

Campus

Project lets students vote for woman leader

Today outside The Main, TCU community members can vote for the first woman president of the United States.

The White House Project, a nonprofit organization in New York, has selected 20 women it thinks are qualified to be president. The idea is to make people aware of the effort in changing American politics. Each ballot allows a person to vote for five women.

These women were chosen by a group of scholars and analysts based on character, vision, leadership skills and accomplishments.

These women include first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton; U.S. Senator from Texas Kay Bailey Hutchison; American Red Cross President Elizabeth Hanford Dole; and Mae C. Jemison, the first black woman astronaut in space.

The goal of the White House Project is not to endorse candidates but raise awareness of women leaders.

The ballots will be calculated, and results will be placed on the project's Web page.

Kay Higgins, Women's Resource Center director, said the TCU ballots will be collected and sent to the project together.

Jean Giles-Sims, a professor of sociology, said the project began when a 9-year-old girl talked about changes that needed to be made because there has not been a women president. The group that began the White House Project is the same group that began Take Our Daughters to Work Day.

One of the goals is to let young people know that it is possible for anyone to grow up to be president, Giles-Sims said.

"I am hoping students vote for five," she said. "Also, this will involve the students in politics. This project is not just for women."

Colleges

The New York Times gives archives to UT

AUSTIN (AP) — Strapped for people and room, The New York Times is giving four tractor-trailers' worth of the first draft of history — its 22 million clips from 1908 to 1989 — to the University of Texas Center for American History.

"It represents an important icon of newspaper history and the way newspapers used to work before the computer age," said center director Don Carleton.

The university seemed like a natural home for the clips, some of which are fragile, said Arthur Gelb, president of the New York Times Foundation and a former managing editor of the newspaper.

The center already has the archives of the now-defunct New York Herald-Tribune and Hearst Corporation's New York Journal-American. It includes contributions from the "CBS Evening News" in the Walter Cronkite era, as well as correspondence from Texas columnists Molly Ivins of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram and Dave McNeely of the Austin American-Statesman.

"It's become the principal center for journalistic archives," said Gelb, who will formally announce the gift at a dinner tonight.

Gelb added: "We decided that it required tremendous space and tremendous staff. And Texas was willing to give it the tender loving care it needed."

The 2,500 boxes of clips will be housed at the J.J. Pickle Research Campus in Austin. Researchers, including students and the general public, can request any subject and a file will be shipped to the center. The files will not be on display. Carleton said one of the Times' few restrictions on its gift was that the clips never be destroyed.

Gelb said he used the archives daily as a 45-year reporter and editor for the Times.

"I couldn't have survived a day in that newsroom without it," he said.

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What does the 'C' stand for?

◆ The role and meaning of Christianity at TCU not clearly defined.

By Talia S. Dancer
STAFF REPORTER

Christian. The word conjures up different images and feelings for each person. And those at Texas Christian University struggle with the meaning and the perception of the word throughout their association with the school. From recruiting prospective students to a freshman's first impressions of the university, the word "Christian" impacts how

people perceive our school. "The word Christian is tricky, and it is hard to explain to students when recruiting," said Allison Holt, director of admissions marketing. "Our roots are the Disciples of Christ, but it is very open and accepting."

Disciples of Christ, an American Protestant religious body, also known as The Christian Church, encourages understanding among the 40 religious groups and 18 recognized religious organizations on campus.

"We say (TCU) is historically related to, but not governed by, The Christian Church," Holt said.

She said although the university does special marketing to the Disciples of Christ and other churches, TCU accepts all backgrounds and encourages diversity. Recruiters are very up front when marketing the university and very careful about making the religious distinction. She said TCU tries to let prospective students know that the Christian faith is not mandatory.

In order to minimize the confusion, the acronym of "TCU" is used more often than the complete title, she said. But despite committed efforts of the admissions team to promote TCU as a diverse school,

there are still some students who didn't receive the message of religious diversity, and their first impression lead them to think otherwise.

"I thought it was a Christian college, but I was wrong," said J'Anzia Pullam, a freshman advertising/public relations major.

Pullam said she is a Christian and one of her interpretations of Christianity is that Christians shouldn't drink or smoke. During a residence hall meeting, she said she was surprised to find out it was OK to do so in certain places on campus.

"I just didn't think a Christian

school would be so liberal," she said. "I guess it was a part of the culture shock that comes with the transition from high school to college."

Now that she is more familiar with TCU, she said she has come to the understanding that "some groups on campus are Christian, but TCU as a whole is not Christian."

Kevin Aldridge, a freshman psychology major, said he had a similar impression.

"Right now, I know (the Christian reference in TCU) is just in the name, because there are a lot of

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Dance recital to merge cultures

◆ American dancers to perform concerts choreographed by Taiwanese graduate students.

By Lety Laurel
STAFF REPORTER

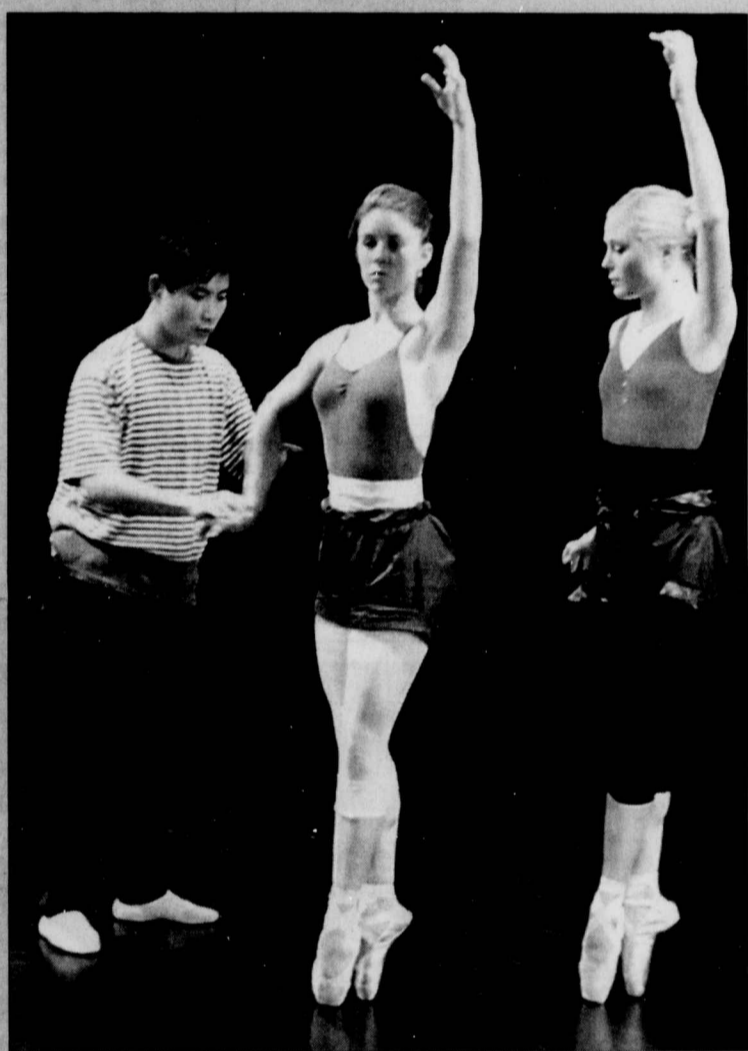
With a swirl of silk and a flick of traditional Taiwanese hand-held fans, communication barriers will be crossed and cultural differences overcome when American TCU students perform dances choreographed by nine Taiwanese dance professionals working on their Master of Fine Arts degrees.

In groups of three, the Taiwanese students will showcase their work in four graduate thesis concerts that will demonstrate their knowledge of ballet, modern dance and traditional Chinese dance. The first concert will be held at 8 p.m. Saturday in the University Theatre.

From university faculty members on leave to private-studio owners, they share the same ambition to learn more about dance to further their careers in Taiwan, said Ellen Garrison, chairwoman of the department of ballet and modern dance.

"They come from a variety of backgrounds and experiences," Garrison said. "They are all trying to get everything they can from their experiences in the

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Yung Yu (left), a graduate student from Taiwan, helps sophomore ballet majors Heather Winters (center) and Courtney Moore with a dance piece.

Joint forum to be held

◆ Faculty and students will discuss differing views on education.

By William Thomas Burdette
STAFF REPORTER

The joint session between the Faculty Senate and the House of Student Representatives on Thursday will be a great forum for students and faculty to exchange views about education at TCU, Will Leaverton, House Academic Affairs Committee chairman, said at the House meet-

House of student representatives

ing Tuesday night.

"It's a chance for both faculty's and students' views to be heard," Leaverton said. "We can have a chance to reply to what faculty say, and they can have a chance to reply to what students say."

Shana Lawlor, Student Government Association president, said the joint session will focus on the question, "What is an

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Kids, candy fill Colby for Halloween tradition

By Sylvia Carrizales
STAFF REPORTER

A 3-foot-tall, blue M&M, a pint-sized Elmo, Woody from "Toy Story," a baby Robin Hood and Darth Vader invaded TCU for the 26th annual Colby Halloween on Tuesday evening.

The children of faculty and staff members braved dark dungeons and strolled through pumpkin patches in the Colby Hall corridors to get handfuls of candy bars, bubble gum and Jolly Ranchers from residents.



Two-year-old Anthony Reyes puts some treats in his bucket at the 26th annual Colby Halloween on Tuesday night. Children of faculty and staff went trick-or-treating throughout the residence hall.

"This is the first time I've gotten to come," said Sgt. Ramiro Abad of the TCU Police, who attended the event with his son, David. "We were surprised when we saw all of the kids lined up already."

The event, which is sponsored by the residence hall, Residential Services, Recreational Sports and Marriott Dining Services, lasted from 6 to 8 p.m.

For the first time, a schedule was recommended for parents using the first letter of their last name, said Colby Hall Director Kara Steffen. Those with last names from A-F went from 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and the schedule followed for the rest of the alphabet in order for the flow of children to move faster.

