Here's why. From an early age, I was influenced heavily by my grandfather's political opinions. My "Pawpaw" was a die-hard Democrat.

He taught me that life is about treating other people as you would like to be treated. All people! That is what the Democratic Party has always stood for. More importantly, that is what the liberal wing of the party still stands for.

### GUEST COLUMN



SONDRA HALTOM

I realize that some people, even within the party, have a problem with the term "liberal." Liberal means favorable to or in accord with the policy of leaving the individual as unrestricted as possible in opportunities for self-expression or self-fulfillment. It means being free from prejudice and bigotry. Basically, we feel that government should play a large role in economic affairs because the economy does not do a good job of taking care of itself.

We also think that government should not interfere in the rights of citizens as private individuals. I don't see how any of this can be construed as negative. I have trouble understanding how people such as Newt Gingrich and Rush Limbaugh can attack our ideology as some sort of great evil.

"Liberal" has become almost as bad as a racial or sexist epithet. Many of our great Democratic leaders have come from the liberal wing of the party. Franklin D. Roosevelt, John F. Kennedy, Ann Richards, Jesse Jackson, Paul Simon and others have made lasting impacts on the way this country operates. They were liberals in

a time when a liberal was seen as someone who wants to make a change for the improvement of all in society.

Liberals are the ones who have always been out in the field rooting for the underdog. Liberals helped women and minorities attain equal rights. Liberals stood up for the laborers when the fat cat big businessmen were exploiting them for profits. Liberals are the ones who are there to help when any person's civil liberties are in jeopardy.

An officer of the Texas Young Democrats once said to me, "I think 'progressive' is a better term. 'Liberal' is just so unpopular." I don't care what you call it, if you believe that every human being has the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness as set down in the Declaration of Independence, and you believe that the government to which you pay taxes should have the responsibility to help you and your children achieve these things, then you are a liberal.

If you have the common sense to realize that "trickle-down" economics doesn't trickle at all, and you don't believe that poor people are poor because they are too lazy to get jobs, you, my friend, are a liberal. If you believe that minorities and women deserve a hand-up

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## Republicans believe economic freedom is vital to happiness

I first became seriously interested in politics four years ago during the 1992 presidential race. I have been hooked on the game of politics ever since.

Since 1971, when the 26th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution gave those 18 years and older the right to vote, the number of men and women over the age of 18 who actually vote has consistently decreased. This is a true disgrace, since the power holders of political office only respond to those groups that actually vote.

The view of politics and politicians has also become more negative over time. A recent poll shows that a majority of American parents do not want their children to run for the presidency.

I, however, do not carry such a grudge against an important American institution. Politics is the authoritative allocation of scarce resources or, in other words, the battlefield of ideas as to who and

how we as a people move forward in society.

Young adults of today, who are the leaders of tomorrow, unfortunately are not very informed about the specifics of the issues facing not only young people but all Americans today.

To be informed takes a great effort, and many people just don't take the time or make the effort to become and stay informed.

It takes work because it takes more to learn the issues other than what is portrayed in the daily newspaper or on the evening news. It takes understanding the issues and making informed choices as to what you believe and who represents those views in Washington, Austin or city hall.

Reporters are people too, and they have their own ideas and beliefs, and, as much as they try to be impartial (or not), the way they cover a story affects the way people see or read it and then process that information.

A remarkable statistic I found in a Roper Poll was that 89 percent of

Washington-based reporters voted for Bill Clinton in 1992. Remember that the next time you hear Sam Donaldson's report on the evening news.

The most important issue facing today's young adults is economics. Money runs the world, like it or not, and the one thing that affects everyone is the amount of money in their wallet. Money allows us to take care of ourselves and our families, it allows us to become educated, buy food and clothes and do just about whatever it is we want to do.

Economic freedom, freedom to keep as much of the money you earn and to do with it as you will, is one of the cornerstones of the Republican philosophy. Republicans believe that it is the freedom of ordinary people to do extraordinary things that has made this country great.

Such activity has occurred throughout history, because until now, the government has stayed out of the way. Creativity, inventiveness and unparalleled achievement are unleashed when individuals are unshackled to be the best they can be.

Republicans champion rugged

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**Theater**

"The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," by Pocket Sandwich Theatre, 8 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays and 7 p.m. Sundays Oct. 11 through Nov. 23, tickets \$6-\$12.

"Angels in America, Part 2: Perestroika," by Dallas Theater Center, 7:30 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dallas' Kalita Humphreys Theater, tickets \$11-\$44.50.

"Laughter on the 23rd Floor," by Stage West, 8 p.m. Oct. 18, Stage West Theatre, tickets \$13-\$16.

**Concerts**

Clarinetist Richard Stolzman with the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, 8:15 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and 2:15 p.m. Sunday at Dallas' Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center, tickets \$10.50 to \$60.

**Live Concerts**

Tablet and Course of Empire, 7:45 p.m. tonight at the State Fair of Texas.

Expanding Man and Steve Wynn, 8 p.m. tonight at Dallas' Galaxy Club.

Ned Henry, 9 p.m. tonight at Dallas' 8.0 Restaurant and Bar, free cover.

Tropix, 9 p.m. tonight at Fort Worth's 8.0 Restaurant and Bar, free cover.

The Nixons with Pop Poppins and Imperial Drag, 8 p.m. Saturday at Dallas' Bronco Bowl.

Twila Paris and Aaron Jeffrey, 7 p.m. Saturday at Dallas' Prestonwood Baptist Church, tickets \$8-\$10.

The Mavericks, 8 p.m. Saturday at the State Fair of Texas.

Raw Ravens, 9 p.m. Saturday at Dallas' 8.0 Restaurant and Bar, free cover.

The Ray Bans, 9 p.m. Saturday at Fort Worth's 8.0 Restaurant and Bar, free cover.

Phil Britchett, 7 p.m. Saturday at The Flying Saucer, free cover.

Ty Herridon, 3 p.m. Sunday at the State Fair of Texas.

Brad Thompson, 7 p.m. Sunday at The Flying Saucer, free cover.

OTF, 9 p.m. Thursday at Dallas' 8.0 Restaurant and Bar, free cover.

Vince Vance & The Valiants, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Monday at the State Fair of Texas.

Brave Combo, 9 p.m. Oct. 18, Dallas' 8.0 Restaurant and Bar, free cover.

**Art lectures**

"Momoyama-Era Kyoto: A Guided Tour Through Genre Painting," by Christine Guth, 11:30 a.m. Saturday, tickets \$7.

Japanese Family Festival, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at Kimbell Art Museum.

"Availability and Limited Engagement: Slides and Narration," by Ed Blackburn and others, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, free.

"Decorating the Palaces of the Future," by Nancy E. Edwards, 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Kimbell Art Museum.

## 'Long Kiss' is a don't-miss flick



Kerry Hayes NEW LINE CINEMA

Geena Davis (Samantha Caine) and Samuel L. Jackson (Mitch Hennessey) star in "The Long Kiss Goodnight." Davis is a former superspy who has had amnesia; Jackson is a private detective who's helping her find out about her past. The two undergo a series of high-action close calls.

By Mitch Youngblood  
SKIFF STAFF

It seems that explosive violence and off-the-wall humor are the staples of every action picture these days, with the results mixed at best.

It's a relief to say that "The Long Kiss Goodnight" manages to surpass the high expectations its thrilling preview has set. While not quite as original as the ads would have you believe, "Long Kiss" still provides an entertaining time at the movies.

Granted, Geena Davis is not the first name that comes to mind when someone refers to action films, but she more than holds her own here. The combination of her formidable

acting skills with director-husband Renny Harlin's knack for tremendous action sequences would seem perfect, but anyone who remembers "Cutthroat Island," their last collaborative effort and the most expensive flop in Hollywood history, knows this is not so.

Now that Harlin is trying to make a sensible action film instead of the ultimate pirate movie, he is back to the levels of awe he took us to with "Cliffhanger" and "Die Hard 2."

Scribe Shane Black, who wrote the "Lethal Weapon" trilogy, has penned a story with everything and the kitchen sink thrown in, yet somehow makes it come across as thrilling fun instead of an overdone mess.

