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Students usually spend four years taking the classes they need to get a diploma, but after they cross the stage, few know how to get a job with it. Career Guide, page 6

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Being well-rounded key to job success Employers say outside class activities just as important as academics

By Jaime Walker
STAFF REPORTER

For students such as Alonso Sanchez, the time he spends outside the classroom is sometimes just as valuable as the hours he spends in it.

But with 28 days left until spring graduation, will all those hours spent on co-curricular activities really help you find a job?

Sanchez, a junior mathematics and art history major, said he takes an active role in a variety of organizations because he enjoys the work, not because it builds his résumé.

"I have learned some valuable lessons as a student leader," he said. "At the end of the day, it can be really rewarding to look back and see that you did things to make a difference on this campus. I do all of this because I am motivated and love it, not because I want a job later."

Sanchez is president of the International Student Association, a member of the International Student Foundation and is a resident assistant in Milton Daniel Hall.

If he were hiring a recent college graduate, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs William Koehler said

he would consider academic record more seriously than a leadership record.

"Classroom performance is a good indication of intelligence," he said. "Strong academics show that a student has the motivation and commitment to do what it takes to get a task done."

Ryan Shultz, office manager for Ackerman McQueen Advertising Agency, said academics are important, but so is personality.

"You can have all the credentials in the world," she said. "But, if you have no people skills, you will never get a job."

Penny Woodcock, program coordina-

tor for the TCU Leadership Center, said co-curricular activities are designed to reinforce the theories students learn in the classroom.

"Leadership opportunities offer students a chance to test what they learn in a real-world setting," she said. "By being involved, either on- or off-campus, students really develop the communication skills that employers really want."

Carolyn Ulrickson, director of TCU Career Services, said the employers who come to the center seeking TCU students

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Jimmy Nam/SKIFF STAFF

Students participate in the House of Student Representatives' meeting Tuesday night. Involvement in House is one way students can develop leadership skills.

PULSE BRIEFS

Texas Supreme Court to hear school prayer case

AUSTIN (U-WIRE) — As the debate over whether to allow prayer in Texas public schools reaches a crescendo with the Doe vs. Santa Fe ISD case set before the U.S. Supreme Court, Texas residents are divided on where to draw the line between church and state.

Texas Attorney General John Comyn will argue before the court in favor of Santa Fe Independent School District, a school district near Galveston, supporting the rights of students to gather in prayer.

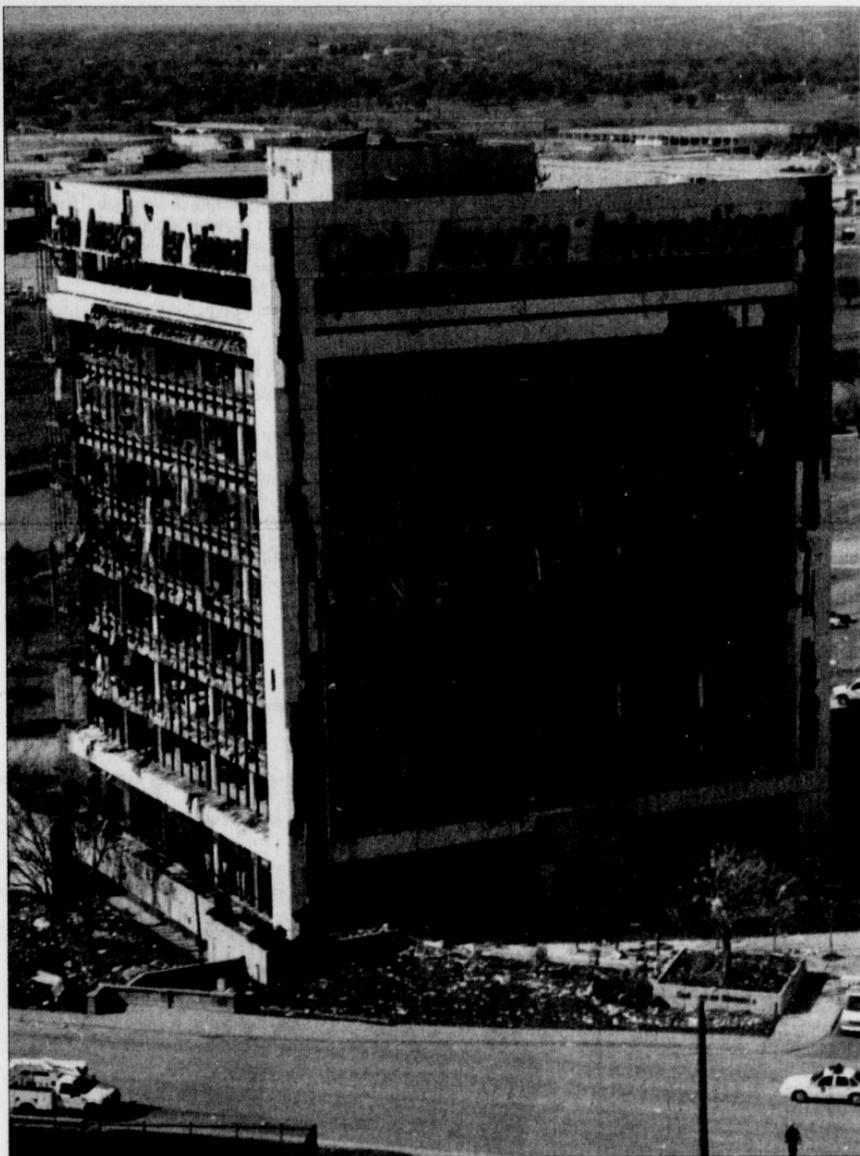
Santa Fe ISD's policy allows the student body to choose by secret ballot whether they want to include a prayer in pregame ceremonies of home varsity football games.

On Feb. 26, 1999, the three-member panel of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals held that this policy violated the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment. The court ruled student-initiated prayers are never permissible at school-sponsored football games.

But Samantha Smoot, executive director for the Texas Freedom Network, a watchdog group that monitors the religious right, said Comyn's arguments aren't preserving all students' rights, adding that using the public school as a place for prayer is government sanctioning of prayer.

"I think it takes more courage to stand up and say 'We have to protect everyone's rights on being able to pray in school,'" Smoot said. "The question is do we go with the majority in the school district or support each individual?"

—Daily Texan
University of Texas-Austin



Katherine Barr/SKIFF STAFF

Cash America International Inc., 1600 W. Seventh St., was severely damaged by the F-2 tornado that hit the downtown Fort Worth area Tuesday night.

AFTER THE STORM

Students get caught in path of twister; two rescue man trapped in rubble

By Courtney Roach
STAFF REPORTER

Most students were watching the news, huddling in a stuffy hallway with fellow students or outside trying to get a glimpse of the tornado Tuesday night. However, a few got more than a glimpse.

Josh Hill, a junior marketing major, decided to venture downtown with his roommate Drew Durrett, a senior engineering major, right after the storm and found more than he bargained for.

"We were driving down Texas Street downtown, which isn't really in the center of downtown, and we could see a clear path where the tornado had been," Hill said. "On one side of the street, a building would be fine, and on the other side, it would be torn up. It was weird. You could see where the tornado turned and moved."

"While we were driving, a boy was standing on the side of the street next to a damaged building (on West Seventh Street), and he was waving his hands frantically trying to get us to pull over."

Hill said they stopped and got out, and the boy told them someone was trapped under bricks in the building.

"We could hear a voice coming

from under a big pile of bricks outside of the building," he said. "When we started pulling bricks off to get to the voice, we realized the person had been underneath an awning and the front of the building had collapsed on the person."

Hill said he and Durrett could tell the person was homeless because there was a lot of cardboard and someone's belongings underneath the bricks.

"As we took more and more bricks off, we could tell there were two people, not just one," he said. "We first helped the one that

was making the noises. He had to put his arms around me so I could drag him out. He had cuts all over his head, and his arm was all mangled and looked like it was broken."

Hill said they then went back and found the other guy laying under the rubble and dragged him out.

"The guy wasn't moving, so I felt for his pulse, and I thought that he had one," he said.

By then Hill said a fire truck had arrived, and firefighters began checking the man for a pulse. He said the first firefighter thought he also found a pulse. However another firefighter

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The No. 24 women's tennis team will face Tulsa at 2 p.m. Friday at the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center.

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FINAL CHANGE

TCU students finally have the opportunity to make a change. A new proposal would move one study day to the Wednesday of finals week, allowing exams to be administered on the previous Friday. Log on to your e-mail account and vote.

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Task force aims to cater to all types of alumni

Students polled about post-grad expectations

Editor's note: This is the eighth in a series of articles profiling the 17 task forces that make up the Commission on the Future of TCU.

By Jeff Anderson
STAFF REPORTER

The Alumni task force is trying to find out what events and programs future graduates and current alumni are interested in, said Kristi Hoban, director of alumni relations.

John Breyer, professor of geology and task force member, said it is important to find ways for TCU to be actively involved with its graduates.

"(The task force) was encouraged from the start of the project to think outside of the box," Breyer said. "We used to group (alumni) by year, but special interest groups will be more focused than just graduation year."

Hoban, a task force member, said the task force discovered that not all alumni are interested in the same programs. At the January

meeting, the members of the task force brainstormed to decide what special interest groups are important to alumni, she said.

Special interest groups could include certain departments, fraternities, sororities, band or other organizations.

Ronald Flowers, professor of religion and task force member, said it is natural for alumni to think of relationships with TCU through their groups or departments.

