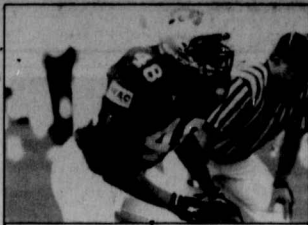


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Brown receives first Cowtown Hero award

Fort Worth residents of merit now are gaining recognition with TCU's new award, "Cowtown Heroes."

The first recipient, Dr. Bobby Brown, will accept the honor during halftime of the football game against Utah.

Brown, a cardiologist, is being praised with the award for his diverse career.

This "Cowtown Hero" was born in 1924 and entered Stanford University in 1942 as a pre-med student. However, because he was enlisted in the Navy during World War II, he was sent to the University of California-Los Angeles, where he completed his pre-med education.

In 1943 he was awarded the U.S. Treasury Department Medal for Bravery after rescuing a drowning man in the Pacific Ocean. In 1944, he went on to Tulane University School of Medicine.

But before graduating from Tulane he signed a professional baseball contract with the New York Yankees. Brown juggled both a baseball and medical career until 1954, when he chose to pursue a residency in internal medicine.

Following his medical training, Brown began a private practice in Fort Worth in 1958. He continued his work in cardiology until February 1, 1984, when he became president of Major League Baseball's American League.

Brown's baseball career from 1946 until 1954 took him to four World Series.

Currently, Brown is a trustee for the Amon Carter Foundation.

Political science faculty hosts barbecue

Political science faculty members invite political science majors, minors and students to join them in kicking off the fall semester at a backyard barbecue this Saturday.

The event, scheduled to start at 5 p.m. and end at 7 p.m., will allow professors and students in the political science field to become better acquainted.

The barbecue will be held at 2507 Boyd Ave. north of Amon Carter Stadium.

The political science department encourages students to come hungry and to bring a guest as well.

Lecturer to perform Romantic music

Bass-baritone Bruce Abel of Stuttgart, Germany, will perform a guest lectureship recital at 7:30 p.m. Monday in Ed Landreth Auditorium, showcasing the music of Schubert and Brahms.

The event is free and open to the public.

Abel, who spent several years with the Aachen Opera, is a voice professor known for performing baroque, romantic and contemporary music.

The singer will be on campus for three days. On Tuesday, Abel will hold a voice master class in Ed Landreth Hall Room 103 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. On his last day, Wednesday, he will meet with students at 4 p.m. in the Ed Landreth Hall reception room to discuss opportunities to study and perform in Germany.

For more information, call 921-7602.

Dorm residents to host tailgate party

The men of Milton Daniel will host a tailgate party Saturday at 4:30 p.m. at the "grassy knoll" between Milton Daniel and Colby halls.

William H. Koehler, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, will fire up the grill and cook hot dogs and hamburgers. Sodas and a keg of root beer will also be available to students.

Carlo Capua, a sophomore marketing major and a resident assistant at Milton Daniel, said anyone who wants to can attend the free fiesta.

"(It will) promote a sense of community right before the game and some school spirit," he said. "It's a good way to kick off the year."

Tucker lauds strengths of TCU

Convocation marks start of session

By Mitch Youngblood
SKIFF STAFF

Chancellor William E. Tucker told students, faculty, trustees and community members Thursday that TCU is "strong, growing and poised to play an even larger and more substantive role in the future of American higher education" at the State of the University Fall Convocation address.

Tucker covered several areas concerning the past and present of the university. The biggest news he delivered, though, concerned the future of the university — the accreditation of the department of engineering through the AddRan College of Arts and Sciences.

"Earlier this week, I received official notification that the department of engineering has received full accreditation for six years from the accreditation board of engineering and technology," Tucker said. "It was a wonderful letter to receive."

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Chancellor William E. Tucker (right) presents the Chancellor's Award for Distinguished Research and Creative Activity to Charles E. Lamb Jr. Lamb called the award "the greatest honor I have ever received."

Professor honored for research in marketing

Lamb says financial resources, support propel his work

By Adriana Torrez
STAFF REPORTER

Charles E. Lamb Jr., the M.J. Neeley professor of marketing and chairman of the marketing department, received the 1997 Chancellor's Award for Distinguished Research and Creative Activity.

Chancellor William E. Tucker presented the award at the Fall convocation ceremony Thursday in Ed Landreth Auditorium.



Charles E. Lamb Jr.

"This is the most rewarding moment of my career, and I shall remember this day for the rest of my life," Lamb said after accepting the award.

Lamb called the award "the greatest honor I have ever received" and "a very humbling experience."

This is the second time Lamb has been nominated for the Chancellor's Award. The first nomination was in 1989.

"I have always held that to be nominated is a great tribute," he said. "It's very rewarding to be recognized by people you work with and respect."

H. Kirk Downey, dean of the M.J. Neeley School of Business, said he was thrilled Lamb received the award.

"He's a very good scholar," he said. "He's also well-respected throughout the world as a marketing scholar. He's certainly deserving, and it's good recognition for one of our faculty members."

In accepting the award, Lamb mentioned two important contributors to success: financial resources and a stimulating, supportive environment.

"I am grateful to the generous support of this university," he said. "I'd also like to recognize my administra-

tion assistant, Fran Eller, for all of her contributions."

Eller said she was amazed to hear her name in Lamb's acceptance.

"I'm overwhelmed that he would think to remember a person that works in his office," she said. "Not many people would remain composed enough to do so. But he's just that way. He thinks of the other person's feelings."

Eller also said that such a public acknowledgement was an added excitement.

"All of us on staff appreciate anytime someone says thank you, but it's even more special when it's done in such a public forum," she said.

Lamb was one of eight nominees from various major academic departments nominated for the award, which first began in 1982. The award alternates yearly between distinguished teaching and distinguished

research and creative activity. A monetary award of \$20,000 accompanies the award.

When asked what he would do with the money, Lamb said he had no idea.

Lamb was initially selected by a faculty committee that made their recommendation to Downey. The nomination then went to the office of the provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, William H. Koehler, and the final selection was made by Tucker.

The other nominees followed the same path.

Lamb received the award for research that includes several journal articles and conference presentations that have focused on services marketing or nonprofit organization marketing. Lamb was recognized in 1996 as the most prolific contributor to the *Journal of the Academy of Marketing*

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— Charles E. Lamb Jr.,
Chancellor's Award
winner

Science from 1973 to 1995.

Lamb's articles have appeared in *The Journal of Marketing Research*, *European Journal of Marketing*, *Journal of Advertising* and *Journal of Physical Distribution*.

Chemistry experiment

Men, women approach roommate conflicts differently

By Beth Wilson
STAFF REPORTER

You and that person across the room could be complete strangers or the best of friends, but for the next four months you are roommates.

Sharing a room can be the starting point for a lifelong friendship or it can be the beginning of a semester of bickering.

Roommate problems range from conflicting schedules to contrasting personalities. Daily routines often clash. A common prob-

lem is when the roommate who studies late is paired with the roommate who is in bed by 10 p.m. The repercussions of this appear when one roommate wakes up at the crack of dawn and the other sleeps until noon.

Alarm clock wars often can be a source of roommate conflict. One student said her roommate would not wake up to any alarm. The only way she could wake her roommate up would be to jump on her bed every morning, the student said.

Julie Finn, a senior English major, said she has had several roommate problems in the past.

"We had a big fight over missing things," she said. "So I crumbled cookies in her bed."

Personal habits can also cause conflicts. Finn said her roommate would set aside two hours for dental hygiene each night.

"She flossed her teeth louder than anyone in the known world," Finn said.

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Campuswide recycling program set to begin in residence halls

By Beth Wilson
STAFF REPORTER

Americans throw away enough aluminum every three months to rebuild the nation's entire commercial air fleet. Newspapers account for 14 percent of landfill space.

However, the university currently does not have a campuswide recycling program. But that is about to change. Terra, an environmental awareness club, is beginning a pilot program for recycling in the residence halls, said Greg Barron, a senior environmental science major and president of Terra.

Several of the residence halls currently have recycling available, but it often involves lugging the recyclables long distances. There is a recycling center in the basement of Colby Hall for newspapers, magazines and

cans.


"Residents have to take the initiative," said Kim Gonzalez, a senior nursing major and resident of Waits Hall. She said she would recycle if it were easy and she didn't have to carry recyclables very far.

Matt Shoemaker, a sophomore premajor said, "If it were conveniently located in the dorms, I would recycle."

Several of the offices on campus have white paper recycling, but it is not available in all buildings. There are also several recycling dumpsters around campus.

In the Ranch Management parking lot, there is a shed to take any recyclables, paper or aluminum. The "EcoBin" is emptied and sorted by members of Alpha

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INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ASSOCIATION will have a host families picnic at 2 p.m. Saturday at Eagle Mountain Lake.

A MULTICULTURAL MIXER for faculty, staff and students will be held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday in the Student Center Ballroom. For more information, call Robbie Morganfield at 921-0782.

PRESBYTERIAN STUDENT FELLOWSHIP will meet at 10:30 a.m. Sunday in front of the Student Center to visit Hemphill Presbyterian Church. A free lunch will be provided after the service. Also, students are invited to meet at 3:30 p.m. in front of the Student Center to go to the Logos (a Christian bookstore) to hear former mayor Bob Bolen speak. For more information, call Becca Bartlett at 927-5574.

TCU TRIANGLE will meet at 5 p.m. Sunday in the Wesley Foundation Building. For more information, call Priscilla Tate at 921-7160.

A HIGH SCHOOL CONFERENCE planning meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Monday in the Student Center Room 211. For more information, call Zoranna Taylor at 920-3002.

A STUDY SKILLS WORKSHOP will be held at 7 p.m. Monday in the Rickel Building Room 106. For more information, call Jeremy Poynter at 923-8792.

ORDER OF OMEGA will meet at 10 p.m. Monday in the SAE chapter room.

A BUSINESS ACTIVITIES FAIR will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday in the Tandy Hall atrium. For more information, call Liz Crossman at 920-4892.

PEER EDUCATION TRAINING will begin soon for college students who want to make presentation to local schools on issues such as drugs, alcohol, grief and eating disorders. For more information, call Monica Kintigh at 921-7863.

Police Blotter

The following crimes were reported by Campus Police for Sept. 2 through Sept. 10.

Stolen Property
4 p.m. Sept. 2 — A student reported her cellular phone stolen from her purse in Room 209 of Brite Divinity School about 9 a.m. The student said she left the room twice during the day without her purse.

Sexual Assault
10 a.m. Sept. 3 — An officer was contacted by university officials to meet with the victim of a sexual assault that occurred off campus.

Hit and Run
12:59 p.m. Sept. 3 — Officers received a complaint of a hit-and-run in the library parking lot. Police got the license plate number of the suspect's vehicle.

Burglary of Vehicle
1:37 p.m. Sept. 5 — The owner of a vehicle parked on the south side of the Rickel Building returned to his car at 1:30 p.m. to find the passenger-side window forced open, the stereo damaged and the speakers stolen. Losses totaled \$800.

Motor Vehicle Theft
4:14 p.m. Sept. 5 — A resident of 2505 W. Lowden St. notified police when he was awakened by a loud noise that led him to the discovery of a vehicle in his front yard. The vehicle was taken between 10 p.m. Sept. 4 and 2 a.m. Sept. 5 from the Daniel-Meyer Coliseum parking lot. No one reported the vehicle was missing until it was discovered on Lowden Street.

Possession of Marijuana
8:25 p.m. Sept. 5 — A small bag of marijuana was turned over to an officer by a student who called police and claimed that a resident of Francis Sadler Hall turned the bag over to her at 8:10 p.m.

Assault
12:27 a.m. Sept. 6 — One student received injuries to his mouth when a fight began on a bus returning to the Worth Hills parking lot. An officer discovered the fight and spoke to the victim, who said he was hit when the person sitting in front of him dodged a punch from another student. The officer followed the suspect to the Delta Tau Delta fraternity house. The victim tried to start fights with others at the fraternity house and was escorted away from the scene. The suspect told the officer he had head-butted the victim because of something he said to one of his friends. The officer confiscated a fake driver's license during the incident.

Possession of Weapons
1:26 a.m. Sept. 6 — Police confiscated six pis-

tols, two rifles and six shotguns from a pickup truck during a traffic stop. The officer stopped the vehicle after noticing the occupants appeared to be drinking. The officer ordered the occupants out of the vehicle and then searched the truck's bed and cab. The occupants were asked to empty a six-pack of beer and a bottle of vodka, and the officer confiscated the weapons. During the search the officer found 1,400 rounds of ammunition.

Burglary of Vehicle
8:18 p.m. Sept. 6 — A car parked in the coliseum parking lot at noon Sept. 5 was found by the owner with a broken front window and missing car stereo at 8:15 p.m. Sept. 6.

Harassment
1:33 a.m. Sept. 10 — A Sherley Hall resident called police when she received a harassing phone call at 1:25 a.m. The student said she answered the phone and that it seemed no one was on the line until she heard heavy breathing. She said the suspect then said, "I'm watching you." The student hung up the phone and called police, who came to her room and told her to disconnect her phone and keep her blinds closed. The student was asked to notify police if she received similar calls in the future.

Compiled by Rhonda Dickens SKIFF STAFF

Colorado students criticize ticket distribution

By Sam Grothe
COLORADO DAILY (UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO)

BOULDER, Colo. — The University of Colorado's student government leaders are responding to student complaints about the university's season football ticket lottery with a student advisory committee that will review the chief complaints about the system.

Called the Student Advisory Committee on Inter-collegiate Athletics, the committee is now being formed, said Colorado Student Union executive Jon Cooper.

"Obviously, this year it was a confusing year because of the new (lottery) system," Cooper said. "But I know the athletic department is working with people to the best of their abilities."

On Monday, Cooper and his fellow executives sent a guest column to the

Committee forming to review lottery system; athletic official says complaints are routine

Colorado Daily, published in Wednesday's paper, concerning the football lottery.

"In recent weeks, there has been a huge stink about the system for distributing student football tickets. We took a lot of calls from (angry) students and relayed those messages to Athletic Director Dick Tharp a week ago. We, too, agree that this may not be the best system for distribution of these tickets," the column said.

Athletic department officials, however, say student government representatives have had some kind of student advisory committee to handle such issues for years.

But the new student advisory committee will include student athletes, graduate students, UCSU representa-

tives and staff members from the athletic department and ticket office, Cooper said.

Cooper said that this year's lottery had more glitches than any he can recall.

"I had to sit through lines myself," he said. "We definitely heard complaints about the system. Now we're just trying to address them."

Complaints about this year's lottery ranged from long lines to rumors of an administrative conspiracy to cheat students out of tickets to frustration from seniors and graduate students who did not get reserved seating tickets.

"The lottery was to get tickets," said Caroline Fenton, director of Colorado's athletic ticket office.

"This happens every year. Those who don't get tickets feel the system is skewed and against them."

"I would say 90 percent of (the graduates and seniors) applied for tickets, and we couldn't fill all that order," Fenton said.

Some students were able to trade in their general admission tickets for reserved tickets because 500 reserved tickets went unclaimed, Fenton said.

"All we did was take care of some of the students who appealed and complained," she said.

According to an agreement between the university and the student government, the student body receives approximately 14,000 tickets out of the 51,808 seats available at Folsom Field for football games. So far, school and UCSU officials say that agreement hasn't been violated.

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Irish dance swinging into style as cultural art gains popularity

By Branda Schulte
STAFF REPORTER

In a time when multiculturalism is the latest buzz word and everybody's getting back in touch with their roots, cultural art is swinging back into style. One of the newest trends to hit the nation, Irish dancing, is moving in, so to speak.

This exquisite art has been around for as long as the Irish themselves, and to learn it is not an easy task. The moves are quick, with the feet of professionals sounding up to 28 taps per second.

Classes are in high demand all over the country. Irish arts centers, such as the prestigious Rince Ceol Amhra'n (meaning dance, music, song) in New York City, are gaining popularity.

These centers offer year-round classes, workshops, concerts and special events as an opportunity for people of all ages to study traditional Irish dance and music, according to the Rince Ceol Amhra'n World Wide Web site.

Ann Crassons, a junior international affairs and French major, has been involved in Irish dance for six years. She said it keeps her close to her Irish roots and her family.

"My family has been traced back for hundreds of years," she said. "The dance is about the music and the community. We're reclaiming our cultural identity, but in a way that's not nationalistic or negative."

Crassons, who studied at the New Orleans School of Irish Dance, said her favorite type is the Ceili dance, which is a joyful, celebratory dance. It is usually performed at weddings, anniversaries or any other party involving lots of loved ones.

"The people involved in Irish

dance are mostly, though not exclusively, Irish," Crassons said. "But all of them are fascinated by its tradition and beauty."

Up-and-coming attractions featuring the Irish step dance are full length stage shows, such as "Riverdance" and "Lord of the Dance," both choreographed by award-winning Irish-American dancer Michael Flatley.

Flatley, who hails from an Irish neighborhood in Chicago, made headlines across Europe and North America when "Riverdance" first hit the London stage in 1994. The show features a strict, traditional form of step dancing. The arms are

waist up, you're facing a firing squad."

The wildly popular show is selling out now for performances in late 1998. The Dallas show, already being advertised, is scheduled for July 30-Aug. 15, 1998, at Fair Park Music Hall July 30-Aug. 15, 1998.

Flatley broke away from "Riverdance" after disputes with the producer and has since created a new show, "Lord of the Dance." It strays from tradition, with dancers' arms held high, hips gyrating and faces smiling.

In an interview with Roach, Flatley said his new version of Irish dance better represents Ireland to him.

"So many of the Irish are passionate and joyful," he said. "To think of them dancing with their arms at their sides and no facial expression — I don't understand it."

Although critics say he should stick with tradition, Flatley's fans, who call themselves Flatheads, follow his "Lord of the Dance" tour from city to city and refer to him as the "eighth wonder of the world," Roach said.

The show's production company reports that the world tour has grossed over \$100 million. At New York City's Radio City Music Hall, it sold out 11 of 13 shows.

Flatley, who stars in "Lord of the Dance," is credited in the 1990 Guinness Book of World Records for the most taps per second, at 28. Although the record was broken by an Englishman who tapped 32 times, Flatley continues to earn over \$1 million per week.

Fans say they love the shows because of the strong emotions involved in watching the dancers.

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held flat at the dancer's side and the hips, shoulders and face are held rigid while the feet dance furiously.

In an article for *USA Weekend* Mary Roach wrote, "From the waist down you're an eggbeater; from the

TUCKER

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To assess the state of the university, Tucker hearkened back to goals set in 1990.

"One way of cutting straight to the heart of the matter is to measure outcomes against stated goals," he said. "Ask the dangerous questions. What did we say we wanted to do, and what, if anything, have we done?"

Tucker said in the fall of 1990 he outlined several priorities for academic advancement to be met by the end of this decade by the Board of Trustees. Most of his address contained facts, figures and estimates on how successful each of his points has been thus far.

