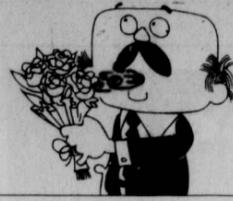


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Goldman solicits Simpson's confession

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — Fred Goldman said Wednesday he would give up his hard-won claim to O.J. Simpson's millions if the football great would admit he is a killer and sign a detailed confession.

"I don't want to play games," Goldman told The Associated Press in a telephone interview. "But if he wanted to sign a confession with all the details of his crime and broadcast it all over the country and publish it all over the nation, I would drop the judgment."

Goldman, the aggrieved father who never accepted Simpson's murder acquittal 16 months ago and doggedly pursued him to civil court, added: "All I ever wanted is justice. It's never been an issue about money."

Simpson's lawyers did not immediately return telephone calls for comment.

Professor charged in attack on 6-year-old

MANCHESTER, Conn. (AP) — A professor at Manchester Community-Technical College has been arrested in a 1996 sexual assault of a 6-year-old Texas girl.

Osama Mohammad, 39, was charged on Tuesday as a fugitive from justice.

He was indicted by a Texas grand jury in November on two counts of aggravated sexual assault of a child and a single count of indecency with a child.

Mohammad has been a full-time psychology professor in Manchester since January 1995, college spokesman Rae Strickland said. He has been appointed yearly, and his contract was last renewed in August.

Prior to teaching at Manchester, Mohammad was a part-time instructor at a community college in El Paso, Strickland said.

Prosecutors won't try blind jaywalker

CINCINNATI (AP) — Cincinnati nailed its scofflaw meter-feeder, but decided not to go after its jaywalking blind man.

Jeff Friedlander, 48, was slapped with a jaywalking ticket after he was hit by a pickup truck and broke his tailbone Jan. 22. The police officer who ticketed him thought he stepped out of the crosswalk and caused the accident.

But on Wednesday — less than a week after a woman was convicted of putting coins into other people's expired parking meters — prosecutors dropped charges against Friedlander.

The meter-feeder, Sylvia Stayton, 63, could get up to 90 days and a \$750 fine at sentencing Feb. 21. Prosecutors said they will ask only for a fine.

Higher prices brewing for coffee

CHICAGO (AP) — There's a different kind of jolt coming soon to coffee lovers: A cup of joe soon could cost more.

Too much rain in Latin America and a strike in Colombia have sent prices for future delivery of beans bubbling toward two-year highs.

The nation's top seller of regular coffee — Folgers — already has said it will raise prices 7 percent next month, and others are expected to follow.

Coffeehouses could increase prices 5 cents a cup by the end of summer, and grocery stores could raise prices by the end of the month unless the wholesale prices drop back, said Ted Lingle, executive director of the Specialty Coffee Association of America.

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House may fund consultant

Project would study Student Center needs, expansion possibilities

By Ryan J. Rusak
SKIFF STAFF

Student government will consider funding a consultant to study possible renovations or replacement of the Rickel Building and the Student Center, House President Andy Mitchell said Wednesday.

Mitchell said the project has been a desire among the student body for a long time, but the university hasn't been willing to start the process.

"The students want it," Mitchell said. "It's been 10 years in the waiting. Why have we been thinking about it for 10 years and not doing it? We have to make a definitive first

step, because it's not in the university's budget to have a consultant."

Mitchell said funding the consultation — which could cost between \$40,000 and \$50,000 — will require a bill passed by the entire House. Financing will come out of the House's General Reserve fund. As of a Jan. 9 financial report, the Reserve contained over \$110,000, an unusually high amount that resulted from a low enrollment estimate from the university, and thus an influx of unexpected student fees.

Such an expenditure would be the largest amount ever spent by the House in a single bill, Mitchell said.

An architect would have to examine the current structures and decide whether to renovate them or build new facilities, Mitchell said. The consultant would also have to determine how to keep the current structures open during construction.

Once the consultant completes a report, the next step is for the University Advancement department to raise funds based on the specific proposals, Mitchell said. Only then would construction begin.

Don Mills, vice chancellor for Student Affairs, said he was pleased the House will consider funding the consultant but cautioned against early

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Larry Markley, director of the Student Center

excitement.

"It's way premature," Mills said. "It's encouraging that our students are saying (the Student Center issue) is very important. It says volumes. I just want to make sure we do the right thing strategically."

Mills said the university will support the House's decision but would not say whether that would include

paying part of the consultant's fee.

"If they decide they want to go in that direction, the university would be supportive," he said. "Whether that means helping pay for the consultant is a big if."

Larry Markley, director of the Student Center, said the House's will-

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Services recognize Lent spirit

By Kimberly Wilson
and Anne Drabicky
SKIFF STAFF

Members of several religions attended church services Wednesday as part of Ash Wednesday, a day that marks the beginning of Lent and a time of spiritual remembrance for many.

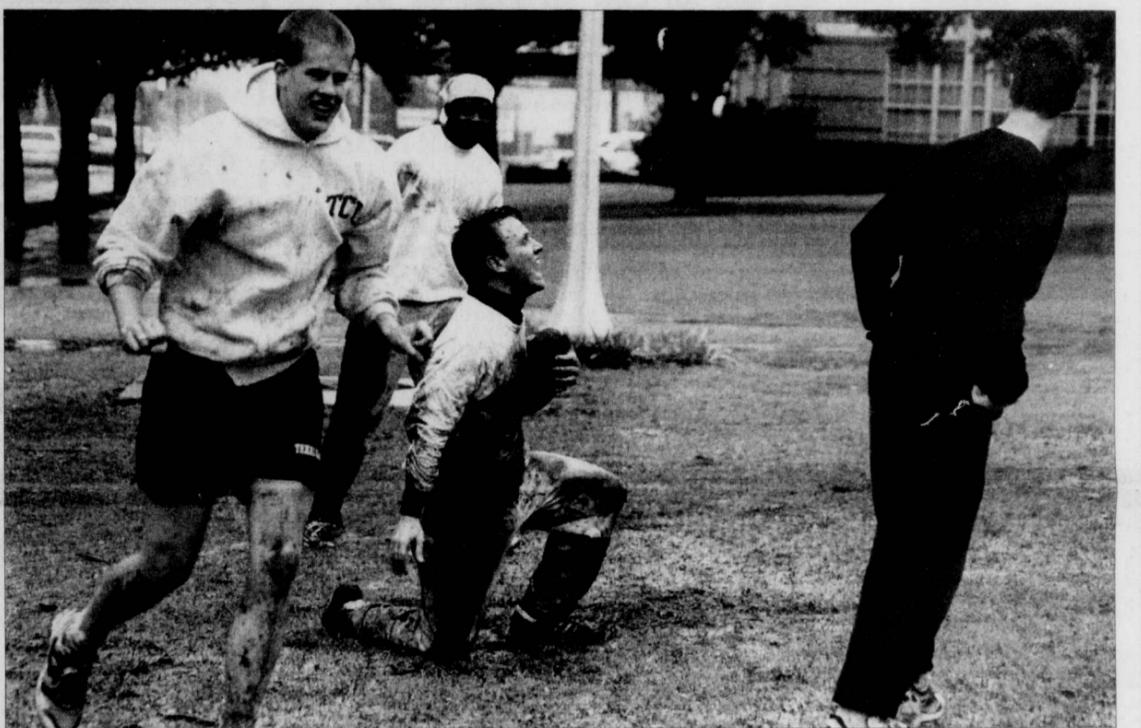
Several students attended TCU Catholic Community services Wednesday night in Student Center Room 205.

The official name for Ash Wednesday is the Day of Ashes, because many people attend church on this day and have their foreheads marked with ashes in the shape of a cross.

In ancient times, a mark on the forehead was a symbol of a person's ownership, and thus the mark of the ashes symbolizes that the person belongs to Jesus Christ. The ashes also symbolize death, reminding people of their mortality.

As attendees received the markings at the Catholic Community

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Residents of Clark Hall prove that every dark cloud has a silver lining, as they use the rainy opportunity Wednesday to play football in the mud.

Students speak out through Task Force survey

By Ryan J. Rusak
SKIFF STAFF

The Restructuring Task Force's attempt to collect opinions about student government was hampered by daylong rain Wednesday but still garnered useful information; House President Andy Mitchell said.

Task force members and volunteers from the House of Student Representatives were going to stand

at high-traffic areas on campus, such as in front of the Mary Coats Burnett Library, to catch students as they went to and from classes. But the weather resulted in fewer survey-takers in fewer locations, Mitchell said.

Many student surveys were obtained at locations like the Moudy Building and in front of the Main, Mitchell said. He said he has exam-

ined some surveys informally and has found that the task force's initial assumptions about student involvement and interest in government were on target.

"We were correct. Students want their organizations in tune with the House of Reps," Mitchell said. "They want a student-body government that umbrellas the whole campus."

Mitchell said the next step is to quantify the answers given on the survey, which included questions about representation, student organization information, accessing student funds and expectations of government.

"We'll review them over the next couple days and decide how many concerns we can address now," Mitchell said. "We'll put the

responses into numbers."

Some concerns, such as a lack of treadmills in the Rickel Building, which was listed on several surveys, can be addressed immediately through House legislation, Mitchell said.

Other concerns addressed repeatedly in the surveys were an ineffec-

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Fair will display technology

By Jonathan Conwell
SKIFF STAFF

The M.J. Neeley School of Business' Center for Productive Communication will host a Technology Fair today from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the atrium of Tandy Hall.

The fifth annual Business Communications Day has attracted major high-technology companies such as AT&T, Motorola and Apple Computer. Other companies attending include PictureTel, Radio Shack, Digital Media Performance Labs, Proteon, Precision Business Machines, ImageX and Open Systems.

