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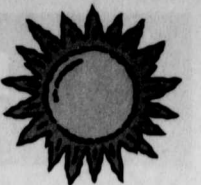
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Student stabbed, in critical condition

(U-WIRE) EAST LANSING, Mich. — A Michigan State University student was in critical condition at Lansing's Sparrow Hospital on Monday after she was stabbed multiple times during a possible domestic dispute at her apartment. The alleged attacker also is in critical condition after stabbing himself.

The woman, a 23-year-old whose name is being withheld by police, sustained wounds to her throat, hand and foot, MSU police Capt. Tony Kleibecker said.

As of Monday evening, the woman was being treated in the hospital's Neurological Intensive Care Unit following surgery, a hospital official said.

The alleged assailant, a 19-year-old man whose name also is being withheld, was listed in critical condition at the hospital following a self-inflicted stab wound to his throat, police said. The man's relationship with the woman is still under investigation.

Police were alerted to the attack when the woman used a cellular phone to call 911 at about 11 a.m. while she was on her second floor apartment's balcony.

The man was standing near the woman on the balcony with a large butcher knife. The blade was about 12 inches long, Kleibecker said.

—State News  
Michigan State University

Utah student hit by campus police car

(U-WIRE) SALT LAKE CITY, Utah — Viola Landfair suffered two broken legs, a bruised kidney and multiple cuts after being struck by a police car on the University of Utah campus Tuesday night.

Landfair, a 58-year-old University of Utah student, was knocked down as she walked across a campus crosswalk around 9 p.m.

She was treated for the injuries, which left her in critical but stable condition last week. The driver of the police vehicle, Utah Officer Scott Nesbitt, has been placed on administrative leave pending an investigation by the Salt Lake Police Department, Utah Police Chief Bob Wilson said.

The incident is not the first of its kind in recent months. Earlier this year, another pedestrian was involved in an accident with a police vehicle driven by a university officer.

Samuel A. Storey, a 33-year-old Arizona man was struck and killed by a vehicle driven by Officer Mikal Wersland who, along with Officer Ron Lance, was responding to a disturbance call after the U2 concert on May 4 at Rice Stadium.

A Salt Lake County prosecutor ruled in July that the Storey incident was accidental and no charges were filed.

—Daily Utah Chronicle  
University of Utah

Sexual harassment claim dropped

DALLAS (AP) — The former chief financial officer for Dallas schools has dropped his sexual harassment claim against the district's former superintendent.

Matthew Harden Jr.'s attorneys said Tuesday that the claim against embattled former superintendent Yvonne Gonzalez was being scrapped.

Gonzalez, in turn, has agreed to drop a countersuit, her attorney said.

Harden had sued Gonzalez, accusing her of official misconduct and sexual harassment. She accused Harden of reneging on a deal to drop his suit if she submitted her resignation.

Harden's lawsuit precipitated the crisis that led to a reshuffling of top school district officials. He was reassigned this month.

Gonzalez's resignation was accepted early this month by the Dallas school board.

She also has pleaded guilty to federal charges that she spent more than \$9,000 in school district money on furniture for herself.

## Trick-or-treat!



Blair Pearce PHOTO EDITOR

Lacey and Kayela Jenkins, whose father David is an associate professor of sociology, social work and criminal justice, visit Colby Hall on Tuesday during the residence hall's annual trick-or-treat event for the children of faculty and staff. The 25th Annual

Colby Halloween faculty and staff a safe and fun place for their children to trick-or-treat. Colby resident assistants say the residents, who are mostly freshmen, also enjoy the event. More than 350 children attended. (See related story on page 6.)

## House approves shuttle

### Airport service to cost \$2,000

By Jeff Meddaugh  
STAFF REPORTER

Following some debate and disagreement, the House of Student Representatives passed three bills allocating funds, supported a resolution and voted to indefinitely table one bill at its meeting Tuesday.

Nearly all legislation met with debate by members, including amendments made to both a bill and a resolution. Another bill was so extensively amended that the House decided to table it indefinitely, a move that will keep the bill from returning to the House floor again.

Members approved a bill to fund the "Get on the Bus" shuttle service for students to the Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport before the Thanksgiving holiday, but they amended it to include an optional canned food drive.

The free service, which requests \$2,000 to be transferred from the remainder of the University Retreat account, will provide students with transportation and save them expensive parking fees, according to the bill.

Matthew Kartsonis, a Milton Daniel Hall representative who authored the bill, said 200 students used the service last year.

"Our goal is 500 students," Kartsonis said. "If we can get enough publicity for this, we can save the student body \$12,500 based on the blue bus shuttle cost and tip."

Because the service does not provide students transportation back to

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# No suspects yet in theft of SAE house TV

By Rhonda Dickens  
STAFF REPORTER

Campus Police have no suspects in the theft of a television from the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity house in Worth Hills.