"Between then (1990) and now, the percentage of both minority and international students in the student body has grown from 11.8 percent to 18.1 percent," Tucker said. "That is a cumulative increase of over 55 percent in six short years."

Tucker cited the influx of minority

and foreign students as helping TCU students and faculty become more a part of and help contribute to a "global community."

In the summer of 1998, he said, the TCU London Center will be established "for the benefit of faculty and students alike." And a graduate scholarship program will be established to provide aid to students in Mexico who want to study at TCU.

Turning to technology and scholarships, Tucker said TCU should have entirely new software for human resources, business and the student body as a whole installed by 1999.

He also said that in the seven years since he outlined his proposals, TCU has raised about \$19 million including \$2.3 million for the endowment of students in middle-income families.

Tucker characterized the future as prosperous for the TCU community.

"The future is not what it used to be," he said. "I say that TCU's future

is more than it used to be."

Tucker began his discourse by describing the struggle that TCU's founders faced in establishing "a school chartered to support and promote literate" education.

In fund raising, Tucker contrasted the "struggle to survive" of TCU's origins against its modern rate of endowment. Before he talked about the current state of the university, he named and thanked several of the most influential people to have passed through TCU and acknowledged that many of their names are now on buildings across the campus.

William H. Koehler, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, called Convocation "the symbolic beginning of the academic year." He also recognized nominees for the Chancellor's Award for Distinguished Research and Creative Activity, who were fully introduced after Tucker's address.

the additional comments from the survey. There are several interests that are compatible, she said, such as music and art or sports and fitness. Grieser said she tries not to place two students together if they have the same name or are from the same city.

Grieser said she relies on experience and intuition to place the students.

"I like puzzles," she said. "This is like putting the pieces together." The pieces don't always fit, and roommate conflicts are inevitable. Should problems arise, resident assistants help mediate conflicts.

Sarah Edwards, a sophomore premajor and a resident assistant in Colby Hall, said part of her job is to discuss conflicts.

"If the situation is seriously bad," she said, "we will move

them but we want them to learn to get along as part of the college experience."

If a situation goes beyond the realm of the residence hall, the Counseling Center also offers help.

Monica Kintigh of the Counseling Center said most students in a roommate conflict don't really listen and tend to blame the other person. She suggested instead of saying, "You always play the music loud," roommates should try something like, "I need to study in quiet." Kintigh said this softens the conversation and opens up the situation.

Kintigh also said it is best to be clear about expectations from the beginning.

When problems develop, it is important to address them then

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Scots show enthusiasm for own Parliament in vote

EDINBURGH, Scotland — Scots gave a thumping endorsement to creating their own Scottish Parliament after 290 years of union with England, in partial returns from Thursday's referendum.

The results also showed support, though less enthusiasm, for allowing the regional legislature to raise taxes.

The creation of a Scottish Parliament, which would be opened by 2000, would be the most significant change within the United Kingdom since Ireland won its independence in 1922.

It will keep Scotland within the country with Queen Elizabeth II as its monarch, but the Parliament would assume responsibility for legislation on domestic affairs.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair, whose Labor Party supported a separate Parliament in the campaign before May's election, said he was "delighted with the vote."

Nation

Heston says Second Amendment more important to freedom than First

WASHINGTON — Speaking as an officer of the National Rifle Association, actor Charlton Heston said Thursday the Second Amendment right to bear arms should take precedence over free press and free speech guarantees in the Constitution.

"The Second Amendment must be considered more essential than the First Amendment," Heston said in a luncheon speech at the National Press Club. "This may be a bitter pill to swallow."

He said the nation's forefathers realized that individually owned weapons are needed to protect the rights of individuals.

The 72-year-old actor was named first vice president of the gun lobby in May after he was elected to the association's board of directors.

Handing out of cash turns out to be radio promo stunt

CHARLESTON, S.C. — A mysterious, ponytailed stranger stepped out of a white limousine and started handing out \$5 bills to tourists and shopkeepers, calling

it a birthday present to himself.

The benevolent largess was really the self-promoting work of a radio station's new morning man, the station said Thursday.

Jerry Murphy begins a new show on WXYL-FM next week, said Ron Raybourne, the station's vice president and general manager.

Louise Frasier, a basket weaver at The Market, pocketed a crisp bill and asked the man's name, but Murphy shrugged off the question.

"Never mind who I am," she recalled Murphy as saying Wednesday. "Today's my birthday, and I'm going to give out money."

Murphy, indeed celebrating his 40th birthday, got back in the limo and rode a few blocks down the street, where another crowd quickly formed as bills flew.

"He had a circle around him, and everybody had their hands out," said Joan Davis, who works in the city's Tourism Management Office.

Ms. Davis and co-worker Debbie Simmons have philanthropic plans of their own: donating their free cash to the American Heart Association.

Staff rarely asked about Clinton visitors, adviser says

WASHINGTON — President Clinton's national security adviser said Thursday his staff was infrequently consulted about unsavory foreign visitors who met with Clinton and Vice President Al Gore during the last presidential campaign.

The failure to check the background of a Chinese arms merchant, a Russian businessman with alleged mob ties and other visitors — admitted at the request of Democratic Party officials — never influenced foreign policy, Samuel R. Berger told a Senate committee.

The problem doesn't exist in Clinton's second term, Berger asserted, because new procedures are in place that require intelligence checks with the State Department and CIA before foreign visitors are admitted to the White House. Clinton insisted on tightening the controls, Berger told the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee.

At a hearing on campaign finance abuse, Berger was forced to defend not only administration policy but his own activities when he was deputy national security adviser during Clinton's first term.

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Highlights from Chancellor William E. Tucker's Convocation Address

"In your behalf, I have proposed that TCU emphasize the preparation of students and faculty to live in and contribute to a global society."

"Come the summer of 1998, we will establish the TCU London Center for the benefit of faculty and students alike."

"In your behalf, I have proposed that TCU selectively strengthen graduate education at the doctoral levels by bettering composition stud-

ies of the department of English and reactivating the Ph.D. in mathematics."

"TCU has established an endowment fund with earnings earmarked for middle-income students who do not qualify for either the academic scholarship or the need-based grants."

"The future is not what it used to be. I say that TCU's future is more than it used to be."

The faculty members were presented awards from their individual colleges and schools. Tucker then presented the Chancellor's Award for Distinguished Research and Creative

Activity, given every other year, to Charles E. Lamb Jr., the M.J. Neeley professor of marketing and chairman of the marketing department.

A reception was held on the lawn

in front of Reed Hall after Convocation. Students and faculty ate from an assortment of catered snack foods and fruit while listening to a TCU jazz ensemble.

Lawmakers say prof should resign from UT Deans defend instructor's speech rights

By Juan B. Elizondo Jr.
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AUSTIN — A group of Hispanic lawmakers on Thursday demanded the resignation of a University of Texas law professor who said blacks and Mexican Americans come from cultures in which "failure is not looked upon with disgrace."

But UT officials defended the professor's constitutional right to say "even these offensive and painful words."

Rep. Hugo Berlanga (D-Corpus Christi) is chairman of the Mexican American Legislative Caucus. He said future UT funding could be jeopardized if constitutional law professor Lino Graglia does not leave the school.

"It seems we're in an era where the Ku Klux Klan does not come in white robes but in the robes of academe," added Sen. Gregory Luna, head of the Senate Hispanic Caucus.

Graglia spoke Wednesday during the announcement of a new UT student organization that supports a federal court ruling outlawing race-based admissions policies in Texas. Graglia is a faculty advisor for the group.

"Blacks and Mexican-Americans are not academically competitive with whites in selective institutions," he said. "It is the result primarily of cultural affects. They have a culture that seems not to encourage achievement. Failure is not looked upon with disgrace."

UT Interim President Peter

Flawn said inflammatory comments alone aren't enough to fire Graglia.

"To remove a tenured professor, a university would have to show cause," Flawn said. "An expression of extreme views, opinions that are running contrary to those of his colleagues; those are not sufficient."

Flawn added that Graglia's opinions don't represent the school.

"The university administration strongly supports diversity on our campus," he said.

Law School Dean M. Michael Sharlot said freedom of speech also applies to unpopular opinions.

"The First Amendment is part of the nation's heritage and brings with it the problem of protecting the right of many people to say things that are intolerable to many other people," Sharlot said. "I'm not an expert in constitutional law, but I would not think there would be any basis for disciplining Professor Graglia for even these offensive and painful words."

But Berlanga said Graglia should not be allowed to remain at UT.

"He should not continue to represent the state of Texas or educate the future leaders of our state," Berlanga said. "We do understand First Amendment rights, but at the same time, the University of Texas must ensure that their professors are rational and competent in their classrooms and in public."

Graglia did not return a telephone call from The Associated Press on Thursday.

ROOMMATE

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Men and women have different ways of dealing with roommate conflicts. Women are more concerned about hurting the other's feelings, said Brad Moore, Tom Brown Hall director.

"Guys don't let it build up over the semester," he said. "They are pretty frank about their problems."

Reagan Brown, a junior radio-TV-film major and head resident assistant in Tom Brown Hall, said men can have a fistfight and end the conflict.

A survey is used to help place roommates together, said Nancy Grieser, coordinator of housing assignments. Students who request each other are always put together, regardless of how different the two people may seem.

Grieser said she tries to match the interests and habits as well as

RECYCLE

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Phi Omega as a weekly service project.

Terra's recycling program will be simple and won't take any extra effort, Barron said. Each room will be given two blue bags, one for newspapers and one for cans. The bags will then be placed in the hall, and the housekeepers will take the bags to the recycling dumpsters. The pilot program will be implemented in Sherley and Brachman halls next week.

Barron said Terra has conducted a survey which shows the interest in recycling is high. He said he hopes the pilot program will be effective.

"The fate of campus recycling is all on them," Barron said.

He said in order for the program to be effective, the trash taken out of residence halls must be reduced by 50 percent. The recycling dumpsters are currently 80 percent contaminated with trash. The contamination must be down to 20 percent, he said.

If this program is not effective, TCU will not try another recycling program for five to 10 years, Barron said.

Terra members said recycling will save the administration money which could be redirected to benefit the students. Terra members

said the amount saved could be as much as \$20,000 annually.

The pilot program will include recycling education in the form of wing meetings in the residence halls and pamphlets with information on how and where to recycle.

Carrie Hankins, a senior education major and member of Terra, said the club is working to make recycling second nature to the students. She said she hopes to help build better habits for the students.

Hankins said students can look at recycling either as "an inconvenience now or an investment in the future of our children."

"I would recycle if I had some-

thing to recycle," said Philip Hawkins, a freshman premajor. Hawkins said he doesn't drink many soft drinks, and he doesn't read a newspaper.

Students would be motivated to recycle if they had the opportunity and if recycling became part of their normal routine, said Sarah Schoper, a junior political science major and member of Terra.

Gretchen Kliem, a junior environmental science major and Terra vice president, said the campus should take advantage of the opportunity to recycle.

"Individuals can make a difference with minimal effort," she said.

editorial

OK, STUDENTS CAN COME TOO

The TCU Daily Skiff would like to offer the following clarification to students: You may depart with thousands of tuition dollars — some of which may help pay for spirit events like Friday's downtown pep rally — but don't expect those events to cater to students.

Cory Warthon, assistant director of communications, called the Skiff Thursday to emphasize that the pep rally is geared more toward downtown business people.

Warthon said the event is "not a traditional pep rally to get the students rallied for the game."

Since the rally is at noon, classes will not be dismissed for students to attend, she said, but students who wish to attend are welcome. However, "the intended audience is for the businesspeople downtown."

The notion that TCU dollars should be spent on a pep rally for community members when there is no comparable event for students is a clear indication of the university's priorities. Students can attend football games for free (free with that small university fee, that is), so the real revenue comes from ticket sales to the community.

Those who pay tuition should be able to attend the pep rally.

The need to raise "spirit," therefore, is directed at the ones who hold the money.

We have no problem with holding a pep rally off campus, but it should be held at a time accessible to both students and community members. Enthusiasm for the university should be developed on campus first before it is pursued among those not paying tuition dollars.

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Campus Police should see shades of gray among moving violations

Here is a hypothetical question. If police cars were not black and white, would officers have a different way of looking at things?

I realize that not all police cars are black and white (such as the purple-striped "prowlers" of the "Froggy 5-0"), but they generally have a dichotomous color scheme that implies a sense of right and wrong, yin and yang, ticket or no ticket. It is frequently (and often correctly) assumed that law enforcement officers are letter-of-the-law automatons who cannot see any gray area in matters of right and wrong.

Now before I am accused of owning a copy of Body Count's "Cop Killa" CD, allow me to explain. I am the son of a San Joaquin County, Calif., deputy sheriff. I have vicariously been part of patrols, chases, searches, arrest, bookings and hearings through the experiences and stories of my father. I am not an expert on the life and psyche of a police officer, but I certainly have an appreciation for the ups and downs and mentalities of law enforcement.

On the other hand, I also have an appreciation for the attitudes of the general public, particularly TCU students.

I have had three encounters with Campus Police, one of which was in reference to a parking ticket. On these occasions, it would have behooved me to have been more polite (with the exception of the parking ticket), but it would have been a lot easier had my infraction been something more detrimental to society. For instance, had I been accosted by a Campus Police officer for shooting people from the Student Center roof, then I certainly would have been submissive.

If I were being arrested for manufacturing nuclear weapons in my room, then of course I would go quietly and compliantly. On the other hand, if it is 1:15 a.m. and I am pulled over for rolling through the stop sign at the corner of North and Main drives, then yes, my politeness quotient is going to be a lot less than usual.

Perhaps it would be easier for me to appreciate the duties of Campus Police if I saw them issuing fewer parking tickets. Honestly, if a visitor from another planet chose TCU to observe earthling police activities, it would logically postulate that parking violations were the most

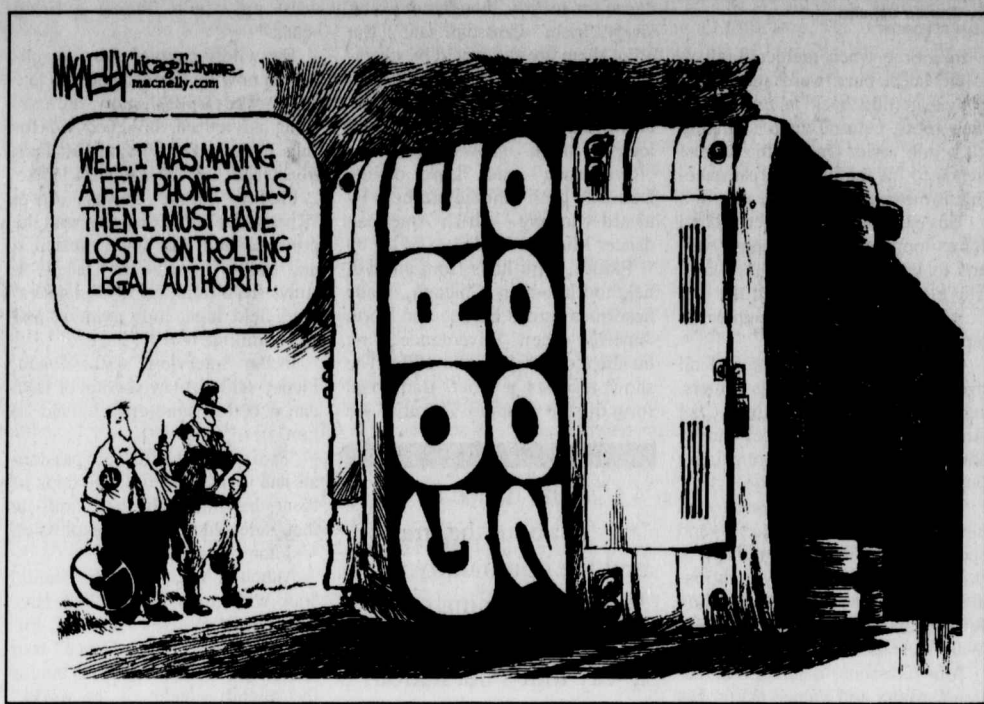
widespread social ill on the planet, second only to moving violations involving stop signs at 1 a.m. Then they would return to their spaceships to find a strip of paper under the windshield wiper, which the aliens might construe as a reason to destroy the planet.

In all fairness, the campus cops are merely doing their job. Parking is scarce at best, and those who break TCU parking etiquette should be justly punished. As to enforcing oft-broken rules when no one is being harmed or destroyed, the campus cops should lighten up. Of course, in this case it is a matter of my point of view versus that of the officers'. I am seeing gray when they are seeing black and white.

Is it OK to run a stop sign when no one is around? Sure. Is it right? Absolutely not. Does it happen all the time? Certainly. Does that make it right? Absolutely not.

Rather than rail against the Purple P.D., allow me to say this: I appreciate its services as far as escorting students at night, dispersing rival mobs of pledge brothers and generally keeping the peace. I just wish that they would let a few harmless infractions slide, and maybe paint their vehicles gray.

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Leadership demands ethics

Be cautious that those in charge reflect your values

From sorority social chair to student body president, positions of leadership will soon be available to entering students. As one who flirted with campus leadership for a few years, allow me to share my thoughts on this most revered and worshiped TCU phrase.

Leadership is an indistinct word. Its definition varies. Like a typical social science essay answer, there is a plurality of correct interpretations.



MATTHEW ALAN ROSINE

One thing, however, is absolutely certain about those in positions of leadership. The greatness of one's leadership ability says little about one's values or ethics. The culture of the United States discovers this reality more and more everyday. It is difficult for titles such as president and speaker of the house to be interpreted without values (both positive and negative) attached to them.

Even though I do not think this is a phenomena of only recent history, I do believe that our late 20th century infatuation with sensationalism has led to its growth. Actions, both small and large, by public leaders often lead to inflated conse-

quences by the time the story reaches the public ear.

But I am not here to criticize the media for painting issues with the brush of a political bias. I am here, instead, to warn those in positions of leadership.

Leadership, for sure, has its privileges. High visibility enables one to be seen by many people, transforming leadership into an especially opportunistic venture.

Campus leadership can prove especially helpful. While at TCU, you might woo some future law firm employer with your intelligibly empty use of rhetoric. Or perhaps your nifty clothes might catch the eye of a local congresswoman.

But leader beware. Privilege has its price. Public positions of leadership have their responsibilities. By its nature, society holds leaders to a higher standard of responsibility and ethics than everyday folk.

And so it should. With the glory of publicity and fame comes closer scrutiny by the public. The one set apart to represent (and lead) all of us needs to be held more firmly accountable for his or her actions.

Not only must sound, ethical decisions not be ignored, but leaders must have an even deeper understanding of how their actions will be perceived by the public. In

other words, puppets and dummies make bad leaders.

Well, you might be asking, "So what does this discussion have to do with my life at TCU?"