Kate Hawthorne, administrative assistant for the CPC, said she has been anxiously awaiting the fair and is expecting approximately 500 students, faculty and staff to visit it throughout the day.

"This will give students insight on new technologies and equipment that is used in the business world today," she said. "But more importantly, it familiarizes them with the technology before they go out into the real world."

Gay Wakefield, director of the CPC, said the Technology Fair is a great opportunity for TCU stu-

dents to interact and mingle with the Fort Worth business community as well as some of the leading cutting-edge technology and communications companies in the state.

"TCU business students are recognized as among the best when it comes to communications training, and events like Business Communications Day help to reinforce that training," Wakefield said.

For the past four years, the Neeley School has been ranked No. 1 by *The Princeton Review* among all colleges and universities for developing communication skills in its students. The CPC and its goal of teaching business students communication skills has not only paid off for the students but for the school's reputation as well.

High-tech examples of communication technologies to be displayed at the fair will include two-way paging by Motorola, quick time reality from WebX and digital cameras from Computers West.

Admission to the Technology Fair is free to all students and visitors.

Camp Day showcases summer job offerings for students who love kids and the outdoors

By Michael Bryant
SKIFF STAFF

Representatives from 36 camps will be on campus from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. today in the Student Center Lounge as part of Camp Day 1997, organized by the office of Career Services.

The camps are looking for summer employees from TCU, and will supply information and applications to interested students, said Melissa White, assistant director of career services.

"A lot of camps are just looking for counselors or cooks or nurses," she said. Others are looking for challenge course staff, business managers, arts and crafts instructors, lifeguards and other various positions.

Some of the camps will hold interviews with students on Thursday, she said, and others will arrange interviews for later dates.

White said this year's camps offer a variety of different experiences.

"We've got a lot of Christian or Jewish related camps, a lot of sport camps, a lot of YMCA and Girl Scout related camps and at least one day-care camp," she said.

Carol White, assistant director

of Lake Sharon Ministries, a summer camp located between Lewisville and Denton, said camps are willing to come to TCU because Camp Day is more specific than the job fairs most colleges hold.

She said limiting the fair to only camps eliminates those students interested only in summer employment and leaves those sincerely interested in working at a camp.

"I'm hoping to just make some contacts with students who are interested in being counselors," she said.

"We're looking for students with willingness to serve Christ and others," Carol White said. "I think (camp) is a benefit for children to grow in their relationship with Christ."

Lake Sharon Ministries often looks for students of different racial backgrounds, she said, in order to more accurately reflect the diversity of the camp attendees.

"They learn a lot from the kids and the kids learn a lot from them," she said.

Melissa White said camp employment is a positive experience for students because they learn to interact with other people,

thus developing teamwork, responsibility and commitment.

Also, many students are able to gain valuable experience inside their major from a job they enjoy, she said. Those majors include education, nursing, speech pathology, child studies, art, music and others, she said.

Because the Student Center Lounge will only fit 36 booths, several camps were not allowed space at Camp Day based on the lateness of their registration forms, she said. The remaining camps were placed on a waiting list.

The number of camps at this year's event is comparable to previous years, Melissa White said.

"We've always had a fairly low student turnout," she said. "I think some of the camps get frustrated when students just walk by. For those students who do participate, it's a wonderful experience."

She said students are encouraged to ask questions about many of the camps and discover openings within their respective fields.

Although not all of the camp internships are paying positions, she said, the majority of the jobs offer students a good way to earn money during the summer months.

Pulse

CAMPUS LINES

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION will meet at 5 p.m. today in Student Center Room 222 for a Valentine's Day party.

STUDENT FOUNDATION applications will be available today and can be picked up in the admissions office, the alumni office in the Dee J. Kelley Alumni and Visitors Center and the Information Desk. Applications are due March 14. Interviews will be held April 8, 9 and 10. For more information call Sandra Tuomey at 921-7803.

PEER EDUCATION TRAINING is offered from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday in the Rickel Building. Any student is welcome, and those participating will be certified. For more information call Angie Taylor at 921-7100.

STUDENT TEACHER APPLICATIONS for all undergraduate and graduate teacher certification candidates planning to teach in the fall 1997 semester are due Feb. 26. To apply, come by the Bailey Building Room 102 or 304 and ask for the student teaching diskette. While there, pick up a checklist to see if you are eligible to student teach in the fall.

EATING DISORDERS GROUP is now forming. For more information call Monica Kintigh at ext. 7863.

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ingness to fund the consultation is exciting because the Student Center has been on the back burner since he's been at TCU.

"It lit our fire," Markley said. "For nine and a half years, as far as building a new student center or renovating this one, I've been talking to deaf ears."

Markley, who is also an adviser to the House, said student leaders should visit facilities at other campuses to get ideas for new structures at TCU.

"Students need to get out and visit new student unions to see what kind of facilities a real student center has," Markley said. "And this is not a real student center. It does not meet student needs from a socialization standpoint."

A new building should function as a student union and include recreational facilities, Markley said.

"A new university center should incorporate recreational areas and student interests," he said.

Steve Kintigh, director of recreational sports, said the House proposal was exciting because the Rickel Building has never fit the needs of the campus.

"When the building was built, recreation hadn't really caught on in

the South," Kintigh said. "It wasn't built with recreation in mind. It was built for a physical education/athletics focus."

Markley said even though it's early in the process, he envisions a student union complex in the Quad area in front of the current Student Center. The current building could be used for student services' offices to be consolidated in one area, he said.

Some of the items Kintigh said he'd like to see included in a new or renovated facility are an indoor soccer area, a recreational pool or aquatic area, new racquetball courts, an outdoor recreation center or an indoor climbing wall for groups like the High Adventure Club, an indoor track and game room space for table tennis, billiards and pinball.

Mitchell said he doesn't think funding the consultation will conflict with his declaration that the House "must avoid the trap of physical improvements" as solutions to campus life problems.

"We're fortunate to have the money this year," he said. "We want to put the fees into something we can see. If we don't take the first step now, five years from now we'll be in the same place."

TASK FORCE

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tive student government and the perceived fiscal irresponsibility on the part of the House.

"The House... spends way too much time and money on bills that aren't worthwhile," one respondent wrote.

Many students said they did not know how to access student funds for their organizations. Mitchell has said one of his goals as president is to help groups to come to the House for assistance with projects.

Some of the more specific concerns addressed in the surveys included keeping the Main open longer and having more services to help students find jobs after graduation.

Ashley Braly, a Wiggins Hall rep-

resentative who took student opinions in front of the Main Wednesday afternoon, said some of the problems in government stem from representation issues.

"The expectations of representatives are not being met," said Braly, a junior business and marketing major. "We need to talk more with constituents. Sometimes it's hard. No one would come to meetings (with representatives)."

Mitchell said the task force will use a Saturday meeting to consider proposed changes to student government.

The meeting, scheduled to begin at 11 a.m. in Gym 3 of the Rickel, is open to all students.

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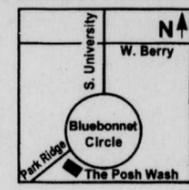
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EDITORIAL

A NEW STUDENT CENTER?

Building improvements needed

The new and improved student government strikes again. This time, not only did they manage to find some extra money lying around, but the money might be put to good use by researching the possibility of renovations to the Rickel Building and the Student Center.

Anything that brings the Student Center up to speed is a great asset. Right now the Student Center is for groups to set up tables and hand out fliers, and the Rickel is for people to work out. For students who are less physically active or not in a group that sets up tables and hands out fliers, both buildings are of less than optimal use.

The ideal situation would be a building that incorporates student interests with student activities, from pinball to soccer, so the building could fit the needs of everyone on campus. Even Steve Kintigh, the director of Recreational Sports, agrees that the Rickel doesn't meet the needs of the students.

Other campuses have offices, video games, study lounges, restaurants, bowling and even rock climbing all under one roof. While we certainly don't expect to be practicing our rappelling skills anytime in the near future, this study could push us in that direction.

It is encouraging to see that the student government is considering using the extra funds wisely, but once it has done the research, it is up to the administration to follow through with the idea and help fund the project if it is deemed necessary and desirable for the students.

After all, it is our student government fee, it is our tuition and it will be our endowment money when we become alumni. Therefore, the administration should quit being tightfisted about every new project and fund something that the student body obviously wants and needs.



Greed is source of conflicts

Commentary



John Lamberth

Gimme, Gimme, Gimme! That's my mentality. I'll admit I'm greedy. I want everything I can get. Probably, many of you would agree that you're greedy too. Go ahead, I don't care. Stand up where you are and yell, "Hey! I'm greedy and I don't care!"

This is a prevalent mentality everywhere. People are greedy. It's the truth. As we speak, American Airlines is fighting with its pilots over who can be more greedy. The airline wants to keep as much of its profits for itself as possible, while the pilots think they deserve that extra cash.

What gets me is that neither side actually considers itself greedy. Truthfully, I see nothing wrong with a big company trying to make lots of money. It tends to use that money to expand and increase its business as well as keep those pesky stockholders happy. Without these two things, a business can't make money.

What looks likely to happen is that the pilots will go on strike, and then nobody makes money. Pilots don't earn, airlines don't earn and people don't fly to spend their money elsewhere. Meanwhile, those people who don't get any money out of the situation (i.e. consumers) get ticked off.

But the airlines and pilots aren't alone. Greed also goes by the name "Professional Sports." Here, people make tons of cash for doing things like bouncing a ball, running around, wearing sneakers or eating french fries. Then they complain that they don't get enough money. Never mind the fact that many people slave away at crappy jobs earning just enough money to stay alive. Nope, apparently being a professional athlete is a mind-bogglingly difficult profession.