"The concept of special interest groups is a valid one," Flowers said.

Hoban said members of the task force wanted to know what alumni and current students were thinking about special interest groups. An MBA marketing group is surveying current alumni, involved and uninvolved with TCU, to see if they are interested in special interest groups, she said. An undergraduate business marketing group is surveying

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CRUNCH TIME

New vice chancellor arrives just in time for budget process

By Reagan Duplisea
STAFF REPORTER

In the office of the new vice chancellor for finance and business, the bookshelves are half-full, and the walls are bare, except for a couple of framed pictures.

Carol Campbell, TCU's vice chancellor of finance and business, said she has spent all her time and energy focusing on the budget since beginning work on March 13. She will present the budget to the Board of Trustees on Friday.

"I landed here at crunch time in the budget process," Campbell said. "I'm trying to very quickly come up to speed."

Kay Westendorf, Campbell's assistant, said Campbell settled in right away.

"Because of the timing and because we're so busy with board work and budget work, it's been business as usual," Westendorf said.

Former Interim Chief Financial Officer Ron Clinkscale has been instrumental in helping her catch up, Campbell said.

"He said, 'If you need me, just whistle,'" she said. "We whistled on (March 15). He's very generous with his time and knowledge."

Chancellor Michael Ferrari said the administration was looking for someone to fill the vacancy quickly. The position was vacated when James McGowan left last summer.

"When we started the search process, we wanted someone to start as soon as possible," Ferrari said. "Her institution just finished completing its budget cycle."

Campbell previously served as vice president of Carleton College in Northfield, Minn. She said one of the reasons she took the job was the size of TCU. She has worked at Carleton, a small, private liberal arts college, and the University of Minnesota, a large public university.

"TCU has the best of both," Campbell said. "It's the size of the institution I think I'll enjoy."

Campbell said there were many other reasons she chose to come to TCU.

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Jennifer Klein/SKIFF STAFF

Carol Campbell is TCU's new vice chancellor for finance and business. Campbell will present the budget to the Board of Trustees Friday.

PULSE

CAMPUS LINES

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■ **Susan Carroll, the political science department's Green Honors professor,** will give two talks on campus. The first talk, "Women Public Leaders: Agents of Social Change," will be from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. today in the Student Center, Room 222. The second talk, "The Gender Gap and U.S. Elections: Past, Present, and Future," will be from 9 to 9:50 a.m. Friday in Sadler Hall, Room 203.

■ **The 6th Annual Women's Symposium** will hold four workshops from 9:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. today in the Student Center, Room 222. For more information, call 257-7855.

■ **There will be a service for Yom Ha' Shoah** at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the Robert Carr Chapel. Rabbi Ralph Mecklenburger will speak, and the cantorial soloist will be Sheri Allen.

■ **Attention freshmen business students** - Got questions about what to take during the summer and fall? Attend one of the M.J. Neeley School of Business freshmen advising workshops which are 5 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and April 12 in Dan Rogers Hall and 5 p.m. April 13 in the Student Center, Room 222. For more information, call 257-NSRC.

■ **Catholic Community** will have Mass at 5 p.m. followed by a meal at 5:30 today in the Reed Hall Faculty Center.

■ **Wesley Foundation** will meet for fellowship and a meal at 5:30 p.m. today in the Wesley Building located at 2750 W. Lowden.

■ **Disciple Student Fellowship** will meet at 5:30 p.m. today at University Christian Church.

CORRECTIONS

■ One of Tuesday's page 5 photographs misnamed its photographer and subjects. The smaller of the two "Battle of the Band" photos was taken by Skiff staff member James Applebury. It featured 60 foot Sammy band members Joe Rayburn and John Shelton, a junior business major.

■ Sophomore Leon Weirich was misidentified as the tennis player in Tuesday's page 8 photograph. The player was actually freshman Brenna Shackelford.

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WORLD

Narcotic raids in Caribbean, Latin America result in arrests, double street price of cocaine

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Police arrested more than 2,300 suspects and seized tons of drugs in U.S.-coordinated narcotics raids in 24 Caribbean and Latin American nations and territories, U.S. drug agents said Wednesday.

During the 17-day sweep this month, anti-drug forces from Ecuador to Haiti executed more than 7,300 search warrants against suspected traffickers.

The operation "was like a hurricane going through the Caribbean," Michael Vigil, director of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration's Caribbean division, said at a news conference in Puerto Rico.

Authorities seized nearly 12,000 pounds of cocaine, 120 pounds of heroin and destroyed 94 cocaine laboratories, said Vigil, adding the operation forced the price of cocaine on the street to more than double.

"The objective was to send a message to the evildoers out there that we as Caribbean law enforcers are united," Tony Rogers, head of St. Maarten's narcotics division, said at a news conference in the Dutch Caribbean territory.

Police also seized 150 pounds of hashish oil, 30 pounds of morphine base, 172 vehicles, 13 boats and 83 weapons.

Officials said no major drug traffickers were among those arrested.

The operation included raids in Trinidad and Tobago, Montserrat, Dominica, St. Kitts and Nevis, Antigua and Barbuda, Anguilla, St. Maarten, the British Virgin Islands, Grenada, Barbados, Panama, Colombia, Venezuela, Bolivia, Ecuador, Suriname, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, St. Lucia, Aruba, Curacao, Jamaica, Haiti, the Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico.

NATION

Court rules families of TWA flight 800 victims can seek monetary compensation for suffering

NEW YORK — A federal appeals court ruled Wednesday that families of the TWA Flight 800 victims can seek millions of dollars in damages for pain and suffering because the crash was not in international waters.

The 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in a 2-to-1 decision that the 1996 crash eight miles off the coast of Long Island was not governed by the Death on the High Seas Act, which limits lawsuit damages.

In its majority opinion, the appeals court noted that President Reagan in 1988 extended the territorial sea of the United States from 3 miles to 12 miles offshore.

The Boeing 747 exploded minutes into a flight

from New York to Paris, falling in pieces to the Atlantic Ocean. All 230 people aboard were killed. The exact cause of the crash remains a mystery.

Families of the victims have sought millions of dollars in damages from Boeing, TWA and Hydro-Aire Inc., which made the plane's fuel pumps. The plaintiffs claim the companies were negligent in the construction and operation of the plane. A trial in the case is set to begin next Feb. 1.

Steve Pounian, a lawyer for the families, said the ruling meant families would not be limited to damage awards of as little as \$100,000 to \$200,000 for "pecuniary losses" or those calculated from an estimate of future earnings and other factors.

Instead, they may be able to seek damages for the loss of the care, comfort and companionship of loved ones as well as the pain and suffering their loved ones went through when the plane exploded.

Boeing spokesman Russell Young said the company was studying the ruling and did not have an immediate comment.

Julia Bishop, a TWA spokeswoman, said the airline would leave it to Boeing to decide whether to appeal the ruling "because it's more Boeing's issue than ours." A message left with a lawyer for Hydro-Aire was not immediately returned.

Mobile home fire kills Georgia family, some blame lack of working smoke detector

ACWORTH, Ga. — A fast-moving fire filled a four-bedroom mobile home with smoke and consumed it within minutes early Wednesday. Eight people were killed, including an infant.

Linda Joanne Cochran, 36, her four children, a niece, her teen-age son's fiancée and the young couple's 11-week-old baby all died in the blaze. It began around 3 a.m. about 30 miles northwest of Atlanta.

Officials said the double-wide mobile home did not have a working smoke detector.

Five of the bodies were found in a bedroom near the back door and three others were in the front of the mobile home, authorities said.

"It appears they were all trying to exit," said Mark Gresham, spokesman for the Cobb County Fire Department.

Investigators believe faulty wiring in a clothes dryer started the fire, and it probably smoldered in some clothes before it spread, said John Oxendine, the state insurance and fire commissioner. The flames quickly engulfed the home, which was fully ablaze when firefighters arrived at 3:15 a.m.

Neighbor Jim Wheeling said he tried to open the trailer's windows to get to the victims, but all he could see inside was thick smoke and the red glow of flames.

"The back end was burning pretty good and you could see the smoke coming out all around the trailer. I knew it was too late then," Wheeling said. "I just wish to God there was something else I could've done."

The victims included Cochran's sons Jessie, 19, and Brandon, 9; daughters Julie Nicole, 18, and Melissa, 15, and niece Jennifer Lacy, 18. Also killed were Jessie Cochran's fiancée, Sarah Hilliard, 16, and their 11-week-old daughter, Destiny Hilliard.

Ed Converse, owner of the mobile-home park, said he wasn't surprised Cochran would have seven people living with her.

"If there was a stray, she took them in — anyone, anything. She had a huge heart," he said.

Though Converse said his mobile homes are equipped with smoke detectors, fire investigators didn't find the remains of one in the burned home Wednesday.

"Had there been a working smoke detector," Oxendine said, "they would have awakened and had plenty of time to get out."

STATE

Four dead after tornado hits downtown Fort Worth, damages businesses and homes

FORT WORTH — The center of Fort Worth looked like a ghost town Wednesday, the day after a tornado tore a path through downtown and caused an estimated \$157 million in damage. Three people died and a fourth person was presumed drowned.

Fort Worth City Manager Bob Terrell said a preliminary survey showed as many as eight commercial buildings were destroyed, and 52 businesses and high-rises received either major or minor damage.

Officials had no dollar estimate on the damage to homes.