Quite simply, my suggestion to you is that you keep your eyes open. Watch your leaders. Be cautious of those who dodge responsibility by using clever rhetoric. Beware of those who carelessly decide to paper-shred away their mistakes. Beware of those who buy their way into office. Do these decisions reflect your values?

Judge the actions of your leaders with the strictest of ethical standards. You have selected these people to represent you. Are they doing their job?

And so for those of you ambitiously working your way to the top of the TCU leadership ladder, be careful. Be careful about whom you choose as role models. Remember that image and quick wit often hide a buried shallowness and ignorance.

And just in case you're having trouble finding a good role model for leadership, may I make a suggestion?

Make a call to Calcutta, India. I hear they may know of someone.

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A dose of financial aid unfairness

University should help students fund study abroad experiences

A semester in London, a year in Spain or a summer in Peru. Sounds wonderful. TCU has many study abroad programs which allow students to earn credit while abroad. And financial aid is available.

If this seems too good to be true, you may be right. The catch is there are specific programs from which TCU will transfer credits (and sometimes grades), but TCU-based financial aid will not apply. This includes academic scholarships, departmental scholarships and TCU grants.

I tried to go to Nantes, France, last spring. I was told that a semester through the TCU-approved Institute of European Studies costs \$12,000 in tuition and fees (airfare, food and living expenses not included). A financial aid counselor told me not to worry even though I could not have my scholarship money because I still had my loans and federal aid (which TCU cannot legally take away). Besides, as the counselor said, most of the programs like IES offer their own financial aid.

The director of the IES France program said the average grant for spring 1997 was \$800. Doing some simple math, \$800 from \$12,000 is still prohibitively expensive.

But I could always take out more loans from my local bank. I was told. Most students, like me,

will have accumulated large debts after undergraduate school, not to mention loans for graduate studies. More loans are not a practical option.

IES is a small program which, unlike TCU, cannot even conceive of having \$100 million fund-raising campaigns. So why not find a less expensive program? TCU will transfer credit and grades from a university in France only through the IES program. TCU's policy gives IES a monopoly on studying abroad.

Part of the problem is that TCU's claims are misleading. Sure, additional aid is available for some study abroad programs, but unethical omissions in the academic scholarship acceptance contract create a larger problem. The only two stated requirements to maintain academic scholarship money for four years are: 27 hours of completed letter grade credit each year (fall and spring) and a GPA of 3.25 (for non-freshmen). Nowhere in the booklets, pamphlets and letters regarding financial aid does it say that academic scholarships will not apply to TCU-approved study abroad programs. Not even in the fine print.

When other universities say aid is available for study abroad, they mean their institution grants this financial aid. Many large schools, like the University of New Mexico, have exchange programs with universities all around the globe and have specific funding to defer the costs of study abroad. This allows students to pay regular tuition rates, even when actually studying in Portugal. All scholarships and grants still apply. Trinity University, a private

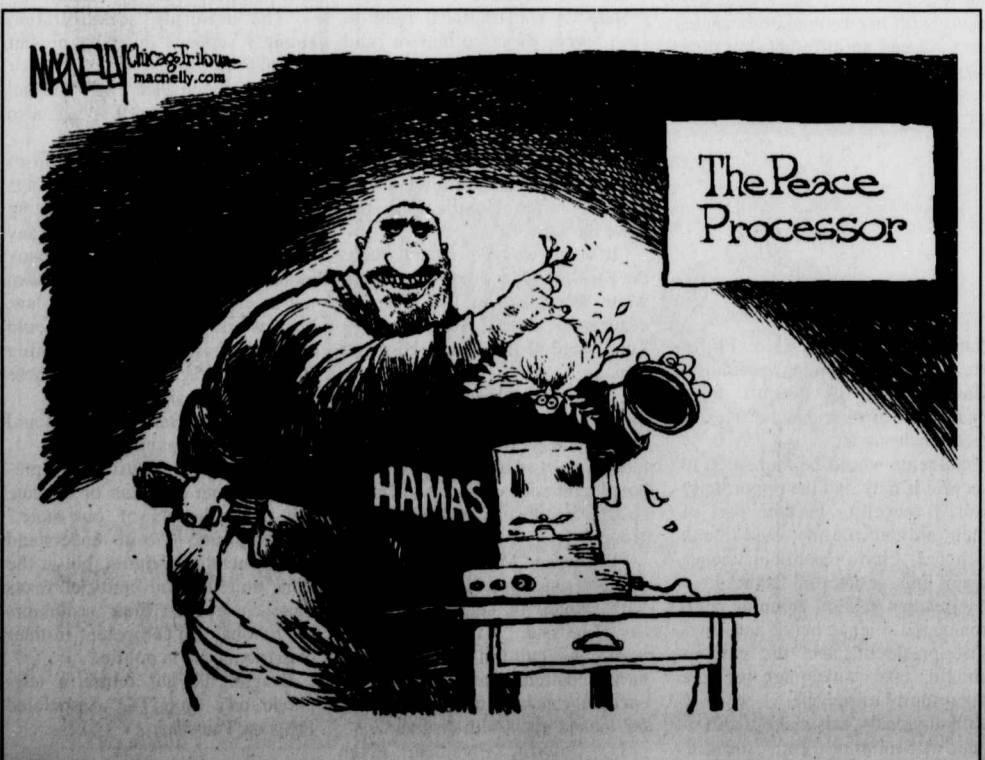
institution in San Antonio, allows students to use their entire scholarship in one semester, instead of one-half for each semester. This helps students save money for the semester abroad while attending school. Trinity's policy does not cost the university anything extra and better benefits the students.

So while TCU is eager to send you abroad, and your tuition check will still be made out to TCU, TCU-funded financial aid will be denied for the duration of your semesters away. TCU will shuffle money around on paper but will not write out a check to someone else, even if it means not fulfilling their end of an agreement.

If TCU sponsored more fall and spring semester study abroad programs, I could accept this policy. But TCU does not offer such options, which is why the university works with IES. The three- and four-week summer programs are not comparable. Both scholastic studies and assimilation of the culture are inhibited by the brief length of a summer program.

TCU has established student exchange programs with universities in Japan, Mexico and, as Chancellor Tucker announced at Convocation Thursday, London. Although this is a great start, it does not help students who are interested in the other 234 countries of the world. For a university that now requires study abroad as a graduation requirement for one of its majors (international communications), TCU needs to put its money where its mouth is.

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Lowering standards hurts racial equality

affirmative action
issues
MATT PEARCE

The issue of racial preferences in college admissions and business employment has burned for more than 30 years, and with recent legal actions in California and Texas, the fire isn't going to be extinguished soon.

Last November, California voters approved the California Civil Rights Initiative, which prohibits racial discrimination and preferential treatment in job hiring and college admissions.

In Texas, courts ruled that the University of Texas Law School's admissions preference policy was unconstitutional. This became known as the Hopwood decision, named after one of the four white plaintiffs involved in the law suit.

The recent drop in minority enrollment is indeed troubling. But while it is sad that there isn't more diversity at many Texas colleges, the Hopwood decision is a move in the right direction.

The problem with the UT system was that it held separate standards for whites and nonwhites. The university had separate admissions committees and required different minimum SAT scores and GPAs for acceptance.

At UT and many other universities, graduation rates for minorities were significantly lower than those of white students. It is more damaging to race relations when underprepared minorities don't succeed than when racial preferences are abandoned.

Perhaps the biggest problem with affirmative action is that the term itself is hard to define. The term was first presented by President John F. Kennedy in 1961 when he said the federal government should take affirmative action to ensure that job applicants and employees are treated without regard to race or ethnic background.

While affirmative action and equal opportunity were originally intended to go hand in hand, they have become mutually exclusive. We have not become the colorblind society envisioned in 1964, but rather a color-conscious one. People are viewed not as individuals but as members of certain cultural groups.

Daniel J. Boorstin, librarian of Congress emeritus, described the situation best when he said, "The menace to America today is the emphasis on what separates us rather than what brings us together."

Another problem with affirmative action is it assumes all whites are rich and all minorities are poor and helpless. According to the Code of Federal Regulations, people who consider themselves members of certain groups, namely minority groups, are seen as "socially and economically disadvantaged."

This means that billionaire businessman Wayne Huizenga, who is Hispanic, should be considered disadvantaged. The same goes for Harvey Gantt, a black millionaire businessman from North Carolina who ran unsuccessfully for the U.S. Senate last year.

To improve diversity on college campuses and elsewhere, we need to attack the root of the problem: primary and secondary education. We need to ensure that schools are providing students with the skills they need to excel in college. High schools that improve graduation rates and test scores should be given bonuses from the government.

We can't build diversity by lowering standards for certain people. We have to raise standards for everyone and help all those who are economically disadvantaged find the avenues to succeed.

As California Rights Initiative chairman Ward Connerly recently said, "Every time we use racial preferences to affect change, it is proof that we have failed a child somewhere."

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HOPWOOD HITS HOME

Anyone who has ever applied to an institute of higher learning knows the anxiety associated with waiting for the school's decision.

Just as well known are the feelings that accompany the acceptance or rejection letter.

With rejection usually comes disappointment or even anger, but when four white students weren't admitted to the University of Texas Law School, they sued.

Cheryl Hopwood, Kenneth Elliot, Douglas Carvell and David Rogers sued the law school in 1992 for denying them admission for what they felt were race-related reasons.

Ruling on the case, the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans said in March 1996 that universities in Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana could no longer use race as a basis for admission.

The U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear the case because, according to the court's decision, "the petitioners challenge the rationale relied

on by the Court of Appeals... (this) court, (however), reviews judgments, not opinions."

The effects of this decision are still being determined at UT, as well as at schools throughout the affected area.

According to reports in the Sept. 5 issue of *The Daily Texan*, UT's campus newspaper, 31 African-Americans and 42 Hispanics enrolled in the 1996 incoming law school class. This year, only four African-Americans and 26 Hispanics are in the first-year class.

Of TCU's 6,163 undergraduates, 1,463 are freshmen, the first group affected by the Hopwood decision.

Fourteen percent of freshmen are minorities, according to statistics released by the Institutional Research office late Thursday.

Of the remaining undergraduates, 14 percent also are minorities.

Officials in the office could not be reached for comment.

Colleges begin to evaluate admissions policies without affirmative action.

Foes should suggest solutions of their own

affirmative action
issues
PAUL BHASIN

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — The controversial and highly misunderstood concept of affirmative action has long been a topic of daily letters to the editor as well as a significant platform on the national and state levels. For many, affirmative action is "sunset legislation" that has served its purpose and should be done away with. For others, it is a lukewarm push toward the abatement of racial and gender misrepresentation and inequality in our nation.

All too often, we see the potent ideology behind the concept of affirmative action trampled upon and forgotten by innocent debaters who have a fundamental misunderstanding of what exactly this policy is and what it seeks to accomplish.

Affirmative action, as I understand it, is the idea that in order to correct the faulty balance of racial representation, race, gender and ethnicity must all become factors in the evaluation of candidates who wish to occupy positions in society. Affirmative action does not seek to wipe out racism, nor does it seek to facilitate the selection of hopelessly unqualified candidates solely based on their race or gender. The latter is counterproductive; the former is impossible.

What needs to be clarified is that most affirmative action supporters realize the policy in itself is flawed: It is not a perfect solution to creating a level playing field because it does not serve to select candidates based on color or gender rather than on merit.

This is irrelevant, however, when one realizes that the entire point of this

less-than-perfect system is to integrate minorities into academia and professional communities. Try to understand that this idea is at most a gentle tug at the sleeve of the empowered white male American elite when one takes into account the three centuries of American misrepresentation and exploitation based on gender, race and even class.

The average anti-affirmative action argument exemplifies the creed of the typical American: "Me, me, me!" America — unlike nations such as Japan — has built a social ecosystem around the concept of the individual over the group, rather than allow for times when the group is more significant than the individual. Every single anti-affirmative action voice I have heard has been the same in this respect: They all hate the idea of one person being overlooked because of something other than sheer merit.

I hate that idea, too. Because no one ever wants to make any sort of sacrifice in America to help the greater good, the anti-affirmative action rally becomes a simple two-word anthem: "Why me?" Right now someone is reading this and saying, "Why should I be punished for what happened to them?" Because it is your group that holds the vast majority of power and influence in America. Look at it this way: Something very, very special happened to minority groups in America in the past 300 years. Now something special needs to be done to help them along so America can truly celebrate its diversity, not claim that serious racism doesn't exist.

I challenge all anti-affirmative action individuals to recognize and admit their fruitless behavior. I, for one, am a bit tired of reading and hearing opposition to something as controversial as affirmative action that offers no better alternative. Yes, affirmative action hurts some while it helps others, but our society needs what affirmative action is trying to accomplish.

In fact, I challenge any reader — professor or student — to come up with a plausible, watertight and just alternative to affirmative action. If you don't like the idea of it, fine. Just be a part of the solution.

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View of resources, other types of preferences must be considered

Race was an easy target for affirmative action foes

affirmative action
issues
DARRON TURNER AND MONICA WHITE-BURRELL

We have been asked to discuss our views on affirmative action as it relates to the Hopwood decision. What we hope to do is raise questions that provide some point of discussion for students, faculty and staff.

Affirmative action's function is to provide opportunities for underrepresented populations to compete in today's marketplace. It does not, as some assume, give underqualified minorities and/or women jobs — give being the operative word.

What it does is open the door so more people can play in the game. The Hopwood case sought to deal with the issue of racial prefer-

ence in higher education admissions as opposed to race in general.

In essence, the case was about Cheryl Hopwood, a woman seeking to enter the University of Texas Law School. She was denied admission based on the criteria the university had set for students seeking entrance to the law school. Hopwood accused, and later sued, the school, claiming she had not been admitted into the law school because she was not a student of color. The 5th Circuit Court of Appeals, which encompasses Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi, ruled in her favor, saying that race could not be used as a factor in deciding admission to institutions of higher education.

With the case in hand, many opponents of affirmative action celebrated because preference, specifically racial preference, had been removed as a consideration for choosing qualified candidates for our institutions of higher education.

There is one problem with that contention. In the same year that Hopwood applied and was denied admission, there were 100 other

white students, along with the 62 African-American and Latino students who were admitted. If this case was strictly about preference, why weren't the qualifications of the white students called into question?

It is our belief that we are dealing with the issue of what is presumed to be diminishing resources. We have been told there is less to go around, so we start to fight over what we perceive to be left instead of questioning the original statement.

Resources are valuable commodities, and we want them to be used properly, but the only way to ensure proper use is to make sure the right person has access to them. And whether we admit it to ourselves or not, we know who is assumed to be the right person. We have identified them in our minds and have given them distinguishable characteristics. If there were fewer resources, whom would you rather be without?

You see, race was easy in this case. If you take the most recognizable characteristic outside of gender, feed into people the belief that someone is taking what rightfully belongs to

them and then cater to an environment that has identified the enemy and you have recreated the Hopwood case. Remember, there were 100 other white students who were admitted who had lower GPAs and/or LSAT scores than Hopwood. When will they be questioned about their readiness for law school?

The answer to that is they will not be ques-

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tioned. They are assumed to be prepared and judged deserving to be there because it is their right to be there.

Somewhere in many of our minds we value race, but at the same time we fear it. We fear it because it has always divided us in interpersonal relationships, access to education, jobs and other resources. Affirmative action

and the Hopwood case and others like it reflect our belief in the distribution of those resources.

Have we effectively taken preference out of higher education? We haven't even begun to scratch the surface. Preference comes in many forms. What about the students who are admitted because of their parents' financial status or political position or because the family has a legacy of attending a certain school? You see, race was an easy target.

Have we reached a point in which we should re-examine affirmative action and preferential admission in higher education? Yes. Has the dismantling of affirmative action and the Hopwood case leveled the playing field? Well, that all depends on what end of the slope you stand on.

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AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:

Reshuffling the deck...



...or playing the race card?

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the students' voice

Funding of education at heart of affirmative action issue

Because elementary and secondary education for predominantly minority communities is not comparable to the greater financial resources and academic standards of the typical middle- and upper-class school district, I believe that affirmative action for college admissions at the undergraduate level is a necessity.

It has only been 33 years since the Civil Rights Act passed. Surely, one generation is hardly enough time for minorities to catch up in educational and economic standing. It's like giving one child swim lessons, throwing another child in the pool and expecting the one left drowning to make the swim team as easily as the child who is given lessons.

The biggest problem is middle- and upper-class citizens are not as willing to contribute their tax dollars to support schools in predominantly minority and inner-city districts as they are to support their own wealthier suburban schools. Without proper funding, education lacks quality. A choice must be made. Sacrifice a few extra tax dollars or accept the fact that affirmative action is an unfortunate necessity for the time being.

Colleen Smith
junior advertising/public relations major

Education is key to changing negative perceptions

Affirmative action has affected many minorities and nonminorities in negative ways even though its intentions were good. For example, affirmative action: 1) lowers the expectations placed on minorities; 2) gives minorities a negative image that they were supposedly less qualified; 3) raises resentment against minorities; and 4) is unfair to the minorities who deservedly received scholarships and acceptance to certain universities.

In short, affirmative action has helped many minorities get the serious attention needed to voice their educational or occupational concerns.

What are some solutions? We need to educate each other. One of the glaring weaknesses in the TCU curriculum is the lack of African-American and African history courses. The importance of these studies goes beyond racial issues. Rather, it is the celebration and acknowledgment that blacks have contributed to this country. I was fortunate enough to take an African-American history course at the University of Houston, and I believe I learned a great deal.

Roy Vu
senior history major

The TCU Daily Skiff editorial board has chosen 10 things we think would be fun to check out over the weekend. Here they are:

Purple Pride — It's all about bleeding purple this weekend. Literally. Festivities kick off for the home team at noon Friday at the Downtown Pep Rally in Sundance Square. Show your support for the purple and white at Frog Alley starting at 6 p.m. before the game at 8 p.m., where our faithful froggies will take on the Utah Utes.

Art in the Metroplex — Walk across South University Drive to the J.M. Moudy Exhibition Hall and check out the Art in the Metroplex exhibit.

Van Cliburn Winner Performs — Where else but TCU could you expect to see the winner of the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition? Jon Nakamatsu, this year's champion, will return to Ed Landreth Auditorium for an 8 p.m. performance Tuesday before appearing in such well-known venues as Carnegie Hall.

Miss your kitty? — Visit the over 200 cats spending the weekend at the Will Rogers Memorial Center Amon Carter Exhibits building for the International Cat Show. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Admission is \$2 to \$4.

The Biblical Arts Center — Interested in religious art but don't have time to jet off to the oldest churches? The Founder's Gallery at the Biblical Arts Center in Dallas recently reopened and is showcasing such works as Victorian ink-wash drawings by Joseph Boggs Beale and woodblock prints. The gallery is located at 7500 Park Lane at Boedecker, adjacent to NorthPark Shopping Center. For more information call (214) 691-4661.