A member of the fraternity discovered the chapter room television missing around 10 a.m. on Oct. 20. The television was last seen at 2 a.m. the night before by a fraternity member studying in the chapter room, said SAE President Thad Davis, a senior political science major.

## Detective hopes act part of prank between frats

According to Campus Police reports, the window next to the television stand was open, but Davis said the window had been closed and locked the night before. The door to the SAE chapter room locks automatically, and only members and advisers have access to the room, he said.

"Through the window, I don't know," Davis said. "I guess anyone could get in."

Campus Police Detective Kelly Ham said he hopes the incident was part of an Oct. 18 prank in which the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity took paintings from the foyer of the SAE fraternity house.

After returning from an all-night party at 8 a.m. Oct. 18, SAE members discovered the pictures missing from the downstairs lobby, the report said.

A representative of the fraternity

told police that it appeared someone tried to break into their chapter room with a crowbar as well. At that time they reported nothing missing from the chapter room.

Davis said he learned that the theft of the paintings was part of a prank and immediately contacted the Lambda Chi fraternity.

The Lambda Chis returned the paintings two days later, Davis said.

Ham said he has questioned 20 people and is convinced the missing television is part of a separate incident.

The prank was part of an ongoing rivalry between the two fraternities, Ham said. The presidents have instructed members to suspend such activities in light of the confusion over the theft of the television.

Ham said fraternity members were unable to provide the serial number or information about the model of the television.

## Homecoming Highlights

Programming Council will continue its celebration of Homecoming 1997 with lounge acts, social gatherings and opportunities for groups on campus to show off spirit and artistic ability.

The Fine Arts committee's coffeehouse event Monday night drew several of TCU's finest musicians and poets, as well as those simply interested in listening to music and hanging out.

In the organizational banner competition Monday, the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority and Delta Tau Delta fraternity claimed first prize. The House of Student Representatives claimed second prize, and the Delta Gamma sorority and Phi Gamma Delta fraternity won third. Banners are on display in the Student Center Lounge.

Tuesday's activities extended to the Worth Hills area, where students enjoyed ice cream floats and the music of Fisherman's Ensemble.

David Hofmann, a Programming Council adviser

Homecoming 1997  
Oct. 26 - Nov. 1



Today's Events:

- Casino Day 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Student Center Lounge
- Singled Out 10 to 11:30 p.m.
- Clark Hall

Thursday's Events:

- Queen/Escort Voting 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Lounge Act - jim squires band 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- Queen/Escort Meeting 5 p.m.

and fraternity hall director for Phi Kappa Sigma and Phi Gamma Delta, said students displayed impressive spirit in spite of recent events concerning Pat Sullivan's resignation. "Attendance has been really high at the Homecoming events," he said. "I think if we had a winning football season, spirit at TCU would go through the roof."

## Concession confessions

### Worker hectic pace of food sales booths at Frogs' games

Virginia Schmidt  
HORNED FROG OF THE WEEK

By Danielle Daniel  
SKIFF STAFF

Halftime, the break for football players and performance time for the band, means only one thing for vendors selling to thousands of hungry fans — rush hour!

But for concession stand worker Virginia "Genny" Schmidt, the chaos behind the food counters is nothing new. After nine years of manning a booth located at the 50-yard line on the bottom west side of Amon Carter Stadium, she has learned the tricks of the concession stand trade and enjoys the game days and the selling.

"We just have a good time, and as long as we don't get a short person to work the popcorn machine... it's good for us," Schmidt said.

Schmidt said she began working at the stand after she heard from a friend that it was a good way to raise money. She and her husband of 28 years, Charles, active con-



Blair Pearce SKIFF STAFF

Virginia Schmidt has been working at a concession stand on the first floor of Amon Carter Stadium for nine years to raise money for a local Boy Scout troop.

tributors to a Boy Scout troop, decided to sell hot dogs and soft drinks for Marriott as a fund-raiser for the troop.

Schmidt said encountering thousands of hungry fans can be a hard act to juggle.

"Hectic doesn't begin to describe it," she said. "A zoo doesn't begin to describe it. On an aver-

age day, you just don't breathe for four hours."

But Schmidt loves meeting the people who return each year and she enjoys the little interesting situations that take place at the stand. Last year she said a customer ordered nachos without cheese.

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editorial

## NEW CHANGE TO COPE WITH CHANGE

Imagine: You're far from campus and stuck in the rain and you see a pay phone, so you dig out a quarter to call your roommate to come pick you up when . . . Doh! The phone call costs 35 cents!

Many Texans are discovering this oddity, as Southwestern Bell raised the price of a local pay-phone call. Maybe phone calls have been held at one price for a little too long, but the move to a price as odd as 35 cents doesn't do anybody any good.