Steve Kintigh, director of Recreational Sports, said the schedule seemed to be working.

"(We did this) instead of having a line all the way down the block," Kintigh said. "There was a time when people used to bring friends. It got to the point where we had to say TCU people only."

After students entered the lobby, they were divided into groups by their ages. Those 6 and under went through the "pumpkin patch" wing while the older kids toured the scary halls, that were covered from floor to ceiling in garbage bags to give the effect of a dark night. Parents waited in the lobby and munched on popcorn and cookies, courtesy of Marriott.

For most kids, the candy was the best part of the festivities.

"I'm David, but when I put on this mask I'm

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Serving a smile

Lunch lady is a friend to students



Linda Reagan
HORNED FROG OF THE WEEK

"Hey, baby. Hey, darlin'." These are the familiar sayings of Linda Reagan, an employee of TCU's popular eatery, Eden's Greens.

Reagan, a 41-year-old Fort Worth native, has been working at TCU since 1985 and, in that time, has become somewhat of an institution to the students of the university. For frequent Eden's diners, Reagan can be counted on for a smiling face on a three-midterm kind of day.

To many it may seem odd that a "lunch lady" can have the effect on students' lives that Reagan has, but when talking to those

who know her, it only seems natural. "She's awesome," said Lindsey Dula, a junior psychology and social work major. "My friends and I have been coming to Eden's for two years and Linda really brightens up the place."

Laura Gullet, a junior education major, said she likes Reagan's pleasant demeanor.

"Linda has an outstanding personality," Gullet said. "She's always smiling, and she looks like she's enjoying her work."

For Reagan, enjoying her work just comes naturally.

"I think I get along better with kids than I do with adults," Reagan said. "Liking my work makes it easier for me to come

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Linda Reagan, an Eden's Greens employee, takes a student's ID card Tuesday. Reagan has acted as a second mom to many TCU students in the past 13 years.

Pulse

Announcements of campus events, public meetings and other general campus information should be brought to the TCU Daily Skiff office at Moudy Building South, Room 291, mailed to TCU Box 298050 or e-mailed to skiffletters@tcu.edu. Deadline for receiving announcements is 2 p.m. the day before they are to run. The Skiff reserves the right to edit submissions for style, taste and space available.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE ORGANIZATION weekly meeting at 5:30 p.m. today in Student Center Room 214.

OPEN HOUSE for students interested in studying abroad with the Institute for the International Education of Students from 4 to 6 p.m. today in Student Center Room 203.

LORRAINE SHERLEY LECTURE SERIES speaker Cheryl Glenn to talk about "Delivery of Silence" at 4 p.m. Oct. 29 in Reed Hall 115.

BRITE LECTURESHIP speaker at 11 a.m. Oct. 29 in Robert Carr Chapel. Lunch will follow at 12:15 p.m. in Weatherly Hall. William R. Baird will speak on "Faith and Reason in Biblical Scholarship."

LAW DAY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Oct. 30 in Towne Hall in Austin for those interested in attending law school. Contact Donald Jackson at 257-7395.

GRADUATE MANAGEMENT ADMISSIONS COUNCIL-sponsored visits with admissions professionals from 100 of the world's top MBA programs at the Dallas MBA Forum from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 31 at the Hotel Inter-Continental (15201 Dallas Parkway). Admission is \$5.

TCU LONDON CENTRE applications are available in the International Education Office (Rickel Building Room 109). Spring 1999 applications are due, and fall 1999 applications are also being accepted.

FROG FOLLIES tickets (6 and 8 p.m. Nov. 1) are on sale at the Student Center Information Desk. Cost is \$3.

HOMECOMING — Organizations wishing to participate must contact the Programming Council office for information at 257-5233 or stop by the Student Center Information Desk to pick up a rule book.

ALL-CAMPUS SERVICE DAY — Organizations wanting to participate should contact the PC office at 257-5233.

In The News . . .

World

Lack of physical strength forces Yeltsin to cancel Austrian trip

MOSCOW — Boris Yeltsin checked into a sanitarium Tuesday, a day after doctors ordered him to cancel yet another foreign trip because of high blood pressure and extreme fatigue.

Yeltsin checked into the Barvikha sanitarium near Moscow, the Interfax news agency reported, citing his spokesman, Dmitry Yakushkin. Yeltsin has stayed there in the past, including when he was recovering from multiple heart bypass surgery in 1996.

Yakushkin said Yeltsin would undergo "a course of restoration treatment," Interfax reported. The length of his stay depends on the treatment scheduled, Yakushkin said, without elaborating.

Yeltsin's announcement Monday that he would not make the one-day trip to Austria fueled speculation about his ability to stay in office and guide Russia through its worst economic crisis in the post-Soviet era.

Prime Minister Yevgeny Primakov went to Vienna in Yeltsin's place Tuesday to meet with European Union leaders and international lenders.

Yeltsin's office said Monday the 67-year-old Russian leader was suffering from an "asthenic condition." Asthenia refers to a lack of physical strength.

Yeltsin's blood pressure was also unstable and doctors recommended a vacation, Yakushkin said.



Moscow

Gainesville-based American Knights, said the group had planned on marching with masks on Halloween "because we thought we could get away with it."

But threatened with arrest, "None of our members will be covering their faces."

The state Supreme rejected arguments in 1990 that the law intended to curb Klan activity is unconstitutional. The justices said the 1951 law doesn't violate free-speech rights and is a legitimate attempt to prevent violence and intimidation.

Naval Academy creates think tank to study military ethics

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — The U.S. Naval Academy, shaken by a series of scandals during the 1990s, has created a think tank on military ethics.

The Center for the Study of Professional Military Ethics will hold conferences and collect military case studies illustrating ethical dilemmas that will be available for training programs throughout the military.

It will be funded by private donors. "This center symbolizes a concerted effort to restore and enhance the reputation of our sailors and Marines," Navy Secretary John Dalton said Monday.

Since the early 1990s, the 153-year-old academy has been beset by problems including a major test-cheating scandal and allegations of sexual harassment by students. Midshipmen also have been charged with auto theft, breaking and entering and child molestation.



Annapolis, Md.

Nation

Klan leaders can't use Halloween loophole to march with masks

GAINESVILLE, Ga. — Saying pointy hoods and masks don't qualify as Halloween costumes, a sheriff told Ku Klux Klan leaders they'll be thrown in jail if they try to use the holiday as a way around Georgia's anti-mask law.

"If they've got on a Klan robe and a Klan hat and any type of mask, including a Mickey Mouse mask, they will be arrested," Hall County Sheriff Bob Vass said Tuesday.

Klan leaders thought they had found a loophole in the law that bans anyone from wearing a mask, hood or any device that conceals a person's identity in public.

The law exempts Halloween costumes, but Vass says officers know the difference between Klan hoods and Casper masks.

Gary Mallicoat, spokesman for the

from students and community leaders.

Monday's announcement came "after careful consideration" and was based largely on the difficulty identifying hemp necklaces and hemp products, said principal Tom Crump.

School officials banned the necklaces this year because of the connection between hemp and marijuana.

While hemp and marijuana are both varieties of the cannabis plant, hemp typically contains less than 1 percent of the active ingredient, THC, that makes pot smokers high.

After the ban was announced when school started in August, two students appealed to school administrators, saying the jewelry is not a drug.

"This is so neat," said sophomore Jennifer Treisch, who had challenged the ban. "I didn't think it would happen, but it did. I say, 'Never underestimate the power of a kid.'"

State

Airline pilots warned Viagra use can cause visual disturbances

DALLAS — Airline pilots are being warned that Viagra can impair the ability to distinguish between blue and green, colors frequently used in cockpit instrument displays and taxiway lights at airports, *The Dallas Morning News* reported Tuesday.

Officials with the Federal Aviation Administration say flight doctors are being urged to tell pilots not to fly within six hours after a dose of the much heralded impotency treatment drug.

"Although only 3 percent of all patients report visual disturbances, this blue-green impairment could be dangerous" while flying at night or in bad weather, said Air Force Dr. Donato Borillo, who wrote about the subject in the fall edition of the *Federal Air Surgeon's Medical Bulletin*.

In addition to problem with colors, "full attention to the instrument scan and the task at hand may be compromised," Borillo wrote.

American Airlines spokesman John Hotard said he's not aware Viagra use was an issue for the airline's pilots.

"I'm not sure there are that many who would admit they needed it," Hotard told the newspaper.

Warren Silberman, the FAA doctor who manages the government's flight-physical program, said he knew of no accidents or incidents attributable to the little blue pills.

"But we have had a tremendous number of pilots and medical examiners calling in and asking, 'What about Viagra?'" he said.

The answer, Silberman said, is simple: "Six hours from Viagra to throttle."

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things going on that is not of the Christian way," he said. "I guess when I first heard about the school, I thought it was Christian, but as I received more information, I realized it wasn't."

Aldridge said there should be less emphasis on the name, because it can be misleading.

April Brown, a post-graduate pre-medical student in the continuing education program, said she agrees the name is misleading. Her initial thought was TCU is a Christian school, she said, and that was one qualification that helped her to make the choice about attending.

"I don't feel like I made a bad decision about going here," Brown said. "I was just disappointed to find out it wasn't a Christian school."

She said she "just thought more students would have more high-standard Christian values."

TCU's church affiliation has no formal creed and is free to update as times change. The Christian Church also has a major emphasis on the ecumenical movement.

Even though these are the historical ideas and practices, Holt said, "a lot of students still think we are a Christian college with a generic name."

The admissions office continuously works on educating people about TCU and its church affiliation, she said, but most of all, the focus is on accurately representing TCU.

Christina Travis, a senior psychology major, said her perception before and after attending TCU has not changed. She said her expectations have been fulfilled and the Christian reference in the name of TCU was not misleading at all.