Grand Street Cryers — If you leave the game early or just aren't into football, make a trip to Caravan of Dreams at 8 p.m. Saturday to see the Grand Street Cryers in their two-year anniversary show. Otherwise, check them out at Rick's Place in Denton on Wednesday night.

Grapefest — Last year 96,000 people attended Grapefest in Grapevine, where wine tasting will be accompanied by croquet and other special events Sept. 12-14. General admission is \$5. For more information, call toll free (800) 457-6338.

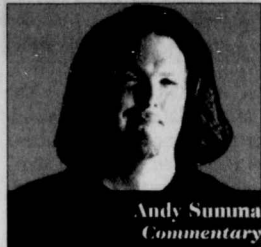
Jackie O. — Fans of Jackie O. need look no further for beautiful photographs taken by a photographer authorized to chronicle the Kennedys' lives before JFK became president. The free exhibit can be seen at the Milan Gallery downtown at 408 E. Houston St.

Celtic Music Festival — Visit the Blarney Stone Saturday for the Celtic Music Festival benefit featuring The Blarney Brothers and Beyond the Pale.

Monet — Last chance for the Monet exhibit at the Kimbell. We've said it before, and we'll say it again: This is one exhibit that you'll regret not seeing, since you probably won't have the chance to see it again. The exhibit runs through Sept. 14.

Twisted plot of 'The Game' takes its toll

Clever story satisfies, but director doesn't live up to full potential



Andy Summa Commentary

"The Game" doesn't play very fair. Director David Fincher ("Seven") undermines his movie's intriguing premise with almost nonsensical filler and hamstrings it together with pseudo-intellectual fodder. But it's still a provocative thriller. However, it is a movie that will make some viewers feel angry and manipulated, while others will leave excited and gratified. The movie wreaks havoc on the viewer's expectations.

Film
The Game
Starring Michael Douglas and Sean Penn
Directed by David Fincher
★★★★★

And therein lies the fault line (or fault) of the movie. The intense and twisting story will either wear thin and cumbersome, or it will enhance the movie's underlying plot. To that

extent, Fincher is like an overzealous televangelist: He asks the viewer to pay an extravagant emotional toll for a payoff which may or may not be satisfying.

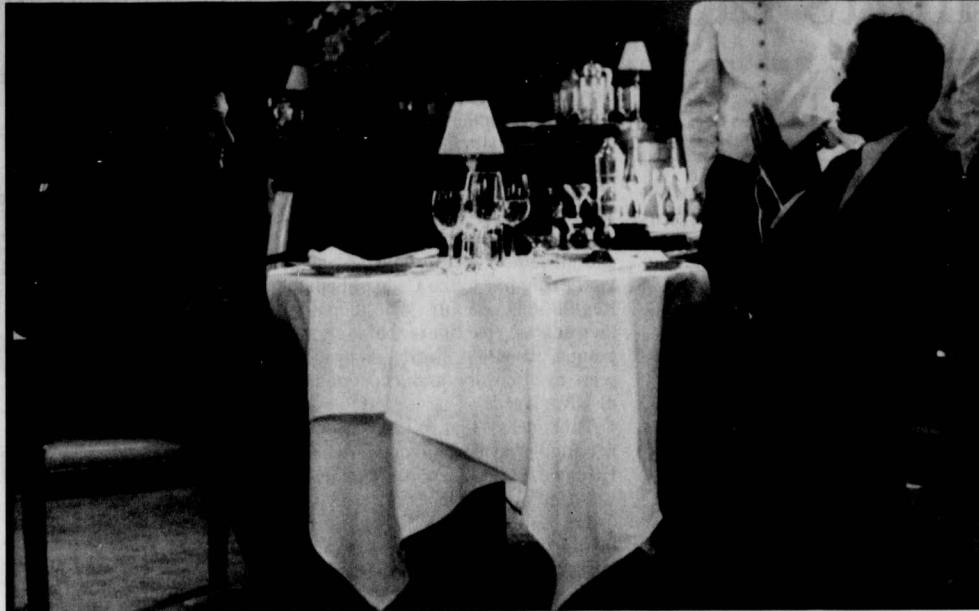
Regardless, the 34-year-old director is confident in his dialectic movie. Maybe too confident.

His framing and scene setups, although adequate, aren't quite, well, Fincher enough. Remember, this is the man whose "Seven" gave Brad Pitt a human head in a box. Fincher's "Game" is too conservative, and his lack of ingenuity keeps the movie from attaining the substantial potential it flirts with.

Fincher's shortcomings, however, are supplemented adequately with an entertaining script and a fascinating movie idea.

Michael Douglas' character is that of a shrewdly successful businessman who has never maintained a happy social life because of his obsession with money and power (see also "Wall Street"). His life is tossed upside down, however, when his younger brother (Sean Penn), gives him a unique birthday present: membership into a secretive and exciting "game."

The game, unlike anything found in recreation centers or on playgrounds, includes Douglas in a high-stakes game of cat-and-mouse. And, expectedly, the game soon whirled out of control, leaving Douglas' life in shambles. To say



Conrad Van Orton (Sean Penn) presents his brother Nicholas (Michael Douglas) with an unusual birthday gift in "The Game."

any more than that would ruin the movie for you.

This is the kind of movie best enjoyed fresh, with no clue about the movie's direction or key plot points. It practically relies on it.

The clever story line, written by John Brancato and Michael Ferris, boldly navigates the film through the metaphoric jungle of cliches and emerges at the other side victorious, if not a little tattered. Fortunately, the script's smart aversion to cliché is as important to the film as

Fincher's casting of acting heavyweights Douglas and Penn. The story depends so heavily on adroit story buildup and deft plot twists that, had it settled on saccharine cliché, the movie's fantastic punch line would be lost.

Sadly, though, the film's body doesn't have the aerodynamic sleekness of its wonderfully streamlined climax. The final 20 minutes are sharp, jagged cinematic swords, whereas the first two hours are blunt, rusted butter knives. Butter

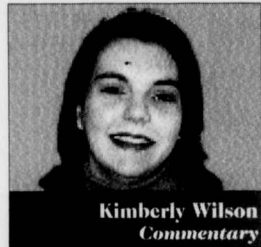
knives are useful, but not when an ax is needed. The final minutes encapsulate what the rest of the movie should have been.

But, like I said earlier, "The Game" doesn't play fair. It doesn't have to. Remember, some of the best sports teams in history won by playing dirty. "The Game" fits nicely into that category.

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Under an odd Big Top

Destruction, noise dominate concert



Kimberly Wilson Commentary

Tuesday night was an unusual night for the bouncers at the Bronco Bowl: They were watching the audience more than they were watching the performers at the Big Top electronic music festival. And it was definitely something to see.

Three bands in particular seemed to gather fairly large crowds of admirers, but all three were very different in terms of music style and band members' performance techniques.

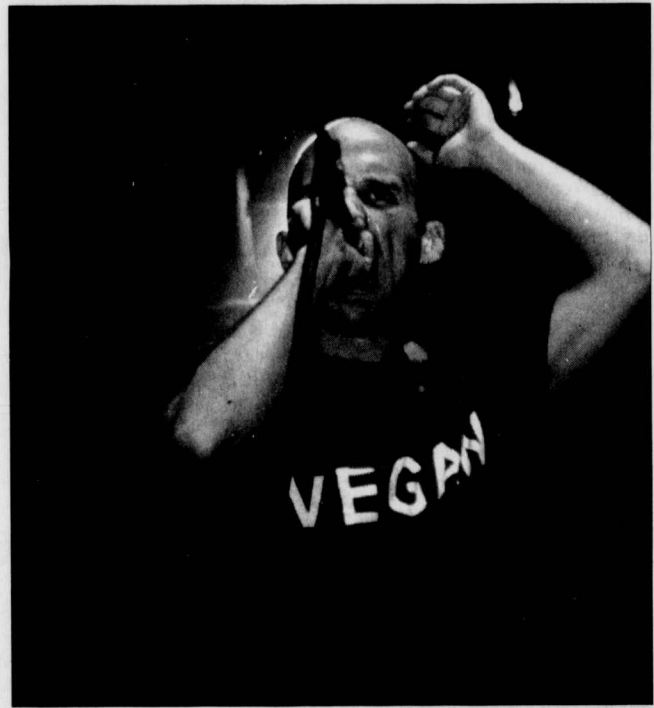
Banco de Gaia, is one of those bands whose CD would not necessarily be out of place if played in a nature store. The melodies were all earthy and relaxing. The band wasn't much into audience interaction, except for one really unusual performer.

A woman dressed as a butterfly was mingling through the multiple levels of the club on stilts. Her psychedelic wings enchanted the crowd and several people followed her around as if they were mystified. The music was totally soothing and mellow, much different from what was to come later in the night.

Moby, the performer who it seemed everyone came to see, was an excellent entertainer. For someone new to the electronic music scene, it was amazing how audience members danced what appeared to be choreographed moves while living in their own little world, influenced only by the outside music.

For those die-hard Moby fans, he was a performer who really appreciated the audience. One front row groupie went so far as to request a photo of himself with the singer — and his wish was fulfilled during a break in the concert. Not too many popular performers are so obliging.

And oh, what a show he put on. Moby is fairly athletic in nature. Throughout songs like "Need You" and "Every time" there was a lot of running around the stage and throwing things — all with more passion than some soloists come up with



Patricio Crooker SKIFF STAFF

Moby performs at the Bronco Bowl Tuesday night as part of the Big Top electronic music festival. Other bands who performed include: Banco de Gaia and Loop Guru.

during an entire show.

The highlight was definitely the last song, when the main keyboard was yet another stage for Moby to stand on — before he threw it against the ground, anyway.

Loop Guru provided the darkest entertainment — and the most interesting clothing choices as well. The lead singer, with her dramatic moves and high-pitched screaming, was wearing a bright red slip, with matching black and red snakeskin loafers. Her clothing might not have been so important if her voice could have been heard and/or understood, but since the overachieving percussion expert was so confident in his role, it was difficult to hear, much less appreciate, her voice.

The aforementioned percussion expert was another story. This guy is the essence of entertainment. Forget the fact that he had more things to hit, whack or hurl than most people have ever thought possible. This guy must be trying for some national I-overpowered-the-loudest-sound-system title.

Most attendees, and probably most other members of Loop, would like his noise and his antennalike wired braids more if they could hear the songs that they are supposed to be a part of.

But at least he got some attention, and that seemed to be the major goal of most of the performers at Big Top. That might have been disappointing had these been other concert attendees, but with the crowd gathered there, music seemed to be a reason to let go and explore outrageous dress and behavior.

Whatever makes the crowd happy.

While Banco de Gaia and Moby at least had some substantial musical talent, Loop seemed to be percussively and visually challenged, to say the least. Maybe they should concentrate more on balancing screeching lyrics with the intense beating of the percussion section. And maybe, for everyone's health, they can pitch in and buy the lead singer a dress to wear over her slip.

But maybe, and probably more accurately, this music is only for those who like very alternative, loud, strange band members. Banco and Moby will probably always be more appreciated by the timid folk than Loop, the die-hard of all noisy bands.

Regardless, concerts like the Big Top festival are not to be missed. Particularly because of the warm feeling that can be gained from observing the variety of people who attend and how the microcosm reacts at events like these.

Conservative preppy college students, minors with several piercings, Manson-esque people... and those were the "normal" concertgoers. Despite their obvious differences — in appearance as well as age — everyone got along fine and simply enjoyed the event.

That's not something you can always get in the real world, so enjoy it in the music scene while you still can. Maybe this kind of music will inspire people to get along with those who are dramatically different than themselves outside of the clubs.

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7-Up to change recipe of drink

New formula to challenge Sprite

ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS — The maker of 7-Up is changing its flavor to make it crisper and less sweet — that is, more like market leader Sprite.

Dr Pepper/Seven-Up plans to announce the flavor change next Monday at a meeting of bottlers in San Antonio, a source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, told The Associated Press.

The Wall Street Journal reported in Tuesday's editions the company planned to reformulate the drink.

Mike Martin, a spokesman for Dr Pepper/Seven Up in Dallas, had no comment on the report. The company is owned by Britain's Cadbury/Schweppes PLC.

7-Up has been around for nearly 70 years with the first version debuting in 1929 in St. Louis. The Howdy Corp. marketed the "Bib-Label Lithiated Lemon-Lime Soda," although it soon changed its name to 7UP Lithiated Lemon Soda. The company became The Seven-Up Co. in 1936. By the late 1940s, 7-Up had become the third best-selling soft drink in the world.

Marketed in the late 60s as "the uncola," 7-Up sales rocketed. However, in the past decade, 7-Up has been losing market share to Coca-Cola's Sprite.

Its share is now 30 percent to 40

percent of the lemon-lime drink category.

"There is a lot more competition today for what the industry calls 'throat space,'" Martin said. "There are just a lot more products on the market."

The new formula will make the drink taste more like category-leader Sprite, with a crisper, less sweet flavor, according to Beverage Digest, a New York-based industry publication.

According to Beverage Digest, the change will be paired with a large national sampling of the new version.

An unidentified bottler was quoted as saying in Beverage Digest that, "We aren't going to tell consumers the product is new. We're going to tell them it's crisper and more refreshing. That will be the emphasis."

Reformulating soft drinks can be risky. Coca-Cola altered its recipe for Coke in 1985 and quickly had to bring back the old flavor under the name Coca-Cola Classic.

Still, 7-Up has successfully changed its drinks before. In 1990, the company re-launched its Diet 7-Up and Cherry 7-Up brands. Diet 7-Up was reformulated with a slightly sweeter taste, and Cherry 7-Up received an extra splash of cherry taste.



Blair Pearce SKIFF STAFF

"Art in The Metroplex" will be on display in the J.M. Moudy Exhibition Hall through Sept. 26.

Pulse

Modern Rock Tracks

1. "Fly," Sugar Ray (Lava-Atlantic)
2. "Walkin' on the Sun," Smash Mouth (Interscope)
3. "Building a Mystery," Sarah McLachlan (Arista)
4. "Everlong," Foo Fighters (Roswell-Capitol)
5. "Wrong Way," Sublime (Gasoline Alley)
6. "Criminal," Fiona Apple (Clean Slate-Work)
7. "D' You Know What I Mean?," Oasis (Epic)
8. "Push," Matchbox 20 (Lava-Atlantic)
9. "Turn My Head," Live (Radioactive)
10. "Sell Out," Reel Big Fish (Mojo-Universal)
11. "The Rascal King," The Mighty Mighty Bosstones (Big Rig-Mercury)
12. "Hitchin' a Ride," Green Day (Reprise)
13. "6 Underground," Sneaker Pimps (Clean Up-Virgin)
14. "Superman's Dead," Our Lady Peace (Columbia)
15. "If You Could Only See," Tonic (Polydor-A&M)
16. "Jack-Ass," Beck (DGC-Geffen)
17. "Semi-Charmed Life," Third Eye Blind (Elektra-EEG)
18. "Graduate," Third Eye Blind (Elektra)
19. "The Impression That I Get," The Mighty Mighty Bosstones (Big Rig-Mercury)
20. "Hello Hello," Talk Show (Atlantic)

Dance Maxi-Singles

1. "Honey," Mariah Carey (Columbia)
2. "Barbie Girl," Aqua (MCA)
3. "I'll Be Missing You," Puff Daddy & Faith Evans (Bad Boy)
4. "Free," Ultra Nate (Strictly Rhythm)
5. "Mo Money, Mo Problems," The Notorious B.I.G. featuring Puff Daddy & Mace (Bad Boy)
6. "Not Tonight," Lil' Kim, DaBrat, Missy Elliott and Anne Martinez (Big Beat)
7. "Things Just Ain't The Same," Deborah Cox (Arista)
8. "I Say a Little Prayer," Diana King (Work-Epic)
9. "You're Not Alone," Olive (RCA)
10. "You Should Be Mine (Don't Waste Your Time)," Brian McKnight featuring Mase (Mercury)

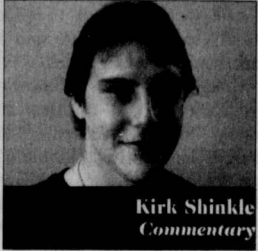
Jazz Albums

1. "Love Scenes," Diana Krall (Impulse!)
2. "Swing," The Manhattan Transfer (Atlantic)
3. "Greatest Hits," Louis Armstrong (RCA Victor)
4. "Priceless Jazz Sampler," various artists (GRP)
5. "1 + 1," Herbie Hancock & Wayne Shorter (Verve)
6. "Leaving Las Vegas' Soundtrack," (Pangaea)
7. "Beyond the Missouri Sky," Charlie Haden & Pat Metheny (Verve)
8. "Mugzy's Move," Royal Crown Revue (Warner Bros.)
9. "Two For The Road - The Music of Henry Mancini," Dave Grusin (GRP)
10. "Gate Swings," Clarence "Gatemouth" Brown (Verve)
11. "Priceless Jazz," Louis Armstrong (GRP)
12. "All Sides Now," Pat Martino (Blue Note)
13. "Monk on Monk," T.S. Monk (N2K Encoded Music)
14. "The Best of Ella Fitzgerald & Louis Armstrong on Verve," (Verve)
15. "Tony Bennett On Holiday - A Tribute to Billie Holiday," Tony Bennett (Columbia)

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ATR: Angst-ridden Testosterone-filled Raving lunatics?

Band's grating style lacks depth



Kirk Shinkle
Commentary

Attention, all you angry young people out there! The next wave of testosterone-induced noise you so love is coming at you to help you sulk your way through those long hours at dead-end jobs with enough hate-filled screaming to keep that extra little bit of scowl on your face. It comes in the form of Atari Teenage Riot, and it's really, really annoying.

Atari Teenage Riot's latest work, ominously titled "Burn, Berlin, Burn," is basically a mix of punk and techno (although Alec Empire, ATR's lead singer insists that "techno is dead"), which creates a possibility for an interesting hybrid of noise and rhythm that has yet to be heard in mainstream music circles. Unfortunately, something went terribly wrong.

"Burn, Berlin, Burn" sounds interesting at first, with a powerful beat and an intense, raw style that actually does fuse the passion and

anger of punk with relatively staid techno. But then, the screams come into the music.

Empire and his cohorts, Hanin Elias and Carl Crack, create a barrage of sound at a few hundred beats per minute, which is something akin to the effects of bad liquor. You don't feel normal while you listen to this band, but you don't feel good, either.

This sort of aural catastrophe hasn't been created in any viable form since the last time I stood next to a civil defense siren during a tornado. And those are the good songs.

On the bad songs, the words "loud" and "annoying" don't quite relay the whole message. ATR sounds a little more grating than any mere words, so try this:

Picture a shiny yellow school bus full of adolescent girls scream-

Music

Burn, Berlin, Burn

by Atari Teenage Riot
Nasty Little Man Records



ing obscenities at the tops of their lungs during a train wreck.

Got it? That's about the right sound, except that the screaming girls might be in tune.