Consider: the popular comeback phrase "Here's a quarter; call someone who cares" and the accompanying Travis Tritt song are now rendered useless. What are you going to say: "Here's a quarter and a dime," or "Here's seven nickels"? It just won't work.

The simple solution is for Congress to immediately authorize the minting of a 35-cent coin. It could even include a nice tribute picture to Alexander Graham Bell on one side and a classic princess dial phone on the other.

**There's only one solution to the outrageous increase in pay phone prices: the minting of a 35-cent coin.**

And, to aid in making lemonade out of lemons, there is another upside to creating a 35-cent coin. Quarters could be reserved exclusively for laundry and soft drink machines, helping one avoid the agonizing dilemma of a wrinkled, ancient dollar that a machine just won't accept.

But something must be done immediately. There is nothing more frustrating than hiking from your car to a pay phone only to find that you're a thin, measly dime short of being able to make a call.



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## Major should be based on enjoyment

This column is intended for premajors who are still searching for the right course of study or for those who have already declared majors but know deep inside that they're not in the right department.

Don't major in what will make your parents proud or what will make you the most money. Don't major in what will bring you prestige. Don't choose your major based on what your friends think you're meant to do. Major in what you like.

Majoring in what you like doesn't mean choosing finance over accounting when your real passion is dancing. Majoring in what you like means choosing the very best course of study for you from all your available options.

You might be tempted to choose a major that doesn't suit you because your interests are "impractical." But what does impractical mean? Does it mean you're not likely to make a fortune in your chosen field? That's not impractical. Very few of us are going to make a fortune no matter what field we choose.

Maybe impractical means you won't make enough money to make

your parents proud. Guess what? By the time you're 10 to 15 years into your chosen career, you're not going to care at all what your parents think, and you'll still have about 30 more years of career to go.

Choosing a "practical" major over one you enjoy really isn't going to make that much difference in the long run anyway. You don't have to go to work in the same field as your major, and since you're going to spend roughly 10 times as long in your career as you will in college, you have ample time to catch up if you need to.

In a sense, there really isn't any major more practical than the one you like. A major is supposed to be a choice about what to do while in college, and maybe to find out what you want to do for the rest of your life. Why would you want to do something for the rest of your life that you don't like?

The enormous benefits that come from majoring in what you like more than make up for any slight loss in prestige or earnings potential.

If you major in what you like, you learn more while in college. Not only is it easier to learn about something that interests you, it's also fun. Your enjoyable major might make you more employable than a "practical" one would, simply because you'll have better grades.

If you major in what you like,

you'll be more comfortable with yourself because you'll have a solid identity. You know what you like to do, and you're doing it.

Furthermore, you can be good friends with your classmates and professors, who both share your interests. When you apply for jobs after college, you'll have a large network of friends going into the field and solid references from your professors.

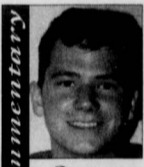
Most importantly, if you major in what you like, you'll enjoy your life more, at least for four years. You can look at your miserable friends who despise their class work and thank yourself for having the guts to do what you truly desired.

Now is the time to take control of your life and do what you like to do. Don't allow yourself to put life on hold with a I'll-have-the-freedom-to-do-what-I-want-after-I-get-my-degree attitude.

It won't happen. Living your life like you want to live it is a habit, and you'll never get into it if you spend these crucial first years of independence doing something that someone other than yourself wants you to do.

College is one of the only true fresh starts you'll ever get. Why not start living your life the way you want right now? Major in what you like and don't look back.

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**SPENCER BAUM**

## Celebrating a powerful book

40 years later, Rand's novel still inspires deep thought

I had not expected to be so profoundly influenced by "Atlas Shrugged."

I first tried to read it during Spring Break of my senior year of high school, but I couldn't get past the first chapter. Its length daunted me. I didn't immediately identify with its philosophy, and I wasn't submerged in the epic mystery its jacket promised.

When I tried reading it again over the summer, though, my persistence paid off. After just a few more pages, I was hooked, and what I read made so much sense to me. The way I looked at the world completely changed.

Now, in the month that marks the book's 40th anniversary, the effect has only been magnified. I am one of thousands of people "Atlas Shrugged" and its author, Ayn Rand, have influenced. Most of my political views were shaped by the book, as were my definition of a concept of values and a sense of action and purpose. People who have discovered Rand's literature love her ideas but love even more how those ideas are demonstrated through her fiction.

"Atlas" is an epic novel based on a hypothetical question: What would happen if the people who move the world — the ones upon whom so many other people mindlessly rely — went on strike? Metaphorically speaking, what if Atlas, the mythical giant who holds the world on his shoulders, shrugged?

The answer is not a pretty one. Rand sets the novel in an America where the most frightening traits of the present are magnified, namely that people are afraid or unwilling to think for themselves. Stymied by the increasingly socialistic bent of economic and public policy, leading industrialists and artists begin to disappear, leaving the world to realize how much it has mooched off its inventors.