"You will have one building that looks almost unscathed, and next door to that you have a building that looks like it's downtown Beirut. It is obviously a disaster of the first class," said Lt. Gov. Rick Perry, acting governor while Gov. George W. Bush is on the presidential campaign in New Jersey.

Deputy Fire Chief Jim Tidwell said it's likely one building will be demolished.

Workers in the city's central business district were told to stay home until large pieces of glass hanging from window frames in high-rise buildings could be knocked down.

The National Weather Service said the tornado reached the intensity of an F-2. On a scale ranging from F-0 to F-5, an F-2 includes significant damage and wind speeds of 113-157 mph. An F-5 is the most damaging.

A second tornado struck Arlington and then moved to Grand Prairie, but as of Wednesday afternoon officials had not determined its strength, said National Weather Service meteorologist Skip Ely.

Police in downtown Fort Worth patrolled a tightly secured area where contractors and city workers tried to safeguard the damaged structures.

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STAFF editorial

THE FINAL VOTE

Option to reschedule lies with you

TCU students finally have the opportunity to make a change.

The Academic Affairs Committee of the House of Student Representatives sent an e-mail message to the student body Monday night, asking students to decide whether they want to have a study day in the middle of finals week.

The current exam schedule groups two study days together on Thursday and Friday, creating a four-day weekend. The proposal would move one study day to the Wednesday of finals week, allowing exams to be administered on the previous Friday.

There are advantages and disadvantages to both sides, and students and faculty members have voiced their opinions.

Some students enjoy the current schedule because it gives them a chance to travel or relax before beginning the stressful finals week. Some professors like the idea of the revised schedule because it gives them the opportunity to administer their finals to graduating seniors the Friday before finals week.

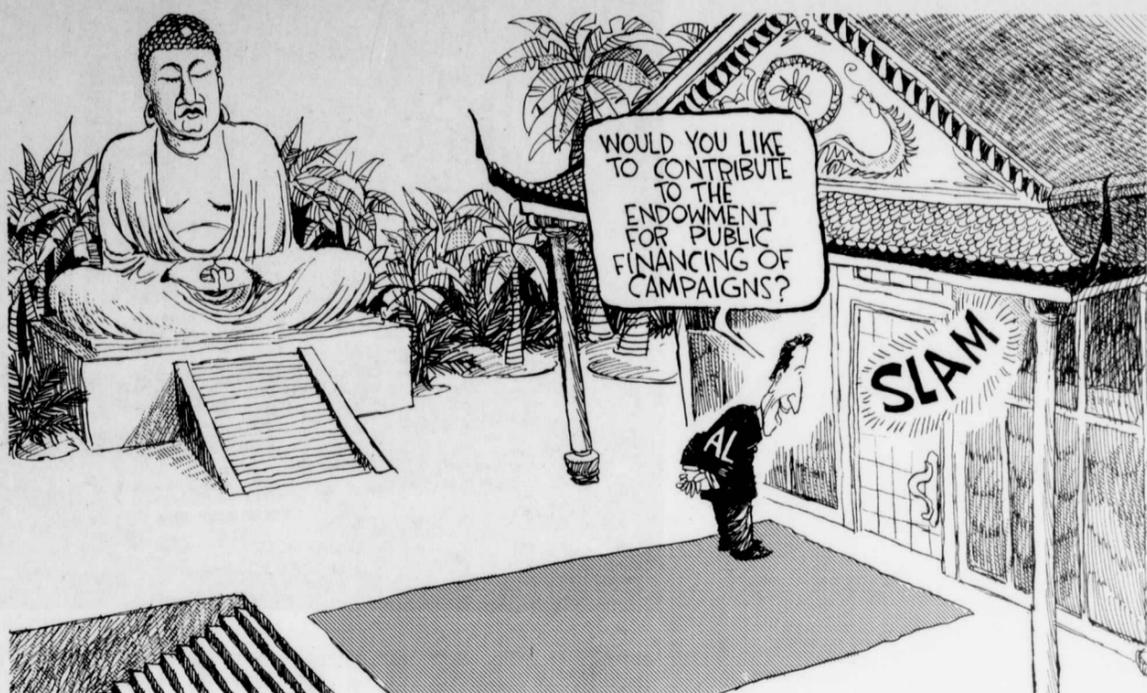
But any way you look at the proposal, a couple of things are certain: One, we are not getting any additional time, just restructured time. Two, nothing — not even a more convenient finals schedule — can force students to study. We all have different study patterns: Some of us study better with large blocks of time, some with small segments of time and some after a four-day break.

Therefore, the decision is a personal one. But it is still a decision that rests in our hands. So regardless of how you study, at least let your opinion be heard. Otherwise, you have no right to complain if the finals week schedule does not fit your study pattern.

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Crop alterations feed economy

Commerce-driven genetic mutations produce lower-quality harvest

Eaten a strawberry lately? Did you know that little crimson aphrodisiac possibly contains genetic material from a fish? Sounds strange, but it's true.

According to "A Tale of Two Botanies," an essay by Amory and Hunter Lovins, co-founders of the Rocky Mountain Institute, more and more crops are being subjected to a weird variety of experiments.

Commentary



ANITA BOENINGER

Most of these experiments, which many improperly term "genetic engineering," involve extracting genes from crops like corn or potatoes and stuffing them into other random plants to see what happens.

You may be thinking, "So what? That's great. Look what technology can do."

Yes, look at what technology can do, but the story doesn't end with gene splicing. It starts with genetic

experimentation and progresses to genetic mutation.

It turns out pollen can airlift spliced genes to other crop fields, allow "free love" to take its course, and then, what do we have? Mutant weeds that are herbicide resistant. Insecticides that build up in soil, making other products overflow with toxins. Products we are eating every day. And why is the Department of Agriculture approving such tampering? The Lovinses claim these genetically altered and rearranged crops are highly lucrative and overabundant. Already the Department of Agriculture has allowed the release of 50 genetically altered crops, though another 4,500 crops have been tested. If you've eaten corn lately, chances are high you've eaten some genetic material from other life forms.

Most consequences of these experiments are still unknown. The Lovinses' contention with this free reign over the genetic materials of plants and animals goes beyond simple dislike. In their words, transgenic manipulation is "not engineering; it's the industrialization of life by people with a narrow understanding of it."

But this is the American way.

Whatever is patentable, available, doable — let's do it! Because we can do it, let's forgo that inconvenient step in the middle called critical analysis, and just go for it!

This reminds me of another example of tampering with life in an amoral manner: Nuclear fission, where the unintended consequences far surpass super-weeds or mutant corn. Nevertheless, despite the differing types of aftermath, the underlying purpose and intention are the same.

It is the irreverent attitude toward the profundity and complexity of nature which halts a balanced use of our natural resources and, consequently, a balanced distribution of them. As the Lovinses wrote in their essay, "Their economic value is oriented not toward helping subsistence farmers to feed themselves, but toward feeding more livestock for the already overfed rich."

And who are the overfed rich? Could it be me? Is it me, who prances around Albertson's, combining through 50 different kinds of apples and 500 varieties of cereal? The abundance is not, in itself, bad, and the fact that we have accessibility to such wealth is not neces-

sarily bad, either. It is the combination of all of these. The situation we are in economically and agriculturally could sicken any one of us if we just spent one week in Haiti or in one of the numerous countries who harvest the very crops we eat.

The Lovinses' solution to this problem seems a bit vague: "For crops, the best choice would be fairer distribution of food."

However, just fairly dispensing food would not eliminate the irreverence toward the mystery of life. It would merely allow the consequences of the irreverence to reach everyone. While it seems too late to halt the surge of overproduction, it is not too late for us to adopt a more wise and balanced approach to life. It seems the fundamental problem is not gene splicing, but in researchers' commerce-driven mentality.

While abundance may seem a sign of prosperity, I vastly prefer quality over quantity. And besides that, I like knowing the strawberry I ate yesterday is a real strawberry.

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LETTERS to the editor

TCU Police officers overzealous in their distribution of parking tickets

This letter is in response to the March 22 column on parking issues at TCU. Throughout this year, I have been annoyed with TCU Police officers and their relentless attempts to hand out tickets. I don't know if it is solely out of boredom, but all they do all day is drive around in their Durangos and search for reasons to hand out tickets. Why they even need such an all-terrain sport utility vehicle, I will never know. I think they could sufficiently perform their duties on a bicycle, considering a bike would not cost the amount of two year's tuition.

I have had two encounters this

year with the "Parking Police," and both have been ridiculous attempts at badgering me into giving this school even more of my money. The first was a ticket for "impending traffic" while I dropped off my friend in front of a sorority house. Who knew that pulling over to drop someone off was a ticketed offense? Needless to say, the unfounded ticket was appealed that same day.

From the first day I moved into the residence halls, everyone unloaded their belongings by parking, with hazard lights on, in the drive behind Sherley Hall. Had it ever been publicized that this was wrong, I might have never loaded my luggage into the car in this

manner. Of course, 15 minutes into the loading process there was a manilla-yellow ticket on my windshield declaring my \$50 fine. I guess the policeman or woman was lucky enough to spot something to do while aimlessly driving through campus.

In conclusion, I would like to say that the TCU Police department's job is to enforce the rules, and, sure, many of the tickets given are deserved. I am merely stating that some incidents are not out of "ignorance." There is no need to talk down to the "ticket-holding" population of this school.