"The school didn't appear to be exclusively of the Christian faith," Travis said. "From the start, I felt it was just a name because there wasn't anything Christian that stood out."

She said, "It was like any other university, and when I met people who didn't have Christian principles or didn't exemplify the so-called Christian attitude, I wasn't surprised."

Even though the majority of the stu-

dents, faculty and staff do receive an accurate representation, Holt said there will always be some misunderstandings.

She said people get confused and don't understand the differences between the Christian faith and The Christian Church.

The Christian faith and The Christian Church are related, but John Butler, minister to the university, said the distinction needs to be understood. He said the term Christian in TCU refers to a specific group, the Disciples of Christ.

"Christian faith is something which the individual and the community get from the denominational structure, and for TCU, the denominational structure and foundation is The Christian Church," he said. "Christian faith is a personal commitment, and the structure is the (product) that is implemented from a personal and community commitment."

Different interpretations of the Christian reference in the TCU name influences whether the university is viewed as a strictly religious institution or a place where Christian-based ethics and

thoughts guide a secular school.

Ron Flowers, chairman of the religion department, said the meaning of the term Christian should also be defined in order to get to the heart of the issue.

He said it is obvious the university is a part of The Christian Church, which it still relates to, and therefore the name is appropriate.

"Students assume different kinds of Christianity," Flowers said. "(Some view Christian universities) as a kind of protected environment in which different viewpoints and controversial issues would be protected from that (specific community)."

"If your idea of a Christian university is that it should be a closed environment and only certain theologies are permitted, then TCU is not a Christian school," he said. "Christianity doesn't require everybody to live in a cocoon."

Flowers said he would call TCU a Christian college only under these terms, because being Christian doesn't mean "you have to fear an inquisitive mind."

Priscilla Tate, associate dean of admissions, and Andrew Fort, professor of religion, are two people involved with groups that exemplify inquisitive thinking on campus. Tate, the faculty adviser of the TCU Triangle, and Fort, the faculty adviser of the Student Allies, both said the values of the university's founders were not narrow.

TCU Triangle, a gay and lesbian student organization, and Student Allies, a support group for the TCU Triangle, are two of many groups that define the diversity of TCU.

Fort said, "If we are preparing students for the extraordinary world and how to interact with those of the world, we need to introduce diversity as a part of education."

Tate said diversity is a major goal of TCU, but it is just one issue, and TCU should be seen first as an institution.

"An institution is an institution," she said. "(The Christian perspective of TCU) should be used to win converts and not reject diversity."

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editorial

DUTY FREE

Officers must follow through on promises

Being an executive officer or a chairman or chairwoman of an organization looks great on a résumé or a graduate school application, but sometimes students forget that taking on these titles means taking on the responsibilities of the job.

Picture this scenario: an officer of an organization on campus fails to do a lick of work. All the other executive officers carry this person's weight of the responsibilities — they represent the executive council at general meetings, plan events and carry out those events with scarcely any help from this phantom officer. This wouldn't necessarily be so bad if the person didn't flout the officer title around campus. This is unfair to all the other officers in the organization, and, in fact, to all students on campus.

How many times may a situation like this have occurred? Probably more often than we know.

This is why electing officials is so important. Voters should look at their candidates with discernment. Running for office should not be a popularity contest! Officers, and other such leadership positions, should be filled by qualified individuals who will do what they say they will do and not shirk their responsibilities. If leadership positions are filled based on illuminating qualifications such as a nice hairstyle, cool shoes, colorful campaign posters or the number of friends the candidate has, the entire organization suffers.

People should also consider carefully before they run for leadership positions. Before taking on an office, people need to examine their schedules to see if they really have the time to commit to the office. If someone runs for president of an organization that meets on Tuesday nights, they'd darn well better have Tuesday nights free.

Many student officers handle their jobs with experience and panache, but the few who don't hurt and inconvenience their fellow officers. Care needs to be taken to elect only those willing to commit and fulfill their responsibilities to leadership positions in organizations.



Need to place blame causes hate

Today in America, poverty is rampant, race relations are tense and AIDS is rapidly claiming lives.

People want someone or something to blame for our nation's troubles, and conservative political groups and influential politicians give them easy targets.

If you've been laid off, they say it's because affirmative action is giving unqualified blacks your job.

If you notice a decrease in "morality" in America, it's because those homosexuals are eroding the moral fiber of our communities.

Old-school Republicans and groups like the Christian Coalition spout hateful and emotional rhetoric to gain support and propel them into office.

Senators Orrin Hatch and Arlen Specter point their fingers at a vulnerable group and say to the

public, "Get rid of those people and America will be a better place."

People who are lost, who feel weak and disenfranchised by society, are desperately looking for an explanation for why their lives are unsuccessful. They watch television and read the newspapers and are given the reasons: It's the shiftless, useless minorities, or the liberals, or the gays who are causing the problems.

And people believe them. We were all shocked and horrified when those two kids were brutally beaten and murdered a gay student in Wyoming. And when a black man in Jasper was tied to the back of a truck and dragged to death by racists, we were amazed that such hatred still exists in America.

Last week a sniper killed an abortion doctor in New York, and Americans wondered what drives people to commit such horrible acts.

But these hate crimes don't just happen randomly — influential voices in our society plant little seeds of hate that inevitably sprout into unspeakable acts of violence.

No, the Christian Coalition doesn't tell people that gays should be exterminated or that

they are detriments to society. But they identify a problem like the "breakdown of traditional family values," link the problem to perverse and immoral homosexuals and then imply that something "needs to be done about it. That "something" is left up to the reader or listener.

People hear these messages and feel it gives them license to solve the problem themselves. The spiteful rhetoric aimed at particular groups actually creates an environment conducive to violence.

We don't live in a vacuum — people, albeit weak people, are swayed by what our nation's leaders say to the public. Words are strong; they can move people to hate and even hurt people. These hate crimes are a manifestation of the irresponsible (and often inaccurate) words of influential people and organizations.

But the politicians aren't the only problem. In fact, even more powerful than the few who choose to act on the underlying messages are the bulk of Americans who either accept blindly or are indifferent to the intolerant and hostile platforms of these politicians and public figures.

People are convinced immigrants are taking American jobs and minorities are snatching employment away from more qualified whites because that's what Rush Limbaugh says. We're conditioned to believe certain things, even if the facts run contrary to those beliefs. We're certain that those worthless welfare recipients are sucking our economy dry because we're too lazy to find out the real truth: Welfare spending accounts for only 1 percent of our nation's economy.

The righteously indignant speeches given by respected members of our society aren't innocuous; they have the potential to fester hatred. When the Heritage Foundation calls pro-choice advocates "baby killers," people are listening. It prompts hate groups to feel justified when they blow up abortion clinics.

Politicians occupy positions of trust in our society. No matter how many have lied to us in the past, they are still given instant credibility. We need to hold them responsible for their words.

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Commentary



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Either speak your mind now or forever hold your peace

LONDON — At the annual London Anarchist Bookfair, visitors picked up stickers with a variety of anti-monarchy and pro-individuality messages. One sticker said "Question Everything." Anarchist or not, I think this is an excellent, nearly fail-safe mentality to adopt. I wish it were written on sidewalks, napkins and flyers at TCU as a message to overpower all others.

I write this because I am sad that so many people, TCU students not excluded, have for-

gotten their right to dissent. We have forgotten that it is up to us to question what we learn from professors, from one another and from the good old television screen.

"I don't know if this is right, but ..." "But that's just my opinion." Why do we add these disclaimers to our speech, thereby destroying the force of the assertion joining them? Why are we hesitant to question points in class, fearing the restlessness of our fellow students more than we fear an unchallenged idea?

John Locke said the people have a right and duty to revolt against a repressive government, and I think most of us believe it. So why don't we incorporate this investigative spirit into our everyday existence?

In any dimension of life, we have the choice of what to fill our minds with. We have

the option of choosing to use brain space for *The Brothers Karamazov* instead of "There's Something About Mary." We can jot down professors' generalizations, or we can ask where they come from. We can accept derogatory slang, or we can fight it.

In *Amusing Ourselves to Death*, primarily a critique of television, author Neil Postman looks at the future anti-utopias predicted by George Orwell and Aldous Huxley in *1984* and *Brave New World*, respectively. His central thesis is that while many "culture-watchers" were well aware of the ills of totalitarian government as described in *1984*, the real danger lay in the state described in *Brave New World*: People were too intent on being entertained and feeling good to notice their society crumbling because of it.

I'm with Postman. Even public school, governed by the state, eventually teaches us to examine our political regime. But how often are we coached to question the lyrics of songs, the images of power in movies or the representations of cultures in ads?

Thinkers like Postman worry for good reasons about a society that has given up its right to dissent. We've got to hang on to our right and our duty to judge, to disagree, to revolt, whether it be against an oppressive government or against an environment of images that tells us violence, thinness and fleeting relationships are desirable.

As students and as citizens, we need to question ourselves, one another and our culture. If we're right in the way we think now, our ideas will be strengthened by testing them

against questions. If we're wrong, we can find the truth by cleaning our wounds instead of letting them fester.

Take the advice of the anarchists. The people who change the world are the ones who are not afraid to speak their minds but who overcome that fear to overcome injustice. We've got to evaluate the strangeness the world confronts us with each day and use our voices to call attention to it if it isn't right.

Our freedom, both from repression and from stagnation, depends on our ability to keep questioning.

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Gum chewers, nail biters and bad drivers, watch out

Ever been on a date with someone who couldn't chew with his or her mouth closed? While you're happily eating your dinner, your date's staring you straight in the face with a mouth full of half-chewed food and drool.

Better yet, I was out with someone a few weeks ago that not only lit up a cigarette in my car without asking but

also burned a hole in my car seat. Yeah, talk about great first impressions. I can think of two butts that I should have kicked to the curb that night.