The novel's lead character is Dagny Taggart, a beautiful woman who runs a railroad and must decide how best to handle her fellow executives' abandonment of their roles as a host to a society of parasites. Through Dagny's struggle to decide whether or not she should join the strike, the reader learns why a few great minds cannot and should not continue to support a general population whose chief characteristic is laziness.

All this is an extremely condensed version of the novel that, like its predecessor "The Fountainhead," made the best seller lists shortly after publi-



Jeremy Roman SKIFF STAFF

cation. Today it consistently appears second only to the Bible on surveys that list the books people name as the most influential they've read.

The book is lengthy — 1,074 pages in paperback. But within them, Rand explains a philosophy of reason through characters so real, so admirable or despicable, they seem like literary incarnations of people's innermost values.

From an artistic standpoint, "Atlas" is brilliant. Beautifully descriptive language and an ingenious plot make the book canonical, a solid candidate for the title of Great American Novel. Through characters like Dagny, Rand breaks the dialectic between romance and reason by showing they can coexist after all. A woman can actually be both rational and passionate. Wow.

The book also provides the most complete working example of the author's philosophy, objectivism.

Rand grew up in Russia, attended college in Europe and came to America just after finishing her education. While in Russia she experienced horrific living, working and thinking conditions that resulted from the ideas of collectivism put into practice; those experiences became the basis of her first book, "We the

Living," published in 1936.

Her subsequent writings concern the ideals of the free market, of man as an individual and of reason. Objectivism is based on these principles and especially the vision of mankind as heroic beings who have complete responsibility for their own actions and none for the actions of others.

The hero of the novel swears, by his life and his love of it, never to live for the sake of another man, nor to ask another man to live for his. This is the tenet on which all Rand's ideas are founded.

The message "Atlas Shrugged" holds for the future of American thought can be best summed up in a quotation from Rand that is included in each of her books.

"As an advocate of reason, egoism and capitalism, I seek to reach the men of the intellect — wherever such may still be found, she says" On the 40th anniversary of the publication of her masterpiece, such men and women are still finding answers between the covers of "Atlas Shrugged."

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## Mentors can serve as surrogate parents, help teach life's lessons

To paraphrase the great Ron Howard film "Parenthood," you must have a license to own a dog or to go fishing or to drive a car, but anyone can be a parent.

In the age of would-be mothers throwing babies in trash cans, widespread divorce and single-parent families, it is easy to see why not all children are fortunate enough to get their emotional, physical and psychological needs met by their biological parents.

This is nothing new. There have always been parents who fail to meet their children's needs, but it seems like because of current trends, such as the breakdown of the nuclear family, children are increasingly having to look elsewhere to fill some of the roles traditionally held by parents.

It is for this reason that the role of the mentor is incredibly important. Mentoring is not a new idea, either. From the days when a blacksmith would show his apprentice how to forge a sword, to when teachers take certain, special students under their wings, to the relatively new idea of corporate internships, mentoring has manifested itself in many ways.

In the past, mentoring has often been a supplementary role to that of parents; but more and more, mentors are becoming a larger source of affir-

mation and guidance for young people.

In addition to providing professional guidance and helping young people to make contacts in their field, mentors can be a source of emotional support as well — especially to college students who are often separate from the support (or lack thereof) of their parents.

Hillary Clinton's notion that it takes a village to raise a child is becoming more and more true. We are all responsible for one another. To ignore your neighbor or the kid next door is to perpetuate the further downfall of our society.

Regardless of one's opinions of family values, the fact is that families are crumbling. As a society, we don't respect or cherish the senior members of our society like we should; parents get divorced over everything and nothing; babies are born to babies — the list of factors that lead to the breakdown of the nuclear family go on and on.

But as long as babies are born into this world, they will need someone to care for them and provide for them in emotional and physical ways, as well as people to provide guidance as they grow and mature into adults.

The mentoring process can be just as rewarding to the mentor as it is to the mentored. Often the act of passing down wisdom or knowledge or skills can be refreshing and invigorating to people who have reached middle age and already attained their goals. To have someone look

up to you and put stock in your advice is a pretty awesome feeling of power. It is also an awesome responsibility, one which we should all embrace.

No school program is going to successfully pair up every person with a mentor or mentee. The government cannot be relied on to do it either. The only way the process of mentoring will take root is if we each find that person or people who represent the ideals that we want for ourselves and go to them for advice, while at the same time, not turning away those who come to us for the same reason.

It is our duty as part of the family of man to take callow ones under our wings. Each of us can make a difference in a young person's life just by sharing what we have learned about the world. In the same way, our professors should pry their noses out of their books or pull away from their research long enough to make meaningful contact with students.