Lesley Lang
freshman biology major

Careful what you wish for: Always be specific

If Hollywood has taught us anything, it has taught us to be careful for what we wish. That is the obvious lesson learned from movies about genies. Jafar wished to be a genie, and he got stuck in a bottle. Shaq wished to be a genie, and he got stuck in an insipid movie. Real genies are even worse. I know this guy who met a genie at a bar

once, and after he made his wishes, he inadvertently came away with a pianist who was only 12 inches tall. So I refrain from making wishes, because I don't want to get some sort of cloyingly ironic interpretation of my wish, just because I failed to run the verbiage of my wish by an attorney.

For instance, I'll bet that someone (not me, of course) thought the weather was a little warm on Tuesday and wished that the wind would blow and cool things off. Boy did that backfire for whoever made that wish (which wasn't me, by the way). In any event, I'm certain that person is terribly sorry for wishing a tornado into existence. He or she didn't think it would come true, so of course, he or she didn't think about the language and neglected to stipulate what kind of wind.

Specific stipulations are impor-

tant beyond making wishes. Precision and particularity rule American life, and I am very worried about this. Specificity is necessary in many respects. It keeps the onions out of your Whataburger and the frilly sheets off of your bed. In spite of the usefulness of specificity, it has changed the direction of American fortune. Rather than assembling stuff through trial and error, we now follow manuals.

Because of American reliance on specific instructions, we have become a nation of cretins who get lost easily and break out in cold sweat if ambiguity raises its fog-shrouded, Janus-like head. As such, I am afraid that our nation may fall far behind other countries that are more adept at flying by the seat of their pants without the aid of explicit instructions.

Clearly, the citizens of the United States need to move away from having their lives spelled out to them through explicit instructions, but as far as explicit language goes, we might as well embrace it. For example, the forbidden synonym for crap should be permitted for use in all forms of media, particularly certain collegiate newspaper columns. I don't know the etymology of this word, which British people pronounce "shite," but why it is any dirtier or offensive than "poo" is beyond me. In fact, I think the former sounds better than the latter. Try saying "bullpoo," "horsepoo," "dumbpoo" or any other permutation, and you will see what I mean. "Bullshite"

and "dumbshite" don't seem to work either. I imagine that the British in particular and Europeans in general are too cultured to make up compound words with "shite," but you see my point. I think there is only one way to go with it.

As for Europeans' general cultural superiority to us American yahoos, I think it's entirely unfounded. Take the French, for example. For whatever reason, they are vanguards in the fields of fashion, cinema and fatty foods. They look upon us with disdain, but I say their scorn is unmerited. I mean, no people who hold Jerry Lewis in high regard have any business deciding who are philistines and who are not. Not only that, but French people like fart jokes just as much as Americans — perhaps even more so. I determined this from an infomercial selling a French prank video that was too pure and scatological for U.S. television. The "Just Kidding" video features dirty French guys deflating whoopee cushions at bus stops and phone booths. *C'est tres stupide si vous me demandez.*

In any case, be careful of what you wish because you might find your downtown leveled when you just wanted a breeze. Besides, what would anyone want with a 12-inch pianist anyway?

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THANKS & SPANKS

Thanks: To the Alcohol and Drug Education Center for making information readily available to a student in need of information for a research paper.

Spanks: To the guy who cut in front of people waiting in line Friday for the Tom Brown/Pete Wright Residential Community sign up. He'll get his just desserts.

— Curtis Muniz
sophomore neuroscience major

Thanks: To the Academic Affairs Committee of the House of Student Representatives for the proposal to move one study day to Wednesday.

— Curtis Muniz
sophomore neuroscience major

Spanks: To the city of Fort Worth

for its newest pork project: \$2,000 speed humps. The city has erected more than 70 humps (\$140,000), with more on the way. It is good to know Fort Worth has no hungry children. It is good to know that all schools in the Fort Worth Independent School District have current textbooks and modern computers. Oh wait.

Thanks: To the TCU men's track and field 400-meter relay team. The quartet of juniors Roy Williams, Anthony Amantine, Kendrick Campbell and senior Johnny L. Collins II edged the University of Oklahoma by three-tenths of a second over Spring Break, bringing TCU its first NCAA indoor relay title ever.

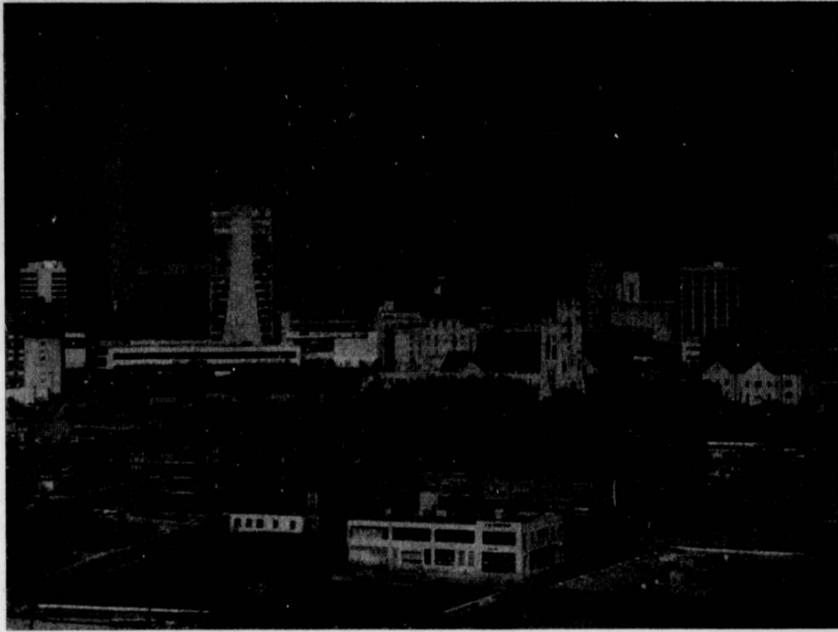
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Community sign up. Students waiting in line for six or more hours is simply inexcusable. Get organized!

Thanks: To students who actually voted online about the finals week schedule. If students respond to such surveys, the administration will be more likely to respect students' opinions.

Spanks: To the campus groups that send too many campus-wide e-mail messages every day. HINT: We just delete them. Maybe if we were not bombarded by every little thing, we would read them.

Got something to say? Send your 'thanks & spansks' to the Skiff at (skiffletters@tcu.edu). Be sure to include your name and a phone number.



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DOWNTOWN DESTRUCTION

'I just thought that something like this would never happen to me'

By Chris Gibson
STAFF REPORTER

When a big disaster happens, you often read or see people on the news saying, "I just thought that something like this would never happen to me."

Well, I was one of those people too. Until Tuesday night.

That was the night my apartment on First Street in downtown Fort Worth gave me a front row seat to the tornado that made its way through the area. As daylight broke, and I was able to see the devastation, I came to realize just how lucky my roommate and I really were.

Tuesday afternoon started like any other weekday. I was lying on the couch watching television and following thunderstorm reports on the news. That was about the time my roommate came rushing into the house, grabbed my truck keys and ran back out without saying a word.

Later, I found out he was being a good roommate and moving my truck under covered parking — saving it from the damage that was to come. He is not a weatherman, and he did not even predict that "American Beauty" would win the Oscar for Best Picture. He works, however, on the

20th floor of the Bank One tower, high enough to see the beginnings of a major storm.

What happened next was something I hope never happens to me again. We both rushed outside, not knowing the twister was less than five city blocks away. Our electricity was out, and we had no way of knowing the danger we were in. What we saw as we looked to the west, past the historic Tarrant County Courthouse and the Fort Worth Jail, was an eerie green sky with what looked to be a large dirt cloud in the middle. As the trash and debris swirled around us, we looked at each other almost with awe. In unison, we blurted out, "That's a tornado."

Now, I don't know if it was the journalist or the "guy" in me that made me grab my camera from the upstairs bedroom, but either way, it made for some footage that I will never forget. As I fumbled around in the darkness of an unlit apartment, the tornado was eating its way through the middle of downtown, tearing 450-pound double-paned glass windows from skyscrapers and ripping trees out of the ground by their roots.

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Barr optimistic after storm's passing

By Jaime Walker
STAFF REPORTER

Fort Worth Mayor Kenneth Barr got about as much sleep Tuesday night as some of the tornado victims.

Since the F-2 twister struck the downtown area at approximately 6:45 p.m., Barr has been working with hundreds of emergency personnel and government officials to help the city pick up the pieces.

"It is hard for some people to believe this happened here, but, obviously, it does," he said. "As far as tornadoes go, the city has been very lucky, but I guess our luck ran out."

Barr, who spent the day surveying the damage, said the disaster could have been much worse.

"If the tornado had struck an hour earlier or a mile north or south of where it did, we would have had a much bigger disaster on our hands,"

Although current damage costs are estimated at \$157 million, Barr said buildings can be reconstructed.

"It is a true blessing that more lives were not lost," he said.

Barr spent the afternoon on the phone to government officials from around the state and the nation. Mayors from across the country have called to offer support, he said.

Texas Gov. George W. Bush called Barr from the presidential campaign trail in New Jersey with a pledge to do whatever it takes to rebuild areas of Tarrant County destroyed by the storm. According to the Associated Press, Bush has declared Tarrant County a state disaster area.

Barr said emergency service personnel have played a vital role in cushioning the blow of the tornado's effects. "We need to recognize that an enormous number of

people have been working around the clock to keep our citizens informed and safe," he said. "We owe them a huge debt of gratitude for doing their job so well."

Barr said areas like the Montgomery Ward district and the Bank One Building will take a long time to rebuild, but officials are working quickly to make those districts safe.