The story gets under way when suburban mom and school teacher Samantha Caine (Davis) is recognized on television by a rather disturbed individual in prison. He and the other bad guys know her as superspy/assassin Charly Baltimore. But unbeknownst to them, Charly has had amnesia for the last eight years and now is on the PTA of the small town in Pennsylvania where she lives. She also has a daughter, Caitlin, terrifically played by Yvonne Zima. Hal, Charly's loving fiance played by Tom Amandes, provides the film with emotion.

As a side project, Samantha has hired a string of detectives to find out about her past, which has started

coming back to her in flashes. She is currently on deadbeat private eye Mitch Hennessey (Samuel L. Jackson) who turns up more clues than anyone else. Jackson is an incredible actor who can make the most mundane dialog flow like wine, and he makes Hennessey much more than a great comic foil to Davis' straight-woman.

As Samantha and Hennessey start to uncover who Sam was, they go on the run to prevent her family from being attacked by the relentless villains led by Timothy (Craig Bierko). The more our heroes run, the closer they get to who Samantha was in the past. Then Charly finally emerges, mostly due to the record number of close calls the pair have.

The rest of the time is used to take down the bad guys, who are plotting a really nasty terrorist incident, and to show Charly simultaneously fighting evil and Sam's equally strong personality.

As you might guess from the ads, jaw-dropping action and glib repartee take the driver's seat here and audiences will not be disappointed. Hilarious one-liners fly just as fast as the countless bullets; Everything hits home.

"The Long Kiss Goodnight" may be predictable from scene to scene, but Harlin and Black are storytellers with enough talent to keep you on the edge of your seat from start to finish.

**Grade: B+**

## Davis donates dresses Planet Hollywood rolls out red carpet

By Mitch Youngblood  
SKIFF STAFF

A star descended on Dallas Oct. 3 in the form of newly blond Geena Davis. In town to promote her latest film, "The Long Kiss Goodnight," Davis donated two outfits from the movie to Planet Hollywood.

One was the dress she wears in the film as her character plummets several stories into an icy lake. The other was the bloodstained number she has on during the final moments of the last action sequence.

At the presentation, Davis was dressed in a white suit and flats. She dispelled the myth that all actors are shorter than they appear on screen because when she was standing three inches away from me, I found myself looking up and I am 6-foot-1-inch.

After she presented the costumes, she cut a ceremonial cake

honoring Planet Hollywood's five-year anniversary. She then walked back toward the stairs from whence she came but was confronted by an overzealous fan. After signing an autograph, Davis fled upstairs to the relative safety of the press, who had been interviewing her since 10 a.m.

About the only thing the onlookers outside got for their troubles was to stare at the honorary red carpet Planet Hollywood had laid down in front of the restaurant. People were expecting Davis to walk down the carpet and did not seem happy when she was a no-show.

The crowds inside, however, had several vantage points. The people at the reserved tables close to the stage where she spoke were ecstatic, while those pigeonholed back in the bar area were having to jump over one another to get a glimpse of the celebrity.



Mitch Youngblood SKIFF STAFF

Geena Davis unveils one of her costumes from "The Long Kiss Goodnight" to patrons at Dallas' Planet Hollywood. Davis donated two dresses to the restaurant Oct. 3.

## Screenplay ruins fine acting performances in 'The Chamber'



Francois Duhamel SKIFF STAFF

Chris O'Donnell stars as young lawyer Adam Hall in "The Chamber."

By Andy Summa  
SKIFF STAFF

When we were kids, there were always new toys that we wanted desperately, more than anything else in the world. Whether it was a new toy airplane or action figure, we would practically salivate for it.

But after weeks of anticipation, when we finally got the new toy, it was always somehow disappointing. It just wasn't as exciting as we'd thought it would be.

The same is true for "The Chamber."

After a string of highly successful John Grisham movies, including "The Firm," "A Time To Kill" and "The Client," expectations were high for the newest release. "The

The only things saving the movie are Hackman's and Dunaway's performances. Both are strong and moving in their somewhat constrictive rolls.

Chamber." Coupling that with provocative trailers, a hot young star and an Oscar-winning actor, hopes were understandably high for another big score in a long line of Grisham smashes.

But when we finally sit down in the theater to watch the new movie, it's hard not to be disappointed. If not for fine performances by Gene Hackman and Faye Dunaway, "The Chamber" would be an utter flop.

Based on the 1994 Grisham best-seller, "The Chamber" is about a

young lawyer, Adam Hall, who tries to defend convicted murderer and white supremacist Sam Cayhall. Cayhall has been sentenced to the gas chamber for the 1967 bombing murders of two small children.

The twist, of course, is that the young lawyer (Chris O'Donnell) is the killer's grandson.

However, Cayhall is unrepentant and isn't very responsive to Hall. But with his execution only 28 days away, Cayhall lets the "greenhorn"

lawyer do his job.

Hall tries to win clemency for his grandfather but faces political backlash. The only person who can save Cayhall — the governor — was the district attorney who won the conviction of Cayhall.

Undaunted, Hall tries to uncover the identity of his grandfather's accomplice and prove that Cayhall didn't act alone.

Unfortunately, the movie isn't that complicated. "The Chamber," though advertised as a thriller, doesn't have enough plot or action to be thrilling. The film starts off with a bang, but freefalls from there.

With only one other real plot twist, "The Chamber" is intended to be a runaway locomotive charging toward the climax. Instead, the film

limps raggedly to the end.

Director James Foley ("Glengarry Glen Ross," "Fear") does a credible job with this lame Grisham adaptation. But the film is only a cliched shell of other Grisham novels.

The only things saving the movie are Hackman's and Dunaway's performances. Both are strong and moving in their somewhat constrictive roles.

Dunaway, who plays Cayhall's alcoholic daughter, gives her character a perfect twinge of self-resentment and guilt. Hackman proves again why he's one of the best.

It's just too bad such splendid performances are wasted in such a disappointing movie.

**Grade: C-**

## Take a break, stop and smell the roses

If you're looking for somewhere to go for the Fall Break that's beautiful and relaxing while offering lots of things to do, your destination is only about a three-hour drive from here to East Texas.

Those that know me may think this is a very biased statement, since I hail from the Piney Woods of the Tyler/Longview area.

But believe me, East Texas is much more than the land of trailer parks that many people make it out to be. The beauty of the outdoors and the unique culture in this area are sometimes a surprise for first-time visitors.

Only an hour and a half from Fort Worth, Canton offers one of the oldest and most interesting flea markets in the nation, First Monday Trade Days.

First Monday is so much more than a flea market; The vendors sell animals, antiques, clothing, arts and crafts and just pure junk. The axiom that one person's junk is another person's treasure definitely applies here.

First Monday takes place the weekend preceding the first Monday of every month, regardless of the weather. So because many of the vendors are outside, make sure to bring a poncho or jacket for surprising Texas weather.

Wear good walking shoes, too. The market is spread over acres of grounds.

Vendors at First Monday offer great fresh lemonade, turkey legs, corn dogs and other carnival fare. Local cafes also serve great soul and Cajun food.

The market grounds are located off of Texas Highway 64, which is easily accessible from Interstate 20. Call (903) 567-6556 for more information.

Another great stop for Fall Break would be the Texas Rose Festival, which takes place in Tyler throughout the Fall Break weekend.

The Rose Festival has numerous activities for tourists and is topped off by the parade on Saturday morning. The floats feature the Rose Queen and her duchesses and ladies-in-waiting decked out in their magnificent, themed dresses.

If you miss the parade, the rose museum at the Municipal Rose Garden features many of the gowns worn by past Rose Queens (including TCU alumnae).

The garden itself consists of 22 acres filled with 500 varieties of roses and is located at West Front Street

(State Highway 31) and Rose Park Drive. For more information, call (903) 531-1212.

The Caldwell Zoo, also in Tyler, is one of the finest free zoos in the state. The 35-acre zoo began as the Caldwell family's menagerie and now showcases many barrier-free exhibits. Call (903) 593-0121 for more information about the zoo, located on Martin Luther King Boulevard, one block west of Highway 69.

Tyler also has claim to fame to one of the best camping sites, Tyler State Park, located on Farm Road 14. The 985-acre park features a spring-fed lake, hiking, canoeing, swimming and paddleboating.

A few miles down Highway 31 to Kilgore lies a treasure for history buffs. The East Texas Oil Museum, located on the corner of Henderson and Ross on the Kilgore College campus, chronicles the oil boom in the area and the oil business in general.