I really like it when people who already have money go on strike. They're telling everybody, "Hey, we don't quite have enough money to buy that second mansion and third Porsche, so we're not going to work until we are treated fairly!"

Meanwhile, other people, like baggage handlers or sports concession vendors, not to mention the community as a whole, are unfairly out of work or at least have their earning potentials decreased.

Someday all the people who do the mundane, boring jobs that keep the world running should go on strike. This includes management. Grocery stores should close, gas stations should shut down and education personnel should walk away. Then, when airline people want a loaf of bread, they won't get it, and sports people won't get gas. Best of all, nobody learns nothin'.

It's just silly for all these people who are well-off to complain about how mistreated they are. There are plenty of people who work really hard just to stay afloat. Some of these people really are mistreated but don't say anything because if they did, management could find someone to replace them in short order.

You can't really blame companies for their greed. Essentially, they were set up to provide something in order to make money. It's what they do. No one starts a company with the idea of "When I get rich, I'm going to give all of my money to my employees because, gosh darn it, they deserve it." This is America, people. Like it or not, it's all about money.

Along those same lines, if you really think you are being treated so unfairly, go find a job where they will treat you fairly. No one is holding a gun to your head. This sends a statement to the company that you are not happy. Meanwhile, people not involved in your "problems" aren't affected.

Greed isn't a bad thing. It's just how you use it.

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Dressed to repress?

The high school I graduated from is flirting with the possibility of cloning its students.

District superintendent Jim Stewart has proposed a policy requiring students in the class 4A Marble Falls schools to wear uniforms to class.

Debate about the policy began last semester among school officials, students and a specialized committee.

The local newspaper for our bedroom-community town of 5,000 has followed the saga, printing the administration's reasons for the proposal and, more recently, reports of the "widespread support" the policy garnered.

One of the chief arguments behind the policy is that wearing uniforms would help students focus more on academics than appearances and be more accepting of each other. With everyone wearing the same clothes, the committee said, students will think about their studies instead of competing for who has the best outfits.

I say baloney. Mr. Stewart specifically stated that "there will still be a degree of individuality with their hair, shoes and belts." The concept of eliminating clothing competition and the idea that a degree of individuality will be retained in accessories are directly incompatible. Without the forum of clothing for expression of personal taste, the aesthetic voice will inevitably be channeled into hair clips, belts, designer socks and jewelry.

By the committee's reasoning, a child from any economic background will be indistinguishable from a child from any other, as everyone's clothes will be the same. But the "degree of individuality" they are wearing (or not wearing) will still be as clear as the clothes themselves.

A designer watch speaks just as loudly as designer jeans. The student who gets made fun of in junior high for having the wrong pants will still be made fun of, but instead it will be for his belt or the way his pants hang.

And the policy is supposed to place the focus on academics?

It seems Mr. Stewart and the administration itself are much more preoccupied with clothing concerns than the students are. I would go so far as to say that if the school is willing to devote the time and energy to regulating clothing in the interest of improving academics, it could channel this enthusiasm into revising curriculum and emphasizing critical thinking with much greater success.

In fact, if the school is as desperate to improve critical and creative thinking skills as most others in the nation, requiring uniforms is even more of a contradiction. Is it right to say students must learn to think and solve problems independently while telling them they must all look the same?

I don't doubt that in some places uniforms have their merits, especially in private schools and those where uniform wearing is part of the bargain when the child enters the system. My roommate attended a magnet school where uniforms had been a part of the system for a long time; not much thought was even given to their presence on the campus.

But placing this guideline on a public school as a cure-all for academic and social problems is wrong. If the administration actually gets its policy passed, I fear what other changes will follow. What will happen when Mr. Stewart and his henchmen decide the designer hair bows are too individualistic? Are regulation shoelaces next in this series?

The uniform proposal is the access road to a highway of unnecessary rules that assume the worst about students. The more kids are shielded from their own judgment and expression, the more resentment at conformity will build up. The individualism is stifled, the sooner it will die out altogether.

It's only a matter of clothes. But I fear it's just the beginning.

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It's the spin that wins

Here's a juicy tidbit of scandal fresh off the presses of *The New Yorker*: James McDougal — you know, President Clinton's former business bud from his days as governor of Arkansas — says Clinton knew about an illegal loan to James' wife, Susan McDougal!

Jimmy McDougal has said Clinton didn't know about this little illicit transaction that was discussed in a 1986 meeting. Now he is trying to avoid prison, so he is singing like a canary.

What about Suzy McDougal? She still denies Clinton knew anything. Her faithful husband retorts her denial is due to an affair she and Bill had years back (around 1982).

So who's lying here? God only knows. In the world of politics it is the spin that wins. There is little concern for seeking the truth or honestly analyzing an issue. Does Bill Clinton really care about setting the record straight and talking honestly about the Whitewater issues? Does Jim McDougal really care about telling the truth or saving his own skin?

The goal is to gain the best political advantage in order to perpetuate their power and influence. I'm not just talking about Bill Clinton. This is true for 99.9 percent of everyone on the Hill.

There is no need for calm academic

discussion when there is the media sound bite. There is no need for an objective cooperative effort to rectify our social problems when there are political rewards to dole out and partisan prestige to be gained.

With disingenuous smile and cleverly devised euphemism the masses are easily manipulated.

Turn on CNN or, better yet, C-SPAN. See the polls of your choice, and I guarantee the same trite drivel will flow from their mouths: half the facts, over-generalized conclusions, hidden meanings and selective reasoning, to name a few of the ingredients.

The State of the Union address last week proffered copious examples of this phenomenon.

President Clinton called for a balanced budget while protecting Medicare, Medicaid, education, the environment and tax relief. It's unrealistic to the point of lunacy. He knows we can't do all those things at once; the Republicans know it; the economists know it.

Rep. J.C. Watts, in the Republican response, also stayed true to the politician's code of distortion. He urged all of us to write our congressmen to ask for a balanced budget amendment and to ask them not to believe "dire warnings about the amendment wrecking Social Security."

Ignore numerous scientific research findings and experts who contend a balanced budget amendment would weaken the strength of the economy, open the door to deflation and further dilute the separation of powers as courts begin to make fiscal policy. Our congressmen shouldn't "believe" them because a group of constituents untrained in the social sciences tells them not to.

Does J.C. Watts really want people to have a reasoned debate over the balanced budget amendment? Does he want there to be a full discourse on the subject that utilizes all possible sides of the issue? Is he interested in finding a solution that is best for all Americans or in finding a quick fix that will make pretty sound bites?

Is Bill Clinton interested in making good social policy or stringing together a list of conflicting poll results? Yet, in his desire to please everyone at all times, he can't help but offer a plan that is so impossible it won't make anyone happy.

Pat answers and axiomatic rhetoric won't solve our social problems. It will create new ones. Try rampant distrust of our governing institutions and disillusionment with the political process coalesced into deep-seeded cynicism on for size.

Oh, yeah, we already have. If our politicians won't change, maybe our political paradigm should.

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Commentary

Kevin Arceneaux

Letter to the Editor

Confederate Flag is not a racist symbol

I am writing in response to Pete Radovich's column published Tuesday. I have to say that if you actually proclaim that the Confederate flag is a symbol of intolerance, then your column is a shining beacon of naive and misinterpretation.

First, let's talk history. Not your history, but the one taught in schools. To say that the Confederate flag originated in the Civil War is wrong to begin with. The Confederate flag was adopted as the flag of the Confederate States of America shortly after their break from the Union. War was not declared until almost one year later.

Furthermore, to imply that the war was only fought over slavery totally ignores several other factors that led to war. Wars are not fought over just one issue. You cannot ignore the fact the Civil War was fought over the issues of states' rights, where the balance of economic and political power was going to lie and slavery. In fact, one can conclude that slavery might not have been the principal cause of the war. Therefore, to say that the Confederate flag represented a regime devoted to slavery is a gross oversimplification.

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Students struggle with biological attention disorder

By TeNikki Carter
SKIFF STAFF

A number of TCU students struggle with a common learning disorder known as Attention Deficit Disorder. The disorder makes it difficult for them to focus on schoolwork and is a source of embarrassment for many, said Jennifer Lowrance, director of Academic Services.

Vicki Lindsey, administrative assistant of Academic Services, said there are 253 students on the campus who have learning disabilities but was not able to provide the *Skiff* with the breakdown of those with ADD.

"The reason we make generalizations about those students with learning disabilities is because we don't want to make them seem like an isolated group of people with problems just because they have ADD," Lindsey said.

ADD is a pattern of behavior in children and adults characterized by short attention spans and impulsiveness with or without hyperactivity, according to Alice Clemons, a registered nurse at John Peter Smith Hospital.

Clemons said ADD affects 5 to 10 percent of school-age children. She also said boys are 10 times more frequently affected with the disorder than girls.

Symptoms usually appear when the children are between the ages of 4 and 7 and peak between ages 8 and 10. Some people aren't even diagnosed with the problem until after they become adults, Clemons said.

She said some of the symptoms include squirming, fidgeting, being easily distracted, difficulty following instructions, excessive talking, not completing work and engaging in dangerous activities without thinking.

"ADD is a biological disorder," Clemons said. "There is no evidence proving the specific cause or causes of this disorder."

Clemons said that if the disorder is not controlled at an early age, it is likely the child will grow into a troubled adolescent and adult.

"As far as treatment for ADD is concerned, a stimulant drug, methylphenidate, is given to both children and adults," Clemons said. "This drug doesn't act as a stimulant but, rather, a depressant. It produces a calming effect in those with ADD."