"Glass is falling from the Bank One Building in huge sheets for about a 300-foot radius," he said. "Until we can clear the area of glass, the blocks around it will be cordoned off."

Barr said he expects Fort Worth and its citizens to handle the disaster well.

"It will take months and months for us to recover fully from this, but I am confident that we will get through it."

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Cars in the downtown Fort Worth area sustained severe damage from debris carried by strong winds during Tuesday's storm.



Bank One, located downtown, was severely damaged by the

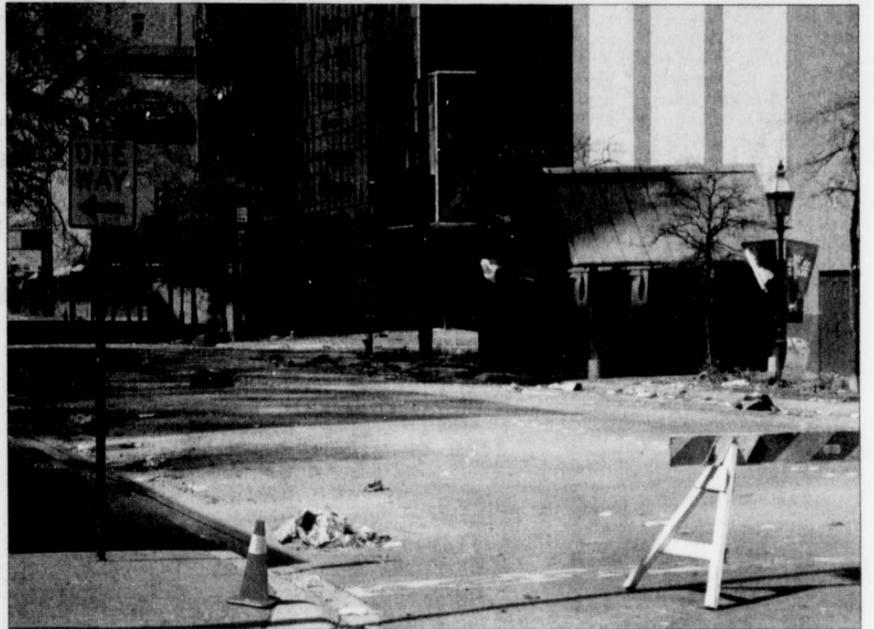


Fort Worth Fire Department officials work to clean up damaged parking lot Wednesday.



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ely damaged by the F-2 tornado Tuesday night. Most of downtown is closed until city crews finish clearing debris.



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Streets are blocked off downtown due to glass that is still falling from buildings affected by the storm.



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The impact of Tuesday night's tornado uprooted a tree in downtown Fort Worth.



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to clean up damage caused by the tornado at the Cash America International Inc.



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Fort Worth Mayor Kenneth Barr interviews with a local television station about city crews' attempt to clear the downtown area of debris. Barr spent the day surveying the damage caused by the F-2 tornado that touched down Tuesday.

Fort Worth Twister Facts

- The National Weather Service registered the tornado at F-2 intensity
- Four people dead; one is presumed drowned
- \$157 million estimated damage to downtown area
- Eight commercial buildings destroyed
- 52 businesses damaged in Fort Worth
- First time in four years that a tornado has struck metropolitan Tarrant County
- Gov. George W. Bush declared Tarrant County a disaster area Wednesday. It will take several days to determine whether Fort Worth will receive federal relief funds.

Good job hunting



Photo Illustration by Sarah Kirschberg/PHOTO EDITOR
Shea Ostrander, a freshman radio-TV-film major, looks at the classified ads for the job of her dreams.

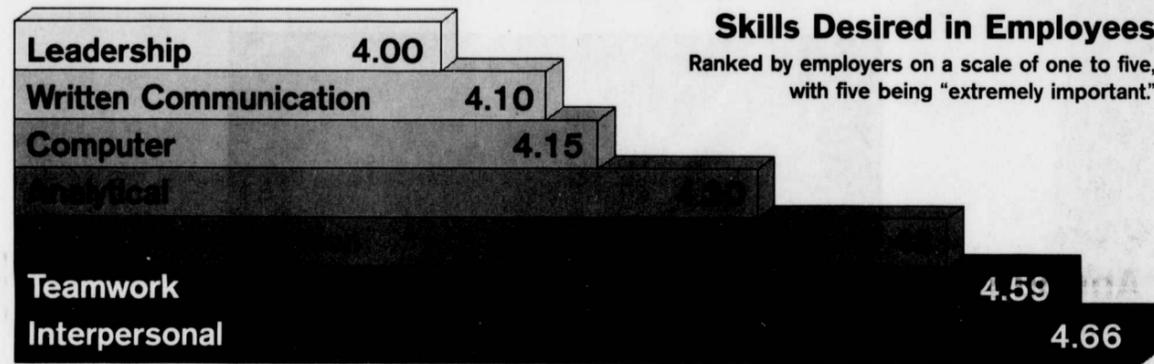
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Career Services helps prepare students for the workforce

By Alisha Brown
SKIFF STAFF

Students usually spend four years taking the classes they need to get a diploma, but after they cross the stage, few know how to get a job with it.

Offices such as the Career Planning and Placement Center are designed to help students find the jobs they need when they graduate.

"The main thing I want students to know is that we're not just for seniors," said Melissa White, assistant director for Career Services. "Our goal is to find out where students are in their career process and guide them through."

For students such as Kelly Scharbauer, a sophomore history major, even knowing where to begin the process was a challenge. "I knew what I wanted to do, but I didn't realize there were jobs that would let me actually do that," Scharbauer said. "It made me realize my dreams are possible."

White said researching careers as early as freshman or sophomore year is important because it gives students time to make critical decisions.

Early planning also gives students more control over their future.

Julie Forrester, a senior social work major, said she wishes she had started early.

"At the beginning of my senior year, I had my panic moments," she said. "I wish I would have done this a year ago when I still had extra time to call the shots and take it at my pace."

Services such as a résumé-formatting service, called Career Connections, and mock interviews are also available, White said.

The Career Center also has job listing books for around the country and local areas. It also has surveys of average starting salaries for new college graduates by field of study and employer.

Going to Career Services is not the only thing students can do to prepare for the workplace.

"Classes help you develop communication skills," White said. "Getting a job has very little to do with expertise. Activities are important to build team-building and

leadership needed."

Networking is also a key component when students are looking for a job.

"One thing to key in mind is that only 10 percent of jobs are listed anywhere," White said. "You don't want to focus 100 percent looking on the Internet or in newspaper when you'll only be tapping into 10 percent of the jobs available."

Students are encouraged to begin networking as soon as possible to build contacts with professionals in their field.

Students can also research jobs by performing what is known as an information interview.

"What you do is call someone and say, 'I don't need a job, but I want to know what it would take for me to work in this field,'" Forrester said. "People love to talk about themselves."

She also said the information interviews tell students more about the field they're interested in and can lead to job interviews later on.

When a job interview does come up, it is important to research and prepare for it.

White's advice is to treat the interview like an ad campaign — prepare to go in and sell yourself.

Know questions they may ask beforehand, and pay attention to detail, she said.

Appropriate attire is also essential for an interview. Dress code can leave a good first impression.

"A job interview is a formal occasion," White said. "More companies are going business-casual, but a dressed-up suit is always appropriate for an interview."

"You don't want to be remembered as the red suit. You want to be remembered as the person with the best qualifications."

Career Services counselors encourage students to be professional and responsible when the time comes to look for a job.

"The biggest thing (Career Services) has helped me with is bridging the gap between work and school," Forrester said. "I feel like I have a cushioned entrance into the working world."

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Internships necessary to keep students step above competition

By Jaime Walker
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When Julie Covert started her human resources internship at Lockheed Martin Tactical Aircraft Services in January, she had no idea what to expect. Now, almost four months later, she said she will never forget the lessons she learned.

"This job is more than just a job," she said. "Here I can apply exactly what I learn in class. I've realized that what's in textbooks is about real life, and you can use it. Imagine that."

Covert and others who participate in an internship while they are at TCU have an edge on today's job market, said Carolyn Ulrickson, director of TCU Career Services.

"In class, students gain the intellectual discipline they need to succeed," she said. "But they can't apply that knowledge in a hands-on way during an internship."

Terri Brigman, college relations administrator for Lockheed Martin and a 1985 TCU graduate, said corporations across the country are hiring interns because in today's job market, qualified workers are in high demand.

"Students need to take a serious look at internships for the summer," she said. "They often lead to opportunities in the future."

But Ryan Shultz, office manager for Ackerman McQueen Advertising Agency and a 1998 TCU graduate, said a stellar résumé is

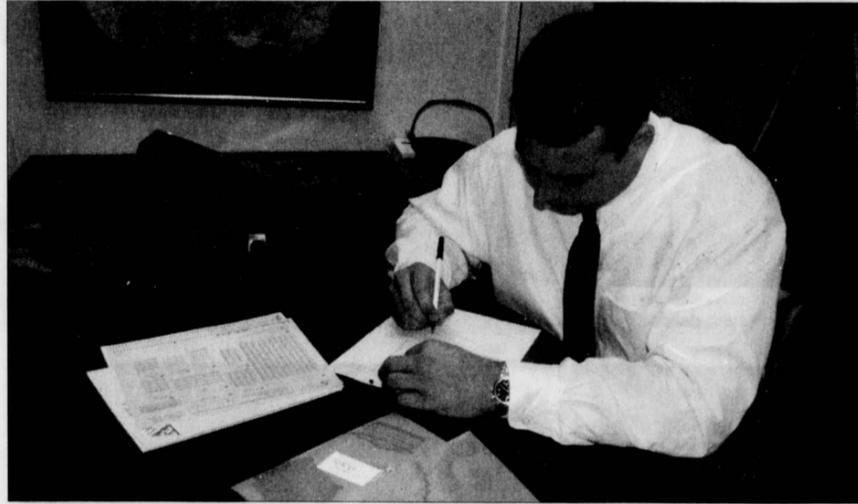


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Ted More, a junior finance major, fills out a form to work as a buyer for Foley's Department Store.

not an automatic golden ticket into the workforce.