During Kilgore's heyday in the 1930s, a one-acre area of downtown was crammed with more than 1,000 oil wells, thus creating the area known as The World's Richest Acre.

Kilgore also is home to some of the best barbecue in Texas. The Country Tavern, located on Highway 31 between Tyler and Kilgore, cooks up scrumptious ribs, brisket and sausage. But don't expect much more when you ask for a menu. One, they don't have a menu, and two, that's all they serve.

For you antique buffs, both Gladewater and Big Sandy offer great stores for treasure hunting. Gladewater is located on Highway 271 northeast of Tyler and Big Sandy is not far away on Highway 155. Both are easy to get to from Interstate 20.

With over 14 antique malls, 15 antique shops and 250 antique dealers, Gladewater prides itself on being the Antiques Capital of East Texas.

While in Gladewater, try Peppers, a neat Chili's-like Mom and Pop joint on Main Street, or The Soda Fountain, a sandwich and ice cream shop just down the street.

Big Sandy's claim to fame is Annie's Tea Room, the restaurant that did the tea thing long before the new Victorian renaissance. Located on Tyler Street, the restaurant is joined by a bed and breakfast and a needle craft store of the same name.

Regardless of your interests, East Texas has something to offer, although it may take a bit of work to find some of the places.

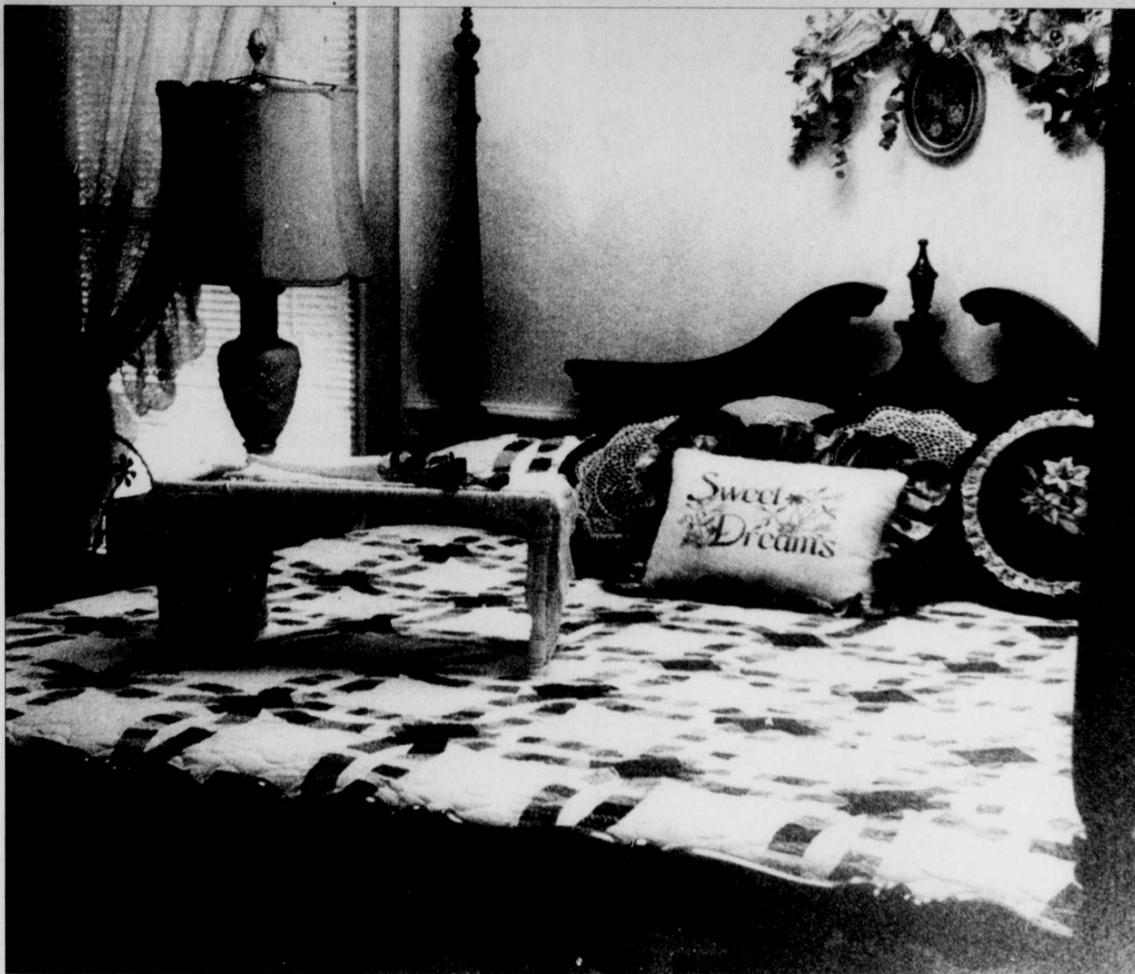
Sometimes, though, finding the treasure of a new, neat place or restaurant is enough pleasure in itself.

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The king-size four-poster bed at the Azalea Plantations beckons visitors for a good night's sleep.

## Get away around the corner

### Local bed and breakfasts offer peace, quiet, relaxation

By Dena Rains  
SKIFF STAFF

From romantic weekends to study escapes to places for parents or relatives to stay for campus events, local bed and breakfasts offer a getaway without leaving town.

Jamie McMains, owner of a Fort Worth bed and breakfast, The Texas White House, said she has several students every year who take refuge in her B&B to study in peace and quiet, away from the distracting college atmosphere.

If any B&B allows a TCU student to really concentrate on their studies it's The Texas White House.

#### The Texas White House

This B&B, located at 1417 Eighth Ave. in the hospital district, is decorated in a very simple, turn of the century Fort Worth style with little fluff or frills. Some neat points to notice are the intricate, hardwood floors, the detailed door frames, beautiful staircase and veranda porch with wicker chairs.

Because this B&B is simple doesn't mean it lacks luxurious amenities. The Texas White House offers its guests a full gourmet breakfast (served either in the dining room or in your bedroom), early morning coffee service, afternoon snacks and beverages, feather beds upon request, plush towels and other bath treats.

The three rooms of The Texas White House all have private baths and locks.

Because The Texas White House is a historic landmark of Fort Worth, no children or pets are allowed and smoking is only allowed on the front porch.

For more information about The Texas White House, call 923-3597.

Karen Taylor had dreamed for years of turning her house at 2251 Lipscomb St. (just outside Ryan Place) into a bed and breakfast. So she quit her job with TCU's Human Resources department in order to work on the house and prepare it for opening.

She and her husband Ivan Taylor, a senior user consultant with TCU's Information Services, opened their B&B, Bloomsbury House Bed and Breakfast, to the public Aug. 30.

The B&B boasts two rooms in the house and a third room still under renovation in the carriage house, which is located in the back yard. Each of the two house rooms has its own private bath.

Theresa's Room, located inside the house itself, is done very much in the English Victorian style with an inviting bay window.

The Teddy Bear Room, the other room in the house, has a sun porch and a huge four-poster bed.

For more information about Bloomsbury House Bed and Breakfast, call 921-2383.

#### Azalea Plantation

If the traditional B&B is what you desire, Azalea Plantation, located at 1400 Robinwood Drive, is the place for you. The plantation-style Fort Worth home offers two rooms inside the house itself (Cape Cod Room and the Rose of Sharon Room) as well as two apartment-style suites in the backyard. All rooms have private baths.

The rooms are decorated in a variety of styles, from Texas country to Amish quilt to Victorian rose.

Inkeepers Martha and Richard Linnartz offer a breakfast buffet on the weekends and a continental breakfast on the weekdays. The din-

ing room is placed in the formal style with different china placed for each day of the week. Martha Linnartz's huge collection of old and unusual china offers place settings for various seasons, such as spring-

time or Christmas. She even has azalea china to match the name of the B&B.

The B&B offers amenities such as

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Dena Rains SKIFF STAFF

Bloomsbury House Bed and Breakfast is a new venture by Horned Frogs Karen and Ivan Taylor.

## Camping perfect relief from stress

By Heather Hogan  
SKIFF STAFF

As mid-term pressures begin to reach smothering proportions and students tick off the minutes until Fall Break, many may be looking for an adventure that does not hold the fate of their academic future.