Clemons said this medication has several side effects, including sleep disturbance, depression, headache, stomachache, loss of appetite and stunted growth. She said the drug is usually used in more severe cases of ADD.

Because of the unpleasant side effects of the medication, many children and adults choose alternative treatments that involve coping and management strategies or a combination of the two, Clemons said.

Danay Carranza, a senior radio-TV-film major, said her niece has ADD and was diagnosed at a young age.

"My niece was very quiet and always daydreaming," Carranza said. "So at first we didn't know, because she was so passive, but her parents realized that she would shift between things back and forth and she was easily distracted."

Carranza said the family doctor put her niece on medication, and, ever since then, it has been easier for her to function in everyday life.

Kathleen Williams, director of the Starpoint School, said ADD is a chemical imbalance in the brain and cannot be outgrown. She said learning how to handle the disorder is a lifelong process.

Williams said that sometimes children and adults are misdiagnosed because they may be extremely passive but still have trouble focusing and being attentive.

She said at Starpoint, children with the disorder are taught time management, reading strategies and organi-

zational and coping skills in order to handle ADD in their daily lives.

"Many of these children and adults with ADD are highly intelligent and very imaginative," Williams said.

She said the children at Starpoint are referred to as "learning different." She said 70 percent of Starpoint students are already diagnosed with ADD, and they have had to leave the regular school environment because they were unable to manage their behavior or perform successfully in academics.

"They have a regular school day from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.," Williams said. "The difference is they don't have to make a lot of decisions; everything is already planned out for them to follow through."

A couple of years ago, a small group of TCU students wrote a book about learning disabilities, titled "It Takes Heart, Brains and Courage." The book is a guide on how to handle different learning disabilities while in college.

"Once recognized, dealing with your learning disability is like developing a new hobby or learning to play a new sport," wrote Jennifer, a physical education major.

She wrote that letters about the disability can be given to professors to take the pressure off of students when

they have to explain their disorders to them.

Mark, a business major, wrote that the best thing to do when a person with ADD is stressed out by everyday life is to stay calm. He wrote that he exercised to ease the tension because since he knew that anxiety can cause people to forget everything they have learned.

"Remember, having a learning disability does not mean that you are dumb; it just means that you learn in a different way," Mark wrote. "Some of the smartest people in the world have had learning disabilities, for example, Albert Einstein and the president of Bell Atlantic, Ray Smith."

Margaret Thompson, a psychologist at the Counseling Center, said many of those affected with ADD become frustrated and anxious. She said they experience a variety of other emotions because of the difficult tasks they are faced with daily, which would be easy for someone without ADD.

"We recommend those with ADD keep a journal and stay organized," Thompson said. "Here at TCU there is no support group, but there is one in Fort Worth called CHADD for those who need support dealing with ADD."

Linda Hines, coordinator of the local chapter of Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorder, said the support group is for those with ADD and those who are affected because their family or friends have the disorder.

Hines said CHADD is a national organization, and anyone can become a member. She said the membership costs \$35 per year.

Monthly meetings are held, and anyone is welcome to come. Speakers discuss the disorder, and "share time" is part of the agenda every month.

"Two main goals of CHADD are to bring together resources for those who have ADD and their families and friends and, second, to try and change the attitude of the public about the disorder," Hines said.

Hines said the meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of every month from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Cook Children's Medical Center, in the basement of the administration building in Classroom C at 801 Seventh Ave. Those seeking more information can call (817) 923-0771.

"ADD is a problem and difficult, but it is not hopeless or impossible," Hines said. "You just learn how to make the best of the qualities you do have and overcome the negatives."

Bad breath puts a damper on romance

Those planning to pucker up should take precautions to avoid offending aromas

By TeNikki Carter
SKIFF STAFF

With Valentine's Day on its way and many people planning romantic interludes, bad breath is a problem often left unmentioned. But it can sometimes be blamed for poor dating experiences.

According to the American Medical Association's Family Medical Guide, bad breath, otherwise known as halitosis, is offensive-smelling breath that people may be unaware of until it is mentioned by somebody else.

Dr. Burton Schwartz of the Health Center said the two main reasons for bad breath are poor personal hygiene and medical problems.

He said certain foods, such as onions and garlic, can also cause bad breath.

"For example, if you are planning on going on a date, I would recommend eating foods like onions 24 hours prior to the date," Schwartz said. "Even after certain foods exit the body, the vapors remain in the system."

He said people who have halitosis should probably see a dentist before deciding that other medical problems are the cause, because most

bad breath problems originate in the gums, teeth and on the tongue.

Carol Rogers, a registered nurse at John Peter Smith Hospital, said bacteria growth in the mouth is the primary cause of halitosis.

She said inadequate oral hygiene, gingivitis, tobacco use and some lung diseases can cause bacteria growth in the mouth.

"Thrush, a yeast infection in the mouth, can also cause bad breath," Rogers said. "But mostly diabetics, those with HIV and those who are nursing infants are at risk for this particular infection, and this infection can be cured with an anti-fungal agent."

Rogers said in order to keep good oral hygiene, people should brush their teeth twice a day, floss once a day, brush the tongue and use an antiseptic mouthwash. She said people with gingivitis should use an antibacterial mouthwash to remove plaque from the base of their teeth.

Rogers said if the gingivitis worsens, gum surgery may be necessary. "Mints and gum should not be used to cover bad breath," she said. "It will only do more harm because they contain sugar, which promote bacteria growth."

The October 1996 edition of

Men's Health Magazine reported that fasting is another cause of bad breath. The article said that saliva cleans the mouth of bacteria, and when people don't eat, they have less saliva, causing their mouths to become dry. This makes it easier for bacteria to grow because there is no saliva to clean the mouth out.

According to the report, there are many myths about bad breath.

A psychologist at TCU's Counseling Center who did not want to be named said that when people have bad breath, especially when it is beyond their control, they can feel very frustrated because they have to deal with rejection. Jennifer Dorsey, a sophomore criminal justice major, said she once met an attractive guy, but as soon as he opened his mouth bad breath came out.

"It really is a turnoff when a guy has bad breath," Dorsey said. "He gave me his phone number, but I had no more interest in him after that."

Jeanette Anderson, a senior speech pathology major, said she had a high school friend who had bad breath daily, but she never mentioned it to him.

"I use to offer him gum," Anderson said. "I many times had to



back a way from him because his breath was so bad."

She said she didn't tell him because she thought he probably already knew, and she didn't think it was her duty to tell him.

The Counseling Center psychologist said it is always best to be honest with those you know, especially in friendships and relationships. She said that when you tell people they have bad breath, you are trying to help them and you are only rejecting their bad breath, not them as people.

As long as the person is told about the problem in a caring way, it's more than likely that he or she will appreciate the honesty and make an effort to solve the problem, the psychologist said.

LENT

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service. "Remember that you are ashes, to ashes you shall return," was repeated.

The ashes are made by burning palm fronds saved from the previous year's Palm Sunday.

The Rev. Charlie Calabrese, campus minister to Catholic students, said Lent is a time to reflect on people's faith.

"Lent is about turning our lives around, turning toward God in ways we feel we've turned away," he said. "It's a concentrated time of examining our relationships with God, people and nature and fostering life in those relationships."

Marissa Langley, a junior French major and chairwoman of retreats for the Catholic Community, agreed.

"Lent is a time of preparation for the Easter season, a time of self-reflection," she said.

Calabrese said, "Desirably, what we'd give up would be that which hinders life from happening."

Forms of fasting are still practiced by some people, but in the past, many people practiced constant self-denial

toward food throughout Lent.

Calabrese said that when people used to give up food for Lent, they fasted so they could share their surplus with the hungry.

"That's the spirit of giving things up, that somehow what we're denying ourselves will give life to others," he said.

Langley said she's giving up desserts and coffee "because I probably consume too much and it's a self-denial thing so I'll be able to get more out of the holiday."

She said she has always observed the Ash Wednesday services.

Amanda Carroll, a sophomore biology major, said she will give up sweets for Lent and will "try to do something nice for one friend everyday."

Carroll said she is giving up sweets "because it's the one thing I love most."

She said Lent is a time for spiritual growth.

"This is a time of growth where you're supposed to realize what's most important in life and that you can give it up," she said.

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Wearing a little perfume makes scents

By Wendy Bogema
SKIFF STAFF

Valentine's Day is fast approaching, and thoughts of romance cannot help but enter the brain. Several students surveyed said a person's scent can contribute to romantic feelings.

La'Netia Taylor, a senior radio-TV-film major, said she thinks the way a man smells has much to do with how attractive he is.

"If he stinks, I don't know him," Taylor said. "I like for a guy to smell so good that I'll turn when he passes me, not so much because he looks good, but because he smells good."

"A guy can be cute, but if he stinks, he just isn't as cute."

Molly Adams, a senior Spanish major, said if a guy smells good it makes him more attractive because it shows that he took the time to take that extra step of putting on a fragrance.

Micah Chambers, a senior marketing major, said the right scent can make a special person seem even more special.

"When you're with that special someone, it adds to the moment if they smell nice," he said.

Linda Bradley, a men's fragrance sales consultant at Foley's department store, said men can be just as choosy as women when selecting a fragrance because they are trying to choose something that will attract the opposite sex.

Adams said she doesn't know many

people who wear perfume or cologne, so when they get complimented on a scent, they might wear it more often.

"I wear Beautiful because it was a gift and I really like it," Adams said. "I get a lot of compliments on it."

Carla Castillo, a women's fragrance sales consultant at Dillard's, said most women choose fragrances that work with their body chemistries and go with their personalities.