"Internships will help you market yourself, and they show that you can apply skills to a work environment," she said. "Personality is a huge factor. If you can't communicate verbally and in writing, you are dead in the water. I can't stress enough what it means to take advantage of the opportunities that come your way."

Carol Thompson, chairwoman of the sociology and criminal justice department, said students in her department are encouraged to

do internships.

"I can't think of a better way to connect class work to the real world," she said.

Shultz said internships are a great way to begin meeting and dealing with a variety of people.

"In school, you can choose your friends," she said. "But you can't really choose who you work with."

Ulrickson said students should do the same research for a summer job they would do for their first job out of college.

"Although it is fun to play during the summer, there is also a

lot of value in finding a serious job," she said. "The more actual experience you have, the longer look your résumé will get when it crosses the desk of an employer."

Shultz said experience and networking are the keys that unlock dream careers.

"I look at hundreds of résumés every week," she said. "The ones with experience get a foot in the door."

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EFFECTIVE INTERVIEWING

DOs:
 ■ Research the organization you are about to interview with
 ■ Know your strengths, and be prepared to sell them to the employer
 ■ Arrive on time or a few minutes early

■ Be sure your appearance is clean and neat
 ■ Be courteous to everyone because you never know who will have input into hiring
 ■ Wait until you are invited to sit down before doing so

■ Speak clearly, audibly and expressively
 ■ Listen carefully to the interview questions
 ■ Be positive, confident and assertive
 ■ Follow up with a thank-you letter

DON'Ts:
 ■ Arrive unprepared to talk about the job and how you meet the qualifications
 ■ Ask about benefits or talk about what you hope to gain from working for this employer
 ■ Arrive late

■ Expect the employer to decide what you are qualified to do
 ■ Wear perfume or cologne
 ■ Tap your feet, fiddle your hands or give in to other nervous habits
 ■ Use slang
 ■ Rush into your answers

■ Ignore your body language
 ■ Drink, smoke or chew gum

Sources for all quick facts: 1999-2000 TCU Career Manual; Planning Job Choices 2000; and National Association of Colleges and Employers

CAMPBELL

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"As I started talking to people at TCU, I started finding the enthusiasm and excitement that is being generated," she said. "It's an exciting time to be and an exciting time to be here."

Her responsibilities as vice president at Carleton included overseeing human resources, physical plant and food service, but Campbell will focus mainly on finance at TCU.

One of her main responsibilities will be to look into PeopleSoft, Campbell said.

"Now that we've gone through the conversion to PeopleSoft, part of my responsibilities will be looking at the budget process and procedure and do some refining," she said.

She said her three main goals for the office will be to continue to increase the endowment, work on man-

agement and continue to build on financial systems. She said she would like to refine the systems and provide better information to the rest of the university.

Campbell said the only person she knew from TCU before coming to apply for the position was Leo Munson, associate vice chancellor for academic support. They served together on the board of Tuition Plan Consortium, a group that is working on a venture where prepaid tuition certificates could be honored at colleges across the United States.

"Ours has been a business relationship," Munson said. "She's a very articulate, deep thinker."

"Carol's not one of those people that talks ad nauseam on any subject that comes up. She has very good listening skills. But when she speaks, people listen because what she has to say is to the point and in-depth."

One of the highlights of her career,

Campbell said, was testifying before a Congressional subcommittee on pension simplification.

"It's a type of immortality to be in the Congressional Record," she said.

Campbell is involved in several national organizations, such as the National Association of College and University Business Officers. She also was involved in civic activities in Northfield, such as serving as a trustee of Northfield City Hospital and Skilled Nursing Facility and as the director of the Rotary Club of Northfield. Although she has not had time yet, she said she would like to become an active citizen in the Fort Worth community as well.

Campbell said she manages to balance both work and outside activities, but it is not easy.

"It is helpful that my children are grown, and my husband is very understanding," Campbell said. "I have a tendency to overcommit. My hus-

band calls it a genetic defect. I can't say no."

Campbell's husband is a retired high-school teacher. They have five sons, one daughter and seven grandchildren.

She said in what little spare time she has, she enjoys fishing and gardening.

"When we packed the car to come down here, it was a tight fit, but I did manage to find room for some plants," she said.

She also likes to travel and has recently made a couple of trips to the British Isles.

"I want to see as much as I can see before I die," Campbell said. "But I'm feeling very good about where I am and what I'm doing. I'm at a point that I've achieved goals that I've set out earlier."

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WEATHER

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did not after checking more than once.

"That's when we realized he was dead," he said.

Hill said reporters arrived after that and were trying to take pictures of the body. He said the firefighters asked him if he had a blanket to cover the man, and he gave them a leather mat that was in the back of his truck.

"The guy who lived told me that the other man's name was Carl Spence and that he had been his traveling buddy," he said.

Hill said he and Durrett returned home after that and did not go any further into downtown.

"I just don't want to be spotlighted for this because it wasn't a good thing that happened," Hill said.

Another TCU student, Erin Munger, a junior advertising/public relations major, got caught in the path of the tornado on her way to work at the Reata restaurant in the Bank One tower, 500 Throckmorton St.

"I was on my way to the Reata to take pictures of the storm because at that point I didn't know there was a possible tornado coming," Munger said. "I was on Camp Bowie Boulevard, and I looked up and saw a cloud starting to turn overhead. I didn't turn around because there were too many cars, so I went ahead and sped to the Reata and parked in the parking garage."

"I found my boyfriend in the parking garage, and I took some pictures there, some outside, and then we snuck back up to the Reata to take some there," Munger said.

She said the storm was over by then, and she went back outside and saw window blinds falling to the ground everywhere. Munger said she took pictures mostly of the Bank One tower because of all the windows that were blown out.

"It was so amazing because nature is that powerful. We were all just awestruck," she said. "That was one of the most amazing things I've ever seen in my life."

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DISASTER

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I rushed back outside, just in time to realize the natural weather phenomenon we had identified before was now headed straight for us.

I cannot say what the tornado did next because my roommate and I came to our senses and rushed into the house. I could feel my heart beating faster as I tried to figure out the best place to hide from the storm I

was sure would hit any minute. Now I have seen "The Wizard of Oz" a few times, but I never thought that I would be as close as I was to meeting those little munchkins.

The storm blew over us, apparently weakened by the downtown buildings, and left my apartment untouched. Trash, wood and pieces of metal were tossed all over the place like clothes in a teen-ager's room. Looking west into the horizon, I could see and hear the effects of the tornado: Sirens were blaring, and fire

alarms could be seen flashing in buildings now mostly without outer windows, all amidst a puzzling calm sky. I knew we had just witnessed something serious.

My roommate talked me into venturing into downtown to see firsthand what the tornado had done. We decided to drive four blocks into Sundance Square and take the camera.

What I saw reminded me not of the bright lights and welcoming sounds that have come to define downtown to me but scenes from the Oklahoma

City bombing. Buildings were mangled. Broken glass glittered from the now numerous police and emergency lights. People were inspecting the damage to their property and to their favorite downtown spot.

Four people have been confirmed dead and many others injured.

In a city and at a school full of people who say, "This could never happen to me," trust me. It can.

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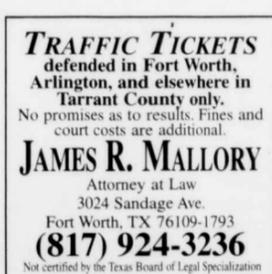
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Baseball team beats Texas Tech, 7-5

Frogs to play fourth-place Owls in three-game WAC series this weekend

By Rusty Simmons
STAFF REPORTER

Texas Tech had not lost at home in over a month, but Tuesday TCU fielded a baseball team capable of defeating the Red Raiders at Dan Law Field as the Frogs beat the Red Raiders, 7-5.

TCU (12-20) and Texas Tech (17-16) tied four times as the momentum of the game shifted hands throughout the innings.

The Red Raiders opened the scoring in the second inning with a single run, and the Frogs answered with runs in the third and fourth innings to take a 2-1 lead. Texas Tech worked the score back to even with a run in the bottom half of the fourth inning.

TCU took the first significant lead in the fifth inning when senior designated hitter Shaun Wooley hit a two-run home run, sixth of the season. Head coach Lance Brown said Wooley hit the only legitimate home run in the game.

"The other homers went out to left where the wind was blowing, but Wooley hit his directly into the wind," he said. "It was a bomb that hit the top part of the scoreboard."

The Frogs added to their 4-2 lead with a run in the sixth inning,

marking their fourth consecutive run-scoring inning.

The three-run lead did not last long as Texas Tech scored three runs in the bottom of the sixth inning. The Red Raiders hit two home runs in the inning, Jason Rainey led off the inning and Marco Cunningham hit a two-run shot.

Senior pitcher Shawn Thompson left the game after recording only one out in the sixth inning, but Brown said Thompson had a good outing.