All across the country, annoyances, usually called pet peeves, are sending people to an early grave. (Or at least that's how it seems.) Screams of terror are released from folks across America as they are subjected to these slightest of annoyances on a daily basis. Pet peeves are not only the cause of great stress and anger, but they also force the most irritable people to drive the last nail into their coffin.

Everyone has his or her own personal set of annoyances. Some people

live their lives in constant fear that they will encounter their worst enemy during the course of the day. Others tremble in terror at the mere mention of their pet peeve.

It drives me crazy when people come up and tap on me to get my attention. I worked at a pool last summer, and not only did kids themselves become a pet peeve of mine but also their constant tap, tap, taps for attention.

Even celebrities aren't immune to these annoyances. Oprah Winfrey (not that I watch her) confessed on a recent show that she was frightened to go on an airplane trip with her staff to tape a show, not because she was afraid of the plane ride, but because

she was afraid someone might load a piece of gum into his or her mouth and start chomping on it right in front of her.

David Letterman commands all of his guests, and sometimes even his audience members, to spit out their gum while in the Ed Sullivan Theater. They usually respond politely although somewhat obviously embarrassed.

Those and many other annoyances are the cause of great havoc at the most inopportune moments of the day.

Last year in Wichita Falls, a bunch of my friends and I went out to eat and our waitress constantly bounced up and down as she walked and

smacked her gum so loudly it drove me crazy.

"To each his own" is exactly how things are with pet peeves. Whether it's someone who can't stop tapping his or her fingernails on the desk, or someone who's extremely whiny, people will go to great lengths to silence the killers of their sanity.

Specialty shops don't help alleviate these annoyances; they sell items with one focus: To promote those pet peeves that drive people crazy. One item helps husbands and other men of the house to remember to leave the toilet lid down. Many times even small things like leaving the toilet seat up too many times can become huge issues of debate in households.

Rude smokers, nail biters, bad drivers, people who undertake gross PDA ... take note. We're all going to rise against you and whip you down like the dogs you are.

Sometimes people can get so mad they want to get up and slap that person. If it's a family member, they usually will.

But most of the time the only solution to annoying pet peeves is to grit your teeth and bear the anger until you can eventually get away or, better yet, learn how to live with it. But sometimes that takes a whole lot of expensive therapy or group hugs.

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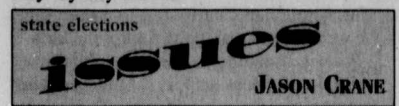
Commentary



JOSH KING

Bush a clear choice Candidates differ on similar issues

Republican Gov. George Bush Jr. and Democratic challenger Garry Mauro have both promised to improve public education and reduce crime, but they differ on how they say they'll do it.



Bush has pledged \$3.6 billion in funds for public education, a third of which will go to school districts for teacher pay raises. He also wants to end automatic promotion of students who fail the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills test (TAAS). Mauro said he would offer a \$5,000 signing bonus to college graduates who make a three-year commitment to teach in public schools. He opposes holding back students who fail the TAAS because he says it ignores their overall performance.

Mauro's "signing bonus" may convince more college graduates to teach, but nothing will stop them from taking their \$5,000 and running after three years. Also, Mauro's plan would all but eliminate the TAAS as a tool for tracing student development. The TAAS is a minimum skills level test — students who fail should not be

allowed to squeak by on the coattails of a sympathetic teacher.

As for crime, Mauro wants to put 10,000 new police officers on the streets to combat gang activity. Local governments would be required to hire officers dedicated to his "War on Gangs," regardless of where they need additional manpower.

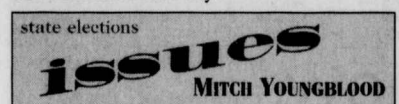
Bush proposes to crack down on juvenile crime by creating a statewide database of gang members and authorizing police to search previous juvenile offenders for illegal guns. Bush also supports continued confinement of mentally-ill sex offenders after their prison sentence is over.

The choice for governor seems clear. George Bush Jr. has improved public education and pledges to make it even better. He will be tough on crime — especially juvenile crime, where help is needed most. Mauro will give more control to teachers, many of whom will be recent graduates not adequately prepared to teach. So go to the polls on Nov. 3 and tell George Bush you don't want to take chances with education or crime, or go with Garry Mauro.

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Sharp best for job Candidates fight for position of power

It's an election year in Texas, and of all the candidates and positions available, only one contest is considered to be a close one: The race for the lieutenant governor's office between State Comptroller John Sharp and Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry.



The lieutenant governor is the only person who moves legislation through the House and who meets the commissioners across the state. He or she also controls the state budget. If you look at the barrage of ads on television by Sharp and Perry, you don't know whom to believe.

Neither sounds as if he'd ever be interested in a job that pays a meager \$7,200 a year. But the money isn't what the position is about. The lieutenant governor's office is about one thing only: power. Both men want it, and come November one will get it. But who deserves it more?

During his tenure as state comptroller, Democrat Sharp instituted more than \$8.5 billion in cost-cutting measures in taxes and other institutions across Texas. Sharp set up the Texas

Tomorrow Fund, which enables parents to pay for their children's college at today's prices instead of tomorrow's.

Republican opponent Perry drew fire from Houston City Councilman Carroll Robinson when he held a city-sponsored forum speaking out against drugs while he proposed to make drug-fighting a strong part of his campaign. Yet he failed to mention exactly how he'd accomplish his measures. Nor did he seem to realize that the attorney general is more responsible for fighting drugs than the lieutenant governor is.

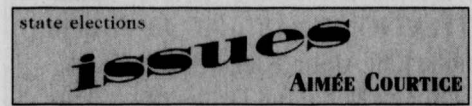
Perry has also been something of a recluse in that most of his campaigning has been in the form of TV ads, which have focused more on pointing out the faults of his opponent than in actually telling how he would perform as lieutenant governor.

With such people running for such a powerful position, it's clear that John Sharp is the better contender for the job. His record appears strong enough that even I, a staunch Republican, would vote for a Democrat.

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District 24 candidates debate area economic development

If it ain't broke, why fix it? This is definitely the case with the 24th district congressional race. Rep. Martin Frost, a Democrat, has been building up a congressional career since 1978, and it doesn't look as if he's ready to stop any time soon. While there are three other contenders for the position, Frost's main opposition is Shawn Terry, a Republican trying to point out Frost's failure to bring economic development to the district.



Both candidates are focusing on issues such as campaign finance reform, Social Security and education. Terry proposes increasing the maximum contribution from individuals to political campaigns. Frost supported the Shays-Meahan Amendment, which would ban soft-money contributions to political parties and place tighter regulations on the purchase of television and radio time. He advocates placing an overall spending limit on congressional campaigns, as well.

Frost also wants to use the federal budget surplus to make Social Security solvent or to reduce the national debt. Terry, on the other hand, agrees with the Republican solution and wants to invest part of the surplus in order to support Social Security in the future and establish a type of government guarantee to back up the investments.

Terry and Frost also follow their respective party lines with regards to education. While Terry supports school vouchers and charter schools in order to make education an individual decision for parents, Frost is an

adamant proponent of public schools. He says vouchers take money away from the public school systems. But he says he does believe that charter schools are a unique approach to education.

Terry has claimed that the district is in dire need of economic development because Frost is not addressing economic issues. But a look at Frost's recent track record shows something different.

He has initiated the development of Pinnacle Park, a business complex in Oak Cliff that will create 5,000 jobs, by getting the Department of Transportation to approve an interchange at Interstate 30 and Cockrell. Without this, Pinnacle Park would not be as accessible.

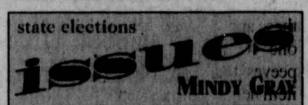
Frost also secured a \$6.6 million loan from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, part of which helped Minyard Food Stores open a supermarket in an area that had been without a grocery store for 25 years. He has encouraged economic development in the district by keeping the General Motors assembly plant in Arlington and supporting the defense industry on a local level by promoting Bell Helicopter's V-22.

Frost has been able to capitalize on his experience in Congress to address special needs in his district — 40 percent of which is comprised of minorities and blue-collar workers. He has shown that he can focus on economic development and address the needs of the different groups of constituents he represents. Frost is not an idle career politician. He is an experienced congressman who knows how to use Washington to improve his own district.

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Attorney General decision difficult

The two leading candidates for the Texas Attorney General race — Republican John Cornyn and Democrat Jim Mattox — have similar qualifications, education and legal experience. They even agree that the new federal requirement for child support enforcement, one of the most important issues of the office, is a bad idea. But that's where the similarities end.



Cornyn supports limited involvement from the federal government in affairs of the state. Mattox is not opposed to the federal government's

involvement.

In their campaigns, each candidate has a different advantage. Mattox, as a former attorney general and congressman, has the experience of the office and a well-known name. Although he isn't exactly an incumbent, he still has that advantage.

Cornyn has received more campaign contributions and the backing of the Republican Party. With Clinton's latest scandal and Gov. George W. Bush's popularity, his party affiliation will help in the election.

Both of the candidates have attacked the other in some way. Mattox has received campaign contributions from questionable sources, and Cornyn has not failed to point

this out. One of his most suspicious contributions came from Russell Erleben of Austin Forex International Inc.

If elected, Mattox would play a role in the state's investigation of the company, which is a definite conflict of interest. Cornyn has attacked Mattox for not releasing his income tax returns to the public as he did. Mattox's business dealings in the past with people who have since been convicted of crimes have also been questioned by Cornyn.

But Mattox has criticized Cornyn as well. Cornyn had received \$2.7 million in campaign contributions as of June, while Mattox had raised only \$970,000. Mattox claimed the medical and insurance organizations

are supporting Cornyn because they dislike Mattox. He sued these organizations when he was in office before. Mattox claimed that Cornyn received more contributions from lawyers with cases before the court than any other judge. He also criticized him for running a negative campaign.