"Women who are active will choose a sporty fragrance," Castillo said. "Mothers might choose something flowery, and business women usually like the stronger fragrances that make a statement."

Bradley said men also choose according to their personality.

"Businessmen go for Eternity or something similar," Bradley said. "They like something more refined and not too trendy, whereas young guys will get whatever's new."

"The athletic guys seem to like Polo Sport, Tommy, Hugo and others like that," Chambers said he wears Chaps because it smells good and his fiancée likes it.

Not all people wear the same perfume every day, however.

Taylor said the perfume she wears depends on what clothes she's wearing and what mood she's in.

"For instance, when I wear red clothes I might wear Red," Taylor said. "If I'm feeling adventurous I'll wear Safari, or if I'm in a light, happy mood I'll wear one of the

scents from Victoria's Secret."

Most agree that too much perfume or cologne is a bad thing.

Taylor said that sometimes men wear too much of a fragrance.

"There are two ways a guy can wear cologne," Taylor said. "One is cologne that he puts on and everyone is glad he did, and the other is the cologne that drops down about 50 feet in front of him and screams, 'He's just around the corner!'"

Bradley said that many times men don't know the difference between cologne and after-shave. She said they will pour cologne in their hands and pat it on their face, but that's not how cologne is supposed to be worn.

"We try to explain the difference to them," Bradley said. "But usually they just wear it how they want to wear it."

Some men also find too much fragrance on a woman bad.

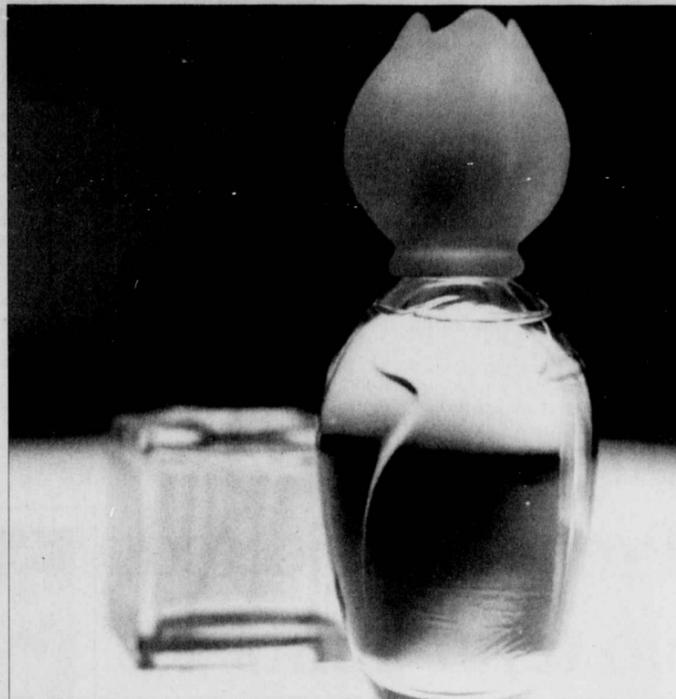
Chambers said, "It's definitely detractive if you can still smell her 10 minutes after she has walked past you."

Andy Braxton, a junior criminal justice major, agreed and said he likes when a girl wears perfume, but not when it's overpowering.

"A little dab'll do ya," he said.

Castillo said she won't directly tell a woman when her fragrance is too strong, but instead will try to be subtle about it.

"I tell them a little goes a long way," Castillo said.



Blake Sims SKIFF STAFF

Men and women often choose fragrances based on their lifestyle, personality and the effect it will have on the opposite sex.

Bills introduced to improve local jail and inner-city conditions

By Kimberly Campbell
SKIFF STAFF

Tarrant County has often been the dumping grounds for sex offenders, and at one point, 75 percent of the Texas' offenders resided in Tarrant County.

State Representative Lon Burnam, D-Fort Worth, has proposed a series of five bills to decrease the population of sex offenders and prevent inner-city gang violence and youth-related crime.

Burnam has created the Interim Advisory Committee to report problems encountered in the community and to propose solutions, said to Burnam's aide, Chris Sharman.

The first bill proposed would cap the number of sex offender parolees

in Tarrant County to 20 percent of the state total. The Texas Department of Criminal Justice will be required to take a census twice annually to determine the total number of sex offenders on parole.

Sharman said the bill will require that the sheriff be notified if the paroled sex offender population exceeds 10 percent of the state total.

"Criminals are normally returned to their county of residence," Sharman said. "There are five exceptions, some of which include (getting) a better job in another county, specific counseling available only in another county and by request of the victim, if the victim feels threatened by the criminal."

A second step is contained in House Bill 659, which makes sexual

offenders ineligible for parole.

"This includes sexual offenses such as indecency with a child and aggravated assault," Sharman said.

He said Tarrant County has had a history of problems with sex offenders and this bill will slow the release of future sex offenders from jails.

"The bill does not address all offenses because of the huge incarceration costs necessary to eliminate parole across the board," Sharman said. "This bill targets a particularly troubling population of criminals."

Another bill, House Bill 660, proposes the creation of a new offense. The legislation would make it a Class A misdemeanor for minors to be caught in the possession of a firearm other than a handgun, which is cov-

ered under the handgun law.

"This bill is one more way to take the guns out of gang members hands," Sharman said. "It will give peace officers another tool in controlling gang-related activity."

It is currently a Class A misdemeanor to sell a gun to a minor, but under proposed House Bill 661, Burnam said he and his staff hope to increase the punishment to a third-degree felony.

Sharman said the bill will restrict the sale of guns to minors and unauthorized people, such as those who are obviously drunk or intend to use the gun in an illegal act.

"Believe it or not, under current laws, a minor can purchase a gun with a note from a parent or guardian,"

Sharman said. "This bill would put an end to that."

The bill was produced in direct response to the Citizens' Advisory Committee's concern that adults were not being held responsible for juvenile delinquency and crime.

The last bill, House Bill 662, proposed by Burnam and his committee, relates to the punishment of the offense of deadly conduct involving a firearm. The bill would increase the punishment for deadly conduct to a felony of the first degree.

"The maximum sentence in a third-degree offense is one to five years, whereas a first-degree offense can carry a maximum sentence of 99 years," Sharman said.

The bill targets inner-city gang vio-

lence like drive-by shootings.

"This type of violence wreaks havoc on the physical and emotional peace of communities," Sharman said. "Tough measures are needed to send a message that these activities will result in serious consequences."

Dr. Jack Scott, director of the TCU Counseling Center, said sex offenders most often commit crimes for habitual reasons.

"They're very severe offenders," Scott said. "They're pathologically inclined to commit a criminal act."

Scott said sex offenders are usually viewed as being more serious because they hit closer to home.

"We can always replace physical things, but sexual acts take piece of mind," Scott said.



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Oops! We goofed

Yesterday in our "Summertime at the Main" section we mentioned that the special event will take place on Feb. 12. This information was mistaken. The event will be held **TODAY, Feb. 13**, in the student center. So, if you are looking for a great summer job stop by to find out more about each of the summer camps. They are waiting to hear from you!

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Airline strike negotiations hit turbulence

By Katie Fairbank
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — American Airlines, bracing for a pilots' strike, is canceling Friday night overseas flights, a spokesman said Wednesday. Negotiations continued, a mediator said, but "slowly and with increasing difficulty."

The White House said a strike would have major economic consequences for the nation but stopped short of saying President Clinton would try to step in. The federal mediator said even the suggestion of presidential intervention was hurting the talks.

The airline pilots' union has set a Friday midnight strike deadline, and American was preparing by making sure its planes weren't overseas if the pilots walked out.

"We don't want our airplanes sit-

ting in other countries," said spokesman Al Comeaux.

The union says it would prefer that Clinton stay out of the dispute over pay and job security. The airline has been asking for administrative involvement.

In response to the situation, Clinton said, "This issue has huge implications for our country and in particular for specific parts of our country."

And aides said he had ordered staff members to study the potential economic impact of a strike, a possible step toward intervention.

But Clinton also said the negotiators should "make maximum use of the mediation board process" rather than waiting for any outside effort.

"That is what ought to be done today and that's all I have to say about it today," he said.

Airline and union negotiators met through the day. But Ken Hipp, chairman of the National Mediation Board, said, "It is going slowly and with increasing difficulty."

As for the sudden discussion of possible White House intervention, he said, "It makes it much more difficult to get an agreement at the table."

Grounding the nation's largest domestic airline could result in layoffs of as many as 90,000 workers and disrupt travel plans of many more Americans.

Aides said none of Clinton's options looked very promising.

Some possibilities: —Try to use the office's prestige or his own persuasive efforts to force a settlement, or perhaps signal the administration's sympathy with one of the two sides. But aides said

Clinton learned in his unsuccessful involvement in the Major League Baseball strike that jawboning rarely works.

—Order an emergency 60-day "cooling off" period under federal labor laws. Clinton would probably need the recommendation of the independent National Mediation Board to take this rarely used step. The last time a presidential board intervened in an airline strike was 1966, during a machinists walkout.

Clinton would have to determine that a pilot strike would pose "a substantial economic threat" to deprive a region of a "central transportation service."

The presidential board would prepare a settlement recommendation within 30 days and give both parties another 30 days to resolve the dispute. If that didn't work, Congress could vote to

impose a settlement.

Presumably, Clinton would argue that a strike would be devastating to the Fort Worth-Dallas area where American is headquartered and to other cities where the airline has major operations.

The contract has been argued by the union and the company since it became amendable in 1993.

So far this week, mediation has resulted mostly in rhetoric. Both sides said new proposals that were being reviewed Wednesday seemed unlikely to be accepted.