"The two home runs weren't even hit hard," he said. "The wind was blowing out at about 45 mph, and they just popped fly balls into the jet stream."

Brown said the only thing Thompson struggled with was walks.

"He seems to do that every game," he said. "I think it is more of a mental thing than a physical thing because he doesn't walk anyone for six or seven innings, then he loses control in one inning."

The Frogs pulled away in the final three innings, with a run in both the eighth and ninth innings. Junior relievers Josh Gardner and Stan Newton shut Texas Tech out for the final 3 and 2/3 innings.

Brown said his relievers have

been throwing strikes and getting outs consistently since the team returned from a trip to Hawaii March 19.

"Our bullpen has only walked, like, three batters in the last 20 innings," he said. "Before that, the bullpen wasn't holding the leads. Good teams have good bullpens, and bad teams have bad bullpens."

"At least we feel confident when we send our relievers to mound now."

TCU plays a three-game Western Athletic Conference series in Houston this weekend against Rice. Brown said the matchup will be somewhat different from the past years when the two schools were vying for first place in the WAC.

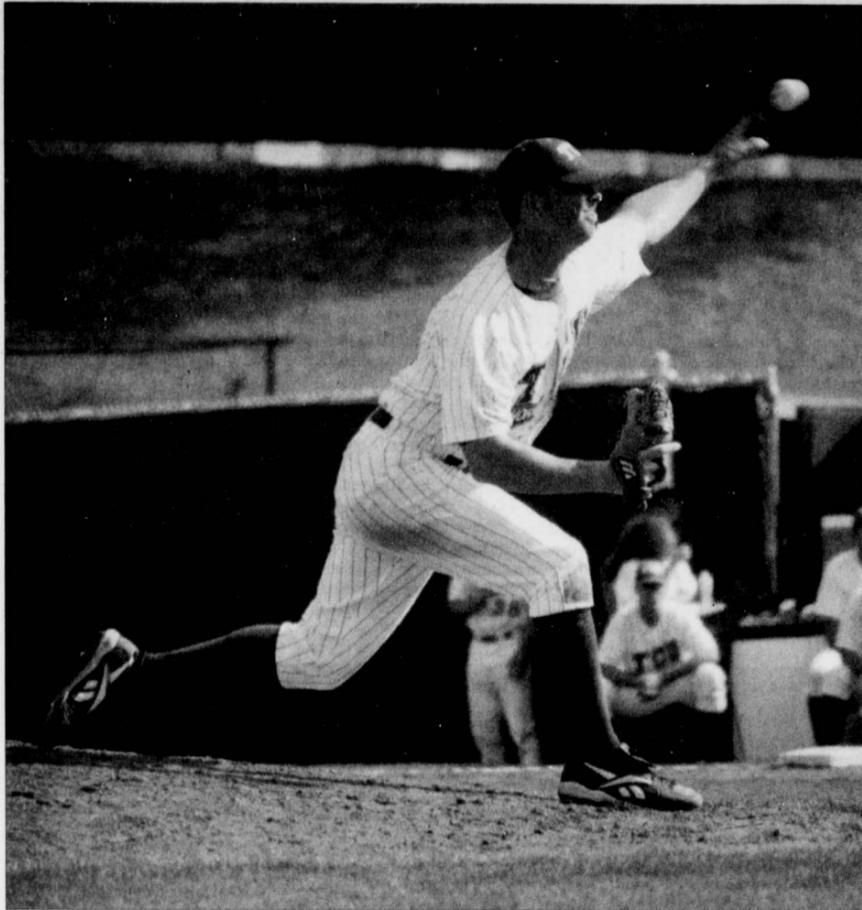
"In the past, we would go to Rice and try to outscore them," he said. "Lately, we've really been concentrating on throwing strikes, our defense has improved a lot, and we have been swinging at good pitches."

"If we go to Rice and do those things, I think we have a pretty good chance of putting some wins together."

This season Rice is 5-7 and TCU is 3-6 in WAC play as the teams sit in fourth and fifth place in the conference standings.

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Senior pitcher Mark Hamilton hurls a pitch toward the plate during an 8-5 loss Sunday against Tarleton State. The loss bumps the Frogs to 11-20 on the season.

PULSE

SIDELINES

Dallas Cowboys sign Paul Justin to backup position

IRVING, Texas (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys have nailed down their highest-remaining offseason priority by signing Paul Justin to a one-year deal to back up Troy Aikman.

Justin, 31, and Mike Quinn will fight for the backup quarterback spot vacated when Jason Garrett signed with the New York Giants. Justin agreed Tuesday for the \$440,000 veteran minimum but will get \$500,000 if he makes the team.

Justin is a six-year veteran who spent last season with the Super Bowl champion St. Louis Rams. "Paul has a great feeling and rhythm for this passing game," said Rams coach Mike Martz, who was their offensive coordinator last season.

"He's a real tall guy. He has a real quick delivery, and he gets the ball out of there with rhythm and quickness. He fits the system very well. He understands it, and that's a real plus for Dallas."

Justin is the third player added to the offense in recent months, joining receiver Joey Galloway and tight end Jackie Harris. On defense, the Cowboys have signed cornerback Ryan McNeil and end Dimitrios Underwood, plus resigned tackle Alonzo Spellman and safety George Teague.

Texas Rangers make way for third baseman Evans

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. (AP) — The Texas Rangers sent prospect Mike Lamb to Triple-A Oklahoma on Wednesday, clearing the way for Tom Evans to be their starting third baseman.

Lamb, who hit .324 with 21 homers and 100 RBIs in the minors last season, came into spring training as the favorite to replace Todd Zeile.

But Evans, a non-roster invitee to camp who spent all last season at Triple-A, beat him out by hitting .310 and tying for second on the club with four homers, including a grand slam.

Evans played 12 games for Toronto in 1997 and seven more in 1998. The Rangers claimed him off waivers from the Blue Jays last spring.

Cinderella fun at first, but 'Dance' tarnished

I don't know what to make of my feelings for this year's NCAA men's basketball tournament.

With teams like Florida and Wisconsin and, this season, North Carolina in the Final Four, it makes me long for the days when national championships were decided by polls.

You know, like football season. At first, I was caught up in the wonder of Gonzaga and Seton Hall knocking off heavily favored teams in the early rounds of the tournament, but eventually I expected some semblance of order to prevail.

Then Wisconsin defeated Purdue

by a touchdown for the right to go to the Rose Bowl last weekend. And no, Ron Dayne didn't score.

If you honestly believe that any of the four remaining teams, other than Michigan State, deserve to be the national champions, then you probably believe Mark Fuhrman is a latter-day Sherlock Holmes.

Cincinnati's Kenyon Martin and Arizona's Loren Woods had more to do with life in Bracketville than did anyone suiting up this weekend. When Martin's and Woods' bodies failed them, even before the opening number of the "Big Dance" two weeks ago, the path to the championship became a bracket free-for-all.

But unfortunately, this is the charm and the harm of the 64-team, "one-and-you're-done" format. While it's heartening to see unheralded teams like Wisconsin, who remind me a little bit of the Green Bay Packers, make it onto college basketball's largest stage, a bit of me wonders how much more exciting

the finals would be had Duke, Temple or say, Stanford, lived to play another day.

This is not to say I won't be watching, or even enjoying, the final three games of the college basketball season. TV is so bad these days, I'd even watch "Bobby Knight's Greatest Choke Jobs". Highlights would probably include Neil Reed and first-round losses to Pepperdine.

■ Although I promised myself I would never write about Atlanta Braves' reliever and noted xenophobe John Rocker again, I can't help but comment on the disgrace of a scene I witnessed him take part in two weeks ago.

As Rocker raced to the pitcher's mound for his first appearance in a spring training game, the Kissimmee, Fla., crowd inexplicably gave him a standing ovation.

To which I ask: For what? What were they applauding Rocker for, exactly? For being a self-described "dumbass"? For in-

sulting everyone, other than heterosexual, English-speaking, white males from the Deep South?

Those fans gave Rocker a feeling of redemption, the feeling that he's a martyr, that somehow he's not the one who's wrong here. When Rocker speaks of "all the support" he's been receiving since he voiced his ill-conceived ideas about the ethnic makeup of New York City in *Sports Illustrated*, I'm hoping that he's speaking of "support" from ... the Klan.

I read a letter to the editor in some publication I've forgotten the name of, but he or she said Rocker couldn't be labeled "stupid" because he had a 3.5 GPA and scored a 1280 on his SATs in high school.

Yeah, Rocker is so smart he might go out and discover the antidote for penicillin.

■ What's up on no more group celebrations in the No Fun League? NFL officials have effectively killed the St. Louis Rams' "Bob and Weave" and dances by teams that

don't score enough to choreograph end-zone celebrations.

Do you know how teams could prevent being on the receiving end of a "Bob and Weave" or "Dirty Bird" or even a "Mile High Salute"?

By playing better defense. If you don't want to see Deion Sanders high-stepping after an interception, don't throw the ball to his side, or work on your quarterback's mechanics in the off-season. Don't want to see Ickey shuffle? Stop him from scoring. Hate looking at the "Lambeau Leap"? Invest more money in your secondary.

But maybe I'm a little biased. I still miss the long-since banned "throat-slash" gesture.

Hey, not everybody in the NFL is a potential Rae Carruth.

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NBC steps in the ring with WWF for football venture

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NEW YORK (AP) — Two years after losing the National Football League, NBC is getting back into football — with a highly unusual partner.