It is a cycle: If someone takes the time and emotional energy to mentor to you, it increases the chance that you will take the time to mentor to someone else.

And it is this mentoring process that can reduce the risk that another kid will wind up in the gutter, in a dead-end job, in a broken marriage, in jail or just dead.

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# World Report

## Nation

### Hillary Clinton marks 50th with Oprah

CHICAGO — Hillary Rodham Clinton made a public confession Tuesday: Sure, she misses her daughter Chelsea now that she's off at college, but empty-nest syndrome hasn't been all bad.

"I actually miss her desperately, but it is a different experience that makes it kind of fun to have a little time to yourself," Clinton told TV talk-show host Oprah Winfrey.

The first lady said she used to hang around the White House hoping for a "sighting" of her daughter:

"You know, with teen-agers, you say, 'Oh, my gosh, I think that's my daughter.' They come in, they change clothes, they leave and if you're not there, you miss a sighting."

Clinton said she would arrange her schedule to be home in the late afternoon and early evening "with the hope that she'd come in and she'd say hi, and we'd talk a little bit."

"Now, we actually have all this time . . . We just really like to get out, and we didn't do much of that because we wanted to stay home," Clinton said.

The first lady's appearance on "Oprah" was part of a 50th birthday blitz that began with the first of several White House parties last Friday. While Clinton's actual birthday was Sunday, there was more cake and candles during Tuesday's TV appearance.

Winfrey suggested Clinton was coping admirably.

"Don't you think you look better than ever?" she enthused.

"Well, some days I look OK," Clinton said.

"Really, I think you've found your place," Winfrey insisted, backed by audience applause. "I think the hair, it's there. It's there."

## State

### Group settles quota case against school district

HOUSTON — A group of parents who charged that Houston's gifted and magnet programs based student admission on unfair racial quotas have settled their lawsuit with the city's school district officials.

The agreement, submitted Monday to U.S. District Judge David Hittner, states that the Houston school district policy of setting enrollment goals of 65 percent black and Hispanic and 35 percent white and Asian for the district's magnet and Vanguard, or gifted, programs has been eliminated.

Hittner signed an order dismissing all claims of 14 families who had joined in the suit. He said HISD will pay part of the plaintiffs' legal fees.

The case was filed in April by two students who claimed they were excluded from a Vanguard program because they are white.

The two fifth-graders, who filed the suit under the pseudonyms "Robert Roe" and "Anna Doe," said they were refused admission to the Lanier Middle School Vanguard program for fall 1997 because they are not members of a preferred minority group.

The students said they had excellent grades and standardized test scores and met all requirements for admission, but Robert's parents contend the program coordinator told Vanguard hopefuls at a November open house that the program sets ethnic goals of annually admitting one-third of its students from each of the major ethnic groups: black, Hispanic and white.

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# Stock market rebounds with 337-point gain

By Bruce Meyerson  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Capping two of the most tumultuous days in Wall Street history, the stock market bounced back Tuesday from its worst disaster since the '87 crash with a record-setting buying frenzy.

With IBM as inspirational leader, bargain hunters treated the stock market sell-off of the past three sessions as a once-in-a-lifetime buying opportunity that produced the busiest day in U.S. stock market history.

The Dow Jones industrial average wiped out more than half of Monday's 554-point plunge, soaring an unprecedented 337.17 points to 7,498.32 on a day that smashed volume records. More than 1 billion shares were traded on the New York Stock Exchange, with nearly 3 billion shares changing hands on all U.S. markets.

While Monday's record point loss ranked as the 12th worst in percentage terms, Tuesday's 4.71 percent rally by the Dow was only the 70th biggest.

In a move that many investors took as a big vote of confidence in the market's future, IBM stepped forward early in the day to announce that it would buy back up to \$3.5 billion

## IBM move sets off record-setting buying frenzy; more than 1 billion shares traded

worth of its stock, which had been dragged down nearly 15 percent since Thursday morning.

"There were a lot of emotions running this market," said Barry Berman, head trader for Robert W. Baird &

Co. in Milwaukee. "IBM stepped in at the right time and managed to trigger a turnaround."

Companies buy back their own stock to tighten the supply of shares, boosting their value and making them attractive to buyers.

Sure enough, IBM's shares vaulted higher, and soon investors began salivating at the discounted share prices of General Electric and other multina-

lational companies that had been hampered by worries about how the economic turmoil in Southeast Asia might hurt their profits.

"For the first time in a long time, the market got to a level that made stocks look cheap. That did the trick," said Hugh Johnson, chief investment officer at First Albany Corp., who joined a chorus of analysts who warned the market's troubles haven't been magically solved and such a rapid rebound could lead to even more instability.

"I don't like to see 550-point declines, but I don't like to see 350-point gains. That type of volatility hurts confidence in our market," Johnson said.

Economists noted that the market's wild swings, even to the positive side, merely highlight its risks and could make consumers a little less willing to spend and business less likely to expand.