Strangely, though, the unintelli-



Atari Teenage Riot performed at the Coca-Cola Starplex amphitheatre last weekend as part of the Rage Against the Machine concert. The German band's latest work "Burn, Berlin, Burn" is a mixture of punk and techno music.

gible sonic assault can be comforting. The yelps and moans are both-ersome, but only until you make the mistake of reading the liner notes. Then the real waste of time begins. The lyrics range from comic at best to obscene. Most, however, wind up in a confusing jumble of angry words and incoherent meanings.

Here's a tidbit from a confusing little ditty called "F--- All!":

F--- All/You won't cry for me/Turn around my ideas.../I don't need your f---in' attitude/F--- all!

(repeated seven times)/Cut all policemen into pieces/F--- all! (repeated seven more times)/I just don't know...what you try to tell me."

Um, the feeling is mutual. I have no idea what this song is about, but I do think that somebody needs a hug. Apparently, ATR's anarchic revolution will not be televised, and it definitely won't be understood.

Here's another heartfelt nugget from another charming piece of musical bliss called "Sick To Death":

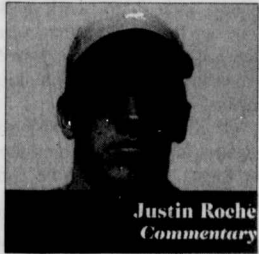
"I wanna destroy/When you touch me I wanna cut you/and you suck for more/I could die for you when you put lipstick on my brain."

Lipstick. Brain. Um, sure. The song also goes on to use the phrase "sick to death" a total of 18 times. So I gather this band is sick to death. Maybe it sounds better in German. I dunno.

Kirk Shinkle is a junior news-editorial journalism major from Grapevine.

Fluid Ounces' 'Big Notebook' grows on listeners

Piano tunes, creative harmonies make album worth a spin



Justin Roche
Commentary

In this day and age where change is the only constant and most new things take some getting used to, we have to realize that we're not instantly going to like something.

Things like arena football, sushi, and spray cheese can seem frightening at first, but pretty soon you can't seem to live without them. To perfectly illustrate this modern train of thought, I present to you the new CD from Fluid Ounces, titled "Big

Notebook For Easy Piano."

This is what I like to call a "cancerous" type of album. When you first hear about it, you don't know what to do. But after the initial shock has worn off, you find yourself accepting the fact that it's growing on you.

Bringing you that delicate blend of coffee house band and "grunge because everyone else is" style, Fluid Ounces has some songs like "Spill Your Brains" and "Kept Alive By Science" that make you wonder if the producers at Spongebath Records lost some sort of bet.

But then after you rule out the idea of anyone working at a place that combines the words "sponge" and "bath" to be a respectful citizen of society, you find yourself inadvertently singing the tunes in the shower as

you wake up for your 8 a.m. class. If the optimistic lyrics to "Tricky Fingers," with the chorus chanting,

"I say this CD isn't lethal, but it will take some endurance to get used to it."

"Life is such a permanent gyp," don't get you going in the morning, I don't know what will.

The biggest gimmick the band uses to "be different like everyone else" is a predominant piano in every song. If

you're getting images of a giant classical piano with an opera singer, you're sadly mistaken. This is a '90s-style alternative piano that seems to go in and out of tune as often as the Cowboys beat the Cardinals (well, as often as the Cowboys used to beat the Cardinals).

But remarkably, the music still works with harmonic voices and creative songs, such as the old ragtime sounding "Role Call," the upbeat and happy-go-lucky "Milk Moustache," and some good tango music in "Record Stack."

By far, the best track on this album is "Big Empty." Happy-sounding, isn't it? It has a great mix of bass and piano that creates a dark, smooth sound which you truly have to hear to appreciate. Also, look for the hidden

Music

Big Notebook for Easy Piano

by F.O.Z.
Spongebath Records

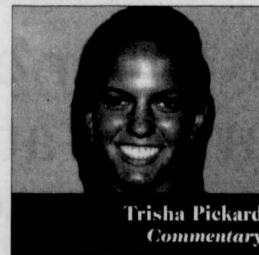


song on track 23. It's a good song worth looking (and listening) for.

So, what's the diagnosis on this carcinogenic album? Well, whatever doesn't kill you only makes you stronger, or so they say. I say this CD isn't lethal, but it will take some endurance to get used to it. But before you go out and buy it, check your group coverage, because I don't think your insurance is going to cover it.

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'Mema Sextet' unusual, amusing; interactive experiences add to play



Trisha Pickard
Commentary

Sit back, relax underneath the stars and smell the citronella candles burning as you slap away mosquitos and prepare to laugh. Great acting, unusual plots, and a relaxed, fun-filled atmosphere are all part of the latest series in the Hip Pocket Theatre Under the Stars' latest play, "The Mema Sextet."

There was some confusion in the play's first act. Some random lip synching and cheesy, pseudo ballet interrupted the funny, mostly plotless dialogue. Act II is more amusing, though, thanks to a comedic cooking show that provides instruction for

Theater

The Mema Sextet

by Johnny Simons
Playing through Sept. 28
Hip Pocket Theatre Under the Stars
237-5977



anyone who doesn't already know how to make gourmet dishes like Spam-and-Velveeta sandwiches and chili-Frito pie.

The audience isn't left out of the fun — anyone who volunteers can taste these rare delicacies for himself or herself. Yikes.

"The Mema Sextet" is an unusual play which, if not over-analyzed, is great thoughtless entertainment. The actors are wonderful at interacting with the crowd, and all give



Brian Pierce and Peggy Bott Kirby perform in the Hip Pocket Theatre Under the Stars' latest play, "The Mema Sextet." The play, which runs through Sept. 28, is shown at the Oak Acres Amphitheatre, just outside of Fort Worth.

convincing portrayals of their characters within the limits of a poor plot.

The Hip Pocket Theatre in itself is a sight worth seeing, with worn out sheets and creaky, old barn wood forming the outdoor stage. With the weather getting cooler, an outdoor experience is all the more

enjoyable. Everyone should see "The Mema Sextet" at the Hip Pocket Theatre because, despite some flaws in the script, the skill of the actors make it an entertaining and memorable experience.

Trisha Pickard is a freshman premajor from Amarillo.

THE MAIN ALTERNATIVE

By Eden Baker and Scott Schreiber
SKIFF RESTAURANT REVIEWERS

While waiting for our food, we were talking about how cool the place was. Granted, it wasn't busy, but we imagine that on a Friday night, this is the place to be.

Our food arrived, and we enjoyed every bite of it. Hummus, black bean tacos and a turkey muffaletta sandwich on the cafe's homemade bread were our choices. We definitely made good choices, although the rest of the menu seemed just as good. The offerings include numerous appetizers, soups, salads, entrees and sandwiches, all of which have clever names to go along with their Split Atom theme. For example, the menu featured supernova nachos, mother ship pasta, and we mustn't forget the quasar-dillas.

The prices are more than reasonable, at \$10 to \$15 for an entree, drink and dessert. Keep in mind that these are huge servings. Their lunch prices are \$1 off all sandwiches and salads, and they offer local delivery.

After dinner, our waiter came over and sat down to explain a little more about the place. He gave us an invitation to join them the following Saturday for an art opening and live music.

We would recommend this place to anyone. If you're looking for a quiet place, go during the week. If you want live music, try it on the weekend.

The staff is young and energetic. Keep in mind one thing, though: The cafe reserves the right to refuse service to imperial storm troopers.

Our waiter returned to take our order and brought us some fresh sun-dried tomato bread. It was some of the best we had ever had.

Grade: A

Falling stars land in TCU department

Meteorite collection among world's best

By Lauren Saylor
SKIFF STAFF

Have you ever wondered what happens to those shooting stars that occasionally fly through the night sky?

The "stars" fall to earth as meteorites. Thanks to the generosity of his gifts, the Oscar E. Monnig Meteorite Collection puts TCU's collection in the top 25 meteorite collections in the world.

Between 1976 and 1986, Monnig gave the geology department his meteorites because he wanted them to stay in Fort Worth. The majority of his 3,000 specimens were gathered directly from farmers and ranchers in Texas.

Three weeks ago, executors of Monnig's estate found 184 new meteorites not yet given to TCU, and gave them to Nowell Donovan,

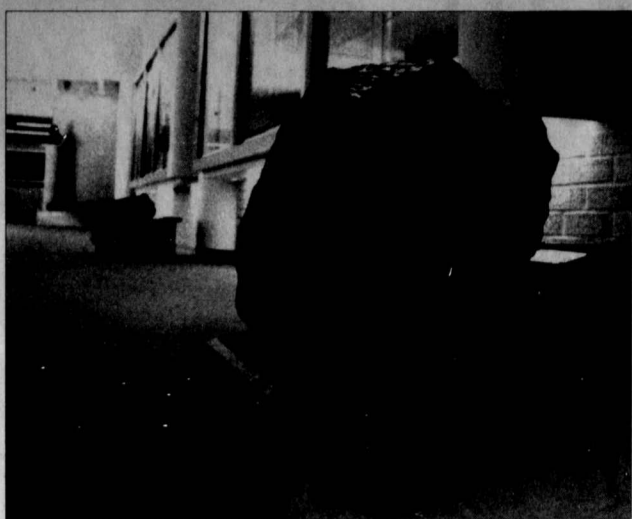
the Charles B. Moncrief Professor of geology.

"A number of the meteorites are the only ones of their kind and are sought after by collectors worldwide and museums such as the Smithsonian," Donovan said.

Donovan said that many of the meteorites in the new collection are historically important. These meteorites are special because they were collected after they were seen falling to earth.

One of the meteorites is from L'Aigle, France. It was observed falling on April 26, 1803. Before that, scientists were unconvinced that "rocks" periodically fell from the sky, and tales of falling stones were considered to be figments of overactive imaginations.

The L'Aigle meteorite is usually considered to be the starting point



This 258 pound meteorite, found in Scurry County, Texas, is one of several on exhibit in the Sid W. Richardson Building.

of modern scientific meteoritics, or the study of meteorites.

Most meteorites are about 4.5 billion years old. A small group are between 200 million and 1.3 billion years old. These young meteorites are igneous or volcanic rock

and, based on chemical evidence, are believed to have come from Mars.

Many of the Monnig meteorites are on display in the lobby of the Sid W. Richardson Building in front of the geology department.

Month of events set to celebrate culture

By Amy Tubbesing
STAFF REPORTER

Hispanic Heritage Month is a time to reflect and remember those who have shaped the Hispanic culture.

Hispanic Heritage Month celebrations take place from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 to celebrate the culture and its advances in the United States.

"Hispanic Heritage is knowing about each other's cultures and bringing them together," said Stephanie Goodrum, a junior biology major.

During this month, many activities and events will be held on campus to commemorate the celebration.

Lee Daniel, a professor of Spanish, said Hispanic Heritage Month is a time for Hispanic students to see the contributions their culture has made to Texas and the United States. He said Hispanic Heritage goes beyond the classroom.

"It is a marvelous opportunity for students coming from various Hispanic countries to contribute something meaningful to our campus life," Daniel said.

Several activities for this month include events in which students can show their artistic expression. There will be a poetry reading again this year, Daniel said. He said he enjoys

this activity because it gives the students an opportunity to see what is studied in class.

This year, the poetry reading will include a contest open to all students who submit poetry for consideration. The contest also provides an opportunity for professors and students to work together.

"Hispanic Heritage Month gets rid of the stereotypical ideas that other cultures have," Daniel said.

Daniel said the university should promote open minds, and when everyone lives together it does that by providing a better chance to experience other countries and cultures.

This month is also a time for people to be proud and acknowledge their own Hispanic heritage and the new steps that are being taken to bring all cultures closer together.

Dennis Feliciano, a junior engineering major and member of Orchestra Sinai, a band which plays in Killeen, Texas, said, "I think Hispanic Heritage Month is a time where we celebrate different cultures, music and foods."

Orchestra Sinai will perform on campus Sept. 26. The group will play a mix of salsa and merengue for all students who want to get a little taste of Hispanic culture.

Phi Kaps recognized as improved chapter

TCU fraternity chosen over 70 others

By Kelly Melhart
CAMPUS EDITOR

Last semester TCU's Beta Theta chapter of the Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity received the most improved chapter on campus award.

Monday, their hard work took them one step further when they were told they had won the most improved national chapter award out of almost 70 chapters.

John Hudson, a junior business management major and the president of Phi Kappa Sigma, said he was ecstatic when he heard the news.

"I ran up and told Dr. (Don) Mills (vice chancellor for student affairs) and Kristen Kirst (coordinator of fraternity and sorority affairs), and everyone told me they were really proud of what a good job the chapter was doing," he said.

Hudson said when he was elected president of the fraternity last spring, two of his goals were to win the most improved chapter award on campus and the national most improved chapter award. With a little hard work, the Phi Kaps walked away with both awards.

"To receive an award like that after working so hard, you just can't ask for anything better," Hudson said.

Hudson said every year, each Phi Kap chapter has to present a report to the national Phi Kap board. Based on the report, each chapter is rated and

the awards are given.

TCU's Phi Kappa Sigma chapter improved from an 82-point rating last year to a 91-point rating this year.

Generally the chapter ratings rise one or two points for each chapter, Hudson said.

"This was a definite marked improvement," he said.

Hudson said the improvement was made through the hard work of everyone in the chapter.

Josh Anderson, a sophomore business major and a member of the fraternity, said, "Our image has gone from down in the dumps to premier. Phi Kap has always been known as a good time, and we're more than that now."

One of the major improvements the chapter made in the past year was changing Phi Kappa Sigma Mandays to the Greek Games to fight Leukemia, Hudson said. Through the games, the Phi Kaps were able to raise \$3,000 for the Leukemia Society of North Texas.

An increased emphasis on scholastic achievement also contributed to the chapter improvement, Hudson said. The chapter now gives percentages off dues for each grade point above 3.5 a member makes, he said.

The Phi Kaps have maintained their chapter GPA of 2.8 for the past two semesters, giving them the second-highest fraternity GPA on campus.

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Racist messages splattered across Berkeley bathroom

BERKELEY, Calif. — Racist graffiti written on the walls of a bathroom in a University of California-Berkeley bathroom Tuesday night caused mixed reactions from the students who saw it.

The racially pointed messages were written in green and black marker and placarded on most of the walls surrounding the bathroom's three urinals. The messages read "Viva La Raza," "Chicanos Rule," "White Power," and "White Power Rules — Cal Aryan League."

Capt. Bill Cooper of the University of California police said that the usual charge for graffiti is misdemeanor vandalism. The punishment for such a charge on the Berkeley campus usually includes a fine for the cost of cleanup. According to Cooper, it takes repeated offenses and extensive damage before the charges are increased to a felony.

As of Wednesday evening, the university had yet to clean up any of the racist graffiti. However, while none of it had been removed, an anonymous bathroom patron had scribbled out the word "rules" in one of the white power statements and replaced it with the word "sucks."

—Daily Californian
University of California-Berkeley

Letter to Duke leader urges improved race relations

DURHAM, N.C. — In a show of support for their black colleagues, 250 non-minority faculty members and employees at Duke University submitted a letter Wednesday afternoon to President Nan Keohane urging that she move from rhetoric about improving race relations into decisive action.

The letter, which its three co-authors have been circulating since July to garner signatures from faculty members and staff at the two undergraduate schools and the Medical Center, supported an initial letter drafted in May and co-signed by 20 black faculty members calling for the university to eradicate racism on campus. That initial letter, addressed to Keohane, expressed particular outrage about the mistaken arrest and detainment of a black undergraduate student by two white Duke University police officers.

Keohane could not be reached for comment but issued a statement in response to the letter from the 250 faculty members and employees, reassuring the University community of her commitment to the challenge.

Racism is not only a minority problem but a "Duke problem," maintained the three authors of Wednesday's letter.

—The Chronicle
Duke University

Berkeley graduate gives bone marrow to save boy

BERKELEY, Calif. — Following an extensive bone marrow donor registration drive aimed at finding a match for a University of California-Berkeley resident, a recent Berkeley graduate donated his bone marrow

Thursday morning to save the life of an 8-year-old boy.

Ron Balbuena was told several weeks ago that his bone marrow exactly matched that of a boy who has chronic myelogenous leukemia. Balbuena, who graduated from Berkeley last year with a degree in molecular and cell biology and immunology, volunteered two years ago at a bone marrow donation drive on the Berkeley campus.

Balbuena went to the Alta Bates hospital at 5:30 a.m. to start the process. Drawing bone marrow from the pelvic bone takes about an hour. Donors usually stay at the hospital for a few hours to rest and recover. The process is considered minor surgery, but because it requires anesthesia, the actual procedure is painless.

Tony Chen, a Berkeley graduate student of sociology and coordinator for the Berkeley Friends of Alan Kuo, the organization currently running a donor registration drive on campus, worked with Balbuena as a volunteer at the current registration drive.

—Daily Californian
University of California-Berkeley

Arizona student says race kept him out of class

TUCSON, Ariz. — Jeremy Edgar came to the University of Arizona to study Spanish after spending a year in Argentina learning the language. With that under his belt, and a perfect score on the College Level Examination Program test, he figured he would have no problem getting into Spanish 343 — Phonetics for Native Speakers of Spanish.

However, he was not allowed into Professor June Jaramillo's class, and Edgar said he is being discriminated against because he is white.

Edgar said Jaramillo singled him out immediately and tested his Spanish skills because he was white. He said her attitude was that he simply did not belong there.

Other students in the class supported him, and at least one student wrote a letter to the department protesting the professor's actions, Edgar said.

Edgar said he went to the chairman of the department, who told Edgar he should be in the native speakers class. The chairman would not confirm that assertion or discuss any specifics about the incident.

Jaramillo said her decision to exclude Edgar from the class was based on the department's own policy, and she contends the department is intentionally sending her students who do not belong in a native speakers class in an attempt to make her look bad.

She said since starting at Arizona in 1990 she has experienced discrimination and harassment because she is "Chicana."

Jaramillo is filing a suit against the University of Arizona for denying her tenure and also is filing a complaint with the school's affirmative action office.

—Arizona Daily Wildcat
University of Arizona
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Senate approves plan for public school tests

Plan to strip department of control passes

By Robert Greene
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Senate gave overwhelming approval Thursday to President Clinton's plan for national reading and math tests after an agreement was reached for an independent board-run voluntary program.

But a House vote was put off until Tuesday because of slow movement on a massive spending bill. The testing plan faced strong opposition from an alliance of liberals and conservatives.

And even though the Senate gave Clinton a victory on testing, it voted 51-49 to strip the Education Department of control over much of its spending power by converting as much as \$13 billion of aid it administers for kindergarten through high school education into direct grants to school districts.

"That is, in effect, a back-door attempt to abolish the Department of Education," said White House spokesman Mike McCurry. "We'll have ample opportunity to reverse that decision as the legislation goes forward."

The testing proposal "took a major step forward today, and we believe it will prevail in the end," McCurry said.