The TV network said Wednesday it is joining with the World Wrestling Federation, the marketing machine that turned body-slams into hot TV fare, to launch a no-holds-barred "extreme" football league.

The WWF announced plans for the eight-team XFL league last month, but investors shunned the idea, sending the company's stock plummeting.

NBC's announcement that it plans to televise the XFL's games and make a major investment in the league gave the WWF's shares a boost Wednesday.

The companies insist that the league will be a real sport, not entertainment programming like WWF wrestling, in which chair-smashing, outrageous antics and bizarre story lines are the preferred tools for luring viewers.

The league's games are to begin next February, right after the NFL's Super Bowl.

There will be several changes to

traditional football to soup up the game, however, including eliminating the "fair catch" rule, shortening halftime to 10 minutes, and placing microphones in huddles, in locker rooms and on the sidelines.

Whether it's real football will likely be a subject for debate. But NBC's motivations are clear in partnering with Vince McMahon, the chairman of World Wrestling Federation Entertainment Inc., who turned wrestling into a smash success on TV, in live events, and even in book publishing.

"In Vince McMahon, we're getting the best marketer in America," Dick Ebersol, head of NBC sports, said. "We're very interested in riding the success wave of the WWFE."

NBC is taking a 50 percent stake in the venture and has agreed to broadcast games on Saturday nights. NBC is also paying \$30 million to acquire a 3 percent stake in the World Wrestling Federation.

The deal marks a break from traditional sports broadcasting deals, under which networks place bids for the rights to show games. Prices for those rights have escalated sharply in recent years, leading NBC to opt out of the \$18 billion deal the NFL

negotiated two years ago with the other networks.

When McMahon announced formation of the XFL in early February, investors were put off by the estimated development costs of about \$100 million. The company's stock fell 25 percent that day.

Doubts about the project remain. There have been numerous efforts in the past, all unsuccessful, to take on the NFL. NBC itself flirted with the idea in 1998 with Turner Broadcasting as a potential partner.

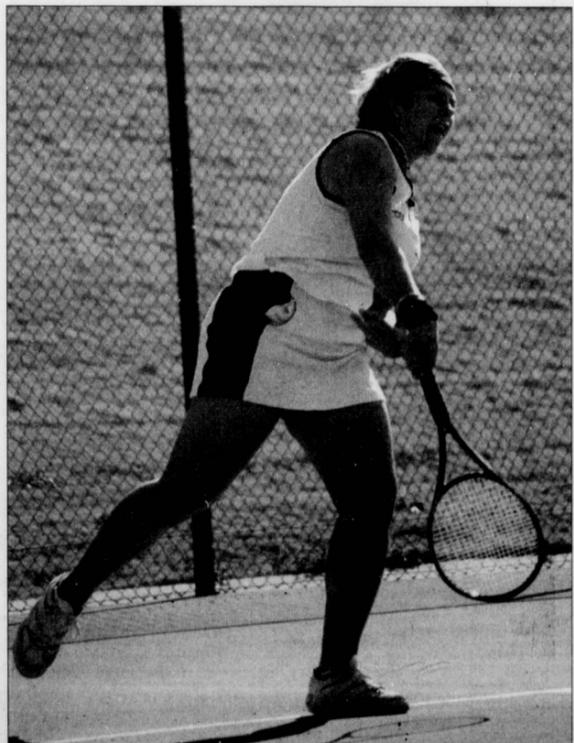
CBS also looked into the idea after losing the NFL contract six years ago, but found the proposition too risky because of high costs, cold weather and difficulty in attracting top talent.

Neal Pilson, who oversaw CBS sports operations at the time and now heads his own consulting firm, said he remains "skeptical" about the XFL plan.

"I understand what NBC is trying to achieve. I appreciate the power of their promotional ability, and what you may have here is a test of whether promotion can create demand," Pilson said. "I guess we're going to find out."

NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue had no comment on the XFL.

A smashing hit



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Sophomore Leoni Weirich smashes a serve during practice. Weirich and the rest of the No. 24 women's tennis team will face Tulsa at 2 p.m. Friday at the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center.



Pucker up!

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Ronald Shirey, the TCU choir director, kisses Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs William Koehler's pig for the Mu Phi Epsilon fund-raiser.

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look for well-rounded individuals.

"Students need to understand that balance is the key to success," she said. "In the classroom, students learn about historical perspectives and theories, but if they cannot communicate that knowledge, what is the point of having it?"

Koehler said students should take the time to get involved in campus activities but need to make sure they are spending enough time on academics.

"There are a lot of options on this campus," he said. "It can be easy to get caught up in everything else and forget that your primary purpose on this campus is to succeed at the academic rigors of this institution."

Ulrickson said maintaining a strong GPA is important, but employers want to hire strong communicators who possess a variety of skills.

"When you are applying for your first job, GPA can be a good indicator of performance, but after that, no one cares," she said.

Carol Thompson, chairwoman of the sociology and criminal justice department, said once students get to college, they set their own priorities.

"Each student makes an individual choice about how to spend his (or her) time," she said. "No matter what decisions they make, there are consequences. If they get overloaded with activities, classes may suffer. The trick is to re-

member more is not always better."

Walker Moody, a junior Spanish and psychology major, said he has gained valuable experience not only as the current president of the Interfraternity Council, but also in his other leadership roles.

"Through these experiences, I have learned to communicate effectively, manage projects in a group setting, motivate others and take responsibility in all areas of an organization," he said.

Sanchez said he would not survive his schedule if he did not plan in advance.

"Sometimes I don't even know how I get it all done, but I plan out my month and then stay flexible," he said.

Woodcock said co-curricular activities offer students a variety of ways to explore their strengths and weaknesses before actually entering the working world.

"When students chose to have activities complement their academic performance, employers take notice," she said.

When students join organizations just to add a line on their résumés, employers will know, Moody said.

"In an interview, an employer will ask you to explain what you have on your résumé," he said. "They know as well as we do that it's not about the title on the business card. It's about what you learn in those positions."

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ALUMNI

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current students to find out what they know about the TCU Alumni Association and what they expect when they graduate, Hoban said.

Chuck Lamb, professor of marketing and task force member, said the purpose of the surveys is to determine if current and future alumni are not likely to participate in the same university alumni events.

"Some alumni are interested in athletics," Lamb said. "Some alumni are interested in music."

Hoban said alumni are interested in different areas depending on what stage in life they are in. Alumni who have children may want to include their children in the events, she said.

Hoban said at the next meeting, April 17, both marketing groups will present the results of their surveys. Steve Grafton, a guest speaker from the University of Michigan, will speak to task force members, she said. Grafton, director of alumni relations, will discuss how the alumni association program is working for Michigan, Hoban said.

Final task force recommendations are due June 1.

The alumni task force is one of 17 on the Commission on the Future of TCU, which was established by Chancellor Michael Ferrari to determine how the university can "move to the next level of academic distinction."

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ADVICE column

Woman needs to stop relying on men for happiness, and focus on herself

Dear Harlan:

I'm in college and about a year-and-a-half ago, my boyfriend left me. I never thought he would just leave. Ever since then, I cannot manage to keep anyone. I get into a relationship, and if it begins to get heavy, I feel trapped. I feel I have to act differently and even dress and talk differently. I find myself going from extremes. One day, I will want someone, and the next, I will be wishing that the person I found didn't know me.

I have met some really nice guys, but I can't hang on. Sometimes it is because these guys are trying to get too heavy, too fast. It is almost like all I am good for is sex, and because I let it happen, I

feel worse about it. You know, like the guy takes me out, and we come home. I feel like he wants something. If I say no or whatever, will he go out again? And if he won't, I know in the back of my mind that he "wasn't worth it." But I still worry. That, together with my hard time saying "No" makes it pretty messy sometimes. I feel like no one understands me like my first boyfriend.

How much longer will it be before I meet that person who I can be as close to?

I need help

Dear Need Help,

You can't say "No" because

you're too busy trying to please these guys. Start pleasing yourself, and you'll quickly find that "No" will become very easy to say. You'll also find that when you're comfortable with yourself, you won't do things that make you uncomfortable. If a guy won't date you because you won't sleep with him, you won't care because you don't need him.

Until you trust yourself, you can't trust yourself with other guys.

Talk to a counselor at school if you can't figure out what's happening, and get help. Start doing things for yourself, and stop relying on these guys to make you happy. You need to be your own person for the first time.

It's very confusing to get so close

to someone when you're not close to yourself. And it's hard for a nice guy to not want to get closer to you when you're having sex with him. You won't have to move so fast if you're not so worried about losing this guy.

Once you can be your own person, you won't be so open to letting other people define you. And once you do finally let someone get close, it will be more comfortable than ever.

**Harlan is not a licensed psychologist, therapist or physician, but he is a licensed driver. Write Harlan via e-mail at (harlan@help-meharlan.com). All letters submitted become the property of the column.*

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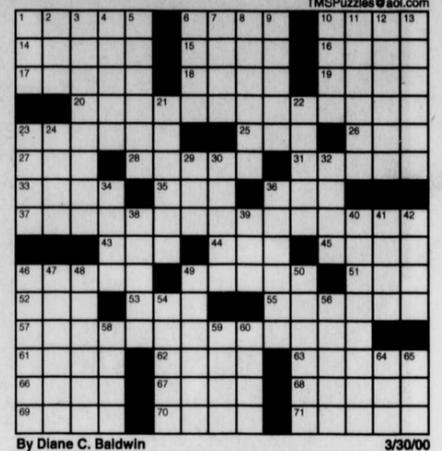
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Columbia, MD

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