But on a brighter note, the stock market's volatility has helped the bond market, leaving long-term interest rates at 20-month lows. That makes it cheaper to buy a house or borrow money to build a factory.

Most small investors on Tuesday revealed no immediate plans to bail out, citing the lessons of the 1987 crash.

"I'm not selling anything right now — in fact, I'm looking to eventually buy," said Peggy Schmeltz, 70, of Bowling Green, Ohio. Schmeltz said she was buying during the week of the 1987 crash, too.

It didn't hurt that Wall Street's experts, who were roundly accused of acting too rashly during Monday's wild sell-off, quickly proclaimed the market ripe for bargain hunting.

At Goldman Sachs, chief market strategist Abby Joseph Cohen recommended Tuesday morning that clients start to increase their exposure to stocks.

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"We're still waiting for that order of 'nachos no chips,'" she said.

And she said they received an entire supply of cups without their bottoms.

"We didn't realize (it) until we tried to fill them up," she said. "Then we discovered it."

Schmidt said that 16 people, including parents and Boy Scouts, work every home game. Normally she has to work about seven and a half hours, including setup and cleanup time. But Schmidt said the time pays off because the troop earns 10 percent of the profits, and they have the highest grossing booth at the stadium. She said she thinks this year's efforts will bring in about \$2,000 for the troop.

Though her two sons, Stephen and Willie, once Boy Scouts,

have moved on in life, she stays with the scouts and the parents who enjoy concession stand selling.

"We always say 'the parents that sweat together, stay together,'" she said.

When the soft-spoken Schmidt is not working at the booth on a game day, she can be found in a small, comfortable office a few blocks from campus. She is a data editor for TCU's Institute of Behavioral Research, where she reads and checks forms concerning drugs, crime and other habits.

She started working for TCU seven years ago. Before that, she worked as a preschool teacher for seven years and as a lab technician. She received her bachelor's degree in botany from Miami University in Miami, Ohio. She also studied for two years to

receive her master's degree in botany.

"I wanted to get my master's degree, but I didn't write my thesis," she said. "I got married instead."

Schmidt lived in Utah, California and Kansas before moving to Fort Worth 17 years ago. She has also traveled to 40 of the 50 states.

Texas has introduced her to one of her favorite activities: camping.

"For a girl who grew up in a city girl and who vacationed with a family that stayed in motels or hotels, we don't do that at all," she said. "We camp."

Schmidt also enjoys cutting plants and growing them, refinishing furniture and studying rocks.

"I always just wanted to be outside," she said.

Schmidt said that there are many things she would still like to do, such as learn more Spanish and geology. But she said her interests are always changing — she's always trying to figure out what she wants to do next.

"Someone told me, people who are born in September can never make up their mind," she said. "I am still searching. Someday I'll find it."

In the meantime, Schmidt plans on continuing the tradition every home game.

"If we didn't do it and fall came around, we would kind of miss it," she said.

"I think the most thrilling part is when the band marches through underneath and you hear the drums 'boom, boom, boom' and it just kind of gets your juices going."

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# Fourth annual Arlington job fair to connect employers, students

By Missie Korte  
SKIFF STAFF

The 1997 Metro Job Fair, an opportunity for students to meet with prospective employers, will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 5 at the Arlington Convention Center.

Bill Stowe, associate director for career services, said, "We expect over 200 employers who are seeking college-educated students in almost every job field."

Stowe said potential employers will represent careers for technology and business majors, as well as journalism, advertising, government, management training and liberal arts students.

The Metro Job Fair, also known as the MAC3 Job Fair, is in its fourth year serving students in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. Career centers in the area received requests from employers looking for graduating students, and the centers decided

to collaborate to create one large job fair.

Colleges, universities and trade schools from around the area decided to pool their resources to create a large fair. MAC3 serves more than 35 colleges and universities, Stowe said.

Students interested in attending can fill out registration materials available at the Career Center in the Student Center Annex or at the entrance to the Arlington Convention Center. It is advised that students dress in business attire and bring multiple copies of their resumes for prospective employers. Stowe also said that a pen to take notes or fill out applications would also be handy.

"The fair is not only for seniors and graduate students, but it is a chance for undergrads to find out what the job field is like, to ask employers what a student can do in

college to prepare for a career in their respective field," Stowe said. "They can find out what qualifications are needed to successfully land a job today."

Stowe said the fair has something to offer all students who attend.

"The MAC3 Job Fair is beneficial to everyone. Students from both large and small schools can meet with prospective employers," Stowe said.

Stowe said the job market is currently very good for most fields and that entry-level positions are better than they have been in the past.

"It is an excellent time to be searching for a job, but students should be advised that there is more to getting a job than getting a degree and walking in the door," he said. "They need to be prepared, and the job fair is an excellent way to make contacts."