Clinton savored his 87-13 victory in the Senate, where only conservative Republicans opposed him.

Conservatives say the tests threaten local control of what children

should learn. Liberals who oppose the tests say they will be used to further brand low-achieving students from impoverished school districts as inferior.

The tests, to first be given in March 1999, would measure fourth-graders for their reading ability and eighth-graders for their ability to do math, including some algebra and geometry.

The 90-minute tests would be based on fixed standards of what children should know in those two core subjects. Other achievement tests commonly measure students against a shifting norm, or average.

"The measure they have embraced will help parents ensure their children have mastered the basics of reading and math," Clinton said after the Senate vote. "This is another example of what can happen when people of good will of both parties... look to the future and not to the past."

The Senate votes were on amendments to an \$80 billion spending bill for the Education, Labor and Health and Human Services departments, which the Senate later approved.

A pending House amendment by Rep. William Goodling (R-Pa.) to block spending on the test will be considered Tuesday when the House resumes work on its version of the spending bill. Differences between the House and Senate bills will have to be worked out, meaning the final outcome of the proposal still must be decided.

The vote to convert much of the Education Department's spending to block grants was sponsored by Sen. Slade Gorton (R-Wash.). He said the amendment would cut the heavy paperwork costs of school aid while sending money to school districts, based on the wealth and population of a district. No one would get less under the amendment. Help for disabled students would be exempted.

Special aid to poor districts would be based on the number of poor children but with no regard for what states spend on pupils. Critics said that special formula still amounted to block granting the \$8 billion Title I program for low-income students, the biggest part of the \$13 billion.

But Gorton said he was trying to save money by cutting the paperwork attached to those federal dollars.

"I am convinced that our school boards, teachers and parents do know more than the bureaucrats here in Washington, D.C." about how to spend the money, Gorton added.

Opponents said the measure would give local districts too much leeway, allowing programs such as bilingual education and charter schools to be gutted. An Education Department analysis said the action would prevent funding of the testing plan.

Previous Republican Congresses have tried to abolish the Education Department, and Republicans attacked the department in the 1996 elections. But polls showed the effort cost Republicans votes.

The Senate agreement on standardized tests hands control of testing to the National Assessment Governing Board, an independent board created by Congress to run existing tests known as the National Assessment of Educational Progress. Those tests measure trends rather than individual achievement.

Grand jury to hear case of man accused in attack at Princeton

Seminary student could face 20 years in residence hall incident

By Reema Abdelhamid
DAILY PRINCETONIAN (PRINCETON UNIVERSITY)

PRINCETON, N.J. — A Princeton Theological Seminary student was arrested in connection with the attack of a female undergraduate in a residence hall laundry room on May 10.

Lawrence Gibson Spears, 34, a third-year student in the master of divinity program, was arrested May 19 and released on bail. The case is scheduled to be presented to a grand jury on Sept. 17, when the 23-person jury will determine if there is enough evidence to warrant an indictment, which may eventually bring the case to trial.

If indicted by the grand jury and convicted at trial on all counts, Spears could be imprisoned for up to 20 years, Mercer County, N.J., assistant prosecutor Cindy Liccardo said.

Liccardo emphasized that sentencing depends on several factors, including prior record. The Princeton Packet reported in May that Spears pleaded guilty to a 1994 robbery of a Taco Bell in Knoxville, Tenn., and has been on probation since.

Liccardo said Spears posted bail and was released on the conditions that he stay at the address that he provided to the court at the time of his arrest and that he have no contact with the victim.

Spears is currently living on the seminary campus. Attempts to

reach him for comment were unsuccessful.

Princeton Borough Police Capt. Peter Hanley said the arrest followed an in-depth investigation that included interviews and photo identifications. Spears was arrested

when he entered the dorm, and would therefore face charges of burglary rather than theft.

According to Hanley, police then took Spears to the Mercer County Detention Center because the municipal court does not have the authority to set bail on certain serious charges. The Mercer County prosecutor's office in Trenton then took over as the Superior Court set Spears' bail at \$50,000.

Though the prosecutor's office is currently the lead law enforcement agency on the case, Borough Police could play a role if the case comes to trial.

Rev. Michael Livingston, the campus pastor, said Spears has had no previous problems during his time at the seminary and that he never expected Spears to have problems.

"He's a quiet, pleasant fellow who's been well liked by those who know him. It's a difficult situation, but I think he's handling it well."

—Michael Livingston,
Princeton campus pastor

ed nine days after the alleged assault outside a seminary building. According to Hanley, the arrest went smoothly and Spears did not resist.

Liccardo said Borough Police charges against Spears include one count each of attempt to commit sexual assault, attempt to establish sexual contact, burglary and terrorism and two counts of criminal restraint. The assailant allegedly committed illegal entry

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Tech mascot to miss Saturday's game

LUBBOCK (AP) — Texas Tech's mascot horse has been placed on injured reserve for Saturday's game.

High Red, the horse that carries Tech's mysterious "Masked Rider" during football games, suffered a cut leg last month at the Fisher County Fair in Roby, Texas. The mishap forced Tech to recruit a replacement mount.

"High Red is doing fine. However, like any athlete, he needs time to heal," said Tech spokesman Michael Sommermeier, adding that the horse is expected to make a full recovery.

High Red won't appear at this week's home opener against Southwestern Louisiana or next week's game against North Texas, officials said.

Tech's previous horse, Double T, died during a 1994 home game against New Mexico. After its rider fell, the horse darted up a ramp and slammed into a concrete wall.

Tech suspended the rider's tradition of galloping up and down the sideline until last season.

IRS investigates UTEP for alleged fraud

EL PASO (AP) — The IRS has been investigating Texas-El Paso football players for some time. Miners coach Charlie Bailey confirmed Thursday. Bailey said he did not know any specifics.

The coach would not discuss which players were involved but said he would consider taking action if any of them were arrested or indicted as a result of the probe, or if university officials told him to act.

"I knew that there was an investigation and it is in the proper hands. Could there be any better people to handle it than the federal government?" Bailey said.

ESPN reported Thursday that the IRS is looking into mail and wire fraud allegations involving 30 current and former UTEP players. The network said the players, including several starters, had received inflated tax returns.

Federal officials could not be reached for comment late Thursday.

Rose looking into reinstatement process

NEW YORK (AP) — Even if Pete Rose applies for reinstatement, baseball officials said Thursday they are in no hurry to consider lifting his lifetime ban.

Rose's lawyer, Gary Spicer, met with Robert DuPuy, the lawyer for acting commissioner Bud Selig, and discussed the process Rose would need to follow to lift the permanent suspension Rose agreed to in August 1989.

"It was more exploratory than preliminary," DuPuy said. "He said, essentially, 'What's the deal?'"

DuPuy said he told Spicer that if Rose had anything he wanted baseball's ruling executive council to consider, he should have Spicer give it to DuPuy, who would forward it to the council members.

A. Bartlett Giamatti sought the ban on Rose after an investigation revealed involvement with sports betting. Giamatti, the baseball commissioner at the time, concluded Rose bet on baseball, although no official finding was made in the agreement between Rose and the sport.

Pickett finds buyer for Islanders

UNIONDALE, N.Y. (AP) — John O. Pickett, foiled earlier in his attempt to sell the New York Islanders in the John Spano fiasco, announced Thursday night that he has found another buyer for his team.

Pickett, majority owner of the Islanders, said he has entered into a letter of intent to sell his interest in the team to New York Sports Ventures, a newly-formed company controlled by Steven M. Gluckstein and Howard P. Milstein.

Freshmen players fill vital roles for golf program

By Wendy Bogema
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Clubs offer friendly competition
Sports groups let students experience thrills of athletic victory

By Andy Summa
STAFF REPORTER

Sports clubs, a time-honored TCU tradition, recently began another year of intense competition and athletic instruction.

Eight sports, including men's and women's lacrosse, rugby, men's and women's volleyball, Tae Kwon Do, roller hockey and high adventure make up the roster of sports clubs available to students this year.

Sports clubs are recognized student organizations that are created and administered by students, and geared primarily toward a sports-related activity.

More than 200 students participate in the organizations.

"The clubs are very diverse," said Mary Ellen Milam, who heads the Sports Clubs section of the Recreational Sports Department. "One club might not appeal to everybody, but it can appeal to an individual's needs."

The yearlong program offers a many sports, each with its respective level of competition, instruction and social setting.

"High adventure, for example, is more recreational and social,"

Milam said. "Others are competitive and instructional, like Tae Kwon Do."

Several of the clubs compete with other universities in their fields. The most competitive clubs, Milam said, are rugby, men's lacrosse and women's lacrosse.

"This year, we've got a lot of new guys," said Scott Sheehan, a junior finance major and president of the Men's Lacrosse Club. "The competition is tough. In Texas, it's really picked up. High schools are playing now, so kids are getting better."

The lacrosse and rugby clubs are among the clubs which compete in established, organized programs with other universities such as Trinity, Stephen F. Austin State, Sam Houston State, Southern Methodist, Texas Tech, Texas A&M and Southwestern universities. These leagues are very structured and categorized, Milam said.

"(Rugby) is one of the newer clubs," said Jon Marriott, a junior radio-TV-film major and member of the Rugby Club. "It's really a team sport. The competition is pretty tough, too. But we hang out after games and have fun. We do a lot of

cool stuff."

The clubs occasionally get to compete in out-of-state contests, as well.

"Every once in a while, depending on the sport, the clubs will travel out of Texas to compete," Milam said.

Club sports have been on campus since the mid-1960s, Milam said, but have been an organized program for only the last 15 years.

"In the last couple of years, we've taken a really active role in participation," Milam said. "The student leaders (of each club sport) have really stepped forward. Leadership can make or break an organization. In the last two years, I've seen the best workers in these clubs."

The students involved in the programs also spend many hours setting up games and solidifying schedule times, Milam said.

"The students work very hard," she said. "They spend hours a week with paperwork and practices. It's a great leadership opportunity."

For more information about a particular club, or for information about forming a new one, call Recreational Sports at 921-7945.



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Starting lineman dismissed for team violations

By Todd Shriber and Joel Anderson
SKIFF STAFF

Off-the-field problems have once again robbed the football team of a starter. After losing leading tackler senior Jay Davern and deep threat senior Jason Tucker to suspensions last spring, junior offensive tackle Greg Davis has been permanently dismissed by head coach Pat Sullivan for violation of team rules.

A source close to the team has said that Davis was dismissed from the team Wednesday for testing positive on a random steroid test.

Sullivan said the team "won't let it (Davis' dismissal) be a distraction two days before a big game." The Horned Frogs play their home opener Saturday night against Utah.

A source close to the Davis family said, "His family is there for him. We don't know exactly what's going on right now. This whole thing has been blown out of proportion."

The loss of Davis, a former standout at H.M. King High School in Kingsville, hurts the depth of an offensive line which is short on experience and chemistry. The line put up a poor performance last week against Kansas, surrendering five sacks.

Mark Cortez, a senior guard, said, "It's unfortunate that we lost Greg. He was a hell of a ballplayer."

"I have all the faith in the world that Paul Harmon (Davis' replacement) is going to step up and play well Saturday," Cortez said.

Sullivan named sophomore Paul Harmon as the starter at right tackle for the Utah game, and he said sophomore Bo Gross could see some playing time as well.

The dismissal of Davis shows Sullivan's commitment to his zero-tolerance stand against off-the-field misconduct.

NCAA rules stipulate that any student athlete testing positive for the use of performance-enhancing drugs or banned substances be suspended for one year.

Sophomore quarterback Jeff Dover said of the loss of Davis, "I think we'll be all right because as the season goes on, you never know what's going to happen. We've got guys to step up and I think we'll be fine this week on the line."

Dover said he thinks that consistency on the offensive line is important to the success of this year's team.

Sullivan responded to the situation in diplomatic fashion, saying, "Like we've said all along, if somebody's not here for whatever reason, it's somebody else's opportunity to play, so I'm looking forward to watching the young guys play."

Bruins trying to avoid history

By Chip Brown
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — UCLA has opened the season 0-2 for only the second time in the past 26 years.

Traveling to 11th-ranked Texas (1-0), the Bruins will try to avoid making the wrong kind of history Saturday by falling to 0-3.

That hasn't happened since 1971, when Pepper Rodgers was coach and the Bruins started 0-4 before finishing the year 2-7-1 — the school's worst record in the past 35 years.

"For them, it's a make or break game," said Texas nose tackle Chris Akins. "Coming out 0-3 would be a hard way to start things off. This game could turn around their whole season."

That's what second-year UCLA coach Bob Toledo is hoping.

After going 5-6 in his first year and coming under fire for play calls in the final minutes of narrow losses to Washington State (37-34) and Tennessee (30-24), Toledo could use a victory Saturday to help quiet critics.

"This team is not dead and

buried," Toledo said. "We are going to fight and kick and battle. We are going to stick together as a family."

Toledo was quick to note that UCLA opened 0-2 in 1993 and went on to finish 8-4 with a berth in the Rose Bowl.

"The last four Rose Bowls UCLA went to, they didn't win the first league game," Toledo said.

"This season is not over, and we weren't playing Sisters of the Poor in our first two games. Sometimes, when you get so close and you had it in your grasp, it's tougher."

In the wake of the Bruins' loss to Tennessee, in which UCLA failed on a fourth-and-3 pass play at the Volunteers' 20 with 27 seconds to go, Toledo said he would "be the upbeat guy" in preparation for Texas.

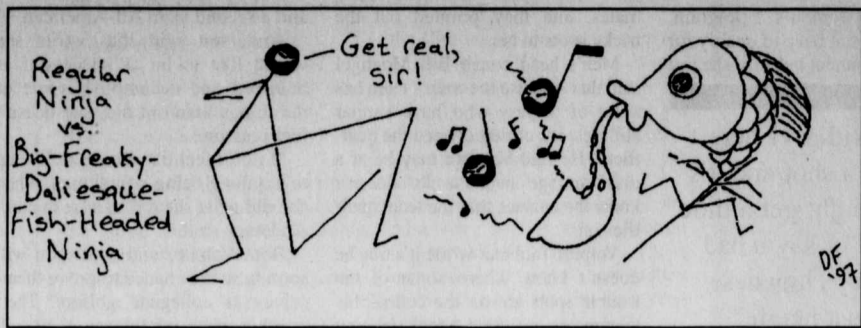
"When you lose sometimes you get their attention more," Toledo said. "This week is going to be a little different. This week, I'm going to put my arm around them and tell them I love them. I want them to know how much I appreciated their effort last week."

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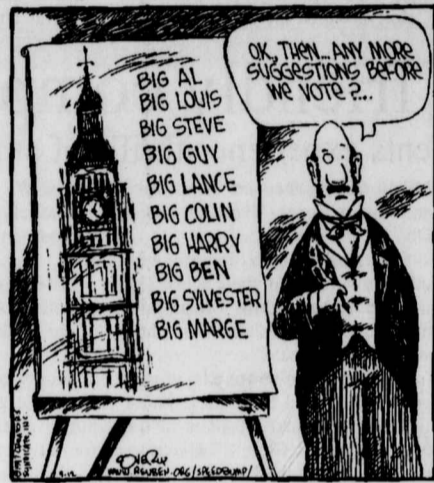
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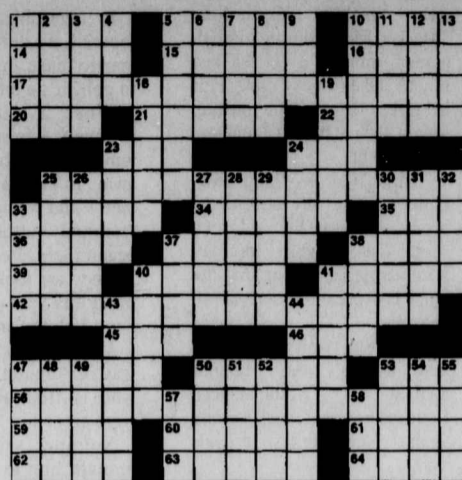
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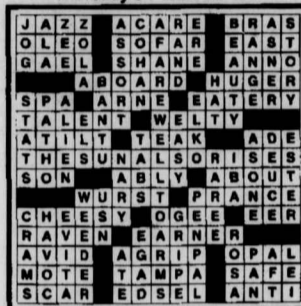
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by Betty Jorgensen

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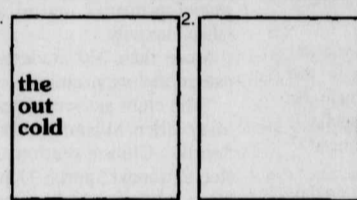
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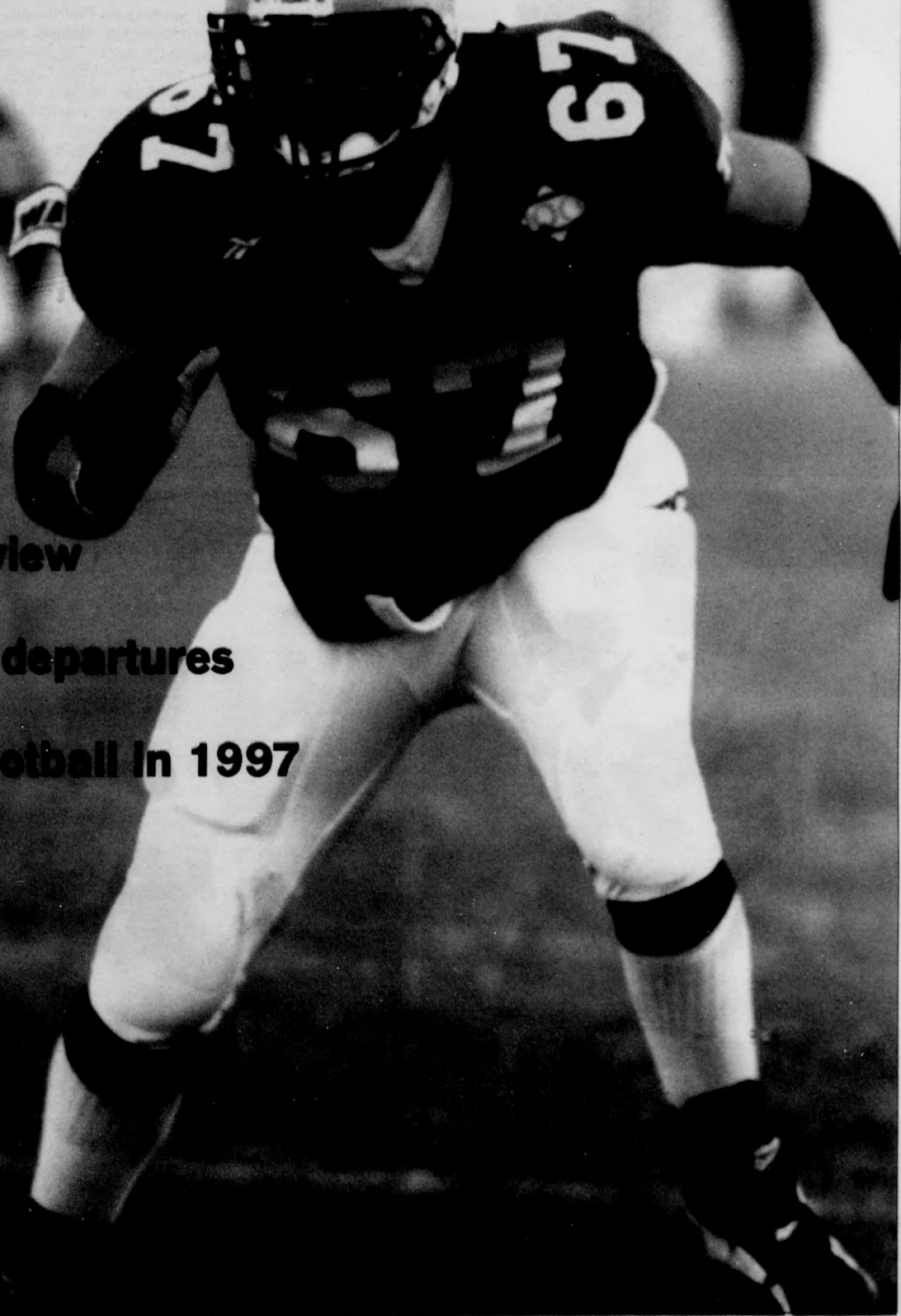
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1997 FOOTBALL PREVIEW

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- A look at WAC football in 1997



Room for Improvement

After a season full of distractions and a disappointing 4-7 debut in the Western Athletic Conference, Pat Sullivan is excited about his team's focus. By Joel Anderson/Skiff Staff



Last fall, the Horned Frog football faithful were anticipating a Western Athletic Conference championship after coming off back-to-back winning seasons for the first time since 1958-59.