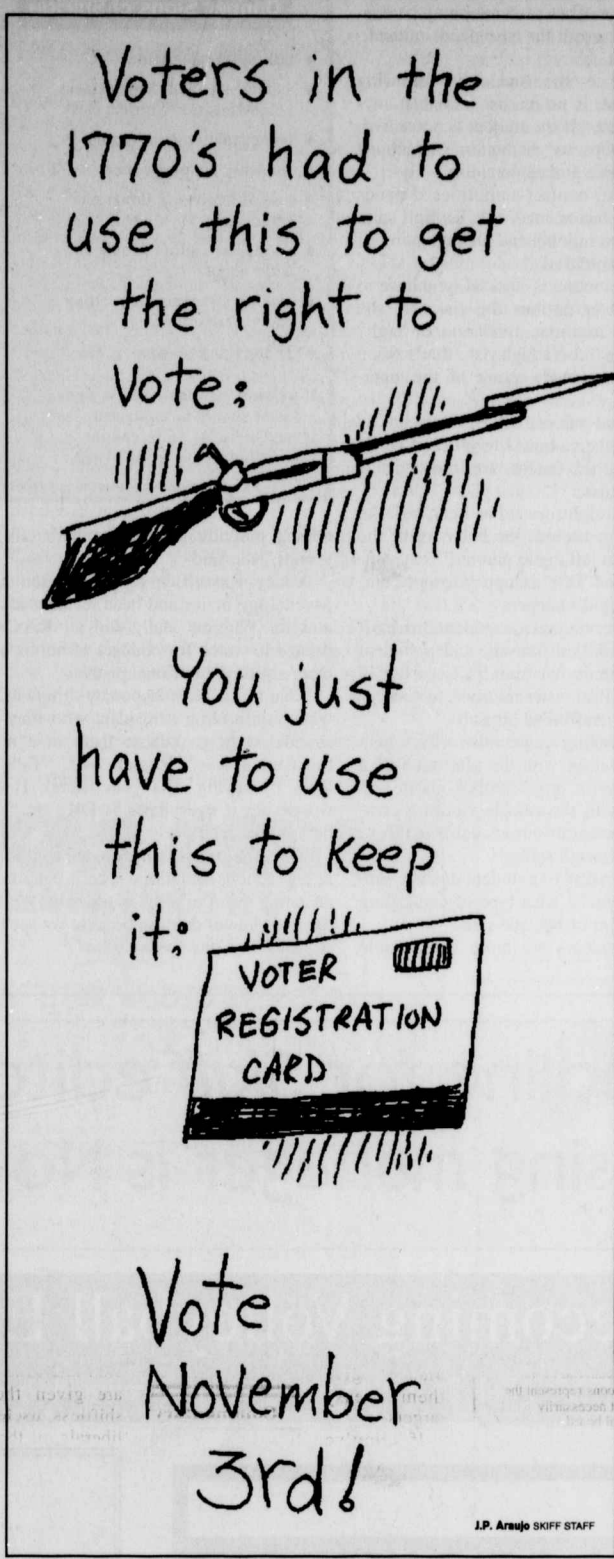
A major issue dividing the two candidates is the role the attorney general plays in fighting crime. Mattox has repeatedly emphasized Cornyn's lack of crime-fighting experience. Cornyn does not feel crime-fighting is an important aspect of the job because less than a fifth of the attorney general's budget is devoted to prosecuting criminal cases.

Mattox said Cornyn and those

who support him "are anti-consumer, anti-environment, anti-anything" and that they don't care about "the little guy." Cornyn criticizes Mattox for not supporting businesses, which provide jobs and improve the economy, simply because they are big.

In this campaign, with the majority of the information focusing on who has the better character, it is difficult to determine who is the better candidate. Voters will have to decide for themselves who they want to believe and who they will trust with the office.

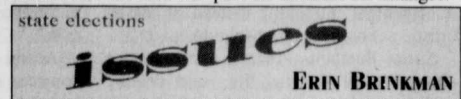
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Granger win is promising

Kay Granger, the Republican incumbent, will most likely win the District 12 race for the U.S. House of Representatives and remain in her seat for another term. Tom Hall, a lawyer and self-made millionaire, was running against her until heart problems and an unexpected hospitalization made him withdraw his candidacy this summer. Hall's name remains on the ballot since the race was past the deadline for changes.



Though Hall was touted to have been stiff competition for Granger — a 55-year-old ex-school teacher and the previous mayor of Fort Worth — the freshman member of congress now doesn't seem to have many obstacles standing in her path toward re-election.

Paul Barthel, a Libertarian, won't be much of a stumbling block to Granger's campaign.

Barthel's radical views — disbanding the Department of Education to put education (and the department's budget) in the hands of taxpayers, dissolving the IRS and cutting funding to virtually every government program from NASA to Social Security — will most likely not inspire many non-Libertarian voters.

There is one other candidate listed on some Web sites; however, the various reports are confusing. One Web site listed a Thom Holmes as a third-party candidate. Another included a biography of a Susan Holmes — who had a husband named Thomas — running in conjunction with the Constitution Party. No newspaper articles listed a Holmes at all. Obviously, this Holmes is not very well-known, so I discount him or her as competition for the prominent incumbent.

Even if Hall were still in the race, I would endorse Granger. The first woman elected in District 12, she served on several prestigious committees and did well for her constituents. Granger also introduced a balanced-budget proposal on her first day in the legislature and has been outspoken in her support of national security.

Before dropping out of the race, Hall criticized Granger for saying one thing while campaigning and doing another in Washington. It's hard to see through all the mud candidates sling at one another — and perhaps Granger has done some of what Hall accused, but, realistically, who hasn't? And it seems that when Granger did do this, she tried to later correct it. When the local arts community spoke out against her vote to eliminate funding the National Endowment of the Arts, Granger changed her vote the next time — doing her job as a representative of her constituents.

Granger will win this election because of lack of strong competition, however, even if she didn't have that competition, I would vote for her anyway.

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Deal with stress rationally

◆ **Help is available through the TCU Counseling Center, friends, resident assistants.**

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College years are filled with great times, but most students also encounter stress and difficult situations. Some might get homesick and fearful of the future, and some cope with depression and emotional turmoil.

Students who feel they have nowhere to turn can find help through the university.

Colleges and universities have different ways of helping students cope with crisis management rationally, instead of taking drastic action, including suicide.

Susan Batchelor Adams, assistant vice chancellor of campus life, said dealing with suicidal students is only a part of crisis management for students.

"It can be very stressful here (at college)," she said. "That's why we're here."

TCU follows a policy that includes clarifying the reasons for the stress, finding the student's strengths, helping him or her obtain resources and recommending and initiating an action plan, such as a written or verbal "no harm" agreement.

Monica Kintigh, a licensed professional counselor at the TCU Counseling Center, said there are similar steps to follow in every suicidal situation, yet each case is different, she said.

Kintigh said the center tries to make sure any student who might be suicidal follows through with counseling and prescribed medications.

She said when students come into the counseling center, for any reason, they are asked to sign a consent form explaining

confidentiality and the chance that a family member or other personnel may be contacted in the event the case needs immediate attention.

"As long as the student is following through, there is no reason to contact anyone," she said. "If the student is not actively taking steps to get better, we contact Campus Police and campus life."

Whether to contact authorities depends on the risk factor involved, Kintigh said. TCU policies recommend an evaluation of the suicide potential.

"When someone is suicidal, you have to determine how serious the risk is," she said. "Is it minimal, moderate or high? When it gets to be a high risk, that's when authorities are made aware of the situation."

Adams said parents will be contacted by someone in the campus life office if needs be, and what the parents are told depends on the situation.

"I'm as straightforward as I can be," she said. "I try to include the behavior of the student when talking to parents."

Suicides on TCU campus are not common, but they do happen.

In the past two years, a student drove off campus and killed himself, and a student who had withdrawn from TCU earlier in the 1997 fall semester returned to campus last October and killed himself.

The counseling center also offers help for those dealing with the aftermath of a suicide. When a large campus group was associated with the suicide victim a campus life representative is available to talk to the group, Kintigh said.

The personality of a student dealing with a loss determines what type of counseling is best for him or her, she said.

"Some students are more comfortable

Danger Signs of Suicide

- ◆ talking about suicide
- ◆ statements about hopelessness, helplessness or worthlessness
- ◆ preoccupation with death
- ◆ suddenly happier, calmer
- ◆ loss of interest in things one cares about
- ◆ visiting or calling people one cares about
- ◆ making arrangements; setting one's affairs in order
- ◆ giving things away

If a person has any of these signs, a doctor should be contacted immediately. At TCU, call the Counseling Center at 257-7863.

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talking individually, while others talk in groups," she said.

Ashley Russell, a senior religion and psychology major and head resident assistant for Wiggins Hall, said all RAs are trained to watch for changes of habits and other signs of emotional distress.

"One of the most important things to do when confronting a resident who may be suicidal is to go talk to them in a non-threatening way," Russell said. "Talk to them by saying, 'As your friend, I was wondering if everything is OK,' or, 'I'm here if you need me.'"

"One of the first things we are told to do in any serious situation — be it suicide or an eating disorder — is to get help. We are the front line of defense because we see the students on a day-to-day basis."

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Darth Vader," said Abad's 6-year-old son. "I got a lot of candy."

Juliana, 6, and Frankie, 2, the daughters of radio-TV-film professor Chuck LaMendola, were dressed as matching TCU cheerleaders.

Juliana enjoyed the candy and said she plans to come to TCU when she grows up.

Most parents said they favored taking their children to Colby rather than through the neighborhood.

"It provides a safe trick-or-treating environment," said Mary Ellen Milam of recreational sports. "It's so scary to take the kids anywhere anymore."

Kay Higgins, director of New Student Orientation and the Women's Resource Center, said the event is safe and serves as Halloween for her two children, Christopher, 7, who dressed as a head

hunter and Mary Katherine, 8, who was Sabrina the Teenage Witch for the evening.