If rock climbing in an Oklahoma boulder field or canoeing the Brazos sounds like the remedy for mid-semester woes, there are many places not far from Fort Worth that promise to revive everyone from the die-hard adventure-hungry to those seeking a quiet day in the woods.

Ruby, a title clerk at Texas Parks and Wildlife (Parks and Wildlife employees are not allowed to give out their last names), said that most area campgrounds will have something to offer both the thrill-seeker and the amateur camper.

"Most people can find just about anything in the out-of-doors they want to do," she said.

#### Lake Mineral Wells

Lake Mineral Wells State Park is one such versatile campground, offering tent and screen-shelter camping, boating, fishing, hiking, backpacking, rock climbing and equestrian facilities.

Rebecca Coulborn, a senior French and biology double major and president of TCU's High Adventure Club, recommended Lake Mineral Wells, especially for beginning rock climbers.

Elaine Rice at Lake Mineral

Wells said prospective climbers need to bring their own equipment, and someone in the climbing group needs to have experience.

Rice said campers need to make reservations in advance for overnight camping. Prices at Mineral Wells range from \$8 per night for water-only tent camping to screen shelters at \$20 per night. There is also a \$2 per person park entry fee. The number to call for reservations at any state park is 512-389-8900.

Lake Mineral Wells allows a maximum of eight people or two cars per campsite or there is an additional charge, Rice said.

Coulborn warned campers that Lake Mineral Wells is not one of the bigger Texas parks and can get really crowded.

#### Camping at a 'mystic' lake

Caddo Lake State Park in East Texas is unique because of the "mystic beauty of the lake and the area itself," Park Manager Thomas Pritchard said.

Caddo Lake is the largest freshwater lake west of the Mississippi and contains over 70 different species of fish, Pritchard said. The park is also a major fly-away location for migratory birds heading south at this time of year, he said.

Campers at Caddo have access to hiking, fishing, canoeing and boating (canoes and boats are available

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## Traveling cheap is easier than you think

By Anne Drabicky  
SKIFF STAFF

Every year, students are faced with the same dilemma of trying to find a way to travel without having to spend a great deal of money.

Whether it's a Spring Break trip to the beach, a Christmas visit to see family or a simple weekend getaway, students have several ways available to help themselves in these travels.

One choice many students make is to get the help of a travel agency, such as Gulliver's Travel Service Inc., 2800 S. Hulen St.

Cindy McCoy, a travel consultant with the agency, said there are different programs for each student or group of students who wish to travel. One service offered by Gulliver's

Travel is Bargain Finder, a computer program that helps students find cheaper ways to achieve their ultimate destinations.

McCoy said, "We will price out a preferred itinerary and then put Bargain Finder on it. Sometimes we can save people a couple of hundred dollars."

Bargain Finder is not unique to the agency, but it is provided as a free service "just so students can have the option to save," McCoy said.

Susie Boysen, owner of Gulliver's Travel, said the agency can "put the formulas into the computer, and if there is anything available on any airlines, we can sell it to you."

She said a student wanted to travel from Dallas to Boston, where on a

regular airline the cost would have been around \$800. With Bargain Finder, the student was able to get the cost down to \$161.

She said the student had to change planes once, but the savings were huge.

#### Creating your own savings

Students often create their own ways to save as well.

Matt Pedersen, a senior criminal justice major, said he and his friends usually carpool and split the costs of the expenses.

But two of his friends had to formulate a better idea when they became stranded during a blizzard in a small town between Colorado and Arizona.

"They had no money, so they went to the local jail and asked if

they could stay there. There was an empty cell, so they just spent the night," Pedersen said.

Tonya Rose, a junior graphic design major, said she often takes road trips on the spur of the moment.

"It's always fun to go on the spur of the moment, but you should always take a credit card in case something happens," she said.

On her trip back to Fort Worth from a visit to Kentucky, she realized how important that "just-in-case credit card" really is. One of the windows in her car got stuck open... while she was driving through a blizzard.

"We had to stop in some little town and get duct tape and card-

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at the concessions shop). Prices at Caddo are \$8 per night for tent camping and \$16 for screen shelters.

**Canoeing**

There are a number of canoeing sites in North Texas (and farther away as well), but one that some TCU students have already explored is Rochelle's near Grayford. Rochelle's offers half-day, full-day and overnight trips down the Brazos River. There are tent campsites available at Rochelle's and natural campsites along the river for the overnight trips as well.

Joyce Rochelle, owner of Rochelle's, said some TCU students have already made reservations for Brazos canoe trips.

Rochelle's provides an hourly shuttle which costs \$10 to \$15 to transport people and their supplies from the main campsite to the river.

The cost of Rochelle's canoe trips are \$25 for a day trip and \$40 for an overnight trip. A \$10 deposit is also required for paddles and life jackets and is refunded after the trip.

Coulborn said she also recommended the Big Thicket National

Reserve in East Texas, especially for those interested in hiking, and the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge in Oklahoma, where the High Adventure Club went the weekend of Oct. 4 through Oct. 6.

Coulborn said Wichita has great rock climbing and rappelling, not to mention spectacular scenery. On one side of the Wichita mountains is a dry desert and huge boulder fields, and on the other side is a lush, green valley, she said.

Wichita also can get fairly crowded, Coulborn said.

Ruby warned prospective campers to be prepared for the sudden, extreme temperatures a Texas autumn can bring. She also said snakes are beginning hibernation during this season. She warns hikers to step on and away from rocks, logs and other snake hideouts.

Texas Parks and Wildlife provides basic information, addresses and information numbers for all Texas State Parks, as well as special events taking place in parks state wide. Call 1-800-792-1112 for more information.

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board (to fix the window), and we rode with the heater on full blast through all of Kentucky, Tennessee and Arkansas," Rose said.

Rose said students should also consider taking the bus.

"Bus tickets are really cheap, but it does take a little longer," she said. Boysen said students can get to the same places by bus, but it will take almost twice as long to get there.

She said the agency deals mainly with trips students take by plane, rather than trips by train or bus.

"It is just as expensive or more for trains and buses, but it takes much longer," she said, so those are not usually options offered to students.

A few charter airlines, like Sunjet and Western Pacific, offer good discounts for students and don't require an advance purchase.

Airlines also offer "breakaway fares," she said, where students leave on a Saturday and return Monday or Tuesday.

"These fares are deeply discounted," she said.

**Using the Net**

For those who are more computer-oriented, there are also discount offers on the Internet.

"Every week, airlines offer Netsaver fares on Wednesday for travel the following Saturday," Boysen said. "You can only get these on the computer, and you have to come back Monday."

Boysen said one student was able to find a round-trip ticket to New York for \$150 by using this method.

Kristin Koch, a senior psychology major, said she worked through a travel agent to find the best and cheapest prices for her trip to Scotland this summer.

"We worked really closely with

the travel agency, especially with AAA. You don't have to pay them (AAA), and they help you find the cheapest rates," she said.

She said another way to save money is to make sandwiches instead of spending money on food; "that way you're not constantly eating out."

Jay Dull, a junior marketing and management major, said his advice on how to save money on road trips is simple.

"Don't stop... except for gas. And don't even do that until you're almost out."

Koch said that planning a trip or going on the spur of the moment depends on where you want to go.

"But you should at least plan how to get there and how to get back and how to get around while you're there," she said.

**Travel Tips**

**Plan Ahead.**

The more advance notice the airlines have, the better availability of lower fares

**Travel with a group.**

With over 10 people, you can always negotiate for a lower rate.