The union outlined in its proposal a list of new pay proposals for pilots flying Boeing 737s, 777s and regional jets.

The company proposal made a few changes to a tentative contract rejected last month by a majority of the company's 9,300 pilots.

The initial offer was to increase pilot pay by 3 percent on Aug. 31 and 2 percent on Aug. 31, 1999. The average pilot salary is \$120,000. Also, pilots would get options to buy 3 million shares of stock at \$10 below market price when the contract was signed and 2.75 million shares at the Aug. 31, 1998, price.

The new offer would increase the raise in 1999 to 3 percent, but drop the options to buy 2.75 million stock shares.

Union president Jim Sovich said the offer was a step backward, offering \$43.1 million less than the rejected contract.

American spokesman Chris Chiamas said he could not give a comparable economic analysis, but added: "Frankly, we're not quite sure what it's going to take to please the pilots."

Proposal rejected; no term limits set

By David Espo
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The House rejected a proposed constitutional amendment Wednesday to slap term limits on members of Congress after a debate that exposed deep divisions among supporters.

The vote was 217-211, 69 votes shy of the two-thirds necessary for approval of the measure to limit lawmakers to 12-years in office — and fewer than it gained two years ago.

"They're eating their own. It's just bizarre," GOP Rep. Christopher Shays, a term limits opponent, exulted as supporters quarreled among themselves over whether six years, eight years or 12 years should be set as a limit for House service.

In the end, none of the proposals came close to amassing the two-thirds needed to prevail.

"Interincine warfare" poses a grave threat to the uphill drive for success, Rep. Bill McCollum, R-Fla., mourned as the proposal moved toward its preordained doom.

Without a truce involving U.S. Term Limits and other organizations, he warned, "there will be gridlock and people who are opposed to term limits will prevail."

The more fundamental divisions over the wisdom of term limits were overshadowed in the daylong debate, although they surfaced occasionally.

"To adopt term limits is to play Russian roulette with the future," argued Rep. Henry Hyde, a 12th-term Republican who joined with many Democrats in opposition. "This is no place for amateurs."

But Rep. Charles Canady, a third-term Republican from Florida, countered that "term limits will break the power of entrenched incumbency. It will give us representatives who put serving the interests of the people and advancing the good of the nation ahead of perpetuating their own legislative careers."

Term limits remain popular with the voters, and Republicans brought the proposal to the floor as the first significant vote of the new Congress. House Speaker Newt Gingrich had pledged to do so last year, when lawmakers rejected term limits, 227-206, 63 votes shy of the two-thirds needed for approval.

At the same time, even supporters conceded in advance it would fall short again, in part because of opposition from many Democrats and in part because GOP term limits backers had failed to unite behind a sin-

gle version of the amendment.

The result was a cumbersome procedure in which the House voted on nearly a dozen versions, many of them designed to provide political security for lawmakers from states where voters had approved ballot initiatives on the subject.

Lawmakers said that failure to obtain a vote on their own state's legislation would result in a "scarlet letter" at the next election — a notation in capital letters next to their name on the ballot that they "violated voter instruction on term limits."

In addition, many of these lawmakers announced in advance they would vote against proposals patterned after initiatives approved in other states, even though there were only minor, stylistic variations in most cases.

McCollum, recently elected to his ninth term in the House, favors a 12-year limit to take effect after ratification by the states. But U.S. Term Limits, perhaps the best known of the outside lobbying groups, is opposed, and was instrumental in the passage of the state initiatives calling for six-year limits for House members.

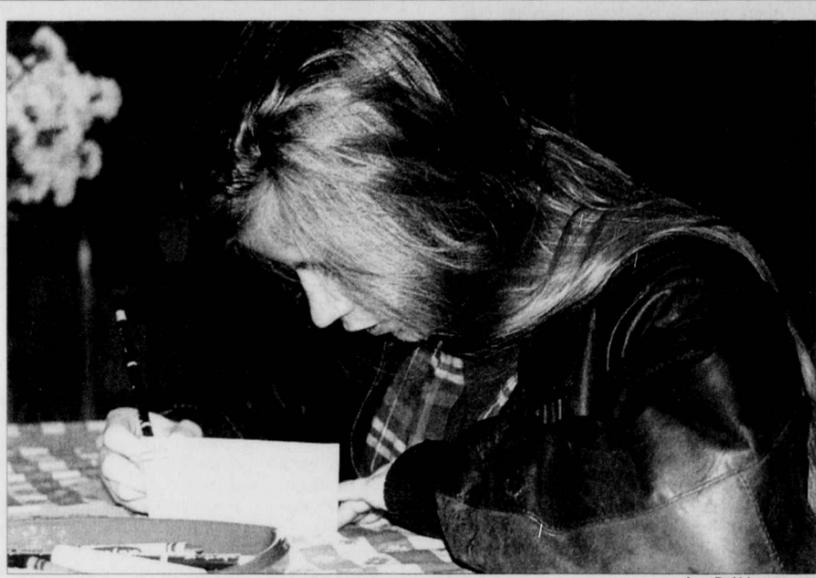
Jonathan Ferry, a spokesman for the term limits group, said lawmakers were being "disingenuous.... They're implying that they have the votes for a 12-year bill.... They don't have the votes, and they don't have a strategy for getting there."

But Term Limits Institute, a rival group, said U.S. Term Limits was sabotaging the effort. The group is engaged in "a bizarre national campaign of attacking term limits supporters both inside and outside the Congress who favor a version other than their preferred six-year limit," said spokeswoman Clea Mitchell.

Still, the fighting spilled beyond the House chamber.

A group with close ties to U.S. Term Limits unveiled a television commercial this week that "morphed" McCollum's image into that of Cuban leader Fidel Castro in a none-too-subtle charge that he was a dictator who disregards the will of the people.

Nor did Gingrich's decision to bring the measure to the floor gain him respect from U.S. Term Limits. The organization's site on the Internet accuses Gingrich — serving his 10th term — of "hypocrisy" on the subject and depicts him with horns sprouting from his head.



Lauren Syler, a sophomore journalism major, makes a Valentine for someone special Wednesday afternoon in the Student Center.

Appointees refuse to help

Four in fund-raising controversy decline document request

By John Solomon
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Three former Clinton administration appointees and a fund-raiser have refused to voluntarily produce documents to a House committee investigating Democratic fund-raising irregularities. The panel's chairman immediately promised subpoenas.

Disgraced Justice Department official Webster Hubbell, Arkansas restaurateur Charles Yah Lin Trie, ex-White House aide Mark Middleton and former Commerce Department appointee John Huang declined in writing to voluntarily assist the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee.

The four witnesses' lawyers gave varying reasons for their decisions, ranging from concern about an ongoing criminal investigation to prior negative experiences with Congress.

The lawyer for Hubbell, a golfing buddy of the president, wrote his client had cooperated with an earlier Senate probe into Whitewater only to be referred later to prosecutors for possible perjury because of "alleged minor inconsistencies."

"Not surprisingly, he is disinclined voluntarily to participate in a new round of congressional investigations," attorney John Niels wrote.

The lawyer for Trie said he would not cooperate at least until his "status in light of the criminal

investigation is clarified."

The disclosure comes just two weeks after President Clinton announced he had ordered all aides to cooperate with congressional inquiries into the growing fund-raising controversy.

The chairman of the House committee expressed dismay at the decision and said it would issue subpoenas to compel them to produce the documents.

"I am disappointed that these individuals, some of whom were high-ranking Clinton administration officials, have declined to cooperate with the committee," Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind., said.

"The president has pledged full cooperation in this matter, and I would hope that the president's appointees and friends would honor this commitment."

Burton can issue the subpoenas without a committee vote. They are expected by week's end.

His committee is one of several that are investigating various aspects of the fund-raising controversy. Across the Capitol, a Senate panel is gearing up its own probe, preparing to issue more than 50 subpoenas. And a Justice Department task force is investigating whether any criminal violations occurred that may justify appointment of a special prosecutor.

Hubbell, who resigned in 1994 as associate attorney general over alle-

gations he had overbilled law firm clients in Arkansas, on Wednesday finished a prison term he was serving on those convictions secured by Whitewater prosecutors. He was spending his first day of freedom in two years at his home.

In recent weeks, he has come under increased scrutiny for payments he received from the Indonesian-based Lippo Group after he stepped down from his Justice Department job and before he pleaded guilty to the charges.

Congressional investigators want to know whether the money in any way affected Hubbell's cooperation with Whitewater investigators, who have been frustrated by his inability to recall key events.

Hubbell has refused to say how much he was paid or what he did for Lippo, whose top officials were large donors and fund-raisers for the Democrats.

Huang, former head of Lippo's U.S. operations, worked for 18 months in a top political job at the Commerce Department before leaving there in 1996 to raise money for the Democratic Party.

He emerged as one of the earliest figures in the fund-raising controversy after hundreds of thousands of dollars he collected were returned by the Democratic National Committee because of suspicions they came from prohibited foreign sources.

Stats fall in arrests for DWI

ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS — An accelerating decline in arrests and convictions for drunken driving results from greater caution by social drinkers and tougher laws, according to the *Texas Journal of the Wall Street Journal*.

The report says recent figures from the state's Office of Court Administration show drunken driving cases in fiscal 1996 dropped 5.6 percent from the previous year to 79,314, while convictions declined 7.1 percent to 66,051.

The results from the fiscal year ended Aug. 31 were published last month in the Texas Judicial System Annual Report.

The declines from the early 1990s have been accelerating in recent years, according to *The Journal's* editions Wednesday.