"No matter the age of the child, you feel very safe leaving them with the process of going through the building," Higgins said. "It gives them independence from their parents. This is their Halloween. We don't trick-or-treat as a real ritual."

Residents said they enjoyed preparing their residence hall for the children.

"I think it's so good for the kids," said freshman business major Jessica Wsol. "The whole hall contributed to decorating. We went all out making it fun for the kids."

Wsol's neighbor, freshman business major Jenni Jones said it is good for the community.

"It's fun for, not only us, but it helps out the kids so they have a safe place to go," she said.

Lawmakers to propose state constitution changes

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AUSTIN — A proposed rewrite of the Texas Constitution is expected to be unveiled next month with one guarantee.

"While we badly need a new constitution, virtually everything in there is somebody's pet position, so we realize that there's going to be something in our new draft for everyone to hate," said Senate Finance Committee Chairman Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant.

He plans to file the constitutional revamp along with House Appropriations Committee Chairman Robert Junell, D-San Angelo.

His proposal will "essentially amend

everything after the Bill of Rights. It will be a total rewrite of the Texas Constitution," Ratliff told the Texas Taxpayers and Research Association on Tuesday.

If approved by two-thirds of Texas lawmakers, the measure would go on a statewide ballot for voters' consideration.

Ratliff declined to offer details of the proposal, which he said could be unveiled late next month — after the election and before lawmakers convene in regular session in January.

"We didn't want it to become a campaign football," he said. "We'll probably run it out sometime in the latter part of November so everybody gets a shot at it before the session."

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HOUSE

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educated person?" The session is a rare opportunity to facilitate communication between the two groups, she said.

"It's a conversation that doesn't always take place on a daily basis," Lawlor said.

Leaverton said he agreed with Lawlor that for the two governing bodies to come together for a discussion like this one is irregular and presents unique possibilities for students to be heard.

"How often do you get this many faculty members under one roof to listen to your views?" he said.

The nature of the meeting should encourage student participation, Lawlor said.

"I think there will be a lot of participation," she said. "It is going to be an intellectually stimulating conversation."

Leaverton added that the meeting's faculty facilitator, Nowell Donovan, professor of geology, should help to get people thinking.

"Just listening to Dr. Donovan is intellectually stimulating," he said.

Lawlor, who will be the student facilitator, said the meeting will be a free forum. She and Donovan will start the discussion and then open it up to comments from faculty and students.

The Academic Affairs Committee of the House and the Senate's Academic Excellence Committee have been planning

the meeting and came up with the topic as a way to initiate dialogue about how certain issues affect education at TCU. Leaverton said the theme of the meeting is "so wide-open" that it will open up all types of topics.

Lawlor said the direction of the conversation will be largely dependent on students' comments.

She said she expects topics such as diversity, the university curriculum requirements, experience-based education and TCU's mission statement. She said that, presently, TCU is ready for change.

"We are at a turning point in our existence, in all aspects," she said.

Some of the changes in the future about things like the mission statement and the UCR will probably be influenced by what is said at the meeting.

Leaverton said diversity at TCU is an important topic, which he hopes to see addressed at the meeting.

"We live in a diverse world," he said "It would be an aid to be able to understand that diversity."

The meeting is at 3:30 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom and is open to all students. Leaverton said House members are required to go unless they have extreme scheduling problems.

Hurricane strikes Caribbean

◆ Hurricane Mitch roars through Honduras, produces 180 mph winds, destroys city.

By Victor R. Calvano
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LA CEIBA, Honduras — Hurricane Mitch roared through the northwestern Caribbean with heart-stopping strength Tuesday, churning up high waves and intense rain that sent coastal residents of Honduras fleeing for safer ground.

President Carlos Flores Facusse declared a state of maximum alert, and the Honduran military sent planes to evacuate residents from their homes on islands near the coast.

At 11 a.m. EST, Mitch was about 90 miles north of Honduras and moving west, parallel to the coast, at 6 mph. With winds of nearly 165 mph, and even more violent gusts, the 350-mile hurricane was a Category 5 monster — the highest, most dangerous rating for a storm.

"Mitch is closing in," said Monterrey Cardenas, mayor of Utila, an island 20 miles off the Honduran coast. "And God help us."

The U.S. National Weather Service said only three Caribbean storms were stronger than Mitch — Gilbert in 1988, Allen in 1980 and an unnamed 1935 storm.

Forecasters expected Mitch to swirl parallel to the Honduran coast and then turn

northward over the next two days and head for Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula and its resorts of Cancun and Cozumel.

Mitch posed no immediate threat to the United States, forecasters said.

The weather service in Miami said the storm could weaken somewhat, but warned it would still remain "a very dangerous hurricane capable of causing catastrophic damage."

In La Ceiba, on the western Honduran coast, people waded knee-deep to their houses after rains from Mitch's outer swells sent rivers rising.

Many people took refuge in fire stations and schools. At one shelter in a fire station, about 150 people huddled in the damp, with nothing dry to cover themselves.

Blanca Almeida Ramirez, 22, said she and her three children fled in the middle of the night when water began to seep into her wooden house. "The wood is all rotten inside," she said. "I couldn't stay any longer."

"I'm not going anywhere," said Teresa Nunez, 38, who lives in a simple wooden house by the beach with her 11 children. She said she was afraid thieves would steal what little she owned if she left.

The entire coast of Honduras was under a hurricane warning, and up to 15 inches of rain was forecast in mountainous areas.

The Honduran president closed schools and public offices on the coast Monday and

ordered all air force aircraft to evacuate people from the Islas de la Bahia, a string of small islands off the country's central coast.

The head of the Honduran armed forces, Gen. Mario Hung Pacheco, said 5,000 soldiers were standing by to help victims of the storm, but he warned that the military could not reach everyone.

A hurricane warning was also in effect for the Caribbean coast of Guatemala.

In neighboring Belize, the government issued a hurricane warning Tuesday. Schools were closed and workers sent home early Monday. Panicking buyers stripped bread from the shelves of some stores, and some gasoline stations ran dry.

Coastal Belize City was hit so hard by Hurricane Hattie in 1961 that the country built a new capital inland at Belmopan.

Mexico mobilized troops and emergency workers on the eastern coast of the Yucatan, which was also under a hurricane watch, and Cuba said it had evacuated 600 vacationers from the Island of Youth.

On the Honduran island of Utila, fisherman Swinwick Jackson had tied up his boats and was taking his family to stay with a relative on higher ground.

National police spokesman Ivan Mejia said the Coco, Segovia and Cruta rivers all overflowed their banks Monday along Honduras' eastern coast.

"Frightened people are moving into the mountains to search for shelter," he said.

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TAIWAN

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United States." In conjunction with the National Taiwan College of Physical Education, the program began in 1997 to introduce Taiwanese dance students to the American style of ballet and modern dance. For their degrees, the students are required to choreograph dance pieces and present them in concerts. "Their grades are based on not just the final product but the process and the development of how they translate movement to their dancers," Garrison said. The students must also complete a written thesis and oral exams, said Nancy Carter, administrative assistant in the ballet and modern dance department. "They are constantly working on their choreography, but they are also perfecting and learning their English and grammar," Carter said. Garrison said she admires the students because of the commitment they have made to further their education. "They are all very eager to get everything they can out of this experience," Garrison said. "These are some of the bravest and most forward-thinking people I know at the moment. Some of them have even

left their families to come here." Liang-Ling Yeh, 35, said she decided to get her master's degree in dance because she wanted to learn American teaching methods. "I was a modern dance teacher in a high school for eight years," she said. "I hope to learn more teaching methods here." Li-Hua Tsai, 52, said she left her husband and three children in Taiwan and her position as chairwoman of the department of dance education for the National Taiwan College of Physical Education to come to the United States to study. "I wanted to research more because I've taught for a long time," Tsai said. "I hoped to come to TCU to learn how to combine traditional Taiwanese dance with contemporary dance." Garrison said the Taiwanese students are not the only ones to benefit from the program. "This is a great program in which all of us are benefiting," she said. "We really appreciate what they have to offer us and teach us." Taiwanese students are also teaching the Americans an appreciation for another culture, Garrison said. "Americans in general think

we're the best and they don't have an idea of what is going on in other countries," she said. "Now with this program they can see both the similarities and the differences between both cultures." Colleen Comer, a freshman ballet major, said a big difference between the Taiwanese students and American students is the quality of the work. "They have a very strong work ethic, much more than we do," she said. "Also they are very rich in traditions and cultures. It is neat to see them incorporate what they believe to be very important and put it into dance. Americans don't really do that because we have such a broad mix of cultures." Andrea Black, a sophomore ballet major, said she has learned not to take so many things for granted. "They've been a big inspiration because they work all of the time," she said. "They seem to get so much more out of dance than I do, so I am now working to get more out of the experience." The thesis concerts will be held Oct. 31-Nov. 1, Nov. 21-22 and Dec. 5-6. Times are 8 p.m. Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays. Admission is free.

FROG

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in. I think if you like your job, you'll stay at it longer." Even after working at TCU for 13 years, Reagan still says the students are her favorite thing about the school. "I like the kids and the things I learn from them," she said. "I learn something new about them every day, like the places they're from and where they've been." "I love to ask them questions. They probably wish I'd shut up because I ask them so many questions. At TCU I've met people from all walks of the world; I even went to Arkansas for a student's wedding in 1995." Reagan is a motherly figure to many of the students who frequent Eden's, but she is also the mother of two sons, Derrick, 24, and Lija, 21, both of Fort Worth. She also has two grandchildren, Shatorrie and Derrick, both 4 years old. "My sons mean the world to me," she said. "I bring my grandkids over here so much they know how to get here themselves. I hope to see them go to college someday." Reagan possesses quite possibly the best rapport with TCU students of anyone in a position similar to

hers, but she's modest about her relationship with the students and even chides herself for not being able to always remember names. "I hope the students don't mind when I call them 'Baby,' but I just

“I like the kids and the things I learn from them. I learn something new about them every day, like the places they're from and where they've been.”