# Making his mark



Freshman biology major Minh Phan participates in a sidewalk drawing contest Tuesday in front of Reed Hall. The artists made chalk drawings to celebrate TCU's homecoming, which is Friday.

# Student's installation art exhibit illuminates library basement

By Kelly Melhart  
CAMPUS EDITOR

In the basement of the library, there is a light.

It is small, it is round and it is a part of second-year graduate student Ericha Ahlschier's installation piece, "Inside Earth — Inside the Wood."

Ahlschier said the choice of venue wasn't an accident.

"One of the reasons I did this is I liked the idea of being inside, under the ground, getting to your roots and inside the soul," she said.

The piece, housed in Group Study Room C of the Mary Coats Burnett Library, is Ahlschier's

third installation piece, but it is her second at TCU. The square room appears circular because of the light in the center of the floor illuminating the darkness.

Ahlschier said she created her piece in the library because she was running out of space in the Moody Building.

"I like to paint on the walls, and this room was going to be repainted," she said.

Ahlschier said she plans to create a piece in a racquetball court of the Rickel Building.

"My focus now is to do installations in weird places so more people can see them," she said.

Installation art began in the 1950s and focused on creating an environment that is "site specific," she said. With installation art, every piece is unique.

"I could try to copy it, but it would be different," she said. "It's not something I could take out of a box and stick on a wall."

"It's hard sometimes because not a lot of people are so dedicated that they would have something like this in their home or museum," she said. "It's not a practical art, but even if it was unrealistic, I would do it."

The focal point of Ahlschier's exhibit is the light covered by an off-

white dome cover, one of the few non-natural elements of the piece.

"The time I spent processing (the natural elements) gave it an essence — an emotional, psychological essence," she said. "Its life source comes from me and where it came from."

Ahlschier said she tries to use all natural elements because as an undergraduate at the Art Institute of Chicago she spent a lot of money on art supplies.

"I like to use things people give me, and I recycle materials," she said. "I don't want to contribute to a landfill."

Ahlschier painted the walls of

the room a deep rust color and dribbled clay and black oxide mixed with vegetable oil over it. The oxide streaks, like the rest of the piece, are open to interpretation, she said.

The forms could be people, smoke, trees, roots or whatever the viewer interprets.

"It is the aura of a life force, but you're not sure what," she said.

Various shades of wool hand-spun by Ahlschier surround the light in wavy rings, and long grass seed lies on the floor outside the wool rings.

Ahlschier said people should remove their shoes before entering the room so they can experience

the piece through another sense.

Ahlschier said she used dark colors in her exhibit because it was meant to be a winter piece.

"In the winter, on the surface it's dormant, but under ground it's gathering life force," she said.

Ahlschier said the piece is open to the interpretation of the viewer.

"I think of it as a seed germinating," she said. "But others see it as a campfire."

"I don't expect everybody to feel the exact same about my exhibit," she said. "This is the kind of room where you study yourself and where you come from."

# New Hampshire frat appealing random search case to high court

By Susan Aldrich  
THE NEW HAMPSHIRE  
(UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE)

DURHAM, N.H. — The Zeta Chi fraternity at the University of New Hampshire has decided to take its case to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Zeta Chi is trying to eliminate the possibility of a judge ruling for probation officers to randomly visit residences without reasonable suspicion. The brothers are appealing their case, in which a judge ruled to allow probation officers to come into the Zeta Chi house without visible

suspicion. If the Supreme Court finds the option to be unconstitutional, probation officers in New Hampshire will no longer be allowed to enter and search without reasonable suspicion.

Zeta Chi won't be affected by the ruling either way because its probation was up in October 1996, but if the court finds the searches unconstitutional, judges will no longer be able to order probation searches in New Hampshire.

Zeta Chi was put on probation after charges arose that alcohol was

being sold from vending machines in the fraternity's house. Both police officers and probation officers were ruled to be allowed into the house at their discretion.

According to Zeta Chi's attorney, J.P. Nadeau, after the fraternity made an appeal, the New Hampshire Superior Court ruled that it was wrong for police officers to be able to enter without reasonable cause and only probation officers could.

Nadeau said he thinks it is wrong for probation officers to be able to enter as well.

"Other Supreme Court cases indicate that this is unreasonable search and seizure," Nadeau said.

UNH Legal Services attorney Joanne Stella said the primary duty of the police is to investigate and punish crime and the primary duty of probation officers is to assist in rehabilitation. There is a big difference between these two roles, she said.

Stella said probation officers only have the right to enter a building if it is a condition of the probation.

According to Stella, Zeta Chi was found guilty of "attempting to cir-

cumvent underage drinking laws," which could be a reason for allowing probation officers to enter at any time.

Stella said when an individual or a group is living under probation, they have a "limited-liberty status." The people under probation are under probation instead of being in prison. She said she is not sure if Fourth Amendment rights still apply in these situations.