The Texas Department of Public Safety says arrests for driving while intoxicated in the 1995 calendar year — the latest year for which figures are available — dropped 14 percent from the previous year to 88,372.

The Journal said arrests have also been dropping faster in recent years.

"After all these years, it is wonderful to see the pendulum swing the other way," said Robert Owens, assistant to the chief of legal services for the Department of Public Safety in Austin.

Owens, who noted that drunken driving cases rose sharply in the late 1970s and early 1980s, added that tougher legislation, such as license revocation laws, combined with public education and awareness for the improvement.

State law now requires periods of license revocation for refusing or failing a breath test or for drunken driving convictions. The Legislature is expected to tackle new, tougher drunken-driving bills this session.

Public service announcements and other education by groups like Mothers Against Drunk Driving helped cut the cases, he said.

Declining numbers of cases in the state's misdemeanor criminal courts mean a greater percentage of drunken-driving cases involve hard-core drinkers.

"As the total drunken-driving pie is shrinking, we see more and more people with severe alcohol problems," Judge Mark Atkinson, a Harris County misdemeanor judge, said.

Clinton approves opening bureaus in Cuba

By George Gedda
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — In a move it said would focus more attention on the shortcomings of Communist Cuba, the Clinton administration gave the go-ahead Wednesday for 10 U.S. news organizations to open bureaus in Cuba. Of the 10, only CNN has permission from the Cuban government.

The Cuban Foreign Ministry said the other media applications, including one from The Associated Press, would be reviewed.

The administration acted after influential conservatives, including Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Jesse Helms, R-N.C., said they would have no objection to the presence of U.S. news bureaus in Havana.

No U.S. news outlet has had a permanent bureau in Cuba since the AP was expelled from the island in 1969.

White House spokesman Mike McCurry said the administration action was in keeping with a policy dating back to October 1995 "supporting an increased flow of accurate information to and from and within Cuba itself."

He said the administration believes reporting by U.S. news organizations "will keep international attention focused on the situation in Cuba and on the realities of economic and political conditions there."

"It also will bring greater public exposure to those who are advocating a democratic change in Cuba," he said.

A Cuban Foreign Ministry official in Havana, contacted by telephone, said that CNN was the only U.S. news organization authorized by the Cubans.

"We will continue analyzing the rest of the applications" and will

make decisions "when the Cuban government considers it opportune," said the official. Cuba approved CNN's application last August.

British and French news agencies have been the only Western news outlets allowed by the Cuban government to set up permanent bureaus.

But Cuba frequently has granted American reporters visas — usually lasting about a week — for travel to the Caribbean island. Cuban officials have said that 90 percent of visa applications from American reporters have been approved over the years.

Besides CNN and the AP, U.S. government permission to open bureaus was extended to ABC, CBS, Univision, *The Miami Herald*, Dow Jones News Services, the *Chicago Tribune*, the *Sun-Sentinel* of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and the School for Advanced International Studies at

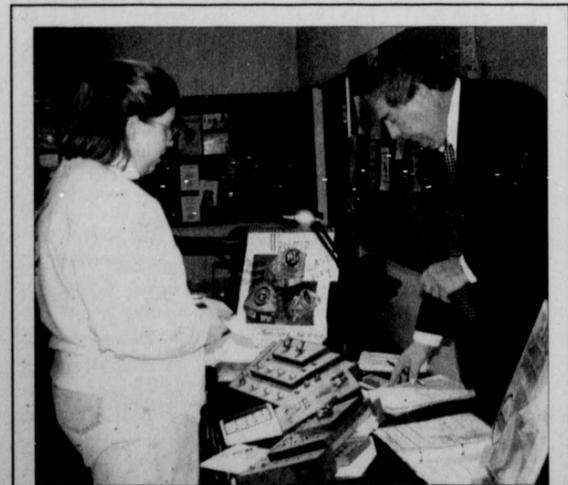
Johns Hopkins University, which publishes a Cuba news letter.

CNN News Group President Tom Johnson said he was pleased by the administration decision and that the network's Havana bureau would open in March.

"Our year-round Havana bureau reporting will enable CNN viewers to be more informed about developments in Cuba," Johnson said. Veteran CNN Latin America correspondent Lucia Newman was named Havana bureau chief.

Louis D. Boccardi, AP president and chief executive officer, said, "We welcome the American action and continue, as we have been doing for several years, to press the Cubans for their approval."

CNN asked for U.S. permission to open a bureau in November, but the administration held back out of concern over a potential negative reaction from conservatives.



Alicia Wilson, a senior art major, gets advice about her class ring from Jim Taylor, a Jostens representative, Wednesday afternoon at the ring display in the Student Center.

Tennis tourney honors Bartzens

By Kimberly Campbell
SKIFF STAFF

Tennis coach Tut Bartzen and his wife will have a tennis tournament held in their honor this week.

The Colonial Jackson Walker Professional Tennis Tournament at the Colonial Country Club will begin at 1 p.m. today and will last through Sunday.

To receive such an honor took nearly a lifetime of work for Bartzen and his wife, Sara.

The story begins once upon a time when a wealthy oil tycoon decided to build a tennis court in a small Texas town. It was something the children of the town had never seen before, but it would end up changing the life of one 10-year-old boy.

It sounds like a movie, but it's actually the beginning of TCU Bartzen's life as a professional tennis player.

"We were sandlot kids who drummed up our own games," Bartzen said. "I probably wouldn't have even gotten into tennis. It was almost fate."

Bartzen has been at TCU since January of 1974. After only three years as coach, TCU appeared in the national collegiate rankings at No. 9, and has remained in the top 20 since then, with the exception of one year.

His office tells his history, with every inch of wall covered with winning memories of past teams, trophies and, of course, his pig collection.

But it only tells half the story. Bartzen's tennis career took shape as he won honors in high school such as the Interscholastic tournament in singles twice, the Interscholastic doubles once and the National Interscholastic a tournament in singles. He names his San Angelo coach, George Richey, as being a major part of his career.

"He had a big influence because he was around me from when I first started through my professional career," Bartzen said.

He went on from San Angelo to play at William and Mary College on a tennis scholarship.

"Scholarships were different then," he said. "We got a job on campus and worked our way

through college. I delivered students' laundry."

Bartzen did more than deliver laundry. He recorded 50 consecutive single wins, led his team to two national championships and was the NCAA Doubles Champion.

That was just the beginning. After graduating from college in 1948, he achieved what he calls his most satisfying accomplishments: breaking into the top 10 in the United States Tennis Association rankings, remaining there for nine consecutive years and ranking twice at No. 2.

Bartzen had several memorable achievements during this time, winning the USTA Clay Court Championship four times in singles and twice in doubles. The only other players to win the National Clay Court Title in singles four times were Bill Tilden, Frank Parker and Jimmy Connors.

As co-captain of the U.S. Davis Cup team, he led his country to victory 15 times, winning every Davis Cup match he ever competed in.

Bartzen said he relates most to Bobby Riggs, a player from the 1940s.

"He was a great tennis player in the late '40s," Bartzen said. "His game was easy for me to identify with because he wasn't a very big man."

Others also touched the Bartzen's life, such as his college coach, Sharvy Umbeck, also a Davis Cup player. There were also Charlie Hare and television star Bishop Sheen, who had a weekly program.

"The influences of others are woven into our personalities," Bartzen said.

While describing those who have motivated him, he pointed toward the front office and said, "we can't forget ol' Bonzo."

Bonzo is Sara Bartzen, his wife of 41 years and associate director of tennis at TCU for 21 years, who makes sure he gets to the courts on time and in order.

"I dated him for one year and didn't know he was an outstanding tennis player," Mrs. Bartzen said. "He is the most humble and faithful man I've ever met."

Bartzen refers to his wife as his

support system, a good wife and a good mother.

"My main focus was playing in tournaments and it happened because she made a lot of sacrifices," Bartzen said. "She's made my life easier at her expense."

Bartzen had been the head tennis professional at the Colonial Country Club for 12 years when he was offered the men's and women's coaching positions at TCU. He started with a team whose record was 2-47.

The TCU tennis program grew so quickly that they finally had to expand and build the Mary Potishman Lard Tennis Center, which is now ranked among the top 25 facilities in the country.

Baird Freidman, a former member of TCU's Board of Trustees, agreed to donate the tennis center if Bartzen would be in charge of it.

Jim Johnston, an instructor at the center who works part time at its front desk, said there's no end to the work that Bartzen puts in.

"He's amazing," Johnston said. "He's here at 6 a.m. every morning and works right through with his team."

The center now includes 22 outdoor courts, which were dedicated in May of 1976. Five indoor courts were added in 1980.

In addition to maintaining the tennis center, which is open to the public, Bartzen has accumulated many awards. He has been named coach of the year many times by many different organizations. He was the NCAA Coach of the Year in 1982 and Southwest Conference Coach of the Year in 1988-89.

His most prestigious honors include his induction into the Texas Tennis Hall of Fame in 1983 and the Texas Sports Hall of Fame in 1995, where only three other tennis players have been honored.

Through it all, he said he is thankful for his four children, Tut Jr., Angela, Fred and Tommy, and his wife.

"A solid relationship is the single most important influence," Bartzen said. "She's (his wife) what I call a grand champ."

Bartzen's wife, who calls him "Black Bart" because he never



Tennis coach Tut Bartzen, who has been at TCU since 1974, will be honored along with his wife with a tennis tournament this week.

would give up a point, said it's a good thing that they enjoy tennis because it's all they do.

"He's in perpetual motion, constantly thinking about the team," Mrs. Bartzen said. "I suspect that no matter what he did, he would always give 100 percent."