— Linda Reagan
Eden's Greens employee

can't remember everyone's name," she said. "Here, I get to laugh and talk with the kids all day. It's like one big family here." "Some days, the kids come in and they need somebody to talk to, and there's some days when I come and need somebody to talk to. And there's days when the kids come in and they're bright-eyed and bushy-

tailed and just as happy as I am." Reagan is one of TCU's most ubiquitous personalities, a trait she attributes to her outgoing demeanor and her ability to attract attention to herself by always talking. "I'm loud and always talking, and I think that draws people to me," Reagan said. "I'm always smiling because being in a bad mood just takes something out of me." One would think after observing the lunchtime rush at Eden's that Reagan would lose her pleasant demeanor with all the students coming in all at the same time, but she remains upbeat. However, she said she still longs for the days when she worked in The Pit, which was located in the basement of the Student Center. "I loved working there because it was like a family and we used to see the same people all the time," Reagan said. Reagan has been around all kinds of people her whole life, and her experiences shine through in her personality every day. "I don't see color; I don't see white and I don't see black," she said. "I just love people."

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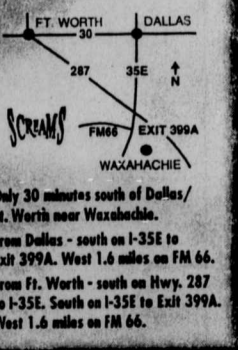
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NFL

Taylor back in rehab after drug arrest

NEW YORK (AP) — NFL great Lawrence Taylor is back in drug rehabilitation, according to his lawyer.

"He is a recovering addict, and any reinforcement he can get to stay off drugs is beneficial," lawyer Thomas Melani said Tuesday.

Taylor returned to a rehab center in the New York area on Monday. *The New York Times* quoted Melani as saying Taylor was expected to be at the clinic 30 to 60 days.

The 39-year-old retired linebacker was arrested last week in Florida on crack-cocaine charges for the second time in three years. He contends he was set up by police in this latest case, and Melani said Taylor passed a polygraph test on Saturday.

Melani said the former New York Giants star could face prison time if he doesn't seek immediate drug counseling because this arrest could violate a plea agreement he made last year.

Taylor's latest arrest was Oct. 19 in a St. Pete Beach, Fla., motel room where police said he tried to buy \$50 worth of crack cocaine from an undercover officer. According to police, 15 crack pipes were inside the room.

Taylor has been in drug rehab several times, both while a player and after his retirement in 1993. His All-Pro career was marred by an NFL suspension for violating the league's drug abuse policy.

Soccer

U.S. soccer team hires championship coach

NEW YORK (AP) — The U.S. soccer team is now Bruce Arena's problem to fix.

The 47-year-old coach, who led the University of Virginia and D.C. United to championships, was hired Tuesday by the U.S. Soccer Federation.

"It has been a goal of mine to coach internationally at the highest level, and it's a challenge I'm ready for," Arena said. "We have a lot of great young talent in this country, and they're going to play a role in our success in the coming years."

Arena replaces Steve Sampson, who resigned June 29, four days after the U.S. team completed an 0-3 World Cup debacle, finishing last in the 32-nation field.

"When you look at the criteria we set forth in our search for a new head coach — an American coach with international experience and a complete understanding of the American player — it was clear to me who the most qualified candidate for this position was," USSF president Robert Contiguglia said. "Bruce Arena is the perfect fit."

Arena led D.C. United to Major League Soccer championships in 1996 and 1997, but D.C. United lost to the Chicago Fire 2-0 Sunday in this year's final.

Arena is expected to try out young players until the autumn of 2000, when the United States begins qualifying for the 2002 World Cup. The next tournament for the Americans is in January, when they play Brazil, New Zealand and an undetermined European team at the FIFA Confederations Cup at Guadalajara, Mexico.

Soccer team drops two, suffers first home losses

By Kevin Dunleavy
SKIFF STAFF

While most students took a reprieve from campus this past weekend for Fall Break, the TCU men's soccer team stayed at home to battle the Fresno State Bulldogs on Friday and the San Jose State Spartans on Sunday. The Frogs dropped both games, bringing their season record to 8-6-1 their WAC record to 1-4.

In the first game against Fresno State, halftime arrived with neither team managing to put points on the scoreboard. Despite several scoring opportunities the Frogs created, they were unable to produce a goal. Shots that hit the goals posts increasingly frustrated TCU as the game wore on. An aggressive Fresno State offense put sophomore goalkeeper Ian Keate to work; he eventually recorded nine saves.

But 20 minutes before the end of the game, a Bulldogs forward slipped a shot past the Frogs' defense. TCU tried to rally but ended up losing the game, 1-0. It was the team's first home loss of the season.

"We were definitely the better players at Fresno. We dominated the game," sophomore midfielder Charlie Schulz said. "I guess it just

wasn't our day. We created all of these opportunities and didn't put any of them away."

TCU had higher expectations for Sunday, but to no avail. The game began in the Frogs favor when Schulz knocked in a shot off a penalty kick about 25 minutes into the match. Sophomore forward Brad Johnson added insurance less than a minute later when he rocketed a shot past the Spartans' goalkeeper.

San Jose was quick to answer about 10 minutes later when a Spartans midfielder rebounded a shot from his penalty kick and slipped the ball into the net. Five minutes after the team's first goal, San Jose scored again when another midfielder also kicked in a shot to even the score.

After halftime, the Bulldogs showed no mercy to the Frogs and proceeded on a 40-minute scoring rampage, which left them with three more goals, two of which were scored less than four minutes apart. With that damage done and less than a minute to go in the game, sophomore defender Michael Martin scored for TCU to pull within two goals. But the Spartans produced one more goal six seconds before the end

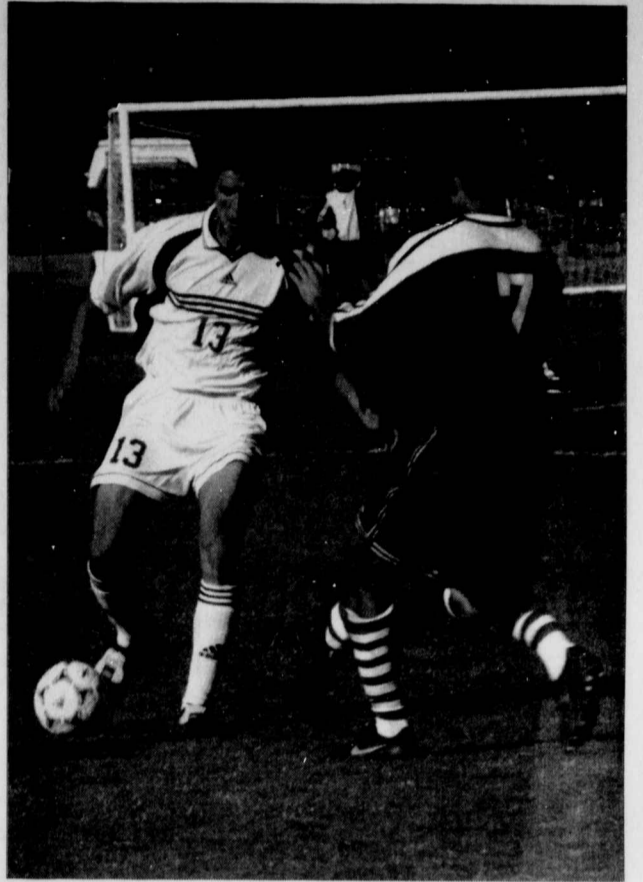
of the match. The Frogs watched in defeat as the buzzer sounded, with the final score 6-3.

"We went up 2-0 and then had some sort of a mental letdown," Schulz said. "I've never been on a team that was up two goals and then lost by three, it's ridiculous. It was like we played in 10-minute periods. We'd play some of our best soccer for 10 minutes, and then we would let down for the next 10 minutes. It was like we were two different teams."

Some players agreed that missed opportunities were the main cause of TCU's defeats but also focused on other aspects that attributed to the Frogs' loss against San Jose.

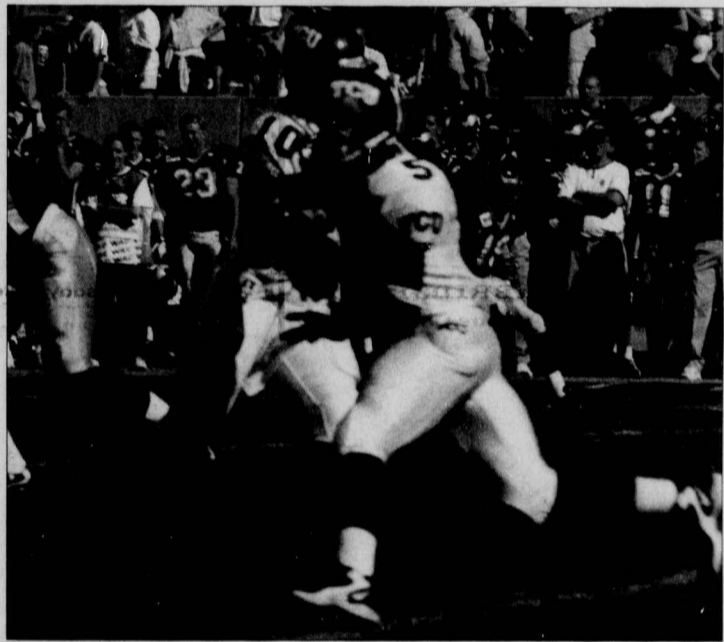
"Key injuries to some guys like (senior defender) Darin Hogue and (senior midfielder) Kyle O'Keefe shifted the momentum, but the late goals cost us the game," Johnson said. "We're all very disappointed, but we still have games to play for. We haven't packed our bags yet."