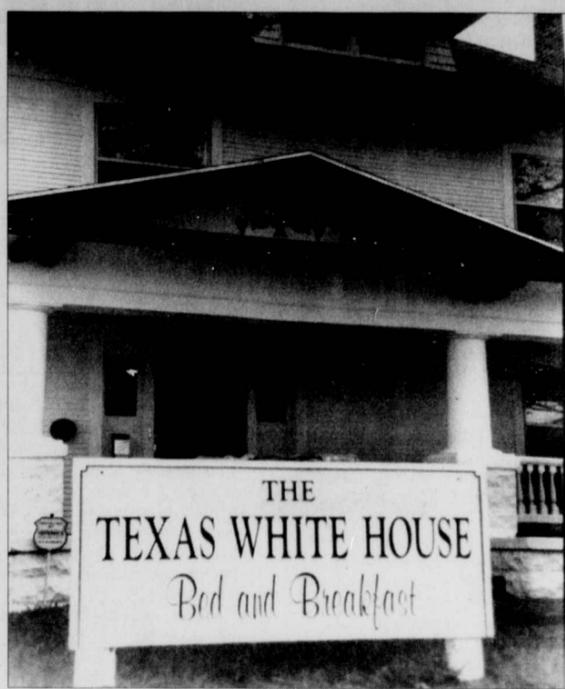
**Be flexible.**

Be willing to change planes, stay over a Saturday or until a certain day to get a reduced rate.

Susie Boysen GULLIVER'S TRAVEL

**B&Bs**

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Dena Rains SKIFF STAFF

The Texas White House is a simple bed and breakfast perfect for study escapes.

televisions in every room, terrycloth robes, early morning coffee service and detailed maps of the area. They will even make dinner reservations for you.

Children are allowed at this outdoor oriented B&B. The Azalea Plantation also boasts a gazebo and wooden yard swing, and volleyball, basketball goal, horseshoes and croquet are available.

For more information about Azalea Plantation, call 838-5882.

Other area bed and breakfasts include Miss Molly's Hotel Bed & Breakfast (109 W. Exchange in the Stockyards) and The Colony Bed &

Breakfast (2611 Glendale Ave.).

If the ultimate bed and breakfast experience is what you want, try traveling about three hours east to the town of Jefferson. This far-East Texas town boasts over 38 bed and breakfasts and markets itself as the Bed and Breakfast Capitol of Texas.

The town plays host to the Jefferson Pilgrimage in May, Mardi Gras in February, a jazz festival, a Taste of Jefferson and a Christmas Boat Parade on nearby Lake O' The Pines.

For more information about the numbers of inns or festivals in the town, call (903) 665-2672.

*Halloween is fast approaching.*  
Send us your favorite ghost stories to be published in our special Halloween edition. E-mail, mail or walk stories to the Skiff by noon October 28.

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individualism and self-help. Democrats believe government programs solve problems. Republicans believe people helping people solves problems. We know that wealth explodes from the activities of free people and free markets.

In Ronald Reagan's first inaugural speech in 1981, he said, "We are a nation that has a government, not the other way around. All of us need to be reminded that the federal government did not create the states; but the states created the federal government."

We currently have a government that is so big, we work from Jan. 1 to May 15 just to pay our yearly taxes. The size of the bureaucracy is so great that it takes 72 cents out of every welfare dollar just to distribute welfare.

That's right: Out of every dollar allotted to welfare recipients, the

people who actually need the money only get the leftover 28 cents per dollar.

Other figures show the government's priorities, or lack thereof. Currently we have 5,300 drug enforcement agents, 4,300 border patrol agents and — here's a good one — 111,000 IRS agents. Where are our priorities?

We can and must do better. I hope that everyone will take the time to be informed on the issues that face us all and participate in the political process. The power held over us by those in office is immense. We must do our part to ensure the right things are being done and to not let our freedoms erode away.

Paul Sorrells, a senior political science major, is president of the TCU College Republicans.

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because of all the years the government kept kicking them down, you are a liberal.

If you scored high on this scale take another look at the candidates up for election in November. Make an informed

choice. Then go out and vote!

Sondra Haltom, a junior political science major, is president of the TCU Young Democrats. Her e-mail address is schaltom@delta.is.tcu.edu.

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To learn more about these programs, visit with the professors during Family Weekend Saturday, October 12, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon in the Student Center

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**Baseball needs more fans like Maier**  
NEW YORK (AP) — Baseball needs more fans like 12-year-old Jeff Maier, not fewer.

This is not an endorsement for more audience participation. There's too much already. But on this particular night, when this particular kid leaned over the right-field wall in Yankee Stadium and stuck out his glove, he did more than just help out Derek Jeter and his New York teammates.

He did baseball a big favor because he made it smile. He made us all smile, if only for a moment. Try to remember the last time baseball did that.

"I wasn't trying to turn around the outcome of the game," Jeff said. "I was just trying to get a ball."

At first, he felt bad about botching his chance, but not for long. And as soon as they realized what he'd done, others felt worse. Orioles manager Davey Johnson got angry enough to get tossed out of the game. Umpire Rich Garcia admitted later that he blew the call.

"I thought the ball was going out of the ballpark," Garcia said.

Under major league rules, if a spectator clearly prevents a fielder from catching a ball, the batter is out. But that was not the ruling in the eighth inning Wednesday night. Instead, Garcia ruled the ball Jeff rerouted into the seats a home run. That tied the game 4-4, and New York went on to win 5-4 in the 11th.

**Maddux flops again in postseason**

ATLANTA (AP) — For all the regular-season brilliance, this has become an all-too-familiar sight for Greg Maddux in the postseason.

Face staring at the ground. Glove carried limply in his right hand. His confident walk reduced to a beaten gait.

Once again Thursday night, the best pitcher of a generation was reduced to a mere mortal in the playoffs. Even facing the St. Louis Cardinals, a team he had dominated over the past two seasons, Maddux looked more like a batting practice pitcher.

Six and two-third innings. Nine hits. Eight runs.

The final blow was delivered by Gary Gaetti, who deposited a belt-high fastball into the left-field stands for a grand slam in the seventh inning to give the Cardinals an 8-3 victory and a 1-1 tie in the best-of-7 NL championship series.

Maddux's head jerked around and a pained grimace engulfed his face as Gaetti's hit rocketed out of the park. There was no objection, of course, when manager Bobby Cox arrived at the mound a few seconds later to take the ball from Maddux's hands.

As always, the crowd stood to cheer the four-time Cy Young Award winner as he walked toward the dugout, but he never looked up.

Even though only three of the eight runs were earned—a throwing error by third baseman Chipper Jones was the only reason Gaetti came to bat in the seventh—Maddux couldn't blame this one on his teammates. He struggled all night, and not just on the mound.

**Flyers 5 Kings 4, OT**

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Rod Brind'Amour scored 33 seconds into overtime Thursday night to give the Philadelphia Flyers a 5-4 victory over the Los Angeles Kings, who had rallied to tie with three goals in the third period.

Brind'Amour found himself alone in the slot and wristed a shot by Kings goalie Bryon Dafeo for his 500th career point.

Los Angeles scored three times less in than four minutes to tie it at 4-4 in regulation. Ray Ferraro got the tying goal with 4:59 remaining.

Flyers goalie Ron Hextall missed the game with the flu. Philadelphia also played without center Eric Lindros, who has yet to play this season because of a groin injury.

# Frogs try to end skid at home

## THE SKIFF SPORTS EDGE BOX

TCU

VS.

UTEP

**Passing offense:** TCU will go with its second mystery at the QB position this season. Fred Taylor, who is starting his first game at the Division I-A level, will have the burden of bringing the offense back to respectability. The Frogs have averaged 10 points in their last three games, all of them lopsided losses.



**Passing defense:** The secondary is still depleted, with injuries to CB Godfrey White and FS Barry Browning. DEs Matt Harper and Chance McCarty must put pressure on QBs Matt Hickl and Leonard Lilja, whom have both seen lots of action this season. The TCU pass defense must end its trend of making average quarterbacks look good.



**Rushing offense:** TCU has yet to establish a primary running back. Basil Mitchell, John Williams and Sterling Boyd will once again get a chance to distinguish themselves. C Ryan Tucker and the offensive line will carry a heavy burden, as UTEP brings in the No. 1-rated defense in the WAC.



**Rushing defense:** The Frogs defense must stop someone; TCU has given up 882 yards on the ground in its three losses. But UTEP does not have a rusher with more than 10 carries who averages more than 4 yards a rush, so this may be the first time the Frogs have held an opponent under 100 yards rushing since Oklahoma.



**Special teams:** P Royce Huffman has been consistent during the Frogs' skid with a 44.6 average. PK Michael Reeder (no FGs) hasn't been a factor in the last two games. This squad must rebound from a poor performance against Tulane.



**Intangibles:** The Frogs have been outscored 113-31 in the last three games. TCU will hope for a spark from Taylor's presence, but how long will that last? The rest of the team must wake up from a deep, three-game snooze.