Bartzen said that's the way he was raised.

"So many people take from sports," Bartzen said. "I was taught to put something back."

Bartzen said much of his work is intangible, like helping kids at tennis camps or just being there for his team.

Mrs. Bartzen said she believes this is all possible because she and her husband work well together.

"We make a good team," she said. "He looks at today and I look toward tomorrow."

Those seeking more information can contact the Colonial Tennis Center at 927-4253.

TCU-Tech game canceled for snow

The TCU-Texas Tech University baseball game scheduled for Wednesday afternoon was canceled because of snow in Lubbock.

A snowfall of three inches was reported. A make-up game was not immediately scheduled.

The Horned Frogs, who beat Tech 10-1 Tuesday to pull their record even at 3-3, travel to Ruston, La., Saturday for a two-game series against Louisiana Tech University.

Cowboys' Haley to extend contract

DALLAS (AP) — Charles Haley, whose back miseries had been expected to force his retirement, instead will sign a contract extension with the Dallas Cowboys, his agent said.

Kurt Robinson told *The Dallas Morning News* that the extension should help the Cowboys, who are in excess of their NFL salary cap.

"We want to help the Cowboys in any way we can, and we should be able to get something done in the next day or two," Robinson said Tuesday. "They have been patient and worked with Charles through his back injuries. He understands their cap situation, and he'd like to help them."

Haley, 33, is signed through 1999. He is scheduled to count \$2.9 million against the 1997 cap, including a base salary of \$2 million.

The Cowboys hope to receive some salary-cap relief in 1999, which is an uncapped year. The NFL will negotiate a new television contract that year, which is expected to generate a substantial increase in the salary cap.

In a memo sent to teams on Monday, the NFL said the 1997 salary cap would increase by \$701,000. Even so, Dallas is one of four teams over the cap. Oakland, San Francisco and Kansas City are the others.

The teams must conform to the new cap by the end of Friday because the NFL's free-agency period begins Saturday.

A Haley extension could be a risk; he has had back surgery in three of the past four seasons and has not played in 16 games since 1994, and doctors have advised him to retire.

Tech coach: athletes don't expect favors

LUBBOCK (AP) — Texas Tech's athletic department adequately oversees the academic standing of its players and does not expect special favors from professors, coach Spike Dykes told Faculty Senate members Wednesday.

Dykes appeared before the elected faculty body after an invitation offered in December to address some professors' complaints that players seem to expect privileges in class, such as permission not to attend.

"It's a little harder to keep up with them than it is for other (smaller athletic) teams," Dykes said, noting that he has 138 students in his program. "The hardest part we have to do is monitor their attendance."

Most vocal has been business professor Paul Dunne, who engaged Dykes in a cordially tense exchange after the coach's opening remarks to about 75 people in a packed Senate meeting room.

As he did in December, Dunne complained about a student who attended just one of his classes in an entire semester. Dunne said he contacted athletic department officials, not including Dykes, and was told that since the player was a fifth-year senior, there wasn't much they could do.

"I want to know why you can't send them to class," Dunne told Dykes, who spoke and fielded questions for about 40 minutes. "If we're going to talk seriously about academics, then let's get them to class."

Dykes responded that every student-athlete at Tech has the opportunity at an education, but ultimately it's the student's responsibility to perform. However, Dykes said, as long as the student meets NCAA and school requirements for participation, they've earned the right to play.

Women's basketball individual statistics

No.	Player	G	FG	FGA	PCT	3P	3PA	FT	FTA	PCT	REB	AST	AVG
3	Wilson, Emma	20	112	282	.397	64	151	125	167	.749	3.9	4.0	20.7
44	Hickman, Jennifer	21	106	219	.484	21	63	38	59	.644	6.6	2.9	12.9
10	Garcia, Leah	21	102	227	.449	0	3	54	77	.701	3.1	2.6	12.3
30	Ferguson, Buffy	22	69	130	.531	13	28	51	68	.750	2.6	1.9	9.2
25	Price, Stacy	21	64	133	.481	0	1	28	38	.737	4.7	2.4	7.4
34	Mitchell-Harps, Shawanda	21	54	113	.478	0	0	33	44	.750	6.6	1.0	6.7
11	Jenkins, Jackie	11	5	22	.227	1	8	6	8	.750	0.9	0.9	1.5
45	Hayworth, Kristina	20	16	29	.552	0	0	8	18	.444	2.4	0.6	2.0
32	Pam Hicks	15	13	35	.371	2	9	13	18	.722	0.7	0.5	2.7
43	Lelas, Anita	16	8	22	.364	0	2	3	6	.500	0.8	0.1	1.2
15	Usher, Ginger	17	8	22	.364	0	0	13	16	.813	2.5	0.2	1.7
33	Courtade, Kayla	10	3	12	.250	0	0	0	0	.000	0.6	0.1	0.6
TCU		21	560	1,246	.449	101	265	372	519	.717	37.0	17.2	75.9
Opponents		21	492	1,222	.403	93	249	383	571	.671	41.3	13.5	69.5

Recruit reviews Sullivan's career

Chad Avery, member of first recruiting class, recalls past five years

Chad Avery was part of football coach Pat Sullivan's first recruiting class at TCU in 1992. He earned three varsity letters primarily for his work on special teams and was one of three fifth-year seniors for the 1996 Horned Frog football squad (though an injury halted his season).



Chad Avery senior

Q: What was Pat Sullivan's approach to recruiting his first class of players in 1992 and what did he say that sold your class on TCU?

A: He didn't compare himself to his predecessor (Jim Wacker). Coach Sullivan stressed the words family and attitude. He said his goal was to bring in a group of players who would grow together as a family and instill a positive, winning attitude to TCU football.

Q: I've heard Sullivan use the

term "family." What does he mean?

A: He means there needs to be a sense of togetherness and cohesiveness from the head coach all the way down to the last player on the bench. For example, I was a tight end and Brian Collins was in front of me. I didn't dislike him because he was in front of me; we were good friends and we pushed each other to get better. As a freshman, everyone wants to be a star but as time went on for me, I realized that my roll on the team was with special teams and Brian's was as the starting tight end. We both did what we could for the good of the team, and that's what coach Sullivan means when he says family — it's everyone working together.

Q: The players in your class, particularly at the skill positions, seems to be the ones that gave Sullivan his success in 1994 and '95. Would you agree?

A: I think our class helped get TCU to where we went (the Independence Bowl) in 1994. A number of players from our group earned honors; Max Knake, Andre Davis, Brian Collins, John Washington, Clifford Barnes and Chris Piland come to mind. It wasn't just our class, though. The whole

team bought into each other in '94. We truly were a family that season.

Q: Why was it so hard to replace those skill players in 1996? Wasn't anyone recruited in '93, '94 or '95 who could step up?

A: It took time for guys like Andre and Max to become great players — they performed well their junior and senior years. You rarely see a freshman or sophomore start right away unless they're gigantic, fast and able to grasp the offensive system right away. Adjusting from high school to college takes time. . . you need to learn the system, the coaches, your teammates and so on. The other thing was with Andre and Max playing so well, they never came off the field. The younger guys didn't have a chance to gain experience because the players in front of them were so valuable.

Q: Last week the coaching staff was quick to praise the latest recruiting class as they seem to every year. Are the classes really getting better?

A: I'm not a recruiting analyst and I don't know anything about the '97 group, but I do know that it takes time to tell how good a class is. You can't judge how a kid's college career is going to go by watching them play high school ball at

age 18 — all you can do is guess. If these players come in and do what they have to do — which means working hard in practice, working hard in the weight room, watching a lot of film and buying into one another — then I think they can be better. Every class is capable of being better than the one before it because they can learn from the older class.

Q: Do you believe that Pat Sullivan is the right man to be coaching football at TCU?

A: I think coach Sullivan is a great coach and I feel he has a great staff. He said so many things to me throughout my career that have been positive. I think he's definitely a good coach to have at TCU.

Q: Can he win at TCU?

A: They're good enough coaches to win games. It's also not just the coaches, it's the players too. The coaches want it bad enough. They're working night and day, watching films and recruiting miles away from home. They've taken TCU to a bowl; when did that happen before? When was the last time TCU had back-to-back winning seasons as we did in '94 and '95? (TCU went to the Bluebonnet Bowl in 1984 and last had back-to-back winning seasons in 1958-59.)

Slugger says he gambled

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CLEVELAND — Albert Belle, the slugger whose career has been tainted by temper outbursts, suspensions and fines, has admitted under oath that he recently lost as much as \$40,000 gambling on sports.

Belle, who left the Cleveland Indians and became baseball's highest-paid player by signing a \$55 million, five-year contract with the Chicago White Sox in November, said Tuesday that he bet on pro football and college basketball.

He answered the questions about gambling during a six-hour deposition in a civil lawsuit related to a confrontation he had with Halloween pranksters in 1995.

Belle's lawyer, Jose Feliciano, said Wednesday that his client did not gamble on baseball games.

"None of this stuff had to do with baseball," Feliciano said. "Absolutely none of it."

Baseball's rules are clear: A player is prohibited from betting on major league games. A violation could mean suspension for one year, or for life if a bet is placed on the player's own team.

Lawyer Richard Lillie, representing the guardian of a teen-ager who contends Belle injured him with his truck, said Wednesday he was trying to question Belle's credibility.

"He acknowledged \$40,000 in gambling debts," Lillie said. "He acknowledged purchasing money orders in amounts under \$10,000 to pay those debts. He acknowledged betting on professional football and college basketball."

Feliciano said, "This is someone trying to use collateral issues to help his lawsuit." He characterized the gambling matter as "silly and petty" and "no big deal."