At 3:30 p.m. Sunday on the TCU soccer field, the Frogs will play their last home game of the season against the Southern Methodist University Mustangs. TCU must win its next three games to qualify for the WAC tournament.



Freshman midfielder Josh Rife protects the ball from Fresno State defenders Friday. The Frogs lost two games last weekend, one to the Bulldogs, 1-0, and one to the San Jose State Spartans on Sunday, 6-3.

Frogs on espn2



Sophomore tailback LaDainian Tomlinson takes a handoff from junior quarterback Kevin Colon in TCU's 42-21 loss to Colorado State on Saturday. The Frogs will play their next game at home against Wyoming. The contest will be shown on espn2 at 8 p.m. Saturday.

Golf team places 8th at tournament

By Wendy Bogema
SPORTS CO-EDITOR

The men's golf team played consistent with its No. 8 spot in the MasterCard Collegiate national rankings and finished eighth at the Jerry Pate National Intercollegiate tournament October 19-20.

Freshman Adam Rubinson had his second straight top-20 finish as he tied for 19th in the tournament. He was the highest finisher for the Frogs with a final score of 2 over par.

Rubinson was followed closely by three of his teammates. Senior Grady Girard, sophomore Scott Volpitto and junior Aaron Hickman all finished tied for 27th with a final score of 5 over par. Freshman Andy Doeden was three strokes back at 8 over par and finished tied for 39th out of the 58 competitors.

Head coach Bill Montigel said he felt good about the way the team finished.

"Overall I felt pretty good when we left," Montigel said. "The guys all played pretty well and when you consider the field ... I think we're going in the right direction."

Twelve teams competed in the tournament, which was played at the Old Overton Country Club in Birmingham, Ala. Out of those 12 teams only one isn't ranked in the top-25, the University of Alabama, the host school for the tournament.

Clemson University, which is ranked No. 3 in the country, won the tournament with a final team score of 20 under par. The second place finisher, fourth-ranked Nevada-Las Vegas, was 14 strokes behind that at 6 under par. Oklahoma State, the No. 1 ranked team, came in third at 5 under par.

The sixth-ranked University of Houston finished fourth, Alabama was fifth, No. 11 University of California, Los Angeles placed sixth and second-ranked Georgia came in seventh followed by TCU. Rounding out the top 10 were No. 7 Arizona State and No. 9 Florida with No. 15 Arizona and No. 24 Auburn placing 11th and 12th.

At last year's Jerry Pate Intercollegiate tournament, the Frogs finished seventh with a score of 28 over par. Although they finished eighth this year their score improved by 15 strokes.

The Frogs have two more tournaments to play this fall. They head to Vero Beach, Fla., this weekend for the Rolex Intercollegiate Match-Play tournament and will be at Hilton Head, S.C., Nov. 6-8 for the Golf World-Palmetto Dunes tournament.

A match-play tournament offers the golfers a chance to have a different kind of experience in a tournament, and Montigel said they were all looking forward to the change of pace.

Gymnast confronts parents after filing lawsuit

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON — Gymnast Dominique Moceanu confronted her parents for the first time since running away from home and suing them for her independence during a deposition Tuesday at an undisclosed location.

While details of the meeting were kept secret, both sides were expected to come face-to-face for the first time in public during a hearing today to determine whether the 17-year-old gymnast is safe living away from home.

Moceanu's parents sought the emergency hearing, alleging in court documents that her coach and two others are improperly influencing the Olympic gold-medal winner.

They claim the coach, Luminia

Miscenco of Romania, is "illegally in the United States and may be subject to deportation immediately." Miscenco's work visa is sponsored by Dumitru Moceanu, who fired her Oct. 17 when his daughter bolted.

Moceanu's parents allege Miscenco, 26, fellow coach Jeff Pudlo, 23, and friend Brian Huggins, 32, convinced the gymnast to run away. A statement by former Moceanu masseuse Janice Ward further insinuates that Huggins and Moceanu had an improper relationship dating back two years.

"This has gone way over the limit. How can somebody stoop so low?" Moceanu told the *Houston Chronicle* in Tuesday's editions. She has moved into her own apartment, the location of

which is being concealed from her parents.

Her court-appointed attorney, who is seeking to become Moceanu's guardian until the court decides whether she is a legal adult, worried that such allegations could affect her career.

"I do not know of any hard proof or evidence regarding any inappropriate relationship, yet her own parents are making this statement in public court documents, which has to impact her marketability, her career and her self-esteem," attorney Ellen Yarell said Tuesday.

"I'm incredulous that a statement of that nature could be made by a parent about their child unless they had significant proof, and even then I don't think I'd make that statement," she said.

Huggins said the only reason he is helping Moceanu is to ensure her safety. He, Miscenco and Pudlo all say that Moceanu chose on her own to leave her parents, the *Chronicle* reported.

Moceanu's parents also claim that Yarell was out of town toward the end of last week, leaving the gymnast vulnerable. Yarell retorted she was "insulted" by the argument.

The gymnast sued on Oct. 19 to be certified as an adult and placed in charge of the money she has earned in her seven-year professional career. She believes her father has squandered much of the money to build a gymnasium in the Houston suburb of Spring.

The trust is structured so that Moceanu won't gain control over the assets until she turns 35,

Yarell said. If the Moceanus' parental rights are severed, Yarell said Moceanu might be able to gain access to the funds early.

It's unclear how much money, if any, remains in the trust.

The hearing on Moceanu's request to be certified an adult is scheduled for Nov. 11, but a request to delay that hearing will be heard Nov. 4, as well as Yarell's motion for guardianship and a request to have the entire matter dropped.

Yarell said she anticipates the Moceanus will win their request for a delay. If so, the case could stretch into next year, she said.

"That's not in the family's best interest, certainly not in Dominique's best interest," Yarell said.

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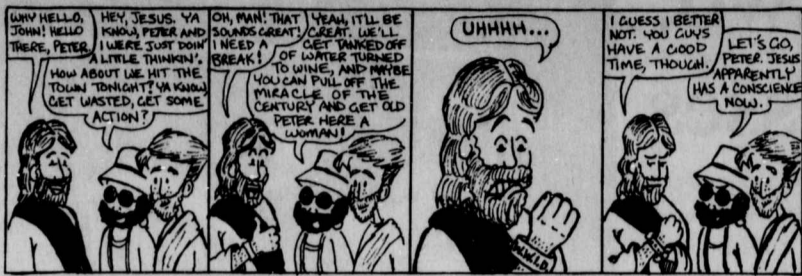
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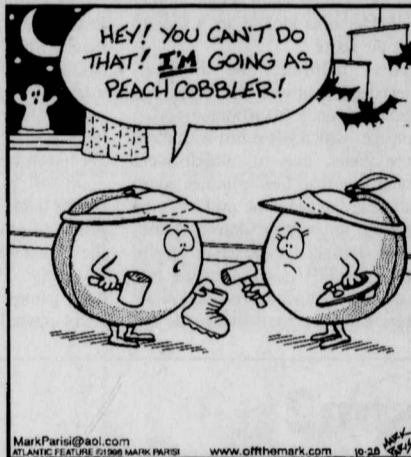
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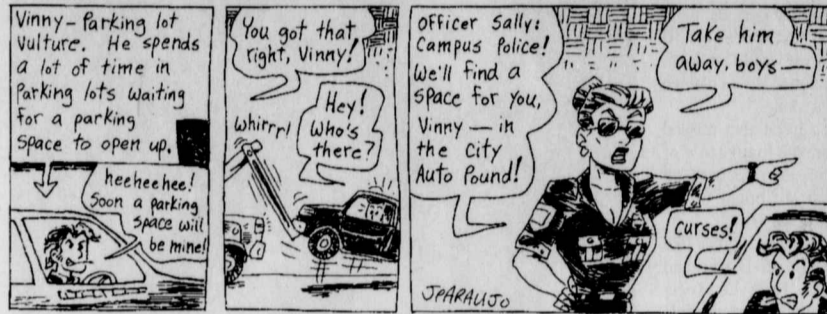
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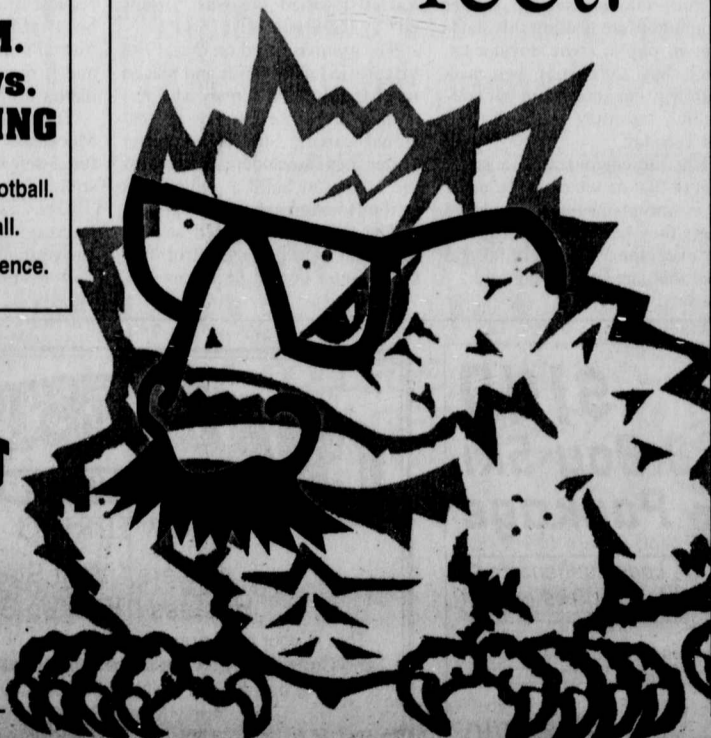
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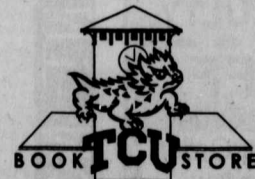
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