By Gregor Esch  
SKIFF STAFF

**Passing defense:** The Miners lead the WAC in passing defense, and are 21st nationally in total defense. The UTEP secondary has grabbed four picks, including one that CB Michael Hicks took 40 yards for a score. UTEP has allowed WAC opponents only 101.5 passing yards a game, although the team would rather have wins in those games.

**Passing offense:** Against New Mexico State, UTEP put up only nine attempts, and only 13 against Northern Illinois. QB Matt Hickl's 76 yards rushing against Northern Illinois is indicative of his preference to run out of the pro set. Usual starter Lenny Lilja is listed on the DL as day-to-day with a bruised knee.

**Rushing defense:** Charlie Bailey's team has made vast improvements from '95 to '96, and through the first five games, it has allowed 440 less yards than the same point last season. UTEP also has four fumble recoveries for 15 points, something TCU doesn't want to hear. LB Michael Comer routinely shuts down holes in the line.

**Rushing offense:** UTEP had to replace Toraino Singleton, who gained over 2,600 yards in two years, and TB Joseph Polk seems to be the most worthy option. Polk rushed for 148 yards against New Mexico State and 104 yards last week against Utah. The Miners didn't score a rushing TD until the third game of the season, however.

**Special teams:** K Jon Olsen already has more field goals than the entire 1995 season. The Miners recovered a fumbled punt for a TD and ran a kickoff back 90 yards against San Jose State, although the return was called back.

**Intangibles:** UTEP, like TCU, is going to have to wipe the Crisco off their hands to compete Saturday. The Miners' 2.2 turnovers per game just won't cut it. The winner of this game will escape from the WAC Mountain Division cellar.

By Richmond Williams  
SKIFF STAFF



TCU head coach Pat Sullivan hopes to signal many touchdowns on Saturday. The Frogs have scored just 31 points in their last three games.

## Frogs to face No. 1 WAC defense against Miners

By Meredith Webb  
SKIFF STAFF

After being trounced by Tulane University, the battered TCU Horned Frog football team will face the University of Texas-El Paso Miners at 7:05 p.m. Saturday in Amon Carter Stadium.

The game marks the first home Western Athletic Conference game for TCU since joining the conference this season.

In UTEP, the Frogs (1-3, 0-1) will face the No. 1-ranked defense in the conference. "UTEP is a strong defensive team, and it's going to be a challenge for us," said senior Ryan Tucker. "We are all willing to accept that challenge."

TCU head coach Pat Sullivan said the team's morale could use a boost.

"The biggest thing our team needs now is a little confidence. That'll turn things around," Sullivan said. "Somebody needs to step up and make some plays. One or two plays here or there will spark (us)."

Life has not been kind to this team so far this season. The Frogs have lost their last three games by scores of 52-17, 27-7 and 35-7.

"A couple of turnovers early, and by the end of the first quarter it is a real negative funky situation," Sullivan said. "What we have got to do is play solid football."

The Miners' defense has vastly improved since last season. UTEP (2-3, 0-2) has given up 440 fewer rushing yards and 367 fewer passing yards than they had at this point last year.

As far as UTEP's defensive system goes, Sullivan said it is pretty simple. "They are probably the simplest scheme

people that we play," Sullivan said. "They don't really do a whole lot. They are very sound, and they challenge you to make some plays."

Making plays is where this team seems to be having trouble. TCU has given up an average of 294 yards during its three-game losing streak.

Sullivan said that fundamental mistakes are hurting the team.

"(We need to) eliminate some mistakes, blocking, tackling and turnovers. If we could do that for 60 minutes and not fall into the funk in the first quarter that gets everybody into that 'Aw man, here we go again,' hopefully stuff will happen and players will play with more confidence."

Unfortunately for the Frogs, injuries have been a problem all season long, and will again be a concern Saturday.

"(The injury situation) hasn't changed much," said Sullivan. "Koi Woods is still in the situation he'll be in every week; he doesn't practice much, maybe a little bit on Thursday, because of his knee. Tavarus Moore (fractured left thumb) is obviously still out. Bernard Oldham (sprained ankle) looked a little bit better yesterday. Basil Mitchell didn't practice, but I expect him back."

Despite the slow start this season, Sullivan said he is still confident that TCU can achieve a third consecutive winning season, which the team has not accomplished since 1957-59.

"I think our chances are good," Sullivan said. "We've still got seven more games to go. Football is a crazy game. That's just my approach."

## New QB Taylor prepared to start

By Meredith Webb  
SKIFF STAFF

A man of not so many words, Fred Taylor somehow came up with plenty to say about his first start at quarterback in a purple and white uniform.

A junior-college transfer from Hinds Community College in Utica, Miss., Taylor has experienced the full gamut of emotions when it comes to the game of football.

"I am the type of person who likes to win and likes to contribute," Taylor said Thursday, two days before his first start as a Division I-A quarterback. "Standing on the sidelines, not being able to contribute to the team, is sickening."

Taylor said his love of football began as a child.

"When I was small, I just thought football was everything," Taylor said. "Growing up in the neighborhood, I wanted to be a wide receiver, 'cause my best friend was a good receiver and I wanted to compete against him."

"The older guys would pump us up. They would say 'Mike's better than you' or 'Fred's better than you,' but there was no quarterback in the neighborhood to throw us the ball," he said. "I would just throw the ball, and everybody said 'Man, you needed to play quarterback,' but I wanted to play receiver."

One day of throwing the ball in front of some interested people changed his choice.

"So one day my dad and I were playing in the street, and a couple of my coaches from high school and junior high were like 'You need to play quarterback,'" Taylor said. "It just stuck with me."

It stuck with him so well that Taylor was named a 1995 first-team junior college All-American. He was also named National Junior College

Offensive Player of the Year and the Mississippi Amateur Athlete of the Year. *College Sports* magazine named him as its National Junior College Male Athlete of the Year.

"I was ready to start when I signed (with TCU)," Taylor said. "It's hard coming from a juco, and starting for two years, then coming in and not being able to start and watching your team suffer. There are just certain things you have to deal with. You don't feel good about them, but you deal with them."

Taylor said the main reason he came to TCU was because there was an opening at the quarterback position.

"The schools I was getting recruited by all had steady quarterbacks at the time, except TCU," he said. "When they offered me the opportunity to come in and try for a starting position and play, I came. When you come from a junior college you only have two years left."

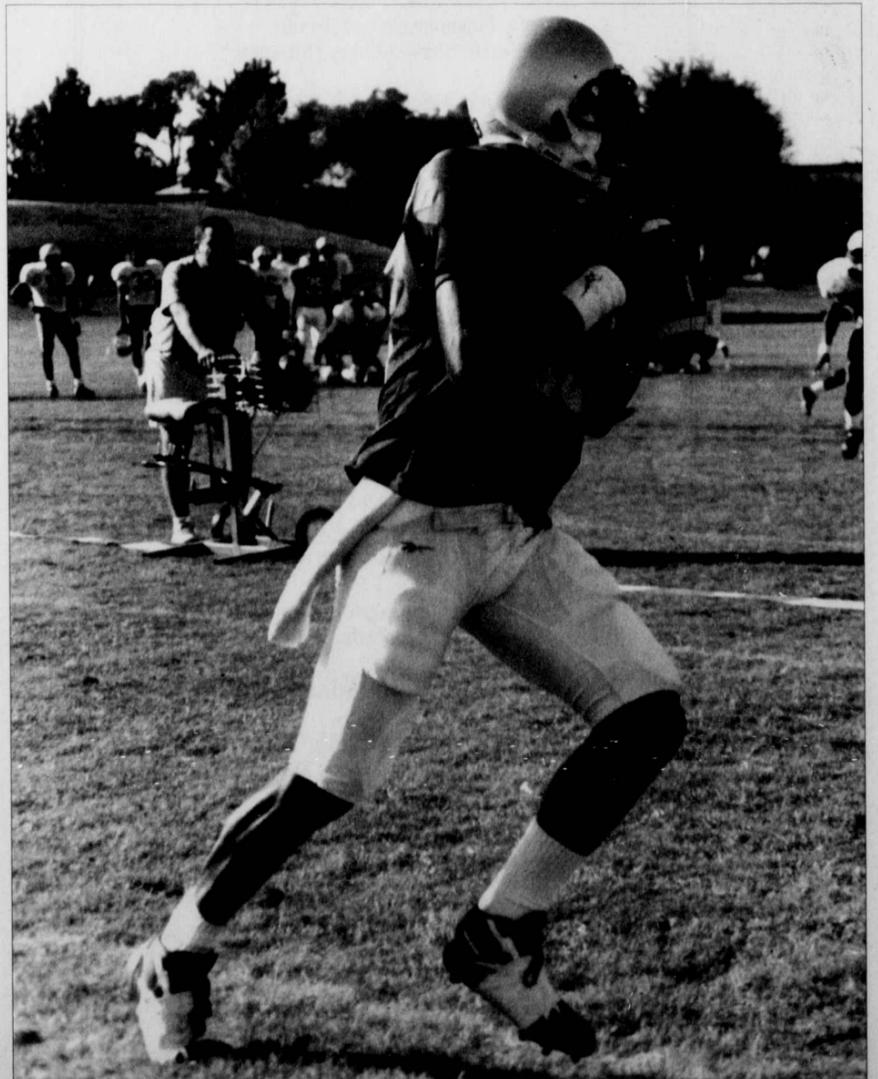
Taylor now gets his chance to shine under the lights at Amon Carter Stadium, along with a team that has suffered a lot of errors and big losses.