TCU limped to a 4-7 record in their WAC debut as the season was tainted by off-field arrests and distractions and the loss of 14 starters to injury.

However, the beginning of a new year has head coach Pat Sullivan as excited as ever about the upcoming season.

"I don't know that I have ever been around a group of guys more focused and prepared for what they have to do," Sullivan said. "Our freshman class as a group, is perhaps the best I've been around. All of them can play."

"Of the 70 people to go on the first trip of the season (to Kansas on Sept. 6), for 33 it (was) their first time to go."

To improve a defense that finished fifth in the 16-team WAC, Sullivan

hired former Texas A&M defensive coordinator Phil Bennett to replace Pat Henderson. Bennett was the architect of the Aggies' aggressive, pressure-driven "Wrecking Crew" defense. The same can be said of the defense that Bennett has installed at TCU.

"Defensively we will be more aggressive," Sullivan said. "It won't be a dial-a-blitz scheme. It will be a wholesale, blitz-all-the-time defense."

After the Horned Frog defense gave up 379.7 yards a game last season, anything would be a welcome change.

One of Bennett's first moves was moving second-team all-conference defensive end Matt Harper inside to the tackle position. Harper, a senior, had 49 tackles and 5.5 sacks last season. The Stanford transfer put on 17 pounds of muscle in the off-season, and is primed for a big season.

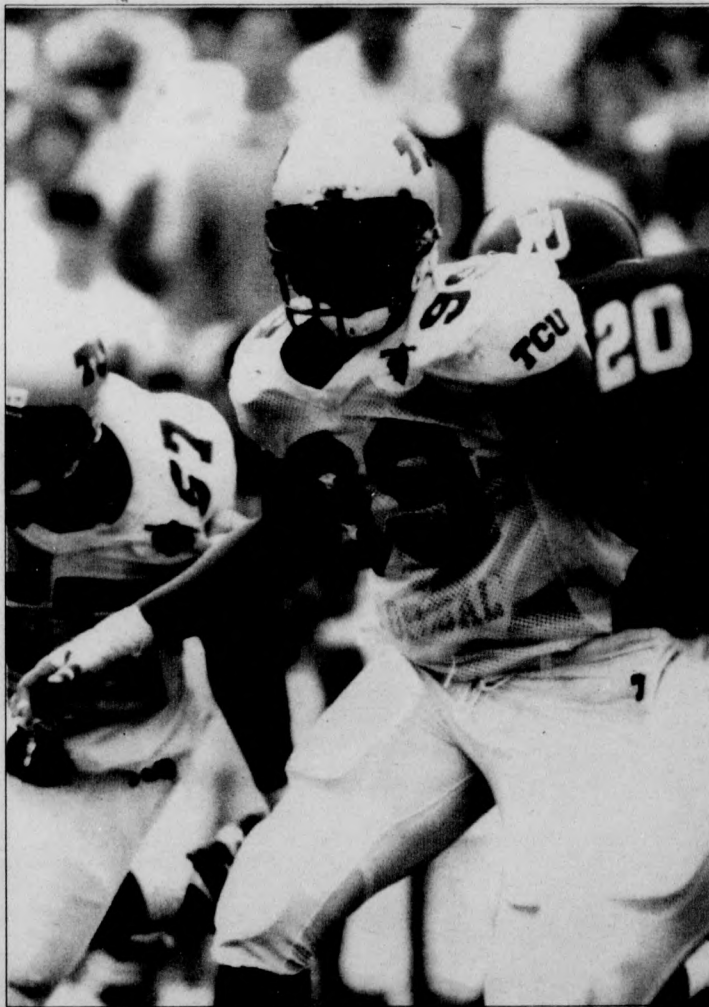
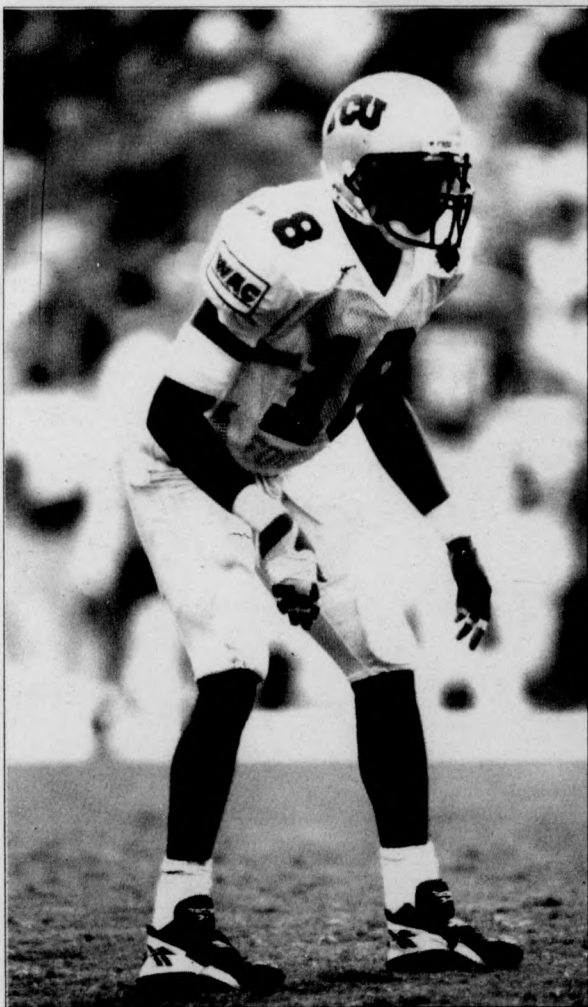
The returning starters on defense—all seniors—are linebacker Scott Taft, last years team leader in tackles, and



the Most Valuable Defensive Player during spring drills, free safety Chris Staten and defensive end Chance McCarty.

Staten and McCarty both have all-conference potential, and will be needed for their experience and leadership abilities. The defense is extremely young as eight freshmen and sophomores are listed on the two-deep depth chart.

ALL PHOTOS SPECIAL TO THE SKIFF



Head coach Pat Sullivan (above left) needs a successful year to make fans forget the Frog follies of a year ago.

The goal could be achievable with a new defensive scheme led by senior safety Chris Staten (far left) and senior defensive end Chance McCarty (left). In order for TCU's offense to improve from last year (14th in the WAC), the passing offense must perform capably. Junior tailback Basil Mitchell (above) would benefit by having the middle open up and getting some room to run. Mitchell was the WAC's sixth leading rusher last year (48th in the nation) with 953 yards, a TCU sophomore record.

Horned Frog departures give other players a chance to step up

Graduation, defections and disciplinary actions take toll

By Meredith Webb
SKIFF STAFF

When the Horned Frogs play its first home game Saturday against Utah, the team will be missing several key players due to graduation, transfers and disciplinary actions.

"Any time you lose people, what it does is give other people an opportunity to come in and play," head coach Pat Sullivan said. "We took a lot of young people to Kansas and they made some young mistakes."

The Frogs lost nose guard Bernard Oldham, center Ryan Tucker, flanker John Washington, cornerback Godfrey White and fullback Koi Woods, all veterans, to graduation. Seniors Jay Davern, a starting linebacker and the team's leading tackler in 1996, and Jason Tucker, who led the team with 692 receiving yards, were dismissed.

Guards J.P. McFarland, a junior, and sophomore Clifton Clemons, who started seven games at quick guard last year, transferred to other universities. Sophomore cornerback Terrance Cook left the team for undisclosed reasons.

The Frogs' offensive production will suffer the most from the departures. With Washington and Jason Tucker gone, sophomore quarter-

back Jeff Dover must throw to a relatively unproven receiving corps that caught only 14 passes for 156 yards last year.

Sophomore flanker Patrick Batteaux had six catches for 58 yards last year. Mike Brown, a senior tight end who started six games, is the only member of the group to see significant playing time.

The offensive line was hurt as well. Ryan Tucker was the heart of an offensive line that protected Dover and created holes for junior Basil Mitchell to burst through.

"The first three plays that we had (in the Kansas game), two freshmen offensive linemen jumped offsides, which is nervousness and that's part of it," Sullivan said.

Now the Frogs hope seniors Doug Loeser at center and Mark Cortez at guard will solidify the young line in much the same way as Tucker did.

"Doug Loeser has been around," Sullivan said. "I have been pleased with them (the new players). It starts with their efforts and knowing what to do."

"(Freshman) Robert Wallace, for example, made a couple of young mistakes, (but) he probably graded out assignment-wise as good as any lineman that we have."

On the other side of the ball, the

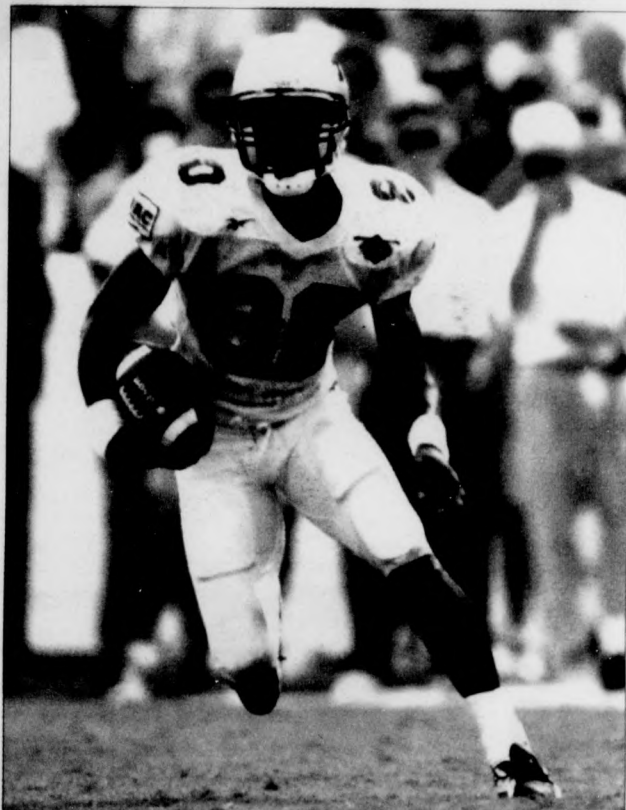
Frog defense was hurt by the loss of Davern and Oldham. Davern led the team with 113 tackles and four sacks from the outside linebacker position in 1996. Oldham's presence anchored a defense that produced 23 total sacks.

Leadership is an area where other members of the team will have to step up and take responsibility, Sullivan said. The departing players didn't just provide leadership on the field, but off the field as well, he said.

"I think we have the best senior leadership on our football team since I have been here," Sullivan said. "You start with (seniors) Chance McCarty, Matt Harper, Chris Staten and Mark Cortez. Those seniors, even though they are not many, come to practice and conduct themselves (in a way that sets) a tremendous example for our young players."

Now, the pressing question for the Horned Frog coaching staff is how those vacancies will be filled.

"You do it (replace the departing players) through the recruiting process," Sullivan said. "Injuries and graduation are something that we can't control. It becomes somebody else's time to step up and play."



Senior receiver Jason Tucker, 39 catches for 692 yards was tops among the receiving corp last year, will be difficult to replace.

SPECIAL TO THE SKIFF

Coordinator's philosophy puts purple haze on ball



SPECIAL TO THE SKIFF

Defensive coordinator Phil Bennett has installed the same attack-style defense that made him *American Football Quarterly* NCAA Division I Defensive Coordinator of the year at Texas A&M.

By Rusty Simmons
SKIFF STAFF

Defensive coordinator Phil Bennett returned to TCU to infuse some fire in a defense that finished the season fifth in the Western Athletic Conference and 67th in the nation. He took over as the defensive coordinator in December 1996.

Bennett's defensive philosophy was different than what Texas A&M head coach R.C. Slocum wanted. This difference, coupled with Bennett's desire to be closer to his relatives, brought Bennett to TCU.

"My philosophy is different than Slocum's 3-4 defense. More importantly, I don't think it matters what you run, it is how you teach it," Bennett said.

Bennett is teaching his new defensive staff a whole new game at this point. He has brought an attacking style defense to the WAC, which is characterized by its finesse. Bennett said he wants his defense to be aggressive, have as much purple around the ball as possible, cause turnovers and force the other team into second or third down and long situations.

"I think it is an exciting defense," he said. "At times we'll have safeties or cornerbacks blitzing, at times we'll be in man-to-man and at times we'll be in a zone. It gives a lot of guys a chance to contribute."

In accordance with the many faces that the defense will show, the necessity for faster, more athletic players has become evident. Thus, Bennett has moved some players around. Senior Chris Staten, a

strong safety last year has switched to free safety and senior Matt Harper, a defensive end last season, has moved to defensive tackle.

"I think that football is a game of speed. Teams that can move, change directions, and stop or

start well are usually successful," Bennett said.

This is a new theme for the TCU defense. They were anything but stellar a year ago. They gave up 27.5 points a game, allowed a completion percentage of 55 per-

cent and only compiled 23 sacks.

"To change something that has been down, you have to change (it) mentally first. We have to work for it and expect that we can do the job," Bennett said.

With their performance

"I think football is a game of speed. Teams that can move, change directions, and stop or start well are usually successful."

— Phil Bennett, defensive coordinator

this past weekend in Lawrence, Kan., the defenders' confidence should be on the rise. They held the Jayhawks to a success rate of only 8 percent of third-down conversion opportunities, had four sacks and forced four turnovers.

"Our game by game philosophy

is to put our offense in a position to win the game, and I think we did that," Bennett said.

Bennett got his start coaching tight ends in 1982 while a graduate assistant at TCU. He has served as a defensive coordinator at Texas A&M, Iowa State and Purdue. He was an assistant coach at Louisiana State, and now he brings the defensive scheme that has made him successful to Fort Worth.

Bennett expressed his desire to make the game fun for his players. He said that fun and winning usually coincide, and that winning often starts on the defensive side of the ball.

"Look at all of the championship teams, and how the play defense. No matter how good they are on offense, the defense is what puts them in position to win," Bennett said.


As Bennett anticipates the Utah game, his outlook is simple. He wants his defense to stay healthy, gain more confidence and improve each week.

"We won't accept mediocrity," Bennett said.

Offense

Running Back


3
Basil Mitchell
5-11
192
Jr.



35 Lance Williams
5 LaDainian Tomlinson

Running Back


2
Reggie Hunt
6-0
210
So.



22 Lou Porch
23 Charles Jones

Wide Receiver


83
Torrie Simmons
6-3
205
So.



86 Michael Crawford
12 Royce Huffman
84 Jeff Santos

Quarterback


4
Jeff Dover
6-2
190
So.



10 Kevin Colon
7 Derek Canine
9 Todd Stanford

Flanker


19
Patrick Batteaux
6-0
195
So.



82 Tavarus Moore
81 Cedric James

Left Tackle


61
David Bobo
6-5
285
Fr.-RS



62 Joe Briggs

Left Guard


65
Robert Wallace
6-4
320
Fr



68 Jeff Millican

Center


79
Doug Loeser
6-3
275
Sr.



73 Thad Teaford

Right Guard


67
Mark Cortez
6-3
295
Sr.



54 Russ Sanders
79 Doug Loeser


Right Tackle

71
Paul Harmon
6-8
292
So.



Tight End

87
Mike Brown
6-4
265
Sr.




88 Travis Wilson
85 Michael Keathley

Defense

Defensive End


56
Raymond Lacey
6-1
215
Jr.-TR



90 Doug Shanks
14 Aaron Schobel

Defensive Tackle


91
Matt Harper
6-6
272
Sr.



97 Stuart Ashley
89 Kyle Williams

Defensive Tackle


75
J.W. Wilson
6-4
260
So.



95 Shawn Worthen
66 Marcus Anderson

Defensive End


99
Chance McCarty
6-4
250
Sr.



48 Kam Hunt
55 London Dunlap

Cornerback


6
Corey Masters
5-10
190
Sr.



36 Larry Hollinquest
21 Andre Bruce

Linebacker


32
Joseph Phipps
6-2
215
Jr.



37 Jason Illian
41 Shannon Brazzell

Linebacker


51
Scott Taft
6-3
230
Sr.



46 Cody Mortensen

Linebacker


49
Marvin Mullins
5-11
232
Jr.



52 Cody Slinkard

Cornerback


31
Barry Browning
5-9
190
Jr.



20 Greg Walls
27 Kendrick Patterson

Free Safety


18
Chris Staten
5-11
180
Sr.



11 LaVar Veale

Strong Safety

13
Eric Anderson
6-1
200
Jr.-TR




28 Landry Burdine
33 Russell Gary

Special Teams

Punter


12
Royce Huffman
6-0
192
So.



16 Mike Cleavinger

Place Kicker


17
Michael Reeder
6-1
172
Sr.



84 Chris Kaylakie


Holder

9
Todd Stanford
6-3
190
Sr.



Deep Snapper

58
Brian Edmondson
6-0
210
Fr.-RS



Offense must produce to prevent loss

By Todd Shriber
SKIFF STAFF

The Horned Frogs have a critical date this Saturday at Amon Carter Stadium with the Utah Utes as both teams kick off their WAC seasons.