According to Nadeau, any searches by probation officers who do not have reasonable cause are uncon-

stitutional.

"What if you had some really personal stuff in your drawers... what if the probation officer came in and searched and found nothing?" Nadeau said. "It's one thing if he saw you walk in with a six pack, but it's another thing if he came in for no reason and looked through your personal belongings."

According to Zeta Chi President Mike Discipio, the fraternity has been off probation since last October.

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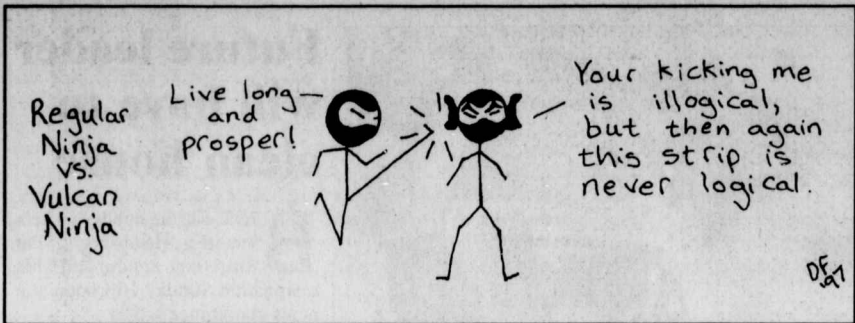
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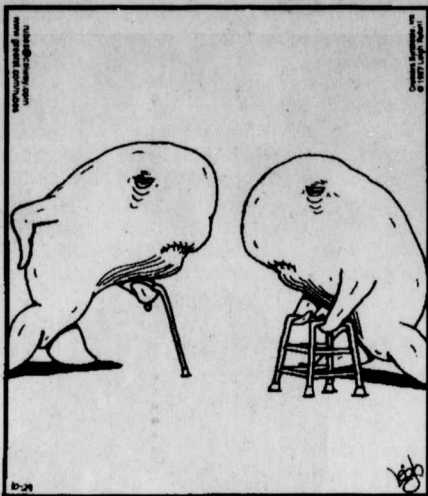
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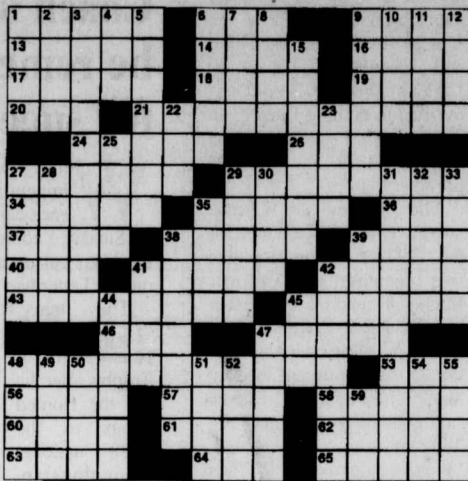
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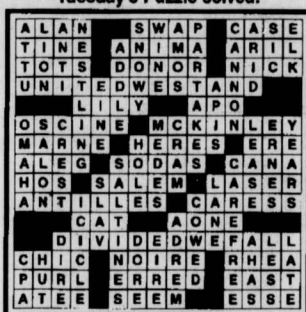
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 43 Loses all hope  
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by Mary Derderian Brown

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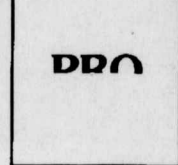
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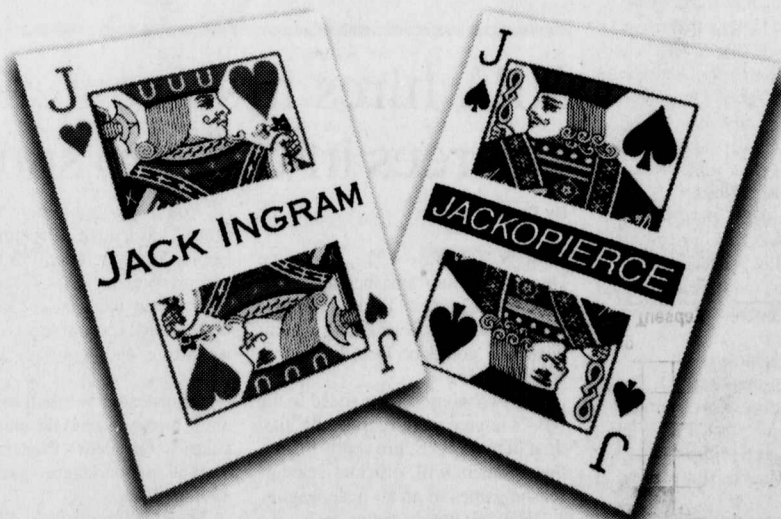
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