"It is tiresome," Taylor said. "You work so hard, you get down in scoring position, and you turn it over, or it's one-two-three-kick, and your defense is out there the whole game. It's hard."

Taylor takes over as the quarterback and inherits a badly bruised offensive line.

"You just have to fight through it," Taylor said. "They (the offense) have done a good job so far. They have seen so many different looks. When I am in the game or when (Jeff) Dover is in the game, they have a lot to think about."

Taylor will walk out onto the field with a home crowd to cheer him on Saturday as he makes his first start as a Horned Frog quarterback.



TCU junior quarterback Fred Taylor rolls out during offensive drills in football practice Wednesday. Taylor, a junior-college transfer, will be making his first start at the Division I-A level Saturday when the Frogs face the University of Texas-El Paso.

Pulse

# Men's soccer to begin WAC play

## Orioles 5, Yankees 3

NEW YORK (AP) — There were no 12-year-olds to foul things up for the Orioles this time.

Rafael Palmeiro hit a two-run homer in the seventh inning Thursday, lifting Baltimore to a 5-3 victory over the New York Yankees to even the American League championship series at one win apiece.

Palmeiro's shot to right-center off loser Jeff Nelson snapped a 2-2 tie and gave the Orioles a reason to celebrate less than 24 hours after a win in Game 1 was stolen away by a 12-year-old Yankees fan.

The youngster, Jeff Maier, had leaned over the right-field wall and interfered with Orioles' outfielder Tony Tarasco in the eighth inning of Wednesday's game, turning a routine flyout into a game-tying homer by Derek Jeter. The Yankees went on to win the game 5-4 in 11 innings.

The best-of-7 series shifts to Baltimore's Camden Yards for Game 3 on Friday night.

With the score tied 2-2, Roberto Alomar doubled down the left-field line with one out in the seventh off Nelson. Palmeiro hit a 3-1 pitch over the wall in right-center.

Baltimore starter David Wells pitched out of trouble in the fifth and sixth innings before leaving with runners at first and second in the seventh. Wells gave up eight hits over 6 2-3 innings for the win.

## Tech aware of player's grades, paper says

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas Tech officials let wide receiver Malcolm McKenzie play in last year's Copper Bowl even though he may have had a class grade he did not earn, the *Houston Chronicle* reported Thursday.

The *Chronicle* said the grade in a junior college American history class allowed McKenzie to return to Texas Tech for the 1995 season after he had been placed on scholastic suspension.

The professor in the class told Tech officials more than a week before the Dec. 27 game that he had been "conned" into giving McKenzie an A in the class, the newspaper said, citing documents it said it had obtained.

The *Chronicle* characterized the matter as a potential breach of NCAA regulations that could have serious consequences for the Lubbock school.

San Antonio College history professor Thomas M. Settles wrote to the registrar's office at the junior college on Dec. 12, 1995, saying he had changed the A to a B, the grade McKenzie actually had earned, because the player had not completed an extra-credit assignment.

Settles wrote that he initially turned in McKenzie's grade as an A instead of a B and assigned extra-credit work because he knew the player needed an A to retain his scholarship at Tech.

Settles said in his letter that a Tech assistant football coach, David Moody, had been aware of and helped facilitate the arrangement.

## Toyota dealers settle with Cowboys star

DALLAS (AP) — The North Texas Toyota Dealers Association reached an agreement Thursday with Michael Irvin in its \$1.4 million lawsuit against the Dallas Cowboys wide receiver.

A confidentiality agreement kept terms of the deal under wraps.

"We just agreed we wouldn't discuss any of the terms of the settlement, but my client is pleased with it," said Irvin's attorney Donald Godwin. "Mr. Irvin is very pleased now to be able to focus his energies on his family and his life and going back to playing football."

The suit will be dismissed when the settlement is submitted next week to state District Judge Candace Tyson for approval, Godwin said.

By Patricio Crooker  
SKIFF STAFF

The TCU men's soccer team will play its first Western Athletic Conference game at 1 p.m. Sunday when the Frogs take on the University of Tulsa at the TCU soccer field.

TCU head coach David Rubinson said the Hurricanes are a team the Frogs can beat.

"I think there is certainly an opportunity to win the game," Rubinson said.

Rubinson said he hopes all his starters will be ready for the match. Several have been out of action for the last few games with minor injuries.

"I am hoping they will be back," Rubinson said. "I am hoping we have our (best) team on the field."

Rubinson said the team is struggling to work as a unified whole.

"When everybody works hard, and they come together as a team, we expect something good to happen," Rubinson said.

Tulsa head coach Tom McIntosh said in a statement that he expects tough competition from WAC opponents this week.

"We have a lot of work on this

week to prepare for our first WAC games against SMU and TCU," he said. "They are both very good teams and present a big challenge to us."

Tulsa (6-5) will play its first WAC game against 18th-ranked Southern Methodist University (8-3) today.

The Hurricanes will bring stand-out freshman midfielder Robbie Aristodemo to TCU. Aristodemo, who plays for the Canadian National Team, leads the Hurricanes in scoring with seven goals and four assists. He ranks third in scoring among Midwest Region teams. Rubinson said the TCU defense has to shut down Aristodemo to win.

Junior defense Robert Burns said the game will be a difficult one.

"We should have four starters returning," Burns said. "That should help us a lot."

Burns said Sunday's game should be better than past games.

Senior midfielder and captain of the team Kyle Sawai said TCU has to do well on Sunday to salvage the season.

"If we want to succeed this year we have to do well in the WAC," Sawai said.



TCU junior defender Lawson Boothe works out during men's soccer practice Thursday. The Frogs (5-6), trying to end a five-game losing streak, take on the University of Tulsa at 1 p.m. Sunday at the TCU soccer field.

# Former high school standout an outstanding defensive end

By Gregor Esch  
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The TCU defense became bigger, stronger, quicker and smarter all in one day in December 1995.

On that day, Matt Harper decided to transfer from Stanford University after two years to move closer to home. TCU and Harper couldn't be more pleased with that decision.

The junior defensive end said deciding where to transfer was easy. Harper said he was impressed with TCU coaches in his initial visit to TCU while he was in high school.

"I had a good feeling about TCU from my senior year in high school," he said. "(Former TCU quarterback and high school teammate) Max Knake had told me good things about it and I really liked Coach (Pat) Sullivan."

TCU head coach Pat Sullivan said: "From the first day that Matt got here, he has gone nonstop. Every day he tries to improve himself, from the weight room to the practice field. Matt is one of our premier football players."

Harper, 22, said he originally chose Stanford because he enjoyed being recruited by more prestigious schools. Besides Stanford, Harper received

inquiries from Florida State University, Vanderbilt University, the University of Georgia and the University of Notre Dame.

"When you look at a program, you don't need to always look at wins and losses," he said. "You also look at how they treat players, and these coaches couldn't treat a person any better. Their door is always open."