TCU is coming off a heartbreaking defeat at the hands of the Kansas Jayhawks last Saturday in a game that saw the Frogs struggle offensively and waste a stellar performance by the defense. The pressure will be on the Horned Frogs to bounce back in front of a home crowd and an ESPN2 audience.

During last year's second game, the Horned Frogs were thrashed in their home opener on ESPN2 against Kansas. Utah can inflict the same kind of humiliation if TCU doesn't come ready to play.

Utah has been one of the WAC's and the nation's most consistent teams of the 1990s. Utah has finished at or above .500 each year in the '90s except for one (1990), and the Utes have been to four bowl games in the decade thus far.

Another cause for concern for TCU is that the Utes have two all-WAC performers returning from last year's 8-4 team that finished second in its division and played in the Copper Bowl (a 38-10 loss to Wisconsin).

Back for the Utes are junior running back Chris Fuamatu-Ma'afala and senior wide receiver Kevin Dyson. Fuamatu-Ma'afala gives the Utes an intimidating presence in the backfield at 6 feet tall and 280 pounds. His stature belies his 4.68 speed in the 40. Fuamatu-Ma'afala was a first-team all-WAC

selection a year ago despite missing three games due to arthroscopic knee surgery. A year ago he burned the TCU defense for 182 yards and two touchdowns, including a 70 yard scoring run.

Kevin Dyson is one of the nation's most lethal weapons at wide receiver. Barring any major injury, Dyson should become the Utes' all-time leading receiver in catches and touchdowns this season.

Versatility is another aspect to Dyson's game, as he is a threat returning kicks and punts. The Horned Frogs were able to hold Dyson to just 58 yards on three catches a year ago, but 41 of those yards came on one touchdown reception.

The Utah offense, in general, has the potential to spell trouble for TCU. Quarterback Jonathan Crosswhite has completed 57 percent of his passes this year and he has two other capable receivers besides Dyson in sophomore Boo Bendinger and junior Daniel Jones.

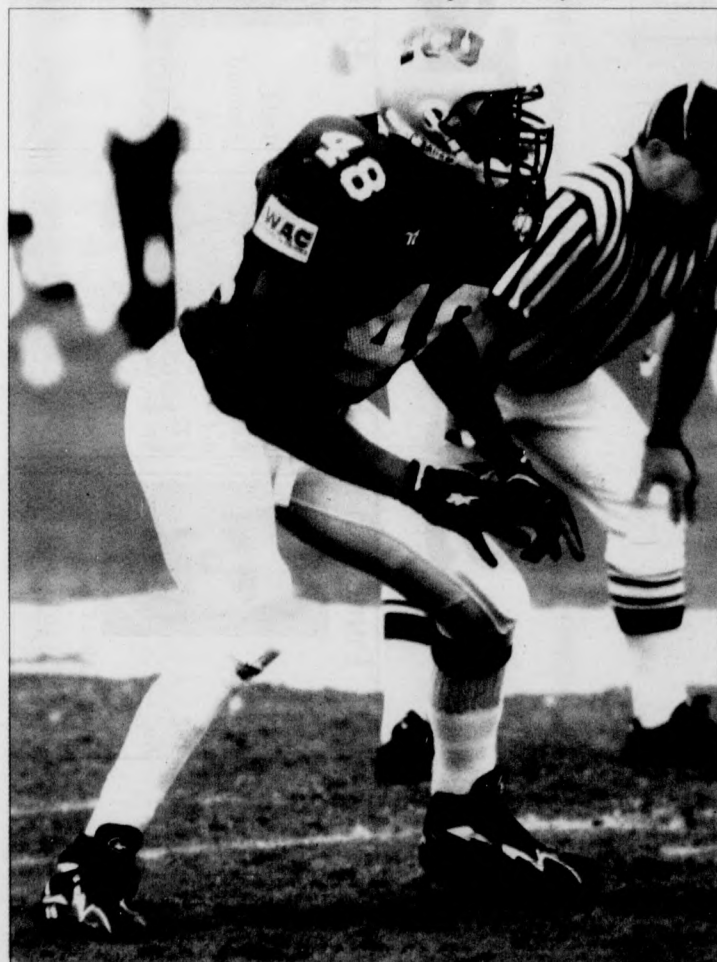
The lackluster play of the TCU offense a week ago needs to improve this week if the Horned Frogs want to stay competitive. Against Kansas, the Horned Frog offense showed no signs of having a pulse, as they gained only 151 total yards. The Frogs' air attack was practically nonexistent last week (27 passes for 49 yards).

Passing could be even more difficult this week against Utah, as the Utes return all-WAC cornerback Robert Love and junior safety Brandon Dart. Love and Dart led the team in tackles last season. The Horned Frogs should be encouraged by the fact that Utah has given up an average of 268 yards through the air in the first two games.

Utah features a stingy run defense allowing just 145 yards over two games. The running

game was somewhat of a bright spot for the Horned Frogs last week as they gained 102 yards on the ground. Basil Mitchell rushed for 49 yards on 10 carries and could produce more this week.

Utah has a pair of strong linebackers in junior Phil Glover and senior Chris Godfrey, but the line lacks size, so TCU should be able to run with some success if the offensive line improves its play.



SPECIAL TO THE SKIFF

Junior Kam Hunt and the rest of the Frog defense will attempt to stop the Utah ground attack this Saturday at Amon G. Carter Stadium.

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<p>Passing offense: The Kansas game proved just how inadequate TCU's "wide-open" offense is. QB Jeff Dover had an embarrassing afternoon against Kansas (3 for 13, 13 yards). Back-up Kevin Colon didn't fare much better (3 for 14, 36 yards, 1 interception). Utah does not have a great pass defense, but neither did Kansas.</p>		<p>Passing Defense: The Utes have given up an average of 268 yards in the air through two games with a secondary that was expected to be the most improved part of the team. The Utah secondary does feature an all-WAC performer in Robert Love, and seniors Brandon Dart and Clarence Lawson are potential all-WAC candidates.</p>
<p>Passing defense: TCU performed well against Kansas, not considering the breakdown that led to the Jayhawks game-winning 60-yard touchdown reception with 6:15 remaining. Utah has a much more potent passing offense. The Frogs must counter junior college transfer QB Jonathan Crosswhite and receiver Kevin Dyson.</p>		<p>Passing Offense: Quarterback Jonathan Crosswhite has thrown for 427 yards in two games while completing 57 percent of his passes. Crosswhite has a formidable trio to throw to, led by senior Kevin Dyson, an all-WAC selection, sophomore Boo Bendinger and junior Daniel Jones.</p>
<p>Rushing Offense: TB's Basil Mitchell, Reggie Hunt and LaDainian Tomlinson will have to shoulder a greater burden if TCU is going to score. Unless the passing game opens up, it will be a long day for the TCU backs. Mitchell was impressive against KU, but Hunt and Tomlinson must be more effective.</p>		<p>Rushing Defense: The Utes have given up 145 rushing yards over two games. Utah's first two opponents, Utah State and Louisville, each averaged only two yards a carry. The line-backing tandem of junior Phil Glover and senior Chris Godfrey makes it hard to run against the Utes. The line features only one player over 300 pounds, but has experience.</p>
<p>Rushing Defense: Consider the "Purple Pressure" defense a success. KU only picked up 159 rushing yards (3.8 yards/attempt) and lost four fumbles. But Utah brings its 6-foot, 268-pound, All-American and Heisman Trophy candidate Chris Fuamatu-Ma'afala to town. Utah's other back, Juan Johnson, is productive as well.</p>		<p>Rushing Offense: The ground game is a definite strength for the Utes, who feature junior Chris Fuamatu-Ma'afala as their premier running back. Fuamatu-Ma'afala is averaging 105.5 yards per game this year and is coming off an all-WAC performance a year ago. He was also this year's pre-season WAC offensive player of the year.</p>
<p>Special Teams: Royce Huffman was brilliant while performing a multitude of duties. Michael Reeder needs to regain the form he showed as a Lou Groza-award winner two seasons ago. Utah's Dyson is very explosive on returns.</p>	<p>EVEN</p>	<p>Special Teams: The superb speed of Dyson and Lawson makes them dangerous kick returners. Sophomore Tommy Truhe is the kicker, and sophomore punter Chris Hunter is averaging more than 42 yards a kick this year.</p>
<p>Intangibles: The Frogs will have a national TV audience on Saturday evening and must make the most of the opportunity. The Frogs must try to rebound against one of the toughest teams the Mountain Division.</p>		<p>Intangibles: Utah has been one of the most successful WAC programs in the '90s. They are well coached and feature talent at the all-important skill positions. Another good year lies ahead for the Utes.</p>

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Hawai'i Rainbow Warriors

It was expected going into the season that defense would be a strong point for a Hawaii team that finished a dismal 2-10 a year ago and tied for seventh place in the WAC's Pacific Division.

Defensive back Eddie Klaneski anchors second year coach Fred vonAppen's defense along with nine other regulars from last year's defense. Klaneski led the Rainbow Warriors with 114 tackles and five interceptions last year.



Rice Owls

After a surprising 7-4 finish in their inaugural WAC season, Rice is depending on senior quarterback Chad Nelson to head their powerful ball-control spread option wishbone.

Rice rushed for a school-record 3,359 yards last fall and finished with the nation's third-best rushing offense. With the return of Nelson, running backs Michael Perry and Benji Wood, and four of the five linemen, head coach Ken Hatfield expects big things out of the Owls' offense. The problem is that these Owls are definitely ground bound. Last year, they averaged a measly 46.9 passing yards per game, last in the nation.

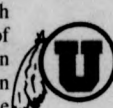


Utah Utes

At first glance, Utah has the advantage of experience, with seven returning starters on offense and six on the defensive side.

The offense has senior running back Chris Fuamatu-Ma'afala returning along with his backfield counterpart, senior Juan Johnson. The duo accounted for 1,691 yards and 17 touchdowns last year.

The big question is at the quarterback position, where junior transfer Jonathan Crosswhite will be hard pressed to duplicate departed senior Mike Fouts' 2,526 yards and 21 touchdowns.

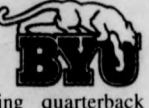


Brigham Young Cougars

Brigham Young's biggest obstacle this season will be replacing quarterback Steve Sarkisian. Sarkisian left the team with 7,394 passing yards, and 54 touchdowns, in two years.

The BYU coaching staff is indecisive about choosing a quarterback. Two possibilities are junior Paul Shoemaker, or sophomore Kevin Feterik who has a tendency to stay in the pocket too long.

BYU returns nine members of last year's conference leading defense; first-team all-WAC junior cornerback Omarr Morgan and junior second-team all-WAC linebacker Brad Martin. Morgan led the team with four interceptions to go along with his 54 tackles. Martin, the second-leading tackler last year, had 77 tackles and 6 sacks.



Fresno State Bulldogs

Fresno State begins the 1997 campaign with a new coach, Pat Hill, who joins the Bulldogs from the Baltimore Ravens of the NFL. A year ago the Bulldogs averaged 426.2 yards per contest. Senior tailback Michael Pittman is back after a stellar '96 campaign that saw him run for 1,132 yards.

Defense is a major area of concern for the Bulldogs, though. Graduation raided the defensive line, as four starters and three backups are gone from a year ago. However, the linebacking corps should be strong, as all-conference performer and leading tackler A.J. Gass returns with Bobby Brooks to give the Bulldogs a formidable pair of outside linebackers.



UNLV Rebels

Sophomore quarterback Jon Denton is hoping to repeat sensational freshman year, while leading his team out of the cellar in the Pacific Division. With his top four receiving targets and four interior linemen, Denton's job is relatively easy.

One contributing factor to Denton's outstanding season last year was that the defense forced UNLV to constantly play catch-up ball. The Rebels allowed 543 yards per game to rank dead last in the WAC and the nation in total defense.



UTEP Miners

UTEP finished the 1996 season as the only WAC team without a conference win.

The Miners' offense ranked 15th in the WAC in total offense last year. None of the four replacements competing for graduated quarterback Leonard Liliija's job have thrown a Division I-A pass.

Help is on the way in the form of new offensive coordinator Gary Nord from Pitt. He replaced UTEP's one-back offense with a pro set that should give the quarterback some options. The line returns only one starter. The Miners' defense is on the opposite end of the scale. UTEP finished second in total defense behind BYU. The loss of first team all-WAC linebacker Micheal Comer hurts, but the secondary returns second-teamer senior cornerback David Terrell Jr.



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Air Force Falcons

The Falcon's offense took a major hit when quarterback Beau Morgan graduated. Morgan accounted for over half of the Falcon's total offensive output last year.

Replacing him will be his brother Blane. The younger Morgan's success depends on a front line anchored by senior guards Chuck Parks and Shawn Tellers. Morgan may have to do it all since the only help in the backfield comes from senior back Tobin Ruff (21 rushes for 178 yards in 11 games).

The defense, led by senior linebacker Chris Gizzi (128 tackles and five sacks) looks to remain a force in the WAC. The Falcons were second against the run and eighth against the pass last year.



TCU Horned Frogs

Numerous off-field transgressions resulted in a frustrating 4-7 record and the losses of all-star candidate wide receiver Jason Tucker and last year's leading tackler, linebacker Jay Davern to head coach Pat Sullivan's 'no tolerance' policy. New defensive coordinator Phil Bennett brings an attacking style of defense from his former job at Texas A&M.

An offense that finished 14th in the WAC has a lot of room to improve. Sophomore quarterback Jeff Dover must be consistent and bring stability to the offense.

The key offensive returnee is junior tailback Basil Mitchell, who had 1,297 total yards, the fifth-best season yardage output in TCU history. Sophomore Reggie Hunt, a converted safety, will give TCU a potent one-two punch in the backfield.



Tulsa Golden Hurricane

To improve on last year's disappointing 4-7 finish, Tulsa must improve on its rushing defense, which ranked 107th among 111 Division I-A teams.

Former TCU defensive coordinator Pat Henderson has been brought in by head coach Dave Rader to revive a unit that finished 12th in the 16-team WAC in total defense.

Tulsa's defensive line needs to be restocked after the loss of the WAC's leading pass rusher, Salifu Abudulai, who had 12 sacks last year.



SMU Mustangs

SMU's new head coach, Mike Cavan, has eliminated the run-and-shoot offense that had been a staple of the program since its return from the death penalty in 1989.

The Mustangs have the luxury of depth at both quarterback and running back. QB's Ramon Flanigan and Chris Sanders had a spirited competition for the starting job during the spring and summer workouts. RB Donte Womack could rush for more than 1,000 yards this fall with the switch to the I-formation attack. Sophomore Rodnick Phillips is a capable back-up who ranked sixth in the country returning kickoffs.

The loss of Albert Johnson for at least two games with a broken hand will hurt the receiving corps.



Wyoming Cowboys

The Cowboys will have a tough time repeating their offensive domination this year. Gone are quarterback Josh Wallwork (286 completions in 458 attempts for 4,090 yards) Len Sexton (826 yards rushing) and the top three receivers from last season's team.

Junior back Marques Brigham will attempt to pick up the slack for Sexton. Brigham had 539 yards rushing last year and was second on the team in touchdowns with eight. The early favorite to replace Wallwork is senior Jeremy Silcox, who saw limited action last season.

Wyoming's defense finished 11th in the WAC. This season may be a different story. The Cowboy "D" will have to keep opponents at bay until the offense starts clicking. Anchoring the middle is senior linebacker Jim Talich, who has led the team in tackles three years in a row.



New Mexico Lobos

The Lobos 6-5 1996 record was not indicative of their ability. The offense was ranked 21st in the nation, while the defense was an average yet respectable 70th.

The offense returns with senior fullback Chris Shelton leading the way for all-WAC junior tailback Lennox Gordon. Gordon finished fifth in the WAC last year with 1,008 yards.

The down side will come from the loss of the top two receivers, Jeremy Banks and Larry Brown, and quarterback Donald Sellers to graduation. Sellers' tentative replacement is sophomore Graham Leigh, who saw limited time last year.

The defense returns seven starters, the leader being senior linebacker Blake Irwin.



Colorado State Rams

Colorado State is expected by many to end the season as the WAC champion. Senior quarterback Moses Moreno leads a group of eight returning starters from an offense that averaged 458.9 yards of total offense in 1996.

Moreno's favorite target, senior receiver Geoff Turner (52 receptions for 921 yards), returns as well. If the passing game ever gets stalled, the Rams can turn to their third weapon, junior Damon Washington. The 193-pound fullback rumbled for 1,096 yards last season.

The only chink in CSU's offensive armor is the lack of depth on the line and at wide receiver. If anything happens to Turner, the high-flying Rams air attack could become one-dimensional.



San Jose State Spartans

After last year's 3-9 campaign, good for fifth place in the WAC Pacific Division, fans can once again find the Spartans at the bottom of the nation's football barrel.

The outlook might be a little brighter this year under the direction of first year coach Dave Baldwin. Baldwin said he tries to preach to his players the philosophy of "winning not as a sometime thing, but as an all-the-time thing."

Players to watch for the Spartans include junior college transfer QB Brian Vy. James Hodgins will be featured in the Spartans' one back set. Defensive cornerback Omarr Smith and linebacker Eric Coughran will lead a defense looking to improve on last year's overly generous defense, which yielded an average of 499 yards to opposing offenses.



Frog Football 1997

Kansas Jayhawks

Sept. 6 7 p.m. Memorial Stadium, Lawrence, Kan. ESPN2/88.7 KTCU/KTCK 1310

Utah Utes*

Sept. 13 8:05 p.m. Amon Carter Stadium, Fort Worth 88.7 KTCU/KTCK 1310

Vanderbilt Commodores

Sept. 20 7 p.m. Vanderbilt Stadium, Nashville, Tenn. 88.7 KTCU/KTCK 1310

#North Carolina Tar Heels

Oct. 4 7:05 p.m. Amon Carter Stadium, Fort Worth. 88.7 KTCU/KTCK 1310

UNLV Rebels*

Oct. 11 3 p.m. Sam Boyd Stadium, Las Vegas, Nev. 88.7 KTCU/KTCK 1310

Wake Forest Golden Hurricane*

Oct. 18 7:05 p.m. Amon Carter Stadium, Fort Worth 88.7 KTCU/KTCK 1310

Brigham Young Cougars*

Oct. 25 7 p.m. Cougar Stadium, Provo, Utah. 88.7 KTCU/KTCK 1310

ΔNew Mexico Lobos*

Nov. 1 7:05 p.m. Amon Carter Stadium, Fort Worth 88.7 KTCU/KTCK 1310

Rice Owls

Nov. 8 2 p.m. Rice Stadium, Houston 88.7 KTCU/KTCK 1310

UTEP Miners

Nov. 15 7:35 p.m. Sun Bowl, El Paso 88.7 KTCU/KTCK 1310

SMU Mustangs*

Nov. 30 7:05 p.m. Amon Carter Stadium, Fort Worth. ESPN/88.7 KTCU/KTCK 1310

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