## A powerful player

The 6-foot-6-inch, 260-pound Harper adds dimensions to the defensive line that coach Bob Fello has not been used to in his two years at TCU.

"He's a bigger body at the defensive end position than we've had in the two years I've been here," Fello said. "He's athletic like (former defensive end) Chris Piland, but he's much bigger and stronger than Chris."

## A star high school athlete

The McKinney High School product grew up in a football atmosphere. His father, Charles, had a seven-year career with the New York Giants, and Harper went to all of his older brother's high school games. Harper said it was easy to develop a great love for football and a desire to excel at it.

Harper was a two-sport athlete in high school. He was rated among Texas' top 100 football recruits by

several magazines and was a power-hitting first baseman in baseball. He said TCU first tried to recruit him by promising him an opportunity to play both sports.

"I gave playing both sports a lot of thought, but keeping up with school work was my major concern," he said.

Harper knew he would have to sit out for a season after transferring because of NCAA rules. That year was difficult for Harper to handle.

"You do everything with the team except play in a game," he said. "When I had to sit in the stands during games I was at a loss because I couldn't do anything to help the team."

## Getting on the field

The uncontrollable circumstance was what made Harper eager to begin spring practice in 1996. However, Harper broke his hand in the last drill of the last day of the offseason and was out for virtually all of spring practice.

"I was in the best shape of my life and ready to go and then my hand's broken," he said. "It was hard not to get down on myself. It was frustrating, but you've just got to find a way to help the team anyway you can."

"It was definitely a shot to my ego," Harper, a business major, finally got a chance to shine on the football



Junior defensive end Matt Harper (91) works out against offensive lineman Jeff Millican during practice Wednesday. Harper, a transfer from Stanford, was an improvement to the Frog defense, coaches said.

field again in this year's season opener against University of Oklahoma. Harper was a defensive force in the Frogs' only victory of the season, recording two sacks.

Harper has been the most consistent player on defense this season and definitely has been worth the wait,

said TCU defensive coordinator Pat Henderson.

"Matt has all the tools to be a great player," he said. "He's big, he's athletic and very intelligent on the field. He's an avid student of the game."

Harper and the Frogs believe good things come to those who wait.

# Fans enticed by playoff bid

Tom Petty perhaps put it best with the verse, "The waiting is the hardest part."

It has been 24 years of waiting for loyal Texas Rangers fans, who have gone a long time without hearing the crack of the bat in October.

Much to the delight of the players and their fans, and maybe even Tom, the Rangers finally made it into the postseason. Now there is no shame in standing and saying, "I'm a Texas Rangers fan."

I began to think that I would be able to amble before I saw any playoff action in these parts. Watching the Rangers personify mediocrity for all those seasons made some fans lose their hair. (Well, that's what I tell people for my particular situation anyway.)

The Rangers had been the only team besides the Florida Marlins (who entered the major leagues in 1993) never to make the postseason. Even the 3-year-old Colorado Rockies made it for goodness sake!

This year's team had to exorcise the ghosts of all those teams, which made the task of getting off the playoff slide that much tougher. Texas led the American League West by nine games with only 17 left, but the question still lingered: Would they crumble?

Well, they cracked but they didn't crumble. Past teams might have folded, especially after being swept by Seattle in four games in late September. However, this team was refreshingly different.

The players were executing the

fundamentals and leading the league in defense, something that is as rare as an agreement between President Clinton and Pat Buchanan. The pitchers were shaky at times (so you knew that you were actually still watching the Rangers), but were serviceable, and the offense wasn't swinging for the fences all the time.

Chemistry and resiliency were finally premium features on the team. How many teams have there been in the history of baseball that lost 10 games in the ninth inning, never came back to win a game when down in the ninth inning and still were able to win their division? The 1996 Rangers have to be one of very few who fit that category.

The playoff journey was short for the Rangers, as they were ousted in four games by the New York Yankees. The Rangers led in all four games, but couldn't hold the lead in the final three. The Rangers' deficiencies were on display in October this time, instead of in the normal June swoon.

There is now more pressure on management to make the team into a championship contender instead of just a division contender. Fans will not be satisfied by first-round losses every year.

Improving the pitching once again should be the top priority. The bullpen was obviously the reason for the Rangers' short venture into the playoffs. The Rangers must again find someone to close games. "Closer" Mike Henneman wanted to retire before the season and he sure pitched like those were his intentions.

Henneman was awful with an ERA over six. Closer was the perfect adjective to describe Henneman's role as he, for all intents and purposes, closed the book on the season with another blown save in Game 3. The Rangers should brief Jeff Russell into retirement. Montreal closer Mel Rojas or

Toronto closer Mike Timlin, who may be granted free agency, would be attractive.

Ranger management restored the faith of players and fans by trading for pitcher John Burkett for the stretch run. This showed winning is first on owners' agendas, but at least one more starter is needed. Can you say Roger Clemens? Ownership needs to do whatever it takes to bring this Texas pitching legend into town.

Had it not been for Juan Gonzalez's superhuman efforts against the Yankees (five HRs in four games), the pitching failures wouldn't have mattered. Gonzalez got no help from the eight other players though.

Will Clark might have become the most overrated \$5 million player in history. Clark was signed with the postseason in mind. After a dreadful .125 batting average in the playoff series the Rangers must be open to a possible change at the position. Clark's best days are definitely behind him. Ditto for designated hitter Mickey Tettleton, who hit worse than Clark in the series. Jaun Gonzalez can't have two guys in decline hitting behind him in the lineup.

The Rangers also can't expect shortstop Kevin Elster to duplicate one of the greatest professional comebacks in history. They must be careful not to grossly overpay him.

The most viable candidate to bring the greatest return in a trade is third baseman Dean Palmer. He is young (27) and has a lot of power (38 home runs), even though the timing of the long balls is suspect. Palmer's defense is erratic, but it has improved.

This year was a delicious appetizer for Rangers fans, but now ownership must cook the main course to perfection.

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# Stars top Rangers 2-1 for third straight win

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NEW YORK — The Wayne Gretzky Era is hardly off to a sparkling start in New York.

Andy Moog's brilliant goaltending helped the Dallas Stars beat the Rangers 2-1 Thursday night, keeping New York winless in its first four games.

"It's mostly disappointing more than anything; it's the same situation we've seen in the last few games," Gretzky said.

Moog made 30 saves, many of them spectacular, and was at his best in the third period with New York storming the net and the Stars clinging to a 2-1 lead.

His biggest save came on Gretzky, Moog's former teammate at Edmonton. Moog made a toe save on the Great One's blazing shot from the left circle in the last 10 minutes.

"He didn't look old, but he'll feel it tomorrow," Dallas coach Ken Hitchcock said of the 36-year-old Moog. "He's a competitor. If he stays healthy, he can play all the big games. He's going to be a big factor for us."

The Rangers (0-2-2) were missing captain Mark Messier, who was serving the second game of a suspension for a hitting-from-behind penalty on Mike Hough in last Sunday's game against Florida.

"They were missing a great player," said Dallas forward Pat Verbeek, who set up both of the Stars' goals. "It's a lot more difficult winning with Messier in the lineup."

The Stars won their third straight — their best start since moving to Dallas from Minnesota for the 1993-94 season.

"We've made some changes in our attitude and got some new personnel," Moog said. "We have a lot more going for us on the ice."

Benoit Hogue and Brent Gilchrist scored for Dallas, which took a 2-0 lead early in the second period. Hogue scored from the side of the net off a great pass from Richard Matvichuk at the blue line at the 28-second mark, and Gilchrist scored from the high slot at 3:10.

Gretzky, the Rangers' high-priced free agent, scored his first goal for New York when he intercepted a clearing pass by Dallas and beat Moog with a backhand shot from the left circle with 47 seconds left in the second period.

Moog came up big early in the third period. With the Stars leading 2-1 and the Rangers on a power play, Moog made stops on Sergei Nemchinov, Bruce Driver, Adam Graves and Brian Leetch.

Later in the period, Moog made a toe save on Gretzky's hard shot from the left circle after the Ranger skated past a defenseman for a clear shot.

The Rangers appeared to have tied the game with 12 minutes left when Niklas Sundstrom beat Moog in front. But officials had blown a whistle before the score.

New York lost another apparent goal with five minutes left when officials ruled that Graves was in the crease when the puck went in off his skate.

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